

**“Merthyr Express” 24 March 1888**

Death of Mr. William Mathews of Vochriw We regret to announce the death of the noted and respected old character, Mr. William Matthews, who died on Sunday, the 11<sup>th</sup>, at his residence in Guest-street, Vochriw, from bronchitis, at the age of 68 years. He was a man who will be very much missed. He was a specimen of the intelligent working man, who had arrived at advanced manhood before the days of the Board School. He was well known to the parishioners of Gelligaer for the past 45 years. He was the son of the late John Mathews, Tyrlan Farm, Llanon, Carmarthenshire, and came to Dowlais in 1840. The last 34 years of his life he spent at Vochriw. He was fortunate in having a noble, erect form, and a crown carrying an abundance of curly silvery hair, which gave him a fine appearance. From boyhood until his twenty first year, he worked as a farm servant in the parishes of Llanon, Pontardawe, and Mynyddislwyn. At Dowlais he became a collier, in which capacity he worked under the Dowlais Iron Company for many years. Afterwards, he became a butcher, and he transferred the business to his son a few years ago. Finally, he became a contractor. He was a man of good discernment, and a shrewd man of business. He was a manager of the Fochriw Board Schools, and had served as treasurer to the managers since the opening of the schools with considerable benefit to the ratepayers, by exercising judicious economy in the management. The government auditor invariably complimented him on the accuracy and neatness of his accounts. He was also a member of the Rural Sanitary Authority for Gelligaer, whose meetings he attended regularly at whatever point in the parish held; and was always found travelling to and fro mounted on his horse “Jack.” It was customary to call him the Mayor of Vochriw (and he was never known to be displeased with the title) on account of the intense interest he took in the welfare of the village. It is to his exertions mainly that the inhabitants of Vochriw are indebted for the good system of sanitation and water supply which they now possess, and to the lighting of the streets by lamps. He had many excellent traits which we should like to dwell upon, but space forbids. He was a deacon of the Welsh Calvinistic Methodists, and a more zealous “corph” never breathed.

On Thursday last, he was buried at Pant Cemetery, the Rev. Aaron Davies, Pontlottyn, officiating at the house, and the Rev. Thomas Davies, Hermon, Dowlais, at the grave. Mr. Matthews was a deacon at Nazareth C.M. Chapel; indeed he was one of the founders of the church. He was also a staunch Liberal, and always took a great interest in the Liberal movement. His death will be felt as a great loss. Great sympathy is felt for the sorrowing family.

**“Merthyr Express” 11 May 1889**

Er Cof Am Mr. John Thomas, Martin-street, Fochriw

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| 1. B'le mae'r cyfaill difyr, diwyd,<br>Fu'n cyd-ddringo gyda mi,<br>Dros lechweddau heirdd ieu'nctyd<br>I wastwadedd oedran bri;<br>Collais ef! yn ngorsf eglur,<br>Canol oes; tra'n cydfwynhau,,<br>Melus ffrwythau addfed natur,<br>Diliau mel y bywyd drau.        | 2. Collais ef, mal colli bbreuddwyd,<br>Neu fel tARTH ar ael y bryn,<br>Neu fel bwrlwm disglaer siglwyd<br>I ddiddymdra ar y llyn;<br>Ow! Lle'r aeth fy nghyfaill tyner,<br>Yn ei harddwch uchel fri,<br>Cyn llwchwyno'r wedd gan amser,<br>Nodydd ein myndau ni. |
| 3. Ateb ddaw dwy'r du gymylau<br>Sydd yn wylo uwch ei fedd, -<br>Ateb ddaw dros for a ddaagrau –<br>“Marw wneuth, mmae yn ei fedd.”<br>Beth! Ai breuddwyd neu ddychymyg<br>Sydd yn dallu'm llygaid i;<br>'Nawr 'rwy'n cofio'r nef-anedig,<br>Fynydd hono, ger y lli.' | 4. Pan oedd John yn mreichiau Angeu<br>Yn gweddio ar ei Dduw,<br>Gan ddywedyd – “maddeu'm beiau,<br>Dyma'r noson ola'i fyw;<br>Gorchwyl caled ydyw marw.<br>Ond mae'r adeg wedi d'od, -<br>Rhaid yw myned, y mae'r galw -<br>Derbyn f'ysbryd uwch y rhod.”        |
| 5. Cyn cyfarchiad gwawr y borau,<br>Enaid John a ffodd drwy ffydd   | 6. Mor ddymunol as mor siriol<br>A'r goleuni yn y nos,  |

Fry at wrthrych ei weddiau,  
Megys saeth i wlad y dydd;  
Ond siomedig ydyw'r teimlad  
Ar ol colli cyfaill mad,  
Un a;n casglai at ein gilydd  
Drwy ei gariad megys Tad.

Sangai'n ddistaw ac yn ddenol,  
Fel y gwlyth ar rudd y rhos;  
Llaw a chalon gyda'u gilydd,  
Yn cyd-redeg megys un, -  
Anhawdd cwrdd a dyn mor ddedwydd,  
Hyd yn riniog nef ei hun.

7. Dyn yn llawn o ddefnyddioldeb  
Gyda phobpeth, bach a mawr, -  
Dyn na fedrai ffugio gwyneb,  
Gydag amgylchiadau'r llawr;  
Priod tyner, tad gofalus,  
A chymydog di-led ryw, -  
Anhawdd canfod gwrid cynhyrfus  
Ar ei wyneb tra fu byw.

8. Peidiwch wylo ac och'neidio,  
Ni ddaw ddoe'n ol fyth mwy, -  
Ni ddaw John yn ol byth eto  
Atto'm ni i ddyffryn clwy';  
Ond nyni sy'n teithio'n eglur  
Ar ei ol I'r byd a ddaw,  
Drwy sigledig gorsydd natur,  
Rhwng gelynyon ar bob llaw.

9. Tua'r bydrhyfeddol hwnw,  
Er mor belled, sy' gerbron, -  
'R awr ni thybiwn y daw galw  
Arno'm ninau'i groesi'r don;  
Arglwydd ar arglwyddi, tywys  
Ei berth'nasau sydd ar ol  
Drwy yr anial garw, dyrus,  
Megys engyl I dy gol.

Ifor Morlais. Dowlais.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 7 April 1894**

Obituary The funeral of Mrs. T. Lewis, Fochriw, the respected wife of Mr. Thomas Lewis, foreman of the mechanical departments of the Dowlais Iron Company's Pits at Fochriw, who succumbed to an attack of pneumonia, took place at Pant Cemetery on Wednesday afternoon last, and was largely attended by workmen employed at the collieries.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 22 June 1901**

Death: Mr. D. J. Morgan, Rising Sun Inn, aged 32 On Tuesday the death took place of Mr. D. J. Morgan, son of the Mrs. Morgan, Rising Sun Inn, at the age of 32 years. Although the deceased had been in very indifferent health for a long time, his death came as a surprise. He was well-known and respected by all. The funeral took place on Friday afternoon at the Graig Cemetery. It was attended by a large number of people. The Rev. T. Rees, the vicar, officiated, while the burial service of the Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes was read by Brother Jones, Tirphil. A coffin of polished oak, with brass fittings, was covered with floral tributes. In addition to flowers sent by relatives, was a wreath in the form of an anchor, sent by his old friend Captain Swidenbank, formerly of Pontlottyn. We tender our sincere sympathy with the sorrowing mother, Messrs. W. A. Morgan and M. Morgan, Picton Hotel, and T. Morgan, Newport, (brothers); Mrs. A. G. Cook, Black Furnace Hotel, and Mrs. W. D. Phillips, (sisters).

#### **“Merthyr Express” 26 December 1903**

Obituary: Mr Rees Jones, Guest-street, aged 18 A gloom was cast over the village on Monday se'nnight, when it became known that Rees Jones, oldest son of Mr. Thomas Jones, Guest-street, had suddenly died whilst returning to his work after dinner. Deceased, who was only 18 years of age, was a very promising young man, and had been very successful with his studies in music. He was an active member of Carmel Congregational Church, and was one of the conductors at the rehearsals for the annual singing festival. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday, the Rev. J. Jones officiating.

Fochriw Mason Drops Dead: Inquest A sad case of sudden death was the subject of inquiry at the Rising Sun Inn on Thursday, when the coroner, Mr. R. J. Rhys, held an inquest on the body of Rees Jones, aged 18, mason, who resided at 11, Guest-street, Fochriw. The young man was found dead on the road on Monday. His mother said he came home to dinner as usual, and after a light meal returned to work. A few minutes later, he returned hurriedly for

sixpence, and rushed away again. He was subsequently found about 120 yards from his home by a girl named Ann Mary Thomas and P.C. Williams. He was dead. Deceased was lying face downwards, in a small puddle. A verdict of "Death from Natural Causes" was returned. The body was conveyed from Fochriw to Dowlais on Saturday, accompanied by a large cortege of mourners and sympathisers, and the last rites were performed at Pant Cemetery.

**“Merthyr Express” 26 August 1905**

Obituary: Mr James Cole, 19, Martin Street, aged 64 With deep regret, we recorded the death of one of Fochriw's oldest inhabitants in the person of Mr. James Cole. Deceased was 64 years of age, and had lived at Fochriw close on 40 years, and was highly respected by all. He had been an official under the Dowlais Iron Company for upwards of 35 years, first as firemen, and afterwards as overman at No. 2 Pit. He had also been a deacon of the Independent Chapel for over 32 years, where he will be greatly missed, both as a worker, and as one who was always ready to give financially towards the cause. The deceased passed peacefully away on Tuesday night, the 15<sup>th</sup>, having been ill for nearly five years. The funeral took place on Saturday at Pentwyn Church cemetery, when a large number of people gathered together to pay the last tribute of respect. A short service was held at the Independent Chapel, the officiating ministers being the Rev. J. Jones, and the Rev. R Jenkins, the former being the pastor of the Congregational Chapel. The chief mourners were: Mrs. Cole (widow); Mr. John Cole (brother); Mr. and Mrs. John Cole, Treorky (son and daughter-in-law); Miss Edith Cole; Mr. James Jones (grandson); Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jones (son-in-law and daughter); Mr. and Mrs. Simon E. Cole, Mr. and Mrs. David Cole, Mr. and Mrs. William Cole (sons and daughters-in-law); Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cole, Treorky (nephew and niece); Mr. Wm. Gwynne, Treorky (nephew); Mr. and Mrs. John Cole Jones, Pembrokeshire (nephew); Mr. John Thomas, Aberdare (brother-in-law); Mr. Simon and Mary Thomas, Aberdare (nephew and niece); Mr. Sam Williams, Aberdare (nephew). Among the wreaths sent was one from the teachers of the Fochriw Council School, where Miss E. Cole has been an assistant mistress for several years.

**“Merthyr Express” 2 June 1906**

Obituary: Beatrice Cheap The funeral of Beatrice Cheap took place on Tuesday, when the Reverend T. Rees, vicar, officiated both at the house and graveside in Fochriw Churchyard. Much sympathy is felt for Mr. and Mrs. Cheap in their affliction.

**“Merthyr Express” 6 April 1907**

Death of Reverend James Jones, Fochriw It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death of the Reverend James Jones, Congregational minister, Fochriw, which took place on Thursday morning, after a brief illness, at his residence, Bryngolen, Fochriw. He was a native of Llangeler, Carmarthenshire, where he was born in the year 1865. His early years were spent at his home village and he was invited by the Congregational Church to enter the ministry. This he decided to do, being then only 15 years of age. He was educated at Llandysul Grammar School, and the Presbyterian College, Carmarthen. At the completion of his college career, he accepted the unanimous invitation of the members of Carmel Congregational Church, Fochriw, to become their pastor, and he was ordained to the full work of the ministry at Fochriw in November 1885.

He was a very edifying preacher, a successful minister, and a popular pastor. His death will be deeply felt by the members of the Church and the neighbourhood generally. In the year 1903, he was appointed chairman of the North Glamorgan Congregational Union, which office he filled to the satisfaction of all. Upon vacating the chair, he delivered an impressive and instructive address on "The Christian and his Work," for which he was heartily thanked.

His Church work always received his first attention, and his leisure time he devoted in the interest of education. By all he was recognised as a keen educationist, and an able and well read thinker, who always proved himself equal to any task set him. He was a member of the late Gelligaer School Board, and for the last three years he was chairman of the Gelligaer Group of Managers.

One sad feature of his death is the fact that only three weeks ago, he was married to Miss Edith Cole, Fochriw (a certificated teacher), and had only returned the day previous to his death from Bournemouth, where the honeymoon had been spent.

The sad news of his death has cast a gloom over the whole neighbourhood, for he was generally well known and universally beloved by all with whom he came into contact, for his Christian spirit and devout life. He had not been in the best of health for about three months. Great sympathy is felt for Mrs. Jones in her sad affliction, and also for his aged father and three brothers who are left to mourn their loss.

**15 February 1908** Obituary The hand of death has been very busy of late, and it is our duty this week to announce the deaths of three persons, all respected inhabitants of the village, and two, the oldest village inhabitants. They are Mrs. Elizabeth Jones, Guest-street, aged 82; Mrs. Jane Shankland, aged 84; and Mr. James Davies, Martin-street, aged 48. The funeral of Mrs. Jones took place on Monday afternoon, the remains being laid to rest at Pentwyn Churchyard. The funeral of Mr. James took place on Thursday, also at Pentwyn.

**22 February 1908** Funeral of Mrs. Shankland, Martin's-street The funeral of Mrs. Jane Shankland took place on Saturday. There was a large attendance, the deceased lady being greatly respected throughout the Fochriw district. The interment was at Pant Cemetery. A short service was conducted at the house by the Rev. Rhys Jenkins, assisted by the Rev. J. Roderick, both of whom again officiated in the chapel and at the graveside. Deceased had been a member of Carmel Chapel ever since she came to the village about 35 years ago. The chapel choir sang the following hymns as they wended their way to the cemetery: "Daeth yr awr im' ddianc adre," "Gwel uchlaw cymulau amser," "Mae 'nghyfeillion adre'n myned," "Cofia, f'enaïd, cyn it' dreulio," "Yn y drfroedd mawr a'r tonau," and "Bydd myrdd o ryfeddodau." The chief mourners were: Mrs. and Mr. David Davies (daughter and son-in-law); Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Shankland (son and daughter-in-law); Messrs. C. Shankland and T. Shankland (sons); Mr. and Mrs. A. Shankland (son and daughter-in-law); Messrs. T. Shankland, Ben Shankland, T. J. Shankland, D. J. Shankland, M. J. Davies, M. J. Lewis, Maggie Davies, J. E. Davies (grandchildren).

**22 February 1908** The Late Mr. J. Davies, Martin's-street The funeral of the late Mr. James Davies took place on Thursday afternoon at Fochriw Churchyard. A short service was held in the house conducted by the Rev. J. A. Rees, after which the procession left for St. Mary's Church, where it was met by the surpliced choir, members of which carried the body into the Church, reciting as they went the opening sentences of the burial service. Then was sung the hymn, "They way, not mine, O Lord," and afterwards Psalm 39 was chanted. At the conclusion of the service, members of the choirs carried the body out of the Church, and the procession proceeded to the graveyard at the top of the hill, the choir singing as they went the following well-known hymns, "Let Saints on earth in concert sing," and "Guide me O, thou Great Redeemer." Rev. Rees again officiated at the graveside. The chief mourners were: Mrs. Davies (widow); James, Willie, and Lloyd (sons); S. A., M. M., and R. Davies (daughters); Mr. John Davies (brother); Mrs. J. T. Jones (sister - Brithdir); Mr. and Mrs. Price (sister and brother-in-law - Rhumney Bridge); Mrs. Davies (sister-in-law), Miss S. F. Davies (niece), Mr. J. Davies (nephew - Deri); Mr. D. J., J., F., & A. Price (nephews - Rhymney Bridge); Mr. Rees Walters (Builth), Mr. T. Davies (Dowlais), nephews; Mrs. Llewellyn, Mrs. D. Price, Mrs. J. Davies (Fochriw) nieces; Mrs. Matthews (Cardiff), Mrs. P. H. Thomas (Dowlais) cousins. At the close of the service, the choir sang the well known hymn, "Bydd myrdd o ryfeddodau ar doriad boreu wawr."

**7 March 1908** Obituary: Mrs. Mary Thomas, Moore's-row It is with regret that we have to chronicle the death of Mrs. Mary Thomas, Moore's-row, which took place on Sunday night. Deceased was well known in the district, and greatly respected. The funeral will take place on Saturday at Pant Cemetery.

**14 March 1908** The Late Mrs. Mary Thomas, Moore's-row The funeral of the late Mrs. Mary Thomas took place on Saturday afternoon, and was well attended. The deceased lady had been a member of Carmel Chapel for many years, and had resided in the village for the last 38 years. The interment was at Pant Cemetery. A short, impressive service was held at the house conducted by the Rev. Rhys Jenkins, and the Rev. David Overton, Dinas Rhondda. The cortege then left for the station, the chapel choir singing as they went the hymn, "Daeth yr awr im' ddianc adre'." On the way from Pant Station to the cemetery, the choir sang the hymn, "Gwel uwchlaw cymylau amser," and during the service "Yn y dyfroedd mawr a'r

tonau,” and “Bydd myrdd o ryfeddodau.” The chief mourners were: Mr. John Thomas (husband); Mr. and Mrs. W. Thomas (son and daughter-in-law) Pontlottyn; Mr. Joseph Thomas (son) Fochriw; Mr. D. W. Davies (nephew) Dowlais; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Thomas (nephew and niece) Cefn; Mr. E. Harries and daughter (cousin) Tylostown; Mr. William Hill (cousin) Dowlais; Mr. William Thomas (nephew) Gellideg; Mr. and Mrs. William Jones (cousins) Clwydyfagwr.

**21 March 1908** Death: Willie George Davies, Aelybryn, aged 15 We have to announce the death of Willie George Davies, the son of David and Ann Davies, Aelybryn, which took place on Wednesday morning. He was 15 years of age. He was a young lad of deep religious tendencies, and was recently accepted into full membership of Nazareth Chapel. He associated himself with every good movement connected with his own Chapel, and worked very energetically in the Band of Hope and the Bible class. The funeral took place on Saturday, and was very well attended. A short service was held at the house, the Rev. Isaac Roderick officiating. The cortege then left for the station, and went by the 3:30p.m. train for Pant Cemetery where the interment to place. Two of the deceased's young comrades in the Band of Hope (Willie Davies, Brynteg, and Evan Davies, Aelybryn) collected for a beautiful wreath which was placed on the coffin.

**11 April 1908** In Memoriam Last Sunday evening at Nazareth Chapel, a service was held in memory of the late Willie George Davies, Aelybryn. The Rev. Isaac Roderick, pastor, was the preacher, and took as his text Job, xiv, v. 2.

**18 April 1908** Funeral The funeral of the late Mr. Thomas Downing, Williams-row, took place on Saturday afternoon. There was a large attendance, the deceased being one of the oldest inhabitants of the village. A short service was held at the house prior to the interment at Pentwyn Churchyard. Rev. J. A. Rees officiated.

**“Merthyr Express” 4 July 1908**

Death of Mr. William Evans, Aelybryn, aged 81 It is with deep regret that we record the death of Mr. William Evans, which took place on Monday afternoon at the home of his son, Mr. Edwin Evans, 9, Aelybryn, with whom he had resided for the last three years. Deceased had been unwell for some time, but had only been confined to bed for ten days. On the morning of his death, Mr. Evans received Holy Communion from the vicar, the Rev. Thomas Rees. Deceased was 81 years of age, and had lived in the village for the last 47 years. He was well-known and highly respected, and his kindly face and genial presence will be greatly missed by all who knew him. He was head blacksmith at the Fochriw Colliery for over 40 years, and retired five years ago. Deceased was the oldest member of the Good Samaritan Benefit Society at the Globe, Merthyr Tydfil. The funeral, which was for gentleman only, took place on Thursday afternoon at Pentwyn Churchyard. The body was enclosed in an oak coffin. A short service was conducted at the house by the Rev. B. Glover, curate of Pontlottyn. The funeral cortege left for St. Mary's Church, singing as they went the well known hymn "Daeth yr awr im' ddianc adre'." A service was held at the Church, and afterwards, the cortege proceeded to Pentwyn. The chief mourners were: Mr. Edwin Evans, Fochriw, Mr. William Evans, Dowlais, Mr. Henry Evans and Mr. Alfred Evans, Fowhriw, sons; Mr. Rowland Howells, Bedlinog, son-in-law; Mr. Alfred Evans and Mr. Bertie Evans, Fochriw, Mr. John Howells and Mr. Hugh Howells, Bedlinog, Mr. Thomas Evans, Fochriw, and Mr. Roderick Evans, Dowlais, grandsons. Among the floral tributes was one from the Fochriw Constitutional Club.

**“Merthyr Express” 11 July 1908**

Obituary: Mrs. Elizabeth Ann James, Railway-terrace, aged 67 It is with regret that we record the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Ann James, wife of Mr. Seth James, Railway-terrace, who passed away at an early hour on Wednesday. Deceased was 67 years of age, and had only been married a few months.

**18 July 1908** Funeral The funeral of Mrs. James, Railway-terrace, took place on Saturday last at Pentwyn Churchyard, and was well attended. A short service was held in the house conducted by the Rev. J. A. Rees, and afterwards at the old Church. The chief mourners were: Mr. Seth James, widower; Mr. George James and Mr. Ernest James, sons; Mr. and Mrs. T.

Prosser, Mr. and Mrs. T. Watkins, daughters and sons-in-law; Masters Ifor, Freddy and Ernest Prosser, great grandsons.

**“Merthyr Express” 1 August 1908**

Obituary: Mr. Howell Jones, Guest-street, aged 52 It is with regret that we record the death of Mr. Howell Jones, 17, Guest-street, who passed away on Monday evening. Deceased, who was 52 years of age, leaves a widow.

**8 August 1908** Obituary The funeral of the late Mr. Howell Jones, Guest-street, took place on Saturday last, and was very well attended. The deceased gentleman had lived in the village for a number of years, and was greatly respected. The interment took place at Pant Cemetery. A short service was conducted at the house by the Rev. Rhys Jenkins. The cortege then left for the station amidst every manifestation of regret. The choir of Carmel Independent Chapel, of which deceased had been a faithful member for many years, sang of the well-known hymns "Mae 'nghyfeillion adre'n myned," "Daeth yr awr im' ddianc adre'," "Gweiuchlaw cymylau amser." At the chapel, the service was conducted by Rev. Jenkins, assisted by Rev. I. Roderick, Fochriw, and Rev. J. H. Hughes, Penywern. After the service, the hymn, "Yn y dyfroedd mawr a'r tonnau," was sung with great feeling. At the graveside, the service closed with the singing of "Bydd myrdd o ryfeddodau."

**5 September 1908** Obituary: Mrs. Mitchell, Guest-street We have to report the death of Mrs. Mitchell, wife of Mr. Edward Mitchell, firemen, Guest-street. Deceased had resided in the village about three years, during which time she had suffered greatly. She was only 31 years of age, and she leaves a husband and four children. The funeral took place on Monday and was well attended. The interment was at Cefn Cemetery. A short service was held at the house led by the Rev. Rhys Jenkins. The cortege left for the station amidst every manifestation of sorrow, the choir singing "Mae 'nghyfeillion wedi myned."

**26 September 1908** Death: Mr. Owen Davies, Hill-row, aged 81 We regret to announce the death of Mr. Owen Davies, which took place on Saturday last after an illness extending over a long period. He was 81 years of age, and was a native of Cardiganshire. He had resided in the villages of Pentwyn and Fochriw for the last 24 years. Deceased was well known in the locality, and was held in the highest esteem, and his death is deeply deplored by a large circle of friends. He leaves a widow and two children. The funeral took place on Thursday at Pentwyn Churchyard, the Rev. Rhys Jenkins officiating. There was a large attendance at the funeral.

**24 October 1908** Interment The funeral of the late Mr. Edwin Carter of Deri took place on Saturday at Pentwyn Churchyard, and was well attended. Deceased was following his employment as a collier in the No. 1 Pit, Fochriw, on October 8<sup>th</sup>, when he was suddenly seized with apoplexy, from which he died the following Tuesday. He leaves a widow and two children.

**2 January 1909** Obituary We have to record the death of Mr. Daniel Walters, which took place on Saturday morning last at the home of Mr. J. H. Jones, deputy agent, Guest, Keen, and Nettlefolds Ltd. The deceased had resided with Mr. & Mrs. Jones (his son-in-law and daughter) during their stay at Fochriw. He was a faithful member of Bryn Seion Congregational Chapel, Dowlais, where he was greatly loved by his fellow members and friends. He died at the age of 73 years. The funeral, which was strictly private, took place on Tuesday.

**16 January 1909** Condolence At St. Mary Church on Sunday evening, a vote of condolence was passed with Viscount Tredegar on the death of his only brother, the Honorable Frederick Courtney Morgan, Ruperra Castle, Newport. The vote was proposed by Mr. J. Wood, seconded by the Rev. B. Glover, supported by Mr. H. Edgar, and carried in silence, all standing.

**8 May 1909** Obituary The funeral of the late Mr. Richard Williams of Llwyn Iago Farm, took place on Tuesday afternoon. Deceased, who was 60 years of age, leaves a widow and a grown-up family. He had for some time worked on the farm for Mr. Robert Slimmons, at which place he died on Friday afternoon, after a very short illness. The interment took place at Pentwyn Churchyard, the officiating clergyman being the Rev. W. M. Edwardes, curate of Fochriw. The chief mourners were: Mrs. Williams, widow; Mr. John Williams and Mr.

Thomas Williams, sons; Mr. David Thomas, son-in-law; Miss Margaret J. Thomas, grandchild.

**19 June 1909** Will: Mr. Daniel Walters, Martin-street Mr. Daniel Walters, 15, Martin-street, repairer, who died on the 26<sup>th</sup> December last, left estate of the gross value of £1,228, £1,209 9s 2d net. Probate of his will, dated 29<sup>th</sup> March, 1899, has been granted to Mr. John Henry Jones, Dowlais, mining engineer, and Mr. William Jones, Dowlais, mechanical engineer. The testator left one third of his estate to the children of his son, Morgan Lancelot Walters, one third to his daughter, Elizabeth Jones, and one third to Windsor Jones.

**18 September 1909** Funeral Amidst every manifestation of sorrow, the funeral of the late Mr. Robert Thomas, Williams-row, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday. The deceased passed away on Tuesday at the age of 75 years. He was an old inhabitant of the village, and was greatly respected by all. The Revs. Rhys D. Jenkins and Isaac Roderick, together with ministers from North Wales, officiated. The chief mourners were: Miss Ann Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. David Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. D. Evans, Mr. D. J. Thomas, Mr. L. Thomas, Misses Annie May, Ann, and Jane Thomas (grand children), Mr. and Mrs. W. Williams, Mr. J. Williams, Mrs. Michael, Mrs. S. Roberts (Dowlais), Mrs. Griffiths (Caeracca), Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Lewis, Mr. W. Lewis, Mr. Brinley Jones (Llanelly), Mrs. Samuels and Mr. T. Thomas (Rhymney), Mr. and Mrs. Walter Thomas (Cardiff), Mr. R. Williams (Abercanaid), Mrs. Carston (Troedryhiw), Mrs. Jenkins (Hafod), Mrs. George (Bedlinog).

**25 September 1909** Obituary: Miss Ann Evans, Railway-terrace, aged 48 The death of Miss Ann Evans took place on Monday last, after a long illness, at the age of 48. Deceased was very popular in the village. She was a faithful member of Carmel Chapel, and was greatly respected by all. The greatest sympathy is expressed with the relatives, and especially Mr. Evan Evans, the deceased's brother. The funeral took place at Pant Cemetery on Thursday, Revs. D. Hughes Jones and Isaac Roderick officiating. The chief mourners were: Mr. Evan Evans; Mr. and Mrs. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Llewellyn (nephews and nieces); Mr. and Mrs. D. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. George, Penydarren, (cousins), and Miss Annie Evans (grand niece).

**9 October 1909** Obituary: Mrs. Elizabeth Evans, Iscoed We have to record the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Evans, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Price, Walters-street, Dowlais, who passed away rather unexpectedly on Wednesday morning week. She was able to go about until a week before her death. She was born at Llandovery, fifty years ago, and came to Dowlais when very young. On leaving school, she entered the machine-room of Mr. Hilton's clog shop, and afterwards managed the Bush Bootshop for about twenty five years, leaving business to come to Fochriw. She was a faithful member of Caersalem Baptist Church, Dowlais, taking the greatest interest in its welfare, and especially the musical part, as she was a very good contralto singer. She took part in a great many of the old "penny readings" held at the different chapels at Dowlais. Mrs. Evans's first married Mr. Morgan T. Evans, fitter, who at the time of his decease was deacon and secretary of Caersalem Chapel. She afterwards married Mr. Thomas Evans, Fochriw, cousin of her first husband, and has resided at Fochriw since the marriage. The funeral took place on Monday, and despite the inclement weather, was well-attended, the deceased being greatly respected in the neighbourhood. A short service was conducted at the house by the Rev. J. B. Jones, Caersalem, Dowlais, after which the cortege left by special train for Pant, the place of internment. A large number of Dowlais sympathisers joined the procession from Pant Station to the Cemetery. The following hymns were sung en route: "St Garmon," ("Gwel uwchlaw cymylau amser") and "Babel," (Bydd myrdd o ryfeddodau"). A wreath was sent by the Fochriw Sewing Class of which she was a member. The service at the graveside was conducted by the Revs. T. B. Jones, Caersalem, Dowlais, and Isaac Roderick, Fochriw. The chief mourners were: Mr. Thomas Evans (husband); Miss May Price Evans, Miss Tydfil P. Evans, Mrs. Jenkin Thomas (daughters); Mr. Joshua Evans (son); Mr. Jenkin Thomas (son-in-law); Mr. John Price (brother); Mr. & Mrs. David Price, Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Price, Dowlais (brothers and sisters-in-law); Mr. B. Smith (brother-in-law); Mr. T. D. Morgan (cousin); Mr. Tom Williams (nephew).

**6 November 1909** Obituary The funeral of Mr. Evan Prosser, Rees-row, Pentwyn, one of the victims of the Deri explosion, will take place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Friday.

**13 November 1909** Funeral: Mr. Evan Prosser The funeral of Mr. Evan Prosser, one of the victims of the Darran Colliery explosion, took place last Friday. Deceased was 65 years of age, and of a robust constitution. He came to the neighbourhood from Breconshire, 41 years ago, and worked at the old Cwm Level, near Darran. He kept Cwmllywdrew Farm for twelve years. The service at the house was conducted by the Rev. D. Hughes Jones, after which the solemn cortege wended its way to Pentwyn Churchyard, joining the funerals of the five other victims of the explosion, who came from Deri, at the corner of Davies's-row. The procession now numbered about 2000 people. The service at the graveside was conducted by Rev. Jones, assisted by the Revs. Salmon (Pontlottyn), Jones (Bargoed), and Thomas (Deri). The chief mourners were: Mrs. Prosser; Mr. and Mrs. James Davies, Cwmllywdrew Farm, nephew and niece; Mr. and Mrs. Sims, Bedlinog, nephew and niece; Mr. Evan Prosser, Aberdare, nephew; Mr. John Prosser, Bargoed, nephew; Mr. Thomas Griffiths, Builth, cousin; Mrs. Williams, Aberaman, cousin; and Miss Walters, Ffosyrhebog Farm, cousin.

**27 November 1909** The Late Mr. John Cole, Brynteg-terrace The funeral of Mr. John Cole, who was killed on Tuesday week at No. 2 Pit, took place on Saturday last, the place of internment being Pentwyn Churchyard. The deceased was the son of the late Mr. James Cole, who was an overman at the No. 2 Pit for very many years, and Mrs. Cole, Bryngoleu Villa, Fochriw. Deceased was a fireman for the last nine years, and was very popular with masters and men. He was a faithful member of Carmel Chapel, which he had attended since childhood. He was a member of the Sunday school, and had for many years performed the duties of Superintendent. He was a valued member of the chapel choir. He was secretary of the Fochriw Juvenile Choir. He was 43 years of age, and leaves a widow. The Rev. D. Hughes Jones conducted a short service in the house prior to the removal of the body, after which the Children's Choir gave an effective rendering of "Oes, mae lle gwag" before leaving the house. The solemn cortege then wended its way to Carmel chapel, the choir singing and as they went "Daeth yr awr im' ddianc adre" to the tune of "Lausanne," and after the service, to Pentwyn. The scene at the graveside was a very pathetic one. The funeral was one of the largest seen from the village. The chief mourners were: Mrs. Cole, widow; Miss A. M. Jenkins, adopted daughter; Mrs. Sarah Cole, mother; Mrs. Edith Cole Jones, sister; Mr. and Mrs. Simon Cole, brother and sister-in-law; Mr. David Cole, brother; Mr. and Mrs. William Cole, brother and sister-in-law; Mr. Thomas Jones, brother-in-law; Mr. Henry Jones and Mr. William Jones, brothers in-law; Miss Catherine Jones, sister-in-law; Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Evans, brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Dowlais; Masters John Cole, James Cole, George Cole, and ---- Jenkins, nephews; Misses Hannah Jones, Sarah Jones, Mafanwy Cole, Sarah Cole, nieces; Mr. Simon Thomas, Mr. William Thomas, and Miss Mary Thomas, Cwmdare, cousins; Mrs. Gwynne and Mrs. Williams, Treorchy, cousins. There were floral tributes from the Fochriw Juvenile Choir and Fochriw Glee Party, as well as from the family.

**18 December 1909** In Memoriam A service was held at Carmel chapel on Sunday evening last in memory of the late Mr. John Cole who was killed a few weeks ago. The Rev. D. Hughes Jones preached an appropriate sermon on "In my Father's House are many Mansions." The Juvenile Choir sang.

**8 January 1910** Obituary We have to record the death of Mrs. Mantle, wife of Mr. Percy Mantle, Pentwyn, who died on Monday morning. The funeral took place at Pant Cemetery.

**15 January 1910** Funeral: Mr. T. Davies, Pentwyn The funeral of the late Mr. Thomas Davies took place on Saturday last at Pentwyn Churchyard. Deceased was in work on the Sunday night previous, and died on the Wednesday morning. Deceased was an uncle to the late Mrs. Percy Mantle who died so recently. He was an old inhabitant of the village, and leaves five children. The Rev. D. Hughes Jones officiated at the house and graveside. The chief mourners were: Miss Mary Gwen Davies, Miss Hannah Davies, daughters; Mr. Tom Davies and Master Anthony Davies, sons; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Davies, son and daughter-in-law; Mr. and Mrs. William Davies (Deri), brother and sister-in-law; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Morgan, Mr. John Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Evan Morgan Davies, Mr. Thomas Davies, Mr. Edward Evans, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law. Much sympathy is felt for the children,



who are orphans, having lost their mother some years ago. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. Dd. Davies, Aelybryn, Fochriw.

**15 January 1910** Obsequies: Mrs. Percy Mantle, Pentwyn, aged 21 The funeral took place on Thursday week at Pant Cemetery of Mrs. Percy Mantle. Deceased, who was only 21 years of age, and was held in great esteem. The news of her death came as a great shock in the neighbourhood. The short service was conducted at the house by the Rev. D. Hughes Jones, after which the large cortege wended its way to Fochriw Station, thence by special train to Pant Cemetery, and then to the Cemetery, the choir singing appropriate hymns en route. Rev. Jones. assisted by Mr. Rhys Jenkins, officiated at the graveside. The chief mourners were: Mr. Percy Mantle, husband; Mr. and Mrs. John Jones, parents; Messrs. John and George Jones, brothers; Miss Hannah Jones, sister; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Jones, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Davies, uncles and aunts; Mr. Thomas Mantle, father-in-law; Mr. and Mrs. John Jones, Pontlottyn, Mr. and Mrs. William Mantle, Mr. and Mrs. William Cook, Mr. George Mantle, Mr. Albert Mantle, Mr. A. M. Williams, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law; Mr. and Mrs. B. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. James Williams, Mr. and Mrs. D. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Davies, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Morgan, Messrs. H. Morgan, Anthony Davies, Tom Davies, George Davies, Wm. Davies, Morgan Davies, Misses M. A. Davies, C. Davies, Hannah Davies, Maggie Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Davies (Pentwyn), cousins; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Davies (Deri), Mr. Wm. Williams, Mr. Lewis Williams, Mrs. Margaret Williams, Mrs. Ellen Williams, Mrs. Ann Williams, Mrs. Hannah Williams, Mrs. Margaret Williams, Miss Lily Williams, Dowlais, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Mantle and Mr. Thomas Mantle (Argoed), Mr. Evan J. Mantle, Mr. Geo. Mantle (Treharris), cousins; Mr. and Mrs. Septimus Mantle and Mrs. Celia Martin (Treharris), Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jones and Mrs. Lizzie Jones, uncles and aunts.

**22 January 1910** Obituary We have to record the death of Mr. Lewis Evans, Penybank Farm, which occurred on Tuesday morning. Deceased was 84 years of age.

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Obituary Sympathy of readers will go out to Mr. Percy Mantle, Pentwyn, whose child passed away on Saturday last, just three weeks after Mr. Mantle buried his wife. The funeral took place at Pant Cemetery on Tuesday.

**29 January 1910** The Late Mr. Lewis Evans The funeral of the late Mr. Lewis Evans, Penybank Farm, took place on Saturday last, the place of internment being Gellygaer Churchyard. Deceased was born at the above farm in August 1825, and had attained the age of 84 years. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Evans, who kept the farm, at which his grandfather and great-grandfather also lived. It is now in the occupation of the deceased's eldest son, William. Deceased lived at the farm until he was 16 years of age, when he left with his parents, who went to keep the Penygareg Farm, Bargoed. He remained there until he was 23, when he married Hannah, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Richards, Tylaglas Farm, Bedlinog, returning to Penybank Farm, where he resided until his death. His wife died 14 years ago. There was hardly any department in the public life of his native village in which he did not participate. He was a representative of Gellygaer on the Board of Guardians, a member of the Highway Board and the School Board, and was for many years a faithful member of the Gellygaer and Rhigos Rural District Council. Deceased was a Non-conformist, and a member of Carmel Congregational Chapel, where he attended until his health failed him. He leaves seven grown-up sons to mourn his loss. The funeral was strictly private. The service at the house, the Church, and at the graveside was conducted by the Rev. T. J. Jones, Rector of Gellygaer. The following were the bearers: Mr. Lewis Edwards, Bedlinog; Mr. E. Watkins, Ysgwyddgwyn Farm; Mr. Thomas Kinsey, Colby Farm; Mr. James Davies, Cwm Farm; Mr. Richard Evans and Mr. David Evans, Penybank; Mr. Thomas Lewis and Mr. John Matthews, Fochriw. The chief mourners were: First Coach: Mr. and Mrs. Evans, Penybank Farm, son and daughter-in-law; Mr. Lewis Evans and Mr. Thomas Evans, Fochriw, sons; Second Coach: Mr. David Evans, Deri; Mr. J. R. Evans, Penybank; Mr. and Mrs. George Evans, Bedlinog, sons and daughter-in-law; Third Coach: Mr. Josiah Evans, Gellygaer, son; Mr. Thomas Richard, son-in-law; Mr. W. Watkins, brother-in-law Mr. Lewis Pritchard, grandson; Fourth Coach: Mr. W. Evans, Pencoed, brother; Mrs. A. Davies, Cefnbach, sister;

Mr. Lewis Evans and Mr. Watkins, grandsons; Fifth Coach: Mr. D. Lewis; Messrs. T. and L. Richards; Mr. George Richards, nephews. The coaches were supplied by Mr. T. Saunders, Tirphil.

**9 April 1910** Interment: Mr. John Edwards, Martin-street, aged 28 The funeral of the late Mr. John Edwards, 22, Martin-street, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Wednesday afternoon last. Deceased had been confined to his bed for a long time. He was a faithful member of Noddfa Baptist Chapel, and was held in high esteem by all. He passed away on Saturday morning last. Deceased was only 28 years of age, and leaves a widow and two small children. The officiating ministers were the Rev. Moses S. Young, the Rev. Isaac Roderick, and the Rev. D. Hughes Jones. The following hymns were sung: by the house - "Lausanne," to the words "Daeth yr awr i'm ddianc adref;" at the graveside - "Cofia, f'enaid cyn it' dreulio," to the tune "Diniweidrwydd." The chief mourners were: Mrs. Esther Edwards, widow; Mr. John Evans, father-in-law; Mr. and Mrs. John Edwards, mother and father; Mr. Percy Edwards, brother; Miss Olwen Edwards and Miss R. Edwards, sisters; Mr. and Mrs. Wyndham Edwards, brother and sister-in-law; Mr. Daniel Isaac Evans, brother-in-law; Mr. and Mrs. David Lewis, brother-in-law and sister-in-law; Master Tom Idris Evans, brother-in-law; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Evans (Deri), Mr. and Mrs. Davies (Ystrad), uncles and aunts; Mr. Evan Jones, uncle; Messrs. David Thomas, Rees Harris, B. John, and Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Jenkins (Pontlottyn), Mrs. Mills (Rhymney), Mr. & Mrs. Job Davies, Mr. & Mrs. W. J. Ballard, Mr. Wm. & Mr. David John Jacob, Miss Rachel Jacob (Fochriw), Mr. & Mrs. Myall Williams (Dowlais), Mrs. E. Morgan (Tredegar), cousins The deceased's Sunday school class of children walked before the coffin.

**16 April 1910** Interment: Mrs. Geo. Honeybun, Aelybryn The funeral of the late Mrs. Geo. Honeybun took place on Saturday last, the place of interment being the New Cemetery, Rhymney. The deceased had been ill for a considerable time. The funeral was large, the deceased being highly respected by one and all. A short service was held at the house conducted by the Rev. B. Glover, curate, Pontlottyn, before the journey to the Cemetery, where it was met by the Rev. Thos. Rees, vicar, and Mr. H. L. Jukes. The chief mourners were: Mr. George Honeybun; Mr. and Mrs. T. Fox, brother-in-law and sister; Mr. and Mrs. John Tippett, brother and sister-in-law; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Tippett, brother and sister-in-law; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tippett, brother and sister-in-law; Mr. and Mrs. John Lewis, brother-in-law and sister; Mr. and Mrs. J. Penny, brother-in-law and sister-in-law; Messrs. W. Thomas and T. Tippett, nephews; Miss Cissy Bartlett, niece; Mrs. Davies, aunt.

**28 May 1910** Obituary: Mrs. Matthews, Guest-street, aged 53 The funeral took place on Saturday of Mrs. Matthews, who passed away after a long and painful illness. Deceased was a native of Cwmaman, Aberdare, and came to Fochriw about 30 years ago. She was 53 years of age. Deceased was a faithful member of Nazareth Chapel, and a devout worshipper. She was also a faithful scholar in the Sunday school until her health failed. She had a large circle of friends, by whom she was greatly loved and highly respected. The interment took place at the Old Cemetery, Aberdare. A short service was held at the house conducted by the Rev. Isaac Roderick, who also officiated at the graveside. The chief mourners were: Mr. James Everitt and Mr. Joshua Everitt, brothers; Mr. and Mrs. D. James, brother-in-law and sister; Mrs. J. Everitt, sister-in-law; Mr. and Mrs. Peter Jones, nephew and niece; Mr. and Mrs. Pugh Jones, nephew and niece; the Misses Jennie Jones, Beatrice Jones, and Maggie Maud Jones, grand-nieces.

**28 May 1910** Funeral: Mrs. Anne Powell, Guest-street, aged 73 The funeral took place last Friday of Mrs. Anne Powell, wife of Mr. Wm. Powell, 15, Guest-street. Deceased was a native of Merthyr Cynog parish, Breconshire, having been born at a farmhouse called Tawyrallf, at Upper Chapel, in the year 1837. She was one of a family of nine. All her brothers and sisters predeceased her. The deceased had lived at Fochriw for about 35 years. The body was conveyed by train on Friday morning to Talyllyn Station, to be interred at Pennorth Chapel graveyard, where her mother, and several other relatives lie buried. Deceased had been a faithful member of Carmel Chapel for many years. Rev. D. Hughes Jones officiated.

**30 July 1910** Obituary: Mrs. Jones, Brynteg-terrace, aged 83 The death of the late Mrs. Jones, 5, Brynteg-terrace, took place on Wednesday week. The deceased had been ill for a good time. She was one of the oldest inhabitants in the village, and was greatly respected by one and all. She was born in Lampeter in 1827 and attained the ripe old age of 83 years. The funeral took place on Saturday last. A short service was conducted in house by the Rev. Isaac Roderick. (Nazareth). The Rev. Moses S. Young gave out the well-known hymn at the door, "Yn y dryfraedd maur ar tannau," after which the solemn cortege wended its way to the station, Pant Cemetery being the place of interment. Rev. D. Hughes Jones officiated at the graveside. Deceased was a faithful member of Carmel Chapel, and a devout worshipper. She seldom missed a week-night or Sunday service until her health failed. The chief mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. W. Walters, son-in-law and daughter; Messrs. Thomas Jones and Evan Rees Jones, sons; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Davies, Ferndale, son-in-law and daughter; Mrs. Jones, Ynyshir, daughter-in-law; Messrs. Thomas Walters, James Jones, D. E. Jones, Thomas John Jones and J. R. Walters, grandsons; Misses Maggie Walters, Rachel Walters, M. A. Walters, Hannah Jones and Sarah Jones, grand daughters; Mr. & Mrs. Margaret Morgans, Dolygaer; Mr. & Mrs. Mary Wathan, Pontsticill, Mr. & Mrs. R.H. Jenkins, Cefn; Mr. & Mrs. D. Jones, Rhymney; Mr. & Mrs. Rees Jones, Deri; Mr. Roderick Jones & Nurse Jones, Fochriw; Mrs. A. Williams, Brecon; Mr. W. & Maggie Jones, Ynyshir; Master John P. Jones, Gwen & Gretta Davies, Ferndale; Miss E.A. Jones, Abercynon, grand children; Mr. & Mrs. Thomas, Merthyr Vale, nephew and niece; Mrs. Ellen Jones & daughter, nieces; Masters Stephen Wathan and W.D. Jenkins, Pontsticill; Misses Hannah, Mary and Maggie Jane Morgans, Dolygaer; Master D.E. Jenkins, Cefn, great grand-children. The following were also present: Mr. & Mrs. Davies, schoolmaster, Brithdir; Mr. & Mrs. Walters, overman, Rhymney; Mrs. Griffiths, abercynon; Mrs. Evans, Cefn. The coffin was of solid oak. The funeral arrangements were in the hands of Mr. D. Davies, Aelybryn.

**6 August 1910** Obituary: Mrs. Owen Davies, Davies-row, Pentwyn The death of the late Mrs. Owen Davies, took place on Saturday last. The deceased was one of the oldest inhabitants of the village, and was greatly respected. Rev. D. Hughes Jones officiated at the house, and the Rev. M. Williams, Dowlais, at the graveside at Pentwyn Churchyard. The chief mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. Davies, daughter and son-in-law; Miss Edith E. Davies, grandchild; Masters T. O. Jones and D. R. Jones, great grandchildren.

**24 December 1910** The Late Mr. Evan Evans, Railway-terrace By the death of Mr. Evan Evans, 1, Railway-terrace, Fochriw loses one of its oldest inhabitants. Deceased came to Fochriw from Dowlais about 46 years ago, and he made it his motto to do all he could for the place and its inhabitants. Mr. Evans was very popular with all classes of the community. He was one of the first parish councillors elected for Gellygaer, which position he resigned in a few years due to lack of time to give to the work. He was also, at one period, a member of the late Sirhowy Scale Committee, which position he held for a few years. In every movement for the betterment of the place, he was always to the fore. He was for years a fireman with the Dowlais Iron Company, which position he gave up to take on the responsible position of checkweigher for the men at No. 2 Pit Fochriw, which position he held for 25 years. After the commencement of the present Miners' Federation, he was sought after by many districts with the view to becoming the miners' agent. Deceased was secretary of the Fochriw Lodge of Miners for many years. He was also one of the founders of the Fochriw Library, and was annually re-elected as a committee man. Deceased was much sought after at Eisteddfodau as an adjudicator and conductor. It was he who always conducted at the Fochriw Eisteddfod. He was a musician and no mean order, as the many prizes he won at eisteddfodau testify. His most notable achievement was at Merthyr some 24 years ago, when he won the chief prize and chair with the Fochriw Mixed Choir, against the highly noted choirs of Merthyr and Dowlais. In religious matters he was a Non-conformist. From a young age, he was a member of Carmel Congregational Chapel, and was precentor there for 21 years. At that time, Carmel was noted for its singing. Deceased was a deacon of the chapel for 24 years, which position he held until his death. He was for many years treasurer of the Church. In 1875, Mr. Evans was married to Ann, the daughter John and Mrs. Francis, Pit-row. She pre-deceased him by 15 years. He leaves one daughter, with whom he had lived since the death of his wife. He

suffered long and patiently, and had been unable to follow his occupation for some 10 months. The funeral took place at Pant Cemetery on Tuesday. The Revs. Rhys D. Jenkins, and D. Hughes Jones officiated at the house and Cemetery. From Pant Station to the Cemetery, the choir sang "Daeth yr awr i'm ddianc adre," to the tune "Lausanne," and "Gwel uwchlaw cymylau amser," to the tune "St. Garmon." The chief mourners were: Mr. & Mrs. Richard Evans, son-in-law and daughter; Miss Annie Evans, grand daughter; Mr. & Mrs. T. H. Llewellyn, nephew; Mr. John Thomas, cousin, Carmarthen; Mr. David Lewis and daughter, cousins; Mr. & Mrs. Wm. George, Penydarren, cousins; Henry and Thomas Francis, brothers-in-law; Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Rowlands, brother & sister-in-law; Mr. Chas. Hollister, brother-in-law; Miss Bronwen Francis, sister-in-law; John Francis, Tom and Leyshon Rowlands, nephews; Misses Elizabeth Ann Rowlands and Bronwen Francis, nieces; Mr. & Mrs. Williams, Abertillery, Mrs. M. Williams, Mrs. Davies, cousins.

**7 January 1911** Memorial Service: Mr. Evan Evans, Railway-terrace A service in memory of Mr. Evans was held at Carmel on Sunday evening. the pulpit was occupied by Rev. D. Hughes Jones, pastor, who took his text from Hebrews xi. 40, and xii. 1. The 'Dead March' (in Saul) was played in most effective style by the organist Mr. Thomas Walters, Brynteg. Mr. David Davies conducted the singing.

**14 January 1911** Obituary: Mr. Percy Price, Post Office The death took place last Saturday of Mr. Percy Price. Deceased was taken ill on Thursday, and was conveyed to Penybanc Hospital on Friday night, passing away the next morning. Deceased was just 20 years of age, and bore an excellent character. He had a large circle of friends, and was loved by all. He was a faithful member of the Fochriw Church, and a scholar in the Sunday School. His genial countenance will be greatly missed in Fochriw and district. The funeral took place on Wednesday at Pentwyn Churchyard, amidst manifestations of great sorrow. The service at the house was conducted by Rev. D. Hughes Jones. The solemn cortege wended its way to Pentwyn, singing 'Daeth yr awrim' ddianc adre.' There was a service in the Church where Rev. Thomas Rees, vicar, officiated, Mr. J. C. Payne, lay-reader, reading the lessons. The 39<sup>th</sup> Psalm was chanted, and the hymns 'Jesu lover of my Soul,' and 'Lead, Kindly Light,' were sung with much feeling. Mr. Octavius Richards played the 'Dead March' (in Saul). The chief mourners were: Mr. & Mrs. Aneurin Jones, Royal Stores, Mr. & Mrs. W. Lloyd (Deri), Mr. & Mrs. J. Lawrence (brothers-in-law and sisters); Miss Tydfil Price (sister); Mrs. Williams, Llantrisant (aunt); Mrs. Williams, Hengoed (aunt); Mr. & Mrs. Thos. Evans, Aelybryn (cousins); Mr. Dd. Jones, Pentwyn (cousin); Miss H. Evans, Aelybryn (cousin); Master Lewis Jones, Royal Stores (nephew).

**28 January 1911** Memorial Service: Mr. Price, Royal Stores A service in memory of the late Mr. Percy Price was held at Pentwyn Church on Sunday evening. It was conducted by Mr. J. C. Payne, lay-reader, who also preached the sermon, taking his text from St. Matthew, 24, 44: 'Therefore be ye also ready.' Mr. John Wood conducted the singing, with Mr. Brown presiding at the organ. The 'Dead March' in 'Saul' was played, the choir and congregation standing. The church was packed.

**22 April, 1911** Obituary: Mrs. Martha Thomas We have to record the death of Mrs. Martha Thomas, aged 78 years, an old resident of Fochriw, which took place at Abertysswg, where she had resided for the last two years with her daughter, Mrs. T. Morgan. The funeral took place on Thursday last. A short service took place at the house prior to the removal of the body. The Rev. R. D. Jenkins read a portion of the Psalms, and Rev. E. S Jenkins, Abertysswg, engaged in prayer. After this, the solemn cortege wended its way to Fochriw station, and thence by special train to Pant Cemetery. Rev. D. H. Jones conducted the service at Pant. The old lady, who had been a faithful and conscientious member for 34 years, was greatly respected by all. She came to Fochriw from Penydarren, where she was well-known as the daughter of Job Thomas - Job y Gof - foreman blacksmith at Penydarren works. The chief mourners were: Mr. & Mrs. Evan Davies (daughter and son-in-law); Mr. Thomas and Mr. D. J. Thomas (son and grandson); Mr. & Mrs. George Thomas, (son and daughter-in-law); Mr. George & Miss M. Thomas, (son and granddaughter); Mr. & Mrs. David Morgan, (daughter and son-in-law); Mr. & Mrs. J Morgan, Pontlottyn, (grandson); Mr. And Mrs. H Weeks, Abertysswg, Miss Martha Thomas, Masters David & Willie Thomas (Fochriw),

grandchildren; Mr. Edmund Jones, Pontypool, nephew; Mr. and Mrs. H. Jenkins, Dowlais, Mr. and Mrs. J. Jennings, Dowlais, Mrs. C. Pugh, Cwmavon, nephews and nieces; . Letters of condolence were received from the Rhymney Valley District I.O.G.T. and the 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge.

**2 September 1911** Death of Mr. T. Jenkins, Fochriw We have to announce the death and funeral of the late Mr. Thomas Jenkins, Dynevor-street, one of the oldest inhabitants of Fochriw. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rees Jenkins, and was born at Penybont Farm, Tregaron, Cardiganshire. He came to Dowlais when he was 21 years of age. He married Miss Ann Davies, a native of Newcastle Emlyn, who still survives, having been married for 54 years. They moved to Fochriw about 37 years ago. The deceased was a fireman and overman in Fochriw Colliery, No.1 Pit, for a period of over 25 years. He was a deacon at Carmel Congregational Chapel, also for over 25 years, and a trustee of the Philanthropic Benefit Society for over 20 years. He was a staunch teetotaler, and in politics a strong Liberal. He was very keen on matters pertaining to religion and politics. The deceased gentleman's pleasant countenance will be greatly missed by his family, and by his large circle of friends. He had been ill for a number of years, and was able to go about a little until very lately. He had borne his suffering patiently. The interment took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Monday. A service was conducted at the house by the Rev. D Hughes Jones, and afterwards at Carmel Chapel. The 'Dead March' in Saul was played by the organist Mr. Thomas Walters. At the graveside the Rev. E.S Jenkins, Abertysswg, officiated. The mourners were: Mrs. Ann Jenkins, widow; Rev. R. D. & Mr. Daniel Jenkins, sons; Mr. and Mrs. Berkley and Eleanor Angell, son-in-law and daughter; Mr. and Mrs. David and Eleanor Jenkins, son and daughter-in-law; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas John and Mary Ann Jenkins, son and daughter-in-law; Mr. & Mrs. William and Rachel Jenkins, Senghenydd, brother and sister-in-law; Mr. and Mrs. Morgan and Mary Jenkins, brother and sister in law; Messrs. David Jenkins and Thomas Jenkins, Abercarn, brother and nephew; Mrs. Stannett, Slough,, sister; Miss Mary Jenkins, Bawtry, sister; Messrs. Aneurin Jenkins, Thomas, Jenkins, Daniel Jenkins, Thomas Jenkins, Rees Jenkins, Master Sylvanus Jenkins, Master Henry Jones Jenkins, Masters Willie, Burkley and Thomas Angell, Misses Judith Ann Jenkins, Tegwen Jenkins, Misses Nellie and Annie Jenkins, Misses May Jane and Judith Ann and Nellie Maud Angell, grand children; Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin and Laurie Ann Shankland, grandson-in-law and daughter; Mr. & Mrs. James Budd, Penybank, and Charles Rees Budd; Eleanor Jones, Abercynon; Thomas Jenkins, Cwmaman; Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Davies, Renrhiwceiber; Sergt. & Mrs. Jones, Ystrad Mynach; M. & Mrs. Rees Jenkins, Pontlottyn; Mr. Thos. Roblins and Mrs. Eliz. Christopher, Gwaelodyagrth; Mrs. Wm. Davies, Splott, Cardiff; Mr. & Mrs. John Williams, Dowlais; Mr. Enoch Davies; Miss Sarah Davies, Dowlais; Mrs. Davies and Miss Davies, Rhymney, nephews and nieces. A very large number of letters of sympathy were received, many from clergyman close to the family. The family wish to thank all friends for their kind and sincere sympathy.

**9 September 1911** Obituary Much sympathy will be felt with Mr. and Mrs. A Tyler, on the death of their daughter Emily, which took place on Saturday last. The funeral took place on Tuesday and was very well attended. The Reverend B. Glover officiated, assisted by Mr. J. C. Payne, lay reader. Mr. H. Hughes presided at the organ, and Mr. J. Wood conducted the singing. The chief mourners were: Mr. A. Tyler, father; Masters Charles and David Tyler, brothers; Messrs. Arthur Tyler, C. Tyler, Lewis Williams and William Griffiths, uncles. Mr. David Davies, Fochriw, carried out of the funeral arrangements.

**9 September 1911** Gellygaer District Council The vote of sympathy was passed with Councillor Rhys Jenkins on the recent death of his father.

**2 December 1911** Funeral The funeral of the late Mrs. Catherine A. Thomas, wife of Mr. Joseph Thomas, Moore's-row, took place on Thursday last, and was well attended. The interment took place at Pentwyn Churchyard, and the Rev. D. H. Jones, Congregational minister, officiated. The chief mourners were: Mr. Joseph Thomas, husband; Mr. John Thomas, father-in-law; Mr. Drew, Mr. Thomas Jones, Mr. William Hill, Mr. D. W. Davies, uncles; Mr. and Mrs. Richards, aunt and cousin; Mrs. Powell, grandmother. Great sympathy is felt and with the relations in their bereavement.

**30 December 1911** Obituary: Mrs. Ann Davies We have to record the death of Mrs. Ann Davies, Pentwyn, who passed away on Sunday night. The deceased lady was well known as "Bopa," and was highly respected by young and old in the village, where she will be greatly missed. She was born at Dowlais, 80 years ago, and lived there until the death of her husband, who was killed at the No. 1 Colliery, Fochriw, and interred at Hebron Chapel, Dowlais, forty-six years ago. The old lady then removed to Pentwyn, to her daughter and son-in-law, where she remained until the day of her death. She had been blind for the last seven years. Nevertheless, she was always contented and seemed perfectly resigned to her affliction. The funeral took place on Thursday at Pentwyn Churchyard. The cortege wended its way to the Church, hymns being sung en route. The Rev. W. Williams, Dowlais, officiated at the house, and was assisted at the graveside by the Rev. M. S. Young. The chief mourners were: Mr. Thomas Rees, son-in-law; Messrs. Albion and Thomas Jones, grandsons; Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Davies, Mr. and Mrs. S. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Edwards, Mrs. Andrew Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Duggan, Mrs. H. Meredith, Miss Emily Davies, Master Edward and Miss Gwennie Davies, Masters Johnny and Willie Roberts, grandchildren; Masters Thomas Elfed Davies and Thomas Lewis, great grandchildren; Mr. and Mrs. W. Roberts, daughter and son-in-law; Mr. and Mrs. W. Davies, son and daughter-in-law; Mrs. J. Williams, step sister; Mrs. Williams, niece. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. Tom Davies, Pontlottyn.

**6 January 1912** Obituary We have to record the death of Miss Olive May Harris, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Harris, 2, Aelybryn, Fochriw. The deceased, who was just seventeen, had only been ill for nine days, and her death has cast a gloom over the whole village. She was a faithful member of St. Mary's Church, and also of the Sunday School. The interment took place at Pentwyn Churchyard, and was very well attended. The Vicar officiated at a service in the house, and at Pentwyn. The 'Dead March in Saul' was played. The chief mourners were: Mr. Tom Harris (father); Masters Gilbert and Harold Harris (brothers); Messrs. John E. Jones and J. H. Harris (uncles).

**20 January 1912** Funeral The funeral of the late Mr. William Angell took place on Saturday last at Pentwyn Churchyard. The deceased had been ill for about two years, and was 72 years of age. He came to Rhymney from Bath about 60 years ago, where he lived for about 16 years, before settling in Fochriw, where he has lived up to his death. He worked at the Fochriw Collieries for the whole of his life, up to two years ago. He was also gardener to Dr. Kent Jones for 10 years, and to Dr. Davies for 30 years. Deceased and his wife celebrated their golden wedding on March 12<sup>th</sup>, 1908. He leaves a widow, nine children, 41 grandchildren, and 10 great grandchildren. A short service was held in the house, and then the solemn cortege wended its way to the churchyard singing well-known funeral hymns en route. There were 83 mourners present. He left in all, over 150 relatives. Rev. D. Hughes Jones officiated, assisted by Rev. I. Roderick and Rev. Rhys Jenkins.

**20 January 1912** Funeral The funeral of David Athos Jenkins took place on Thursday afternoon. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Jenkins, Martin-street. Rev. D. Hughes Jones officiated.

**6 April 1912** The Late Mr. John Mantle The funeral of Mr. John Mantle took place on Tuesday at Pentwyn Churchyard. The deceased had been confined to bed for the past three months. He was 73 years of age, and passed away on Friday morning. He was a native of Llwynmorvil, in the parish of Llanbadarn. He had resided in Pentwyn for the passed 30 years. He had been caretaker of Pentwyn for many years, and was a devout Churchman. He leaves three daughters and many other relatives. The service in the house was conducted by Mr. J. C. Payne, lay reader, and at the Church and graveside, Rev. T. Rees, vicar, officiated. The funeral was very well attended. The chief mourners were: Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Jones (son-in-law and daughter), Llandrindod; Mr. & Mrs. Morgan (son-in-law and daughter), Pentwyn; Mrs. Lewis (daughter), Pentwyn; Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Mantle (brother and sister-in-law), Pentwyn; Mr. Evan Mantle, Pontlottyn, Mr. S. Mantle, Treharris, (brothers); Mr. & Mrs. J. Jones, Pontlottyn, Mr. & Mrs. Williams, Dowlais, Mr. & Mrs. Cook, Fochriw, Mr. & Mrs. W. J. Mantle and Mr. & Mrs. T. Mantle, Argoed, Mr. & Mrs. Mantle, Pentwyn, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas, Treharris, Messrs. William, George, Percy and Albert Mantle, Pentwyn, Mr.

Williams, Dowlais, Misses Mary Lewis, Rachel Lewis, Maggie Morgan, Mary Morgan, nephews and nieces; Masters Alfred Morgan and Ed. John Morgan, Pentwyn, grandchildren.

**27 July 1912** Sudden Death Mr. David Phillips, who has lived at Bedlinog for 40 years working at his trade of boot and shoe maker, came to Fochriw last Saturday intending to spend a week recuperating with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. John Williams, Martin-street. He was found dead in bed at 8.30 on Sunday morning. He has been ailing for about four months. He was 56 years of age. The interment took place at Quaker's Yard on Thursday.

**21 September 1912** Gruesome Find On Tuesday morning, Mr. Thomas Morgan, colliery overman, Martin-street, discovered the body of an unknown man floating in the colliery feeder pond. P.S. Williams was soon on the scene, and the body was taken to the Ambulance Station. The body was later identified as that of Mr. Thomas Jones, Twynyrodyn.

**28 September 1912** Inquest An inquest on the body of the late Mr. Thomas Jones, Twynyrodyn, found drowned in the Fochriw Colliery Feeder Pond, was held at the Rising Sun Inn on Thursday by Mr. Rhys, coroner. P.S. Williams and Mr. Thomas Morgan, overman, gave evidence of finding and taking the body out of the water. Dr. E. Davies said that the body had been in the water for seven to eight days. The jury returned a verdict of 'Found-drowned.' Deceased was interred at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday, the officiating clergyman being Rev. Williams, curate, Pontlottyn.

**21 September 1912** Funeral The funeral of the late Mrs. Miriam Thomas, wife of Mr. Thomas Thomas, Guest-street, took place on Wednesday, at Pentwyn Churchyard. Deceased had been ill for a long time, and passed away on Friday. She had been totally blind for the passed four years, but previously had been caretaker of Carmel Chapel. Rev. D. Hughes Jones, assisted by Rev. Rhys Jenkins, officiated.

**12 October 1912** In Memoriam A service was held at Carmel last Sunday in memory of Mrs. Miriam Thomas, wife of Mr. Thomas Thomas, Guest-street, and the mother of Mr. D. J. Thomas, Fochriw. The Rev. D. H. Jones officiated. He based his sermon on Revelations 7, verse 14: 'The great Tribulations.' Touching references were made to the deceased, who had been a faithful member and caretaker of the chapel for a number of years, until she became blind. Mr. Thomas Walters played the 'Dead March' in Saul. Mr. David Davies (Pencerdd Morganwg) conducted the singing.

**14 December 1912** Funeral The funeral of the late Mary Roberts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Roberts, Glyn-terrace, took place on Wednesday after an illness of two months. She was a faithful communicant at St. Andrew's Church, Pentwyn, and an earnest scholar in the Sunday School. Mr. J. C. Payne took a short service in the house. Rev. Gilbert Williams officiated at Pentwyn. The chief mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Roberts (father and mother); Mr. and Mrs. Edwards (sister and brother-in-law); Messrs. Tom Jones and Albion Jones (brothers); Masters John and William Roberts (brothers); Mrs. Catherine Jones, Mr. Owen Jones, Mr. & Mrs. G. Carter, Messrs. John & D. Garrett, Mr. Thomas Rees, Pentwyn, Mrs. Williams, Glynneath (aunts and uncles); Messrs. R. & D. Williams, Glynneath, Tom Phillips, Bedlinog, Mr. & Mrs. Lewis, Pentwyn (cousins).

**21 December 1912** Interment The funeral of the child of Rev. and Mrs. D. Huws Jones, Carmel, took place on Monday last. A short service was held at the house when Revs. I. Roderick, Fochriw, R. E. Peregrine, Rhymney, and Gwilym Rees, Merthyr, took part. The funeral left Fochriw on the 9.41a.m. train for Llywel Church, Trecastle, where the interment took place. A short service was held at the Zoar Congregational Church, Trecastle, numerous clergy being present. A great number of the members of Carmel Chapel went all the way to Trecastle to show their respect to Rev. and Mrs. Jones. Also, a number of the members of Salem, Sennybridge, and Zoar and Cwmwysg Churches, Trecastle, met the funeral at Devynock, and journeyed to Trecastle. The inhabitants of Fochriw, of all denominations, feel great sympathy for the bereaved parents.

**28 December 1912** In Memoriam On Sunday evening, St. Andrew's Church, Pentwyn, was well filled. The pulpit was occupied by Mr. J. C. Payne, lay reader in charge, who preached a sermon in memory of Miss Mary Roberts, Glyn-terrace.

**1 February 1913** The Late Mr. John Matthews The news of the death of Mr. John Matthews, butcher, Llwynhelig House, Fochriw, which took place last Friday, caused widespread regret, not only in Fochriw, but throughout the parish of Gellygaer. There was no more familiar figure, or popular person, in the district. He had spent 52 years in Fochriw. Deceased was the only surviving son of Mr. Wm. Matthews, butcher, Fochriw. He was born at Cwmbargoed, near Dowlais, and came to Fochriw with his parents when he was about four years old. He went to the National School, Pentwyn. He assisted his father, and then took over the business when his father retired 32 years ago. He was a great dealer in cattle, and was a first-class judge of the same. In religious principles he was a Methodist, and in politics, a staunch Liberal. He was married 32 years ago to Jane, second daughter of Mr. D. Morgan, contractor, Glynmil Cottage, near Merthyr. He worked up to the Saturday before his death. He leaves a widow and only son. The interment took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Wednesday, and was for men only. Many farmers were present; indeed, the large gathering at the graveside was representative of all classes and sections of the community. A short service was conducted in the house by Rev. C. H. Jones and at the graveside by Rev. I. Roderick and Rev. R. C. Jenkins. The coffin was of solid oak with silver mounts. The undertaker was Mr. Phillips, Deri. The chief mourners were: Mr. Tom Matthews, son; Messrs. Jenkins Pugh, Sidney Phillips, Rees Jones, Thomas Evans, David Rees, Rees Morgan, Dan Parry and Roderick Evans (nephews).

**8 February 1913** Obituary The funeral of the late Mr. Chas. Bull, Penybank, took place last Thursday at Pentwyn Churchyard. He was 72 years of age. Rev. R. Jenkins officiated.

**15 February 1913** Obituary News of the death of Mr. Aneurin Jones, Brynmorlais, is received with much regret. He was born at Penywaunfawr, Dowlais, and came to Fochriw 43 years ago. He was horse inspector at the collieries for the whole of that time. He was 71 years of age. He was a faithful member of Carmel. He leaves a widow, three sons and four daughters. The funeral was at Pentwyn Churchyard and was for men only. Rev. D. H. Jones took a short service in the house. At the chapel, Rev. I. Roderick and Rev. R. Jenkins officiated, and at the graveside, Rev. Jones, Deri. The chief mourners were: Messrs. John, Aneurin and T. Jones (sons); Daniel Jenkins, George Thomas, John Evans, Deri, and M. S. Lewis, Clydach Vale (sons-in-law); Wm. Evans, John Davies (cousins); T. Howells, John Jones (nephews).

**8 March 1913** Death The death of Mr. Henry Evans, foreman erector, Brook House, took place at the General Hospital, Merthyr, on Tuesday morning. The funeral will be for gentlemen only at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday.

**15 March 1913** Late Viscount Tredegar At St. Andrew's Church, Pentwyn, on Wednesday evening, a vote of condolence with the relatives of the late Lord Tredegar was passed.

**15 March 1913** Interment The funeral of the late Mr. Simon Edwards, Martin-street, took place on Wednesday at Pant Cemetery. He was 57 years of age, and a faithful member of Noddfa Chapel. He leaves two daughters, Margaret and Ann, to mourn his loss. The cortege proceeded to Pant by special train.

**15 March 1913** Funeral The funeral of the late Mr. Harry Evans, Brook House, took place on Saturday, amidst manifestations of great sorrow, at Pentwyn Churchyard. Mr. Evans came to Fochriw from Merthyr when he was eight. He worked in the mechanical department of Fochriw Collieries, working his way to the post of winding engine driver, and then foreman of the mechanical department. This post he held for 21 years, up to his retirement 3 years ago, when he was presented with a gold albert and pipe by his fellow workmen. He married the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rees Davies of the Greyhound Hotel, Dowlais. Mrs. Evans survives him. Deceased was only 50 years of age. He was taken to Merthyr General Hospital on Monday night for an appendicitis operation, but died the next morning. After a service in the house, the cortege wended its way to Pentwyn. The Vicar officiated at the house, the Church and the graveside. The coffin was panelled-oak with silver-mounted fittings.

**3 May 1913** The Late Mr. Fred Haggart The Fochriw Division of the Dowlais Corps of the St. John Ambulance Brigade passed a vote of condolence at their meeting on Monday night, with the relatives of the late Mr. Fred Haggart, who passed away at Abertysswg Cottage Hospital on Saturday last.



**17 May 1913** Obituary The death occurred on Monday of Mr. John Evans, Moore's-row, one of Fochriw's oldest and respected inhabitants. Much sympathy is felt for the widow, the sons and daughters and other relatives.

**24 May 1913** Late Mr. John Evans On Thursday week at Pentwyn Churchyard, the body of Mr. John Evans, Moore's-row, was laid to rest. He leaves a widow, five sons and three daughters, to mourn his loss. He had 28 grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Deceased, who was 80 years of age, was born in Aberayron, where 56 years ago last Christmas, he married Ann, daughter of Mr. David Evans, weaver, Aberayron. Mr. and Mrs. Evans came to Fochriw 45 years ago. Deceased had been an agent for the Prudential Assurance Company for Fochriw and district for 17 years, from which he retired about 13 years ago. He was a faithful adherent to the Congregational cause, and was a prominent and faithful member of Carmel for the last 40 years. Rev. D. H. Jones officiated, along with Rev. I. Roderick and Rev. R. Jenkins.

**31 May 1913** The late Mrs. John Williams, Fochriw We have to record the death of Mrs. John Williams, Moore's-row, which occurred on Thursday afternoon week. She had been unwell for a few months, but had been confined to bed for just a fortnight. She was just 38 years of age, and was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dewi Jones, Moore's-row. She was married 19 months ago at the Parish Church, Pontlottyn, to Mr. John Williams, who is conductor of the St. Mary's Church Choir. She has always taken an active interest in all kinds of church work. She was a Sunday School scholar from childhood, a faithful communicant, and always ready when called upon, to stand up in defence of the Church she loved so well. She was one of the leading members of the Fochriw Dramatic Society. Her loss will be sadly felt at St. Mary's Church. In politics she was a keen Conservative, and could always defend her side very creditably. The funeral took place on Tuesday at Pant Cemetery, the service in the house being conducted by Rev. John Evans, Llanelly. At Pant, the Rector of Dowlais, and the curate of the Welsh Church, Dowlais, officiated. The chief mourners were: Mr. John Williams (husband); Mr. Dewi Jones (father); Mr. T. D. Jones (brother); Mr. & Mrs. J. Williams (father-in-law & mother-in-law); Miss Maggie Williams, Sister-in-law); Mr. S. Williams (brother-in-law); Mr. D. Williams & Miss Williams, Cyfarthfa (uncle & cousin); Mr. W. Jones, Pontypridd (uncle); Mrs. S. Davies & Miss Davies (aunt & cousin).

**31 May 1913** Funeral The funeral of the late Mrs. Henry Jones, Martin-street, took place on Saturday last at Pant Cemetery. Deceased was 65 years of age. She was born in Carmarthenshire, but came to Penydarren when young. She had lived in Fochriw for 25 years. She was a member of Noddfa, where her late husband, Mr. Henry Jones, had conducted the singing of the adult and juvenile choirs for many years. She leaves a son and two daughters. Rev. R. D. Jenkins officiated. The chief mourners were: Mr. W. H. Jones, son; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Jenkins, son-in-law and daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Morgan, son-in-law and daughter.

**14 June 1913** The late Mr. Thomas Roberts The funeral of the late Mr. Thomas Roberts, Martin-street, took place on Thursday week at Pant Cemetery. The deceased had been unwell for some time past, and went with his wife to Llandrindod to recruit his health. He had been there just a fortnight before his death. He was 72 years of age, and came to Fochriw 26 years ago. Until lately, he was under manager at No. 2 Pit, Fochriw. In politics he was a staunch Conservative, and was a faithful worshipper at St. Mary's Church. Before St. Mary's was built he was a regular worshipper at Pentwyn Church. There was a short service in the house at Llandrindod before the body was taken to Pant. There was a short delay before the Fochriw train arrived, which brought some hundreds more to pay their last tribute of respect. The Rector of Dowlais officiated. The chief mourners were: Mrs. Roberts, widow; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Roberts, son and daughter-in-law.

**28 June 1913** Memorial Service A service of memorial for the late Mr. Thos. Roberts, Martin-street, was held at St. Mary's Church on Sunday evening. Rev. W. Chappel occupied the pulpit. Mr. O. Richards played the Dead March from 'Saul' most effectively.

**19 July 1913** Funeral The funeral of the late Mrs. George, Penybank, took place on Tuesday at Pentwyn. Deceased was only 48, and died after an illness of just a few hours. Rev. W. J. McCartie officiated, assisted by Mr. J. C. Payne, lay reader.

**26 July 1913** Obituary The death of Mr. William Thomas, Fynnonau Duon Farm, took place at the Merthyr General Hospital on Saturday. Deceased met with an accident in the Big Pit, Fochriw, about four months ago, and passed away on Sunday. The funeral took place at Mountain Ash on Thursday.

**26 July 1913** Funeral The funeral of the late Edith McArthur, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex. McArthur, Tunnell Terrace, Cwmbargoed, took place on Saturday at Pentwyn Churchyard. Deceased had been ill for a considerable time. A memorial service was held at Pentwyn on Sunday evening, the building being packed. Mr. J. C. Payne, lay reader, preached an appropriate sermon, his text being Isaiah 64, 6.

**16 August 1913** Death We have to record the death of Mrs. Gittens, wife of Mr. Edward Gittens, Guest-street, which took place at Merthyr General Hospital on Tuesday morning.

**23 August 1913** Funeral of the Late Mrs. Gittens The funeral of the late Mrs. Gittens, wife of Mr. Edward Gittens, took place on Saturday last, the interment being at Pant Cemetery. The deceased had been ill for a time. She was born in Dowlais 61 years ago, and came to Fochriw 22 years ago. She was a communicant at St. Mary's Church. Rev. Gilbert Williams conducted the service at the house and at Pant. The hymns 'Pa'm cara'r byd,' and 'O Fryniau Caersalem,' were sung outside the house, after which, the solemn cortege wended its way to the station, the Vicar again officiating at the graveside. The chief mourners were: Mr. Edward Gittens, widower, Mr. and Mrs. Jenkin Thomas, nephew and niece, Mr. & Mrs. John Williams, Llanelly, cousins; Mr. & Mrs. John Jones, Burry Port, cousins; Mrs. Evans, aunt; Mr. Dd. Wm. Evans and Mr. Joshua Evans and Mrs. Thos. Powell, cousins; Mr. & Mrs. James Jenkins, Dowlais, nephew and niece; Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Oates, Merthyr, daughter and son-in-law; Mr. & Mrs. George Gittens, Ystrad Mynach, son and daughter-in-law. Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved ones in their sorrow.

**27 September 1913** Obituary The funeral of the late Mr. Wm. Williams, Martin-street, Fochriw, took place on Tuesday amidst manifestations of deep sorrow. Rev. D. Huws Jones conducted a short service at the house, after which the solemn cortege wended its way to the station, and thence to Pant for interment.

**8 November 1913** Obituary We have to record the death of Mrs. Davies, wife of Mr. John Davies, Guest-street, which occurred on Sunday morning. She was one of Fochriw's oldest and most respected inhabitants. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday.

**15 November 1913** Funeral The funeral of the late Mrs. Davies, Guest-street, was held on Thursday week at Pentwyn churchyard. Deceased, who had been ill for a long while, was 67 years of age. She came to Fochriw 45 years ago, and lived in the same house throughout the period. A short service was held in the house prior to interment at Pentwyn. Rev. W. Chappell officiated. The chief mourners were: Mr. John Davies, widower; Miss Ellen Davies, daughter; Mrs. E. Richards, Cadoxton, daughter; Mrs. J. Davies, daughter-in-law; Mr. & Mrs. Ed. Davies, son-in-law and daughter; Mr. & Mrs. James Davies, son and daughter-in-law.

**15 November 1913** Funeral The funeral of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Williams, Glen View, Pentwyn, took place on Saturday. Deceased was 81 years of age. She was the widow of the late David Williams, who died many years ago, and who had acted as preacher at Siloh, Penybank, and Panywaun Baptist Chapel. Rev. J. Roderick conducted a short service in the house, prior to the service at Pentwyn.

**13 December 1913** Funeral The funeral of the late Mrs. Evans, wife of David Evans, 3, Moore's-row, took place on Monday at Pentwyn Churchyard. Deceased was only 28 years of age. She was a member of Carmel, and leaves a husband and son. A short service was held at the house, and the hymn 'Daeth yr awr im' ddianc dre,' was sung on the way to Pentwyn. Revs. D. Huws Jones, R. D. Jenkins, I. Roderick and David Jones, Deri, officiated. The chief mourners were: Mr. David Evans, husband; Master Iorwerth Evans, son; Mr. Jas. Evans (father-in-law); Mr. & Mrs. J. H. Thomas, Brook Cottage, mother and father; Mr. & Mrs. D. H. Thomas, Mr. & Mrs. E. Lewis (brothers & sisters-in-law); Mr. & Mrs. David Davies, Mr. & Mrs. S. J. Jenkins, Mr. & Mrs. Sam Evans (brothers-in-law and sisters); Masters J. R. Thomas and Jack Davies, Misses C. Davies and Lizzie Jenkins (nephews and nieces); Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Evans (brother-in-law and sister-in-law); Messrs. John Evans, Wm. Evans & Thomas Evans (uncles).

**14 February 1914** Obituary We have to announce that the death of Mrs. Ann Jacob, aged 35, of 3, Martin-street, occurred on Friday week, after a long illness. She was the wife of Mr. W. Jacob. Deceased was very much respected by the inhabitants of Fochriw and the surrounding district. She was a native of Carmarthenshire, where she had many friends, and was highly thought of by all. The funeral took place at Pentwyn on Thursday week and was largely attended. The service at the house was conducted by Rev. D. Huws Jones, Carmel, who also officiated at the graveside. He was assisted by Rev. Roderick, Nazareth and Rev. Williams, Penywern. Rev. Jones spoke in glowing terms of the deceased's faithfulness: she was a faithful member of Carmel, and will be greatly missed. He also said that Mrs. Jacob's was always patient, contented, and resigned in all circumstances. The chapel choir sang the following hymns with much effect: 'Mae Nghyfeillion wedi myned;' 'St. Garmon;' 'Gwel uwchlaw Cymylan amser.' The deceased leaves a husband, a son, and three daughters (all of whom are grown up) to mourn her loss, and much sympathy is felt for them. The chief mourners were: Mr. Wm. Jacob (husband); Mr. David J. Jacob and Miss Rachel Jacob (son and daughter); Mr. & Mrs. Job Thomas, Mr. & Mrs. W. J. Ballard (daughters and sons-in-law); Mrs. Rachel Thomas, Mr. D. Evans (sister and brother, Carmarthenshire); Mr. & Mrs. John Evans (brother & sister-in-law); Mr. & Mrs. Morgan (sister & brother-in-law, Llanelly); Rev. Williams, Penywern; Messrs D. I. Evans & I. Evans, Mr. & Mrs. David Lewis (nephews & niece); Messrs. D. Thomas, W. Thomas and W. Ballard (grandchildren).

**14 February 1914** Funeral The funeral of the late Mr. David Prosser, Mill Row, Pentwyn, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday. He was 54 years of age, and had worked for many years as a fitter at Fochriw Collieries, where he was much thought of by his fellow-workmen and officials. He had been ill for just nine days, and died on the Wednesday before the funeral. He leaves two daughters, a son, two brothers, and several other relatives to mourn his loss. The funeral service was largely attended by fellow-workmen and friends. Mr. J. C. Payne, lay-reader, conducted a short service in the house, where the hymn 'Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,' was sung to great effect. Rev. W. Chappell officiated at the church and graveside. The chief mourners were: Mr. Albert Prosser (son); Mr. Geo. Gettins (son-in-law); Messrs. Thomas & John Prosser (brothers); Messrs. Wm. & James Prosser, Thos. Morgan, J. Jones, David Evans, Evan Evans, Wm. Davies, Edward Thomas and Ernest Prosser (nephews); Messrs. David Evans, James Evans, J. L. Jones, Thos. Ballard and Evan Jones (brothers-in-law). Among the floral tributes was a lovely wreath from the fellow-workmen of the deceased.

**21 March 1914** Obituary We have to record the death of Mr. Wm. Edwards, which occurred on Friday. Deceased, who was 83 years of age, was one of the oldest and most respected inhabitants of the village of Fochriw. He was born in Laugharne, Carmarthenshire, and came to Dowlais when he was 14, walking all the way, "no trains running at the time." He worked at the Dowlais Ironworks for twelve months earning 6 shillings a week. He then went to Rhymney and worked in the mine, where his wages were 10 shillings a week. He then worked in the levels at Pentwyn and in Joseph's Level, walking from Rhymney. He went to Fochriw when the Fochriw pits were being sunk, and worked there until ten years ago, when his health failed. He had kept to his bed since last Christmas. When the deceased came to Fochriw, there only existed Williams-row, called the 'old houses,' and two houses by the Rising Sun, in one of which he lived with his parents. His wife died 13 years ago. He was a member of Noddfa Baptist Chapel. He has three sons and one daughter, by whom he will be greatly missed. His genial countenance and kindly presence will be missed in the neighbourhood. The funeral took place at Pant on Wednesday and was well attended. A short service was held in the house, Rev. Isaac Roderick, Nazareth, officiating. The well-known hymn 'Pa'm carai'r byd,' was sung by the house, after which the solemn cortege wended its way to the station, and from thence by special train to Pant. Rev. Rhys Jones officiated at the grave. The chief mourners were: Messrs. William, Thomas and Charles Edwards (sons); Messrs. Johnnie S., Willie, Bertie, William H., Thomas B., Charles, Aiden Moore, and Cornelius Edwards (grandsons).

**18 April 1914** Funeral The death of Mrs. Jones, wife of Mr. Thomas Jones, 11 Railway-terrace, Fochriw, took place on Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, after a long illness. She was a native of

Llandilo Farm, Breconshire. She was one of the oldest and most respected inhabitants of Fochriw, having lived in the village for over 40 years. She was a member of Carmel Congregational Chapel. The funeral took place at Pant Cemetery on Monday week. A short service was held in the house conducted by Rev. D. Huws Jones, assisted by Rev. Rhys Jenkins. The mourners were: Mr. Thomas Jones (husband); Miss Elizabeth Jones (Duffryn Mawr, daughter); Mr. & Mrs. David Lewis (daughter & son-in-law; Messrs. Rees & Jones (son & daughter-in-law); Masters Idris Jones, David Rees Jones, Thos. Rees Lewis, David Elved Lewis (grandsons); Mary Eliz. Jones, Maggie Sarah Jones (grand-daughters).

**27 June 1914** Funeral The funeral of Mrs. Hamlett, Martin-street, took place last Wednesday. There was a large attendance. The interment took place at Pentwyn Cemetery. Rev. G. Williams, vicar of Pontlottyn, officiated at the house and graveside. Great sympathy is felt for Mr. Hamlett who is left to mourn his loss.

**11 July 1914** Funeral On Wednesday evening at the Mardy Sanitorium, Merthyr, the death of Geo. Jones of Pentwyn took place. He was admitted three weeks ago as a consumptive patient. The sad news was received by all as a great surprise, while his grief-stricken mother was more shocked than anyone. She had not reached home, after visiting her son, when the sad news became known. George Jones was 22 years of age and lived at home with his parents. A few weeks ago, a daughter of theirs of about the same age was buried. On Tuesday, the funeral took place, leaving Fochriw station at 4.30 for interment at Pant Cemetery. Rev. D. Huws Jones officiated at the house and graveside. The chief mourners were: Mr. John Jones (father); John Jones (brother); Messrs. Percy Mantle, D. J. Meredith (brothers-in-law); Messrs. Thomas Martin, Edward Morgan, Evan Morgan, A. Jones, Robert Jones, Thomas Rees (uncles); Thomas J. Morgan, Edward Davies, Anthony Davies, Habacuc Morgan, Tom Davies, Willie Davies, George Davies, Willie Martin Davies (cousins). The special train was filled with a large number of friends and acquaintances.

**1 August 1914** Funeral The funeral of the late Mrs. David Thomas, Williams-row, took place on Wednesday, the place of interment being Pentwyn Churchyard. Deceased, who was just 44 years of age, had been unwell for the past few months, and passed away on Sunday morning. She was a faithful communicant of St. Mary's Church, and was highly respected in the neighbourhood. She was a native of Dowlais, where she lived until her marriage about five years ago. The funeral, for gentlemen only, was largely attended. A short service was held at the house, conducted by Rev. R. A. Williams, and he also officiated at the church and graveside. The chief mourners were: Mr. Dd. Thomas (husband); Messrs. Thos. Thomas, John Thomas, Henry D. Thomas (brothers); Mr. John Morgan (uncle). Many cousins of the deceased were also present.

**10 October 1914** Funeral The funeral of the late Mrs. Barrett, wife of Mr. Wm. Barrett, 25, Guest-street, took place on Wednesday last at Pentwyn Churchyard. Deceased was 64 years of age, and was taken ill on Saturday week, and passed away last Saturday morning. Rev. Gilbert Williams officiated at the house, church and graveside. The chief mourners were: Mr. Wm. Bartlett (husband); Mrs. Weaver, Mrs. Mole (sisters); Mr. & Mrs. Jones, Mr. & Mrs. Groves (nephews and nieces).

**10 October 1914** Funeral The funeral of Miss Bertha Watkins, 8, Guest-street, took place on Thursday at Pentwyn Churchyard. Deceased had been ill for six days, and died on the Saturday before the funeral. The Rev. Gilbert Williams, Vicar, officiated. The chief mourners were: Mr. & Mrs. Watkins (parents); Messrs. William, Evan, Alfred John and Heber Watkins (brothers); Mr. & Mrs. Jones (brother-in-law and sister); Miss E. M. Watkins and Miss G. M. Watkins (sisters); Mrs. Bradley (grandmother); Mr. & Mrs. Bradley, Pantywaun, Mr. & Mrs. Bradley, Blaencarno, Mr. & Mrs. Smith, Abercynon (uncles and aunts); Mr. & Mrs. Brooks, Dowlais, Mr. & Mrs. Pugh, Dowlais, Mr. Chas. Sutherland, Mr. Wm. James Bradley, Dowlais, Mr. W. J. Smith, Abercynon, (cousins).

**17 October 1914** Funeral The funeral of the late Mrs. Jane Evans, Penybank, took place on Thursday last at Gellygaer Church. Deceased was 75 years of age and had lived at Cwm Farm, Penybank, for 55 years. She had brought up her whole family there. She was greatly respected in the village and the surrounding district. She was ill for just four days, and passed away on the Saturday before the funeral. Rev. Rhys D. Jenkins, Fochriw, conducted a short

service in the house, and Rev. Canon Jesse Jones officiated at the church and graveside. The bearers were Messrs. Wm. Evans, T. Evans, J. Evans, D. Walters, Lewis Richards, T. J. Evans, F. Small and J. Small. The chief mourners were: Mr. Richard Evans (son); Mr. & Mrs. D. Evans (son and daughter-in-law); Mr. Charles Greenman; Mr. H. Powell (brother); Mr. H. Powell, Mrs. C. M. Powell, Bedlinog, Mr. Wm. Roberts, Mrs. E. Roberts (nephews and nieces).

**7 November 1914** Funeral The funeral of the late Mrs. Tom Jones, Glyn-terrace, took place on Thursday last at Pentwyn Churchyard. She died on the previous Sunday. She was only 24 years of age, and was a native of Pontlottyn. She was a faithful member of the Zoar Baptist Church, Pontlottyn., the funeral service being conducted by Rev. Williams of that chapel. The funeral, for gentlemen only, was one of the largest ever seen in the village. Rev. Williams (Noddfa), Rev. Jones (Carmel), Rev. Roderick (Nazareth), and Rev. Rhys D. Jenkins, assisted Rev. Williams. The chief mourners were: Mr. Thomas Jones (husband); Mr. Thomas Price (father); Mr. Wm. Roberts (step father-in-law); Messrs. Willie and Johnny Roberts (step brothers-in-law); Mr. Watkin Jones, Mr. Ed. Davies (brothers-in-law); Mr. Evan Pugh (uncle); Mr. David John Williams (brother).

**14 November 1914** Sudden Death We have to record the death of Mrs. Jones, the wife of Mr. David Jones, Mount Pleasant Inn, Pentwyn, which took place on Tuesday morning. She will be greatly missed by her husband and seven sons. The funeral will be at Pentwyn on Saturday next at 4 p.m.

**21 November 1914** Obituary The death of Mrs. Mary Kinsey, Pentwyn, took place on Sunday morning last. Mrs. Kinsey had been severely ill for just ten days. She was 78 years of age, and was one of Fochriw's oldest and most respected inhabitants. She was well known, not only in the village, but for miles around.

**21 November 1914** Late Mrs. Jones, Pentwyn The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday. Deceased was only 47 years of age, and was found dead in bed, the cause of death being heart failure. She had been unwell for a long time, but was about the house the night before her death, which took place on the Tuesday prior to the funeral. She was a member of Carmel, but as she was unable to walk far, had for a long time been a faithful worshipper at St. Andrew's Church, Pentwyn. She was always ready to render financial or other assistance to the church. She was born at Pentwyn, and remained there all her life. She leaves a husband and seven sons. The funeral was largely attended. Rev. G. Williams, vicar, and Mr. J. C. Payne, officiated at the house and church, assisted by Rev. D. Huws Jones and Rev. Rhys D. Jenkins. The chief mourners were: Mr. Dd. Jones (husband); Messrs. Llewellyn, Thomas, Lewis, Stewart, Willie, Tudor and Glyn Jones (sons); Messrs. T. Evans, Alfred Evans, Albert Walters (Fochriw), Edward Jones (Deri), and W. J. Jones (Cardiff) (brothers-in-law); Edward Morris (uncle); Messrs. George Evans, Willie Evans, Tom Walters, D.W. Walters, J. R. Walters, Tom Evans and Willie Evans (nephews, Fochriw). Among the floral tributes was one from the Cwlwm y Brodoriaeth Lodge of the R.A.O.B.

**28 November 1914** Obituary We have to record the death of Mrs. Jones, 6, Pleasant-view, which took place on Sunday last after a short illness. She has been for many years maternity nurse for Fochriw and district, where she was very much respected. She was 74 years of age.

**28 November 1914** Funeral; Mr. David Thomas The funeral of the late Mr. David Thomas, eldest son of Mr. & Mrs. Job Thomas, Martin-street, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard last Wednesday. Deceased was only ill for nine days, but suffered great pain. He passed away on the Friday before the funeral. He had a large circle of friends, with whom he was very popular. Rev. D. Huws Jones, Carmel, conducted a short service in the house, after which the concourse wended its way to Pentwyn. Rev. Jones and Rev. I. Roderick officiated at the graveside. The chief mourners were: Mr. Job Thomas (father); Mr. Wm. Thomas (brother); Mr. Wm. Jacob (grandfather); Mr. D. J. Jacob (uncle); Messrs. Thomas Thomas, George Thomas, Dd. Morgan, W. J. Ballard, John Evans (uncles); Messrs. Dd. J. Thomas, Willie Ballard, C. Ballard, John Morgan, Dd. Morgan, D. I. Evans, T. I. Evans, Dd. Lewis and A. Thomas (cousins). Among the floral tributes was one from The Fochriw Hotspurs A.F.C. of which the deceased was a member.

**28 November 1914** Funeral: Mrs. Mary Kinsey The funeral of Mrs. Kinsey, Pentwyn, took place last Thursday at Pant Cemetery. Rev. D. Huws Jones took a short service in the house, after which the funeral moved to Pant via special train, where Rev. Jones again officiated. Deceased was the oldest inhabitant of the village, and was 80 years of age. She was a native of Dowlais, and came to Fochriw about 42 years ago, where she remained. She was a member of Carmel Chapel. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Thos. Martin (son, Treharris); John Jones, Edward Morgan (Pentwyn) and Evan Morgan Davies (sons-in-law, Fochriw); John Jones, Edward Davies, Tom Davies, Habakuk Morgan, T. J. Morgan, W. M. Davies, George Davies (grandchildren, Fochriw).

**5 December 1914** In Memoriam A service was held at St. Andrew's Church on Sunday evening last, in memory of the late Mrs. Jones of the Mount Pleasant Inn. Mr. J. C. Payne preached an appropriate sermon, taking as his text, Matt. xxiv. 42. The lessons were read by Mr. C. Ballard. The singing was conducted by Mr. John Wood, and Mr. Harry Hughes presided at the organ. The 'Dead March' was very effectively played.

**5 December 1914** Funeral: Mrs. Jones, Pleasant-view The funeral of the late Mrs. Jones, 6, Pleasant-view, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday last. Deceased was 73 years of age, and had lived at Fochriw for the last 50 years. She leaves three sons and four daughters. The funeral was for gentlemen only and was largely attended. Rev. D. Huws Jones conducted a short service in the house, after which the cortege moved to Pentwyn, where again Rev. Jones officiated. The chief mourners were: Messrs. John Aneurin Jones, Aneurin Jones and Thomas Jones (sons); Messrs. Daniel Jenkins, John Evans, George Thomas, John Davies (Deri), Matt Lewis (Clydach Vale), and David John Thomas (sons-in-law); Messrs. Aneurin Jenkins, Thomas Jenkins, Daniel Jenkins, Thomas Evans, Aneurin Evans, Emllyn Evans, Emrys Evans, Lewis Haydn Jones and Reginald Jones (grandsons); Mr. David Hopkin Williams, Messrs. John James, John Davies, John Matthews and Thomas Howells (nephews). The coffin was covered with flowers.

**26 December 1914** Funeral: Mrs. Lewis, Williams-row The funeral of the late Mrs. Lewis, wife of Mr. David Lewis, Williams-row, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Monday last. It was for gentlemen only and was largely attended. Deceased had been ill for about a fortnight, and passed away on Wednesday week. She was a member of Carmel Chapel. Rev. D. Huws Jones conducted a service in the house and at the graveside. Deceased was only 29 years of age, and leaves a husband and three children. The chief mourners were: Mr. David Lewis (husband); Miss Elizabeth Jones (sister, Gilwern); Masters Thomas Rees Lewis and Elfed Lewis (sons); Mr. Thomas Jones (father); Mr. Rees Jones (brother); Mr. Lewis Rees (father-in-law, Bwlchwernen).

**6 February 1915** Obituary We have to record death of Mr. William Williams, Rees-row, Pentwyn.

**13 February 1915** Obituary The funeral of the late Mr. William Williams, Rees-row, Pentwyn, took place on Thursday last at Pentwyn Churchyard, and was well attended. Deceased, who was 62 years of age, had resided at the village for a number of years, where he was well-known and highly respected. He had been ill for many months. A short service was held at the house, conducted by the Rev D. Huws Jones, who also officiated at the graveside.

**3 April 1915** Obituary We have to record the death of Mrs. Eliza Jones, wife of Mr. John Jones, 9 Martin-street.

**10 April 1915** Funeral The funeral of the late Mrs. Jones, Martin-street, took place on Saturday last at Pentwyn Churchyard. The Rev. E. Williams officiated at the house and graveside. The mourners were: Mr John Jones, husband; Messrs David D. Jones, Evan Jones, George Jones, Thomas Jones, Sam Jones, sons.

**10 April 1915** Obituary We have to record the death of Mrs. Hannah Davies, the wife of Mr. E. H. Davies, Hill-row, Pentwyn, after a very painful illness. Deceased was well known in the district. The death has also occurred of Mr. James Evans, Aelybryn. He was an old and respected inhabitant of the place, having resided in the village for upwards of 40 years. He will be greatly missed by his many friends. He had been employed as an official at No. 2 Pit for a number of years, where he was well-liked and respected, but he had been idle for the last three years owing to illness. He was interred at Pant Cemetery on Tuesday. The funeral was

very well attended, many of his friends meeting of the cortege at Pant Station. The mourners were: Messrs. Thomas, Sam, David, John and William Evans, sons; Thomas and William Evans, brothers; Iorwerth and Johnny Evans, grandsons; Joshua Evans, Sam Evans, William Evans, James Evans, Ebenezer Thomas, Jenkins Thomas, Tom Matthews, nephews. The Rev. E. Williams, assisted by the Rev. Isaac Roderick, officiated at the house and the graveside.

**17 April 1915** Funeral The funeral of the late Mrs. H. Davies, Hill-row, Pentwyn, took place on Wednesday last, and was for gentleman only. It was well attended. Deceased was very well known. She was just 31 years of age, and leaves a husband and four children. The place of interment was Pentwyn churchyard. The Rev. D. H. Jones officiated at the house and graveside.

**1 May 1915** Obituary We have to record the deaths of two well-known inhabitants of the village, Mrs. John Lewis, 11, Dynevor-street, and Mr. Caradoc Shankland, 16, Guest-street.

**8 May 1915** Obituary The funeral of the late Mr. C. Shankland, Guest-street, took place on Wednesday at Pentwyn Churchyard. There was a large attendance. The Rev. D. Hughes Jones, Congregational minister, assisted by the Rev. I. Roderick, Rev. R. D. Jenkins, and Rev. I. Williams, officiated. The chief mourners were: Mrs. Shankland, widow; Messrs. J. Morris and W. Williams, brothers-in-law; Meirion, Nellie, Jennie, Bessie and Bob, children; Mr. T. Shankland, brother; Mrs. David Davies, sister; Mr. and Mrs. George Shankland, Mr. and Mrs. K. Shankland, brothers and sisters-in-law; Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Lewis, sister and brother-in-law; Mr. and Mrs. T. Carter, cousins; Mr. J. E. Davies, Miss M. J. Davies, Mr. and Mrs. Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. Crook, nieces and nephews; Messrs. T. J. Shankland, D. J. Shankland and W. Davies, nephews; Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Shankland, Mr. and Mrs. G. Shankland, cousins. The deceased was only 47 years of age and was well known in musical circles.

**8 May 1915** Obituary The funeral of the late Mrs. Mary Lewis, Dynevor-street, took place on Saturday at Pant cemetery. She was 57 years of age. The funeral was a very large one. The deceased had lived in the district for nearly 30 years, where she was well-known and highly respected. She was one of the most faithful members of the Carmel Congregational Chapel, very rarely missing a service. The officiating ministers were the Rev. D. Hughes Jones, and Rev. R. D. Jenkins. The choir, under the conductorship of Mr. David Davies, sang well known hymns en route to the cemetery. The chief mourners were: Mr. John Lewis, husband; Messrs. Daniel Rees and Evan H. Lewis, sons; Mr. and Mrs. D. L. James, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Lewis, Mr. Thomas J. James, Nellie May, Dannie, and Willie John, grandchildren.

**5 June 1915** Obituary The death has taken place of an old inhabitant in the person of Mr. Jno. Lewis, Dynevor-street. This took place on Tuesday night, after a very painful illness.

**12 June 1915** Obituary The funeral of the late Mr. John Lewis, late pitman, Dynevor-street, took place on Saturday last, the place of interment being Pant Cemetery. His wife had died just five weeks ago. Deceased was a faithful member of Carmel Congregational Chapel where he was well respected. He was 62 years of age, and leaves one daughter and three sons. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Daniel and Evan Lewis, sons; Mr. and Mrs. D. J. James, daughter and son-in-law; Thomas J. Jones, Nellie May James, Daniel Janes, Stanley James, W. J. Lewis and Elwyn Lewis, grandchildren; Mr. and Mrs. John Williams, sister and brother-in-law; Mr. M. J. Williams, nephew; Mr. Tom Jones, cousin; Messrs. David Rees, Wm. Davies, Johnny Davies, George Davies, cousins; Mr. and Mrs. J. Davies, Mr. and Mrs. B. Davies, Mr. and Mrs. W. Davies, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law; Mrs. M. H. Davies, Mr. J. Davies and Mr. Edgar Davies, niece and nephews. Revs. D. Hughes Jones, and Rhys Jenkins, officiated at the house and graveside.

**10 July 1915** Obituary We have to record the death of Mrs. M. Griffiths, wife of Mr. J. Griffiths, Dynevor-street, which took place on Tuesday morning after a very painful illness.

**17 July 1915** Funeral The funeral of the late Mrs. J Griffiths, Dynevor-street, took place on Saturday last. The deceased was 44 years of age, and was well-known and highly respected in the village. She will be greatly missed. A short service was held at the house prior to the removal of the body, which was interred at Pentwyn Churchyard. The chief mourners were: Mr. John Griffiths, husband; Ruth and Maggie Griffiths, children; Mrs. Evans, mother; Mrs. Pugh, mother-in-law; Mr. David Evans, brother; Mr. and Mrs. Dran, Mr. and Mrs. Davies, Mr. and Mrs. Jones, sisters and brothers-in-law; Mr. and Mrs. James Griffiths, Mr. William

Griffiths, Mr. David Griffiths, Mr. Thomas Evans, Mr. Jenkins Pugh, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law; Mr. and Mrs. W. Wright, uncle and aunt The officiating minister was the Reverend D Hughes Jones, Congregational minister, of whose chapel the deceased was a faithful member. Rev. I. Williams and Rev. R. D. Jenkins assisted.

**14 August 1915** Obituary The death of Mrs. Martha Griffiths, Brynteg, took place on Saturday last. Deceased had been ill for the last three years, and bore her illness patiently. She had lived in the village for a number of years, and her genial countenance will be missed by many friends. She was a faithful member of Carmel Congregational Chapel. Her husband died 19 years ago. She was 62 years of age. She leaves one daughter and two sons. The funeral, for men only, took place on Tuesday at Pentwyn Churchyard, the Revs. D Hughes Jones and J. Roderick officiating at the house and graveside. The chief mourners were: Mr. J. Griffiths, son; Mr. Thomas Jenkins, son-in-law; Messrs. William Jones, J. Thomas, J. Bowen, David Howells and J. Wooding, nephews.

**16 October 1915** Funeral The funeral of the late Mr. David Jones, the 11, Railway-terrace, took place at Pentwyn churchyard on Tuesday, amid manifestations of deep sorrow. The deceased was well known in the district. He had been in failing health for a long time, but the end came suddenly on Friday last. The deceased was only 34 years of age, and leaves two young children to mourn his loss. Prior to the removal of the body, a short service was held at the house, conducted by the Rev. D. Hughes Jones, who also officiated at the graveside. The chief mourners were: Masters Thomas Owen Jones and Rees Jones, sons; Mr. Thomas Jones, father; Miss Elizabeth Jones, sister; Mr. Thomas Jones, brother; Mr. David Lewis, father-in-law; Messrs. D. Lewis and H. Archer, brothers-in-law; Thomas R Lewis and Elfed Lewis, nephews.

**6 November 1915** Obituary We have to record the death of Mr. B. Davies, Moore's-row, an old inhabitant, after a very long illness. The funeral took place on Thursday.

**13 November 1915** Funeral The funeral of the late Mr. Benjamin Davis took place on Thursday week at Pentwyn Churchyard. A short service was held at the house prior to the removal of the body, conducted by the Revs. D Hughes Jones and I. Williams. The chief mourners were Messrs. D. Davies and L. Davies, nephews; James Turner, William Roberts, Lewis Thomas, Dan Evans, Joshua Evans, David Thomas, J. Williams, W. Thomas, Walter Williams, Uriah Evans, C. Thomas, R. Thomas, A. T. Lloyd, Johnny Thomas, D. Thomas. Hymns were sung en route and at the graveside. Great sympathy is felt for the widow and relatives.

**11 December 1915** Funeral The funeral of the late Mr. P. Davies, who was accidentally killed at Fochriw colliery, took place at Pentwyn churchyard on Wednesday week. The deceased was very well known and respected. He was a very keen sportsman, and had been so at Brynmawr before he came to Fochriw. He will be sadly missed by his many friends. He was only 26 years of age. The funeral, which was for men only, was one of the largest that has left the village, and was headed by the Fochriw Male Voice Party and Brynmawr cricketers, of whose club the deceased had been a member. A short service was held at the house, conducted by the Revs. Isaiah Williams and D. Hughes Jones. The chief mourners were: Messrs Rees Davies, David Davies Tom Davies, Garfield Davies, brothers; Thomas Edwards, father-in-law; Charlie Hamlett, Thomas Bailey, John Stornoway, brothers-in-law; William Edwards, Thomas Edwards, Albert Mantle, brothers-in-law; John Mantle, nephew; William Evans, David Evans, Henry Evans, Thomas Evans, Benjamin Evans, William S. Edwards, Charles Edwards, uncles. The following acted as bearers; Messrs. Johnny Puddle, Thomas Shankland, Thomas Jones, and Tom Davies.

**1 January, 1916** Obituary The sudden death has occurred of one of Fochriw's oldest and most respected inhabitants, in the person of Mrs. Margaret Ballard, Aelybryn, wife of Mr. William Ballard. Deceased appears to have been quite well in the morning when her husband left for work about 6a.m., but when her sister-in-law came downstairs at 8.35 she discovered Mrs. Ballard dead on the floor. At the inquiry at the Rising Sun Inn, after evidence was given, the jury, of which Mr. C. Payne was foreman, returned a verdict of off "Death from sudden heart seizure." By her death, Carmel Chapel has lost a faithful member and a devout Christian lady. Here genial countenance will be sadly missed in the villages. She was 68 years of age,



and she leaves a husband, five sons and three daughters. Three of her sons are serving their country, one in England and two in France. The funeral was held at Pant Cemetery on Monday, and was for gentleman only. There was a large attendance. There was a short service in the house, the Rev. D. Hughes Jones officiating. At the graveside, he was assisted by the Revs. R. D. Jenkins, and Isaiah Williams. The chief mourners were: Mr. William Ballard, husband; Lance-Corporal Arthur Ballard, Messrs. W. J. Ballard and Thomas Ballard, sons; Messrs. Cumpstone, J. Richards and Owen Davies, sons in-law; W. James, Tom Sayer, brothers; Willie Ballard, Idris Cumpstone, Nicholas Cumpstone, Bert Cumpstone, Arthur Cumpstone, William Harding, W J. Williams, nephews.

**8 January, 1916** Obituary The sudden death of Elizabeth Ada Seaborne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Seaborne, Pentwyn, took place on Wednesday last week. Deceased was in her usual health on Tuesday evening, but succumbed the following day to a serious attack of diphtheria. The funeral took place on Monday at Pentwyn Churchyard, the Rev. J. Davies officiating. The chief mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. Seaborne, father and mother; Miss Jane Seaborne, sister; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Jones, uncle and aunt; Messrs. J. and M. Seaborne, uncles; Mrs. W. D. Jones, aunt; Tom and Mary Jones, cousins. Amongst the floral tributes was one of from the teachers and scholars of Penybanc School.

**5 February, 1916** Obituary We have to record the death of one of Fochriw's oldest inhabitants in the person of Mrs. Ann Frances, Pit-row, who passed away on Tuesday evening after a very severe illness. Also, Mrs. Margaret Thomas, Brook-row, who died last Saturday evening.

**12 February, 1916** Obituary The funeral of the late Mrs. Margaret Thomas, Brook-row, took place on Thursday last at Pentwyn Churchyard. The deceased was 69 years of age, and a native of Waenfawr, Caernarvonshire. She came to Fochriw 26 years ago. Her husband died 15 years ago. She was a member of the Nazareth Chapel, and will be sadly missed by her many friends. The Rev. I. Roderick officiated at the house and graveside. The chief mourners were: Mr. William Thomas Jones, son-in-law; Messrs. J. Griffiths, J. Thomas, nephews; Master Gwilym E. Jones, grandson.

**12 February, 1916** Aged Lady's Death The interment of the remains of the late Mrs. Ann Francis, Pit-row, took place last Saturday. The funeral, which was for gentleman only, was well attended. The place of interment was Pant Cemetery. Deceased, who was over 80 years of age, was one of the oldest and most respected inhabitants of the place, being born at Blaenycwm Farm, Cwmbargoed. She has lived at her present home for 51 years. Her husband, John, died 30 years ago. A short service was held at the house conducted by the Rev. D. Hughes Jones assisted by the Rev. R. D. Jenkins. Rev. Jenkins officiated at the graveside. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Thomas and Henry Francis, sons; Messrs. Daniel Rowlands and Charles Hollister, sons in-law; Corporal John Francis, Leyshon Rowlands, Tom Rowlands, Wilfred Hollister, and Danny Rowlands, grandchildren; Leyshon & James Jenkins, Abercynon, Thomas Jenkins, Pontlottyn, Lewis Jarman, Treharris, Richard Evans, Willie Roberts, Bargoed, David Evans, Wm. H. Davies, Evan James, nephews; John Martin Thomas, M. Evans, Dowlais, H. Jones, cousins.

**19 February, 1916** Obituary We have to record the death of an old and respected inhabitant in the person of Mr. David Davies, 5, Martin-street, who passed away on Monday after a very painful illness.

**26 February, 1916** Obituary We have to record the deaths of two young persons. Mrs. Nellie Davies aged 22, wife of Mr. W. Davies, 22, Aelybryn, passed away at Merthyr General Hospital last Monday. Mrs. Margaretta Puddle, Fochriw Junction, wife of Mr. John Puddle, passed away on Sunday after a very painful illness.

**26 February, 1916** Funeral The remains of the late Mr. D. N. Davies, Martin-street, were laid to rest at Pentwyn Churchyard, last Thursday week. The deceased was 74 years of age, was an old and respected inhabitant of the place, and a member of Carmel Congregational Chapel. He had resided in the village for 50 years, and will be greatly missed. The funeral, which was for gentleman only, was well attended. The chief mourners were: Messrs. D. Davies, E. Davies, E. H. Davies, sons; Mr. S. Price, son-in-law; D. J. Davies, Willie Davies, David Davies, Evan Davies, Oliver Davies, Teddy Davies, Albert King, W. J. Angell,

grandchildren; Mr. Thomas Davies. The officiating ministers were the Rev. D. Hughes Jones, the Revs. R. D. Jenkins, and I. Williams.

**4 March 1916** Funeral The funeral of the late Mrs. Margaretta Puddle, wife of Mr. John Puddle, Fochriw Junction, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday week, and was well attended. Deceased was well-known in the village, where she had lived all her life, death coming at the early age of 22 after months of suffering. She was a faithful member of Carmel Chapel, and held in high esteem by all who knew her. The Rev. D. Hughes Jones officiated. Mourners: Mr. J. Puddle, husband; Mr. R. Jones, uncle; Mr. and Mrs. T. Powell, father and mother; Mr. T. Powell and Miss Mary Powell, brother and sister; Messrs. Corbett and Ernest Puddle, brothers-in-law; Mr. Rees Jones, Mr. David Walker, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Thomas, Messrs. W. J. Powell and Lewis, Mr. David Jones.

**4 March 1916** The late Mrs. M. Davies The funeral of the late Mrs. Nellie Davies, wife of Mr. W. T. Davies, Aelybryn, took place on Saturday afternoon at Pentwyn Churchyard, a large number of friends and relatives attending. The officiating ministers were Rev. D. Hughes Jones, Rev. D. G. Jones, Nazareth, Deri, the Rev I. Williams, Noddfa Chapel. Mrs. Davies was a faithful member of Carmel Congregational Church, and was held in great esteem in the locality. Two of her brothers are serving their country - Private B. Shankland, who is attached to the Cardiff City Battalion, and at present out in France, and David John Shankland, in the Navy. Both were unable to attend the funeral. Mourners: Mr. W. T. Davies, husband; Mr. and Mrs. J. Shankland, father and mother; Messrs. T. J. & Caradoc Shankland, brothers; Mrs. B. Shankland, sister-in-law; Mrs. Davies, mother-in-law; Messrs R. Davis, I. Davies, E. Davies, B Thomas, brothers-in-law; Miss M. J. Davies, sister-in-law.

**25 March 1916** Obituary We have to record the death of Mrs. Mary Morgan, 2, Glenview-terrace, Pentwyn, who passed away on Sunday morning after a very painful illness. Deceased was 60 years of age.

**1 April 1916** Obituary The funeral of the late Mrs. Mary Morgans, wife of Mr. Edward Morgans, Pentwyn, took place on Thursday week at Pentwyn Churchyard. Deceased was an old and very respected inhabitant of the place, where she will be sadly missed by her many friends. A short service was conducted at the house by the Reverend D. Hughes Jones, who also officiated at the graveside. Mourners: Mr. Edward Morgan, husband; Messrs. Thomas Morgan, Habacuc Morgan, William Thomas Evans, sons; Messrs. David Jones, Benjamin Evans, James Williams, sons-in-law; Mr. Thomas Martin, brother; Messrs. John Jones, Evan Davies, Habacuc Morgan, David Jones, brothers-in-law; Edward Morgan Jones, Thomas Jones, Edward J. Morgan, Alfred Morgan, Edward Evans, Habacuc Ballard, grandchildren.

**1 April 1916** A Fochriw Tragedy: Snowbound On The Mountain The blizzard on Monday night, had a terribly tragic sequel in the adventures of a party of young Fochriw people, and the death of Willie Grimmett, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Grimmett, Pentwyn. On Monday afternoon, a party of young people walked over the mountain to Pontlottyn to visit a picture show. By the time for their return journey, the storm was blowing with great fury, and while some of the party elected to remain at Pontlottyn overnight, others set out to make the five mile walk over the mountain. Darkness had come on quickly, but the party faced the blizzard in the confidence that they were sufficiently familiar with the road to make their way through. Of the party's fearful experiences, there are, so far, only such a disjointed account as the exhausted survivors can give. No news was received of the young people all night, and after nearly 12 hours, the first of the party was found by a search party crawling on their hands and knees from a disused quarry, where they had found partial shelter. This was at 7:30am on Tuesday morning. Search parties scoured the mountains throughout the morning, the distracted mothers themselves making brave efforts to join in the search, but they were unable to get further than the foot of the mountain. The snows had drifted to unheard-of depths, and the fate of the whole party was for some time in doubt. In the absence of telephone, or other communication with Pontlottyn, hours of anxiety were spent at Fochriw, where it was not known who of the party had set out on their return. The search parties worked through the night heroically, time and again falling back in face of the cruel blizzard. Police Sergeant H. Williams, and Police Constable Perrett, headed the renewal of the search at daybreak, while the storm still raged. The mountain was thoroughly scoured, but it was not till 7.30 that the

first discovery was made. Then, Stanley Williams, 8, Plantation-terrace, Fochriw, was recovered from an old quarry. He was able to give little information concerning his companions, but the searchers set out again, and came upon a sixteen year old girl, half buried in a snowdrift. She was conveyed to a dwelling house, and upon recovering consciousness asked for her little brother. Soon the rescuers came upon a brother and sister, almost buried in heaps of snow. The position of the rescuers was fraught with great peril, but brother and sister were eventually dug out, in an unconscious state, and taken to the Rising Sun Inn, where Nurse Mercer was in attendance. The lad, aged 13, died later. His sister, aged 20, clearly made devoted and heroic efforts during the night to succour her brother and to keep warmth in his body, until weakness overcame her. There still remained a lad, Bob Carter, of Pleasant View, to be accounted for. The rescuers probed the snow with long poles for several hours. At length, some County School boys came across a boot protruding from a heavy drift. Carter was completely buried, but was still breathing when dug out. He recovered after being conveyed home. The night's experiences of this little party created a tremendous sensation, and fine tributes are paid to the courage of the rescuers, who themselves braved considerable peril in their search. The father of the dead lad, Willie Grimmatt, is in the Army, training at Rhyl.

**8 April 1916** Obituary The funeral of William Arthur Grimmatt, the boy who perished in a blizzard on Fochriw mountain on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> March, took place on Monday amidst manifestations of deep sorrow. The funeral was public, and there was a large attendance, including most of the party that were out on that terrible night. A short service was held at the house conducted by the Rev. G. Williams, vicar. The cortege wended its way to Pentwyn Churchyard with the staff and scholars of Penybank School, of which the deceased was a pupil, leading the singing of "Guide Me O Thou Great Redeemer." At the Church, the service was very impressive, the vicar officiating. Mr. D. Greening read the lesson, and the hymns "Thy Will be Done," "Nearer My God to Thee," and "Lead Kindly Light," being sung with much feeling. The chief mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. Grimmatt, parents; Nellie, Fanny and Louisa, sisters.

**15 April 1916** Inquest An inquest was held at the Rising Sun Inn, on Monday, on William Arthur Grimmatt, the boy who perished on Pontlottyn mountain on the morning of Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> March, after being exposed to the full rigours of the snow storm throughout the previous night. Mr. R. J. Rhys, coroner, presided. Elen Grimmatt, aged 21, sister of the deceased, explained that her father, Charles Russell Grimmatt, was a private in the 20<sup>th</sup> Welsh Regiment. On Monday night, 27<sup>th</sup> March, she said she and seven others proceeded to Pontlottyn and went to a picture palace. They left the cinema about 10 o'clock and proceeded up the mountain by the new road. When they reached the ash tip on top of the mountain, they found they had lost their way. Coroner: In which direction did you go? I could not say where we were. Coroner: Did you lose consciousness yourself? I could not say exactly. Who found you? I could not say. Was your brother with you? Yes sir, he was with me all night. Coroner: It is a mercy that you were alive. It was the roughest night I can remember. I am glad you got through it. You all might have perished. David Stanley Williams, aged 18, said he met the party homeward bound on the mountain path. Having gone a little distance, he fell into a quarry. He shouted to the party to keep back. He remained in the quarry all night, but eventually got out when help arrived. William James Whitby said he was one of the rescue party which set out on Tuesday. He found the Grimmatts on the top of a disused quarry which was right away off the Fochriw road. The eldest girl was semi-conscious, but the other two had gone off. Two of the Grimmatts were taken to the Rising Sun. Coroner: The boy was conscious then? Yes. Were they under this snow? No, not covered. They were in a crouching position. Coroner: How many people were missing from Fochriw altogether that morning? Police Sergeant Williams replied, 'There were nine in all. There were eight in the group, and another beyond the schools.'

**29 April 1916** Obituary We have to record the death of Mr. John Evans, Martin-street, who passed away on Easter Sunday morning after a very painful illness. He was aged 62.

**6 May 1916** The Late Mrs. J. White The funeral of the late Mrs. John White, Brook-row, took place on Monday last at Pentwyn Churchyard. A short service was held in the house

conducted by the Rev. Gilbert Williams, vicar. The body was afterwards taken to St. Mary's Church, of which deceased had been a most faithful communicant, for a service. Afterwards, the solemn cortege wended its way to Pentwyn, Rev. Williams officiating at the graveside. Mourners: Mr. John White, husband; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert White, son and daughter-in-law; Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Tippings, daughter and son-in-law; Messrs. Henry, Robert, Ernest, and T. White, sons; Mr. and Mrs. William White, brother-in-law and sister-in-law; Mrs. Smith, sister-in-law; Mr. & Mrs. Davies, nephew and niece.

**6 May 1916** Funeral The funeral of the late Mrs. J. Evans, Martin-street, took place last Thursday week at Pentwyn Churchyard, amidst manifestations of deep sorrow. The deceased had resided in the village for a very long time. She was a faithful member at Carmel Congregational Chapel, where she will be sadly missed. The funeral, which was public, was one of the largest that has left the village. A short service was held at the house conducted by the Rev. D. Hughes Jones, and the Rev. Isaac Roderick, who also officiated at the graveside. Mourners: Mr. John Evans, husband; Messrs. D. J. Evans, Tom Idris Evans, Mrs. Esther Edwards, children; Mr. and Mrs. David Lewis, daughter and son-in-law; Elwyn Edwards, Iris Edwards and Enoch Lewis, grand-children; the Rev. D. M. Davies, Swansea, brother; Miss Sarah Lewis, sister.

**27 May 1916** Obituary Mr. David Jones, Aelybryn, passed away on Tuesday evening after a painful illness.

**3 June 1916** Funeral The funeral of the late Mr. David Jones, Aelybryn, took place last Saturday at Pentwyn Churchyard. The funeral, for gentleman only, was well attended. A short service was held at the house by the Rev. D. Hughes Jones, who again officiated at the graveside, assisted by Rev. Rhys Jenkins, Esaiiah Williams and Isaac Roderick. The chief mourners were: Messrs. W. J. Jones and Rees Jenkins, sons; Frank Strain, son-in-law; W. J. Phillips, George Rogers, William Edwards, H. C. Seaborne, T. Jones, J. Morgan, W. Morgan, nephews.

**24 June 1916** Obituary The funeral of an old and respected inhabitant of the village in the person of Mr. William Lewis, Railway-terrace, who passed away after a very painful illness at the age of 62, took place on Thursday week at Pentwyn Churchyard. The Rev. Rhys Jenkins officiated at the house and graveyard. Mourners: Messrs. Stephen Lewis, son; Abraham Jones, son-in-law; Masters Willie and Brynmor Jones, Tommy and David Lewis, grand-children; Mr. Evan Lewis, brother; Messrs. John Lewis, David Lewis and William Lewis, nephews. One of deceased sons, who is with His Majesty's forces in France, was unable to attend.

**22 July 1916** Obituary We have to record the death of Mrs. Jones, wife of Mr. Edward Jones, 24 Guest-street, who passed away last Sunday evening after a very long and painful illness.

**29 July 1916** Funeral The funeral of the late Mrs. Edward Jones, Guest-street, took place on Thursday week at Pentwyn Churchyard, amidst manifestations of deep sorrow. The deceased was only 28 years of age. The funeral, which was a public one, was one of the largest that has left the village. A short service was held at the house prior to the removal of the body, conducted by the Reverend Isaac Roderick, and Rev. Jones, Ivor House. The Revs. D. Hughes Jones, R. D. Jenkins, R. Bell, Llwynhendry, assisted Rev. Roderick at the graveside. Mourners: Mr. Edward Jones, husband; Master J. Adams Jones, son; Mr. and Mrs. D. Jones, father and mother; Messrs. D. J., W. A., and Griffith Jones, brothers; Mattie and Muriel Jones, sisters; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jones, brother and sister in-law; Mr. Griffith Pugh, grand father; Messrs. William Adams and T. Pugh, uncles; Mr. and Mrs. R. Pugh, Mr. and Mrs. H. Edgar, Mr. and Mrs. George Watkins, Mr. and Mrs. D. Davies, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Williams, uncles and aunts.

**2 September 1916** Obituary We regret to record death of a very old inhabitant of the village in the person of Mrs. Thomas, 1, Aelybryn, who passed away on Saturday after a very painful illness.

