

“Merthyr Express” 9 December, 1864

Smallpox, Typhus and Scarlet Fever Smallpox is raging in Aberdare from the upper part of the town as far as Mountain Ash, and it was stated to the magistrate at the Aberdare Police Court last Tuesday, that in some houses three of four people had been attacked. Tredegar, Ebbw Vale and Dowlais are suffering from the same disease, and in those places it is on the increase. Typhus disease, the companion of bad drainage, and scarlet fever have increased the already excessive mortality at Merthyr, and last Monday, the road to the Merthyr Cemetery at Cefn was lined with a complete procession of funerals. Neglect of vaccination, bad drainage, and want of cleanliness in the mining population, have had these disastrous effects.... . The Vaccination Act is now being enforced by the authorities who so long neglected its use, and till the effect of the great and expensive drainage scheme opens up brighter prospects for Merthyr, cleanliness and lime washing should be urged on the population by those with influence.

“Merthyr Express” 8 September, 1866

The Cholera in Merthyr The total number of cases of cholera and diarrhea up to Wednesday night is as follows: Cholera – 46 cases with 27 deaths; choleraic diarrhea – 109 cases with 1 death; diarrhea – 501 cases with 1 death; total cases 656 with 29 deaths. These returns exclude the Cyfarthfa district for which Dr. Thomas declined to make a return. Another of the Mahoneys of Sunny Bank died on Thursday, making six in one household.

“Merthyr Express” 15 September, 1866

Cholera at Merthyr Account of deaths in Merthyr Tydfil Parish registered from 23 August to 8 September, 1866: total 44. Upper Merthyr – Dowlais 7; Penydarren 2; Ffynnon Tydfil 18; total 27. Lower Merthyr – Merthyr 10; Gellideg 3; Troedyrhiw 4; total 17.

“Merthyr Express” 3 November, 1866

Alarming Outbreak of Cholera at Rhymney We had hoped that the fearful epidemic would not have happened here, seeing that the season was so far advanced, and up to now Rhymney had passed comparatively unscathed; but, alas! for deluded hope. The cholera, we are loathe to state, has visited us in its most aggravated type. On Friday the alarm was given, and up to the time of writing (Monday morning) sixteen fatal cases, if not more, have occurred, and all with 100 yards of each other at Forge-row. The cases were of a most virulent nature, the sufferers only lingering about seven or eight hours. Disinfectants have been unsparingly used Additional medical assistance was at once procured. A very respectable hearse has been made by Mr. Rowlands of the works, and every exertion is being made to retard the progress of the contagion. Some of the deceased were stalwart, health men – men of careful habits, inhabiting some of the cleanest homes in the place. There seems no accounting for the serious outbreak. It is as yet confined to the one spot, which with the exception of being contiguous to the works, varies in nothing from the other parts of Rhymney. The scene at the Church on Sunday was very affecting. The High-street adjoining the Church was thronged with people. Five corpses were brought for interment nearly at the same time. All the mourners were admitted into the Church, but the bodies were carried at once to their last resting places. At many places of worship in the evening, the sermon had especial reference to the visitation. At some of the chapels, prayer meetings are held every evening.

“Merthyr Express” 2 November 1867

Typhoid Fever at Phymney This time last year, the town was thrown into a state of great distress by the ravage made by the cholera. We now hear of several cases of

typhoid fever, and we are sorry to state that two grown up children of Mr. Jones, Stores Clerk, have succumbed to the fever.

“Merthyr Express” 1 February 1868

The Public Health We are sorry to hear that typhus is prevalent all over Dowlais, and the doctors are heavily worked. The sooner we can bring our drainage into full operation the better.

“Merthyr Express” 21 November 1868

Typhus at Dowlais For some time past, we regret to say, typhus has been raging at Dowlais, and has challenged the efforts of the doctors to keep it under. In order to prevent the spread of the danger, the matter was brought by Mr. Clark before both the Board of Guardians and the Board of Health, and it appearing that the case involved difficulties which could hardly be met by either Board singly, they determined to act together. The House of Refuge at Tydfil’s Well was ordered to be thoroughly cleaned, furnished, and supplied with comforts and medicaments for the sick, and it was done. Mr. Jones, the relieving officer, went to Dowlais on Saturday with the ambulance to bring several sick persons down, but they refused to be removed in some cases, and in others, those in charge refused to have them removed. On Thursday, the subject was brought before the Board of Health, and it was stated that unless the sick persons were removed the contagion would spread and affect the healthy, endangering the health of the neighbourhood. The Board resolved that the compulsory powers which they possess should be carried out in the interest of the sick and of the healthy by whom they are surrounded. We hope the poor people who are attacked by this terrible disease will not offer a futile opposition to measures which are devised for their good, and the good of those in health by whom they are surrounded. It is essential that the sick are removed to suitable healthy quarters, and it is vital to those in health to have the contagion removed from their midst. There is really nothing harsh or cruel in the steps resolved upon by the Boards, and we conjure the people to submit to them quietly.

“Merthyr Express” 20 February 1869

The Spread of Typhus at Dowlais Mr. Dyke reports that typhus was spreading rapidly at Dowlais, and as many as fifteen deaths had occurred from this disease since the start of the year. The manner in which it spread was this – persons attacked with the disease moved into clean houses and communicated the contagion there. Healthy families moved into the houses vacated by the deceased houses before they had been properly fumigated and disinfected, and thus took the disease. Up to the present all the means employed to check the spread of the disease had utterly failed, and he suggested that an application be made to the Privy Council to appoint an inquiry into the causes, with a view to the employment of more stringent measures to deal with the disease. The usual course was for the Privy Council to send down some eminent medical man who thoroughly understood the disease and all its conditions. He would inspect the place and report to the Board of Health, and the Privy Council would then make an order that would compel the Board to carry out the advice given. Mr. Harris then asked if the recent mortality was above the average for typhus. Mr. Dyke said it was saying that it had increased from 20 in the 1,000, to 22 in the 1,000.

“Merthyr Express” 10 August 1872

Small-pox at Rhymney We regret to announce that this sad disease has again made its appearance here. Two deaths have occurred this week, and there are several cases throughout the place.

“Merthyr Express” 13 January 1877

Merthyr Rural Sanitary Board Enteric Fever At Vochrhiw The Inspector reported 15 cases of enteric fever at Vochrhiw. There were also cases at Bedlinog. Dr. Dyke stated that the privies were in an insanitary state. The population of Vochriw was estimated to be 1000.

"Merthyr Express" 13 July 1878

Merthyr Rural Sanitary Authority On Saturday last the monthly meeting of this authority was held at the workhouse, when the members present were - Messrs. R. H. Rhys (chairman), Jenkin Matthews, L. D. Rees, C. E. Matthews, John Jenkins, Lewis Evans, and the Rev. Aaron Davies.

The Medical Officer of Health's Report The following was read from Dr. Dyke: "The births registered in the district of the Rural Sanitary Authority of the Merthyr Tydfil Union during the quarter ended 30th June numbered 169, and the deaths 104. The birth rate of the estimated population of 17,000 would be equal to an annual average rate of 39; and the death rate 24 per 1000. The death rates in the several parishes forming the district were in each 24 per 1000. The mortality of young children was 50% of the whole deaths, the causes mainly assigned being in 13 instances whooping cough, in 12 debility, in 12 inflammation of the organs of breathing, and in 4 convulsions. Upon referring to the localities in which the maladies causing the deaths of infants occurred, I find that whooping cough was fatal to 7 children in the village of Bedlinog; 1 child died of diphtheria at Vochrhiw, and one at Station Road, Hirwain. Enteric fever was fatal to one person at Vochrhiw, one at Cefncoed, and one at Cwmtaf fawr.

"Merthyr Express" 10 April 1880

Merthyr Rural Sanitary Authority At the monthly meeting of this authority, held on Saturday, the members present were: Messrs. R. H. Rhys (chairman), D. E. Williams, John Morgan, and Lewis Evans.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer Of Health The following summary of his report was read by Dr. Dyke.

The population of the district was estimated at 17,500; the number of houses occupied at 3,215. The births amounted to 534, and the deaths reported were 308. The birth rate was 30.5, and the death rate 17 only per quarter. The mean of the average mortality in the six years previous to 1879 was 22.3, so that the death rate was less than 5.3 per 1,000. The rates of birth in the several parishes were: Gelligaer, 34.8; Vaynor, 23.3; Penderyn, 20.5; Rhigos, 23 per 1,000. The rates of mortality were: Gelligaer, 18; Vaynor, 16; Penderyn, 15.5; Rhigos, 17 per 1,000. The percentage of deaths of children under 5 years was 36; the mean of the previous 6 years was 45.8; and that of the mortality of persons of 65 and upwards was 17.5, as against 15 in 1878. The average age of death was 30½; in 1878 it was 27¾. From the above statement you will infer that the health of the inhabitants was not prejudicially effected during the year 1879.

"Merthyr Express" 17 July 1880

Ravages by a Mad Dog in Gelligaer Parish: Several Persons Bitten On Thursday morning, a mad dog ran about the village of Cwmmfelin, biting dogs and attacking persons, as well as a valuable retriever bitch, belonging to P.C. Hunt, and another belonging to Mr. Davies, grocer, was also bitten. Two valuable dogs belonging to Mr. Davies, Penrhiw, shared a similar fate, and a man named Stokes was also bitten near here, and a lad living near the Craig signal-box was also bitten on the face. The dog made over the mountain to Deri, where an onslaught was made on dogs and one valuable cat. Then he ran on to Bargoed, down to Pengam, and then made off up the

Gelligaer road. The great brute evaded his pursuers and got back home to Gilfachmain, when Mr. Lewis Jones shot him dead about 8.30p.m.

“Merthyr Express” 28 August 1880

Child Dies From Dog Bite A child from Bedlinog has died from a dog bite. The child was bitten about a month ago.

“Merthyr Express” 9 July 1881

Medical Officer’s Report Quarterly Report There were 184 births and 95 deaths recorded by the registrars in the rural district in the last quarter. These numbers are equal to an annual birth rate of 43 per 1,000 and a death rate of 23 per 1,000. In the several parishes the birth rates were: Gelligaer, 48; Vaynor, 34; Penderyn, 35; Rhigos, 28.

“Merthyr Express” 8 October 1881

Medical Mr. Sandford Kent Jones, second son of Dr. Kent Jones, has passed the recent preliminary examination of the Royal College of Surgeons of England with honours. His tutor was Mr. Beavis, Primrose Hill, Merthyr.

Merthyr Rural Sanitary Authority: Surveyor’s Report Services had been put in all the houses at Vochriw proper, with the exception of five or six houses in Williams’-row, belonging to Mr. Herbert Kirkhouse, and one house in Brook Row, owned by Mr. Bowen, Talgarth, each of whom had been twice written to, Mr Kirkhouse being the only one who had replied. Two bills had been received from Mr. Gould, one for laying the house services, amounting to £117-18s. and the other for hydrants, etc., amounting to £22. A bill for £171-13-4 had also been received from Mr. Spittle for pipes. Mr. Spittle’s bill was to be paid at once, and Mr. Gould’s bill was referred to the Gelligaer Parochial Committee.

Scarlet fever was said not to be spreading much in the district, but the Surveyor was not at all surprised that there had [been] so much of it, when people insisted upon holding prayer meetings in infected houses, and schoolmasters and schoolmistresses would take all the school children to funerals.

“Merthyr Express” 11 February 1882

Merthyr Rural Sanitary Authority The Medical Officer reported that he had received information from Dr. Kent Jones of the occurrence of eight cases of scarlet fever at Cefn Coed, two at Bargoed, two at Bedlinog, eighteen at Deri, and three at Vochriw during the month of January.

“Merthyr Express” 2 September 1882

Correspondence To The Editor: The Value of a Turkish Bath Sir, I consider it my duty to acknowledge the great remedy I have had from the Turkish Bath. I have been suffering for the past twelve months from rheumatic in my loins and legs. I have tried various sorts of medicines, sea bathing and change of air, but all in vain. At last I tried the Turkish bath at Merthyr, and after four days, I was quite relieved of my pain, and now feel myself quite renewed. I think it will be well to publish this fact for the sake of many who may be suffering as I have been. Yours etc., John Thomas, 4, Moore’s-row, Vochriw, 25th., August, 1882.

“Merthyr Express” 14 July 1883

Merthyr Rural Sanitary Authority: Medical Officer’s Report The medical officer, Mr. Dyke, presented the following report. In the Rural Sanitary District, 141 births and 121 deaths were registered during the second quarter of 1883. On an estimated population of 17,000, these numbers represent annual rates of birth of 33 and deaths of 28 per 1,000 The birth rates in the several parishes were – Gelligaer 36, Vaynor 30, Penderyn 18, Rhigos 24. The death rates in the same parishes were 30, 24, 12 and 4 respectively. Specific febrile diseases caused 26 deaths; 11 were assigned to measles,

9 to whooping cough, and 3 each to scarlet fever and diphtheria. The fevers prevailed chiefly in the town of Pontlottyn, and the village of Fochriw. Acute and chronic lung diseases accounted for nearly one quarter of the deaths.

“Merthyr Express” 14 August 1886

Merthyr Rural Sanitary Authority The Medical Officer reports 10 child deaths from scarlet fever in Deri and Fochriw.

“Merthyr Express” 31 March 1888

The Outbreak of Smallpox at Gelligaer At the ordinary weekly meeting of the Merthyr Board of Guardians on Saturday, the vaccination officer for the parish of Gelligaer reported four fresh cases of smallpox - three at Penybank and one at Pentwyn, Vochriw. He suggested that notices should be issued warning persons against visiting infected houses and advising re-vaccination. The Board adopted the suggestion. The Rural Sanitary Authority met later on under the presidency of Mr. Jenkin Matthews, when the surveyor notified that during the past fortnight, eight cases had occurred at Penybank, Tymawr and Deri, making in all, nineteen cases since the commencement of the malady. One patient had died, seven had recovered, and eleven still remained under treatment. Great credit is due to the Authority for the prompt and energetic measures which they have taken to arrest the spread of the disease and to stamp it out. Three cottages in Stoney Houses, Brithdir, have been secured for use as a hospital, and a matron and nurse are in constant attendance. Dr. Eleazer Davies has been appointed medical officer, and an ambulance has been obtained from the Merthyr Board of Health for the conveyance of patients to the institution. The hospital has been visited by Dr. Dyke, who has expressed himself highly pleased with the arrangements made by Mr. James Jones, the Authority's surveyor, and Dr. Davies.