**9 September 1916** Funeral The funeral of Mrs. Thomas, Aelybryn, took place on Thursday week amidst manifestations of deep sorrow. The deceased was 72 years of age. The funeral, which was for gentleman only, took place at Pant Cemetery. A short service was held at the

house by the Rev. Esaiiah Williams. The cortege then left by special train for Pant. The chief mourners were: Benjamin and Gwilym Thomas, sons; John Jones, Tom Walters, John Bevan, and William Owen.

**30 September 1916** Obituary We have to record the death of Mrs. Jones, wife of Reverend J. M. Jones, Ivor House, Fochriw, who passed away very suddenly on Friday night last week.

**7 October 1916** Obituary The funeral of the late Mrs. Jones, wife of the Reverend J. M. Jones, took place on Wednesday week at Pentwyn Churchyard. Deceased had only resided in the village for a short time, but was well respected. She was a native of the Llangan, Carmarthenshire, and married the Reverend Jones when he was a minister in Flintshire. There are four children: Mr. J. M. Jones, is a doctor at Pontllytyn, Rhymney and Fochriw; one son is serving his country in France; another lives at Fort William, Ontario, Canada; and the only daughter is married to Mr. J. A. Jones, B.A., county school teacher. A short service was held at the house, conducted by the Rev. R. D. Jenkins, and Rev. D Hughes Jones, after which the body was taken to Carmel Chapel for a service. The "Dead March" was played by Mr. Thomas Walters. The cortege then wended its way to the churchyard, where Reverend Jenkins and Reverend D. Adams, Dowlais, officiated. Great sympathy is extended to the family in their sad bereavement.

**18 November 1916** Obituary On Thursday morning, John Henry Sherwood, collier, employed at Fochriw Pit, died at Merthyr General Hospital from lockjaw. Recently, he scratched his hand, and blood poisoning followed. Although he received the best medical treatment, lockjaw set in.

**2 December 1916** Obituary We regret to record the death on Sunday last of Mrs. S. J. Hollister, wife of Mr. Charles Hollister, Pit-row.

**9 December 1916** Obituary We have to record the death of Mrs. Rees Jones, Brook-row, after a painful illness.

**9 December 1916** Funeral The funeral of the late Mrs. Hollister, Pit-row, took place on Thursday week, amidst manifestations of great sorrow. The funeral was public and there was a large attendance, the interment being at Pentwyn Churchyard. The deceased was well respected in the village, and will be greatly missed by her relatives and large circle of friends. She was 47 years of age. The Rev. D. Hughes Jones, Esaiiah Williams, and Rhys Jenkins, officiated at the house and graveside. The chief mourners were: Mr. Charles Hollister, husband; Wilfred, Annie, Morfydd and Rhoda Hollister, children; Messrs. Thomas and Henry Francis, brothers; Miss Bronwen Francis, sister; Mr. and Mrs. Rowlands, sister; Mr. and Mrs. W. Hollister, Sergeant John Francis, Leyshon Rowlands, Tom Rowlands, Daniel Rowlands, Bronwen Francis, Blodwen and May Rowlands, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Evans, Annie Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Thomas, Mrs. Martin, Miss L. Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. Garbett, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar, Willie and Cyril Cooke, Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Davies, Mr. Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. Leyshon Jenkins, Mrs. Cole, Mr. Harry Jones and Mrs. Tom Jenkins.

**16 December 1916** Funeral The funeral of the late Mr. James Jenkins, Nantyffin, Fochriw, took place on Tuesday evening amidst manifestations of deep sorrow, the place of interment being Pentwyn Churchyard. Deceased, who had been confined to the house for the last six years, was an old and respected inhabitant of the village, where he will be missed by a large circle of friends. The officiating ministers were the Rev. D. Hughes Jones and Rhys Jenkins. The funeral was public, and there was a large attendance. The deceased leaves a wife and several children. Mourners: Mr. Evan Jenkins, Mrs. James Watkins, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jenkins, Miss Lucy Jenkins, Mr. James Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Garbett, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Jones, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. P. C. Jones, Mr. D. Davies, Mr. L. Davies, Mr. Lewis Davies, Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Davies, Messrs. Henry Francis, Thomas Francis, Miss Bronwen Francis, Miss Watkin Williams, Bronwen Jenkins, Evan Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. D. Rowlands, Mr. Leyshon Rowlands, Mrs. R. Evans, Mr. Charles Hollister, Wilfred, Annie, Morfydd and Rhoda Hollister, Mrs. Evan Davies, Mrs. Blodwen Davies.

**23 December 1916** Obituary We have to record the death of Mr. Josiah Richards, Llwyncelyn Cottage, Brook-row, who passed away on Wednesday after a long and painful

illness. Deceased, who was 57 years of age, was an old and respected inhabitant of the village, having been born in the house in which he died.

**30 December 1916** Obituary The funeral of the late Mr. Josiah Richards took place on Saturday afternoon at Pentwyn Churchyard. The deceased was an old and respected inhabitant of the village, and will be greatly missed by his many friends. He was 57 years of age, and leaves a widow and a son, who is the present organist at St. Mary's Church. Mr. Richards had been ailing for a number of years. He was a staunch churchman. He could always be found in his usual place at St. Mary's Church, until illness prevented him attending. A short service was held at the house, conducted by the Reverend John Francis. The chief mourners were: Octavius Richards, son; Mr. David Evans, brother-in-law; Messrs. W. J. Barry and William Richards, nephews; Messrs. William Williams, Jesse Williams, Richard Davis, Johnny Williams, cousins. The Vicar and the Reverend R. D. Jenkins officiated at the graveside.

**24 March 1917** Interment The funeral of the late Mr. Rees Jones, Aelybryn, took place last Monday, amidst manifestations of deep sorrow, the place of interment being Pentwyn Churchyard. The funeral was well attended, with the Reverend Rhys Jenkins officiating, assisted by the Revs. John Francis and Isaac Roderick. The chief mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. Tom Powell, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Thomas, daughters and sons in-law; Mr. Rees Jones, Mr. and Mrs. David Jones, sons and daughter-in-law.

**7 April 1917** Obituary We have to record the death of an old and respected inhabitant, in the person of Mr. David Griffiths, Dynevor-street, after a painful illness.

**14 April 1917** Funeral The funeral of the late Mrs. Griffiths, wife of Mr. David Griffiths, Dynevor-street, took place on Thursday week, and was very well attended. The place of interment was Pentwyn Churchyard. The Rev. Rhys D. Jenkins officiated. The chief mourners were: Mr. David Griffiths, husband; Mr. and Mrs. David Griffiths, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Griffiths, sons and daughters in law; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Williams, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Davies, daughters and sons in-law; Mr. Tim Lewis, brother; Master Gwynfor Davies, Doreen Griffiths, grandchildren; Mr. and Mrs. James Griffiths, brother-in-law and sister-in-law; Mr. John Griffiths, brother-in-law; Mrs. Jones, Mrs. C. A. Griffiths, R. Griffiths, A. Lewis, nieces.

**5 May 1917** Obituary Mrs. Mary Edwards, wife of Mr. J. Edwards, Brook-row, has passed away, after a long and painful illness.

**19 May 1917** Obituary The funeral of the late Mrs. Mary Edwards, Brook-row, wife of Mr. John Edwards, took place on Saturday amidst manifestations of deep sorrow. There was a large attendance. Deceased was 58 years of age, and was born at Pentwyn, and spent the whole of her life in the district. The interment was at Pentwyn Churchyard. The officiating ministers at the house and graveside were the Rev. Esaiiah Williams, Rev. Rhys Jenkins, and Rev. John Francis. The chief mourners were: Mr. John Edwards, husband; Messrs. Wyndham and Percy Edwards, sons; Masters Elwyn & Bedford Edwards, and Archie Williams, grandchildren; Messrs. Thomas Thomas, Rees Davies, Tom Davies, Willie Davies, brothers in-law; Messrs. John Phillips, Thomas Rowlands, Tom Davies, Evan Jones, John Baldwin and Charlie White, cousins.

**26 May 1917** Obituary We have to record the death of Mrs. Esther Pugh, wife of Mr. G. Pugh, Guest-street, who died on Sunday last after a long and painful illness.

**2 June 1917** Funeral: Mrs. Esther Pugh, Guest-street The funeral of the late Mrs. Esther Pugh, wife of Mr. Griffith Pugh, Guest-street, took place on Thursday week. Deceased, who was 76 years of age, had resided in the village for 55 years. There was a large attendance, the place of interment being Pentwyn Churchyard. The officiating ministers were the Revs. Isaac Roderick, Esaiiah Williams, Rhys Jenkins, R. Jones, Deri, and Rev. Beynon, Pontlottyn. The mourners were: Mr. G. Pugh, husband; Mrs. J. O. Evans, daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Evan Jones, Mr. and Mrs. H. Edgar, Mr. and Mrs. George Watkins, Mr. and Mrs. David Davies, Mrs. Cassie Davis, daughters and sons in-law; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Pugh, Mr. and Mrs. R. Pugh, sons and daughters.

**2 June 1917** Obituary: Miss Rachel Mary Walters, Moore's-row The funeral of the late Miss Rachel Mary Walters, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Walters, Moore's-row, took place last Monday at Pentwyn Churchyard. The funeral was one of the largest that has left the village. The Rev Esaiiah Williams and the Reverend John Francis officiated at the

house and graveside. The chief mourners were: Mr. Walter Walters, father; Messrs. Tom, John, and George Walters, brothers, besides numerous other paternal and maternal relatives.

**7 July 1917** Obituary: Mrs. Mabel Coggan, Plantation-street We have to record the sad death of Mrs. Mabel Coggan, wife of Mr. Arthur Coggan, Plantation-street, who passed away on Wednesday night after a painful illness, at the early age of 26 years. The funeral, which took place on Monday, was a large one. A short service was held at the house prior to the removal of the body, which was then taken to St. Mary's Church, of which deceased was a member. After a short service, the solemn cortege moved to Pentwyn Churchyard for burial. The Reverend John Francis officiated throughout. The chief mourners: Mr. Coggan, husband; Johnny and Vernon, children; Mr. Wellings, father; Mr. Bertie Wellings, brother; Levi Pritchard, Frank Attwell, Richard Attwell, Mr. Wellings, Mr. Higgins, Mr. G. Regalds, Mr. Davies, Mr. Sellwood. Among the floral tributes was one from the Cwlwm y Brodoriaeth Lodge.

**25 August 1917** Obituary: Mrs. Margaret Taswell We have to record the death of Mrs. Margaret Taswell, wife of Mr. Walter Taswell, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Jones, Brook-row, after a long and painful illness.

**1 September 1917** Funeral The funeral of the late Mrs Margaret Taswell took place on Wednesday last week at Pentwyn Churchyard. The Rev. Rhys Jenkins officiated. Chief mourners: Walte Taswell, husband; Evan Taswell, son, as well as many family friends.

**29 September 1917** Obituary: Mrs. Edward Davies, Aelybryn We have to record the death of Mrs. Edward Davies, Aelybryn, wife of Mr. Edward Davies, after a short illness.

**6 October 1917** Funeral The funeral of the late Mrs. Ann Davies, Aelybryn, wife of Mr. Edward Davies, took place on Saturday at Pant Cemetery amidst manifestations of deep sorrow. There was a large attendance. The Reverend Esaiiah Williams officiated at the house and at the graveside.

**20 October 1917** Obituary: Mrs. S. A. Watts We have to record the death of Mrs. S. A. Watts after a very painful illness. The deceased passed away at her sister's house (Mr. and Mrs. T. Llewellyn, grocer), Dynevor-street, on Monday morning.

**27 October 1917** The Late Mr. Lewis Jones, Brook-row The funeral of the late Mr. Lewis Jones took place at Pant Cemetery on Saturday. The funeral was well attended. Deceased was 82 years of age, and had lived in the village for over 50 years. Fochriw has lost a familiar and well-known figure. He leaves an aged widow and several sons and daughters. The chief mourners were: Councillor Jones, Messrs. David L. Jones, Walter Jones, sons; Messrs John M. Evans, Thomas Evans, Willie J. Angell, sons-in-law. The Rev. Esaiiah Williams officiated throughout.

**27 October 1917** Obituary: Mrs. S. A. Watts, Dynevor-street The funeral of the late Mrs. S. A. Watts took place at Gellygaer Churchyard on Wednesday last week. Deceased was aged 44, and was well known and respected in the village, being the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Evan Kinsey, formerly of the Fochriw Farm. The Rev. John Francis officiated at the house and graveside. The chief mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. T. Llewellyn, sister and brother-in-law; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kinsey, Tir-y-Colly Farm, Bedlinog, brother and sister-in-law.

**10 November 1917** Funeral: Mr. Richard Davies, Martin-street The funeral of the late Mr. Richard Davis, Martin-street, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday, with a large attendance. The deceased had been a cripple for 14 years after an accident at the colliery. He bore his sufferings patiently, and his genial countenance will be much missed in this village. He was 44 years of age, and leaves several brothers and sisters. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Daniel, Edward, Evan, and David Davies, brothers; Mr. Sam Price, brother-in-law. The officiating ministers were Revs. R. D. Jenkins, John Francis and Esaiiah Williams.

**17 November 1917** Obituary: Mr. W. R. Gwynne, Pentwyn We have to record the death of Mr. W. R. Gwynne, Pentwyn, who passed away after a painful illness, at the age of 38 years.

**24 November 1917** Funeral The funeral of the late Mr. W R. Gwynne, Hill-row, Pentwyn, took place on Thursday, amidst manifestations of deep sympathy, at Pentwyn Churchyard. The Rev. T. Jones, Deri, officiated. The deceased was well known in the district.

The chief mourners were: Masters Alfred and Percy Gwynne, sons; Mr. Richard Gwynne, father; Messrs. Alfred, Thomas, John, and Roger Gwynne, brothers.

**1 December 1917** Obituary We have to record the death of Mr. John Edwards, Brock-row, who died on Monday morning after a short illness.

**1 December 1917** Funeral: Mr. Samuel Way, 21, Aelybryn The funeral of the late Mr. Samuel Way, Aelybryn, who died from the effects of an accident at the colliery, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday amidst manifestations of sympathy. The funeral was one of the largest seen in the district for a long time. Deceased was 57 years of age, and was a well-known figure in the village. A short service was held at the house, before the removal of the body to St. Mary's Church, of which the deceased was a faithful member. The service was conducted by the Rev. John Francis and the Rev. Gilbert Williams, Pontlottyn, who also officiated at the graveside. Among the mourners were: Messrs. James Way, W. J. Way, Frank Way, Freddie Way, sons; George, Frank, William, Walter and Fred, brothers; Thomas Everett, father-in-law.

**8 December 1917** Funeral: Mr. John Edwards, Brook-row The funeral of the late Mr. John Edwards, Brook-row, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday, amidst manifestations of deep sorrow. There was a large attendance. The Revs. Esaiah Williams, Rhys Jenkins and John Francis officiated at the house and graveside. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Wyndham and Percy Edwards, sons; Masters Elwyn Edwards, Bedford Edwards, Harry Williams, Archie Williams, Thomas Davies, John Baldwin, Thomas Rowlands.

**12 January 1918** Obituary The funeral of the late Mrs. Lloyd, Tunnel Pits, widow of the late Mr. J. Morgan Lloyd, took place on Tuesday, amidst manifestations of public respect. Deceased was over 80 years of age, and was well-known to a large circle of friends. She passed away at the house that her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. H. Wilcox, with whom she had lived for a number of years. The Rev. J. Ellis, Moriah, Dowlais, officiated throughout. The chief mourners were: Mr. H. Wilcox and children, Mr. Richards and children, Messrs. D. Jones, L. Griffiths, D. Morgan, D. C. Davies, Tom Davies, cousins. The burial was at Pant Cemetery.

**9 February 1918** Obituary: Mr. Howell Thomas, Station-terrace, aged 71 The funeral of the late Mr. Howell Thomas, Station-terrace, took place on Tuesday at Pentwyn Churchyard. Deceased, who was an old and respected inhabitant of the village, will be sadly missed by a large circle of friends. The funeral was one of the largest that has left the village. Deceased, who was 71 years of age, leaves a widow and grown-up family. The chief mourners were: Messrs. William, Jenkin, Howell, and Thomas Thomas, sons; Mr. Thomas Walters, son-in-law; Messrs. Howell, William, Henry, David H., Howell J., and David Glyndwr Thomas, grandsons; David James Davies, Haydn Davies, grandsons; William and John Thomas, brothers. Rev. Rhys Jenkins officiated, assisted by Revs. John Francis and Esaiah Williams.

**23 February 1918** Death We have to record the death of an old inhabitant, in the person of Mr. William Williams, Glen-view, Pentwyn, after a long and painful illness.

**2 March 1918** Obituary: Mr. William Williams, 3, Glen-view, Pentwyn, aged 72 The funeral of the late Mr. William Williams, 3, Glen-view, Pentwyn, took place at Pant Cemetery on Thursday, amidst manifestations of sorrow. The deceased was a well-known figure in the district, where he had lived for the last 40 years. He will be missed by a large circle of friends. The funeral was well attended. Deceased was 72 years of age. The officiating ministers were the Revs. John Francis, Esaiah Williams and Rev Hughes, Zoar, Pontlottyn. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Thomas, George, John, Watkin S., Benjamin, James, and David Williams, sons; John L. Williams, William T. Williams, Joseph Williams, Johnny Williams, George Williams, Tom Morgan, grandchildren.

**13 April 1918** Obituary We have to record death of Mr. Evan Jones, Aelybryn, who had resided in the village a long time.

**20 April 1918** Funeral: Mr. Evan Jones, Aelybryn The funeral of the late Mr. Evan Jones, Aelybryn, took place on Saturday at Pentwyn Churchyard amidst manifestations of much sorrow. Deceased was one of the oldest inhabitants of the place and will be much missed.

**27 April 1918** Funeral: Mrs. Ann Jenkins, Dynevor-street, aged 78 The funeral of the late Mrs. Ann Jenkins, Dynevor-street, took place on Monday, amidst manifestations of sorrow



and respect. The deceased was a well-known and much-respected lady, and will be sadly missed by a large circle of friends. She was a native of Newcastle Emlyn where she was born in 1839. She went to Dowlais at the early age of 13, afterwards moving to Fochriw, where she lived for the last 44 years at the same house. She was the widow of the late Mr. Thomas Jenkins, who was an official at the Fochriw Colliery for over 20 years. The funeral, which was a public one, was largely attended. There are four sons and one daughter, and a number of grandchildren and great grandchildren. The chief mourners were: Mr. Daniel Jenkins, son; Mr. and Mrs. Berkley Angell, daughter and son-in-law, the Rev. Rhys D. Jenkins, son; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas John Jenkins, son and daughter-in-law; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jenkins, Miss Tegwen Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. John Griffiths, Berkley, Willie, Tom and Nellie Maud Angell, Richard E. Davies, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jenkins, Guest-street, Nellie, Fanny, Sylvanus, Mrs. M. Jenkins, Mrs. R. Jenkins, Miss M. Jenkins and Mrs. E. Jenkins, Bedwas, Mr. John Jenkins and Mr. Thomas Jenkins, Cardiff, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Jones, Mr. Sam Davies and Elizabeth Ann Jenkins, Henry Jones Jenkins, grandchildren. The officiating ministers were: Rev. J. M. Jones, Pontlloftyn; the Rev. R. T. Peregrine, Rhymney; the Rev. T. E. James, the Rev. J. R. Salmon, Rev. Isaac Roderick, etc.

**4 May 1918** Funeral Mrs. Jenkins The names of Mr. and Mrs. David Jenkins, son and daughter-in-law, were omitted in the report of last week's funeral.

**15 June 1918** Obituary: Miss Bessie James, Mount Pleasant-row, Pentwyn, aged 18 The funeral of the late Miss Bessie James, Mount Pleasant-row, Pentwyn, took place on Saturday at Pentwyn Church. Deceased had been ailing for a long time, but bore all her sufferings very patiently. She was only 18 years of age. A short service was held at the house, conducted by the Vicar, who also officiated at the Church and graveside. He was assisted by the Rev. Esaiiah Williams and the Rev. R. D. Jenkins. Mr. O. Richards played the "Dead March." The chief mourners were Mr. and Mrs. James, parents; Bertie, Willie, Amy and Maggie, brothers and sisters; Mr. Watkins and Miss Watkins, uncle and cousin. Among the floral tributes was one from St. Mary's Church, of which deceased was a very faithful member and Sunday school teacher.

**20 July 1918** Obituary: Mrs. Jones, 26, Aelybryn, aged 60 We have to record the death of an old and respected inhabitant at the village in the person of Mrs. Jones, 26, Aelybryn, who passed away on Friday night after a few days of illness. She was 60 years in the age, and a faithful member of Nazareth Chapel. Her husband died some years ago. The funeral took place on Tuesday at Cefn Goleu Cemetery, the officiating ministers being the Revs. Isaac Roderick and R. D. Jenkins. The chief mourners were: Mr. W. E. Jones, son; Mr. Edward Williams, father.

**3 August 1918** Obituary: Mr. Edward Williams, Bryn Corwen The funeral of Mr. Edward Williams, Bryn Corwen, took place on Monday at Cefn Goleu cemetery, amidst manifestations of deep sorrow. The deceased was a very old and familiar character in the village, and will be missed by a large circle of friends. Mr. Williams' death follows that of his daughter, which we reported some weeks ago. The Rev. Rhys D. Jenkins officiated. The chief mourners were: Mr. W E Jones, grandson; Mr. Edward Parry, Mr. Robert Parry and Mr. George Evans.

**5 October 1918** Obituary: Mr. Edgar Morris, 23, Aelybryn, aged 27 The funeral of the late Mr. Edgar Morris, who was killed at Fochriw Colliery, took place on Wednesday last, amidst manifestations of deep sympathy. Deceased, who was only 27 years of age, was well liked by all, and his genial countenance will be sadly missed by a large circle of friends. After a short service in the house, the cortege, which was the largest that has left the village, wended its way to Pentwyn Churchyard, led by the Deri United Choir, of which deceased was a faithful member. The choir sang hymns en route. The Fochriw Ambulance Brigade, (of which deceased was also a member), the Bedlinog Ambulance and Dowlais Brigade, and also the members of the Bristol and West England Society, formed part of the procession. At the graveside, the Choir gave an effective rendering of "O Dduw, ro im Dy Hedd." The officiating ministers were Revs. Rhys D. Jenkins, Esaiiah Williams and John Francis. The chief mourners were: Mrs. Morris, widow; Megan Morris, daughter; Mr. and Mrs. T. Morris, father and mother; Mr. and Mrs. J. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Protheroe, Mr. Bob Price, Mr.

Stanley Morris, Miss Annie M. Morris, Miss Lizzie Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Cole, (father and mother in-law), as well as many other close friends.

**12 October 1918** Obituary Mrs. William Evans, Penybank Farm, passed away on Friday after a very painful illness.

**19 October 1918** Obituary: Mrs. William Evans, Penybank Farm, aged 60 The funeral of the late Mrs. William Evans, Penybank Farm, took place on Thursday last week, the officiating minister being Rev. Esaiiah Williams, Noddfa chapel, of which deceased had been a faithful member. The deceased was 60 years of age, and the place of interment was Gellygaer Churchyard. The following gentleman acted as bearers: Sergeant Williams, Fochriw; Messrs. David Evans, Richard Evans, John Jones, Penybank; John Morris, Ty Mawr; Mr. James Davies, Cwm Farm. The chief mourners were: Mr. William Evans, husband; Miss Watkins, Mrs. Edwards, sisters; Mr. Edwards, brother-in-law; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Evans, Fochriw, Mr. and Mrs. J M Evans, Bedlinog, Mr. Josiah, Gellygaer, Mr. Lewis Evans, Penybank, Mr. David Evans, Cefn Bach, and many other friends.

**2 November 1918** Obituary: Mrs. E. Edgar, Guest-street The funeral of the late Mrs E. Edgar, Guest-street, took place on Saturday last, amidst manifestations of deep sorrow. The funeral was a public one, and was largely attended, the place of interment being Pentwyn Churchyard. Rev. Isaac Roderick and Rev John Francis officiated. The chief mourners were: Mr. H. Edgar, husband; Willie and John Edgar, sons; May, Ettie and Elsie, daughters; Mr. and Mrs. Evan Jones, Mr. and Mrs. T. Pugh, Mr. and Mrs. R. Pugh, Mr. and Mrs. David Jones, Mr. George Watkins, Mr. David Davies, sisters and brothers-in-law, as well as many family friends.

**2 November 1918** Obituary: Mr. William Evans We have to record the sudden death of one of Fochriw's most familiar figures in the person of Mr. William Evans, pitman, who passed away on Wednesday last, after a few days illness, from influenza. The funeral, which took place on Monday last, and was for gentleman only, was largely attended. The place of interment was Pant Cemetery. After a short service in the house, conducted by the Rev. John Francis, and the Rev. Esaiiah Williams, the solemn cortege wended its way, amidst manifestations of deep sorrow, to Fochriw station, and thence to Pant. The Vicar again officiated at the Church and at the graveside. The deceased leaves a son and five daughters to mourn the loss. Chief mourners were: Messrs. David, Henry, Thomas, & Benjamin Evans, brothers; Mr. Thomas Edwards, brother-in-law; Messrs. W. J. Payne, Mordecai Williams, Percy Edwards, sons in-law; Messrs. D. Evans, David W. Thomas, Edward Evans, Henry Evans, T. J. Evans, Willie Evans, Edgar Evans, William T. Evans, Edward Evans, Private William H. Edwards, Messrs. Thomas B. Edwards, Charles Edwards, David R. Jones, Edward Jones, Albert Mantle, Roderick Williams, David W. Price, Richard Pugh, Benjamin Whitby, Willie J. Whitby, Meth Evans, Will Smith, D. R. Price, nephews; Messrs. David Evans and Harry Evans, cousins.

**9 November 1918** Obituary: Mr. Thomas Llewellyn, grocer, Dynevor-street, aged 62 We have to record the death of Mr. Thomas Llewellyn after a painful illness, on Monday last, at the age of 62.

**16 November 1918** Obituary The funeral of the late Mr. Thomas Llewellyn, Dynevor-street, took place on Thursday last week amidst manifestations of deep sorrow. The funeral was at Gellygaer Church. The deceased, who was 62 years of age, was a familiar figure in the village. Revs. Isiah Williams and Rhys D. Jenkins officiated in the house, and Rev. Mr. James, New Tredegar, at the graveside.

**18 January 1919** Fochriw Pit Tragedy: Fall Down Shaft The sensational experience of a man in difficulties 420 feet from the pit bottom was revealed in an inquest held at Fochriw by the district coroner, on the body of Thomas Harris, aged 43, pitman, married, with nine children. Principal witness in the story was Wyndam Edwards, who appeared in the Court bearing evidence of the ordeal which he had undergone. The Coroner congratulated him upon his marvellous escape, and said that during the whole of his experience as a coroner, he had not met with a similar incident, and that he was fortunate not to be holding an inquest on two men. The story revealed, showed that Edwards, with the deceased, was engaged on Sunday as a pitman in examining No. 1 Pit of the Fochriw collieries. They had a special wire in the shaft

for signalling for pitmen only. When about 140 yards from the bottom, they signalled to the winder to pull the cage up a little. Immediately this was done, the signal wire broke and came crashing down upon them. They sought protection under the birdles of the cage. Suddenly, Edwards found himself hauled down the pit. He grasped the guide rope, and felt himself slipping towards the bottom of the shaft. Harris, who was at the top of the cage, shouted to him and he responded. A second later, he saw the body of Harris pass him towards the bottom of the pit. He continued to slide down the guide rope to which he was clinging and at the bottom of the shaft found the body of his comrade on the slump planks. How Harris got knocked off the top of the cage he did not know, but surmised that the recoil of the broken signal rope, or something else, caught and knocked him off the landing point. He did not know how he himself got knocked off. The coroner returned a verdict of "Accidental Death."

The Funeral The funeral, which was a military one, was one of the largest and most representative that has ever left the village. Deceased was a discharged soldier. His eldest son, Gilbert, is in the Army, and was at Brussels at the time of his father's death. A telegram was dispatched to him, but unfortunately he arrived home a day late for the funeral. The deceased was a member of the local fire brigade, to which duties he was devoted, holding the rank of sergeant. He was also a member of the R.A.O.B. After a short service at a house, conducted by the Vicar, the cortege, headed by the Fochriw Brass Band, Police Sergeant Williams, Discharged Soldiers and Sailors (under the command of Sergeant W. J. Jones), the Fochriw Fire Brigade (under Lieut. W. J. Payne), the Pontlottyn Fire Brigade (Lieut. E. Robson), the Tirphil Fire Brigade (Lieut. Turk), members of the R.A.O.B., and the general public, proceeded to St. Mary's Church where the service was conducted by the Vicar, and Rev. Gilbert Williams, vicar of Pontlottyn. They also officiated at the graveside. After the service the organist played the "Dead March." Rev. Gilbert Williams conducted the R.A.O.B. service. The chief mourners were: Master Harold Harris, son; Messrs. William Thatcher, son-in-law, J. E. Jones, brother-in-law, J. H. Harris, Victor Davies, Charles Wall, Morgan Morgans, Thomas Webb, Frank Jones, Rees Lewis, William Bevan, Fred Wootten, cousins. Great sympathy is extended to the widow and nine children in their sad bereavement, and to other members of the family.

**1 February 1919** Obituary: Mr. Isaac Thomas, Guest-street, aged 68 The death of Mr. Isaac Thomas took place on Monday week at Guest-street, Fochriw. The deceased was 68 years of age. The funeral, which was for gentleman only, took place on Thursday last, and was well attended. The officiating ministers were the Rev. Isaac Roderick, and the Rev. Rhys Jenkins. The place of internment was Pentwyn Churchyard. The chief mourners were: Messrs. David Davies and John Thomas, brothers; William Hughes, W. Bevan, John M. Jones, and Peter Jones.

**15 February 1919** Funeral: Mr. William Walters, Brynteg, aged 57 The funeral of the late Mr. William Walters, Brynteg, took place on Tuesday at Pentwyn Churchyard. Deceased, who was a well-known and popular figure, had taken a keen interest in the musical welfare of the village, in which sphere he will be greatly missed. He was 57 years of age, and had suffered greatly, but had borne his sufferings patiently. Great sympathy is extended to the widow and children in their sad bereavement. Rev. Rhys Jenkins, and Rev. Williams, Rhymney, officiated. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Thomas and John Rees Walters, sons; Evan Williams, son-in-law; Messrs. Walter Walters, Albert Walters, ..... Walters, brothers; Councillor J. Jones, Evan Rees Jones, brothers-in-law.

**22 February 1919** Obituary: Mr. Sam Evans, Aelybryn, aged 44 The funeral of the late Mr. Sam Evans, Aelybryn, took place on Tuesday amidst manifestations of deep sorrow. Deceased, who had been ill for long time, bore his sufferings patiently. He will be greatly missed, especially amongst the musical circle, of which he had taken great interest until his health failed. The funeral, which was for gentleman only, was largely attended, the place of interment being Pentwyn Churchyard. The following officiated: Rev. Esaiiah Williams, Rev. John Francis, Rev. R. D. Jenkins. The chief mourners were: Master Johnny Evans, son; Messrs. Thomas, David, John, and William Evans, brothers; D. Morris, Henry Thomas, W. Jones, brothers in law; Thomas and William Evans, uncles, as well as many friends. Deceased, was only 44 years of age, and leaves a widow and son to mourn his loss.

**29 March 1919** Funeral: Mrs. Coombes, Penybank The remains of the late Mrs. Coombes, Penybank, were laid to rest on Tuesday last at Pentwyn Churchyard. The Rev. Gilbert Williams, vicar of Pontlottyn, officiated.

**29 March 1919** Obituary Mr. David Cole, Brynteg, passed away after a short illness, at the residence of his sister, Mrs. E. Cole.

**5 April 1919** Funeral: Mr. David Cole, Brynteg The funeral of the late Mr. David Cole, Brynteg, took place on Thursday last amidst manifestations of deep sorrow. Deceased, was well-known in the district, and had only been ailing for a short time. The funeral was well attended, and the principal mourners were: John and James Cole, sons; Simon and William Cole, brothers; Thomas Jones, Elias Davies, John Davies, brothers-in-law; Messrs. James Jones, David Cole Jones, George Cole, John R. Walters, Tom Davies, John Davies, Willie A. Davies, Berkley Davies, Willie J. Angell, J. E. Davies, nephews; Messrs. Simon, Oliver, James, Thomas, and John Williams, Noah Jones, cousins. The officiating minister was the Rev. Rhys Jenkins, assisted by the Revs. R. E. Peregrine & D. Overton, Rhymney, J. R. Salmon & J. M. Jones, Pontlottyn, D. G. Jones, Cardiff, T. Sinclair, Merthyr, Esaiiah Williams & John Francis, Fochriw.

**12 April 1919** Obituary: Mr. Thomas Mantle, Hill-row, Pentwyn, aged 76 We have to record the death of an old and respected inhabitant in the person of Mr. Thomas Mantle, Hill-row, Pentwyn, who passed away on Sunday afternoon, after a painful illness.

**19 April 1919** Funeral The funeral of Mr. Thomas Mantle, Hill-row, Pentwyn, took place on Thursday last. He was 76 years of age, and leaves a widow and grown-up children, to whom great sympathy is extended. The Rev. Rhys Jenkins officiated. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Thomas John, William, George, Percy, and Albert Mantle, sons; Septimus Mantle, brother; Messrs. William Cook, John Jones, sons-in-law; Edgar Cook, Willie Cook, Cyril Cook, Lieut. Tom Williams, Isaac Williams, John W. Mantle, Tom Mantle, Percy Mantle, Leslie Mantle, J. E. Mantle, Tom M. Mantle, grandsons; Henry James John, Willie J. Mantle, Tom Mantle, Clifford Mantle.

**7 June 1919** Obituary: Mr. David Lloyd Davies, Martin-street, aged 21 We have to record the death of Mr. David Lloyd Davies, sons of the late Mr. James Davies and Mrs. Davies, Martin-street, who passed away on Wednesday at Merthyr General Hospital, where he had been taken the previous day suffering from an injury to a hand sustained at the Fochriw Colliery. The funeral took place on Monday, and was very well attended - a fact which testified to the great esteem in which the deceased, who was only 21 years of age, was held by all classes of the community. A service was held at St. Mary's Church, of which Mr. Davies was a devoted member, the vicar officiating both there and at the graveside. Rev. Esaiiah Williams assisted. The chief mourners were: Messrs. James and Willie Davies, brothers; James B. Rees, Windsor Rees, and Elwyn Edwards, nephews; Messrs. Thomas Rees, William H. Jones, brothers-in-law; Evan Price, J. T. Jones, John Davies, uncles; David J. Price, Joseph Price, Anthony Price, Frederick Price, Thomas Davies, Willie Davies, Rees Davies, Isaac Davies, Ben Thomas, cousins. The following acted as bearers: Messrs. Owen Evans, Thomas J. Wright, Tom I. Evans, Thomas B. Edwards, Gomer Williams and William John Payne. Among the floral tributes were ones from St. Mary's Church, Fochriw Footballers, Penybank Teachers, and Big Coal Drift friends.

**11 October 1919** Obituary: Miss Lily J. Evans, Brynteg, aged 20 The funeral of the late Miss Lily J. Evans, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Evans, Brynteg, took place on Monday week, the place of interment being Pentwyn Churchyard. Deceased, who was only 20 years of age, had been ill for a long time. The funeral, which was for gentleman only, was very well attended. The Rev. Esaiiah Williams, assisted by the Rev. Rhys Jenkins, officiated at the house and graveside. The chief mourners were: Mr. Daniel Evans, father; Uriah and Richard Evans, brothers; Messrs. Walters Thomas, David Thomas, John Evans, Richard Evans, D. Lloyd Evans, John Thomas, Joshua Evans, Tom Llewelyn, Evan Jones, uncles; Caradog Thomas, Robert Thomas, Tom Evans, Aneurin Evans, David Emlyn Evans, Thomas J. Evans, Sydney Evans, David James Thomas, and Lewis Thomas, cousins. Great sympathy is extended to the family in their sad bereavement.

**8 November 1919** Obituary: Mrs. Thomas Mantle, Hill-row, Pentwyn We have to record the death on Monday morning of Mrs. Thomas Mantle, Hill-row, Pentwyn.

**22 November 1919** Deaths We have to record the sad death of Thomas John Lewis, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lewis, Railway-terrace, at the age of 26; also of Miss Elizabeth Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Owen James, Martin-street, after a painful illness. Great sympathy is extended to both families in their sad bereavement.

**29 November 1919** Obituary The funeral of the late Mr Thomas J. Lewis, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lewis, Railway-terrace, took place on Thursday last amidst manifestations of deep sorrow. The funeral was one of the largest ever seen in the district. Deceased, who had suffered for a long time, bore his illness patiently; he was a young man, and will be sadly missed amongst his large host of friends. The Reverend Esaiiah Williams officiated, the place of internment being Pentwyn Churchyard. The chief mourners were: Mr. Edward Lewis, father; Trevor and Emrys Lewis, brothers; Mr. John Walters, brother-in-law; Idwal Walters, nephew; Messrs. Edward Morgan, Habacuc Morgan, John Lewis, William Lewis, David Jones, William Griffiths, John Morgan, John Evans, David Griffiths, uncles; Thomas Jane Morgan, Habacuc Morgan, Thomas Lewis Griffiths, Evan Thomas Lewis, Arthur Jones, David Lewis, Johnny Lewis, Daniel Lewis, Thomas J. Morgan, Ambrose Jones, Willie J. Jones, cousins. Among the floral tributes were ones from The Footballers, the Touring Club, the Mechanical Department and Enginemen, and the Pontlloftyn Church Lads' Brigade.

**10 January 1920** Obituary: Mrs. John Morgan, Hill-row, Pentwyn The funeral of the late Mrs. John Morgan, took place on Monday last amidst manifestations of deep sorrow. Deceased, who was quite a young woman, had been ailing for a long time, and she leaves a widower and a number of young children to mourn her loss. The officiating ministers were Rev. Rhys Jenkins, and Rev. Esaiiah Williams. The chief mourners were: Mr. John Morgan, husband; Mr. Idris Morgan, son; Mr. Edward Morris, father; Mr. David Morgan, father-in-law; Messrs. John Thomas, Tom Jones, James Howells, Tom Davies, Thomas Thomas, George Thomas, Job Thomas, David T. Morgan, Harry Weeks, W. Middleton.

**31 January 1920** Funeral: Mrs. W. J. Angel, Supply Stores, Fochriw The funeral of Mrs. W. J. Angel took place on Monday amidst manifestations of deep sorrow. Deceased, who was quite young, had suffered greatly, but had borne her illness patiently. She leaves a widow and four children to mourn their loss. The funeral, which was for gentleman only, was one of the largest that has left the village. The place of interment was Pentwyn Churchyard. The Reverend Rhys Jenkins and the Reverend M. S. Young officiated. The chief mourners were: Mr. W. J. Angel, husband; Willie and Lewis Angell, sons; David Jones, Walter Jones, Evan Jones, Wat Jones, brothers; Messrs. Thomas Evans, J. Evans, Ishmael Harris, Berkley Angell, Elias Davies, John Davies, James Davies, William Thomas, brothers-in-law; Messrs. Roderick Jones, John Lewis Jones, David T. Jones, Willie Jones, David Lewis, Henry T. John, Willie and Edgar Evans, Lewis Owen, John Henry and Latimer Evans, Richard and Lewis Jones, Willie and Berkley Davies, Tom Angell, Howell and Willie Thomas, John and Berkeley Davies, Haydn Angell, James Jones, Richard Davis, Johnny Griffiths, Robert Parry, David Lewis, Jim Davies, James J. Lewis, John James, nephews.

**14 February 1920** Obituary: Mrs. David Williams, Brook-row, aged 79 We have to record the death of Mrs. David Williams, Brook-row, which took place on Monday. The deceased was one of the oldest inhabitants of the village.

**21 February 1920** Obituary The funeral of the late Mrs. David Jones, Brook-row, took place on Thursday last amidst manifestations of deep sorrow. Deceased, who was nearly 80 years of age, was one of the oldest inhabitants of the place. The place of interment was Pant Cemetery. The officiating ministers were Rev. R. D. Jenkins, and the Rev. J. Williams. The chief mourners were: Messrs. William and Jesse Williams, sons; Mordecai Williams, Richard Davis, the Reverend Bell, Emlyn and Trevor Davies, Johnny Williams, Horace Evans, grandsons; Octavius Richards, William Thomas, Willie Evans and Johnny Evans.

**28 February 1920** Obituary: Mrs. Eli Worman, Upland Stores We have to record the death, on Saturday, of Mrs. Worman, Upland Stores, after a short illness.

**6 March 1920 Funeral** The body of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Worman, Upland Stores, was reverently laid to rest at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday last amidst manifestations of deep sorrow. The deceased was one of the oldest inhabitants of the village, where she had lived for the last 54 years. She was 79 years of age. The chief mourners were: Mr. Eli Worman, husband; Mr. and Mrs. W. Cole, nephew and niece; Florrie and Stella, grandchildren; Mr. Whale, brother-in-law; Mr. and Mrs. J. Moore, brother and sister-in-law; Mr. and Mrs. G. Moore, Mrs. Drage, Mr. and Mrs. Cop, Mrs Griffiths, Mr. and Mrs. W. Morris, nieces and nephews. Mr. Ben Jones, Bargoed, assisted by Mr. W. A. Hancock Pontlottyn, officiated at the house and graveside.

**27 March 1920 Obituary: Mr. Trevor Lewis, Railway-terrace, aged 24** We have to record the death of Mr. Trevor Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lewis, after a painful illness. Mr. Lewis buried his eldest son just a few months ago. Great sympathy is extended to the family in their sad trial.

**10 April 1920 The late Mr. Trevor Lewis** The funeral of the late Mr. Trevor Lewis, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lewis, Railway-terrace, took place on Saturday amidst manifestations of deep sorrow. Deceased, who was only 24 years of age, was well-liked throughout the village, and his early death caused universal sorrow. Only four months ago, his brother, aged 27, was buried. Sympathy is felt for the family in their sorrow. The place of interment was Pentwyn Churchyard, and the funeral was one of the largest seen in the village. The deceased had served in the Army during the war, and was also a member of the Ambulance Brigade. Heading the solemn cortege were the members of the Discharged Soldiers and Sailors, followed by the St. John Ambulance Brigade of Fochriw and district. After the burial, the "Last Post" was sounded over the grave. The officiating minister was the Reverend Rhys Jenkins. The chief mourners were: Mr. Edward Lewis, father; Emrys Lewis, brother; Mr. John Walters, brother-in-law; Idwal Walters, nephew; Messrs. Thomas Davies, D. Morgan, H. Morgan, David Griffiths, J. Lewis, D. Jones, Thomas Evans, W. Griffiths, W. Lewis, J. Morgan, J. Evans, uncles; W. J. Jones, Arthur Jones, T. L. Griffiths, W. T. Lewis, D. Lewis, J. Lewis, B. Lewis, D. Lewis, F. Lewis, E. T. Lewis, T. G. Morgan, Ambrose Jones, H. Harry, E. Burrows, cousins.

**1 May 1920 Obituary** It is our painful duty to record the death of Mrs. William Lewis, Railway-terrace, on Tuesday evening, and also the death of Mrs. Addis, Stoney Houses, Penybank.

**8 May 1920 Obituary: Mrs. Lewis, Railway-terrace, aged 65** The funeral of the late Mrs. Lewis took place on Saturday last amidst manifestations of deep sorrow. The funeral was for gentleman only, and was well attended. The place of interment was Pentwyn Churchyard. Deceased was 65 years the age. The chief mourners were: Stephen and David Lewis, sons; Messrs. Jones and Llewellyn, sons in-law; William and Prince grandchildren; Tommy and David Hughes, Steve Jones, Mr. Daniel, Mr. David, Mr. Jones Lewis, Aelybryn and sons, David Lewis, Thomas Thomas, William Lewis, Thomas R. Lewis. The officiating ministers were Rev. Rhys Jenkins, and Rev. Esaiiah Williams.

**5 June 1920 Obituary** We regret to record death of an old inhabitant in the person of Mr. John White, Brook-row, after a short illness.

**5 June 1920 Obituary** We have to record the death of the oldest inhabitant of the village in the person of Mrs. Ann Evans, Moore's-row. Deceased had been ailing for a very long time, and passed away on Tuesday evening.

**12 June 1920 Funeral: Mrs. Ann Evans, Moore's-row** The funeral of the late Mrs. Ann Evans took place on Saturday amidst manifestations of deep sorrow. The funeral, which was for gentleman only, was well attended, the place of interment was Pentwyn Churchyard. The officiating ministers were the Rev. Rhys Jenkins, and the Rev. Esaiiah Williams. Deceased was the oldest inhabitant of the village. The direct living descendants of the deceased consist of 3 sons, 2 of whom are living in Australia, 3 daughters, 10 grandsons, 17 grand-daughters, 6 great-grandsons, and 11 great-grand-daughters - a total of 52. The chief mourners were: Messrs. David, John and James Evans, sons; T. Ballard, E. James, sons-in-law; W. J. Harris, S. Harris, David Evans, G. Evans, G. Evans, A. Prosser, grandsons; S. Ballard, E. Gittings,

W. H. Davies, grand sons-in-law; Masters Edmund Davies and Ronald Gittings, great-grandsons.

**12 June 1920** Funeral: Mr. John White, Brook-row, aged 69 The funeral of the late Mr. John White took place on Thursday last, amidst manifestations of deep sorrow. The place of interment was Pentwyn Churchyard. Deceased, who was 69 years of age, had been ailing for a long time. He leaves a widow and six children to mourn the loss. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Herbert, Charlie, Robert and Ernest White, sons; Mr. Edwin Tippings, son-in-law; Mr. William White, brother; Mr. Robert Richards, brother-in-law. The Reverend Esaiiah Williams officiated at the house, and the Reverend Samuel Evans, Vicar, at the Church and graveside.

**26 June 1920** Funeral: Mr. Benjamin Whitby, Guest-street The funeral of the late Mr. Benjamin Whitby, husband of Mrs. S. Whitby, took place on Monday, amidst manifestations of deep sorrow. The place of interment was Pant Cemetery. The chief mourners were: Mr. William James Whitby, son; Mr. William Whitby, brother; Mrs. Jones, sister; Mrs. Jones, cousin; Messrs. David R. Jones, Edward Jones, William H. Jones, Richard Pugh, Howell Jones, and Mr. Mutlow, brothers-in-law; Mr. David J. Whitby, nephew; Messrs. George Jones, E. O. Jones, David Jones, M. W. Thomas, George H. James, William Thomas, cousins; Messrs. Sims and sons, W. J. Payne, Mordecai Williams, Percy Edwards, Tom Jones, David H. Jones, Edward Brown. The Rev. Esaiiah Williams officiated at the house and at the graveside, assisted by the Rev. Lloyd, Dowlais.

**17 July 1920** Obituary: Mr. Frank Small, Penybank The funeral of the late Mr. Frank Small, husband of Mrs. Small, took place on Monday, the place of interment being Pentwyn Churchyard. The funeral was well attended, the officiating minister being the Reverend Esaiiah Williams. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Llewelyn, James Henry, and Lewis Small, sons; Messrs. Richards, Willie Small, Charles Small, George Way, David Evans, brothers and brothers-in-law; Messrs. D. Evans, S. Ballard, W. H. Davies, W. Candrick, G. Price, Syd Way, Gomer Evans, Edmund Davies. Great sympathy is extended to the widow and family in their sad bereavement.

**18 September 1920** Obituary: Mr. William Wright, Aelybryn, aged 69 The funeral of the late Mr. William Wright, husband of Mrs. J. Wright, took place on Monday amidst signs of deep sorrow. Deceased, who was 69 years of age, had been ailing for a long time, but bore his sufferings very patiently. His familiar figure will be sadly missed by a large circle of friends. The funeral, which was for gentleman only, was well attended, the place of interment being Pant Cemetery. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Thomas John, William James, William James Sydney, Alfred, and Fred, sons; Mr. Jones, son-in-law; Messrs. James and John Griffiths, Richard White. The officiating minister was the Rev. D. J. Jones, Congregational minister.

**18 September 1920** Funeral: Mr. Thomas Thomas, Guest-street Mr. Thomas Thomas, husband of Mrs. G. Thomas, was laid to rest on Tuesday last, amidst manifestations of deep sorrow, the place of interment being Pentwyn Churchyard. Deceased had served for many years with the South Wales Borderers, having served in the Zulu Kaffir Wars in the years 1877, 1878, and 1879, for which he received a medal. During the last Great War, he again joined the Colours with the 5<sup>th</sup> Welsh and was afterwards transferred to the Defence Corps. The funeral, which was a public one, was well attended. Heading the solemn procession was the Fochriw Brass Band, under the conductorship of Mr. Albert Mantle, who played the "Dead in March" along the route. Then followed the Discharged Soldiers and Sailors, under the command of Mr. Willie A. Jones. Representatives were also sent down from the Brecon Depot of his old regiment, including a bugler, who sounded "The Last Post" at the graveside. A short service was held at the house, conducted by the Rev. Samuel Evans, vicar, and the Rev. Esaiiah Williams, after which the body was conveyed to St. Mary's Church, where the service was conducted by the Vicar, who again officiated at the graveside, with the band playing "Lead, kindly Light." Afterwards the shrill notes of "The Last Post" were sounded by the regimental bugler from Brecon. The chief mourners were: Mrs. G. Thomas, widow; Rachel, Esther, and Mary Thomas, daughters; Mr. David Daniel Thomas, son; Mr. David Thomas, brother; Mr. and Mrs. Rees Thomas, brother and sister-in-law; Mr. T. Rees, brother-

in-law; Messrs. Jones, Matthew Thomas, Thomas J. Thomas, William Thomas, nephews; Miss Ann Edwards, niece; Mrs. Thomas, aunt; Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs Parfitt, cousins.

**9 October 1920** Obituary: Mrs. W. R. Evans, Aelybryn, aged 22 It is our painful duty to record the death of Mrs. W. R. Evans, Aelybryn, at the early age of 22 years. Deceased passed away on Saturday last. Heartfelt sympathy is extended to the families in their sad bereavement.

**16 October 1920** Funeral The funeral of the late Mrs. W. R. Evans, Aelybryn, took place on Thursday last amidst manifestations of deep sorrow. Deceased, who passed away at the early age of 22 years, was of a very genial disposition: she will be sadly missed in the locality. The funeral was one of the largest that has left the village. A short service was held at the house, after which the solemn cortege wended its way to Pentwyn Churchyard. All blinds en route were drawn as a mark of respect. The procession included the members of the Ambulance Brigade, the Home Nursing Brigade (of which the deceased was a member), and the teaching staff of Penybank School (where the deceased had been a pupil). The chief mourners were: Mr. W. R. Evans, husband; Mr. and Mrs. S. Cole, father and mother; Mrs. Sarah Morris, Phoebe and Ceinwen Cole, sisters; Megan Morris, niece; Mr. and Mrs. T. Evans, father-in-law and mother-in-law; Miss Hannah Evans and Miss Maggie Evans, sisters in law; Mr. G. Evans, brother-in-law; Mrs. E. Cole Jones, Mr. and Mrs. William Cole, Mr. T. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Davies, Mr. G. M. Evans, Mr. David Jones, uncles and aunts; Mr. and Mrs. T. Davies, Mr. and Mrs. J. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Jones, Mr. Lodwick Davies, Miss Evelyn Davies and Miss Doris Davies, Mr. and Mrs. J. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Bevan, Mr. Wm. Lewis, Mrs. Tydfil Jones, Mrs. Beere, Johnny and Jim Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, Messrs. Lewis Pritchard, Llewellyn, Tom, Stuart, Glyn Jones, Mr. and Mrs. J. Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. T. Jenkins, cousins. The officiating minister was the Rev. D. Jenkin Jones, assisted by the Rev Rhys Jenkins and the Rev. Esaiiah Williams.

**23 October 1920** Obituary: Mr. Edward Rees Wellings, Plantation-street, aged 32 We regret to record the death of Mr. Edward Rees Wellings, who passed away on Saturday night. He had been on active service throughout the Great War. He leaves a widow and two young children and parents to mourn the loss.

**30 October 1920** Obituary We have to record the sad death of Mrs. Seaborne, Stoney Houses, Penybank, after a long illness.

**30 October 1920** Funeral The funeral of Mr. Edward Rees Wellings, Plantation-street, were laid to rest at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday last. Public interest and deep sympathy were very much in evidence. The deceased joined His Majesty's forces early in 1915, and was drafted out to France the same year. He was engaged in much fighting until he was gassed at Ypres in August 1918. Afterwards, he was sent to hospital at Northampton, and other hospitals, before being demobilised in 1919. He was again admitted to hospital at Whitchurch a few months ago, and returned home a fortnight before his death. His illness was a very severe one, but he bore it with great fortitude, patience, and the same courage that he displayed on the field of battle with his old regiment. He was only 32 years of age. A short service was held at the house conducted by the Vicar. Afterwards, the solemn cortege, which has about the largest that has left the village, and was a military one, headed by the Fochriw Brass Band, members of the Discharged Soldiers and Sailors, representatives from the Brecon Depot of the the South Wales Borderers, wended its way to St. Mary's Church, to which the deceased belonged, for a service. At the graveside, the vicar again officiated, and at the close, the shrill notes of the "Last Post" were sounded. The large gathering then felt that a brave soldier had been laid to rest. The chief mourners were: Mr. George Wellings, father; Mr. Bert Wellings, brother; Master Vernon Coggan, nephew; Messrs. James Higgins, William Wellings, and David Williams, uncles; Mr. John Davies, Mr. L. Richard, Mr. Thomas Williams, brothers-in-law; Messrs. Josiah Williams, Evan Jones, D. J. Williams, Richard Williams, Thomas J. Williams, cousins. Great sympathy is extended to the young widow, the two little children, and the family in their sad bereavement.

**6 November 1920** Funeral The funeral of the late Mrs. Mary Seaborne took place on Thursday last, the place of interment being Pentwyn Churchyard. A short service was held at the house conducted by the Vicar, who again officiated at the Church and graveside. The



chief mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. Jane Morgan, Masters Wyndham and Doris Morgan, Mrs. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. D. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. W. Jones, Messrs. W. J. Jones, Tom Jones, William Jones, Mrs. P. Jones.

**20 November 1920** Funeral: Mrs. Charles Edwards, Glen View, Pentwyn, aged 47 The funeral of the late Mrs. Charles Edwards, Glen View, Pentwyn, took place on Monday last amidst manifestations of deep sorrow. Deceased was 47 years of age. The funeral was well attended, the place of interment being Pentwyn Churchyard. The officiating minister was the Reverend Esaiiah Williams, assisted by the Reverend D. J. Jones. The chief mourners were Mr. Charles Edwards, husband; Master Glyndwr Edwards, son; Messrs. Harry John and Lewis Richards, brothers; Messrs. T. J. Evans, Sydney Evans, John Rees Davis, nephews; Messrs. David Evans and Thomas Edwards, brothers-in-law; Messrs. John S. Edwards, W. H. Edwards, Cornelius Edwards, Bertie Edwards, T. B. Edwards, Charlie Edwards, Albert Mantle, nephews, Messrs. W. Connell, W. J. Wilde, Lewis Wilde, Fred Jones, Bert Turner, Sam Lewis, David Roberts, cousins.

**25 December 1920** Deaths We have to record the deaths of two old inhabitants of the village, in the persons of Mr. Simon Jones, Rees-row, Pentwyn, and Mr. William White, Martin-street.

**1 January 1921** Funeral: Mr. Simon Jones, Rees-row, Pentwyn The funeral of the late Mr. Simon Jones took place on Wednesday last. The deceased was one of the oldest inhabitants in the place, where he will be sadly missed. The funeral, which was well attended, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard, the Rev. D. Jenkins Jones officiating. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Henry and William Jones, sons; Frank Jenkins, Tom Jenkins, nephews.

**1 January 1921** Obituary: Mr. William White, Martin-street The funeral of the late Mr. William White, took place on Friday last at Pentwyn Churchyard. The deceased was a very old and respected inhabitant of the village. A short service was conducted at the house by the Rev. Samuel Evans, who also officiated at the Church and graveside. Mr. White leaves a widow to mourn his loss. The chief mourners were: Messrs. C. White, R. White, A. Gough, and S. Gough.

**15 January 1921** Obituary: Mr. Thomas Thomas, Pleasant-view The funeral of the late Mr. Thomas Thomas took place on Monday amidst manifestations of deep sorrow. The deceased, who had been ailing for a short time, passed away on Thursday at the home of the son and daughter-in-law. The funeral, which was for gentleman only, was well attended, the place of interment being Pentwyn Churchyard. The officiating minister was the Rev. D. J. Jones, assisted by the Rev. Esaiiah Williams. The chief mourners were: Mr. David John Thomas, son; Master Aneurin Thomas, grandson; Messrs. Job and George Thomas, brothers; Messrs. Evan Davies, David Morgan, William Jones, John Jones, brothers-in-law; Mr. Harry Jennings, cousin; Messrs. Evan Davies, John Morgan, William Edward Jones, John Evans, Thomas John Jones, Harry Weekes, Daniel M James, nephews.

**22 January 1921** Obituary We have to record the death of an old and respected inhabitant of the place in the person of Mr. William Lewis, Station-terrace, after a short illness. Great sympathy is extended to the family in their sad bereavement.

**29 January 1921** Funeral: Mr. Willie Lewis, Station-terrace The funeral of the late Mr. William Lewis took place on Thursday last, amidst manifestations of deep sorrow. Deceased was a well-known and highly respected person in the village and his presence will be sadly missed. The funeral was at Pant Cemetery. A short service was held at the house, the officiating ministers were the Rev. D. J. Jones, Congregational Chapel, of which deceased was a member, assisted by the Rev. Rhys D. Jenkins and the Rev. Esaiiah Williams. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Thomas, David and Samuel Lewis, brothers; Messrs. Gerald MacArthur, Howell Thomas, Daniel Jones, George Jones, brothers-in-law; Messrs. Daniel, Howell, Thomas, John, and Benjamin Jones, Enoch Lewis, MacArthur, Masters Enoch Lewis and John Gwyn Lewis, nephews; Messrs. John Evans and D Jenkins, cousins. Great sympathy extended to the widow, aged mother and relatives in their sad bereavement.

**12 February 1921** Death We have to record the sad death of Mrs. Tom Powell, Aelybryn, on Friday last. Great sympathy is extended to the family.

**19 February 1921** Funeral: Mrs. T. Powell, Aelybryn The funeral of the late Mrs. T. Powell, wife of Mr. T. Powell, Aelybryn, took place on Wednesday last amidst manifestations of deep sorrow. Deceased had not been well for a long time. The funeral, which was for gentleman only, was well attended, the place of interment being Pentwyn Churchyard. The Rev. D. J. Jones officiated, assisted by the Rev. Esaiiah Williams, and the Rev. R. D. Jenkins. The chief mourners were: Mr. Tom Powell, husband; Vivian Powell, son; Messrs. David Jones and Rees Jones, brothers; J. Puddle, T. Thomas, sons-in-law; William Powell, D. H. Thomas, E Lewis, brothers-in-law; Cyril Lewis, Albert Lewis, W. Williams, Ernest Puddle.

**12 March 1921** Obituary Great sympathy is felt for Mr. and Mrs. Owen Morris and family, Ty Mawr, in their bereavement by the death of a young son. Also, Mr. and Mrs. S. Phillpot, Aelybryn, in the death of a young daughter. Both children were interred at Pentwyn Churchyard.

**12 March 1921** Death: Mrs. E. Puddle, Railway-terrace We have to record the death a Mrs. E. Puddle, wife of Mr. Ted Puddle, who passed away after a painful illness at the home of her parents at Sirhowy, where she had recently gone to try to improve her health. The funeral took place on Saturday at Dukestown and was conducted by the Reverend Samuel Evans. Amongst the floral tributes was a cross from St. Mary's Church, of which the deceased was a member. Sympathy is extended to the young widower and family in their sad bereavement.

**12 March 1921** Funeral: Miss Morfydd Jones, Brynteg, aged 10 The funeral took place last week of Miss Morfydd Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jones, who was accidentally killed on her way home from the school, being knocked down by a motor lorry. It was one of the largest funerals seen in the village. A short service was held at the house, conducted by the Rev. D. J. Jones, after which the solemn cortege wended its way to Pentwyn Churchyard, amidst manifestations of deep sorrow on all sides. The coffin was headed by the headmaster, Mr. Isaacs, the teachers and scholars of Standards IV, V, and VI, each carrying a bunch of flowers, which they reverently dropped into the grave. At the graveside, the Reverend D. J. Jones again officiated, assisted by the Reverend Gilbert Williams, vicar of Pontlottyn. The chief mourners were: Mr. Walters Jones, father; Richard and Lewis Jones, brothers; Mr. Richard Davis, grand father; Messrs. D. L. Jones, Evan Jones, Thomas Evans, W. J. Angel, W. W. Jones, J. M. Evans, uncles; Lewis Evans, Owen Evans, John L. Jones, Roderick Jones, Henry Evans, T. J. Evans, E. Evans, W. Evans, J. H. Evans, L. Evans, W. Angel, L. H. Angell, J. E. Edwards, cousins. Heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family in their sad and sudden bereavement.

**12 March 1921** Fochriw Tragedy: A Death Trap Mr. R. J. Rhys conducted an inquiry at Fochriw into the circumstances of the death of Morfydd Jones, daughter of Walter Jones, who died as a result of injuries received whilst returning from school. Walter Jones, father, gave evidence of identification, and said his daughter was active and in the best of health. She was 10 years of age. On the day of the fatality, he was called from work, but his daughter was dead when he reached home. Mary Thomas and Mary Morgan, playmates of the deceased, said they were playing "touch" on the way from school. They did not hear the horn of the car. Percy Edwards said he was standing on the platform of the Fochriw station and saw the car coming down the Pontlottyn road. It was coming down very slowly and he could hear the horn. Hugh Jones, the driver, said that he was a driver of three years experience. He was driving from Pontlottyn down the hill, with the engine free. The children were coming out of school and he saw the girl falling in front of the wheel of the car without anyone touching her. He pulled up within his own length. P. S. Williams also said the car was going slowly. The coroner remarked upon the dangerous turn in the bridge, which was only 15 feet wide, and then passed a verdict of "Accidental Death," and exonerated the driver from blame.

**7 May 1921** Obituary We have to record the death, after a trying illness, of Mrs. Howel Thomas, widow of the late Mr. Howel Thomas, Station-terrace, which took place on Thursday evening.

**14 May 1921** The Late Mrs. Howel Thomas The funeral of Mrs. Howel Thomas, Station-terrace, took place on Saturday at Pentwyn amidst manifestations of deep sorrow. There was a large attendance. The officiating ministers were Revs. D. J. Jones, Rhys Jenkins, and Esaiiah Williams. The chief mourners were: Messrs. William, Jenkins, Howel, and Thomas Thomas,

sons; Mr. Thomas Walters, son-in-law; Messrs. Howel, Willie, Glyn, David, Henry Howel, Howel James, David Glyndwr, Thomas Francis, James J. Lewis, Robert Parry, David Uzzell, David Saunders, grandchildren; Mr. Rees Price, cousin.

**21 May 1921** Funeral The funeral of a noted figure in the life of Fochriw was laid to rest on Thursday last at Pentwyn Churchyard in the person of Mr. Thomas Jones ("Tommy Dean"), son of Mr. John Jones, Martin-street. The deceased was known to everybody in the village, and his smiling face will be sadly missed. The cortege was met at the station by a large crowd of sympathisers on its arrival from Penydarren, where he had lived for the last few years.

**6 August 1921** Obituary: Mrs. M. A. Richards, Glen-view, Pentwyn It is with deep regret that we record the death of Mrs. M. A. Richards, wife of Mr. John Richards, 7, Glen-view, we passed away on Friday last after a long and painful illness. The funeral, which was for gentleman only, took place on Tuesday at Pentwyn Churchyard. A short service was held at the house, after which the cortege wended its way to Pentwyn. The chief mourners were: Mr. John Richards, husband; Mr. William Ballard, father; Messrs. W. J., T., S., C., and A. Ballard, brothers; E. Cumpstone, brother-in-law; W. and H. Ballard, I., N., B., and A. Cumpstone, Elwyn and G. Davies, nephews; W. James, T. Sayce, uncles; Watkin James, T. Powell, W. Harding, W. J. Williams, M. Williams, cousins. The officiating ministers were Revs. D. J. Jones and J. C. Payne.

**13 August 1921** Obituary We have to record the death of Mrs. Morris, Mount Pleasant-row, Pentwyn after a painful illness. Great sympathy is extended to the family in their bereavement.

**20 August 1921** Funeral: Mrs. E. Morris, 5, Mount Pleasant-row, Pentwyn The funeral of the late Mrs. Morris took place on Saturday last amidst manifestations of sorrow. A service was held at the houses conducted by the Rev. Rhys Jenkins and Rev. D. J. Jones, after which the solemn cortege wended its way to Graig Rhymney Cemetery, where the interment took place. The chief mourners were: Mr. Edward Morris, husband; Mrs. R. Davis, Rhymney, sister; Mr. & Mrs. J. G. Thomas, son-in-law and daughter; Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Jones, son-in-law and daughter; Mr. John Morgan, Pentwyn, son-in-law; Messrs. E. J. Thomas, Benjamin Thomas, M. J. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Davies, brother-in-law and sister).

**19 November 1921** Obituary: Mrs. Ada Seaborne, Mount Pleasant-row, Pentwyn We have to record the sad death of Mrs. A. Seaborne, wife of Mr. H. C. Seaborne, who passed away after a very painful illness on Thursday morning. The funeral, which took place on Monday last, was well attended. A short service was held at the house, conducted by the Rev. J. C. Payne, after which the solemn cortege wended its way to Pentwyn Churchyard amidst manifestations of deep sorrow. A service was held at St. Andrew's Church conducted by the Vicar, who again officiated at the graveside. The chief mourners were: Mr. H. C. Seaborne, husband; Miss Jane Seaborne, daughter; Mr. Philip Seaborne, son; Mr. and Mrs. William Jones, brother and sister-in-law; Mr. Tom Jones, Miss M. Jones, Miss Jane Jones, Willie Jones, George Jones, nephews; Mr. and Mrs. J. Seaborne, brother-in-law and sister-in-law. There were floral tributes from the Mothers' Union and the R.A.O.B.

**26 November 1921** Obituary We have to record the death of Mr. Evan Jones, Martin-street, after a long and painful illness. Our sympathy goes out to the widow and six children.

**3 December 1921** Funeral: Mr. Evan Jones, Martin-street The funeral of Mr. Evan Jones took place on Saturday last amidst manifestations of deep sorrow. Deceased had suffered greatly for the last two years. The funeral was at Pentwyn Churchyard, and was well attended. The officiating ministers were the Revs. Esaiah Williams and D. J. Jones. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Thomas John, Evan William, and Richard Jones, sons; Mr. William John, son-in-law; Mr. John Jones, brother; Councillor D. J. Thomas, nephew; Messrs. Dan Evans, John Evans, David L. Evans, Richard Evans, Walter Thomas, William Jones, D. J. Jones, brothers-in-law; Uriah and Richard Evans, Tom, Aneurin, Emrys, Emlyn and Robert Thomas, Tom Walters, Aneurin Thomas, William H. Jones, Tom Morgan, Thomas J. Jenkins, H. Morgan, Henry Jenkins, Thomas J. Evans, Cyril Llewellyn, nephews.

**17 December 1921** Death We have to record the sad death of Mrs. James, wife of Mr. David Owen James, Martin-street, after a short illness.

**17 December 1921** Interment: Mrs. Mary Walters, Brynteg-terrace The funeral of the late Mrs. Mary Walters, widow of the late Mr. William Walters, took place on Monday last amid signs of deep sorrow. Deceased was a well-known figure in the village, and her genial countenance will be sadly missed by a large circle of friends. A short service was held at the house prior to interment at Pentwyn Church. All blinds were drawn en route as a mark of respect to the deceased. The officiating ministers were Revs. D. J. Jones and Esaiiah Williams. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Thomas Walters, John Rhys Walters, sons; Thomas Jones, brother; D. Williams, A. Ballard, sons-in-law; Richard Walters, Albert Walters, Walter Walters, H. Davies, brothers-in-law; David Jones, Rhys Jones, Rod Jones, Jim Jones, D. C. Jones, R. H. Davies, J. P. Jones, William Morgan, D. Wathan, T. J. Davies, Tom Walters, T. W. Walters, J. R. Walters, George Walters, nephews.

**24 December 1921** Obituary: Mrs. D. O. James, Martin-street We regret having to record the death of Mrs. D. O. James, wife of Mr. D. O. James, which took place on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> December, after a very short illness. Before coming to of Fochriw, Mrs. James was for many years a faithful member of Gwernllwyn Chapel, Dowlais. The funeral took place on Saturday last from Fochriw to Pant Cemetery, and was private. The Reverend D. J. Jones officiated. The chief mourners were: Messrs. D. O. James, husband; D. M., and B. R. James, sons; D. P. Llewellyn and David Thomas, nephews; T. Walters, cousins.

**31 December 1921** Obituary: Master Glyn Lewis, Martin Street, aged 17 It is our painful duty to record the sad death of Master Glyn Lewis, son of Mr. James John Lewis and Mrs. Lewis, Martin-street, who passed peacefully away at Pontsarn Sanatorium, at the early age of 17 years. Glyn was of a very loving disposition, and will be sadly missed. The funeral, which took place at Pant Cemetery on Saturday, was very well attended. The chief mourners were: Messrs. J. J. Lewis, father; Stanley, David James, and William Haydn Davies, brothers; William Thomas, grandfather; Howel Thomas, Glyn Thomas, Willie A. Thomas, Robert Parry, William Williams, Arthur Williams, Walter E. Williams, Dan S. Evans, Thomas Evans, James John, James T. John, uncles and cousins. The officiating minister was the Reverend D. J. Jones, Carmel, Fochriw.

**28 January 1922** Obituary Mrs. Angell, Guest-street, died on Sunday last. The funeral was at Pentwyn Churchyard. For many years she had carried out the duties of nurse. She was 81 years of age. A short service was conducted at the house by Rev. D. J. Jones, after which the cortege moved to Pentwyn, all blinds being drawn as a mark of respect. Revs. D. J. Jones and R. D. Jenkins officiated at the graveside. The vicar, Rev. S. Evans, was also present.

**4 February 1922** Obituary The oldest inhabitant of the village, Mrs. Sarah Evans has died. She was 90 years old and could read and sew with the aid of glasses. She was familiarly known as Grannie Evans. Her husband, Henry Evans, died 42 years ago. Rev. S. Evans officiated. The burial took place at Pant Cemetery. Mourners: (sons) John, David, Henry, Thomas & Benjamin; (son-in-law) Thomas Edwards; (grandchildren) Edward Evans, David Lewis, Henry Thomas, John William & Edgar Evans; (great grandchild) John Mantle; (nephew) Henry Evans; also Jack Dawkins, Roderick Williams, Will Smith, W. J. Payne, Meth Evans, Price Davies, Will Bennett, Will Smith, Mordecai Williams, Percy Edwards, Tom Jones, and Thomas Bailey.

**4 February 1922** Obituary Mrs. Carter, wife of Mr. Tom Carter, Pleasant View, has died. Sympathy is extended to all the bereaved.

**18 February 1922** Death of Two Old Inhabitants We have to record the deaths of Mrs. Lewis Jones, Brook-row, and Mrs. Mary Lewis, 2, Brynteg.

**18 February 1922** Funeral The death has occurred of Mrs. Carter, wife of Mr. Tom Carter. The interment took place at Thomastown, Merthyr, Rev. J. C. Payne taking the service. The chief mourners were: Thomas Carter (husband); Bob Carter (son); Mr. & Mrs. George Carter, Mr. David Carter, Messrs. David Walters, Thomas Walters, Mrs. Kate Shankland, Mr. & Mrs. William Smith, Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Walters.

**25 February 1922** Death Roll at Fochriw Death has been very prominent in the village these last few days. This week we have the painful duty to record the funerals of three old and respected inhabitants:- Mrs. Margaret Jones, Brook-row; Mrs. Mary Lewis, Brynteg-street; and Mr. Griffith Pugh, Guest-street.

**25 February 1922** Funeral: Mrs. Margaret Jones The funeral of Mrs. Margaret Jones took place on Thursday amidst manifestations of sorrow of Pant Cemetery. Mrs. Jones was 78 years of age. A short service was conducted in the house by Rev. R. D. Jenkins, who again officiated at the graveside. The chief mourners were:- Messrs. David L. Jones, Walter Jones, Evan Jones and Walter Jones (sons); Tommy Evans, John M. Evans, Willie J. Angell (sons-in-law); John Lewis Jones, Roderick Jones, David T. Jones, Willie J. Jones, Lewis Evans, Owen Evans, Richard Jones, Lewis Jones, David L. Evans, Hy. Evans, Thos. J. Evans, Edgar Evans, Willie Evans, Latimer Evans, Willie Angell, Lewis Angell, John E. Edwards (grandsons); Willie Jones, David J. Jones, Thomas Jones, Thomas Wathan, Benjamin Wathan, Thomas Thomas, John Thomas.

**25 February 1922** Funeral: Mrs. Mary Lewis The funeral of Mrs. Mary Lewis took place on Saturday last at Pant Cemetery. The deceased who was in her 80th year, was hale and hearty up to a week or so before her death, and her genial countenance will be missed by a large circle of friends. A short service was held at the house before moving to Pant Cemetery. Rev. R. D. Jenkins and Rev. Isaac Roderick officiated. The chief mourners were:- Messrs. Thomas Lewis, David Lewis, Samuel Lewis (sons); Gerald McArthur and Howell Thomas (sons-in-law); Enoch McArthur, Willie McArthur, Enoch Lewis, John Gwyn Lewis (grandsons); W. J. Phillips, Dd. J. Evans, David Evans, and John Evans (Bargoed). Great sympathy is extended to the bereaved family.

**25 February 1922** Funeral: Mr. Griffith Pugh The funeral of Mr. Griffith Pugh took place on Tuesday last at Pentwyn Churchyard. The deceased was 73 years of age and had been ailing for a long time. He was a faithful member of Nazareth C.M. Chapel, and was senior deacon. He will be sadly missed. The chief mourners were:- Messrs. Thomas Pugh, Richard Pugh (sons); William Pugh (brother); Evan Jones, David Jones, George Watkins, David Davies (sons-in-law); Richard Pugh (North Wales) and David and Ellis Roberts (nephews); E. J. Jones, W. Jones, G. C. Jones, J. Edgar, J. Powell, E. Rees, Masters G. Pugh, J. Adams Jones, Evan Watkins (grandchildren). Great sympathy is extended to the family in their trouble.

**24 June 1922** Obituary It is a sad duty to report the death of Mr. Benjamin Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Jones, Station-terrace, after a painful illness. Also, P. C. Perrott, Aelybryn, passed away on Wednesday morning, after years of suffering. The village will miss him as he was always devoted to his duties.

**24 June 1922** Funeral We have to record the death and funeral of Mr. Llewellyn Waite, Railway-terrace. After a short service in the house, the body was interred at Pentwyn Churchyard, with a large attendance. The mourners were: Messrs. Herbert Walters (brother); S. Lewis, Mr. Jones, Dennis Connelly (brothers-in-law); I. Jones, Simon Lewis, D. Lewis, W. Lewis, J. Lewis, Percy Crumpstone, Thomas Thomas, Brindley Crumpstone, William Lewis (cousins); Brynmor Jones, W. B. Jones (nephews). To the wife and child who are left to mourn their loss, great sympathy is extended.

**1 July 1922** Obituary The funeral of Mr. Ben Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Jones, Picton House, took place on Thursday last amidst scenes of deep sorrow. The deceased, who was only 20 years old, gave promise of a brilliant career in the scholastic profession. Before his illness he was a teacher at the Deri Council School, and was about to enter college. He was one of four brilliant brothers and two sisters, all of whom had gained distinction in their profession. One brother, Mr. Hywel Jones B.A., was sitting for his final examinations at Oxford, the week his brother passed away. Another brother, Mr. Thomas John Jones B.A., holds the position of master at Taunton. During the war, three of the brothers served with the Colours, Lieut. Hywel Jones being wounded in France. Mr. Dan Jones served abroad throughout the war. The deceased was of an amiable and cheery disposition and had endeared himself to a large circle of friends. He was a faithful member of Carmel Chapel. Prior to the removal of the body, a short service was held at the house, after which the solemn cortege wended its way to Fochriw Station for interment at Pant Cemetery, all blinds being drawn en route. The officiating ministers at the house and graveside were Rev. D. J. Jones and Rev. Rhys D. Jenkins. The chief mourners were Mr. Hywel Jones (father); Messrs. Dan Jones, Hywel Hones, Tom Jones (brothers); Daniel Jones, Benjamin Jones, David Jones, Walter

Walters, Evan Jenkins, Wm. Morgan (uncles); Thos. George Davies, John Walters, Thomas Howell Jones, George Walters (cousins). Floral tributes were sent by the following: Mam, Dad and family; Aunt Jennet and Uncle Ben; Mrs. Kenrick and family; Deva (Aberystwyth); Mr. Idris Jones and Miss A. M. Jones; Mr. Lewis H. Jones; Mrs. Lawrence (Talybont); Fochriw Cricket Club; Fochriw Council Schools; Deri Council Schools; Bedlinog Council School; Penybank Council School; etc.. Great sympathy is sent to the bereaved in this their heavy trial.

**1 July 1922** Police Constable's Funeral The funeral of P. C. Sidney Perrott took place on Saturday amidst signs of deep sorrow. The deceased had been stationed in the village for just over 11 years, and had won the respect of all classes by his devotion to duty. During the blizzard of March 1916, he played a very prominent part in rescuing those who were lost on that never-to-be-forgotten night. Immediately the alarm was given that some people were lost in the snow, P.C. Perrott was soon organising search parties, toiling throughout the night until they were rescued. From the effects of that night, he never really recovered, and for the last few years he suffered untold pain, but he bore it with great courage and fortitude, carefully nursed by his loving wife. The end came suddenly, just when we thought he was getting well again. He was only 37 years of age, and leaves a wife and one son to mourn his loss. He was a faithful member of St. Mary's Church, and was a Sunday School teacher until his health failed him. He also performed the duties of sidesman. Rev. Samuel Evans conducted a brief service at the house at which the family were all present, after which the cortege wended its way by road to Aberdare Cemetery. Escorting the body from the house was a contingent of Glamorgan Constabulary. Meeting the cortege at Aberdare was another body of police. The vicar very feelingly officiated at the graveside. The chief mourners were: Mrs. Perrott (widow), Master Fred Perrott (son), Mr. Fred Perrott, Mr. Robert Perrott (brothers), Miss Florrie Perrott (sister), Mr. Ted Perrott (uncle), Mr. & Mrs. Moon and son Alfred, Mr. & Mrs. Baker; ex-Inspector Canton, ex-Sergeant Williams, Sergt. Thomas, Sergt. Howells, P.C. Bridges, P.C. Jones, P.C. Cocker, etc. There were many beautiful floral tributes. We tender our sincere sympathy to the bereaved.

**8 July 1922** Death The death has occurred after a long illness, patiently borne, of Mrs. Evans, wife of Mr. Edwin Evans, Aelybryn. It occurred on Saturday last.

**5 August 1922** Fochriw Shopkeeper's Death Coroner R. J. Rhys, held an inquest on Tuesday at the Merthyr Infirmary into the death of David ap Jones, 59, of the Supply Stores, Fochriw. Mrs Mary L. Jones, widow, said the deceased had not complained of anything on the night of July 21 when he went to bed. At 6 o'clock next morning, she heard him call from the next bedroom, and going in, he said "I have taken something from the bottle." There was a bottle on the washstand and there was the smell of ammonia in the room. She immediately gave him a drink of milk and sweet oil, and he vomited very quickly. She then sent for the doctor. The bottle of ammonia, the witness said, was usually kept in the bathroom. He had been in the habit of taking for his heart, small quantities of the spirit of ammonia (sal volatile), which he usually kept downstairs. He tried to say something to her, but she could not understand, and he also made an effort to write, but without success. He was an active man and treated his business worries very lightly. He was the last man who would have taken his life intentionally. He was the son of Rev. John Jones, Aberdare. Dr. S. Evans said there were corrosive marks about the mouth and throat from the effects of swallowing the raw ammonia. Bronchial pneumonia developed, and he ordered his removal to the Merthyr Infirmary. The direct cause of death was pneumonia, following the dose of ammonia, which had got into the lungs. The Coroner, who returned an open verdict, said that there was no definite evidence as to whether the ammonia was swallowed intentionally or by mistake. It was difficult to decide in such cases, so the deceased shall have the benefit of the doubt.

**19 August 1922** The Late Miss Angell A large congregation of sympathisers attended the funeral of Miss Nan Angell, daughter of Mr. William John Angell, Glyn-terrace, on Thursday at Pentwyn Cemetery. She was just 19 years of age, and was one of the teachers at Gilfach, Bargoed School. A short service was held in the house before the cortege moved to Pentwyn, all blinds being drawn as a mark of respect. Rev. D. J. Jones, Carmel, officiated, the deceased being a faithful member of Carmel Chapel. The chief mourners were: W. J. Angel (father);

Willie and Lewis (brothers); Berkley Angell, Ishamel Harris, William Thomas, Elias Davies, John Davies, D. L. Jones, W. Jones, Evan Jones, Thomas Evans, James Davies, J. J. Lewis, W. Jones, W. Davies (uncles); D. L. Evans, Richard Jones, Lewis Jones, Lewis Evans, Owen Evans, J. H. Evans, L. Evans, John Davies, W. J. Angell, T. Angell, W. Angell, Willie Davies, John Jones, Berkely Davies, B. Shankland, R. Davies, G. Smith, R. Jones, H. Thomas, J. Jones, D. J. Davies, Henry Evans, T. J. Evans, E. Evans, W. Evans, D. Jones, W. Jones, R. Parry, E. Hiscox, D. J. Davies, Haydn Davies, Stanley Lewis, D. J. Jones and others.

**19 August 1922** The late Mr. David ap Jones, auctioneer The funeral was held at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday. He leaves a widow and two sons and two daughters. The Rev. Samuel Evans, vicar, conducted the service.

**23 September 1922** Funeral The funeral of Mr. Thomas William Jones, 11, Railway-terrace, (his home throughout his life), took place on Wednesday. He had been ill for just a day or so before his death. Rev. D. J. Jones officiated at the house and at Pentwyn Churchyard. He leaves a wife, children, an aged father and a brother to mourn his loss. Chief mourners were: Mr. Thomas Jones (father); Miss Mary Jones (daughter); Mr. Clifford Jones (son); Rees Jones and Mrs. E. Morgan (brother and sister); Mr. Rees Jones & Mr. Thomas Owen Jones (nephews). Great sympathy is extended to the family.

**30 September 1922** Death It is our painful duty to record the death, on Monday morning, of Mrs. Aneurin Shankland, Aelybryn, who has been ailing for a long time.

**30 September 1922** Obituary The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Llewellyn, relict of the late Mr. Thomas Llewellyn, grocer, Dynevor-street, and eldest daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. Evan Kinsey, Nantyffin Farm, took place on Saturday last amidst signs of deep grief. The deceased had lived in Fochriw for more than 40 years. She had suffered greatly recently, but bore her suffering with great Christian fortitude. She was a faithful member of Carmel Congregational Chapel. Rev. D. Jenkin Jones officiated at the house, after which the cortege moved to the station en route for Pengam, and thence to Gellygaer for interment. All blinds were drawn en route as a mark of respect. At the old Churchyard, Canon Jones conducted a very impressive service. The chief mourners were: Messrs. John, Samuel Gethin, Kinsey, Edwin Reece, Sylvan Evans, and Howell Idris Llewellyn (sons); Miss Maude Llewellyn (daughter); Mr. Thomas Kinsey (brother); Mr. George Goldsworthy, Messrs. Richard and Wyndham Kinsey, Morgan Llewellyn, D. J. Llewellyn, Gwilym Llewellyn, William Llewellyn, Wm. Robert Thomas (nephews).

**7 October 1922** Obituary Mrs. Shankland was laid to rest at Pentwyn on Saturday last. Rev. D. J. Jones officiated at the house and graveyard. Chief mourners were: Aneurin Shankland (husband); Master Teddy Perrott, Messrs. Wm. Price, John Price, James Price (brothers); Sergt. Bore, Messrs. John Jones, David Herbert, Elias Protheroe, Sam Evans, Joseph Shankland (brothers-in-law); John Jones, Tom Jones, Wm. Denner, Tom Protheroe, David Protheroe, Lewis Jones, B. Shankland, Dd. John Shankland, Caradog Shankland, John E. Davies, David Edwards, M. Shankland, Willie J. Lewis (nephews); Theophilus Shankland, George Shankland (cousins).

**4 November 1922** Obituary Mrs. Jane Wright, Aelybryn, widow of the late William Wright, died on Wednesday after a trying illness.

**11 November 1922** Obituary It is with great regret that we record the death of one of the oldest inhabitants of the village, Mrs. Sarah Cole, Bryngoleu.

**11 November 1922** Funeral The death has occurred of Mrs. Jane Wright, aged 70 years. She leaves a large grown-up family. Rev. D. Jenkin Jones officiated at the house and at Pant Cemetery.

**18 November 1922** Funeral Mrs. Sarah Cole was laid to rest in her 83rd year. She was a native of Penrith, Pembrokeshire. She moved to Fochriw 55 years ago, and had been a faithful member of Carmel Chapel for that period. Although old, her death was unexpected. She had been carefully nursed and attended to by her devoted daughter, Mrs. E. Cole Jones, headmistress of Ystrad Mynach Girls' School. Many clergy, both Non-conformist and Anglican were present at the churchyard.

**2 December 1922** Obituary James Lawrence, Brynteg-terrace, was laid to rest at Pentwyn on Monday last. He was 62 and had resided in Fochriw for 45 years. He was a faithful

member of Nazareth C.M. Church. His wife died 20 years ago. The chief mourners were: Messrs. John, David, James and Tom Lawrence (sons); Harry, Robert and Alfred Burrows (sons-in-law); Daniel Lawrence (brother); Thomas Davies (brother-in-law); Mrs. E. Davies (sister-in-law); Charles, James and Jack, Trevor and Wyndham Lawrence (grandsons); John Lawrence, Richard David, John Davies, D. J. Lawrence, Mrs. C. Jones, Mrs. M. J. Davies, Mr. & Mrs. Williams, Mr. & Mrs. C. Kyte (nephews & nieces); John Davies (cousin); Mr. C. Payne, Rev. J. C. Payne.

**9 December 1922** Obituary The death has occurred of Master John Raymond Davies, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Davies, Guest-street, at the early age of 12 years, after a short illness. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Tuesday and was largely attended. The cortege was led by St. John's Ambulance Cadets, of which the deceased was a member, also his class from school, and a large concourse of people.

**23 December 1922** Death Mrs. Jones, wife of Mr. Peter Jones, Guest-street, passed away on Wednesday morning.

**23 December 1922** Old Inhabitant's Death Mrs. Pugh, Dynevor-street, passed away on Wednesday evening, aged 83, at the home of her son, Mr. J. Griffiths. The interment was at Pant Cemetery. Chief mourners were: John, James and David Griffiths and Jenkin Pugh (sons), Thomas Evans (son-in-law), Dd. James Griffiths and Ieuan Griffiths (grandsons), Thomas, W. J., Sydney, A. and Fred Wright (nephews), Rev. D. Picton Jones, Rev. Ben Davies, Richard White, Howell J. Griffiths, David Griffiths, W. D. James, W. G. Davies, Phillip Williams (cousins).

**30 December 1922** Obituary The funeral of Mrs. Jones, Guest-street, took place on Saturday. The deceased had been ailing for a long time. The service was for men only and took place at Pentwyn Churchyard. Rev. Rhys D. Jenkins, Rhymney, officiated. The chief mourners were: Peter Jones (husband), W. H. Cleaves (son-in-law), Edward Jones, John M. Jones, Pryce Jones (brothers-in-law), Willie O. Jones, Teddy Jones, Sam Jones, Stanley Jones (nephews).

**6 January 1923** Obituary Mr. John Llewellyn, who has been ailing for a long while, has died aged 80 years.

**13 January 1923** Obituary The funeral of Mr. John Llewellyn, Pentwyn, was held on Thursday. He had lived in the neighbourhood for the last 70 years, and for the greater part of that time he was employed by Messrs. Guest, Keen and Nettlefold as a winding engineman. He could give interesting accounts of the development of the village over the past 60 years. After a service in the house conducted by Rev. D. J. Jones, the solemn cortege wended its way to the station and thence to Pant Cemetery.

**27 January 1923** Obituary Mr. David Jones, Mount Pleasant Inn, Pentwyn, died on Tuesday.

**3 February 1923** Funeral Mr. David Jones of Mount Pleasant Inn, Brother and Host of the noble Order of the R.A.O.B. has been buried. Rev. Gilbert Williams officiated.

**10 February 1923** Funeral The late Miss Sarah Jones, 18, Hill Row, Pentwyn, has been interred at Pant Cemetery.

**14 April 1923** Obituary An old inhabitant of Fochriw, now of Abertysswg, Mr. John Aneurin Jones, was laid to rest at Pentwyn Churchyard on Tuesday.

**21 April 1923** Obituary We have the sad duty to record the death of Selwyn, the young son of Mr. & Mrs. R. Jones, Martin-street, who died at King Edward VII Hospital, Cardiff, after an operation. The funeral took place at Pant Cemetery on Saturday, where the little body was reverently laid to rest. The Rev. D. J. Jones officiated. The chief mourners were: Mr. R. Jones (father); Mr. J. Hughes (grand father); Messrs. H. Hughes, W. Hughes, Wyndham Hughes, D. J. Jones, E. Jones, Nicholas Hughes, Ness Price and Lewis Evans.

**21 April 1923** Obituary We also have to record the death of David Edwin Evans, the son of Mr. & Mrs. Bert Evans, Brook-row, who passed away at Gellygaer Hospital on the same day as he was admitted. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday. Rev. Ieuan Evans officiated. The chief mourners were: Mr. Bert Evans (father); Mr. David Davies (grand father); Messrs. A. Evans, Price Jones, David J. Davies, Tom Davies, Ben Davies, Dan Davies, Stanley Jones, Eddie Jones, Cyril Evans, B. Jones.



**12 May 1923** Obituary The death has taken place of Mrs. Sarah Tyler, the young wife of Mr. Charles Tyler, Ty Mawr, Penybank, who passed away on Saturday last, after a painful illness, patiently borne. To the bereaved we tender our sincere sympathy.

**19 May 1923** Sudden Death We regret to record the sudden death of Mr. Thomas Carter, Pleasant-view, who passed away with dramatic suddenness on Thursday morning as he was getting up. The funeral took place on Monday at Pentwyn Churchyard, the Rev. J. C. Payne officiating both at the house and graveside. The chief mourners were: Mr. Robert Carter (son); Mr. & Mrs. James Carter, Mr. & Mrs. George Carter, Mr. & Mrs. John Carter, Mr. & Mrs. Jas. Cook, Mr. & Mrs. T. Ellis, Mr. J. Jenkins, D. George, Jas., J. H., and W. A. Carter (nephews).

**19 May 1923** Interment The funeral of Mrs. Sarah Tyler, wife of Mr. Chas. Tyler, Ty Mawr, Penybank, and daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John Morris, took place on Thursday last at Pentwyn Churchyard amidst manifestations of deep sorrow. Mrs. Tyler was a faithful member of St. Mary's Church. She passed away peacefully on Saturday at the age of 21. There was a short service in the house, followed by a service at the old church at Pentwyn. Rev. S. Evans, vicar, officiated. The chief mourners were: Mr. C. Tyler (husband); Mr. & Mrs. J. Morris (parents); Mr. W. Morris (uncle); Mr. D. Tyler, Mr. & Mrs. W. Lewis (uncle & aunt).

**26 May 1923** Obituary Amongst the beautiful floral tributes at the funeral of Mrs. Sarah Tyler, was one from the Mothers' Union at St. Mary's, of which she was a member. The following mourners were present: Mr. & Mrs. Daniel E. Evans, Bedlinog; Mr. & Mrs. Hughie Lewis; Mr. Wm. Evans, Ystrad Mynach; Mr. Arthur Evans, Rhymney; Mrs. Owen and daughter; Mr. David Williams.

**2 June 1923** Obituary We have to record the death of Mrs. A. Morgan, wife of Mr. T. Morgan, after a long and painful illness.

**9 June 1923** Obituary Miss Hettie Ann Wood, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John Wood, Aelybryn, Fochriw, passed away on Thursday after a long and painful illness, patiently borne. Deceased had been confined to bed for the passed twelve years. She was only 29 years old. A service was held in the house, after which the solemn cortege wended its way to Pentwyn Churchyard for the interment. Rev. J. C. Payne officiated at the house and graveside. The chief mourners were: Messrs. John Wood (father), George, William, Rufus, Vincent and Hartwell (brothers), J. Wood and F. Way (uncles), Gwilym Llewellyn (brother-in-law); Alfin, John, Alfred (nephews); W., F., Willie J., David, Arthur and Sydney Way (cousins); William Thomas (friend). We send our sympathy to the bereaved ones in their sorrow.

**9 June 1923** The Late Mrs. Morgan The funeral of Mrs. Ada Morgan, wife of Mr. Thomas Morgan, took place on Saturday. The service at the house was conducted by Rev. Ieuan Evans, before the cortege moved to Pentwyn Churchyard for the interment. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Tom Morgan (husband), Thomas Henry Morgan (son), R. Clarke (son-in-law), Henry Jones (brother) and Thomas J. Jenkins (brother-in-law).

**21 July 1923** Obituary It is with a feeling of deep regret that we have to record the death of Mr. Thomas Walters, eldest son of Mr. & Mrs. Albert Walters, Pleasant View, Fochriw. He was engaged as foreman electrician under the Gellygear Urban District Council. It appears he had been working on an electric standard near Ystrad Mynach, and had unbuckled his safety belt prior to descending. By some means he fell, and received severe injuries from which he died some hours later. The news cast quite a gloom over the village and valley. The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon, and was for gentlemen only. It was one of the largest funerals ever seen in the village. He was a keen footballer, being one of the Hotspurs team when they were at the height of their glory. The service at the house and at Pentwyn was conducted by Rev. Ieuan Evans, Noddfa, of which chapel, the deceased was a faithful member. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Albert Walters (father), David and John (brothers); Richard Walters (Rhymney), Walter Walters (Fochriw), Edward Jones (Bargoed), William J. Jones (Cardiff), Alfred Evans (Bailey's Arms, Deri), D. R. John and Dan Edwards (Aberbargoed), John Walters (Old Mill, Bargoed), T. D. Morgan (Dowlais Top), uncles. Among the floral tributes were ones from Noddfa Baptist Church Sunday School, the Fochriw Cricketers, the Fochriw Footballers, and the Gellygaer U.D.C. Electricity Department.

**28 July 1923 Funeral** The funeral of Vera, the young daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John Watkins, Hill Row, Pentwyn, took place on Tuesday afternoon at Pentwyn Churchyard. Rev. J. C. Payne officiated. We extend our sincere sympathy to the bereaved family.

**18 August 1923 Obituary** It is our painful duty to record the sudden death of Mrs. Ann Thomas, wife of Mr. John Thomas, Brynteg, who passed away on Tuesday morning.

**25 August 1923 Funeral** The funeral of the late Mrs. Ann Thomas took place on Saturday at Pentwyn Churchyard. A short service was held in the house conducted by Rev. Ieuan Evans, pastor of Noddfa, where the deceased was a faithful member. Rev. Evans also officiated at Pentwyn. The chief mourners were: Messrs. John Thomas (husband), David and Walter Thomas (brothers), Dan Evans and Joshua Evans (brothers-in-law); David Jas., Thomas, Uriah Evans, Lewis Thomas, Richard Evans, Crad Thomas, Robert Thomas (nephews). Great sympathy is extended to the bereaved ones.

**15 September 1923 Obituary** The funeral of Miss Agnes May Tyler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Tyler, Pentwyn, took place on Saturday amidst manifestations of sorrow. Deceased, who was 21 years of age, had suffered much recently, but bore her pain cheerfully to the end. A short service was conducted at the house by Rev. J. C. Payne, after which the solemn cortege wended its way to Pentwyn Churchyard. The vicar, the Rev. S. Evans, officiated at the graveside. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Albert Tyler (father); Charles and David (brothers); Emlyn Evans (brother-in-law); Arthur Tyler, Christopher Tyler, Thomas Owen, Lewis Williams (uncles); David Williams, Charles Tyler, William Jones, Harry Hughes (cousins). Sympathy is extended to the bereaved ones.

**15 September 1923 Obituary** Another familiar figure was laid to rest at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday in the person of Mr. Thomas David, 10, Glyn-terrace. He was in his 81<sup>st</sup> year. He had lived in Fochriw for over 50 years. Rev. Ieuan Evans officiated at the house and graveside. As the cortege wended its way to Pentwyn, blinds were drawn as a mark of respect. The chief mourners were: Messrs. John, William, David, Richard and James Davies (sons); T. C. Davies, J. M. Davies, Tom Davies, D. T. Davies (grandsons); D. W. Lewis (son-in-law); Job Davies (brother-in-law); W. Evans, B. Evans, W. Sheedy, R. Greening (nephews). Sympathy is extended to the bereaved ones.

**27 October 1923 Obituary** We have to record the sad death of Mr. David Jones, 1, Glen View, Pentwyn, who passed away peacefully on Saturday night.

**3 November 1923 Obituary** The funeral of Mr. David Jones, 1, Glen View, Pentwyn, took place on Thursday. Deceased was 55 years of age, and in his younger days had been a keen athlete. A service was held in the house conducted by Rev. D. J. Jones, after which the solemn cortege wended its way to Pentwyn Churchyard for the interment, all blinds being drawn en route as a mark of respect. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Edward Thomas and Roderick Jones (sons); George Mantle (son-in-law); Edward Morgan (father-in-law); John Jones (brother); D. Lloyd Evans, T. J. Morgan, Habacuc Morgan, B. Evans, C. Ballard, J. Williams, and W. T. Morgan (brothers-in-law), as well as numerous friends.

**10 November 1923 Obituary** On Monday, Mrs. Hannah Roberts, wife of Mr. Thomas Roberts, 31, Aelybryn, was laid to rest at Pentwyn Churchyard. Deceased was 57 years of age. The funeral, which was for gentlemen only, was attended by a large assembly of sympathising friends. The service at the house was conducted by Rev. D. J. Jones, and he was assisted by Rev. Ieuan Evans at the graveside. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Thomas Roberts (husband), John, Tom and David Thomas (brothers), as well as numerous nephews, cousins and friends.

**10 November 1923 Death of Old Inhabitant** Yet another of Fochriw's oldest and most respected inhabitants has gone from our midst, in the person of Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas, wife of Mr. John Thomas, Brook Cottage, who passed away after a lingering illness patiently borne. She had lived in Fochriw for 68 years, the last 60 in the same house. She had been married over 53 years, and leaves a husband and four children to mourn her loss. The funeral took place on Monday and was conducted by Rev. D. J. Jones in the house, and he was assisted by Rev. R. D. Jenkins, Rev. Gilbert Williams (vicar), and Rev. Jones, Deri, at the graveside. All blinds were drawn en route as the solemn cortege wended its way to Pentwyn Churchyard for interment. The chief mourners were: Messrs. John Thomas, husband; D. H.

Thomas, E. L. Thomas (Porthcawl) sons; Mr. & Mrs. Dd. Davies, Mr. & Mrs. E. J. Jenkins, daughters and sons-in-law; Mr. Gerald McArthur, Newport, adopted son; Messrs. John R. Thomas, Jack, Claeuwyn, Iorwerth, Islwyn and Garfield Davies (grandsons); Miss Liliam Thomas (grand daughter); Mr. George Jukes (brother-in-law); Mrs. Tom Jones, Mrs. David Thomas (sister-in-law). Great sympathy is extended to the bereaved.

**17 November 1923** Obituary We have to record the death of another old resident in the person of Mrs. Richards, Llwynceilyn, Brook-row, widow of the late Mr. Josiah Richards, who passed away peacefully on Monday morning after a long and painful illness.

**24 November 1923** Obituary The funeral of the late Mr. Isaac Jones, 14, Brynteg, who was accidentally killed by a rock fall at Fochriw Colliery, took place on Wednesday last. Deceased, who was of a very quiet disposition, was well known and highly respected, and will be sadly missed by a large circle of friends. The news of his death cast quite a gloom over the village. Prior to the removal of the body, a short service was held in the house, after which the solemn cortege wended its way to Pentwyn Churchyard for interment. At the graveside, the Rev. Ieuan Evans, Noddfa, and the Rev. Richard Evans, Nazareth, again officiated. The chief mourners were: Mr. Robert Jones (brother); Master Islwyn Jones (son); Messrs. Edward Parry (brother-in-law); R.W. Parry, George Evans, S.O. Davies, D. Lewis, D. Peters, W. Peters, H. Roberts, E.M. Roberts, Rees Thomas, D. Thomas, M. Thomas, T.J. Thomas, D. Williams, E. Williams, T. Powell, T. Williams, T. Peters, Wm. Peters, F. Peters, W.J. Davies, E. John, J. Powell. To the bereaved wife and children heartfelt sympathy is extended in their sad hour of trial.

**24 November 1923** Death of Old Inhabitant Another well known figure in the life of the village was reverently laid to rest at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday last in the person of Mrs. Josiah Richards. Deceased, who had passed the allotted span of three score years and ten, had suffered much, but bore her sufferings patiently. She had been a faithful member of the old Church at Pentwyn, and afterwards at St. Mary's, where her son, Mr. Octavius Richards is the organist. The funeral was for gentlemen only. There was a large attendance. Rev. Gilbert Williams conducted a short service at the house, after which the solemn cortege wended its way to St. Mary's Church for a service in Welsh, at which Rev. Gilbert Williams and the Vicar, Rev. S. Evans, officiated. The chief mourners were: Mr. Octavius Richards (son); Mr. David Evans, Cardiff (brother); Messrs. W.J. Barry, Dowlais, Wm. Richards (Bedlinog), J. Williams, W. Williams, R. Davies, D. Richards and J. Richards.

**19 January 1924** Obituary It is our painful duty to record the death of Miss Gladys Shankland, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. J. Shankland, Aelybryn, Fochriw, who passed away on Monday last after a painful illness at the early age of 16 years.

**26 January 1924** Obituary A gloom was cast over the village when it became known that Gladys, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Shankland, Ael-y-bryn, had passed away after a sharp and painful illness at the early age of 16 years. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard last Saturday, after a short service in the house, and was largely attended. All blinds were drawn en route to the Churchyard. At the graveside, Rev. D. Jenkin Jones and Rev. T. Evans officiated. The chief mourners were: Mr. & Mrs. Shankland; Messrs. Thomas James & David John (brothers); Mr. & Mrs. Ben Shankland, Mr. & Mrs. Crad Shankland (brothers and sisters-in-law); as well as uncles, aunts and cousins. Great sympathy is extended to the bereaved in their hour of trial.

**8 March 1924** Obituary We have to record the death of the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Cook, Brynteg-terrace, who passed away on Tuesday evening

**8 March 1924** Obituary We have to record the sad death of Gordon, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Harris, who passed peacefully away on Wednesday last, and was reverently laid to rest at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday. The funeral was for gentlemen only and was largely attended. The Vicar officiated. The chief mourners were: Mr. Gilbert Harris (father); Messrs. John Jones, E.M. Davies, W.M. Davies, G. Davies, M. Davies, H. Harris, B. Davies, Gomer Davies, T. Davies, W. Lewis and B. Davies.

**22 March 1924** Obituary Mr. William Powell of Guest-street, has passed away peacefully at the age of 86 years. He had lived in the village for 50 years. The private funeral was held at Pennorth, Talyllyn, with the Rev. Rhys Jenkins officiating. The chief mourners were: Messrs.

William and Thomas Powell (sons); E. Lewis and W. Hutchings (sons-in-law); W. L. Woodruff, J. Gilbert, Albert Lewis, Vivian Powell (grandsons).

**29 March 1924** Obituary The funeral of Mrs. Martha Rees, 6 Railway-terrace, took place on Thursday. Mrs. Rees, who was 38 years of age, passed away suddenly on Sunday morning, but had been ailing for a long while. She had lived in the village all her life. The funeral, which was for men only, was largely attended. There was a short service in the house, and then at St. Mary's, where Mrs. Rees was a member. The interment was at Pentwyn Churchyard. The chief mourners were: Mr. Thomas Rees (husband); Bryngwyn and ..... (sons); Messrs. James M. and William Davies (brothers).

**5 April 1924** Death of Old Inhabitant Another link with the past has been severed with the death of Mrs. Martha Bevan, wife of the late Mr. Thomas Bevan, M.E., who was for many years manager of the Fochriw Collieries, and mother of the present manager, Mr. John Bevan, M.E.. Mrs. Bevan passed away peacefully in her 82nd year at the Dowlais home of her daughter, Mrs. E. Roberts.

**5 April 1924** Other Deaths It is our painful duty to record the death of Mr. David W. Lewis, Dynevor-street, of Mr. William Thomas, Plantation-street, of Mrs. E. A. Lewis, now of Pengam, late of Fochriw, and of Mrs. Emily Davies, wife of Mr. David Davies, 29 Guest-street, at the age of just 25 years. At the funeral of Mrs. Davies, Rev. Ieuan Evans officiated at the house and at Pentwyn Churchyard. Chief mourners were: Messrs. David Davies (husband); Charles Collins (father); Fred Collins (uncle).

Also, Miss Olive Wellings, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wellings, has also passed away after a short and painful illness. The family had moved to Brecon just three weeks ago. Olive was a bright, intelligent girl, a devoted worshipper at St. Mary's Church and a faithful member of the Sunday School and Band of Hope, where she will be so sadly missed. Rev. S. Evans officiated at the house, St. Mary's Church and at Pentwyn Churchyard.

**12 April 1924** Obituary The funeral of the late William Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rees Thomas, Plantation-terrace, took place on Thursday. William was only 16 years of age, but had suffered much for a long period. The funeral was a very large one. The Fochriw Cadets, of which the deceased was a member, led the procession. Rev. Ieuan Evans conducted the short service in the house, and the interment at Pentwyn Churchyard. The chief mourners were: Mr. Rees Thomas (father); Messrs. David, Matthew, Thomas John Thomas (brothers); Charles Lynch (brother-in-law); David Thomas, J. M. Roberts, Ed. Parry, Robert Jones (uncles).

**12 April 1924** Funeral The funeral of Mrs. E. A. Lewis, wife of Mr. William Lewis, Pengam (late of Fochriw), took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Friday last. Revs. D. J. Jones and Ieuan Evans officiated. Rev. S. Evans was also present. The chief mourners were: Mr. William Lewis (husband); Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Lewis (son and daughter-in-law); Messrs. Lodwick and Clifford Evans (sons); Mrs. Evan Davies (mother); Mr. Lodwick Davies (brother); also, cousins, uncles and relatives by marriage.

**12 April 1924** The Late Mr. D. W. Lewis The funeral of Mr. David William Lewis, husband of Mrs. M. J. Lewis, was held on Wednesday last. Rev. D. J. Jones officiated. The funeral procession was headed by the Fochriw Brass Band under the conductorship of Mr. Albert Mantle. The deceased was a faithful member of the band. Among the chief mourners were Messrs. Willie, Elwyn and Clifford Lewis (sons), and Messrs. Evan H. Lewis and D. R. Lewis (brothers).

**19 April 1924** Omission We regret that the name of Coun. John Edwards was omitted from the list of mourners last week at the funeral of Mrs. E.A. Lewis. Also, the floral tributes at the funeral of Master William Thomas, whose coffin was covered with floral gifts from family and friends.

**3 May 1924** Obituary We have to record the sad passing of Mrs. Thomas Evans, wife of Mr. Evans of Dynevor-street. Mrs. Evans died on Sunday afternoon after a long illness.

**10 May 1924** Funeral The funeral of Mrs. Thos. Evans took place on Thursday last. She was 56 years of age. Rev. Ieuan Evans officiated at the house and Pentwyn Churchyard. Along the route to Pentwyn, all blinds were drawn as a mark of respect. The chief mourners were: Mr. Thomas Evans (husband); Jenkin Pugh (brother); J. Haydn Jones (son-in-law);

James Griffiths, John Griffiths (step-brothers); S. Phillips, T. Mathews, D. Pugh Williams, R. Jones, Jenkin Thomas (cousins); T., M., B. & W. Evans, G. Phillips (uncles); J., W., & D. Evans (brothers-in-law); J. Evans, Tom, D. J., and B. Thomas, P. Evans (nephews).

**5 July 1924** Death It is our painful duty to record the death of Miss Elizabeth Gwen Jones, daughter of the late Mr. Issac Jones and Mrs. Jones of Brynteg.

**5 July 1924** Funeral The funeral of Mr. Alfred Evans, husband of Mrs. E. Evans, Guest-street, has taken place. Mr. Evans died suddenly after a short and painful illness. He was 42 years of age. He had lived all his life in Fochriw. He was an electrician in the colliery and was also the ambulance car driver. He was on the Management Committee of the Dowlais Co-operative Society. He leaves a wife and son, Cyril, who is a pupil at Bargoed Grammar School, and was sitting exams at Cardiff the week his father died. He also leaves an aged father, a brother and a sister. The funeral was on Tuesday.

**12 July 1924** Funeral The funeral of Elizabeth G. Jones, daughter of Issac Jones of Brynteg, was held on Wednesday last. She was 26 years old. Rev. Ieuan Evans presided at the house and at Pentwyn Churchyard. The chief mourners were Master Islwyn Jones (brother) and Messrs. R. Jones, Trevor Williams, Rees Thomas (uncles). We extend our sympathy to the widowed mother and family.

**26 July 1924** Obituary The funeral of Harold Kings, son of Mr. & Mrs. D.J. Kings, Fochriw Junction, took place on Thursday at Pentwyn Churchyard. A short service was held at the house, conducted by the Vicar, after which the solemn cortege wended its way to St. Mary's Church, where the Vicar conducted a service. The Vicar officiated at the graveside. The coffin was covered with floral tributes. To the bereaved family sympathy is extended, their only other child being in hospital.

**30 August 1924** Obituary Mrs. Bibby, 2 Pleasant View, passed away on Tuesday, aged 73 years.

**6 September 1924** Obituary Mrs. Bibby, 2, Pleasant View, was buried at Brecon on Saturday last. Rev. S. Evans officiated. A motor hearse took the body and mourners to Brecon. The chief mourners were: J. and W. Bibby (sons); Mr. & Mrs. S. Jones, Mr. & Mrs. F. Edwards (daughters and sons-in-law); Miss Elsie and Libby Jones (grand-daughters).

**4 October 1924** Obituary David Jenkins of Martin-street has died aged 56. The funeral took place on Tuesday last. Mr. Jenkins was an overman at the Colliery, a member of the Band and a primo of the R.A.O.B. The chief mourners were: T., S. & R. Jenkins (sons); J. C. Jenkins, Frank Jenkins, Bertie G. Jenkins (grandsons); T. I. Evans, Dd. Davies (sons-in-law); Daniel Jenkins, Rev. Rhys D. Jenkins (brothers); B. Angel, D. J. James, Jo Shankland, Howell Adams (brothers-in-law); Tom & Dan Jenkins, Willie, Berkley and Tom Angel, T. J., D. J., and Crad Shankland, Henry and Tom Jenkins, Dan and Stanley James, Tudor and Dewi Adams, J. Griffiths, E. Hiscocks, Richard Thomas and Sid Way (nephews).

**4 October 1924** Sudden Death Jane Shankland, daughter of Aneurin Jenkins and the late Mrs. S. A. Shankland, died on a walk near the Council Houses. She was 26 years of age.

**11 October 1924** Sudden Death An inquest was opened at the Rising Sun Inn into the sudden death of Jane Shankland. A post mortem was conducted by Dr. Stenner Evans.

**13 December 1924** Funeral The funeral of Mrs. Nellie Thomas, wife of Mr. David H. Thomas, Aelybryn, took place on Saturday. The deceased was 49 years of age. She leaves a husband and five children. The chief mourners were: Mr. D. H. Thomas (husband); J. R. Thomas, D. Thomas, C. Thomas, B. Thomas (sons); Rees Jones (brother); J. Thomas (father-in-law); D. Davies, E. T. Jenkins, T. Powell (brothers-in-law).

**20 December 1924** Obituary Mr. Thomas Atkins of Guest-street, has passed away. The funeral was on Tuesday. Rev. S. Evans officiated at the house and at Pentwyn Churchyard. Mr. Watkins four sons were the chief mourners.

**3 January 1925** Obituary Mr. David Henry Evans of the White Horse Inn, Pentwyn, died on Saturday morning.

**10 January 1925** Obituary Another well-known figure in the life of the village was laid to rest on Tuesday in the person of Mr. James Evans, late of Moore's-row. The deceased had been ill for a few years, but bore his sufferings patiently. About a month ago he removed to his sister's home in Ystrad Mynach where he passed away. A short service was held at the

house, after which the cortege moved by road to Fochriw, being met at the Station by a large circle of friends, and then moving off to Pentwyn Cemetery. Rev. Rhys D. Jenkins officiated. The chief mourners were: John and David Evans (brothers); Evan Jones and Thomas Ballard (brothers-in-law); David Evans, Gomer Evans, Stephen Ballard, William H. Davies, Albert Prosser, George Gittings, Edmund Davies, W. J. Harris and Griffith Thomas (nephews).

**10 January 1925** Obituary The funeral of the late Mr. David Henry Evans of the White Horse Inn, Pentwyn, took place on Thursday. The deceased had been ill for only a short time and passed away on Saturday morning at the age of 38. He was the son of the late Mr. & Mrs. William Evans. There was a short service in the house prior to interment at Pentwyn Churchyard. The Vicar officiated. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Thomas Jones, W. J. Payne, Mordecai Williams, Percy Edwards, David Henry Jones (brothers-in-law); Henry Evans. Thomas Evans, Thomas Evans, Benjamin Evans (uncles); David R. Jones, Edward Jones, William H. Jones, Thomas B. Edwards, Charles Edwards, Thomas G. Evans, David W. Thomas, Roderick Williams, W. Bennett, Tom Sullivan, Richard Pugh, Howell Jones, Albert Mantle (cousins).

**17 January 1925** Deaths The death of an old and greatly respected inhabitant of the village in the person of Mr. George Phillips, grocer, took place on Sunday. Also, Mrs. Enid Jones, wife of Mr. H. Hones, and daughter of Mr. Thos. Evans, Dynevor-street; and Mrs. Amelia Jenkins, late of Williams-row. To the bereaved our sincere sympathy is tendered.

**24 January 1925** Interments The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Wednesday of Mrs. Amelia Rees. The vicar officiated. The chief mourners were: Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Thomas, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Hollister, Mr. & Mrs. Watkins, Mrs. J. Martin (sisters and brothers-in-law); Mrs. Sophie Davies, Miss Mary Davies, Messrs. Thomas & Henry Francis, Daniel Rowland, Mrs. D. Rowlands, Mr. Tom Rowlands, Mr. & Mrs. David Evans (cousins). Great sympathy is extended to the bereaved ones.

Also, the death has occurred of Mrs. Enid Jones, wife of Mr. H. Jones and daughter of Mr. Thomas Evans, and the late Mrs. Evans. Deceased had recently moved to Llanharan, where she passed away after a painful illness. To the bereaved sincere sympathy is extended.

The funeral has also taken place of Mr. George Phillips, grocer, an old and highly respected inhabitant of the village. The deceased had been a faithful member of Carmel Chapel, and had held the position of treasurer for many years. The interment was at Pentwyn Churchyard, the Rev. Ieuan Evans officiating. Many other clergy were present, including the Vicar, Rev. S. Evans.

**7 February 1925** Obituary A very old and familiar figure in the person of Mr. David (Dewi) Jones, late of 2, Moore's-row, was laid to rest at Pentwyn Churchyard on Tuesday. He had resided in Fochriw for many years. He was a staunch churchman and very devoted to the Welsh services in the old days.

**14 February 1925** Obituary The death of Mrs. Olwen Evans, wife of Mr. Mordecai Evans, Brook-row, took place on Tuesday last after a painful illness. Rev. Ieuan Evans conducted a short service at the house, and Rev. R. C. Evans, curate of Fochriw and Deri, took the service at St. Mary's, and at the graveside in the churchyard of St. Andrew's. The chief mourners were: Mr. Mordecai Evans (husband); Archie, Horace and Loyal Evans (sons); W. & P. Edwards (brothers); Elwyn and Bedford Edwards (nephews); J. Evans, H. Evans, N. Evans, J. Evans, D. Evans (brothers-in-law); D. J. Evans, T. Hooper (nephews). Among the floral tributes was one from the staff of Bedlinog Boys' School.

**7 March 1925** Funeral The funeral of the young child of P.C. and Mrs. Brangwyne took place on Thursday last. There was a service at St. Mary's after which the cortege moved to Treforest for interment. The Vicar officiated.

**21 March 1925** Obituary It is our painful duty to record the sad death of Mr. Percy Mills, son of Mr. & Mrs. Sl. Mills, late of Pentwyn, who passed away after a short and painful illness at the age of 21 years, despite all that careful nursing and medical skill could provide. After services in the house and at St. Mary's, the solemn cortege moved to Pentwyn Churchyard for the interment. Rev. S. Evans officiated. The chief mourners were: Mr. Samuel Mills (father); Messrs. James Mills (uncle); Ivor Bowen (nephew).

**4 April 1925 Obituary** The death of Mr. Charles James Lawrence, eldest son of Mr. & Mrs. John Lawrence, 2, Glyn-terrace, occurred on Thursday after a painful illness. The deceased, who was 20 years of age, had been confined to bed for the last seven months. He was a faithful member of Nazareth C.M. Chapel and also of the Fochriw Male Voice Party and Temperance Society. The funeral took place on Monday. Rev. S. Evans took the service in the house, after which the solemn cortege wended its way to Pentwyn Churchyard, all blinds being drawn en route as a mark of respect. At Pentwyn, the Male Voice choir sang 'Abide with Me,' before a service at the graveside conducted by Rev. Richard Evans of Nazareth, the Revs. R. D. Jenkins and Ieuan Evans also taking part. The mourners were: Mr. John Lawrence (father); Jack, Trevor and Gordon (brothers); Mr. Charles Payne (grandfather); Rev.. J. C. Payne, Messrs. W. J. Payne, David Lawrence, James Lawrence, Thomas Lawrence, Harry Roberts, Alf Burrows, Joseph Payne (uncles); Wyndham Lawrence, John Lawrence, A. R. John, Trevor Boyns, Edwin Thomas, Edward Roberts, R. D. Lewis, Alf and Griff (friends); Mr Gomer Chappell represented St. John's Church, Cymmer. As well as family flowers, there were wreaths from 'The Young People of Nazareth,' 'The Officers and People of St. John's Church, Cymmer,' and from 'The Fochriw Glee Party.'

**11 July 1925 Obituary** The death of a very old and respected inhabitant of the village in the person of Mr. John Davies, Guest-street, has taken place after a long and painful illness

**11 July 1925 Obituary** We have to record the sudden death of Mr. John Rees Price of Glen View, Pentwyn, who died at Merthyr General Hospital following a serious operation. He was an ex-serviceman, having served in India for three years from 1901 with the South Wales Borderers. He was called to the colours at the commencement of the Great War in 1914 and went straight to France. He fought at the Battle of Mons for which he held the star. He was wounded at Givenchy and invalided home. On his recovery, he volunteered for service at Galipoli, where he again fought, afterwards going to Alexandria. The funeral took place on Tuesday. After a short service at the house conducted by the Vicar, the cortege moved to Pentwyn Churchyard for interment, four ex-servicemen acting as bearers. The chief mourners were: Mr. Richard Price (father) and Miss Mary Price (daughter).

**18 July 1925 Obituary** The funeral of the late Mr. John Davies, Guest-street, took place on Wednesday. The deceased who was 77 years of age, was one of the oldest inhabitants of the village. A service was held at the house conducted by Rev. Richard Evans, and interment was at Pentwyn Churchyard with the Rev. S. Evans, vicar, officiating. The chief mourners were: Mr. Richard Davies (brother); Mr. James Davies (son); Messrs. W. E. Jones, Edward Davies and W. S. Llewellyn (brothers-in-law); W. A. J. Davies, Fred Way, David Morris, Tom Davies, W. Davies (grandsons); W. J. Llewellyn (great grandson).

**25 July 1925 Obituary** The death of Mrs. Martha Evans, wife of Mr. John Mostyn Evans, 2, Railway-terrace, has occurred at Merthyr General Hospital. The deceased had been sick for a long time. She was 52 years of age. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Monday, after a short service in the house led by Rev. Rhys D. Jenkins of Rhymney. The chief mourners were: Mr. John Mostyn Evans (husband); John Henry, Latimer and Owen (sons); Henry Davies (brother); John Jones (uncle); David Evans and Jenkin Thomas (brothers-in-law); Henry Thomas, Rees Davies, David Thomas, Howell Thomas, David Uzzell, David Saunders (nephews); Jenkin Jones, Rees Richards, John Hughes, Henry Hughes, Wyndham Hughes and Richard Jones (cousins).

**10 October 1925 Obsequies** On Monday afternoon at Cefn Cemetery, Mr. Richard Thomas was interred. He was 72 years of age, had formerly resided at Merthyr Tydfil, but had lately resided with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. J. M. Williams of Martin-street. As a faithful member of Noddfa Chapel, the service was conducted by Rev. Ieuan Evans.

**17 October 1925 Obituary** Our great sympathy is extended to Mr. & Mrs. C. Edwards of Brynteg-terrace whose young daughter Dora passed away on Monday at Merthyr General Hospital.

**31 October 1925 Obituary** We have to record the death of an old and respected inhabitant of Pentwyn, Fochriw, in the person of Mrs. Jane Llewellyn, widow of the late Mr. John Llewellyn, who passed peacefully away at Bedlinog, where she had resided for the last three months. To the bereaved we extend our sympathy.

**28 November 1925** Obituary The death of Mr. William Jacob, 3, Martin-street, has occurred at the age of 81 years

**5 December 1925** Obituary The funeral of Mr. William Jacob of Martin-street, took place on Thursday. After a short service in the house, the cortege moved to Pentwyn Churchyard for interment. Rev. Rhys D. Jenkins officiated. The mourners were: Messrs. David J. Jacob (son); Job Thomas, W. J. Ballard and D. James (grandsons); David Evans, Tom Evans, David Lewis, Evan Jones, Rev. D. R. Williams.

**26 December 1925** Obituary The death of Mrs. Maggie Pugh, wife of Mr. Jenkin Pugh, Aelybryn, took place on Sunday morning after a trying illness.

**2 January 1926** Obituary The death occurred last Thursday morning of the young child of Mr. and Mrs. John Elias Davies, Martin-street, and the funeral took place on Saturday. Sympathy is extended to the bereaved ones.

**2 January 1926** Obituary The funeral of Mrs. Maggie Pugh, wife of Mr. Jenkin Pugh, Aelybryn, took place last Wednesday, amidst signs of deep sorrow. Deceased, who was of a kindly disposition, had suffered a severe illness for some time, but bore her suffering with Christian fortitude. She passed away on Sunday morning. She will be sadly missed by a large circle of friends, and sympathy goes to her husband and family. The funeral was well-attended. A short service was held at the house conducted by the Rev. Ieuan Evans, Noddfa, of which chapel the deceased was a faithful member. Afterwards, the cortege proceeded to Pentwyn Churchyard, all blinds were drawn en route as a tribute of respect. Rev. Evans again officiated at the graveside. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Jenkin Pugh, husband; T. J. Matthews, nephew; John Rees, brother-in-law; David Rees, W. Rees, W. Robinson, David Parry, J. Williams, S. Phillips, R. Jones, nephews; Thomas Evans, brother-in-law; D. R. Williams, James Griffiths, John Griffiths, cousins.

**13 February 1926** Obituary: Mr. John Martin Jones, Hill-row We have to record the death of Mr. John Martin Jones, Hill-row, Pentwyn, who passed away at a London hospital, where he had undergone a serious operation.

**13 March 1926** Obituary: Mr. Alfred E. White, 3, Williams-row, aged 28 Mr. Alfred White passed away on Friday after much suffering. He was the possessor of the rich tenor voice, and was one of the leading singers in the Male Voice Party. A service was conducted at the house by the Rev. Ieuan Evans, after which the cortege wended its way to St. Mary's Church where a service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. Samuel Evans. As the body was conveyed from the Church, the organist, Mr. Octavius Richards, played the "Nunc Dimittis." At Pentwyn Churchyard, the vicar again officiated. After the committal, the Male Voice Party sang "Sleep Thy Last Sleep." Sympathy is extended to the sorrowing mother and sister, Beatrice, and family, in their bereavement. The mourners were: Messrs. B. W. Jones (Dowlais), Thomas Dix, Pengam (cousins); T. W. Jones, T. Dix (uncles); Joseph Payne, David R. Jones, W. H. Jones, W. Whitby, W. J. Payne, R. Pugh, Charles Payne, and J. Lawrence.

**24 April 1926** Obituary Sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. George Davies, 12, Plantation-street, in the loss of their young daughter, who passed away after a short illness.

**15 May 1926** Obituary: Mr. George Thomas, Guest-street, aged 79 years The death has occurred of one of Fochriw's oldest and most respected inhabitants in the person of Mr. George Thomas. He passed away on Friday last, after a long illness patiently borne. Deceased had been secretary at Carmel Chapel for 36 years, and he was also secretary of the "Blodeuyn y Mynydd Club" for 40 years. The funeral took place on Tuesday at Pant Cemetery, the Rev. Rhys Jenkins officiating. The chief mourners were: Messrs. T. Thomas, David Jones Davies (sons); S. Davies, David Davies, R. M. Davies (brothers); T. Lewis (brother in law); Samuel, David Rees Evans (nephews); Messrs G. Morgans, William Rees Morgans, John Thomas, John Skym (cousins); Messrs. T. Evans, Thomas Williams, Stephen Jones, David Evans, William Hughes (nephews). Members of Blodeuyn y Mynydd Club were also present.

**26 June 1926** Obituary An old and highly respected inhabitant of the village has passed away in the person of Mr. John Jones, late grocer, and for many years the Fochriw representative on the Gellygaer Council.

**31 July 1926** Obituary: Mr. Thomas Rees, Hill-row, Pentwyn, aged 70 We have to record the death of an old and respected inhabitant in the person of Mr. Thomas Rees, who passed



away at the age of 70 years. He had resided in the village since childhood. The funeral took place on Tuesday. A short service was held at the house conducted by the Rev. Ieuan Evans, after which the cortege wended its way to Pant Cemetery for the interment. The chief mourners were: Masters Thomas E. Davies, Emlyn Davies Thomas & David H. Lewis (grandsons); Messrs. Stephen Lewis and Evan H. Davies (sons-in-law); William and Anthony Davies (brothers); Edward Davies, Anthony Davies, T. Davies, Albion Davies, Edward Davies (nephews); Ald. Andrew Wilson (Treharris), Messrs. John Edwards, David Meredith (nephews); Edward Morgan, John Jones, Evan M. Davies (cousins). Great sympathy is extended to the family in their bereavement.

**18 September 1926** Obituary The death of Mrs. Brangwynne, wife of P.C. Brangwynne, Aelybryn, took place on Sunday after a painful illness. To husband, children and family we extend sincere sympathy.

**25 September 1926** Obituary: Mrs. Elizabeth Brangwynne, Aelybryn, aged 35 The funeral of the late Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Brangwynne took place on Thursday. Deceased was 35 years of age, and leaves a husband and two young children. At the house, the Rev. I. Evans conducted a short service, after which the solemn cortege wended its way to St. Mary's Church, where the service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. S. Evans. The interment took place at Glyntaff Cemetery, Treforest, the vicar officiating. The chief mourners were: P.C. Brangwynne, husband; Kenneth Brangwynne, son; Hilda Brangwynne daughter; Messrs. William Damsell, father; William Damsell, brother; Mr. and Mrs. W. Brangwynne, father and mother-in-law; Messrs. Percy and Arthur Brangwynne, brothers-in-law; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Brangwynne, brother and sister-in-law.

**2 October 1926** Obituary: Mr. Thomas James Rowlands, Dynevor-street, aged 45 The funeral of the late Mr. Thomas James Rowlands, Dynevor-street, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Tuesday. Deceased was 45 years of age. The Rev Ieuan Evans officiated, and the Rev. S. Evans was also present. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Phillip Rowlands, brother; John Baldwin, brother-in-law; Arthur Coggan, Charles White, Albert Spencer, nephews; Daniel and Evan Rowlands, David Anthony, Edmund Griffiths, Tom Stephens, Percy Edwards, Tom Davies, Tom Rowlands, Davie and John Rowlands, David Evans, David Griffiths, D. Griffiths, Lewis Evans, cousins.

**16 October 1926** Funeral: Mr. Evan Watkins, Penybank On Monday afternoon, the funeral of the late Mr. Evan Watkins, School House, Penybank, took place amid manifestations of deep sorrow. Deceased had been ill for a long time, but bore his sufferings patiently. The interment took place at Pentwyn Churchyard. A short service was held at the house conducted by the Rev. R. Evans. Rev. Samuel Evans, Vicar, officiated at the graveside. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Wm. T. Watkins, son; W. J. Matthews and D. J. Owen, sons-in-law; David J. and David D. Jones, brothers-in-law; Robert Jones, W. Roberts, Tom Roberts, Wm. Parry, cousins. Great sympathy is extended to the widow, children and family in their bereavement.

**16 October 1926** Obituary: Mr. Thomas Lewis, Station-terrace The funeral of the late Mr. Thomas Lewis, Station-terrace, took place on Saturday last amidst signs of sincere sorrow. He was held in the highest esteem by a host of friends, as he was a person of outstanding character. The very essence of kindness, his genial countenance will be missed, and will live long in memory of all who knew him. For over 20 years he was an ardent temperance worker, and one of the pioneers of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the Independent Order of Grand Templars. The funeral was well attended. A short service was held at the house conducted by the Rev. Rhys D. Jenkins, after which the solemn cortege wended its way to Pant Cemetery for interment. Every blind en route had been lowered as a tribute of respect to the deceased. At the graveside, glowing tributes were paid to the deceased by the Rev Jenkins and Mr. Charles Payne, who said their departed friend was loved by all. The chief mourners were: Messrs. David Lewis, Samuel Lewis, brothers; G. MacArthur, H. Thomas, brothers-in-law; Enoch MacArthur, Enoch Lewes, John Gwyn Lewis, Freddie Pask, Idris Jones, nephews; John Evans, H. MacArthur, S. Philpot, David Evans, David T. Phillips, Owen Owens, Isaac Edwards. Beautiful floral tributes were sent by the members of the Lodge, and the Railwaymen.

**6 November 1926 Funeral** The funeral of the late Mr. John Watkins, Hill-row, Pentwyn, took place on Saturday amidst manifestations of sorrow. Deceased was 51 years of age and will be sadly missed by his sorrowing widow and children, to whom great sympathy is extended. A service was conducted at the house by the Rev. S. Evans, vicar, after which the solemn cortege wended its way to Pentwyn Churchyard, the vicar again officiating. The chief mourners were: Mrs. Watkins (widow); Mr. Willie Watkins (son); Mr. & Mrs. R.G. Atwell (son-in-law & daughter); Mr. & Mrs. Powell, Abergavenny (son-in-law & daughter); Mrs. Mills, Abergavenny (sister); Mr. Geo. Watkins, Crumlin (brother); M. & Mrs. Jas. Watkins, Tredegar, Mr. & Mrs. Tom Watkins, Merthyr (brothers & sisters-in-law); Mr. Tom Watkins (nephew); Miss Bessie Watkins and Annie; Mr. & Mrs. John Davies, Mr. E. Davies, Mr. & Mrs. Rosser, Mrs. Davies, Garndiffaith, etc. Floral tributes were laid on the coffin by the family and relatives.

**6 November 1926 Obituary** The funeral of the late Mrs. Hannah Sophia Whitby, 10, Guest-street, took place on Tuesday. Deceased, who had been ailing for a long time, had resided in the village all her life, and will be greatly missed by a large circle of friends. The funeral was well attended. A service was held at the house conducted by the Rev. Ieuan Evans, after which the cortege wended its way to Pant Cemetery for interment. The Rev. I. Evans again officiated. The mourners were: Messrs. Willie J. Whitby (son); David Rees Jones, Edward Jones, Wm. Henry Jones (brothers); Trevor Rees Jones, David Lloyd Jones (nephews); Richard Pugh, H. Jones (brothers-in-law); M. Williams, P. Edwards, Thos. Jones, D.H. Jones, Joseph Payne, D.W. Edwards, Rhymney (cousins); M. Morgans, Seaborne Williams, Thomas Edwards, Henry Evans, Thos. Pugh, John Evans. There were a number of floral tributes. (listed)

**27 November 1926 Obituary** Mr. Henry Francis, Pentwyn, passed away on Tuesday after a painful illness.

**4 December 1926 Obituary: Mr. Henry Francis, Pentwyn** Another well known and highly respected inhabitant of the village was laid to rest on Saturday last in the person of Mr. Henry Francis, Pentwyn, who, at the time of his death, was residing with his son, Mr. John Francis, Council Houses. He was an old inhabitant of the village and will be sadly missed by a large circle of friends. The funeral was well attended. A short service was conducted at the house by the Rev. R. D. Jenkins, Rhymney, after which the cortege proceeded to Pant Cemetery, where Rev. Jenkins again officiated. The chief mourners were: Messrs. John Francis, son; David R. Jones, son-in-law; Thomas Francis, brother; Daniel Rowlands, Charles Hollister, brothers-in-law; William Jones, Richard Evans, L. Rowlands, D. Rowlands, T. Rowlands, J. Rowlands, Wilfred Hollister, H. Watkins, L. Jones, Tom Jones, Lewis Jones, S. Jones, John Rees, Philip Rees, nephews. Deep sympathy is felt for the bereaved son, daughter and relatives.

**25 December 1926 Obituary** The body of Mrs. Davies, wife of Mr. Lodwick Davies, was laid to rest at Pentwyn Churchyard. She had lived in Fochriw all her life, where she was highly respected, and her genial countenance will be sadly missed. Quite recently, they moved to Ogilvie Houses, Deri, where Mr. Davies holds an official position under the Powell Duffryn Company. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to husband, children, and family.

**8 January 1927 Obituary** A well-known and highly respected inhabitant in the person of Mr. John Meredith Jones, Guest-street, died after a painful illness.

**15 January 1927 Obituary** Quite a gloom was cast over the village when it became known that Mr. John Meredith Jones, husband of Mrs. M. Jones, Guest-street, had passed away. Deceased was a very old inhabitant of the village, where he was held in high esteem. He was a deacon of Nazareth Chapel. The funeral was well attended. A short service was held at the house conducted by the Rev. Richard Evans, after which the solemn cortege wended its way to Pentwyn Churchyard. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Thomas, Edward, Peter and Pryce Jones, brothers; Evan, John, Teddy, David James, John Meredith and Evan Jones, Morgan Lewis, Dan Lewis and Stanley Jones, nephews.

**26 February 1927 Obituary: Mr. T. H. Llewellyn, aged 47** Mr. T. H. Llewellyn, Bristol, late of Fochriw, who passed away suddenly, was well-known and highly respected. Thirteen years ago, he was appointed manager of the Mountain Ash Labour Exchange, and later was

promoted to Pontypool Road, and then to Kingswood, Bristol, as finance manager. The funeral took place at Pant Cemetery. At Fochriw, a large number joined the procession, and proceeded to Pant. At the graveside, the Rev. Ieuan Evans (Fochriw), the Rev. Rhys Jenkins (Rhymney), and Mr. Broome, Bristol, officiated. The chief mourners were: Mrs. T. H. Llewellyn, widow; Muriel and David, children; Mr. & Mrs. Cyril Llewellyn, son & daughter-in-law; Mr. & Mrs. Richard Evans, sister and brother-in-law; Mr. & Mrs. D. Evans and sons, Mrs. David Evans and son, brother-in-law, sisters-in-law and nephews; Mrs. Catherine Thomas and son, Mrs. Ada Jones and sons, sisters-in-law and nephews; Miss Maggie Thomas, niece; Mr. & Mrs. T. J. Jenkins, Mesdames Price, King, Rees, and Williams, aunts and cousins; Messrs. Willie A. Davies, John Francis, Aneurin Davies, T. Evans, Emlyn Evans, E. Evans, T. Davies, Hab. Morgan, B. Rees, W. Rees, James M. Davies, and W. H. Jones, cousins.

**26 March 1927** Obituary It is our painful duty to record the sad death of Mr. James Small, Penybank, who passed away on Sunday evening last at Merthyr General Hospital, where he had been conveyed the same day. He had been ailing for a long time. We also regret to announce the death of the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. James Thomas, Aelybryn.

**2 April 1927** Obituary: Mr. James Small, Penybank, aged 29 The funeral of Mr. James Small, Penybank, took place on Saturday. Deceased was 29 years of age. A short service was held at the house, after which the cortege wended its way to Pentwyn Churchyard. The Vicar officiated. Deceased was a member of the Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes, and a number of the brethren assembled to pay their last tribute of respect. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Llewellyn, Henry, Lewis, Lemuel Small (brothers); David Emmings (brother-in-law); Douglas Small (nephew); William, Henry, Philip and James Richards, David Evans (uncles).

**16 April 1927** Obituary: Mr. Tom Lawrence Mr. Tom Lawrence, husband of Mrs. Winnie Lawrence, and son of the late Mr. & Mrs. James Lawrence, passed away with painful suddenness at Port Talbot Hospital, where he underwent an operation. The funeral was for gentlemen only, and there was a large attendance. A short service was held at the house conducted by Rev. Stephens, Port Talbot, and the Rev. J. C. Payne, Cymmer, officiated at the graveside at Port Talbot. The chief mourners were: Messrs. John, David, and James Lawrence (brothers); Henry Roberts, Evan Price (brothers-in-law); John Lawrence (cousin); David Jones, Tom Jones, W. Payne and Ed. M. Roberts.

**23 April 1927** Obituary The death of Mafanwy Thomas, youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Thomas, Pleasant-view, Fochriw, took place on Wednesday. The funeral was on Saturday. The service was conducted at the house by the Rev. R. D. Jenkins, after which the solemn cortege wended its way to Pentwyn for the internment. Rev. Jenkins again officiated at the graveside. The chief mourners were: Mr. D. J. Thomas (father); Mr. Aneurin Thomas (brother); Messrs Job and George Thomas, Aneurin Jones, Daniel Jenkins, M. Lewis, J. Davies, T. Jones (uncles); Aneurin Evans, D. Jenkins, Emlyn, Thomas and Emrys Evans, T. Jenkins, Aneurin Davies, Thomas J. Jones, John Francis, D. Jones, Emlyn and Gwyn Evans, J. I. Morgan.

**7 May 1927** Obituary Mr. George Janes, well-known to Fochriw, where he resided with his family some years ago, was laid to rest on Saturday last at Brithdir Cemetery. He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Seth James (blacksmith), who was well-known in the district. We send our sincere sympathy to the bereaved.

**28 May 1927** Obituary It is our painful duty this week to record the death of Miss Doris Thomas, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jenkin Thomas, Brook-row, who passed away on Sunday last at Merthyr General Hospital after a very painful illness.

**4 June 1927** Funeral: Miss Doris Thomas, Brook-row, aged 18 The funeral of the late Miss Doris Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jenkin Thomas, Brook-row, took place on Thursday. Deceased was only 18 years of age. She was a faithful member of Noddfa Baptist Chapel. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard. A short service was held at the house before the solemn cortege wended its way to Pentwyn. Rev. Ieuan Evans officiated. The chief mourners were: Mr. Jenkin Thomas, father; Messrs. Tom, D. J. and Bryn Thomas, brothers; Mr. Thomas Evans, grand father; Mr. J. Evans, uncle; Messrs. John and David Thomas, M.,

R., E., and J. Meyrick, John, William, James, Thomas, David and William Evans, T. J. Mathews, T. Powell, uncles; Dan Meyrick, Eddie Price, and Dan Williams, cousins.

**11 June 1927** Obituary It is our painful duty this week to record the sad death of Mr. Arthur Gough, Brook-row, who passed away after a painful illness at Merthyr General Hospital on Sunday morning. Sincere sympathy is extended to the family.

**18 June 1927** Obituary: Mr. Arthur Gough, Brook-row The funeral of Mr. Arthur Gough took place on Friday last. Deceased was a very old and highly respected inhabitant of the village, and will be greatly missed by a large circle of friends. A short service was held at the house, conducted by the Vicar, who also officiated at Pentwyn Churchyard. The chief mourners were: Mr. S. J. Gough, son; Masters C. D. Lewis and S. Lewis, grandsons; Mr. R. Young (Hereford), Mr. T. Peters (Rhymney), sons-in-law.

**25 June 1927** Obituary Sympathy is extended to Mr. Hywel Jones, B.A., son of Mr. and Mrs. George Jones, Picton House, in his recent sad bereavement in the loss of his wife, after a painful illness, who passed away of the home of her parents in Aberystwyth.

**16 July 1927** Obituary The death has occurred of Master Gwyn Williams, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Williams, Dynevor-street. Deceased met with an accident some three years ago, but was very cheerful to the last.

**23 July 1927** Funeral: Master Gwyn Williams, Dynevor-street, aged 14 The funeral of Master Gwyn Williams took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday. Deceased was 14 years of age. The Rev. Ieuan Evans, late Baptist minister at Fochriw, officiated. The principal mourners were: Tom Williams, father; R. Roderick, John Williams, Alan Williams, Rees Jones, D. Jones, uncles.

**20 August 1927** Sympathy General sympathy is extended to the late conductor of the Male Voice Party, Mr. W. J. Angell, who is unable to continue his duties owing to the serious illness of his daughter. The energetic secretary, Mr. James Gregory, is doing all in his power for the good of the party, as is the accompanist, Mr. James Thomas.

**10 September 1927** Obituary It is our painful duty to record the death of the Miss Edna M. Angell, Glyn-terace, who passed away at Merthyr General Hospital on Tuesday, after a very painful illness.

**17 September 1927** Funeral: Mrs. Elizabeth Davies, Martin-street, aged 70 The funeral of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Davies took place on Monday amidst manifestations of deep sorrow. Deceased had been ailing for a number of years, but bore her sufferings patiently. A short service was held at the house conducted by the Rev. R. D. Jenkins, Rhymney, after which the solemn cortege wended its way to Pentwyn Churchyard. Deceased was seventy years of age and she leaves a grown-up family to mourn her loss. The chief mourners were: Messrs. John E. Davis, David Davies, sons; David Edwards, Albert Cronk, Albert H. Simpson, sons-in-law; Taliesin Shankland, Aneurin Shankland, brothers; E. Davis, D. J. Davies, Owen Jenkins, Alfred Angell, brothers-in-law; Terence Simpson, Cecil Cronk, David Edwards, grandsons; T. J. Shankland, D. J. Shankland, C. Shankland, J. Cole, Willie Davies, Burkley Davies, John Davies, James Jones, D. J. Davies, M. Shankland, W. J. Lewis, E. Lewis, Clifford Lewis, nephews.

**17 September 1927** Obituary: Miss Edna May Angell On Saturday last, the funeral of the late Miss Edna May Angell, only daughter of Mr. W. J. Angell, and the late Mrs. Gwen Angell, took place. Deceased was a faithful member of the Fochriw Ladies' Choir, and the choir sang "Jesu, Gentle Saviour" before the cortege left the house. The ladies choir and the male voice party then combined under the conductorship of Mr. Thomas Walters, and sang well-known hymns on the route to Pentwyn Churchyard, where the interment took place, the Rev. R. D. Jenkins officiating. At the close of the service, the male voice party sang "Sleep thy last sleep," which was most impressive. The chief mourners were: Messrs. W. J. Angell, father; Willie and Lewis Angell, brothers; Ishmael Harris, B. Angell, W. Thomas, E. Davies, J. Davies, James Davies, David L. Jones, Walter Jones, Evan Jones, Thomas Evans, W. Jones, John M. Evans, W. J. Jones, uncles; W. Angell, B. Angell, T. Angell, H. Thomas, W. Thomas, G. Thomas, B. Davies, W. A. Davies, J. Davies, D. L. Evans, H. Evans, T. J. Evans, E. Evans, W. Evans, L. Evans, O. Evans, L. Evans, J. H. Evans, W. Davies, W. J. Angel, D. J.

Davies, H. Davies, J. L. Jones, Rod Jones, R. Parry, James Jones, James Davies, D. J. Davies, T. Wathan, B. Watahn, B. Jones, G. Smith, D. Morris, Masters R. Jones, G. Jones.

**1 October 1927** Obituary A well-known figure in the life of the village, in the person of Mr. John Jones, late Martin-street, has passed away suddenly at Penydarren.

**22 October 1927** Obituary: Mr. Richard Gwynne, Pentwyn, aged 75 We have to record the death this week of an old world and highly respected inhabitant of the village in the person of Mr. Richard Gwynne, Glenview, Pentwyn, at the age of 75 years. Deceased was well known and will be sadly missed by a large circle of friends. A short service was held at the house conducted by the Vicar, after which a cortege wended its way to Pentwyn Churchyard for the interment. The Vicar again officiated. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Alfred, Thomas J., Roger and Archie Gwynne (sons); Mr. Frank Everett (son-in-law); Messrs. Alfred and Percy Gwynne, Clifford and Leslie Everett, David and Idris Gwynne (grandsons); Mr. Thomas Jones (brother-in-law).

**12 November 1927** Obituary Mr. William Evans, Penybank Farm, died at the age of 71. To the bereaved we tender our sympathy.

**4 February 1928** Obituary We regret to record the death of a former inhabitant of the village in the person of the Mr. Samuel Davies, late headmaster of Brithdir Schools, from which he recently retired, and went to live at Maescwmmmer.

**4 February 1928** Burial The burial took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday of Mrs. Greening, wife of Mr. Thomas Greening.

**3 March 1928** Obituary Mr. Darter, platelayer, 5, Stoney Houses, Penybank, passed away with dramatic suddenness on Saturday. To the bereaved great sympathy extended.

**10 March 1928** Obituary The funeral took place on Friday last at Cefn Brithdir of Mr. Fred Darter, Penybank, who died with painful suddenness after returning from work as a platelayer on the Great Western Railway. He was an old soldier, having served 21 years with the South Wales Borderers. He saw active service during the South African War. A short service was conducted at the house by the Vicar, who also officiated at the graveside. The chief mourners were: the widow and daughter; Mr. A. J. Evans, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Evans.

**24 March 1928** Obituary Quite a gloom was cast over the village when it became known that Mr. David Davies ("Pencerdd Morganwg") Aelybryn, had passed away after a very brief illness. Always of a quiet, genial disposition, he will be sadly missed by a very large circle of friends. For many years he held the position of musical conductor at Carmel Chapel, a post he occupied with great distinction. He leaves a sorrowing wife and one son, Mr. Clifford Davies. The funeral took place on Tuesday, and was very well attended. A short service was conducted at the house by the Rev. R. D. Jenkins, after which the cortege wended its way to Pentwyn Churchyard. The choir of Carmel Chapel sang well known hymns en route. At the graveside, the service was conducted by the Rev. Jenkins, the Rev. Richard Evans, Rev. J. R. Salmon, and the Rev. D. Jones. Among the large concourse of people were several of his co-workers at the Prudential Assurance Company, of which he was an agent for over 20 years. The chief mourners were: Mr. Clifford Davies (son); Mr. T. G. Davies, Mr. T. Thomas (nephews); Messrs. Mordecai Williams, John Williams, Thomas Lewis (brothers-in-law); Messrs. Tom Davies, W. S. Evans, D. R. Evans, Trevor Evans (nephews); Daniel Jones (cousin); George Morgan, Jack Watkins, Lodwick Davies and ---- Thomas (uncles).

**14 April 1928** Funeral: Mr. William Sibley, Guest-street The funeral of Mr. William Sibley, Guest-street, took place on Tuesday amidst manifestations of deep sorrow. Deceased had resided in the village for a number of years, and was highly respected. He was a sidesman of St. Mary's, and was a member of the Parochial Council. He was a quiet man, and his unassuming countenance will be sadly missed. To his sorrowing widow and family great sympathy is extended. A short service was held at the house conducted by the Vicar, after which the solemn cortege wended its way to Pentwyn Churchyard for interment, the vicar again officiating. The chief mourners were: Mr. Ernest Sibley, son; Mr. Frank Wilton, son-in-law; Mr. Edward Sibley and Mr. George Sibley, brothers; Mr. Edward Woodman, uncle; Mr. J. Caple, brother-in-law; Mr. Frank Strang, brother-in-law; Mr. Dan Jones, Mr. I. Burrows, Mr. Glyn Burrows.

**14 April 1928** Obituary: Mrs. Phoebe Jones, Station-terrace It is our painful duty this week to record the death under tragic circumstances, of one of Fochriw's most respected inhabitants in the person of Mrs. Phoebe Jones, wife of Mr. George Jones, Picton House, Station Terrace. On Thursday evening, she had preceded from her home to Carmel chapel, where a dramatic performance was taking place. Just as she was nearing the chapel, she was taken with a seizure from which she expired without regaining consciousness. The performance, at which two of her daughters were about to take part, was abandoned. She leaves a husband and five sorrowing children, all of whom have had a successful scholastic career, to mourn their loss, and great sympathy is extended to them. The funeral took place on Monday at Pant Cemetery. A short service was held at the house conducted by the Rev. R. D. Jenkins. All blinds had been drawn en route as a mark of respect to the deceased. The chief mourners were: Mr. George Jones, husband; Mr. Daniel Jones, Mr. Howell Jones, B.A., Mr. Thomas John Jones, B.A., sons; Mr. D. Jones, brother; Messrs. Benjamin and David Jones, brothers-in-law; Mr. Tom Walters, Mr. John Walters, Mr. George Walters, Mr. Robert Thomas, Mr. George Sibley, Mr. Evan Jones, Mr. James Jones, Mr. Evan Jenkins.

**21 April 1928** Omission The name of Mr. Thomas H. Jones (nephew) was inadvertently omitted last week from the list of mourners at the funeral of Mrs. Phoebe Jones.

**26 May 1928** Obituary The death of Mrs. Gwen Evans, wife of the Rev. Richard Evans, Calvinistic Methodist minister of Fochriw and Derry, took place at Cardiff Royal Infirmary.

**16 June 1928** Funeral The funeral of Elvis Davies, only child of Mr. and Mrs. David Davies, Dynevor-street, took place amidst manifestations of deep sorrow. Deceased passed away at the Caerphilly Hospital on Friday morning, having only been admitted on the previous day. The officiating minister was the Rev. J. R. Salmon, Pontlottyn.

**16 June 1928** Obituary The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday of the late Miss Jenkins, Aelybryn, who was in her 89th year. She was the sister of the late Mr. Thomas Jenkins, Dynevor-street, and had lived for the last 10 years with her niece and nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Berkley Angell. The funeral, which was for gentleman only, was well attended. A short service was conducted at the house by the Vicar, who also officiated at the graveside. The chief mourners were: Mr. Berkley Angell, the Rev. Rhys Jenkins, Messrs. Daniel Jenkins, Thomas J. Jenkins, Janes Budd, Willie Angell, Berkley Angell, Tom Angell, Johnny, William and John Jenkins, Charles Budd, Thomas Jenkins, D. Jenkins, T. J. Jones, Rees Jenkins, Sylvanus Jenkins, Eddie Hiscox, John Griffiths, Tom Jenkins, and Ray Cook. Among the floral tributes was one from the Mothers' Union

**28 July 1928** Obituary It is our sad duty to record this week the death of Mrs. Jennie Davies, Aelybryn, who passed peacefully away on Saturday night after much suffering, patiently borne. Also, Maynard, the child of Mr. and Mrs. T. Sullivan, of the same address, and nephew of Mrs. Davies, who passed away on Monday morning. To the bereaved we tender our sincere sympathy.

**4 August 1928** Obituary On Thursday last at Pentwyn Churchyard, the funeral took place of the late Mrs. Jennie Davies, Aelybryn, who died in her 33rd year. Deceased had suffered considerably of late. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Edwards, Aelybryn. Her husband, Mr. Philip Davies, was killed at the Fochriw Colliery about 12 years ago. She was a faithful member of the Noddfa Baptist Chapel and of the Fochriw Ladies' Choir, who showed their affection for the deceased by attending the funeral, singing appropriate hymns en route to the Churchyard. The funeral was a very large one, added significance being given to the occasion by the fact that the body of the deceased's nephew, Maynard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Sullivan, of the same address, was also conveyed to the churchyard at the same time. Both coffins were covered with beautiful flowers. The officiating ministers were the Revs. Rhys D. Jenkins, Samuel Evans, and Richard Evans. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Thomas Edwards and T. Sullivan (fathers); William Henry, Tom, Benjamin, Charlie, John (brothers); William Edwards, Charles Edwards, Henry Evans, Thomas Evans (uncles); D. Evans, Henry Evans, R. B. & G. D. Davies (brothers-in-law); R. & J. Williams, Bertie Edwards, Glyndwr Edwards, J. S. Edwards, Connie Edwards, Arthur Jones, John W. Jones, J. Dawkins, David Lewis, Thomas John Edgar, Willie and William Thomas, Edward Evans, Bedford Edwards, Thomas Benjamin, Harold, Bennett, Meth., Jim, & Price Davies,

Mordecai Williams, Percy Edwards, Tom Jones (cousins); J. Davies, David Roberts, W. & P. Sullivan.

**11 August 1928** Omission The following names were inadvertently omitted from the list of mourners of Mrs. Jennie Davies, Aelybryn: Messrs. Ford and D. H. Jones.

**1 September 1928** Obituary It is our painful duty to record the death of the wife of Mr. D. J. Shankland, who was laid to rest at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday. The funeral was for gentleman only and there was a large attendance. The coffin was covered with beautiful floral tributes. The officiating minister was Mr. W. A. Hancock, Pontlottyn. Great sympathy is extended to this sorrowing family.

**10 November 1928** Obituary The death of Mr. Edward Parry, Brynteg, took place at Merthyr General Hospital. Deceased was a faithful member of Nazareth Chapel. He leaves a widow and grown-up family. The funeral took place on Tuesday. A short service was conducted at the house by the Revs. R. Evans and I. Roderick, after which the cortege wended its way to Pentwyn Churchyard. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Robert W. Parry, son; John Roberts, brother; Morgan Roberts, nephew; George Evans, Sydney Davies, David H. Lewis, sons-in-law; Idris and Emrys Evans, grandsons; Robert Jones, brother-in-law; Rees, Matthew, Thomas, Willie and Howell Thomas.

**17 November 1928** Obituary: Mrs. M. S. Kelly, Dynevor-street, aged 22 The funeral of the late Mrs. M. S. Kelly, Dynevor-street, took place on Tuesday. Deceased was only 22 years of age. She leaves a husband and two young children to mourn. She was the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Evans. A short service was conducted at the house by the Vicar, after which the cortege wended its way to Pentwyn Churchyard for interment. The Vicar and the Rev. Richard Evans officiated at the graveside. The chief mourners were: Terence Kelly, husband; Thomas Evans, father; David Lewis, Henry Thomas John, Edgar and William Evans, brothers; David Lewis Jones, Evan Jones, Walter Jones, W. Jones, Rod Jones, John Evans, William J. Angell, Henry Evans, Thomas Edwards, Benjamin Evans, uncles; Lewis Evans, J. H. Evans, Latimer Evans, William H. Edwards, Thomas B. Edwards, Charlie Edwards, Albert Mantle, John Mantle, William T. Morgan, Thomas B. Evans, Roderick Williams, Math. Evans, Price Davies, John Lewis, Tom Jones, David Jones, John Jones, David D. Jones, Thomas Wathan, Frank Taswell, Tom Sullivan, Harold Mordecai Williams, Bedford Edwards.

**1 December 1928** Obituary The death took place this week of Captain Jones, Llanon, lately of Fochriw, where his genial personality will be missed.

**8 December 1928** Obituary The death of Mr. Thomas Evans, senior deacon of Noddfa Baptist Chapel, took place on Monday morning.

**8 December 1928** Obituary: Rev. Rhys D. Jenkins The death took place at Rhymney on Thursday of the Rev. Rhys D. Jenkins, pastor of Goshen Welsh Congregational Church. Rev. Jenkins was born in Fochriw. Sympathy is extended to the widow and family.

**15 December 1928** Obituary: Mr. Thomas Evans, aged 73 The funeral of Mr. Thomas Evans took place on Thursday at Pant Cemetery. Deceased was 73 years of age, and was senior deacon of Noddfa Chapel, where he had taken a prominent part in the musical activities. The officiating minister was the Rev. Esaiiah Williams, former pastor of Noddfa. The chief mourners were: Messrs. J. Evans, son; J. W. Thomas, son-in-law; T. J. Matthews, T. Thomas, D. J. Thomas, B. J. Thomas, J. & T. Evans, nephews; D. Price, brother-in-law; J. King, W. Williams, I. Price, W. T. Price, A. Lewis, W. Phillips, T. Price and E. Price.

**29 December 1928** Obituary The death has occurred of one of Fochriw's oldest and most respected inhabitants in the person of Mr. David Griffiths, Dynevor-street. He was a deacon of Carmel Chapel where he will be greatly missed.

**5 January 1929** The Late Mr. David Griffiths The funeral of Mr. David Griffiths, Dynevor-street, took place on Saturday. He had resided in the village for 50 years and was held in high esteem. He was a faithful member of Carmel Chapel and a deacon for the last 30 years. The funeral was a very representative one, the place of interment being Pentwyn Churchyard. The deacons of Carmel acted as bearers, and the officiating ministers were the Rev. J. R. Salmon, Pontlottyn, and the Rev. T. Jones, Deri. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Willie George Davies, son-in-law; Gwynfor Davies, grandson; David Griffiths and Henry

Griffiths, sons; Albert Williams, son-in-law; James Griffiths, John Davies, brothers; John Johns and Henry Jenkins, nephews.

**2 March 1929** Obituary It is our painful duty to record the death of Mr. Anthony Davies, Mount Pleasant-row, Pentwyn, who passed away at Merthyr General Hospital. Deceased was a well-known figure in the village, where he had spent the whole of his life and he will be sadly missed. To the bereaved family, we tender our sincere sympathy.

**9 March 1929** Funeral The funeral of the late Mr. Anthony Davies, Pentwyn, took place on Tuesday, amidst signs of deep sorrow. The funeral was largely attended, the place of internment being Pentwyn Churchyard. The Vicar officiated at the house and graveside. The chief mourners were: Messrs. William E. Davies (brother); D. J. Greening (father-in-law); Edward Rees, Edward Davies, William Pope, Anthony Davies, Thomas M. Davies, William Davies, Edward J. Davies, Roderick Davies, E. Davies, Bertie Evans, Stephen Lewis, T. E. Davies, Tudor Evans, W. T. Morgan (nephews).

**23 March 1929** Deaths On March 19<sup>th</sup> at 2, Glyn-terrace, Susan, beloved wife of Charles Payne, in her 79<sup>th</sup> year. Funeral at Pentwyn Churchyard at 4.30p.m. on Saturday. Gentlemen only.

**23 March 1929** Obituary It is our painful duty this week to record the death of one of Fochriw's oldest and most respected persons, Mrs. Charles Payne, wife of Mr. Charles Payne, and mother of the Rev. J. C. Payne, vicar, Mr. W. J. Payne and Mrs. E. J. Lawrence. Deceased was in her 79<sup>th</sup> year and had resided in the village for nearly 60 years, where she was held in great esteem. Her genial countenance will be sadly missed. To the bereaved, heartfelt sympathy is extended.

**30 March 1929** Obituary The passing of Mrs. Susan Payne, wife of Mr. Charles Payne, and mother of the Rev. J.C. Payne (vicar), Mr. W.J. Payne and Mrs. E.J. Lawrence, has created profound sorrow in the village, where she has resided for close on 60 years. She celebrated her golden wedding some years ago, surrounded by her children, her grandchildren, and a host of well-wishers. She was in her 79<sup>th</sup> year. Born at Bideford, Devon, she removed with her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Boyns, to Newport, at a very early age. She was married at St. Woolos Church to Mr. Charles Payne, and then came to Fochriw, where she resided until her death. She loved her house, and was devoted to her children's welfare. It was a very proud moment in her life when her eldest son, the Rev. J.C. Payne, came back as vicar of the parish in which he was born. The Saturday before she died, her younger son, Mr. W.J. Payne, was licensed as a reader at the Palace by the Bishop of Llandaff. She was beloved by a large circle of friends, and was possessed of a wonderful spirit. Despite a devoted daughter's care, and all that medical skill could do, the end came peacefully. The funeral took place on Saturday, there being a large attendance of the public, and all blinds were drawn on the route. A short service was held at the house, a portion of Scripture being read by the Rev. Richard Evans, Deri, after which the Rev. Samuel Evans, rector of St. George-super-Ely, late of Fochriw, prayed, and spoke of the deceased's wonderful character. He said that during his nine years at Fochriw, deceased was no doubt his greatest friend. After the singing of "Lead, Kindly Light," the solemn procession wended its way to St. Mary's Church, of which deceased was a member. At the church, the service was most impressive and was conducted by Rev. A. Lloyd Jones, vicar of Pontlottyn. The choir, under its conductor, Br. B. Angell, chanted the 9<sup>th</sup> Psalm, "Lord thou hast been our refuge," and one of deceased's favourite hymns, "Thy Will be Done," was then sung. Mr. Octavius Richards, organist, then played the "Dead March" in "Saul," and as the body was being carried out of the church the Nunc Dimittis was sung. The cortege then wended its way to Pentwyn Churchyard for interment. The Rev. S. Evans officiated at the graveside, and the hymn, "Jesu, Lover of my Soul," was sung, after which the Fochriw Glee Party sang "Sleep Thy Last Sleep." The bearers were members of the Parochial Church Council and sidesmen. The chief mourners were: Mr. Charles Payne (husband); Rev. J.C. Payne, Mr. W.J. Payne (sons); Mr. John Lawrence (son-in-law); Messrs. Jack Lawrence, Trevor Lawrence, Gordon Lawrence, J. Vernon Payne, Mervyn Payne (grandsons); Mr. Fred Boyns, Newport; Mr. Jack Boyns, Hirwaun; Mr. Willie Boyns, Cardigan (nephews); Messrs. Wm. Payne, Dowlais, Joseph Payne, John Payne, Newport (brothers-in-law); Alfred Payne, Newport, D. Harris,



Edwin Thomas, Dowlais, D. Lawrence, Edward Roberts, Harry Roberts, Port Talbot, Phillip Leonard, Hirwaun. The coffin was covered with beautiful floral tributes. (listed) To the bereaved sympathy is extended in their hour of trial. The funeral arrangements were in the hands of Messrs. David Davies and Sons.

**6 April 1929** Obituary After a painful illness, Mr. Taliesin Shankland, Martin-street, passed away on Tuesday. He was a well-known figure in the village and will be sadly missed. To the bereaved we extend our sympathy.

**6 April 1929** Obituary Another of Fochriw's oldest and very highly respected citizens, Mr. Edwin Evans, late winding engineman at the Fochriw Collieries of Messrs. G. K. N. Ltd., where he held a splendid record, was laid to rest on Saturday. He had reached the age of 77 years, and passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Pryce Jones, The Villas, who had tenderly attended to him. Deceased was well known in the locality, where he had resided a great number of years, and will be sadly missed. The funeral, which was private, took place on Saturday. A short service was held at the house, conducted by the Vicar, after which the cortege proceeded to Pant Cemetery for interment, the vicar again officiating. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Bert Evans, son; Pryce Jones, son-in-law; Stanley, Eddie and Bertie Jones, Tudor and Willie Evans, grandsons. The bearers were Messrs. Thomas Evans, Thomas Francis, George Jones and David Davies.

**13 April 1929** Obituary The funeral of the late Mr. T. Shankland, Martin-street, took place on Saturday. Deceased was 62 years of age. A short service was held at the house, after which the solemn cortege wended its way to Pant Cemetery for interment, the vicar officiating throughout. Chief mourners: Messrs. Joseph Shankland, A. Shankland (brothers); D. Davies, J. E. Davies, T. J. Shankland, C. Shankland, M. Shankland, W. Lewis, D. T. Simpson, C. Cronk, D. Edwards, David Edwards, H. Simpson.

**20 April 1929** Obituary On Sunday morning, quite a gloom was cast over the village when it became known that Mr. John Wood had passed away with dramatic suddenness. He was attending to his usual duties the previous evening. Until his retirement on pension, he had been a signalman at Cwmbargoed under the G.W.R. for 50 years. A well known and highly respected citizen, he will be sadly missed, and to the bereaved family great sympathy is extended. Preaching at St. Mary's Church on Sunday, the vicar made touching references to the death of Mr. Wood, who was choirmaster with him at Pentwyn Church for the six years he was in charge. He was a staunch Churchman, and only last Sunday he sang with the choir in the Church.

**27 April 1929** Obituary On Thursday last, at Pentwyn Churchyard, Mr. John Wood, Aelybryn, one of the oldest and most highly respected inhabitants of the village, was laid to rest. The funeral was a large and representative one. A short service was held in the house conducted by the Vicar, after which the solemn cortege wended its way to St. Mary's Church where a service was held, and afterwards to Pentwyn Churchyard for the interment. The bearers were all railwaymen. The chief mourners were: Mrs. Wood, (widow); George, Rufus, Vincent, Hartwell (sons); Lizzie, Jessie, Elsie, Neta, (daughters); Gwilym (son-in-law); Anne (daughter-in-law); Alfie, John, Alvin, Ronald, Robert, Jessie, Audrey, Gwennie (grandchildren); Joe, Jim, Tom (brothers); George, Frank, and Walter Way and Robert Slimmon (brothers-in-law); Ellen Wood, Susannah, Lavina and Ellen Way (sisters-in-law); Florrie Dowle, Nellie Yeo, Eliza Jones, Catherine Way (nieces); Walter John Wood, Arthur Holland, Eddie Slimmon, Lewis Watkins, Freddie, Frank, Sid, Will, David, Bert and Noah Way, George Clifford, Stewart Jones, George Price, Simon Lewis (nephews), Mr. and Mrs. W. Thomas, Miss Deadman (London), Mr. Charles Moses (Rhymney).

**1 June 1929** Obituary The death has occurred of Mr. David H. Price, Martin-street, at the age of 57 years, after a painful illness. Sincere sympathy is extended to the family.

**8 June 1929** Obituary Another old and highly respected inhabitant of the village was laid to rest on Saturday in the person of Mr. David Hargest Price, Martin-street. Sympathy is extended to the widow and family. The funeral was well attended. A short service was held at the house conducted by the Vicar, after which the solemn cortege wended its way to Pentwyn Churchyard for the interment, the vicar again officiating. The chief mourners were: Messrs. David J. Price and Richard James Price (sons); Richard Price (father); Thomas Gordon and

David Hargest Price (grandsons); William Richard, and Frederick Price and Alfred Kent (sons-in-law); Thomas Thomas, Morgan Richards, John Davies (brothers-in-law); D. J. James, William Davies, Bryn Rees, D. J. F. and A. Price, and Rees Davies, W. J. Davies, E. Davies, John Jenkins, William Davies, and B. Thomas (cousins).

**8 June 1929** Funeral The death occurred this week of the Mrs. James Jenkins, widow of the late Mr. James Jenkins, Penylan, who was a well known and respected inhabitant. Deceased had resided with her daughter at Mountain Hare, where she passed over. The funeral took place on Monday at Gellygaer, the Rev. J. C. Payne officiating.

**15 June 1929** Obituary The death has taken place of Mrs. Prosser, Cwm Farm. She was 88 years age. The funeral took place on Saturday at Pentwyn Churchyard, the vicar officiating.

**27 July 1929** Interment At Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday, Alfred Ernest, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Jones, fruiterer, was laid to rest. The Vicar officiated at the house and graveside. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Ernest Jones (father); Richard Jones (brother); Rees Powell, Jack Jones, Richard Jones (uncles); George Mantle and Percy Mantle.

**17 August 1929** Obituary It is our sad duty this week to record the death of one of Fochriw oldest and most highly respected inhabitants in the person of Mr. Eli Worman, Upland Stores. We tender sincere sympathy to the bereaved.

**24 August 1929** Laid to Rest The funeral of the late Mr. Eli Worman took place on Thursday last at Pentwyn Churchyard, amidst manifestations of deep sorrow. Deceased was about the oldest inhabitant in the village, being 87 years old. He came to Fochriw at the age of 21 from Chard, Somerset. He kept a drapery business and also the Post Office for many others. He was a local preacher for nearly 60 years with the Primitive Methodists, and was known as the "Grand Old Man of the Rhymney Valley Circuit." He was instrumental in opening the little chapel at Fochriw, and here much good work was done until circumstances compelled the closing of the little Church. Always of a kind and genial disposition, his genial countenance will be sadly missed by a large circle of friends. His wife died nine years ago. The funeral was a very representative one. A short service was held at the house, conducted by the Rev. R. J. Fenwick, after which the cortege wended its way to the churchyard, where the Revs. Fenwick and D. J. Dando, and Coun. W. A. Hancock officiated. The chief mourners were: Messrs. William Cole (son-in-law); George Worman, Benny Worman, Charles Denner (nephews); Will, Stan, & Trevor Moore, A. J. Whale, W. R. Morris (nephews); George and Andrew Moore (cousins). Deep sympathy is extended to the bereaved family, especially with his only sister, Mrs. Moore, New Tredegar.

**21 September 1929** Funeral The funeral of Thomas John, the son of Mr. Terence Kelly, and the late Mrs. Maggie Sarah Kelly, Dynevor-street, took place on Thursday at Pentwyn Churchyard. The Vicar officiated at the house and graveside. Great sympathy is extended to the family in their bereavement.

**19 October 1929** Obituary We regret to record the death of Mrs. Margaret Thomas, wife of Mr. James Thomas, 10, Aelybryn, who passed away on Saturday, after a painful illness. To the bereaved family we tender our sincere sympathy.

**26 October 1929** Funeral Amidst manifestations of sorrow, Mr. Henry Richards, Chapel-row, Penybanc, was laid to rest at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday. Deceased, who was a well-known and highly respected inhabitant, met with an accident at Ogilvie Colliery, and received injuries from which he died. The Rev. J. C. Payne officiated. The chief mourners were: wife and daughter; Mr. and Mrs. David Evans (sister and brother-in-law; Mrs. Walters (sister); Mr. Lewis Richards (brother); Mr. and Mrs. William Evans (sister and brother-in-law); Mr. and Mrs. John Richards (brother and sister-in-law).

**26 October 1929** Obituary On Thursday, the funeral took place of the late Mrs. Margaret Thomas, Aelybryn, who passed away at the age of 33. Deceased, would suffered for about ten months, had borne her sufferings with great Christian fortitude, but in spite of the tender nursing of her mother and relatives, and all that medical skill could do, the end came quite peacefully. Deceased was a faithful member of Carmel Chapel, and of the Fochriw Ladies' Choir. The funeral was a very large and representative one, the place of interment being Pentwyn Churchyard. After the service at the house, the solemn cortege wended its way to the churchyard, all blinds en route being drawn as a token of respect. Deceased's favourite hymns

were sung by the Carmel Choir, the Ladies' Choir, and the Fochriw Male Voice Party, of which deceased's husband is the accompanist. At the graveside the following officiated: Rev. D. Jones, the Rev. Richard Evans, and Rev. J. C. Payne. At the close, the Male Voice Party sang "Sleep thy last sleep." The chief mourners were: Mr. J. A. Thomas (husband); Messrs. W. R., Tom, Simon, David and Jack Lewis (brothers); Mr. J. G. Thomas (father-in-law); Messrs. John, Hy, and David Harris, James, David, William and Dan Lewis, Hopkin Davies, J. E. & Wat Arnold (uncles).

**16 November 1929** Obituary The death occurred this week of Mr. Matthew Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rees Thomas, Plantation-street, at Rhymney Hospital

**16 November 1929** Obituary On Saturday, one of the oldest inhabitants of Fochriw in the person of Mr. Thomas Jones, Railway-terrace, who is in his 83rd years, was laid to rest at Pant Cemetery. He had been an official at the Fochriw Colliery until his retirement many years ago. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Rees Jones (son); David Lewis (son-in-law); Clifford Jones, Elvet Lewis, David Lewis, Thomas Owen Jones. The officiating ministers were Mr. David Thomas and Mr. William Jones, Dowlais.

**30 November 1929** Obituary It is our painful duty to record the death of Mrs. Ann Davies, wife of Mr. David Davies, undertaker, Aelybryn, which occurred on Monday. Deceased had been in ailing for a long time, but the end came suddenly. Sympathy is extended to the family in their sad hour.

**7 December 1929** Obituary The death of Mr. Robert Jones, Brynteg-terrace, occurred on Monday. Sympathy is extended to the bereaved ones.

**7 December 1929** Obituary The funeral took place on Thursday of Mrs. Davies, wife of Mr. David Davies, Aelybryn. Deceased was a faithful worshipper at Nazareth C.M. Chapel. The funeral was at Pant Cemetery. The Rev. Richard Evans of Deri officiated, assisted by Rev. W.J. Evans, Sirhowy, Rev. G. James, Tafarnaubach, and the Rev. D.W. Jones, Libanus, Dowlais. The well known hymn, "Bydd Myrdd o Ryfeddodau," was sung at the graveside. The mourners were: Messrs. David Davies (husband); Tom, David John, Dan and Ben Davies (sons); Bert Evans, Gordon Davies, D. George Evans, A. Wright, A. Sayles, Wm. M. Davies, Sydney Evans (sons-in-law); Tudoe Evans, Vernon Davies (grandsons); John Boshier, Henry, Richard and Ben Jones (brothers); D. Tawe Jones, E. Beynon, Willie Davies, Robt. Davies, Wm. John (brothers-in-law); Messrs. Henry James John, Tom John, Dan John, R.V. Jones (nephews); J. Flye, Robt. Lewis, Tom Jones, Phil Rees (cousins). The coffin was covered with beautiful floral tributes.

**14 December 1929** Funeral On Saturday, the funeral of the late Mr. Robert Jones, Brynteg-terrace, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard. Deceased, who was 68 years of age, was well-known in the district. The Rev. Richard Evans officiated at the house and graveside. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Robert Parry, George Evans, Sydney Davies, David Harris Lewis (nephews); Rees Thomas and Thomas John Thomas.

**4 January 1930** Obituary The death is recorded of Master Gordon Cook, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Cook. The funeral took place on Monday. A short service was held at the house conducted by the Vicar, after which the cortege wended its way to Pentwyn Churchyard for interment, the vicar again officiating. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Edgar Cook (father); William Cook (grandfather); Willie Cook, Cyril Cook, Trevor Davies (uncles); William Mantle, Percy Mantle, George Mantle, Albert Mantle, John Mantle, H. J. John, Llewellyn Jenkins, Charles Hollister, Tom Jones, Ernest Jones. Among the floral tributes was one from the headmistress, staff and scholars of the Infants' School.

**25 January 1930** Obituary We have to record the death of David D. Davies, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Evan H. Davies, Hill-row, Pentwyn. The funeral took place on Wednesday at Pentwyn Churchyard.

**25 January 1930** Obituary The death of Mr. Rees Morgan Davies, brother of the late Mr. David Davies (Pencerdd Morganwg), and the late Mr. Samuel Davies, headmaster of Brithdir Schools, took place at Bridgend, where he had been for several months.

**25 January 1930** Obituary The sudden death of Merfina, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Davies, 1, Railway-terrace, is deeply regretted. She was a member of Carmel Sunday School. The funeral took place at Pant Cemetery. A short service was conducted at

the house by the Rev. Richard Evans, the vicar also being present. The bearers were her co-scholars from the Fochriw Council School. The chief mourners were: Messrs. W. A. Davies (father); Richard Evans, Elias Davies (grandfathers); John Davies, Burkley Davies, James Jones, David J. Davies (uncles). Also present, were a large number of great uncles and cousins.

**1 February 1930 Obituary** Mr. William Lewis, Pontlottyn, (late of Fochriw), has passed away after a painful illness, at the age of 59 years. The funeral was a very representative one. A short service was held at the house, conducted by the vicar of Pontlottyn, after which the solemn cortege wended its way to St. Mary's Church, Fochriw, where the vicar of Fochriw and Deri conducted the service. Afterwards the cortege proceeded to the old churchyard of St. Andrews, Pentwyn, where he was laid to rest beneath the shadows of the Old Church, where he had so faithfully laboured as a lay preacher and Sunday School Superintendent for many years. The chief mourners were: Messrs. John Lewis, David Lewis, George Lewis (brothers); Lewis Evans (son-in-law); T. Baldwin, Richard Jenkins, Jenkin Jenkins, Philip Jenkins, Teddy Jenkins (brothers-in-law); George Baldwin, Billy Price, George Lewis, Bryn Lewis, Dan Powell, Ritchie Powell (nephews); Thomas Thomas, Lewis Janes, Edward James, John L. Janes, Ernest Jones, Willie Jones, Kenneth Jones, Windsor Lewis (cousins).

**8 February 1930 Funeral** On Monday, the funeral took place of Mr. Watkin Williams, Hill-row, Pentwyn, at the age of 54 years. He had been associated with the Dramatic Society, and had played prominent parts in several dramas. The service was conducted at the house by the Rev. J. C. Payne. At the graveside, the R.A.O.B. service was conducted by the Rev. Payne, chaplain of the Order. The chief mourners were: William T. Williams (son); J. Pullen (son-in-law); John, William, and David Pullen (grandsons); J. Williams, B. Williams, and D. Williams (brothers); Watkin Williams (uncle); D.J., T., and Gwilym Llewellyn (brothers-in-law); J.L., William, J., H., I., and George Williams, J., A., and W.J. Llewellyn (cousins).

**22 February 1930 Obituary** We regret to record the death of one of the Fochriw's oldest inhabitants in the person of the Mrs. Margaret Lewis, 7, Glyn-terrace, who passed away on Wednesday, in her 84<sup>th</sup> years. Her husband died 32 years ago.

**1 March 1930 Funeral: Mrs. Margaret Lewis, Glyn-terrace, aged 83** The funeral of the late Mrs. Margaret Lewis took place on Saturday amidst manifestations of sorrow. After a short service at the house, the solemn cortege wended its way to Pant Cemetery for interment, the Rev. David Jones officiating. The chief mourners were: Mr. David Phillips, Mr. Sam Lewis (sons-in-law); Messrs. Joseph Jones, Thomas Edwards, Charles Edwards, William H. Edwards, Charlie Edwards, and Lewis Edwards (nephews).

**1 March 1930 Obituary: Mrs. Jane Davies, Brynteg, aged 89** There was laid to rest on Monday, amidst signs of deep sorrow, Fochriw's oldest inhabitant, in the person of Mrs. Jane Davies, wife of Mr. Richard Davis, Brynteg, in her 90th years. Deceased was always of a genial countenance, and will be sadly missed. To the sorrowing husband and family sympathy is extended. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard, the Rev. J. R. Salmon officiating. The chief mourners were: Mr. Richard Davies (husband); Mr. Walter Jones (son-in-law); Richard Jones, Lewis Jones, Glanville Jones (grandsons); James Davies, W. A. Davies, and Edward Davies.

**1 March 1930 Obituary** The sudden death of Mostyn Powell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bryn Powell, (manager of the Co-operative Stores), took place on Tuesday morning. Great sympathy is extended to the sorrowing parents.

**8 March 1930 Obituary** We record the death of Miss Bronwen Francis, Pit-row, after a painful illness. Sympathy is extended to the bereaved.

**8 March 1930 Omission** Rev. J. R. Salmon was omitted in the report of the funeral of the late Mrs. Margaret Lewis at which he officiated.

**8 March 1930 Funeral** Amidst signs of deep sorrow, Master Mostyn Powell was laid to rest on Saturday, at Pant Cemetery. Deceased was a bright, intelligent boy, and his sudden death came as a shock to a wide circle of friends. A short service was held at the house, conducted by the Vicar, after which the solemn cortege wended its way to Pant for interment. A large crowd awaited the cortege on its arrival at Pant. The Vicar again officiated. The chief mourners were: Mr. Bryn Powell, father; Ceiriog Powell, brother; Messrs. E. R. Powell, D.

Lewis, grandfathers; E Powell, B. Jones, R. Davies, J. Bratter, A. Lewis, E. Lewis, W. H. Williams, T. Phillips, G. Evans, C. Lewis, J. H. Jones, uncles; Master G. Jones, cousin.

**15 March 1930 Obituary** On Saturday last, Miss Bronwen Francis, Pit-row, aged 51, was laid to rest. Miss Francis was well-known and highly respected in the village. The Rev. J. R. Salmon, Pontlottyn and Rev. Williams, Abertysswg, officiated. The chief mourners were: Mr. Thomas Francis (brother); Mr. Wilfred Hollister (nephew); Masters T. H. Evans, Vincent Hollister; Messrs. D. Rowlands, Charles Hollister (brothers-in-law); John Francis, Richard Evans, David Evans, David Jones, Willie Evans, H. Watkins, Leyshon Rowlands, Tom Rowlands, Danny Rowlands, John Rowlands, Lewis Evans, Willie Davies, W. A. Davies (nephews) Tudor Griffiths, David Francis Edwards, H. Roberts, Willie Garbett, John H. Edmunds, Caradog Jenkins, Johnny Jarman, Willie Jones, Henry Jones (cousins).

**12 April 1930 Obituary** It is our duty to record the sad death of Miss Eva Evans, the Junction, at the early age of 18 years. To the bereaved family, sympathy is extended.

**19 April 1930 Obituary** The funeral of the late Miss Eva Evans, Junction House, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. A. E. Evans, took place on Monday. Deceased was only 18 years of age. A service was held at St. Mary's Church conducted by the vicar, and afterwards, the solemn cortege proceeded to Cefn Cemetry for interment, the vicar again officiating.

**26 April 1930 Obituary** A well-known and highly respected inhabitant of the village was laid to rest at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday in the person of Mrs. Margaret Morgan, Abertysswg. The family had formerly resided in the village.

**3 May 1930 Funeral: Mr. Edward Morgan, Glen-view, Pentwyn, aged 77** A highly-respected inhabitant of the village was laid to rest at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday in the person of Mr. Edward Morgan, Glen-view, Pentwyn, at the age of 77 years. Deceased had spent most of his life in the village, and will be missed by a large circle of friends. He had been an official for a number of the years at the Fochriw Collieries, where he was held in high esteem. The funeral was a very large and representative one, including a large number of brethren of the R.A.O.B., of which deceased was a member. A short service held a house, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. J. C. Payne, after which the cortege proceeded to Pentwyn. At the graveside, the R.A.O.B. service was conducted by the chaplain, the Rev. J. C. Payne. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Thomas J. Morgan, Habacuc Morgan (sons); Habacuc Morgan (brother); Benjamin Evans, James Williams, Caradoc Ballard (sons-in-law); Edward M. Jones, Thomas Jones, Roderick Jones, Edward J. Morgan, Alfred Morgan, Wm. T. Morgan, Edward M. Evans, Iorwerth Williams, Glanmor Williams, Habacuc Ballard, John I. Morgan, Ivor Morgan, Aneuryn Morgan, George Mantle, John Jones, Wm. J. Jones, Wm. Gibbons (grandchildren); Edward Lewis, David Griffiths, Evan M. Davies, John Jones (brothers in-law); Richard Thomas, John Jones (great grandsons); Wm. John Jones, Emrys Lewis, John Walters, Edward Davies, Wm. Davies, David Meredith, George Davies, William M. Davies, William Lewis, Edward Morgan, Wm. Morgan, Thomas Davies (nephews).

**10 May 1930 Obituary: Mr. Richard Bell** Mr. Richard Bell, former Secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen, and M.P. for Derby from 1900-1910, passed away last week. His memory will live long, and his great deeds of kindness will never be forgotten. He was one of the originators of getting Fochriw adopted by Southgate, and was instrumental in getting a large supply of clothing and money to the village.

**24 May 1930 Obituary** Quite a gloom was cast over the district on Monday night, when it was known that Mrs. Williams, wife of ex-Sergeant Williams, had passed away with the dramatic suddenness. She had attended her Chapel as usual on Sunday night. To the sorrowing family, heartfelt sympathy is extended.

**24 May 1930 Funeral: Mrs. M. A. Williams, Brynderwen** On Saturday last, at Pentwyn Churchyard, Mrs. Margaret Anne Williams, wife of ex-Sergeant H. Williams, (treasurer of the East Glamorgan Baptist Association), was laid to rest. Deceased had resided in the village for over 40 years. She had attended Noddfa Baptist chapel on Sunday evening, of which place of worship she was a devoted member and Christian worker. Shortly after reaching her home, she was taken ill. The end came peacefully on Monday evening. The profound respect and deep sympathy shown on every hand told how firmly and dearly she had established herself in the hearts of all. She was endowed with a personality that commanded attention and respect.

She was never happier than when working for the cause of Christianity. Her passing leaves a gap in the Church, and especially in the home which she loved so dearly and where she was revered so devotedly. She leaves behind memories which will always be rich and fragrant, and which will help all who knew her to do the higher and better things. Left to mourn her are a devoted husband, daughter, three sons, as well as daughters-in-law. At the conclusion of the short service held at the house, conducted by the Revs. Hughes (Rhondda), Morgan (Skewen), and Williams (Abernant), the coffin was borne from the house to the waiting hearse by members of the Glamorgan Police Division, who acted as bearers. The solemn cortege then wended its way to the Old Church on the hill, all blinds being drawn en route. The procession was headed by Inspectors Evans and Clinch, and twenty members of the Glamorgan Police Force, of which deceased's husband had been a member for over 30 years. The funeral was one of the largest and most representative that has left the village. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Henry Williams (husband); Messrs. Willie J. Williams, Henry Seaborne Williams, Gomer Williams (sons); William H. Williams (grandson); William Price (nephew), and Mr. Richards, Cardiff. At the graveside, the service was most impressive, striking testimonies being paid to deceased's beautiful character by the Rev. Esaiiah Williams, Cardigan (late minister of Noddfa), the Rev. J. Roberts (Abertysswg), Rev. Llew Morris (Pengam), Rev. Davies (Abercynon). Twelve other ministers, including the vicar of Fochriw, were also present. The hymn "Bydd myrdd o ryfeddodau" was sung. The funeral arrangements were in the hands of Messrs. David Davies and Son.

**14 June 1930 Obituary** On Friday, at Port Talbot, a well-known and highly respected former inhabitant of Fochriw, in the person of Mrs. Harries, was laid to rest the age of 83. She was the mother of the Rev. W. Ira Brown, vicar of Rishton, Blackburn, and Mrs. Ed. Roberts, Port Talbot, with whom she was residing. She was sister to Mr. Charles Payne.

**28 June 1930 Obituary** Mrs. Sarah Ballard, wife of Mr. Thomas Ballard, Morris-row, passed away on Tuesday morning after a very painful illness.

**5 July 1930 Obituary** On Saturday last, at Pentwyn Churchyard, Mrs. Sarah Ballard, Moore's-row, was laid to rest. There are seven daughters and a husband left to mourn their loss. Four of the daughters are engaged in the scholastic profession, and one in hospital nursing. The deceased was 57 years of age. The family are faithful members of Carmel Chapel, where the deceased will be sadly missed. A service at the house was conducted by the Vicar, and the Reverend J. R. Salmon, Pontllytyn, after which the solemn cortege wended its way to Pentwyn, all blinds en route being drawn as a mark of respect to the deceased. At the graveside, the vicar and Rev. Salmon again officiated.

**16 August 1930 Obituary** It is our sad duty this week to record the death of Miss Annie Griffiths, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Griffiths, Aelybryn, who passed away at Cardiff Royal Infirmary where she had gone for an operation. Of a quiet and genial disposition, she will be sadly missed. To the sorrowing family, heartfelt sympathy is extended.

**23 August 1930 Funeral** The funeral of Miss Annie Griffiths, 33, Aelybryn, took place on Wednesday last week. A short service was held at the house, conducted by Rev. J. R. Salmon, after which the cortege proceeded to St. Mary's Church, where an impressive service was conducted by the Rev. D. J. Griffiths. Mr. Octavius Richards played the Dead March, after which the cortege proceeded to Pentwyn Churchyard for interment. Revs. D. J. Griffiths, J. R. Salmon and R. Evans officiated. The mourners were: Messrs. Oliver Griffiths (father); Lewis Griffiths (brother); W. Games (brother-in-law); Daniel Davies (uncle); Evan Davies, David Davies, Ieuan Davies.

**30 August 1930 Obituary** The sudden death of a very highly respected inhabitant in the person of Mrs. Mary Ann Evans, wife of Mr. Richard Evans, and mother-in-law of Mr. Willie Angell Davies, 1, Railway-terrace, took place on Sunday morning at her home. Sympathy is extended to the family.

**30 August 1930 Funeral** On Saturday, amid signs of deep sorrow, Mr. Baden Benjamin Palmer, Council Houses, aged 25, was laid to rest. He had been ailing for eight months, but bore his sufferings with Christian fortitude. A short service was conducted at the house by the Rev. J. C. Payne, after which the solemn cortege wended its way to Rhydney Cemetery for

interment. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Arthur and William Palmer (brothers); W. T. Pegg (brother-in-law); W. H. Voyce (friend); W. L. Evans (cousin).

**6 September 1930 Obituary** The funeral of the late Mrs. Mary Ann Evans, Railway-terrace, took place on Thursday. Deceased was held in high esteem. She was the daughter of the late Mr. Evan Evans (checkweigher), who was well known in the district. After a short service at the house conducted by the Rev. Brython Davies, Wrexham, the solemn cortege proceeded to Pant Cemetery for interment. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Richard Evans (husband); Willie A. Davies (son-in-law); Thomas Francis, Daniel Rowlands (uncles); Daniel Evans, John Evans, Walters Thomas (brothers-in-law); John Francis, Leyshon Rowlands, Dan Rowlands, John Rowlands, David Evans, Lewis Evans, W. A. Davies (cousins-in-law); Tom Evans, Emrys Evans, Aneurin Evans, Thomas J. Evans, Sydney Evans, Emrys Evans, Uriah Evans, Crad Thomas, Robert Thomas, Thomas J. Jones, Evan W. Jones, Thomas H. Morgan, Roy Clarke (nephews).

**20 September 1930 Funeral** The funeral of Idris J. Parry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Evan J. Parry, Dynevor-street, took place on Tuesday at Pentwyn Churchyard. After a short service at the house, conducted by the Vicar, the cortege proceeded to Pentwyn for interment. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Evan J. Parry (father); David Parry, Thomas James (grandparents); David G. Parry, William H. Parry, Walter Parry, Richard James, William James (uncles); William Cheek, George Dummett (sen), David J. Harris, Edwin Dummett, George Dummett, Percy Dummett, and Joseph T. Davies.

**11 October 1930 Obituary** It is with deep regret that we have to record the sudden death of Mrs. Tydfil Evans, wife of Mr. Thomas Evans, Penybank Hotel, late of Aelybryn, who passed away on Sunday morning. Deceased was well known in the district and held in high esteem. To the bereaved, sympathy is extended in their hour of trial.

**11 October 1930 Funeral** The funeral of the late Mr. Elwyn Davies took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday. Deceased had met with a fatal accident at Ogilvie Colliery, where he had taken employment before continuing his studies after passing the C. W. B. Examination 12 months ago. A short service was conducted at the house by the Rev. J. R. Salmon, and Mr. J. J. Davies, headmaster of Bargoed School, bore excellent testimony to the deceased's good character. The solemn cortege then wended its way to Pentwyn, all blinds being drawn en route. Six of the deceased schoolmates acted as bearers: Masters John Gwyn Lewis, Walter Howells, Kenneth Phillips, Emlyn Evans, Vernon Davies, and Willie Howells. The service at the graveside was conducted by the Rev. J. C. Payne, vicar. To the sorrowing widow and family great sympathy is extended. The chief mourners were: Master Gwilym Davies (brother); Messrs William Ballard (grandfather); William J. Thomas, Stephen, Crad, & Arthur Ballard (uncles); Willie, Crad, Ednyfed & H. Barnard, Idris, Nicholas, Bertie, Arthur & Cadvan Cumpstone, Griffith Thomas (cousins).

**18 October 1930 Obituary** The funeral of the late Mrs. Tydvil Evans, Penybank Hotel, took place on Thursday amidst manifestations of sorrow. Deceased, who had resided in the village practically all her life, will be sadly missed by a large circle of friends. Her sudden death cast quite a gloom over the neighbourhood. A short service was held at the house conducted by the Revs. D. J. Griffiths, Deri, and O. M. Lewis, Ystrad Rhondda, after which the cortege proceeded by road to Gellygaer Churchyard for interment. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Thomas Evans (husband); Willie R. Evans, George Evans (sons); Mrs. Hannah Davies and Mrs. Maggie Angell (daughters); Mrs. W. R. Evans (daughter-in-law); Rev. T. A. Davies, Mr. W. Angell (sons-in-law); Messrs. Llewellyn, Tom, Lewis, Stuart, William, and Tudor and Glyn Jones (nephews); Mrs. J. Lawrence (cousin); Messrs. George Evans, Josiah Evans (brothers-in-law); M. Lewis Pritchard (nephew); Messrs. D. Jones and Wyndham Lawrence.

**1 November 1930 Obituary** A very old and highly respected person who had resided in the village for many years, before removing to Bedwas, namely Mr. John Williams (late lamp-man), was laid to rest last week amid signs of deep sorrow. On Monday, a married daughter of the deceased was buried. To the sorrowing widow and family, heartfelt sympathy is extended.

**29 November 1930 Obituary** It is our painful duty this week to record the death of Sylvia, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Evans, Aelybryn, who passed away at Gellygaer Hospital after a painful illness. Deceased was a bright, intelligent child, and will be sadly missed. Sympathy is extended to the family, who had another son – Mr. Willie Evans - at Merthyr General Hospital. The funeral took place on Monday at Pentwyn Churchyard, the vicar, and Rev. Richard Evans, officiating. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Bert Evans (father); Tudor Evans (brother); Tom Davies, David J. Davies, Dan Davies, Ben Davies, Syd Davies (uncles); Eddie Jones, William John (cousins).

**29 November 1930 Obituary** Another old and familiar figure has been removed by the death of Mr. William Davies. For many years, he was an official at the Fochriw Collieries. He was also a faithful deacon of Noddfa Baptist Chapel.

**6 December 1930 Funeral** The funeral of the late Mr. William Davies, Cwmbargoed, late Guest-street, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday last, and was well attended. The deceased was 75 years of age, and had resided in the village nearly all his life. He was held in high esteem. For many years, he was a highly respected official at the Fochriw Colliery. A faithful member, and a deacon of Noddfa Baptist Chapel, he could be seen wending his way to the chapel, almost until the end. He will be sadly missed by his large circle of friends. To the sorrowing widow and family, great sympathy is extended. After the service in the house, the cortege proceeded to Pentwyn, the officiating ministers being the Rev. Roberts, Abertysswg, and the Rev. Roberts, Caersalem, Dowlais. The chief mourners were: Messrs. W. H. Davies, Edwin Davies, John Davies, David Davies, Pryce Davies, David William Morris (sons); R. P. Jones, Edward Gettings (sons-in-law); Edward Gettings, Willie Davies, David Davies, Brynley Davies, Vivian Davies, W. T. Jones, Bryn Jones, J. R. Jones, Iorwerh Jones, M. Jones, E. Gettings, D. Gettings, G. Evans, W. H. Edwards (grandchildren); W. J. Mantle, Tom Mantle, David Hopkins (nephews).

**10 January 1931 Obituary** We have to record this week the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Ballard, wife of Mr. Stephen Ballard, who passed away at Merthyr General Hospital on Sunday, where she was conveyed a week ago. She was 47 years of age. Great sympathy is extended to the family.

**17 January 1931 Obituary** Quite a gloom was cast over the village when it became known that Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Ballard, wife of Mr. Stephen Ballard, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Evans, had passed away. Deceased was 47 years of age, and was born in the village, where she had lived all her life. She had been ill for some weeks, but bore her sufferings with the great Christian fortitude. She died at Merthyr General Hospital where she had been taken a week before her death. She was well known in the district, and was a faithful member of Carmel Chapel. The funeral was one of the largest seen in the district for some time. A short service was held at the house, after which the solemn cortege left for Pentwyn Churchyard, all blinds en route being drawn as a silent tribute to the deceased. The officiating ministers were the Rev. J. R. Salmon, Pontlottyn, and the Rev. J. C. Payne, vicar. The chief mourners were: Mr. Stephen Ballard (husband); David and Gomer Evans (brothers); William H. Davies (brother-in-law); Edmund Davies (nephew); W. J., Thomas, Crad and Arthur Ballard, E. E. Cumpstone (brothers-in-law); Bert Hill, Evan Jones (uncles); W. J. Harris, George Gittings, Rowland and Lyndon Hill, Tom Smith, W. Small, L. Small, H. Small, Lewis Small, Sydney Way, George Price (cousins); Trevor Pugh, T. & E. Pugh, Idris Cumpstone, Nicholas, Bert, Arthur, Cadvan Cumpstone, Gwilym Davies, Griffith Thomas, Willie Ballard, Crad Ballard (nephews). Owing to illness, Mr. David Evans, father of the deceased, was unable to attend the funeral.

**7 February 1931 Interment: Mr. Idris Parry, Dynevor-street, aged 23** The funeral of the late Mr. Idris Parry, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Parry, Dynevor-street, took place on Thursday last at Pentwyn Churchyard. Deceased was 23 years of age, and a bright, intelligent young man. For the past two years, he had suffered much pain, but bore it very cheerfully. The funeral was very well attended, and there was manifest evidence of sympathy and sorrow. After a short service at the house, the cortege proceeded to Pentwyn, all blinds en route being drawn as a silent tribute. At the Church of St. Andrews the service was conducted by the Vicar and the Rev. Richard Evans. Mr. Octavius Richards was the organist. Great sympathy



goes out to the bereaved family. The chief mourners were: Messrs. David Parry (father); David G. Parry, Evan J. Parry, Walter Parry, Willie Parry (brothers); David Cheek, Willie Cheek, Ephraim Morgan, David J. Harris, David Davies, John Thomas, Thomas Jones, David Evans (uncles); David G. Morgan, Edwin, Fred, Charlie, and Percy Dummett, E. G. Price, David G. Harris, Morgan Evans, David Jones, Sam Jones, William Baker, David H. Thomas, David Jones, Iorwerth Evans, Elwyn Jenkins, Evan Watkins (cousins).

**7 March 1931** Obituary Quite a gloom was cast over the village when it became known that Mr. Simon Lewis, Guest-street, had passed away. Deceased, who was 38 years of age, was born in the village, and will be sadly missed. He was the chairman of the local branch of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. He leaves a widow, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Slimmon, Fochriw Farm, and a widowed mother to mourn. A short service was held at the house, after which the solemn cortege and a large group of people, proceeded to the Old Church at Pentwyn. The Revs. J. C. Payne and Richard Evans officiated. The chief mourners were: Messrs. William Rees Lewis, David Lewis, Johnny Lewis, Tom Lewis (brothers); Robert Slimmon (father-in-law); Percy Cumpstone, James Thomas, Willie Angell, Willie Slimmons, Will Edwards, Johnny Slimmons, Alfie Slimmon, L. Slimmon (brothers-in-law); Bryn Cumpstone (nephew); John, Henry, and David Harris, David, Willie & Daniel Lewis, Morgan Morgan, David Davies (uncles); David J. Harris, John R. Harris, T. Harris, Simon Harris, William Harris, Evan Harris, John Morgan, Leslie Harris, Thomas R. Lewis, Elfed Lewis, Tudor Davies, Jack Jones, David Jones, David Williams, Arthur Rowbottom, Bob Slimmon, Willie Slimmon, Eddie Slimmon, Lewis Watkins, Gwilym Llewellyn, John Llewellyn, Alvin Llewellyn (cousins). Great sympathy is extended to the young widow and family.

**7 March 1931** Obituary The funeral of Mair Mills, the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Mills, Davies-row, Pentwyn, took place on Saturday. The deceased passed away at Gellygaer Hospital. She was a bright, intelligent child and a faithful member of St. Mary's Church Sunday school. The funeral was well attended, the place of interment being Pentwyn Churchyard. The Vicar officiated. Great sympathy goes out to the family. The chief mourners were: Messrs. William Mills (father); Sam Mills (grandfather); J. Williams, E. Rees, A. Rees, G. Rees (cousins); William and David Griffiths, J. Jones, William Roberts, J. Thomas, --- Griffiths (uncles).

**14 March 1931** Obituary We regret to report the death of the young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Lewis, Brook-row, who passed away at Merthyr Hospital after a long and painful illness. To the bereaved family sympathy is extended.

**21 March 1931** Obituary The funeral of Margaret, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lewis, took place on Thursday. Deceased, was eight years of age, and had suffered much. A short service was conducted at the house by the Vicar, after which the cortege proceeded to Pentwyn Churchyard for interment. The chief mourners were: Mr. Edward Lewis (father); Spencer Lewis, Cyril Lewis (brothers); Messrs. Charles Lewis, Tom Peters, William Davies (uncles); Sam Lewis (cousin).

**21 March 1931** Obituary We regret this week to record the death of one of the most highly respected inhabitants in the person of Mrs. Ann Rees, wife of Mr. Rees Rees, Guest-street, at the age of 71 years. Mrs. Rees was born at Pantywaun, and had spent the greater part of her life at Fochriw, with the exception of some years spent in Australia. She was held in very high esteem. She had suffered much of late, but bore her sufferings very patiently. She was a faithful member of Carmel Chapel, where her genial countenance will be sadly missed. She leaves a husband and a large grown-up family. Two of her sons are in Australia, and one in America. To the sorrowing husband and family sincere sympathy is extended. A short service was held in the house, after which the solemn cortege proceeded to Pentwyn Churchyard, all blinds en route being drawn as a silent tribute to the deceased. The officiating ministers were the Revs. Richard Evans and J. C. Payne. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Rees Rees (husband); William Rees, Thomas Rees, Isaac Rees, Bob Rees (sons); Ben Williams, Harry Jones (sons-in-law); Haydn Davies, Bryngwyn Rees, Windsor Rees, Willie R. Powell, Elvis Powell, Mervyn Powell, Rees Williams, David Williams, D. Lyn Jones, William Morgan (grandsons); William Davies and George Davies (nephews).

**21 March 1931** Obituary We have to record the death of Mrs. Lynch, wife of Mr. Tim Lynch, Mount Pleasant-row, Pentwyn, late of Dowlais, who passed away after a short illness. To the husband and family sympathy is extended.

**4 April 1931** Obituary Mr. Thomas Everett, who was in his 91<sup>st</sup> year, and was well known in the village where he had resided for many years before moving to Deri with his daughter, Mrs. S. Way, was laid to rest at Pentwyn Churchyard on Monday. He was formerly employed as a roadman under the Gellygaer Council. He was a worshipper at St. Mary's Church. On Sunday evening, the organist, Mr. O. Richards, played the Dead March in his memory. The funeral was a very large and representative one. The Vicar officiated at the graveside. To the bereaved family, sincere sympathy is extended in their loss.

**11 April 1931** Obituary Quite a gloom was cast over the village on Good Friday evening when it became known that ex-Sergeant Henry Williams, treasurer of the East Glamorgan Baptist Association, had passed away with dramatic suddenness at the age of 72 years. He was one of the most popular citizens in the district. His wife died ten months ago. To the bereaved family sincere sympathy goes out in their sad hour of trial.

**18 April 1931** Obituary The death of Len, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. Percy Edwards, Brook-row, took place on Monday at Merthyr Hospital after an operation.

**18 April 1931** Funeral The death of Margaret, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wyndham Edwards, Brook-row, took place at the age of ten years. Deceased was a bright and intelligent child, and a member of St. Mary's Church Sunday school. Sympathy goes out to the family. A short service was conducted at the house by the Vicar, after which the cortege wended its way to Pentwyn Churchyard. The chief mourners were: Mr. Wyndham Edwards (father); Masters Aldwyn and Trevor Edwards (brothers); Messrs. Reg Griffiths (brother-in-law); Percy Edwards and William Mantle (uncles); Tom Mantle, Elwyn Edwards, Bedford Edwards, Harry Evans, Archie Evans, Loyal Evans, Tudor and Willie Evans (cousins); George Evans, Glyndwr Evans and Harry Oakley.

**18 April 1931** Obituary: Mr. Henry Williams, aged 72 One of the largest funerals seen in Fochriw was that of ex-Sergeant Henry Williams, who was laid to rest at Pentwyn Churchyard. He had been a member of the police force for 40 years, holding the rank of sergeant on his retirement. On taking up duties at Fochriw nearly 40 years ago, he found the Baptist cause at Penybank, an adjacent village, closed, and with debts of £800. Sergeant Williams set to work to remove this burden, and through his zeal and energy, the debt was wiped out and the cause revived. For 20 years, with the assistance of his wife and son, he kept a Sunday School for some 40 or 50 children at Penybank. His activities, however, have not been confined to Penybank. For over 30 years, he has been a deacon at Noddfa Chapel, and the total sums collected by him towards the two causes amounted to about £3,000. In presenting him with an illuminated address as a little acknowledgement of these services, the East Glamorgan Baptist Association, with its membership of over 80,000, conferred honour on itself. He was treasurer of the East Glamorgan Baptist Association, and every good cause in the village had his support. At the house, a service was conducted by the Rev. J. Bassett (Blaenrhondda) and the Rev. D. Davies (Llantwit Fardre). Afterwards, the coffin was borne to the hearse by members of the police force under the command of Inspectors H. Evans (Bargoed) and W. H. Williams (Pontlottyn). As the solemn cortege wended its way, the Fochriw Male Voice Party, under Mr. Thomas Walters, sang with deep feeling "Mae'n nghyfeillion adre'r myned." Deceased was vice-chairman of the Party, and at the graveside, the party sang most impressively "Sleep thy last sleep." The service at the graveside was conducted by the Rev. J. Roberts, Abertyswg, the Rev. R. G. Hughes, Pontypridd, Rev. Esaiiah Williams, Cardigan, (a former minister of Noddfa), and the Rev. Ieuan Evans (Pontardulais), another recent minister of Noddfa. Other ministers present were Revs. J. C. Evans, W. C. Morse, S. T. Jones, G. O. Roberts, W. A. Williams, R. S. Hughes, J. Griffiths, D. L. Morris, S. Evans, T. Bassett. Members of the Glamorgan Constabulary acted as bearers. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Willie J. Williams, Seaborne Williams and Gomer Williams (sons); W. H. Williams (grandson); John Parry (brother-in-law); John and Idris Parry, Ossie Treharne, William Price (nephews); David J. Havard, Myrddin Havard, Aldwyn Havard, and Mr. Richards, Cardiff, (cousins).

**25 April 1931** Obituary Another old inhabitant has passed away, after a very painful illness, at the age of 71, in the person of Mr. Edward Williams, Plantation-street, who had resided for the greater part of his life in the village. Quiet and unassuming, he will be sadly missed. He had been ailing for some time, and had become blind and confined to his bed for the last twelve months. The funeral took place on Tuesday at Pentwyn Churchyard, and was well attended. The Rev. Richard Evans conducted the service at the house and graveside. To the sorrowing widow, children and family, great sympathy is extended. The chief mourners were: Mr. Jenkin Williams, Mr. Stanley Williams (sons); Messrs. David Williams, William Evans (brothers); William Davies (brother-in-law); Evan Jones, Thomas & Richard Pugh (cousins); David Williams, Ivor Williams, F. R. Attwell, R. G. Attwell, Richard Morgan, B. J. Morgan, E. G. Evans, David Morgan, David J. Morgan, W. Adams Jones, G. Jones (nephews); D. Davies (cousin).

**25 April 1931** Obituary The funeral of Master Len Edwards, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Edwards, Brook-row, who passed away at Merthyr General Hospital, took place on Thursday at Pentwyn Churchyard. The service at the house and graveside was conducted by the Vicar. Sympathy is extended to the family in their sorrow. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Percy Edwards (father); Bedford Edwards (brother); Elwyn Edwards, Archie Evans, Wyndham Edwards, W. J. Payne, Mordecai Williams, T. Jones, D. H. Jones, T. Edwards, T. Evans, B. Evans, H. Evans (uncles); Windsor Williams, A. Edwards, Trevor Edwards, W. J. Jones, D. R. Jones, W. H. Jones, T. Davies, H. Jones, C. Edwards, A. Mantle, D. L. Evans, E. Evans, W. Evans, H. Evans, T. J. Evans, T. Sullivan, W. Whitby, T. Kelly, W. Parry, E. Jones.

**23 May 1931** Death of Mr. Henry Charles Payne We regret to record the death last Saturday of Mr. H. C. Payne, 2, Glyn-terrace, at the age of 80 years. By his death, the village and district loses one of its most interesting personalities, and another link with the past has been broken.

Mr. Payne was born at Newport, but had lived at Fochriw for the last 60 years. He worked as a fitter for the old Dowlais Iron Company at their Fochriw Collieries, and was afterwards appointed road foreman under the Gellygaer Council, a position he held with distinction until his retirement two years ago. His wife died about two years ago.

He was wonderfully active, and socially he was alert and always ready to do all in his power for the betterment of the village in which he lived. He was vicar's warden at St. Mary's Church. The family holds an unique position in the Church. His elder son, the Rev. J. C. Payne, is Vicar of the parish, and his younger son, Mr. W. J. Payne has been people's warden since the parish was formed. Mr. Payne was a staunch total abstainer, and a stalwart of the I.O.G.T. He was one of the founders and a charter member of the Star of Fochriw Lodge, and was appointed to be its first chief Templar, holding office in the lodge ever since. His efforts for the cause of temperance, and on behalf of the Order, were not limited to the Fochriw Lodge, for his work has been manifested in the Rhymney, Merthyr and Tredegar districts. He has filled the presidential chair and has also been district chief Templar. He also held offices in the English Grand Lodge of Wales. He was a member of the Ancient Order of Foresters for over 60 years, and held the post of chief ranger of the Court Anthony Hill, Merthyr, where he was held in high respect, and his ripe experience and advice was eagerly sought. His persistent efforts on behalf of all that was a polite, loveable and uplifting will live long in the memory of all who knew him. As well as his sons, he leaves to mourn a sorrowing daughter, Mrs. E. Lawrence, who nursed him with great care and devotion. The funeral, which took place on Tuesday, and was one of the largest seen for a long time, included representatives of the I.O.G.T., Ancient Order of Foresters, Male Voice Party, and other societies. Amongst the general public were: Mr. John Bevan, M.E, Councillor John Edwards, County Councillor W. H. Hancock, Inspector Richards, Mr. D. D. James (editor of the "Templar Record"), Mr. Sam Lewis (school manager), Mr. D. Ivor Jones (churchwarden, Pontlottyn), Police Sergeant W. Howells, Police Constable Sanson, Mr. Evans (manager of Lloyds Bank, Rhymney), the Rev. S. Evans (St. George's-super-Ely), the Rev. W. S. Pontin (vicar of Pontlottyn), Mr. A. J. Templeman, Mr. Harry Davies (Merthyr), Mr. William Evans (Pontlottyn), Mr. Tim Gambling, Mr. W. Skyrme, Mr. R. Williams (Merthyr), R. Williams (Dowlais), Rev. D. J.

Griffiths, the Rev J. L. White, the Rev Richard Evans, and also representatives of his late workmen and other societies. The bearers were officers of St. Mary's Church, and were: Messrs. E. Idris Griffiths, T. Baldwin, W. D. Davies, F. Way, Geo. Evans, Crad Ballard, W. Palmer, B. Angell, O. Richards and C. Hollister. Prior to the removal of the body, a short service was held at the house conducted by the Rev. Samuel Evans, late vicar of the parish, after which the solemn cortege wended its way to St. Mary's Church amidst signs of deep sorrow. At the Church, the service was most impressive. The sacred building was filled, and the service fully choral. The 90<sup>th</sup> Psalm was chanted, and deceased's favourite hymn "My God, my Father, while I stray," was sung. The service was conducted by the Revs. W. S. Pontin, D. J. Griffiths and Samuel Evans. The organist, Mr. Octavius Richards, played the "Dead March," and as the body was carried out of the Church, the choir chanted the "Nunc Dimittis." Mr. Berkley Angell conducted the singing. The solemn procession then reformed, and headed by the clergy and P.S. Howells and P.C Sanson, wended its way to Pentwyn Churchyard. At the graveside, striking tributes were paid to the deceased's character, his unflinching adherence to principle, and his constant defence of truth. The hymn, "Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah." was sung with deep feeling. The chief mourners were: Rev. J. C. Payne, Mr. William John Payne (sons); Messrs. John Lawrence (son-in-law); Jack Lawrence, Trevor Lawrence, Gordon Lawrence, Vernon Payne, Mervyn Payne (grandsons); W. Payne (Dowlais), Joseph Payne (Fochriw), John Payne (Newport) (brothers); Fred Boyns, Jack Boyns (Newport), Trevor Boyns (Hirwaun) (nephews); Edward Roberts (Port Talbot), Tom Harris (Dowlais) (nephews); David Lawrence, James Stevens (Barry), D. D. James (Cardiff).

**30 May 1931** Obituary We regret to record the sad death of the early age of 16 years, of Master John Iorwerth Morgan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Habacuk Morgan. He was a bright, intelligent youth, and a pupil of Lewis' School, Pengam, where he had attended up to a week before his sudden illness and death. To the sorrowing family sincere sympathy is extended.

**6 June 1931** Obituary: Master John Iorwerth Morgan, aged 16 The funeral of the late Master John Iorwerth Morgan, took place on Saturday. There was a very large attendance. Deceased was 16 years of age and was loved by all his schoolmates and masters, as was manifested in the funeral which so many attended. He was a faithful member of Noddfa Baptist Church, where his loss will be keenly felt. Great sympathy is extended to the parents, grandparents and family. He would have tried his senior examination this year. A short service was conducted at the house, conducted by the Rev J. Roberts, Abertysswg, after which the solemn cortege wended its way to Pentwyn Churchyard, all blinds en route being drawn as a silent tribute. The chief mourners were: Mr. Habacuk Morgan (father); Masters Ivor Morgan, and Aneurin Morgan (brothers); Messrs. T. J. Morgan, Thomas Evans, Aneurin Evans, Emrys Evans, Richard Evans, Walter Thomas, B. Evans, James Williams, Crad Ballard, Aneurin Jones, Daniel Evans, John Francis, David J. Thomas, T. H. Jones, Mat Lewis, John Matthews, T. Davies, Daniel Jenkins (uncles); E. M. Jones, Thomas Jones, Rod Jones, W. T. Morgan, Edward Evans, H. Ballard, Dan Jenkins, Crad Thomas, John Thomas, W. Gibbons, W. M. Davies, Bryn Davies, Egrin Thomas, Emlyn Evans, J. I. Davies, D. J. Evans, Robert Thomas, T. J. Jones, E. W. Jones, T. J. Evans, W. Davies, T. Davies, G. Davies, T. Davies, T. Jenkins, L. Jones, Daniel Rowlands, Aneurin Thomas, W. Evans, B. Gallop, K. James.

**20 June 1931** Obituary With feelings of deep regret, the news was received on Sunday last of the sudden death of Mrs. Harry Roberts (late Kitty Lawrence), daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. James Lawrence, at the age of 45 years. Deceased lived at Port Talbot, and was in the village just a few weeks ago at the funeral of Mr. Henry Charles Payne. At the time, she was in her usual state of health. It appears she was in the act of serving the Sunday dinner when she was taking ill, and died within two hours.

**27 June 1931** The Late Mrs. H. Roberts There was a large attendance at the funeral of Mrs. Harry Roberts, which took place on Thursday last at the Goitre Cemetery, Port Talbot. She was a faithful member of Duffryn C.M. Church, and was highly respected, and had a wide circle of friends. The Rev. Wm. Henry, Port Talbot, and Rev. J. C. Payne, Fochriw, officiated at the house and graveside. The principal mourners were: Mr. Harry Roberts (husband); Miss Linda Roberts (daughter); Mr. & Mrs. John Lawrence, Mr. & Mrs. David Lawrence, Mr. &

Mrs. James Lawrence (brothers and sister-in-law); Mr. & Mrs. E. A. Roberts, Mr. R. D. Lawrence, Miss Eleanor Roberts, Mr. & Mrs. F. Roberts, Mrs. Rhys Thomas (relatives-in-law); Mr. J. Lawrence, Mrs. Mary L. Lawrence, Mrs. Rose Williams, Mr. T. Davies, Mr. R. David Lewis, Mr. David Jones, Mrs. S. Davies, Rev. J. Payne (cousins); Messrs. Jack, Trevor, and Gordon Lawrence, Willie Roberts, and Glyn Roberts (nephews); Mrs. A. Yeo, Mrs. R. J. Jones, Mrs. Budd, Mrs. Elias Davies, Mrs. W. A. Lewis, and Mrs. Edward Williams (friends from Fochriw).

**29 August 1931** Obituary We regret to record the death of Mrs. Rowena Jenkins, wife of Mr. Jenkins, and daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Edwards, Brook-row, who passed away at Merthyr General Hospital after a painful illness.

**31 October 1931** Obituary We regret to record the sad death of Mrs. Parry, wife of Mr. Walter Parry, Pleasant-view. To the bereaved, sincere sympathy is extended.

**7 November 1931** Funeral The funeral of the late Mrs. Sarah Ann Parry, wife of Mr. Walter Parry, took place at Rhymney Cemetery on Saturday amid signs of deep sorrow. Deceased, who passed away at an early age, will be sadly missed, and great sympathy goes out to the sorrowing husband and family. Rev. T. E. Williams, Rhymney, and Rev. J. C. Evans, Pontlottyn, officiated at the house and graveside. The chief mourners were: Mr. Walter Parry (husband); Messrs. W. T. and J. T. Davies (brothers); David Parry (father-in-law); E. J., D. G., and W. Parry (brothers-in-law); J. & R. Williams, T. Humphreys, G. Davies, E. Matthews, D. H. and W. Cheek, D. J. Harries, D. Davies, S. Edwards, T. H. Thomas, T. Jones (uncles).

**7 November 1931** Obituary The death has occurred of one of Fochriw's most highly respected citizens in the person of Mr. John Charles Curtis, Pit-row, at the age of 70 years. He had lived at Fochriw for a number of years, and had worked at the Fochriw Collieries as a chageman at the boilers, until the closing down of the collieries in 1924. He leaves a sorrowing wife and a grown-up family to mourn their loss. A short service was held at the house, after which the solemn cortege left for St. Andrew's Church, where the service was conducted by the vicar. The chief mourners were: Messrs. W. Curtis (son); G. Curtis and J. Curtis (brothers); Arthur Adams, W. Thomas, W. Hughes, T. Jones (sons-in-law); G. Thomas, John Adams, Archie Adams (grandsons; A. Purnell, R. Curtis, and I. John, (nephews).

**7 November 1931** Death We regret to announce the death of Mr. John Lewis, son of Mrs. Ann Lewis, and the late Mr. John Lewis, Aelybryn, who passed away after a long illness, patiently borne. To the sorrowing wife and family, great sympathy is extended.

**14 November 1931** Funeral The funeral of Mr. John Lewis took place on Saturday amidst signs of deep sorrow. A large crowd of friends met the cortege at Fochriw and proceeded to Pentwyn where the interment took place.

**14 November 1931** Funeral The funeral took place on Saturday of Mrs. Thomas, Aelybryn, wife of Mr. W. Thomas. Deceased, who was well-known and held in high esteem, died at Merthyr hospital. The place of internment was Penarth. Sympathy is extended to the husband and family in their sad and sudden bereavement.

**28 November 1931** Obituary We have to record the death of Mr. Tom Morgan (late of Martin-street), who died at the home of his daughter at Pontlottyn. He was well known in the district, being an official at No. 2 Colliery before its closure.

**5 December 1931** Funeral The funeral of Mr. Thomas Morgan, Martin's-street, took place on Wednesday. He was well known and highly respected, and lived practically all his life in the village. He was overman at No. 2 Colliery until the closing down of the pits. He passed away after a short illness at the home of his daughter at Pontlottyn. The funeral was a very unrepresentative one, the place of internment being Pentwyn Churchyard. The chief mourners were: Messrs. T. H. Morgan (son); John and Evan Morgan (brothers); James Gregory, R. Clark Morgan Davies (sons-in-law); Wyndham and Idris Morgan, Henry and Tom James (nephews); George and David Williams (uncles); T. H. Jenkins, W. H. Jones (brothers-in-law); David Williams (cousin).

**12 December 1931** Omission The following names were missing from the report last week of the funeral of Mr. Thomas Morgan: Messrs. Willie Morgan (nephew); Richard Evans and D. Evans (cousins).

**19 December 1931** Obituary The funeral of Mr. David Lewis Jones took place on Wednesday. After a short service in the house, the solemn cortege proceeded to Pant Cemetery for interment. The officiating minister was at the Rev. Richard Evans. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Walter, Evan and W. Jones (brothers); Thomas Evans, W. J. Angell (brothers-in-law); L. Evans, J. L. Jones, Roderick Jones, W. J. Jones, Richard Jones, Glanville Jones, John E. Edwards, Gethin Jones, Edryd. Jones, David L. Evans, H. Evans, T. J. Evans, Edgar Evans, Willie Evans, Ronald Jones, Leslie Jones, Wally Jones, Terence Kelly (nephews).

**9 January 1932** Obituary It is our sad duty this week to record the sudden death of Mrs. Watkins, School House, Penybank, who passed away after a very short illness. She was well-known and highly respected in the village, where she will be sadly missed. To the sorrowing family great sympathy is extended. A short service was held at the house conducted by the Rev. Richard Evans, after which the solemn cortege wended its way to Pentwyn Churchyard for interment. The service at the graveside was conducted by the Vicar. Among the floral tributes was one from St. Mary's Mother's Union. The chief mourners were: Messrs. W. T. Watkins (son); John Matthews, D. J. Owen (sons-in-law); David and Thomas Jones (brothers); W. J. Richards (nephew); J. R. Morgan, R. Jones, W. Roberts, Tom Roberts, Kenneth Owen, Daniel Edgar Evans, Hughie Lewis, Willie Morris, W. Jones and Latimer Evans (cousins).

**13 February 1932** Obituary The death occurred of Sarah Davies, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Davies, 9, Glyn-terrace.

**20 February 1932** Funeral Amidst signs of sorrow, the late Sarah Davies, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Davies, Glyn-terrace, was laid to rest on Saturday last. She was a bright, intelligent girl. After a short service at the house, the cortege proceeded to Pentwyn Churchyard for interment, the Rev. Richard Evans officiating. The chief mourners were: Messrs. William Martin Davies (father); Alun Morgan Davies (brother); Evan Morgan Davies, David Davies (grandparents); George Davies, Morgan Davies, Bryn Davies, Gomer Davies, Tom Davies, David John Davies, Ben Davies, William Lewis, Gilbert Harris, Bert Evans, Albert Wright, Sydney Evans, William John, Rhys Rees, Robert Davies (uncles); Edward Davies, W. Martin Davies, Habaccuc Morgan, Tudor Davies, Tudor Evans, Thomas John, Robert Haydn Jones, Daniel John, Evan Morgan Lewis (cousins); Bob Rees, Edward Evans, Harry Jones.

**20 February 1932** Obituary One of the oldest and most highly respected inhabitants of the village in the person of Mr. William Ballard, Aelybryn, has passed away at the age of 81 years.

**27 February 1932** Link with the Past: Mr. William Ballard, Aelybryn, aged 81 Amid signs of deep sorrow, Mr. William Ballard, Aelybryn, was laid to rest last week at Pant Cemetery. He was 81 years of age, and came to Fochriw over 50 years ago from Penydarren. He worked at the Fochriw Colliery until its closure in 1924. He was hale and hearty until the last few weeks of his life, and his genial countenance will be sadly missed. He was one of the stalwarts of Carmel Congregational Chapel, and one of the oldest deacons. He could be seen until the last, faithfully wending his way to the House of God. He could give very interesting reminiscences of the life of the village in the days of long ago. Sincere sympathy is extended to the family. After a short service at a house, the solemn cortege wended its way to Fochriw station, and thence to Pant. Rev. J. R. Salmon officiated. The chief mourners were: Messrs. William J. Thomas, Stephen, Caradoc and Arthur Ballard (sons); Ernest Cumpstone (son-in-law); Willie, Crad, and John Ballard, Idris, Nicholas, Bert and Arthur Cumpstone, Gwilym Davies, H. Ballard, G. Thomas (grandsons); T. Sayce (brother-in-law).

**5 March 1932** Funeral The funeral of Glyndwr, the young child of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wright, Pentwyn, took place on Saturday at Pentwyn Churchyard amidst manifestations of deep sorrow. The funeral, which was for gentleman only, was well attended. The Vicar officiated.

**5 March 1932** Obituary Quite a gloom was cast over the village when it became known that Mrs. S. Phillips, wife of Mr. Sydney Phillips, Pentwyn, had passed away. Deceased had suffered for a long time, but bore her sufferings with great Christian fortitude. She was a

faithful member of Noddfa Chapel, where she will be sadly missed as well as by her large circle of friends. To the sorrowing husband, children and family great sympathy is extended. The funeral, which was for gentleman only, was well attended. A service was held at the house, conducted by the Rev. Harris Jones and the Rev. D. Jones, Deri, after which the solemn cortege wended its way to Pentwyn Churchyard for interment. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Sydney Phillips (husband); Kenneth Phillips (son); T. Morgan (brother); Rees Jones and S. Jenkins (brothers-in-law); T. J. and E. Uzzell, J. Jones, A. Tedd (nephews); D. Roberts (uncle); J. Jones, W. Morgan, W. & T. Jones, T. Evans, T. Matthews, T. Pugh (cousins).

**12 March 1932** Obituary Mrs. Mary Ann Jenkins, wife of Mr. Thomas John Jenkins, an official at the Bedwas Colliery, was laid to rest at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday.

**30 April 1932** Obituary Fochriw mourns the loss of its oldest inhabitant in the person of Mrs. Margaret Jones, Guest-street, who has died in her 84<sup>th</sup> year. Deceased passed away on Sunday.

**30 April 1932** Obituary Fochriw mourned the passing of one of its highly respected citizens by the death of Mr. Walter Walters, Moore's-row, at the age of 72 years. Deceased was very widely known. Before the closure of the Fochriw Collieries, he held an official position, and was held in high esteem, as was evidenced last Saturday, when a large number of friends assembled to pay their last tribute. A short service was conducted at the house by the Rev. Esaiiah Williams, Cardigan, a friend of the family, after which the large cortege proceeded to Pentwyn Churchyard. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Tom M., John and George Walters (sons); Robert Thomas (son-in-law); Idwal and Idris Walters (grandchildren); Ben, George and David Jones (brothers-in-law); W. and E. Davey, T., D. W., and J. R. Walters, R. Hall, Dan Jones, Thomas H. Jones, Thomas J. Jones, A. Ballard, T. Harris, T. Miles, O. Parry and D. Lewis (nephews).

**7 May 1932** Laid to Rest The funeral of Mrs. Margaret Jones, Guest-street, took place on Thursday, amid signs of deep sorrow. Deceased was highly respected. She was a faithful member of Nazareth Church and was the oldest inhabitant of the village, having reached the age of 85 years. She had resided in the same house for sixty years. After a service at the house, conducted by the Rev. R. Evans, the cortege proceeded to Pant Cemetery. The chief mourners were: Messrs. David Davies (brother); E. I. Griffiths (nephew); Rev. J. I. Jones (nephew); Messrs. William Powell, R. Slimmon (cousins); T. Jones, Edward Jones, P. Jones (brothers in-law).

**28 May 1932** Death It is with regret that we record the death of Mrs. Baker, Chapel-street, Penybank, who passed away after a painful illness.

**28 May 1932** Obituary: Mr. John Morgan, Stoney Houses, Penybank, aged 59 It is a sad duty to record this week the death of another well-known figure in the life of the village in the person after Mr. John Morgan, at the age of 59 years. He was taken to Merthyr Hospital on Tuesday evening, where he died shortly after admission. The funeral, which was for gentleman, was well attended. A short service was held at the house, after which the solemn cortege wended its way to Pentwyn Churchyard for interment. The Vicar officiated. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Wyndham Morgan, Idris Morgan (sons); Evan Morgan (brother); George Jones, T. Williams (uncles); Tom Morgan, Thomas Henry Morgan, Willie J. Morgan, J. G. Gregory, M. Davies, J. M. Thompson, F. Thompson Fleece, W. J. Rees, W. J. Thomas (nephews); Idris Williams, John Evans, W. J. Jones, D. W. Strang (cousins).

**4 June 1932** Obituary The funeral of the late Mrs. Baker, Penybank, took place on Wednesday. Deceased was well known in the district, and highly respected. Sympathy is extended to the sorrowing family. The Rev. J. L. White conducted a short service at the house, before the cortege proceeded to Pentwyn Churchyard for interment. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Henry Baker (husband); P. Jenkins, T. Jenkins, G. Baker (sons); Miss A. Baker (daughter); Mr. and Mrs. Rowlands, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lewis (daughters and sons-in-law); Mr. and Mrs. G. Blake, Mr. and Mrs. J. Blake, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Blake (brothers and sisters-in-law); Mrs. Dobson (sister); Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Llewellyn (niece and nephew); Messrs. T. Lloyd, O. Saunders, D. Jenkins, F. Drayton (brothers-in-law); J Butts (uncle); Master C. Blake (nephew).

**11 June 1932** Obituary The death has occurred after a short illness of Mr. Albert Walters, 3, Pleasant View, who passed away on Monday. He was a deacon and trustee of Noddfa Chapel. To the wife and family sincere sympathy is extended.

**18 June 1932** Obituary: Annie May Dummett, Glyn-terrace We regret to record the death of Annie May, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Dummett. The funeral took place on Monday at Pentwyn Cemetery, the vicar officiating. The chief mourners were: Messrs. G. Dummett (father); Thomas I. Owen, E. Ll. Owen, Fred Dummett, Charles Dummett, Alfred Dummett, Percy Dummett, Evan Watkins, David Parry (uncles); Edward George Price, Thos. J. Jones, E. A. Davies, Evan J. Parry, D. J. Parry, Walter Parry, Willie Parry, David James Williams, William J. Williams.

Laid To Rest: Mr. Albert Walters, 3, Pleasant-view, aged 64 The funeral of the late Mr. Albert Walters took place on Thursday last amidst manifestations of sorrow. Deceased was 64 years of age, and had resided in the village for the greater part of his life. He was a deacon and trustee of Noddfa Baptist Chapel, where he will be sadly missed. The funeral was well attended and was of a representative character. After a short service in the house, conducted by the Rev. Esaiiah Williams, a former minister of Noddfa, the cortege wended its way to Pentwyn Churchyard for interment. The following deacons acted as bearers: Messrs. J. Bevan, J. Jones, T. Evans, J. Evans, T. Walters and J. Thomas. The Rev. E. Williams and Rev. Isaac Evans, Deri, officiated. The chief mourners were: Messrs. David W. Walters, John R. Walters (sons); Syd Evans and J. O. Parry (sons-in-law); Edward Jones, D. R. Johns, David Edwards (brothers-in-law); Thomas Walters, John Walters, George Walters, Robert Thomas, I. W., D., J. Davey, G. Davies, J. Jones, L. Jones, Tom Jones, Lewis Jones, Stanley Jones, William Jones, Tom Evans, W. J. Evans, T. Harris, R. Hall, David Jones, W. McCarthy, Arthur Ballard (nephews).

**2 July 1932** Deaths This week the deaths are recorded of the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Simpson, Martin-street, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Adams, Guest-street, which occurred after a few hours' illness.

**9 July 1932** Obituary The sudden death has taken place of John F. Simpson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Simpson, Martin-street, after a short illness. The Rev. J. L. White officiated at the house and graveside. The interment took place at Pentwyn Churchyard. To the bereaved, sincere sympathy is extended.

**9 July 1932** Obituary We regret to record the death of Doris Muriel Adams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Adams, Guest-street, who passed away after a short illness. The funeral took place on Saturday. After a short service in the house conducted by the Vicar, the cortege proceeded to Pentwyn Churchyard for interment. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Arthur Adams (father); Jack and Archie Adams (brothers); W. Curtis, F. W. Webb, James Curtis (uncles); G. Thomas, Eddie Powell, W. Webb, Reggie Curtis, J. Williams (cousins).

**30 July 1932** Obituary Quite a gloom was cast over the village when it became known that Mrs. Thomas Harris, Aelybryn, widow of the late Mr. Tom Harris, had passed away.

**30 July 1932** Obituary: Mrs. Mary Jane Morgan, Plantation-street, aged 51 The funeral of the late Mrs. Mary Jane Morgan, wife of Mr. John Morgan, took place on Wednesday. Deceased, who was 51 years of age, had resided in the village the whole of her life, and was the daughter of the late Mr. Thomas and Mrs. Mary Lewis. She was a faithful member Carmel Chapel. She leaves a husband, Mr. John Morgan (Superintendent of the St. John Ambulance Corps), two sons (one of whom, Mr. Willie Morgan, has just completed his course at Exeter College), and one daughter, Miss Mary Morgan. There was a large attendance at the funeral, which took place at Pant Cemetery. The officiating ministers were the Rev. J. R. Salmon, Pontlottyn, Rev. Richard Evans, Fochriw and Deri, and the Rev. Williams, Port Talbot. The chief mourners were: Messrs. John Morgan (husband); Willie Morgan (son); Miss Mary Morgan (daughter); Mr. and Mrs. Thomas John Morgan (son and daughter-in-law); Messrs. John, Edward and William Lewis (brothers); Thomas Evans, W. Griffiths, John Evans (brothers-in-law); Evan Morgan, Taliesin Jones, Evan Jones (brothers-in-law); Arthur Jones, David Jones, David Lewis, Johnny Lewis, Daniel Lewis, Emrys Lewis, Bob Rees, John Walters, W. J. Jones, Bryn Jones, Idris Jones, Evan Jones, John Bevan (nephews).



**23 July 1932** Obituary The village mourns the loss of a well-known and highly respected citizen in the person of Mrs. Mary Jane Morgan, 6, Plantation-street, who passed away on Sunday morning, after a short illness, patiently borne, at the age of 51. Great sympathy is extended to the family.

**6 August 1932** Obituary: Mrs. Margaret A. Harris, 2, Aelybryn, aged 58 There was a large and representative gathering at the funeral of Mrs. Margaret A. Harris on Thursday. She was 58 years of age, and a faithful member of St. Mary's Church. After a short service at the house conducted by the Vicar, the cortege proceeded to St. Mary's where a most impressive service was conducted. Mr. Octavius Richards played the Dead March, and as the body was carried out of the Church, the choir sang the "Nunc Dimittis." The bearers were members of the Church - Messrs. W. J. Payne, William D. Davies, Ernest Jones, and George Evans. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Harold Harris, Gilbert Harris (sons); W. R. Thatcher, S. J. Morgan (sons-in-law); J. E. Jones (brother-in-law); A. Greenslade (nephew); Master T. B. Thatcher (grandson).

**8 October 1932** Obituary It is with regret that we record the death this week of Miss Esther Thomas, daughter of Mrs. Thomas, and the late Mr. Thomas Thomas, Guest-street, who passed away at the age of 43.

**8 October 1932** Obituary It is with regret that the death is announced of Mrs. Margaret Davies, wife of Mr. William M. Davies, Glyn-terrace, who passed away on Thursday last. She had been ill for some time. Of a bright and cheerful disposition, she will be sadly missed by a large circle of friends. Before her marriage, she was on the teaching staff of the Penybank School. She was 36 years of age, and leaves a husband and three young children. Great sympathy is extended. After a short service at the house, conducted by the Rev. Richard Evans, the solemn cortege proceeded to Pentwyn Churchyard, all blinds en route being drawn as a silent tribute. The chief mourners were: Mr. William M. Davies (husband); Alun Davies (son); Messrs. David Davies (father); Evan M. Davies (father-in-law); Tom Davies, David J. Davies, D. Davies, Benjamin Davis (brothers); Bert Evans, David G. Evans, Albert Wright, Sydney Evans, Samuel Thomas, George Davies, William Lewis, Gilbert Harris, Morgan Davies, Bryn Davies, Gomer Davis (brothers-in-law); Tudor Evans, Willie Evans, Ewart Davies, Tudor Davies (nephews); J. B. Jones, Robert Davies, William Davies, Thomas C. Davies, William John, Thomas Davies, Joseph Williams, William Williams, Rees Rees (uncles); Stanley Jones, Henry James John, Tom John, Robert John, Dan John, Dan Davies, William M. Davies, David J. Meredith, John Davies, Glyn Davies, Morgan Williams, Stanley Jones, Bertie Jones, C. Ballard, Bob Rees, William Rees, Thomas J. Morgan, H. Morgan (cousins).

**15 October 1932** Funeral The funeral of Miss Esther Thomas, Guest-street, took place on Wednesday last week. After a short service at the house conducted by the Vicar, the solemn cortege proceeded to St. Mary's Church, of which deceased was a member. The cortege then proceeded to Pentwyn Churchyard. The chief mourners were: Mrs. Thomas (mother); Miss Mary E. Thomas (sister); Mr. David Daniel Thomas (brother); Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Rees Lewis (sister and brother-in-law); Master T. J. Lewis (nephew); Mr. and Mrs. Rees Thomas, Mr. Bowen, Mrs. Williams, Mr. David Thomas (uncles and aunts); Mrs. Lynch, Mr. T. J. Thomas (cousins).

**29 October 1932** Laid To Rest On Sunday, at Bedwellty Churchyard, Mr. William Mantle, Pentwyn, was buried. He had been solo cornet player in the old Fochriw Brass Band. His brother is the present conductor. Surviving members of the old band were present at the funeral.

**5 November 1932** Obituary A well known personality in the life of the village, where he had resided until the closing down of the collieries, in the person of Mr. Thomas John Wright, late of Aelybryn, passed away on Sunday last at Trethomas.

**12 November 1932** Obituary Mrs. Bessie Jones, 17, Martin-street, wife of Mr. Richard Jones, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hughes, died this week.

**19 November 1932** Funeral: Mrs. E. Jones, 17, Martin-street, aged 33 The funeral of Mrs. E. Jones, wife of Mr. Richard Jones, took place last week. Deceased was 33 years of age, and had suffered much for a long time, but bore her sufferings with great Christian fortitude. The

funeral was for gentleman only, and was well attended. A short service was held at the house conducted by the Rev. Richard Evans, after which the cortege proceeded to Fochriw station, and thence to Pant cemetery for interment. Great sympathy is extended to the family. The mourners were: Messrs. Richard Jones (husband); John Hughes (father); Harry, Willie and Wyndham Hughes (brothers); Nicholas Hughes, David Jacob Price, Tom Edwards, John Evans, John Walters (uncles); David J. Jones, Emrys Jones, Willie Jones, Rees Jones, David Lloyd (brothers-in-law); Thomas Edwards, George Davies, John Bennett Williams, Dan Jones, Clifford Davies, Lewis Evans, John H. Evans, Latimer Evans (cousins).

**3 December 1932** Obituary Her many friends heard with deep regret of the death of Mrs. Ann Davies, who passed away at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. G. Thomas, Aelybryn. She had celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on 5<sup>th</sup> November. Always of a genial and happy disposition, she was hale and hearty up to a few weeks ago. She was a native of Talybont, Cardiganshire, but had resided at Fochriw for the last 15 years. A service was conducted at the house by the Rev. Richard Evans, and of the Rev. R. Bell, Abercynon, after which the cortege preceded by road for interment at Talybont. The chief mourners will work: Messrs. Gwilym Thomas (son-in-law); Nehemiah Thomas, John G. Davies (grandsons); William Williams, Jess Williams, John Bevan, John Jones, Mordecai Evans, William Morris. As the cortege arrived at Talybont, it was met by the following members of the family: Mr. John Morris and family, Australia; Mr. Lewis Morris and family; Mrs. K. Slater and family (cousins).

**7 January 1933** Funeral On Monday, the funeral of the late Mr. William Powell, aged 73 years, took place. Deceased was a native of Erwood, but had spent much of his life at Fochriw, where his two daughters reside. He passed away at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. William T. Davies, Martin-street. He was a retired pensioner of the old Cambrian Railway Company, having held the post of ganger for 42 years. Before the cortege left by road for Erwood Baptist Chapel, a service was conducted at the house by the Rev. J. L. White, Vicar. The chief mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Davies (daughter and son-in-law); Mr. and Mrs. W. Gittoes (daughter and son-in-law); Mr. and Mrs. Hamer (daughter and son-in-law); Mrs. Davies and son (sister-in-law); Miss Nancy Davies, Mr. W. Davies, Reggie Gittoes, Mr. W. J. Gittoes, Mrs. Enid Jones, Mr. E. W. Jones (grandchildren). At the graveside, the service was conducted by the Revs. Roderick, and J. L. White .

**21 January 1933** Funeral Another landmark has been removed from the village with the death of Mr. Richard Davies, Brynteg, who passed away after a very brief illness, at the age of 82 years. The week before his death, he took his usual walks. He was a faithful member of Carmel Chapel, and could be seen wending his way week after week to worship. He was highly respected by a large circle of friends, and his genial countenance will be sadly missed. The funeral, on Monday, was well attended. A short service was held at the house, before the cortege proceeded to Pentwyn Churchyard for interment. The service at the graveside was conducted by the Rev. J. R. Salmon and the Rev. Richard Evans. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Walter Jones (son-in-law); Richard Jones, Glanville Jones (grandsons); James Davies and Edward Davies (nephews).

**21 January 1933** Funeral The funeral of Mrs. George Phillips, widow of the late Mr. G. Phillips, grocer, took place on Monday at Pentwyn. Deceased was well known in the locality, and was of a kind and generous disposition. She had been a visitor at Merthyr Infirmary for 30 years, and was an ardent member of Noddfa Chapel, of which her daughter, Miss Hilda Phillips, was the respected organist for many years. The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Esaiiah Williams, Cardigan, Rev. J. J. Roberts and the Rev. Richard Evans. The chief mourners were: Messrs. S. Phillips (son); Rees Jones, Sylvanus Jenkins (sons-in-law); David Roberts (brother-in-law); David L. Roberts, Jack Roberts, Brython Roberts (nephews); Kenneth Phillips, Islwyn Jones (grandsons); Jenkin Pugh, Thos. Evans, Thos. Matthews, William Evans (cousins); Messrs. Hugh Smith, Ben Evans, David Rees, Will Howells, Bert Jones, and Master Jackie Williams.

**21 January 1933** Obituary It is with great regret that the death is recorded of Mrs. Elizabeth Way, wife of Mr. Sydney Way, who passed away peacefully on Friday, after much

suffering borne with Christian fortitude. She died at Mountain Ash where she had gone to live.

**28 January 1933** Obituary: Mrs. Mary Roberts It is with deep regret that the Fochriw heard of the passing of Mrs. Mary Roberts, beloved wife of Mr. Edward J. Roberts, and sister of Mr. John Bevan, M. E. For many years she had lived at Fochriw with her parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Bevan. Mr. Bevan was manager of the Fochriw Collieries, and his son, the deceased's brother, Mr. John Bevan, followed in his father's footsteps as manager, until the collieries closed. He is still manager of the Fochriw Levels. Mrs. Roberts had been ailing for some time, but bore her suffering with great Christian fortitude, the end coming peacefully. Sympathy is extended to the family. The funeral, at Pant Cemetery on Saturday, was a very representative one.

**28 January 1933** Funeral: Mrs. Elizabeth Way The funeral of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Way, wife of Mr. Sydney Way, took place on Thursday last, amid signs of deep sorrow, at Pentwyn Churchyard. Deceased was a devoted church-worker. She had a large circle of friends, amongst whom she was highly respected. She was only 30 years of age. To the sorrowing husband and family great sympathy is extended. They had quite recently moved to Cefnpennar, Mountain Ash. A short service was conducted at the house by the Rev. Rage, and Mr. David Jones, after which the cortege proceeded to Fochriw, where it was met by a number of the deceased's friends. The coffin was taken into St. Andrew's Church, the service being conducted by the Vicar, and the Rev. John Francis, the vicar of Kenfig Hill. The chief mourners were: Mr. Sydney Way (husband); Mr. Herbert Jones (father); Miss Annie Downs (sister); Mrs. George Way (mother-in-law); Mrs. Edith Jones (cousin); Messrs. J. Jones, Walter Way (uncle); E. Jones, Walter Jones, Gomer Evans, David Evans, Linden Hill, Rowland Hill, David Way, Willie Way, Fred Way, Albert Yeo, W. J. Davies (cousins).

**4 February 1933** Obituary It is with regret we record the passing of Mrs. Ann Lewis, 10, Aelybryn, widow of the late Mr. John Lewis.

**4 February 1933** Laid To Rest: Mr. Henry Thomas, 5, Station-terrace, aged 39 Fochriw mourns another of her sons in the person of Mr. Henry Thomas, husband of Mrs. H. Thomas, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Jenkin Thomas, Martin-street. Deceased was 39 years of age. He was a sidesman at the Parish Church. He was chairman of the British Legion. The funeral was on Monday. A short service was held at the house by the Vicar. The coffin was covered with the Union Jack and a wreath of poppies. The Fochriw Silver Band played the Dead March. At St. Mary's Church, ex-servicemen, under the command of Mr. A. Bate, each wearing a Flanders Poppy, attended. The Vicar and the Rev. L. D. Jones, conducted the service. At Pentwyn Churchyard members of the Legion were bearers. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Jenkin Thomas (father); David and Howell Thomas (brothers); Lewis, Richard and William Jones, David Uzzell, David Saunders, Bert Lloyd, W. J. Williams, Thomas and R. Harris (brothers-in-law); W. & Howell Thomas, Thomas Walters, R. Jones, Thomas Williams, J. M. Evans (uncles); Jenkin G. Uzzell, Islwyn Saunders, William Jones, (nephews); Howell & W. Thomas, Glyn Thomas, D. O. Davies, Robert Polley, J. J. Lewis, David J. Davies, D. J. Williams, Lewis Evans, Latimer Evans, Willie Walters, D. E. Davies, T. Williams, Stephen Jones, James Harris, John Harris, T. Williams, John Williams, D. J. Williams, J. I. Williams, William Evans and D. G. Thomas (cousins).

**11 February 1933** Burial: Mr. W. D. Powell, Cwmbargoed On Monday, the funeral of the late Mr. W. D. Powell, Cwmbargoed, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard. Deceased was well known in the district. The funeral was well attended. A short service was conducted at the house by the Vicar, after which the solemn cortege proceeded to Pentwyn. To the sorrowing wife and family, sympathy is extended.

**11 February 1933** Funeral: Mrs. Ann Lewis, 10, Aelybryn, aged 64 On Saturday, Mrs. Ann Lewis was laid to rest at the age of 64. She had resided practically the whole of her life in the village, and was held in high esteem. The funeral, for gentleman only, was a large one. A short service was held at the house, and the interment was at Pentwyn Churchyard. All blinds en route were drawn as a silent tribute to the deceased. The services were conducted by the Rev. Richard Evans. The chief mourners were: Messrs. W. R. Lewis, Thomas I. Lewis, David Lewis (sons); W. Way, W. Angell, Percy Cumpstone (sons-in-law); Brinley

Cumpstone, Graham Cumpstone (grandsons); John, Henry and David Harris (brothers); John R., Teg., David., Simon, John, Leslie, and Trevor Harris, Tudor Davies, Horace and Arthur Rowbottom, David Jones, Elfed Lewis (nephews); W. Lewis (brother-in-law); Joseph and John Jones, Daniel Davies, Isaac Edwards, James, William, and Evan Harris, Mr. Long (cousins).

**18 February 1933** Obituary The sudden death of Mrs. Percy Pike, who was well known before her marriage as Miss Nan Prosser, is deeply regretted. She was a zealous church worker before her departure to Poole, Bournemouth. She leaves a husband and one son to mourn.

**4 March 1933** Obituary The death has occurred of Mr. John Evans, Guest-street. Sincere sympathy is extended to the family.

**11 March 1933** Obituary We have to record the death of a highly respected inhabitant of the district in the person of Mr. John Evans, 27, Guest-street, who passed away after a painful illness, borne with a great Christian fortitude. He was 65 years of age, and had resided in the village practically all of his life. He had been an active member of Noddfa Chapel from many years. He was the possessor of a rich tenor voice, and in his younger days was a keen eisteddfod competitor and prize-winner. The funeral, on Saturday, was for gentleman only, and was well attended and very representative. A short service was held at the house, conducted by the Rev. Richard Evans, after which the solemn cortege proceeded by train to Pant, where the interment took place. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Tom Evans, Aneurin Evans, Emlyn Evans, Emrys Evans (sons); Tom Davies, Habacuc Morgan, John Francis (sons-in-law); Daniel Evans and Richard Evans (brothers); Emlyn Evans, Gwyn Evans, John Ivor Davies, Ivor Morgan, Aneurin Morgan, Jack Evans (grandsons); Walter Thomas, Daniel Jenkins, George Thomas, Aneurin Jones, Tom Jones, David John Thomas, Matt Lewis (brothers-in-law); Sydney Evans, Thomas John Evans, Uriah Evans, Robert Thomas, Caradog Thomas, John Thomas, Tom Jenkins, Daniel Jenkins, Lewis H. Jones, Aneurin Thomas, Thomas J. Jones, Evan W. Jones, Richard Jones, T. J. Jones, Aneurin Davies, Bert Gallop (nephews). Revs. R. Evans and D. R. James officiated at the graveside.

**1 April 1933** Death We regret to record the death of Mr. David Terence Simpson, at the early age of 19 years. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Simpson, 21, Martin Street, and had only been removed to Glan Ely Hospital, a week before his death. Sincere sympathy is extended to the family.

**8 April 1933** Laid To Rest: David Terence Simpson, 21, Martin-street, aged 19 On Thursday last, amid manifestations of deep sorrow, the funeral took place of David Terence Simpson. Deceased, who was 19 years of age, was of a bright and genial disposition, and loved by all with whom he came in contact. He had been in ailing for some time. A short service was held at the house by the Rev. Richard Evans, after which the cortege preceded to Pentwyn Churchyard. All blinds were drawn as a tribute. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Henry Simpson (father); John Protheroe, David Edwards, A. H. Crook (cousins); Elias Davies, John Davies, George Shankland, Aneurin Shankland, (uncles); Thomas Shankland, Caradog Shankland, Meirion Shankland, Tom Shankland, Wm. Shankland, John Davies, Burkley Davies, Willie Angell Davies, Kenneth Owen, Willie Lewis, Elwyn Lewis, Clifford Lewis, Jas. Jones, Jas. Davies, Willie Angell, Mr. Edwards, John Smith, A. Protheroe.

**22 April 1933** Obituary The funeral of Roy Jones, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Jones, Brook House, took place on Wednesday. The Vicar officiated.

**29 April 1933** Obituary We have to record the death of Mrs. T. J. Evans, Guest-street. Sympathy is extended to the bereaved family

**6 May 1933** Obituary Eric, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Cole, Brynteg, passed away on Sunday.

**6 May 1933** Obituary: Mrs. T. J. Evans, 33, Guest-street The funeral of Mrs. T. J. Evans took place last week. A short service was held at the house conducted by the Vicar, after which the solemn cortege proceeded to Pentwyn Churchyard for interment. All blinds were drawn en route as a silent tribute to deceased. The chief mourners were: Mr. Thomas John Evans (husband); Masters Mervyn and Roy Evans (sons); Messrs. Charles Grimmatt (father); G. Grimmatt (brother); L. Small (brother-in-law); Douglas Small (nephew); Charles Edwards,

David Evans, Dan and Richard Evans (uncles); Mr. Davies, Messrs. Glyndwr Edwards, Tom & Aneurin Evans, Crad & Robert Thomas, Emrys Evans, H. Morgan, T. J. Jones, Evan W. Jones (cousins).