“Merthyr Express” 14 April 1888

Rural Sanitary Authority: Monthly Meeting: Smallpox at Penybank It was reported that since last week, 3 new cases have been reported making a total number of 23. Ten patients were received into the temporary hospital and four discharged. The Local Government Board pointed out that the expenses of the hospital must be charged to the general fund of the Authority.

“Merthyr Express” 5 May 1888

Smallpox and Typhoid Fever at Gelligaer At the weekly meeting of the Merthyr Board of Guardians on Saturday, the vaccination officer for the parish of Gelligaer reported six fresh cases of small-pox - one at Pentwyn, two at Deri, one at Mount Pleasant, and two at Penybank. A young man of 27, George Phillimore, died at the Penybank hospital on the 24th. At a meeting of the Rural Sanitary Authority held subsequently, the surveyor also reported on these cases, saying that 33 persons had now contracted the disease since its outbreak. Seven patients were now in the hospital. Typhoid fever had made its appearance at Bargoed, and there had been seven cases during the last month, one of which proved fatal. Mr. Jenkin Matthews, chairman of the Authority, said that it had been reported that the nurses at the hospital were in the habit of going into the village of Vochriw to the displeasure of the inhabitants. The Surveyor said the nurses had assured him that they did not leave the institution at all.

“Merthyr Express” 12 May 1888

Merthyr Rural Sanitary Authority: Monthly Meeting: Smallpox at Gelligaer The Surveyor reported that there had been 35 cases altogether and no fresh cases since April 20th.. All the patients in the temporary hospital were well and would leave within a week. The expenses incurred by the hospital were: fitting up - £75-13-2½;

maintenance - £35-12-7. The Report concluded with a recommendation that a permanent institution be established. This would be considered.

“Merthyr Express” 16 June 1888

Merthyr Board of Guardians: Weekly Meeting The vaccination officer for Gelligaer reported another case of smallpox that had appeared at Penybank. This made the thirty seventh case since the start of the epidemic.

“Merthyr Express” 23 June 1888

Merthyr Rural Sanitary Authority: The Small-Pox Outbreak An adjourned meeting took place on Saturday at the Merthyr Workhouse. It was reported that the Authority had received a letter from the cottage owners pointing out that the establishment of the hospital at Stoney Houses had affected the tenancy of the adjoining houses, and suggesting that the remaining seven should be purchased. The Authority admitted the reasonableness of the proposal and a committee was appointed to visit the place, inspect the cottages, and report to the Board. For the guidance of the committee, Mr. Jones, the surveyor, was directed to prepare a small plan of what was intended to be done to make the hospital a permanency. On the proposition of Mr. Jenkin Matthews, it was decided that the services of the nurse, and the man employed about the hospital (which the Authority had decided to dispense with) be retained for the present. The surveyor reported that three fresh cases of small-pox had occurred in Brithdir.

“Merthyr Express” 10 August 1889

Merthyr Rural Sanitary Authority Monthly Meeting Dr. Dyke, the medical officer, reported that the number of births registered in the district during the quarter was 162, and deaths 83. On an estimated population of 17,732, the annual rate of births would be 36.5 and of deaths 18.9 per thousand. Five fatal cases of enteric fever were recorded. In each locality where the sickness occurred, cesspit closets in a bad condition were found, but the authority's inspector had been careful to have the nuisances remedied. Measles was fatal to two children, which was prevalent at Pontlottyn, Deri and Trelewis. The infant schools were temporarily closed and the malady ceased to spread.

“Merthyr Express” 2 August 1890

The Rhymney Workmen's Doctor's Fund Once more, we have to record a most successful year for the Rhymney Workmen's Doctor's Fund, as shown by their annual balance sheet. Two years have now elapsed since the fund was carried on under the management of a committee representing all the different departments of the works, while the agents of the Rhymney Iron Company, and the employees of Messrs A. Buchan and Co. also, as contributors to the funds, have each a representative member. All members of the committee, and the trustees, have carried out their duties excellently. Sir Henry Tyler, M.P., chairman of the Rhymney Iron Company, has given ready assistance to the committee since its formation, and takes a great deal of interest in its progress. In this, he is loyally seconded by Mr. Trump, the general manager, and the stopping of the workmen's contributions at the work's offices, with the consent of, and at the request of the workmen, is a service which tends materially to assist the committee in the successful management of the fund. The balance sheet just presented has been duly audited and shows the most encouraging results. It is as follows:-

Receipts – To balance in favour of fund in London and Provincial Bank Ltd., 31 March, 1889, £250 9s 8d; workmen's stoppages, £1,429 7s 11d; agents' contributions, £25; A. Buchan and Co. contributions, £49 16s.; sale of rules, £1 13s 2d; £1,756 6s 9d. Expenditure: by doctors, assistants and dispenser, £845 19s 6d; caretaker, £31 11s; committee and officers, £9 8s; medical and surgical appliances, £158 16s 4d; rent,

fuel and light, £157 3s 5d; printing and stationery, £3 14s; repairs, surgery and surgery house, £19 5s; balance at 31 March, 1890, £530 9s 6d; total £1,756 6s 9d.

It should also be noted that £526 17s 2d due to the Rhymney Iron Company has also been repaid. We cannot close this notice without mentioning the most amicable relations which exist between not only the members of the committee and each other, but also between the committee and the head of the medical staff, Dr. T. Hall Redwood, M.A., M.D., and his assistants, Doctors Evans and Jones, who, by the cheerful and efficient manner in which they discharge their onerous duties, give the utmost satisfaction to the whole community.

“Merthyr Express” 13 September 1890

Merthyr Rural Sanitary Authority: Infectious Diseases Dr. Dyke said that typhoid fever was prevalent at Deri, there being 18 cases in 13 houses, and out of these, two deaths had occurred. There were 14 cases of scarlet fever at Tirphil, 1 at Pontllynn and 1 at Cefn. There were also several cases of typhoid at other places. He got no information whatsoever “until the horses were sold.” He asked if it was not possible to put the Contagious Diseases (Notification) Act into force. At one place, there had been five children affected in one house, and he had heard nothing about it until the thing was all over. In the past, he had recommended the closing of the schools, but this would cost fifty times more than the working of the Act. It was unanimously carried that the Act should come into force that day month.

“Merthyr Express” 8 November 1890

The Rural Sanitary District of the Merthyr Tydfil Union The Infectious Disease (Notification) Act 1889, 52 & 53 Vict., Cap. 72. Notice is hereby given that at a Special Meeting of the Authority held on the 1st November 1890, the following resolution was passed, namely:- “That the Infectious Disease (Notification) Act, 1889, be and is hereby adopted by this Authority, and that the said Act shall come into operation on the 10th day of December, 1890.” By Order of the Authority Frank T. James, Clerk.

“Merthyr Express” 9 May 1891

Merthyr Rural Sanitary Authority: Brithdir Hospital According to the instructions, the Surveyor stated that repairs to the Brithdir Hospital would cost £190.

Medical Officer’s Report I have received during the month of April, 34 notices of infectious disease: 13 at Bedlinog, 6 at Vochriw, 5 at Pontllynn, 1 at Tirphil, all in Gelligaer parish; 3 at Cefn in Vaynor parish; 6 at Rhigos-road in Rhigos parish. The malady is becoming less prevalent at Tirphil, Pontllynn and Cefn, but at Fochriw and Bedlinog it is becoming more prevalent. At Rhigos-road, there are six children ill in one house. So many cases have occurred last week at the High-street, Bedlinog, all being children of the school-going age, that I am of the opinion that it would be wise to close the schools for a fortnight. T. J. Dyke. It was decided to write to the school telling them of the medical officer’s suggestion.

“Merthyr Express” 30 May 1891

Vochriw Schools Dr. Dyke advised the Board to close these schools as an epidemic was prevailing there. This was agreed to.

“Merthyr Express” 22 August 1891

Merthyr Rural Sanitary Authority: Brithdir Hospital Dr. E. Davies of Fochriw wrote asking if the Board were prepared to enter into some kind of contract for medical attendance at the above hospital. It was decided to defer the matter.

“Merthyr Express” 29 August 1891

Merthyr Rural Sanitary Authority It was reported that the number of patients admitted to the Brithdir Hospital from April 7th to the present was 28. It was decided

to appoint Dr. E. Davies, Vochriw, permanent medical officer, for a fee of £1-1-0 each case, including medicine.

“Merthyr Express” 10 October 1891

Merthyr Rural Sanitary Authority: Medical Officers Report Notifications of 110 cases of infectious diseases were received during the quarter; 83 of them were for scarlet fever. The total for scarlet fever in the northern part of Gelligaer since last December has been 318. The medical officer stated that the spread of the fever might be limited if masters and mistresses forbid attendance at school of children from an infected house.

“Merthyr Express” 12 March 1892

Merthyr Rural Sanitary Authority: The Nurse at Brithdir Hospital A complaint had been received that the nurse at Brithdir Hospital had been employed outside the hospital. Dr. E. Davies admitted that he had employed the nurse when there were no patients at the Hospital, using the married daughter of the nurse as cover. He stated that this would not happen again. The Surveyor was instructed to inform the nurse that she must not undertake any cases outside the hospital.

“Merthyr Express” 14 April 1894

Medical Officer’s Report The number of cases of infectious illness reported was 26, with 2 fatalities. In addition, 3 deaths were due to measles and 16 to whooping cough.

“Merthyr Express” 28 April 1894

Merthyr Rural Sanitary Authority: Annual Medical Report Dr. Dyke presented his twenty first annual report which was full of interesting statistics relating to the health and condition of the district.

Total houses: 3,812. Total population: 19,264.

Number of births 1893/4: 714 {381 male; 333 female} Deaths: 354 {193 male; 161 female}

Birth rate: 37 per 1,000. Death rate: 18 per 1,000.

Rates of birth by parish: Gelligaer 39.5; Rhigos 23.5; Vaynor 33.8; Penderyn 30.

Rates of death by parish: Gelligaer 17.7; Rhigos 22.4; Vaynor 18.5; Penderyn 20.8.

Deaths in infancy and old age: under age 1:128 deaths; under age 5: 43 deaths; Total under 5 = 171.

48% of total deaths were infants under 5. Deaths aged over 65: 16.

Average age of death by parish: Gelligaer 23; Vaynor 31; Penderyn 43; Rhigos 25.

Average age of death for the district was 26 years 4 months.

Notification of infectious disease 1893-94: 203. Infectious disease by parish: Gelligaer 110; Vaynor 67; Penderyn 15; Rhigos 11. Type of infection: Scarlet fever 97; Diphtheria 16; Typhoid 47; Child bed fever 8; Erysipelas 35. Deaths: scarlet fever 11; diphtheria 3; typhoid 3; child bed fever 3; erysipelas 2; measles 12; diarrhoea 23. Diarrhoea : particularly in Tirphil; suggests link with the water supply there. Bronchitis and pneumonia: 77 out of the 354 deaths. Accidents were fatal to 13 persons, while 18 very young infants perished from sheer weakness.

“Merthyr Express” 8 September 1894

Gelligaer School Board: Scarlet Fever Scarlet fever having broken out in the caretaker’s house at Pontlottyn, the school has been closed for two weeks, on the advice of Dr. Simons, deputy medical officer.

“Merthyr Express” 8 October 1902

Smallpox at Dowlais One case was reported on the 11th October, four cases on the 13th, and a further four cases on the 14th.

“Merthyr Express” 17 June 1905

Medical Officers Report 55 cases of diphtheria were reported by the Medical Officer. Of these 45 were at Pontlottyn, 5 at Fochriw, and the remainder at Trelewis, Gilfach and Bargoed. He stated that only one case had been reported at Fochriw in the last month, so that it may be considered that the village is now free.

“Merthyr Express” 21 April 1906

Medical Officer’s Report During a general inspection of the district, the Medical Officer found that the back lanes were in a very filthy condition. He also condemned the premises used for a constitutional club at Fochriw as being utterly unfit for that purpose.

“Merthyr Express” 5 May 1906

Health Report for 1905 Pontlottyn 39.1 (Birth Rate); 23.2 (Death Rate); Tirphil 17.7 and 17.7; Fochriw 38.0 and 24.6; Bedlinog 37.0 and 14.4; Bargoed 39.2 and 15.6; Rhigos 20.2 and 16.0.

The death rate in the Pontlottyn and Fochriw wards was higher on account of the fatal prevalence of diphtheria and measles in these wards. Diphtheria accounted for 11 deaths at Pontlottyn and 16 deaths at Fochriw. Measles caused 15 deaths at Pontlottyn and the same number at Fochriw.

“Merthyr Express” 12 May 1906

Population Estimates The population at Rhigos is now estimated at 937. The population of the other five wards - Pontlottyn, Tirphil, Fochriw, Bedlinog, Bargoed and Gelligaer - is calculated at 24,213.

“Merthyr Express” 15 September 1906

Epidemic of Typhoid at Pontypool An epidemic of typhoid has broken out at Pontypool, and it is believed that the source of the disease is impure water.

“Merthyr Express” 7 September 1907

Presentation to Dr. and Mrs. Davies At a meeting held at Pantywaun on Friday evening, Dr. and Mrs. Davies were made the recipients of valuable wedding presents subscribed by the inhabitants of the village and district. Prior to the meeting, Dr. and Mrs. Davies were entertained to tea by a number of the ladies of the village. Afterwards, they were welcomed enthusiastically at the Schoolroom, and were officially welcomed by the president, the Rev. W. Williams, who spoke in the highest terms of Dr. Davies's labours amongst them. Mrs. Davies was presented with a bouquet of flowers by Miss Emily Jones, and then the Pantywaun Juvenile Choir sang "I sing because I love to sing," and this was followed by recitations and solos. On behalf of the schoolchildren, Bella M'Arthur presented Mrs. Davies with a beautiful work basket, and then the Chairman presented both with a silver afternoon tea-tray, suitably inscribed, and a silver cruet. Dr. Davies thanked everyone for their welcome and for the valuable presents. The Pantywaun Little Sailors then treated the audience to an action song, and the evening closed with the singing of "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau."

“Merthyr Express” 28 September 1907

Success Mrs. S. Thomas, Martin-street, has been awarded one of the Free Studentships in Midwifery at the University College, Cardiff, offered by the Glamorganshire County Council.

18 April 1908 Report on Health in the Parish of Gelligaer, 1907 [Fochriw Extracts]

Births and Birth Rate 134, 40.7; Deaths and Death Rate 53, 16.4. Birth Rate was higher in Fochriw than in any other ward. The highest illegitimacy rate was in Fochriw.

“Merthyr Express” 30 January 1909

Cardiff Infirmary A public meeting was held at Nazareth Chapel on Monday night, to consider the best way and means of finding money for the support of the Cardiff

Infirmary. Mr. George Thomas, Pleasant View, presided. A committee was formed to deal with the subject, consisting of three members from each place of worship: St. Mary Church: Mr. H. Evans, Brook House; Mr. Alfred Evans and Mr. Charles Payne. Carmel Chapel: Mr. Evan Evans, Mr. Thomas Ballard, Dr. Eleazer Davies, J.P. Noddfa Chapel: Mr. Thomas Evans, junior, Mr. Walter Walters, and another. Nazareth Chapel: Rev. Isaac Roderick, Mr. William Jones, and Mr. James Lawrence. Mr. Thomas Ballard was appointed secretary.

27 February 1909 Cardiff Infirmary Following a public meeting some weeks ago, it was resolved that a house to house collection should be made throughout the village of Fochriw and district, including Pentwyn and Penybank. The inhabitants have responded well to the appeal, which shows a desire on their part to alleviate suffering humanity in their midst by contributing the sum of £15 18s, which sum has been forwarded, less expenses, to the Infirmary, as the only means of securing the constant supply of tickets admitting patients from Fochriw and District into the institution, where so many, young and old, have benefited to a very great extent in the past. The following were the collectors: Messrs, D. L. Jones, W. T. Jones, James Lawrence, S. Thomas, Peter Jones, Thomas Ballard, John Phillips, William Griffiths, Job Thomas, John A. Jones, E. Davies, James Williams, Daniel Evans, David Evans, Mrs. Daniel Rowlands, Mrs. Thomas Lewis. All deserve much praise for their labours. All applicants for tickets of admittance from Fochriw and District are requested by the committee to apply through the secretary of the movement, Mr. Thomas Ballard, 6, Station Terrace, Fochriw, so that he may be able to call together the following Committee: Mr. George Thomas, chairman; Dr. Eleazer Davies; Rev. Isaac Roderick; Messrs. Charles Payne, Henry Williams, Henry Evans, Walter Walters, A. F. Evans, James Lawrence, William Thomas Jones, and Thomas Evans. The secretary and treasurer of this committee is Mr. Evan Evans.

“Merthyr Express” 24 July 1909

Gellygaer Urban District Council Tenders are hereby invited for the hire of a horse and man for conveying patients in the Council's Ambulance to the Isolation Hospital at Penybank, near Fochriw. Particulars and forms of tender can be obtained upon application to the Council's Surveyor, Mr. J. P. Jones, Council Offices, Hengoed.

“Merthyr Express” 25 December 1909

Nurse Thomas Nurse Thomas has passed the C.M.B. Examination, recently held in London.

“Merthyr Express” 30 April 1910

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for year ending March 1909
Fochriw: Births 132; Birth rate 36.8; Deaths 74; Death rate 20.6 (rate in 1908 - 18.2)

12 November 1910 Penybank Hospital Nurse Nesbitt, matron of the hospital, conveys thanks for the gifts of fruit, etc., from the churches of Pantywaun and Pentwyn.

14 October 1911 The Hospital The matron of Penybank Hospital will be pleased to accept gifts of old white linen, as the same is very useful and urgently required.

18 January 1913 Lecture: Consumption At Fochriw Council School on Friday night last, a lecture on the ‘Prevention of Consumption’ was delivered by Miss Burkeley Williams, travelling lecturer under the King Edward VII Memorial Fund. Mr. Williams made a special appeal to men to stop spitting in public places, and he showed how the dread disease might be spread through such a habit. To the ladies, Mr. Williams appealed for more fresh air and light in their homes, and pointed out that King Sol was the greatest enemy of the germs of disease. ‘Clear away the dark curtains, and make a bonfire of them’ was her advice. The lecture was illustrated by

limelight views in a very striking manner. Councillor John Jones, Fochriw, presided. There was a large number present. Rev. I. Roderick proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Miss Williams. Miss Williams made an appeal for funds, and a committee was appointed consisting of Messrs. T. Roberts, J. Williams, C. Payne, D. Rowlands, J. Richards, J. Evans, J. Jones and J. D. Jones. This committee is now hard at work. Miss Williams also delivered a lecture to the school children. She complimented the children on their cleanliness and good behaviour. Mr. J. D. Jones, School House, is the secretary of the committee.

15 February 1913 Doctors' Question A general meeting of the workmen was held on Monday to further consider the doctors' question. After hearing a report on the deputation that waited on the doctor, it was unanimously agreed to pay a weekly sum of 3½d. per head of family per week towards the doctor. Except for a few minor matters, the question is now largely settled. Those who have not taken their small red doctor's insurance cards to the doctor for signing should do so at once. To withhold these cards may affect the contributory phase in future.

14 June 1913 Annual Report of the Medical Officer, Gellygaer District Council Complete returns for the 1911 Census are not yet available, but Dr. Jones affirms the population on April 1st, 1911, to be 35,521. The estimated population of the six wards comprising the district on 30th June 1912 was as follows: Pontlottyn - 4,918; Tirphil - 4,649; Fochriw - 4,293; Bedlinog - 5,380; Bargoed - 13,014; Hengoed - 6,337. Total for the urban district - 38,591. In June this year, the number of houses in each district was as follows: Pontlottyn - 931 [+5 on last year]; Tirphil = 794 [+2]; Fochriw - 795 [+48]; Bedlinog - 951 [+66]; Bargoed - 2,230 [+72].

14 March 1914 Certificated Midwife Prepared to attend maternity cases, monthly or weekly. Apply, Nurse Jones, Rheidol House, Ael-y-bryn, Fochriw.

14 March 1914 Mrs. Jones, wife of Mr. John Jones, greengrocer and confectioner, Rheidol House, Ael-y-bryn, has passed the Central Midwife Board Examination, which was recently held at Cardiff and Bristol. She received her training at the Monmouthshire Training Centre, Newport.

28 March 1914 Certificated Midwife Prepared to attend maternity cases, monthly or weekly. Apply, Nurse Jones, Rheidol House, Ael-y-bryn, Fochriw.

9 October 1915 Miners' Doctor The result of the ballot was made known on Wednesday, for a doctor to take the place of the Dr. E. Davies, who is retiring owing to failing health, to the general regret of all the inhabitants of the place. The voting was as follows: Dr. Munro, Tonyrefail, 461; Dr. Dunbar, Treharris, 179. Majority for Monro, 282. Dr. Davies held the position to the satisfaction of all for over 30 years, and his departure will be greatly felt.

23 October 1915 Presentation to Dr. E. Davies The members of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. made a presentation on Saturday last to one of their members, Dr. E. Davies, Ivor House, on the occasion of his departure from Fochriw. Dr. Davies has been a member of the Order from the commencement. His departure will be keenly felt by all. The presentation took the form of a fountain pen suitably inscribed. It was handed to him privately at his house by Bros. W. Jones and S. Lewis. In a letter which Dr. Davies sent to friends of the Order, he asked them to accept his sincerest thanks. It would serve as a reminder of pleasant meetings in the days that are gone, listening to speakers, singers, reciters, debaters, etc., each with a pleasure of its own, with the promise of the future activities of the various members of the lodge. I look back with pleasure on all these experiences. I am pleased to accept the pen on account of the special principles which such an acceptance involves, and this is an

acknowledgement of these principles. I wish the Lodge every success in the continuation of its teaching.

8 January, 1916 Dr. E. Davies' Successor Dr. Cuthbert Rutherford has taken up the post of doctor in succession to Dr. Davies who has retired owing to failing health. Dr. Rutherford commenced his duties on January 1st.

5 February, 1916 Nurse There were 38 applicants for the post of the colliery and maternity nurse for Fochriw and District, and the voting resulted as follows: Nurse F. Mercer, Cardiff, 341; Nurse A. L. Pritchard, Llanelly, 118; Nurse A. E. K. Edwards, Aberbargoed, 43. Nurse Mercer commences her duties next Monday.

27 May 1916 Memorial service A memorial service in memory of the late Dr. Eleazer Davies, J.P., took place at Carmel Congregational chapel last Sunday, the building being full.

10 June 1916 Flags Day Flag Day was observed at the village last Saturday in aid of the Welsh Hospital at Netley. Several ladies were busy throughout today disposing of flags.

17 February 1917 Success The many friends of Mrs. J. Griffiths (late Nurse Angell), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. Angell, Dynevor-street, will be glad to learn of her recent success in passing the Central Midwifery Board Examination held at Cardiff and Bristol.

21 July 1917 Flag Day A flag day in connection with the Caerphilly Red Cross Hospital was held on Saturday, when a large number of ladies were busy throughout the day selling flags.

6 July 1918 First Aid Book A comprehensive little book on First Aid, written by Dr H. W. Gell, has been published by Christopher Thomas & Bros. Ltd, Broad Plain, Bristol, who will be pleased to send a copy to any applicant sending two penny stamps for postage, etc.

27 July 1918 Merthyr Hospital A Flag-Day, in aid of Merthyr General Hospital, was held on Saturday, when a number of ladies were busy disposing of flags and forget-me-nots. The arrangements were ably carried out by Mrs. John Bevan, Martin-street, and the sum realised amounted to £12 13s 3½d.

21 September 1918 Doctor Voted In The result of the final ballot for a doctor for the Fochriw district was declared on Tuesday evening, when the voting was as follows: Dr. N. R. Jenkins, Newport, 316; Dr. M. C. Morgan, Pant, 250.

19 October 1918 Doctor's Appointment On Monday evening, at a well-attended meeting at the Library, presided over by Mr. E. M. Davies, Dr. S. E. Evans, of Dowlais, was unanimously appointed doctor for the district of Fochriw.

25 September 1920 Flag-Day Flag Day in aid of the National Institute for the Blind was observed on Saturday last. Miss Kate Davies, Honorary Secretary, had been busy in getting a willing band of young ladies to dispose of the flags. It is hoped that a fine sum has been realised for such a deserving cause.

9 October 1920 Flag Day As a result of the recent Flag Day in aid of the National Institute for the Blind, the sum of £7 was realised.

15 January 1921 Merthyr Hospital A meeting of the workmen in connection with the maintenance of the Merthyr General Hospital was held at the Co-operative Rooms

on Tuesday evening. The chair was occupied by Mr. George Thomas, one of the governors of the Hospital. The chairman gave a brief outline of the object of the meeting, afterwards calling upon Mr. T. Powell, Bedlinog, a member of the executive board of the Hospital, to address the meeting. Mr. Powell gave a very lucid account of the work of the hospital, and said that for the last two years expenditure had exceeded receipts. A new extension was being erected to accommodate an additional 54 beds, (the present beds numbering 42, and this would greatly relieve the waiting list), thanks to the great generosity of Mr. Seymour Berry, who was defraying the cost of building. The furnishing of the same would have to be borne by the various classes of workmen and other organisations. Several questions were put and satisfactorily answered. On being put to a vote, it was unanimously decided to double the present contributions. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Powell and the chairman.

14 May 1921 The General Hospital A public meeting was held at the Co-operative Rooms on Thursday evening of workmen-subscribers to the Merthyr General Hospital. Mr. Tom Jenkins was voted to the chair. Mr. F. W. Danks, Dowlais, a member of the Executive Board of the Hospital, dwelt at length with the work accomplished during in the last year. The position of executive member called for a considerable amount of sacrifice of time, and various committees were meeting from time to time to deal with the numerous phases of the administration of the Institution. The record of attendances showed that the representatives of the workmen were very attentive indeed to their duties. He said it was very gratifying to know, in the face of the great increase in cost of administration, that the workmen's contributions last year amounted to £3,641-19-0, out of the total income of £5,973-1-1. Mr. Banks pointed out the material benefit to the working men of the district by the erection of the new wing, which is now in course of building, and which would probably be ready for the reception of patients within a few weeks time. He paid Mr. Seymour Berry the compliment of being in an almost unique position - making money in Merthyr, and spending it there. Such being the case, it was possible for the Merthyr General Hospital to extend its usefulness in Merthyr. Mr. Lewis Jones, Penydarren, another executive member, pointed out that the workmen's representatives have been the cause of increasing the expenditure of the institution in some directions, and he was proud of the fact. He instanced the increase in the salary of the nursing staff, which he maintained was amply justified on the ground of the inadequate salaries paid in the past, and that at all times, their one desire was that the patients should have the best treatment and comfort possible. Both speakers then dealt generally with the efficiency of the hospital in all respects, and gave detailed accounts of the number of cases admitted, and of the number of operations performed, and the gratifyingly low rate of mortality, which reflected considerable credit on the excellent medical staff. The speakers paid a very high compliment to Mr. George Thomas, Plantation-street, Fochriw, their governor, whose term of office had expired. He had served them faithfully for the last six years, and in all his dealings he had been sincere. Mr. William Jones also spoke. Mr. George Thomas was unanimously elected a member of the Executive Board. Mr. W. J. Payne was unanimously elected a governor. Votes of thanks brought the meeting to a close.

25 June 1921 Conveyance It was decided that a conveyance be engaged to convey Dr. Gilmore Cox and Nurse Rees from Fochriw to the Deri clinic.