**13 May 1933** Obituary: Eric Cole, Brynteg The funeral of Eric, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Cole, took place on Saturday last amidst manifestations of deep sorrow. A short service was conducted at the house by the Rev. Richard Evans, after which the solemn cortege wended its way to Pentwyn Churchyard for interment. The mourners were: Mr. James Cole (father); Master David Cole (brother); Messrs. D. J. Evans (grandfather); David Cole, D. Parry, E. Davies, John Davies, Simon Cole, William Cole (uncles); Thomas Jones, T. J. Davies, Berkley Davies, James Jones, J. Davies, George Cole.

**13 May 1933** Laid To Rest: Mrs. Hannah Evans, 27, Guest-street, aged 65 It is a sad duty this week to record the death of a well-known citizen in the person of Mrs. Hannah Evans, 27, Guest-street, aged 65 years, who passed away last week, after much suffering borne with Christian fortitude. She was the widow of Mr. John Evans, who was buried only nine weeks ago. Quite a gloom was cast over the village, and sincere sympathy is extended to the family in losing father and mother in a few weeks. The funeral took place on Monday, and was well attended. After a short service in the house conducted by the Rev. Richard Evans, the solemn cortege proceeded to Fochriw station, and thence to Pant Cemetery for interment. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Tom, Aneurin, Emlyn, and Emrys Evans (sons); Tom Davies, H. Morgan, Jack Francis (sons-in-law); Emlyn, John Ivor, Ivor, Aneurin, Gwyn, Jack (grandsons); Aneurin Jones, Tom Jones (brothers); Daniel Jenkins, George Thomas, David J. Thomas, Matt. Lewis, J. Davies, Dan Evans, Richard Evans, Walter Thomas (brothers-in-law); T. J. Evans, T. J. Jones, Tom Jenkins, Dan Jenkins, L. H. Jones, Aneurin Thomas, Aneurin Davies, Caradog Thomas, Robert Thomas, Evan Wm. Jones, E. Trollope (nephews); John James & others.

**3 June 1933** Death Miss Annie Jones, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Jones, 5, Railway Cottages, Cwmbargoed, passed away in hospital last week, after a painful illness, borne with Christian fortitude. The family buried another daughter, Mrs. Sydney Way, only a few months ago. Sincere sympathy is extended. A short service was conducted at the house by the Vicar, Rev. J. L. White, after which the solemn cortege proceeded to Pentwyn Churchyard for interment. A service was conducted at St. Andrew's Church. The chief mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Jones (parents); Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Bowen (brothers and sisters-in-law); Mr. Sydney Way (brother-in-law); Mr. Vaughan, Miss Edith Jones (cousins); Mr. J. Downes (uncle); as well as many friends.

**24 June 1933** Obituary Mr. David Evans, 18, Aelybryn, passed away on Saturday after a long illness at the age of 73. We extend sincere sympathy to the family.

**1 July 1933** Laid To Rest: Mr. David Evans, Aelybryn, aged 73 The funeral of the late Mr. David Evans took place last week. Deceased, who was 73 years of age, had resided in the village practically the whole of his life, and was held in high esteem. He will be missed by a large circle of friends. A short service was held at the house, conducted by the Rev. J. R. Salmon, Pontlottyn, after which the cortege proceeded to Pentwyn Churchyard for interment. The chief mourners were: Mr. David Evans and Mr. Gorman Evans (sons); Mr. Edmund Davies (grandson); Mr. W. H. Davies, Mr. Stephen Ballard (sons-in-law); Evan Jones, Bert Hill, Will Small (brothers-in-law); W. J. Harris, Rowland Hill, Lyndon Hill, Tom Smith, Tom Harris, S. Way, Llewellyn Small, Henry Small, Lemuel Small, W. Oliver (nephews).

**15 July 1933** Obituary Quite a gloom was cast over the district on Tuesday when it became known that Mr. Johnny Cogan, Aelybryn, had passed away with dramatic suddenness. He was taken ill on Sunday evening. On Monday night he was removed to Merthyr General Hospital suffering from an internal complaint, and on Tuesday passed away. He was 21 years of age. Sympathy is extended to the family.

**22 July 1933** Obituary We regret to record the death of Mr. Evan Jones, 14, Glen View, Pentwyn. Deceased was well known in the district and to the sorrowing widow and family much sympathy is extended.

**22 July 1933** Laid To Rest: Mr. Ivor Carlton Coggan, Aelybryn, aged 21 Amid manifestations of deep sorrow, the funeral took place on Saturday last of Mr. Ivor Carlton

Coggan. Deceased was of a bright and lovable disposition, and was highly respected, as was testified by the large number who assembled to pay their last tribute. A short service was held at the house, after which the cortege proceeded to St. Mary's Church, of which deceased was a member, all blinds en route being drawn in silent tribute. Members of the Parochial Church Council acted as bearers. The Vicar conducted the service and officiated at the graveside. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Arthur Coggan (father); Vernon Coggan (brother); Masters Ralph, John, Lindsey Coggan (brothers); Messrs. J. Wellings (grandfather); Levi Pritchard, W. Wellings, F. Attwell, Will Jones (uncles); Desmond Pritchard, R. G. Attwell, Idris Wellings, G. Watkins (cousins).

**29 July 1933** Obituary It is our sad duty this week to record the death of Mr. Edwin R. Llewellyn, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Llewellyn, grocers, Fochriw. Deceased was residing in London and was very highly respected. Sympathy goes out to the family.

**29 July 1933** Obituary The funeral of a very old inhabitant of Fochriw, Mr. William G. Evans, took place last week. Before moving to Dowlais to take charge of the Farmers' Arms, and later the Lord Nelson, Merthyr, he was a winding engineman at the Fochriw No. 2 Colliery, where he was held in high esteem. Sincere sympathy goes out to the family.

**29 July 1933** Funeral The funeral of Mr. Evan Jones, 14, Glen-view, Pentwyn, took place on Saturday. Deceased was 64 years of age and well-known and highly respected, having resided of the village for many years, where he will be sadly missed. A short service was held in the house conducted by the Vicar, who also officiated at St. Andrew's Church and at the graveside. To the widow and family sympathy is extended. The chief mourners were: Messrs. John Jones (brother); William Mantle, Thomas Mantle (brothers-in-law); William Jones, Thomas Jones, D. Jones, Clifford H. Mantle, Emlyn Mantle, Onfel Mantle (nephews); George Mantle, Albert Mantle, Thomas Jones, Thomas Mantle, David Davies, Price Davies, Thomas Mantle (cousins); Jones Jones, Iorwerth Jones (nephews). The bearers were Messrs. David Lloyd, John Lloyd, William Davies.

**5 August 1933** Omission The following names were omitted from the account last week of the funeral of the late Mr. Evan Jones: Mr. Gwilym Llewellyn, Pentwyn Farm (bearer), and Mr. E. J. Mantle (cousin).

**12 August 1933** Death It is with feelings of deep regret that the news of the death of Police Sergeant William Howells was heard on Saturday morning. Deceased, who was 50 years old, was a most popular officer. He leaves a widow and four sons, two of whom are pupils at Bargoed Secondary School, to mourn their loss. A report will appear next week.

**12 August 1933** Sudden Death It is with deep regret we have to record the sudden-death of an old inhabitant of the village in the person of Mr. Fred J. Wootten, who passed away with dramatic suddenness on Saturday. Before moving to Glyn Neath he was on the teaching staff of Fochriw schools. To the sorrowing widow and son our sympathy goes out in their sad bereavement.

**19 August 1933** Laid to Rest The funeral of Police Sergeant Howells took place on Wednesday. He was a native of Chepstow prior to joining the Glamorgan Police Force. He had been a member of the force for 26 years, and before coming to Fochriw, 12 years ago, he had been stationed at Penarth, Barry and Caerphilly. He had associated himself with every movement for the good of the village. He was the chairman of the Fochriw Silver Band, and a member of the Fochriw Welfare Committee. He was a keen rugby player in past days, being a formidable forward playing for Penarth Rugby Football Club. The funeral was a very representative one. The police were under the command of Inspector W. H. Williams, Pontlottyn; members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade were under Corps Officer W. J. Ballard, and there were a large number of the general public. The Fochriw Silver Band, conducted by Bandmaster Albert Mantle, played the "Dead March" in "Saul." Sincere sympathy is extended to the widow and four sons. The chief mourners were: Mrs. Howells (widow); Messrs. William, Walter J., David C., and Patrick D. Howells (sons); Mr. and Mrs. S. Phillips, Caerphilly; Mr. and Mrs. C. Lewis, Cardiff (sisters and brothers-in-law); Mrs. E. Howells, Mr. and Mrs. McCarthy, Barry; Mr. and Mrs. O'Callaghan, Barry; Mr. D. O'Leary, Barry (brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law); Mr. Steve Thomas, Mardy (nephews).

**2 September 1933 Funeral** We regret to announce the death of Mrs. E. Richards, 7, Plantation-terrace, at the age of 80 years. The death took place on 20<sup>th</sup> August, with three of her daughters at her bedside, two of whom had come from Clevedon, Somerset - Mrs. Cox and Mrs. Saunders. She has lived with her daughter, Mrs. Elsie Ballard, since she came from Somerset 12 years ago. The interment took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday, Rev. Evans officiating. The mourners were: Messrs. J. Richards, W. Richards (sons); William Barnard (son-in-law); Penry Ballard (grandson); C. Harris (nephew); C. Grimmet, W. Davey, F. Davey; Mrs. Davey and Mrs. Green (daughters); Miss M. E. Richards (grand daughter); Mrs. Davies, Cymmer (niece).

**16 September 1933 Obituary** We regret to record the death of a well-known inhabitant of the village in the person of Mr. Thomas Davies, Pit-row, who passed away on Friday in his 40<sup>th</sup> year.

**23 September 1933 Funeral** The funeral of Mr. Thomas M. Davies, Pit-row, took place on Wednesday last. Deceased, who was well-known in the village, was 40 years of age. He served throughout the Great War with the Welsh Guards. After a short service at the house, conducted by the Vicar, the cortege proceeded to Pentwyn Churchyard, and was headed by the Fochriw Silver Band, under their conductor Mr. Albert Mantle. The coffin was covered with the Union Jack and many beautiful floral tributes. At St. Andrew's Church, the service was conducted by the Vicar, who also officiated at the graveside. Bugler Bob Rees sounded the "Last Post." The mourners were: Master John Davies (son); Messrs. Edward Davies, Anthony Davies, William M. Davies (brothers); William Pope, William Parry, Walter Poole, William Poole, George Sullivan (brothers-in-law); Evan M. Davies, George Davies, Morgan Davies, Bryn Davies, Tudor Davies, Teddy Davies, Emlyn Davies, H. Morgan, William Lewis, Ben Evans, Gilbert Harris, William T. Morgan, Edward Evans, Charles Thomas, Jack Thomas, Jack Howells, Thomas Howells (cousins).

**23 September 1933 Obituary** On Wednesday, the funeral of Mr. T. F. Potter, Brynteg-terrace, took place. Deceased met with an accident whilst motorcycling near Abergavenny last Thursday. His sudden death, at the age of 21, cast quite a gloom over the village, where he was held in great respect. After a short service at the house, conducted by County Councillor William Hancock, Pontlottyn, the cortege proceeded to Rhymney for interment, all blinds en route being drawn in a silent tribute to the deceased. A large number attended the funeral. Mr. Hancock again officiated at the graveside. The chief mourners were: Messrs. David Thomas (father); Sam Potter, Horace Potter, Harold Potter, George Thomas, Islwyn Thomas (brothers); Fred Carter (brother-in-law); W. Kelly (friend); T. Potter, J. Potter, William Potter, Arthur Potter, J. Williams, C. Martin (uncles); Arthur Martin, Wyndham Martin, Thomas Potter, D. Thomas, T. Watkins, and J. E. Williams, Ronnie Watkins, T. Sullivan, G. Sullivan, Jn. Buckley, Tim Buckley, Tom Powell, Jn. Martin, David Jenkins (cousins).

**30 September 1933 Obituary** The death has taken place of a well-known and highly respected inhabitant of the village in the person of Mr. Walter Thomas, 6, Dynevor-street, who passed away, aged 62, on Saturday morning.

**7 October 1933 Funeral** The funeral of Mrs. Walter Thomas, Dynevor-street, took place last week. Deceased, who was 63 years old, was well known in the village, where she had spent practically the whole of her life, and was held in high esteem. A short service was held at the house conducted by the Rev. J. C. Evans, Pontlottyn, after which the solemn cortege proceeded to Pentwyn Churchyard for interment. The Rev. Evans again officiated at the graveside. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Walter Thomas (husband); Crad, Robert, John, and Egryn Thomas (sons); Dan Evans, Richard Evans (brothers); David Thomas (brother-in-law); Tom Evans, Thomas J. Evans, Thomas J. Jones, Evan W. Jones, Uriah Evans, Richard Evans, David E. Evans, Emrys Evans, Tom Davies, H. Ballard, Jim Jones, Cyril Morgan, Emlyn Evans, John I. Davies (nephews); Tom Lewis, Bryn Lewis, Evan Evans, Edward Thomas, John Williams, William J. Griffiths, Thomas J. Jenkins, Thomas H. Morgan (cousins).

**2 December 1933 Obituary** The sudden death of Evelyn Cumpstone, Brynteg-terrace, took place on Wednesday week after only a day's illness. Great sympathy is extended to the family.

The funeral took place on Monday and was well attended. After a short service in the house conducted by the Revs. Seeley, and Salmon, Pontlottyn, the solemn cortege wended its way to Pentwyn Churchyard for interment. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Bert Cumpstone (father); T. Owen and E. Cumpstone (grandfathers); Arthur Cumpstone, Idris Cumpstone, Nicholas Cumpstone, Cadvan Cumpstone, T. Jones, Bryn Rees, E. Evans, Stephen Ballard, Thomas Ballard, Arthur Ballard, Crad Ballard, P. Cumpstone, W. Duggan, T. Taylor, H. Wells, R. Davies (uncles).

**9 December 1933** Obituary We regret to record the death of a well-known and highly respected inhabitant in the person of Mr. William John Ballard, Guest-street. Deceased was one of the pioneers of ambulance work in the district, and held the rank of Corps Inspector of the Stores.

**16 December 1933** Obituary We have to record the death of Mr. Thomas John Morgan, Hill-row, Pentwyn.

**16 December 1933** Funeral: Mr. William John Ballard, Guest-street, aged 61 years The funeral of Mr. William John Ballard took place on Thursday. He was one of the pioneers of ambulance work in the district. He held the rank of corps inspector of stores. The funeral was attended by a large number of ambulance men in uniform from Dowlais, Penydarren, Fochriw, Bedlinog, Pontlottyn, and Deri; also, Centre Sec. Mr. Arthur Lucus (Merthyr), and Sergeant-Major Goodlin (Dowlais). After a short service at the house, conducted by the Rev. Richard Evans, the solemn cortege proceeded to Pentwyn Churchyard. The following acted as bearers: Superintendent John Morgan, Fochriw; Corps Officer T. J. Hughes, Bedlinog; Sergeant Howell Thomas, Corporal Edward Lewis, and Corporal Tom Evans (Fochriw). Corps Sec. A. Chance (Dowlais) was in charge at the graveside. The Rev. Richard Evans made touching references to the deceased's useful life, after which Bugler Bob Rees sounded the "Last Post." The chief mourners were: Willie, Caradog, Ednyfed, Eifionydd, Stephen and John Ballard (sons); Master Penry Ballard (grandson); Messrs. Thomas, Stephen, Caradog, and Arthur Ballard (brothers); Ernest Cumpstone, Job Thomas and D. J. Jacob (brothers-in-law); Idris Cumpstone, Nicolas Cumpstone, Bert Cumpstone, Arthur Cumpstone, Cadvan Cumpstone, Gwilym Davies, Gareth Thomas, and D. Janes (nephews); Messrs. David I. Evans, Tom I. Evans, David Lewis and Elwyn Edwards (cousins).

**23 December 1933** Funeral: Mr. Evan Jones, 24, Guest St., aged 72 years Mr. Evan Jones passed away with dramatic suddenness on Friday morning. He was 72 years of age and had resided in the village for the greater part of his life. He was a faithful member of Nazareth Chapel, and senior deacon for many years. The funeral took place on Tuesday. After a short service at the house, the cortege proceeded to Pentwyn Churchyard for interment. At the graveside the Revs. Richard Evans and D. Harris Jones gave testimony to the deceased's useful life. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Evan John Jones, Willie Adams Jones, Griffith Jones and John Adams Jones (sons); Thomas Jones (brother); Tom Hughes (nephew); John Lewis (son-in-law); Thomas Pugh, Richard Pugh, George Watkins, David Davies (brothers in-law); Dan Jones, Griffith Pugh, Evan Watkins, John Williams, Jenkin Williams (nephews).

**30 December 1933** Obituary Mr. John Jones, Pit-row, passed away on Christmas Day after the long illness.

**30 December 1933** Obituary: Mr. Thomas John Morgan, Hill-row, Pentwyn, aged 55 years The funeral of Mr. Thomas John Morgan took place on Wednesday. A short service was conducted by the vicar at the house, after which the solemn cortege wended its way to Pentwyn Churchyard, the vicar again officiating. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Edward J. Morgan and Alfred M. Morgan (sons); John Jones and William J. Jones (sons-in-law); Jackie Jones, Malcolm Jones, David Jones (grandsons); Habacuc Morgan (brother); Benjamin Evans, James Williams, Caradoc Ballard (brothers in-law); Evan Morgan Davies, Edward Lewis (uncles); Thomas Jones, Rod Jones, William T. Morgan, Edward M. Evans, Iorwerth Williams, Ivor Morgan (nephews); George Mantle, Percy Mantle, Albert Mantle, William M. Davies, George Davies, John Mantle, Thomas M. Mantle, Evans J. Mantle, Haydn Mantle, William Lewis, William Parry, Thomas Jones, W. Pope, Stephen Lewis (cousins).

**6 January 1934** Omission The name of Mr. Cyril Cook (cousin) was omitted from the list of mourners at the funeral of Mr. T. J. Morgan, Pentwyn.



**6 January 1934** Obituary The death has taken place of Mrs. Sullivan, Stoney-houses, Penybank, after a long illness.

**6 January 1934** Obituary: Mr. John Jones, Pit-row On Saturday, the funeral of Mr. John Jones, Pit-row, took place. Deceased met with an accident 13 years ago and had been confined to his bed until his death. After a short service in the house, conducted by the Rev. Ieuan Evans, Rhymney, the solemn cortege wended its way to Pentwyn Churchyard for interment. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Wm. Jones (son); Willie J., Eddie, David and Griff Jones (grandsons); Emlyn Rees, Morgan and Thomas Jones (brothers); John Thomas, Joseph Rees, Ll. James (brothers in-law); John, Edward and William Lewis, W. Griffiths, John Morgan, Morgan David, Joseph Morgan, David T. and Thomas Jones, Simon Clark, W. T. and Johnny Lewis.

**6 January 1934** Laid To Rest: Mr. George Smith, Guest-street, aged 46 The sudden death of Mr. George Smith, Guest-street, has taken place at the age of 46. He was held in high esteem. The funeral took place on Saturday at Pentwyn Churchyard, the Rev. Rd. Evans officiating. The bearers were members of the British Legion. At the graveside, the "Last Post" was sounded by Bugler Bob Rees. The chief mourners were: Masters Claude and Tom Smith; Messrs. W. Smith (brother); Walter Way, James and William Davis, Willie, Bertie, Albert and Noah Way, Willie Angell, James Davies, Berkley Davies, D. Morris, Harry Price, Tudor Evans, Elias and John Davies, Berkley and W. J. Angell, Berkley Davies, Willie and Berkley Angell, James Jones, James Davies, W. J. Angel, Oliver Davies, E. Hiscox, Robert Parry, W. E. Jones and D. J. Davies.

**13 January 1934** Omission The names of Messrs. Charles White, Ernest White (cousins), Glyn Thomas and D. T. Thomas were omitted from the list of mourners at the funeral of Mr. George Smith.

**13 January 1934** Laid To Rest: Mrs. May J. Sullivan, Penybank The funeral of Mrs. Mary J. Sullivan, Penybank, took place on Thursday at Pentwyn Churchyard. A short service was conducted at the house by the Vicar, who also officiated at the graveside. The chief mourners were: Messrs. J. Sullivan (husband); William, T. J., and Richard Sullivan (sons); R.J. Bishop, Edwin Bishop, S. M. Bishop (brothers); H. Addis (brother-in-law); S. Roberts, William Cochlin, J. Cochlin, S. Roberts (nephews). At the house the mourners were: Misses Johanna, Mary and Norah Sullivan (daughters); Mrs. Richards (mother); Mrs. William Price, Mrs. Addis (sisters); Mrs. Morgan and Mrs. Lewis.

**3 February 1934** Obituary: Mrs. Catherine May Thomas, Aelybryn, aged 55 Mrs. Catherine May Thomas, aged 55, wife of Mr. Gwilym Thomas, was buried on Saturday at Pentwyn Churchyard. She came to Fochriw 21 years ago. She is survived by her husband and one son, to whom much sympathy is extended. A short service at the house was conducted by the Rev. Richard Evans, and the Rev. R. W. Bell. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Gwilym Thomas (husband); Nehemiah D. Thomas (son); J. G. Davies (nephews); W Williams, Jess Williams, John Bevan (cousins); Benjamin Thomas, John Jones (brothers-in-law); Lewis Morris, T. Walters, Ronald Walters, Mordecai Evans, Loyal Evans, Richard Davis (cousins).

**10 February 1934** Obituary The death has occurred of Mr. Daniel Evans, Penybank, after long and painful illness.

**17 February 1934** Obituary: Mr. Daniel Evans, Penybank, aged 74 The funeral of Mr. Daniel Evans took place on Wednesday. He was 74 years of age. A short service was held at the house conducted by the Rev. Ieuan Evans. The interment was at Pentwyn Churchyard. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Joseph, Thomas, Albert J. and Daniel Evans (sons); G. Greening, A. Martin, E. Lewis, E. Thomas, T. Uzzell (sons-in-law); Emlyn and Fred Uzzell, A. Martin (grandsons). Mourners at the house: Mrs. Daniel Evans (widow); Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Greening, Mrs. Thomas Lewis (daughters); Glenys and IvWilliams (granddaughters); Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Smith (nieces); Mrs. A. J. Evans, Mrs. Jos. Evans, Mrs. D. L. Evans (daughters-in-law); Mrs. Darter (friend).

**3 March 1934** Obituary: Mr. Albert Williams A funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Tuesday of Mr. Albert Williams, a former inhabitant of the village. He was a well-known member and outstanding player in the Fochriw and Deri Silver Bands.

**3 March 1934** Obituary: Mr. John Griffiths, Aelybryn, aged 73 The death has occurred of Mr. John Griffiths, Aelybryn, at the age of 73 years. He had lived for the greater part of his life at Fochriw, and was a member of Carmel Chapel. The funeral on Saturday was well-attended, and after a short service at the house, conducted by the Rev. J. R. Salmon, Pontlottyn, the cortege proceeded to Pentwyn Churchyard for interment. The mourners were: Messrs. David Ieuan Griffiths (son); James Griffiths, Jenkin Pugh (brothers); T. F. Collins, W. E. Fox (sons-in-law); Thomas Evans, J. Davies, S. Jones (brothers-in-law); David Griffiths, E. J. Evans, Jack Davies, E. Davies, Thos. Dean, W. G. Davies, Syd Wright, W. J. Wright, Albert Wright, Ray White, D. Pugh Williams (nephews and cousins).

**3 March 1934** Laid To Rest: Mrs. Jessie Davies, Plantation-terrace, aged 62 Mrs. Jessie Jane Davies, wife of Mr. Elias Davies, died on Friday, aged 62. She was a faithful member of Nazareth Chapel, and will be sadly missed by a large circle of friends. The funeral took place on Tuesday. A service was conducted at the house by the Reverend Richard Evans. At the graveside, reference was made to deceased's Christian qualities and devotion. The mourners were: Messrs. Elias Davies (husband); John Davies, Willie A. Davies, Burkley Davies (sons); James Jones, David J. Davies (sons-in-law); Ewart Davies, Burkley Davies (grandsons); Burkley Angell, Alfred Angell, Willie J. Angel, (brothers); William Thomas, John Davies, James Davies (brothers-in-law); Burkley Angell, Willie Angell, W. J. Angel, Will Angell, Howell Thomas, Willie Thomas, Glyn Thomas, Willie A. Davies, James A. Davies, Burkley Davies, James Davies, J. Elias Davies, James Cole, John Griffiths, E. Hiscox, J. J. Lewis, Robert Parry, Oliver Davies, Sam Price, David J. Davies, Haydn Davies, David Morris, Harry Price, Harry Simpson, David Davies, Daniel Davies, Roger Vaughan, Haydn Jones, David Jones.

**10 March 1934** The Late Mr. Simon E. Cole, 24, Aelybryn, aged 65 Mr. Simon Cole died last week after a very painful illness. Deceased was 65 years of age, and had lived the greater part of his life in Fochriw. Before the closing of the collieries, he was an official in the employ of Messrs. G.K.N. where he was held in high esteem. The funeral, on Monday, was well attended, the place of interment being Pentwyn Churchyard. The officiating minister was the Rev. D. Jones, Deri. The chief mourners were: Messrs. George Cole (son); William Cole (brother); T Millward and W. R. Evans (sons-in-law); Master L. Cole Millward (grandson); Messrs. T. Lloyd Evans, T. Jones, W. G. Davies, David Davies (brothers-in-law); James Jones, David Cole Jones, John Cole, James Cole John R. W. Jones, Gwynfor Davies, Tom Davies, James Turner, Lodwick Davies (nephews); J. Lewis, J. Williams, J. E. Williams (cousins).

**17 March 1934** Obituary We regret to record the death of Mrs. Muriel Lewis, wife of Mr. Syd Lewis, Guest-street, after a long illness.

**24 March 1934** The Late Mr. J. Davies, Cwm Farm The funeral of Mr. James Davies, Cwm Farm, took place on Thursday. Deceased was well-known in the locality, where he was held in high esteem. The place of internment was Pentwyn Churchyard. The Vicar officiated.

**24 March 1934** The Late Mrs. M. J. Lewis, Guest-street, aged 26 The funeral of Mrs. Muriel Jones Lewis took place on Thursday last. Deceased was 26 years of age. She was a faithful member of Nazareth Chapel, where she will be sadly missed. The funeral was at Pentwyn Churchyard, and the officiating minister was of the Rev. Richard Evans. At the grave-side, the Ladies' Party, conducted by Mrs. H. C. Davies, sang very feelingly. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Syd Lewis (husband); Evan J. Jones, W. Adams Jones, Griff Jones (brothers); John Adams Jones (nephew); D. Lewis (father-in-law); T. and R. Pugh, D. Thomas, G. Watkins, D. Davies (uncles); Griff Pugh, Evan Watkins, Dan Jones, (cousins); John, Leslie and Idris Lewis (brothers-in-law); H. Bowen, T. Howell Jones, D. Edwards.

**7 April 1934** Obituary We regret to record the sudden death of Colin Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Jones, Glenview, Pentwyn. Sympathy is extended to the family.

**14 April 1934** Obituary We have to record the death of Mr. Jenkin Pugh, Aelybryn, who passed away after a few days illness on Tuesday. Formerly, he was a winding engineman at the Fochriw collieries. Another well-known resident in the village passed away on Wednesday morning in the person of Mrs. Isaac Jones, Brynteg.

**14 April 1934** The Late Master Colin Jones, Glen view, Pentwyn The funeral of Master Colin Jones, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Jones took place on Thursday week. A service at the house was conducted by the Rev. Ieuan Evans, Rhymney. He also officiated at the graveside in Gwaelodybrithdir Cemetery. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Stanley Jones (father); William Price (grandfather); Glenville Price, Roy Griffiths, Wyndham Hook, Roy Davies (cousins); Charles Jones, Bryn Price, Leslie Jones, George Collins, Horace Eddy, Rufus Jones, Morris Davies, William Hook, Harry Jones, Trevor Davies, Harry Hamer, Samuel Case, Rees Jones (uncles). The bearers were Messrs. John Lloyd Jones, D. B. Jones, Roy Cook and Patsy Keane. The mourners at the house were: Mrs. Stanley Jones (mother); Mrs. William Price, Mrs. N. Jones (grandmothers); Mrs. D. Morris, Mrs. H. Eddy, Mrs. E. Price, Mrs. C. Jones, Mrs. Griffiths, Mrs. England, Mrs. Hogg, Mrs. Pierce (aunts).

**21 April 1934** Funeral of Late Mrs. M. A. Jones, Brynteg The funeral of Mrs. M. A. Jones, widow of the late Mr. Isaac Jones, took place on Saturday at Pentwyn Churchyard. The Rev Ieuan Evans officiated. The mourners included: Messrs. D. and W. Peters (brothers); Mrs. M. H. Powell, Rachel Jones (sisters); Mr. and Mrs. R. Parry, Mr. and Mrs. T. Lewis (nephews and nieces). Mr. Islwyn Jones, son, was unable to be present as he is on active service in Egypt.

**21 April 1934** The Late Mr. Jenkin Pugh, "Gwynfe," Aelybryn, aged 67 The funeral of the late Mr. Jenkin Pugh took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday. He had resided in the village for the greater part of his life. He was a deacon and treasurer of Carmel Congregational Church, where he will be sadly missed. The officiating ministers were: Rev W. E. Jones, Dowlais; Rev D. Jones, Deri; Rev. J. R. Salmon and Rev. J. C. Evans, Pontlottyn, who paid testimony to deceased's beautiful character. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Thomas Evans, John Rees, James Griffiths (brothers-in-law); D. Pugh Williams, T. J. Matthews, Sydney Phillips, Rees Jones, S. Jenkins, S. Evans, W. Williams, D. Roberts (cousins); D. and W. Rees, W. Robinson, D. Parry, R. Parry, J. Williams, L. Evans, E. Jones, E. Matthews, I. Griffiths, W. Fox, W. J. Wright.

**5 May 1934** Laid To Rest: Mr. George Way, Aelybryn, aged 73 Another well-known and highly respected inhabitant, in the person of Mr. George Way, was laid to rest on Tuesday at Pentwyn Churchyard. He was a member of St. Mary's Church, and a sidesman for many years. After a short service at the house, the solemn cortege proceeded to St. Mary's Church, where the service was conducted by the Vicar. The coffin was later carried out by the sidesman, and the organist played the "Dead March." The Vicar again officiated at the graveside. The mourners were: Messrs. Sydney Way (son); Frank, Walter and Fred Way (brothers); Douglas Price (grandson); David, Frank, James, Willie, Albert, Bert and Noah Way, Stewart Jones, W. Way, Gomer Evans, David Evans, Tudor Evans, Edmund Davies, W. H. Davies, Stephen Ballard, Fred C. Way, Willie Way, Arthur Way, Rufus Wood, Vincent Wood, Hartwell Wood, B. Yeo, W. Hill, Llewellyn Small, William Davies, H. Small, F. Small, B. Hill (brothers-in-law). The mourners at the house were: Mesdames G. Way (widow); E. Price (daughter); Ellen Wood (sister); David Evans, Rufus Wood, Vincent Wood, Miss Elsie Wood, Mrs. E. J. Hill, Mrs. Lena Davies, Mrs. W. H. Davies, Mrs. Nellie Yeo, Mrs. Gertie Smith, Mrs. E. A. Evans and Mrs. Browning.

**12 May 1934** Obituary: Ernest John Wilton, Guest-street We have to record the death of Ernest John Wilton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilton. The funeral took place on Thursday. The Vicar officiated at the house and graveside, the place of interment being Pentwyn Churchyard. The chief mourners were: Mr. Frank Wilton (father); Mr. William Wilton (brother); Mr. Ernest Sibley, Mr. Frank Strang, Mr. William Wilton (uncles) Mr. Hubert Wilton, Mr. William Sibley, Mr. Dan Jones (cousins); Mr. Ivor Brown.

**19 May 1934** The Late Mr. John Jones The death has occurred of a former well-known inhabitant, Mr. John Jones, who lived for many years at Pentwyn before moving to Deri. He was laid to rest at Pant Cemetery on Tuesday.

**2 June 1934** Obituary Mrs. T. Thomas, Guest-street, passed away on Monday.

**2 June 1934** Laid To Rest: Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Evans, 2, Martin Street, aged 69 Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Evans, wife of Mr. Henry Evans, has passed away at the age of 69. The funeral took place on Tuesday. A short service was conducted at the house by the Rev. Richard

Evans, after which the solemn cortege proceeded to Pentwyn Churchyard for interment. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Henry Evans (husband); Edward Evans (son); David Hopkin Williams (brother); David Albert Williams (nephew); James Evans, Richard and Emlyn Williams, John and Griff Davies, J. D. Hill, D. Evans (cousins); John Davies, T. Edwards, T. Evans, Benjamin Evans (brothers in-law).

**9 June 1934** Fochriw Mourns Death of Well-Known Residents: Mrs. Martha Slimmon, Fochriw Farm, aged 58 Mrs. Martha Slimmons, wife of Mr. Robert Slimmons, has passed away. Her brother-in-law, Mr. James Slimmon, was lying dead in the same house. Mrs. Slimmon, who with her husband had kept the Fochriw Farm for over 30 years, was held in high esteem. She was a faithful member of Nazareth Chapel, and of the Fochriw branch of the Mothers' Union. The funeral took place on Tuesday. After a short service at the house conducted by the Rev. Richard Evans, the solemn cortege preceded by road to Pant Cemetery. At the graveside the vicar and the Rev. Richard Evans officiated. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Robert Slimmons (husband); Willie, Matthew, Johnny and Alfie Slimmons (sons); W. Edwards (son-in-law); Morgan Morgan (brother); W. J. and Daniel Jones, Willie Slimmons, Alfie Wood, Lewis Watkins, Gwilym Llewelyn, John, Alvin and Ronald Llewelyn, Trevor Evans, Evan E. Evans (nephews); Geoffrey Burke (cousin). Mourners at the house were: Mrs. Maggie Lewis, Mrs. Sophie Lee, Miss Addie Slimmon, Mrs. Grace Edwards (daughters); Margaret Slimmons, C. J. Slimmon, Glyn Edwards (grand- children); Mrs. Pellard (sister-in-law); Mesdames S., M., L., and M. Slimmon (daughters-in-law).

**9 June 1934** Mr. James Slimmon, Fochriw Farm, aged 79 The death occurred at Fochriw Farm of Mr. James Slimmon. For many ears, he had kept Pwllglas Farm. After a service at the house conducted by the Rev. Richard Evans, the cortege proceeded to Pant Cemetery. The service at the graveside was conducted by the Vicar. The chief mourners were: Mr. Roberts Slimmon (brother); Messrs. William, Matthew, Johnnie, Alfie, and Johnnie Slimmons (nephews); Alfie Wood, Robert James, W. E. Slimmon, Lewis Watkins (nephews); Mr. Gwilym Llewelyn, Messrs. John, Alvin and Ronald Llewelyn, Mr. Will Edwards, Messrs. Evan, Edgar and Trevor Evans (nephews); Mr. David Jones (cousin).

**9 June 1934** Mrs. Gwenllian Thomas, Guest-street, aged 75 Another well-known citizen was laid to rest at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday in the person of Mrs. Gwenllian Thomas. Deceased was a member of St. Mary's Church. There was a short service at the house, after which the cortege proceeded to St. Mary's Church for a service, and then to Pentwyn, the Vicar officiating throughout. The chief mourners were: Mr. David Daniel Thomas (son); Miss M. E. Thomas (daughter); Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Lewis (daughter and son-in-law); Master T. J. Lewis (grandson); Mr. David Thomas (brother-in-law); Mr. and Mrs. Rees Thomas (brother-in-law and sister-in-law); Mr. T. J. Thomas, Mr. D. Bowen (nephews); Miss R. Williams (niece); Mr. and Mrs. Jones (nephew and niece); Miss M. Edwards (niece).

**9 June 1934** Mr. Thomas Williams, Dynevor-street, aged 45 The death took place last week of Mr. Thomas Williams. After a short service at the house conducted by the Rev. Ieuan Evans, Rhymney, the cortege proceeded to Pentwyn Churchyard. At the graveside Rev. Evans bore testimony to the deceased's fine character. The chief mourners were: Messrs. G. Williams, Port Talbot; John Williams, Talyllyn; James Williams, Cardiff; Allen Williams, Reggie Williams, W. Williams, Abergavenny; Rees Roderick, Talybont; D. Jones, Deri; Viv Powell, Fochriw. Mourners at the house: Mrs. M. A. Williams, widow; Mrs. Price, Longton, sister.

**16 June 1934** The Late Mr. Thomas Jones, 9, Brynteg, aged 71 years Another well-known inhabitant of the village has passed away, in the person of Mr. Thomas Jones. Deceased had resided in the village for the greater part of his life. Before the closing of the collieries, he was an official of Messrs. G.K.N. at the Fochriw Colliery, and was held in very high esteem. Mr. Jones was the pioneer of ambulance work in the district, and had been connected with the Order for 34 years, and held the rank of ambulance officer. He was a faithful member of Carmel Congregational Church, where he will be sadly missed. After a short service at the house, conducted by the Rev. Richard Evans, the cortege wended its way to Pentwyn Churchyard. The representative gathering included a large number of St. John Ambulance men, in uniform, from Fochriw, Dowlais, Penydarren, Bedlinog, Pontlottyn and

Deri. They were under the command of Corps Treasurer John Morgan. At the graveside, eloquent testimony was paid to the deceased's fine character. The chief mourners were: Messrs. James, David C., and John R. Walters Jones (sons); V. Davies and Glyn Jones (grandsons); Tom Davies (son-in-law); Evan Rees Jones (brother); William Cole, Henry Davies, T. Lloyd Evans (brothers-in-law), as well as numerous friends and representatives.

**16 June 1934** Omission We regret that the name of Mr. Lonnie Slimmon (son) was omitted from the list of mourners at the funeral of both his mother and uncle last week.

**23 June 1934** Death of Former Tradesmen: Mr. W. J. Jones, late of Glenview, Pentwyn The large circle of friends of Mr. W. J. Jones, who kept a general store until he left for Bristol six months ago, will regret to learn that he has passed away.

**21 July 1934** Boy's Death We regret to record the death of Ronald Games, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Games, 33, Aelybryn, who passed away at Isolation Hospital. Much sympathy is extended to the family.

**28 July 1934** The Late Master Ronald Games The funeral of Master Ronald Games took place at Pentwyn cemetery last week. Deceased died at Gellygaer Isolation Hospital. The Vicar officiated. The mourners were: Messrs. Billy Games (father); Oliver Griffiths, David Griffiths (grandparents); David Games, Lewis Griffiths, Alfred Games, Samuel Smart, Daniel Davies (uncles); Willie Davies, John Cheap, Jim Ashton, Teddy Davies, Willie J. Angell, Evan Davies, Bryn Jones, David Davies (cousins).

**4 August 1934** The Late Mrs. Catherine Phillips, 9, Dynevor-street, aged 69 Mrs. Catherine Phillips, wife of Mr. John Phillips, has passed away. She had resided in the village for the past 57 years. She was a faithful member Carmel Chapel. After a short service at the house, conducted by the Rev. Richard Evans, the cortege proceeded to Pentwyn Churchyard for interment. The mourners were: Messrs. John Phillips (husband); C. Pugh (brother-in-law); Rees Jenkins, F. Strang, J. Evans, D. H. Phillips, J Power (nephews); D. Strang, A. Gwynne, J. Bounds, Ishmael Williams, H. Turner, Goronwy Tyler.

**15 September 1934** Death of Mr. J. Adams The death has occurred of Mr. Jack Adams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Adams, Guest-street. Deceased was 20 years of age.

**22 September 1934** Laid To Rest: Mr. John Adams, Guests-street, aged 19 Amidst manifestations of sorrow, Mr. John Adams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Adams, was laid to rest at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday. Deceased would have been 20 years of age on the day his burial. The funeral was well attended. A service was conducted at the house by the Vicar, who also officiated at St. Andrew's Church and the graveside. Sympathy is extended to the family. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Arthur Adams (father); John Walters (brother-in-law); William Curtis (New Tredegar), William Thomas, Thomas Jones (Dowlais), Fred Webb (Merthyr), James Curtis (Pontlottyn) (uncles); Gerwyn Thomas, Nelson Curtis (New Tredegar), Reg Curtis (Pontlottyn), R Williams (Tirphil), E Powell (Merthyr) (cousins).

**10 November 1934** The Late Mr. James Williams The death has occurred at Wednesday of Mr. James Williams, who was clerk at the Fochriw Collieries of Messrs. Guest, Keen and Nettlefolds for many years. He was a faithful member at Noddfa Baptist Church and took an active interest in all affairs relating to the welfare of the village.

**24 November 1934** Deaths The death has taken place of Mr. Thomas Thomas, Williams-row; also of Mrs. Cecilia Davies, late of Fochriw, now of Pengam; and also of Bertha E. Dummett, Council Houses.

**1 December 1934** The Late Mrs. Celia Davies The death has taken place of Mrs. Celia Davies, widow of the late Mr. Benjamin Davis, who had spent the greater part of her life at Fochriw before removing to Pengam, where her death took place. The funeral on Tuesday, at Pentwyn Churchyard, was met at Pentwyn by a large number of Fochriw friends.

**1 December 1934** Funeral of Mr. Thomas Thomas, 2, Williams-row, aged 56 A large gathering attended the funeral of Mr. Thomas Thomas at Pentwyn Churchyard on Wednesday. Deceased had lived in the village all his life and was highly respected. He was the son of the late Mr. Howell Thomas, an official at the Fochriw collieries. The Rev. Richard Evans officiated. The deceased leaves a wife and grown-up family to whom sympathy is extended. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Howell J., David G., and Thomas F. Thomas (sons); Mr. D. Cheese, Nantyglo (son-in-law); Messrs. William, Jenkin and Howell Thomas

(brothers); Thomas Walters, Charles Hollister, W. H. Edmonds and E. J. Rees (brothers-in-law); T. Francis, L. Davies, Daniel Rowlands (cousins); C. Rees, Howell Thomas, Willie Thomas, J. J. Lewis, R. Parry, D. G. Davies, H. Oliver, S. Price, David Thomas, H. Thomas, D. Uzzell, D. Saunders, W. Edmunds, T. Edmonds, W. Garbett, David Evans (nephews).

**1 December 1934** Funeral: Bertha E. Dummett, Council Houses The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday of Bertha Dummett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Dummett. The Rev. W. Brazell, vicar of Pontlottyn, officiated at the house and graveside.

**29 December 1934** Deaths The death has occurred of Mr. Thomas James, blacksmith, and of Mr. George W. Wood, son of the late Mr. John Wood and Mrs. Wood, Aelybryn, and the husband of Mrs. Wood, London.

**5 January 1935** The Late Mr. Thomas James, Council Houses The funeral took place at Pentwyn Church on Monday of Mr. Thomas James. Deceased, who was a blacksmith, was well known in the district, where he had resided for the last 20 years. The Vicar officiated. The mourners included: Messrs. A. & W. James (sons); Mr. Parry and Mr. Jones (sons-in-law); Mr. Watkins (brother-in-law); Mr. D. J. Jones. The mourners at the house were: Mrs. James (wife); Mrs. Parry and Mrs. Jones (daughters); Mrs. Watkins (sister-in-law); Miss R. Harris, Mrs. White, Mrs. B. Jones, Miss Jenny Wright, Mrs. D. Harris, Miss Watkins, Mrs. J. Cumpstone, Mrs. C. Dummett, Mrs. N. Cumpstone, Mrs. C. Edwards.

**5 January 1935** Funeral: Mr. George William Wood, aged 44 The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday of Mr. George William Wood, husband of Mrs. L. M. Wood, and son of the late Mr. John Wood and Mrs. Wood, Aelybryn, who died at Middlesex Hospital, aged 44. He had been for many years a member of the Fochriw Section of the Gellygaer Fire Brigade, and was held in much respect. Before the closure of the collieries at Fochriw, he was employed at the lamp room. The Vicar and the Rev J. C. Payne officiated. Mr. Octavius Richards played the "Dead March." The mourners were: Mrs. L. M. Wood (wife); Mrs. Jessie Llewelyn, Miss Lizzie and Miss Elsie Wood (sisters); Messrs. Rufus, Vincent and Hartwell Wood (brothers); G. Llewelyn (brother-in-law); John, Alvin and Ronald Llewelyn, John Wood (nephews); Frank Way (uncle); Arthur and Fred Holland, Will, Frank, Fred and Albert Way, Will Davies, Tudor Evans (cousins); Robert, L., Bob, Willie and Gerwyn Thomas, C. Everett, W. Moses. The mourners at the house were: Mrs. John Wood (mother); Mrs. Stevens (sister); Mrs. V. Wood, Mrs. H. Wood (sisters-in-law); Mrs. W. Way, Mrs. G. Way, Mrs. W. Davies and Mrs. E. Everett.

**12 January 1935** Widow's Death We regret to record the death of Mrs. Sophia A. Jones, 'Pennant,' Fochriw, widow of Captain John T. Jones, Stratville, Llanon, who passed away on Sunday morning. She was well-known and highly respected in the district.

**19 January 1935** Death of Mrs. H. Payne The death took place last week of Mrs. H. Payne, wife Mr. J. Payne, Williams-row. Much sympathy is extended to the family.

**19 January 1935** Funeral: The Late Mrs. Sofia Ann Jones, aged 66 years The funeral of Mrs. Sofia Ann Jones, wife of Captain Jones, Llanon, took place at Llanon cemetery on Thursday. Deceased had resided at Fochriw for many ears, and was a faithful member of Nazareth. A service was conducted at the house by the Rev. Richard Evans, Fochriw, and the Rev. D. W. Jones, Llanon. A large number of relatives and friends met at the Church where the service was conducted by Vicar Williams. He also officiated at the graveside. The chief mourners were: Mrs. M. Davies (sister); Katie and Doris (nieces); Mrs. M. A. Jenkins (sister-in-law); Mr. G. I. Griffiths, Captain Alban Griffiths, Mrs. M. Griffiths (cousins); Rev. J. I. Jones, Neath; Mr. and Mrs. Griffiths, Llanon; Mr. Slimmons, Mrs. M. Lewis (cousins); Mrs. Evans (aunt).

**26 January 1935** Funeral: Mrs. Hannah Payne, Williams-row, aged 71 years The funeral took place on Thursday at Pentwyn Churchyard of Mrs. Hannah Payne, wife of Mr. Joseph Payne. Deceased, who was a native of Merthyr, had resided in Fochriw for 25 years. The Vicar officiated at the house and graveside. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Joseph Payne (husband); Thomas Jones (Pontypridd), Thomas Dix (Pengam), brothers in-law; T. Dix (Pengam) and W. J. Payne (nephews); David Rees Jones, William H. Jones, Willie Whitby, Richard Pugh, Howel Jones, Jack Lawrence, Trevor Lawrence, Gordon Lawrence, T. Jones, W. Williams, B. Edwards. The mourners at the house were: Mrs. Beatrice Miller (Scotland),

daughter; Mrs. Sarah Ella Jones (Pontypridd), Mrs. Edith Dix (Pengam) sisters; Mrs. Pugh, Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. Payne.

**16 February 1935** The Late Mrs. Emma. Ann Tyler: Davies-row, Pentwyn, aged 60 The death has occurred of Mrs. Mary Ann Tyler, wife of Mr. Bert Tyler. Deceased had resided in the village the greater part of her life. She was a faithful member of St. Mary's Church.

**23 February 1935** Laid To Rest: Mrs. Mary Ann Tyler, Davies-row, aged 60 years Another well known resident was laid to rest at Pentwyn Churchyard on Tuesday in the person of Mrs. Mary Anne Tyler, wife of Mr. Bert Tyler. Deceased was a faithful member of St. Mary's Church and of the Mothers' Union. She had been caretaker of the Church. A service was held at the house conducted by the Vicar, after which the body was conveyed to St. Andrew's Church, where the service was attended by the choir and members of the Mothers' Union. Miss Mary White was at the organ. The mourners were: Messrs. A. J. Tyler (husband); Charles, David, Goronwy, William and Christopher Tyler (sons); Emlyn Evans and Bryn Jones (sons-in-law); Thomas Owen (brother); Christopher Tyler (uncle); David Williams, Leonard Tyler, Israel Owen (cousins).

**2 March 1935** Pit Victim's Funeral: Mr. David Williams, Aelybryn, aged 38 The funeral of Mr. David Williams, who met with a fatal accident at work, took place on Monday at Pentwyn Churchyard. The Rev. E. Elias, Dowlais, officiated at the house and churchyard. Sympathy is extended to the sorrowing wife and children in their sudden bereavement. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Daniel Thomas and W. H. Williams (brothers); John Clark, John Richards (brothers-in-law); Aneurin Shankland, Charles and Maurice Benbow, W.T. & Stephen Thomas, J. T., W. H., George and D. J. Williams, R. and D. Robins, W. J. Dyer, T. J., Tom, David, Thomas and Bryn Morris, Owen Eriman, W. & T. Dyer, Essex Morris, T. J. Morris, E. D., John, T. Richards, W. Mitchell, P. Edges, T. Barret, G. Dare, W. T. Morgan.

**16 March 1935** Pit Victim's Funeral: Mr. Stanley Lewis James, 11, Dynevor-street, aged 23 The funeral of Mr. Stanley Lewis James, who met with a fatal accident at the Brithdir Levels last weekend, took place on Monday. Deceased was an active member of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, and had been a member of the local Male Voice Party. Ambulance men acted as bearers. A short service was held at the house conducted by the Rev. Richard Evans, who also officiated at the graveside, assisted by Mr. David Thomas. The chief mourners were: Messrs. David J. James (father); T. J. and D. R. James (brothers); J. B. Jones (brother-in-law); Oriel Jones and S. M. Jones (nephews); D. R. and E. H. Lewis, Joseph Shankland, H. Adams (Ystradowen), W. Davies, John Williams (Dowlais), W. Edwards (Aberbargoed), uncles; W. J., Elwyn, Clifford, R. and T. J. Lewis, T. J. and C. Shankland, Tom and Rees Jenkins, Tudor and Alwyn Adams, R. Thomas, Edgar and J. Davies, J. O. Jones, T. I. Evans, D. Davies, D. W. Hughes (Clydach Vale), R. Pritchard and R. Jones (cousins). Mourners at the house were: Mrs. James (mother); Mesdames Jones (sister); L. and J. James (sisters-in-law); E. H. and D. R. Lewis, Shankland, Jenkins, Williams, Davies, and Owen (aunts); Miss C. Evans (friend).

**23 March 1935** Death The death has occurred of Mrs. Mary Davies, late of Guest-street, widow of Mr. William Davies.

**30 March 1935** Octogenarian's Funeral: Mrs. Mary Davies, late of Guest-street The funeral of Mrs. Mary Davies took place last week at Pentwyn Churchyard. The deceased, aged 80, had resided in Fochriw the greater part of her life. She lived with her son at Cwmbargoed Cottages. She was the widow of Mr. William Davis, who was an official at Messrs. G.K.N. collieries for many others. The Rev. J. S. Roberts, Caersalem, Dowlais, officiated. The chief mourners were: Messrs. William H., Edwin, John, David and Price Davies (sons); R. P. Jones, Edward Gittens (sons-in-law); D. W. Morris, A. Morris, Eddie Gittens, Elwyn Gittens, Thomas Jones, Brinley Jones, John R. Jones, Myrthyn Jones, Iorwerth Jones, Brinley Davies, Vernon Davies, Willie Davies, Glyndwr Evans, Gwilym Evans (grandsons).

**27 April 1935** Death: Mr. John Evans, Martins-street, aged 81 Another link with the past was broken with the death of Mr. John Evans. Deceased was a native of Carmarthen, but came to Fochriw 54 years ago, and was for many years an official at Messrs. G.K.N. South Tunnel Pits. He was held in high esteem both by workman and employers. He had been a deacon at Carmel chapel many years, but for the last few years he became totally blind. His

wife died 19 years ago. He leaves a grown up family to mourn. The funeral took place on Tuesday, and after a short service at the house, conducted by the Rev. J. R. Salmon, the solemn cortege proceeded to Pentwyn Churchyard for interment. The principal mourners were: Messrs. David I. Evans & Tom Idris Evans (sons); Mr. David Lewis and Mr. Evan Jones (sons-in-law); Messrs. Enoch Lewis, John G. Lewis, Elwyn Edwards, Gethin Jones, Edred Jones, G. Jones, D. Alfan Evans, John Evans (grandsons); Thomas Davies (brother-in-law); J. Thomas, David J. Jacob, David I. Davies, David J. Morgan, Aneurin M. Davies, Willie Ballard, Crad Ballard, E. Ballard, and S. Ballard (nephews).

**4 May 1935** Sudden Death The death took place on the Thursday, under tragic circumstances, of Mr. David Thomas, Aelybryn. Mr. Thomas had reached the station when he collapsed. He was attended to and carried home, but died soon afterwards.

**4 May 1935** Late Mr. John Jones, Brynteg, aged 58 years The death has taken place of Mr. John Jones. He was a native of Cardigan, but had resided at Penybank for 21 years before moving to Brynteg a few months ago. He was a member of Nazareth Chapel. The funeral took place on Monday and was well attended. A short service was held at the house, conducted by the Rev. Richard Evans, who also officiated at the graveside. Much sympathy is extended to the wife and family. The chief mourners were: Mrs. J. Jones (widow); Messrs. Willie, T., & David Jones (sons); Mrs. D. Jones and Miss Annie Jones (daughters); Mrs. M. Baughan, Mrs. S. Taylor, Miss M Jones (London), sisters; Mrs. J. W. Davies, London, Mrs. A. Jones (sisters-in-law); Mr. T. J. Davies, London, (brother-in-law); Mr. D. Davies (uncle); Mr. Evan L. Davies, Cyfarthfa.

**11 May 1935** Funeral: Mr. David Thomas, Aelybryn, aged 72 The funeral of Mr. David Thomas took place at Pentwyn Churchyard last week. He had resided in the village for over 68 years. He was a member of Noddfa Baptist Chapel. Rev. Ieuan Evans, Jerusalem, Rhymney, officiated. The mourners were: Messrs. Rees Thomas (brother); D. D. Thomas, T. J. Lewis (nephews); Mr. H. Simpson. Mourners at the house: Mrs. Rees Thomas (sister-in-law); Mrs. D. Rees Lewis, Miss Mary K. Thomas, Mrs. Esther M. Jones (Treharris), Miss Margaret Edwards (Treharris), nieces.

**8 June 1935** Obituary: Miss Nan Evans, Pit-row, Cwmbargoed, aged 16 The funeral of Miss Nan Evans, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Evans, took place on Saturday. Deceased died at Merthyr General Hospital after a short illness. She was a member of the Railway Mission, Cwmbargoed. Mr. H. Jones, superintendent of the Mission, officiated at the house and Pentwyn Churchyard. The chief mourners were: Messrs. W. Evans (father); D. Evans (brother); J. Evans, Ted Barnett, Bert Barnett, Ted Lloyd (uncles). Mourners at the house were: Mrs. W. Evans (mother); Mona, Phyllis and Sylvia (sisters); Teddy (brother); Auntie Violet (Newport), Auntie Annie (Glyn Neath), Mrs. Barnett, Mountain Hare (grandmother). Much sympathy is extended to the family in their bereavement.

**15 June 1935** Funeral: Mr. Walter Thomas, 6, Dynevor-street, aged 71 The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard last week of Mr. Walter Thomas. A service at the house was conducted by the Rev. Richard Evans who also officiated at the Churchyard. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Crad, Robert, John and Egryn Thomas (sons); David Thomas (brother); Ted Powles, T. J. Horton, Eddie Williams (sons-in-law); Daniel Evans, Richard Evans (brothers in-law); Tom Evans, Aneurii Evans, Emlyn Evans, Emrys Evans, Thomas J. Evans, Sydney Evans, Uriah Evans, Richard Evans, T. J. Jones, E. W. Jones, H. Morgan (nephews); Evan Evans, Johnny Evans, Johnny Thomas, Octavius Thomas, Walter Thomas (cousins). Mourners at the house: Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Powles, Mrs. Horton, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Williams, Misses Gwenda, Lily and Kate (daughters); Gwenfil Harris (grandchild); Mrs. Evans, Bedwas (sister); Mrs. Robert Thomas (daughter-in-law).

**29 June 1935** Old Inhabitants Death: Mr. John Harvard Thomas, aged 86 The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday of Fochriw's oldest inhabitant, Mr. John Harvard Thomas. A native of Penboyr, Llangeler, Carmarthen, he came to reside at Rhymney, where he commenced work at the age of seven years, later moving to Fochriw, where he lived for 70 years. He was an official with Messrs. G.K.N. at their of Fochriw Collieries for 50 years. For the last few years, he had resided with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins, Rhymney, where he died. The funeral was a very representative one. The officiating ministers



were Rev. David Jones, Deri, and Rev. J. R. Salmon, Pontlottyn. The bearers were old officials of Messrs. G.K.N., namely, Messrs. J. Jones, D. Lawrence, D. Owen and D. J. Davies. The chief mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Jenkins (daughter and son-in-law); Mr. and Mrs. David Davies (daughter and son-in-law); David H. Thomas, E. L. Thomas (Trelewis), Gerald McArthur (sons); Mr. and Mrs. T. Jones, Treorchy (sister and brother-in-law); per Messrs. J. R. Thomas, D. Thomas, C. Thomas, B. Thomas, Jack Davies, Iorwerth, Claerwyn, Islwyn, Garfield and Stuart Davies, Trevor and Naunton Thomas, Elwyn, Eddie and Naunton Jenkins, W. Evans and J. Slimmon (grandchildren).

**13 July 1935** Death of Mrs. S. Roberts We regret to record the death of Mrs. S. Roberts, 4, Glyn-terrace, who passed away at Merthyr General Hospital.

**20 July 1935** Funeral: Mrs. Sarah A. Roberts, Glyn-terrace, aged 67 years The funeral of Mrs. Sarah Roberts, wife of Mr. William Roberts, took place on Wednesday. Mrs. Roberts was a communicant at St. Mary's Church, and a member of the Mothers' Union. The interment took place at Pentwyn Churchyard. The officiating clergy were the Rev. J. L. White, and the Rev. J. C. Payne. The chief mourners were: Messrs. William S. Roberts (husband); Thomas, Alban, John and Bill Roberts (sons); J. S. Edwards (son-in-law); William J. Edwards, William J. Jones, David Edwards, David Rees Jones, Haydn Edwards (grandsons); J. Garrett, D. Garrett (brothers); G. Carter (brother-in-law); David Carter, J. A. Garrett, M. Garrett, John Jones, H. Humphries, Richard Williams, Rowland Williams, William Williams (nephews). The mourners at the house: Mrs. L. Edwards (daughter); Mrs. Harold Evans (grand-daughter); Mrs. D. G. Carter and Mrs. Lawrence Davies (sisters); Mrs. T. Jones (daughter-in-law); Mrs. W. Evans, Miss Annie M. Garrett, Miss Winda C. Edwards (nieces); Mrs. J. A. Garrett, Bedlinog; Mrs. Williams, Glyn Neath (sister-in-law); Mrs. E. J. Weston, Bedwas; Mrs. S. A. Phillips, Port Talbot; Mrs. Humphries, Bedlinog (nieces).

**31 August 1935** The Late Mr. Gareth Jones Much sympathy is felt in the village with the family of the late Mr. Gareth Jones, the Welsh journalist, who met his death by Chinese bandits. Mr. Jones, mother was well-known in the village by many of the older folks, where she resided with her parents for many years before her marriage.

**28 September 1935** Sudden Death The sudden death of Mr. Benjamin Jones took place on Tuesday. Deceased lived with his sister, Mrs. Davies, at Dynevor-street, and was 72 years of age.

**5 October 1935** The Late Mrs. D. Holmes The death has taken place of Mrs. Doris Holmes, wife of Dr. A. H. Holmes, Accrington, Lancs. Mrs. Holmes was the daughter of Mr. Lodwick Davies, formerly under-manager of the Fochriw Collieries, and of the late Mrs. Davies. She had lived at Fochriw for many years with her parents prior to taking up the nursing profession. She served for a time as a sister at Merthyr General Hospital, and was held in high esteem.

**5 October 1935** The Late Mr. Benjamin Jones, Dynevor-street, aged 72 The funeral of Mr. Benjamin Jones took place at Pant Cemetery on Saturday, the vicar officiating. The chief mourners were: Messrs. George Jones and David Jones (brothers); T. G. Davies, D. Jones, H. Jones, T. J. Jones, T. Walters, J. Walters, G. Walters, T. H. Jones, E. Davies, M. Davies, V. Davies, I. Evans, R. Thomas (nephews). Mourners at the house: Mrs. J. Davies, Mrs. M. Walters (sisters); Mrs. H. Jones, Mrs. S. J. Jones (sisters-in-law); Mrs. T. G. Davies, Miss M. Jones, Mrs. M. Evans, Mrs. E. Thomas, Mrs. D. Jones, Miss F. M. Jones, Miss A. Jones and Mrs. Walters.

**5 October 1935** Funeral: Mr. David Gittens, Guest-street, aged 20 The funeral at Pentwyn Churchyard of Mr. David Gittens, son of Mr. and Edward Gittens, who died at Caerphilly Miners' Hospital as a result of a motorcycle accident, was well attended. The Rev. David Thomas officiated. The mourners were: Messrs. Edward Gittens (father); Eddie, George, Edwin, John Gwyn, Elwyn, Stanley and Myrddin Gittens (brothers); W. H. Davies, E. Davies, J. J. Davies, D. Davies, P. Davies, R. Jones (uncles); D. W. Morris, W. Davies, D. Davies, T. Jones, B. Jones, J. Jones, I. Jones, M. Jones, J. Evans, B. Davies, V. Davies, D. Williams (cousins); T. Oates, W. J. Mantle and T. Mantle. Mourners at the house: Mrs. Gittens (mother); Beryl, Mair and Hetty (sisters); Nesta, Edith, Jenny, Lizzie (aunts); Harriett, Mary Ellen, Jenny, Muriel, Megan, Phyllis, Doris, Mattie, Gladys and Mrs. A. Mantle (cousins).

**12 October 1935** Funeral: Mr. Benjamin Jones Others present at the funeral were Mr. Thomas Miles (Penywern), Mr. Benjamin Thomas (Treharris), Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lewis (Penywern), Mr. W. S. Davies (Rhymney Bridge).

**19 October 1935** Death of Mr. Henry Jones, 4, Brynteg-terrace, aged 64 years The death has taken place of Mr. Henry Jones. He was a faithful member of Carmel Chapel. Rev. J. R. Salmon, Pontlottyn, officiated at the house and at the graveside. The following officers of Carmel acted as bearers: Messrs. Evan M. Davies, D. Davies, T. Ballard, Thomas Walters, John Davies, A. Ballard, and Sam Lewis. The chief mourners were: Mr. William Jones (brother); Miss Ruth Jones, Mrs. Margaret Cole, Miss Catherine Jones (sisters); Mr. Frank Jones-Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jenkins (nephews and niece); Mrs. Rice Jones, Miss P. Evans, Dowlais (cousins); Messrs. J. C. Jenkins, Frank Jenkins, W. H. Jenkins (nephews); D. Jones, Merthyr; David Jones, Willie Williams, Machen; Willie Evans, Dowlais; Thomas Francis, Daniel Rowlands, Leyshon Rowlands, Charles Hollister, Idris Roberts, D. C. Davies, Fred White, David Moses, Arthur Williams, Morgan Parry (cousins).

**19 October 1935** Laid To Rest: Mr. Arthur Adams, Guest-street Mr. Arthur Adams has died after a long illness. Deceased was an ex-servicemen. He served in the Boer War, and also the Great War. The funeral took place on Tuesday and was a military one. After a service at the house conducted by the Vicar, the cortege proceeded to St. Andrew's Church, Pentwyn, headed by the Fochriw Silver Band, conducted by Mr. Albert Mantle. The coffin was covered with the Union Jack and wreaths. The Vicar officiated and Mr. Octavius Richards was the organist. Bugler Bob Rees sounded the "Last Post" at the graveside. The bearers were members of the British Legion - Messrs. W. D. Davies, John Lewis, Sydney Phillips, W. J. Pegg, with Mr. J. Prowse as standard-bearer. A large number of members of the local branch attended. The mourners were: Mr. Archie Adams (son); Mr. J. R. Walters (son-in-law); Messrs. Willie Curtis, Tom Jones, William Thomas, F. Webb (brothers-in-law); Gurwyn Thomas, E. Powell, R. Curtis (cousins); J. Curtis (uncle). Sympathy is extended to the family.

**2 November 1935** The Late Mr. Daniel Evans, Stoney Houses, aged 26 years The funeral of Mr. Daniel Evans took place on Wednesday at Pentwyn Churchyard. The Rev. Ieuan Evans, Rhymney, officiated. Deceased leaves a widow and child. The mourners were: Messrs. Joe, Tom and A. J. Evans (brothers); E. Thomas, S. Lewis, S. Uzzell, G. Greening, A. Martin, T. Morgan, R. Clark, J. Gregory, M. Davies (brothers-in-law; T. J. Jenkins and Evan Morgan (uncles); H. & T.. Jenkins, W. & I. Morgan, T. & E. Uzzell (cousins). The bearers were Messrs. I & D. Thomas, T & R. Watkins. Mourners at the house were: Mrs. May Evans (widow); Mrs. Evans (mother); Mesdames E. Thomas, S. Lewis, G. Greening, Martin, Williams (sisters); A. J. Jones, Gregory, R. Clark, M. Davies, T. Morgan (sisters-in-law); H. Jenkins (cousin); Mrs. M. Garmon (aunt).

**30 November 1935** Obituary The death has taken place of Mr. Mordecai Williams, School House, after a painful illness.

**7 December 1935** The Late Mr. Mordecai Williams, School House The funeral took place on Saturday at Pentwyn Churchyard of Mr. Mordecai Williams. The Revs. Ieuan Evans and J. L. White officiated. Mr. Williams had served as an official for 39 years at the Fochriw Colliery, and was a faithful and the oldest member of the Noddfa Baptist Chapel. The chief mourners were: Evan, Mordy and John Williams (sons); Mr. Ernest Chaffey (son-in-law); Messrs. Tom Morris, Clifford Davies, Windsor Williams, Leighton Chaffey, Wyndham Morgan (grandsons); George Sibley, Southampton; Jack Watkins, Trelewis (brothers-in-law); Wm. Davies, Aberdare; Ben Taylor, Tredegar; Bob Fitton, Pant (nephews); Elved Davies and David Davies, Aberdare.

**28 December 1935** The Late Mrs. Elizabeth Evans, 18, Aelybryn-street, aged 72 years The death has taken place of Mrs. Elizabeth Evans. She was a member of Carmel Congregational Chapel. Her husband, Mr. David Evans, died a few years ago. The funeral took place on Thursday at Pentwyn Churchyard, the Rev. J. R. Salmon, Pontlottyn, officiating. The mourners were: Messrs. David and Gomer Evans (sons); Stephen Ballard, William H. Davies (sons-in-law); Edmund Davies (grandson); Evan Jones, Thomas Ballard (brothers-in-law); Rowland Hill, Thomas Smith, Tom Small, William Small, Mark Small, Lemuel Small, Henry Small, Lewis Small, Celwyn Pugh, William Savage, George Evans, William Oliver and

Griffith Thomas (nephews). Mourners at the house where: Mrs. Emma Jane Davies (daughter); Elizabeth A. Evans (daughter-in-law; Lavinia Way, Emma J. Hill (sisters); Elizabeth Small, Mary A. Jones (sisters-in-law); Myra Savage, Nesta Slimmons, Tegwedd Evans, Amelia Evans, Eirwen Davies, Gwynfor Davies (grandchildren); Gertrude Smith, Vera Hill, Margaret Prosser, Lydia Thomas, Ceinwen Oliver, Celia Ballard (nieces); Mrs. Nellie Yeo, Mrs. Lena Davies, Mrs. Gertrude Wood, Celia Richards, Mrs. Margaret Thomas and Mrs. S. A. Simpson.

**18 January 1936** Funeral: Mr. Thomas S. Powell, 3, Aelybryn, aged 65 years The funeral of Mr. Thomas Powell took place on Saturday at Pentwyn Church. Mr. Powell was a native of Talyllyn. He had moved to Fochriw 58 years ago. He had been employed as a winding engineman at the local collieries. A keen musician, he had been for many years a member of the Fochriw and Trelewis Silver Bands. The Vicar officiated at the house and graveside. The mourners were Messrs. Vivian S. Powell and R. Jones (sons); William Powell (brother); D. Lewis, S. Gilbert, D. Jones (brothers-in-law); Thomas Thomas and Thomas Jones (sons-in-law); W. Woodruff, W. J. Gilbert, A. Lewis, C. E. Lewis, W. Hitchens, G. Hitchens, J. R. Thomas, C. Thomas, D. Thomas (nephews); N. Thomas (grandson); C. Beaumont, R. Morgan, W. Edwards, John Jones. Mourners at the house: Mrs. F. Powell (wife); Mrs. S. Gilbert, Mrs. T. Hitchens (sisters); Mrs. M. Thomas, Mrs. P. Jones, E. Jones (daughters); Mrs. G. Wilson (niece); Mesdames Tippins, M Thomas, C Thomas.

**25 January 1936** Link With The Past: Mr. Lewis Evans, Penybank Farm Mr. Lewis Evans was buried at Graig Fargoed Cemetery on Friday. He was one of the district's oldest and most respected citizens. He was the son of the late Mr. Lewis Evans. The family are held in the highest esteem throughout the district, and much sympathy is extended to them.

**15 February 1936** The Late Mrs. Ann Jones, 30, Aelybryn-street, aged 79 The death has occurred of Mrs. Ann Jones. She was a faithful member of Carmel Chapel. The funeral took place on Tuesday at Pentwyn Churchyard. The Rev. T. Davies, Rhymney, officiated at the house and graveside. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Rhys Jenkins, Rhymney (son); Frank Strang, John Evans, Peter Drummond (sons-in-law); A. Gwynne (grandson); Wyndham Morgan (nephew). At the house: Mrs. F. Strang, Mrs. J. Evans, Mrs. P. Drummond (daughters); Mrs. Jenkins (daughter-in-law); Mrs. A. Gwynne, Miss Betty Evans (grand-daughters); Master D. J. Evans (grandson); Mrs. G. Rogers, Mrs. W. Edwards, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Wyndham Davies (nieces).

**7 March 1936** Funeral: Mr. Daniel Jones, Station-terrace, aged 77 years The death has taken place of Mr. Daniel Jones. He was a native of Cardiganshire, but had resided at Fochriw for the last 50 years. He was a faithful member of Carmel Chapel. The funeral took place at Pant Cemetery on Saturday, the Rev. J. R. Salmon, Pontlottyn, officiating. The mourners were: Mr. George Jones (brother-in-law); Messrs. Daniel Jones, Howell Jones, James P. Lewis, I. Evans, D. E. Davies, I. Davies and Mr. Jenkins. At the house: Mrs. J. Lewis (sister); Miss M. Jones, Mrs. M. Evans, Mrs. D. Jones.

**7 March 1936** Funeral: Mrs. Jane Davies, 30, Martin's-street, aged 79 years One of Fochriw's oldest inhabitants, Mrs. Jane Davies, has died in her 80th year. She was the oldest member of St. Mary's Church and of the Mothers' Union, and was widely esteemed. The funeral took place on Saturday, and was well attended. The Vicar officiated at the house, at the Church and at the graveside in Pentwyn Churchyard. The mourners included: Messrs. James M. Davies and W. J. Davies (sons); Bryn Rees, Windsor Rees, David L. Jones, W. Morgan (grandsons); W. H. Jones, Thomas Rees (sons-in-law); Rees Davies, W. Davies, Edwin Davies, David Llewellyn, Trevor Daniel, D. J. Price, J. Price, Fred Price, T. J. Price, A. Price, Ben Morris, J. Davies, P. Griffiths, M. Davies, R. Price, A. Kent (nephews); T. Owen. At the house: Mrs. W. H. Jones and Miss Rosie Davies (daughters); Mrs. Eva Rees, Mrs. Daniel, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Bengough, Mrs. A. Davies, Mrs. E. Davies, Mrs. D. Griffiths, Mrs. B. Morris (nieces); Mrs. K. Price, Mrs. S. A. Davies, Mrs. T. Owen and Miss Iris Edwards.

**28 March 1936** Death: Mr. Thomas John Thomas, aged 39 years The death has taken place of Mr. Thomas John Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rees Thomas, Plantation-street, at the age of 39 years, after a long illness.

**4 April 1936** Funeral: Mr. Thomas John Thomas, aged 39 years The funeral of Mr. Thomas John Thomas took place on Saturday. Deceased was 39 years old and resided with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rees Thomas, Plantation-street. He was a member of Noddfa Chapel. The Rev. Ieuan Evans officiated at the house and graveside. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Rees Thomas (father); David Thomas (brother) Charlie Lynch (brother-in-law); John Rogers, George Roberts, North Wales (uncles); Ted Roberts, Robert W. Parry, David D. Thomas, Thomas J. Lewis, David Lewis, Sydney Davies, George Evans, Edward Jones, Evan Lewis and Andrew Lynch. The mourners at the house were: Mrs. Thomas (mother); Mrs. C. Lynch and Mrs. A. Catton (sisters); Mrs. D. Thomas (sister-in-law); Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. A. Parry (aunts); Miss Eleanor Roberts, Miss Mary E. Thomas, Mrs. D. R. Lewis, Mrs. Ted Roberts, Mrs. Syd. Davies, Mrs. David Lewis, Miss Phyllis Evans, Miss Margaret Edwards, Miss Mafanwy Jones, Mrs. H. Lynch (cousins); Morfydd Thomas, Betty Lynch, William Lynch, Sydney Lynch, Margaret A. Catton (nephews and nieces).

**11 April 1936** Old Fochriw Resident Passes Away: The Late Mr. David Jones, Anwyllfan, Brynteg-terrace, aged 60: The death has taken place of Mr. David Jones. He had resided in the village for the whole of his life. His wife and three children all belong to the teaching profession; the children are still on the teaching staffs at Fochriw and Abertridwr. Previous to the closing of the collieries, Mr. Jones was a winding engineman with Messrs. Guest, Keen and Nettlefolds. He had been a member of Carmel Chapel, and held the position of deacon. The Independent Order of Good Templars has lost one of its stalwarts. Much sympathy is extended to his wife and family. The funeral was a large and representative one. After a short service at the house, conducted by Rev J. R. Salmon, Pontlottyn, the cortege proceeded to Carmel Chapel, where an impressive service was held. The organist, Mr. Thomas Walters, played the "Dead March." The internment was made at Pentwyn Churchyard, the Rev. J. R. Salmon and Pastor D. Thomas officiating. The bearers were Messrs. Willie Adams Jones, David Lawrence, Councillor Sam Lewis, Messrs. David Lewis, John Davies and Harry Smith. The chief mourners were: Messrs. T. Howell Jones (son); George Jones (brother); Thomas G. Davies, Emrys Davies, Thomas Walters, John Walters, George Walters, Daniel Jones, Howell Jones, Robert Thomas and Iorwerth Evans (nephews); Tom Miles, Richard Lewis, W. G. Davies, W. T. Davies, O. Jones, Tom Lewis (brothers-in-law); John Lewis, Leslie Lewis, Cliff Thomas, William Jones, Evan Hughes, Russell Evans, William Beddoe, Mr. Aubrey (nephews and cousins); Messrs. Evan M. Davies, Brinley Richards, and J. Lloyd Jones. At the house: Mrs. S. J. Jones (widow); Frances and Ann Jones (daughters); Mrs. M. Hywel Jones (daughter-in-law); Mrs. Jennet Davies, Mrs. Mary Walters (sisters); Mrs. Elizabeth Jones, Mrs. Alice Thomas, Mrs. Joan Goodfellow, Mrs. Ann Powell (sisters-in-law); Mrs. E. Thomas, Miss Maria Jones, Mrs. Mary Evans, Mrs. T. G. Davies (nieces); Mr. W. G. Davies, Mrs. M. Lewis, Mrs. M. Morgan, Mrs. M. Aubrey, Mrs. M. Jones, Mrs. French, Mrs. Evan Hughes, Mr. W. Jones, Miss Morwena Jones, Mrs. Evans (cousins); Mrs. W. A. Jones, Mrs. A. Balalrd, Miss C. Jones, Mrs. W. Lewis. Amongst the general public were the following: County Councillor W. Kedward, Bargoed; the Rev. Tal Evans; Rev. G. George; Mr. J. Bevan; Mr. W. H. Hopkins; Mr. T. J. Jones and Mr. A. Ballard (headmasters). As well as from family and friends, there were floral tributes from the Star of Fochriw Lodge, and from the Men's and Women's Sections of the British Legion.

**2 May 1936** Funeral: Mrs. Ann Jones, 28, Martin's-street, aged 72 years The death has taken place of Mrs. Ann Jones, wife of Mr. David Rees Jones. Deceased was a member of St. Mary's Church. Mr. Jones is an official of Messrs. Guest, Keen and Nettlefolds at Nantyffin Levels. The funeral took place on Tuesday. After a service at the house conducted by the Vicar, the cortege proceeded to Fochriw Station, and then to Pant Cemetery for internment, where the vicar again officiated. The mourners were: Mr. David Rees Jones (husband); Messrs. T. Summers (brother); Edward Jones, W. H. Jones, R. Pugh, Hywel Jones (brothers-in-law); John and Willie Summers, Henry Morgan, Stephen Jones, Stephen and Josiah Kinsey, T. Roberts, James Jones, Tom Williams, W. Whitby, D. Lloyd Jones, Windsor Williams, Wyndham Morgan, Tom Williams, John Duggan (nephews). Mourners at the house: Mrs. Gay, Mrs. Kinsey, Mrs. Jones (sisters); Mesdames T. Summers, R. Pugh, H.

Jones, W. H. Jones, Mutlow (sisters-in-law); Mrs. Sullivan, Misses Magdalene and Esther Pugh, Mesdames W. J. Payne, S. Jones, W. Morgan (nieces); Ll. Jones and Evans.

**9 May 1936** Funeral: Mrs. Elizabeth Mary Morgan, Panywaun Cutting, aged 48 years The funeral took place on Thursday at Pant Cemetery of Mrs. Elizabeth Mary Morgan, wife Thomas D Morgan, signalman. Deceased was a native of Llwydcoed, Aberdare. Rev. Evan Elias, Dowlais, officiated. The mourners were: Mr. T. D. Morgan (husband); Miss Rhoda Morgan (daughter); Douglas Morgan (son); Mr. and Mrs. David John Morgan, Port Talbot (brother and sister-in-law); Mrs. Smith and Mr. S. Morgan, Cardiff (sister and brother); Messrs. J. Tibbott, W. Tibbott, Joe Tibbott, Moses Jones and Williams.

**16 May 1936** Funeral: Mr. Morgan Parry, Cwmbargoed (late of Pentwyn), aged 74 The death has occurred of Mr. Morgan Parry. He worked for many years at the old colliery as carpenter and sawyer and was for many years an active worker and sidesman at Pentwyn Church. The funeral took place on Monday at Pentwyn.

**23 May 1936** Funeral: Mr. Morgan Parry, Pentwyn, aged 74 The funeral of Mr. Morgan Parry took place on Monday at Pentwyn Churchyard. Mr. Parry was a native of Llyswen, Breconshire, and had lived at Pentwyn for many years. The funeral took place from the house of his son, Mr. William Parry, Pit Cottages, Cwmbargoed. The Rev. David Thomas, Fochriw, and Mr. Lucas, Merthyr, officiated. The mourners were: Mr. W. T. Parry (son); Mr. Frank Prosser (adopted son); Loughor, Cliff and Glyn Parry (grandsons); Messrs. Thomas Davies, Cefn, and W. D. Groom, Llanfairfechan (nephews); and David V. Jones. Mourners at the house: Mrs. Parry (widow); Mrs. M. G. Parry (daughter in law); Miss A. Parry (sister); Mrs. D. M. Jones and Miss M. A. Parry (granddaughters).

**13 June 1936** Obituary The death has occurred of Mrs. S. A. Edwards, wife of Mr. Wyndham Edwards, Brook-row, in her 50th year.

**20 June 1936** Funeral: Mrs.. M. A. Budd, 6, Glyn-terrace, aged 80 years The death has taken place of Mrs. M. A. Budd, wife of Mr. James Budd. Mrs. Budd was active until a week before her death. She was a member of the Nazareth Chapel. The funeral took place on Saturday at Pentwyn Churchyard, when the Rev. Richard Evans and the Rev John Price, Aberystwyth, officiated. The mourners were: Messrs. James Budd (husband); Charles Budd (son); Daniel Jenkins, Aberystwyth, Thomas J. Jenkins, John Jenkins, Thomas Jenkins, Berkley Angell (cousins); Thomas Jenkins, Rees Jenkins, Syl Jenkins, W. Angell, B. Angell, J. Griffiths, T. J. Evans (nephews). At the house: Mrs. C. R. Budd (daughter-in-law); Mrs. B. Angell, Mrs. T. Jenkins, Mrs. Price (cousins); M. J. Griffiths, N. Evans (nieces).

**20 June 1936** Funeral: Mrs. Sarah Ann Edwards, Brook-row, aged 50 The funeral of Mrs. Sarah Ann Edwards, wife of Mr. Wyndham Edwards, took place on Thursday last. Mrs. Edwards was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Williams, White Horse Inn. The vicar officiated at St. Andrew's Church and at the graveside. The mourners were: Messrs. W. Edwards (husband); John Aldwyn and Trevor Edwards (sons); George Neils (son-in-law); Percy Edwards, David J. Jenkins (brothers-in-law); John, Tom and Percy Milward, Hugh and Willie Mantle, Eddie Jones, John E. Edwards, Harry Williams (nephews); Bert Evans, W. Evans, Myrddin Evans, Tom Davies, Oliver John, John Owen, Mr. Tams, Harry Oakley (cousins); Mr. Maloney. At the house: Mrs. E. Neils and Mrs. G. Jarvis (daughters); Master Donald Jarvis (grandson); Mrs. M. A. Mantle (sister); Mrs. Percy Edwards (sister-in-law); Mrs. S. Wootten (cousin); Mrs. Evans (aunt); Mrs. M. A. John, Mrs. Baldwin, Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Tom Davies (cousins); Misses Iris, Betty and Peggy Edwards (nieces).

**4 July 1936** Funeral: Mrs. Mary Thomas, 11, Brynteg-terrace, aged 67 years The death has taken place of Mrs. Mary Thomas. Before coming to Fochriw, she resided at Tirphil. The funeral took place on Monday at Capel Brithdir, the Rev. J. R. Salmon officiating. The bearers were Messrs. Chapman, W. Griffiths, D. Lewis, W. Lewis, E. Pritchard, T. Davies and B. Rees. The mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Saunders, Bargoed (son and daughter-in-law); Mr. and Mrs. Edward Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. M. Shankland (sons-in-law and daughters); Melvyn, J. H. Saunders, Edward, Tudor, Windsor, Gladys and Millie Chapman (nephews and nieces); Mr. Joe Gough (brother-in-law); Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Powell, Mr. and Mrs. J. Lynch, Mr. and Mrs. Trigg, Mrs. G. Powell (cousins).

**4 July 1936** Funeral: Mr. James Williams, 3, Rees-row, Pentwyn, aged 54 years The death has taken place of Mr. James Williams. He had lived in the village for the whole of his life, and for many years had been an active member of Carmel Chapel. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard, the Revs. J. R. Salmon and J. C. Evans officiating. The mourners were: Mr. Iorwerth M. Williams and Mr. Glanmor Williams (sons); Messrs. and John Williams, Dowlais; Ben Williams, Bargoed; David Williams, Pontlottyn; Thomas Williams (brothers); Messrs. D. T. Davies, F. W. Gibbons, George Wheeler (sons-in-law); Masters Geraint J. Davies, Gordon and Haydn Gibbons (grandsons); Messrs. B. Evans, C. Ballard, H. Morgan (brothers-in-law); John Richards, Edward Idris Williams, T. J. Powell, J. Pullen, John Pullen, W. Pullen, W. T. Morgan, Edward Evans, Alfred Morgan, David and Glyn Meredith (nephews). Mourners at the house: Mrs. J. Williams (widow); Mrs. F. Gibbons, Mrs. D. T. Davies, Mrs. G. Wheeler, Misses May Williams, Mair Williams, Eirwen Williams, Thelma Williams (daughters); Mrs. H. A. Williams (sister); Margaret Davies (grand-daughter); Mrs. John Williams, Mrs. D. Williams, Mrs. D. Jones, Mrs. B. Evans, Mrs. C. Ballard, Mrs. T. J. Morgan (sisters-in-law); Mrs. H. Morgan, Mrs. S. Elias, Mrs. T. Morgan, Mrs. I. Williams, Mrs. D. Meredith.

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**20 June 1936** Funeral: Mrs. Sarah Ann Edwards, Brook-row, aged 50 The funeral of Mrs. Sarah Ann Edwards, wife of Mr. Wyndham Edwards, took place on Thursday last. Mrs. Edwards was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Williams, White Horse Inn. The vicar officiated at St. Andrew's Church and at the graveside. The mourners were: Messrs. W. Edwards (husband); John Aldwyn and Trevor Edwards (sons); George Neils (son-in-law); Percy Edwards, David J. Jenkins (brothers-in-law); John, Tom and Percy Milward, Hugh and Willie Mantle, Eddie Jones, John E. Edwards, Harry Williams (nephews); Bert Evans, W. Evans, Myrddin Evans, Tom Davies, Oliver John, John Owen, Mr. Tams, Harry Oakley (cousins); Mr. Maloney. At the house: Mrs. E. Neils and Mrs. G. Jarvis (daughters); Master Donald Jarvis (grandson); Mrs. M. A. Mantle (sister); Mrs. Percy Edwards (sister-in-law); Mrs. S. Wootten (cousin); Mrs. Evans (aunt); Mrs. M. A. John, Mrs. Baldwin, Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Tom Davies (cousins); Misses Iris, Betty and Peggy Edwards (nieces).

**27 June 1936** Funeral: Mr. William Samuel Roberts, 4, Glyn-terrace, aged 73 years The funeral of Mr. William Samuel Roberts took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday and was well attended. His wife died 11 years ago. Previous to the closure of the Fochriw Collieries he was employed as an engineman. He had seen much active service in his young days with the Welsh Regiment in Egypt. The Vicar officiated. The mourners were: Messrs. John Owen, William Samuel Thomas Alban (sons); John S. Edwards (son-in-law); David Rees (grandson); John Garrett, Daniel Garrett (brothers-in-law); Roland Williams, T. J. Williams, Richard Williams, W. Williams, J. O. Jones, H. Humphreys (nephews). Mourners at the house: Mrs. Williams (sister); Mrs. M. H. Jones (daughter-in-law); Mrs. L. Davies (sister-in-law); Mrs. Humphreys, Mrs. Western, Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Denner (nieces); Miss Griffiths, Miss W. Edwards, Mrs. Griffiths, Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Payne.

**25 July 1936** Funeral: Mr. Frank Way, 1, Glen View, Pentwyn, aged 73 years The death took place suddenly on Saturday of Mr. Frank Way. He appeared his usual self on Saturday morning, but was taken suddenly ill and died later. He was a native of Devonshire, and had served with the Devon Regiment for 12 years. He had resided at Fochriw for 25 years, and

was a faithful member of the Parish Church, holding the offices of parochial councillor and sidesman for many years. Sympathy is extended the widow and family. The funeral was well attended, and the Vicar officiated at the house and at St. Andrew's Church, where Mr. O. Richards was the organist. The mourners were: Messrs. William, Frank, Fred and David Way (sons); Stewart Jones (son-in-law); Walter Way, Fred Way (brothers); Messrs. Frederick and Albion Way (grandsons); Arthur Holland, George Holland, James Way, W. J. Way, Fred Way, Rufus Wood, Attwell Wood, Albert Way, Bert Way, Albert Yeo, W. Davies, Tudor Evans (nephews). Mourners at the house: Mrs. F. Way (wife); Ada and Eliza (daughters); Mrs. C. Way, Mrs. J. Way, Mrs. E. A. Way (daughters-in-law); Mrs. Wood (sister); Mrs. L. Way (sister-in-law); Elsie Wood, Nelly Yeo, Lena Davies, Mary Way, Lilian Evans, Grace Wood, Mrs. Llewellyn (nieces).

**1 August 1936** The Late Mrs. Mary Ann Edwards The death has occurred of one of Fochriw's oldest residents, Mrs. Mary Ann Edwards, Aelybryn, at the age of 68. Much sympathy is extended to the family.

**1 August 1936** Death: Ex-P.C. William Cumpstone, aged 96 The burial took place last week at Buildwas Churchyard, in the Severn Valley, Shropshire, of ex-P.C. William Cumpstone, in his 97th year. Father of Mr. Ernest Cumpstone and Mr. Percy Cumpstone, Fochriw, he had served for 35 years in the Shropshire and Staffordshire police force, and for the last 42 years had been water bailiff of the River Severn. He saw the last three men who were hung outside Stafford gaol. The funeral was a representative one. The bearers were members of the Shropshire police, under Inspector Machin, Ironbridge. Mr. Cumpstone had been a churchwarden and sidesman for many years. His wife died six years ago and he is survived by four sons and three daughters.

**8 August 1936** Funeral: Mrs. Mary Ann Edwards, 7, Aelybryn, aged 68 The funeral of Mrs. Mary Ann Edwards, wife of Mr. Thomas Edwards, took place on Saturday. Deceased was one of Fochriw's oldest citizens. A service at the house was conducted by the Rev. Richard Evans and the Rev. J. L. White. They also officiated at Pentwyn Churchyard. The mourners were: Messrs. Thos. Edwards (husband); William, Henry, Thomas Benjamin and David Edwards (sons); John, Tom and Phil Mantle, Thomas Charles Sullivan (grandsons); Albert Mantle, Tom Sullivan (sons-in-law); Henry, Thomas and Benjamin Evans (brothers); William S. Edwards and Charles Edwards (brothers-in-law); D. W. Thomas, T. L. Evans, Harry, Edward, Thomas John, Edgar, Willie, William Thomas, Edward Evans, W. J. Payne, M. Williams, P. Edwards, T. Jones, D. H. Jones, T. Kelley, J. Dawkins, J. L. Dawkins, R. Williams, J. Morgan, W. Bennett, M. Evans, P. Davies, H. Pritchard, W. Smith, B. Edwards, W. Williams, Bertie Edwards, J. Edwards, C. Edwards, A. Jones, W. Morgan (nephews); Coun. Sam Lewis, David Evans, D. Williams, ME, W. Rees, D. Phillips, W. Forward, R. B. Davies (cousins). At the house: Mrs. A. Mantle, Mrs. T. Sullivan (daughters); Misses Phyllis Davies, Marion Sullivan, Enid and Margaret Edwards, Master John Edwards (grandchildren); Mrs. W. H. Edwards, Mrs. T. B. Edwards, Mrs. D. C. Edwards (daughters-in-law); Mrs. J. Edwards, Mrs. M. Evans (sisters-in-law); Mrs. W. J. Payne, Mrs. P. Edwards, Mrs. T. Jones, Mrs. D. H. Jones, Mrs. J. Dawkins, Mrs. R. Williams, Mrs. J. Morgan, Blodwen and Sarah (Dowlais), Mrs. W. Morgan, Mrs. R. Williams, Mrs. B. Edwards, Miss G. Edwards, Mrs. D. Williams, Mrs. K. Evans (nieces); Mrs. W. Way, Mrs. Cumpstone, Mrs. Fox, Mrs. Walters, Mrs. Griffiths, Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Davies.

**2 January 1937** Obituary The death took place on Sunday at Merthyr General Hospital of Mrs. A. Burrows, wife of Mr. Ernest Burrows, Guest-street.

**9 January 1937** Funeral: Mrs. Ernest Burrows, Guest-street, aged 59 The funeral of Mrs. Ernest Burrows took place on Wednesday, and was well attended. She was a member of Carmel Chapel. She leaves a grown-up family to mourn. Three of her sons are members of the Fochriw Silver Band. The Rev. Richard Evans officiated, the interment being at Pentwyn Churchyard. The chief mourners were: Mr. Ernest Burrows (husband); Messrs. Glyn, Alwin, George and Meurig Burrows (sons); Joseph Lester and James Swaine (sons-in-law); Mr. Henry Harris, Bedwas (brother-in-law); P.C. D. Harris, Cardiff, and Cliff Evans, Bedwas (nephews); Mr. H. Morgan, Mr. Edward Lewis (uncles); Mr. H. Morgan, Mr. Ivor Morgan (cousins); Mr. Swaine, Abergavenny; Messrs. T. Thomas, Rhymney; Jack Walters and Idris

Walters (nephews). At the house: Mrs. J. Lester and Mrs. J. Swaine (daughters); Mrs. Margaret Burrows (daughter-in-law); Mrs. E. Lewis and Mrs. S. A. Griffiths (aunts); Doreen Pollack, Gladys Jones, Mair Walters, Eirwen Walters, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. T. Pugh, Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Evans (sisters); Mrs. S. Davies.

**16 January 1937** Funeral: Mr. Rees Jones, 18, Dynevor-street, aged 71 The death occurred on Friday of Mr. Rees Jones. He was a native of Brecon, but moved to Fochriw over 40 years ago, and followed his trade as a shoemaker. After a few years at Fochriw, he entered the service of the Brecon and Merthyr Railway. He was a signaller at the Fochriw Junction and the Fochriw Station Signal Boxes, where he was employed for 35 years. During that time he was never absent from work for a day. He retired a few years ago. The funeral took place on Tuesday, and there was a representative attendance. Rev. Ieuan Evans, Rhymney, officiated, the burial taking place at Pentwyn Churchyard. The chief mourners were: Mr. David Thomas, Deri (brother); Mr. D. H. Thomas (brother-in-law); Vivian Powell, John David, Tom and Norman Thomas, Bob Morgan, J. Slimmon, Ted Puddle (nephews). Mourners at the house: Mrs. Williams, Mrs. T. Thomas, Miss C. Thomas, Mrs. J. Slimmon, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Lawrence.

**27 February 1937** Bereavements The death has taken place of Mr. John M. Evans, 2, Railway-terrace, in his 71st years. Mr. Evans had resided in the district for the greater part of his life. The death has also occurred of Mr. Hubert Wilton at the age of 27 years. Mr. Wilton left recently for Deri, where he died.

**6 March 1937** Funeral: Mr. John Mostyn Evans, 2, Railway-terrace, aged 70 The funeral took place on Saturday of Mr. John Mostyn Evans. Mr. Evans was born Abernant, but had lived at Fochriw for 66 years. Rev. Richard Evans officiated. The chief mourners were: Messrs. L. Evans, O. Evans, John Henry Evans, Latimer Evans (sons); David Evans (brother); Jenkin Thomas, Walter Jones, Evan Jones, Thomas Evans (brothers-in-law), David Thomas, J. Hughes, W. Jones (cousins); T. Thomas, R. H. Davies, D. Thomas, E. Thomas, D. Uzzell, D. Saunders, B. Lloyd, D. L. Evans, T. J. Evans, E. Evans, W. Evans, W. Angell, W. J. Jones, T. Kelly, W. Hewins, T. Jones, I. G. Uzzell, I. Saunders, D. Thomas, R. Jones, D. E. Davies, I. Price, L. Jones (nephews). Mourners at the house were: Miss M. Evans (daughter); Mesdames B. Evans, Eva Evans and Morfydd Evans (daughters-in-law); Eiros, Carwin and Betty (grandchildren); Miss A. G. Davies, Mrs. M. A. Evans, Mrs. M. Thomas, Mrs. M. Evans (sisters-in-law); Mrs. E. Hughes (cousin); Margaret, Ceridwen, Annie Gwen, Rose Elizabeth Ann, Nellie, and Margaret Mary (nieces).

**13 March 1937** Funeral: Mr. David R. Thomas, Junction House, aged 36 Mr. David R. Thomas has died suddenly. He was an ex-serviceman, serving with the Royal Artillery. He is survived by his widow and three children. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Wednesday, the vicar officiating. The bearers were members of the British Legion, of which Mr. Thomas was a member. The mourners were: Messrs. W. J. Thomas (brother); Arthur Thomas, Rhymney (nephew); E. Williams, Glyn Neath; W. C. Vowles, Rhymney; T. Evans, Bargoed; T. Francis, J. Francis, Deri (brothers-in-law); David Price, D. W. Price, James Raymond, Pontlloftyn (cousins) T. Williams, Onllwyn (uncle). At the house: Mrs. Thomas and children; Mr. W. J. Francis (father-in-law); Mrs. E. Williams, Mrs. C. Vowles, Mrs. T. Evans (sisters) Mrs. W. J. Thomas, Mrs. T. Francis (sisters-in-law) Mrs. Williams (aunt); Misses N. Jones and T. Williams, Seven Sisters (cousins); Mrs. Lester (friend).

**13 March 1937** The Late Mrs. J. Lewis One of Fochriw's oldest residents, Mrs. Jane Lewis, widow of Mr. William Lewis, Station-terrace, has died. Mrs. Lewis was aged 70.

**20 March 1937** Funeral: Mrs. Jane Williams, Station-terrace, aged 70 The funeral of Mrs. Jane Lewis took place at Pant Cemetery on Saturday. She had resided in Fochriw for over 50 years, and was a member of Carmel Chapel. The Rev. J. R. Salmon officiated. The chief mourners were: Messrs. James P. Lewis (son); G. Jones (brother-in-law) Daniel Jones, Howell Jones, Evan and John Jenkins, Iorwerth Evans, Enoch Lewis, F. Pask (nephews); Gerald MacArthur, Howell Thomas, David and Sam Lewis (brothers-in-law). Mourners at the house: Miss Maria Jones, Mrs. Mary Evans, Mrs. Rhoda Williams, Mrs. D. Jones, Mrs. T. J. Jones, Misses M. MacArthur, A. Pask, M. L. Thomas (nieces); Mesdames MacArthur, H. Thomas, D. and S. Lewis (sisters-in-law); M. Walters.



**3 April 1937** Child's Death The death has occurred of Nova Watkins, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Watkins, Aelybryn. The funeral took place on Saturday at Pentwyn Churchyard, the vicar officiating at the house and graveside. The mourners were: Messrs. G. R. Watkins (father); Levi Pritchard, William Watkins (grand fathers); Jos Wellings (great grandfather); William Watkins, Wilfred Watkins, William Wellings, William Roberts (uncles). Sympathy is extended to the family in their bereavement.

**10 April 1937** The Late Mrs. M. Williams The death has occurred of Mrs. Williams, Talgarth, the wife of Mr. Moses Williams, who was a deacon at Carmel Congregational Church.

**24 April 1937** Funeral: Mrs. Sarah Evans, Brook House, aged 72 The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday of Mrs. Sarah Evans. She was the wife of Mr. Henry Evans, who was an official in the mechanical department the Fochriw collieries of Messrs. G.K.N Ltd. Mrs. Evans had resided in the village for the whole of her life and was a member of Carmel Chapel. The vicar officiated at the house and graveside. The mourners were: Mr. A. Williams, Mr. H. Williams, Mr. W. Edwards, Trevor Edwards, John Elwyn Edwards, Mr. Percy Edwards, Bedford Edwards, Alvin Edwards, Bert Evans, J. R. Howells, Harry Evans. At the house: Mrs. Neale, Miss Iris Edwards, Mair Evans, Mrs. Saunders, Miss Saunders, Miss Roberts, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. G. Jones, Mrs. Cumpstone, Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Way.

**1 May 1937** Sudden Death: Mr. William Edward Jones, 12, Guest-street, aged 52 The death has occurred of Mr. William Edward Jones. He died on Saturday after being out as usual the previous day. In his younger days, Mr. Jones was an all-round sportsman and a fine rugby player. He leaves a widow and son. The funeral took place at Pentwyn churchyard on Tuesday. The Rev. R. Evans officiated. The mourners were: Mr. David Cecil Jones (son); Messrs. James Davies, Edward Davies, William Llewellyn (brothers-in-law); James A. Davies, William J. Llewellyn, Claude Smith, Vernon Llewellyn, Eddie Llewellyn, David Morris, Enoch Rees, Harry Price, Frank Way, Fred Way (nephews). At the house: Mrs. E. Jones (widow); Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Llewellyn, Mrs. Davies (sisters-in-law); Miss Katie Davies, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Way, Mrs. J. A. Davies (nieces).

**26 June 1937** Funeral: Raymond Lewis, Mount Pleasant, Pentwyn The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Wednesday last of Raymond Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R Lewis. The Rev. D. O. Jones officiated. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Thomas R. Lewis (father); David Lewis (grand father); Elfed Lewis, William Lewis (uncles); Tom Lewis, William May, Bryn Jones (cousins); Mrs. Lewis, Miss L. Jones, Mrs. W. Lewis (aunts); Mrs. W. Way (cousin).

**26 June 1937** Funeral: Mr. Glyndwr Small, Ty Mawr, aged 16 The funeral took place of Mr. Glyndwr Small on Thursday last. A short service was conducted at the house by the Vicar, who also officiated at Pentwyn Churchyard. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Llewellyn and Lemuel Small (brothers); Stephen Ballard, David Hemmings (brothers-in-law); James Richards, Llewellyn Richards, William Richards, Daniel Lewis, Tom Jones (uncles); Gomer Evans, David Evans, Edmund Davies, Cyril Sussex (cousins). At the house: Mrs. Small (mother); Mesdames Hemmings, S. Ballard (sisters); Mrs. L. Small (sister-in-law); Mrs. T. Jones (aunt); Mrs. Davies, Mrs. D. Evans (cousins); Rosie and May Hemmings, Elvira Small (nieces); Elwyn Hemmings, Ivor and Delwyn Small (nephews); Mrs. Morgan (friend).

**3 July 1937** Funeral: Mrs. Abigail Clark, Rhaslas, Fochriw, aged 63 The funeral of Mrs. Abigail Clark, wife of Mr. George Clark, took place on Wednesday at Pentwyn Churchyard. Mrs. Clark was a native of Rhymney, before moving to Pantywaun at a very early age, and from there to Rhaslas. The Rev. Evan Elias, Dowlais, officiated, and the chief mourners were: Messrs. George Clark (husband); John Clark (son); John Richards (son-in-law); Elved and Glyndwr Williams (grandsons); Messrs. Evan Jones and Ben Williams (brothers-in-law); Bryn Jones, Tom Jones, David Morris, Eben Morris, Tom Morris, Tom Dyer, Harold Dyer, John Dyer, Oliver Dyer, Essex Morris (cousins). At the house: Mrs. J. Richards, Mrs. Williams, Miss G. Clark (daughters); Mrs. John Clark (daughter-in-law); Mrs. Morris (sister); Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Rees, Mrs. Evan Jones, Mrs. Sarah Barrett (sisters-in-law); Mrs. B.

Williams, Mrs. A. Morris, Mrs. S. Morris, Mrs. E. Dare, Miss May Evans, Mrs. Nan Morris (nieces).

**10 July 1937** Funeral: Mr. W. Francis, Guest St., aged 62 The burial of Mr. W. Francis took place on Thursday at Pentwyn Churchyard. Mr. Francis was a native of Bedlinog, but had lived at Deri for many years, and later at Fochriw. The Rev. Latimer Williams, Deri, officiated at the house and graveside. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Tom and John Francis, Deri (sons); Tom and Jerry Francis, Bedlinog (brothers); Tom Williams and John Pugh, Onllwyn (brothers-in-law); Rees Thomas, Aberbargoed (nephew); P. Jones (friend). Mourners at the house: Mrs. C. Thomas (daughter); Mrs. G. Francis and Mrs. O. Francis (daughters-in-law); Mrs. T. Williams (sister-in-law); Misses R. A. Williams, M. Jones, B. Protheroe, L. Minton (nieces); Miss B Jones.

**14 August 1937** Funeral: Mrs. Jane Jones, Dynevor-street, the aged 62 The death has occurred of Mrs. Jane Jones, wife of Mr. Abraham Jones. Mrs. Jones had lived at Fochriw all her life. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday last, when the Rev R. C. Pugh, Bedlinog, officiated. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Abraham Jones (husband); William and Bryn Jones (sons); Stephen and David Lewis (brothers), Tom Filstead (brother-in-law); T. Lewis, David Lewis, Gwyn Filstead, Tudor Davies, Johnny Jones, Lewis Thomas (nephews); David, Elfed and Wm. Lewis (cousins). At the house: Mrs. H. Oddin, London (daughter); Victor (grandson); Mrs. C. Filstead (sister); Mrs. W. Jones, Mrs. B. Jones (daughters-in-law); Mrs. S. Lewis (sister-in-law); Miss Ceinwen Lewis (niece); Mrs. David Lewis and children, Pontlottyn; Mrs. Thomas, Ynyshir (niece); Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Gittens and Mrs. Lawrence, Talybont.

**18 September 1937** The Late Mr. R. Slimmon The death has occurred at Merthyr General Hospital of Mr. Robert Slimmon, Llwyniago Farm. He was 73, and had kept Llwyniago for 32 years. His wife died three years ago.

**18 September 1937** Old Resident's Death The interment took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday of Mrs. Davies, widow of the late Mr. Thomas Davies, who was resident at Fochriw before moving to Pengam some years ago. Mrs. Davies was 84.

**25 September 1937** The Late Mr. D. Jenkins Mr. D. Jenkins, a resident of Fochriw, has died at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Jones, Bargoed. Mr. Davies was one of the pioneers of the St. John Ambulance movement in the district and was invested with the title of Honorary Serving Brother of the Order. Before his retirement some years ago, he was corps treasurer, and had also held the position of secretary. In his younger days, he was a keen musician and singer, and won prizes at many eisteddfodau. He was a faithful member of Carmel Chapel.

**25 September 1937** Funeral: Mr. Robert Slimmon, Llwyniago Farm, aged 73 The burial took place at Pant Cemetery on Thursday of Mr. Robert Slimmons. He had associated himself with numerous movements for the benefit of Fochriw. He attended St. Mary's Church, and was a committee man of the Fochriw Silver Band. The Vicar and the Rev. Richard Evans officiated, and a representative attendance included several farmers from the district. The mourners were: Messrs. William, John, Matthew, Alfred and Lornie Slimmon (sons); John Lloyd, Willie and Edwards, William Beer (sons-in-law); G. Llewellyn, Bob, Eddie and Willie Slimmon, Alfred Wood, Lewis Watkins, Geoffrey Burke, Robert and Alvin Llewellyn (nephews). Mourners at the house: Maggie, Sophie, Grace, Addie and Margaret (daughters); Mesdames S., J., and M. Slimmon (daughters-in-law); Mrs. J. Pellard (sister); Mrs. G. Llewellyn, Mrs. M. J. Watkins, Mrs. Doris Wood, Miss Katie J. Davies (nieces); Mrs. Wood, Merthyr; Mrs. Jones, New Tredegar; Mrs. Cook, Bedwas.

**2 October 1937** Deaths Two well-known residents died last week. They were Mr. James Budd, who died at the home of his son in London on Sunday, aged 78 years, and Mrs. Mary Griffiths, wife of Mr. O. Griffiths, Aelybryn-street, whose death occurred on Saturday, aged 63 years.

**9 October 1937** Funeral: Mr. James Budd, late Glyn-terace, aged 78 The funeral of Mr. James Budd took place at Pentwyn Churchyard last week. The Rev. Richard Evans officiated. The mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. C. Budd (son and daughter in law); Messrs. Burkley

Angell, Willie Angell, B. Angell, Thomas J. Jenkins, Tom Jenkins, David Jenkins, William Jenkins, Isaac Williams (cousins); Mr. Skinner, Barking.

**9 October 1937** Funeral: Mrs. Mary Griffiths, 33, Aelybryn The funeral of Mrs. Mary Griffiths, wife of Mr. Oliver Griffiths, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday last. The Vicar officiated. Mrs. Griffiths was 63 years of age, and had resided in the village for the greater part of her life. The mourners were: Mr. Oliver Griffiths (husband); Mr. Lewis Griffiths (son); Mr. W. Games (son-in-law); Messrs. D. Davies, Ed. Davies (brothers-in-law); David Davies, Willie Davies, W. Angell, Evan Davies, Teddy Davies, Oliver Davies (nephews); Alfred Games, J. and L. Cheape, Bryn Jones and M. Jones. At the house: Mrs. Edith Games (daughter); Mrs. M. Davies (sister); L. Angell, M. and A. Davies (nieces); Mrs. Morton, Mrs. Games, Mrs. E. Jones, Miss R. Bounds.

**16 October 1937** Death: Mr. George Dummett, Martin-street, aged 56 Mr. George Dummett died on Monday. He was taken ill at his work a short time ago, but was recovering. He was a keen gardener, and was inspecting his allotment when he had a seizure. He was carried home, and died some hours later. His wife, eight sons and three daughters, were present when he died.

**16 October 1937** Funeral: Mrs. Ann Jones, aged 86 The death has taken place of one of Fochriw's oldest inhabitants, Mrs. Ann Jones. Mrs. Jones was a native of Dowlais, but had resided at Fochriw about 30 years. She was a member of Noddfa Baptist Chapel. The funeral took place on Tuesday at Pentwyn Churchyard, the Rev. Ieuan Evans, Rhymney, officiating. The chief mourners were: Messrs. William Jones (son); Joshua Rees (brother); John Morris (son-in-law); W. J. Jones, D. Jones, G. Jones, E. Jones, J. Harding, E. Rees (grandchildren); W. James, Thomas Jones, D. Thomas Jones, Joshua Jones, J. Goodwill, Thomas Jones, J. Thomas, M. Jones (brothers-in-law); S. Jones, B. Rees, J. Rees (nephews); John Lewis, Edward Lewis, William Griffiths, John Morgan (cousins); William T. Lewis, Emrys Lewis, Bob Rees, D. Baines. At the house: Mrs. M. Jones, Mrs. Morris, Miss Sarah Jones (daughters); Mrs. Harding, Mrs. Rees, Mrs. V. Jones (grand-daughters); Mrs. Jenkins, Miss Jenkins, Miss M. Jones, Miss S. Davies, Mrs. Mary Jones, Mrs. B. Thomas (sisters-in-law); Mrs. M. Griffiths, Mrs. J. Lewis, Mrs. M. Jenkins, Mrs. T. Jenkins, Mrs. M. A. Bevan (cousins); Mrs. P. Hollister.

**23 October 1937** Funeral: Mr. George Dummett, 1, Martin-street, aged 66 The funeral of Mr. George Dummett took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday. He was a native of Somerton, Somersetshire, but came to Fochriw 50 years ago. He is survived by his widow and a grown-up family. The Vicar officiated, and the mourners were: Messrs. Edwin, Fred, Charles, George, Alfred, Percy, Albert and Rufus Dummett (sons); Ed. G. Dummett, Ronald Price, H. J. Watkins, Thos. Watkins, Glanmor Dummett, Haydn Watkins, Baden Dummett (grandsons); Edward Price, Evan Watkins (sons-in-law); David Cheeke, W. Cheeke, A. Morgan, D. Parry, D. J. Harris, D. Davies (brothers-in-law); E. J. and D. J. Parry, W. Parry, T. Yeoman, Cyril Williams, Leslie Williams, David Hopkins, R. Harris, S. Newman (nephews); Thos. Jones (uncle); D. H. Thomas, I. Evans, G. Davies, D. James, S. Jones. At the house: Mrs. C. Dummett (widow); Mrs. Price, Mrs. Watkins, Mrs. N. M. Dummett (daughters); Mrs. Newman, R. Price, B. Price (grand-daughters); Mesdames A., C. M., N., M., G. and P. Dummett (daughters-in-law); Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. S. Davies, Mrs. H. Morgan, Mrs. Parry, Mrs. D. and W. Cheeke (sisters-in-law); Mrs. A. Jones (aunt). The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. S. V. Powell, Dynevor-street.

**30 October 1937** Funeral: Mrs. Mary Walters, 4, Moore's-row, aged 70 The death has occurred of Mrs. Mary Walters. Mrs. Walters died at Merthyr General Hospital. She came to Fochriw 68 years ago with her parents from Penywern, Dowlais. Her husband, Mr. Walter Walters died five years ago. She was a faithful member of Carmel Chapel. The funeral took place on Saturday at Pentwyn Churchyard, and the Rev. J. R. Salmon, Pontlottyn, officiated. The mourners were: Messrs. Tom, John and George Walters (sons); George Jones (brother); Robert Thomas (son-in-law); Idwal Walters, Idris Walters (grandsons); Ivor Morgan (grandson-in-law); Dan Jones, Thomas Hywel Jones, Hywell Jones, John Rees Walters, Thomas George Davies, Iorwerth Evans, Tom Walters, Arthur Ballard, William Davey, Emrys Davies, Isaac and Gwilym Davey (nephews); John Jones, Richard Lewis, William

Jones, William G. Davies (cousins). At the house: Mrs. Edith Thomas (daughter); Mrs. Tom Walters, Mrs. John Walters (daughters-in-law); Mrs. Megan Morgan and Miss Eirwen Walters (grand daughters); Mrs. Idwal Walters (grand-daughter-in-law); Mrs. Elizabeth Walters (sister-in-law); Miss Maria Jones, Mrs. Mary Evans, Miss Frances M. Jones, Mrs. M. A. Ballard, Mrs. Rachel Parry, Mrs. M. A. Harris, Mrs. T. G. Davies (nieces); Mrs. Simons, Mrs. R. Lewis, Mrs. M. Morgan, Mrs. W. Jones (cousins); Miss Katie Davies, Mrs. A. Evans, Mrs. E. Harris.

**27 November 1937** Deacon's Death Two well known residents died this week - Mr. John Jones, Aelybryn, at the age of 74, who was senior Deacon at Noddfa Baptist Chapel, and Mrs. Sarah Evans, Davies-row, Pentwyn, at the age of 57.

**4 December 1937** Funeral: Mr. John Jones, 6, Aelybryn, aged 75 The death has occurred of Mr. John Jones. Although a native of Penydarren, he had spent the greater part of his life in Fochriw. He had been an official under Messrs. G.K.N. Ltd. for many years until his retirement. Mr. Jones was a deacon of the Noddfa chapel for the last 50 years. The burial took place on Saturday at Pant Cemetery, and there was a representative attendance. The Rev. Ieuan Evans, former pastor of Noddfa, officiated. The mourners were: Messrs. Thomas Walters (son in-law); Ronald B., Thomas J., and Leighton B. Walters (grandsons); Gwilym and Benjamin Thomas, William Jones (brothers-in-law); David T. Thomas, Thomas J. Richards, Evan W. Jones, Nehemiah Thomas (nephews); John Bevan (cousin). At the house: Mrs. C. M. Jones (widow); Mrs. T. Walters (daughter); Mrs. Jones (sister); Mrs. Ada Jones, Mrs. G. Thomas (sister-in-law); Mesdames Bevan, Williams, Rogers, M. J. Jones (nieces).

**4 December 1937** Funeral: Mrs. Sarah Evans, 3, Davies-row, Pentwyn, aged 57 Mrs. Sarah Evans, wife of Mr. Benjamin Evans, was buried on Thursday at Pentwyn Churchyard. Mrs. Evans had returned from the Merthyr General Hospital and died later that day. The Rev. Richard Evans officiated. The mourners were: Messrs. Benjamin Evans (husband); William Thomas and Edward (sons); Derek (grandson); Mr. Hab Morgan (brother); Messrs. C. Ballard, H. & T. Evans, T. Edwards (brother-in-law); Ed. Lewis, Hab Morgan (uncles); Edward J. and Rod Jones, W. M. and George Davies, Gomer Davies, W. Lewis, Gilbert Harris, Ivor Morgan, Glyn Meredith, W. Davies, Edward and Tom Davies, W. Pope, T. B. Edwards, W. H. Davies, C. Edwards, Albert, Tom, George, and Leslie Mantle, Emrys Lewis, David L. Thomas, J. and Willie Evans, Alf Morgan, W. J. Payne, Windsor Lewis, Terence Kelly, W. Hewins, Tom Sullivan, W. Bennett, Meth Evans, J. Morgan, W. Gibbon, Dd. Evans, Iorwerth Williams. At the house: Misses Sal and Mary J. Evans (daughters); Mrs. E. Evans (daughter-in-law); Jennie and Mattie (grand-daughters); Mrs. H. Jones (sister); Mrs. F. Morgan, Mrs. H. Morgan, sisters-in-law); Mrs. E. M. Davies (aunt); Mrs. M. Evans (sister-in-law); Mary A. Lewis, C. Harris, Doris and Edna Morgan, Esther Sullivan, Myfanwy Jones, Mrs. Gibbon, Eliz. A. Hewins, Hannah Meredith (nieces).

**1 January 1938** Funeral: Mrs. Sarah Ann Grimmett, Glen-view, Pentwyn, aged 65 years The death has occurred of Mrs. Sarah Ann Grimmett, wife of Mr. Charles Grimmett. She was a native of Hereford, but had resided in Fochriw for 30 years. She was a member of St. Mary's Church. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday, the vicar officiating. The floral tributes included a wreath from the Mothers' Union. The mourners were: Messrs. Charles Grimmett (husband); J. Richards, Llew Small, Thomas J. Evans (sons-in-law); Douglas J. Small (grandson); George K. Morris (nephew); Roy Evans, Merfyn Evans (grandsons). At the house: Mrs. Eileen Small, Mrs. F. J. Richards (daughters); Miss C. P. Small and Miss Winnie Evans (granddaughters).

**8 January 1938** Funeral: Mrs. Harriet Edwards, 12, Brynteg-street, aged 41 The death has occurred of Mrs. Harriet Edwards, wife of Mr. C. Edwards. She was a native of Laugharne, Carmarthenshire, but had resided at Fochriw for the last 17 years. She had been ill for a long time, and died at Merthyr hospital. The funeral took place on Saturday, the vicar officiating. The principal mourners were: Messrs. C. Edwards (husband); W. and P. Harry (brothers); Arthur Jones (brother-in-law); Thomas and Charles (uncles); W. J., Bertie, Thomas B. and Charles Edwards, J. & Tom Mantle, D. Williams, Albert Mantle, Tom Sullivan (cousins). Mourners at the house: Misses Audrey and Claire Edwards (daughters); Mrs. J. Jones (sister); Mesdames A. Jones, P. Harry, J. S. Edwards (sisters-in-law); W. S. Edwards (mother-in-law);

Mrs. Captain Edwards (aunt); Mesdames A. Mantle, D. Williams, T. B. Edwards, C. Edwards, T. Sullivan (cousins).

**19 March 1938** Funeral: Mr. David B. Thomas, Upland Stores The funeral took place on Monday at Pentwyn Churchyard of Mr. David Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Thomas. The Rev. J. R. Salmon, Pontlottyn, officiated. The mourners were: Messrs. W. A. Thomas (father); Wm. Thomas (grandfather); Glyn Thomas, Oliver Davies, Robert Parry, James J. Lewis, Sam Price, Elias Davies, John Davies (uncles). The bearers were Messrs. P. G. Hann, David Lewis, Bedford Edwards, Bertie Cumpstone.

**26 March 1938** Funeral: Mrs. Gertrude Cook, Aelybryn, aged 64 Mrs. Gertrude Cook, wife of Mr. William Cook, was apparently well when her husband went to work in the morning, but on his return home she was dead. She was a member of Carmel Chapel. There was a representative attendance at the funeral at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday. The Rev. J. R. Salmon officiated. There were numerous floral tributes.

**2 April 1938** Funeral: Mr. Thomas Evans, Aelybryn, aged 75 The death took place suddenly on Monday of one of Fochriw's oldest inhabitants, Mr. Thomas Evans. Mr. Thomas was born at Penybank Farm, which is still kept by the family. Before the closing of the Fochriw Collieries, he was a winding engineman for many hours, and was held in high esteem by his employers and fellow workmen. The funeral, which was private, took place on Thursday last at Gellygaer Churchyard, the Revs. O. M. Lewis (Ystrad Rhondda) and Lleiedi Williams (Cwmparc) officiating at the house, and the Revs. J. L. White (Fochriw) and J. O. Williams (Gellygaer) at the graveside. The chief mourners were: Messrs. William R., and George Evans (sons); George Evans, M.E. (brother); the Rev. T. Alban Davies and Mr. W. Angell (sons-in-law); Messrs. Lewis Pritchard, Thomas Jones, Lewis Jones, Stewart Jones, William J. Jones, Glynne Jones, Aneurin Jones (nephews); Thomas Lewis (cousin); T. A. Thomas. Mourners at the house: Mrs. T. A. Davies, Mrs. W. Angell (daughters); Mrs. G. Evans (daughter-in-law); Mrs. A. Jones, Mrs. J. Lawrence, Mrs. O. Evans, Mrs. E. Walters, Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Cumpstone, Mrs. Ballard. The bearers were: Messrs. T. Francis, G. Jones, A. Jones, G. Llewellyn, E. Lewis, J. Slimmon, J. R. Walters, W. R. Davies, B. Cumpstone, O. Parry, William Powell and S. Lewis.

**9 July 1938** Obituary Two older inhabitants have passed away this week in Mr. Evan Morgan Davies, Glyn-terrace, aged 69 years, and Mrs. Janet Davies, aged 72, widow of Mr. Thomas Davies, Dynevor-street.

**9 July 1938** Funeral: Mr. John Rees, Aelybryn, aged 72 The death has occurred of Mr. John Rees. Deceased was a native of Merthyr, but had resided in Fochriw for 37 years. He was a member of Noddfa Baptist chapel, and at the funeral, which took place on Monday, the deacons of the church acted as bearers. The Rev. Ieuan Evans, Rhymney, officiated. The mourners were: Messrs. David & Windsor Rees (sons); C. W. Froud, London; H. Robinson, Abertyswg (sons-in-law); Evan Rees, Jacob Rees and Harry Rees (brothers); David Jones, Port Talbot (brother-in-law); T. J. Mathews, E. Rees, Dan Parry, J. Williams (nephews). Mourners at the house: Mesdames E. Rees (widow); M. Robinson, B. Froud, Margaret Robinson, Lily Bellingham (daughters); M. A. Evans (sister); Jane Mathews, Evan Rees (sisters-in-law); T. J. Mathews (niece).

**9 July 1938** Funeral: Mrs. Margaret Wellings, 1, Plantation-terrace, aged 68 The death has taken place of Mrs. Margaret Wellings, wife of Mr. Joseph Wellings. Until the closing down of the Fochriw Collieries, Mr. Wellings was an official for many years. Mrs. Wellings was a native of Brecon, but had lived in Fochriw for the last 50 years, and celebrated her golden wedding last February. She was a member of St. Mary's Church. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard, the vicar officiating. The bearers were Messrs. John Lawrence, W. J. Payne, W. M. Davies, & Burkley Davies. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Joseph Wellings (husband); Bert Wellings (son); Messrs. Levi Pritchard (son-in-law); Desmond Pritchard (grandson); George Watkins, W. R. Roberts (grandsons-in-law); William Wellings, Pontlottyn; James Higgins, Hirwaun (brothers-in-law). Mourners at the house: Mrs. L. Pritchard, Miss Rosie Wellings, Mrs. Eileen Harris, Brecon (daughters); Mrs. Alexander (sister); Mrs. M. H. Wellings (daughter-in-law); Mrs. Watkins, Mrs. Roberts (grand-daughters); Mrs. Higgins, Mrs. Wellings (sisters-in-law); Mrs. Jones, Pontlottyn (niece).

**16 July 1938** Death The death occurred after a short illness of Mr. Griffiths, 5, Glyn-terrace, at the age of 68 years. He was a member of Carmel Congregational Church.

**16 July 1938** Funeral: Mrs. Janet Davies, 12, Dynevor-street, aged 72 Mrs. Janet Davies, widow of Mr. T. Davies, was buried at Pant Cemetery on Wednesday. She was born at Penywern, but moved to Fochriw 69 years ago. She was a member of Carmel Chapel, of which her husband had been deacon for many years. The Rev. J. R. Salmon officiated. The chief mourners were: Messrs. T. G. Davies (son); Emrys Davies, D. M. Davies (grandsons); G. Jones (brother); Tom Walters, Daniel, T. H., and Howell Jones, George Walters, T. Thomas, I. L. Evans, Idwal Walters, A. Thomas (nephews); David D. Morgan, R. Lewis, J. Evans (cousins). Mourners at the house: Mrs. T. G. Davies (daughter-in-law); Mrs. E. Jones, S. J. Jones, Mrs. M. Davies (sisters-in-law); Misses M. & F. and Jones, Mrs. M. Evans, Mrs. Edith Thomas, Mrs. T. Walters (nieces); Mrs. M. Thomas, Mrs. A. Simons, Mrs. Janet Morgan Mrs. Mary Morgan, Mrs. M. Jones (cousins).

**16 July 1938** Funeral: Mr. Evan Morgan Davies, 8, Glyn-terrace, aged 69 The funeral of Mr. E. M. Davies took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday. He came to Fochriw from Rhymney, Mon., with his parents, when he was a few months old. He was a member of Carmel Chapel, and had been a deacon for 30 years. He was senior deacon. Before the closing down of the collieries, he was a checkweigher for over 30 years. He was secretary of "Cwch Gwenyn" United Fund from 1902-20, and secretary off "Blodeuyn y Mynydd" from 1918-1936, and had been actively associated with the Welfare and other movements. The Rev. R. Evans and the Rev. L. Williams officiated at the burial. The chief mourners were: Messrs. George, William, Morgan, Bryn, Gomer, Gomer Tudor, (sons); Mr. and Mrs. William Lewis (daughter and son-in-law); Mrs. M. Davies, Aberdare (sister); Messrs. J. & A. Davies, E. M. Lewis, I., G., and L Davies, T. M. Williams (grandsons); W. Lewis, G. Harris (sons-in-law); R. Rees, M, W, and I. Williams, D. J. Meredith, G. Mantle, B. Evans, E. and W. Davies, R. Jones, T. Mantle, E. Evans, W. Williams, H., Lyn, & J. M. Jones, R. Rees, R., R. & J. Williams, T. Rees, (nephews). At the house: Mrs. J. Davies (widow); C. Harris (daughter); J. and M. Davies, G. Harris, E. Davies (grand-daughters); R. and M. A. Williams, H. Meredith, M. Williams, M. H. mantle, N. Williams, H. Jones, F. Mantle, M. Powell, L. Davies, B. Jones (nieces); E. J. Lawrence and S. A. Payne.