2 July 1921 Success Miss Gladys Lewis, Brynteg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Lewis, station master, has been appointed, from a long list of applicants, for the post of staff nurse at Pontypridd Cottage Hospital. Before this appointment, Miss Lewis held the positions of staff nurse and theatre sister at Hertford County Hospital.

6 August 1921 Dr. J. Stenner Evans The numerous friends have of Dr. Evans were delighted to find his name as one of the ten successful candidates at a recent examination for the Diploma in Public Health, granted by the University of Wales. Since coming to Fochriw three years ago, he has worked untiringly for the good of the inhabitants. Although the area is a large and scattered one, Dr. Evans spares himself nothing to meet the numerous calls that come both day and night. That he may achieve further success is the wish of his many friends.

29 October 1921 Welfare A committee meeting in connection with the Welfare Distress Fund was held at Noddfa vestry on Monday evening, the Rev. Esaiiah Williams presiding. The subject was to discuss a small surplus of money left in hand. The fund, which had done noble work during the strike, was the means of relieving a great deal of distress in the village and surrounding district. A statement of accounts was read. It was decided that the surplus money be sent to Merthyr General Hospital.

28 January 1922

Infant Welfare Centre On Thursday evening last, a tea was given to mothers and children under 5 who attend the Clinic. Ladies at the tables were: Nurse Rees, Mrs. Tom Evans, Mrs. S. Evans (vicar's wife), Mrs. R. Hughes, Mrs. J. Francis, Mrs. Edith Thomas and Miss Edith Walters. Tea was followed by a musical evening, accompanist, Master Aneurin Thomas. Amongst the visitors were: Cllr. D. J. Thomas, Cllr. Morgan Morgan, Nurse Thomas, Mr. & Mrs. John Beavan, Rev. D. Jenkin Jones, Mr. & Mrs. Isaac, schoolmaster, Miss Davies, schoolmistress.

2 September 1922 Nurse 30 applications were received for the post of Nurse, in succession to Nurse Thomas. The successful applicant was Nurse F. Jones of Aberdare who will take up her duties at the beginning of September.

2 September 1922 Departure of Nurse Thomas There was widespread dismay in the village when it became known that Nurse Thomas had decided to leave the place and go to live in Cardiff after 7 years of faithful service in Fochriw. Never was a nurse more devoted to her duties. She has endeared herself to the hearts of all her patients. Her heroic duties and self-sacrifice during the blizzard of 1916 will live long in the minds of local people. She was always interested in any good work for the welfare of the village, and her loss will be keenly felt on all hands.

9 September 1922 Presentation Nurse Thomas was presented with a handsome gold wristlet watch, which had been given by the officials and workmen in connection with the Doctor's Fund. The presentation took place at Nurse Thomas's home. Mr. E. M. Davies, Mr. Walter Jones and Mr. W. J. Payne were appointed to make the presentation.

23 September 1922 Hospital A meeting in connection with the Merthyr General Hospital was held at the Co-operative Rooms on Tuesday evening, Mr. Tom Rees presiding. The Chairman explained the object of the meeting, after which Mr. W. J. Payne, a work-mens' governor, gave a very able report on the doings and the work accomplished by the institution. He was very pleased to say that at the present time there seemed to be perfect harmony existing between the matron, nursing staff, medical staff, patients etc. at the hospital. It was proposed to open Mrs. Berry's ward with 20 beds in the next wing next month, and the other ward, as soon as funds would permit for furnishing it. The erection of the new wing, which cost about £11,000, is the handsome gift of that great benefactor Mr. H. Seymour Berry J.P. Several events had been successfully organised to add to the furnishing of the new ward. After questions, the meeting ended.

9 December 1922 Personal Miss Gladys Maud Lewis, daughter of Mr. Ernest Lewis, stationmaster, has been admitted to the College of Nursing.

16 December 1922 Presentation On Thursday evening, a very pleasing function took place at the Church Hall, when Nurse Thomas of Cardiff, late of Fochriw, was the recipient of some beautiful presents which had been given by local people in appreciation of her faithful service. The chair was occupied by the vicar who spoke highly of Nurse Thomas's excellent qualities. Dr. F. Stenner Evans then made the presentation of a beautiful solid silver teapot and cream jug. There followed a duet from Messrs. Aneurin Thomas and Francis Wilton, and solos from Madame H. C. Davies, Miss Doris Davies, Mr. Henry Evans, and Mrs. Bronwen B. Davies. The accompanist was Mr. Aneurin Thomas.

28 April 1923 Whist Drive and Dance A most successful whist drive and dance was held at the Ball Room on Friday evening in aid of the funds of the Merthyr General Hospital. The room had been gaily decorated and a large and representative gathering was present. The event had been originated by the lady collectors, who approached the Touring Club to carry it out. The music was supplied by the Fochriw Orchestra under Cllr. D. J. Thomas. Mr. William Howells was M.C. for whist, and Messrs. Danny Lewis and George Cole for dancing. No correct guess was made for the guess cake, so it was put up for auction, Mr. George Sibley proving a most capable auctioneer. Mr. John Bevan, M.E., thanked all for their contributions to the success of the evening.

19 May 1923 Merthyr General Hospital The first Fete and Gala is to be held on Saturday, 7th July, 1923.

22 September 1923 G.W.R. Saftey and First Aid A class in connection with the above has been formed at the Fochriw Station. The lecturer is Dr. Stenner Evans, and the instructors Mr. A. Purnell, Rhymney, and Mr. T. Jones, Fochriw Ambulance Station. At the recent examination, all members succeeded in satisfying the examiner, Dr. McClelland, Dowlais. The successful candidates were: Messrs. A. Purnell, who passed for label; S. Thomas, P. Jenkins, B. Thomas, J. Thomas, A. Lewis, T. Jones, P. Mantle, J. Jones, D. J. Kings, W. Jones, E. Lewis. The secretarial duties were carried out by Mr. E. Lewis.

3 November 1923 Hospital The numerous friends of Mr. Percy Edwards, Brook Row, and Mr. Gilbert Harris, Aelybryn, will regret to hear that they are in hospital at Merthyr. We wish then both a speedy return to health.

24 November 1923 G.W.R. First-Aid Class On Tuesday evening at Noddfa Vestry, a first-class concert and presentation was held in connection with this class. In the unavoidable absence of Mr. J. Bevan, the chair was taken by Mr. Lodwick Davies. The following sung in fine style: Mr. J. J. Lewis, Mrs. H. C. Davies and Miss Marjorie Lewis. The chairman then called upon Mr. Davy, Cardiff, to present Dr. T. Stenner Evans, Mr. T. Jones and Mr. A. Purnell with walking sticks, each suitably inscribed. Dr. Evans and Mr. Purnell responded suitably. Mrs. J. Bevan then made a short speech and presented the following with certificates: Messrs. E. Lewis, W. Jones, T. Jones, J. Jones, A. Lewis, D. J. Kings, P. Mantle, J. Thomas, P. Jenkins, S. Lewis and B. Thomas. Mr. Davy then presented Mr. Purnell with a gold medal for 15 years service. The usual votes of thanks and the singing of "Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau" concluded the proceedings, Mr. J.J. Lewis taking the solo. The accompanist was Mr. Aneurin Thomas. The energetic secretary is Mr. E. Lewis, stationmaster.

Private Christmas Greetings Cards - new and exclusive designs; sample books now ready. Cards intended for foreign mails should be ordered at once. M.W. Southey and Sons. Ltd. Express Office, Merthyr.

5 January 1924 Personal Wm. Griffiths, Glyn-terrace, is again in hospital. His numerous friends wish him a speedy recovery. Master Gwyn Williams is also in hospital, and we are pleased to hear he is recovering as well as can be expected. The young son of Mr. H. C. Seaborne is also in hospital. An operation has been performed. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

12 January 1924 Personal The numerous friends of Mrs. B. Ballard Davies, Ael-y-Bryn, will be pleased to know that she has been successful at winning a Glamorgan County Midwifery Scholarship at Cardiff College of Medicine. She came second on the list, just one point behind the first. She will receive her training at the Queen's Nursing Home and King Edward's Maternity Home.

23 February 1924 Personal The numerous friends of Mr. Thomas John Hopkins, who was injured at Ogilvie Colliery, will be pleased to know he is making satisfactory progress at Merthyr General Hospital. Mrs. Frank Strain, who had undergone a serious operation at the Merthyr General Hospital, is making a splendid recovery.

1 March 1924 Personal We are glad to report that Mr. David Lawrence, Martin-street, is making good progress after an operation in Merthyr General Hospital. Also, Mr. Percy Edwards is again in hospital at Merthyr.

3 May 1924 Medical Committee A meeting was held at the Co-operative Rooms on Monday. It was decided to allow Nurse Jones to resign to take up an appointment in Barry.

19 July 1924 Hospital Mr. W. J. Payne reported on his stewardship as Fochriw representative on the Merthyr General Hospital Committee.

30 August 1924 Exam Success Doris Davies, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lodwig Davies, 8 Aelybryn, has gained first place in the training school exam held at Swansea General Hospital.

6 September 1924 Congratulations Dr. J. Stenner Evans has been appointed to the medical staff of Merthyr General Hospital.

27 September 1924 Flower Day Quite a number of ladies were busy on Friday and Saturday last in the village selling flowers in aid of the Blind Institute.

27 December 1924 Congratulations Congratulations to Mrs. B. Ballard Davies, Aelybryn, who has passed the Central Midwifery Board Examination. She trained at the Queen Victoria Institute of Jubilee Nurses and the Cardiff Royal Infirmary.

28 February 1925 Effort for the Blind The whist drive on February 5th has resulted in the payment of £8-17-10 into the funds of the National Institute for the Blind.

23 May 1925 Geranium Day in Aid of the Blind Institute The arrangements for the day were made by Miss J. Jones, Brynteg.

25 July 1925 Personal The many friends of Mr. Seaborne Williams, son of ex-Sergt. Williams & Mrs. Williams, will regret to here that he is in Merthyr General Hospital, where he has undergone a serious operation. He is making good progress. Also, Mr. James Small, son of Mrs. and the late Mr. Frank Small, Penybank, is in the same Hospital, and is making splendid progress.

8 August 1925 Personal The many friends of Mrs. S.J. Williams, wife of Mr. Watkin Williams, Pentwyn, will be pleased to know she is making splendid progress after a serious operation at King Edward Hospital, Cardiff.

22 August 1925 Personal The numerous friends of Mr. Howell Thomas, son of Mr. & Mrs. Jenkin Thomas, Martin-street, will regret to know that he is in Merthyr General Hospital, as will the many friends of Mr. John Meredith Jones, Guest-street, who is in a nursing home in Cardiff where he has undergone a serious operation. We wish them both a speedy recovery.

10 October 1925 Daffodil Day The sum of £2-11-6 was realised from the recent sale of daffodils and forwarded to headquarters. Thanks are due to Misses Katie Davies and Edith M. Thomas and their helpers.

9 January 1926 In Hospital The numerous friends of Mr. Alfred White, Williams'-row, will regret to know he is in Merthyr General Hospital. Also in hospital are Master Idris Walters, Railway-terrace, and Mrs. William Thomas, Station-terrace, and the young child of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Williams, Ivor House. Their many friends wish them a speedy recovery.

16 January 1926 Hospital The numerous friends of Mr. Nicholas Cumpstone, Brynteg-terrace, and Mrs. Watkins, Guest-street, who are at Merthyr General Hospital, wish them a speedy recovery.

24 April 1926 In Hospital The many friends, Mr. Mordecai Williams, Dynevor-street, will regret to know that he is a patient at the Merthyr General Hospital. We are pleased to state he is making good progress.

22 May 1926 In Hospital The many friends of Mr. D. J. Thomas, conductor of the Ladies' Choir, will regret to know what that he is at Merthyr General Hospital, and is very ill. Nurse Lawrence is also a patient at the hospital. We wish them a speedy recovery.

10 July 1926 In Hospital Mr. David Parry (Dynevor-street), Mr. D. J. Thomas (Pleasant View), Mr. John Evans (Martin's-street), Master Idris Walters (Railway-terrace), and Miss Janet Davies (Pentwyn), who are at present patients at Merthyr General Hospital, are doing well.

2 October 1926 Hospital The numerous friends of Mr. Octavius Richards will regret to know that he is in Merthyr General Hospital, where he has undergone an operation. He is making satisfactory progress.

26 March 1927 In Hospital The many friends of Mr. Edward Price, Master Kenneth Wilton, and Mr. John Bibby, will regret to know that they are in hospital as the results of accidents at the collieries. Also, Mr. Harry Hughes, who is at Rhymney hospital with a fractured thigh.

7 May 1927 In Hospital Quite a number of local people are at Merthyr General Hospital owing to accidents and illnesses. They include Mr. Willie Whitby, Mr. Bertie Jones, Mr. E. Lewis, Mr. T. Shankland, Mr. E. Price, Mr. J. Bibby, Mr. K. Wilton, and Miss Doris Thomas. Their many friends wish them a speedy recovery. The inhabitants of the village will have an opportunity soon to show their appreciation of this noble institution, when they will be asked to buy a Forget-me-not. Shall the patients suffer? A thousand times No! Then let us all be up and doing, and have for Saturday, 14th May, the motto, Forget-me-not, pinned on.

21 May 1927 Hospital Day Last Friday, a number of ladies were busy in disposing of Forget-me-nots in the aid of the Merthyr General Hospital.

28 May 1927 Merthyr General Hospital: Annual Meeting The annual meeting in connection with the Hospital was held at the Old Library on Wednesday evening last, and was presided over by Mr. W. J. Angel. A report on the work of the hospital was given by Mr. W. J. Payne, who was elected a member of the Executive Board. Mr. Howell Thomas was elected a governor.

2 July 1927 In Hospital The friends of Mrs. Edna Angell, will regret to know that she is at Merthyr General Hospital where she has undergone is very serious operation. All join in wishing her a speedy recovery.

16 July 1927 In Hospital We regret to record that one of the social leaders of the village, in the person of Mr. W. J. Payne, has been admitted to Merthyr General

Hospital suffering from a serious internal complaint. We are pleased to report that Miss Edna Angell is now on the road to a rapid recovery.

20 August 1927 In Hospital The many friends of the following who are patients at the Merthyr General Hospital wish them a speedy recovery: Mrs. Goddard, Miss Edna M. Angell, Messrs. Morgan Parry, Emllyn Evans, and Masters Edred Jones and Douglas Pope.

24 September 1927 In Hospital The many friends of Miss Rachel Harris, Mr. D. J. Rees, Mr. George Evans and Master Edred Jones, who are patients at Merthyr General Hospital, wish them a speedy recovery.

8 October 1927 In Hospital Mr. Lewis Evans was conveyed to the Merthyr General Hospital on Friday night after receiving injuries at the Ogilvie Colliery. He is suffering from fractured legs. Also at the hospital are George Evans, Mr. Grimmett, Master Edred Jones and Miss Doris Edwards. Their many friends wish them a speedy recovery.

3 December 1927 Personal The numerous friends of Messrs. Rees Thomas, Jenkins Thomas, David Walters and Master Edred Jones will regret to hear them that they are at present in Merthyr General Hospital, and join in wishing them a speedy recovery to health.

4 February 1928 Hospital On Wednesday evening, at the Old Library, a very enthusiastic meeting of ladies took part in connection with the coming Merthyr General Hospital Fete and Gala. There were present: the executive board member (Mr. W. J. Payne), Mr. Howell Thomas (governor), the lady collectors, Mrs. J. Bevan and Mrs. W. J. Payne, and a very representative gathering of ladies. Mr. Payne said that the need of the hospital today was greater than ever. Funds were urgently needed, and he wanted Fochriw to make a special effort, for several patients from the village were treated every week at the hospital. He outlined several schemes which would benefit the funds, and said he had already appealed to the Fochriw Ladies' Choir and the Fochriw Male Voice Party for their assistance in giving concerts. The results of the five previous fetes brought into the hospital £6,257 10s 9d. He hoped that this year would be a still bigger success. Mr. Howell Thomas explained what had already been done in connection with the organisation of the fete. A very pleasant discussion then took place, and it was decided to run a whist drive at the Church Hall on Thursday, February 9th. The following officers were appointed: chairman, Miss Thomas; secretary, Mrs. T. Matthews; treasurer, Mrs. P. Isaac.

18 February 1928 Hospital Whist Drive What was acclaimed to be one of the finest whist drives and socials took place at the Church Hall (kindly lent) on Thursday last in aid of the Merthyr General Hospital. The Matron of the Hospital was present. Prizewinners: Ladies: 1. Miss T. Cumpstone, 2. Miss Elsie Woods; Gents: 1. Mr. S. Jenkins, 2. Mr. J. Edwards.

25 February 1928 Hospital Whist Drive As a result of the whist drive held at the Church Hall in aid of the Merthyr General Hospital, the sum of £15 was raised. Thanks are due to all who worked to make the affair a success. The donors of prizes were Mrs. J. Jones (Manchester House), Mr. Harris Isaac, Mr. Davies, Miss Thomas, Mrs. Matthews, Mrs. J. M. Lawrence, Mrs. Edwards and Mr. Freedman. The Ladies Committee was under the chairmanship of Miss Thomas, Mrs. Matthews (secretary) and Mrs. Isaac (treasurer). Thanks were accorded Mr. Howell Thomas, Mr. W. J. Payne, Mr. John Morgan, Mr. W. J. Davies, Sergeant Howells, P.C. Brangwynne, Mr. G. Way, and Mr. Wyndham Lawrence.

17 March 1928 In Hospital We wish the following, who are patients at the Merthyr General Hospital, a speedy recovery: Mrs. D. J. Shankland, Miss Maggie Thomas, Mr. Thomas Thomas.

28 April 1928 Lest we forget! On Friday and Saturday next, the inhabitants will have the opportunity of showing their appreciation for the noble work carried on by the Merthyr General Hospital, when sellers will be busy disposing of forget-me-nots in aid of the Hospital funds. Please help this noble institution.

5 May 1928 Flower Day Flower Day was held at Fochriw on Friday in connection with the Merthyr General Hospital, when a goodly sum was realised. The organisers were Mrs. J. Bevan and Mrs. W. J. Payne. The following ladies were busy throughout the day disposing of forget-me-nots: Misses May Morgan, Gladys Lewis, Iris Edwards, Lilian Way, Rosie Davies, Frances M. Jones, Maggie H Thomas, Ceinwen Cole, Jessie Thomas, Doreen Weeks, Elsa Mathews, Ray Parry, Maggie H. Williams, Mrs. William Lewis, Miss Tina Harris, Mrs. Davies and Mrs. Lewis.

12 May 1928 Hospital May Queen: Fochriw Representatives The following were selected from Fochriw to appear among the large number of children from the Borough and outlying districts at the Town Hall, Merthyr Tydfil, when the Merthyr May Queen will be selected for the Maerthyr General Hospital Fete and Gala: Misses Gwyneth Evans, Phyllis Davies (Pentwyn), Jessie Llewellyn, and Dwynwen Ballard. Miss Gwyneth Evans was appointed one of the attendants on the May Queen on the day of the fete.

19 May 1928 Hospital Whist and Social On Thursday evening, at the Church Hall, a whist drive and social took place in aid of the Merthyr General Hospital, and a large number attended. The MC for whist was Mr. W. J. Payne, and for dancing Mr. T. Puddle. Prizewinners: Ladies: 1. Mr. S. Bishop, 2. Miss Esther Thomas, 3. Mr. F. Way; Gents: 1. Mr. W. Adams Jones, 2. Mr. S. Jones, 3. Mr. W. Howells. The ladies prizes were handed to the winners by Guardian John Bevan, who gave an appropriate speech. Ex-Sergeant Williams handed the gents prizes to the winners, and spoke some encouraging words. The donors of the prizes were Mrs. J. Bevan, Miss Thomas, Mrs. T. J. Matthews, Mrs. A. Jones, Mrs. J. Lawrence, and Miss Doris Davies. Splendid services were rendered by the Ladies Committee who attended to the refreshments. The accompanist was Mr. Gilbert Harris. Others who worked hard to make the evening a success were Mrs. Howell Thomas, John Morgan, W. Howells, D. J. Thomas, David Lewis, C. Ballard, Willie Davies, Frank Way, G. Evans, Mrs. Matthews (secretary), Mrs. Bevan, Mr. Thomas, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Mantle, Mrs. Baldwin.

26 May 1928 In Hospital Many friends of Mr. Emlyn Evans will regret to know that he is in hospital as a result of accident at Ogilvie Colliery. Messrs. Daniel Rowlands and Edward Parry are also in hospital.

2 June 1928 Concert On Sunday evening at Carmel Chapel, a concert was held in aid of the funds of Merthyr General Hospital. A high class programme of music was provided by the Fochriw Male Voice Party, assisted by the following artistes: Miss Margery Lewis, Miss Adelaide Lawrence, Mr. Claerwyn Davies, Mr. Thomas Walters. In the unavoidable absence of the conductor of the party, Mr. Willie Adams Jones, Mr. Daniel Jenkins filled the post with a credit. The chairman was Mr. W. J. Payne, who in his opening remarks made touching references to the passing away of Lord Buckland with such dramatic suddenness. His death was undoubtedly a great loss to Merthyr General Hospital and hosts of other charitable organisations he supported so generously. The concert was opened with the audience singing "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah" to the tune of Cwm-Rhondda; after which the party sang

"Oh Peaceful Night." The artistes then made their contributions, all excelling themselves. The singing of Largo al Factotum Della Citta (Rossini) was a masterly performance by Mr. Claerwyn Davies. The party sang "Llwyn Onn" (Ash Grove), and "Martyrs of the Arena." The accompanists were Mr. James Thomas, Miss Katie Beddoe and Mr. Willie A. Davies.

30 June 1928 Hospital The many friends of Mr. George Cole will regret to know that he is a patient at the Merthyr General Hospital, as the result of an accident received while working at the Taff - Merthyr Colliery. He is now making satisfactory progress. Mr. Emlyn Evans has undergone another operation at the above Hospital, and Mr. Edward Parry is slowly recovering.

7 July 1928 Hospital On Thursday evening at the Old Library, the annual meeting in connection with the Merthyr General Hospital was held, presided over by Mr. Edward Lewis. He emphasised the great work the hospital was doing, and he spoke highly of the services given by Mr. W. J. Payne, the Executive Board member, and Mr. Howell Thomas, the Governor, on behalf of the people. Messrs. Payne and Thomas gave a report on the work done in connection with the hospital, and this was well received. The work in connection with the Fete and Gala was also dealt with, and the splendid work resulted in the sum of £25 15s 7d being handed to the secretary. During the evening, a party of young men from Noddfa Chapel offered to organise a drama in aid of the hospital, which was accepted with thanks. Mr. Howell Thomas, whose term of office as governor expired, was unanimously re-elected.

14 July 1928 In Hospital The many friends of Mr. Albert Mantle, Pentwyn, will be pleased to note that he is making satisfactory progress at Merthyr General Hospital, where he was taken after receiving injuries at Ogilvie Colliery.

28 July 1928 In Hospital The many friends of Mr. Jenkin Thomas, Brook-row, will regret to know he is again a patient at Merthyr General Hospital. Also Glennie, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bryn Price, Pentwyn, who was conveyed to the Hospital as a result of an accident received on Sunday. Also at the hospital is Mrs. Sofia Edmunds, once an old inhabitant of the village, and daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Jenkins. We wish them all a speedy recover. Others who are making good progress at the hospital are Mr. Albert Mantle and Mr. Emlyn Evans.

4 August 1928 In Hospital The numerous friends of Mr. Bertie Jones will regret to hear that he has undergone another operation at the Rhymney hospital.

4 August 1928 N.S.P.C.C. It is very gratifying to know that through all the efforts of the Fochriw branch, the recent appeal raised a handsome sum of £4 11s 3d. The Secretary and Committee desire to thank those who contributed.

22 September 1928 Hospital Benefit The inhabitants of Fochriw and District can look forward to a dramatic treat on October 11th and 13th, when Noddfa Dramatic Society will perform "Joan Danvers" in aid of the Merthyr General Hospital. This drama was performed at the Treorchy National Eisteddfod.

6 October 1928 Clean Milk Miss Bowen, the agricultural committee's demonstrators, held a demonstration at Mr. Robert Slimmons', Fochriw Farm, on Wednesday last, when there was a large gathering, including Mr. E. Richards, sanitary inspector, Gellygaer Urban District Council.

20 October 1928 Drama On Thursday and Saturday last, the Church Hall was filled to witness excellent performances of "Joan Danvers," by the Noddfa Dramatic Society who outclassed all their previous attempts, and this was admitted on all hands to be the crowning success of its career. The Rev. J. C. Payne, Vicar, presided, and in some very fitting remarks explained that the performance was in aid of a noble cause - the Merthyr General Hospital. The producer of the play was Miss Hilda Phillips. The

scenery, dresses and stage effects added greatly to the success of the performances. During the intervals, Mr. Octavius Richards played very appropriate selections. The characters were played by Mr. T. J. Jones, Mr. D. J. Thomas, Mr. J. R. Walters, Mr. D.G. Parry, Miss Phyllis Williams, Mr. Sylvanus Jenkins, Miss Ray Parry, and Miss Dilys Evans. At the close of Saturday's performance, Mr. Howell Thomas, on behalf of the Hospital Board, thanked the company, and all who had assisted in any way to make the effort a success. This was seconded by Sister Doris Davies, of the hospital staff, who deputised for the matron. The furniture was kindly lent by Mr. B. Freedman, Dowlais.

17 November 1928 Hospital As a result of the Noddfa Dramatic Society's performance of "Joan Danvers," the sum of £12 9s 6d has been handed to the organiser of the Hospital Fete and Gala.

8 December 1928 In Hospital Mrs. E. J. Williams, Mr. Ernie Jones, Mr. W. Davies, and Master E. Gittens are patients in the Merthyr General Hospital.

2 February 1929 Hospital The many friends of the following wish them a speedy recovery: Mrs. E. J. Williams (Merthyr General Hospital); Master David Howells, Miss Audrey Wood (Gellygear Hospital). We are pleased to see the following returned this week from Gellygaer hospital, greatly improved in health: Mrs. Pugh, Gladys Harris, Raymond G. Price, and A. Price

9 March 1929 In Hospital The many friends of Mr. L. Evans will regret to know that he is in the Merthyr General Hospital as a result of an accident received at work. Miss Bishop, Penybank, is also a patient there.

6 April 1929 I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting of the lodge, Brother T. Walters was responsible for the programme. He gave a reading on "The Messiah" by Handel. Solos from the oratorio were given by Bro. W. Davies, Sisters C. Cole and C. Ballard, and a quartette by Brothers W. & B. Davies, and Sisters Ballard and Cole.

13 April 1929 I.O.G.T. Mr. Idris Williams read a paper on "Superstitions."

20 April 1929 I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting of the lodge held on Tuesday the 9th, the programme for the evening was "Sacred Music," both vocal and instrumental, Bro. T. Walters being responsible. Bro. William Davis gave solos, "God sends the day" and "Alas! Those Chimes," and Brother Berkley Davies sang "Pass it on."

27 April 1929 Lest We Forget The inhabitants of the village will have an opportunity on Friday and Saturday next to show their appreciation of that noble institution the Merthyr General Hospital, when sellers will be offering a flower to help their funds. Receive them with a smile, and remember that they are giving their time and labour, not for themselves, but for a worthy cause.

4 May 1929 Merthyr General Hospital On Friday, several ladies were busy selling flowers for the hospital. Considering the bad times in the village, they did fairly well. On Monday, another effort is to be made at the Church Hall, when a whist drive and social will take place.