**23 July 1938** Funeral: Mr. William Griffiths, Maes-y-Coed, aged 68 The funeral of Mr. William Griffiths took place at Pant Cemetery on Saturday. He was a native of Dowlais, but had lived at Fochriw for 48 years. He was a member of Carmel Congregational Church, having been secretary and deacon for many years. Before coming to have Fochriw, he was a member of Bethania Church, Dowlais, where his father was a deacon. He possessed a fine tenor voice, and had been a member of the late Mr. Harry Evans' and Mr. William Griffiths' Dowlais choirs, and also a member of the male voice and mixed choirs of Fochriw. He had been a member of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of Good Templars. The funeral was a representative one, and the officiating ministers were the Rev J. R. Salmon, and the Rev. Richard Evans. The mourners were: Messrs. Ambrose Jones, Deri, William Cook, Bedwas, and Robert Rees (sons-in-law); Willie A. Jones and D. Jones, Deri (grandsons); T. Griffiths, I. Griffiths, Daniel Griffiths, J. Jones, E. Jacob, Mr. Thomas, Rhys John, G. Morris (nephews); John Lewis, Edward Lewis, W. Lewis, John Morgan, Jack Evans (brothers-in-law); Williams T. Lewis, D. Lewis, E. Lewis, C. Pugh, B. Jones, A. Jones, T. Rees, T. J. Morgan, W. Morgan, T. Pope, W. Humphreys (nephews); William Jones, Edward Jones, William James, R. Jones, W. Evans, W. I. Hopkins, E. Bowen, J. Peters (cousins). Mourners at the house: Mrs. Griffiths (widow); Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Rees (daughters); Miss Iris Jones (granddaughter); Mrs. Jacob, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. John, Mrs. Morris (nieces); Mrs. G. Evans, Mrs. J. Lewis, Mrs. Edward Lewis, Mrs. J. Evans (sisters-in-law); Mrs. Whitcombe, Mrs. T. Pope, Mrs. Morse, Mrs. T. Rees, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. M. Jones, Mrs. F. Lewis (cousins); Mrs. Mear, Mrs. Sam Lewis.

**13 August 1938** Funeral: Mr. Edward Gittens, Guests-street, aged 78 The burial took place on Monday at Pentwyn churchyard of Mr. Edward Gittens, husband of Mrs. Martha Gittens. He was a native of Clun, Shropshire, but had resided at Fochriw for over 46 years. Pastor David Thomas officiated, and the following members of the Gospel Hall acted as bearers:

Messrs. E. H. Lewis, Dewi Morgan, Horace Jones, David Saunders. The chief mourners were: Messrs. George, Eddie, Edwin, John Gwyn, Elwyn, Stanley and Myrddin Gittens (sons); Tom Oates, Merthyr, and Alun Davies, Aberystwyth (sons in-law); William H. Davies, Edwin Davies, John Davies, David W. Morris, Albert Price (brothers-in-law); George Gittens, Tom Jones, Bryn Jones, John Jones, Iorwerth Jones, Myrddin Jones, Glyn Evans, Gwilym Evans, Brynley Davies, Vivian Davies (nephews). Mourners at the house: Mrs. M. Gittens (who widow); Mrs. Oates, Mrs. Davies, Aberystwyth; Mair Gittens, Hetty Gittens (daughters); Maggie and Gladys (daughters-in-law); Lizzie., Esther, Catherine Ann, Edith Ann (sisters-in-law); Alice, Harriet, Lizzie, Megan (nieces); Mrs. Pugh.

**20 August 1938** Funeral: Mr. John Henry Scandrett, Dynevor-street, aged 52 The death occurred on Thursday of Mr. John Henry Scandrett. He was a native of Dowlais, and had resided with his sister for over 13 years. The funeral took place on Tuesday at Pant Cemetery. The vicar, assisted by the Rev. Iltyd Jones, officiated. The mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. R. Price (sister and brother-in-law); Mr. J. Clay (brother-in-law); Mr. William Scandrett (brother); Messrs. Jeremiah Clary and William Clary (nephews); Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gwilym, Mrs. May Gwilym, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Thomas, Mr. Jack Thomas (cousins). Mourners at the house: Mrs. S. G. Williams, Mrs. Sheen, Mrs. David Davies, Mrs. Owen. The following acted as bearers: Messrs. David Rees Jones, William Powell, Abraham Jones, Thomas Evans, Terence Kelly, Harry Jones, Bob Rees.

**27 August 1938** Vocalist's Death The death has occurred of Mr. Thomas John Evans, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Evans, 2, Dynevor-street, at the age of 34 years. Mr. Evans, who was a single man, residing with his parents, was a member of Carmel Congregational Church. He possessed a fine voice, and had been a prominent member of the Male Voice Party.

**27 August 1938** Funeral: Mr. J. H. Scandrett, Dynevor-street, aged 52 The death occurred on Friday of Mr. J. H. Scandrett. The funeral took place on Tuesday at Pant Cemetery. The Rev J. L. White, assisted by the Rev I. Jones, officiated. Mourners: Mr. and Mrs. J. Price (sister and brother-in-law); Mr. W. T. Scandrett (brother); Mr. James Cleary (brother-in-law); Messrs. J. and W. Cleary (nephews); Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gwilym, Mrs. May Gwilym (cousins); Mr. and Mrs. Kent, Mrs. A. Price, Mrs. Williams, Mr. D. Williams, Mr. J. Sheen, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas (Beaufort), Mr. Jack Thomas, Mr. R. J. Price, Mr. Windsor Rees (nephews and nieces). Mourners at the house: Mesdames Owen, Davies, F. G. Williams, M. Sheen. The bearers were Messrs. D. R. Jones, W. Powell, Thomas Evans, Abraham Jones, Terence Kelly, H. Jones and Robert Rees.

**3 September 1938** Funeral: Mr. Thomas John Evans, Dynevor-street, aged 34 The funeral of Mr. Thomas John Evans took place on Tuesday at Pentwyn Churchyard. Mr. Evans was single and resided with his parents. He was a member of Carmel Chapel, and was keenly interested in music, possessing a fine tenor voice. The Rev. Richard Evans officiated at the funeral. The chief mourners were: Mr. Thomas Evans (father); Messrs. David Lewis Evans, Hy. Evans, Edgar Evans, William Evans (brothers); Terence Kelly, William Hewins (brothers-in-law); Desmond Kelly (nephew); Walter Jones, Evan Jones, Henry Evans, Thomas Edwards, Walter Jones, B. Evans, W. J. Angell (uncles); Leslie Jones, W. H. Edwards, T. B. Edwards, Charles Edwards, Thomas Sullivan, Albert Mantle, David Evans, J. E. Edwards, W. Angell, Lewis Evans, Roderick Jones, W. J. Jones, Trevor Davies, Thomas Davies, Benjamin Jones, T. B. Evans, Edward Evans, W. M. Evans, Edred Jones, Garnant Jones, Gethin Jones, Windsor Williams, Wyndham Morgan, Tom Mantle, John Mantle, Roderick Williams, Bedford Edwards, Wm. Bennett, Harold Pritchard, James Davies and Thomas Jones. At the house: Mrs. Mary Evans (mother); Mrs. E. A. Hewins (sister); Mrs. W. Jones, Mrs. M. A. Jones, Mrs. T. Jones (aunts); Mrs. B. Evans, Mrs. M. Evans and Mrs. Mildred Evans (sisters-in-law); Mesdames E. A. Jones, Maggie Davies, Betty Jones, M. A. Davies, M. S. Mantle, L. Edwards, N. Edwards, M. H. Morgan, B. Evans, Nellie Angell, Maggie Davies, and E. Sullivan (cousins); Mrs. Jane Evans and Mrs. A. J. Cook.

**8 October 1938** Death The death has occurred of Mr. Charles R. Mills, Glen-view, Pentwyn. Mr. Mills had been secretary of the Cwlwm-y-Brodoriaeth Lodge of the R.A.O.B. for many years. He was admitted to the Merthyr General Hospital some weeks ago, and died on Saturday.

**15 October 1938** Funeral: Mr. C. R. Mills, Glen-view, aged 60 The funeral of Mr. C. R. Mills took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday. He was a native of Hereford, but had resided in the village for the last 27 years. He was associated with the Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes, and was secretary of the Cwlwm-y-Brodoriaeth Lodge. The funeral was a very representative one, including many members of the R.A.O.B. The Vicar, and the Rev. J. C. Payne (Chaplain of the R.A.O.B.) officiated. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Harvey and Norman Mills (sons); Jack Barrington, A. & C. Price (brothers-in-law). Mourners at the house: Mrs. C. R. Mills (widow); Mr. Joan Mills (daughter); Mrs. B. Mills (daughter-in-law); Mrs. Ashford and Miss Bella Ashford.

**17 December 1938** Funeral: Mrs. Irwen Morris, School House, aged 31 The death has occurred of Mrs. Irwen Morris, wife of Mr. Tom Morris. Mrs. Morris was a member of St. Mary's Church. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard, the vicar officiating. Mourners were: Mr. Tom Morris (husband); Captain E. H. Williams, London; Mordecai and John Williams, E. & Leighton Chaffey, Bargoed; G. Morris, Len Trollope, W. L. Hill, Tom Bowen, Tom Walters, D. Owen Jones, B. Taylor, Tredegar, S. Trollope, L. and Clifford Davies, Glyn Watkins, Tom and Cled Hill, Windsor Williams, Tom Walters (Dowlais), Wyndham Morgan, Cyril Brannan, Dan Jones. Mourners at the house: Gareth Morris (son); Mesdames Margaret Williams, Chaffe, M. Morris, M. Davies, L. Trollope, E. H. Williams, Mordecai Williams, M. H. Morgan, J. Williams, Misses Jessie and K. Williams, L. Taylor, Mrs. M. and Miss G. Davies, Mrs. Brannan, Mrs. D. J. Morgan, Miss E. and S. A. Fittons, Mrs. E. Harris, Miss Evelyn Thomas, Mrs. Dan Jones. Among the many floral tributes was one from the Groesfaen Clay Workmen.

**24 December 1938** The Late Miss Glenys Jones The death has taken place after a long and painful illness of Miss Glenys Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jones, late of Brynteg-street, now of Ogmores Vale. Glenys was of a charming disposition, and passed away at the early age of 26 years. She was a certificated teacher, having been trained at Barry Training College, and before her illness held a post in England. Great sympathy is extended to the family.

**31 December 1938** Funeral: Mr. Daniel Rowlands, Aelybryn, aged 70 The death has occurred of Mr. Daniel Rowlands. He was a deacon of Carmel Congregational Church. The funeral took place on Tuesday. The Rev. J. R. Salmon officiated, and paid tribute to Mr. Rowland's fine character. The mourners were: Messrs. Leyshon, Thomas, Daniel and John Rowlands (sons); Evan Rowlands (brother); Thomas Francis, William Thomas, Charles Hollister (brothers-in-law); David Evans, Lewis Evans, Willie A. Davies (sons-in-law); Tudor Rowlands (grandson); Cyril Thomas, Evan J. Thomas, Daniel Thomas, John Francis, Wilfred Hollister (nephews); David Griffiths, William Griffiths, Tudor Griffiths, Hopkin Griffiths, Abe Edwards, Daniel Edwards, Mark Old, E. Griffiths (cousins); David Jones, Eba Watkins, William Evans, Brinley Cumpstone, J. Giles, Richard Evans, Willie A. Davies, Thomas Kinsey, D Gibbons. Mourners at the house: Mrs. D. Rowlands (widow); Mrs. D. Evans, Mrs. L. Evans, Mrs. W. A. Davies (daughters); Mrs. M. L. Thomas (sister); Mrs. E. Rowlands (sister-in-law); Mrs. Tom Rowlands, Mrs. D. Rowlands (daughters-in-law); Mrs. Teg Cumpstone, Miss Amelia Evans, Miss Margaret Rowlands, Masters Eiros & Carwyn Evans (grand children); Mesdames B. Jones, A. Davies, H. Francis, E. Rowlands, Baldwin, Misses Peggy & Jenny Thomas (nieces); Mrs. M. Griffiths, Mrs. D. Griffiths.

**31 December 1938** Funeral: Miss Glenys Jones, aged 26 The funeral of Miss Glenys Jones took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Wednesday. Miss Jones was aged 26, and a teacher at Hilltop School, Quinton, Birmingham. A product of the Fochriw School, she later proceeded to Hengoed County School, and then to Barry Training College. The funeral was large and representative, and the bearers were Councillor Sam Lewis, Fochriw; Messrs. E. Morris, W. Heath and L. Davies, Ogmores Vale. The officiating ministers were the Rev. Gilbert Roberts, Bethania Welsh Congregational Church, assisted by the Rev. J. J. Walters, Bethlehem Baptist Church, Ogmores Vale. The mourners were: Messrs. Walter Jones (father); Richard Jones, Birmingham; Lewis Jones, Kidderminster; Glanville Ingram Jones (brothers); Tom Jones (brother-in-law); Evan Jones, Thomas Evans, Walter Jones, W. Roderick Jones, B. Wathan, Pontsticill (uncles); Jack Jones, Roderick Jones, Willie Evans, Harry Evans, Terence Kelly,



William Evans, Edrid Jones, Leslie Jones (cousins); Messrs. W. Hughes Jones and Alec Jones, Dowlais.

**7 January 1939** Death The death has occurred of Mr. Edgar Evans, Williams-row, at the age of 31 years. He returned from Pontsarn Hospital last Thursday and died on Monday.

**14 January 1939** Death The death took place suddenly of Mr. John Morgan, 5, Glyn-terrace, on Monday afternoon, while following his employment at Ogilvie Colliery. One of the pioneers and stalwarts of the St. John Ambulance movement in the district, he held the rank of Corps Treasurer of the Dowlais Division.

**14 January 1939** Funeral: Mr. Edgar Evans, 4, Williams-row, aged 30 The funeral of Mr. Edgar Evans took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday. Mr. Evans had been ill for about six months. He was of a bright and genial disposition, and will be sadly missed. The Rev. Richard Evans officiated. The mourners were: Mr. Thomas Evans (father); Messrs. David Lewis, Henry & William Evans (brothers); Henry Evans, Ben Evans, Walter Jones, Evan Jones and W. Jones (uncles); Mr. Williams (father-in-law); Terence Kelly, William Hewins, William Evans, Oliver Evans, Emrys Williams, H. Lewis, Morgan Jones, D. G. Thomas, Rowland Williams, Alec Williams (brothers-in-law); Desmond Kelly (nephews); William H. Edwards, Thomas B. Edwards, Charles Edwards, Edward Evans, David William Thomas, John L. Jones, William J. Jones, Roderick Jones, Trevor Davies, William Bennett, W. Smith, Arnold Pritchard, Leslie Jones, Mordecai Williams, Windsor Williams, Lewis Evans, T. Jones, Wyndham Morgan, Meth Evans, Percy Edwards, Bedford Edwards, Albert Mantle, and Thomas Sullivan. Mourners at the house: Mrs. M. Evans (wife); Mrs. Mary Evans (mother); Mrs. Hewins (sister); Mary Joan Evans (niece); Mesdames B. Evans, M. Evans, J. Lewis, Beatrice Jones, Annie Thomas, C. Williams, Megan Williams, Mary Williams (sisters-in-law); Mrs. M. A. Jones (aunt); Mesdames Myfanwy Jones, M. Davies, M. S. Mantle, Esther Sullivan (cousins).

**21 January 1939** Former Fochriw Lady: Dies at Onllwyn Mrs. Gwyneth Vivia Davies, formerly of Aelybryn, wife of Mr. Trevor Davies, Onllwyn, passed away on Wednesday last week after a prolonged illness. Deceased, who was 38 years of age, was an active member of Calvaria Baptist Church. In addition to her husband, she is survived by one son. The interment took place last Monday at Brynbedd Cemetery, Seven Sisters, the Revs. Ieuan Evans, Rhymney, W. I. Price, and H. H. Lewis officiating. The mourners were: Messrs. Trevor Davies (husband); Wm. Davies (father-in-law); Ed. Morgan, Chas. Rowlands (brothers-in-law); Wm. Williams, W. J. Davies, Jess Williams, John Brook, Llew Bowen (uncles); Loyal Evans, D. J. Davies, Trevor Davies, Emlyn Davies, Lewis and Aneurin Price, Octavius Richards, Myrddin Davies, Harry Southall, John Brook (cousins). At the house: Mrs. M. Davies (mother); Mrs. L. Hughes, Mrs. Gwladys Rowlands (sisters-in-law); Mrs. A. Bell, Mrs. M. Jenkins, Mrs. C. Evans, Mrs. L. Davies, Mrs. M. Isaac, Mrs. G. Williams (aunts); Mrs. R. Davies, Mrs. Williams (cousins). Deacons of Calvaria acted as bearers.

**21 January 1939** Ambulance Officer's Death: Mr. John Morgan, aged 61 The death has occurred of Corps Superintendent John Morgan, who collapsed and died while working at Ogilvie Colliery. His services were in constant demand, and his great skill in ambulance work had been the means of relieving hundreds of sufferers. He had resided at Fochriw for 38 years. His wife died six years ago. He joined the Ambulance class under the late Dr. Eleazer Davies in 1902, and had been a member for 36 years. He held the rank of Divisional Superintendent for seven years, later being Corps Treasurer, and at his death was Corps Superintendent. He had conducted several classes in ambulance work, and trained several winning teams in competitions. He adjudicated at many important competitions. He was a member of Carmel Chapel. The burial took place on Saturday at Pant Cemetery, where there was a representative attendance. The coffin was draped with the flag of the Priory of St. John. The cortege was marshalled by Ambulance Officer Tom Evans. The bearers were Sergeant Dan James, Honorary Sergeant, Divisional Secretary T. Thomas, Corporal W. Parry and Cadet Superintendent Tom Powell. A strong detachment of ambulance men and cadets from the district also attended. On arrival at Pant station the cortege was met by Centre Commissioner W. J. Canton. The bearers from the station to the graveside were Sergeant D. James; Ambulance Officer T. Evans, Fochriw Division; Corps Treas. Wooding, Dowlais

Division; Officer T. Morgan, Deri Division; Officer L. Powell, Merthyr Division; Officer T. H. Shankland, Penydarren, with Corps Sergeant Major of the Dowlais Corps in command. Also present was Chief Superintendent Hy. Jones, Merthyr. The officiating ministers were the Rev. J. R. Salmon, Pontlottyn, Rev. Richard Evans, Deri; Rev A. J. Jeffries, Penydarren. The chief mourners were: Mr. T. J. Morgan, Mr. William G. Morgan (sons); Mr. Thomas Pope (son-in-law); Mr. Evan Morgan (brother); Mr. T. Jones, Messrs. John and Jack Lewis, Edward & Wm. Lewis (brothers-in-law); Arthur Jones, W. T. Lewis, John Lewis, Emrys Lewis, John Walters, Idris Walters, W. J. Jones, Evan Bevan, J. Bevan, Bob Rees, Ambrose Jones, William Cook, Idris Jones, Evan Jones, T. Jones, Ieuan Jones, Islwyn Jones, I. Jones, John Thomas, W. R. Beddoe, W. S. Thomas, Dryslyn Beddoe, Ardwyn Beddoe, William Jones and E. Jones. At the house: Mrs. T. Pope (daughter); Mrs. T. J. Morgan (daughter-in-law); Mrs. Jane Jones, Mrs. Emily Jones (sisters); Mesdames W. Griffiths, Katie Morgan, E. Lewis, J. Evans (sisters-in-law); Ambrose Jones, W. Cook, Bob Rees, Morse, Rees, W. J. Jones, I. Jones, G. Jones, Thomas, Miss Iris Jones, Miss Mair Morgan (nieces and cousins); Mrs. Eileen Jones and Mrs. M. Jones (nieces).

**18 February 1939** Obituaries We record this week the deaths of two well-known inhabitants in the persons of Mr. Henry Evans, Martin-street, and Mr. James Davies, Guest-street. Sympathy is extended to the families.

**25 February 1939** Death: Mr. Richard Morgan, Hill-row, Pentwyn Mr. Richard Morgan has died after the short illness. He was a member of the Fochriw Silver Band.

**25 February 1939** Funeral: Mr. Harry Evans, 2. Martin-street, aged 75 Another link with the past was broken on Saturday, when the funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard of Mr. Harry Evans. He had resided in the village practically the whole of his life. His wife died five years ago, and he lost his eldest son in France during the war. The Rev. Richard Evans officiated. The chief mourners were: Mr. Edward Evans (son); Messrs. T. & B. Evans (brothers); Thomas Edwards and John Davies (brothers-in-law); David L. Evans, H. Evans, William Evans, Emlyn Davis, David W. Thomas, Thomas B. Evans, William H. Edwards, Thomas B. Edwards, Charles Edwards, William T. Morgan, Edward Evans, Roderick Williams, Mordecai Williams, Percy Edwards, J. Mantle, Tom Mantle, Windsor Williams, Thomas Sullivan, Terence Kelly, Bedford Edwards, William Hewins, Wyndham Morgan, William Bennett, William Smith, Meth Evans, James Morgan and A Pritchard (nephews). At the house: Mrs. T. Evans (sister-in-law); Mesdames P. Edwards, A. Mantle, T. Sullivan, Hewins, T. B. & W. H. Edwards, Mrs. D. Jones, Mrs. D. L. Evans, W. Morgan, M. Evans, Miss Kathleen Williams (nieces).

**25 February 1939** Funeral: Mr. James Davies, 6, Guest-street, aged 50 The funeral of Mr. James Davies took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday. He had lived in the village all his life. He died at Merthyr General Hospital. He was of a genial disposition and will be missed by a large circle of friends. The Rev. Richard Evans officiated. The mourners were: Messrs. Tom and Alfred Davies (sons); Alfred Angell (father-in-law); John, David and Richard Davies (brothers); John James, G. Lewis, W. J. Angel (brothers-in-law); Elias Davies, John Davies, Burkley Angell, William Thomas, James Davies (uncles); Burkley Davies, W. A. Davies, Willie Angell, Burkley Angell, W. A. Thomas (cousins); D. T. Davies, Ronald Greening, William Gardner, J. J. Lewis, Oliver Davies, Percy Golden, David Morris, Hy. Price, Harry Simpson, David Edwards, Mr. Jones (Rhondda), Messrs. Claude Smith, Ewart Davies, D. John Davies. Mourners at the house: Mrs. Blodwen Davies (wife); Mary Lewis (sister); May James, Sarah Ann Davies, Elizabeth Angell (sisters-in-law); Jessie Thomas, Maud Davies, Emeline Davies, Elizabeth Davies, Laurie Smith Rennie Gardener, Mary Jane Edwards (cousins); Mary Evans, Mrs. T. Pugh, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Gittins, Mrs. Fox.

**4 March 1939** Funeral: Mr. Richard Morgan, Hill-road, Pentwyn, aged 57 The funeral of Mr. Richard Morgan took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday. The Rev. Richard Evans officiated. Mr. Morgan had been a member of the Fochriw Silver Band for 37 years. The band led the cortege from the house, playing of the "Dead March" in "Saul." Mr. Morgan's uniform, cap and belt were placed on the coffin. Six members of the band were bearers. The mourners were: Messrs. John Morgan (son); Edgar Evans, Thomas Sullivan (sons-in-law);

Frank Attwell, Arthur Coggan (brothers-in-law); R. G. Attwell (nephews); John Williams, Jenkin Williams, Stanley Williams, David Morgan (cousins); G. Evans and F. Hall. Mourners at the house: Mrs. M. Morgan (widow); Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Sullivan (daughters); Mrs. Attwell (sister); Mrs. J. Morgan (daughter-in-law); Mrs. Mary Williams, Mrs. Jay (Tonypandy); Mrs. Jenkin Williams, Mrs. R. G. Attwell, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Archer, Mrs. Cumpstone, Mrs. Morgan, (Tredegar).

**11 March 1939** Funeral: Mr. Thomas Prosser, Aelybryn, aged 80 The death has occurred of Mr. Thomas Prosser. He had lived at Fochriw for almost all of his life, and was employed as a fitter at the Fochriw Collieries. A service was held at St. Mary's Church, and the interment was at Pentwyn Churchyard. The Vicar officiated. The mourners were: Messrs. W. J., Edward, Ivor, Ernest, Ivor, Fred and Albert Prosser (sons); J. Bowen, E. Puddle, J. Cleavey, T. Beale, T. Bailey (sons-in-law); T. J. Meredith George Puddle, Glyn Prosser, Douglas Beale (grand-children); A. Webber (Chepstow); Mr. Acreman (Pontlottyn); T. Watkins (brothers-in-law); P. Lewis, E. Lewis, J. Morgan, T. Morgan, A. Morgan, R. Gittens, J. Jones (Gilfach), G. Carter (Deri), C. Davies (Brynmaur), G. Lloyd, J. Lloyd (Pontlottyn), J. Thomas and A. Thomas (nephews). At the house: Mrs. S. A. Prosser (wife), M. Morgan (sister); J. Bowen, B. M. Puddle, L. Cleavey, M. Beale, O. Bailey (daughters); L. Thomas, E. Prosser, M. Prosser, I. Prosser (daughters-in-law); Mrs. E. Webber, Mrs. A. Watkins, (sisters-in-law); Mrs. O. M. Humphreys, M. Gittens, Mrs. T. Bailey, Mrs. M. Tuck, M. Carter (nieces); R. Prosser, S. Prosser, M. Puddle, E. Morgan (grand-children).

**18 March 1939** Caretaker's Death Mr. Evan Jones, Martin-street, died suddenly on Monday. He had been caretaker of the library and Institute for many years. He was attending to his usual duties on Friday last.

**25 March 1939** Death: Mr. T. I. Evans, Martin-street The death has occurred at Merthyr General Hospital of Mr. Tom Idris Evans. He leaves a wife and family.

**25 March 1939** Funeral: Mr. Evan Jones, aged 63 The funeral of Mr. Evan Jones took place on Saturday Pentwyn Churchyard. He was a member of Carmel, and for the last 14 years was caretaker of the library and Institute. He leaves a wife and family to mourn their loss. One boy, getting, has been accepted in to Carmarthen College recently. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Gethin, Edryd and Lewis Garnant Jones, John Elwyn Edwards (sons); Islwyn Jones (son-in-law); Walter Jones (Ogmore Vale), W. Jones (brothers); T. Evans, W. J. Angel (Cardiff), David Isaac Evans (brothers-in-law); Lewis Evans, John Roderick, Glanville I. and T. Jones, Enoch Lewis, D. L. H. and W. Evans, Lester Jones, D. Alwan Evans, John Evans, Terence Kelly, W. Hewins (nephews); W. Jones, Tom Davies, B. Wathan, E. Morgan, David J. Jacob, John Davies, W. Ballard (cousins). At the house: Mrs. Esther Jones (widow); Betty and Iris Jones (daughters); Mary Evans (sister); Annie J. Jones, Elizabeth Lewis, Nellie Evans (sisters-in-law); Maggie Davies, Margaret J. Jones, Elizabeth A. Hewins, Eliza Evans, Nellie Angell (nieces); Maggie Davies, Sarah A. Jones, Rosina Davies, R. M. Cumpstone.

**1 April 1939** Funeral: Mr. Tom Idris Evans, 22, Martin-street, aged 42 Mr. Tom Idris Evans died at Merthyr General Hospital following a few weeks of illness. Mr. Evans was a keen sportsman, and had played football for the local team. During the Great War, he joined the Welsh Guards, with which Regiment he saw active service. Among the large number of wreaths at the funeral was one from his old comrades of the Welsh Guards. He was a member of Carmel Chapel, where his father had been a deacon for many years before his death. He leaves a wife and family to mourn, to whom sympathy is extended. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard, and was a very representative one, including officials and workmen from Ogilvie Colliery, where he worked. The Rev. J. R. Salmon, Pontlottyn, officiated, assisted by and Mr. J. J. Davies, headmaster of Bargoed Secondary School. The chief mourners were: Masters David J. Evans, John Evans (sons); Messrs. D Isaac Evans (brother); David Lewis, T. Jenkins, Rees Jenkins, Syl Jenkins, David Davies, Ray Cook, John Fisher (brothers-in-law); J. Shankland, D. J. James (uncles); John C., W. H., Bert & David Jenkins (nephews); Thomas Jenkins, David Jenkins, Thomas Shankland, Crad Shankland, Thos. J. James, Sid Way, J. Phillips, Wm. Angell, Burkley Angell. Also present were: Messrs. W. H. Knibbs, M.E.; Dd. Price (Bargoed Sec. School); S. Clavin, T. Jones and E. J. Jones. Mourners

at the house: of year Mrs. Elinor Jenkins (wife); Mrs. Eliza Evans (daughter); Mrs. David Lewis, Mrs. E. Jones (sisters); Iris Jones, Betty Jones (nieces); Elspeth Lewis (cousin); Mesdames David Davies, R. Cook, J. Fisher, R. Jenkins, S. Jenkins (sisters-in-law); E. J. Thomas, R. Thomas, C. Shankland, T. J. James (cousins); W. Cook (friend).

**8 April 1939** Death The death has taken place of Mr. Franks Strang, Pentwyn, who passed away at Merthyr General Hospital, where he had undergone an operation. Sympathy is extended to the family in their bereavement.

**8 April 1939** Funeral: Mr. David Thomas, aged 77 years The death has occurred of Mr. David Thomas (Cymro). He was a native of Dowlais, but had lived practically the whole of his life at Fochriw. He was a member of Noddfa Baptist Church, and a member of the Cwlwm-y-Brodoriaeth Lodge of the R.A.O.B. The service at the graveside was conducted by the chaplain, the Rev J. C. Payne and the Rev. R. M. Lloyd (Rhymney). The burial took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Monday, and was well attended. These chief mourners were: Mr. Joshua Evans (son-in-law); Messrs. D. J. Williams (grandson); Daniel Evans (brother-in-law); Richard Evans, Crad Thomas, Robert Thomas, E. Thomas, John Thomas, Eddie Williams, W. Pearce (nephews); Evan Jones, Tom Thomas, D. Thomas, D. Caston. Mourners at the house: Mrs. J. Evans (daughter); Mrs. D. Evans (sister); Mrs. E. Harris (niece).

**15 April 1939** Funeral: Mr. Frank Strang, Hill-row, aged 60 The funeral of Mr. Frank Strang took place on Thursday. He leaves a wife and family. One son, Mr. David Strang, is serving with the Welsh Guards. The Rev. J. R. Salmon officiated. The mourners were: Messrs. D. W. and Evan Strang (sons); E. Strang (brother); Alf Gwynne (son-in-law); Rees Jenkins, John Evans (brothers-in-law); E. Sibley, F. Wilton (nephews). Mourners at the house: Mrs. Strang (widow); Mrs. J. Westmaroth Mrs. A. Gwynne, Mrs. F. Strang (daughters); Mrs. Sibley (sister); Mesdames E. Strang, R. Jenkins, J. Evans (sisters-in-law); F. Wilton, E. Sibley (nieces); A. Mantle, L. Lewis, T. Mantle, Miss H. Mantle.

**10 June 1939** Obituary: Mrs. Mary Thomas, Martin-street, aged 65 The death has occurred of Mrs. Mary Thomas, wife of Mr. Job Thomas, 12, Martin-street. Mrs. Thomas was a native of Carmarthen, but had lived at Fochriw for the last 56 years. She was a member of Carmel Chapel. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard. The Rev. J. R. Salmon, and the Rev. Richard Evans officiated.

**8 July 1939** Funeral: Mrs. M. A. Barlow, 42, Aelybryn, aged 56 The death has occurred of Mrs. M. A. Barlow, wife of Mr. Herbert Barlow. She was a member of the Gospel Hall. Mrs. Barlow was a native of Dowlais, but had lived at Fochriw for many years. The funeral took place on Tuesday at Pant Cemetery. The Revs. David Thomas (Gellygaer), Elwyn Jones (Dowlais) and W. Jones (Dowlais Top) officiated. The chief mourners were: Mr. H. Barlow (husband); Messrs. John and Harold Barlow (sons); John Daniel, Evan, Tom Price, Ivor, Willie (brothers); Price John and David Smith (uncles); James Jones, Dannie Evans (brothers-in-law); Tom Davies, Trevor Barlow, Ben Jones (Abercanaid), Gwilym Evans (Dowlais), Gus Griffiths, S. Rattle (New Tredegar), John Williams, E. J. Jones, Arthur Edwards, Ieuan Cartwright, W. Gwyn, Dan Evans, Alfred Williams. Mourners at the house: Irene, Iris and Phyllis Barlow (daughters); Mrs. Barlow (Birmingham) daughter-in-law; Mrs. Mitchell (Birmingham), Mrs. Barlow (Abercanaid), Mrs. T. Barlow (Merthyr), Mrs. Morgan (New Tredegar), Mrs. Phillips (Abercarn), Mrs. Milton (Abertillery), Mrs. Jones (Dowlais). The bearers were: Messrs. Evan H. Lewis, Dewi Morgan, .D Saunders, John Lloyd, W. Edwards, Wyndham Hughes, N. Thomas, P. Thomas, J. H. Evans and T. Pugh.

**15 July 1939** Child's Funeral: Elizabeth Ellen Rowlands, 8, Davies-row, Pentwyn The funeral of Elizabeth Ellen Rowlands, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Rowlands, took place on Thursday last, the vicar officiating. The mourners were: Mr. Cyril Rowlands (father); Mr. William Thomas (grandfather); Messrs. E. J. Thomas, Daniel Thomas (uncles); H. Baker, T. E. Davies, W. Williams, S. Saunders, G. Baker, T. Jenkins and Elvet Davies. Mourners at the house: Mrs. M. Rowlands (mother); Mrs. M. Thomas (grandmother); Mrs. Rosie Davies, Mrs. Nellie Williams, Mrs. S. Saunders (aunts); Mrs. Edith Iewellyn, Mrs. Polly Williams, Mrs. Lewis.

**15 July 1939** Funeral: Mr. David Lewis, 11, Hill-row, aged 80 The death has occurred of Pentwyn's oldest inhabitant, Mr. David Lewis. He was a native of the village, and had been

married for 60 years. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Monday, the vicar officiating. The chief mourners were: Mr. Henry J. Archer (son-in-law); Mr. David R. Jones (grandson); Messrs. B. & J. Garbett, T. Thomas, E. J. Lloyd, Wyndham Watkins (nephews). Mourners at the house: Mrs. Elizabeth Lewis (widow); Mesdames H. J. Archer (daughter); Myra Archer (grand-daughter); S. A. Thomas, J. Cochrane, R. Garbett, J. Hunt, M. Evans (nieces); Cumpstone, S. Potter, N. Marlows, E. Evans, Tom Jones, S. Cumpstone.

**5 August 1939** Colliery Death: Evan John Thomas, Hill-row, aged 19 While following his employment at Ogilvie Colliery, Evan John Thomas was killed. He is the son of Mr. & Mrs. William Thomas.

**12 August 1939** Pit Victim's Funeral One of largest funerals in the district took place on Saturday at Pentwyn Churchyard, when Mr. Evan John Thomas, who was killed by a fall of roof at Ogilvie Colliery, was buried. The Vicar officiated. The mourners were: Mr. William Thomas (father); Messrs. Cyril Rowlands, Daniel Thomas (brothers); Stan Saunders (brother-in-law); Edmund Griffiths (uncle); David Evans, Leyshon Rowlands, Thomas Rowlands, John Rowlands, Lewis Evans, William Davies, Tudor Rowlands, David Griffiths, William Mills, Percy Mills (cousins). Mourners at the house: Mrs. Mary E. Thomas (mother); Mesdames Kate Phillips, J. Saunders, Margaret Thomas (sisters); A. Rowlands, N. Rowlands, Margaret Griffiths, Ann Williams (aunts); E. Evans, E. Morgan, M. Mills (cousins); Lewis, Richards, Davies. The bearers were members of the Pentwyn Sports Club: Messrs. W. Sullivan, W. J. Llewellyn, W. Lewis, W. Pullen, E. Mantle & E. Williams.

**14 October 1939** Schoolboy's Death William Hughes, aged 13 years, son of Mr. & Mrs. Henry Hughes, 16, Chapel-street, Pantywaun, a pupil of Bargoed Technical School, was returning home from school last week by train, between Bargoed and Deri, when he was fatally injured by striking his head. The funeral took place at Pant, and among those present were Mr. Jarman, headmaster, Mr. John Edwards, headmaster of Pantywaun School, members of his class at Bargoed, his schoolmates from Pantywaun, and members of the Boys' Club, accompanied by Mr. T. F. Jones (Pantywaun), and Mr. Rogers (Dowlais). The Rev. Evan Elias officiated, assisted by Mr. Wm. Griffiths. The mourners were: Mr. Hughes (father); Mr. Dd. Thomas (grandfather); Maldwyn Hughes (brother); Messrs. John Hughes, W. G., D. J., Edward, Ivor and Arthur Thomas (uncles); H. & W. Davies, Idris, Tom and Ivor Jenkins, G. & Hy. Griffiths, Frank Hughes (Dowlais Top). At the house were the mother and family.

**14 October 1939** Funeral: Mr. Wyndham Morgan, 7, Station-terrace, aged 33 The death has occurred of Mr. Wyndham Morgan. He was a leading member and officer of the Fochriw Boys' Club, and also of the Boys' Club Football team. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard and there was a representative attendance, including members of the Boys' Club. The vicar officiated at the house and graveside. The mourners were: Mr. Idris Morgan (brother); Mr. Mordecai Williams (father-in-law); Mr. Windsor Williams (brother-in-law); Messrs. John Thompson (cousin); T. Edwards, Thomas and Ben Evans, G. Sibley, Mr. Lodwick (uncles); D. R. Jones, James Gregory, Roy and Douglas Clark, W. J. Payne, P. Edwards, Tom Jones, J. Williams (uncles); Bedford Edwards, Clifford Davies, W. Whitby, T. B. Edwards, David L., W., & H. Evans, W. T. Morgan, Stan Harris, Tom Sullivan, Dan Jones, A. Mantle, W. Bennett, W. Hewins, T. Kelly (cousins). Mourners at the house: Mrs. M. H. Morgan (widow); Elsa and Gwyn (children); Mrs. J. Morgan (mother); Mrs. M. Williams (mother-in-law); Mrs. Thompson (aunt); Mrs. J. Morgan, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. W. Morgan, Miss Kathleen Williams (sisters-in-law); Mesdames S. A. Payne, M. A. Edwards, M. H. Jones, M. Jones, M. Davies (aunts); S. Pugh, J. Jones, W. Harris, M. Hopkins, E. Sullivan and Lily (cousins); Mrs. H. Davies, C. Williams (friends).

**21 October 1939** Funeral: Mrs. H. Goddard, Nantyffin The funeral of Mrs. H. Goddard, wife of Mr. Harry Goddard, took place on Saturday last at Pentwyn Churchyard. Mrs. Goddard had been ill for a long period. She was a member of St. Mary's Church, and also of the Mothers' Union. A service was conducted at St. Andrew's Church by the Vicar. The mourners were: Mr. H. Goddard (husband); Mrs. W. Webb, Miss N. & Ethel Goddard (daughters); Mr. Henry Goddard (son); Mrs. S. Embling (sister); Mrs. T. Fuller (sister-in-law); Mrs. T. Jones.

**21 October 1939** Funeral: Miss Phyllis Barlow, 42, Aelybryn, aged 19 years The death occurred on Saturday last of Miss Phyllis Barlow, youngest daughter of Mr. H. Barlow and the late Mrs. Barlow. Miss Barlow was only 19 years of age, and was a member of Nazareth Chapel. The funeral took place at Pant Cemetery on Tuesday, and there was a representative attendance. The Rev. Richard Evans officiated, assisted by the Rev. Elwyn Jones. Gwernllwyn, and Mr. William Jones, Dowlais. The principal mourners were: Messrs. H. Barlow (father); John Thomas and Harold Barlow (brothers); J. Smith, J. D. Jones, Evan Jones, T. Davies, T. P. Griffiths, I. G. Griffiths, James Jones, D. Evans, Gwilym Evans (uncles); Trevor Barlow, D. Evans, Frank Jones, J. Morgans, S. Rattle, Gus Griffiths (cousins); I. T. Jones, Haydn Jones, Gwynfryn Evans, J. Evans, I. Cartwright (cousins); John Morgan, P.C. Martin, Harold Evans, Ben Thomas, John Lloyd, Tom Pugh, Burkley Davies, J. Watkins, W. Curtis (New Tredegar). The bearers were: Messrs. E. H. Lewis, Dewi Morgan, Wyndham Hughes, W. Jones, John Lewis and Thomas Evans. Mourners at the house: Misses Irene and Iris Barlow (sisters); Mesdames Jones, Evans, A. Jones, S. O. Griffiths (aunts); E. Adams (Rhondda), Mary Jane and Annie (cousins); Morgans, Lewis, Edwards, Pritchard, Lloyd, Martin.

**4 November 1939** Deaths The deaths have occurred this week of Mrs. E. Shankland, 22, Aelybryn, and Mr. Oliver Griffiths, 33, Aelybryn.

**11 November 1939** Funeral: Mr. Oliver Griffiths, 61, Aelybryn The funeral of Mr. Oliver Griffiths took place on Thursday at Pentwyn Churchyard. Mr. Griffiths was a native of Manchester, but had lived in Fochriw for many years. He was a member of St. Mary's Church. The Vicar officiated. The mourners were: Messrs. Lewis Griffiths (son); William Games (son-in-law); David Davies (brother-in-law); Oliver Davies, Willie Davies, David Davies (nephews); Alfred Games, John Cheape, Len cheap. Mourners at the house: Mrs. Edith Games (daughter); Dennis Games (grandson); Mrs. L. Angell, Mrs. Annie Davies (nieces); Mrs. T. M. Games (Pontlottyn), Mrs. Ellen Davies, Mrs. Edna Neil (London), Mrs. R. Cumpstone.

**11 November 1939** Funeral: Elizabeth Shankland, 22, Aelybryn, aged 73 years The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Shankland, wife of Mr. Joseph Shankland, took place on Saturday at Pentwyn Churchyard. She was one of the first members of the Gospel Hall. Pastor David Thomas officiated, assisted by Pastor William Jones. The mourners were: Messrs. Joseph Shankland (husband); Benjamin, Thomas James, David John, Caradog Shankland (sons); Thomas Idris Shankland (grandson); Messrs. David J. James (brother) Aneurin Shankland (brother-in-law); George Shankland, Penydarren (cousin); Tudor Adams, Alvin Adams, Thomas Rees, Sylvanus Jenkins, Thomas Jenkins, Rees Jenkins, Thomas J. James, Daniel James, Elwyn Lewis, Clifford Lewis, Meirion Shankland, William Shankland, Ray Cook, Jack Fisher, M Hughes, Kenneth Owen, John C. Jenkins, Harry Jenkins, Bertie Jenkins (nephews); Mr. Webber, Pant (cousins). Mourners at the house: Mesdames E. Jenkins (sister); M. A. James (sister-in-law); Elspeth Shankland, Emily Shankland (daughters-in-law); Gwladys Shankland (grand-daughter); L. Davies (Cowbridge), Nellie Thomas, Jessie Davis (Treharris), A. Davies, E. Fisher, M. J. Edwards (Ebbw Vale), M. J. Owen, L. James, A. M. Jenkins, J. James (nieces); B. Lewis.

**18 November 1939** Late Mrs. E. Shankland Among the mourners at the funeral last week were Mrs. Kate Shankland (sister-in-law) and Mr. Wm. Lewis (nephew).

**25 November 1939** Funeral: Mr. Rees Rees, Guest-street, aged 81 The death has occurred of Mr. Rees Rees. He was a native of Aberdare, but had spent the greater part of his life at Fochriw, with the exception of 17 years spent in Australia, where he has two sons, and the one in America. He was a member of Carmel Congregational Church. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Tuesday, the Rev. Richard Evans officiating. The chief mourners were: Messrs. William, Thomas, Isaac and Bob Rees (sons); Ben Williams, Barry Jones (sons-in-law); D., M., and E. Powell, H. Davies, Rees & J. E. Williams, Bryn & Windsor Rees, Lyn Jones 9grandsons); Jenkins, G. & B. Davies, W. Lewis, Morgan Williams, J. Davies, J. Griffiths (cousins). At the house: Mesdames M. Powell, M. Williams, L. G. Jones (daughters); B. Rees (daughter-in-law); L. Morgan, E. Rees (grand-daughters); W. Lewis, Davies, Thomas, Davies (cousins); Jones, Cumpstone, Harris and Miss J. Mills.

**2 December 1939** Death: Mr. Wm. Llewellyn, Hill-terrace, aged 54 Mr. William Llewellyn died underground at Ogilvie Colliery on Thursday morning. He was engaged as a repairer, and had finished his work and was on his way out, when he collapsed and died.

**16 December 1939** Funeral: Mrs. M. A. Morgan, 8, Railway-terrace, aged 83 The death has occurred of Mrs. M. A. Morgan. She was a native of Aberystwyth, but had lived in the village for 44 years. She was a member of Carmel Church. The funeral took place at Pentwyn churchyard on Tuesday, the Rev. J. R. Salmon officiating. The mourners were: Mr. Habacuc Morgan (husband); Mr. Henry Beynon (Ferndale), Mr. Edward Lewis, Mr. David Griffiths (brothers-in-law); Messrs. Henry Harris (Bedwas), Mr. Anthony Harding (Troedyrhiw), Mr. Emrys Lewis, Mr. Idris Walters (Tredegar), Mr. H. Morgan, Mr. Ivor Morgan, Mr. Owen Jones (Pontlloftyn). Mourners at the house: Mrs. Beynon (Ferndale), Mrs. James (Machynlleth) sisters; Mrs. E. Lewis, Mrs. D. Griffiths (sisters-in-law); Mrs. M. A. Walters (Tredegar), Mrs. Doris Pugh (Gilfach), Mrs. Gladys Jones (Pontlloftyn), Mrs. Doreen Pollock, Mrs. S. A. Harding, Mrs. Cumpstone.

**6 January 1940** Funeral: Mrs. C. E. Jones, formerly of Brynteg-terrace The death has occurred of Mrs. C. E. Jones, widow of Mr. John Jones, who, previous to their removal to London, lived at Brynteg-terrace. She was a member of Nazareth Church, and later, a member of Holloway Welsh Calvinistic Methodist Church, London. She was 54 years of age. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Tuesday, leaving from the home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. E. Jones. The bearers were members of Nazareth Church: Mr. John Lawrence, Mr. W. Adams Jones, Mr. William Lewis, Mr. Trevor Lawrence. The officiating ministers were the Rev. D. R. Jones, London, and the Rev. Richard Evans, Fochriw and Deri. The mourners were: Messrs. Willie, Tom and David Jones (sons); Mrs. D. Jones and Miss Annie Jones (daughters); Mrs. J. W. Davies, Mrs. E. Jones, Mrs. J. Davies, Mrs. B. Porter (sisters); Mr. T. Davies (brother); Mrs. E. Jones (sister-in-law).

**3 February 1940** Death: Mr. David O. James, Martin-street The death has occurred of Mr. David O. James. He was an official of Messrs. Guest, Keen and Nettlefolds at the Fochriw Collieries and Brithdir Levels until his retirement.

**3 February 1940** Death: Mrs. Morgan Parry, Cwmbargoed, aged 85 years The death has taken place of Mrs. Morgan Parry, widow of Mr. Morgan Parry, who was a carpenter and pitman at Messrs. Guest, Keen and Nettlefolds for many years. She was 85 years the age and lived with her son and daughter-in-law. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday when the vicar officiated.

**10 February 1940** Funeral: Mr. D. O. James, Martin-street, aged 73 The funeral took place on Thursday at Pant Cemetery of Mr. D. O. James. Mr. James was a native of Dowlais but had lived at Fochriw for many years. He was an official at Messrs. Guest, Keen for 30 years at the Fochriw collieries and Brithdir level, where he was held in high esteem by officials and workmen. He was a member of Carmel Chapel. The bearers were: Messrs. D. Lawrence, T. Harris (Dowlais), James Davies, Peter Jones, T. Evans and James Jones. Others present were: Mr. John Bevan, M. E., Mr. Thomas Evans and Mr. D. R. Jones. The Rev. E. Jones, Dowlais, officiated. The mourners were Messrs. Dan and Ben James (sons); James A. Davies (grandson); Dan Thomas (Dowlais). At the house were Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Dan James, Mrs. M. M. Davies, Mrs. Fisher, Miss E. A. Evans and Miss Lloyd.

**24 February 1940** Old Resident's Death The death has taken place of Mrs. Margaret Davies, wife of Mr. Daniel Davies, 6, Martin-street. Mrs. Davies was 73 years of age.

**2 March 1940** Funeral: Mrs. Margaret Davies, 6, Martin-street, aged 74 The funeral of Mrs. Margaret Davies, wife of a Mr. D. Davies, took place on Thursday at Pentwyn Churchyard. Mrs. Davies was a native of Aberayron, Cardiganshire, but had lived in Fochriw for the last 60 years. She was a member of Carmel Church. The Rev. Richard Evans officiated. The mourners were: Mr. D. Davies (husband); David and William Davies (sons); W. J. Angel (son-in-law); Edward and Evan H. Davies (brothers-in-law); J. Angel (Bedlinog) grandson; Evan Davies (Deri), Oliver and Teddy Davies, Lewis Griffiths (nephews); W. J. Gardener (Bedlinog) and Mervyn Davies. Mourners at the house: Mrs. Elizabeth Angell, Margaret Davies (daughters); Mrs. Annie Davies (daughter-in-law); Mesdames E. Games, E. H. Davies, R. Gardner, May Lewis, Olwen Angell, B. Harris, Miss R. Jacob.

**30 March 1940** Funeral: Mr. Joseph Payne, 3, Williams-row, aged 87 years The death has occurred of one of Fochriw's oldest inhabitants, Mr. Joseph Payne. He was a native of Newport, but had lived at Fochriw for over 60 years. His eldest brother, Mr. William Payne, who is 96, lives at Dowlais, and another brother, aged 85, lives at Newport. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Wednesday, and the Rev. J. L. White and the Rev. J. C. Payne officiated. The mourners were: Rev. J. C. Payne, Messrs. W. J. Payne, Edwin Thomas (Dowlais), Edward Roberts (Port Talbot), John Lawrence, Trevor Lawrence, Jack Lawrence. At the house were: Mrs. E. J. Lawrence, Miss M. Payne (Dowlais), Mrs. Hilda Tunnidyne (Newport), Mrs. W. J. Payne, Mrs. T. Roberts (Port Talbot), Mrs. J. Lawrence, Mrs. Sarah Pugh, Mrs. Hewins, Mrs. Watkins, Mrs. Cumpstone.

**30 March 1940** Death The death has occurred of Mr. W. J. Bush, aged 86, father of Mrs. White, The Vicarage. Before his retirement, he was foreman painter on the L.M.S. Railway. He leaves a widow, three daughters and son.

**18 May 1940** Funeral: Mr. D. J. James, 11, Dynevor-street, aged 67 years The death has occurred of Mr. D. J. James. He was born and has lived all his life at Fochriw. He was a well-known bandsman, and was a member of the Fochriw Band when they were at the height of their prominence. The funeral took place on Tuesday at Pentwyn Churchyard, and there was a representative attendance. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Thos. J. & D. R. James (sons); Oriel, Sylvanus & John James (grandsons); J. B. Jones (son-in-law); John Davies, Joseph Shankland, Evan H. & D. R. Lewis (brothers-in-law); Tom Jenkins, T. Shankland, Rees & Sylvanus Jenkins, Crad Shankland, T. & A. Adams, Elwyn, Clifford, Ronnie and T. J. Lewis, David Davies, Ray Cook, J. Fisher, Bert & W. H. Jenkins (nephews); Wm. Davies (uncle); T. Jones (Pontardawe), Jas. Davies (Porth), John Davies and J. D. Jones (cousins). At the house: Mrs. D. J. James (widow); Mrs. J. B. Jones (daughter); Mrs. E. Jenkins (sister); Nina Jones (grand-daughter); Mesdames T. J. & D. R. James (daughters-in-law); E. H. Lewis, D. R. Lewis, K. Owen (sisters-in-law); S. Davies, L. Cook, A. M. & J. Jenkins, Mabel Davies, Maureen Lewis, Gladys Lewis, Lenora Adams, Elspeth & E. Shankland, Mary Lewis (nieces); Margaret Jones (Pontardawe) cousin.

**29 June 1940** Death of Mr. Morgan Morgans: Former Fochriw Councillor The funeral of Mr. Morgan Morgans, Ogmore Vale, took place on Saturday at Rhymney Cemetery. He served on the Gellygaer District Council for six years, representing the Fochriw ward, and was a member of the Glamorgan Education Committee. He was a prominent licenced victualler having been licensee at Fochriw for 13 years, and then at the Cambrian Hotel, Bridgend, for six years.

**20 July 1940** Death of the Reverend Thomas Rees The Reverend Thomas Rees, late vicar of Pontlottyn, has passed away. He was 85 years of age, and was Rector in Denbighshire after leaving Pontlottyn.

**27 July 1940** The Late Miss Mary Lewis The death has taken place at 6, Station-terrace, at the home of her nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. Howell Thomas, of Miss Mary Lewis, aged 78. She was a native of Llanarth, Cardiganshire.

**27 July 1940** Old Inhabitant's Death The death has taken place in Yorkshire of a well known Fochriw inhabitant in the person of Mrs. Hannah J. Jones, wife of Mr. Pryce Jones. She was the daughter of the late Mr. Ted Evans (winder) and Mrs. Evans.

**24 August 1940** Death Of Former Inhabitant The death has occurred of Mr. Jesse Williams, Ystrad Mynach.

**24 August 1940** Death Of Mr. Wm. Gittoes The death has occurred of Mr. William Gittoes, Guest-street. He had been employed as a farrier with Messrs. Guest, Keen and Nettlefolds at Fochriw for many years.

**31 August 1940** Funeral: Mr. William Gittoes, Guest Street, aged 54 The death has taken place of a well-known figure, Mr. Willie Gittoes. He had been ill for some time. A native of Dowlais, he had lived at Fochriw for many years, and had been employed by Messrs. G.K.N. as blacksmith, and later as farrier. The funeral (for gentleman only) took place at Pentwyn Churchyard, the vicar officiating. The mourners were: Messrs. W. J. & R. Gittoes (sons); E. W. Jones (son-in-law); D. & H. Jones (grandsons); D. & B. Gittoes (brothers); W. D. Davies (brother-in-law); V. J. & S. Gittoes, W. & B. Jones, T. Davies (cousins). Mourners at the



house: Mrs. Gittoes (widow); Mrs. Enid Jones (daughter); Mesdames J. Davies, E. & A. Gittoes (sisters-in-law); J. Jones, M. Morgan, K. Shankland.

**21 September 1940** Obituary The death has occurred after a short illness of Stewart Pay, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pay, 6, Glyn-terrace, who came with his parents from Sheerness when the children were evacuated some months ago. Mr. Pay is one of the teachers who came with the children. Sympathy is extended to the parents.

**28 September 1940** Child's Funeral The funeral took place on Wednesday at Pentwyn Churchyard of Stuart J. Pay, aged five years, the only child of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Pay, 6, Glyn-terrace, who died at Gellygaer Hospital. He had been evacuated with his parents from Sheerness some months ago. His father is one of the teachers who came with the children from Sheerness. The Rev. D. J. Thomas and the Rev. D. B. Jones officiated. A service was also held at Carmel Church. The mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Pay (father and mother); Mr. and Mrs. T. Rowlands, Miss Margaret Rowlands, Mrs. Strickland, Mrs. Rowe, Mrs. Symonds, Mrs. W. Adams Jones, Mrs. T. Matthews, Mrs. B. Rees, Mr. Holt, Mr. Fenner, Mr. Manning, Mr. Symons.

**5 October 1940** Obituary The death has occurred of Mr. Elias Davies, Plantation-street, who passed away at New Quay, Cardiganshire, where he was spending a holiday. He was 72 years of age.

**12 October 1940** Funeral: Mr. Elias Davies, 2, Plantation-street, aged 72 The funeral of Mr. Elias Davies took place on Wednesday at Pentwyn Churchyard the Rev. Richard Evans officiating. Mr. Davies lived almost all his life in the village. He was a member of Nazareth chapel, where his son, Mr. Willie Davies, is precentor and organist. The mourners were: Messrs. John, Willie A., and Burkley Davies (sons); John Davies (brother); James Jones, David John Davies (sons-in-law); Ewart Davies, Ellis Davies, Berkley Davies, Bryn Roberts (grandsons); Noah Davies, Daniel Davies (cousins); Berkley Angell, W. J. Angel, Alfred Angell, William Thomas, James Davies (brothers-in-law); John Cole, James Cole, Tom Davies, Alfred Davies, W. J. Angel, Willie Angell, Berkley Angell, Willie Angell (Aberdare), Howell Thomas, Willie Thomas, David O. Davies, Sam Price, James J. Lewis, Robert Parry, John James, Willie A. Davies, James A. Davies, Percy Hanns, David Morris, H. Price, J. Angell, Claude Smith, W. Gardner. Mourners at the house: Mesdames M. J. Jones, E. M. Davies (daughters); Phoebe Roberts, Jessie Jones, Muriel Davies, Jessie A. Davies (grand-children); Eira Roberts (great-grandchild); Mrs. W. A. Davies (daughter-in-law); Mrs. H. M. Evans, New Quay (cousin); Mrs. J. Davies, Mrs. W. Thomas, Mrs. J. Davies (sisters-in-law); Mesdames Blod Davies, Simpson, J. J. Lewis, R. Parry, D. O. Davies, W. Thomas, P. Hanns, S. Price, L. Smith, J. Morris, Miss L. Davies and Miss G. Vaughan.

**19 October 1940** The Late Mrs. M. J. Jones The death took place on Monday of Mrs. M. J. Jones, 24, Guest-street, at the age of 71 years.

**26 October 1940** Funeral: Mrs. M. J. Jones, 24, Guest-street, aged 71 years The funeral of Mrs. M. J. Jones took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Friday, and was is a very representative one. She had lived all her life in the village. Her husband died some years ago. She was a faithful member of Nazareth Chapel. The Rev. Richard Evans officiated at the house and graveside. The bearers were members of Nazareth. The mourners were: Messrs. Evan J., W. Adams, and Griffith Jones (sons); John Adams Jones, Derlwyn Lewis (grandsons); John Lewis (son-in-law); Thomas Pugh, Richard Pugh (brothers); David Davies (brother-in-law); Griffith Pugh, Evan Watkins (nephews); Tom Jenkins (cousin); Lewis Hopkins, Howell Bowen, Ivor Davies (nephews). Mourners at the house: Mrs. Mattie Lewis (daughter); Mrs. W. Adams Jones and Mrs. G. Jones (daughters-in-law); Mrs. D. Davies, Mrs. C. Davies (sisters); Cynthia Jones, David Adams Jones, Muriel Lewis (grand-children); Mrs. T. Pugh, Mrs. R. Pugh (sisters-in-law); Mrs. McIntyre, Mrs. H. Bowen, Mrs. L. Hopkins, Miss Esther Pugh, Mrs. Harold Welsman (nieces); Mrs. Ed. Williams (cousin); Mrs. S. J. Jones (friend).

**26 October 1940** Funeral: Mr. A. Shankland, Aelybryn, aged 77 The sudden death of a well known inhabitant has taken place at Fochriw in the person of Mr. A. Shankland. He was a native of Penydarren, Merthyr, but came to Fochriw as a boy and spent the whole of his life in the village. A faithful member of Carmel Chapel, he attended throughout the Sunday

previous to his death. The funeral, which was for gentleman only, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Monday, and was well attended. The officiating ministers were the Revs. D. J. Thomas and R. Evans. The chief mourners were: Mr. J. Shankland, Mr. J. E. Davis (Port Talbot), Messrs. T. and C. Shankland, K. Owen, C. Lewis, Meirion, Tom and George Shankland.

**9 November 1940** Death of Mr. Percy Mantle The death has taken place of Mr. Percy Mantle, aged 52, Hill-road, Pentwyn.

**23 November 1940** Death of Mrs. May Price The death has occurred of Mrs. May Price, aged 33, wife of Mr. H. Price, 22, Plantation-street.

**23 November 1940** Funeral: Mr. Percy Mantle, Hill-row, aged 52 The funeral of Mr. Percy Mantle took place last Thursday at Pant Cemetery. He had lived in the village all his life, and was a member of Carmel Church. He took a keen interest in the Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes, and was in Knight of the Order. The following members of the Order were bearers: Messrs. Ben Evans, Lewis Jones, W. J. Llewelyn, W. Lewis, Edward Puddle and Edward Evans. The Rev. J. R. Salmon officiated. The mourners were: Messrs. George and Albert Mantle (brothers); W. Cook, D. J. Meredith (brothers-in-law); Councillor T. Mantle, Messrs. Percy, Will, T. M., J. C., Phil and David Mantle, E. Jones, G. Meredith, C. Cook, T. Davies, L. Jenkins, T. Mantle (Bedlinog), T. Blake (nephews); T. R., and E. Jones, Jack and W. J. Mantle, Ben and Ned Evans, W. Lewis and T. Edwards. Mourners at the house: Mrs. M. Jones (sister); Mesdames A. & G. Mantle, D. J. Meredith (sisters-in-law); T. M. & J. C. Mantle, L. Jenkins, T. Davies, J. Lawrence, W. Cook, E. Mantle, T. & E. Jones, T. J. Morgan, Evan Jones, Miss D. Morgan (cousins); Mrs. Cumpstone.

**23 November 1940** Funeral: Mrs. M. J. Price, Brynteg-street, aged 33 years The funeral of Mrs. M. J. Price, wife of Mr. Harry Price, took place on Thursday at Pentwyn Churchyard. Mrs. Price had been ill for a long time. She was a member of Nazareth Chapel. The funeral was a representative one. The Rev. Richard Evans and David Thomas officiated. The mourners were: Mr. Harry Price (husband); James Price and Gethin Price (sons); Mr. James Davies (father); Messrs. Willie A. Davies, James A. Davies, Burkley Davies (brothers); Frank Price, Richard Price, David Morris (brothers-in-law); Claude Smith, Thomas Morris, Ronald Morris (nephews); David Branan, John Davies, W. Thomas, J. J. Lewis, Edward Davies (uncles); Oliver Davies, D. J. Davies, W. A. Davies, Burkley Davies, Ewart Davis, W. J. Llewellyn, Percy Hann, D. J. Davies, Alfred Davies, William J. Angell. Mourners at the house: Mrs. Davies (mother); Mesdames Smith, Morris (sisters); W. A. & J. A. Davies (sisters-in-law); John Davies, Edward Davies, Ellen Jones, William Thomas (aunts); J. J. Lewis, Miss Katie Davies, Mrs. J. Jones, Mrs. H. Thomas, Mrs. James Davies, Mrs. Oliver (cousins).

**7 December 1940** Death of Old Inhabitant The death has occurred of Mr. George Thomas, Cardiff, late of Plantation-terrace, and husband of Nurse Thomas. Mr. Thomas was well-known and respected, as was Nurse Thomas, who was very devoted to her duties while at Fochriw.

**4 January 1941** Death of Mrs. S. Mills The death has taken place of Mrs. Mills, aged 67, wife of Mr. S. Mills. She had resided at Dynevor-street for a number of years.

**18 January 1941** Death The death has taken place of Mrs. Roberts at the Mount Pleasant Inn, Pentwyn.

**18 January 1941** Late Mr. William Thomas, 20, Hill-row, Pentwyn, aged 61 The funeral took place on Thursday at Pentwyn Churchyard, of Mr. Wm. Thomas. The vicar officiated. Mr. Thomas leaves a widow & family.

**25 January 1941** Undertakers The arrangements at the funerals of Mr. Wm. Thomas, Hill-row, and Mrs. Gwen Roberts, Mount Pleasant Inn, were carried out by Messrs. S.G. Llewellyn, Undertakers, Park-road, Bargoed.

**25 January 1941** Late Mr. William Jones, 3, Brynteg-terrace, aged 60 The funeral of Mr. William Jones took place on Monday. Mr. Jones was the youngest son of the late Mr. & Mrs. Simon Jones, Rees-row, Pentwyn. The internment took place at Pentwyn Churchyard, the Rev. J. R. Salmon officiating. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Tom, J. C. and W. H. Jenkins, Wylie Evans (Dowlais), C. Hollister and Leyshon Rowlands. The mourners at the house

were: Mrs. M. Cole, Miss Catherine Jones (sisters); Mr. Frank Jenkins (nephew); Mesdames A.M. Jenkins (niece); A. Rowlands, S. A. Cole, S. Lewis, A. Ballard, E. A. Jones and Cumpstone. The bearers were: Messrs. D. Lewis, George Jones, Joshua Evans, T. Jones and Coun. S. Lewis.

**25 January 1941** Burial of Mrs. G. Roberts, Mount Pleasant, aged 79 The funeral of Mrs. G. Roberts took place on Thursday at Pentwyn Churchyard, the Rev. J.R. Salmon officiating. Mrs. Roberts was a native of Bala but came to South Wales nearly 59 years ago. She has lived at Mount Pleasant for 27 years. She was a member of Carmel. The mourners were: Messrs. Llewellyn D. Jones, Thomas Jones, Lewis M. Jones, Stewart V. Jones, William J. Jones, Tudor D. Jones, Glyn Jones and Morris Davies (Pontlottyn). Also present were: Messrs. D. Lloyd, G. Jones, T. Francis, J. Hughes, Jenkins Williams, George Evans and Wm. Angell. The bearers were: Messrs. W. Pope, J.O. Parry, S. Phillips, Ben & Thos. Evans, Coun. Sam Lewis, J. Davies, D. Harris, Thomas Jones, Henry Small, G. Llewellyn and David Williams. The mourners at the house were: Mesdames E. Walters, N. Angell, Archer, Mills and Miss M.S. Jones.

**8 February 1941** Obituary The death has occurred of Mrs. E. Lewis, wife of Mr. E. Lewis, 12, Railway Terrace. She was an old inhabitant of the village.

**15 February 1941** Funeral of Mrs. Louisa Lewis, 12, Railway-terrace, aged 69 The death has occurred of Mrs. L. Lewis, wife of Mr. Edward Lewis. Mrs. Lewis was a native of Brynmawr, but had spent the greater part of her life in Fochriw. She was a member of Carmel Chapel. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard, Rev. Salmon officiating. The mourners were: Mr. Edward Lewis (husband); Messrs. E. Lewis (son); John Walters, C. Pugh, O. Jones (sons-in-law); Idwal & Idris Walters, I. Morgan (grandsons); H. Morgan (brother); John & Wm. Lewis, David Griffiths (brothers-in-law); J.D. & W.T. Lewis, William Humphries, H. Harris, E. Burrows, T.J. Morgan, Wm. Cook, Bob Rees, A. Burrows, B. Brown, H. Ballard, A. Jones (nephews). At the house: Mesdames Mary Ann Walters, Doris Pugh, Gladys M. Jones (daughters); Sarah A. Griffiths (sister); M. Evans, M. Griffiths (sisters-in-law); M. Morgan, Misses E. & M. Walters, Mrs. L. Walters (grand children); Mesdames Doreen Brown, Elsie Rees, Mary Morgan, (nieces); Avril Morgan, John Walters (great grand children); Mesdames E. Thomas and P. Cumpstone and Mr. William Sayers.

**22 February 1941** Funeral of Master Ralph Shankland, Aelybryn The funeral of Master Ralph Shankland, son of Mr. & Mrs. Crad Shankland, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Monday. The Rev. Richard Evans officiated. Mourners were: Messrs. Crad Shankland (father); Idris Shankland (brother); Idris Griffiths, Tom Shankland, John Evans (uncles); Meirion Shankland, Clifford Lewis, K. Owen, M. Hughes (cousins). Mourners at the house: Mrs. Emily Shankland (mother); Gwladys & Mavis Shankland (sisters); Emrys & Roy Shankland (brothers); Mesdames E. Shankland, Mills, Evans, Shankland, James, Owen (aunts); G. Lewis, L. James (cousins); E. Jones, T. Rowlands, W. Davies & D.T. Davies.

**1 March 1941** Obituary The death has occurred at the age of 76 of Mrs. Eleanor Angell, Aelybryn. Mrs. Angell was the wife of Mr. Burkley Angell, choirmaster at the parish church. She was a very old inhabitant of the village and was held in high esteem.

**1 March 1941** Late Mrs. Florence Morgan, Hill-road, Pentwyn, aged 62 The funeral of Mrs. F. Morgan took place on Monday at Pentwyn Churchyard. Mrs. Morgan was the widow of Mr. T.J. Morgan, who died some years ago. She had lived in the district the whole of her life. She was the daughter of the late Mr. John Mantle. She had been a member of St. Mary's Church. The Rev. J.L. White, vicar, officiated. There were numerous floral tributes, including one from the Mothers' Union. The mourners were: Messrs. Alfred Morgan (son); Wm.J. Jones, Jack Jones, Arthur Willmott, Glyn Jones ( sons-in-law); Masters Jackie Jones, David Jones, Malcolm Jones, Gwynfor Jones (grandsons); Messrs. Benjamin Evans, Cradog Ballard (brothers-in-law); William Cook, Cyril Cook, Albert Mantle, Gorge Mantle, John Mantle, Geo. Davies, Wm. M. Davies, Gomer Davies, Tom Jones (cousins); Wm. Watkins, H. Ballard, Roderick Jones, Edward Williams (nephews). Mourners at the house: Miss Doris Morgan, Mesdames J. Jones, W.J. Jones, A. Willmott & G. James (daughters); A. Morgan (daughter-in-law); J. Davies (aunt); C. Ballard (sister-in-law); A. Jones, Johns, Lewis, M. Jones (cousins); M. Mantle, S. Davies, G. Davy (nieces); F. Lewis, S. Jones, G. Gwynne.

**1 March 1941** Late Mr. David John Williams, Pleasant-view, aged 34 The funeral of Mr. D. J. Williams took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday, the Rev. D. J. Evans, Pontlottyn, officiating. Mr. Williams was 34 years of age and had been ailing for a long time. The funeral was a representative one, and the coffin was covered with floral tributes from family and friends. The mourners were: Messrs. Tom Williams, Will Williams, George Williams (brothers); Bob Morgan, Will Morgan, R. J. Price, Gordon Price, J. Sheen, Alf Kent (brothers-in-law); John, Charlie and Cyril Williams (nephews); Geo. Clark, Evan Jones, Richard Price, John Davies (uncles); Dan Williams, Tom Williams, W.G. Davies, Jim Davies, Bryn Rees (cousins). At the house were: Mrs. S.G. Williams (widow); Millie Williams (daughter); Mrs. B. Jones (sister); Mrs. K. Price (mother-in-law); Mrs. Sheen, Mrs. Kent, Mrs. Williams (sisters-in-law); Mrs. C. Williams, Mrs. M.A. Richards, Mrs. Griffiths, Mrs. F.G. Williams, Mrs. O. Angell (cousins); Mrs. J. Thomas, Mrs. J. Walters.

**8 March 1941** Late Mrs. Phoebe Watkins, Stoney Houses, Penybank The death has taken place of Mrs. Phoebe Watkins, wife of Mr. Bert Watkins. She had been ailing for some time. She leaves behind a husband and grown-up family.

**8 March 1941** Old Inhabitant's Death: Mrs. Elinor Angell, Aelybryn, aged 76 The death has taken place of one of Fochriw's oldest personalities, Mrs. Elinor Angell, wife of Mr. Burkley Angell. She was a native of Dowlais, but came to Fochriw when she was very young with her parents Mr. & Mrs. Thos. Jenkins, her father being an official at Fochriw Collieries. Previous to her marriage, Mrs. Angell was on the teaching staff of Fochriw School. She was a faithful member of the Parish Church and of the Mothers' Union. Mr. & Mrs. Angell celebrated their golden wedding five years ago. The funeral took place at Pant Cemetery on Saturday, and was a very representative one. The vicar, Rev. J.L. White, officiated. Among the floral tributes was one from the Mothers' Union. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Burkley Angell (husband); William, Burkley and Thos. J. Angell (sons); Thomas J. Jenkins (brother); E.A. Hiscox (son-in-law); W.J. Davies (cousin); Wm. Thomas, W.J. Angell, John Davies (brothers-in-law); Thomas Daniel, Thomas Rees, Harry & Tom Jenkins, W.J. Angell.

**15 March 1941** Funeral of Mrs. H. Watkins, Stoney Houses The funeral of Mrs. H. Watkins, wife of Mr. Herbert Watkins, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Tuesday, the vicar officiating. Mrs. Watkins was a native of Breconshire but had lived in the district for 25 years. She leaves a husband, four sons - three of whom are in the Forces, and two daughters. The chief mourners were: Mr. Watkins (husband); Corpl. T. Watkins, Segeant and Mrs. Reg Watkins (sons & daughter-in-law); Mrs. J. Davies (Scotland), Mrs. L. Ellis (London) daughters; Misses Pauline Ellis and Pat Watkins (grand-daughters); Mrs. Price, Mrs. James (Talgarth) nieces; Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Lewis. The bearers were: Messrs. Idris Morgan, C. Gillard, T.E. Davies & A.C. Williams.

**15 March 1941** Funeral of Mr. Ronald Williams, Tunnel Pit Houses, aged 19 The funeral of Mr. Ronald Williams, son of Mr. & Mrs. W.H. Williams, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard last week. Mr. Williams met with a fatal accident at Ogilvie Colliery. The vicar officiated. The chief mourners were: Messrs. W.H. Williams (father); G. Williams (brother); E. Morris (brother-in-law); George Williams, Tom Williams, Maurice Benbow, Chas. Benbow, Wm.J. Davies, Robert Jones (Birmingham), Geo. Clark, E.D. Jones, Wm. Morgan, Daniel Williams, Thos. Williams (uncles); John E. Jones, D.C. Benbow, Cyril Williams, Chas. Williams, J. Davies (cousins). At the house: Mrs. S. Williams (mother); Mrs. D. Morris, Misses E.L. Williams, B. Williams, D. Williams (sisters); Dd.J. Williams (nephew); Miss Irene Morris (niece); Mrs. A. Williams (grandmother); Mesdames M. Davies, M.J. Williams, E. Benbow, L. Benbow, M.A. Jones, S.G. Williams, C. Williams, M.A. Richards and S. Barrett (aunts); Mesdames R. Watkins, C. Jones, and Irene Pugh, Misses G. Davies and M. Williams.

**5 April 1941** Death of Mrs. M. S. Mantle The death has taken place at Merthyr General Hospital on Monday of Mrs. M.S. Mantle, wife of Mr. Albert Mantle, Hill-street, Pentwyn.

**12 April 1941** Death of Sergt. Aneurin Morgan Mr. & Mrs. H. Morgan, Guest-street, have received official notification that their son died on active service near Lundy Island. Sergt. Aneurin Morgan was aged 20 and was a wireless operator. He joined the R.A.F. three months

before war broke out. He attended Bargoed Secondary School, was a member of the St. John Ambulance Brigade and had been captain of the Cadet team.

**12 April 1941** Funeral of Mrs. Margaret S. Mantle, Hill-row, Pentwyn, aged 50 The death has occurred of Mrs. M.S. Mantle, wife of Mr. Albert Mantle. She died at Merthyr General Hospital and was a native of the village. She was a member of Noddfa Baptist Church and also of the Fochriw Ladies' Choir. The funeral took place on Saturday at Pentwyn Churchyard, the Rev. R. Evans officiating. The mourners were: Messrs. Albert Mantle (husband); John, Tom and Philip Mantle (sons); Brian & Melville Mantle (grandsons); Thomas Edwards (father); Wm.H., Thos.B. & Chas. Edwards (brothers); T. Sullivan, W. Cook, G. Mantle (brothers-in-law); T. Evans, W.S. and C. Edwards, B. Evans (uncles); D.W. Thomas, J. Morgan, J.S., C., & B. Edwards, D.L. & W. Evans, Coun. W.J. Payne, Messrs. T.O. Kelly, T.E. Jones, W.J. Mantle, J. William M.E., Coun. Sam Lewis, Meth Evans, R. Williams, W. Bennett, W. Smith, J. Sullivan, J. Mantle, Coun. T. Mantle, P., H., M., & W. Mantle, H. Hewins, T. Davies, W. Williams, C. & W. Cook, J. Lawrence, T.B. Evans, D. Mantle, D.J. & S. Meredith, J.A. Webb, H. Wager, A. Jones, Jack & T. Mantle (cousins). At the house: Miss Hannah Mantle (daughter); Mrs. E. Sullivan (sister); Mrs. J. Mantle, Mrs. T. Mantle (daughters-in-law); Mesdames J. Jones, T.B., W.H. & C. Edwards, G. Mantle (sisters-in-law); Phyllis, Enid, Margaret and Marion (nieces); Mesdames J. Dawkins, Raines, J. Lawrence, E. Jones, T. Jones, Teg Jones, H. Jenkins, T. Davies, H. John, B. Williams, E.A. Hewins, M. Rees, W. Davey (cousins); Mesdames Bronwen Jones, Meredith, R.M. Cumpstone, Evans, Strang and Westmacott.

**26 April 1941** Funeral of Mr. H. J. Watkins, Williams-row, aged 20 The funeral of Mr. H. J. Watkins, son of Mr. & Mrs. Evan Watkins, took place on Thursday last at Pentwyn Churchyard. Mr. Watkins was fatally injured at Ogilvie Colliery and died at Merthyr General Hospital. He was a member of St. Mary's Church. Rev. J.L. White, vicar, and Rev. Adams Evans officiated, and a service was held at St. Andrew's Church. The chief mourners were: Messrs. E. Watkins (father); Tom & Haydn Watkins (brothers); Alfred and Herber Watkins, Edwin, Fred, Charlie, George, Percy, Alfred, Albert and Rufus Dummett, W. Curtis, John Bradley, David Parry (uncles); H. Morgan, David Davies (Dowlais), W.H., & W.J. Bradley (Pantywaun), Stanley Watkins, Randell Curtis, Will Jones (Hirwaun), E.G. Price, Ronald Price, Walter Parry, Will Parry, Glanmor Dummett, Mel Harris, Leslie Williams, Cyril Williams, A. Evans, Stan Newman, Isaac Evans (cousins). At the house: Mrs. M.A. Watkins (mother); Mrs. A. Watkins, Mrs. Dummitt (grandmothers); Mrs. W. Curtis (New Tredegar), Mrs. A. Watkins (Abercynon), Mrs. H. Watkins, Mrs. A. Watkins (Rhymney), Mrs. Ted Price, Miss N.M. Dummitt, Mrs. G. Dummitt, Mrs. C. Dummitt (aunts); Mesdames Davies, Harris, Williams, P. Dummitt, W.H. Bradley, Jones (Brecon), E.G. Price, S. Newman, Miss Watkins (Rhymney) cousins; Mrs. Isaac Evans (New Tredegar), Mrs. Cumpstone.

**7 June 1941** Death of Old Inhabitant: Mrs. Jane Matthews, 32, Guest-street, aged 83 The death has occurred of Mrs. Jane Matthews, widow of Mr. John Matthews, butcher. She had lived almost the whole of her life in Fochriw, and was a faithful member of Noddfa Chapel, and also a regular member of her Sunday school class. The funeral took place on Monday at Pentwyn Churchyard, the Rev. Richard Evans officiating. The bearers were: Messrs. John Lawrence, David Rees Jones, E.I. Griffiths, Richard Evans, W. Adams Jones, James Owen and George Jones. The mourners were: Mr. T.J. Matthews (son); Messrs. David Rees, Windsor Rees, Haydn Robinson, Thos. Evans, David Parry, John Williams, Sydney Phillips, Rees Jones, S. Jenkins, S. Evans, W. Williams, I. Powell (nephews). At the house: Mrs. J. Rees (sister); Mrs. T.J. Matthews (daughter-in-law); Miss Elsa Matthews (grand daughter); Mesdames Mary Robinson, Maggie Robinson, L. Williams, M. Parry, Miss Mattie Morgan, Miss Elizabeth A. Evans, Mrs. S. Jenkins and Mrs. S. Phillips (nieces); Mrs. Jenkin Thomas, Mrs. S.A. Davies. The deacons of Noddfa who attended the funeral were Messrs. Jenkin Thomas, Joshua Evans, Thomas J. Jones and William H. Jones.

**28 June 1941** Death: Thomas Charles Sullivan, aged 14 The death has taken place of Thomas Charles Sullivan, son of Mr. & Mrs. T. Sullivan, 7, Aelybryn-street. He was a pupil at Bargoed Secondary School.

**5 July 1941** Former Resident's Death The death has occurred of Mr. Edward Davies, aged 73, of Gilfach, Bargoed, a former Fochriw resident. The funeral was at Pant Cemetery on Saturday.

**5 July 1941** Schoolboy's Funeral: Thomas Charles Sullivan, 7, Aelybryn, aged 14 The funeral of Thomas Charles Sullivan, son of Mr. & Mrs. T. Sullivan, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard last Thursday. He was a pupil of Bargoed Secondary School, a member of the St.. John Ambulance Cadets, and a member of Noddfa Baptist Sunday School. A detachment of Cadets were in charge of Div. Supt. T. Evans. The bearers were members of the Cadet Section. Rev. J.L. White officiated. The mourners were: Messrs. T. Sullivan (father); Thos. Edwards (grandfather); John Sullivan (brother); Wm. H. Edwards, T. B. Edwards, C. Edwards, John Sullivan (Penybank), A. Mantle, T. Evans, Benjamin Edwards, W.S. & C. Edwards (uncles); John, Tom and Phil Mantle, John & Bertie Edwards, David Lewis Evans, Willie Evans, W. Hewins, T. Kelly, J.S. & C. Edwards, Bennett, Meth Evans, Will Smith, John L. Dawkins, R. Sullivan, W.J. Payne, S. Lewis. At the house: Mrs. E. Sullivan (mother); Mrs. Sullivan (Pontlotty) grandmother; Marion, Jenny and Patricia Sullivan (sisters); Mesdames W.H. Edwards, T.B. Edwards, C. Edwards, Winnie Sullivan, Doreen Sullivan (Rhymney), J. Edwards, T. Evans, P. Mantle (Bedlinog) aunts; Margaret Edwards, P. Jones (Dowlais), P. Sullivan, E.A. Hweins, M.A. Edwards, and M. Morgan (cousins); Mesdames P. Cumpstone, W. Way, W. Fox, and Bronwen Jones (Tonypandy).

**12 July 1941** Obituary The death has taken place of Mr. Herbert Edgar, late of Guest-street. He had resided many years in the district and was for many years a sidesman at St.. Mary's Church.

**16 August 1941** Obituary The death has taken place of Mrs. Mary Kings, aged 78, of Railway Sidings, Pantywaun. She was one of the oldest inhabitants and a devoted member of St.. David's Church, Pantywaun, and its oldest communicant.

**23 August 1941** Funeral of Mrs. Mary Kings, Rhymney Sidings, aged 78 The funeral of Mrs. Mary Kings took place on Thursday at Rhymney Bridge Cemetery. She was the oldest member of St.. David's Church where her family are all members. The Rev. Adams Evans, Deri, officiated, and the mourners were: Messrs. D.J. Kings (Troedyrhiw), J.T. Kings (Pontypridd), Albert E. Kings (Dowlais Top), Edgar Kings R.A.F. (sons); Mrs. E. Higgs (Pontypool), Mrs. A. Davies (Pantywaun), Mrs. R. Mitchell (Deri), Mrs. G. Couch (Ely, Cardiff), Mrs. G. Leslie (Fairwater, Cardiff), Mrs. W.H. Williams (Pant), Mrs. W.J. Ralp (Rhymney Sidings) daughters; Mrs. D.J. & J.T. Kings (daughters-in-law); Messrs. W.H. Williams, Edgar Higgs, Arthur Davies, R.T. Mitchell, G. Couch, G. Leslie, W.J. Ralp (sons-in-law); D.J. Davies, Percy Davies R.A.F., Bernard Couch, Royston Couch, Arnold Kings, Royston Kings (grandsons); Thomas Owen (great grandson); Mrs. D. Jenkins, Mrs. Ann Jenkins (sisters-in-law); Mrs. D. Galliers, Mrs. D.J. Davies, Mrs. T. Owen, Misses M. Higgs, N. Mitchell, M.E. Ralp, M.R. Ralp, (grand-daughters); Messrs. D. Jenkins, Gilbert Robson, Thos. Jenkins, T.E. Lewis, Joseph & W.J. Jenkins, Alfred Jenkins, C. Thomas (nephews); Mrs. G. Thomas, Mrs. A. Jenkins, Mrs. R. Lewis (nieces); Messrs. P.E. Gamling (new Tredegar), J. Ralp (Banwen).

**6 September 1941** Death: Mrs. E. Ballard, 5, Guest-street, aged 63 The death has taken place of Mrs. E.A. Ballard after a short illness. She was the widow of the late Mr. W.J. Ballard, one of the pioneers of ambulance work in the valley.

**13 September 1941** Death The death of Mr. Evan Williams, formerly of Fochriw, has taken place in London. The son of the late Mr. Mordecai and Mrs. Williams, he was a schoolmaster in London until his retirement.

**11 October 1941** Respected Citizen's Death: Mrs. Grace A. James, Council Houses, aged 69 The death has taken place of Mrs. Grace A. James. She was the widow of Mr. Thomas James, blacksmith, who died some years ago. Mrs. James was a native of Monmouth but had lived at Fochriw for many years. She was a member of St. Mary's Church and of the Mothers' Union. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Monday, and was well attended. A service at the house was followed by one at the church, conducted by the vicar, with Mr. W. Lawrence at the organ. The chief mourners were: Mr. Albert James (son); Mr. & Mrs. E.J. Parry, Mr. & Mrs. David J. Jones (sons-in-law and daughters); Mr. & Mrs. Wm. James (son

& daughter-in-law); Glyn & David Parry, Margaret & Glenville Jones (grand-children); Mr. G. Watkins (brother); Mrs. E. Rowan (niece); Messrs. B. Watkins, O. Rowan (nephews); Mrs. Duffy (London), Mr. & Mrs. Harris, Mrs. L. Harris, Mr. & Mrs. C. Edwards, Mrs. I. & Mrs. N. Cumpstone, Mrs. C. Dummett, Mrs. A. Wright, Mrs. T. Rowlands, Mr. & Mrs. H. Jones, Mr. B. Jones. Among the floral tributes was one from the Mothers' Union.

**1 November 1941** Late Mr. A. J. Tyler, Davies-row, Pentwyn The death has occurred of Mr. A. J. Tyler who was well known and who had resided in the village for many years. He was sexton of Pentwyn Churchyard for a number of years.

**1 November 1941** Old Inhabitants Death: Mr. Rees Thomas, Plantation-street, aged 74 The death has occurred of Mr. Rees Thomas. He had resided for the greater part of his life at Fochriw. He and Mrs. Thomas celebrated their golden wedding about a year ago. Mr. Thomas was a member of Noddfa Baptist Chapel and also a Sunday school teacher, while Mrs. Thomas is also a regular member. The funeral took place on Tuesday at Pentwyn Churchyard, the Rev. W. Evans, Pontlottyn, officiating. The mourners were: Messrs. C. Lynch, J.H. Calton (sons-in-law); Robert Roberts, Jack Roberts (brothers-in-law); Ted Roberts, D.D. Thomas, Thos. J. Lewis, Ted Lewis, Geo. Evans, Syd. Davies, David H. Lewis, Douglas Evans, Derlwyn Evans, Jack Lynch, Idwal Williams, Bob Kendrick. Mourners at the house: Mrs. E. Thomas (widow); Mrs. Lynch, Mrs. Calton (daughters); Mrs. H.E. Thomas (daughter-in-law); Betty, William, Sydney, Margaret, Ann, Bernard (grandchildren); Mrs. D.R. Lewis, Miss M.E. Thomas, Mesdames Ted Roberts, S. Davies, R. Parry, D.H. Lewis (nieces); Mesdames Andrews, Sullivan, Harris and Cumpstone.

**15 November 1941** Late Mr. Bert Tyler, Davies-row, Pentwyn, aged 66 The funeral took place last week of Mr. Bert Tyler. He was a well known character in the village and was held in high esteem. He was a member of St. Mary's Church and had been sexton at Pentwyn for a number of years - a position now held by his son, Mr. D.R. Tyler. He was also a member of the R.A.O.B. and members of the Order were present at the funeral. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Charles, David, Will and Christie Tyler (sons); Bryn Jones, Emyln Evans (sons-in-law); George & Arthur Tyler (brothers); Leonard, W.G., A.C., and Albert Tyler (grandsons); Leonard Tyler, John Thomas, John Williams (nephews). At the house: Mrs. I. Jones, Mrs. E. Evans, Miss Doris Tyler (daughters); Mesdames C., D., W., C., and G. Tyler (daughters-in-law); Mrs. Price and sister, Dowlais (nieces); Mesdames Horal, M. Griffiths, Bob Jones, D. Lewis, A. Morgan, Gwynne, Wheeler, S. Jones. The Vicar officiated.

**22 November 1941** Funeral: Mrs. Ellen Wood A highly respected citizen was laid to rest at Pentwyn Churchyard last week in the person of Mrs. Ellen Wood, widow of Mr. John Wood who was well known as signalman at Cwmbargoed for many years until his retirement. Mrs. Wood was 75 years of age, and until her removal to her daughters at Llanbradach, had resided at Aelybryn for a number of years.

**22 November 1941** Deaths The death has taken place of Mrs. E. Roberts, wife of Mr. Ted Roberts, late of Brynteg-street, now of Port Talbot; also of Mr. D. Thomas, husband of Mrs. M. E. Thomas, and son of Mrs. Thomas and the late Mr. Rees Thomas, Plantation-street.

**29 November 1941** Late Mrs. Ann Williams, Davies-row, Pentwyn, aged 77 The funeral of Mrs. Ann Williams took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday. Pastor David Thomas officiated at the house and graveside. Mrs. Williams was one of the founders of Bethel Gospel Mission Church. The mourners were: Messrs. J.T. Williams (son); W. Mills (son-in-law); Gwyn & Ronald Williams, Percy S. Mills (grandsons); E.J. Griffiths (brother-in-law); William & David Griffiths, Edmund Giles, R. Watkins, Glyn Gittens, C. & Evan Rowlands, D. Evans (nephews). At the house: Mesdames M.E. Mills (daughter); M. Griffiths (sister); M. Anthony (sister-in-law); M.A. Jones, L.M. Mills (grand-daughters); Mesdames Giles, Griffiths, O. May, M.S. Rees, M. Richards, E. & A. Rowlands, Eva Rees, May Williams (nieces); Gladys & Annie Mills, Mrs. Llewellyn, Mrs. Lewis.

**13 December 1941** Obituary The funeral of Raymond George Colbourne, son of Mr. & Mrs. Colbourne, 16, Hill-row, Pentwyn, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday. The Rev. J.L. White officiated. The mourners were: Mr. H.C. Colbourne (father); Idwal, Mervyn, Victor, Leslie and T.F. Davies (uncles); Messrs. E. Davies (cousin); D. Davies, W.J. Angell (uncles). At the house were Mrs. M. Colbourne (mother); Mrs. E.M. Davies (grandmother);

Mr. R.H. Davies (grandfather); Mesdames T.E. Davies, C. Golden, A. Carter (aunts); Mesdames Lewis, Wheeler and Neade.

**24 January 1942** Pastor's Death: Rev. Richard Evans It is with deep regret that the village has heard of the death of the Rev. Richard Evans. Those who knew him - and he was widely known - have lost a great friend. His familiar figure and cheerful countenance will be missed, and the members of his churches have suffered a great loss. On August 19, 1923, Mr. Evans took the pulpit of Nazareth C. M. Chapel for the first time as joint pastor of Nazareth, Fochriw, and Ysgwydd Gwyn Chapel, Deri, and has remained for nearly 19 years. During these years - and some of them have been lean and difficult years - Mr. Evans moved amongst his flock and inspired them with his cheerful personality. During his illness, anxious inquiries were made by all kinds of people because he had won the respect of all. A strong preacher and a sound theologian, Mr. Evans was well known throughout Wales, especially at the district and monthly meetings of the Presbytery. His passing has dealt a severe blow to the small churches under his care, but his memory will live to uphold them for many years to come. Those who knew him intimately feel that he has left them something that will be an inspiration and a treasured memory to the end of their lives. The sorrow of his relatives is shared by many.

**31 January 1942** Late Mr. Sam Miles The death has taken place of Mr. Sam Mills (72), late of Dynevor-street. His wife died twelve months ago. Both were well known in the village and highly respected. The funeral took place on Thursday at Pentwyn Cemetery. The Revs. J.C. Payne, vicar of Penydarren, and J.C. White, vicar of Fochriw, officiated.

**7 February 1942** Burial of Brian Gwynne The funeral of Brian Gwynne, son of Mr. & Mrs. P. Gwynne, 9, Glen View, Pentwyn, took place on Wednesday of last week at Pentwyn Churchyard, the Rev. J. L. White, vicar, officiating. The mourners were: Mr. Percy Gwynne (father); Mr. J.E. Davies, Bedlinog (grandfather); Messrs. A.J. Gwynne, Wm. Thomas, A.E. Morgan and D.J. Price (uncles). At the house were: Mrs. P. Gwynne (mother); Irene & Marlene (sisters); Mrs. Gwynne (grandmother); Mrs. A. J. Gwynne, Mrs. A.E. Morgan, Mrs. R. Osborne (aunts); Glenys Davies, Georgina Davies (Bedlinog), Iris & Margaret Morgan (cousins) & Mrs. Lewis (Pentwyn).

**21 February 1942** The Late Mr. G. Evans The death has taken place of Mr. Geo. Evans, aged 24, the son of Mr. & Mrs. Bert Evans, 41, Aelybryn-street.

**21 February 1942** Late Mr. D. Thomas An old inhabitant of Pantywaun has died in Mr. David Thomas, aged 66 years, of Chapel-street. He had lived the greater part of his life in the village and was well known. The funeral took place at Pant Cemetery on Thursday, when Rev. E. Elias (Dowlais) officiated. The chief mourners were: Messrs. W. G.; D. J. E.; I. R.; and A. Thomas (sons); H. Hughes (son-in-law); I. Morgan (brother-in-law); Leonard Thomas & M. Hughes (grandsons); J. W. J. & I. Jenkins (nephews). Among the floral tributes was one from the Pentwyn Lodge of the R.A.O.B..

**28 February 1942** Obituary The following have died in the district this week: Messrs. J. Baldwin, Dynevor-street; John Evans, Aelybryn; Evan H. Lewis, Station Stores.

**28 February 1942** The Late Mr. George Evans, aged 23, 41, Aelybryn-street The funeral of Mr. George Evans, son of Mr. & Mrs. Bert Evans, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Wednesday. Mr. Evans had been ailing for a long time, and previous to his illness had attended the Parish Church and was a member of the choir. The Rev. J.L. White, vicar, officiated. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Bert Evans (father); Tudor, Willie, Myrddin, Harry (brothers); D. Davies (grand-father); T.J., D.J., Dan & Gordon Evans, A. Wright, W.M. Davies, Sydney Davies (uncles); V.J. Davies, Alun Davies, Ewart Davies (cousins); Wm. Davies (Deri), W. John (Pontlottyn), & R. Jones (Dowlais). At the house: Mesdames M.A. Evans (mother); T.W. & M. Evans (sisters-in-law); G. Davies, A. Wright, S. Evans, S. Thomas, D.J. & T.J. Davies & May (aunts); Mrs. Winnie Davies (Deri).

**28 February 1942** Late Mrs. Elizabeth Davies, aged 51 The funeral of Mrs. E. Davies, wife of Mr. W.O. Davies, late of Gilfach, Bargoed, who died at Cardiff Hospital, took place from the home of her mother, 8, Glyn-terrace. The vicar officiated. Mourners were: Mr. W.O. Davies (husband); Cyril Davies (R.A.F.), Raymond Davies (R.A.C.), Glenys Davies (children); Lilian Davies (daughter-in-law); Messrs. W. Smith (brother); Walter Way (father-



in-law); William, Bertie, Noah, Albert Way (brothers); Tudor Evans (brother-in-law); Claude Smith (cousin); Mr. Jeremiah (New Tredegar); Mesdames L.A. Smith, B. Way (sisters-in-law); Mrs Lena Davies & Mrs. Yeo. At the house were: Mrs. Smith (mother); Mrs. Lillian Evans (sister); Sylvia Evans (niece); & Mrs. Edwards. The bearers were: Councillors Sam Williams & W.J. Payne, Messrs. Edward Lewis, John Lawrence, David Harris, Wm. Edwards, R. Evans & W. Lewis.

**7 March 1942** Late Mr. John Evans, aged 60, Aelybryn The funeral took place last Saturday at Pentwyn Churchyard. The Rev. J.R. Salmon officiated. The mourners were: Mrs. A.J. Evans (widow); Miss Betty Evans, D.J. Davies (children); Mesdames Davies & Jones (Kenfig Hill) sisters; Mr. D. Evans (brother); Mesdames Strange (sister-in-law); M. Gwynne & F. Tynley (nieces); Mr. & Mrs. Rogers (New Tredegar), Mrs. A. Morgan (cousin), Mrs. Mantle, Mr. & Mrs. W.A. Davies.

**7 March 1942** Late Mr. John Baldwin, aged 72, 1, Dynevor-street The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard. Mr. Baldwin had died at the Merthyr General Hospital. He had lived at Fochriw for 59 years, and had been a fireman at the Fochriw Collieries, and latterly, at Groesfaen Colliery with the Powell Duffryn Company. The Vicar of Fochriw officiated. The mourners were: Messrs. Thos. Baldwin (brother); Ralph Lindsay John & Vernon Coggan (grand-children); G. Baldwin (nephew); Arthur Coggan, P.S. Brangwynne, C. White, W. Faulkeren, S. Adcock, A. Spencers (sons-in-law); Philip Rowlands, G. Smith (Hereford) brothers-in-law); W. Jones, R. Jones (Treharris) cousins. At the house were: Mrs. M. Baldwin (widow); Sarah, Ann, Elsie, Muriel, Violet, Winifred (daughters); Mrs. Millie Plater, Misses Pearl & Betty White, Hilda, Lorna, Melville Brangwynne (grand-children); Mesdames M.A. Baldwin, - Baldwin (Cardiff) sister-in-law; Mrs. Goddard & Ethel (Cardiff) nieces; Mesdames J. Jones, M. Jones (Treharris), J. Coggan, A. Davies, R. Evans.

**7 March 1942** Omission The following names were omitted from the report last week of the funeral of Mrs. E. Davies: Coun. Sam Lewis, Messrs. H. Thomas & Thos. Rowlands (bearers).

**7 March 1942** Late Mr. E.H. Lewis, aged 52, Station Stores The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday. Mr. Lewis had lived at Fochriw for the whole of his life. He served in the Great War in the Welch Regiment and was badly wounded in France. He was an elder and secretary of the Pentecostal Gospel Hall. The service was conducted at the Hall by Pastor David Thomas, Messrs. C. Morgan, T. Williams Jones (Dowlais) & Williams (Abertridwr). Mr. Sanders was at the organ. The bearers were: Messrs. Dewi Morgan, Sunders Iles, H. Jones, T. Williams, W. Hughes, A. Williams, T. Williams (Dowlais). The mourners were: Mrs. E.H. Lewis (widow); Ronald & Mary (children), Mrs. M.A. James (sister); Mr. Daniel Rees Lewis (brother); Mesdames Williams (Ynyshir), Talbot (Pontypridd), & D.R. Lewis (sisters-in-law); Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Davies, Mr. & Mrs. J. Williams (Dowlais) uncles and aunts; Mr. & Mrs. T.J. James, Mr. & Mrs. D. James, Miss Maureen Lewis, Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Lewis, Messrs. Sul. James, Williw & Elwyn Lewis (nephews & nieces); Mrs. Owen, Messrs. Jack & Edgar Davies, Jack Jones, Lily, Elsie & Mabel Davies, Miss Annie Williams (cousins).

**14 March 1942** Late Miss Eira Sharpe, 24, Martin-street The funeral of Eira Sharpe, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. A. Sharpe, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Wednesday. The Rev. David Thomas officiated. The mourners were: Messrs. A. Sharpe (father); W.D. Davies (grand-father); R. Gittoes (cousin). At the house were: Mesdames N. Sharpe (mother); W.D. Davies (grand-mother); Gittoes (aunt); E. Jones (cousin); S. Phillips & D. Harris.

**25 April 1942** Death of Former Headteacher The death has taken place of Mr. J. D. Jones, headteacher of Fochriw Council School until taking the headship of Gorseinon Boys' School.

**16 May 1942** Late Mr. W.H. Jones The death has taken place at Merthyr General Hospital of Mr. W.H. Jones, Martin's-street, after a short illness. He was one of the faithful stalwarts of Noddfa Baptist Chapel, where he will be sadly missed. His only son, Pte. David Lloyd Jones, has arrived home.

**23 May 1942** Late Mr. W.H. Jones The funeral of Mr. W.H. Jones, aged 55, of 11, Martin-street, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday. Mr. Jones was a deacon of Noddfa Chapel. He saw service in the Great War, and his only son is now serving in the Army. The

following ministers officiated: Revs. David Thomas, T.J. Jones and Glyn Jones, Pontlottyn. The mourners were: Pte. David Lloyd Jones (Mons. Regt.), son; Messrs. David Rees Jones, Bryn Rees, W. Morgan, I. Hopkins, John Matthews (nephews); Messrs. W.J. Payne, M. Williams, E. Davies, A. Price, Fred Price, Ben Morris, Thomas Davies, Morgan Davies, Hayden Davies (cousins). At the house were: Mrs. Sarah A. Jones (widow); Mesdames Sarah Pugh, Janet Jones, Beatrice Mutlow (sisters); Miss Rosie Davies (sister-in-law); Mesdames S.A. Payne, Miriam Morris (cousins); Mesdames Hopkins, Matthews, Lena Morgan, Evan Rees, Olga Rees (nieces); Mesdames G. Davies, A. Davies, W. Davies, A. Price, D. Griffiths, Deri. There were numerous floral tributes (listed).

**20 June 1942** Death The death has taken place of Mr. Edward Lewis, 12, Railway-terrace, at the age of 72 years. He was one of the founders of ambulance work in the district.

**27 June 1942** Late Mr. E. Lewis The funeral of Mr. Edward Lewis, 13, Railway-terrace, took place on Thursday last at Pentwyn Churchyard, and was a representative one. Mr. Lewis was 72 years of age, and one of the oldest inhabitants of the place. He was a member of Carmel Chapel and a founder member of the St. John Ambulance in the district. He was also a trustee of the Welfare Association in the village, and was also connected with the village Old Age Pensioners' movement. Rev. J.R. Salmon, Pontlottyn, officiated. The mourners were: Messrs. Emrys Lewis (son); John and W. Lewis (brothers); H. Morgan, Dd. Griffiths, Jack Evans (brothers-in-law); John Walters, C. Pugh, Owen Jones (sons-in-law); Idris & Idwal Walters (grandsons); E. & G. Burrows, H. Harris (Bedwas), Thomas J. & Ivor Morgan, Arthur & Ambrose Jones, Wm. Cook, Bob Rees, Tom Pope, Bernard Brown, Wm. Humphries, John & W.T. Lewis, W. Thayers (Gilfach). At the house were: Mesdames M.A. Walters, Doris Pugh, Gwladys Jones (daughters); Megan Morgan and Misses Mair and Eirwen Walters (grand-daughters); Mesdames M. Evans, M. Griffiths, J. Evans (sisters); S.A. Griffiths (sister-in-law); Mesdames Morse, Whitcombe, A. & Ambrose Jones, Bob Rees, T. Pope, B. Brown, C. Ballard, M. Jones (nieces); L. Thomas.

**25 July 1942** Former Resident's Death It is with deep regret that we heard of the sudden death of Mr. Rd. Jones, aged 26, of Gilfach, late of Fochriw. He is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Jones, late of Fochriw. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday, the Rev. J.L. White officiating. A number of Fochriw friends attended the funeral.

**26 September 1942** Funeral The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Tuesday of an old Fochriw inhabitant (late of Abertridwr) in the person of Mrs. Rachel Davies, widow of Mr. J. Davies. She was 61 years of age. Sympathy is extended to the family.

**3 October 1942** Old Inhabitant's Death The burial took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Monday of Mrs. Martha Davies, wife of Mr. Sydney Davies, Bedlinog, late of Fochriw. The funeral was met near the church by a number of Fochriw friends where Mrs. Davies had lived for many years before moving to Bedlinog. Sympathy is extended to the family.

**24 October 1942** Death of Mr. E. Davies The death has occurred of Mr. Elias Davies, son of Mr. & Mrs. J. Davies, Guest-street, at the age of 23 years. Sympathy is extended to the family.

**24 October 1942** Old Inhabitant's Death The death has occurred of one of Fochriw's highly respected citizens – Mrs. Margaret Williams, Eiranfa, Aelybryn-street, at the age of 83 years. Late of School House, Fochriw, Mrs. Williams was the widow of Mr. Mordecai Williams.

**31 October 1942** Late Mr. Elais Davies The funeral of Mr. Elias Davies, son of Mr. & Mrs. James Davies, Guest-street, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday last, the Rev. Eurof Jones officiating. Mourners were: Messrs. James Davies (father); Willie A. & James A. Davies (brothers); David Morris, Henry Price (brothers-in-law); C. Smith, T. Morris, R. Morris, J. Price, G. Price, J. Davies, I. Davies (nephews); John Davies, Wm. Thomas, Edward Davies (uncles); W.J. Angell, B. Angell, E. Parry, P. Hann, W.J. Llewellyn, V. Llewellyn, Eddie Llewellyn, Stuart Llewellyn, D.C. Jones, D.J. Davies, H. Lewis, Thos. Morris (cousins). At the house were Mesdames Davies (mother); Smith, Morris (sisters); W.A. Davies, J.A. Davies (sisters-in-law); J. Davies, E. Davies, M. Davies, E. Jones, E. Llewellyn (aunts); Davies (Cardiff), B. Davies, K. Walters, L. Lewis, J. Jones, Miss Minnie Lewis (cousins).

**31 October 1942** Late Mrs. M. Williams The funeral of Mrs. Margaret Williams, aged 83 years, of "Eiranfa," Fochriw, took place on Wednesday at Pentwyn Churchyard. She was the widow of Mr. Mordecai Williams who died eight years ago. A native of Penydarren, she had resided at Fochriw for 65 years and was a member of Noddfa Baptist Church. The Rev. Eurof Jones officiated. The mourners were: Messrs. Mordecai & John Williams (sons); Ernest Chaffey (son-in-law); Clifford Davies, Windsor Williams, Gareth Morris (grandsons); Messrs. George Sibley, Lodwig Davies (brothers-in-law); E.I. Griffiths, Dan Jones. The bearers were Messrs. Thomas Evans, Jenkin Thomas, Joshua Evans, Thomas J. Jones (Noddfa deacons). Also, Councillors S. Lewis, J.P., & W.J. Payne; Messrs. Gwilym Thomas, Wm. Cook, Dan James, Hartwell Wood, Tom Lewis. At the house were Mesdames Margaret Davies, Sarah E. Chaffey (daughters); G. Sibley (sister); E.J. Williams, J. Williams (daughters-in-law); Dan Jones, M.H. Morgan, M. Davies, Miss Kathleen Williams, Mrs. Vida Williams, the Misses Pitton, Penydarren.

**14 November 1942** Late A.B. Caradog Shankland We regret to announce the death of A.B. Caradog Shankland, aged 26, who had come home on leave after two years service in the Royal Navy. He was the son of Mrs. Kate Shankland and the late Mr. Caradog Shankland, Guest-street. He was the youngest of a large family. He was ill on returning to his home on Sunday and was removed to Merthyr General Hospital on Wednesday where he died shortly after admission. The funeral took place on Monday with full military honours. The cortege was one of the largest that ever left the district. The procession was headed by the Fochriw Silver Band who played the "Dead March" in "Saul," followed by the Home Guard under Lieut. W.M. Davies. The firing party was composed of members of the Home Guard under Corpl. Jack Davies. Rev. Eurof Jones officiated. The "Last Post" was sounded by Bugler Glyn Burrows. The bearers were Messrs. Rufus Dummett, John Adams Jones, Reg Gittoes, Griff Pugh, Albert H. Dummett and Edryd Jones. The chief mourners were Messrs. Meirion, Robert, William and Tom Shankland (brothers); M. Hughes (brother-in-law); Crad, Tom, David, John & Idris Shankland, H. Simpson, R. & C. Lewis, Ken Owen (cousins). At the house were Mrs. Kate Shankland (mother); Nellie, Jenny, Bessie, Cassie (sisters); Islwyn & Allan (nephews); May, Katie, Phyllis & Edna (nieces); Mesdames M. & T. Shankland (sisters-in-law); Owen, M.J. Edwards, S.A. Simpson, C. Shankland, E. & C. Lewis, Misses M. Lewis, G. Shankland, B. & E. Simpson (cousins); Mr. & Mrs. Morris, Mrs. M. Jones, Mrs. Cumpstone and Mr. Griffiths.

**27 November 1942** Obituary The death has taken place of Mr. W.D. Davies, 24, Martin-street, at the age of 58, and after a brief illness. Mr. John Griffiths, late of Fochriw, now of Llanelly, has also died. Both were well known in the village and highly respected.

**5 December 1942** Late Mr. W.D. Davies The funeral of Mr. W.D. Davies, aged 58, Martin-street, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Wednesday. He had resided in the village for a number of years. He was an ex-serviceman and a faithful member of the British Legion branch. For many years he was a sidesman and a parochial church councillor of the Parish Church. A service was conducted at the Parish Church by the Vicar, Rev. E. Adams Evans. The "Last Post" was sounded by Bugler G. Burrows. The mourners were: Mr. W.J. Davies (son); Mr. A. Sharpe (son-in-law); Mr. J. Hargest (brother-in-law); Mr. Reggie Gittoes (nephew); Messrs. Len Jones, Deri, Walter Jones and Thomas Evans (cousins). The mourners at the house were: Mrs. M.J. Davies (widow); Mrs. N. Sharpe (daughter); Mrs. Hargest (sister), Mrs. Gittoes (sister-in-law); Mrs. Enid Jones (niece), Mrs. Cumpstone, Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Williams.

**12 December 1942** Died in Australia The death has taken place at Kurrie Kurrie, Hopetown, New South Wales, of a well known former Fochriw inhabitant, Mr. Myall Williams, aged 76. Mr. Williams emigrated 32 years ago with his family. His wife is the daughter of Mr. Thomas Mantle, Pentwyn. Mr. Williams was well known as a local preacher and a singer of repute.

**19 December 1942** Obituary The death has occurred of a well known inhabitant in the person of Mrs. Mary Walters, Penybanc, wife of Mr. David Walters.

**16 January 1943** Death The death has taken place at her home in Aelybryn of Mrs. Sarah Prosser at the age of 72.

**23 January 1943** Late Mrs. S. Prosser The burial of Mrs. Sarah Prosser, Aelybryn-street, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday last. Mrs. Prosser was 72 years of age and had lived the greater part of her life in the district. She was highly respected. Mrs. Prosser was a member of the Parish Church and the Mothers' Union. A service was held at the church by the vicar and the lesson was read by Coun. W.J. Payne, churchwarden. The vicar also officiated at the graveside. The mourners were: Messrs. W.J. Thomas, E. Thomas, I. Prosser, E. Prosser, F. Prosser, A. Prosser (sons); J. Bowen, E. Puddle, J. Cleavey, T. Beale (sons-in-law); G. Bowen, H. Bowen, G. Puddle, T.J. Meredith, K. Beale, R. Beale, J.I. & T.J. Prosser (grandsons); R. & W. Bevan, W. Jones. At the house were: Mesdames J. Bowen, B.M. Puddle, M. Beale, E. Cleavey, T. Bailey (daughters); E. Prosser, L. Thomas, A. Prosser, M. Prosser (daughters-in-law); E. Wilton, A. Thomas, M. & S. Puddle, L. Prosser, H. Bowen (grand-daughters); Mrs. A. Watkins, Mrs. Webber (sisters); Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Bailey (nieces). Among the wreaths was one from the Mothers' Union.

**6 March 1943** Sudden Death One of Fochriw's oldest citizens died suddenly on Saturday in the person of Mr. Burkley Angell, Aelybryn-street, aged 78. He was going to pay a visit to Llanelly with his daughter, but when reaching Fochriw station was taken ill and died.

**6 March 1943** Late Mrs. R. Thomas The death has taken place at Liverpool, while on a visit to the home of her daughter and son-in-law, of Mrs. R. Thomas, aged 71, of Plantation-street. She was the widow on Mr. Rees Morgan. Mrs. Morgan was a member of Noddfa Baptist Chapel. The funeral took place on Monday at Pentwyn Churchyard, the Revs. E. Jones and David Thomas officiating. The mourners were Masters Willie and Sydney Lynch (grandsons); Messrs. Robert Roberts (brother); John Rogers (brother-in-law); Edward M. Roberts (nephew); Charles Lynch and Joe Cotton (sons-in-law); Geo. Evans, David H. Lewis, Douglas Evans, David D. Thomas, Thomas J. Lewis, Robert Candrick, Mr. Osborne and Mrs. Thomas (Treharris). At the house were Mesdames Esther Lynch and Annie Cotton (daughters); M. Thomas, Betty Lynch and Margaret Cotton (grand-daughters); Mesdames Rogers (sister); H.E. Thomas and Yarnton (daughters-in-law); Osborne Thomas, D.R. Lewis, Geo. Evans, Edith Lewis and Miss Mary E. Thomas (nieces); Hughes (Bedwas), Williams, Clark, Harris and Laurie Smith.

**13 March 1943** Late Mr. W. Lewis The death has taken place of Mr. Wm. Lewis (Bargoed), late of Fochriw. Mr Lewis was taken ill at his work in Groesfaen Colliery where he was employed as a fitter. He died shortly after being taken home. He left the Fochriw Collieries many years ago to take up an appointment in the mines in South Africa. He remained there for many years. On his return, he worked at Groesfaen.

**13 March 1943** Late Mr. B. Angell The funeral took place on Thursday at Pant Cemetery of one of Fochriw's oldest and most respected inhabitants, Mr. Burkley Angell, aged 78. He had lived practically the whole of his life at Fochriw and had been an official at the Fochriw Collieries for many years. He was choirmaster at the Parish Church for many years. In his younger days, he was a singer of repute and conducted many successful choirs from the village at eisteddfodau. His wife died two years ago. The Vicar and the Rev. E. Jones officiated. The mourners were: Messrs. Willie, Burkley and Tom Angell (sons); Ben Shankland, Eddie Hiscox (sons-in-law); W.J. Angell (brother); Thomas J. Jenkins (brother-in-law); W.J. Angell, W.A. Davies, Burkley Davies, Howell Thomas (nephews); James Davies, John Davies (brothers-in-law); Robert W. Parry, Percy G. Hann, W. Gardner, Tom Jenkins, James J. Lewis (nephews). At the house were: Mesdames Laurie Ann Shankland, Mary J. Griffiths, Judith Ann Davies, Elinor M. Hiscox (daughters); Elinor & Evelyn Angell (grand-daughters); Blodwen Angell (daughter-in-law); Emaline Davies, Maud Davies (sisters); Ann Jenkins (niece).

**20 March 1943** Late Mrs. J. Thomas The death has taken place of a highly respected inhabitant, Mrs. Jemima Thomas, Station-terrace, aged 73, the wife of Mr. Wm. Thomas. About a week ago, her brother, Mr. Burkley Angell, was buried.

**27 March 1943** Late Mrs. E. Lewis The death has taken place of Mrs. E. Lewis, Brook House, wife of Mr. Ted Lewis, after a painful illness. Mrs. Lewis had lived the whole of her life in the village.

**27 March 1943** Late Mrs. M.A. Angell The death has taken place of a well known resident in the person of Mrs. M.A. Angell, aged 47, wife of Mr. William Angell, Aelybryn. Mrs. Angell, who had spent her lifetime in the village, died at Merthyr General Hospital, where she had been a patient for a few weeks. She was a member of Carmel Chapel. The funeral took place at Pant Cemetery on Saturday. The Revs. Eurof Jones, Wm. Thomas and E. Adams Evans, officiated. The mourners were: Mr. William Angell (husband); Mr. W.R. Evans (brother); Rev. T.A. Davies, Messrs. Burkley Angell, Ben Shankland (brothers-in-law); Gareth Davies (nephew); Llew Jones, Lewis Jones, Stewart Jones, W.J. Jones, Glynne Jones, John Francis, Emlyn Evans, W.J. Angell, C.H. Budd (cousins); W.J. Angell, James Davies, John Davies, T.J. Jenkins, P. Richards (uncles). At the house were: Mrs. H. Davies (sister); Mesdames Eileen Evans, Olwen Evans, L.A. Shankland, M.J. Griffiths, J.A. Davies, E.A. Hiscox, Blod Angell (sisters-in-law); E. Davies, M. Davies, A. Jones, J.M. Lawrence (aunts); Annie Jones, A.M. Jenkins (cousins), Cole, Celia Ballard, Celia Sussex (friends). There were many floral tributes. [listed]

**27 March 1943** Late Mrs. J. Thomas The funeral of Mrs. Jemima Thomas, aged 73, wife of Mr. William Thomas, Station-terrace, took place on Thursday at Pentwyn Churchyard and was a very representative one. The officiating ministers were Rev. Eurof Jones and Wm. Thomas. The youngest son, Glyn, is serving abroad with H.M. Forces. Sympathy is extended to the family in their bereavement. The mourners were: Messrs. Wm. Thomas (husband); Howell Thomas, W. Angell Thomas (sons); J.J. Lewis, R.W. Parry, A. Oliver, D.O. Davies, S. Price, P.G. Hann (sons-in-law); D.J. Davies, Haydn Davies, Howell T. Lewis, Ronald Lewis (grand children); W.J. Angell (brother); Jenkin Thomas, Howell Thomas, John Davies, James Davies (brothers-in-law); Burkley Angell, W.J. Angell, W. Angell Davies, Burkley Davies, James A. Davies, Tom Smith (second officer, M.N.), Claude Smith, Pastor David Thomas, D.G. Thomas, D. Saunders, B. Lloyd, Glan Thomas (nephews); Haydn Jones (cousin). At the house were Miss E.M. Thomas, Mesdames J.G. Hann, L.M. Lewis, L.A. Parry, C. Oliver, M. Davies, M. Price (daughters); Gret Thomas, Anne Thomas (daughters-in-law); Emmeline Davies, Maud Davies (sisters); Ceridwen Walters, C. Thomas, S. Thomas (sisters-in-law); C. Hann, L. Williams, M.H. Jenkins, M.J. Jones, L.A. Smith, C. Jones, L.A. Jones, M.J. Williams, M.A. Lewis, B.A. Lewis. There were many floral tributes. [listed]

**3 April 1943** Late Mrs. J. Thomas The following were omitted from the list of wreaths in last week's funeral report of the late Mrs. Jemima Thomas, Station-terrace: Uncles, Aunts, Nephews and Nieces.

**3 April 1943** Boy's Death The death has taken place at Cardiff Royal Infirmary of Raymond Catterson, aged seven, son of Captain and Mrs. Catterson, 7, Station-terrace. He was a member of the Parish Church Surplice Choir and Sunday School where he will be sadly missed. Sympathy is extended to the family. His father is on sea with his ship. The funeral took place on Monday. A service was held at New Trinity, Cardiff, thence to Glyntaf Crematorium. Among the officiating ministers was the Rev. E. Adams Evans, vicar of Fochriw and Deri.

**3 April 1943** Late Mrs. E. Lewis The funeral of Mrs. E. Lewis, aged 48, wife of Mr. Edward Lewis, Brook House, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday. She was born and lived in the village the whole of her life, and was held in high esteem. The mourners were: Messrs. Edward Lewis (husband); Cyril Lewis (son); S. Gough (brother); T. Peters, R. Young, E. Lewis (brothers-in-law); D. Lewis (nephew); A. Purnell, D. Jones. At the house were Mesdames G. Murphy (daughter); M.J. Gough (mother); G. Peters, M. Young (sisters); L. Gough (sister-in-law). There were floral tributes from family, friends and neighbours.

**17 April 1943** Late Mrs. Bessie Evans After a short illness, the death has occurred of Mrs. Bessie Evans, wife of Mr. R.J. Evans, 12, Orchard-terrace, Rogerstone, at the home of her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Tom Pugh, 23, Guest-street. Aged 26, she was born in the village and was a pupil of Bargoed Secondary School. After her marriage, she went to live at Rogerstone. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday. Revs. W. Thomas and E. Edams Evans officiated. The mourners were: Messrs. R.J. Evans (husband); T. Pugh (father); G. Pugh (brother); Leslie Hathaway (brother-in-law); W. Evans (Peterborough); R.P.P. Roberts, Machynlleth (brothers-in-law); E.J. Jones, W. Adams-Jones, Griff Jones, Evan Watkins, Idris

Davies, Howell Bowen, H. Welsman, L. Hopkins, J. Matthews, D. Lewis (cousins); G. Hathaway, Wilfred Norman, J. & T. Lawrence. The mourners at the house were: Mesdames T. Pugh (mother); E. Hathaway (sister); P. Roberts (sister-in-law); Esther Davies & S. Pugh (aunts); E.J. Jones, Mattie Lewis, Ettie Bowen, Magdalene Hopkins, Esther Matthews, Estyna Welsman, Annie Watkins, Ettie Carver, Mattie Davies (cousins); Janet Jones & Mrs. M. Williams. There were numerous floral tributes. [listed]

**17 April 1943** Late Mr. A. Angell The death has occurred at Newquay, Cardigan, of Mr. Alfred Angell, aged 77, who before going to Newquay, live in the village for many years. Only a few weeks ago, a brother, Mr. Burkley Angell, and a sister, Mrs. Jemima Thomas, were buried from the village of Fochriw.

**17 April 1943** Late Mrs. M. Gittoes The death has occurred of an old inhabitant of the village in the person of Mrs. Margaret Gittoes, aged 60, of Guest-street, widow of Mr. Wm. Gittoes. Mrs. Gittoes had lived in the village for 29 years and was held in great esteem. Before coming to Fochriw she had lived at Erwood. near Brecon. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Wednesday last the Revs. T.J. Jones, Eurof Jones and David Thomas officiating. The mourners were: Messrs. John & Reg Gittoes (sons); E.W. Jones (son-in-law); Donald & Hugh Jones (grandsons); David, Albert & Edward Gittoes (brothers-in-law); Vincent Gittoes, Will Davies, Arthur Sharp (nephews); Benjamin Jones, Walter Jones, Stanley Gittoes, - Evans (cousins). At the house were: Mrs. E. Jones (daughter); Mrs. J. Davies (sister); Mrs. A. Sharp (niece); Mrs. T. Jones, Dowlais (cousin); Mrs. K. Shankland, Mrs. A. Jones, Mrs. M. Morgan.

**1 May 1943** Child's Funeral The funeral of Linda Gittins, infant child of Mr. & Mrs Eddie Gittins, Williams-row, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday and was strictly private. Pastor David Thomas officiated. Mourners were: Messrs. Eddie Gittins (father); D. Gittins (brother); Mr. Patten (grandfather); Messrs. Patten, F.J., Stan, and Edwin Gittins, D.W. Morris (uncles). The bearers were Messrs. J.J. Lewis, Dewi Morgan, and Evan Watkins. Mourners at the house were Mrs. G. Gittins (mother); Mervina & Norma Gittins (sisters); Mesdames Patten & Gittins (grandmothers); Betty Patten, Ruby Barry, Mair & Hettie Gittins, Annie Morris (aunts); Pam Barry & Norah Morris (cousins); Mrs. Watkins.

**1 May 1943** Late Miss Pollock The death has taken place of Miss Anne Pollock, youngest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Pollock, 4, Dynevor-street. She died at Merthyr General Hospital where she was a patient as the result of an accident. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday and was well attended. Revs. Eurof Jones and E. Adams Evans officiated. The mourners were: Mr. Bernard Pollock (father); Mr. David Griffiths (grandfather); Messrs. John Pollock, Richard Weekes, W. James, Geo. & W.G. Davies, H. Morgan, Jas. Griffiths, W. Fox (uncles); E. Lewis, Idwal Walters, Jack Forrest, Eric Macue, Ivor & Jackie Davies, Jackie Brown, Owen Jones, Windsor Chapman, C. Pugh, Frank Pinch (cousins). Mourners at the house were Mrs. Doreen Pollock (mother); Pat Pollock (sister); Mesdames S.A. Griffiths (grandmother); S. Davies, Fox, M. Chapman, G. Davies, Doris Pugh, G. Jones, Macue and Stevens (aunts); Mesdames James, Davies, Sheen (friends). There were numerous floral tributes. [listed]

**8 May 1943** Old Inhabitant's Death One of the oldest and most esteemed residents died last week after a few days' illness. He was Mr. George Jones, aged 78, of Picton House, Station-terrace. He had been for many years a member of the old Gellygaer Fire Brigade, and one of the members of the old Fochriw Band in their victorious days. He was the solo euphonium player, a position he held with distinction. He was a member of Carmel Comngregational Church. The funeral took place on Monday at Pant Cemetery, the Rev. Eurof Jones officiating. The Mourners were: Mr. Dan Jones & Capt. Howell Jones (sons); L.A.C. Iorwerth Evans (son-in-law); Messrs. T.G. Davies, Tom Walters, George Walters, T.H. Jones, Idris Walters, County Coun. W.J. Kedward, Mr. Robert Thomas (nephews); Dick Lewis, Evan Jenkins, Enoch Jenkins, A.C.I. John Jenkins, Clydach Vale (cousins); Mr. & Mrs. R. Jones, Blaen Clydach. At the house were Miss Maria Jones, Mrs Mary Jones (daughters); Mildred Jones (grand-daughter); Mesdames Tegwen Jones (daughter-in-law); S.J. Jones (sister-in-law); W.J. Kedward, R. Thomas, T.G. Davies, J. Walters, G. Walters, Miss Gill Walters, Miss

Linda Kedward (nieces); Mesdames D. Lewis, M. Jones, H. Morgan (cousins); Mrs Clark, Mrs. Cumpstone.