11 May 1929 Hospital Social At the Church Hall on Monday evening one of the finest whist drives and social evenings held in the village took place in aid of the Merthyr General Hospital. A number of ladies had worked hard, both in selling tickets and collecting prizes, and they deserve great praise. The donors of prizes were Mrs. Minhinnock, Mrs. Payne (The Vicarage), Mrs. E. J. Lawrence and Mrs. J. Williams. The duties of the M.C. for whist were carried out by Sergeant Howells, and for dancing by Mr. T. Howell Jones. The accompanist was Mr. Octavius Richards, who delighted the dancers with his fine selection of music. The whist winners were: Ladies: 1. Mr. W. Edwards, 2. Miss Teggie Cumpstone; Gents: 1. Mr. E. J. Jones, 2. Mr. Crad Ballard. Mr. Payne thanked all who had helped, and emphasised the need to

maintain funds for the hospital, which had 104 beds to maintain. Mr. Emllyn Evans, an old patient of the hospital, presented the winners prizes for whist to the ladies, and Mrs. Payne presented the gentlemen with their prizes.

1 June 1929 Hospital The many friends of Mr. Davies and Master Francis Williams of Pentwyn, both patients at the Merthyr General Hospital, will be pleased to know and they are making satisfactory progress, as is Miss Marion Lester.

13 July 1929 Hospital Mr. Walter Williams, Stoney Houses, Penybank, has undergone a successful operation at Merthyr General Hospital.

20 July 1929 Hospital The many friends of the son of Mr. & Mrs. Tom Jones, Pit-row, who is in hospital at Gellygaer, wish him a speedy recovery.

3 August 1929 Hospital The many friends of Mr. Harold Barlow, Guest-street, who is in hospital at Merthyr, wish him is speedy recovery.

31 August 1929 Hospital Mr. Emllyn Evans has again entered Merthyr Hospital with the leg trouble from which he has long suffered.

7 September 1929 Hospital Mr. Edward Williams, Plantation-street, has gone into Merthyr General Hospital to undergoe an operation. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

19 October 1929 In Hospital Mr. William Davis, Cwmbargoed, Mr. Edward Williams, Mr. Emllyn Evans, and Mr. Walter Williams, who are patients at the Merthyr General Hospital, are progressing favourably.

23 November 1929 Hospital The many friends of Mr. William Roberts, Glyn-terrace, we regret to know he is in Merthyr General Hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery.

30 November 1929 Hospital The many friends of Messrs. Watkin Williams, Pentwyn, and Mr. Willie James, Council Houses, will regret to know that they are patients at Merthyr General Hospital and will wish them a speedy recovery.

4 January 1930 Hospital Mrs. Annie Morgan, Penybank; Mrs. Barlow, Guest-street; Miss Maggie H. Williams, Dynevor-street; Mr. Edward Williams and Master David D. Davies are patients at Merthyr Hospital. Their many friends wish them a speedy recovery.

11 January 1930 Hospital The many friends of Mr. Wyndham Edwards, Brook-row, will regret to know that he is in Rhymney Hospital suffering from injuries received whilst following his employment.

18 January 1930 Operation Mrs. Sarah Ballard, wife of Mr. Thomas Ballard, has undergone an operation at the Royal Infirmary, Cardiff. Her many friends wish her well and a good recovery.

18 January 1930 Personal The many friends of Mrs. Edith Davies, wife of Mr. Walter Davies, stationmaster, will regret to know she is at a Cardiff nursing undergoing an operation. We wish her a speedy recovery.

25 January 1930 Hospital Mrs. Fred Prosser, Mrs. D. T. Davies, and Master Ronald Walters are patients at Merthyr General Hospital.

15 February 1930 Hospital On Thursday at the Old Library, a representative gathering met to commence the effort in aid of hospital funds.

22 February 1930 Hospital Splendid progress is being made with the ward effort in aid of the Merthyr General Hospital. A number of ladies are busy disposing of stop-watch tickets. The following are the officials: chairman, Mrs. Howell Thomas; treasurer, Mrs. S. J. Jones; secretary, Mrs. W. J. Payne. Fochriw people are greatly indebted to the hospital, where so many local people are patients all the year round.

22 March 1930 Hospital The many friends of Mr. Ieuan Griffiths will regret to know that he is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital, and wish his speedy recovery.

29 March 1930 Hospital Mr. William Jones, Pit-row, is in hospital at Merthyr, and friends wish him a speedy recovery.

29 March 1930 Hospital As a result of the local effort for the Merthyr General Hospital, over £10 will be handed over to that noble institution as proceeds of the stop-watch competition. The committee desire to thank all who worked so hard in the sale of tickets, and also, those who bought. The stop-watch was wound unseen by the Vicar, and opened, in the presence of the committee, by Police Sergeant William Howells. The winner will be informed, as stipulated, by post. The following were the sellers: Mrs. Tom, Evans, Mrs. David Evans, Mrs. Howell Jones, Mrs. James Gregory, Miss Rosie Davies, Miss Alice Mills, Miss Doris Davies, Mrs. S. J. Jones, Mrs. W. J. Payne, Miss Maggie H. Williams, Miss Gladys Mills, Mrs. Tom Walters.

12 April 1930 Hospital Next Friday and Saturday, the inhabitants of the village will have an opportunity to show their appreciation of the Merthyr General Hospital, when ladies will be busy selling forget-me-nots.

19 April 1930 Forget-Me-Not Another effort towards the fete in connection with the Merthyr General Hospital was made in the village on Friday, and a goodly sum was realised. The following ladies disposed of the flowers: Misses Rosie Davies, Maggie Thomas, Phillips, Edna Morgan, Olwen Morgan, Lizzie Watkins, Lilian Way, Iris Edwards, Olive Payne, Margaret Harris, Maggie Williams, Doreen Weeks, Jessie Thomas, Nesta Evans, Gladys Lewis, Gwenda Thomas, Mwynwen Jones, Ceinwen Thomas.

3 May 1930 Hospital The following are patients at Merthyr General Hospital: Mrs. G. Smith, Mrs. J. Pullen, Mrs. Harding, Mr. I. Griffiths, Mr. Ernest Prosser. Also at Gellygaer Hospital are the children of Mr. W. Way, Mr. S. Jones and Mr. B. Prize. Their many friends wish them a speedy recovery.

7 June 1930 Hospital The many friends of Mr. Willie Evans, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Evans, who is a patient in Merthyr General Hospital wish him for speedy recovery.

13 September 1930 Hospital The many friends of Mrs. Sydney Way who is in hospital, join in wishing her a speedy recovery; also Mr. Idris Parry, who has again returned to hospital.

28 June 1930 Hospital The many friends of Mrs. Rees Rees, Guest-street, and Mrs. E. J. Williams, Pentwyn, who are patients at Merthyr General Hospital, join in wishing them a speedy recovery.

26 July 1930 Hospital The many friends of Mrs. Gwennie Llewellyn and Masters John Davies, who are patients at Merthyr General Hospital, wish them a speedy recovery.

25 October 1930 Hospital The people of Fochriw and district will have an opportunity very soon to show their appreciation of the work done at Merthyr General Hospital, where so many Fochriw people are constantly cared for. A great Christmas draw has been decided upon, with about 50 prizes ranging from vouchers for £5, £4, £3, etc. Fochriw has done well in the past.

13 December 1930 Hospital The following are patients at Merthyr General Hospital, and their many friends wish them a speedy recovery: Mr. David Parry, Willie Evans, Edred Jones, Emrys Evans, Mrs. S. Lee, E. Lester. The following are at Gellygaer: Mr. Idris Morgan, Sarah Davies, M. Way, Miss Sullivan. Mr. Idris Parry is at Pontsarn, and the young child of Mr. T. Lewis at Merthyr.

20 December 1930 Hospital It is a very pleasant duty to record the splendid success of the ward effort in connection with the Merthyr General Hospital Prize Drawing. As a result of the efforts, the sum of £15 was realised. Great praise is due to

the energetic secretary, Mrs. W. J. Payne, and Mrs. Howell Thomas, treasurer. The following were the willing band of sellers: Mesdames M. H. Jones, S. Davies, Gwilym Llewelyn (Pentwyn Farm), V. Wood, Miss May Cook, Mrs. Payne, Mrs. Thomas, Miss Iris Edwards, Misses Gladys and Alice Mills, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Lewis, and Councillor Minhinnick.

27 December 1930 Omission The names of Mrs. Percy Edwards and Mrs. Ernest Jones were omitted in last week's report of Fochriw wards effort for the Merthyr General Hospital.

10 January 1931 Hospital The many friends of Mr. William Way will regret to know that he is in Merthyr General Hospital. His friends join in wishing him a speedy recovery. Also, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Davis, Pentwyn, Miss Mwynwen Jones, and Mr. T. O. Jones are still patients there.

7 February 1931 Hospital The many friends of Mr. Thomas Thomas, Railway-terrace, and Miss Lilian Way, Glyn-terrace, who are patients at Merthyr Hospital, will join in wishing them a speedy recovery.

7 February 1931 Accident The many friends of Mrs. Slimmons, Fochriw Farm, will regret to learn that she met with an unfortunate accident last Friday whilst following her home duties. She slipped and fractured her leg, and was conveyed to Merthyr General Hospital. Her host of friends wish her a speedy recovery.

14 February 1931 Hospital The many friends of Mrs. W. H. Edwards, Pentwyn, who is a patient at Merthyr Hospital, wish her a speedy recovery.

14 March 1931 Hospital The many friends of Nancy Morgan and Lilian May Mills, who are patients at Gellygaer Hospital, join in wishing them a speedy recovery

4 April 1931 Hospital Friends of Mr. George Price and Master Claude Smith, regret to hear that they are in hospital, and join in wishing them a speedy recovery.

11 April 1931 New Doctor A cordial welcome is extended to Dr. D. C. Williams, who has taken on the practice of Dr. T. Stenner Evans, J.P. All join in wishing him and Mrs. Williams a pleasant time in the locality.

11 April 1931 Hospital The many friends of Mr. Gwynfor Davies, Dynevor-street, will regret to know that he is a patient at Merthyr Hospital, as a result of an accident sustained at Groesfaen Colliery, where he is employed. All join in wishing him a speedy recovery.

11 April 1931 Doctor's Appointment The very large circle of friends of Dr. T. Stenner Evans, J.P., were delighted to hear of his important appointment to the post of deputy regional medical officer to the Ministry of Health. A more capable man for the post it would be difficult to find. Coming to Fochriw in November 1918, after serving in the Royal Army Medical Corps, he soon endeared himself to the people in the scattered area, by his devotion to duty. He was appointed a member of the honorary medical staff of the Merthyr General Hospital in 1923. He was the organiser and first medical officer of the Fochriw Maternity and Child Welfare Centre under Gellygaer Council. He was lecturer and surgeon to the Fochriw Division of the St. John Ambulance Association, and was made an honorary life member of the Priory for Wales in 1925. He was also President of the Fochriw Branch of the British Legion, and is a member of the Ministry of Pensions Medical Board. He is a Justice of the Peace for the County of Glamorgan, and is Worshipful Master of the North Glamorgan Lodge of Freemasons. All join in wishing him well in his new sphere.

18 April 1931 Hospital The many friends of Master Cuthbert Llewelyn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gwilym Llewelyn, Pentwyn Farm, will regret to know that he is in hospital at Merthyr, and join in wishing him a speedy recovery.

25 April 1931 Lest We Forget On Friday and Saturday next, readers will have an opportunity to show their appreciation for that noble institution, the Merthyr General Hospital, by buying a flower from the sellers.

25 April 1931 Hospital The many friends of Mr. Dan Jones, the Villas, will regret to know that he is at a nursing home in Cardiff, and has undergone an operation from which he is making satisfactory progress. All join in wishing him a speedy recovery. Mr. Jones is on the teaching staff at Pontlottyn.

2 May 1931 Flower Day On Friday, a number of ladies were busy disposing of forget-me-nots in aid of the Merthyr General Hospital. Thanks are due to Mrs. W. J. Payne and Mrs. Howell Thomas for organising the sellers, and also to the ladies for selling. The sum of £4 3s 10d was realised. The sellers were Misses Wynda Edwards and Cissie Edwards, Misses Mary Morgan and Nellie Morris, Misses Olive Payne and Phoebe Jones, Misses Rosie Davies, Maggie Thomas and G. Turner, Misses May Cook and Annie Mills, Misses Rosie Williams and Eironwen Richards, Misses Gwyneth Parry and Ceinwen Thomas, Misses M. E. Thomas and Addie Slimmons, Misses Nesta Evans and Ceinwen Cole.

30 May 1931 Accident The numerous friends of Mr. George Davies, Brynteg-street, will regret to know that he received injuries whilst following his employment at Ogilvie Colliery, which necessitated his removal to Merthyr General Hospital. His friends join in wishing him a speedy recovery.

18 July 1931 Hospital The many friends of Mr. Terence Simpson, Mr. George Davies and Master Harry Evans, who are patients at Merthyr and Gellygaer Hospitals, join in wishing them a speedy recovery.

25 July 1931 Hospital The many friends of Mr. H. Ballard and Master John Pullen, who are patients at Merthyr General Hospital, join in wishing them a speedy recovery.

15 August 1931 Hospital The many friends of Mrs. Briffett, Brook-row, who is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital wish her a speedy recovery. Also, Master Willie Wilton who is a patient as a result of a colliery accident.

26 September 1931 Hospital The many friends of Messrs. David Davies, Habacuc Ballard and Ted Price, who are patients at Merthyr General Hospital, join in wishing them a speedy recovery.

3 October 1931 Hospital The many friends of Mr. Walter Jones, late of Brynteg, now of Ogmores, will regret to know that he is at the Royal Infirmary, Cardiff, where he has undergone an operation. All join in wishing him a speedy recovery.

3 October 1931 Accident On Saturday, an alarming accident befell the young child of Mr. and Mrs. William Edwards, Guest-street, who fell from a cart and received head injuries. After being attended by Dr. Williams, he was taken to Merthyr General Hospital where he is making good progress.

10 October 1931 Hospital The many friends of David H. Price, who is a patient at Merthyr Hospital, join in wishing him a speedy recovery.

24 October 1931 Hospital The numerous friends of Mr. Percy Cumpstone will regret to hear of his removal to a Cardiff hospital, where he has undergone an operation. All wish him a speedy recovery.

24 October 1931 Merthyr General Hospital On Monday afternoon, a large number of ladies met at the Old Library in connection with the Merthyr General Hospital, with the object of doing something to augment the funds of that noble institution. Mr. Howell Thomas presided. It was decided to do all in their power, as a first step, to assist in the Christmas prize drawing.

7 November 1931 Hospital The many friends of Miss Gwennie Puddle, who is a patient at Cardiff hospital, and of Mrs. Thomas, Aelybryn, who is a patient at Merthyr

Hospital, and Mr. Way, who is a patient at Rhymney Hospital, join in wishing them a speedy recovery.

14 November 1931 Hospital The many friends of Mr. William Jones, Brynteg, who is a patient at Merthyr Hospital, wish him a speedy recovery.

21 November 1931 Hospital The many friends of Mrs. Howell Thomas, Aelybryn, who is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital, and the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Gomer Williams, Pleasant-view, who is a patient at Gellygaer Hospital, join in wishing them a speedy recovery.

5 December 1931 Personal The many friends of Mr. Lewis Haydn Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aneurin Jones, Post Office, will be pleased to know he is making a splendid recovery from an operation at a Cardiff nursing home.

5 December 1931 Hospital The many friends of Mrs. Sarah Evans, Pentwyn, and Mr. Wm. Parry, Cwmbargoed, who are patients at Merthyr General Hospital, (the latter recovering from a serious accident at Groesfaen Colliery), join in wishing them a speedy recovery.

19 December 1931 Hospital Thanks to the ladies of the village who undertook to dispose of tickets for the Christmas draw of the Merthyr General Hospital, a grand total of £10 3s 3d was collected. The collectors were Mesdames J. Harding and T. Baldwin; S. Davies and J. J. Lewis; Harry Jones and T. Morris; R. Slimmons and J. Lawrence; H. Thomas and W. Adams Jones; C. White and E. Jones; Tom Jones and Miss Iris Edwards; Miss G. Parry and Miss A. Mills; W. Thomas and M. Davies; A. Ballard and T. Walters; Mrs. Morgan; Miss Nellie White and Miss Lilian Way.

26 December 1931 Hospital The many friends of Miss May Angell, and Master T. J. Morris, who are patients at Merthyr General Hospital, join in wishing them a speedy recovery.

2 January 1932 Hospital The many friends of Miss Bessie Shankland who is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital, wish her as speedy recovery.

5 March 1932 Lest We Forget! Merthyr General Hospital S.O.S. self-denial week will be observed from 7th-12th March, when an opportunity will be afforded to the inhabitants of the village to support this great institution.

12 March 1932 Hospital The many friends of Mr. Idris Evans, Mr. Henry Archer, and Mrs. Margaret Jones, who are patients at Merthyr Hospital, join in wishing them a speedy recovery.

19 March 1932 S.O.S. Thanks to the untiring efforts of the following ladies, who undertook the work of distributing and collecting the self-denial envelopes in aid of the Merthyr General Hospital, the sum of £8 11s. was realised: Mrs. Howell Thomas, Mrs. W. J. Payne, Mrs. J. L. White, Mrs. Lewis, Misses Annie Mills, Cissie Evans, Gwen Davies, Jessie Llewellyn, Lizzie Watkins, Marjory Jones, Eirlys Evans, Nellie White, Edna Edwards, May Cook, Phyllis Davies, Margaret Thomas, Addie Slimmons, Eironwy Richards, and Mrs. Palmer.

26 March 1932 Hospital The numerous friends of Mr. Frank Strang, Pentwyn, who is a patient at Merthyr Hospital, join in wishing him a speedy recovery.

26 March 1932 Nursing The many friends of Mrs. Rose H. Thomas, Plantation-street, will be glad to learn that she has recently been successful in passing her C.M.B. at Bristol.

16 April 1932 Hospital Miss Frances Adams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Adams, Guest-street, was removed to Merthyr General Hospital on Sunday. Her many friends wish her a speedy recovery.

28 May 1932 Doctor's Departure The large circle of friends of Dr. D. C. Williams regret very much his departure to take up duties at Bedlinog. Since coming to

Fochriw, he has endeared himself to all by his devotion to his duties, and his association with all good movements for the welfare of the village. He has now been appointed to the medical staff of the Merthyr General Hospital, a position all feel he will fill with distinction. Fochriw's loss will be Bedlinog's gain. All join in wishing Dr. and Mrs. Williams every happiness in their new sphere of labour. He will be succeeded at Fochriw by Dr. W. Monnelly. L.M.R.C.S., L.M.R.C.P. (Ireland).

2 July 1932 Accident The many friends of Mr. John Williams, Plantation-street, will regret to know that he received injuries whilst working at Taff - Merthyr Colliery, and is now a patient at Merthyr General Hospital. His large circle of friends join in wishing him a speedy recovery.

9 July 1932 Hospital The many friends of Mr. William Henry Jones, Martin-street, will regret to know that he is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital, where he has undergone an operation. Also, Miss Rona Lewis, Aelybryn, who is a patient at Aberbargoed Hospital. All join in wishing them a speedy recovery.

6 August 1932 Hospital The many friends of Mr. George Way and Master Griffith Pugh, who are patients at Merthyr Hospital, join in wishing them a speedy recovery.

13 August 1932 Hospital Mrs. Tom Davies, Hill-row, Pentwyn, and Miss Katie Thomas, Dynevor-street, are patients at Merthyr General Hospital. Also, Mr. W. H. Jones, Martin-street, Mr. Griffith Pugh, Guest-street, Mr. George Way, Aelybryn, and Mrs. Margaret Jones, Pit-row.

20 August 1932 Presentation to Dr. D. C. Williams On Thursday evening at the Church Hall, there was a very happy gathering, the hall being crowded to pay tribute to Dr. D. C. Williams, and Mrs. Williams, the former having recently taken up an appointment at Bedlinog. The occasion was the presentation of a beautiful oak writing bureau, suitably inscribed, purchased from contributions by Dr. Williams' host of admirers from Fochriw and District. A first-class programme of music was given by the following artistes: Madam H. C. Davies, Mr. James J. Lewis, Miss Mary Lewis and Mr. Jones (elocutionist). Mr. Wyndham Lawrence was the accompanist. The Chairman was Police Sergeant W. Howells, who spoke of the high esteem in which Dr. Williams was held. Mr. W. J. Payne made the presentation on behalf of the people, stating that although Dr. Williams had been with them for just fifteen months, he had endeared himself to all. What he liked in Dr. Williams was the human touch and his kind words of comfort to the sick and suffering, and that, in his opinion, did more good often than the medicine. Mrs. S. J. Jones, Mr. John Lloyd Jones, and Mr. Evan Morgan Davies also spoke. The evening terminated with the singing of "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau," by Mr. J. J. Lewis.

20 August 1932 Hospital The many friends of Mr. Thomas Francis, Pit-row, will regret to know that he is a patient at Merthyr Hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery.

1 October 1932 Hospital The many friends of Mrs. Edward Lewis, Brook-row, who is a patient at Pontsarn Hospital, and Mr. David Tyler, Pentwyn, who is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital, join in wishing them a speedy recovery.

19 November 1932 Hospital Mrs. Mordecai Williams, Dynevor-street, and Miss Moira Ballard, Railway-terrace, are patients at Merthyr General Hospital; also, Mr. David Tyler, Pentwyn. All join in wishing them a speedy recovery.

3 December 1932 Hospital The many friends of Mrs. Howell Thomas, Station-terrace, who is a patient at Bath Hospital, and Miss Mary Palmer, Council Houses, who is at Cardiff Hospital, wish them a speedy recovery.

17 December 1932 Hospital Effort Great praise is due to the willing ladies who undertook the selling of prize drawing tickets for the Merthyr General Hospital. Even

though tickets were sold at the collieries, the splendid sum of £8 4s. was realised in the village, thanks to the organising abilities of Mrs. W. J. Payne (secretary) and Mrs. Howell Thomas (treasurer), and the following band of workers: Mrs. H. Thomas, Mrs. A. Ballard, Mrs. W. J. Payne; Mrs. Pullen and Mrs. C. Ballard; Mrs. O. Richards and Miss Palmer; Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Morgan; Mrs. S. Lee and Mrs. H. Jones; Miss Gladys and Miss Alice Mills; Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Griffin; Mrs. Cissie Evans and Miss Annie Mills; Mrs. C. White and Mrs. T. Jones; Mrs. Palmer and Mrs. S. Jones.

17 December 1932 Hospital The many friends of Mr. D. H. Thomas, Aelybryn, who was conveyed to Merthyr General Hospital with a fractured leg above the ankle, received whilst playing football for Fochriw against Pontlottyn, will be pleased to know that he is making satisfactory progress. Special mention should be made of the excellent first-aid rendered on the field by members of the St. John Ambulance, particularly Messrs. Walter Parry, Rufus Wood, and Dan James, who set the limb in splints and saw to his convenience home on a stretcher, where he was examined by Dr. Monnelly, and then conveyed to hospital. His host of friends wish him a speedy recovery.

14 January 1933 Hospital The many friends of Mr. Barlow, Guest-street, who is a patient at Merthyr Hospital, following an accident at Ogilvie Colliery, wish him a speedy recovery. Also, John B. Jones who is a patient at Gellygaer Hospital.

28 January 1933 Hospital The many friends of Mr. Thomas Thomas, Williams-row, who is a patient at Merthyr Hospital, wish him a speedy recovery.

4 March 1933 Hospital The many friends of Mr. Llewellyn Small, Mr. Barlow, Mr. Francis Williams, and Mrs. Jones, who are patients at Merthyr General Hospital, wish them a speedy recovery.

11 March 1933 Hospital The many friends of Mr. Terence Simpson who is a patient at Merthyr Hospital, wish him a speedy recovery

18 March 1933 Lest We Forget On Monday next, S.O.S. envelopes will reach every house in the area. Please help again this year. The executive board is struggling with a bank overdraft of £3,000. There is no nobler work than the care of the sick and injured.

1 April 1933 Personal The large circle of friends of P. S. Howells will regret to know that he is still very ill, and is at present in a nursing home in Cardiff. We wish him a speedy return to health.

1 April 1933 S.O.S. Appeal The following the ladies deserve thanks for their efforts in distributing and collecting envelopes on behalf of the Merthyr General Hospital: Mrs. W. J. Payne, Mrs. Howell Davies, Mrs. Bob Rees, Mrs. Sydney Davies, Mrs. S. Davies, Miss E. M. Wilton, Mrs. Arthur Ballard, Miss Rosie Davies, Mrs. G. Llewellyn, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Morgan, Miss Iris Edwards, Miss Rachel Harris, Mrs. David Evans, Miss M. Cook, Mrs. W. Morgan, Mrs. W. Edwards, Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. Mitchell. A total of £7 9s 2d has been raised with a few envelopes still to be returned.

22 April 1933 Personal The large circle of friends of P. S. W. Howell will be pleased to know that he has returned home from the Lord Ninian Nursing Home, Cardiff, and is making steady progress towards recovery.

6 May 1933 Hospital The many friends of Mr. Tom Angell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Burkley Angell, will regret to know he is in hospital in London, where he has undergone an operation.

20 May 1933 Hospital The many friends of Lilian Cole, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. James Cole, Brynteg, who is a patient at Gellygaer Hospital, wish her a speedy recovery.

3 June 1933 Hospital The many friends of Mr. Evan Jones, Glenview, Pentwyn, who is a patient at Merthyr Hospital, wish him a speedy recovery.

17 June 1933 Hospital The many friends of Mrs. Megan Morris, Aelybryn, who is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital, wish her a speedy recovery.

17 June 1933 Merthyr Hospital A public meeting in connection with the Merthyr General Hospital was held at the Old Library on Friday evening, and a very representative gathering assembled. The chair was occupied by Mr. W. Price. A detailed report of the work done and the financial statement was given by Mr. W. J. Payne, a member of the Executive Board. He explained that the need of the Hospital was even greater at present, owing to the present state of unemployment. The hospital was one of the finest institutions in the country with its magnificent block of buildings known as the Lord Buckland Memorial Block, added in honour of the great benefactor whose love for the institution knew no bounds. A discussion followed, after which it was decided to hold community singing on 25th June at 8p.m., at which the Fochriw Silver Band would give their services. The conductor of the singing would be Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, and the chairman, Mr. W. J. Payne. A strong body of stewards and collectors has been appointed, with P.C. Sanson as chief steward. An earnest appeal is made to all in the district to be present, to join the festival of praise and to help financially the Merthyr General Hospital.

1 July 1933 Nursing Congratulations to Nurse Phoebe Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Jones, Plantation-street, a nurse at Merthyr General Hospital, on passing the preliminary examination of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales. Also, Nurse Ceinwen Cole, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Cole, Aelybryn, which is a nurse at Monsall Hospital, Manchester. She has also passed the same examination.

24 June 1933 Hospital The many friends of Mr. Henry Archer and Mr. Lewis Small, who are patients at Merthyr Hospital, wish them a speedy recovery.

1 July 1933 Hospital The many friends of Master Godfrey Wood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Wood, Aelybryn, who is a patient at Gellygaer Hospital, wish him a speedy recovery.

1 July 1933 Community Singing Owing to the inclement weather on Sunday last, the community singing in aid of Merthyr General Hospital had to be postponed until Sunday next at 8p.m. A rehearsal was held at Carmel chapel conducted by Mr. Wyndham Lawrence with Mr. D. J. Thomas as organist.

8 July 1933 Nursing Congratulations to Nurse Annie Ballard, daughter of Mr. Thomas Ballard, Moore's-row, who has passed her C.M.B. examination. She is at present nursing at Crumpsall Hospital, Manchester.

29 July 1933 Hospital The many friends of Mr. Percy Mantle, Pentwyn, who is a patient at the Royal Infirmary, Cardiff, join in wishing him a speedy recovery

29 July 1933 Accident Whilst Master Jackie Palmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Palmer, Council Houses, was playing on Friday afternoon, he fell and seriously injured his shoulder. He was treated at Merthyr General Hospital.