**29 May 1943** Funeral Mr. C.R. Grimmett, an old inhabitant, who resided at Pentwyn for many years before moving to Bargoed, was buried at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday.

**3 July 1943** Late Mrs. Mary J. Jones The funeral of Mrs. Mary Jane Jones, aged 80, took place on Wednesday at Pentwyn Churchyard. The Rev. E. Adams Evans officiated. Mrs. Jones had lived in the district for 20 years where she carried on business. She was the widow of Mr. David ap Jones, auctioneer, and the daughter of Mr. Henry Lloyd, veterinary surgeon, Dowlais. Her father-in-law was the Rev. John Jones, who was for many years minister at Bryn Seion C.M. Church, Trecynon, Aberdare. Mrs. Jones had lived for some period in the U.S.A. She took a keen interest in the local branch of the British Legion and was president of the women's section. Several of the members attended the funeral and Mrs. Lewis was the standard-bearer. The mourners were: Messrs. Hy. Lloyd Jones and John Lloyd Jones (sons); John Morgan, Bridgend, and Stanley Claude Farley (sons-in-law); W. Matthews, Caerphilly (grandson); A.S. Lloyd, M.P.S., Penygraig; D.T. Davies, Dinas; W. Williams, Glenboi, Mountain Ash (nephews); ex-P.S. Lane, aberdare; Messrs. H. Palmer, Tonteg; W. Roberts, Gilfach; Edgar Williams, Birchgrove; D. Rees Jones (friends); Mrs. H. Farley (daughter); Mrs. Marjory Morgan, Mrs. Caroline Jones and Mrs. L.G. Jones (daughters-in-law); Miss R. Lloyd Farley, Mrs. Lloyd Matthews & Miss Ceri Morgan (grand-daughters); Mrs. Alf Morgan, Miss Iris Morgan, Mountain Ash; Mrs. Mabel Mason, Penylan, Cardiff; Mrs. Lane, Mrs. Taylor, Aberdare; Mrs. F. Davies, Tonteg; Mrs. Roberts, Gilfach; Mrs. M. Chapman and Mrs L. Thomas. The family extend grateful thanks to those who sympathised with them in their sorrow. Among the floral tributes was one from the branch and section of the Fochriw British Legion. Mr. V. Powell, Fochriw, was the funeral furnisher.

**28 August 1943** Late Mr. D.H. Thomas The death has taken place of one of Fochriw's oldest inhabitants, Mr. David H. Thomas, Aelybryn. Aged 72, he had lived in Fochriw for the whole of his life. Before the closing down of the Fochriw Collieries, he was an official for many years. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday, the Rev. E. Adams Evans officiating. Mourners were Messrs. John Rees, David, Christmas and Bryn Thomas (sons); Evan L. Thomas (brother); John Slimmon (son-in-law); David Davies & Edward Jenkins (brothers-in-law); Jack, Garfield & Stuart Davies, Vivian Powell, Tom & Norman Thomas, Elwyn, Eddie and Morton Jenkins (nephews); Iorwerth Thomas (grandson). At the house were Mrs. L. Slimmon (daughter); Mesdames D. Davies & N. Jenkins (sisters); the Misses Jean & Mair Slimmon (grand-daughters); Mesdames J.R. & C. Thomas (daughters-in-law); W.J. Evans, Mary Thomas, Mary Evans, Miss Pearl Davies (nieces); Mesdames J. Jones & D. Parry (cousins); Mrs. H. Fisher, Mr. & Mrs. S. Jones, Mr. L.W. Edmunds, Mr. D. Brown, Mr. Ted Clarke, Mesdames D. Davies & G. Mantle, Misses Megan Griffiths & Betty Johns, Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Evans, Miss Daisy Evans, Mrs. Elsie Rogers. There were numerous floral tributes (listed). The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. Vivian Powell, Fochriw.

**4 September 1943** Late Mr. C. Morgan The death has taken place of Mr. Cyril Morgan, Martin-street, at the age of 31. He was well known and held in high esteem in the district. He died in hospital at Bristol. He was a member of Noddfa Baptist Chapel. The funeral took place on Saturday at Pentwyn Churchyard and there was a representative attendance. Revs. E. Adams Evans and Eurof Jones officiated. Mourners were Messrs. John Morgan (son); W. Barber (step-father); Cyril Barber (step-brother); Thomas J. Richard and Evan W. Jones (brothers-in-law); James Harding, D. Evans, Richard Evans, Wm. Phipps (Bristol) uncles; W. Poyntz, David Llewellyn, Egryn Thomas, Robert Thomas, Harry Robson, Tom Morris, Eddie Williams, Richard Evans, W.A. Davies, Douglas & W.S. John, James Jones (cousins). At the house were: Mrs. M. Morgan [widow]; Miss Gaynor Morgan (daughter); Mrs. Barber (mother); Mrs. A. Jones (mother-in-law); Mesdames M.J. Jones, E. John, Irene & Enid Jones (sisters-in-law); J. Harding, W. Phipps and Poyntz, Mrs. Betsy Evans (aunts); Mesdames Barber, E. Walters, Lizzie Morris, G. Pearer, M. Edwards, and A. Davies.

**25 September 1943** Late Mrs. Ellen Way The death occurred after a long illness of Mrs. Ellen Way, of 1, Glenview. Pentwyn. Mrs. Way had lived in the village for many years and

had been confined to bed for several years. Her husband, Mr. Frank Way, died seven years ago. Mrs. Way had been a member of the Parish Church and of the Mothers' Union. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Monday and there was a representative attendance. After a short service at the house, a service was held at St. Andrew's Church where the Vicar officiated. At the graveside he was assisted by Rev. Eurof Jones. The mourners were: Messrs. William, Frank, Fred and David Way (sons); Stuart Jones (son-in-law); Albion & Frederick Way (grandsons); Walter Way (brother-in-law); Arthur Way, W.J. Way, Frank Way, W.I. Way, Albert Way, Bert Way, Vincent Wood, Attwell Wood, Albert Yeo, Will Davies, Gordon Way, Tudor Evans, Crad Skym (nephews). At the house were: Mesdames Ada Staddon, Eliza Jones (daughters); Misses Margaret Jones, Joan, Thelma & Freda Way (grand-daughters); Mesdames G. Way (daughter-in-law); N. Yeo, L. Davies, M. Way, E. Skyn, G. Wood and G. Llewellyn (nieces); Mrs. Davies.

**2 October 1943** Late Mr. W. Morris The death has taken place of a well-known inhabitant, Mr. William Morris, Martin-street, at the age of 68.

**2 October 1943** Former Resident's Death The death has occurred at Cardiff of Mr. W.E. Lewis. Mr. Lewis was stationmaster at Fochriw for many years, where he was well known. The funeral took place at Llanfihangel-Talyllyn on Monday.

**9 October 1943** Late Mr. W. Morris The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday of Mr. W. Morris, Martin-street, at the age of 68 years. He was a native of Blaenau Ffestiniog, but had lived in the village for the last forty years. He was a faithful member of Nazareth C.M. Chapel, where he had been deacon and choirmaster. Revs. W. Thomas, Eurof Jones, E. Adams Evans and J.F. Smith officiated. The mourners were Messrs. Griff, Gwyn and Evan Morris (sons); Reg Perkins & Trooper J. Fairbrass (sons-in-law); Messrs. M. Morris & James Smith (Merthyr Vale), Evan M. Williams (North Wales), Owen Owen (Aberfan), Price Davies (Troedyrhiw), nephews; Evan Williams (Bargoed) cousin; T. Evans, D. Jones, A. Rowbottom. At the house were: Mrs. J. Morris (widow); Mrs. Nelli Perkins, Mrs. Hilda Fairbrass, Miss Beryl Morris (daughters); John, Gwyneth, Melvyn (grand-children); Mesdames Grace & Tegwen Morris (daughters-in-law); E. Jones, Aberfan (sister); M. Williams, Penrhiwceiber (sister-in-law); Katie Owen, Aberfan (niece); E. Williams, E. Hughes (cousins); K. Shankland, B. Davies, Perkins (Deri), and Cumpstone.

**16 October 1943** Late Mr. W. Morris The following were the bearers at the funeral last week of Mr. William Morris: Messrs. J. Lawrence, Burkley Davies, Willie A. Davies and David John Davies representing Nazareth C.M. Chapel

**13 November 1943** Late Mr. J. Hughes The funeral took place on Thursday at Pentwyn Churchyard of Mr. J. Hughes of Brook-row, aged 86. He had resided in the village for many years. The Vicar officiated.

**11 December 1943** Old Inhabitants Death The death has occurred of an old inhabitant of the village - Mr. D. Lewis of Hill-row, Pentwyn.

**18 December 1943** Late Mrs. E. Lewis The funeral took place on Saturday at Pentwyn Churchyard of Mrs. Elizabeth Lewis. Aged 84, Mrs. Lewis had resided with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Andrews, Hill-row, Pentwyn. The officiating minister was Rev. Eurof Jones. The Vicar was also present.

**1 January 1944** Old Inhabitant Dies The death has occurred of one of Fochriw's oldest inhabitants, Mr. Joseph Shankland of Aelybryn. He was 82 years of age.

**1 January 1944** Late Mrs. J.M. Morris The funeral of Mrs. J.M. Morris, aged 39, wife of Mr. David Morris, 17, Guest-street, took place on Tuesday at Pentwyn Cemetery, the Rev. Eurof Jones officiating, assisted by Mr. David Thomas. The mourners were: Mr. D. Thomas (husband); Messrs. Tom & Ronald Morris (sons); James Davies (father); Thomas Morris (father-in-law); W.A. Davies, James A. Davies (brothers); Eben, Tom and Joe Morris, Harry Price and George Dare (brothers-in-law); Claude Smith, James Price, Gethin Price, Vincent Dare (nephews); Evan Morris, John Davies (uncles); Ebenezer & Albert Butts, T.J. Morris, John Clark, Burkley Davies, W.J. Angell, D. James Davies, Howell Lewis, D.J. Davies, Ewart Davies, Geo. Walters, David C. Jones, Percy Hann, W.C. Llewellyn (cousins). At the house were: Miss Thelma & Miss Margt. Morris (daughters); Mrs. E. Davies (mother); Mrs. L.A. Smith (sister); Mrs. M. May Davies, Mrs. Eliz. Dare (sisters-in-law); Mrs. J. Davies,



Mrs. Helen Jones, Mrs. M. Davies, Mrs. Thomas, Bargoed, Mrs. Butts, Pengam (aunts); Mrs. Lil Lewis, Mrs. Blodwen Davies, Mrs. K. Walters, Mrs. J. Clark and Miss Doris Davies (cousins).

**8 January 1944** Late Mr. J. Shankland The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard of one of Fochriw's oldest inhabitants, Mr. Joseph Shankland, 22, Aelybryn-street, aged 82. He had lived in the village for the greater part of his life. There was a representative attendance at the funeral when the Rev. Eurof Jones, and the Rev. E. Adams Evans, vicar, officiated. Mourners were Messrs. Ben, Tom, David & Crad Shankland (sons); T.I. Shankland (grandson); Tom & Rees Jenkins, Tudor Adams, Meirion, Tom & Wm. Shankland, John E. Davies, T.J. James, Silvanus James, David & J. Evans, Jack Fisher, M. Hughes, D. Davies (nephews); G. Shankland (cousin). At the house were Mesdames Elspeth & Emily Shankland (daughters-in-law); Gladys Williams and M. Shankland (grand-daughters); Mrs. Kate Shankland (sister-in-law); Mesdames M.J. Edwards, A. Davies, L. James (nieces); Mrs. Cumpstone.

**29 January 1944** Death of Mr. P. Cumpstone The death has taken place at Cardiff Royal Infirmary of Mr. P. Cumpstone, Brook-row. He was well known and held in high esteem in the district.

**5 February 1944** Late Mr. P.H. Cumpstone The funeral took place on Thursday at Pentwyn Churchyard of Mr. Percy Cumpstone, aged 68, of Brook-row. He had lived in the village for many years. The Rev. Eurof Jones officiated. The mourners were: Mrs. Rachel Mary Cumpstone (widow); Messrs. Brinley and Graham Cumpstone (sons); Mrs. Chaplin (niece); Messrs. Idris Cumpstone, Nicholas Cumpstone, Bert Cumpstone, Arthur Cumpstone, Cadfan Cumpstone (nephews); Rees Lewis, David Lewis, Tom Lewis, W. Way, C. Quick, Tom Shankland (brothers-in-law); David Harris, W. Lewis (uncles); W. Harris. E. Harris, J. Jones, A. Rowbotham, T. Lewis, E. Lewis (cousins); D. Davies, W. Stilton, W. Slade, David Evans, C. Hayward. At the house were: Mrs. B. Cumpstone (daughter-in-law); Mesdames E. Cumpstone, C. Way, N. Angell, E. Lewis, E. Shankland, R. Quick (sisters-in-law); M. Davies, B. Harris (aunts); I. Cumpstone, M. Jones (nieces); S. Clark, L. Harris (cousins); Mesdames Cole, Hayward, Evans and E.A. Evans.

**25 March 1944** Mr. E.H. Williams' Funeral The funeral of Mr. Ernest Williams, Martin-street, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday. Aged 49, Mr. Williams had lived in the village for many years. He saw service in the last war. His eldest son, Willie, is in the Navy, and has seen active service for the last few years. Mr. Williams met with an accident at Groesfaen Colliery. The bearers were Messrs. D. Griffiths, E. Uzzell, Tom Jones, Jerry Williams, P. Isles and Gwynfor Evans. Among the colliery officials present were: Mr. T. Farrell, M.E., manager; Mr. I. Thomas, under-manager; Messrs. T. Davies & W. Thomas. The officiating ministers were Revs. D. Thomas and T.J. James. Mourners were: Messrs. Fred & Terence Williams (sons); Albert, Jack & William Williams (brothers); J. Collins (father-in-law); Bill Collins, Jack Davies, Tom (brothers-in-law); C.H. & Charlie Williams (nephews); F. Cody & G. Payne (cousins). The mourners at the house were: Mesdames M.A. Williams (wife); J. Williams (daughter-in-law); J. & A. Williams, M. Davies, N. Smith, Hilda & G. Williams, B. Cody and Payne.

**25 March 1944** Late Mr. James Jones The funeral of Mr. James Jones, aged 56, of 2. Plantation-terrace, took place on Thursday at Pentwyn Churchyard and was a representative one. Mr. Jones was well known in the village, where he had lived the whole of his life. He died suddenly while following his employment in a factory in Monmouthshire. He had been one of the stalwarts of the St. John Ambulance for many years and was a member of Carmel Congregational Church. The officiating ministers were the Rev. Eurof Jones and Rev. W. Thomas. The mourners were: Messrs. Dd. C. Jones, E. John, Rees Jones (brothers); Bryn Roberts (son-in-law); Burkley Davies, T.J. Davies, D.J. Davies, John Davies, W.A. Davies (brothers-in-law); Ewart & Elias Davies, W.K. Thomas (nephews); John Davies, W. John Angell, James Davies (uncles); Rees and Tom Jones, Evan Williams, T. Walters, Arthur Ballard, Rees Howells, W.J. Angell, Howell Thomas, Robert W. Parry, James John Lewis, John N. Davies, H. Simpson, John Cole, Geo. Cole, Dd. Cole, James A. Davies, Howell T. Lewis, Percy Hann, .... Davies, Stephen Lewis. At the house were: Mrs. M.J. Jones (wife);

Mrs. P. Roberts and Miss Jessie Jones (daughters); Eira Roberts (grand daughter); Mrs. H.C. Davies and Miss Sal Jones (sisters); Mesdames E. Lloyd Evans, S.A. Cole, E. & J. Davies (aunts); E. Jones, A. Davies, E.M. Davies (sisters-in-law); Mrs. F.M. Thomas, Misses Marie Davies, Muriel Davies, Jessie A. Davies, Mrs. Norma Davies, Miss G. Jones (nieces); Mesdames L.A. Parry, M.J. Edwards, S.A. Simpson, M. Cole and L. Law. There were numerous floral tributes (details given) including ones from fellow workers at the Royal Naval Factory, Caerwent, and the Staff of Gelligaer Hospital.

**29 April 1944** Late Mr. W. Smith The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Monday of Mr. Wm. Smith, elder son of Mrs. Smith and the late Mr. T. Smith. He was 59 years of age and a native of the village.

**10 June 1944** Late Mrs. M.A. Edwards The death has taken place of a well-known inhabitant of Fochriw, Mrs. Mary Ann Edwards.

**17 June 1944** Late Mrs. E. Jones The funeral of Mrs. E. Jones, Guest-street, who died suddenly at the house of her friends, Mr. & Mrs. J.J. Lewis, took place at Pant Cemetery on Thursday. She was the widow of Mr. Howell Jones who was an official at the collieries. Mrs. Jones was 69 years of age and had lived the whole of her life in Fochriw. She was a faithful member of Carmel Chapel which she had attended on the evening she died. The funeral was private. Rev. Eurof Jones officiated at the house and graveside. Mourners were Messrs. T. & D.J. Thomas (brothers); N. Thomas, S. Russell, T.G. Davies, T. & J. Walters, R. Thomas, T. Jones, V. Powell (nephews). At the house were Mesdames May & D.J. Thomas, S.J. Jones (sisters-in-law); Cissie, Russell, G. Greenall, Miss E. Thomas, Mary Evans & Edith Thomas (nieces); Eliz. Evans (cousin); David Davies, James John Lewis, Sarah J. Jones, Phyllis Jones, G. Yeoman, Williams and Davies. The bearers were Mr. James J. Lewis, Coun. Sam Lewis, J.P., Mr. John Davies and Mr. R. Evans. There were many floral tributes. (listed)

**24 June 1944** Death In Hospital The death has occurred at Merthyr General Hospital of Mr. Wm. Whitby, Guest-street. He was aged 50 years. He had been at the hospital for several weeks. He was a native of the village.

**1 July 1944** Late Mr. W.J. Whitby Mr. William James Whitby, Guest-street, has died at Merthyr General Hospital. He was 50 years of age and a native of the village. The funeral took place at Pant Cemetery on Thursday. The bearers were: Messrs. E.T. Pritchard, Wm. Lewis, Seaborne Williams, John Broom, Evan J. Jones and Thomas Evans. Among the general public were: Messrs. O. Hopkins, T. Thomas, B. Edwards, T. Evans, D. Harris, J. Lawrence, B. Davies, W.A. Davies, W.J. Angell, D. Lewis, T.J. Jones, J. Hughes, T. Pugh, J. Davies, B. Thomas, R. Evans, D. Morris, C. Shankland, J. Davies, D. Davies, B. Lloyd, E.W. Jones. Rev. Wm. Thomas officiated. The mourners were: Messrs. David Rees Jones, Edward Jones, Mr. & Mrs. Howel Jones (uncles and aunts); Mr. & Mrs. L. Hopkins, Mr. & Mrs. J. Mathews, Mr. D. Mutlow, Coun. W.J. Payne, Mr. Windsor Williams (cousins). Mourners at the house were: Mesdames Sarah E. Pugh, Beatrice Mutlow, S.A. Jones (aunts); S.A. Payne, E.J. Williams, D.J. Whitby, Misses Hannah Whitby, Kathleen Williams (cousins); Mrs. Morgan (Ogmore Vale), Mrs E. Williams, Mrs. M.A. Davies, Mrs. M. Evans (friends). There were many floral tributes.

**1 July 1944** Bandsman's Death The death has occurred of one of the best-known and respected bandsmen throughout Wales, and many parts of England, Mr. William Powell, Guest-street, Fochriw, at the age of 76 years. He was one of the pioneers of the Fochriw and Deri Silver Bands and was bandsman of both bands for many years. Many can pay tribute to his excellent tuition. Mr. Powell had travelled widely wherever there was a band contest, particularly to Crystal Palace and Belle Vue. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Monday. Revs. E. Adams Evans and Eurof Jones officiated. A number of bandsmen attended to pay their last tribute. The chief mourners were: Messrs. R. Gilbert (brother-in-law); W.J. Gilbert, Vivian Powell, George Coleman, T. Thomas, Wilfred Hitchins, C. Knight, M. Thomas, S. Russell (nephews); John Jones, Snr., John Jones, Jnr., C. Beaumont (cousins). At the house were: Mrs. S.A. Gilbert, Mrs. T.A. Hitchins, Miss Powell (sisters); Mesdames R.A. Coleman, S.E. Lewis, M. Thomas, P. Jones (nieces); B. Hudson, V. Skyrme (cousins). There were numerous floral tributes.

**8 July 1944** Late Mr. P. Rowlands The death has occurred of a well-known inhabitant who had lived for many years at Fochriw. He is Mr. Phillip Rowlands, 1, Dynevor-street. Aged 73, Mr. Rowlands was of a quiet, unassuming character. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Tuesday, the Vicar officiating. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Arthur Coggan, Charles White, P.S. Brangwynne, Ralph Coggan, Lindsay Coggan, Vernon Coggan (nephews); William Jones (cousin); Leyshon Rowlands, Tom Rowlands, George Baldwin and Wyndham Edwards. At the house were: Mrs. M. Baldwin (sister); Mrs. S.A. Coggan, Mrs. E. White, Mrs. M. Spencer, Mrs. E. Brangwynne, Winifred, Lorna and Anne, Mrs. Rowlands, Mrs. E.A. Evans (cousins); Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Thomas. There were a number of floral tributes.

**15 July 1944** Old Soldier's Death A well-known local resident, Mr. Thomas James, Penybank, died last week at the age of 76, and was buried with full military honours at Pentwyn Churchyard on Monday. The Vicar officiated at the house and graveside. Mr. James had been on active service in the South African War and the 1914-18 World War. He was a faithful member of the Home Guard and was on duty up to two weeks ago. The funeral was well attended by members of the Fochriw and Deri Home Guard under the command of Major J. Emms, Capt. W.M. Davies and Smith, and Lieut. Bryn Davies. They were led by the Fochriw Silver Band conducted by Mr. Mantle, who played the "Dead March" at the graveside. The firing party consisted of members of the Home Guard under Sgt. L. Mantle. Bandmaster A. Mantle sounded the "Last Post."

**29 July 1944** Late Mr. Brinley Jones The funeral of Mr. Brinley Jones, Davies-row, Pentwyn, aged 33, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday. Mr. Jones met with an accident while working underground at Ogilvie Colliery. The funeral was a military one as Mr. Jones was a member of the Home Guard. The coffin was draped with the Union Jack and there were a number of wreaths. The cortege was led by a large contingent of the Home Guard under the command of Capt. Wm. M. Davies and Lieut. B. Davies. At the graveside, Sgt. Mantle was in charge of the firing party. The Vicar, Rev. E. Adams Evans, and Rev. S.J. Beynon, officiated. The mourners were: David R. Jones (son); Len Tyler (stepson); Messrs. Thomas, Harry & Llew Jones (brothers); Charles E. Tyler, David R. Tyler, John Lloyd, Emllyn Evans (Slough), Ben Coleman (Bedlinog), Wm. Watts (Merthyr), W.M. Williams (Deri), John R. Evans (Bedlinog) brothers-in-law; Arthur Tyler (uncle); Thos. Jones, Dan Evans, Cliff Coleman, T. Watts, D. Williams, J. Thomas, M. Jones, C. Tyler, N. Tyler. At the house were: Mrs. Jones (wife) and children; Mesdames Sarah Evans, Esther Watkins, Ellen Coleman, C. Williams (sisters); Annie Jones, K. Jones, C. Tyler, D. Thomas, M. Evans, D. Tyler, Doris Tyler, L. Tyler, E. Tyler (sisters-in-law); Mrs. Powell, Mrs. Price, Misses Mattie Jones, Jane Evans and sister, Mesdames F. Lewis, Llewellyn, B. Jones, Williams, Wheeler, Thomas, E. Coleman, A.M. Davies.

**12 August 1944** Deaths The death has occurred of two well known residents of the village, Mr. Jenkin Thomas, Martin-street, and Mrs. A. Morgan, Stoney Houses, Penybank.

**19 August 1944** Late Mrs. A. Morgan There was a representative attendance at the funeral of Mrs. A. Morgan, Stoney Houses, Penybank, which took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday. The Rev. E. Adams Evans officiated. Mrs. Morgan was well known in the district being a member of the Parish Church until her illness. She was the treasurer of the women's section of the Fochriw British Legion.

**19 August 1944** Late Mr. J. Thomas The death has taken place of a well known resident in Mr. Jenkin Thomas, 18, Martin-street. He had lived in Fochriw for about 70 years, and was in the Silver Band when they were at the height of their glory in the old days. The funeral took place on Thursday, the Rev. T.J. Jones officiating, assisted at the graveside by Mr. T.J. James. The mourners were: Messrs. David & Howell Thomas (sons); David Uzzell, David Saunders, Bert Lloyd (sons-in-law); Jenkin, George, Glanmor, Emrys, Melwyn, Gwynlais, Morgan and Lindsay (grandsons); Messrs. Howell Thomas (brother); Thomas Walters (brother-in-law); Howel Thomas, J.J. Lewis, R.W. Paarry, E. Oliver Davies, P.G. Hann, Rev. B. Davies, Messrs. D. Cheese, D. James Davies, Lewis Evans, J.H. Evans, Latimer Evans (nephews); D.J. Morgan, Dowlais, Weaver, New Tredegar, Cheese, Brynmawr, T.E. Davies, Deri. At the house were: Mary (widow); Margaret, Ceridwen, Annie Gwen, Rose, Lizzie and May

(daughters & daughters-in-law); Mrs. C. Walters (sister); Miss A.G. Davies, Mrs. C. Thomas, Mrs. S. Thomas (sisters-in-law); Margaret May Weaver, Glenys Coggan (grand daughters); Mrs. J.J. Lewis (niece); Mrs. Cumpstone. There were many floral tributes. (listed)

**28 October 1944** Late Miss G. Harris The death has occurred of Miss Gladys Harris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Harris, 17, Brynteg-street. She was 18 years of age and was well known and held in high esteem. She was a faithful member of the youth movement and also a member of Carmel chapel. She was employed at a Dowlais factory. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Tuesday, the Revs, Eurof Jones and E. Adams Evans officiating. The bearers were members of the Youth Movement: Messrs. H. Lewis, T. Williams, D. Harding, J. Price (M.N.), Glyn Edwards and Jack Davies. The chief mourners were: Messrs Gilbert Harris (father); Harold, George, William Martin, Bryn Morgan, Gomer, Bert, William Lewis, Willie Morris, Morgan Williams (uncles); Jack, Alun, Ivor, Len Gwyn, Thomas Williams, Ned Davies, Glyn Meredith, T. Mantle and Bob Rees (cousins); Coun. W.H. Burgess and E. Burgess (friends). At the house were: Mesdames C. Harris (mother); Eunice (sister); J. Davies (grandmother); Cassie, Laura, Betty, Tina, May, Mary, Alice, Maggie, Rachel, Maggie, Hannah (aunts); Jenny, Enid, Megan, Glenys, Gwen, Jessie, Iris, Mary, Harriet, Winnie, Blod, Elsie, and Maggie Davies (cousins); Mrs. Jukeiman, Mrs. Bandier and Mrs. Lawrence

**4 November 1944** Late Mrs. P. Edwards The death has occurred of Mrs. Peggy Edwards, wife of Mr. Bedford Edwards, Brook-row. Sympathy is extended to the family in their bereavement.

**11 November 1944** Late Mrs. M.J. Edwards The funeral of Mrs. Margaret J. Edwards, aged 36, wife of Mr. Bedford Edwards, Brook-street, took place on Saturday last at Pentwyn Churchyard. Mrs. Edwards was a native of Rhymney, living at Fochriw since her marriage. The Vicar officiated. The mourners were: Messrs Bedford Edwards (husband); Malcolm Edwards (son); D.J. Davies (father); Victor and David Davies (brothers); Percy Edwards (father-in-law); Jack Williams and Albert Jones (brothers-in-law); G. Williams, D. Thackman, Melville and Aldwyn Evans (nephews); H. Richards (cousin); T. Evans, W.J. Payne, W. Edwards (uncles); Windsor Williams, Islwyn Jones, T. Davies, D.L. & W. Evans, Terence Kelly (cousins). At the house were: Mrs. Ada Davies (mother); Pamela (daughter); Mabel, Dolly, Blod, Audrey (sisters); Glenys, Doris, Betty, Mesdames V. & B. Davies (sisters-in-law); Phyllis Watkins, Dorothy Jones, Olwen and Megan Davies, Jean Thackman (nieces); Iris Jones, Kathleen Williams, S. Pugh (cousins); Mrs. Murphy. There were numerous floral tributes (listed).

**18 November 1944** Late Mrs. M. Baldwin The death has occurred of Mrs. Mary Baldwin, widow of Mr. John Baldwin, Dynevor-street, at the age of 69. She was a faithful member of the Parish Church. Mrs. Baldwin died at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. Chas. White, Bargoed. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard. The Vicar officiated at the house. The cortege then proceeded to St Mary's Church where the service was conducted by Canon L. Thomas and the Rev. D.H. Evans, Bargoed. Mr. Huw B. Thomas was the organist. The interment took place at Pentwyn Churchyard. The mourners were: Messrs. A. Coggan, White & Brangwynne (sons-in-law); R. Coggan, V. Coggan (grandsons); G. Baldwin (nephew); E. Phillips, T. Rowlands, L. Rowlands, L. Evans, W. Davies, D. Jones. Mourners at the house: Sarah Ann, Elsie, Muriel, Ethel, Violet, Winnie (daughters). There were numerous floral tributes. The daughters of Mrs. Baldwin wish to thank friends and neighbours for their kindness and floral tributes, also the doctor and nurses for their kind attention during their mother's illness.

**25 November 1944** Late Mrs. Evans The death occurred recently of a well-known inhabitant, Mrs. Evans, 14, Martin-street. She was a member of Carmel Chapel. The funeral was private and took place at Pant Cemetery on Friday. Revs. Eurof Jones and E. Adams Evans officiated.

**25 November 1944** Late Mrs. E. Watkins The funeral of Mrs. E. Watkins, Pit-row, took place on Thursday at Pentwyn Churchyard. Mrs. Watkins was the daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. James Jenkins, who had resided at Pit-row for many years. She had lived in London for a while, but recently returned to the home of her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. C.

Hollister, at Pit-row, where she died aged 69 years. The chief mourners were: Messrs. D.J & M. Watkins (sons); C. Hollister (brother-in-law); T. Francis (cousin); F. & D. Thomas, R. Garbutt, D. Harding, G. Panell, D. Cheese, D. Gibbons. W. Hollister and H. Watkins (nephews); T. Rowlands, G. Watkins, V. & C. Hollister, D. Evans (cousins). Mourners at the house were: Miss Betty Watkins (daughter); Mesdames L. Hollister, S. Thomas, M.J. Garbett and E. Martin (sisters).

**23 December 1944** Late Mrs. Ruth Watts The death occurred recently at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. Trevor Lawrence, 2, Brynteg-street, of Mrs. Ruth Watts, aged 69, wife of Mr. D.J. Watts. She was well known in Dowlais where she had carried on a business as a butcher for many years. She was a member of Calfaria Chapel. The funeral, which was strictly private, was held at Pant Cemetery, the Rev. Wm. Thomas officiating, assisted by Rev. J.J. Lewis (Hebron, Dowlais); Rev. E. Adams Evans (vicar of Fochriw); Rev. Jones (Dowlais); Rev. J.C. Payne (vicar of Penydarren).

**30 December 1944** Mr. J.A. Davies' Death The death has occurred at Merthyr General Hospital of Mr. James A. Davies, Guest-street.

**30 December 1944** Late Mr. W. Parry The funeral took place on Thursday at Pentwyn Churchyard of Mr. Walter Parry, who was well known in the St John Ambulance Brigade at Fochriw. He died at Rhymney, where he lately resided.

**6 January 1945** Death of Mr. J.A. Davies The death occurred at Merthyr recently, after a short illness, of Mr. James Alfred Davies, husband of Mrs. Maggie M. Davies, 25, Guest-street, and son of Mr. & Mrs. J. Davies, 28, Guest-street, Fochriw. Mr. Davies, who was 30 years of age, had worked at Ogilvie Colliery until his illness a few months ago. He took an active part in many organisations and was a special constable attached to "F" Division, Glamorgan Constabulary for the last six years. He was keenly interested in his work and throughout his service did his work conscientiously. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard last Sunday, when the cortege was headed by a representative attendance of both the regular and special police under the direction of Supt. Folland, assisted by Inspector Seth Pugh and P.S. Reg. Rowlands. Members of the police force acted as bearers. The Rev. Eurof Jones officiated, assisted by the Rev. E. Adams Evans, (Vicar). The mourners were: James Davies (son); Mr. James Davies (father); Mr. Daniel James (father-in-law); Mr. W.J.A. Davies (brother); Messrs. Dd. Morris and Harry Price (brothers-in-law); Ben James, Job Thomas (grandfather-in-law); D.J. Thomas, Claude Smith, Ronald Morris, Gethin Price (nephews); Edward Davies, John Davies (uncles); W.A. Davies, Burkley Davies, W.J. Davies, W. Angell, B. Angell, W.A. Thomas, G. Walters, O. Davies, P. Hann, R. Parry, H. Lewis, D.C. Jones, C. Ballard, W. Ballard, J. Ballard, W.J. & V. Llewellyn. At the house were: Mrs. Davies (widow); Mrs. E. Davies (mother); Mrs. Martha James (mother-in-law); Mrs. L.A. Flewitt, Mrs. E.M. Davies (sisters-in-law); Mr. W.J. Angell (uncle); M. Davies, Deri; M. Davies, Maud Davies, Ellen Davies, Eirwen Thomas (aunts); Lil Lewis and H. Morgan.

**13 January 1945** Late Mrs. M.A. Jones The funeral took place at Pentwyn on Monday of an old native of the village, Mrs. M.A. Jones, widow of Mr. John Jones, Bargoed. Both had lived at Fochriw before their removal to Bargoed many years ago.

**27 January 1945** Death Of Two Residents The deaths have taken place of two well known personalities in the village: Mr. Evan Isaac Griffiths, Gwalia Stores, aged 75, and Mrs. E. Hughes, 17, Martin-street.

**3 February 1945** Death of Mrs. E. Hughes The death has occurred of one of Fochriw's oldest inhabitants, Mrs. E. Hughes, 17, Martin-street, wife of Mr. John Hughes. She was 83 and the oldest member of Carmel Chapel, hardly missing a service up to the last. Mrs. Hughes had lived at Fochriw for the last 46 years. The service, which was private, took place at Pant Cemetery on Saturday, the Rev. Eurof Jones, Rev. E. Adams Evans and Pastor Dd. Thomas officiating. The bearers were Coun. S. Lewis, J.P., Messrs. T. Ballard, J. Thomas, A. Marshallsea and Bert Lloyd. Mourners were Messrs. John Hughes (husband); Harry, Will and Wyndham (sons); Selwyn Hughes, Lyn John (grandsons); David Price (son-in-law). At the house were Mesdames Price, John and M. Price (daughters); Mary Hughes, Violet Hughes,

Lily Marshallsea (daughters-in-law); Myra (grand-daughter); Mrs. Cumpstone, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Lloyd, Miss M. Evans.

**3 February 1945** Tradesman's Death The sudden death has taken place of Mr. Evan Griffith, aged 77, Gwalia Stores, Fochriw. Well known in South Wales, he was a native of Llanon, but had held business appointments in many towns in South Wales. He was a member of the Parish Church and of the Parochial Council. The funeral took place on Friday at Aberfan Cemetery and was strictly private. The Rev. E. Adams Evans, vicar, officiated. The bearers were: Coun. W.J. Payne; Messrs. T. Ballard, J. Lawrence, A. Palmer, E. Evans, H. Jones, R. Evans. Mourners were Mrs. S.J. Griffiths (widow); Mrs. M. Davies, Mrs. M. Rowe (cousins); Misses M. Griffiths, D. Davies, Mrs. K. Walters (nieces); Miss C. Evans, Mrs. H. Thomas, Miss B. Jones, Mrs. Cumpstone, Mr. G. Walters (nephew); Messrs. Peter Jones, G. Sibley, B. Davies. Funeral arrangements were made by Mr. D.J. Davies, Fochriw.

**17 February 1945** Death of Mr. W. Williams The death has occurred at Merthyr General Hospital of Mr. Walter Williams, Hill-row, Pentwyn, at the age of 34. He has been ill for some time.

**24 February 1945** Late Mr. W. Williams The funeral of Mr. Walter Williams, Hill-row, Pentwyn, took place on Tuesday at Pentwyn Churchyard. Mr. Williams was 34, and had been ill for some time. Revs. E. Adams Evans and Eurof Jones officiated at the house and graveside. The mourners were: John Thomas Williams (son); Messrs. Jack & Albert Williams (brothers); D. Lewis; -- Baker (father-in-law); T. Jenkins, P. Jenkins, M. Emms, C. Rowlands, T.E. Davies (brothers-in-law); T. Blake, P. Cartwright, O. Saunders (uncles); M. Williams, B. Dobson, J. Llewellyn, E. Lloyd (cousins); E. Davies (nephew). At the house were: Mrs. Williams (wife); Gwen and Audrey (daughters); Denzil (son); Mrs. Lewis (mother); Mrs. Evans (sister); Mrs. Davies, Miss Baker, Mrs. Rowlands, Mrs. J. Williams (sister-in-law); Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Blake (aunts); Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. J. Llewellyn, Mrs. M. Williams, Mrs. Balnes (cousins).

**10 March 1945** Late Miss E. Davies The funeral of Miss E. Davies, younger daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Alan Davies of Aberystwyth, took place from 4, Guest-street, Fochriw, on Tuesday. The burial was at Pentwyn Churchyard and Pastor David Thomas officiated. The bearers were: Messrs. Lames L. Lewis, Dewi Morgan, D. Saunders and Bert Wellings. Mourners were: Messrs. Alan Davies (father); Eddie, Edwin, Stanley, John and Elwyn Gittins, W. Lewis, David Thomas and R. Howells (uncles), Aberystwyth; D. Gittins (cousin). At the house were: Mrs. Davies (mother); Yvonne (sister); Mesdames Davies, and Gittins (grandmothers); Mrs. Howells, Aberystwyth; Sarah, Gladys, Mair, Hetty, Annie, Olwen, B. Davies and Annie (aunts); Mervina and Moira (cousins).

**5 May 1945** Late Mrs. M. Griffiths The death has taken place of Mrs. Martha Griffiths, widow of the late Mr. W. Griffiths, Glyn-terrace, one of the oldest and esteemed residents of the district.

**12 May 1945** Funeral of Mrs. M. Griffiths The funeral of Mrs. Martha Griffiths, aged 73, of Maes-y-coed, Fochriw, took place at Pant Cemetery on Thursday. Mrs. Griffiths was a native of Fochriw. She was a member of Carmel Chapel. Her husband died seven years ago, and she leaves three daughters, and a son who lives in the U.S.A. The officiating ministers were: Revs. Eurof Jones; G. Jones, Calfaria, Bargoed; L. Williams, Deri; G. Jones, Bethania, Dowlais; A.F. Jeffrey, Llanharan; E. Adams Jones, vicar. The bearers were Coun. S. Lewis, J.P., Messrs. T. Rowlands, B. Jones, J. Davies, D. Lewis and W. Cook. The mourners were: Messrs. A. Jones, W. Cook, B. Rees (sons-in-law); John Lewis (brother); Jack Evans (brother-in-law); Billie Rees (grandson); W.T. Lewis, D. Lewis, A.F. Jeffrey, T. Griffiths, E. Jacob, T.J. Morgan, I. Griffiths, R. John, J.B. Evans, T. Pope, B. Hynham, W. Jones, E. Jones, A. Jones, I. John, S. John, Jim Catterson. At the house were: Mesdames M. Jones, M. Cook and E. Rees (daughters); Iris Jones, E. Jones (grand-daughters); Margt. Evans and Madge Evans (sisters); J. Lewis (sister-in-law).

**19 May 1945** Funeral of Miss A.G. Davies The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday of Miss Annie Gwen Davies, aged 21, of 2, Railway-terrace. Miss Davies was born in the village and was a member of the Full Gospel Hall. The Rev. T.J. James and D. Morgan (Full Gospel Hall), and Rev. Eurof Jones officiated. The mourners were: Messrs. J.H.

Evans, D. Thomas, L. Evans, Latimer Evans, D. Morgan, D. Uzzell, D. Saunders, E. Lloyd, D.E. Davies, J.G. Uzzell, G. Thomas, M. Weaver, E. Evans, M. Lloyd. At the house were: Miss Gretta Evans (niece); Mrs. Mary Thomas (sister); Mrs. G. Morgan, Miss M. Davies (Treforest), Mesdames Uzzell, Sauners, Lloyd, Thomas, Evans, Evans, Corran, Mary Evans, D. Morgan, A. Davies, M.J. Payne and Mrs. Cumpstone.

**2 June 1945** Funeral of Mrs. R. Parry The funeral of the late Mrs. Ray Parry, wife of Mr J.D. Parry, Pleasant View, took place on Monday. Mrs. Parry was aged 38 years and had been ill for a long time. She was a faithful member of Noddfa Chapel. The officiating ministers were Mr. T.J. Jones and the Rev. E. Adams Evans. After a short service at the house, the interment took place at Pentwyn. The chief mourners were: Messrs. James Osborne Parry (husband); D.W. Walters, J.R. Walters (brothers); Sydney Evans, D.J. Parry, Dd. Henry Evans (brother-in-law); Edward Jones, Thos. Dd. Morgan, (uncles); Llewellyn Jones, Thomas Jones, Lewis Jones, Stuart Jones, Will Jones, Tudor Jones, Glynne Jones, Tommy Jones, W.J. Evans, Thomas Walters (Port Talbot), Job Walters, Robt. Thomas, John C. Thomas, Richard Hall, David Sennett, Albert (Rhymney Bridge), Dilwyn Evans, Octavius Richards, Wyndham Roberts. At the house were: Mrs. Eliz. A. Walters (mother); Jill (daughter); Mesdames S.L. Evans (sister); A. Walters, I.M. Walters, M. Evans, B. Parry (sister-in-law); Mary Edwards, M. Johns, H. Morgan (aunts). The bearers were: Messrs. Thomas Evans, R. Rees, Thomas Thomas, Joshua Thomas, Emlyn Evans and Meirion Shankland. There were numerous floral tributes. (listed)

**14 July 1945** Death of Miss R. Jacob The death has occurred recently of Miss Rachel Jacob, 3, Martin-street. Aged 63, she was a member of Carmel Congregational Chapel for many years. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday. Revs. Eurof Jones, David Thomas and T.J. Jones officiated. Bearers were: Messrs. Daniel Davies, David Rees Jones, David Harris and Johnny Williams. The mourners were: Messrs. David J. Jacob (brother); Job Thomas (brother-in-law); Dan James, Jas. Davies, Willie, Caradog, Gwyn & John Ballard (nephews); D.J. Evans, David Lewis, Elwyn Edwards, Islwyn Jones (cousins). At the house were: Mesdames M. James. Esther and Eirwen Thomas, M.M. Davies (nieces); Iris Jones and E. Lewis (cousins).

**14 July 1945** Old Inhabitants Death: Mr. W. Thomas The death has occurred recently of the oldest inhabitant of Fochriw, Mr. W. Thomas, aged 76. Born in Dowlais, he came to live at Fochriw at an early age, and started work for Guest, Keen and Nettlefolds at the age of 12 years. He worked for over 50 years with the company and was an official for over 40 years. He was under-manager from 1913 until the closure of the Fochriw colliery in 1924. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday and the Rev. Eurof Jones officiated. Mourners were: Messrs. H. & W.A. Thomas (sons); Signalman Glyn Thomas (son) was unable to attend as he is on active service. Messrs. J.J. Lewis, R.W. Parry, D.O. Davies, S.C. Price, P.G. Hann (sons-in-law); Howell Thomas (brother); Thomas Walters James and J. Davies (brothers-in-law); D.J. & Haydn Davies, Howell T. Lewis (grandsons); Rev. David Thomas, Messrs. David Uzzell, D. Saunders, B. Lloyd, F. Chivers, B. & W.J. Angell, W.A. & B. Davies, W.T.A. Davies (nephews); C.G. Hann, T.I. Davies, W. Jenkins, Adj. W.H. Jenkins, T.J. Jenkins, R. Evans. At the house were: Miss E.M. Thomas, Mesdames J.G. Hann, L.M. Lewis, L.A. Parry, C. Oliver, M. Davies, M. Price (daughters-in-law); M.A. Lewis, Jean Thomas (grand-children); C.T. Walters (sister); C. & S. Thomas, E. & E.M. Davies (sisters-in-law).

**25 August 1945** Death of Mr. D. Lloyd The death occurred this week of a well known inhabitant of the village, Mr. David Lloyd, Glen View, Pentwyn.

**1 September 1945** Late Mr. D. Lloyd The funeral took place on Thursday at Pentwyn Churchyard of Mr. Dd. Lloyd, aged 82, of 13, Glenview, Pentwyn, the husband of Mrs. Mary Lloyd. He was a native of Oswestry, but had spent the greater part of his life in the district. The funeral was attended by members of the R.A.O.B. under Bro, Wm. Lewis and the Rev. E. Adams Evans officiated. Mourners were: Messrs. John Lloyd (son); D. Morgan and F. Amos (sons-in-law); D.R. Lloyd and R.F. Amos (grandsons); W. Jones (brother-in-law); T. Condie, W. Watkins and D. Morgan. At the house were Mrs. M.J. Lloyd (widow); Mesdames D.

Morgan and F. Amos (daughters); J. Lloyd (daughter-in-law); T. Condie (sister); Williams and J. Bolver (sisters-in-law).

**6 October 1945** Late Mr. T. Price The death has occurred of a well known resident of the village, Mr. Thomas Price, Aelybryn. He died at the Merthyr Infirmary after a long illness.

**13 October 1945** Late Mr. Thomas Price The funeral of Mr. Thomas Price, 39, Aelybryn, took place on Thursday at the Graig Cemetery, Rhymney. Mr. Price was 74 years of age and was well known in the district, where he had resided with his daughter for many years. The funeral was strictly private, and the chief mourners were: Messrs. Thomas & Moses Price (sons); Gomer Williams, David Williams, David and Glyn Price (grandsons); David Davies, Sam Roberts, Rees Cleaves, S. Williams, Vivian Davies, Billy Jones, Will Lapin. The bearers were Messrs. Crad Shankland, Tom Sullivan, Tom Shankland, Dick Chapman. At the house were: Mesdames Rachel Williams, Maggie Price (daughters); Edie and Marie (daughters-in-law); Dwynwen, Elizabeth and Phyllis (grand-daughters); Vie and Gladys (Rhymney). There were many floral tributes (listed).

**13 October 1945** Late Mrs. Sophia Lloyd The death has occurred very suddenly of Mrs. Sophia Lloyd, wife of Mr. John Lloyd, Glen-view, Pentwyn, at the age of 47 years. She was taken ill suddenly, and was removed to Merthyr General Hospital where she died the same day. She was a member of Nazareth C.M. Chapel. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Monday and was well attended. The Revs. E. Adams Jones and Eurof Jones officiated. Mourners were: Mr. John Lloyd (husband); David Robert (son); Willie, Alfie, John and Lonnie Slimmon (brothers); James Jones, Will Edwards, Will Beer, Fred Amos, David Morgan (brothers-in-law); Glyn Edwards, Jackie and Robbie Slimmon, Ronald Amos (nephews); Wm. J. Jones, Gomer Rees, Bob & Eddie Slimmon, Lewis Watkins, Gwilym, John, Alvin, Ronald, Robert, Hughie and Cecil Llewellyn (cousins); George Walters, Berkley Davies. At the house were: Margaret (daughter); Maggie, Gracie and Addie (sisters); Lizzie Jane, Annie, Sali, Lilian and Millie (sisters-in-law); Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Griffiths (aunts); Jessie, Mary, Jane, Prydwen, Winnie, Kkatie, Doris, Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Lewis (cousins). There were numerous floral tributes (listed).

**27 October 1945** Former Resident The death has occurred of Mrs. Grace Morris, wife of Mr. Griff Morris, late of Martin-street, at the age of 40 years. Mrs. Morris died at their home in North Wales after a long illness. The funeral took place in North Wales. Sympathy is extended to the family.

**3 November 1945** Mr. Ernest Burrows The death has occurred of Mr. Ernest E. Burrows, Guest-street. He was 70 years of age, and had resided in the village for a number of years. The funeral took place on Wednesday at Pentwyn Churchyard. The Revs. Elwyn Jones (Dowlais), and Eurof Jones (Fochriw) officiated at the house and churchyard. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Glyn, Alquin & Meurig Burrows (sons); J. Lester, J.D. Swain (sons-in-law); Ernest, Alan, Leonard and Glyn (grandsons); Simon Harris, Emrys Lewis (nephews); David Griffiths (uncle); Mr. Dobbs & Mr. Burrows (Aberdare). The mourners at the house were: Mrs. S. Burrows, Mrs. E. Swain (daughters); Mrs. M. Burrows, Mrs. G. Burrows (daughters-in-law); Mrs. Griffiths (aunt); Mrs. Pollock (niece).

**3 November 1945** Late Mrs. M.A. Parry The funeral took place on Saturday at Pentwyn Churchyard, of Mrs. M.A. Parry, Dynevor-street, at the age of 64 years. She was born in the village and was a member of Noddfa Baptist Chapel. The Revs. E. Jones, J. Yeoman and T.J. Jones officiated at the house and churchyard. The chief mourners were: Messrs. David Parry (husband); E.J. Parry, D.G. Parry, W.H. Parry (sons); T.W. Yeoman (son-in-law); Glyn and David Parry, J. & D. Yeoman (grandsons); David & Wm. Cheeke (brothers); E. Morgans, D.J. Harris, D.W. Davies (brothers-in-law); Thomas Jones (uncle); Edwin, Fred, C., G., P., A.H. and R. Dummett, Evan Watkins, D.G. Harris, M. Harris, D. Hopkins, W. Hopkins, R. Price, E.G. Price, D. Cheeke, D. Brown (nephews); S.P. Jones, W. Morgans, J.R. Thomas, T. Evans, S.H. Davies (cousins); W.J. Roberts, J. Yeoman. At the house were: Mesdames G.M. Yeoman (daughter); A., C., M.O. and V. Parry (daughters-in-law); C. Dummett, M. Williams, E. Harris, S. Davies (sisters); J. Jones, M.A. Davies, Gwen Baker, Edith Jones (cousins); S. Price, M.A. Watkins, A.M. Jones, M. Lewis, P. Brown and M. Dummett (nieces).



**24 November 1945** Deaths Two well known personalities of Fochriw died last week: Mr. Lodwick Davies, late under-manager of Fochriw Collieries, and Mr. Evan H. Davies, Hill-row, Pentwyn.

**1 December 1945** Late Mr. E.H. Davies The death has taken place of Mr. Evan H. Davies, Hill-row, Pentwyn. He was 65 years of age and had been ailing for a long time. The funeral, which was representative, took place at Pentwyn Cemetery. The Rev. E. Jones and Mr. Griffiths, Bedlinog, officiated. The mourners were: Messrs. Thomas Elved, Idwal, Merfyn, Victor, Leslie, Gwynfor, Horace and Dyfed Davies (sons); Daniel Davies (brother); H.C. Colbourne, A. Carter, Cliff Golden Hann (sons-in-law); Sam Price, Frank Cowles (brothers-in-law); Elved & Malcolm (grandsons); Bert King, Willie, David E. & Willie John (nephews); Wm. Davies (uncle). Mourners at the house were: Mesdames E.H. Davies (widow); Colbourne, Carter, Hann (daughters); S. Price (sister); H. Davies, Cowles (daughters-in-law); F. Cowles, S. Lewis (sisters-in-law); E. Angell, M. Davies, Edith King, Katie Lewis (nieces); Hannah Davies (grand-daughter); Mrs. E. Davies (aunt); Mrs. H. Pope (friend).

**8 December 1945** Late Mr. David Lewis The death has taken place of a well-known resident of Fochriw, Mr. David Evans, son of Mr. & Mrs. John Lewis, Aelybryn. Mr. Lewis died at a hospital in London.

**8 December 1945** Death of Janis Davey The death has occurred at Hill-row, Pentwyn, of Janis F. Davey, youngest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Wally Davey. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Tuesday, the Rev. E. Adams Evans officiating at the house and graveside. The mourners were: Mr. Wally Davey (father); Roy Davey (brother); Messrs. Ben Evans (grandfather); Derek Evans (cousin); Thomas Evans, Wm. Vincent (uncles); T. Sullivan (cousin). At the house were: Mrs. Mary Davey (mother); Valerie (sister); Frankie (brother); Mrs. E.A. Davey (grandmother); Mrs. C. Vincent, Mrs. C. John, Irene Davies, Gwen, Mrs. Miniro. Mrs. E. Sullivan, Mrs. Evans (aunts); Mattie Evans, M. Clayton (cousins).

**12 January 1946** Late Mrs. M. Morris The funeral of Mrs. M. Morris, wife of Mr. John Morris, Ystrad Mynach, late of Ty Mawr, Fochriw, took place on Monday at Pentwyn Churchyard. Mrs. Morris was 72 years old.

**12 January 1946** Boy's Funeral The funeral of Percival G. Iles, the 15 year-old son of Mr. & Mrs. Percy Iles, Martin-street, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday. Pastor David Thomas officiated, assisted by Rev. E. Adams Evans. Chief mourners were: Percy Iles (father); Geo. Morgan, Geo. Jones, Howell Davies (uncles); Bryn Davies, A. Powell, A. Alcott (cousins). Mourners at the house were: Mrs. B. Iles (mother); Pamela, Phyllis Ann (sisters); Mesdames James, Freeday, Powell, Davies, J. Morgan (aunts); Misses Phyllis & Dilys James, A. & Vera Freeday (cousins).

**19 January 1946** Mr. C. Evans' Death The death has occurred after a long illness of Mr. C. Evans, Council Houses, at the early age of 17, son of Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Evans.

**26 January 1946** Late Mrs. Watkins The death is announced of one of the oldest and most respected inhabitants of the village, Mrs. Watkins, Guest-street, at the age of 83 years. In Hospital Messrs. Thomas Francis, Pit-row, and Douglas Clark, Plantation-street, are now patients at the Merthyr General Hospital.

**26 January 1946** Youth's Death The death occurred recently of Carwyn Evans, younger son of Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Evans, Council Houses, at the age of 16½ years. He was an old pupil of Bargoed Secondary School, and for six months, previous to his long illness, was a clerk with Mr. F.A. Phillips, accountant, Dowlais. The funeral was a representative one, and took place on Saturday at Pentwyn Churchyard. The Rev. Eurof Jones officiated, assisted by Rev. E. Adams Evans, Mr. T.J. Jones, and Mr. H.B. Thomas. The bearers were members of the Fochriw Youth Club of which Carwyn was a member. They were Spencer Jenkins (school friend), Billy Cumpstone, Derlwyn Kent, Noel Williams, Ellis & Len Davies. Mourners were Messrs. Lewis Evans (father); Eiros Evans, Leyshon Thomas, Daniel & John Rowlands, Owen John Henry, Latimer & David Evans, Willie A. Davies, Thomas Evans, Walter Jones (uncles); Jack L. & Rod Jones, Trevor Davies, Jack & Danzel Jones, Jack Francis, David Jones, Dd. L. Evans, Willie Evans, W.A. Davies, Leslie Jones, David Thomas, Terence &

Desmond Kelly, Wm. Hewins, Dd. Saunders, Bryn Cumpstone, W. Rowlands, L. Hollister, David Griffiths, W. Angell. At the house were Mesdames Blod Evans (mother); A. Rowlands (grandmother); Ethel Rowlands, E.M. Davies (aunts); Teg Cumpstone, A. Morgan, Maggie Davies, A. Evans, M. Watkins, Eunice Rowlands, Rose Thomas, E.A. Watkins (cousins); L. Cook.

**2 February 1946** Late Mrs. R. Watkins The death has occurred of one of the oldest inhabitants of the village in the person of Mrs. Rosana Watkins at the age of 83. She was the widow of the late Mr. T. Watkins, 8, Guest-street, and came to the village many years ago from Dowlais. The funeral took place on Saturday at Pentwyn Churchyard. The Rev. E. Adams Evans officiated, assisted by Rev. Eurof Jones. Mourners were Messrs. Will Evan, Alfred John and Herbert Watkins (sons); Tommy, Willie Jones, Tommy and H. Watkins, Randal Curtis, Ronnie, Ray & George Smith, Leslie Watkins, Hughie Lawrence (grandsons); Nelson Curtis & S. Watkins (grandsons), were unable to come owing to serving abroad with the Forces; Will Curtis (son-in-law); W.J, W.H. & A. Bradley, Fred Smith, Tom Jones (nephews). At the houses were Emily, Mary, Gladys (daughters); Mesdames Mary Ann, Lily and Morfydd Watkins (daughters-in-law); Bertha Jones, Rosie Lawrence, Eileen Watkins, Muriel Curtis, Bertha Smith (grand-daughters); Mrs. Margaret Bradley (sister-in-law); Mesdames A. Evans & M. Price.

**9 February 1946** Died in Hospital The death has occurred at Merthyr General Hospital, after a long illness, of Mr. Herbert John Lloyd, 17, Guest-street, at the age of 55. Deceased was a member of the Mission Hall. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Monday. The following officiated: Mr. Dewi Morgan (Mission Hall), T.J. Jones (Noddfa), and Rev. Eurof Jones (Carmel). The mourners were: Messrs. Melvyn & Gwynlais Lloyd (sons); Ernie Lloyd (brother); David Thomas, David Uzzell, David Saunders (brothers-in-law); Howard Thomas, Thomas Walters (uncles); Cedric & Tom Harding, Jenkin G. Uzzell, Islwyn Saunders, Glanmor Thomas, Emrys Thomas, Morgan Weaver (nephews); J.H. Evans, Eiros Evans, J.J. Lewis, Glyn Thomas, R.W. Parry, P.G. Hann (cousins). At the house were Mrs. Annie G. Lloyd, Myra (daughter); Mrs. F. Harding (sister); Mrs. M. Thomas (mother-in-law); Mesdames F. Lloyd, M. Uzzell, C. Saunders, R. Thomas, E. Thomas (sisters-in-law); C. Walters, C. Thomas (aunts); L. Lewis (cousin).

**16 February 1946** Killed in Crash The cremation took place at Golder's Green on Wednesday of Mr. Windsor Vaughan Rees, of 61, Woodcock Dell-avenue, Kenton, who died after his car and a lorry were involved in a collision at Birmingham while on a business journey recently. The inquest verdict was death by misadventure. Aged 35, Mr. Rees was well known at Fochriw, where he had lived for many years with his parents, Mrs. Rees, and the late Mr. John Rees, Aelybryn. During the war, Mr. Rees held a commission in the 12<sup>th</sup> Batt. Middlesex Home Guard, and later took an active interest in the 9<sup>th</sup> Batt. Middlesex Army Cadet Corp. He was also a prominent member of the Silver Jubilee Lodge of Freemasons.

**23 February 1946** Late Mr. J. Phillips The death has occurred of Mr. John Phillips, Dynevor-street, at the age of 81. He was a member of Carmel. His wife pre-deceased him many years ago. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday, and was of a private nature. The Rev. Eurof Jones officiated at the house, and the Rev. E. Adams Evans, chaplain of the R.A.O.B., at the graveside. There were many brothers of the Order present. The mourners were Messrs. John Martin (nephew); K. Owen, Elwyn & Clifford Lewis, Stan & David Davies, W.G. Davies, D. Price, T. Evans. At the house were Mesdames Elizabeth Martin, Margery Roberts (nieces); K. Owen, Lil & R. Lewis, M.A. James, Evelyn, Gladys & Eira.

**20 April 1946** Late Mr. W. Way The death has occurred of a well-known inhabitant, Mr. Walter Way, 8, Glyn-terrace.

**4 May 1946** Old Resident's Death The funeral took place at Cefn Cemetery on Good Friday of one of Fochriw's oldest inhabitants in the person of Mr. Walter Way, 8, Glyn-terrace. He had lived in the village for many years, and had taken an active part in allotments' development, and had been secretary to the committee for many years. He was 75. The officiating ministers were Revs. E. Adams Evans and Eurof Jones.

**18 May 1946** Vicar's Father Dead The death has occurred of Mr. John Evans, father of Rev. E. Adams Evans, vicar of Fochriw and Deri.

**18 May 1946** Vicar Bereaved The funeral took place at Treorchy Cemetery last week of Mr. John Evan, a highly respected citizen of Rhondda and Llanon. He was the father of Rev. E. Adams Evans, Vicar.

**25 May 1946** Late Mrs. M.E. Thomas The death has occurred of a well known inhabitant, Mrs. M.E. Thomas, Rees-row, Pentwyn, at the age of 59 years.

**1 June 1946** Life Resident's Death The funeral of Mrs M.E. Thomas took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Wednesday. Mrs. Thomas, who was 59 years of age, was born and lived all her life in the village. The officiating ministers were Revs. E. Adams Evans and Eurof Jones. Mourners were Messrs. C. & D. Rowlands (sons); Phillips & Saunders (sons-in-law); John Thomas (brother-in-law); T. Rowlands, J. Rowlands, David & Lewis Evans, Willie A. Davies, E. Evans, W. Mills. Mourners at the house were Katie, Jennie and Margaret (daughters); A. & N. Rowland (sisters-in-law); B. Evans, M. Griffiths.

**22 June 1946** Ex-Fireman's Death The funeral of Mr. Job Saunders, aged 74 years, of 18, Brook-row, formerly of Tynewydd-street, Pontlottyn, took place at Pentwyn Cemetery on Thursday. Mr. W.G. Hancock and Mr. T.J. Jones officiated. Mr. Saunders had been a member of the Gellygear U.D.C. Fire Brigade for 23 years, and held the position of District Officer for the last nine years. He was also a keen bandsman, and had been a member of the Pontlottyn Town Band. The chief mourners were: Messrs. David & H.H. Saunders (sons); T. Thomas, R. Horton, R.A. Evans (sons-in-law); Islwyn Saunders, John Horton, Trevor Spicer, Havard Spicer, D.R. Evans (grandsons); Cecil Shaw, Edwin Lewis, W. Phillips, Ken James, T. Istyn Havard, Bryn James, Glyn Thomas, David Isaac (nephews); T. Richards, D.J. Havard (brothers-in-law); J. Bevan, E. James (cousins); Thos. Evans, A. Evans, J. Edwards. At the house were: Mesdames T. Thomas, R. Horton, C.H. Spicer, R.A. Evans (daughters); David Saunders, H.H. Saunders (daughters-in-law); E. Lewis, C. Shaw (grand daughters); M. Jones, P. James (sisters); T. Richards (sister-in-law); D. Thomas, Gilfach, G. Williams, New Tredegar, G. James, Abertridwr (nieces). There were many floral tributes. (listed) Funeral arrangements were by Mr. Thomas J. Davies, undertaker, 9, Brynteg-street, Fochriw.

**20 July 1946** Widow's Death The death has taken place of Mrs. Sarah Williams, formerly of Fochriw, at the home of her daughter at Wolverhampton. She was the widow of Mr. James Williams, who was clerk at the Fochriw Collieries for many years, and lived at Bryn Awel, Fochriw.

**20 July 1946** Octogenarian's Funeral Another old inhabitant was buried at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday, Mr. Habacuc Morgan, 8, Railway-terrace, at the age of 82 years. He was of a genial disposition and held in high esteem. Rev. Eurof Jones officiated. The bearers were Messrs. Tommy Evans, Richard Price, Davie Price, David Harris, O. Richards and T. Evans. Mourners were Messrs. D. Griffiths, brother-in-law; Bernard Brown, Emrys Lewis, John, Idwal & Idris Walters, Charlie Pugh, Glyn Burrows, Willie G. Davies, W. Fox, Owen Jones. Mourners at the house were: Mesdames S.A. Griffiths (sister); D. Brown, M.A. Walters, Doris Pugh, Gwladys Jones, Margaret Burrowes, Ruth Fox, Annie Davies.

**20 July 1946** Late Mrs. C. Dummett The death has taken place of an old and esteemed inhabitant of the district in Mrs. Choyce Dummett, aged 72, of 1, Martin-street. The funeral took palce on Monday at Pentwyn Churchyard. Revs. E. Adams Evans and Eurof Jones officiated. Mourners were Messrs. Edwin, Fred, Charlie, George, Alfred, Percy, Albert, Rufus Dummett (sons); E.G. & D. Pryce, H. Watkins, B.A. & D. Dummett (grand children); D. & W. Cheeke (brothers); E. Pryce, E. Watkins, P. Fisher (sons-in-law); D. Parry, E. Morgan, D. Davies (brothers-in-law); S. Jones, S. Newman, G. Cheeke, T. & M. Harris, W. Parry, M. Evans, C. Williams, J.H. Davies, W. Cheeke, T.W. Yeoman, D. Brown (cousins & nephews); T. Evans, J.D. Thomas, R. Lewis, Slimmons. At the house were Sarah Mary Ann, Nellie May (daughters); M. Williams, E. Harris, S. Davies, H. Morgan (sisters); A.E., M.N., M. & G. Dummett (daughters-in-law); M. Newman. R.M. Evans, B., L., and S. Dummett, J. Pryce, A.J., G., C. & J. Pryce (grand children); C. Morgan, J. Jones (cousins); G. Peamon, A.M. Jones, M. Lewis, L. Davies, M. Parry, P. Brown (nieces).

**14 September 1946** Deacon's Death An old and respected inhabitant, Mr. Daniel Davies, aged 81, of Martin-street, died on Sunday. He was the senior deacon of Carmel Chapel.

**21 September 1946** Funeral: Mr. Daniel Davies The funeral of Mr. Daniel Davies, aged 81, of Martin-street, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard last week. He had lived for the greater part of his life at Fochriw, and was held in high esteem. He was a faithful member and senior deacon of Carmel Congregational Church. Rev. E. Jones and Rev. E. Adams Evans officiated. The chief mourners were: W.J. Davies, David Davies (sons); W.J. Angell (son-in-law); T.E. Davies, Teddy Davies, Oliver Davies, Evan Davies, Bert Walters, Leighton Davies, Sam Price, G. Hann. At the house: M. Davies, E. Angell, Renie Gardner (daughters); Miriam Price (sister); Mesdames Davies, Walters, G. Hann, E. Davies.

**5 October 1946** Local Deaths Two well-known inhabitants of the village have died, namely, Mr. Thomas Edwards of Aelybryn, aged 84, and Mr. J. Fisher of Martin-street, aged 42.

**12 October 1946** Octogenarian's Death The funeral of Mr. Thomas Edwards, Aelybryn, at the age of 84, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday. Mr. Edwards was born in the village, and lived the whole of his life in Fochriw. A brother, Mr. Wm. S. Edwards, aged 91, still lives in the village, and a sister, Mrs. Edwards, The Anchorage, and another brother, also survive. In his younger days, Mr. Edwards was an official in the Fochriw Collieries. The Rev. T.J. Jones and Rev. E. Adams Evans officiated. The chief mourners were: Messrs. W.H. Edwards, T.B. Edwards. C. Edwards (sons); T. Sullivan, A. Mantle (sons-in-law); W.S. Edwards, C. Edwards (brothers); T. Evans, B. Evans (brothers-in-law); J. Mantle, T. Mantle, J. Jones (grandsons); J. Sullivan, J. Edwards, M. Mantle (great grandsons); B. Edwards, G. Edwards, D. Williams, W.J. Rees, W. Forward, C. Edwards, J. Edwards, G. Thomas, W.J. Payne, M. Williams, S. Lewis, R. Williams, W. Bennett, D. Kelly, W. Evans, D. Jones, T. Kelly. At the house were Mrs. E. Sullivan (daughter); Mrs. Captain Edwards (sister); Phyllis, Enid, Margaret, Pat, Jennie (grand children); Mesdames W.H. Edwards, T.B. Edwards, C. Edwards (daughters-in-law); H. Evans (sister-in-law).

**12 October 1946** Late Mr. W.J. Fisher The funeral of Mr. Wm. John Fisher, son of the late Mr. & Mrs. Dan Fisher of Pontlottyn, and later of Henry-street, Bargoed, and husband of Eirlys Fisher, 46, Martin-street, took place at Cefn Hengoed Cemetery on Saturday. The officiating ministers were Revs. E. Jones, E. Adams Evans and R. Vaughan Jones, Aberbargoed. The chief mourners were Messrs. Gwyn Fisher (brother); Luter Eynon, Thos. Jenkins, Rees Jenkins, Sylvanus Jenkins, Ray Cook (brothers-in-law); T.J. Prangley, H. Beddoe, Wm. Thomas, T.J. Jenkins (uncles); Samuel, David, John, T. Haydn, Ernest & Jack Fisher, Deslwyn, Evan John & Arwyn Beddoe, Eddie, Wm. & David Thomas, John Davies, John, Wm., Owen, Edward Roberts, Samuel Cox, T.J. Morgan, Bert Wilding, Thomas & Caradog Shankland, T.J. James, E.J. Thomas, Dan Jenkins (cousins); J.C. Jenkins, W.H. Jenkins, David Jenkins, Cyril Jenkins, John Evans, Sylvanus & Malcolm Cook, Sylvanus James, Glyn Cotterell & Richard (nephews). The bearers were Messrs. H. Carter, D.G. Jones, J. Morris, A. Martin, J. Davies, Wm. Davies. At the house were Mesdames Eirlys Fisher (widow); Annie Llewellyn, Ethel Eynon (sisters); Marian Fisher, A.M. Jenkins, N. Evans, S.J. Jenkins, Elvis Jenkins, A. Davies, D. Cook (sisters-in-law); H. Beddoe, T.J. Prangley, Wm. Thomas, I. Williams, R. Fisher (aunts); Mesdames Cox, Caple, Morgan, B. Dudley, M. Jones (cousins); Misses E. Evans, E. Davies (nieces). Funeral arrangements were by Messrs. D. J. Thomas, Bargoed.

**19 October 1946** Late Mr. W.J. Fisher Among the large number of floral tributes at the funeral of Mr. W.J. Fisher which was reported last week, were wreaths from: Wife, relatives and friends, and staff of the Rhymney Cottage Hospital.

**2 November 1946** Funeral The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Monday of Mr. W.H. Davies, Bargoed, late of Fochriw, aged 60. He was for many years Superintendent for the Gellygaer Urban District Council.

**9 November 1946** Septuagenarian's Death The death has occurred at 3. Glyn-terrace of Mrs. Jane Davies, the widow of Mr. Evan Morgan Davies. Mrs. Davies was 73 years of age, and had lived in the village for many years.

**9 November 1946** Late Mr. W. Slimmon The funeral took place last week of Mr. W. Slimmon, late of Fochriw. He was the son of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Slimmon, Fochirw Farm.

**16 November 1946** Late Mrs. Janet Evans The funeral took place on Thursday last at Pentwyn Churchyard of Mrs. Janet Davies, aged 73, of 3, Glyn-terrace, widow of Mr. Evan Morgan Davies. The Revs. E. Adams Evans & Eurof Jones officiated. The mourners were: Messrs. Bryn Morgan, George, William, M., and Gomer Davies (sons); Wm. Lewis, Gilbert Harris (sons-in-law); Tudor Davies, Evan M. Lewis, Jack, Alun. Ivor, Len & Gwyn Davies, Willie Williams (grandsons); Wm. Davies, Glyn Meredith, M. Williams, W. Williams, R. Evans, H. Morgan, T. Mantle, W. Pope, D. Pope, H. Jones. At the house were Mesdames M.A. Lewis, C. Harris (daughters); M. Davies, J. Davies (daughters-in-law); Maggie Davies (sister-in-law); H. Jones, H. Meredith, M.G. Parry, R. Williams, M.A. Williams (cousins); Jennie Williams, Megan Davies, Enid Davies, Eunice Harris, J. Davies, Iris Lewis (grand children); W. Davies, S.J. Jones, M.H. Mantle, L. Jones, Megan Meredith (nieces).

**30 November 1946** Obituary The deaths have taken place of Mr. Wm. S. Edwards, Brynteg-terrace, and Mr. Tom Morris, eldest son of Mr. David Morris, and the late Mrs. Morris, Guest-street.

**30 November 1946** Late Mr. David Parry The funeral of Mr. David Parry, 10, Dynevor-street, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday. He was 75 years of age and had lived at Fochriw for many years. Those who officiated were the Revs. Eurof Jones, J. Yeoman, E. Adams Evans, and T.J. Jones. Chief mourners were: Messrs. Evan John, David George and W.H. Parry (sons); T.W. Yeoman (son-in-law); G. & D.T. Parry, John, David and Haydn Yeoman (grandsons); W. Cheeke, E. Morgan, D.J. Harris (brothers-in-law); F.C.G., A.H., & R. Dummett, E. Watkins, C. Williams, D. Brown, L. Evans, G. & S. Davies (nephews). At the house were Mesdames C.M. Yeoman (daughter); A. Parry, G. Parry, M. Parry (daughters-in-law); E. Harris, S. Davies, M. Cheeke (sisters-in-law); S. Price, M.A. Watkins, A.M. Jones, M. Lewis, P.H. Brown, H. Morgan, M. Dummett (nieces); M.A. Davies (cousin).

**30 November 1946** Late Mrs. M.A. James The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Monday of Mrs. Mary Ann James, 11, Dynefor-street. She was 71 years of age, and an old inhabitant of the village. She was a faithful member of Carmel, and was associated with choral singing in the village. The following officiated: Revs. Eurof Jones, Dd. Thomas, E. Adams Evans. Mourners were Messrs. T.J. & Daniel Rees Lewis (sons); John B. Jones (son-in-law); Oriel Jones, Syl & John James (grandsons); Daniel Rees Lewis (brother); Davie Elwyn & Clifford Lewis, W. Ross, W. Jenkins, Tom & Idris Shankland (nephews); John J. Davies, Sirhowy, T. Jones, Rhymney, Geo. Price, E. Weale, Jim Morris (cousins). At the house were Mesdames Nellie May Jones (daughter); Lily & Jinny James (daughters-in-law); Nina Jones, Gwenfil James, Jean Paul (grand children); Rachel & B. Lewis, Margaret J. Owen (sisters-in-law); Elizabeth Williams (aunt); Maud Davies (cousin); Maureen Ross, Mary Lewis, Evelyn Lewis, Gladys & Nancy Lewis, Nellie Evans, Annie Davies, L. Cook, A.M. Jenkins, Emily Shankland (nieces). There were a number of floral tributes. (listed)

**7 December 1946** Funeral of Mr. W. Edwards The funeral took place on Saturday of Fochriw's oldest inhabitant, Mr. William Samuel Edwards, 12, Brynteg-street, who died last week at the age of 91 years. The funeral was at Pentwyn Churchyard, the officiating ministers being Rev. E. Adams Evans and Rev. Eurof Jones. The chief mourners were Messrs. C. & J. Edwards (sons); Charles Edwards (brother); W.J. Edwards. Allen Edwards, Haydn Edwards (grandsons); C. Edwards. A. Mantle, T. Mantle, B. Edwards, Jack Jones, Tom Sullivan, Elwyn Wilde (nephews). At the house were Mrs. Edwards (sister); Audrey Edwards, Elaine Edwards, Mrs. Wilde (grand daughters); Mrs. J. Edwards (daughter-in-law); Phyllis Jones, E. Sullivan, Dilys Edwards (nieces).

**7 December 1946** Burial of Mr. T.J. Morris The funeral took place on Thursday of Mr. Thomas James Morris, Guest-street, who died last week at the age of 21. Burial took place at Pentwyn Churchyard, the Rev. Eurof Jones and Rev. E. Adams Evans officiating at house and graveside. The chief mourners were Messrs. David Morris (father); Ronald Morris (brother); Thomas Morris, James Davies (grandfathers); E.E. Morris, George Dare, W.A. Davies (uncles); John Davies, James Lewis, W.J. Angell, W.A. Davies, Burkley Davies, O. Davies, Willie A. Thomas, Alfred Davies, Howell Lewis, David Jones, D.J. Davies, M. Jones. The

mourners at the house were: Margaret & David (sister & brother); Mesdames Davies & Morris (grandmothers); etc.

**11 January 1947** Died in London Mr. Wm. Cole, late of Brynteg-street, an old resident who had lived the greater part of his life in the village before moving to London with his family some years ago, has died at the age of 73 years.

**18 January 1947** Former Resident Mr. William Cole, a former resident of Fochriw, has died suddenly in London. Born in Fochriw, he was the youngest son of the late James and Sarah Cole. He was a faithful member of Carmel Cong. Chapel, and in days gone by a keen member of the Fochriw brass and fife Bands. Mr. Cole possessed a keen sense of humour, and a cheerful outlook on life. He was buried on Tuesday, January 7, leaving a widow and three daughters.

**18 January 1947** Late Mrs P. Williams The funeral of Mrs. Priscilla Williams, of Chapel-row, Pantywaun, wife of Mr. Seaborne Williams, took place at the Graig, Rhymney. Mrs. Williams was 47 years of age, and the funeral was a very representative one. The Revs. E. Elias, E. Adams Jones, and T.J. Jones officiated. The mourners were Messrs. Seaborne Williams (husband); John, W., and J. Richards (brothers); E. Stead, G. Williams, J. Williams (brothers-in-law); R. Stead, D.W. Rowlands, H. Richards (nephews); E. Jones, J. Morgan (uncles); T.J.Morgan, Bryn Jones, Tom Jones, A. Smith, G. Phillips, W.J. Bradley, J. Whiting, D. Evans (cousins); W. Lewis, S. Edwards, A. Marshallsea, J. Rees, T.L. Jones, E. Morris, W.G. Thomas, W.H. Sawday, R.P. Thomas, W. Griffiths, T.J. Morgan. At the house were Mesdames Katie Stead, Mary J. Rowlands (sisters); P. Williams, M. Richards, B. Richards, E. Williams, L. Richards (sisters-in-law); Mary Jones (aunt); L. Phillips, D. Jones, B. Jones, M.J. Williams, M. Morgan, A.Jones, P. Thomas, M. Evans, M. Richards, K. Thomas, A. Hughes.

**18 January 1947** Late Mr. D. Lewis The funeral took place in Pentwyn Churchyard last week of a well-known resident, Mr. David Lewis, Davies-row, Pentwyn. The Rev. E. Adams Evans officiated.

**8 February 1947** Obituary The death has taken place of an old inhabitant, Mr. Wm. Rees, son of the late Mr. & Mrs. Rees Rees, late of Guest-street.

**15 March 1947** Death at 95 The death has occurred of Mrs. Mary Cook, mother of Mr. Wm. Cook, Aelybryn, at the age of 95. Mrs. Cook had been fairly active up to the last few years. She will be missed by a large circle of friends.

**15 March 1947** Late Mr. John Lewis The death has occurred of one of Fochriw's oldest and most respected inhabitants, Mr. John Lewis, Aelybryn. Mr. Lewis was an old winding engineman, and for many years before the closing of the collieries at Fochriw, was surface foreman for Guest Keen. He was 84. The burial took place at Pant Cemetery, Rev. Eurof Jones officiating. The bearers were Messrs. G. Sibley, G. Thomas, B. Thomas, R. Jones, A. Evans, G. Evans. Mourners were Messrs. W.T., J., and D. Lewis (sons); Wm. Humphries (son-in-law); David John, Oriel Lewis (grandsons); T.J. Morgan, Emrys Lewis, Sam Hodges, Owen Jones. At the house were Mrs. Charlotte Lewis (widow); Mrs. Marjorie Humphries (daughter); Mrs. D. Lewis (daughter-in-law); Mrs. M. Evans (sister); Mesdames B. Rees, A. Jones, O. Jones, T. Morgan, W. Morgan, S. Hodges, M. Jones, S. John, M. Rowlands.

**29 March 1947** Hospital Death The death has occurred at Merthyr General Hospital of Mrs. S.J. Phillips, 7, Gly-terrace, late of Deri, at the age of 74. She was well known and highly respected in the district.

**12 April 1947** Late Mrs. S.J. Phillips The funeral of Mrs. S.J. Phillips, widow of Mr. D.T. Phillips, undertaker, Deri, took place at Cefn Hengoed on Wednesday. Mrs. Phillips was a faithful member of Nazareth Congregational Chapel, Deri. During her illness, she had lived with her sister and brother-in-law, Coun. & Mrs. Sam Lewis, J.P., Glyn-terrace. The officiating minister was Rev. L. Williams, Deri, assisted by Rev. Eurof Jones and Rev. E. Adams Evans. Mourners were: Mr. Sam Lewis (brother-in-law); Messrs. F. Trotman, B. Edwards, T. Sullivan (cousins); L. Edwards, J.P., D. Lewis, H. Thomas, T. Ballard, T. Walters, D. James, D.J. Phillips, T.J. Morgan, T. Price (deacons). Bearers were: Messrs. T. Rowlands, B. Rees, J. Slimmon, Wm. Davies, J. John, E. Bowen, Islwyn Jones. Also present were: Messrs. T.L. Hughes, Bargoed; W. Hughes, Mountain Ash; Rees Jones, Emrys Jones,

G.W. Thomas, W. Jones, Deri. Councillors Payne and Bate; Messrs. D. Jenkins, J. Davies, J. Lawrence. At the house were Mrs. M.A. Lewis (sister); Mesdames M. Jones, Pontlottyn; H. Thomas, D. Lewis, B. Rees, Eurof Jones, Miss C. Jones, Mrs. T. Rowlands. The undertaker was Mr. W. Thomas, New-road, Deri.

**26 April 1947** Sudden Death The sudden death has taken place of a well-known inhabitant of the village, Mr. Habac Morgan, Guest-street. He was playing a game of billiards at the Billiard Hall when he collapsed and died.

**26 April 1947** Late Mr. M. Ballard The death has occurred of Maynard Ballard, eldest son of Mr. & Mrs. Habac Ballard of Railway-terrace, at the age of 19 years. The funeral took place on Thursday at Pentwyn Churchyard. The officiating ministers were Revs. E. Adams Evans and Eurof Jones. Chief mourners were Messrs. Habac Ballard (father); C. Ballard, J. Davies (grandfathers); J. Ballard (brother); T. & S. Ballard, W.J. Watkins, L. Clark, D.T. & W.J. Davies (uncles); Rod Jones, Gwilym & W. Davies, W. Williams (cousins). At the house were Mesdames C. Ballard (mother); C. Ballard, S.A. Davies (grandmothers); H. Jones, N. Williams, M. Mantle, M.A. Clark, D. Atkins, M. Davies, M. Sheen, M. Powell, M.G. Parry (aunts). Members off the Fochriw Youth Club were bearers: Messrs. G. Williams, L. & G. Davies, N. Williams, E. Watkins, E. Davies.

**10 May 1947** Died in Billiards Hall The death has taken place of a well known resident, Mr. Habarcuc Morgan, 18, Guest-street, at the age of 57. He died at the billiard hall. He had spent the whole of his life at the villages of Pentwyn and Fochriw. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard and was a representative one. The following officiated at home and churchyard: Rev. J.J. Lewis, Hebron, Dowlais; Rev. E. Adams Evans and Rev. T.J. Jones. Mourners were: Messrs. Ifor & Emlyn Morgan (sons); Ronald Llewellyn (son-in-law); T.A. Jones, Dan Evans, R. Evans (uncles); Tom, A. & E. Evans, C. Ballard, T. Davies, J. Francis, B. Evans (brothers-in-law); B., W. & G. Davies, E. Lewis, O. Jones, A. Thomas, D. & T. Jenkins, E.W. Jones, G. Harris, T. & H. Evans, E. Jones, J.I. Davies, E. Evans, G. Evans, E. Jones, D.T. Davies, H. Ballard, W. Jones, R. Gittoes, J. & G. Williams (cousins). At the house were Mesdames E.J. Morgan (widow); Tydwen, Mair (daughters); I. Morgan (daughter-in-law); Ann Williams, C. Ballard, H. Jones (sisters); S. Thomas, M. Lewis (aunts); H. Francis, M. Davies, M. & A. Evans (sisters-in-law); G. Jones, E. Rowlands, M.A. Lewis, B. Jenkins, A. & S. Davies, M. Mantle, B. Evans (cousins); Misses M.J. Evans, S. Kinsey. There were a number of floral tributes. (listed)

**10 May 1947** Septuagenarian's Death One of Fochriw's oldest inhabitants, Mrs. E.A. Walters, Pleasant View, widow of Mr. Albert Walters, has died aged 79. She was born and lived the whole of her life in the district. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday, when the Revs. T.J. Jones, E. Adams Evans and Eurof Jones officiated. Mourners were Messrs. D.W. & J.R. Walters (sons); Keith Walters (grandson); Syd Evans, O. Parry (sons-in-law); Edward Jones (brother); Llew, T.M., L. & S. Jones, T. & W.J. Evans, T. Walters, Port Talbot, R. Hall, T. Walters, R. Thomas (nephews); T.D. & J.C. Morgan (cousins); O. Richards, T. Evans, W. Roberts (friends). At the house were Mesdames Lil Evans (daughter); A. & J. Walters (daughters-in-law); Alma Evans, Jean Walters, Jill Parry (grand daughters); M. Edwards, M. Johns (sisters); H. & E. Morgan (cousins); G. Johns, E. Thomas, M. & F. Evans, F. Adams, B. Marsh. Thanks to all friends, relatives and neighbours for their kindness and floral tributes.

**17 May 1947** Octogenarian's Death The death has occurred of Mrs. Maria E. Curtis, widow of Mr. J. Curtis, aged 81 years. She had lived for many years in the village, and was held in high esteem. She had been a faithful member of St. Mary's Church. The funeral took place on Saturday from the home of her daughter, Mrs. L. Adams, 29, Birchgrove, Tirphil. The interment was at Pentwyn Churchyard. The Revs. E. Adams Evans and Carr, Pontlottyn, officiated. The bearers were Messrs. T. Standfield, T. Jones, Roberts, B. Jones, F. Smith, J. Farrel, W. Jones, Jeremiah, K. Jeremiah, W. Bevan. The mourners were: Messrs. Wm. Curtis (son); Wm. Thomas, Wm. Hughes, Tom Jones (sons-in-law); John Hughes, Randal Curtis, Vernon Jones, J.D. Walters (grandsons); Reg Curtis, Tom Purnell, R. Williams, A. Matthews (nephews). At the house were: Mesdames F. Adams, M. Thomas, V. Hughes, L. Jones

(daughters); M. Curtis (daughter-in-law); Ivy Walters, T. Palser, L. Thomas (grand daughters); L. Hughes, A. Williams, O. Matthews (nieces).

**12 July 1947** Late Mr. D. Evans The death has occurred at Bedwas of Mr. Daniel Evans, in his 83<sup>rd</sup> year. He was well known and highly respected in the district.

**16 August 1947** Late Mr. Dennis Sheen The funeral took place on Thursday of a well-known resident, Mr. D. Sheen, at the age of 84. Mr. Sheen died at the home of his son, Mr. J. Sheen, and daughter-in-law, Mrs. M. Sheeb, Dynevor-street. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard, and was a very representative one. The Vicar, Rev. E. Adams Evans officiated.

**16 August 1947** Mr. Thomas Walters' Death The death has occurred of a well known personality of the district, Mr. Thomas Walters, 6, Aelybryn. He died at Merthyr General Hospital. Mr. Walters had been employed by the Refuge Assurance Company as an agent for the last 22 years. He was a deacon of Noddfa Baptist Chapel. His widow and three sons survive. The funeral, which was well represented, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Tuesday. The Rev. J.J. Lewis, minister of Hebron, Dowlais, officiated, assisted by Rev. T.J. Jones, Rev. E. Adams Evans, and Rev. Ernest Jones. Members of staff of the Refuge office acted as bearers. The mourners were: Mr. Leighton Walters (son); John & James Walters (brothers); Ben Thomas, Gwilym Thomas (uncles); Nehemiah Thomas (nephew). At the house were: Mrs. E. Walters (widow); Mrs. C. Jones (mother-in-law); Mrs. Vera Thomas (aunt); Mrs. Ada Jones, Mrs. Margaret Jane Williams (cousins); Mrs. E. Sullivan, Mrs. E. Shankland. Floral tributes by Mrs. Walters and Sons, and the Refuge Staff.

**6 September 1947** Late Mrs. E. Jones The death has taken place of a well-known resident, Mrs. Ellen Jones, Guest-street, who died at Merthyr General Hospital. She was 67, and had lived at Fochriw all her life.

**13 September 1947** Late Mrs. Ellen Jones The funeral of Mrs. Ellen Jones, Guest-street, aged 67, took place on Tuesday. She was a member of Nazareth C. M. Chapel. The interment was at Pentwyn Churchyard, when the Rev. E. Adams Evans and Pastor Dd. Thomas officiated. The mourners were: David Cecil Jones (son); James Davies (brother); Edward Davies (brother-in-law); Willie A. Davies, Wm. J., Vernon, Eddie and Stuart Llewellyn, John A. Davies, Wyndham Davies, David Morris, Fred and Albion Way (nephews); Enoch & Tommy Rees, Stan Wilding (cousins). At the house were Mesdames Maggie Davies, Ellenor A. Llewellyn (sisters); M. Davies, E. Davies (sisters-in-law); A.J. Jones (cousin); Doris Davies, Eleanor A. Way, Olive Llewellyn, Maggie M. Davies, Mary Davies (nieces); E. Shankland.

**27 September 1947** Octogenarian's Death The death has occurred of an old inhabitant, Mr. Thomas Francis, Pit-row, at the age of 82. The funeral took place on Wednesday at Pentwyn Churchyard the Revs. E. Adams Evans and Eurof Jones officiating. The chief mourners were Messrs. Charles Hollister (brother-in-law); Wilfred, Vincent & Leslie Hollister, John Francis, Leyshon, Tom, Danny & John Rowlands, Willie J. Evans, Herbert Watkins, David Gibbons, David Evans, Lewis & Eiros Evans, Willie A. Davies, David B. Jones, Richard Evans, Willie A. Davies (nephews); T. Griffiths, Morrision; Will Roberts, Bargoed (cousins). At the house were: Mesdames Amelia Rowlands (sister); Annie, Morfydd, Rhoda, Phyllis, Elizabeth Ann, Blod, May, Bronwen, Ethel, M.E. Rowlands, H. Francis, Annie, Bron, Audrey, Eileen and Nan Jones (nieces); Mrs. T. Griffiths, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. H. Griffiths, Morrision, C. Jones, M. Davies, E. Jenkins, Pontlottyn (cousins); Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Powell, Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Kendrick, Mrs. Green.

**11 October 1947** Late Mr. D. Davies The funeral of Mr. David Davies, aged 80, of Aelybryn, took place on Tuesday at Pant Cemetery. Mr. Davies had carried on business as a builder and undertaker, and was one of the oldest inhabitants of the Rhymney Valley. He was the eldest of the family of the late Mr. Thomas Davies, builder and undertaker, of Pontlottyn. The funeral was strictly private. Rev. E. Ebenezer, Libanus, Dowlais, officiated, assisted by Revs. E. Adams Evans, Eurof Jones, and Griffiths, Nazareth, Pontlottyn. Mr. John Lawrence and Mr. Peter Jones represented Nazareth, C.M., of which Mr. Davies was a faithful member. Mourners were: Messrs. Tom, David, John, Dan & Ben (sons); Lizzie, Mary, Ann, Gwladys, Hilda, Aseneth, Jenny May (daughters); Messrs. R. & W.D. Davies (brothers); Wm. John, J.



Bosher Jones, R. Jones, S. Beynon (brothers-in-law); Gordon, Bert, David, George, Albert, Harold, W.M. Davies, Evan, Sam (sons-in-law); Tam Davies (nephew); Tudor, Willie, Myrddin, Harry, Freddie, Vernon, Ewart, Ellis, Sylvan, Gwyn, Alun, David Thomas, David Robert, Goronwy, Reggie, Will Thomas, Jeffrey Tyler. Also present were Messrs. E.E. Cumpstone and sons, Caradoc Price, T. Evans, John Hughes.

**18 October 1947** Late Mr. David Davies The following names were omitted from the list of mourners at last week's funeral of Mr. David Davies, undertaker: Sydney Evans, son-in-law; Mr. Robert Hayden and Dan John, nephews.

**22 November 1947** Late Mr. Job Thomas The death has occurred of Mr. Job Thomas, Martin-street, aged 81. Mr. Thomas had associated himself with several movements in the village, and during his days in the mines had been winner of many prizes in timbering competitions about the country. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Cemetery, the officiating ministers being Rev. Eurof Jones, Rev. E. Adams Evans and Pastor David Thomas. The mourners were: Messrs. Dan Jones (son-in-law); James Davies (great-grandson); David J. Jacob (brother-in-law); David J. Thomas, A. Thomas, D. Rowlands, Willie, Crad, Gwyn, John, Penry Ballard (nephews); Dd. Lewis, Dd. G. Evans, J.E. Edwards & I Jones. The bearers were: Coun. Sam Lewis, J.P.; Messrs. Dan Jenkins (schoolmaster); E. Evans (postmaster); J. Hushes, R. Evans, James Davies, W.A. Davies, S. Lewis, C. Shankland, T.J. Shankland, Dd. Saunders and John Slimmons. At the house were Martha, Esther, Eirwen (daughters); Maggie May (grand-daughter); Mesdames Sarah Thomas, Edith Rowlands, Iris Jones, A. Jones and Hilda Morgan.

**22 November 1947** Late Mr. David Hargest Price The death has occurred of Mr. D.H. Hughes, Martin-street, aged 24. The funeral was a representative one. Mr. Price was a member of the Fochriw Male Voice Party, and members of the party attended. The following officiated at the house and graveside: Mr. Thomas J. Jones, Revs. E. Adams Evans and Eurof Jones, Pastor Dd. Thomas. The mourners were: Messrs. David J., Richard and Gordon Price (brothers); A. Kent, J. Sheen, O. Parry (brothers-in-law); R. Price, T. Thomas, J. Davies (uncles); J. Thomas, R. Thomas, G. Kent, D.T. Davies, W. Davies, R. Price, B. Rees, T.J. Jones, R. Jones, E.W. Jones, J. Morgan, Dd. Jones, T. Jones (cousins); and D. Davies. At the house: Mesdames C. Price (mother); B. Price, E. Kent, S. Parry, M. Sheen (sisters); E. Price (sister-in-law); S.A. Davies, L. Price (aunts); Mair, Millie, Elsa, Jill (cousins); L. Williams.

**6 December 1947** Late Mr. D.R. Lewis The funeral of Mr. D.R. Lewis, Williams-row, took place on Wednesday at Pentwyn Churchyard. Aged 63, Mr. Lewis had lived in the village all his life. The officiating ministers were Revs. Eurof Jones, Dd. Thomas, E. Adams Evans and T.J. Jones. Mourners were: Messrs. T.J. Lewis (son); D.D. Thomas (brother-in-law); T.J. & Dan James, E. Lewis, C. Lewis, Ron Lewis, S. & J. James (nephews); J. Davies, E. & J. Jones, Cyril James (cousins). At the house were Mesdames R. Lewis (wife); N. Lewis (daughter-in-law); B. Lewis, M. Owen, M.E. Thomas (sisters-in-law); L. & J. James, E. & G. Lewis, M. Ross, M. Lewis, G. & J. James, B. Linch (nieces); M. Davies, A. Williams, E. Linch, S. Davies (cousins). There were a number of floral tributes. (listed)

**10 January 1948** Death: Mr. Thomas Baldwin, Glenview The death has taken place of Mr. Thomas Baldwin, an old inhabitant.

**17 January 1948** Late Mr. Thomas Baldwin The funeral of Mr. Thomas Baldwin, Glenview, Pentwyn, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Wednesday. He was 72 years of age, and had lived the greater part of his life in the locality. He was a staunch churchman. For many years, he had been a member of the Parochial Church Council, had been Parochial Secretary, and was a sidesman of the Parish Church and the old Church at Pentwyn. He had been sexton at Pentwyn until ill-health forced him to retire. The funeral was a very representative one. After a service at the house, burial was at the Church of St. Andrew, where the service was conducted by the vicar, Rev. E. Adams Evans and the late vicar, Rev. J.V. Payne, who paid tribute to Mr. Baldwin as a Churchman. The chief mourners were: Messrs. George Baldwin (son); Jack Lewis, David Lewis (brothers-in-law); W. Price, Bryn Lewis, A. Coggan, L. Coggan, V. Coggan (nephews); D.J. Thomas, J. Hughes (friends). Mourners at the house were: Mesdames M.A. Baldwin (wife); A. Gardener (daughter); Mrs. A. Price, Mrs. Morris, W. Lewis (sisters-in-law); A. Coggan, C. White, E. Brangwynne, M.

Goddard (nieces); Mrs. Vines, Mrs. Llewellyn, Mrs. Mills, Mrs. Small, Mrs. Small. Thanks to all for messages of sympathy, floral tributes etc. Funeral arrangements were by Mr. Vivian Powell, Dynevor-street.

**31 January 1948** Sudden Death The death has occurred suddenly of a well known resident, Mr. John Williams, Martin-street, at the age of 64.

**7 February 1948** Former Resident The death has occurred of Mrs. Elizabeth Evans, Bedwas, widow of Mr. Daniel Evans, late of Fochriw, at the age of 79 years.

**7 February 1948** Died in Hospital The funeral of Mr. John Williams, Martin-street, who died at Merthyr General Hospital, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday. Aged 64, he had lived in the village all his life. He was well known locally, and was a faithful member of Noddfa Baptist Chapel. The soloist of the Fochriw Male Voice Party, he was also its vice-chairman. The funeral was a representative one. Revs. T.J. Jones, D. Thomas, E. Adams Evans and Eurof Jones officiated. The mourners were Messrs. E. Chaffey (brother-in-law); G. Sibley (uncle); R. Parry, C. Davies, L.W. Evans (nephews); D. Jones, T. Morris (cousins). Mr. Mordecai Williams (brother) is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital. At the house were Mrs. Lydia Williams (wife); Gareth G. Williams (son); Mesdames M. Davies, S. Chaffey (sisters); M. Parry, E.J. Williams (sister-in-law); M. Morran, A. Parry, J. Davies (nieces); Mrs. D. Davies, Mrs. M. Robinson (cousins); Mesdames M. Dummett, E. Morris. Mrs. Williams wishes to thank all friends for their messages of sympathy. The arrangements were carried out by Mr. V. Powell, undertaker.

**28 February 1948** Late Mrs. Hannah Jones The funeral of Mrs. H. Jones, Glen View, Pentwyn, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard last week. Mrs. Jones was 75, and was born in the village and lived there all her life. The funeral was a representative one, the Vicar and the Rev. Eurof Jones officiating. The mourners were Messrs. Tom, Rod & Edward (sons); George Mantle (son-in-law); Leslie, Gwyn, Edgar, David, Douglas (grandsons); Ben Evans, Crad Ballard (brothers-in-law); Edward Evans, Derrick Evans, H. Ballard, W. Watkins, W. David, E. Davies, Wm. Davies, Deri, Ivor Morgan, Iorwerth Williams, Glanmor Williams, Wm. Lewis, Glyn Meredith, W.M. Davies, Bryn Davies, W. Pope, W. Parry, Gomer Davies. At the house were: Mrs. Geo, Mantle (daughter); Ruth Jones (daughter-in-law); Lilian Mantle, Cissie Mantle, Mwyneth Mantle, Margaret Jones (grand children); Mrs. Nancy Williams, Mrs. J. Ballard (sisters); Mrs. H. Meredith, M.G. Parry, Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Lewis.

**20 March 1948** Late Mrs. B. Jones The funeral of Mrs. Bronwen Jones, wife of Mr. David B. Jones, Geln View, Pentwyn, took place on Saturday at Pentwyn Churchyard, the Revs. Eurof Jones and E. Adams Evans officiating. The mourners were Messrs. D.B. Jones (husband); John Francis (brother); C. Hollister, Richard Evans (uncles); Leyshon, Tom, Dan & John Rowlands, Llewellyn Lewis, Tom Stewart, Will Jones, J. Richards, Lewis Evans, David Evans, W.A. Davies, W.J.A. Davies, Crad Richards, Llewellyn Lewis, Henry Small, Bob Evans, Wilfred Hollister, H. Watkins, W. Evans, T. Evans, D. Gibbons, Eiros Evans (cousins); Sam, Tom & Dick Jones, W. Harris, Wm. Morgan (brothers-in-law); Lloyd Harris, J. Griffiths (nephews); Gomer, Harry, Dick & Tom Jones (cousins); W. Price. At the house were Nan (daughter); Mrs. Amelia Rowlands, Hannah, Mary, Maggie, Katie (sisters-in-law); Elizabeth Ann, Blod, May, Ethel, Edith, Annie, Catherine, Dolly, Annie, Morfydd, Rhoda, Celia, Olwen, Doris (cousins); Mesdames Jones, Cole & Edwards. There were a number of floral tributes. (listed)

**27 March 1948** Late Mrs. Evans The death has occurred of a well-known inhabitant, Mrs. Evans, who has lived for many years at Stoney Houses, Penybank, but at the time of her death resided at Pontlottyn.

**1 May 1948** Mr. H. Evans The death has occurred of Mr. Harry Evans, son of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Evans, Dynevor-street, and husband of Mrs. Evans, Pontlottyn, The death occurred at Stoke. The funeral will be at Pentwyn Churchyard.

**8 May 1948** Late Mr. H. Evans The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Tuesday of Mr. Harry Evans, son of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Evans, 2, Dynevor-street, and husband of Mrs. Evans, Pontlottyn. Aged 46, Mr. Evans died at Stoke, where he was employed. The body was brought back to his parent's home. The officiating ministers were Revs. Eurof Jones, E. Adams Evans, and Pator David Thomas. The chief mourners were

Messrs. Oliver Evans (son); Thomas Evans (father); David L. Evans, Wm. Evans (brothers); T. Owen (son-in-law); Ben Evans, Wat Jones (uncles); W.R. Hewins, Terence Kelly (brothers-in-law); D. Hewins (nephew); Rod Jones, M. Williams, Lewis Evans, E. Evans, John H. Evans, T. Sullivan, Enoch Rees. Tom. Mourners at the house: Mesdames K. Evans (wife); Joan Owen, Joyce Evans, Betty Evans (daughters); M. Evans (mother); E.A. Hewins (sister); B. Evans, M. Evans, M. Rees (sisters-in-law); E. Sullivan, S.A. Dawkins, G. Bennett, N. Huzell, M.H. Morgan, M.J. Davey, Eirwen Harris.

**15 May 1948** Late Miss C. Lloyd The death has occurred of Miss C. Lloyd, Guest-street, at the age of 62. She was well known in the locality, and a faithful member of Noddfa Baptist Chapel. The funeral, which was private, took place at Pant Cemetery on Saturday, the Rev. T.J. Jones officiating.

**22 May 1948** Late Mr. David Powell The funeral of Mr. Dd. Powell took place at Rhymney Cemetery on Thursday last. The Revs. Dewi Williams, vicar of Rhymney, and E. Adams Evans, vicar of Fochriw, officiated. The mourners were: Messrs. David H. Powell (son); Tom, Arthur, W. Powell (brothers); David Thomas (nephew); Masters David & Richard Bowen. At the house: Mrs. Bowen, Mrs. Power (Monmouth) and friends from Pentwyn.

**22 May 1948** Died in Hospital: Mr. David C. Bowen The funeral of Mr. David C. Bowne took place at Pentwyn Churchyard. He was 51 years of age. The Rev. Eurof Jones officiated. The mourners were: David, Thomas & Richard Bowen (sons); Thomas Bowen (brother); Walter Pritchard (brother-in-law). At the house: Mrs. Bowen (widow); Ruby and Nita (daughters); Mrs. Margaret Bowen (sister); Mrs. Ida Pritchard (mother-in-law).

**12 June 1948** Late Mr. Bert Wellings The death has occurred of Mr. Bert Wellings, Railway-terrace, at the age of 47. He was a patient at Merthyr General Hospital, where he had been a patient for several weeks. He was the son of Mr. J. Wellings and the late Mrs. M. Wellings, 112, Heath Wood Gardens, Charlton, London. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Monday, the officiating ministers being Revs. E. Adams Evans, Eurof Jones and Dd. Thomas. The mourners were Messrs. L. Pritchard, D. Pritchard, Eddie, Edwin, John, Elwyn, Stanley, Merddyn Gittins (brothers-in-law); Cyril & Idris Wellings (cousins); G. Watkins, D. W. Morris, Desmond Evans (nephews). At the house were Mrs. M. Wellings (wife); Mary (sister); M. Gittins (mother-in-law); Sal, Maggie, Beryl, Gladys, Hettie, Sarah, Joan (sisters-in-law); Doris, Phyllis, Annie (cousins); Clarise, D. Pritchard (nieces); Sarah (aunt); Annie (cousin); Norma, Yvonne.

**3 July 1948** Obituary The death has occurred after a very painful illness of Mrs. Rowlands, wife of Mr. T. Rowlands, Rees-row, Pentwyn. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday and was for gentlemen only.

**17 July 1948** Former Resident A well-known personality in the village before her removal to Gilfach, Bargoed, some years ago, Mrs. Price, wife of Mr. Wm. Price, was buried last week at the age of 75.

**31 July 1948** Late Mr. T.F. Shankland The death has occurred of a prominent inhabitant of the village, Mr. Thomas Francis Shankland, 3, Aelybryn, at the age of 34 years. Some months ago he was appointed caretaker of the Library and Institute by a ballot of members. The funeral, for gentlemen only, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday, and was a very representative one. The officiating ministers were Revs. E. Adams Evans and Eurof Jones. The mourners were Messrs. Alan, Michael, Terrence (sons); Meirion, William, Bob (brothers); Myrddin, William, Wyndham, Glanmor (brothers-in-law); Tom, Crad, Idris, Glanmor, Clifford, John Elias (cousins); Howel, David Charles (uncles); Trevor, Morgan, Edward, Elwyn, Fred, Griff, Pugh (cousins); Windsor Powell, Evan Morris, Owen Owen (friends). Mourners at the house were Mesdames Ceridwen Shankland (wife); Kate Shankland (mother); Nellie, Jennie, Cassie, Bessie (sisters); Mary, Lily Mat, Gwyneira, Violet (sisters-in-law); Rachel, Lou, Mary, Gwenda (aunts); Maggie Jane, Mary Jane, Emily, Elspeth, Gwladys, Maureen, Irene, Jane (cousins); Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Fox, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Cumpstone (friends).

**2 October 1948** Late Mr. G. Davies The death has occurred of Mr. Gwynfor Davies, only son of Mr. & Mrs. W.G. Davies, Dynevor-street, and husband of Mrs. Elizabeth Davies. The

funeral took place at Graig Cemetery, the officiating ministers being Revs. G.R.M. Lloyd, B.A., Penuel, Eurof Jones, Fochriw, T. Griffiths, Pontlottyn, and A. Morgan, Carmarthen. Bearers were Messrs. E. Davies, Glyn Moore, L. Beddoe, T. Richards. The mourners were: Mrs. Elizabeth Davies (wife); Mr. & Mrs. W.G. Davies (parents); Mr. & Mrs. T. Williams (father-in-law & mother-in-law); Mary Ann (aunt); Henry Albert, David Daniel, Sidney (uncles); Alice, Blod (cousins); D. Griffiths, E. Williams (uncles); Mrs. Cole, Alice (aunts); Will, Cassie Williams, Nan, John, Ken, Hannah, Eddie, Alice, Jim, Cyril, Betty, David Barnard (brothers & sisters-in-law); Bernard, Doreen, Ruth, Sarah, Phoebe, Rachel George, David George, Esther & Arthur Roach, Evan Beynon, Tom Williams.

**2 October 1948** Late Mrs. C. Saunders The death has occurred at Merthyr General Hospital of Mrs. Ceridwen Saunders, aged 50, of Martin-street. She was a faithful member of the Mission Hall, and had lived in Fochriw all her life. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard, and those who officiated were: Mr. E. Clement Davies (Dowlais); Rev. E. Adams Evans, vicar; Pastor W. Griffiths (Siloh, Penybank). Mourners were: Mr. D. Saunders (husband); Messrs. I. Saunders (son); L. Coggan (son-in-law); D. & H. Thomas (brothers); D. Uzzell, H. Saunders, R.A. Evans, T. Thomas (brothers-in-law); H. Thomas, T. Richards (uncles); Lewis John, H. & Latimer Evans, J.J. Lewis, R.W. Parry, Ken James, Dennis Davies (cousins); J.G. Uzzell, G. Thomas, M. Weaver, Mel & Gwynlais Lloyd, John Horton, Micky Shaw (nephews); A. Coggan. At the house were: Mesdames Mary Thomas (mother); Glenys (daughter); Peggy, Mag, Annie Gwen (sisters); Rose, Lilian, Lizzie Olwen, Saddy (sisters-in-law); Ceridwen, Catherine (aunts); Polly, Mary Jane, Gretta (cousins). There were many floral tributes. (listed)

**13 November 1948** Fatal Accident Mr. Thomas Evans, 3, Moore's-row, met with a fatal accident whilst following his employment at the Bargoed Colliery. Mr. Evans was one of the foremost St. John Ambulance men in the Rhymney Valley. He is survived by a wife and grown up family.

**20 November 1948** Late Mr. T. Evans The funeral of Mr. Thomas Evans, 3, Moore's-row, took place on Monday at Glyntaff. Mr. Evans was one of the leaders in ambulance work in the Rhymney Valley. He held the rank of Corps Inspector of Stores. He was 61. He is survived by his wife and a grown up family. His daughter is a nurse at the Royal Infirmary, Cardiff, and both sons are school teachers. Prior to the cortege leaving the house, a service was conducted by Rev. T.J. Jones and Rev. E. Adams Evans. At the Crematorium were the Revs. T.J. Jones and G.R.M. Lloyd of Rhymney. The bearers were Assistant Commissioner W.J. Skyrme, S.B., Corps Supt. T.J. Jones, Corps Sec. W.H. Jones, Div. Supt. T. Powell, Div. Ambulance Officer D. James, Div. Sec. T. Thomas (all of the Order of St. John). Mourners: Messrs. Emlyn, Gwynne (sons); Messrs. Aneurin & Emlyn Evans (brothers); T. Davies, J. Francis, Rowland Jones, Emlyn Jones, Caredig Jones (brothers-in-law); R. Evans, A. Jones, D.J. Thomas (uncles); J.I. Davies, Ivor & Emlyn Morgan, R. Llewellyn, J. & H. Evans, Tony Jones (nephews); Crad Robert & John Thomas, T.J. & Evan W. Jones, T.J. & Sidney Evans, Aneurin Jenkins, Tom Jenkins, Dan Jenkins, A. Davies, L. Jones, A. Thomas, W. Bowen, Re. G.J. Matthews, Rev. Griff Jones, Lawrence James (cousins); Rev. Eurof Jones, Messrs. Joshua Evans, H. Hughes, Joshua, Bryn & Gwilym Thomas, Emlyn Evans, T.J. Morgan, V. Howrie, W.H. Jenkins, Idris Jones, B.A., L.R. Baillieux, B.Sc. (representing Caerphilly Boys' Grammar School). At the house: Annie (wife); Margaret (daughter); Maggie, Liz, Hannah (sisters); Mrs. Mary Jones (mother-in-law); May Evans, Maggie Jones, Violet Jones (sisters-in-law); Tydwen Llewellyn, Bertha Evans (nieces); Mesdame Matt Lewis, D.J. Thomas (aunts); R. Jones, E. Rowlands, Margaret Thomas, Irfona Vaughan, Edith Thomas, Gwenda Pearce, M.A. Davies, S. Jones, E.A. Williams (cousins).

**20 November 1948** Former Resident The death has occurred of a well-known former resident, Mrs. E. Lloyd Evans. She had been headmistress of the Fochriw Infants' School. In recent years she had lived at Cardiff.

**25 December 1948** Former Resident The death has occurred of Mr. Jas. Gregory who was well known in Fochriw where he lived for many years before removing to Bedwas some years ago. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday, where many old friends met at the churchyard.

**29 January 1949** Septuagenarian Dies: Mr. David Harris, Martin-street, aged 72 The sudden death has occurred of Mr. David Harris, a well known inhabitant of the village.

**5 February 1949** Late Mr. David Harris, Martin-street, aged 72 The funeral of Mr. D. Harris took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Monday. He had lived in the village all his life, and was held in high esteem. He was closely connected with the Committee of the Male Voice Party, and was always present at their practices. He was also a member of Carmel Church. Revs. Eurof Jones, E. Adams Evans and T.J. Jones officiated. Chief mourners: Messrs. D.L. Harris (son); W. James (son-in-law); Rees, David & Tom Lewis, C. Quick, Tom Shankland, Bryn Cumpstone, G. Cumpstone, G. Angell, T. Cockram, David, J.R., Simon & W.J. Harris, E. Davies, T. Rees, J. Jones, A. Robotham, E. Morris (nephews); J., W. E. & T. Harris, D. Williams (cousins); W. Jones (brother-in-law). At the house: Mesdames B. Harris (wife); R. James (daughter); M. Davies (sister); M. Jones (sister-in-law); G. Owen, Way, S. Clarke; Mesdames R.M. Cumpstone, C. Way, W. Angell, T. Shankland, C. Quick, D. & T. Lewis, J. Matthews, J. Deakin, W.J. Harris, Cockram, Phillips and Miss B. Jenkins (nieces); Mrs. Easterbrook, Mr. & Mrs. J. Davies, Mr. & Mrs. D. Jones.

**19 February 1949** Death: Mrs. Amelia Rowlands The death has occurred of an old and respected inhabitant, Mrs. A. Rowlands.

**12 March 1949** Late Mr. Gordon Llewellyn, Pentwyn Farm, aged 18 The death has taken place of Mr. Gordon Llewellyn, youngest son of Mr. & Mrs. G. Llewellyn. He had been ill for a long time.

**12 March 1949** Nurse's Death Nurse Rachel Williams, Gilfach Goch, has died as a result of a road accident. Before going to Gilfach Goch, she had lived at Fochriw for many years, where she was well known and widely respected.

**26 March 1949** Late Mr. Lewis Gordon Llewellyn The funeral took place on Monday at Gwaelodybrithdir Cemetery of Mr. L.G. Llewellyn, aged 18, of Pentwyn Farm, youngest son of Mr. & Mrs. G. Llewellyn. He was a bright, intelligent young man. The Rev. J.C. Payne, and the Rev. E. Adams Jones officiated. The bearers were Messrs. David Way, Mal Williams, W. Pope, Crad Shankland, V. Davies, Derek Evans. Also in attendance were Messrs. Fred Amos, V. Coggan & A. Price. The mourners were: John, Alvin, Ronald, Robert, Cuthbert, Hughie and Cecil (brothers); Ivor Davies and L. Bengough (brothers-in-law); T. Llewellyn, Rufus, Vincent and Hartwell Wood, Crad Skyme (uncles); Hopkin, Elwyn, William, John, Stuart, Vernon & Ed. Llewellyn, W. Williams, Joe, John, William & David Pullen, Lewis Watkins, John Lloyd, J. Willis and Edward Slimmons. At the house: Mr. & Mrs. Llewellyn (father & mother); Jessie and Gwen (sisters); Edith, Beryl, Tydwen, Hetty and Mary Llewellyn (sisters-in-law); Mrs. E.J. Williams, E.A. Llewellyn and Elsie Skyme (aunts); S.J. Pullen, Sarah Bates, Jane & Mary Llewellyn, C. Williams, M.J. Watkins, Winnie Slimmons, Gracie Edwards, Doreen Pullen, V. Llewellyn, Mrs. Amos, Mrs. N. Williams & Mrs. Williams. Among the numerous floral tributes was one from 'Fellow Workmen of the Level.' Funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. S. Llewellyn & Nicholas, Bargoed.

**2 April 1949** Precentor's Death The funeral took place on Saturday at Pentwyn Churchyard of Mr. Thomas Evans, Gwynfe, Aelybryn. He was aged 78, and was senior deacon, treasurer and precentor at Noddfa Chapel for 50 years. The bearers were Messrs. Richard Jones, Robert Thomas, W.T. Lewis, D.J. Davies. Mourners were Messrs. Bert Edwards (son-in-law); D. Evnas, Abertysswg, Wm. Evans, Isle of Wight, (brothers); Joshua Evans, Jim Evans, Penydarren, Ben Wathan, Pontstycyll (cousins); I. Evans, J. Evans, Port Talbot, Tom & D.J. Thomas, Will Fox, Ieuan Griffiths, Wm. Rowlands, Bargoed, Wm. Chapman, Syl Jenkins, Ynystawe, Islwyn Jones, Deri (nephews); Jack Jones, Tom & Evan Morris, Ben Thomas, D.R. Jones, John Davies, Gwilym Thomas, Richard Evans, T.D. Morgan, Dowlais, W. John, Pontlloftyn. Mr. John Evans, brother, Mr. Tom Matthews, and Mr. & Mrs. Jenkins Thomas (cousins), were unable to attend through illness. At the house were: E.A. Evans, Dilys Edwards (daughters); Edna E. Jones (grand daughter); W. Edwards (grandson); Mary Evans, Port Talbot, May Evans, Isle of Wight (sisters-in-law); M. Matthews, A. Rowlands, Deri, A.H. Evans, Annie Evans, Penydarren, B. Wathan (cousins); R. Fox, Joan Smith, Mary & Eunice Evans, Olwen Thomas, Mary M. Matthews, Abertysswg, E. Rowlands, Bargoed, H. Phillips & E.

Jenkins, Ynystawe, M. Chapman (nieces); J. Edwards, Phyllis Jones, Lizzie Morris, Hilda Morgan, J. Morris. Revs. T.J. Jones, Eurog Jones and E. Adams Evans officiated.

**21 May 1949** Late Mrs. S.A. Griffiths The death has occurred of a well known Fochriw lady, Mrs. S.A. Griffiths, Dynevor-street, wife of Mr. David Griffiths. Aged 76, Mrs. Griffiths was a faithful member of Carmel.

**28 May 1949** Late Mrs. S.A. Griffiths The funeral of Mrs. S.A. Griffiths, wife of Mr. David Griffiths, 4, Dynevor-street, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Tuesday. She was 70 years of age, and had lived in the district all her life. She was a faithful member of Carmel and will be greatly missed. The rev. T.J. Jones officiated at the house and graveside. The chief mourners were Messrs. David J. Griffiths (husband); Bernard Brown (son-in-law); Henry Griffiths, Willie G. Davies (brothers-in-law); Emrys Lewis, David D. Griffiths, Albert Griffiths, Sid Griffiths, Charlie Pugh, Crad Ballard, Will Fox (nephews). Mourners at the house: Mesdames Doreen Brown (daughter); Pat Brown (grand daughter); Mary A. Williams, Sarah Davies (sisters-in-law); Alice, Blod, Ruth Fox, O. Jones, Doris Pugh, Liz Davies, Eirlys Harris, Margaret Burrow, Sal Davies (nieces); Mrs. Stephens, Mrs. A. Davies.

**11 June 1949** Deacon's Funeral The funeral took place on Saturday at Pentwyn Churchyard of Mr. Jenkin Thomas, 20, Brook-row, late signalman Fochriw G.W.R. He was 73 and was a deacon and treasurer of the Sunday School at Noddfa Welsh Baptist Chapel for many years. The bearers were Messrs. Richard Jones, Robert Thomas, Will Pearce, Crad Thomas and J. Rees Walters. The mourners were Messrs. Tom, D. Joshua and Bryn Thomas (sons); David Thomas, Pontypridd, Mog, Richard and John Meyrick, Abercynon (brothers); Joshua Evans (brother-in-law); James Evans, Penydarren D. Evans, Abertysswg (cousins); Aneurin Thomas, Frank Jenkins, D.J. Williams, Iorwerth Evans, Bert Edwards (nephews); T.H. Millward, John Edwards. At the house were Anne (widow); Olwen, Phoebe, Eluned (daughters-in-law); Non, Cynthia, Susan (grand daughters); Iris Williams, Winnie Jenkins, Ceinwen Jones, M.M. Matthews, Annie Evan, E.A. Evans, Dilys Edwards, Edna E. Jones, Mary Evans (nieces); Mary Evans (cousin); S.A. Cole, Sarah Millward, Ivy Walters, Gwenda Pearce, Lilian Evans. There were a number of floral tributes. (listed)

**13 August 1949** Late Mr. W.J. Davies The death has occurred of a well-known Fochriw inhabitant, Mr. William John Davies, aged 54, of 13, Martin-street. He had lived in Fochriw all his life, and made his home with his brother, Mr. J.M. Davies, and sister, Miss Rosie Davies, who is on the teaching staff of Penybank school. Another sister is Mrs. Annie Jones, Martin-street. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Monday, the Rev. E. Adams Evans officiating. The chief mourners were Messrs. James M. Davies (brother); Bryn Rees, Windsor Rees, David Lloyd Jones, Kenneth Rees, Williams Morgan (nephews); D.J. Price, Edwin Davies, J., T., F. & A. Price, D. Bengough, J. Davies, T. Davies, B. Morris, H. Ballard, J. Sheen, A. Kent (cousins). The bearers were Messrs. R., C. & G. Dummett, David J. Evans, D.R. Jones, Elwyn Edwards, T. Yeoman, W.G. Davies. At the house were Miss Rosie Davies, Mesdames Annie Jones (sisters); Lena Morgan, Eva Rees, Lorna Rees, Linda Morgan, Jean Morgan (nieces); Sarah A. Davies, Miriam Price, Gladys Davies (cousins).

**29 October 1949** Death: Mr. C. Ballard, aged 65 The funeral of Mr. C. Ballard took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Wednesday. The Vicar officiated. Mr. Ballard was a well-known and respected citizen.

**12 November 1949** Late Mrs. Annie Jones The death has taken place of an old and respected inhabitant of the village, Mrs. A. Jones, Hill-row, Pentwyn, wife of Mr. Tom Jones. She was a faithful member of St.. Mary's and of the Mothers' Union.

**19 November 1949** Septuagenarian's Death: Mrs. A. Jones The funeral of Mrs. A. Jones, Hill-row, Pentwyn, aged 73, wife of Mr. Tom Jones, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Tuesday. A native of Rochdale, Lancs., Mrs. Jones had lived at Pentwyn for many years and had been a member of St.. Mary's and the Mothers' Union. The funeral was very representative, and included a number of women members of the British Legion, of which Mrs. Jones was a member. The Vicar, Rev. E. Adams Evans, officiated at the house and graveside. The mourners were: Mr. Tom Jones (husband); John, Ernest & Richard Jones (nephews); Wm. Cook & Albert Mantle (cousins). At the house: Mrs. M.A. Jones, Brenda Jones, & May Lawrence (cousins); Mrs. E. Sullivan, Mrs. Davies, and the Misses Goddard. Mrs. Mantle, Mrs.

Edwards, Mrs. G. Williams & Mrs. E. Jones represented the Women's Section of the British Legion.

**10 December 1949** Late Mr. Leyshon Rowlands The death has occurred of a well-known and highly respected person of the village, Mr. Leyshon Rowlands, Aelybryn, son of the late Mr. & Mrs. D. Rowlands.

**17 December 1949** The Late Mr. Leyshon Rowlands The funeral of Mr. Leyshon Rowlands, son of the late Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Rowlands, Aelybryn, took place on Monday at Pentwyn Churchyard. Rev. Eurof Jones, Cilfynydd, officiated at the house and graveside. The mourners were: Messrs. Thomas, Daniel and John Rowlands (brothers); David & Lewis Evans, W.A. Davies (brothers-in-law); Tudor Rowlands and Eiros Evans (nephews); Rd. Evans & C. Hollister (uncles); J. Francis, David Jones, W.A. Davies & W. Rowlands (cousins); Brinley Cumpstone, Dd.J. Thomas, James Davies & Thomas Jenkins. At the house: Mesdames Eliz. A. Evans, Blodwen Evans, E. May Davies (sisters); Edith Rowlands (sister-in-law); B. Cumpstone (niece); N. Rowlands (aunt); Miss Catherine Jones, Mesdames Annie Evans, Morfydd Watkins, Rhoda Gittens, Annie Davies, Eunice Rowlands (cousins); Miss Elaine Thomas and Mr. Douglas Small. Funeral arrangements: D.J. Davies, undertaker.

**17 December 1949** Colliery Victim: Mr. Stanley Gittens, aged 26 The funeral of Mr. Stanley Gittens took place at Rhymney Cemetery on Tuesday. He was killed by a fall of roof at West Bromwich Colliery where he had recently gone to work. Mr. Gittens was a widower with a son of four. The body was brought home to his mother's house, Mrs. M. Gittens, 4, Gusest-street. Aged 26, he was held in high esteem. Rev. G.R. Lloyd of Penuel, Rhymney, and Rev. T.J. Jones, Fochriw, officiated. Mourners were: Messrs. Eddie, Edwin, Elwyn, John Gwyn, Merddyn and George Gittens (brothers); Alun Davies, Trevor Handley, Desmond Evans (brothers-in-law); David Gittens (nephew); Edwin & John Davies, D.W. Morris, J. Jenkins (uncles); Bryn Davies, Vivian Davies, Tom, Bryn, John I. Jones, G. Evans, Willie, David and F. Eynon (cousins). At the house: John Lynn (son); Mrs. Gittens (mother); Mrs. Jones (mother-in-law); Beryl, Mair, Hetty & Sal (sisters); Gladys, Sarah, Eira and Eirwen (sisters-in-law); Esther, Edith, Mrs. Jones & Mrs. Morris (aunts); Harriet, Phyllis, Muriel, Nora May (cousins). The bearers were Messrs. Derek Jones, Ross Morgan (West Bromwich), Windsor Chapman, Trevor Edwards, John Williams, Jacky Elias, W. Shankland, Ernie Sibley, Dewi Morgan, Evan Evans, Ken Evans. Funeral arrangements: Mr. V.S. Powell, Fochriw.

**24 December 1949** Late Mrs. A.M. Evans The death has occurred of Mrs. A.M. Evans, wife of Mr. Joshua Evans, Brynteg-terrace.

**31 December 1949** The Late Mrs. Annie May Evans The funeral of Mrs. A.M. Evans, Brynteg-street, aged 61, wife of Mr. Joshua Evans, took place on Friday. Mrs. Evans had lived in the village almost the whole of her life. She was a faithful member of Noddfa Chapel of which Mr. Evans was a deacon. The funeral was at Pentwyn Churchyard, the Revs. T. J. Jones, T. Morse and E. Adams Evans officiating. The mourners were: Messrs. J. Evans (husband); D. J. Williams, F. J. Jenkins (sons-in-law); Lyn Williams (grandson); T. Thomas, D. J. Thomas, B.J. Thomas (nephews); C. Thomas, L. Thomas, J. Evans, B. Edwards, T. Morris (cousins); D. S. Williams, J.C. Jenkins, W. Humphries, W. John, W. Lawrence, T. Jenkins. At the house: Iris & Winnie (daughters); Lorna Williams (grand daughter); Mesdames A. Thomas (sister-in-law); Olwen, Eluned & Phoebe Thomas (nieces); Lizzie Morris, Gwenda Pearce, Edith Thomas, Misses E.A. Evans, Edna E. Jones, Mrs. Dilys Edwards (cousins); Mrs. Mary Evans, Mrs. Ceinwen Jones, Mrs. Morgan, Cardiff; Miss C. Thomas, Skewen; Mrs. M. Clarke, Miss C. Jones.

**7 January 1950** Death of Former Resident The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Tuesday of a well-known former resident of Fochriw now living in Ogmore Vale, Mr. Walter Jones, husband of Mrs. Annie Jane Jones. He moved to Ogmore Vale some years ago to take up the post of school attendance officer. He retired some years ago.

**7 January 1950** Late Mrs. M. Williams, Mount Pleasant Row, Pentwyn, aged 66 The funeral of Mrs. Margaret Williams, wife of Mr. David Williams, took place on Tuesday. Mrs. Williams had been hospital for a long time. The funeral was a very representative one. Mrs. Williams was a member of St. Mary's Church. The Vicar officiated, the burial being at Pentwyn Churchyard. The chief mourners were: Messrs. David Williams (husband); Dd.

John, Maldwyn and Francis (sons); Malcolm & Terry (grandsons); Evan & Ellis Edwards (nephews); W. Jones, O. Saunders, R. Lloyd, S. Baines. At the house: Miss Catherine J. Williams (daughter); Mesdames O.J. Edwards (sister); Polly and Annie Williams (daughters-in-law); Mrs. Owen (cousin); Mesdames Harris, Jones, Strang, Saunders, Baines, Martin, Lewis, B. Harding, P. Williams.

**28 January 1950** Late Mrs. M. A. Baldwin, Glenview, Pentwyn, aged 69 The death has occurred of a well-known inhabitant, Mrs. M.A. Baldwin. She was a communicant of St. Mary's Church and a member of the Mothers' Union. Her husband, Mr. Thomas Baldwin, died a few years ago. The funeral took place on Tuesday at Pentwyn Churchyard, the Rev. E. Adams Evans, vicar, and the Rev. Isaac Evans, Deri, officiating. The mourners were: Messrs. George Baldwin (son); Jack Lewis, Caerphilly, David Lewis, Pontypridd (brothers); W. Price, Aberdare, Bryn Lewis, Caerphilly, S. Kenny, Pontlottyn, R. Coggan, Penybank (nephews); G. Ball, Cardiff (cousin); At the house: Mesdames A. Gardener (daughter); A. Price (sister); Morris, Cardiff (sister-in-law); Ethel, Cardiff (niece); Mrs. Evans, Vicarage, Mesdames Small, Mills & Llewellyn. The undertaker was Mr. Vivian Powell.

Late Mrs. Margaret Cole, Brynteg, aged 84 The funeral of Mrs. M. Cole, widow of the late Mr. John Cole, took place last Thursday at Pentwyn Churchyard. Rev. Eurof Jones officiated, assisted by Mr. J.C. Evans, Calfaria, Bargoed, and the Vicar, Rev. E. Adams Evans. The mourners were: Messrs. Frank Jones Jenkins and T. Jenkins (nephews); J.C. & F.J. Jenkins (grand nephews); G. Cole, T. & M. Millward, C. Cook & W. Williams, Machen. The bearers were Coun. S. Lewis, J.P., Messrs. J. Evans, R. Rees, T. Lawrence, D. James, W.A. Davies. Also present was Mr. E. Williams, secretary Calfaria, Bargoed. At the house: Miss Catherine Jones (sister); Mrs. T. Jenkins (adopted daughter); Mesdames C. & F.J. Jenkins, Miss P. Evans (cousins); Mrs. S.A. Cole (sister-in-law); Mesdames J. Thomas, I. Evans, S. Lewis, A. Ballard, R. Rees, D. Evans. Funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. David J. Davies, undertaker.

**25 February 1950** Burials Two well-known personalities who had lived in the village for many years and were highly respected were buried at Pentwyn Churchyard last Friday and Saturday. Mr. Abram Jones, aged 80, who lived at Dynevor-street, before moving to Bedlinog, where he died, and Mrs. M.A. Lawrence, wife of Mr. David Lawrence, who lived at Martin-street, before moving to Dowlais where she died, aged 68.

**13 May 1950** Old Inhabitants Death Fochriw has sustained a great loss by the passing of one of the oldest inhabitants, Mr. John Lawrence, 2, Glyn-terrace. Born in Breconshire 71 years ago, he came to Fochriw with his parents when he was eleven months old, where he has lived the whole of his life. For many years, he was an official at the Fochriw Collieries of Guest, Keen and Nettlefolds. Later he became a road foreman under Gellygaer Council, until he retired in 1945. He was a very active member of the Methodist cause, having been an elder of Nazareth C.M. Church for many years, and the Church secretary for over 46 years. He was a well known figure at the monthly and district meetings of the Presbytery, and his advice will be greatly missed. In his young days he was a fine footballer, as a forward with Fochriw Stars' rugby team. A keen cyclist, he held many road-racing trophies. The funeral took place at Pentwyn

**3 June 1950** Late Mrs. A. Davies The funeral of the late Mrs. A. Davies took place at Pentwyn Churchyard. She was the daughter of the late Mr. W.C. Morgan, who was headmaster of Fochriw schools for many years

**24 June 1950** Death of Mr. Arthur Ballard The death has occurred of a well-known inhabitant in the person of Mr. Arthur Ballard, former headmaster of Penybank Primary School.

**1 July 1950** Late Mr. Arthur Ballard, Brynteg-street, aged 62 The funeral took place on Friday at Glyntaff Crematorium of Mr. Arthur Ballard. He was head teacher of Penybank Primary School until his retirement last year. He was a faithful member of Carmel Congregational Church where he had been secretary for many years. The Rev. Eurof Jones, Cilfynydd, formerly of Carmel, and the Rev. E. Adams Evans officiated. The bearers were Messrs. Dan Jones, Dan Jenkins, Bob Rees, Sam Lewis and Iorwerth Evans. The mourners were: Messrs. Thomas & Stephen Ballard (brothers); Ernest Cumpstone, Thomas Walters,



Evan Williams (brothers-in-law); Idris, Bertie, Nicholas, Arthur and Cadvan Cumpstone, Willie Ballard, Haydn Jones, Griff Thomas, John Rees Jones (nephews); David Jones, Cyril Cook and Tom Davies (cousins). At the house were: Mrs. M.A. Ballard (wife); Miss Margaret Ballard (daughter); Mrs. E. Cumpstone, Mrs. B. Davies (sisters); Mrs. C. Walters, Mrs. M. Walters, Mrs. C. Ballard (sisters-in-law); I. & B. Cumpstone (nieces); R. Thomas (cousin).

**15 July 1950** Late Mr. Wm. Shankland, Guest-street, aged 35 years The funeral of Mr. Wm. Shankland took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday last. Mr. Shankland lived with his widowed mother, Mrs. Kate Shankland. He met with a fatal accident while following his employment at Ogilvie Colliery on Sunday last. The Revs. E. Adams Evans and T.J. Jones officiated at the house and graveside. The bearers were Messrs. E. Gittens, R. Gittoes, E.W. Jones, T. Kelly, G. Pugh and H. Jones. The chief mourners were: Meirion & Bob (brothers); Myrddin (brother-in-law); Islwyn (nephew); Tom, Crad, Idris & Emrys Shankland; J. E. Davies, H. Simpson, K. Owen, Willie & Clifford Lewis, D. Davies, D. Edwards, G. Williams, W. Ross (cousins). At the house were: Mrs. K. Shankland (motehr); Nellie, Jenny, Cassie, Bessie (sisters); Mesdames Lily M. Shankland, Ceridwen Chankland (sisters-in-law); May Hughes (niece); M. J. Owen, M. J. Edwards, S. A. Simpson, E. Shankland, G. Williams, M. Shankland, G. Lewis, Betty Simpson, M. Ross, J. Morris (cousins); Mrs. Mills, Mrs. Watkins, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Gittens, Mrs. Cumpstone.

**9 September 1950** Musician's Death: Mr. W.J. Angell The funeral of Mr. W. John Angell of Aberdare (late of Fochriw), took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday. Meeting the cortege at Pentwyn was a large gathering of old friends. Mr. Angell had lived in the village for many years before going to Aberdare with his son, Mr. W. Angell. Another son, Mr. Lewis Angell, lives at Cardiff. Mr. Angell's wife, Gwen, died some years ago. During the time he was at Fochriw, Mr. Angell was well known as a musician and conductor of many prize-winning choirs. He was a faithful member of Carmel Chapel.

**9 September 1950** Died in Hospital The death has occurred at Merthyr General Hospital on Saturday of a well-known resident, Mrs. Elizabeth Lewis, wife of Mr. David Lewis, newsagent, Fochriw. She had been ill for some time.

**16 September 1950** Late Mrs. Elizabeth Lewis The funeral of Mrs. E. Lewis aged 71, wife of Mr. David Lewis, newsagent, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday. Mrs. Lewis had lived almost all her life in the village. In her earlier days she was a teacher at Fochriw Infants' School and was a member of Carmel Church. The Rev. Eurof Jones, Cilfynydd, officiated, assisted by Rev. B. Davies, Cardiff, and Rev. E. Adams Evans. Mourners were: Messrs. David Lewis (husband); Enoch & John Gwyn Lewis (sons); David I. Evans (brother); S. Lewis, J.P. (brother-in-law); John E. Edwards, Edryd & Garnant Jones, D. A. & John Evans, Graham & Islwyn Jones, W. McArthur, W. Hughes, Rev. B. Davies (nephews); Daniel James, David J. Jacob, W., C., & J. Ballard, J. C. Evans, Bargoed, D. Evans, R. Roberts, Bedlinog, James & Emrys Davies, Rees Evans, Carmarthen, D. Davies, Swansea (cousins). At the house: Mesdames E. & B. Lewis (daughters-in-law); E. Jones (sister); N. Evans (sister-in-law); B. Jones, Iris Jones, G. Jones, Misses E. Evans, M. McArthur (nieces); Mesdames E. McArthur, C. Thomas, M. A. Lewis (sisters-in-law); Eliz. Evans, Nellie Davies, Misses Elspeth Lewis, Alice Davies, Carmarthen, Mrs. M. James (cousins).

**23 September 1950** Late Mrs. E. Sibley The death has occurred of Mrs. E. Sibley, wife of Mr. George Sibley, Aelybryn.

**30 September 1950** Late Mrs. Emily Sibley, Aelybryn, aged 76 The funeral of Mrs. Emily Sibley, wife of Mr. George Sibley, took place at Pant Cemetery, and was strictly private. Mrs. Sibley had lived almost all of her life in the village, and was the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Evan Williams. Mr. Williams was an official at the old Fochriw Colliery. Mrs. Sibley had been confined to her bed for many years. Rev. Eurof Jones, Cilfynydd, officiated, assisted by Rev. E. Adams Evans, and Rev. T. J. Jones. The bearers were Messrs. James Davies, Harry Jones, Gomer Davies, Wm. Cook, Herbert Barlow and E. E. Cumpstone. The chief mourners were: Messrs. George Sibley (husband); Vincent & Brinley (sons); Dan Jones, Wm. Evans, Lewis H. Angell (sons-in-law); Tom Smith, Mordecai Williams, Clifford

Davies, Ernie Sibley, Frank Wilton (nephews). At the house: Mrs. S. A. Jones, Mrs. E. Evans, Mrs. Crisley Angell (daughters); Mrs. J. Smith (grand daughter); Master Malcolm Angell (grandson); Mrs. S. Townsend, Somerset (sister-in-law); Mrs. M. Davies, Mrs. S. Chaffeu (nieces); Mrs. S. Cole and Mrs. Barlow (friends). The undertaker was Mr. David J. Davies.

**7 October 1950** Late Mrs. E. Sibley The names of Mrs. G. Jones, Mrs. M. Davies and Mrs. D. Jones were omitted from the list of mourners at the house.

**7 October 1950** Octogenarian's Funeral Mr. David Walters, Penybank, who was 80 years of age, and a well-known inhabitant of the village, was buried at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday. Revs. W. Griffiths & T. J. Jones officiated.

**14 October 1950** Late Mr. Ronald Beale, Aelybryn, aged 17 The funeral of Mr. Ronald Beale, son of Mr. Mrs. T. Beale, Aelybryn, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Tuesday. Mr. Beale died at Mardy Hospital, where he had been seriously ill. The funeral was a very representative one, the Rev. E. Adams Evans officiating at the house and graveside. The chief mourners were: Mr. T. Beale (father); D. & W. T. Beale (brothers); D., E. & C. H. Beale, C. Williams, E. F. & I. Prosser, J. Thomas, J. Bailey, G. Carter, J. Clevey (uncles); I. Bowen, T. J. Meredith, T. J. Prosser (cousins). At the house: Mrs. M. Beale (mother); Mesdames H. Williams, E. Rogers, V. Williams, B. Puddle, A. Prosser, J. Bowen, E. Clevey, E. Prosser, O. Bailey, A. Prosser (aunts); G. O'Sullivan (cousin); M. Carter, E. Shankland, M. Woods.

**11 November 1950** Late Mr. Joseph Wellings Mr. Joseph Wellings, aged 81, formerly of Plantation-street, was buried at Pentwyn Churchyard last week. The body was conveyed from London, where Mr. Wellings had lived with his niece for the last few years. He had been an official at the local collieries for many years.

**18 November 1950** Late Mr. W.H. Way The funeral took place on Thursday at Pentwyn Churchyard of Mr. W.H. Way, Aelybryn, aged 59. He had attended the Parish Church, and was a sidesman, for many years. The Rev. Eurof Jones officiated and the Vicar was also present. Mr. Way was an ex-serviceman, and took an active interest in the British Legion. The mourners were: Messrs. Tommy Cochram (son-in-law); David & Frank Way (brothers); W.R. Lewis, Tom Lewis, Stewart Jones, David Lewis, Tom Shankland, C. Quick, W. Angell (brothers-in-law); Wm. Lewis (uncle); Wm. Way, Frank Way, Bert Yeo, Rufus Wood, Vin Wood, Attwell Wood, Gordon Way, David Harris, Evan Harris, Will Harris, James Jones, John Jones, David Jones, Arthur Rowbottom Tudor Evans, Elfed Lewis, Thos. R. Lewis, Evan Morris, Evan Lewis, Will James (cousins); Graham & Bryn Cumpstone, Gwyn Angell (nephews); Ken Brook, Harry Evans, Ted Clark. At the house were: Mrs. C. Way (widow); Thelma Way, Joan Cochram (daughters); Mesdames Eliza Jones (sister); Annie Way, R.M. Cumpstone, Olive Lewis, Ellen Angell, Eliz. Shankland, Rona Quick, Edith Lewis (sisters-in-law); Margt. Davies, Bella Harris, Mary A. Lewis (aunts); Grace Wood, Elsie Skym, Lena Davies, Gwladys Edwards, Ruth Edwards, Eirlys Deacon, Sarah Jones, Mary Jones, Maggie Rowbottom (cousins); Mrs. Eurof Jones, Mrs. Sullivan, Mrs. Peggy Low, Mrs. Ann Coleman, Mrs. Ivy Adams, Mrs. P. Rees. There were numerous floral tributes. (listed)

**25 November 1950** Late Mr. W.H. Way In last week's funeral report, the names of Graham and Winnie were omitted from the list of wreaths.

**9 December 1950** Old Inhabitants Die The deaths have occurred of two very old inhabitants of the village: Mr. D. J. Griffiths of 4, Dynevor-street, and Mrs. Mary Thomas of 18, Martin-street. Both were highly respected.

**9 December 1950** Late Mr. Melvyn Lloyd, 18, Martin-street, aged 21 The death has occurred of Mr. Melvyn Lloyd, the son of Mrs. A. G. Lloyd, and the late Mr. Lloyd. He had served in the R.A.F.. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday. The bearers were Messrs. D. J. Evans, D. Mantle, E. Shankland and L. Hollister of the Youth Club. Revs. T. J. Jones, E. Adams Evans, Latimer Williams and Dewi Morgan officiated at the house and graveside. Mourners were: Messrs. Gwynlais Lloyd (brother); E. Lloyd, David & Howell Thomas, D. Uzzell, David Saunders, Rev. Harding, Thomas Walters (uncles); Lewis & J. H. Evans, Howell & Glyn Thomas, J. Uzzell, Glanmor Thomas, M. Weaver, L. Evans, G. Jenkins (cousins). At the house: Mrs. A. G. Lloyd (mother); Myra Lloyd (sister);

Mesdames M. Thomas (grand mother); - Walters, H. Thomas, Sarah Thomas (aunts); Lucy, Gretta, Glenys (cousins).

**16 December 1950** Late Mr. D.J. Griffiths The death has occurred of a respected inhabitant, Mr. David J. Griffiths, 4. Dynevor-street, at the age of 77. He had given his services to many movements in the village. The funeral took place on Wednesday at Pentwyn Churchyard, the Rev. T.J. Jones officiating. The mourners were: Mr. Bernard Brown (son-in-law); Mr. Henry Griffiths (brother); Mr. Wm. G. Davies (brother-in-law); Messrs. Wm. Fox, John Walters and Alan Burows. At the house were: Mrs. Doreen Brown (daughter); Pat Brown (grand-daughter); Mesdames Mary Ann Williams and Sarah Davies (sisters); Mary Ann Walters, Gladys Jones, Ruth Fox, Annie Davies (nieces). Representing the old age pensioners were Messrs. Thomas Evans, J.L. Lewis, Richard Evans, Mordecai Williams, James Davies and Albert Marshelsea.

**16 December 1950** Late Mrs. M. Thomas The funeral of Mrs. Mary Thomas, widow of the late Mr. Jenkin Thomas, 18, Martin-street, took place at Pentwyn churchyard on Thursday. Aged 79, Mrs. Thomas had lived in the village all her life, and was held in high esteem. The bearers were Messrs. A. Marshallsea, D.M. James, P. Illes, W. Hughes, D.C. Jones, C. Shankland, T. Thomas. The Revs. T.J. Jones and E. Adams Evans officiated. The mourners were: Messrs. David and Howell Thomas (sons); D. Uzzell, D. Saunders (sons-in-law); T. Walters (brother-in-law); J. Uzzell, Glanmor Thomas, Islwyn Saunders, Gwynlais John, Morgan Weaver, Lindsey Coggan (grandsons); Lewis Evans, J.H. Evans, P.G. Hann (nephews). At the house were: Margaret and Annie Gwen (daughters); Rose (daughter-in-law); Mesdames C. Walters, C. Thomas, S. Thomas (sisters-in-law)); Myrn, Maggie May, Glenys, Evelyn, Mattie and Peggy (grand-daughters); Lucy & Gretta (nieces). There were many floral tributes. (listed)

**16 December 1950** Former Inhabitant's Funeral The funeral of Mr. Elwyn Lewis of Rhymney took place at Rhymney Cemetery on Saturday. Mr. Lewis was the son of Mrs. M.J. Owen, Dynevor-street, Fochriw. He sustained a serious accident at Taff-Merthyr Colliery two years ago. He was a member of the Fochriw Silver Band, and the bearers were formed from members of the band. Rev. W. Cooper Lewis, vicar of Rhymney, and the Rev. E. Adams Evans, vicar of Fochriw, officiated. The mourners were: Mr. A.K. Owen (step-father); Messrs. W.J. & A.C. Lewis (brothers); W. Ross, A. Fear, R. Fear, B. Lyons, T. Weech, A. Thomas (brothers-in-law); T.J. James, J. James, C. Shankland, R. Lewis, S.V. James (cousins); Ray Davies, Delwyn Richards. At the house were: Mrs. E. Lewis (wife); Mrs. M.J. Owen (mother); Mr. E.J. Fear (father-in-law); Mrs. M. Ross (sister); Mesdames G. Lewis, G.M. Lewis, M. Weech, F.M. Dodd, M. Fear, Mary Fear, D. Fear (sisters-in-law); Mr. E. Fear (brother-in-law); Mrs. R. & B. Lewis (aunts); Mrs. T.J. James, Mrs. C. & N. & T. Shankland, Mrs. G. James (cousins); Nurse Greenaway. The bearers were Messrs. B. Lewis, D.J. Davies, W. Edwards. G. Burrows, J. Mantle, C. Shankland. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. S.V. Powell, undertaker and builder, Fochriw.

**6 January 1951** Late Mr. David Rees Jones The death has occurred of a well-known inhabitant of the village, Mr. D. R. Jones, Martin's-street, aged 78. He was an official for many years at the Fochriw collieries. He was a faithful member of Noddfa, and an active member of the Old Age Pensioners movement. The funeral was private and took place at Pant Cemetery on Monday. Representatives of the various organisations were present. The Revs. J. Summers, Dowlais, and T.J. Jones, Fochriw, officiated at the house and graveside. The mourners were: Messrs. Edward Jones (brother); Howell Jones (brother-in-law); John Matthews, Lewis Hopkins, Trevor R. Jones, Lloyd Jones, Dan Mutlow, John Summers (nephews); W. J. Payne, Mordecai Williams, P. Edwards (cousins); J. Sullivan. At the house: Mesdames Sarah Pugh, Janet Jones, Beatrice Mutlow (sisters); S. A. Jones (sister-in-law); Magdeline Hopkins, Esther Matthews (nieces); Mrs. Sullivan, Mrs. Farley. The bearers were Messrs. John Davies, Joshua Evans, Tom Thomas, Seaborne Williams, Gomer Williams, Bertie Edwards.

**13 January 1951** Death of Former Resident The death has occurred at Barry Island of Mrs. Margaret Cook, who was well known by the older people of the village, where she

lived with her people in her younger days. Her parents kept the Rising Sun Hotel and were held in high esteem.

**27 January 1951** Late Mrs. Esther Jane Williams, Pentwyn The death has occurred of Mrs. E. J. Williams, wife of Mr. Watkin Williams, Pentwyn. The funeral took place on Saturday at Pentwyn Churchyard.

**27 January 1951** Died in Bedwas Mr. Thomas John Jenkins, an old inhabitant of the village, has died. He was an official of the old Geust, Keen and Nettlefolds, Fochriw Pits, and in his younger days was a well-known rugby player in the village team.

**3 February 1951** Late Mrs. E. J. Williams, aged 74 The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday of Mrs. Esther Jane Williams, wife of Mr. Watkin Williams, Pentwyn. Mrs. Williams was born in the village where she lived all her life. She was the daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. John Llewellyn. She was a member of Carmel Church, and of the British Legion Women's Section. She will be missed by a wide circle of friends. The Revs. E. Adams Evans and T. J. Jones officiated. The mourners were: Messrs. W. T. Williams (son); Joseph Pullen (son-in-law); Gwilym & Thomas Llewellyn (brothers); Ben & T. G. Williams (brothers-in-law); J. C., W. H., and D. G. Pullen (grandsons); John, Ronald, Cuthbert, Cecil, Edward, Vernon, Hopkin and Stuart Llewellyn (nephews); George, Idris and Glanmor Williams (nephews); Thomas Powell and Les Bengough. Grandsons and nephews acted as bearers. At the house: Mesdames S. J. Pullen (daughter); C. Williams (daughter-in-law); Doreen Pullen (grand daughter); Mesdames E. A. and J. J. Llewellyn, H. A. & Nancy Williams (sisters-in-law); S. A. Bates, G. Bengough, S. Davies, E. & O. Llewellyn, B. Williams, Jean Williams, L. A. Williams, Cardiff, Mary Williams, Bedwas, M. Llewellyn, Mary, Esther, Ceinwen, Abertridwr, Mesdames S. Jones, Pope, and Amos. Funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. Tom Jones, Pontlottyn.

**10 February 1951** Late Mr. Peter Jones, Guest-street, aged 80 The death has taken place of Mr. Peter Jones, an old and respected inhabitant of the village.

**17 February 1951** Late Mr. Peter Jones, 32, Guest-street, aged 80 The funeral of Mr. Peter Jones took place on Tuesday at Pentwyn Churchyard. He had lived almost the whole of his life in the village, coming from Tredegar when young. He was a faithful member of Nazareth Church, and had been treasurer for many years. He was also the local treasurer of the South Wales Miners' Federation, and was a member of the O.A.P. Association. Revs. E. Adams Jones and T. J. Jones officiated at the house and graveside. The bearers were Messrs. W. Cook, W. G. Davies, C. Shankland, W. Davies, T. Lawrence, J. Matthews, W. J. Angell. The mourners were: Messrs. W. Cleeves & D. Martin Thomas (sons-in-law); Trevor Holifield (grandson); Sam & Thomas Jones, E. J. Thomas & O. Prichard. At the house: Beatrice Mary Jones, Jennie Cleeves, Margaret Maud Thomas (daughters); Edna May Cox, Amy M. Holifield, Doris Jones (nieces); Gwen Baker, Jane Jones, Maggie Davies, Mrs. Griffiths, Mrs. Prichard.

**24 February 1951** Death: Mr. T. Puddle The death occurred at Merthyr General Hospital of Mr. Ted Puddle of Railway-terrace, after a long illness.

**24 February 1951** Death: Mrs. Knight The funeral has taken place at Penarth of Mrs. Knight, wife of Cl-Qt. Master Serg't Knight, and the daughter of Mrs. N. Williams, and the late Mr. James Williams, Rees-row, Pentwyn. Mrs. Knight had lived at Fochriw until her marriage.

**3 March 1951** Late Mr. E. Puddle The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday of Mr. Edward Puddle, 3. Railway-terrace. Mr. Puddle was 58 years of age, and had been ill for some time. He died at Merthyr General Hospital. He was a member of the British Legion and of the R.A.O.B.. The Vicar officiated. The bearers were brothers of the R.A.O.B., namely Messrs. Wm. Lewis, J. Emms, Bert Evans, Stan Jenkins, A. C. Williams and S. Clavin. The service of the Order was conducted at the graveside by the chaplain, Rev. E. Adams Evans. The mourners were: Messrs. T. J. Meredith, G. Puddle (sons); T. Puddle (brother); J. Fell & T. J. Davies (sons-in-law); W. Norman, W. J. Thomas, I., F. & E. Prosser, T. Beale, J. Clevey, T. Bailey (brothers-in-law); D. Beale, T. S. Prosser (nephews); J. Davies. At the house: Mrs. B. M. Puddle (widow); Mesdames G. Fell, M. Davies, S. E.

O'Sullivan (daughters); J. Bowen, F. Norman, A. Prosser, M. Beale, E. Clevey, O. Bailey, Ann Prosser (sisters-in-law); F. Davies.

**24 March 1951** Late Mr. Levi Pritchard The funeral of the late Mr. Levi Pritchard took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Wednesday. Mr. Pritchard was aged 64 and he had lived at Fochriw almost the whole of his life. The Rev. E. Adams Evans officiated. Bearers were Messrs. C. Edwards, Tom Sullivan, Reg Gittoes, David Way, Aneurin Evans, Arthur Palmer. The mourners were Messrs. Desmond Pritchard (son); George Watkins, W.R. Roberts (sons-in-law); V. Coggan, J. Rist (nephews); Idris Williams, Noel Higgins, Wm. Jones (cousins). At the house were: ...[lost]..... Bath (sister); Muriel, Clarice, Mavis, Linnie (daughters); Mrs. Ann Pritchard (daughter-in-law); Mary Hannah, Rhymney (sister-in-law); Mrs. J. Higgins, Hirwaun (aunt); Mrs. Edwards, Hirwaun, Mrs. V. Powell, Mrs. P. Cumpstone.

**24 March 1951** Former Resident The death has occurred of Mrs. Eleanor McArthur, wife of the late Mr. Gerald West McArthur, who lived at Fochriw for many years before removing to Newport.

**5 May 1951** Late Mr. W. T. Parry, Cwmbargoed The death has occurred at St. Tydfil's Hospital, Merthyr of Mr. W. T. Parry, after a short illness. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Wednesday, with Rev. Evans, Twynyrhodyn, officiating. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Clifford & Glyndwr Parry (sons); David A. Parry, Donald Jones, Denzil Jones (grandsons); David Jones, David Barnett, Cyril Keane (sons-in-law); Wm. Davies, Edward Davies, Wm. Pope (brothers-in-law); Douglas Pope (nephew). At the house: Mrs. Mary Gwen Parry (widow); Doris, Margaret, Ann and Joyce (daughters); Lilian M. Parry & Phyllis Parry (daughters-in-law); Mrs. H. Pope (sister-in-law); Mrs. Megan Pope (niece); Mrs. C. Ballard & Mrs. M. A. Lewis (cousins); Mrs. W. Evans, Cwmbargoed, Mrs. Jenkins, Pentwyn.

**19 May 1951** Late Mrs. M. Williams The death has occurred of an old inhabitant of the village, Mrs. Mary Williams, Plantation-street. Mrs. Williams, aged 83, had lived the whole of her life in the village, where she was held in high esteem. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday, the Rev. E. Adams Evans officiating at the house and graveside. The chief mourners were Messrs. John & Stanley Williams (sons); Lesley Williams (grandson); Leslei Davies, David Williams, Trehafod, Tom Williams, Porth, Willie Adams Jones, Griffith Pugh. Mourners at the house were: Mrs. Tucker, Abercynon (niece); Mrs. Maggie Williams (daughter-in-law); M. Davies, Annie M. Evans, Gretta Evans (grand-daughters); Mrs. Mary Evans, Port Talbot.

**30 June 1951** Late Mrs. J. (Captain) Edwards, The Anchorage, aged 81 The death has occurred of a well known and highly respected citizen, Mrs. J. (Captain) Edwards.

**7 July 1951** Late Mrs. Captain Edwards, The Anchorage, aged 81 The funeral took place on Wednesday of an old and highly respected inhabitant, Mrs. Captain Edwards. In her younger days she was a school-teacher and had associated herself with many movements for the betterment of the village. The funeral took place at Glyntaff Crematorium. The bearers were Messrs. T. Lewis, John R. Walters, W. R. Lewis, T. Thomas, W. Lewis, G. Williams and S. Williams. The officiating ministers were Revs. Godfrey E. Davies, Eurof Jones (Cilfynydd), E. Adams Evans, T. J. Jones and A. Williams. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Bert Edwards (son); C. Edwards (brother); J. Jones, G. Edwards, J. S. & C. Edwards, W. H. Edwards, Charles Edwards, A. Mantle, T. Sullivan, D. Williams, Coun. Sam Lewis, W. Forward, J. Mantle, Tom Mantle, J. & E. Davies, J. W. Jones, D. Bailey (nephews); D. Jenkins, B. Thomas, T. Ballard, D. Lewis, J. & T. Evans, G. Davies, R. Evans, W. John, Mr. Evans, stationmaster. Those who attended the service at the Crematorium were Mesdames P. Jones (daughter); Dilys Edwards (daughter-in-law); M. A. Lewis (cousin); A. Davies & Esther Sullivan (nieces); Mrs. Griffiths. At the house were: Mesdames W. Forward, D. Williams, W. Rees, C. Edwards, W. H. Edwards, J. Sullivan, M. Clayton (nieces); Mrs. Bailey, Brynmawr, P. Williams, C. Way, I. Walters, Evans, & R. M. Cumpstone.

**14 July 1951** Mrs. M. Davies's Funeral The funeral of Mrs. Margaret Davies, who for many years kept the Cwm Farm near Penybank, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday. She was the widow of Mr. James Davies who died many years ago.

**14 July 1951** Late Mrs. C. Edwards The following names were omitted last week from funeral report of Mrs. Captain Edwards: Messrs. Gwilym Thomas and William M. Davies.

**29 September 1951** Late Mr. G. Sibley Mr. George Sibley of 43, Aelybryn, who was a popular figure in the life of the village, has died. His wife pre-deceased him a short time ago.

**10 November 1951** Fatal Accident Mr. Evan John Jones met with a fatal accident last week while working in a Cardiff timber-yard. Before moving to Cardiff a few years ago, he lived at Fochriw, where he had spent the whole of his life. He was a member of Nazareth Chapel. He was 59 and married. Mr. Jones was a keen musician, and was a member of many well-known choirs.

**1 December 1951** Late Mrs. E. Jones A well-known inhabitant, Mrs. E. Jones, wife of Mr. Walter Jones, Glyn-terrace, has died after a long illness.

**22 December 1951** Former Resident The death has occurred of Mrs. E.M. Jones of Luton, late of Fochriw. The funeral will take place from the home of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. T.J. James, Brynteg-terrace.

**29 December 1951** Late Mrs. E. M. Jones The funeral took place last week of Mrs. E. M. Jones, daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. D. J. James of Dynevor-street, and familiarly known as "Nellie May James." After her marriage, Mrs. Jones lived at Luton. The funeral took place from the home of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. T. J. James, Brynteg, and was at Pentwyn Churchyard. Rev. T. J. Jones officiated at the house and graveside. The bearers were Messrs. E. Evans, R. Rees, T. Morris, B. Brown, W. Lewis & W. A. Davies. A large number of friends met at the grave. Among the mourners were: Messrs. T. J. James (brother); A. Hornsby (son-in-law); Syl James, John Jones, R. Lewis (nephews); Tom & Crad Shankland, C. Lewis, Bill Ross, Ray Cook, D. Evans (cousins); John J. Davies, R. Pritchard (uncles). Mourners at the house: Mesdames Lina Hornsby (daughter); Lil Jones, Jenny James, N. M. Hiscox, Amy Morris (sisters-in-law); Rachel & Beattie Lewis, Maggie J. Owen (aunts); Nellie Evans, Annie Davies, Len Cook, Eirlys Morris, Maureen Ross, Gladys Lewis, Annie Williams, Martha Beckler, Jean Paul, Elspeth & Emily Shankland, Mabel Davies & Evelyn Lewis (cousins)

**5 January 1952** 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.

**9 February 1952** Obituary The death has occurred of Mr. William Thomas, Brynteg-terrace, after a long illness.

**16 February 1952** 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)

**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.

**5 April 1952** Late Mrs. M. Thomas The death has taken place of a well-known inhabitant, Mrs. M. Thomas, Guest-street, after a long illness.

**12 April 1952** 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.

**3 May 1952** 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.

**3 May 1952** 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); Gelenys & 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.

**24 May 1952** 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

**17 May 1952** 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.

**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 (granddaughters); 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.

**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)

**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.

**26 July 1952** 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)

**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 his graveside by Pastor W. Griffiths, Penybanc Mission. The bearers were Messrs. P. Iles, 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); Phillip (grandson); Lillian, Olwen (sisters); Rose, Annie, Gwen, Lizzie (sisters-in-law); Mesdames Jones, James, Walters (aunts); Greta (cousin); Elsie May and Mattie (nieces); and Mrs. Coggan. There were numerous floral tributes.

**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.

**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.

**13 December 1952** 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).

**31 January 1953** Late Mr. J. Hughes The death has occurred at the home of his son and daughter-in-law in North Wales, of Mr. John Hughes, who for many years lived at Martin-street.

**21 February 1953** Late Mrs. Olive Lewis The death has occurred of a well-known inhabitant of the village, Mrs. Olive Lewis, wife of Mr. Tom Lewis, Aelybryn.

**28 February 1953** Late Mrs. Olive Lewis, Aelybryn The funeral of Mrs. O. Lewis, wife of Mr. Tom Lewis, took place at Bedwellty Churchyard on Thursday. The Rev. Eurof Jones, Cwmavon, late of Fochriw, officiated at the house and graveside. The bearers were Messrs. S. Lewis, W. Fox, W. A. Davies, J. Jones, S. Ballard & H. Jones. Mourners were: Mr. T. Lewis (husband); Messrs. W. Adams, Rees Lewis, D. Lewis, W. Angell, T. Shankland, C. J.



Quick (brothers-in-law); W. Lewis (uncle); T. & H. Adams, G. Cumpstone (nephews); T. R. & D. E. Lewis, D. Harris, W. James, W. & E. Harris (cousins). At the house: Joyce (daughter); Mrs. A. Titmus (mother); Dolly, Ivy, Phyllis (sisters); Rachel, Mary, Cassie, Nellie, Elspeth, Rona, Edith (sisters-in-law); Maggie, Bella, Mary, Alice (aunts); Joan, Thelma, Wynne (nieces); Sur, May, Rachel, Totse, Dolly, Ivy (cousins); Mrs. Games, Mrs. Sullivan, Mrs. Fox.

**18 April 1953** Late Mr. Edward Pryce, Martin-street The death has occurred of Mr. Edward Pryce, who was well known in the district. Mr. Pryce had lost both his legs, but was able to get along day by day on his artificial legs.

**25 April 1953** Late Mrs. Margaret Jones The death has occurred of another old inhabitant of the village, Mrs. Margaret Jones, Pit-row.

**25 April 1953** Late Mrs. Tydfil Smith, 11, Dynevor-street The death occurred suddenly of Mrs. Tydfil Smith. The burial was at Pentwyn Churchyard on Monday, April 20. Rev. Adams Evans and Mr. T. J. Jones officiated. The mourners were: Messrs. T. Price (brother); J. Lawrence (brother-in-law); W. P. Lawrence, Idris Williams, L. H. Jones, G. & D. J. Smith, C. & M. Evans, Gomer Davies & Lewis Jones (nephews). At the house: Mrs. J. M. Lawrence (sister); Mesdames E. M. Williams, A. M. Lawrence, Jeanne L. Williams, W. P. Lawrence, L. H. Jones, O. Evans, G. Davies (nieces). The bearers were Messrs. R. Price, D. Jenkins, W. Lewis, J. R. Walters, M. Shankland, O. Parry, J. Matthews, B. Edwards. Funeral arrangements were by Mr. V. S. Powell, Fochriw.

**2 May 1953** Motor Cyclist's Killed Idwal Davies, aged 32, of Hill-row, Pentwyn, a fitter employed at Ogilvie Colliery, Deri, died at Merthyr General Hospital on Saturday afternoon, after the motor cycle he was riding hit the fence on the side of the road at Penybanc earlier in the day. He sustained injuries to his head and legs. He was married with three step-children.

**2 May 1953** Late Mr. Edward Pryce, Martin-street The funeral of Mr. E. Pryce took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Wednesday. He was well known and highly respected. He was 72, and had lived in the district for over 40 years. He was a member of the Gospel Mission. The officiating ministers were Revs. Dd. Thomas, T. J. Jones, Wm. Griffiths, Dewi Morgan, J. Davies, Robert Davies and E. Evans. The bearers were Messrs. Islwyn Jones, Percy Isle, Lindsay Coggan, Gwynlais Lloyd, Mervin Parsons and Edryd Jones. The mourners were: Messrs. Edward G. & Ronald Pryce (sons); Stan Newman & Cyril Davies (sons-in-law); Brian Newman (grandson); Edwin, Charlie, George, Islwyn, Albert & Rufus Dummett, Evan Watkins (brothers-in-law); Willie Cleek & Dd. Davies (uncles); Glanmor & Baden Dummett, Haydn & Tommy Watkins, Len Davies, D. Leoman, Cyrus Newman, John Dyer, T. Williams (nephews); At the house: Mesdames S. Pryce (wife); Mabel Newman, Rhoda Evans, Violet Davies, Jean Pryce (daughters); Jenny & Ruby Pryce (daughters-in-law); Pam Newman & Sylvia Pryce (grand children); Mary Ann Watkins, Edith, Maggie and Phyllis Dummett (sisters-in-law); S. Davies (aunt); W. Watkins (cousin).

**9 May 1953** Road Victim The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Wednesday of Mr. Idwal Davies, aged 32, of Hill Row, Pentwyn, who recently met with a fatal accident on his motor-cycle, a few hundred yards from his home. He was very genial and highly respected, and proof of his popularity was shown at his funeral that was one of the largest in the village for many years. Rev. E. Adams Evans, vicar, officiated. Mourners were: John Thomas & Denzil (step-sons); Mervyn, Victor, Gwynfor, Horace, Tommy, Leslie & Dyfed Davies (brothers); Tommy & Peter Jenkins, Cliff Golding Hann, A. Carter, William Griffiths, G. Baker & C. Rowlands (brothers-in-law); R. Barnett, W. Allen (stepsons-in-law); F. Cowles, S. Lewis, Bert Ebbw Vale, J. Lee, T. Blake, & O. Saunders (uncles); A. Carter, E. Davies, J. Bell E. Beynon (nephews); D. Davies, J. P. Llewellyn, W. Dobson, W. Angell, T. Lewis, B. King, R. Lloyd, M. Williams (cousins). At the house were: Mesdames N. Davies (widow); E. M. Davies (mother); M. Colbourne, L. Golding Hann, B. Carter (sisters); G. Barnett & A. Allen (step daughters); O. Cowles, M. M. Jenkins, R. Davies, L. Jenkins, A. Griffiths & M. Baker (sisters-in-law); A. M. Davies, Gwladys Ebbw Vale, J. Lee, S. Lewis, T. Blake, O. Saunders, B. Mitchell, S. Davies, M. Cowles (aunts); Miss E. Davies (niece); E. Llewellyn, P. Clarke, B. King, V. Walters & Olwen (cousins); H. Pope, M. J. Davey, K.

Jones, E. Evans, A. Wheeler (neighbours). The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. D. J. Davies, Fochriw.

**25 July 1953** Late Mrs. Sarah Ann Coggan, Penybank, aged 58 The death occurred recently of Mrs. S. A. Coggan, wife of Mr. Arthur Coggan. Mrs. Coggan was a member of the Parish Church and of the Mothers' Union. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday, the Vicar officiating at house and graveside. Mourners were: Messrs. Arthur Coogan (husband); Vernon, Ralph, John, Lindsey (sons); Gordon, John Ivor, Garry, Clive, Philip (grandsons); Ralph Coggan, W. Brangwynne, C. W. Lill, A. Spencer (brothers-in-law); Bert Spencer, D. Mountes (nephews); G. Baldwin (cousin). The bearers were Messrs. E., D. & T. Morgan, C. G. Hann, L. Bengough, A. Williams & Dewi Morgan. At the house were: May, Glenys and Doreen (daughters-in-law); Betty, Pearl (grand-daughters); Elsie, Muriel, Ethel, Vi, Winnie (sisters); M. Clothier (sister-in-law); Joan, Margi, Freda, Pam (nieces); Mrs. Hilda Evans, Mrs. Evans (The Vicarage). There were a number of floral tributes. (listed)

**12 September 1953** Late Mr. Harold Benlow, Aelybryn the death has occurred of Mr. Harold Benlow, who has been a well-known and highly respected inhabitant of the village for many years.

**19 September 1953** Late Mr. H. Barlow The funeral of Mr. Herbert Barlow, 42, Aelybryn, took place on Friday at Pant Cemetery. He was a faithful member of the Gospel Hall, Deri, and the Gospel Hall, Fochriw. He met with an accident some 20 years ago at Ogilvie Colliery, and apart from this enjoyed good health. He died after a very short illness. Rev. D. Thomas officiated at the house and graveside, assisted by J. Hollifield of the Deri Gospel Hall, and Rev. T.J. Jones, Noddfa. The mourners were: Messrs. John & Harold Barlow (sons); Jack Barlow (brother); Richard Jones, Daniel Evans (sons-in-law); Herbert Jones (grandson); John D. Jones, Evan Jones, Fred Smith (brothers-in-law); Wm. Morgan, Wm. Griffiths, Ben Davies, Tom Lewis, Dd. Elias, Roy Evans, Eric Cheshire. At the house were: Mrs. A. Barlow (widow); Irene & Iris (daughters); and other relatives. Mr. D.J. Davies, undertaker, Fochriw, carried out the funeral arrangements.

**7 November 1953** Late Mr. John Williams The death has occurred of a well-known inhabitant, Mr. John Williams, Plantation-street.

**7 November 1953** Death of Former Headmaster The death has occurred of one of the district's oldest inhabitants, Mr. Josiah John Evans, of Penybank Farm. He was a former headmaster of Gellygaer Council School. The funeral took place at Glyntaff Crematorium on Thursday.

**21 November 1953** Late Mrs. K. Price The death has occurred of one of Fochriw's oldest inhabitants, Mrs. Kate Price, Martin-street, aged 81 years. She was a faithful member of Noddfa Baptist Chapel. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard, and the officiating ministers were Rev. T.J. Jones and Rev. E. Adams Evans. Mourners were: Messrs. David J. Richard, G. & Gordon Price (sons); T.A. Kent, J.C. Parry, J. Sheen (sons-in-law); John Davies, Thomas Thomas (brothers-in-law); Glanmor & Derlwyn Kent, Rhys Price (grandsons); W.J. Davies, J. Thomas, Anthony Price, Bryn Rees (cousins). At the house were: Mrs. S.A. Davies (sister); Mesdames Bridget Price, Edir Kent, Sarah Parry, Mennie Sheen (daughters); Agnes, Eve & Kitty Price (daughters-in-law); Elsa & Jill (grand children); Anie, Rosie, Miriam, Chrisley, Sal, Mair (cousins); Mrs. John Williams, Mrs. Cumpstone.

**28 November 1953** Late Mr. John Williams The death has occurred of Mr. John Williams, Platation-terrace, aged 64. He was the eldest son of Mr. & Mrs. Edward Williams. The funeral, which was private, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard, the Rev. E. Adams Evans, vicar, officiating. Mourners: Messrs. M. & J. Williams (sons); Jenkin & D. Stanley Williams (brothers); L. Williams & Leslie Davies (nephews); Harry Hiscox (brother-in-law); T. Sullivan (cousin). At the house: Mrs. Williams (wife); Miss Williams (daughter); Mrs. Maggie Williams (sister-in-law); Mrs. Monica Davies (niece); Mrs. Sullivan. Mr. D. J. Davies, 2, Aelybryn, was the funeral director.

**28 November 1953** Late Mr. F. Sibley, Guest-street, aged 84 The death has occurred of a well known inhabitant of the village, Mr. F. Sibley. He had spent over 60 years in Fochriw.

He was a member of St. Mary's Church. The funeral took place on Wednesday at Pentwyn Churchyard. Officiating ministers were the Vicar, and Rev. T. J. Jones. The mourners were: Mr. Ernest Sibley (son); Mr. F. Wilton (son-in-law); Messrs. Willie Sibley William Wilton, Dorian Moon, C. Greenaway (grandsons); John Greenaway (great grandson); Horace Tunnlry, Dan James (nephews); T. Brown, G. Gwynne, R. Evans. At the house: Mrs. V. Sibley (daughter-in-law); Mrs. M.J. Strange (sister-in-law); Mesdames Scriven, F. Greenaway, I. Moon, Misses Freda Wilton, Evelyn Sibley, Mrs. Dora Wilton (grand daughters); Mesdames Braly Caple, Cissie Caple, Weston-super-Mare, D. Jones (nieces); R. Evans, Mrs. Pugh, Mrs. Ramsey, Mr. J. J. Lewis.

**19 December 1953** Late Mrs. Mary Ann Evans The funeral of Mrs. M. A. Evans, 41, Aelybryn-street, wife of Mr. Bert Evans, took place at Glyntaf Crematorium on Monday. Mrs. Evans was 65, and had resided in the village for the past 47 years. She was the eldest but one of the family of the late Mr. David Davies, builder and undertaker. Mrs. Evans was a faithful member of the Sisterhood. The Revs. E. Adams Evans and T. J. Jones officiated at the house and Crematorium. The mourners were: Mr. Bert Evans (husband); Tudor, Willie, Myrddin, Harry (sons); Tom, David John, Dan & Ben Davies (brothers); Lizzie, Gwladys, Hilda, Aseneth, Jenny May (sisters); Lilian, Joan, Ethel, Enid (daughters-in-law); Messrs. Gordon Davies, Evan Parry, W. M. Davies, Sydney Evans, Sam Thomas (brothers-in-law); Vernon Davies, Sylvan Evans, Trevor Edwards, Fred Wright (nephews); Wm. John, Rd. Jones (uncles); H. Jones, Mrs. H. H. Beynon, Mrs. Tawe Jones (aunts). Mr. D. J. Davies, Aelybryn, was the undertaker.

**26 December 1953** Late Mr. A.E. Wright The death has occurred at Rhymney Hospital, after a long illness, of Mr. Albert Edward Wright of Aelybryn. He was the son of the late Mr. James Wright. Aged 63, he had lived in the village nearly all his life. The funeral took place on Tuesday at Pentwyn Chyurchyard and was attended by many friends and fellow-workmen. The officiating minister was Rev. E. Adams Evans, vicar. The mourners were: Messrs. Fred & Beverley Wright (sons); Jeffrey Tyler & Wayne Wright (grandsons); Fred, Syd & William J. Wright (brothers); Goronwy Tyler (son-in-law); Tom Davies, David J. Davies, Ben Davies, Dan Davies, Bert Evans, Evan Parry, Sydney Evans, Wm. M. Davies, Sam Thomas, G. Davies (brothers-in-law); Robert Davies, Wm. John (uncles); W. Fox, Willie Evans, Harry Evans, Ellis Davies, Reg Gittoes (nephews). At the house were: Mesdames Gladys Wright (widow); Doris, Jennie May, Annie (daughters); Christine (grand-daughter); Lizzie, Hilda, Aseneth, Jenny May, Edith, Maud, May, Mrs. Syd Wright, Mrs. W.J. Wright (sisters-in-law); Mrs. T. Jones (aunt); Mesdames R. Fox, R. Williams, Elsie Wood, R.M. Cumpstone. There were a number of floral tributes. (listed)

**26 December 1953** Late Mr. Slimmon The funeral of Mr. A. Slimmon, who died at St. James' Hospital, Balham, London, at the age of 49, took place from the residence of his sister, Mrs. Grace Edwards, 1, Brynteg-terrace. He was the husband of Nesta Slimmon, and the son of the late Mr. & Mrs. Robert Slimmon, Lllwyn Iago Farm. Mr. Slimmon was a member of the Methodist Central Hall, London. He leaves a widow and three sons. The service was conducted by the Revs. T.J. Jones and E. Adams Evans. The bearers were Messrs. Willie Davies, Derlwyn Lewis, Jack Lawrence, Bob Rees, Crad Shankland & Wm. Lewis. Mourners were: Messrs. Charles & Leonard Slimmon (sons); John & Lonnie (brothers); Jim Jones, John Lloyd, Will, Edwards, Bill Beer, Evan Evans (brothers-in-law); Glyn Edwards, Robbie Slimmon, D.R. Lloyd (nephews); Steve Ballard, David Evans, Gomer Evans (uncles); Edmund Davies, Gwynfor Davies, Leonard Britton, Will Slimmon, John & Cecil Llewellyn, Cyril Lewis (cousins). At the house were Nesta (widow); Gareth (son); Maggie, Grace, Addie, Margaret, Jean (sisters); Lilian (sister-in-law); J. Davies (aunt); Pim, Margaret, Rita (nieces); Jessie Jane, Mary Jane & Doris Davies-Jones and Jessie Elizabeth and Sarah Jane (cousins); Mrs. E.G. Rees. Owing to illness, Matthew (brother) was unable to attend. There were a number of floral tributes. (listed)

**13 February 1954** 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.

**27 February 1954** 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.

**27 February 1954** 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.

**27 February 1954** 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, Pontllytyn, 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.

**13 March 1954** 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.

**13 March 1954** 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.

**20 March 1954** Sudden Death The death has occurred of Mr. Edward Thomas Chapman, Aelybryn.

**27 March 1954** 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.

**27 March 1954** 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.

**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.

**8 May 1954** 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.

**15 May 1954** 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).

**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.

**22 May 1954** 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.

**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.

**12 June 1954** 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)

**26 June 1954** Late Mrs. S.A. Payne The sudden death has occurred of Mrs. Sarah Ann Payne, wife of Councillor W.J. Payne, 1, Glyn-terrace.

**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 Gellygaer 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.

**25 September 1954** 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)

**2 October 1954** Late Mr. Richard Evans The death has occurred of an old and highly respected inhabitant, Mr. Richard Evans, 20, Martin-street.

**9 October 1954** 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)

**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.

**16 October 1954** 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.

**13 November 1954** Burials Two well-known former inhabitants of the village were buried last week. Mrs. Charlotte Lewis, Pontlottyn, was buried at Pant, and Mrs. Maggie Davies, Gilfach, was buried at Pentwyn Churchyard.

**13 November 1954** 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.

**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.

**26 February 1955** Late Mrs. Emily Martin, 11, Mount Pleasant, Pentwyn The funeral of Mrs. E. Martin took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday week. The Vicar officiated. The mourners were: Messrs. Morgan Williams, Desmond Harding, Ivor Williams, Glyn Jones (sons-in-law); Ralph Johns (grandson); J. Edmunds, W. & D. Garbett, F. Thomas, E. Davies, A. Thomas (nephews); B., L. & M. Davies, W. Lewis, G. Harris, B. E. & D. Evans, G. Williams, J. Pullen (cousins); W. Pope. The bearers were Messrs. J. Pullen, M., F. & G. Williams, T. Lewis. At the house were: Meg. Lucy, Phyllis Bronwen (daughters); Lucy, Gwladys & Betty (nieces); Mesdames Lewis, Harris, Pope and Davy (cousins). Funeral arrangements were by Mr. W. Thomas, undertaker, Deri.

**26 February 1955** Late Mr. Richard Evans, 1, Railway Terrace, aged 79 The death occurred on Saturday week of Mr. R. Evans. He had lived at Fochriw all his life. The funeral took place at Pant Cemetery on Wednesday week. Rev. T. J. Jones officiated assisted by

Rev. E. Adams Evans. The mourners were: Messrs. W. A. Davies (son-in-law); Richard Evans. Dd. E. Evans, Caradog Thomas, T. J. Evans, Emrys Evans, Robert Thomas, Sydney Evans, Evan W. Jones, David Llewellyn, Emlyn Evans, David C. Evans (Australia), Tom Morris, Cliff Bane, Syl James, Ray Clark, Harry Jenkins (nephews); Tom Rowlands, David Evans, David Jones (cousins); Geo. Davies, Ray Davies, Harry Jones, Thos. Ballard, Wm. Cook, Tom Walters, Stephen Lewis, John Bibby & Walter Jones. At the house were: Annie Davies (daughter); Doris Jones, Lizzie Morris, Gwenda Pearce, Edith Thomas, Gwenfil James (nieces); Eliz. A. Evans, Blod Evans, Annie Evans, Morfydd Watkins, Nan Jones, Teg Cumpstone, Barry, (cousins); M. I. Jones, Edith M. Davies, Irene Lewis (Llanelly), Peggy Davies (Laleston). The funeral arrangements were by Mr. D. J. Davies, undertaker, 25, Glan-y-nant Houses, Fochriw.

**26 February 1955** Late Mr. Lewis Richards, Chapel Row, Penybank, aged 64 The death has taken place of Mr. L. Richards. He was a member of a family that had lived in the village for many years. The funeral took place on Monday at Pentwyn Churchyard. The Rev. T. J. Jones of Noddfa officiated at the house and graveside. The mourners were: Messrs. David and William Evans (brothers-in-law); J. R. Davies, T. J. Evans, Sydney Evans, Trevor Evans (nephews); Reg Gittoes.

**26 February 1955** Late Mrs. Catherine Mary Jones, 6, Aelybryn, aged 88 The death occurred suddenly on February 14<sup>th</sup> of Mrs. C. M. Jones. She was the wife of the late Mr. John Jones, who was an official for a number of years at the old Guest, Keen and Nettlefolds No.2 Pit, Fochriw. A faithful member of Noddfa Chapel, where her husband was senior deacon, Mrs. Jones was a native of Dowlais, and, in her younger days, was a member of the old Dowlais and Merthyr Mixed Choir. The funeral took place on Friday at Pant Cemetery and was strictly private. Rev. T. J. Jones of Noddfa officiated at house and graveside. The mourners were: Messrs. Gwilym Thomas (brother); Nehemiah Thomas & Leighton Bevan Walters (grandsons). At the house were: Mrs. Eunice Walters (daughter); Mrs. T. Sullivan, Mrs. Crad Shankland & Mrs. Cumpstone. Noddfa Chapel was represented by Mr. Joshua Evans and the neighbours by Mr. Tom Sullivan. The undertaker was Mr. D. J. Davies, Fochriw.

**14 May 1955** Late Mr. Henry Fisher, Aelybryn The death has occurred of a well-known personality in the village, Mr. Henry Fisher.

**14 May 1955** Late Miss Mary E. Thomas, 13, Guest Street The funeral took place on Wednesday last of a well known inhabitant of the village, Miss M. E. Thomas. A service was held at the Parish Church conducted by the Vicar. The mourners were: T. J., B. & R. Lewis (nephews); T. Jones (cousin); R. Lewis. At the house: Mrs. R. Lewis (sister); Mrs. A. M. Lewis (niece); M. Thomas, M. Osbourne, M. Edwards, E. & B. Lynch (cousins); M. Wells, L. Powell, B. Lewis. Mr. D. Thomas, brother, was unable to attend due to illness.

**21 May 1955** Late Mr. J. Lewis The death has occurred of a well-known inhabitant, Mr. John Lewis, Guest-street. He had lived in the village all his life.

**21 May 1955** Died Aged 87 The death has occurred at 16, Aelybryn, of Mr. Henry Fisher, aged 87. He was an old inhabitant of Deri, but had lived in Fochriw for the past 13 years, with his daughter and son-in-law. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard, Rev. E. Adams Evans officiating. Mourners were: Messrs. Will Fisher (son); Messrs. John Rees Thomas, Tim Morrissey (sons-in-law); Desmond Morrissey, David Tancock, Thos. Baker (grandsons); Chris & David Thomas, John Slimmons, Thomas Thomas, Vivian Powell, Stuart Davies, Iorwerth Evans, Norman Thomas, S. Russell, J. Bibby, S. Ballard. Bearers: Messrs. A. Wood, W. Edmunds, R. Jones, Windsor Chapman, Ralph Titcombe, Sam Harris. At the house were Elsie, Ethel, Doll (daughters); Frances, Cynthia, Betty, Shirley (grand daughters); Kathleen (great-grand-daughter); Paul, Douglas (great-grandsons); Lilian, Jean, Mair, Betty (nieces); Mesdames Bull and Chapman, Morfa, Olga, Dot, Irene, Elsie. There were numerous floral tributes. Funeral arrangements were by Powell and Sharpe, builders and undertakers, Fochriw.

**11 June 1955** Late Mr. J. Richards The death has taken place after a long illness of Mr. John Richards, Railway Terrace, at the age of 60 years. He lived at his native Pantywaun before coming to Fochriw. The funeral took place on Monday at Pentwyn Churchyard, and



was well attended. The Rev. T.J. Jones, Noddfa, and the Rev. E. Adams Evans, vicar, officiated. The mourners were: Messrs. W.T. & Jenkin Richards (brothers); E. Stead, John Lloyd Jones (brothers-in-law); Evan Jones (uncle); Haydn Richards, Glyn Williams, Elfed Williams, Bryn Jones, Aeron Jones, Arthur Smith, David Morris, Eban Morris, Thos. Morris, George Dare, Teifion Morris, Seaborne Williams, Dryslwyn Rowlands, Ellis Davies, W.J. Dyer, Owen Dyer, Jenkin Whiting, Edgar Williams, Daniel Williams, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Shakespeare, David Evans. At the house were Mesdames M.A. Richards (wife); Katie Stead, Mary Jane Rowlands (sisters); Caroline Jones, Louiza Richards, Betty Richards (sisters-in-law); M.A. Jones, M.J. Jones (aunts); Megan Davies, Betty Williams, MaTabitha Smith, Gwen Dyer, Maureen Williams, Glenys Rowlands, Elizabeth Dare. M.A. Davies, Jones, Thomas, Fox, Williams, Farley, Williams (Blaen Carno), Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Evans. Funeral arrangements were by Mr. D.J. Davies, Glanynant, Fochriw.

**30 July 1955** Late Mr. Richard George Evans, Plantation Terrace The death has taken place of a well-known local man, Mr. R. G. Evans. Mr. Evans died at Tredegar Hospital where he had been a patient. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday. The officiating ministers were Revs. Jesse Yeoman, T. J. Jones and E. Adams Evans. The mourners were: Mrs. Evans (wife); Phyllis, Idris, Emrys, Douglas, Derlwyn (children); Emllyn (grandson); Mr. & Mrs. Chas. Evans, Mr. & Mrs. Tom Evans (brothers & sisters-in-law); Mr. & Mrs. Ivor Horton, Mrs. Gladys Miller (sisters & brother-in-law); Mr. Ben Evans (nephew); Messrs. R. W. Parry, David Lewis, S. O. Davies (brothers-in-law); Bradley, Maldwyn Hughes. At the house were Mesdames Ciss, Ren, Florrie and Amy (daughters-in-law); Edith Lewis, R. Parry (sisters-in-law). The bearers were Messrs. R. Clarke, Steve Jones, Wm. Lewis, W. A. Davies, Gordon Lawrence and John Gwyn Gittens. Funeral arrangements were by Mr. D. J. Davies, Fochriw.

**1 October 1955** Late Mrs. Esther Matthews The death has taken place suddenly of Mrs. E. Matthews, wife of Mr. John Matthews, Dynevor-street.

**8 October 1955** Late Mrs. Esther Pugh Matthews, Dynevor-street, aged 39 The funeral of Mrs. E. P. Matthews took place at Pentwyn Cemetery on Saturday. She is survived by her husband, Mr. Hohn Matthews, and a daughter, Malvina. She was the daughter of Mrs. S. Pugh, and the late Mr. R. Pugh. Mrs. Matthews was a faithful member, and loyal worker at Nazareth C. M. Chapel, where she will be greatly missed. She was suddenly taken ill coming out of chapel after the week-night service, and was taken to Tredegar Hospital, where she died the same night. Revs. Jesse Yeoman, T. J. Jones, Glanville Jones, and E. Adams Evans officiated at the house and graveside. The bearers were Messrs. W. A. Davies, C. Shankland, D. Lewis, M. Thomas, J. Watkins, E. Gittens. Mourners were: Messrs. John Matthews (husband); Lewis Hopkins (brother-in-law); Tom Matthews (father-in-law); Will, Horace, Vivian, Cecil, George, Glyn (brothers-in-law); W. A. Jones, Griff Jones, Idris Davies, J. A. Jones, Trevor R. Jones, D. Mutlaw, D. Lloyd Jones, Howell Bowen, Harold Wellsman, Ivor Davies, Leslie Hathaway, Maldwyn Jones (cousins); D. Matthews (nephew); Howell Jones, W. J. Payne, M. Williams (uncles); J., Reg, S. Matthews, W. & R. Rowlands, J. & S. Johns, Idwal Williams, Ellis Matthews, W. Tams, B. Pittaway, G. Morgan, M. Edwards. At the house were: Mesdames S. Pugh (mother); Malvina (daughter); Magdalen Hopkins (sister); Muriel Hopkins (niece); Sarah J. Matthews (mother-in-law); Flossie Perkins, Winnie Meredith, May, Iris, Iris V., & Phyllis Matthews (sisters-in-law); Janet Jones, Beatrice Mutlaw, A. Pugh, A. Jones (aunts); Hetty Grawen, Hetty Carter, Estyna Wellsman, Mattie Davies, Esther Hathaway, Helen Locke, Muriel Lewis, Jane Pugh (cousins); M. H. Morgan, E. J. Williams, R. & M. Pittaway, K. Jones, L. & M. S. Price, E. A. Evans. The funeral arrangements were by Mr. D. J. Davies, Fochriw.

**5 November 1955** Late Mrs. E. Rees The death occurred on October 20 of Mrs. Elizabeth Rees, widow of Mr. John Rees, Aelybryn, at the age of 88 years. Mrs. Rees was one of the oldest inhabitants of the village. The cremation took place at Glyntaff on October 24. The officiating minister was Rev. T.J. Jones, assisted by Rev. E. Adams Evans. Mourners were: Messrs. David J. Rees (son); Charles Ffrowd, H. Billingham (sons-in-law); Gilmor Robinson (grandson); Tom Matthews (nephew). Bearers: Messrs. Wm. Cook, Stephen Ballard, W.A. Davies, Thomas Lewis, David J. Jones, Gordon Lawrence. At the house were: Mesdames

Charles Ffrowd, H. Robinson, H. Billingham (daughters); Linda Williams (niece); W.A. Davies. There were a number of floral tributes. (listed)

**26 November 1955** Late Mrs. Elizabeth Cumpstone One of the oldest inhabitants of the village, Mrs. Elizabeth Cumpstone, Bryn Awel, died on November 13<sup>th</sup> at her home. Aged 81, and the wife of Mr. Ernest Cumpstone, she came to Fochriw from Penydarren when she was five years old. The daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. William Ballard, Mrs. Cumpstone had attended Carmel Chapel of 75 years, and was made a member in 1891. She was a member of the Mothers' Union. Mr. & Mrs. Cumpstone were married at St. Tydfil's Church, Merthyr, in June 1897, and they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary eight years ago. Mrs. Cumpstone had 5 sons, 3 daughters, 13 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren. She was interred at Pentwyn Churchyard on November 16<sup>th</sup>, the Rev. Rhys Bowen, Rhymney, officiating, assisted by Rev. E. Adams Evans, Fochriw, Rev. Thomas and Rev. A. Williams, Pontlottyn, and Rev. Howell Jones, Deri. The mourners were Mr. Ernest Cumpstone (husband); Idris, Nicholas, Bert, Arthur, Cadfan (sons); Lydia, Margaret, Tegwedd (daughters); Mrs. B. Davies (sister); Messrs. Stephen Ballard (brother); Frank Chaplin, Haydn Jones, Eric Slade (sons-in-law); R. Broadbent, W. Lewis, Bryn & Graham Cumpstone, William & Caradog Ballard, Gwilym Davies (nephews); Douglas & Billy Cumpstone, Ronald Petchey, E. Hodgson-Walker (grandsons); Cliff Hayward (brother-in-law); Robert Arthur. At the house were Mesdames Idris, Nicholas and Bert Cumpstone (daughters-in-law); R.M. Cumpstone, M.A. & Celia Ballard (sisters-in-law); Hodgson-Walker, Enid Pillidge, Elsie Cumpstone (grand daughters); Trollope, M.A. & Nelly Davies (Pentwyn), William Thomas (Deri). There were many floral tributes. (listed)

**7 January 1956** Late Mr. W.R. Lewis The death has occurred of Mr. William Rees Lewis, 10, Aelybryn. He was 61 years old.

**21 January 1956** Late Mr. William Rees Lewis, 10, Aelybryn, aged 61 The funeral of Mr. W. R. Rees took place on Thursday at Pentwyn Churchyard. Mr. Rees had lived the whole of his life in the village. Rev. A. S. Edwards officiated, assisted by Rev. E. Adams Evans. The bearers were Messrs. W. Fox, Gomer Williams, John Watkins, Willie A. Davies, Tudor Moon, Mike Soroko. The mourners were: Messrs. Dd. & Tom Lewis (brothers); W. Angell, T. Shankland, Calvin Quick (brothers-in-law); W. Lewis (uncles); Bryn & Graham Cumpstone, Gwyn Angell, Tom Cockran, Harry Evans (nephews); Jack Jones, D. Harris, W. Phillips, A. Rowbottom Thomas R. Lewis, Elfed Lewis, Will & Evan Harris, Tom Rees, Edward Davies, Willie James, Evan Morris (cousins); Jack Jones, David Williams, Jack Long, David Way, Stephen Ballard, Tom Sullivan, Thomas Walters, Aneurin Evans, Walter Jones, Councillors W. J. Payne and S. Lewis, J.P., Messrs. C. Edwards, Baden Bowen, Bert & Willie Evans. At the house: Mesdames Catherine Way, R. M. Cumpstone, Ellen Angell, Elizabeth Shankland, Aurora Quick (sisters); Edith & Ellen Lewis (sisters-in-law); Bella Harris, Mary A. Lewis (aunts); Joan Cockran, Thelma Evans, Winnie Cumpstone, Joyce Lewis (nieces); Rachel James, Mary Jones, Maggie Rowbottom, Florrie Harris, Susan & Toots Clark, Ivy & Doris Lewis (cousins); Mesdames Long, Fox, Sullivan & Ballard.

**4 February 1956** Late Mrs. Kate Shankland, 16, Guest-street, aged 77 The funeral of Mrs. Kate Shankland, widow of Mr. Caradog Shankland, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard last Tuesday. She was a native of Trawsfynydd, North Wales, and had spent the greater part of her life in Fochriw. The Rev. E. Adams Evans and Rev. T. J. Jones officiated. The bearers were Messrs. E. W. Jones, E. & R. Gittoes, J. Matthew, D. Evans, T. Owen. The chief mourners were Meirion & Bob (sons); Myrddin (son-in-law); Islwyn, Alun, Michael, Gwyn (grandsons); Tom, Crad, J. Elias, H. Simpson, Idris, Emrys, Clifford, Glanmor, Noel, Will Ross (nephews); Messrs. Evan Morris, J. Jenkins, Idris Griffiths. At the house were: Nellie, Jenny, Bessie, Cassie (daughters); May, Katie, Phyllis, Edna, Ann (grand-daughters); Mesdames Mary J. Edwards, M. J. Owen, T. A. Simpson, Emily, Elspeth, Gwladys, Mavis, Maureen, G. Lewis, M. Mille, M. Hopkins, E. Jones, S. Gittens & E. A. Evans. Funeral arrangements were by Mr. D. J. Davies, Glanynant, Fochriw.

**18 February 1956** Fatal Accident It was with regret that the people of Fochriw heard that Mr. Thomas Rees Lewis of Lewis-street, Aberbargoed, had met with a fatal colliery accident. He had only removed from the village, where he had lived for many years, a few

months ago, to live in Aberbargoed. He leaves a wife and two daughters. The funeral took place on Saturday at Pentwyn Churchyard. The Vicar and the Rev. T. J. Jones officiated. The funeral was a large and representative one.

**10 March 1956** Obituary The death has occurred of an old inhabitant of the village, Mr. James Davies, Guest Street.

**24 March 1956** Late Mr. Tom Jenkins A well known and highly respected person, Mr. Tom Jenkins, Ystrad Mynach, late of Fochriw, where he spent the greater part of his life, has died. Before moving to Ystrad Mynach, he was the secretary of the Fochriw Library and Institute.

**31 March 1956** Late Mr. J. Davies The funeral of Mr. James Davies, 8 Guest-street, took place at Pentwyn Cemetery. The officiating ministers were Revs. T.J. Jones and E. Adams Evans. The mourners were Messrs. W.A. & Burkley Davies (sons); David Morris, Harry Price (sons-in-law); Edward Davies (brother-in-law); Claude Smith, James & Gethin Price, David Morris, Brain & Melvyn Davies (grandsons); W.A. & Burkley Davies, Howell Thomas, W.A. Thomas, William & Burkley Angell, W.J. Vernon, Eddie Llewellyn, Frederick & Alban Way, D.J. Davies, Glyn Thomas (nephews). At the house were Mesdames L.A. Flewitt, May Morris (daughters); E. May Davies, M.M. Davies (daughters-in-law); Florence Wayne, Maud Davies (sisters-in-law); Blodwen Davies, Lil Lewis, Doris Jones, Ceridwen Oliver, Eleanor Way, Nurse M. Lewis, . The bearers were Messrs. Wm. Lewis, C. Shankland, T. Owen, Francis Thomas, R. Gittoes. Messrs. T. Thomas, Walter Jones and a number of other friends also attended.

**14 April 1956** Late Mrs. Margaret Ann Davies The death has occurred of one of Fochriw's oldest inhabitants, Mrs. Margaret Ann Davies, Brook Cottage. Mrs. Davies, who was the wife of Mr. David Davies, was 78 years of age. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard this week. Apart from brief periods at Llandyssul and Aberbargoed, Mrs. Davies lived all her life in Fochriw. Before her marriage, she was organist at Carmel Chapel, and maintained her membership until her death. The Rev. T. J. Jones and the Rev. E. Adams Evans officiated. The mourners were: Messrs. David Davies (husband); Jack, Roderick, Claeuwyn, Islwyn, Garfield and Stuart Davies (sons); Jimmy Davies (grandson); John R. Thomas, Eddie & Elwyn Jenkins, Iorwerth Thomas, Raymond Jenkins, Lynn Evans, Austin Jones, Les Voyle (nephews); John Jukes (cousin); John Slimmon. The bearers were Messrs. Dan Jenkins, Des Kelly, Emllyn Matthews, Gwilym Davies, Ted Williams, Derlwyn Lewis. At the house were Megan (daughter); Mrs. Sarah Jenkins (sister); Mae, Mary, Beryl, Dilys, Merrill (daughters-in-law); Lizzie & Mae Evans (nieces); Fran, Peggy and Joan. Others present were Coun. Sam Lewis, Coun. W. J. Payne, Messrs. Dan James, Thomas Walters, John Roberts, Oct. Thomas, Mervyn Howells, Bert & Cadfan Cumpstone, Harry Jones.

**28 April 1956** Late Mr. Thomas Rowlands The funeral of Mr. T. Rowlands, who retired last year after many years service as a postman, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard recently. The Vicar and Rev. T. J. Jones officiated.

**5 May 1956** Late Mr. Bertie Edwards The death has taken place of Mr. Bertie Edwards, who was 58.

**5 May 1956** Late Mr. Thomas Rowlands The funeral of Mr. T. Rowlands, husband of Mrs. E. L. Rowlands, 6, Glyn Terrace, took place recently at Pentwyn Churchyard. The officiating minister was Rev. T. J. Jones, assisted by Rev. E. Adams Evans. The mourners were: Mr. & Nrs Tudor Rowlands (son & daughter-in-law); Messrs. Daniel & John Rowlands (brothers); W. Price, Dd. & L. Evans, W. Angell Davies, J. Weston (brothers-in-law); E. Evans, Brinley Cumpstone, Wilfred Hollister, Stanley Watkins, W. A. Davies (cousins). At the house were Mrs. E. J. Rowlands (wife); Mesdames E. A. & Blodwen Evans, E. M. Davies (sisters); Mesdames W. Price, O. Weston, E. Rowlands (sisters-in-law); Teg Cumpstone, A. Morgan, Annie Daivies, Annie Evans, M. Watkins, Eunice Rowlands, Connie Evans (cousins); C. Shankland, R. Cole, W. Jenkins, V. Llewellyn. The bearers were Messrs. J. & G. Lawrence, Tuoer Evans, V. Llewellyn, C. & Idris Shankland. Also present were Councillors S. Lewis & W. J. Payne, Mr. Thomas Walters & Mr. Emllyn Evans, Post Office.

**12 May 1956** Late Mr. Bertie Edwards, Pleasant View The funeral of Mr. Bertie Edwards, husband of Mrs. Dilys Edwards, "The Anchorage," Pleasant View, took place on Thursday at Glyntaff Crematorium. He was a member of Noddfa Welsh Baptist Chapel. Rev. T. J. Jones, assisted by Rev. E. Adams Evans officiated. The mourners were: Messrs. Willie Edwards (son); Phillip Jones (nephew); Charles Edwards, Sam Lewis, J.P., Joshua Evans, Sid Phillips (uncles); W. H., J. S. & T. B. Edwards, Connie & Charles Edwards, Tom Mantle, Jack Jones, Tom Sullivan, Dan Williams, M.E., W. Forward, I. Evans, Tom Thomas, D. Joshua Thomas, Bryn Thomas, Will Fox, Frank Jenkins, Windsor Chapman, Emrys Thomas (cousins). Bearers were: Messrs. J. R. Walters, Dan Jenkins, R. J. Price, O. Parry, G. Williams, T. Lewis. At the house were Mrs. Dilys Edwards (wife); Mesdames Mrs. E. A. Evans & Mrs. Edna E. Jones (sisters-in-law); Mesdames M. A. Lewis, A. Thomas, M. Phillips (aunts); Phyllis Jones, Esther Sullivan, M. Rees, B. Williams, H. Edwards, N. Edwards, R. Fox, W. Jenkins, J. Williams, M. Evans, Nurse P. Thomas (cousins); I. Walters, L. Morris, E. Thomas, W. Evans, Nurse M. Lewis. Others present were: Coun. W. J. Payne, Messrs. J. Lawrence, T. Evans, Gordon Lawrence, Gwilym Davies, Robert & Crad Thomas, Tom Morris, Attwell Woods, Gomer Davies. Mr. Albert Mantle, cousin, was unable to attend de to illness.

**9 June 1956** Late Mr. David Oliver Davies The death has occurred of Mr. D. O. Davies, "Bryn Amlwg," aged 57. A native of Rhymney, Mr. Davies was a member of Seion Congregational Chapel, and of the Old Rhymney Male Voice Choir. Since coming to Fochriw 28 years ago, he has been a faithful member of Carmel Chapel. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard. The officiating ministers were Revs. T. J. Jones, assisted by Rev. E. Adams Evans. The mourners were: Messrs. Brian Davies (son); Evan Davies, T. I. Davies, Cromwell Davies (brothers); T. H. Jenkins, Richard Morgan, Howell Thomas, Wm. A. Thomas, G. Thomas, Robert W. Parry, S. C. Price, C. G. Hann (brothers-in-law); J. Oliver Evans, Ken Morgan, Billie Thomas, Dd. J. Davies, W. H. Davies, Howell T. Lewis, Ronal Lewis, Lynn Price (nephews); Thomas Walters (uncle); Thos. Roberts, Dan Davies, D. W. Jones, D. B. Jones, Pastor David Thomas, Francis Thomas, Willie Angell, Burkley Angell, Will Angell Davies, Tom Davies, Ray Clark, Gwynlais Lloyd (cousins); D. Sallis, Tudor Jones, Bryn Tibbott, Dan Kennedy, Councillors S. Lewis & W. J. Payne (friends). The bearers were Tudor Evans, Tom Jenkins, Will Fox, John Watkins, Lindsay Coggan, Tom Jones, Gordon Lawrence, Gwilym Davies. At the house were: Mrs. May Davies (wife); Mesdames Annie Evans, F. M. Jenkins, Ceinwen Morgan, Gwyneth Neagle (sisters); Miriam & Phyllis Davies, Lil Lewis, Laurie Parry, Ceridwen Oliver, Edith M. Thomas, Margaret Price, Jessie G. Hann, Greta Thomas, Annie Thomas, Hannah Thomas (sisters-in-law); Maud Davies, Ceridwen Walters (aunts); Mimi Lewis (niece); Laurie Flewitt, Annie Davies (cousins); Liz Jones (friend). The funeral arrangements were by Mr. D. J. Davies, Fochriw.

**18 August 1956** Late Mrs. M.A. Ballard The death occurred at St. Tydfil's Hospital, on August 5, after a brief illness, of Mrs. M.A. Ballard, wife of the late Mr. Arthur Ballard, headmaster of Penybanc School. After a service at the hospital chapel, conducted by the Rev. Brython Davies, Cardiff, and Rev. E. Adams Evans, Vicar, the funeral took place at Glyntaff Crematorium on August 9. The mourners were: Margaret (daughter); Margaret (sister); Tom & Ceredwen (brother & sister-in-law); R. Jones (uncle); Stephen & Celia Ballard, Mrs. B. Davies, E. Cumpstone, Tom Walters, Geo. & Mrs. Walters, John, D.W. & J.R. Walters, R. Thomas, Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Jones (Ynysgir), Mrs. Morgan (Treforest). Miss G. Davies, Idris Jones (Caerphilly), Islwyn Jones (Deri) (cousins); Idris, Nicholas & Bert Cumpstone, W. Ballard, Habucuck Ballard, Leon Price-Davies, W.B. Thomas (nephews). Friends present were: Coun. W.J. Payne, Coun. Sam Lewis, J.P., Iorwerth Evans, W.A. Davies, Emlyn Evans, Matron M. Jones, Sandbrook Hospital, Miss Maria Jones, Fochriw.

**18 August 1956** Late Mr. W. Cook The death has occurred of Mr. Wm. Cook, 15, Aelybryn. He had lived in the village the greater part of his life, and had been associated with many movements in the life of the village. He took an active part in the Miners' Federation in the old days, and was an active worker for the O.A.P. organisation. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday, and was a very representative one. Rev. E. Adams Evans officiated, assisted by Rev. T.J. Jones. The mourners were: Edgar, Will, Cyril

(sons); Tom Raines, Trevor Davies, Jack Lawrence (sons-in-law); John Raines (grandson); Graham Isaacs, Glyn Jones (grandsons-in-law); Geo. Mantle (brother-in-law); John, Tom, Phil, Leslie, Edgar & David Mantle, Wilfred Hollister, H. & S. Watkins, John, Tom & Hugh Mantle, Clifford Mantle, Llew Jenkins, Dick & Ernie Jones (cousins). Mr. A. Mantle (brother-in-law) was unable to attend owing to illness. Representing Old Age Pensioners: Mr. Pritchard, Coun. W.J. Payne, Messrs. Walter Jones, Bert Evans, Steve Ballard, Tom Walters, Dd. Evans (Penybank), Ben Evans (Pentwyn), W. Lewis, A. Marshallsea. At the house: Agnes, Mary Hannah, May (daughters); Sis, Sal, Mary (daughters-in-law); Mrs. Gertrude Jones, Shirley Lawrence (grand-daughters); Mrs. G. Mantle (sister-in-law); Mrs. L. Jones (niece); Mrs. W. Evans, Mrs. H. Watkins (cousins). Floral tributes sent were: Family Cross; Heulwen and Graham.

**22 September 1956** Deaths Mr. J. Richards, Glanynant, who met with an accident at work at Ogilvie Colliery, has died. Mr. Tom Jones of Hartlebury, and formerly of Fochriw, where he resided for many years, has also died.

**20 October 1956** Late Mrs. C. Walters The death has taken place of one of Fochriw's oldest and most respected inhabitants, Mrs. C. Walters, wife of Mr. Thomas Walters, Station-terrace. She was a faithful member of Carmel Chapel.

**10 November 1956** Deaths Mr. David Lewis, former newsagent and greengrocer, and Mrs. Sarah Pryce, Martin Street, have died.

**10 November 1956** Late Mrs. Ceridwen Walters The death has taken place of Mrs. C. Walters, wife of Mr. Thomas Walters, Station Terrace. She was an old inhabitant of the village, where she had live the whole of her life. She was a faithful member of Carmel Congregational Chapel. The funeral took place on Thursday at Glyntaff Crematorium. Rev. Rhys Bowen, Rhymney, officiated.

**17 November 1956** Late Mrs. Sarah E. Pryce, 9, Martin Street, aged 63 The funeral of Mrs. S. E. Pryce took place on Thursday at Pentwyn Churchyard. She was born in the village, and lived there the whole of her life. Her husband, Mr. Ted Pryce, died some years ago. The funeral was a representative one. The officiating ministers were Revs. David Thomas and Dewi Morgan. The mourners were: Mr. Ronald Pryce (son); Mesdames Mabel Newman, Violet Davies, Jean Miles (daughters); Messrs. Stanley Newman, Isaac Evans, Cyril Davies, David Miles (sons-in-law); Mrs. Ruby Pryce (daughter-in-law); Messrs. Edwin, Freddie, George, Albert, Rufus, Percy & Alfred Dummett (brothers); Mrs. Mary Ann Watkins (sister); Evan Watkins, Ceridwen, Edith, Margaret, Gwyneth & Phyllis Dummett, Roberta Newman, Royston Dummett, Haydn Watkins, Baden Dummett, William Parry, John Rees Thomas, John Yeoman.

**15 December 1956** Late Mrs. Jones, Pantywaun The death has occurred of one of the oldest and most highly respected inhabitants of the village of Pantywaun, Mrs. Jones, wife of Mr. Evan Jones, aged 73. She had spent the whole of her life in the village. The funeral took place on Thursday at Graig Cemetery, Rhymney, and was a very representative one, showing the esteem in which she was held.

**2 February 1957** Deaths Two well-known villagers passed away this week: Mr. Burkley Angell and Mr. Thomas Price, both of Dynevor Street.

**2 February 1957** After Long Illness Mr. William Thomas Williams, 3, Upper Chapel, Penybank, husband of Mrs. Catherine Williams, has died. He had been ill for a long time. The funeral, which was a very representative one, took place on Saturday at Pentwyn Churchyard. The vicar, Rev. E. Adams Evans, and Rev. J. Jones officiated. Mourners were Messrs. Joseph Pullen (brother-in-law); John Cambria, Wm. Hayden, David Gareth Pullen (nephews); Thomas & Gwilym Llewellyn, Thomas George, Benjamin Williams (uncles); John Pellard, Alvin Craig, Cuthbert & Cecil Llewellyn, Wm. John, Stuart, Vernon & Edward Llewellyn, Iorwerh, George, Idris & Islwyn Williams, David Jenkins, David Pullen, Wm. Owen, Samuel Elias (cousins); Llew Jones, John Richards, Ben Coleman, Wm. Watts, David Cochrane, John Lloyd (brothers-in-law); Daniel Evans, Thomas Clifford, Leonard Coleman, Ronald & Ernest Jones, James Carthy, Thomas Morgan, Roger Jones, Wm. & Mervyn Owen, Edwin Gittins, Archibald Bevan (nephews). The bearers were Messrs. Thomas, Ernest & Douglas Morgan, Clifford G. Hann, Douglas Pope. At the house were Catherine (wife); Sarah Jane Pullen

(sister); Sarah Evans, Esther Ann Coleman, Ellen Coleman, Vanw Cochrane, Kate Jones (sisters-in-law); Jane Jones, Sarah Gittins, Nellie Cochrane, Leah Watts, Patricia & Megan Pullen, Maria Jones, Lizzie Gwen Bevan, Nelli Powell, Doreen Jenkins, Sarah Bates, Eleanor Ann Llewellyn, Margaret Olwen, Ivy Morgan, Margaret Morgan, Ceinewen & Esther, Mrs. Lucas (nieces). There were numerous floral tributes. (listed) The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. Stanley J. Nicholas, The Paddocks, Pengam.

**9 February 1957** Late Mr. T. B. Price The funeral of Mr. Thomas Price, formerly of 11, Dynevor-street, took place from his sister's residence last Friday, and was strictly private. The place of interment was Pentwyn Churchyard. The Vicar officiated, assisted by Mr. T.J. Jones. Mr. Price was well known in the village, where he had resided for many years after having lived in Canada and the U.S.A. The service held at Pentwyn Church was attended by the following family mourners: Messrs, James Lawrence (brother-in-law); W.P. Lawrence, G. Smith, Idris Williams, Lewis Jones, T. Jones, Llewellyn Jones, Michael Evans (nephews). Bearers were Messrs. D. Jenkins, W. Fox, W.A. Davies, D. Evans, R. Price, O. Parry, A. Ewins. At the house were Mrs. J.M. Lawrence (sister); Mr. Idris Williams, Miss A. Lawrence, Mesdames J. Driscoll, W.P. Lawrence, L.H. Jones, M. Davies, R.M. Cumpstone. There were a number of floral tributes. (listed)

**9 February 1957** Late Mr. B. Angell The funeral of Mr. Burkley Angell, 16, Dynevor-street, took place on January 30, at Pentwyn Churchyard, and was well attended. The Rev. E. Adams Evans and Rev. T.J. Jones officiated. Mourners were: Messrs. R. McDonald, K. Evans (sons-in-law); W. & T. Angell (brothers); B. Shankland, J. & W. Parry (brothers-in-law); B.J. & G. Griffiths (nephews); T.H. & F. Jenkins, W.A. Thomas, W.A. Davies, W.J. Powell, O. Thomas, W.A.D. & B. Davies, D. Morris, T. Acreman, G. Thomas, C. Jones, R. Clark, D. Jenkins, H. Lewis, D.J. Davies, Dan Jenkins (cousins); G. Davies, G. Crane (nephews). The colliery was represented by Mr. Lance Rogers. Bearers were Messrs. M. Jones, M. Hughes, C. Shankland, W. Ross, T. Lewis, T. Lewis (Dowlais). At the house were Mrs. Blod Angell (wife); Eleanor McDonald, Evelyn Evans (daughters); Elaine, Ann, Gary McDonald (grand children); Laurie Shankland, Judith Davies, Mary J. Griffiths, Nellie M. Hiscox (sisters); Win Angell, Mattie & Mary Ann Parry (sisters-in-law); Annie Davies, Laurie Ann Flewitt, Winnie Jenkins, Maggie Griffiths, Blod Parry, Clara Whiting, Maggie Lloyd (cousins); Elinor Davies, Margaret Crane, June Jenkins (nieces); Mrs. S. Lewis, Olwen (Gilfach), Eluned Lewis, Mrs. E. Evans. There were numerous floral tributes. (listed)

**16 February 1957** Late Mrs. Harding The death has occurred of Mrs. Harding, wife of Mr. James Harding, Plantation-street, Fochriw. The funeral took place on Friday at Rhymney Cemetery. Rev. E. Adams Evans, vicar, officiated at the house and graveside. The bearers were Messrs. W. Edwards, John Slimmon, Ivor Williams, John B. Jones, Gwyn Davies, W. Lewis, C. Abbey, R. Vaughan, V. Coggan. The mourners were Mr. James Harding (husband); Desmond, Dennis and Donald (sons); Victor, Erle, Dai (brothers); Ivor & Stan (cousins); Ted. Bev, Jack; Jack Edwards, Jim Collins, Ned Evans (brothers-in-law); John, Ken, Derrick, Coun. W. Poyntz, Messrs. Wilfred Weaver, Phil Poyntz, Phil Mantle, Tony, Harold & John Collins (nephews). At the house were Floss, Gwen & Nesta (sisters); Dora & Bronwen (daughters-in-law); Betty, Elsie, Clara and Agnes (sisters-in-law); Joan Weaver (niece); Elsie, Gwyneth, Gracie & Phyllis.

**16 February 1957** Late Mr. M. Hier The death of Mr. Melvyn Hier, aged 20, who lived at 11, Heol Iago, Fochriw, occurred on Thursday, January 31. He met with an accident on his motor-cycle on the previous Monday, and was taken to Tredegar Hospital where he died. He was the son of Mr. & Mrs. W. Hier, who until they moved to Fochriw, lived at New Tredegar. Melvyn was closely connected with all the different organisations including the local Darts Club, of which he was treasurer. He was employed by British Railways as a signaller. The funeral took place at Gwaelodybrithdir Cemetery on Tuesday of last week, and was well attended. Rev. E. Adams Evans officiated at the house and graveside. Bearers were members of British Railways Fochriw Station under the directorship of Mr. Boobyer, the Fochriw stationmaster. Mourners: Mr. Wilfred Hier (father); Mr. Wilfred Hier (brother); Messrs. Tom Hier (Rhymney), Hywel McIntosh (London), Tom Hill (Brithdir), Henry Harris (Cwmsyfiog), Charles Reynolds and Vernon Jones (New Tredegar), Kenneth Lester (uncles); Trevor Hier,

George Reynolds (cousins); A. Clarke, Bryn Richards, G. Collins, W. Beard, D. Williams, L. Clarke, J. Clarke, D. Beard, T. Sargent. At the house were Mrs. Hill (grandmother); Mrs. D. Hier (sister-in-law); Mesdames S. Harris, D. Reynolds, Dd. Jones, F. Lewis, E. Lester, H. Hier, G. Saunders, B. Phillips, Miss G. Hill (aunts); Mrs. E. Regan (cousin); Mrs. S. Richards. There were many floral tributes. Funeral arrangements were by Mr. D.J. Davies, undertaker, Glanynant, Fochriw.

**23 February 1957** Bad Road Killed Fochriw Man A verdict of "Accidental Death" was returned at the Bargoed inquest on Monday evening, on Melvyn Hier, 20 year old signalman of Heol Iago, who was fatally injured while riding a solo motor-cycle at Fochriw on Jan. 28. The jury sitting with the North Glamorgan coroner said that the accident was caused by the rough and uneven surface of the road. Evidence was given by William Thomas, Bryn Amlwg, Fochriw, and Arthur James Farmer of Pontlottyn Road, Fochriw. Heir was not wearing a crash helmet. It was reported that since the accident the road had been rolled and lamped.

**2 March 1957** Miner Killed A 52 year old bachelor, David John Way of Glenview, Pentwyn, received head injuries while working underground at Pentwyn Level, Fochriw, on Wednesday. He died in the ambulance on the way to Tredegar General Hospital.

**9 March 1957** Deaths Two former inhabitants of the village, Mr. Charles White, Bargoed, and Mr. David Lawrence, Dowlais, have died. Both lived at Fochriw for many years.

**9 March 1957** Late Mr. D.J. Way The funeral of Mr. David John Way, 1, Glen View, Pentwyn, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Monday. Mr. Way was killed whilst following his employment as a miner. He was 52 years of age, and was held in high esteem. He was a member of the Parish Church. The Vicar, Rev. E. Adams Evans, officiated at the house, and at the church of St. Andrew's. The bearers were a number of workmates. The mourners were Messrs. Frank and Fred Way (brothers); Bert Staddon, Stewart Jones (brothers-in-law); Alan Gordon Way, Frederick Way, Cyril Godard, Tommy Cockram, Harry Evans (nephews); Vincent Wood, Hartwell Woods, Bert Yeo, Arthur Way, Will John Way, Frank Way, Crad, Tudor Evans (cousins). At the house were Eliza Jones, Ada Staddon (sisters); Annie Way, Catherine Way (sisters-in-law); Margaret Goddard, Jane Cockram, Thelma Evans (nieces); Nellie Yeo, Elsie Skyme, Mary Way (cousins); Annie Amos, Sarah Jane Pullen, Annie Jones, Celia Ballard and Olwen. There were a large number of floral tributes. (listed)

**6 April 1957** Obituary The death has taken place of an old inhabitant of the village, Mrs. Sarah Pugh, Dynevor Street.

**13 April 1957** Late Mrs. Sarah Pugh, 14, Dynevor Street, aged 76 The funeral of Mrs. Sarah Pugh took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday last. Mrs. Pugh was the widow of Mr. Richard Pugh, and had lived in the village all her life. The following ministers officiated at the house and graveside: Revs. Jesse Yeomans, Glanville Jones, E. Adams Evans and T. J. Jones. The bearers were Messrs. Gomer Williams, W. A. Davies, David Evans, Tom Thomas, Francis Thomas, Tom Yeoman. The mourners were Messrs. Lewis Hopkins, John Matthews (sons-in-law); Trevor R. Jones, Danny Mutlow, D. Lloyd Jones, W. Adams Jones, Griff Jones, Griff Pugh, Howell Bowen, Harold Wellsman, Ivor Davies, Idwal Williams, J. A. Jones, Derlwyn Lewis (nephews); Coun. W. J. Payne, Messrs. W. Williams, W. Rowlands, R. Rowlands, R. Sinnat (cousins). At the house were Magdalen Hopkins (daughter); Muriel Hopkins, Malvina P. Matthews, Glenda Pugh Hopkins (grand daughters); Beatrice Mutlow (sister); Annie Pugh, Annie Jones (sisters-in-law); Mattie Lewis, Hettie Bowen, Owena Jones, Hetty Carter, Mattie Davies, Evelyn Jones, L. Price (nieces); R. Williamson, M. S. Price, C. Price, A. Evans (friends). Funeral arrangements were by Mr. D. J. Davies, Glanynant.

**27 April 1957** Late Mr. Caradoc Shankland The funeral took place recently of Mr. Caradoc Shankland, Guest-street, who met with a fatal accident at Groesfaen Colliery. He was interred at Pentwyn Churchyard. Crad was associated with all movements in the village - the Silver Band, the Male Voice Choir, Choral Society, Institute and football. He was prominent at every singing festival at Christmas. He was 56, and the large attendance at the

funeral was a glowing tribute to the esteem in which he was held. Officiating ministers were Rev. E. Adams Evans, Mr. T. J. Jones, Pastor David Thomas, Rev. Jesse Yeoman. The mourners were Messrs. Idris, Emrys & Roy Shankland (sons); Raymond (grandson); Glanmor & Noel Williams (sons-in-law); Ben, Tom & David John (brothers); Idris Griffiths, Tom Jones (Rhymney), John Evans, Tom Jones (Pontlottyn) brothers-in-law; Thomas John James, Meirion Shankland, Robert Carter, Harry Simpson, Merthyn Hughes, Alan & Michael Shankland, Islwyn Shankland, Gwyn Hughes, Syl James, David Davies, David Morris, F. Peters, W. Crane, Ray Cook, Tudor Adams, Willie & Clifford Lewis, Ken Owen, Bill Ross, Frank and John Cole Jenkins, David, John & Gareth Jenkins (cousins); Gwyn, Dave & Jack Jenkins, Frank & Alwyn Jones, Ernie Burford, Dave & Bobby Evans, Gregory Jenkins, Ken Griffiths ( nephews); John Gwyn Gittens, Gwyn Davies, Graham Crane (cousins); David Martin, Thomas, Brian & Philip Hodder, P. C. Cox, Idris Roberts, Albert Davies, & R. E. Jones, Rhymney. Groesfaen Colliery was represented by the Manager, Under-Manager, officials and workmen. At the house were: Emily (wife); Gwladys, Mavis, Enid (daughters); Laurie & Elspeth Shankland, Mattie Mills, Alice Evans, Liz Jenkins, Beat Jones, Maggie Griffiths (sister-in-law); Edith Horton (niece); Nelly, Jenny & Cassie Shankland, Bessie Hughes, Mary Jane Edwards, Sarah Ann Simpson, Nellie Evans, Annie Davies, E. Morris, L. Cook, Mary Jane & Nellie (Treharris), Ruth Jones, Sarah Rees (Newport), Lil & Gwenfil James, Mooreen Ross, Gwladys Lewis, Winnie Jenkins (cousins); Megan Davies, R. Williams, R. Fox, A. Davies, D. Jones, O. Thomas, J. Owen, B. Llewellyn, M. Gittens.

**27 April 1957** Fochriw Man Was Killed By Runaway Cart Pinned against a ventilation door by a timber cart, Caradoc Shankland of 33, Guest Street, Fochriw, sustained injuries from which he died. At the Caerphilly inquest on Wednesday, the jury returned a verdict of "Accidental Death." Mr. G. M. Hughes, colliery deputy, said there had been trouble with the slack rope and winch attached to the cart. As a temporary measure, he cut the rope and knotted it. One journey was completed, but on the second, the cart became wedged against a conveyor. After the cart ran downhill, he found the knot had become untied. He concluded that the jolt of releasing the cart had caused the knot to come apart. We called to Shankland to get out of the way, but the cart caught up with him, pinning him to the ventilation door. Mr. J. E. Hodges, assistant repairer, said Shankland was helping to dislodge the cart, which was stuck 40 yards from the ventilation door. When the cart started to move, he shouted to Shankland to get out of the way. The gradient there was 1 in 1.4.

**27 April 1957** Death The death has taken place at Gilfach, Bargoed, of a well-known personality of the village, Mr. Burkley Davies, late of Plantation Terrace.

**4 May 1957** Funeral of Mr. Burkley Davies Tributes to his great work for the Welsh Presbyterian Churches at Bargoed and Fochriw were paid at the funeral service of Mr. Burkley Davies of Park Place, Bargoed, who was buried on Wednesday at Gwaelodybrithdir Cemetery. A resident of Fochriw for 50 years, Mr. Davies was a deacon and treasurer of Nazareth Church for many years. Since going to Bargoed nine years ago, he had been elected to the diaconate of Bethania Church and also filled the office of treasurer of the Sunday School. Aged 60, and the youngest son of Mr. & Mrs. Elias Davies, Plantation Terrace, Fochriw, Mr. Davies had actively supported the annual hymn singing festivals organised by the Welsh Presbyterian Churches of the upper part of the Rhymney Valley, and had been a member of several choirs in the Bargoed, Fochriw and Deri districts. Mr. Davies is survived by his wife, Dilys, a member of the teaching staff at South Bargoed Girls' School. The Rev. Godfrey Jones, minister of Bethania,, officiated, assisted by Revs. R. V. Jones, Aberbargoed; A. S. Edwards, Bargoed; D. Phillips, Gilfach Goch; H. Jones, Burry Port; E. Adams Evand, Fochriw. The funeral arrangements were by Mr. D. J. Davies, Fochriw.

**18 May 1957** Late Mrs. M. A. Palmer, 13, Council Houses Mrs. M. A. Palmer has died after a short illness. The funeral took place at Rhymney Cemetery. The Vicar officiated. The bearers were Messrs. J. Gittings, A. Evans, D. Jones, C. Dummett, B. Cumpstone and P.C. Southworth. Mourners were Messrs. Arthur & Norman Palmer (sons); S. J. Jones, E. Jones, H. Wile (sons-in-law); Mesdames L. M. Pegg, H. Wile, T. & E. Jones (daughters); A. & N. Palmer (daughters-in-law); J. Palmer, B. Jones, J. Elliott, A. Sproutes, T. & O. Bebb, R.



Titcombe, W. H. Joyce, W & W. A. Macdonald (grandsons); Sybil, Nancy, Jean, Dot, Gillian & Ismary Jones, Ismary Wile (grand daughters); Mesdames Elsie Jones, L. Cumpstone & C. Dummett.

**25 May 1957** Late Mrs. Emily Lewis, 69, Glanynant, aged 57 The death has occurred of Mrs. Emily Lewis. Before coming to Fochriw, she had lived at Gilfach, Bargoed, for 20 years. The funeral was at Pengam Cemetery, the Vicars of Fochriw and Pengam officiating at house and graveside. The bearers were Messrs. E. Gittens, W. Bradley, A. Jenkins, C. Murphy, T. Lance & J. Watkins. The mourners were Messrs. John Haydn & Arthur Lewis (sons); Ken Butlin & Gordon Lewis (grandsons); Walter King (brother); Howard Reynolds (son-in-law); Harry & Albion Jones (cousins); W. Reynolds, Ivor Bank, N. Withers. At the house: Beatrice & Gillian (daughters); Amy King (sister-in-law); Zelie & Emily Lewis (daughters-in-law); Mrs. R. Owen, Mrs. W. Reynolds, Doreen Butlin (grand daughters).

**25 May 1957** Death Of Three Fochriw Residents Three well-known Fochriw people have recently died - Mrs. Mills, Glenview, wife of the late Mr. Chas. Mills; Mrs. Griffiths, Guest Street, wife of the late Mr. Evan Isaac Griffiths; and Mr. Douglas Evans, now living at Troedyrhiw.

**1 June 1957** Late Mrs. S. J. Griffiths The funeral took place on Wednesday at Aberfan Cemetery of Mrs. S. J. Griffiths, widow of Mr. E. I. Griffiths, grover. She was 86 years of age. and a faithful member of the Parish Church. She attended regularly until her health failed. The funeral was private. Rev. T. J. Jones officiated.

**1 June 1957** Died in London The death has taken place of Mrs. Annie Mills, widow of Mr. C. R. Mills, Glenview, Pentwyn. She was on holiday at the home of her daughter, Joan, when she died. She was 79 years of age, and a faithful member of the Parish Church. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard, the Vicar officiating. The mourners were Harvey & Norman (sons); Joan & Husband (daughter & son-in-law); Mesdames Brenda & Joan Mills (daughters-in-law); Eileen, Vivean, Graham, Bryan (grand children); Albert & Wife, Hereford, George & Wife (brother & sister-in-law); Harvey & Hilda Jenkins, Mrs. Jenkins, Hedio Jenkins (Crumlin), Newman Rogers & Wife (Newport), Brenda Rogers, Mrs. Gardener, George Baldwin, Bella & Bryn Richards, Deri.

**1 June 1957** Late Mr. T. M. Evans, Stationmaster Deri And Darran Mr. T. M. Evans, 1, Pleasant View, has died. Mr. Evans was 59 years of age, and had lived at Fochriw for 20 years. He was a staunch churchman and a keen gardener. The funeral took place on Monday at Ystrad Mynach Churchyard. The Vicars of Fochriw and Pontlloftyn officiated. The mourners were: Mrs. Winifred Evans (wife); Mr. Aubrey Evans (son); Messrs. Albert & Arthur Evans (brothers); Grenvill Evans, Victor Evans, Mervyn Evans, T. Quinn (nephews); Mr. & Mrs. D. Foster (brother-in-law & sister-in-law); Messrs. J. Phillips, W. Herbert, Reg Herbert, Gwyn Jayne-Rees (cousins). The bearers were members of the Railway Staff at Fochriw and Deri - Messrs. D. Morgan, W. Ross, G. Roberts, D. James, A. Harding, J. Ballard. At the house were Mrs. J. R. Walters, Mrs. J. M. Lawrence, Mrs. E. Owen & Mrs. D. Edwards. Also at the funeral were numerous members of the general public.

**29 June 1957** Young Boy's Funeral: Lyndon Merlin Everett The death has occurred of Lyndon Everett, the young son of Mr. & Mrs. Lyndon Everett. Fochriw. The funeral took place on Wednesday at Gwaelodybrithdir Cemetery. Rev. E. Adams Evans officiated. The mourners were: Messrs. Lyndon Everett (father); Clifford Everett & Aisley Bailey (grandfathers); Lionel & Clive Everett, Clifford Bailey (uncles); G. Tucker (great-uncle); E. Foster (cousin); At the house were: Mesdames Lilian Everett (mother); E. Everett. O. Bailey (grandmothers); June & Janice Everett, Gwladys Bailey (aunts); E. Parsons, D. Tucker, I. Davies (great-aunts); Julie Foster, Avril Tucker (cousins); Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Walters. Funeral arrangements were by Mr. D. J. Thomas & son, Bargoed.

**29 June 1957** Funeral of Mr. Albert Mantle: Conductor of Fochriw Band The death has occurred after a long illness of Mr. Albert Mantle, aged 65, of Pentwyn. For many years he was the conductor of the Fochriw Silver Band. He was a member of Carmel Chapel. The funeral procession was led by the Rymney Silver Band, conductor Mr. G. Nash. The officiating ministers were Rev. T. J. Jones and Rev. E. Adams Evans. The mourners were: Messrs. John Tom & Phil Mantle (sons); J. Meneer (son-in-law); Geroge Mantle (brother);

Brian, David (grandsons); I. Sullivan (brother-in-law); John, Tom, Milward, Percy, Hugh, Leslie, Gwyn, Edgar, David, W. Cook, T. Davies, J. Lawrence, J. Jones, M. Farrant, B. Albrow, T. Moon, Le-Roy Clayton, J. Edwards, J. Sullivan, Roy Lee Clayton (nephews); Messrs. B. Evans (uncle); C. Mantle, E. Jones, R. Jones, W. Davey, E. Evans, W. Bennett, D. W. Evans, Billy Edwards, G. Meredith, W. Phillips, R. Davey, F. Davey, D. Evans (cousins). The bearers were Messrs. H. Wood, E. Lewis, T. Evans, W. Hughes, R. Jones, G. Baldwin. At the house were: Hannah (daughter); Mary, Phyllis, Eira (daughters-in-law); Sandra, Cherrill, Fay, Daphne (grand daughters); Mesdames G. Mantle, W. H. Edwards, T. Sullivan, D. C. Edwards (sisters-in-law); J. Lawrence, J. Jones, L. R. Clayton, B. Albrow, T. Moon (nieces); W. Davey, S. Shaw, Dilys Edwards, Valerie, Sandra & Jenny Davey (cousins); Mrs. P. Davies, Mrs. D. Tucker, Mrs. M. Evans, Mrs. W. Roberts. Funeral arrangements were by Mr. D. J. Davies, Fochriw.

**10 August 1957** Glanynant Child Killed Lynette Johns, aged 2, of Glanynant, was killed in an accident involving a van on the road at Fochriw on Wednesday afternoon.

**14 September 1957** Late Mrs. S. A. Cole The death has taken place of one of Fochriw's oldest inhabitants – Mrs. S.A. Cole, Aelybryn.

**21 September 1957** Late Mr. Stuart V. Jones, 1, Glen View, aged 58 The funeral of Mr. S. V. Jones took place at Pontypridd Crematorium on Monday. Rev. E. Adams Evans officiated. Previous to his illness, Mr. Jones was employed by Gellygaer Council, and was in charge of the Fochriw district. He died at St. Tydfil's Hospital, Merthyr. The bearers were Messrs. Jack Lawrence, Bob John, Bill Biles, Joe Pullen, Edryd Jones, Mervyn Evans. The mourners were: Messrs. Cyril Goddard (son-in-law); Nigel Goddard (grandson); Llewellyn, Tom, Lewis, Will Tudor & Glyn Jones (brothers); Fred Way (brother-in-law); Edward Jones (uncle); Douglas, David & Gwynfor Jones, Albion, Gordon Way, Tom Cochran (nephews); Tommy & Willie Evans, Dai, Will & J. R. Walters, Gareth, Albion Davies, Sid Evans, J. Lawrence, Arthur & W. J. Way, Crad Skyme, Tudor Evans, Llewellyn & Lewis Small, Stephen Ballard (cousins). At the house were: Mrs. Eliza Jones (wife); Margaret (daughter); Carol & Janet (grand daughters); Annie & Mary Jones, Catherine Way (sisters-in-law); Sylvia Jones, Thelma Evans (nieces); J. M. Lawrence, Annie & Ivy Walters, Mary Way, Elsie Skyme, Celia Ballard & Enid (cousins); Sally, Annie & Doreen (friends).

**21 September 1957** Late Mrs. Sarah Ann Cole, 24, Aelybryn, aged 85 The funeral of Mrs. S. A. Cole took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Wednesday. Mrs. Cole had lived most of her life in the village. Rev. T. J. Jones & Rev. E. Adams Evans officiated. The mourners were: Messrs. George Cole (son); Tom Millward, Edward Gibson (sons-in-law); Leighton, Gerald, Ian, Glyn, Don (grandsons); John Cole, Cyril Cook, Will Edmund Thomas (nephews); E. Davies, Tom Thomas, Gwyn Evans, Edgar Morgan, Tom Shankland. Numerous friends also attended. At the house: Sarah, Phoebe, Ceinwen (daughters); Rachel (daughter-in-law); Megan, Eileen, Kathleen, Myfanwy (grand-daughters); S. Davies (sister-in-law); Lalla (niece); Mesdames M. Davies, E. Shankland, A. Thomas, M. Davies, O. Thomas, C. Davies, G. Watkins, M. J. Philpott. Bearers were Messrs. Will Watkins, Will Fox, Jack Jones, Atwell Woods, Evan Davies, Will Davies. Funeral arrangements were by Mr. D. J. Davies, Fochriw.

**12 October 1957** Late Mrs. Sarah Thomas The death has occurred of Mrs. Sarah Thomas, William Row, after a long illness. She was highly respected in the village, where she was born, and had lived all her life.

**12 October 1957** Late Mr. Thomas Evans, 2, Dynevor Street The death has occurred of one of Fochriw's oldest inhabitants, Mr. Thomas Evans. He was 82, and had lived in the village almost all his life, and was held in high esteem.

**19 October 1957** Late Mr. T. Evans The funeral of Mr. Thomas Evans, 2, Dynevor-street, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday, and was a very representative one. Mr. Evans was 82 years of age and lived most of his life in the village. He was an underground official for many years before the closure of the Fochriw Collieries. Officiating at the house and graveside were Pastor David Evans and Rev. T.J. Jones. The mourners were Messrs. D.L. & Wm. Evans (sons); Ben Evans (brother); Oliver Evans, Desmond Kelly, David Hewins (grandsons); Wm. Hewins (son-in-law); Tom Owen, Walter Jones, Ned Evans, C. Edwards,

W. Morgan, T. Sullivan, W. Bennett, D.W. Evans, T.B. Edwards, M. Williams, W.A. Edwards, Coun. W.J. Payne, Messrs. Lewis Evans, J.H. Evans, Trevor Davies, Glyn Davies, D. Davies, W. Davies, W.R. Davey, Rod Jones, Jack Jones, Tudor Moon, Enoch Rees, W.J. Jones, Oliver Hewins, Stan Griffiths. At the house were: Mesdames Elizabeth A. Hewins (daughter); J. Owen, Miss E. Evans, Mesdames B. Kelly, M. Evans, E. Sullivan, M.J. Davey, E.J. Williams, M. Jones, M. Davies, P. Jones, N. Edwards, M. Rees, B. Evans, V. Hewins. There were numerous floral tributes. Funeral arrangements were by Mr. S.V. Powell, 18, Dynevor-street, Fochriw.

**26 October 1957** Late Mrs. Sarah Thomas The funeral of Mrs. Sarah Thomas, Williams Row, widow of Mr. Thomas Thomas, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Tuesday. Mrs. Thomas was 76 years of age, and was born, and lived the whole of her life in the village. She was highly respected. The officiating ministers were Rev. T. J. Jones, Rev. E. Adams Evans, and Pastor David Thomas. The bearers were Messrs. John Williams, Rufus Dummett, Albert Haydn Dummett, John Matthews, Reggie Gittoes, Burkley Davies, Tom Rees, Enoch Rees, Evan Williams. The mourners were: Howell, David, Francis (sons); Glyn Thomas, Arfon, Gwyn, Glyn, Alan (grandsons); David Cheese, George Panell (sons-in-law); Thomas Walters, Griff Williams, Howell Thomas, David Thomas, Percy Golden Hann, John Henry Edmonds, Vivian Edmonds, Emrys Jenkins, Thomas Davies, Glyn Johns Ivor Williams, Desmond Harding, David James Davies, Howell Lewis, Gwynlais Lloyd, Lindsay Coggan, David Evans, Stanley Watkins. At the house: Mag. Lucy, Ceridwen (daughters); Daisy, Ann. Glad, Enid, Margaret, Mary, Iris, Maggie, Sarah, Phyllis, Bronwen, Amy, Ceridwen, Annie Gwen, Mair, Mabel, May, Rose, Mimi, Rhoda, Betty, Margaret, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Burrows.

**26 October 1957** Late Mrs. Lucy Ann Thomas Mrs. L. A. Thomas, Tiryberth, has died at the age of 83. For many years she lived at Penybanc, Fochriw. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard. The service at the house and graveside was conducted by Mr. Ernest Davies of the Methodist Church, Tiryberth, The mourners were: John Thomas (husband); Richard John Thomas (son); Wm. John Sharp, Gordon & Terry Barnett (grandsons); Reginald Barnett (son-in-law); Daniel Thomas, Jim Marshall, David James, George Nixon (nephews). Meeting the funeral at Pentwyn were Messrs. Stan Jenkins and David Taylor, old family friends. At the house were: Mesdames Elizabeth Nay Barnett, Emily Sharp (daughters); Gwladys Salt, Betty Elaine Barnett, Sylvia Sharp (grand-daughters); Jane James, Margaret Nixon (nieces); and Mrs. Frances Brooks.

**23 November 1957** Late Mrs. Ann Parry: Fochriw's Oldest Inhabitant The death has occurred of Fochriw's oldest inhabitant, Mrs. Anne Parry of Corwen. She was 92 years of age. Widow of Mr. Edward Parry, she had lived at Fochriw for 90 years, and was a very quiet and kind lady, who was held in high esteem. She was a life-long member of Nazareth Chapel. The funeral was private, and took place at Pentwyn Churchyard. The mourners were: Mrs. Edith Lewis, Mrs. E. & Mrs. Edith Lewis, Mrs. E. Ann Evans (daughters); Phyllis Evans (grand-daughter); Mr. R. W. Parry (son); Mr. David Lewis (son-in-law); Idris, Emrys, Derlwyn Evans (grandsons); Emlyn Evans (great grandson). The officiating ministers were Rev. Latimer Williams, late of Deri; Rev. T. J. Jones & Pastor David Thomas. The bearers were Messrs. Wm. Lewis, Jack Lawrence, Gordon Lawrence, W. A. Davies, Tom Davies, Tudor Evans, T. Jenkins, Bryn Cumpstone.

**14 December 1957** Late Mr. Thomas Jones The burial took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Friday of Mr. Thomas Jones, who had lived at Hill Row, Pentwyn, for many years. He was a sidesman at the church before leaving the district some years ago. He died at Aberdare, The Rev. E. Adams Evans officiated.

**14 December 1957** Late Mr. John Davies, 4, Plantation Terrace One of Fochriw's oldest inhabitants, Mr. John Davies, died last week. Mr. Davies was a faithful member of Carmel Independant Chapel. He was 85 years of age, and had worked as a miner in the old pits until his retirement. The funeral, which was private, took place on Saturday at Pentwyn Churchyard. Rev. Godfrey Jones of Bethania, Bargoed, and Rev. E. Adams Jones, vicar, officiated at the house and graveside. The mourners were: Messrs. W. A. Davies, Tom, Alfred, Ewart Davies, W. A. Howell & G. Thomas, W. Angell, W. Angell Davies, R. W.

Parry, George Klajac, Ray Davies. At the house were: Maud Davies (wife); Blodwen Davies, May James, Laurie Parry, Greta Thomas, Mary Jane Jones, E. M. Davies, Annie Davies, Laurie Ann Smith, Jessie Davies, Mary Jane Edwards, Phoebe Roberts. The funeral arrangements were by Mr. D. J. Davies, Fochriw.

**21 December 1957** Death of Mr. D.J. Jacob The death has taken place of Mr. David John Jacob, 12, Martin-street. He had resided almost the whole of his life in the village, having worked in the mine at South Tunnel and Fochriw Pits. He was 77. The funeral took place on Wednesday at Pentwyn Churchyard. Rev. T.J. Jones and Rev. E. Adams Evans officiated at the house and graveside. The mourners were Messrs. James Davies, Ivor & John Ballard, J.E. Edwards, Edryd Jones, Islwyn Jones, Graham Jones (nephews). Others present were Messrs. James Davies, Rufus Dummett, Albert H. Dummett, Evan W. Jones, Joe Beddoe, A. Marshalsea, John Morgan, Ivor Heath, David Morris, P. Iles, Gwyn Lloyd, L. Coggan, Wm. Lewis. At the house were Esther & Eirwen Thomas, Marth James, Maggie M. Davies, Iris J.Jones, Betty Jones, D.I. Evans, Dan James, Hilda Morgan, Mrs. Annie Jones, Mrs. Rose Thomas, Mrs. Annie G. Lloyd.

**25 January 1958** Late Mr. D.J. Thomas The funeral of Mr. David Joshua Thomas, 20, Brook-row, the husband of Nurse P. Thomas, and son of Mrs. J. Thomas, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Monday, January 13. The officiating ministers at the house and graveside were Mr. T.J. Jones, Rev. G.A. Evans, vicar, and Rev. J.A. Thomas, Pontlottyn. The bearers were Messrs. J.R. Walters, David G. Parry, Robert & Crad Thomas, Will Pierce & Richard Price. Mr. Thomas was formerly a fireman at Groesfaen Colliery. He had been organist at Noddfa Baptist Chapel for 27 years, and the Superintendent of the Sunday School for many years. He had been the conductor of the Noddfa and Nazareth Gymanfa Ganu for a number of years. The mourners were: Tom & Bryn (brothers); Josh, Tom & Jim (uncles); George, Tom, Eddie & Alec (brothers-in-law); John. Frank. Iorwerth, W. Rowlands, Bargoed, T. Matthews, Abertysswg (cousins); Leighton, Gerald, Gwyn, Willie, Don (nephews); Messrs. T. Davies & W.E. Thomas (representing Groesfaen Colliery officials). At the house were: Phoebe (wife); Susan (daughter); Mam, Auntie May, Olwen, Eluned. Sal, Cei, Rach & Meg (sisters-in-law); Non, Fanw, Eileen, Kathleen (nieces); Iris, Winnie, Liz, Dilys, Edna, Mary, Ceinwen, Eunice and Mary (cousins); Ivy and Gwenda (friends). There were numerous floral tributes (listed) including ones from Members of Noddfa Chapel; Nazareth & Noddfa Gymanfa and Groesfaen Colliery officials.

**8 February 1958** Death The death has occurred of one of Fochriw's oldest and highly respected inhabitants, Mr. David Davies, Brook Cottage. He was 82.

**15 March 1958** Funeral The funeral of Bronia, baby daughter of Mr. & Mrs. S. M. James, 37, Glanynant, took place last Tuesday at Pentwyn Cemetery. Funeral The funeral of Bronia, baby daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Syl M. James, 37, Glanynant, took place at Pentwyn Cemetery on Tuesday last. Rev. T.J. Jones officiated. Present were Syl M. James (father); Lynn (brother); T.J. James & Thos. Morris (grandfathers); R. Thomas, G. Williams, Len Trollop (uncles); J. Watkins, W. Evans. At the house were Mrs. Gwenfil James (mother); Mrs. L. James & Mrs. E. Morgan (grandmothers); Jean, Mesdames E. Thomas, G. Williams, M. Morgan (aunts). There were numerous floral tributes. (listed)

**29 March 1958** Late Mrs.. L. Evans The death has occurred of Mrs. Lean Evans, Martin's-street, widow of Mr.. Richard Evans. Mrs.. Evans had lived in Fochriw for 40 years and was 73. The funeral took place on Saturday at Pentwyn Churchyard. Rev. E. Adams Evans officiated at the house and graveside. The mourners were Messrs.. Fred Dummett (son-in-law); Glanmor & Baden Dummett, Leonard Evans, Roy Tucker (grandsons); Frank Wilton (brother); Ken Wilton (Deri), Billie Wilton (Bedlinog), Howard Beddoe, Archie Bate (Deri), Tom & Glyn Jones, Cliff Greenaway, Ken Hamblin (Trelewis) nephews; Oliver Davies (Tirphil), Royston Dummett. At the house were Edie Dummett & Cissie Evans (daughters); Audrey, Gloria, Sonia, Betty Dummett (grand daughters); Alice Wilton (sister-in-law); Vera Gwen, Winnie Beddoe, Dolly Bate, Ethel Scriven Freda Wilton, Mesdames Iles, Watkins and Morgan.

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Wingfield Hotel, Llanbradach. They had lived at Fochriw for some years, before moving to Llanbradach.

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**24 May 1958** Late Mrs. M. Davies The funeral of Mrs. Margaret Davies, wife of Mr.. George Davies, Brynteg-street, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Wednesday. Aged 64, Mrs. Davies had lived for many years in the village, and was highly respected. Rev. Father Lawlor officiated at the house and graveside. Mourners were: Mr.. G. Davies (husband); Messrs.. Jack, Ivor & Len Davies (sons); Jim & Bernard Brown (brothers); J. Brockwell (grandson); B. Brown (uncle); Will Morgan, Bryn & Gomer Davies, W. Lewis, G. Harris (brothers-in-law); Alun & Gwyn Davies, Terence & Gordon James, L. Goode, J. Lewis, L. Jarman, T. Greaney (nephews); W. William & Stan Watkins (sons-in-law); J. Brown, G. Meredith, T. Mantle, W. Phillips, D. Gittens, B. Rees, Ben Rees, W. Rees, W. & D. Pope, T. E. Davies, V. Davies, M. Davies, R. Evans, R. Jones (cousins). At the house were: Glenys, Jenny, Megan (daughters); Hannah, Annie Mary (sisters); J. Davies, M. Davies, B. Brockwell (daughters-in-law); B. Brown (aunt); M. Lewis, C. Harris, D. Brown, J. Davies (sisters-in-law); M. James & A. M. Goode (nieces); H. Pinch, R. Morgan, H. Pope (cousins); Mrs. H. Watkins. The bearers were Messrs.. C. Williams, E. Jones, N. Williams, F. Jenkins, J. Bell, M. Edwards, T. Shankland. Funeral arrangements were by Mr.. D. J. Davies, Fochriw.

**31 May 1958** Death Mr. Daniel James, Martin's Street, who had been very active in several movements in the village, including St. John Ambulance, Carmel Chapel and the Institute, has died.

**7 June 1958** Old Inhabitant The death has taken place after a long illness of an old inhabitant, Mr. Thomas Shankland, Aelybryn-street.

**7 June 1958** St. John Officer The funeral of the late Mr. Daniel James, 14, Martin Street, took place at Thornhill on Saturday. Aged 66, he had been ill for a long time. He had always been active in the life of the village. Mr. James was a superintendent of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, a deacon of Carmel Chapel, and a member of the Welfare Committee. Pastor D. Thomas, Rev. T.J. Jones, and Rev. E. Adams Evans officiated. Bearers were members of the Order of St. John: Messrs. Joshua Evans, Tom Thomas, I. Morgan, Willie Parry. The coffin was covered with the flag of St. John, and cap and bet of Mr. James. The mourners were: Mrs. M.M. Davies (daughter); Mr. Ben James (brother); Mr. James Davies (grandson); Miss Eirwen Thomas (sister-in-law); Messrs. Ivor Ballard, Islwyn & Edryd Jones (cousins); Mr. & Mrs. Danny Rowlands, Mr. Aneurin Thomas, Mr. & Mrs. Enoch Lewis, Miss Hilda Morgan and John Morgan. At the house were Martha James wife); Esther Thomas (sister-in-law); Iris & Betty Jones, Miss Elsa Evans (cousins). Among the general public present were: Coun W.J. Payne, Messrs. S. Lewis, J.P., Daniel Jenkins, Frank Jenkins, J.R. Thomas, David Evans, R. Rees, D.C. Jones, Wm. Lewis, A. Marshallsea, D. Morris, E.W. Jones, Thomas Walters, Iorwerth Evans, W.A. Davies, S. Iles, D.H. Lewis, Gwyn Lloyd, Dewi Morgan, Bryn Rees.

**14 June 1958** Late Mr. T. J. Shankland The funeral of Mr. Thomas James Shankland of 22, Aelybryn, took place at Glyntaff Crematorium in June 4. Mr. Shankland was 67 and had lived in the village the whole of his life where he was held in high esteem. The officiating minister was Rev. Lilly, Nazareth, Pontlottyn. The mourners were: Mrs. Elspeth Shankland

(wife); Mrs. Catherine Way (sister-in-law); Messrs. Benjamin & David John Shankland (brothers); Tom Idris, Emrys, Roy Shankland, Glanmor and Noel Williams, Harry Evans, Tommy Cockram (nephews); Thos. John James, Syl James, Myrddin Hughes, John Evans, Dai Morris, Meirion Shankland, Frank Jenkins, Willie James, Tudor & Alben Adams, Will & Evan Harris (cousins); William Lewis (uncle). The bearers were Messrs. Bob John, Jack Lawrence, Attwell Woods, Bert & Nick Cumpstone. Friends: David Evans, Norman Withers, Idris Griffiths. At the house were Mesdames Emily Shankland, Nellie Angell, Edith Lewis, Nell Lewis (sisters-in-law); Gwladys, Mavis, Enid, Megan, Joan, Thelma (nieces); Bella Harris, Mary Alice Lewis (aunts); Sarah Millward, Eliz. Ann Evans, L. Macaulay.

**21 June 1958** Death Mr. Percy Edwards, Pontlottyn Road, late of Brook Row, has died aged 70.

**28 June 1958** Late Mr Edwards The funeral of the late Mr. Percy Edwards, 3. Pontlottyn Road, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday last. Mr. Edwards was 69, was born in Fochriw, and lived in the village throughout his life. He was a miner until his retirement. His wife died 14 years ago. The Vicar officiated at the house and graveside. The bearers were Messrs. Gwyn Davies, Len Davies, Noel Williams, Emrys Shankland, Frank Jenkins, Idris Williams. The mourners were Messrs. Bedford & Melvy Edwards (sons); Jack Babb, Alan Jury, Alfred Palfrey (sons-in-law); Coun. W.J. Payne, Messrs. Mordecai Williams, Wm. David Jones (brother-in-law); Malcolm Edwards (grandson); Benjamin Evans (uncle); Aldwyn Edwards, Trevor Edwards, John Elwyn Edwards, Edryd Jones, Islwyn Jones, Gwyn Morgan, Wyndham Jenkins, Charles Edwards, Jack Jones, Wally Davey, Tom Sullivan. At the house were Glenys Edwards, Doris Jury, Betty Palfrey (daughters); Mary Edwards (daughter-in-law); Pam Edwards (grand daughter); Mano Jones (sister-in-law); Iris Jones, Esther Sullivan, Phyllis Jones, Carrie Davies, Nan Humphries, Mary J. Davey, Margaret Williams, Mrs. Price, Mrs. Cartnell. Mrs. E.J. Williams, Mrs. M.H. Jones (sisters-in-law) were unable to attend due to illness. Among the public were P.C. Southworth, Messrs. Norman Withers, Roy Shankland, Idris Shankland, Wm. Lewis, Mervyn Hughes, Walter Jones, John Slimmon, John Bibby, John Pullen, Ron Bradley, Gwyn Mantle, Cecil Llewellyn, Victor Davies, Wm. Morgan, S. Lloyd.

**16 August 1958** Late Mrs. Elsie Ballard The death has occurred of Mrs. Elsie J. Ballard, wife of Mr. Wm. Ballard, Plantation Street, at the age of 63. She had lived in the locality for nearly 40 years. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday. The Rev. E. Adams Evans officiated. The bearers were Messrs. E. Thomas, J. Jones, J.G. Gittins, G. Davies. The mourners were: Mr. W. Ballard (husband); Penry & David Ballard (sons); S. Ballard & Caroline, Mr. & Mrs. J. Richards (brothers & sister-in-law); Mrs. C. Saunders, Mrs. W. Green (sisters); Miss M.A. Ballard (sister-in-law); Messrs. C. Ballard, I. Ballard (brothers-in-law); Mr. & Mrs. J. Ballard (brother & sister-in-law); Mrs. Ballard Davies (aunt); Mr. & Mrs. S. Ballard (uncle & aunt); Mr. E. Cumpstone (uncle); Mr. & Mrs. I. Cumpstone, Messrs. B., W., & C. Cumpstone, G. Baldwin, G. Davies, Mrs. E.H. Lewis.

**27 September 1958** Three Fochriw Miners Die After Being Taken From Gas Polluted Levels Three Fochriw miners, a father and son and the owner of the coal level, died in Redwood Memorial Hospital, Rhymney, on Wednesday afternoon, soon after being taken from a gas-polluted coal level overlooking Fochriw. The men were the owner of the level, known as Cae Glas Level, Mr.. Idris Shankland, aged 32, of 3, Brynteg, Fochriw; Mr.. Wilfred Hollister, aged 56, and his son, Mr.. Charles Hollister, aged 32, both of 3. Pit Row, Fochriw. The men were working with two others about 250 yards inside the level when Idris Shankland was overcome by gas fumes. Seeing him in difficulties, Charles and Wilfred Hollister rushed to his assistance and they were overcome as well. The two other workmen in the level, David Evans of Guest Street, and David Gittens of Glanynant, Fochriw, gave the alarm about 10 a.m.

P.C. Ralph Southworth was the first to arrive on the scene. He was joined a few minutes later by firemen from the Glamorgan Fire Service at Bargoed under Chief Fire Officer Moon. Firemen wearing breathing apparatus cautiously made their way into the level. They managed to bring two of the miners out of the gas-filled area with the help of a rope held by P.C. Southwood, before their oxygen supply ran out. Mines rescue teams from New

Tredegar and Porth then arrived. Artificial respiration was given on the spot, and then the third miner was brought out. Two hours after the men had succumbed to the gas, they were brought to the surface, and carried on stretchers to the waiting ambulances. On the four mile journey to Rhymney hospital artificial respiration was applied, but the miners died half an hour after arrival at Rhymney. While the rescue operations were in progress, groups of relatives and villagers gathered at the entrance to the level. Relatives of one of the dead miners, Misses Cassie and Nellie Shankland, kept themselves occupied by serving tea to the rescuers as they came from underground. Miss Pamela Yeomans of Dynevor Street assisted them. Mrs.. Amy Shankland, mother of the dead miner, has suffered her second loss through a mining tragedy. Last year, her husband, Mr.. Crad Shankland, died of injuries received in an accident at Ogilvie Colliery, Deri. Mr. Idris Shankland, who was married last year, opened the Cae Glas Level just over five months ago. Normally six men work the level, which is licensed by the National Coal Board. It forms part of the old Fochriw Pit.

Death The death has taken place of a well-known and highly respected old inhabitant of the village, Mr. Stephen Lewis, 5, Dynevor Street.

**4 October 1958** Thousands At Fochriw Miners' Funeral Thousands of Fochriw villagers and miners from nearby valley pits walked in silence to Pentwyn Churchyard, on the hillside above Fochriw, on Saturday last, to pay their last respects to the three local miners who died the previous Wednesday at Redwood Memorial Hospital, after being taken from the gas-filled workings at the Cae Glas Level, Fochriw. The owner of the Level, Mr.. Idris Shankland, aged 32, of 3, Brynteg, Fochriw, was buried next to the two men who worked with him, Messrs. Wilfred Hollister, aged 56, and his son, Charles Hollister, aged 32, of 3, Pit Row, Fochriw.

Before the burial, hundreds of people packed St. Mary's Church to hear the Vicar of Fochriw, Rev. E. Adams Evans, and the Vicar of Pontlloyn, Rev. W. R. Hughes, conduct the funeral service. They were assisted by Coun. W. J. Payne and Mr. John Palmer, lay readers. Mr. Norman Palmer was the organist. Many more villagers and miners waited outside the church, lining the road and hillside. More than fifty cars brought miners from the nearby pits of Ogilvie, Deri, Groesfaen and Taff Merthyr, and neighbouring coal levels.

After the church service, the miners walked in procession to the Pentwyn Churchyard. There they stood around the graves while the Vicars conducted the Anglican burial service. Rev. David Thomas of the Gospel Hall, Fochriw, told the crowd of sympathisers: "Three men in this village in the prime of their lives have been cut down in good health. It is beyond human understanding. We have been touched deep in our hearts by this tragic event. But sudden death brings sudden glory to man." The Rev. David Thomas and the Rev. T. J. Jones took part in services at the homes of the three miners.

The three miners at Caeglas drift colliery, Fochriw, died from inhaling poison gas, said Dr. I. L. R. Evans of Rhymney, at the inquest at Bargoed on Friday evening. Dr. Evans said when he went to the mine on Wednesday, two of the men had already been brought out and artificial respiration was being applied in ambulances at the pit top. He was sure they were dead then, but artificial respiration was continued, and they were taken to Rhymney Hospital where they were found to be dead. A third man was brought out after the other two, and he was also found to be dead on arrival at hospital. Dr. Evans said all three men died from asphyxia due to inhalation of poisonous gas - carbon dioxide. Leslie Francis Hollister, a colliery surface worker of Glynderw, Deri, said he saw his father and brother being carried out of the mine, and he went to the hospital in the ambulance with them.

The North Glamorgan coroner, Mr. Alwyn John, was told by police that tests were being carried out by mines' experts. The inquest was adjourned until Friday, October 17.

**4 October 1958** Late Mr. Stephen Lewis The funeral of Mr. Stephen Lewis, aged 73, the husband of Mrs.. Annie Lewis, 5, Dynevor-street, took place on Tuesday, September 23, at Pentwyn Cemetery. Rev. Thomas J. Jones officiated, assisted by the Vicar. The bearers were Messrs.. D. Davies, J. G. Gittens, Gwyn Davies, D. Greany, A. Davies, M. Thomas. The mourners were Thomas, David Hughes and William (sons); Dave, Glyn and Des (sons-in-law); William, Dan and David Elfed (cousins); Thomas E. Davies (nephew); J. S. Edwards (cousin). At the house were Annie (wife); Eluned, Ceinwen, Hannah, Mary, Letty

(daughters); Muriel, Kitty, Marion (daughters-in-law); Ann, Gwyneth (grand daughters); Harriet, Bessie (nieces); Mrs. M. A. Lewis, Bessie Jones (cousins); Mesdames A. Davies, D. Brown, E. Davies (friends). Funeral arrangements were by Mr. V. Powell, undertaker, 19, Dynevor-street, Fochriw.

**11 October 1958** Fochriw Miners' Funeral The joint interment of father and son, Mr. Wilfred Hollister and Mr. Charles Hollister took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on September 27. Mourners were Messrs.. Vincent, Leslie & Glanville Hollister (sons of Mr. W. Hollister); Messrs. W. Evans, H. Watkins, D. Gibbon, R. & J. Kendrick, N. Kelly (brothers-in-law); W, Davies, L. Evans, E. Evans, D. Evans, W. Davies, F. Thomas, A. Jenkins, G. Jenkins, C. Cook, W. Cook, J. Lawrence, J. Henry, R., V. & G. Edmunds, D. & J. Rowlands, J. & K. Beddoe, R. & L. Smith (cousins of Mr. W. Hollister). Relatives of Mr. W. Hollister at the house were Mrs. Phyllis Hollister (wife); Bronwen & Audrey (daughters); Beatrice & Phyllis (daughters-in-law); Nigel Hollister (grandson); Annie, Morfydd & Rhoda (sisters); Maggie, Harriet, Charlotte, Lizzie (sisters-in-law); Eileen, Ann, May, Edith, Annie, Man (sousins).

Mourners at the funeral of Mr. Idris Shankland were: Messrs. Emrys & Roy [brothers]; Henry Davies (father-in-law); G. & N. Davies, Billy Davies, Idris Robert, Albert, John & Garfield Davies, Haydn Price, T. Garry and T. Armstrong (brothers-in-law); B. Shankland, I. Griffiths, J. Evans, T. Jones (uncles). At the house were Megan (wife); Mrs. Emily Shankland (mother); Gwladys, Mavis & Enid (sisters); Ann Davies (sister-in-law); Bella, Margaret, Sally, Joyce, Beryl, Eileen, Daphne (sisters-in-law); Laurie, Elizabeth, Alice, Beatrice, Margaret & Ruth (aunts). Funeral arrangements for the three funerals were by Mr. D. J. Davies, undertaker, Fochriw.

**1 November 1958** Death Mrs.. Elizabeth Jane Price, Dynevor Street, has died at Ystrad Mynach Hospital after a long illness. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Wednesday. Pastor D. Thomas officiated.

**8 November 1958** Obituary Mr. Ronald Walters, son of Mrs.. Eunice Walters, and the late Mr. Thomas Walters, Aelybryn, has died after a long illness. He was 41.

**22 November 1958** Old Inhabitant The death has taken place of one of the oldest inhabitants of the village, Mr. David Evans, Chapel-row, Penybank. He was 89 years old, and was held in high esteem by his large circle of friends.

**13 December 1958** Funeral The funeral of Mr. Ronald Benjamin Walters, son of Mrs.. Eunice Walters, Aelybryn, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard. He had been ill for a number of years. Before his illness, he was a faithful member of Noddfa Chapel and Sunday School. The officiating ministers were Rev. T. J. Jones and Pastor D. Thomas.

**3 January 1959** Death **The death has occurred of Mr. David Yeoman of Dynevor Street. He was 24.**

**10 January 1959** Late Mrs. Bella Harris The death has occurred at the age of 77 years of Mrs. Bella Harris, widow of Mr. David Harris, 27, Martins Street. Mrs. Harris had lived in the village most of her life, and was a member of Noddfa Chapel. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Wednesday. The officiating minister was Rev. T.J. Jones. The mourners were Messrs. L. Harris (son); W. James (son-in-law); D. Lewis, T. Lewis, G. Owen, T. Cockrane, D. Jones, G. Jones, P. Evans, G. Parry, D. Parry, C. Parry (nephews); J. Beddoe, P. Williams, D. Williams (friends). The bearers were Messrs. A.H. Wood, P. Jenkins, J. Davies, R. Dummett, J.E. Edwards, E. Jones, L. Coggan, P. Sharp, P. Iles, J. Williams, J. Davies, L. Denner. At the house were Mesdames R. James (daughter); M. Harris (daughter-in-law); H. Cumpstone, C. Way, R. Shankland, E. Lewis, M. Jones, A. Parry (cousins); H. Beddoe, B. Davies, O. Denner, R. Davies, A. Jones.

**7 February 1959** Death Mr.. Evan Jones has died at the age of 79. Mr. Jones was connected with many movements in the village, and was a stalwart of the Labour movement.

**7 March 1959** Mrs. Esther Jones Mrs. E. Jones, Martin Street, who had lived all her life in the village, has died aged 72. She was the widow of Mr. Evan Jones. She was a member of Carmel Chapel. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Tuesday, and was a very representative one. The minister of Nazareth, Pontlottyn, officiated. The mourners were Elwyn, Gethin, Edryd & Garnant (sons); Delfryn & Dorian (grandsons); David Isaac Evans (brother); Islwyn Jones, Graham Jones (sons-in-law); John Evans, Rod Evans, Will Evans,



Jack Jones, Will, John & David Ballard, Bedford, Mel & Trevor Edwards, F.A. Golden Hann, Ken & Tommy Wheelan, John Jones & C. Jones, Deri. At the house were Iris & Betty Jones (daughters); Gwladys (daughter-in-law); Nellie Evans (sister-in-law); M.M. Davies, Esther Thomas, Eliza Evans (nieces); A. Jones, B. Davies. There were many floral tributes. (listed)

**14 March 1959** Death Mrs. Mary Evans, a former resident of Fochriw, now living in Port Talbot, has died at the age of 84. Mrs. Evans was the widow of Mr. Samuel Evans. The funeral was at Pentwyn on Saturday.

**4 April 1959** Death of Villagers The deaths have occurred of some old and highly respected inhabitants of the village, namely Mr. Thomas Thomas, Guest Street; Mr. John Bibby, Plantation Street and Mr. Gwilym Thomas of London, late of Fochriw. Both will be missed by a large circle of friends.

**4 April 1959** Late Mr. G. Thomas The funeral of Mr. Gwilym Thomas, late of Aelybryn, Fochriw, who died at his home, 40, Stockwell Park Road, Brixton, London, S.W.9, aged 83, took place on Thursday at Lambeth Crematorium, Tooting. Mr. Thomas was born at Dowlais, and until he moved to London in 1951, he had spent most of his life at Fochriw. He had been a faithful member of Noddfa Welsh Baptist Chapel, and had been its financial secretary for many years. He was at one time secretary of the Fochriw Ladies' Choir. The Rev. E. Tibbott, Vicar of St. Michaels's, Stockwell (son of Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Tibbott, Pantywaun), officiated, and the mourners were: Vera (wife); Nehemiah (son); Kenneth J. Downing (brother-in-law); Miss H. Armstrong (friend). At the house were: Nesta (daughter-in-law); Glenys (sister-in-law); Mesdames D. Morse and E. Kustoroum. Bearers were friends of the family.

**4 April 1959** Late Mr. T. Thomas The funeral of Mr. T. Thomas, 29, Guest Street, took place on Saturday at Pentwyn Churchyard. Pastor D. Thomas officiated. Mr. Thomas was 85 years of age. Mourners were: Messrs. Norman Thomas (son); Harry Greenhall and Stan Russell (sons-in-law); D. Greenhall (grandson); Vivian Powell (brother-in-law); John Rees, David Thomas, Johnny Slimmons, Wm. John, Gilbert & George Coleman, Vernon Davies, David Price, Bernard Lynch, Leslie Russell, Walter Rawlings. The bearers were Messrs. Howell Lewis, Burkley Davies, John Gwyn Gittins, Reggie Gittoes, Stanley Watkins. At the house were: Elaine, Gretta and Cissie (daughters); Rosaling & Nesta (grand-daughters); Mesdames Phyllis Jones and Beatrice Powell, Mrs. Coleman, Nantyglo, and Mrs. Davies, Pencerdd. There were numerous floral tributes. (listed)

**18 April 1959** Late Mr. T. Thomas Mr. John Ballard was one of the bearers at the funeral of Mr. T. Thomas. Floral tributes were also received from Vivian, Beatrice and Phyllis.

**18 April 1959** Late Mr. J. Bibby The funeral of Mr. John Bibby, 12, Plantation Terrace, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard. Rev. E. Sedgemore officiated. Bearers were Messrs. Jack Lawrence, Tudor Evans, Ken Evans, John G. Gittins, George Powell, Leslie Mantle. Mourners were Messrs. Will Bibby (brother); Fred Edwards (brother-in-law); Steve, Sid, John and Ronald Jones, Ron Bradley, Gwyn & Malcolm Mantle, David James (nephews); John Rees Thomas, Thos, C. Davies, Walter Jones, Geo, Mantle, Will Bradley, Will Lewis, Mervyn Hughes, Tommy Baker, Norman Withers, Nich Cumpstone. At the house were Agnes (sister); Elsie, Lizzie, Gwladys, Ethel, Gwyneth, Mary, Margaret (nieces). There were many floral tributes. (listed)

**9 May 1959** Death of Old Inhabitant The death has occurred of Mrs. Martha James of Martins Street. She was the wife of the late Mr. Daniel James, who was a well known St. John Ambulance Officer.

**23 May 1959** Late Mr. C. E. Gillard Mr. Charles Earnest Gillard, 10, Stoney Houses, Penybank, has died at Llandough Hospital at the age of 54. The private funeral took place on Wednesday week at Glyntaff Crematorium, Pontypridd, and the ashes were later interred at Gwaelodybrithdir Cemetery, Bargoed. The Rev. Evan Sedgemore officiated. Mourners were: Mr. Ernest Gillard (son); Mr. H. Parton (father-in-law); Messrs. Arthur Shiers, Aubrey Lawrence, Ron Davies (sons-in-law); Arthur & Ernest Gillard (brothers); Reg Faulkner, W. Bayliss, James Keegan, Frank Parton, Charles Chatfield (brothers-in-law), At the house were: Iris (wife); Patricia, Jean, Linda (daughters); Mary (daughter-in-law); Mrs. M. Gillard (mother); Mrs. Parton (mother-in-law); Nilda, May, Barbara (sisters); Kit, Jenny, Madge,

Audrey (sisters-in-law); Mesdames E. Davy, May Cogan & M. Cogan. The bearers were Messrs. V. Cogan, D. Morgan, T. Morgan, T. Jenkins, C. Williams, L. Townsend.

**23 May 1959** Late Mrs. Martha James The death has occurred of Mrs. Martha James, wife of the late Mr. Daniel M. James, 14, Martin Street. She was 65. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard. The Rev. T. J. Jones officiated, assisted at the house by the Rev. Sedgemore. The mourners were: Mr. James David (grandson); Thomas J. Thomas, William, John Ivor Ballard (cousins); A. Thomas, John Elwyn Jones, Edryd Jones, Islwyn Jones, Grayham Jones (cousins). At the house were: Mrs. Maggie May Davies (daughter); Esther & Eirwen Thomas (sisters); Nellie Evans, Iris Jones, Betty Jones, Eliza Evans, Edie, Miriam, Gana (cousins); also friends and neighbours.

**30 May 1959** Late Mr. W.H. Parry The death has taken place of a well-known St. John Ambulance worker, Mr. Willie Parry, Dynevor Street. He held the rank of divisional treasurer in the Order of St. John.

**6 June 1959** Late Mr. W.H. Parry The funeral of Mr. W.H. Parry, 9, Dynevor Street, took place on Saturday at Graig-y-Fargoed Cemetery. A native of Fochriw, he was divisional treasurer of the St. John Ambulance. The Rev. Alwyn Thomas, Moriah, Bedlinog, officiated at the house and graveside. Mourners: Emrys (son); E.J. & D.G. Parry (brothers); W. Cheeke (uncle); T. Yeoman, E.R. Roberts, C.R. Morgan, L. Watson, G. Brown (brothers-in-law). At the house were: Mrs. M.O. Parry (wife); Mrs. G. Yeoman (sister); Mrs. A. Parry, G. Parry, E.A. Roberts, M. Roberts, C. Morgan, M. Watson, B. Roberts (sisters-in-law). Many cousins, aunts, nieces and nephews attended, and the St. John Ambulance Brigade was strongly represented.

**6 June 1959** Late Mr. B. Pollock The funeral of the late Mr. Bernard Pollock, 4, Dynevor Street, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday. Her had live in the village for the last 24 years, and was employed by the Gellygaer Omnibus Department. The Rev. Father Lawlor, Rhymney, officiated at the house and graveside. The mourners were: Messrs. D. Greavey (son-in-law); J. Pollock (brother); D. Brown (uncle); G. Davies (brother-in-law), and many other relatives and friends. At the house were Doreen (wife); Pat Greavey (daughter); Hannah James, Annie Brown, Mary Brown (sisters), and other relatives and friends. Bearers were T. Jarrett, D. Waltham, G. Curran, J. Jones, D. Rowlands, F. Aston, D. Higgs and D. Williams. There were many floral tributes.

**3 October 1959** Choirmaster Dies The death has occurred of Mr. Rufus Wood, Pengam. A very keen Ambulance man, he was the son of the late Mr. & Mrs. John Wood. He was a well-known choirmaster at the old Pentwyn Church.

**7 November 1959** Late Mrs. E. Hewins The death has taken place after a long illness of Mrs. E. A. Hewins, 2, Dynevor-street, an old inhabitant of the village.

**7 November 1959** Late Miss C. Jones The death has taken place of Miss Catherine Jones, 4, Brynteg-street, at the age of 81. She was a faithful member of Carmel Chapel, and was associated with good works. The funeral took place on Monday. The service at the house was conducted by Rev. Eurof Jones, late minister of Carmel, assisted by the Vicar. The cortege then proceeded to Glyntaff Crematorium where the Rev. Jones officiated. The bearers were Messrs. C. Cook, W. Edwards, T. Baker & T. Evans. The mourners were Messrs. J. C., W. H. & F. J. Jenkins (nephews); Terence Jenkins, W. Williams, Machen, Tom Evans, Caerleon. At the house: Mr. Frank Jenkins, Mrs. A. M. Jenkins (nephew and niece); Audrey, Winnie & Rosemary Jenkins, Polly Evans, Dowlais, Grace Edwards, Elsie Rees, M. A. Lewis, Mr. D. Jenkins, S. Lewis, J. P., Coun. W. J. Payne, T. Walters, W. Lewis, J. Lawrence, O. Lawrence, J. Evand, J. Evans, G. Davies, Wyn Davies, Gomer Davies, M. Evans, S. Wright. R. Parry, S. Ballard, D. Evans, D. Lewis, R. Rees.

**14 November 1959** Late Mrs. E. A. Hewins The funeral of Mrs. E. A. Hewins took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Tuesday. She was 48 years of age, and was a native of the village. The officiating minister was Pastor David Thomas. The bearers were Messrs. S. H. Davies, D. A. Lewis, D. C. Jones, D. Ballard, W. Hughes. The mourners were: Will (husband); David (son); Will & David Lewis Evans (brothers); Desmond Kelly, Oliver Evans, Tom Owen (nephews); O. Hewins (brother-in-law); Ben Evans, Walter Jones (uncles); Lewis Evans, Charles & W. H. Edwards, Jack & Rod Jones, W. M. Evans, Trevor

& Glyn Davies, Edryd Jones, W. & R. Davey, Tom Sullivan, J. Jones, W. Smith and W. Morgan (cousins); Stan Griffiths, H. Greening. At the house were: Joan & Jean Owen, Eirwen & Marion (nieces); Mildred, Blod & Violet (sisters-in-law); Esther, Phyllis, Mary, Janet, Blod, Margaret (Bargoed) & Sarah (cousins); Rachel Williams & Veronica.

**14 November 1959** Omission In the funeral report of Mrs. Catherine Jones last week, the name of Mr. T. J. Jones was omitted.

**16 January 1960** Death the death has occurred of Mrs. F. M. Adams of Guest Street, widow of Mr. Arthur Adams. She was highly respected in the village.

**23 January 1960** Late Mrs. Adams The funeral of Mrs. Florence Maud Adams, 21, Guest Street, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard last week. Her husband, Mr. Arthur Adams, died some years ago. She was a faithful member of the Parish Church. All members of the family were present. The vicar officiated. The organist was Mr. Archie W. Adams. The mourners were: Messrs. Archie W. Adams (son); Wm. Curtis (brother); Keith Walters (grandson); John Walters, George Todd, Albert Rogers, Chris Deverill, Wm. McGregor, Albert Everitt (sons-in-law); Thomas Jones, Wm. Hughes (brothers-in-law); James Jones, Norman Hughes, Gordon Smith (nephews); Coun. Richard Williams (cousin); Thomas Stanfield, Frank Wilton, Eber Watkins, James Lawrence, Dan Jenkins, W. J. Payne. At the house were Mesdames Ivy Walters, Caranda Everitt, Sylvia Rogers, Frances Todd, Joan McGregor, Gertrude Deverill (daughters); Miss Susan Rogers, Miss Alison Deverill (grand daughters); Mesdames Mabel Thomas, Ivy Jones (sisters); Mary Curtis (sister-in-law); Miss Linda Thomas, Mrs. Doris Smith (nieces); Mrs. Anne Williams (cousin); Mrs. Annie Walters, Mrs. Pugh, Mrs. Burroughs (friends). The bearers were Messrs. Reginald Gittoes, Glyn Burroughs, Glyn Jenkins, Ernest Sibley.

**20 February 1960** Death The death has taken place very suddenly of Mrs. M. A. Price, wife of Mr. T. Price, Pontlottyn Road. She was well known and highly respected in the village.

**5 March 1960** Late Mr. E. Evans The death has occurred of Mr. Emlyn Evans, the Post Office, Fochriw. He was well known in the locality and was held in high esteem.

**5 March 1960** Late Mrs. Price Mrs. M. A. Price, wife of Mr. Tom Price, 22, Pontlottyn Road, has died at the age of 64. She spent her whole life in the village. The funeral at Pentwyn Churchyard was conducted by the Rev. Iean Tegfryn Jones, Rhymney. The mourners were: Messrs. Tom Price (husband); Tommy & Emrys (sons); Emrys Jones (brother); John Cole, Idris Williams (sons-in-law); Charlie & Willie Price (brothers-in-law); Frank James, Islwyn Cooksey, John Chandler, Pat MacDonald, Melvyn Edwards. At the house were: Annie, Betty, Margaret. Mary (daughters); Florrie & Jane (sisters); Violet (sister-in-law); Mary, Caerphilly; Ann, Brithdir; Violet, Deri; Martha, Rhymney; Tyd, Phillipstown; Louise, Caerphilly; Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Cross, Violet, Deri.

**12 March 1960** Late Mr. E. Evans The funeral of the late Mr. Emlyn Evans, the Post Office, took place at Glyntaff Crematorium on Wednesday last. The officiating ministers were Rev. A. Grant (Seion, Rhymney) and Rev. E. Sedgemore, Fochriw. Mourners at the Crematorium were: Michael (son); Melville (brother); David & Mervyn (nephews); Dave & Gomer (brothers-in-law); John Owen, Ben Richards, James Lawrence (uncles); John & Bryn Richards, John Owen, Havard Walters, Idris Williams (cousins). At the house were: Olwen (wife); Mary (sister); Nellie Jessie, Edna (sisters-in-law); Jessie Maud Lawrence (aunt); Sarah, Moira, Betty, Minnie, Mary (friends).

**19 March 1960** Late Mrs. R. A. Powell Mrs. Rachel Ann Powell, 12, Hillside, has died at the age of 73. Before coming to Fochriw, Mrs. Powell had lived at Pontlottyn for many years. She was a member of St. Tyfaelog's Church where a funeral service was conducted by Rev. W. R. Hughes and Rev. George Pritchard (cousin of Mrs. Powell). The interment took place at Rhymney.

**19 March 1960** Late Mr. Richard Jones: Former Fochriw Resident The funeral of Mr. Richard Jones of Caldicot took place last Tuesday. Mr. Jones was a native of Fochriw, and lived in the village until his family moved to Caldicot six years ago. He had worked at the Royal Naval Propellant Factory at Caerwent for 17 years, where he was chief examiner (iron ore). A faithful member of Ebenezer Baptist Church, Magor, he was also an accredited lay

preacher, and served many churches in the district. He is survived by a wife and three children. The mourners were: Mrs. Irene Jones (wife); Herbert, Phyllis, Megan (children); Mr. & Mrs. Thomas John Jones, Mr. & Mrs. Evan Wm. Jones (brothers & sisters-in-law); Mrs. Ada Jones (mother); Mr. & Mrs. J. Jones, Mr. & Mrs. D. Williams (sister & brother-in-law); Mrs. E. John (sister).

**26 March 1960** Late Mrs. Annie J. Jones Mrs. Annie J. Jones, a native of Fochriw, has died at the age of 84. Mrs. Jones, who was the widow of Mr. Walter Jones, School Attendance Officer, had lived at Ogmere Vale for 30 years. The Rev. Harris officiated at the private funeral at Pentwyn Churchyard.

**23 April 1960** Late Mrs. P. M. Powell The funeral of Mrs. Phyllis Mary Powell, 12, Hillside, Fochriw, took place last week at Rhymney Cemetery. She was 49. The Vicar of Pontlottyn conducted the service at the house and Cemetery. Mourners were: Messrs. Thomas J. & George Powell (brothers); Catherine West, Beatrice Brinklow (sisters); Mrs. Trigg, Mrs. Lynch (aunts); Mrs. Powell, Mr. Brinklow, Mr. West (sister & brothers-in-law); Mr. & Mrs. H. Trigg, J. Trigg, L. Trigg (cousins); Emily, Lizzie, John, Mr. & Mrs. Meirion Shankland & Margaret, Mrs. R. Chapman, Mr. J. H. Saunders, Ted Chapman, Ronald (cousins). The bearers were Messrs. Arthur Palmer, T. Bedford, w. Jenkins, W. Waters, A. Kent, P. Harding, J. J. John, J. Brown.

**14 May 1960** Late Mrs. Williams The death has occurred at Horfield, Bristol, of Mrs. Ann Williams, formerly of Rees Row, Pentwyn. Mrs. Williams left Fochriw over three years ago to live with her daughter. Up to then, she had lived the whole of her life in Fochriw. She was 77 years of age, and had been ill for a long time. She leaves six daughters and two sons.

**28 May 1960** Late Mrs. A. Williams The funeral of Mrs. Ann Williams, formerly of Pentwyn, has taken place. A service was held at the home of her daughter in Bristol conducted by Canon Williams of St. Michael and All Angels Church, Bristol. At Fochriw, a service at the home of her daughter Mrs. D.T. Davies was conducted by Rev. E. Sedgemore, vicar, who also officiated at the graveside at Pentwyn Churchyard. Mourners were: Iorwerth and Glanmor (sons); Howard, Dennis, Robert, Raymond, Brynley, Robert (grandsons); Dai, Buffy, George, Don, Harold, Will (sons-in-law); Ned, Will, Derrick, Ivor, Gomer, Bryn, George Mantle, Will Lewis, W. Pullen, G. Pullen, G. Williams (nephews). At the house were: Sal, May, Blod, Morfydd, Eirwen, Thelma (daughters); Gwladys, Phyllis (daughters-in-law); Margaret, Carol, Yvonne (grand-daughters); Maggie, Mary Alice, Sarah Jane, Mary Jane (nieces); Mrs. Sedgemore. There were many floral tributes. (listed)

**18 June 1960** Death of Mr. D.E. Evans The death has occurred of Mr. David Emlyn Evans, 27, Guest Street, at the age of 61. He lived in the village all his life and was a member of Noddfa Chapel. The funeral was at Glyntaff Crematorium, Rev. T.J. Jones and Rev. E. Sedgemore officiating. Mourners were Aneurin (brother); Tom (brother-in-law); Emlyn, John, Ivor, Ivor, Jack, Harry, Emlyn, Ron, Cyril, Elvet, Bill, Gary, Peter, Michael, Gwyn, Bernard (nephews); Rev. T.J. Jones, Rev. G. James, Crad, Robert, Tom Evans, Will Pearce, Danny, Aneurin Thomas, Aneurin Jenkins, Aneurin Davies (cousins). Bearers were Messrs. G. Davies, D.G. Davies, G. Gose, G. Davies, G. Lawrence, G. Pugh. Friends present were Will Lewis, F. Thomas, G. Burrows, D. Evans, D. Jones, Derek, Coun. W.J. Payne, A. Cumpstone, R. Shankland, B. Davies, G. Jenkins, Harry Jones, S. Russel, P. Jarman, Ivor Donovan. At the house were: Peg, Liz, Hannah (sisters); Annie, May, Hettie (sisters-in-law); Sara James (aunt); Tyd, Mair, Betty, Nan, Hilda, Jean, Thelma, Bertha (nieces); Annie, Edith, Miriam, Lizzie (cousins). There were many floral tributes. (listed)

**25 June 1960** Drowned Pamela Murphy, 11 year old daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Murphy, 71, Glanynant, was drowned while bathing in Rhos Las Pond.

**9 July 1960** Death Florence Cole, widow of William Cole, now of London but formerly of Fochriw, has died. She was cremated at Morristown last week. Mourners were: Florence and Stella (daughters); Gwladys (sister); Lynn Pillidge (grandson); Mr. & Mrs. Idris Cumpstone, Mr. & Mrs. Pillidge, Mr. & Mrs. Latham.

**17 September 1960** Late Mr. M. Williams The death has occurred of Mr. Mordecai Williams, 7, Dynevor Street. He was 78. He was born and lived the whole of his life in the village. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday. The Rev. E. Sedgemore

and Rev. T.J. Jones officiated. The bearers were Messrs. K. Owen, T. Yeoman, D. Davies, G. Grose. Mourners were: Mrs. Elizabeth J. Williams (wife); Windsor (son); Margaret Morgan, Rosella Pittaway, Kathleen Lewis (daughters); Elsa Morgan, Gwyn Morgan, June Morgan, Margaret Pittaway, Carol Lewis (grand children); Margaret Davies, Sarah E. Chaffey (sisters); Councillor W.J. Payne, David H. Jones (brothers-in-law); Bert Pittaway, Jim Lewis (sons-in-law); Vida Williams (daughter-in-law); Morfydd Watkins, Esther Sullivan, Magdalen Hopkins, Malvina Pugh Matthews, John Matthews, Evan Davies, William H. Edwards, Harriet Edwards, D. Hewins, W. Evans (cousins); Ben Evans (uncle); Melvyn Edwards, Malcolm Edwards, Clifford Davies (nephews); Olive May Payne, Megan Toms (nieces); Beatrice Mucklow, H. Watkins (cousins); Doris Davies, M. Lewis, Edith Evans, Ruth Rouse, C. Williams, V. Powell, M. Sheen, W. Lewis, C. Lewis, S. Sedgemore, R. Jones, Wm. Lewis, Harry Jones, W.J. Roberts, Bargoed. There were numerous floral tributes. (listed)

**17 December 1960** Late Mr. D.M. Hughes Mr. D. Mervyn Hughes, 2, Aelybryn, has died. He was a native of Dowlais Top, but had lived in Fochriw for the past 27 years. The funeral at Pentwyn Churchyard was conducted by the Rev. D.T. Jones, Rhymney, Rev. T.J. Jones, Fochriw, and Rev. Evan Sedgemore, vicar. Mourners were: Gwyn & Moelwyn (sons); Billy (son-in-law); Harry (brother); Ben, Meirion, Bob (brothers-in-law); Ceirfryn, Alan, Michael (nephews); Edgar Jones, Harry & Gwyn Griffiths, Frank Hughes, Eddie & Roy Parr, Maldwyn Hughes, Emrys, Roy, Glamnor Noel, Bill Ross (cousins); W.A. Davies, Bill Hopkins, T.J. Williams (friends). At the house were: Bessie (wife); May, Katie, Phyllis, Edna, Anne (daughters); Michael (grandson); Maggie, Anne, May (sisters); Jessie, Bertha, Nellie, Cassie, Jennie L., May (sisters-in-law); Pat & Steven, Emily, S.A. Simpson, M.J. Edwards, M.J. Robbins, M. Griffiths, Nina, Jenny & Jeanette Davies, H. Griffiths, Gwladys, Mavis, Enid (cousins); Mrs. P.H. Jones, Mrs. M. Chapman, Mrs. J. Morgan (friends). Bearers were Messrs. J. Jones, J.B. Thomas, F. Jenkins, C. Williams, D. Evans, J. Davies. There were numerous floral tributes (listed), including ones from 'The Night Shift, U8, Groesfaen Colliery,' Fochriw Labour Club; Rising Sun Friends; Friends B.S.A. Dowlais; Girls of B1 & B2 Rhymney Factory.

**24 December 1960** Licensee Dies The death has taken place of Mr. Vincent Wood who had lived at Fochriw for many years before moving to Llanbradach, where he kept the Wingfield Hotel. His brother, Mr. Hartwell Wood, still resides in the village.

**24 December 1960** Late Mr. Walter Jones The death has occurred at the Royal Hamadryad Hospital of Mr. Walter Jones, formerly of 9, Glyn Terrace. He was 73. The funeral took place on Saturday from the house of his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. Leslie Jones, Moore's Row. The officiating minister was Pastor David Thomas. Mourners were: Ronald (son); Kenneth, Graham, Alan, Desmond (grandsons); Idwal (son-in-law); Jack Jones, Rod Jones, Edred Jones, Wm. Evans, D.L. Evans, Des Kelly, Arthur Sharp, T. Owen, D. John Williams, W.E. Williams, Selwyn Jones, Denis Jones, Fred Adams, Tom Jones (nephews); Coun. W.J. Payne, T. Walters, D. Williams, W. Lewis, T. Jenkins, K. Evans, Bob Carter, Tom Jones, C. Tyler. At the house were: Rhoda, Sybil (daughters); Annette (granddaughter); Ceridwen (daughter-in-law); Mrs. J. Davies (cousin); Nancy, Joan, Mildred, Jane (nieces). Mr. Leslie Jones, son, is a patient at Caerphilly Miners' Hospital, and was unable to attend. Bearers were Messrs. J. Lawrence, T. Evans, C. Thomas, T. Lewis. There were many floral tributes. (listed)

**7 January 1961** Late Mrs. L. James The funeral took place on Saturday at Pentwyn Churchyard of Mrs. Lily James, wife of Mr. T. J. James, 16, Glanynant. Officiating ministers were Rev. David Thomas & Rev. T. J. James. The bearers were Messrs. Gwilym Davies, Gordon Lawrence, David Morgan, Ivor Morgan, Willie Morgan, Jack Jones. Mourners were: Tom (husband); Syl (son); Lynn (grandson); John (son-in-law); Will (brother); Will, George (brothers-in-law) Albert, Eddie (uncles). At the house were: Jean (daughter); Gwenfil (daughter-in-law); Bess (sister); Jennie (sister-in-law); Katie (aunt).

**14 January 1961** Former Matron Dies The funeral took place on Thursday last of Miss Margaret Walters, a former matron of Gwaunfaren Maternity Hospital. She was the sister of

Mr. Thomas Walters, A.L.C.M., organist of Carmel Chapel, and aunt of Miss Margaret Ballard.

**21 January 1961** Late Mrs. J.A. Jones (nee Jenkins) The death has occurred of Mrs. Judith A. Jones, wife of the Rev. W. Roland Jones, B.A., Cardiff. Before her marriage, Mrs. Jones, then Miss Jenkins, was well known in the village.

**28 January 1961** Mrs. J.M. Lawrence The death has occurred of a well-known and respected inhabitant of the village, Mrs. Jessie Maud Lawrence, 20, Brynteg, Fochriw.

**28 January 1961** Mr. B. Edwards The death has occurred of Mr. Bedford Edwards, formerly of Brook Row, whose home is at Greenfield Avenue, Penydarren. As a young man he was well known in the village.

**4 February 1961** Late Mrs. J. M. Lawrence The death has occurred of Mrs. J.M. Lawrence, wife of Mr. James Lawrence, Brynteg, Fochriw. Mrs. Lawrence, who was 80, had lived in Fochriw since her girlhood. She took an active part in the musical activities of the village and was a keen social worker. She was chairman of the O.A.P. Committee, a collector for the National Savings Movement, a member of the N.S.P.C.C., and a member of the Queen's Nurses. As their representative, she was presented to the late Queen Mary. The funeral took place on Thursday at Pentwyn Cemetery. The officiating clergy were Rev. E. Sedgemore and Mr. T.J. Jones. Mourners were: Messrs. James Lawrence (husband); Wyndham Lawrence (son); J. Idris Williams (son-in-law); Dr. J. Driscoll (grandson-in-law); Messrs. G. Smith, T.M. Jones, Llew Jones, Lewis Jones, W. Smith, M. Evans (nephews). The bearers were Messrs. W. Lewis, D. Jenkins, J.R. Walters, R. Parry, P. Marshallsea, R. Price, R. Kendrick. At the house were: Mrs. E.M. Williams, Miss A. Lawrence (daughters); Mesdames W.P. Lawrence (daughter-in-law); J. Driscoll (grand-daughter); L. Smith, W. Smith, T.M. Jones (nieces); Miss D.M. Thomas (friend). There were many floral tributes (listed), including ones from the Fochriw O.A.P, the Committee, Deacons and Members of Nazareth Chapel, and the staff of Cwmaber Secondary

**18 February 1961** Mr. O. Jones The death has occurred after a long illness of Mr. Owen Jones, husband of Mrs. Gwladys Jones, 12, Railway Terrace. He was 53. Cremation took place Glyntaff Crematorium. The Vicar officiated. Mourners: Messrs. Glyn & Alan Jones (sons); Jim & Tom (brothers); Emrys Lewis, Charlie Pugh, John Walters (brothers-in-law); Idwal Walters, Ivor Morgan, Glen Denham (nephews); Glyn Burrows (cousin) Windsor Ballard, Ossie Perry, Cyril Davies, James Davies, Wm. James, David Galliers, Alun Davies, Tom Thomas, David Davies, Tom Walters, Emrys Shankland, David Ballard, Will Lewis. At the house were: Gwladys (wife); Mesdames Esther (sister); J. Jones, C. Pugh (sisters-in-law); I. Morgan (niece); James H. Beddoe, Violet Davies, Valerie Davey.

**25 February 1961** Mr. Thomas Harper Price The death has occurred of Mr. T.H. Price of Pontlloftyn Road. He was 69. Before his retirement, he worked for British Railways as a platelayer. The funeral took place on Thursday last at Pentwyn Churchyard. The Rev. T. Jones, Rhymney, officiated. Mourners were: Messrs. W.E. & T.H. Price (sons); Mrs. B. Cole, Mrs. M. Williams, Miss A.M. Price, Miss M. Price (daughters); Messrs. J. Cole, I. Williams (sons-in-law); C. Price (brother); G. Price, J. Price, J. Chandler (nephews); F. James (brother-in-law); Mrs. F. James, Mrs. V. Price, Mrs. E. Jones (sisters-in-law); Mrs. R. Rogers. There were many floral tributes. (listed)

**11 March 1961** Late Mr. D.W. Walters The funeral of Mr. D.W. Walters took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday.

**22 April 1961** Late Mr. D. Lewis The death has occurred of a well-known inhabitant of the village, Mr. David Lewis, "Bryn Corwen," Fochriw. He was 63, and had lived in the village all his life. He was a member of Nazareth C.M. Chapel. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday, and was private. The officiating ministers were Rev. Jones, Rev. T.J. Jones, and Pastor Dd. Thomas. Bearers were: Messrs. Will Davies, Jack Matthews, Harry Mitchell, Will Edwards, Jack Lawrence, Tom Jenkins. Mourners were: Edith (wife); Tom (brother); R. Mary Cumpstone, Catherine Way, Nelly Angell, Elspeth Shankland (sisters); Will Harris, Arthur Rowbotham (cousins); Mr. Dan Lewis, Mr. & Mrs. Will Lewis (uncles & aunt); Bryn, Graham, Gwyn, Tommy, Phyllis, Idris, Emrys, Derlwyn (nephews and niece); Calvin Quick (brother-in-law); Catherine, Bess, Peggy, Sal, Dan, Ben, Shan, Elfed

(cousins); M. Clark. At the house were: Mrs. E. Ann Evans (sister); Irene, Amy & Florrie, Teg, Thelma (nieces); Totts & Nel (sisters-in-law); Susie Clark (cousin); Joyce (niece); representing the Austin Motor Co.: Mr. Tom Samuel, Albert Turner and staff; workmates.

**13 May 1961** Late Mrs. Ada Jones The funeral of Mrs. Ada Jones, 10, Martin Street, took place last Wednesday at Pentwyn Churchyard. She was one of the oldest inhabitants of the village, and was a faithful member of Noddfa Baptist Chapel. Officiating were Rev. G. Hughes, Rhymney, Rev. I. T. Jones, and Rev. E. Sedgemore. Mourners were: Thomas John & Evan William (sons); Jim, Idris (sons-in-law); Evan, Douglas, David John Morgan Herbert, Donald, Brian, David (grandsons); Crad, Robert, Egryn Thomas, John Evans, Tom Davey (nephews); Gwylfa, Henry, W. A. Davies, Tom Morris, Richard Price, Syl James, Emlyn Morgan, Emlyn Evans, Ronald Llewellyn, W. Pearce, A. Kent, Reggie Gittoes. At the house were: Mary Jane, Elizabeth, Mwynwen (daughters); Doris, Enid, Irene (daughters-in-law).

**20 May 1961** Late Mrs. M.M. Thomas The death has occurred of Mrs. Margaret Maud Thomas, 19, Dynevor Street. Mrs. Thomas, who was 61, had spent her life in the village. She was a member of Nazareth Chapel. The funeral took place on Monday at Pentwyn Churchyard. The officiating ministers were the Rev. Ieuan Tegfan Jones, Rev. Evan Sedgemore and Rev. Thomas John Jones. The bearers were Messrs. Watkin Mosley, Alan Davies, Roy Shankland, Noel Williams, Rufus Dummett, W. Ross. At the house were: Mr. D.M. Thomas (husband); Mrs. & Mr. A.M. Holifield (daughter & son-in-law); Marilyn Holifield (grand-daughter); Miss B.M. Jones, Mrs. J. Cleeves (sisters); Mr. W. Cleeves, Mr. T. Thomas (brothers-in-law); Mrs. D. Jones, Mrs. K. & G. Walters, Mrs. J. Jones, Mrs. G. Baker, Mr. S. Jones (cousins); Messrs. S. Cleeves, D. Baker, H. Bates, C. Jones, E. Jones (nephews); Mrs. M.M. Holifield, Mrs. O. Thomas. There were a number of floral tributes. (listed)

**20 May 1961** Late Mrs. J. Morris The death has occurred of Mrs. Jane Morris, 19, Martin-street. Mrs. Morris was born at Trawsfynydd. She had lived in Fochriw for over 50 years. She was 83. She was a member of Nazareth Chapel, where her husband, Mr. Wm., Morris, was deacon and precentor for many years before his death. The funeral took place on Friday at Pentwyn Churchyard. The Rev. T.J. Jones officiated. Mourners were: Messrs. Griff & Evan (sons); John, Melvyn (sons-in-law); John, Melvyn, Malcolm, Lynn, Nigel, Kevin (grandsons); Myrade, Yorwerth (nephews); Mr. Serrano, R. Wilson, A. Rowbotham, W. Angell, D. Gulliver, G. Smith. Bearers were Messrs. A. Sharp, P. Iles, L. Coggan, G. Lloyd. At the house were: Nell, Hilda, Beryl (daughters); Anne (gradn daughter); Olwen & Betty (nieces); Mrs. Marshallsea, Mrs. Iles, Liz, Dilys, Edna, Bessie, Nell, Cassie, Mrs. Lil Evans, Mrs. Mary Gulliver, Mrs. Angell, Janice Wilson, Cassie Williams.

**10 June 1961** Late Kenneth Jones The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard last week of Master Kenneth Jones, 2. Moore's Row, younger son of Mr. & Mrs. Leslie Jones. Rev. T.J. Jones officiated, assisted by Pastor David Thomas and Rev. E. Sedgemore. The mourners were: Brian (brother); Ronald, Cyril, Walter, Idwal (uncles); Desmond (brother-in-law); Jeffrey, Desmond, Meirion, Graham, Malcolm (cousins); Bryn, Ritchie, Bryn, Billy, Selwyn, Dennis, Edryd, Fred, Jack, Rod, Will, Desmond, Lewis, Lyn, Will, Tom, Tom Jenkins (cousins and uncles). At the house were: Leslie (father); Ceridwen (mother); Annette (sister); E. Rees (grand mother); Eunice, Edith, Rhoda, Sybil (aunts); Keniah, Jane, Mildred, Joan, Nancy, Ruth, Ann, Cassie & M. Parry. There were numerous floral tributes (listed), including ones from Fochriw Infants' School, Fochriw Primary School, Pontlottyn Secondary Modern School, Noddfa Sunday School, Fochriw Labour Club, and Fochriw Y.M.C.A.

**17 June 1961** Late Mr. K. Sharp Mr. Arthur Sharpe (cousin) was amongst the mourners at the funeral of Kenneth Jones, reported last week.

**15 July 1961** Late Mr. J. Bond The death has occurred at Tregfan, Aberdare, of Mr. Jacob Bond, formerly of Glanynant, Fochriw. A native of Pontlottyn, Mr. Bond had been a miner, but had spent a considerable amount of time in hospital in recent years. The funeral took place at Pengam Cemetery. Those present were: Mrs. Alma Victoria Bond (wife); Tommy (son); Beatrice Cribb (daughter); Tyron Bond (grandson); Gilbert Cribb (son-in-law); Eileen Bond (daughter-in-law).

**29 July 1961** Late Mrs. Marshallsea The funeral of the late Mrs. Margaret Marshallsea, 1, William's Row, took place at Pant Cemetery, Dowlais. Officiating at the house were Pastor David Thomas, Rev. Selwyn Hughes and Rev. Sedgemore, and at the graveside, Pastor Thomas, Pastor Griffiths, Penybank, and Thomas John James. Mourners were: Albert (husband); Percy, Ernie, Reggie, Ron (sons); Fred Hancock (brother-in-law) David Thomas, Will Davies, Wyndham Hughes (sons-in-law); Glammore Thomas, Selwyn Huges, Maldwyn Marshallsea, Willie Davies, Brian Marshallsea, Norman Thomas, Carey Morse, Gerald Reynolds (grandsons); Jack Davies, Willie Marshallsea, Thomas John James, Eddie Barton (nephews). Bearers were Messrs. David Cecil Jones, Mansel Thomas, John Matthew, Islwyn Jones, Tom Yeoman, Tom Jenkins, John Ballard. Among friends present were Harry Hughes, David Price, Cliff Golden William Lewis, Frank Wilton, Dewi Morgan, James Davies, John Dyer, Islwyn Price, Idwal Price, Michael Evans, Vernon Coggan, Roger Edwards. Loyal Evans, Jimmy Davies, Idris and Roy Shankland. At the house were Mabel, Lily (daughters); Hannah Hancock (sister); Irene, Hilda, Mona, Betty, Joyce (daughters-in-law); Mattie, Enid, Elsie, Pamela, Rena (grand daughters); Valmie, Lena, Mrs. Price and Mrs. Sedgemore. There were numerous floral tributes. (listed) The funeral directors were Cumpstone and Sons.

**12 August 1961** Old Inhabitant The death has occurred at West-street, Bargoed, where he lived with his daughter, of Mr. Benjamin Williams, a native of Pentwyn, where he lived for many years.

**2 September 1961** Local Man Dies The death has occurred of a well-known local resident, Mr. Jenkin Williams, Glen View, Pentwyn, after a long illness.

**16 September 1961** Death of Fochriw Farmer: Mr. G. Llewellyn The death has occurred at Tredegar General Hospital of Mr. Gwilym Llewellyn, aged 76, of 3, Rees Row, Pentwyn. Mr. Llewellyn came from a family with long local connections, and had, until his retirement six years ago, lived at Ffynonau Duon Farm, Pentwyn. He supported all farming activities, and was a founder member of the Pentwyn Sheep Sale and Shearing Society. Entering the coal trade in 1926, he was on his retirement, one of the longest established small mine owners in South Wales. He was also a founder member of the South Wales Small Mines Association. He was a keen supporter of all local sport and village life and activities. He was a member of St. Mary's Church. He leaves seven sons and two daughters. The funeral was on Wednesday at Gwaelodybrithdir Cemetery leaving from the home of his son, Mr. John Llewellyn, 11, Glen View, Pentwyn. Rev. E. Sedgemore officiated at the house and graveside. Mourners were: Messrs. John Pellard, Alvin Graige, Ronald Evan, Robert James, Hugh Watkin, Gwilym Cuthbert and Cecil Alexander Llewellyn (sons); Ivor Davies, Leslie Bengough (sons-in-law); Bernard, David, Lyn, Cecil & Gary Llewellyn, Glenville Bengough, Bryn Davies, Brain Tew (grandsons); Thomas Llewellyn (brother); Hopkin, John, Wm. John, Vernon, Stewart, Edward & Elwyn Llewellyn (nephews); Attwell Woods, Crad Skyme, Bob Slimmons, Joe Pullen, David & Ieuan Llewellyn, Jack Lloyd, Godfrey Woods (cousins); John William and David Pullen. Others among the large gathering of friends present were Mr. Lewis Edwards, J.P., Rev. Vernon Payne, R.L. Thomas (Small Mines Assoc.), C. Prosser (Rhymney Valley Building Co. Ltd.), representatives of Ffynonau Duon, Caerglas, Tyladu, Hafodarthfen and Pontgarreg Levels, also farmers and trade representatives. Bearers were Messrs. Morgan & Elwyn Kinsey, John Walter Morris, Ernest Morgan, Bertie Howells, David Taylor (representing the Farmers and Small Mines Employees). At the house were Mesdames Jessie Elizabeth and Doris Gwendoline (daughters); Edith Maud, Beryl, Tydwen, Hetty, Mar & Clare Llewellyn (daughters-in-law); Jessie Maud, Valmai, Lorraine (grand daughters); Elsie and Ellen Ann (sisters-in-law); Sarah Jane, Elizabeth, Fanny, Barbara, Catherine (nieces); Lucy and Mrs. Sedgemore. There were numerous floral tributes. (listed)

**30 September 1961** Late Mr. Edgar Pritchard The death has occurred of Mr. Edgar T. Pritchard, late of the Rising Sun Inn. A churchman and communicant, his presence will be sadly missed.

**4 November 1961** Fochriw J.Ps. Death: Mr. Samuel Lewis Mr. Samuel Lewis, J.P., a former member, and ex-chairman of the Gellygaer Urban Council, die on Monday, aged 79, at Abertyswg Hospital. He had been in hospital for several months. Mr. Lewis was chairman of the Gellygear Urban Council twelve years ago, and during the period of his membership,



had represented the authority on several bodies, including Rhymney Valley Drainage Board, the Caerphilly and Gellygaer Divisional Education Committee, Bargoed Grammar School Governors and Managers of the Elementary School in the Gellygear urban area. He was appointed to the Commission of the Peace for Glamorgan in 1942, and sat on the Bench at Pontlottyn, where he was the deputy chairman until his transfer to the supplemental list on his retirement on reaching the age of 75. He was also prominent among Congregationalists in North Glamorgan, and had filled several offices, including that of treasurer at Carmel Chapel. He is survived by Mrs. Lewis.

**11 November 1961** Mr. Samuel Lewis: Funeral Tribute to Former Magistrate Representatives of the Gellygear Urban Council and the Magistracy were among the gathering at Glyntaff Crematorium on Thursday of last week, for the funeral of Mr. Samuel Jones, J.P., Glyn Terrace, and ex-chairman and member of the Gellygear Urban Council. Mr. Lewis had been a member of the Gellygear Authority for 21 years, and a deacon and treasurer of Carmel Chapel for 40 years. The Rev. Eurof Jones, formerly of Fochriw, officiated, assisted by Revs. Brython Davies, T. Alban Davies, and Evan Sedgemore. Mr. Tom Walters was organist for the service at the Crematorium. Rev. Eurof Jones paid tribute to Mr. Lewis's services for the public good, and emphasised his loyalty to Carmel Chapel and its ministers. Family mourners were: Mrs. M.A. Lewis (wife); Mr. Fred Paske, Mr. & Mrs. Enoch Lewis, Mr. & Mrs. J. Paske Lewis, the Rev. & Mrs. Brython Davies, Mr. & Mrs. Wyndham Hughes, Mrs. F. Trotman, Mr. Roy Trotman, Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Lamb, Mr. & Mrs. Tom Sullivan, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Jones, Mrs. Dilys Edwards and Messrs. Willie Edwards, Phil Mantle, Dan Williams, Con Edwards and Bedwyn Davies (nephews and cousins); Mesdames Tudor Evans, Mary Evans, Elsie Rees and T.A. Davies. Bearers were Messrs. Dan Jenkins, W.A. Davies, David Jones, Cyril Cook, Jack Lawrence, Tudor Evans, Coun. F. Jenkins and Ewart Davies. Gellygear Urban Council was represented by Councillors W. Poyntz, J.P., chairman; W.J. Payne, D.B. Cooke and John Haydn Jones; Mr. D.W.C. Moran, clerk; Dr. W.B. Owen, J.P., (M.O.H.); Messrs. W.T. Luke (engineer and surveyor), Walter Hicks (treasurer), Jonah Rees (deputy treasurer), Rees Williams (former treasurer). Representing magistrates of the Caerphilly Higher Division of Glamorgan – Mr. Lewis was a member of the Pontlottyn Branch for over 20 years – were Councillor George Richards, chairman, Messrs. I.G. Garbett, deputy chairman, and P.H. Ford. Mr. W.D. Gardiner represented Mr. D.W. Davies, divisional education officer. Among others present were Messrs. D. Evans, L. Evans, I. Evans, W. Lewis, M. Evans, J. Walters, S. Ballard, D.J. Old, D. Old, W.A. Jones, R. Rees, G. Lawrence, W. Davies, R. Price, A. Jenkins, Bert Evans, T.J. James, N. Cumpstone.

**18 November 1961** Former President Mr. Benjamin Shankland, who lived at Fochriw for many years before moving to North Wales, has died. The body was brought back to the old homestead, and laid to rest at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday.

**25 November 1961** Mr. Bernard Shankland Mr. Shankland, who was a popular personality at Fochriw before leaving for North Wales, has died at his home in Maentwrog at the age of 75. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Laurie Ann Shankland. Mr. Shankland was a sidesman and a member of St. Twrog's Parochial Church Council. He had been for years on the staff of the local hydro-electric power station. The interment was at Pentwyn Cemetery. Canon M.J. Daniels, Maentwrog, officiated, assisted by Mr. T.J. Jones. Relatives and friends accompanied the cortege from North Wales. The burial was from 33, Guest Street, the home of Mrs. E. Shankland, his sister-in-law. The mourners were: Emrys & Roy Shankland, Noel & Raymond Williams (nephews); Wm. Angell & T.J. Angell (brothers-in-law); Burk & Will Griffiths, Burk & Jackie Hiscox, Will Kirby, Evan Humphreys, Morris Owen, Ken Evans (nephews); T.J. James, Coun. Frank Jenkins, Ray Cook, W.A. Davies, D.J. Davies, W.J.A. Davies, Harry Jenkins, Bryn Powell (cousins); Idris Griffiths, Martin Thomas, Evan Morris, Richard Wilson, Jackie Jenkins, Thomas Walters. Also present were friends from Maentwrog. At the house: Mary Jane, Emily, Nell, Blod, Win (sisters-in-law); Annie, Mair, Gwladys, Mavis, Enid, Patty, June (nieces); Bessie, Nellie, Cassie, Lily, May, Lenora, Gwenfil, Annie (cousins); Mrs. Jenkins & Mrs. Fox. There were numerous floral tributes. (listed)

**6 January 1962** Death of Mrs. Shankland Mrs. Laurie Ann Shankland, widow of Mr. Benjamin Shankland, has died at Maentwrog, North Wales. Mr. Shankland was buried at Pentwyn last November. It is understood that Mrs. Shankland will also be buried at Pentwyn.

**13 January 1962** Late Mrs. Shankland The funeral of Mrs. Laurie Ann Shankland took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Wednesday last week. She was 74. Both Mrs. Shankland and her late husband, Mr. Benjamin Shankland, were old inhabitants of the village, prior to their move to Maentwrog. The officiating ministers were Revs. T.J. Jones and T.J. James. The bearers were Messrs. R.J. Price, Roy and Emrys Shankland, Glanmor Williams, Noel Williams, Coun. Frank Jenkins. Mourners were: Will & Tom Angell (brothers); Mary Jane, Nell, Judith (sisters); Win & Blod Angell, Emily Shankland (sisters-in-law); W.A. Davies, W.J.A. Davies, Dan Jenkins, Thomas J. James (cousins); Burkley Hiscox, Burkley & Gwyn Griffiths, Roy & Emrys Shankland, Glanmor Williams, Noel Williams, Ken Evans, Frank Jenkins, Syl James, David Morris (nephews); Annie, Mair, Betty, Laurie, Evelyn, Gwladys, Mavis, Enid, patty, June (nieces); Mr. & Mrs. Price, Wm. Lewis.

**13 January 1962** Deacon Dies Mr. Joshua Evans, 16, Brynteg Street, has died. He was well known in the village, being senior deacon of Noddfa Baptist Chapel. He was 75 years of age.

**20 January 1962** Late Mr. Joshua Evans The funeral of Mr. Joshua Evans, printer, of 16, Brynteg Terrace, who died on his 75<sup>th</sup> birthday, took place at Pentwyn Cemetery last Wednesday. Mr. Joshua Evans was senior deacon at Noddfa Baptist Chapel, where he will be sadly missed. From 1898 until 1922, he was the secretary of the Fochriw Branch of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, and the coffin was draped with the St. John flag and bore an ambulance cap and belt, there being no flowers by request. Conducting the service was the Rev. Thomas John Jones, who spoke of Mr. Evans' sterling qualities, and of how he would be missed at home and chapel. Rev. Jones was assisted by Rev. E. Sedgemore and Rev. Haydn Jones of Rhymney. Mourners were: Frank, John (sons-in-law); John, Lyn, Michael, Howard (grandsons); Tom, Bryn (nephews); Robert, Crad & John Thomas, Will Pearce, Iorwerth, Dick and John Evans, Tom Morris & Tom Matthew of Abertysswg (cousins); Harry Hughes & Sid Wright (friends). At the house: Iris & Win (daughters); Ann (sister); Lorna (grand daughter); Olwen & Phoebe (nieces); Dilys, Edna, Lizzie, Mary, Martha (cousins); Evelyn & Eira (friends). The bearers were Messrs. J.G. Gittins, Gwilym Davies, Ken Evans, Tommy Jenkins, Norman Withers, Richard Price.

**20 January 1962** Funeral of Mr. Meirion Shankland Mr. Meirion Shankland of Pleasant View, who died at Groesfaen Colliery, was 57 years of age. He was precentor at Carmel Chapel, and a member of all choral societies in the valley. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday, and was a very representative one. The service in the old church was conducted by Rev. T.J. Jones and Pastor David Thomas. Mr. Thomas Walters led the singing. Mourners were: Islwyn (son); Michael & Terence Shankland, Gwyn & Moelwyn Hughes (nephews); Dick Chapman, John Henry Saunders (brothers-in-law); George Powell, John Edwards, David Davies (cousins); Windsor, David, Teddy, Dick & Don Chapman, Noel & Glanmor Williams, Roy & Emrys Shankland, Billy Hall, John Price (nephews); Mervy & Dai Howells, Mr. Price, John Henry Evans, Tom Walters, Coun. W.J. Payne. At the house: Lil (wife); Margaret (daughter); Evelyn (daughter-in-law); Bessie, Cassie, Nellie, Jennie (sisters); Rachel, Maud, Gwladys (sisters-in-law); Sarah Ann, Emily, Elspeth, Maggie, Lizzie, Jane (cousins); Morfa, Kattie, Edna, May, Phyllis, Catherine, Emily ann, Lizzie, Gwladys, Enid, Mavis (nieces); Mrs. Bryn Jones, Mrs. Davies, Penybank, Mrs. Howells, Cwm Carno Farm. Bearers were Messrs. Richard Price, Robert Thomas, Crad Thomas, Elwyn Davies, Osborne Parry, D. Martin Thomas. The manager of Groesfaen Colliery was represented by Mr. David Brown, Head Lampman. There were many floral tributes. (listed)

**10 February 1962** Late Mr. Dummett Mr. Charles Dummett, 12, Pontlottyn-road, died recently at Redwood Memorial Hospital, Rhymney, aged 56. Rev. E. Sedgemore officiated at the funeral at Pentwyn Cemetery. The principal mourners were: Messrs. Charles, George & Rufus Dummett (sons); Grenville Lewis & Thomas Llewellyn (sons-in-law); Edwin, George, Percy, Albert and Rufus Dummett (brothers); Absent through illness were Fred & Alfred (brothers) and Haydn Watkins. Others: Alfred. Wm. & John Penny, Fred Adams (brothers-in-

law); Tommy Watkins, Glanmore Dummett, Royston Edward Price, Cledwyn Parry, John Yeoman, Billie Lewis, Michael & Terence (nephews); Wm. Cheeh (great-uncle); Reginald Lewis, Mel Harris, D. Harries (cousins); Haydn Banfield, Alfred James & Ben Williams, Dowlais, Tom Morris, Steve Jones, John Lewis, Ricahrd Treverrow, Wm. Morgan, Arthyr Saunders, O. Morgan, David Jones, and numerous friends and workmates. The bearers were Messrs. Ernie Morgan, Mel Edwards, Trevor Edwards, Jack Morgan, Will John Jones, Idris Williams. At the house were: Mrs. N. Dummett (wife); Lily, Silvia (daughters); Margaret (daughter-in-law); Mary Ann, Nellie May (sisters); Edith, Maggie, Cridwen Dummett (sisters-in-law); Lily Letchfield, Bertha Adams (sisters-in-law); Mrs. M. Jones & Amy Lewis (neighbours). There were numerous floral tributes. (listed)

**17 February 1962** Late Mr. Jenkins The funeral of Mr. Frank Jenkins, aged 64, of 4, Brynteg Terrace, took place on Thursday last at Glyntaff Crematorium. Mr. Jenkins, a former patient at Ystrad Mynach Hospital, and later a resident at Combe House, Cheshire Home, Llanstephan, died at Penylan Hospital, Carmarthen. At the house were Annie Mary (sister); Win & Rosemary (nieces) The mourners were Bert (brother-in-law); John, Frank. Bill & Terence (nephews); Messrs. Thomas Walters, Gwilym Davies, Michael Evans, Will Edwards, Tommy Jenkins, Jack Lawrence, Tudor & Will Evans, Will Lewis, Bob Parry, W.A. Davies, Tom Jones, David Evans. The service was conducted by Pastor David Thomas, assisted by Rev. Evan Sedgemore. There were a number of floral tributes. (listed)

**17 February 1962** Died in Devon Recently at the Devon and Exeter Hospital, the death occurred of Margaret May Prowse, widow of Mr. J.W. Prowse, Penybank. Aged 64, she had spent a short holiday with her daughter, and the day before returning home, was taken ill. She was transferred to the hospital where she died. The funeral took place at Exeter. The family mourners were: D.W. Love (son); Phil & Vera (daughters); Irene (step-daughter); Rhoda (sister); Nan (daughter-in-law); Peter, Ivor, Len (sons-in-law); Mrs. Underholl, George, Ralph, John, Edith & Nola (friends). There were many floral tributes for which the family is very touched and grateful.

**10 March 1962** Death of Former Resident: Mr. Llewellyn Rees Mr. Llewellyn Rees, son of the late Mr. & Mrs. Rees Rees, Guest Street, has died in Chicago. He emigrated 40 years ago. His sister, Mrs. Gwen Jones, and brother, Mr. Bob Rees, still live in the village. Mr. Rees is survived by his wife, a son (who is a District Attorney) and a daughter. He last visited Fochriw in 1955.

**10 March 1962** Late Mrs. H.L. Farley The death has occurred at Southsea Hospital of Mrs. Hannah Lloyd Farley. She was in business in the village for many years until her removal to Southsea four years ago. Cremation took place at Porchester Crematorium on Friday. The Rev. John Sturgess of John Pounds (Unitarian) Church officiated, and on Sunday, the family attended a memorial service in the church.

**24 March 1962** Sudden Death A well-known inhabitant, Mrs. Powell, Brynteg Street, has died suddenly.

**28 April 1962** Late Miss E. A. Price The death has occurred of Miss Evelyn Annie Price, aged 53, of 34, Guest Street. Miss Price was born at Penydarren, but moved to Gilfach, Bargoed, at an early age. The greater part of her life was spent at Fawr Farm, Bargoed. She moved to Fochriw in 1954, where she kept a small general store. In the 1930s she attended a course in dairy farming at the Glamorgan Agricultural College, Pencoed. Her other great interest was singing, particularly choral work. The funeral took place at Gelligaer Church, where Rev. J. I. Jones, and Mr. Thomas Jones officiated. The bearers were Messrs. Roland Evans (Bargoed), Cyril Davies, Alun Davies, Gwynfor Evans, David Ballard, Lionel Everitt, all of Fochriw.

**5 May 1962** A Native of Fochriw: Late Mrs. Eleanor Evans The death has occurred at her home of Mrs. Eleanor Evans, aged 64, of 22, Martin Street. She was born at Fochriw and lived there all her life. Mrs. Evans was a faithful member of Carmel Chapel and a chairman of Carmel Sewing Guild. She was active as a member of the N.S.P.C.C. and as a member of the W.V.S. Interment was at Pentwyn Churchyard. Officiating were Rev. T.J. Jones, Pastor David Thomas and Rev. E. Sedgemore, and the organist was Mr. T. Walters of Carmel Chapel. Bearers were Messrs. P. Iles, A. Sharp, L. Davies, L. Coggan, G. Lloyd, A.H. Dummett. At

the funeral were David, Alvan and John (sons); Sylvanus Jenkins (brother); David I. Evans, David Davies, Ray Clark, David Morris (brothers-in-law); John Cole, Frank & Terry Jenkins, David, Rev. Cyril Jenkins & John Jenkins, Howard Jenkins, Malcolm Cook, Enoch Lewis, Elwyn Edwards, Edryd, Garnant, Islwyn, Delfryn & Graham Jones, John Gwyn Gittins, Gwyn Davies, Graham Crane, David Morris (nephews); Dan & Aneurin Jenkins, Willie Angell, Thomas John James, Syl James, Roy & Emrys Shankland, Noel Willaims and Ken Evans (cousins); Mr. Wm. Morgan, Brian Morgan, Mr. Wm. Cook. At the house were Eliza (daughter); Sylvia (daughter-in-law); Elaine & Diane (grand daughters); Annie, Lenora and Eirlys (sisters); Annie Mary and Elvis (sisters-in-law); Lisa, Iris & Lisa (nieces); Mrs. Mary Cook, Mrs. L. Hughes, Mrs. C. Evans, Mrs. Sedgemore.

**19 May 1962** Late Mr. L. Griffiths Mr. Lewis Griffiths, who had lived at Aelybryn for many years, has died. Mr. Griffiths recently worked with British Railways at Cardiff.

**19 May 1962** Late Mr. D.J. Williams An 84 year old Fochriw resident, Mr. David James Williams, has died at his home at Glen View, Pentwyn. Born at Deri, Mr. Williams lived at Fochriw for many years. He was an ex-serviceman. Burial was at Pentwyn Churchyard last Thursday. The Vicar officiated. Mourners were: George & Idris (sons); Tommy George (brother-in-law); Tom Powell (son-in-law); Gwyn, Gareth, Graham (grandsons); Joe Pullen, John Williams, David, Eddie Thomas, Islwyn Williams, Will Williams (nephews). Bearers were members of the Deri Branch of the British Legion. At the house were: Harriet Ann (wife); Sarah Ann (daughter); Sarah Jane, Sal (Dowlais), Sal (Fochriw), Dolly, Edna, Nellie, Hannah, Annie, Lizzie, Ivy Morgan, Auntie Lilly, Mrs. Barry, Doreen and Jean. There were many wreaths. (listed)

**26 May 1962** Veteran Organist's Death Mr. Thomas Walters, A.L.C.M., organist and choirmaster of Carmel Congregational Chapel for the past 60 years, has died.

**9 June 1962** Late Mr. Thomas Walters Born in the village 77 years ago, Mr. Thomas Walters, Bryntirion House, has died. He was a senior deacon of Carmel Congregational Church and for 60 years was both choirmaster and organist. He was a former conductor of the Fochriw Male Voice and Mixed Choirs, and had also conducted the United Church Choir. He was prominent as a music teacher, too, and taught the piano, and also trained many noted violinists. At one time he conducted the valley singing festivals. He has one son who is in the Excise and Customs service. The United Church Choir attended the funeral at Glyntaff Crematorium. Officiating were the Rev. E. Jones, Cwmaman, the Rev. T. Alban Davies, Ton Pentre, and the Vicar of St. Mary's Church, the Rev. Evan Sedgemore. The Crematorium Chapel was crowded with representatives of all the organisations in the community and surrounding villages. Many well-known people in the music and mining circles were present. Immediate family mourners were Willie, Eileen and St. John, son, daughter-in-law and grandson. Carmel was represented by its deacons, Mr. W.J. Angell Davies, C.T. Cook, David Jones and Nurse Lewis.

**16 June 1962** Well-known Producer The death has occurred of Mrs. Matt Lewis of Tonypany at the age of 85. Born in Guest Street, she was the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Aneurin Jones, and spent her childhood days in the village. She was a singer of repute, and held important posts in the Education world as a teacher and headmistress. She was the founder producer of the famous Mid-Rhondda Garrick Dramatic Society, and produced plays for the Maes-yr-Haf Players.

**23 June 1962** Native of Fochriw: Late Mr. W.J. Davies William John Davies has died at the age of 61 at his home in 21, Guest Street. Mr. Davies, who lived in Fochriw all his life, was a member of Noddfa, and in his later years of the Gospel Hall. The funeral was at Pant Cemetery, where Pastor David Thomas and Rev. T.J. Jones officiated. The bearers were Messrs. John Matthews, Linfsey Coggan, D.C. Jones, Gwynlais Lloyd. The family mourners were: Mabel Davies (wife); Cyril & Willie (sons); Elsie Thomas (daughter); Sarah Davies (mother); David Davies (brother); Norman Thomas (son-in-law); Violet & Rena (daughters-in-law); David Thomas, Wyndham Hughes, Albert Percy, Ernie & Ron <arshall (brothers-in-law); Albert Charles Marshallsea (father-in-law); Rose Thomas, Sal Davies, Lil Hughes, Rene, Hilda, Mona & Betty Marshallsea (sisters-in-law); Maud Lewis (aunt); Glanmor, John,

David, Windsor, Kerry (nephews); Pam, Yvonne, Phyllis (nieces); Thomas Jones, Jack Davies, Lena Davies, Thomas James (cousins).

**30 June 1962** Late Mr. W.J. Davies Mr. Habuck Ballard (uncle) was one of the family mourners at the funeral reported last week.

**25 August 1962** Late Mrs. M.J. Williams The funeral took place on Thursday of last week of Mrs. M.J. Williams, Blaen Carno, Pantywaun. Mrs. Williams, who was 67, is survived by her husband, Mr. Thomas Williams. The Rev. Cooper Lewis, Vicar of Rhymney, officiated at the funeral at the Graig Cemetery. The mourners were: Messrs. Thomas Williams (husband); Hohn, Charles, Cyril (sons); H. Bradley, D.J. Pugh, John Angell (sons-in-law); Dorian, Malcolm, Kerrie, Meirion (grandsons); Thomas John, Evan Gwyn, Idris & Elwyn Morgan (brothers); Arthur Davies, Will Williams, Will Bradley, David Rees, W.T. Morgan (brothers-in-law); David Auger, D. Williams and Mostyn (grandsons). The bearers were Messrs. J. Phillips, J. Davies, Idwal Bradley, J. Dyer, Gwynfor Williams, G. Williams. At the house were Olwen, Irene, Mair (daughters); Rhoda, Glenys, Nancy (daughters-in-law); Brenda, Myra, Elsie, Margaret (grand-daughters); Hannah Phyllis, Margaret, Myfanwy Rees (sisters); Caroline, Mary Ann, Lilian (cousins); B. Hodges (friend). Funeral arrangements were by Mr. Crad Price & Sons, Dowlais.

**15 September 1962** Late Miss H. Bassett The death has taken place of a well known inhabitant, Miss Hannah Bassett, 13, Rhodfa Ganol.

**29 September 1962** Native of Brithdir The funeral of Hannah Elizabeth Bassett, 13, Rhodfa Ganol, took place recently. She was the daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. Bassett of Brithdir, but had recently resided with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. David Lewis Evans. She was 51 and a faithful member of the Gospel Hall. The burial was at Gwaelodybrithdir Cemetery, Pastor David Thomas officiating at the house and graveside. The mourners were: Jim & Simon Bassett (brothers); D.L. Evans, Fred Jones, H. Dodson (brothers-in-law); James Jones (cousin). Bearers were Messrs. Jack Jones, Tom Sullivan, W. Rowlands, Cyril Coughlan, Tom Lewis, William Lewis, Tom Owen, Cyril Jones, Haydn Jenkins. At the house were: Blod, Rachel, Edith (sisters); Lil (sister-in-law); Charlotte (cousin); Joan, Catherine, Esther, Marjorie, Elspeth. There were beautiful floral tributes.

**6 October 1962** Fochriw Collier Killed A 60 year old Fochriw collier was struck and killed by a flying haulage rope sheave four days after he had tightened it by hand, it was stated at a Bargoed inquest on Tuesday. The North Glamorgan Coroner recorded a verdict of "accidental death" on Mr. David Rees, a married man with four children, of 4, Heolybryn, Fochriw. It was stated that Mr. Rees, a sheavesman, was killed in the R.H. 5 district of Ogilvie Colliery, on Friday, August 17. The manager of the colliery, Mr. David John Lewis, said that Mr. Rees was responsible for greasing the sheaves. "In my opinion, I think he was undoing the sheave to re-position it. The strain in the rope caused it to fly off," he said. Dr. Paul McCarthy of Deri said that Mr. Rees' death had been instantaneous. Death was caused by lacerations of the brain due to an injury to the skull. His ribs were also fractured. In returning a verdict of accidental death, the jury expressed sympathy with Mr. Rees's widow and family. The Coroner and the manager also expressed their regrets.

**27 October 1962** Miss Karen Lloyd The funeral of Karen Lloyd, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Lloyd, 34, Aelybryn, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday. The Vicar officiated at the house and graveside. The mourners were Ronald & Winnie Lloyd (parents); Ann (sister); Brian, Keith, Colin (brothers); Thomas John Evans & Margaret (grandfather and mother); Roy Evans, Sydney Evans, Maldwyn Williams (uncles); Eunice Evans, Gay Evans, Polly Williams, Nellie Small (aunts); Malcolm, Terence, Alun Williams, Ellis Edwards, Alfred Bradley, Ruth Fox (cousins). Bearers: Harry Bradley, Rufus Dummett, Victor Davies.

**1 December 1962** Councillor W.J. Payne, Veteran Fochriw Administrator, Is Dead Coun. W.J. Payne, of 1, Glyn Terrace, Fochriw, former chairman and a member of Gelligaer Urban Council, died at his home on Sunday, aged 82. He had been the "Merthyr Express" correspondent in the area for half a century, and had been a member of the Council for 23 years and was held in high esteem for his services to the public. He was chairman of the governors of Lewis Boys' and Girls' Grammar Schools, Ystrad Mynach, and a member of the governors of Bargoed Grammar-Technical School. He also held the chairmanships of the

Caerphilly and Gelligaer Divisional Health Committee; the Rhymney Valley Water Board and the Board of Governors of Bargoed Technical School. For 30 years he was a member of the Rhymney and Abertyswg Hospitals House Committee and also served on Merthyr Hospitals Committees. Two years ago Coun. Payne received the Vellum Vote award for his long record of active work for the St. John Ambulance Society.

Coun. Payne was born at 7, Railway Terrace, Fochriw, and at the age of 12, went to work at the Fochriw Colliery. Three years ago, at the age of 79, he retired from work on the consultative committee of the Wales Gas Board. During the years of Depression Coun. Payne produced many dramas in connection with St. Mary's Church, Fochriw. Later, he became Churchwarden and a licensed lay reader of St. Mary's. Also during Depression days, he was chairman of the local Distress Fund. Other positions formerly held by Coun. Payne were: Captain of the Bargoed Fire Brigade and organiser of the Fochriw Welfare Hall and Y.M.C.A. He was a devoted and conscientious member of the Gellygaer Urban Council. He had recently been striving to reduce the free-hold costs of Fochriw houses. Mr. Ness Edwards, Labour M.P. for Caerphilly, a colleague of Coun. Payne, recently paid this tribute to him: "Coun. Payne was a great personal friend of mine and was always a great help to me. I had a great admiration for him. I always thought of W.J. as Fochriw." Coun. Payne is survived by a daughter, Miss Olive May Payne.

**8 December 1962** Councillor W.J. Payne, Of Fochriw, Buried At Pentwyn The funeral of Mr. W.J. Payne, J.P., of Glyn Terrace, Fochriw, at Pentwyn Churchyard on Wednesday last, was attended by a large number of people from Fochriw and the surrounding district. There were many of Mr. Payne's Council colleagues and representative from other organisations with which he was connected. Both the local M.P., Mr. Ness Edwards, and the Bishop of Llandaff, expressed their regrets at not being able to attend. Officiating clergy at the service at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, Fochriw, were the Venerable J.G. James, Archdeacon of Llandaff, representing the Bishop; the Rev. E. Sedgemore, Vicar of Fochriw; Rees Emmanuel, Vicar of Bargoed; David Prosser, curate of Caerphilly, representing the Rural Dean, Canon J.O. Williams. Mr. W. Edwards was the organist. The chief mourners were: Rev. J.C. Payne (brother); Messrs. David H. Jones (brother-in-law); Jack, Trevor and Gordon Lawrence; Rev. Vernon Payne, Vicar of Llanharan, and Mervyn (nephews); Messrs. Jack and Trevor Boyns, B.P. Pittaway, J. Lewis, A. Palfrey, A. Morgan, M. Edwards, J.B. Edwards, T. Sullivan, T.M. Mantle, J. Jones, P. Mantle, D.L. Evans, W. Evans and Desmond Kelly (cousins). At the house were: Miss Olive May Payne (daughter); Mesdames Margaret Hannah Jones, Elizabeth Jane Williams, Myfanwy Jones (sisters-in-law); Mesdames May, Elned and Lilian Lawrence, Misses S. Lawrence and Janice Lawrence, Mesdames Kathleen Lewis, Rosie Pittaway, Betty Palfrey, and Miss Carol Lewis (nieces); Medames Esther Sullivan, Lil Edwards, Phyllis Jones and Nellie Edwards (cousins). Bearers from the house to the church were: Messrs. G. Davies, T. Evans, M. Evans, N. Walters, F. Jenkins, B. Davies, G. Davies, A. Palmer, D. Jenkins, W. James, F. Wright and B. Rees; from the church to the churchyard: members of the Glamorgan Constabulary under Chief Inspector Glyn Matthews, Inspectors G. Gilmore and D. Bowne escorted the cortege, along with Sergeants F. Bright, T. Williams, Jing, and P.C.s Evans, Sergeants Watkins, Gwilym and Carey. A large number of representatives from local government, education, local organisations and the Church were present. There were a considerable number of floral tributes. (listed)

The chairman and members of Gellygaer Urban Council paid tribute to Coun. Payne at their meeting on Tuesday. The chairman, Mr. H.L. Roberts, spoke of his sincere and faithful service to the council, and extended his sympathy to Mr. Payne's daughter. Councillors John Davies, William Poyntz, Cledwen Williams, D. Blatchford and Will Jones all paid testimony to Mr. Payne's public service.

**12 January 1963** Mrs. H.A. Williams The death has occurred of Mrs. Harriet Ann Williams, 3, Glen View, Pentwyn. Mrs. Williams was born in Pentwyn and spent all her life in the village. She is survived by one son and two daughters.

**19 January 1963** Late Mrs. Williams Mrs. Harriet Ann Williams, 3, Glen View, Pentwyn, who has died at the age of 77, was born in Dowlais, but lived at Fochriw since early childhood. Burial was at Pentwyn Churchyard, the Vicar, Rev. E. Sedgemore, officiating.

Principal family mourners were: George, Idris (sons); Mr. T.G. Williams (brother); Messrs. H. Blight, T. Powell (sons-in-law). At the house were: Ann, Sarah (daughters); Mesdames E. Williams, L. Williams (daughters-in-law); Gwyn, Gareth, Graham, T. Bibey (grandsons); Islwyn Williams, G. Williams, Joe Pullen, E.R. Thomas, J. Thomas, Will John, David Pullen (nephews); Jean Price, T. Bibey, R. Powell (grand daughters); S.J. Pullen, S. Davies, B. Thomas, C. Williams, D. Thomas, D. Jenkins, E. Pullen (nieces). Bearers: D. Tyler, T. Williams, D. Pope, B. Llewellyn, V. Davies, C. Tyler, D. Williams. Also M.A. Lewis, Nellie Davies, H. Pope, A. Amos, I. Morgan, L. Williams, C. Parker, Treharris, E. Beynon (friends). There were many floral tributes. (listed) Funeral arrangements were by Mr. E. Davies, Treharris.

**16 February 1963** Dies in Hospital The death occurred in hospital on Sunday of Mrs. Ethel Emery. A native of Pantywaun, Mrs. Emery moved to Fochriw recently to the new Council Flats at Tyr Waun.

**16 February 1963** Late Mr. E. Cumpstone The death has occurred at his home, Bryn Awel Villa, of Mr. Ernest Cumpstone. He was in his 89<sup>th</sup> year. A native of Shropshire, Mr. Cumpstone came to Fochriw nearly 70 years ago. A baker by trade, he took up haulage with horse drawn vehicles, changing to mechanical vehicles with the progress of time. An ardent chapel man, he was a life-long Methodist, and in earlier days, walked twice on Sundays to Pontlloftyn Primitive Methodist Church. He continued to attend at Deri and Fochriw. With his business, he combined farming, and in 1938, became the tenant of Cwmllywdrew Farm. He leaves five sons and three daughters.

**23 February 1963** Fochriw Businessman: Mr. E.E. Cumpstone The death has occurred of Mr. Ernest Edward Cumpstone, aged 88. He was born at Ironbridge. He was a car proprietor and funeral furnisher for 60 years. He was a member of Nazareth Chapel. The funeral at Pentwyn Churchyard was conducted by Rev. T. Jones, assisted by Rev. E. Sedgemore, vicar, Rev. J.R. Stacey, vicar of New Tredegar, Rev. T.J. Jones, and Pastor David Thomas. The mourners were: Idris, Nicholas, Bert, Arthur, Cadafan (sons); Frank Chaplin, Haydn Jones, Eric Slade (sons-in-law); Stephen Ballard (brother-in-law). At the house were: Lydia, Margaret, Teg (daughters); Liz, Olwen, Annie, Gwynfil, Doreen (daughters-in-law); Celia Ballard, Elsie Hayward (sisters-in-law); Messrs. W. Ballard, J. Ballard, D. Ballard, Windsor Ballard, R. Broadbent, G. Davies, G. Blunt, Bryn & Graham Cumpstone (nephews); Douglas, Billy, Peter & Bertie Cumpstone, E. Hodson-Walker, Brian, David Roberts (grandsons); Betty, Mair, Dora, Mary, Elsie, Jean, Elaine (grand daughters); Myfanwy (niece); Phyllis, Mrs. Lewis (friends). There were many family tributes. (listed)

**6 April 1963** Mr. Evan Watkins The death occurred at his home, 5, Williams Row, on Friday, of Mr. Evan Watkins. Aged 73, Mr. Watkins moved to Fochriw from Dowlais as a child. He is survived by his wife and two sons.

**6 April 1963** Dies in Hospital The death occurred suddenly, in hospital on Monday, of Mrs. Margaret Jones, 11, Pontlloftyn Road. A native of Fochriw, she was a faithful member of St. Mary the Virgin Church. Mrs. Jones is survived by her husband, a son and daughter.

**13 April 1963** Mr. Evan Watkins Mr. E. Watkins, 5, Williams Row, has died, aged 72. He was born in Stableford, Warfield, Bridgenorth, and lived for 51 years in Fochriw, where he had been a miner. He served in World War I. The Vicar officiated. The burial was at Pentwyn Churchyard. Principal mourners were: Tommy, Haydn (sons); Herber (brother); Bill Curtis, Edwin, Percy, Alfred, Albert, Rufus Dummett (brothers-in-law). At the house were: Mary Ann (wife); Emmie, Mary, Gladys (sisters); Winnie, Mair (daughters-in-law); Morfydd, Edie May, Nellie May (sisters-in-law); Will Watkins (brother); Will Cheek (uncle); Fred & George Dummett (brothers-in-law), were unable to attend owing to ill-health; Tom, Will, Stanley, Leslie, George, Randall, Ken, George, Glanmor, Royston, Charlie, George, Michael, Cyril (nephews); W.J. Bradley, Henry, Will Henry, Ron, D. King, Leslie, Cyril, John (cousins); Rosie, Eileen (nieces); Mrs. Thomas, Gwyneth (friends). There were a number of floral tributes. (listed)

**13 April 1963** Dies in Hospital Mrs. Margaret Ann Jones, 11, Pontlloftyn Road, has died at St. James' Hospital, Tredegar. She was born at Llanddewi, Abergavenny, and lived in Fochriw for 47 years. Mrs. Jones was a faithful member of St. Mary's Church. Burial was at

Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday, the Rev. Evan Sedgemore officiating. Principal mourners were: David (husband); Margaret (daughter); Glanville and Irene (son & daughter-in-law) who are in Kenya were unable to attend; Dick, Bill (brothers); Amy (sister); Fred (son-in-law); Nan (mother-in-law); Jennie May, Nellie, Elsie, Myfanwy, Gloria, Auntie Men, Cousin Olwen, Mrs. Dummett, Mr. & Mrs. Reg Price, David, Cledwyn Chick, Peter, Albert Bulch, Victor, John, Ken (nieces and nephews). Bearers: Frank Jenkins, Billy Cumpstone, Alun Davies, Trevor and Mervyn Edwards, Arthur Palmer. There were numerous floral tributes. (listed)

**13 April 1963** Headmaster Dies The death occurred suddenly at his home in London on Sunday, of Mr. Tudor Davies, whose parents live at 14, Brynteg, Fochriw. Aged 48, Mr. Davies was appointed to a headship at a Middlesex School last September. His wife is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ben Roberts, Deri. A wife and two children survive.

**20 April 1963** Former Resident The death occurred suddenly at her home in Cardiff of Mrs. Tegwedd Jones, formerly of Fochriw. In her early sixties, Mrs. Jones was the widow of Mr. T.J. Jones, also of Fochriw. Her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Jones, still reside in the area. A daughter, Mildred, survives.

**4 May 1963** Late Mrs. P. Thomas The death has occurred at the Redwood Memorial Hospital, Rhymney, of Mrs. Phoebe Thomas, nee Cole, of 5, The Grove, Fochriw, widow of Mr. David Joshua Thomas. Aged 56, Mrs. Thomas had lived in Fochriw all her life. From 1941 to 1946, she served with the Q.A.I.M.N.B.{R} and was assistant matron attached to the 6<sup>th</sup> General Hospital in Suez. For the past eleven years, Mrs. Thomas has been county midwife for Fochriw and district. A daughter, Susan, aged 14, survives. Cremation was at Thornhill Crematorium on Saturday.

**11 May 1963** Mrs. Phoebe Thomas The death has occurred of Mrs. Phoebe Thomas. Mrs. Thomas was born in Fochriw, and was county midwife. The funeral took place at Thornhill Crematorium on Saturday, Mr. T.J. Jones officiating. Mourners: Susan (daughter); Sarah, Ceinwen (sisters); George (brother); Leighton, Ian, Gerald, Donald, Glyn (nephews); Megan, Eileen, Myfanwy, Pamela, Non (nieces); Mrs. A. Thomas (mother-in-law); T. Millward, E. Gibson, T. Thomas, B. Thomas (brothers-in-law); Wymmie, Cyril, Leon, Lalla, Mary, Jane (cousins); Mesdames R. Cole, O. Thomas (sisters-in-law). Bearers: Messrs. T.J. Evans, T. Beale, A. Woods, H. Woods, J.R. Walters, F. Jenkins. Also present were: Messrs. W. Pearce, W.A. Davies, I. Evans, D. Jenkins, W. Davies, R.A. Evans, Mesdames May Davies, E. Shankland, L. Evans, E. Rowlands, M. Cheal, colleagues from the Caerphilly Branch of the Royal College of Midwives. There were numerous floral tributes. (listed) Funeral arrangements were by D.J. Davies, Fochriw.

**18 May 1963** Late Mrs. P. Thomas In the funeral report last week, one of the mourners was Mr. W. Edwards (cousin), and a floral tribute was received from colleagues of the Gelligaer and Caerphilly Branch of the Royal College of Midwives.

**18 May 1963** Late Mrs. G. Lewis The death has occurred at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, 1, Plantation Terrace, of Mrs. Gwen Lewis, formerly of Church Street, Pontlottyn. Aged 86, she was a member of Zoar Welsh Baptist Chapel.

**18 May 1963** Hospital Death The death occurred on Tuesday at the General Hospital, Merthyr, of Mr. Wm. Henry Edwards, Ivor Street, Dowlais, formerly of Aelybryn, Fochriw. Aged 73, Mr. Edwards retired from the Bedwas Colliery three years ago. His sister, Mrs. Esther Sullivan, still lives at Fochriw.

**25 May 1963** Mrs. G. Lewis The funeral of Mrs. Gwennlian Lewis, 1, Plantation Terrace, took place at Gwaelodybrithdir Cemetery on Thursday. Mr. T.J. Jones and Mr. T.J. James officiated. Mrs. Lewis was 86, and was born in Pontlottyn. She was a member of Zoar Baptist Chapel. For the past few years she had lived in Fochriw. The mourners were: Emlyn (son); Fred (son-in-law); Wayne, Nigel (grandsons); David Williams (cousin). Representing Noddfa, Fochriw, were Mr. Robert Thomas, Mr. Will Pearce. At the house were Eluned (daughter); Phyllis (niece); Ethel Evans, Winifred Evans, Maud Chapman.

**1 June 1963** Mrs. Hilda Evans The death has occurred of Mrs. Hilda Evans, aged 62, of 11, Chapel Row, Penybank. Mrs. Evans, who was the daughter of the late Mr. David Davies, builder and undertaker, and the late Mrs. Davies, was a fine contralto, and sang with the



ladies' and mixed choirs in the village. She was connected with many social activities locally. Interment was at Pentwyn Churchyard, Rev. I.T. Jones and Rev. T.J. Jones officiated, assisted by Pastor David Thomas. Mourners were Messrs. Sydney Evans (husband); David Robert (son); R. Gittoes, G. Carter (sons-in-law); Clive & Robert Gittoes (grandsons); David John, Dan (brothers); T.J. Evans, Sam Thomas, W.M. Davies, Bert Evans (brothers-in-law); Ellis Davies, Ewart Davies, Tudor, Willie, Myrddin, Gwyn, Roy and Trevor Evans, Alun, Gwyn, Tawe, Vernon, Ken, Ron Lloyd, W.E. Thomas, Paul Thomas, F. Wright, Goronwy & Jeffrey, Ronnie & Alan Parry (nephews); T.J. Jones, E.W. Jones, Crad & Robert Thomas (cousins). At the house were Marion and Ena (daughters); Gwyneira (grand daughter); M.A. Beynon (aunt); Gwladys, Asaneth, Jenny May (sisters); Edie Maud, May, Maggie (sisters-in-law); Jean Parry (niece); Andrea Price. Ben Davies, brother, of Taunton, was unable to travel due to illness. There were many floral tributes. (listed)

**15 June 1963** Mr. Coggan The death occurred at his home on Friday last of Mr. Arthur Coggan, 4, Chapel Row, Penybank. He had resided in the village many years. His wife, two daughters and four sons survive. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Tuesday.

**22 June 1963** Late Mr. Arthur Coggan Mr. Arthur Coggan, aged 76, died recently. He was employed at Fochirw Colliery until it closed, and then worked at Ogilvie. Upon retirement, he opened a green grocery business. He was a member and trustee of St. Mary's Church. A service was held at the church before interment at Pentwyn Churchyard. The Vicar officiated, assisted by Pastor David Thomas and Pastor Wm. Griffiths. Mourners were: Vernon, Ralph, John, Lindsay, Reggie (sons); Frank (brother); Gordon, John, Ivor, Phillip, Gary, Colin (grandsons); Trevor (brother-in-law); Richie (nephew); George (cousin). Bearers: Tom & Doug Morgan, Cliff Goulding, Cyril Jones, Reggie Davies. At the house and church were: Maud (wife); Eileen (daughter); May, Doreen, Glenys, Nancy (daughters-in-law); Betty (grand daughter); Mrs. Pipkin (mother-in-law); Ethel (niece); Addie (cousin); Mrs. Gillard, Mrs. Goulding, Gretta, Olwen and many friends. Ralph, brother, was unable to attend because of illness. The organist was Mr. W. Edwards. There were a many floral tributes. (listed)

**20 July 1963** Late Mr. A. Ward The death has occurred at his home, 5 Heol Iago, of Mr. Alfred Henry Ward, aged 73. Born in London, he worked at a colliery in the Rhondda Valley until his retirement. He had lived at Fochriw of nine years. He is an expert billiards and snooker player. He was a member of the Baptist Church. Mr. T.J. Jones officiated at the interment at Trealaw Cemetery. Mourners were George, Alfred, Henry (sons); Alice (daughter); Idwal (son-in-law); Raymond, John, Glyn, Wyndham (grandsons); Sylvia, Georgina, Moyra (grand daughters); Mr. & Mrs L. Townsend, Mr. & Mrs. W. Jones. Bearers: Len Townsend, Michael Walker, Len Townsend (jnr), Will Rees. There were a number of floral tributes. (listed)

**27 July 1963** Mrs. J. Coonick The death has occurred of Mrs. Coonick, 43 Heol y Bryn. She was 61, She had lived at Pontlottyn until the slum clearance.

**27 July 1963** Mrs. Mary Strang The death has occurred of Mrs. M. Strang, 17 Pontlottyn Road. She was born in Penywern, Dowlais, 78 years ago. She came to live in the village when very young. She had recently been discharged from hospital.

**27 July 1963** Died in Colwyn Bay The funeral took place recently in Colwyn Bay of Mr. Griffith Morris, son of the late Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Morris, 19 Martin Street. He was aged 58. A wife and four-year-old son survive.

**3 August 1963** Mrs. Coonick, Fochriw Mrs. Mary Jane Coonick, 42, Heol y Bryn, has died at St. James' Hospital, Tredegar. She was 61. She was born at Pontlottyn where she lived until she moved to Fochirw five years ago. She was a member of Bethel, Pontlottyn. The funeral was at Gwaelodybrithdir Cemetery on Friday, the Rev. Aneurin Thomas officiating. Mourners: Cyril (husband); Bert, John, Fred, Lewis (brothers); Louisa, Edith, Lilian (sisters); R. Coonick (father-in-law); Lewis, Billy, Evan, Ernie, Bert, Tom, Gilbert, Cyril (brothers-in-law); Sally, Gwyneth, Evelyn, Maggie Jane, Ruby, Meg, Maggie, Bronwen, Sally (sisters-in-law); Eric, John, Ray, John (nephews); Dorothy, Winifred, Ann, Mary, Margaret (nieces); Harriet, Bessie, Sally, Tom, Hughie, Jack, Essex, John, Sid, Harold, Clive, Richard, Dofrey, Will, Billy, Ivor, Reg, Mike (cousins); Mrs. Powell, Moss, Davies, Jones, Sal, Gretta Thomas

(friends). Bearers were John & Jeffrey Powell, Charlie Jones, Ivor Davies, Abe Cook, Michael Maloney. There were numerous floral tributes. (listed)

**2 November 1963** Late Mr. J. Lawrence The death has occurred at Ystrad Mynach Hospital on Sunday, of Mr. James Lawrence, 20, Brynteg. He was 81, and had lived at Fochriw all his life. He was employed at Bargoed Colliery until he reached the age of 70. His wife died four years ago.

**16 November 1963** Dies at 81 Mr. James Lawrence has died. He was born at Fochriw 81 years ago. He worked at Fochriw Pits, and afterwards, until his retirement at age 70, at Bargoed Colliery as a haulage engineman. He was a member of Nazareth Chapel. Burial was at Pentwyn Churchyard. Rev. T.J. Jones officiated. Principal family mourners were: Wyndham P. Lawrence, Mus. Bac. (son); Adelaide Lawrence (daughter); J. Idris Williams (son-in-law); Ceinwen Lawrence (daughter-in-law); Jeanne Lawrence Driscoll (grand daughter); James P. Driscoll (grandson-in-law); Jonathon James Lawrence Driscoll (great grandson); Geo. Smith, Wyndham Smith, Michael Evans, Thomas M. Jones, Lewis Jones, Martha Smith, Lil Smith (nephews and nieces); Geo. Watson Jones (cousin). Bearers were Richard Price, John Rees Walters, Wm. Lewis, Gwilym Davies. There were a number of floral tributes. (listed)

**14 December 1963** Late Mr. H. Thomas The death occurred at the Redwood Memorial Hospital of Mr. Howell Thomas, a native of Fochriw, but lately of Rhymney. Aged 74, he was the son of the late Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Thomas, Station Terrace. A wife and grown up family survive.

**14 December 1963** Late Mrs. M. Lewis The death occurred on Friday at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. W. Evans, 17, Brook Row, of Mrs. Miriam Lewis, formerly of Pontlottyn.

**21 December 1963** Late Mrs. M. Lewis Mrs. Miriam Lewis, 17, Brook Row, has died at the age of 82. Mrs. Lewis spent her life in Pontlottyn, until moving to Fochriw two years ago. The cremation was at Glyntaff Crematorium. Rev. A. Thomas, Abercynon officiated. The bearers were Messrs. F. Hann, W. Pearce, T. Thomas, D. Jones, R. Price.

**21 December 1963** Late Mrs. M. McCauley The death occurred last Thursday at the home of her daughter and son-in-law at 81, Glanynant, on Mrs. Lily McCauley, a native of Newcastle. Mrs. McCauley came to live in the village about eight years ago. The funeral took place on Tuesday at Pentwyn Churchyard. A grown-up family survive.

**4 January 1964** Mr. George Dummett The death occurred at his home, 20, Dynevor Street, of Mr. Deorge Dummett. Aged 56, he had lived in the area all his life. He was employed at Ogilvie Colliery until ill-health forced him to retire. He leaves a widow and grown up family.

**11 January 1964** Late Mrs. M. Humphries The death occurred at the Redwood Memorial Hospital of Mrs. Marjorie Humphries, Pontlottyn, formerly of Fochriw. She was 58, and was the only daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. John Lewis, Aelybryn.

**11 January 1964** Mr. George Dummett Mr. G. Dummett has died. He was 56, and spent his life in Fochriw, and worked at Ogilvie Colliery. He was a member of the former Male Voice Choir. His hobby was gardening. Burial was at Pentwyn Churchyard, after a service at St. Mary's Church. The Vicar, Rev. E. Sedgemore, officiated. The principal mourners were: Royston (son); Ken (son-in-law); Freddie, Alfred, Percy, Albert, Rufus (brothers). John Llewlyn Owen, brother-in-law, was unable to attend. At the house were: Margaret (wife); Gwyneth (daughter); Mary Ann, Nellie May (sisters); Edie, Nell, Credwin, Cred (sisters-in-law); Tommy, Haydn, Glanmor, Charles, George, Rufus, Tommy Owen, John, Haydn, Emrys, Jack, Billy, Alan, Michael, Terence (nephews); Les, Tom, Cyril, Isaac, Dai, Teddy, Billy, Howell (cousins); Joe, Arthur, Charlie (friends). The bearers representing the Fochriw Labour Club were Messrs. Harry Bradley, Ronald Lloyd, Trevor Wallis, Ellis Davies, Bill Ross and Alun Davies. There were numerous floral tributes. (listed)

**1 February 1964** Mrs. Gwladys Wright Mrs. Gwladys Wright, 41, Aelybryn, has died. She was 69. She was the daughter of the late Mr. David Davies, builder and undertaker, and was a member of the member of St. Mary's Church, of the Mothers' Union, and of the Noddfa Sisterhood. Mr. Wright died 10 years ago. Burial was at Pentwyn Churchyard after a

service at St. Mary's. Rev. J. Ifor Jones, rector of Gelligaer officiated. Mr. W.A. Davies was the organist. The funeral was well attended. Principal family mourners were: Doris, Jennie May, Annie (daughters); Fred, Beverly (sons); Goronwy (son-in-law); Eluned, Kitty (daughters-in-law); Jeffrey (grandson); David John, Dan, Ben (brothers); Aseneth, Jennie, May, Lizzie (sisters); Sal, May, Edie (sisters-in-law); Bert, Gordon, Bessie, W.M. Davies, Sid Evans, Sam, Sid Wright ((brothers-in-law); Robert Davies (uncle); Ellis, Desmond, Ronnie, Allen, Tudor, Willie, Myrddin, Barry, Alun, Gwyn, David, Reggir, Willie Edmund, Selwyn, Bob John, Will Fox (nephews and cousins); Marion, Elsa, Jessie Ann, Enid, Jean, Ruth, Morfa, Edie, Bessie (nieces, cousins and friends). There were representatives of St. Mary's and the Mothers' Union; of Noddfa; of Nazareth; and of the Mission Hall. There were numerous floral tributes. (listed)

**29 February 1964** Died in Hospital The death has occurred at Ystrad Mynach Hospital of Mrs. Annie Jones, 14, Glen View, Pentwyn. In her eighties, Mrs. Jones had lived in the village most of her life.

**7 March 1964** Mr. S.S. Llewellyn The death occurred at his home on Friday of Mr. Stuart Samuel Llewellyn, 48, Glanynant, and formerly of Pentwyn, the son of Mrs. E.A. Llewellyn, and the late Mr. W.S. Llewellyn. He was 45. Mr. Llewellyn lived locally all his life. He was a member of St. Mary's.

**14 March 1964** Mr. Albert J. Evans The death occurred at Llandough hospital on Sunday of Mr. Albert John Evans, 62, Glanynant, formerly of Penybank. Mr. Evans had been ill for many years. His wife and grown up family survive.

**14 March 1964** Mr. S. Llewellyn Mr. Stuart Samuel Llewellyn has died. He was born at Pentwyn, and lived in the district all his life. He was a member of St. Mary's. The funeral was at Pentwyn Churchyard last Wednesday. Rev. E. Sedgemore officiated. The organists were Mr. Willie Edwards and Mr. W.A. Davies. Mourners: William John, Vernon, Eddie (brothers); Ian, Robert (nephews); Jenkin Johnson, Jack Benbow (uncles); Elwyn, John, Alvin, Cuthbert, Cecil, Hopkin Llewellyn, Joe, John, William, David, Kenneth Pullen, Jack Davies, Will Davies, John Albion, Moses Garrett, Albion & Fred Way, Enoch & Tom Rees, Rev. Thomas, J. Jones, David Cecil, Horace Eales (cousins). At the house were: Elanor Ann (mother); Bernice (sister-in-law); Irene, Nora (aunts); Lesley (niece); Sarah Jane, Edith, May, Laurie Ann, Elizabeth (cousins). The bearers were Tudor Evans, Lionel Everitt, Frank Jenkins, Len Davies, Harry Bradley, Tom Watkins. There were numerous floral tributes. (listed)

**21 March 1964** Dies at 49 The death has occurred at her home in Nuneaton, Warwickshire, of Mrs. Ceridwen Purnell. Aged 49, Mrs. Purnell was the daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Thomas, 2, Williams Row. Her husband and grown up family survive.

**21 March 1964** Former Resident The death occurred at her home in Llanbradach recently of Mrs. Jessie Elizabeth Davies. Mrs. Davies was the daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. Gwilym Llewellyn, Ffynnonauduon Farm, Pentwyn. Her husband and one son survive.

**25 April 1964** Funeral The death occurred at the home of his daughter in Rhymney of Mr. Alfred Best. In his seventies, Mr. Best had resided until recently with his son and daughter at 35, Coronation Crescent.

**30 May 1964** Dies at 82 The death occurred on Tuesday at Van Road Hospital, Caerphilly, of Mrs. Maud Davies, 4, Plantation Terrace. Aged 82, Mrs. Davies had lived in Fochriw all her life. Her husband, Mr. John Davies, died some years ago.

**30 May 1964** Mr. William Hughes The death has occurred at his home at Caerphilly of Mr. Wm. Hughes. He was the son of the late Mr. & Mrs. John Hughes, 17, Martin Street. Cremation took place on Monday. A grown up family survive, as well as two brothers and a sister.

**30 May 1964** Former Resident The death has occurred at her home in Worcestershire of Mrs. Rosamund Morris, formerly of 53, Glanynant. Aged about 40 years, Mrs. Morris had been in ill health for a long time. Her husband, two sons and mother survive. Burial took place on Monday in Worcestershire.

**6 June 1964** Mr. Bryn Jones The death has occurred of Mr. Bryn Jones, late of 5, Hillside, Fochriw. He was 64. He was a native of Pontlottyn, but had lived in Fochriw for 8 years. He is

survived by his wife Mary, aged 50, and a daughter, Edna and son Mark. The funeral was at Pentwyn Churchyard., Rev. A. Trevithick, Bargoed, officiating. Mourners: Billy (brother); Harold (son-in-law); Ivor, Fred, Clem, Jimmy, Harry, Billy (brothers-in-law); Tommy Burridge, Malcolm Phillips (nephews); Jonny, Elwyn, Horace (cousins); J. Powell (friend). At the house were: Mary Lizzie (wife); Sally, Mavis, Edna (daughters); Gertie, Edna, Olive, Carrie (sisters); Sian, Mark, Rhian, Elizabeth, Thomas (grand children); Mary, Lesley (nieces); Gwladys, Margaret, Jaone, Betty (sisters-in-law); Annie, Maud, Norma, Mrs. Phillips, Mrs, Donovan (neighbours). Bearers: Messrs. D. Jones, J. Keefe, B. Harris, A. Williams, C. Gardener, B. Morgan. There were numerous floral tributes. (listed) Funeral arrangements were by Mr. Ewart Davies, Fochriw.

**6 June 1964** Mrs. Edith Davies Mrs. Edith Maud Davies, 4, Plantation Terrace, has died at Van Road Hospital, Caerphilly. She was 82. Born at Fochriw, she lived in the village all her life. She was a member of Carmel Chapel. She won many prizes at eisteddfodau for singing. She was the widow of Mr. John Davies, who died six years ago. The funeral was at Pentwyn Churchyard. The Rev. T.J. Jones officiated. Mourners: Messrs. W.A. Davies, W. Angell, W.A. Thomas, T. Davies, D.J. & E. Davies, Ray Davies, R. Parry, H. Davies (nephews); C. Abbey, J. & D. Harding, D. Evans (friends); there were many representatives of Carmel, of Nazareth, of Noddfa and of the Mission Hall. There were many floral tributes.

**6 June 1964** Mrs. Ellen Davies Mrs. Ellen Davies, 39, Heolybryn, has died at home at the age of 85. She was a native of Pontlottyn, and lived there until 8 years ago. She was a member of St. Tyfaelog Church, Pontlottyn. Her husband died 33 years ago.

**6 June 1964** Mrs. J. Sedgemore The death has occurred at Abertysswg Hospital of Mrs. Jane Sedgemore, mother of the Rev. Evan Sedgemore, vicar. Until 18 months ago, she lived at Hirwaun. A grown up family survive.

**6 June 1964** Mrs. C.H. Pugh The death occurred at Rhymney Hospital of Mrs. Catherine Ann Pugh, 21, Guest Street, widow of Mr. Thomas Pugh. A native of North Wales, she came to Fochriw after her marriage. She was the oldest member of Nazareth Chapel. A grown up family survive.

**27 June 1964** Mr. J.W. Davies The death has occurred of Mr. John W. Davies, 107, Glanynant. He was 63, and had been ill for some time. A widow and grown up family survive.

**27 June 1964** Mrs. J. Sedgemore Mrs. Jane Sedgemore, The Vicarage, has died at the age of 88, at Abertysswg Hospital. Mrs. Sedgemore was the widow of George Venn Sedgemore of Hirwaun, and the eldest daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. William Williams, Bryn Hir Farm, Rhigos, Hirwaun. She was born at Skewen, and returned to Hirwaun during her infancy. She was a communicant of St. Lleurwg's Church, Hirwaun. The funeral was at Hirwaun Cemetery. The Revs. J.R. Phillips, vicar of Hirwaun, R. Emmanuel, vicar of Bargoed, and Rev. E. Sedgemore, Vicar of Fochriw and Deri, officiated at the house. At St. Lleurwg's Church, the Rev. J.R. Phillips conducted the service, assisted by Canon W. Cooper Lewis, vicar of Rhymney, and they also officiated at the graveside. Mourners were: William James, Thomas John Henry, George Venn, Oliver Dudley, Evan (sons); Moira, Florrie, Mary, Jane, Nellie, Sallie (daughters-in-law); Churchwarden A.J. Palmer; Mrs. A.G. Palmer and Mrs. G. Lawrence (Fochriw), Mrs. M. Owen, Mrs. Nan Jones, Mrs. Milwyn J. Hughes (Deri) (representing the Mothers' Union); Miss E. Fox (parochial secretary and the Sunday School); Rev. C. James, vicar of Pontlottyn; representatives of the Sunday School Teachers' Association, Caerphilly Deanery. The bearers were: Churchwarden A.J. Palmer (Fochriw & Deri); Churchwarden H. James (Hirwaun); W. Johnson, John Hughes, J.H. Richards (Lampeter), J. Thomas (Llanybyther). Numerous other relatives and friends attended (listed), and there were numerous floral tributes. (listed)

**27 June 1964** Mr. T.F. Thomas Mr. Thomas Francis Thomas, 8, Williams Row, died recently at St. Tydfil's Hospital, as a result of an accident at Merthyr Vale Colliery. He was 47. Born in Fochriw, he lived in the village for most of his life, except for a brief period in London before the war. He was a carpenter. From 1941-46, he served as a Colour-Sergeant with the Royal Marine Engineers, and was mentioned in dispatches in 1945 for his good services in connection with the operations for the invasion of Normandy. The funeral was at

Pentwyn Churchyard, when Pastor David Thomas, Mission Hall, assisted by Rev. E. Sedgemore, officiated. Family mourners: Gladys (wife); Alan (son); Maggie, Howell, Dai Cheese, George Parnell, George & Bob French (brothers-in-law); Daisy, Annie, Amy, Lily (sisters-in-law); Joan (intended daughter-in-law). There were representatives of Brynmawr Baptist Chapel; Carmel, Fochriw; Nazareth, Fochriw; Noddfa, Fochriw; the Mission Hall, Fochriw; Newport Rugby Club; patients of St. Tydfil's Hospital; Merthyr Vale Colliery, and Merthyr Vale N.U.M. Bearers were Trevor Wallis, Melvin Cartwright, Tommy Watkins, Ieuan Lewis, Bill Pullen, and a representative of Merthyr Vale Colliery. Numerous relatives and friends attended (listed), and there were a very large number of floral tributes (listed).

**4 July 1964** Mr. R. Donovan The death has occurred on Friday last of Mr. Robert Donovan, 34, Pontlottyn Road. He previously lived at Pontlottyn.

**4 July 1964** Mr. Robert Donovan Mr. Robert Donovan, 34, Pontlottyn Road, has died at his home. He was 59. The funeral was at Brithdir Cemetery. Rev. C. James, vicar of Pontlottyn, officiated. Family mourners were: Mrs. E.A. Donovan (wife); Mr. B.I. Donovan (son); Mrs. B. Brockwell (daughter); Mrs. G.M. Donovan (daughter-in-law); Mr. J. Brockwell (son-in-law); Mrs. R. Price (sister); Bryn, Alan & Christine Donovan, Florence, Terence & William Harris, John Ivor Jones, Mervyn & Jenny Waldron, Johnny and Tina Faulkener, Thomas Diggle, Emily & Johnny Kearneally, Mrs. Maralyn Harris, Thomas Williams, Robert Brockwell, Margaret Brockwell, Edward James, Lynn Faulkener, Malcolm Diggle, Wilf Evans, Mrs. Ann Evans, Arthur Martin, Alan Harris, Ivor Grafton, Ray Grafton, John Henry Jacob, Cyril & Ray Caswell, John Griffith, Owen & Emily Blewett, Mrs. Sylvia Dobbs, Mrs. E. Beynon, Dennis Jones, Nino Minolli, Thos. Jones, D. Richards, Mrs. E. Warner, E. Warner. Bearers were Messrs. J. Borstal, R. Watkins, F. Bedford, D. Shields.

**4 July 1964** Mr. John Davies The death has occurred at St. James' Hospital, Tredegar, of Mr. John William Davies, 107, Glanynant. He was 64. He was born at Penydarren, Merthyr. He had lived at Pentwyn and Fochriw for over 30 years. He served in the First World War, and was employed in coal mining for 40 years, until his health forced an early retirement in November 1963. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard, where Pastor D. Thomas of the Mission Hall officiated, assisted by Mr. T.J. Jones. Immediate family mourners were: Lena (wife); Thomas John, Reginald, Charles, Len (sons); Sophia, Maud, Lena (daughters); Edwina, Edna, Yvonne (daughters-in-law); Jack, Allen, Eric (sons-in-law); Stanley (brother); Thomas John Beat, George Gatehouse (brothers-in-law). The bearers were the sons, sons-in-law and brother-in-law of the deceased. Friends and relatives present were William Francis, Tommy & Evan Williams, Tom Young, Will & Lydia (cousins) Haydn & Richard Davies (nephews). There were numerous floral tributes. (listed)

**1 August 1964** Mr. Thomas Angell Mr. Thomas Angell of Luton, formerly of Fochriw, has died, aged 60. He was a bachelor, and lived with his sister. He was employed by the Vauxhall Motor Company. He was the son of the late Mr. & Mrs. Berkley Angell.

**19 September 1964** Baby's Death The death occurred on Friday last of Baby Elizabeth Grizelle Titcombe, infant daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Titcombe, 19, Aelybryn. The funeral took place on Wednesday.

**26 September 1964** Baby's Funeral The funeral of Elizabeth Chryshel Titcombe, two-month old baby of Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Titcombe, Aelybryn, took place at Rhymney Cemetery, the Rev. Evan Sedgemore officiating. Mourners: Mr. & Mrs. Titcombe (parents); brothers and sisters; Mrs. Pegg. Mr. & Mrs. Titcombe (grand parents); Mr. & Mrs. A. Palmer, Mr. & Mrs. E. Jones, J. Pegg, Mr. & Mrs. J. Jones (incles & aunts); Norman & Margaret, Mr. & Mrs. E. Savage, Mr. & Mrs. J. Elliott. Mr. & Mrs. J. Sproates (cousins); Mr. H. Wood, Mrs. M. Chapman, Mr. & Mrs. J. Thomas (friends). There were many floral tributes. (listed)

**10 October 1964** Miss Annie Powell The death occurred at Gelligear Hospital of Miss Annie Powell, 15, Guest Street. She was 78, and had been blind for many years. She was the sister of the late William Powell, bandmaster of the now defunct Silver Band.

**10 October 1964** Former Resident The death occurred at St. John's Wood, London, of Mr. Matthew Slimmon, aged 63, formerly of Fochriw. He saw service with the Welsh Guards during the First and Second World Wars. He was born at Begwns Farm, Nantyffin.

He was the son of the late Mr. & Mrs. Robert Slimmon, a well-known farmer, who lived for many years at Llwyniago Farm, Fochriw. His wife survives.

**17 October 1964** Mr. Evan D. Warner Mr. Evan David Warner, 17, Hillside, Fochriw, died at St. James' Hospital, Tredegar, at the age of 56. Born at Ferndale, he resided at Rhymney and Pontlottyn for 31 years, before coming to Fochriw 8 years ago. He was a Church member, and an active member of the St. John Ambulance Brigade. He was interested in physical culture and weight lifting. He was employed in the medical centre at Ogilvie Colliery. The funeral was at Rhymney Cemetery. The Rev. E. Adams Evans officiated. Family mourners were: Ethel (wife); Raymond, Brian, Haydn (sons); Joan, Sylvia (daughters); Ann Jane Davies (mother-in-law); George, Haydn (brothers); Haydn, Nora (step brother and sister); David, Frederick (brothers-in-law); Lena, Lucy, Blodwen, Edie (sisters-in-law); Jack Pugh (uncle); Annie Maud, Lizzie, Maggie (aunts); William, Richard, Michael, Bryn, Bryn (nephews); Mrs. Ray Caswell, Cyril Caswell, Evan & Richard Savage, Dennis, Gerald & Davy Powell, Leon Bengough (cousins); Mr. & Mrs. Woodcock & John, Mervyn, Jacky & Leslie Trigg, Ken & Albert Morgan, Frankie Wood, Jimmy Payne, Idris Lewis, Patsy Murphy, Winnie Morgan, Mrs. R.M. Cumpstone (friends). There were many representatives of the Riches Corps, St. John Ambulance, and of the Fochirw, Pontlottyn, and Abertysswg Ambulance Divisions. Also, of the Ogilvie Colliery Medical Centre.

**31 October 1964** Obituary The death occurred at Ystrad Mynach Hospital last week of Mrs. Rachel Mary Cumpstone, aged 74, of 13, Hillside. She had lived in the village all her life, and was the widow of Mr. Percy Cumpstone.

**7 November 1964** Mrs. Rachel Mary Cumpstone Mrs. R.M. Cumpstone has died at Ystrad Mynach Hospital. She was born in Fochriw and had lived in the village all her life. She was a member of Carmel Chapel, and a founder member of the local Sewing Class. As a laying-out nurse, she helped many families in time of bereavement. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard, the Rev. Eurof Jones, Cwmavon, officiating. Mourners were: Bryn, Graham (sons); Teg, Winnie (daughters-in-law); Paul (grandson); Tom (brother); Will, Dan (uncles); Harry Evans, Tommy Cockram, Idris, Arthur, Bert, Nick, Cadfan Cumpstone, Haydn Jones, Gwyn Angell (nephews); D. Harris, E. Lewis, B. Davies, A. Davies, W. James (cousins); C. Caswell, A. Palmer, W. Moseley, J. Griffiths, G. Powell, T. Powell, H. Downton, T. Sussex, D. Evans, W. Davies, W. Evans, A. Evans, E. Maund. At the house were: Cas, Nell (sisters); Edith (sister-in-law); Thelma, Joan, Joyce, Annie, Elizabeth (nieces); Sue, Toots, Rachel, Bess, Elvira, Sal, Peggy, Bess, Sian (cousins); Mrs. Evans, Ray Caswell, Mrs. Moseley, Mrs. K. Jones, O. Powell, P. Davies. There were numerous floral tributes. (listed) Funeral arrangements were carried out by Cumpstone Brothers, Fochriw.

**11 December 1964** Mrs. A.E. Gwynne Mrs. A. Elizabeth Gwynne has died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Sybil Mansfield, at Newport. Mrs. Gwynne was 84, and came to live at 13, Hill Row, Pentwyn, after she married. She was a member of the Parish Church and of the Mothers' Union. A grown up family survive. The funeral will take place at Pentwyn Churchyard.

**24 December 1964** Mrs. Anne Thomas The death occurred at her home, 20, Brook Row, of Mrs. Anne Thomas. She was born in Dowlais, and was 83 years of age. She was the widow of Mr. Jenkin Thomas, a signalman at Fochriw Station for many years. A grown up family survive.