2 September 1933 Hospital The many friends of Mrs. Jones, 28, Martin-street, will regret to know that she met with an accident in her garden on Sunday, receiving injuries which necessitated her removal to Merthyr hospital.

16 September 1933 Hospital The many friends of the Mrs. R. Slimmons, Fochriw Farm, will regret to hear she has been admitted to Merthyr hospital.

14 October 1933 Hospital The many friends of Mr. Simon Cole and Mr. George, Aelybryn, will regret to know they are patients at Merthyr General Hospital. Also, Miss Irene Barlow, Guest-street, is at Denbigh. All join in wishing them a speedy recovery

21 October 1933 Hospital The many friends of Mrs. S. Millward, Aelybryn, will regret to hear that she is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital.

4 November 1933 Hospital The many friends of Mr. George Way, Aelybryn, will regret to hear that he is a patient at Cardiff hospital.

18 November 1933 Hospital The many friends of Mrs. Williams, Aelybryn, will regret to learn that she is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital.

2 December 1933 Nursing Nurse Megan V. Davies, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Davies, Brook Cottage, who is a nurse at the Royal Infirmary, Cardiff, passed the preliminary examination of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

23 December 1933 Hospital As a result of the labours of a splendid band of workers in disposing of Christmas prize draw tickets in aid of the Merthyr General Hospital, the sum of £7 19s was realised. Splendid services were rendered by Messrs. W. J. Payne, Howell Thomas, Mrs. W. J. Payne, and Mrs. Howell Thomas.

23 December 1933 In Aid of the Hospital Thanks to the efforts of Mr. T. J. Jones, head teacher, and his boys, and the co-operation of Mr. R. Williams, head teacher of Tirphil School, and his boys, a football match was played at Fochriw on Boxing Day morning, between Fochriw and Tirphil, in aid of Merthyr General Hospital. The visitors were winners by two goals to nil. After the game, the teams sat down to one excellent tea. Mr. Jones handed Mr. W. J. Payne (a member of the Executive Board) £2 0s 6d - the proceeds of the match.

6 January 1934 Appointment Dr. W. Monnelly has been appointed to the honorary medical staff of Merthyr Hospital.

27 January 1934 Hospital The many friends of Mr. Doris Briffett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Briffett, Brook-row, will regret to hear she is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital.

3 March 1934 Hospital The following popular Fochriw people are at present in the Merthyr General Hospital: Mrs. J. Llewellyn, Pentwyn; Messrs. Syd. Davies, Plantation-terrace; Hob. Ballard, Railway-terrace; Steve Jones, Council Houses.

17 March 1934 Merthyr General Hospital S.O.S. Thanks to a willing band of lady workers with Mrs. W. J. Payne as secretary and Mrs. Howell Thomas as treasurer, the sum of £6 8s 9d was realised for the hospital.

24 March 1934 S.O.S Collections Thanks are accorded the following for their services in the S.O.S. collections for the Hospital: Miss Iris Evans; Mrs. Dainton and Miss Ursula Harris; Mrs. Jessie Llewellyn; Miss Wynda Edwards; Mrs. Palmer and Mrs. Jones; Miss I. and Miss L. Thomas; Miss Phoebe Jones and Miss K. Williams; Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Morgan; Miss Eironwen Richards. A total of £6 8s 9d was collected.

14 April 1934 Hospital The many friends of Mrs. Violet Palmer, Council Houses, who is a patient at Gellygaer Hospital, join in wishing her a speedy recovery.

21 April 1934 Hospital Mr. John White, the Vicarage, is at a nursing home in Cardiff, and Mr. Crad Ballard is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital. We wish them a speedy recovery.

28 April 1934 Hospital Mr. George Way, Aelybryn is a patient at Merthyr Hospital, and Miss Thelma Thomas, Brynteg, and Miss Mary Lewis, Station Stores, are patients at Gellygaer Hospital.

5 May 1934 Hospital The following our patients at Gellygaer Hospital: Ronnie Lewis, Evelyn Angell, Milly Williams. We wish them a speedy recovery

12 May 1934 Hospital Mrs. Slimmons, Fochriw Farm, is a patient at Merthyr Hospital. We wish her a speedy recovery.

19 May 1934 Hospital Meeting A meeting in connection with Merthyr General Hospital was held at the Old Library on Friday, the vicar presiding. A report was given by Mr. W. J. Payne, who said the hospital was maintaining the highest possible standard of efficiency, but was struggling with an overdraft of about £5,000, brought about chiefly by the industrial depression. More revenue was urgently needed. Mr. Payne gave a list of patients admitted and treated for one month only, to give the meeting an idea of the great work carried on. Several ways of raising revenue was suggested, including the holding of community singing on Sunday evening. Such an event will be held on Sunday May 27th, at 8pm, led by the Fochriw Silver Band, when Mr. Thomas Walters will conduct, and the Vicar will preside. The chief stewards will be P.C. Sansom, P.S. Jones and Mr. W. J. Williams. A further meeting to organise another event will be held in a fortnight.

2 June 1934 Hospital Committee The Rev. J. L. White presided over a meeting at the Old Library on Friday in connection with the Merthyr General Hospital Committee. It was decided to postpone the community singing until 10th June. P.C. Sansom suggested a Glamorgan County Police cricket match at Fochriw to help the hospital. It was decided to write to the chief constable to try to bring this about. A drama or sketch competition is also to be considered.

16 June 1934 To Aid the Hospital A very interesting event is being organised in aid of the Merthyr General Hospital on June 25th, when the "F" Division of the Glamorgan Police will send a strong team of cricketers to play the local team, who will be captained by Mr. T. I. Evans. A keen game is anticipated.

16 June 1934 Community Concert A large crowd attended the community singing concert at Fochriw on Sunday in aid of the Merthyr General Hospital. The singing was conducted by Mr. Thomas Walters with accompaniment from the Fochriw Silver Band. The chairman was the Vicar and he was supported by Mr. W. J. Canton (chairman of the Executive Board), Alderman Lewis Jones, Miss M. Richards, Mrs. Canton, Miss Canton, Mr. W. J. Payne and Mr. Howell Thomas. The singing was most inspiring. The sum of £5 1s 3d. was realised. The arrangements for the evening were in the capable hands of P.S. Jones, P.C. Sansom and Mr. W. J. Williams, with members of the Fochriw Ambulance Brigade on duty in uniform, under the command of Corps Treasurer John Morgan. Thanks are recorded to the "Western Mail and Echo" for hymn sheets.

16 June 1934 Hospital The many friends of Miss Betty Edwards, Brook-row, Miss Ethel Lewis, Penybank, Annie M. Price, Dorothy and Phyllis Wilton, all patients at Gellygaer Hospital, join in wishing them a speedy recovery.

23 June 1934 Hospital Concert A concert in aid of the Merthyr General Hospital will be held at Fochriw on 27th June, when some of the finest artists in Wales will appear. Funds are urgently needed.

7 July 1934 Fochriw Hospital Concert Fochriw music lovers were given a rare treat at the New Hall on Wednesday when a concert was held in aid of Merthyr General Hospital. Mr. W. J. Canton, chairman of the Hospital Executive Board, presided, supported by Alderman Lewis Jones, secretary of the hospital. The artistes were: soprano, Miss Megan Davies, Pontlottyn; contralto, Madam Olwen Jones-Price, Merthyr; elocutionist, Mrs. Flossie Jones, New Tredegar; tenor, Mr. Haydn Thomas, Bedlinog; violinist, Mr. W. J. Parry, Dowlais; accompanist, Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, A.L.C.M., Fochriw. Mr. Canton thanked the artistes for their excellent services, and spoke of the great needs of the Hospital. Both he, and Ald. Lewis, thanked the people of Fochriw for their support. Mr. W. J. Payne and Mr. T. J. Jones proposed and

seconded votes of thanks to artistes, chairman and secretary. The concert closed with the singing of "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau" by Miss Megan Davies.

7 July 1934 Nursing Successes Miss Rosella Williams, Dynevor-street, has passed the probationers examination for the Merthyr General Hospital, and Miss Ceinwen Cole, daughter of Mrs. Cole, Aelybryn, has passed her final state examination at Monsall Hospital, Manchester, where she has trained for three years.

21 July 1934 Helping the Hospital Mr. T. J. Jones presided at a meeting of the Hospital Committee. A statement of accounts of the concert was presented, and thanks to a splendid united effort a sum of £10 3s. was handed to the hospital. Mr. W. J. Payne thanked the Committee on behalf of the Hospital Board, and he also thanked Mr. J. J. Lewis (Ap Morlais) who had been so successful in getting together a first-class variety of artists, who had given their services willingly. The auditors appointed were Mr. Howell Thomas and Mr. W. J. Payne. A hearty welcome was extended to P.C. Wadley who was present in place of P.C. Sansom who has left the district.

4 August 1934 For The Hospital As a result of the cricket match played between the Glamorgan Police and Fochriw, the sum of £5 1s 10d was realised for the Hospital. Thanks are due to the local community, the police and the home team for providing such a splendid day, which was witnessed by a large crowd.

18 August 1934 Hospital Friends of Mr. Leslie Mantle, Pentwyn, who is in Merthyr Hospital undergoing an operation, join in wishing him a speedy recovery.

15 September 1934 Personal Mr. Bedford Edwards, Brook-row, was taken to Merthyr Hospital on Sunday for the operation.

29 September 1934 Hospital Mr. George Evans, Aelybryn, is in hospital at Merthyr. We wish him a speedy recovery.

20 October 1934 Hospital Mr. Sidney Evans, Rees-row, Pentwyn, is making satisfactory progress at Merthyr Hospital, where he has undergone an operation.

27 October 1934 Hospital Mr. Seaborne Williams, The Villas, is a patient at Merthyr Hospital, and Mr. George W. Wood, late of Aelybryn, is a patient at Middlesex Hospital.

3 November 1934 Hospital Master Claude Smith, Guest-street, is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital, and Miss Irene Barlow is at Pontsarn Sanatorium. Their many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

24 November 1934 Personal Nurse Phoebe Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Jones, Plantation-terraces, has been appointed to a post at the North London Nursing Home, Finsbury Park. She received her training at Merthyr General Hospital.

10 November 1934 Hospital Mr. W. T. Williams, Penybank, and Mr. W. Griffiths, Glyn-terrace, are patients at Merthyr General Hospital. We wish them a speedy recovery.

8 December 1934 Hospital The many friends of Mrs. Margaret Williams, Pentwyn, who is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital, wish her a speedy recovery.

5 January 1935 Hospital The many friends of Mrs. E. Walters, Aelybryn, and Mr. E. H. Davies, Hill-row, Pentwyn, who are patients at Merthyr General Hospital, wish them a speedy recovery; also Nurse Rosella Williams who is a patient at Mardy Hospital.

26 January 1935 Hospital Mrs. C. Saunders, Station-terrace, is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital.

2 February 1935 Hospital Mrs. Richards, Brook-row, is a patient at Hereford hospital. We wish her a speedy recovery.

16 February 1935 Nursing Association A public meeting in connection with the Glamorgan County Nursing Association was held at the library on Wednesday, when

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

9 February 1935 Hospital The many friends of Mrs. Watkins, Stoney Houses, Penybank, who is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital, join in wishing her a speedy recovery.

23 February 1935 Hospital The friends of Mr. Gurwyn Thomas, who is a patient at Gellygaer Hospital, and Mr. Bedford Edwards, a patient at Merthyr General Hospital, wish them a speedy recovery.

23 March 1935 Hospital Miss Laurie Hiscox, Dynevor-street, is a patient at Gellygaer Hospital.

23 March 1935 Hospital S.O.S. The collectors at the recent appeal of the Merthyr Hospital were: Mrs. H. Thomas, Mrs. W. J. Payne, Mrs. Elsie Rees, Mrs. M. Shankland, Mrs. P. Edwards, Mrs. L. Evans, Mrs. G. Llewellyn, Miss Wynda Edwards, Miss Annie Mills, Mrs. S. Davies, Mrs. G. Edwards, Miss Gladys Mills, Miss Alice Mills, Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. S. Jones, Mrs. Lewis. A total of £7 18s 8d. was collected.

30 March 1935 Nursing Success Nurse Phoebe Cole, daughter of Mrs. Cole and the late Mr. Simon Cole, Aelybryn, has passed the C.M.B. examination. She was at Westcote Drive Hospital, Leicester.

18 May 1935 Hospital Mr. Edwin Davies, Cwmbargoed, is a patient at Merthyr Hospital, as a result of an accident whilst following his employment.

25 May 1935 Hospital The following our patients at Merthyr General Hospital: Mrs. Roberts, Glyn-terrace, Mrs. Williams, Hill-terrace, Pentwyn. All join in wishing them a speedy recovery.

1 June 1935 For The Hospital The annual meeting in connection with the Merthyr General Hospital took place at the Old Library on Thursday evening last, and was presided over by Mr. Howell Thomas. A report of the working of the Hospital for the past year was given by Mr. W. J. Payne. It was decided to organise a concert in aid of the hospital, for which purpose the Fochriw Ladies Glee Party had offered their services. A committee will carry out the arrangements.

22 June 1935 Personal Mr. David Jones, Brynteg, and Mr. William Griffiths, Glyn-terrace, are returning from Talygarn and Porthcawl respectively, much improved in health, after their long illness.

6 July 1935 Nursing Success Nurse Megan Morris, daughter of Mrs. Millward, and the late Mr. Edgar Morris, has passed the preliminary state nursing examination. She is at present at Hastings Municipal Hospital.

20 July 1935 Cycling Accident Mr. W. J. Davies, sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Davies, Martin-street, was cycling on a push-bike towards Deri on Monday, when he was thrown off by the Cwm Bridge. After receiving attention, he was conveyed in an unconscious condition in Mr. Emrys Evans' motor-car to Merthyr General Hospital where an operation was performed.

20 July 1935 Nursing Success Nurse Olwen Chapman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Chapman, Williams-row, has passed the preliminary state nursing examination. She received her training at Chelmsford and Essex Hospital, where she is at present.

27 July 1935 Personal Mrs. Rees Thomas (Plantation-terrace), Mr. Robert Slimmons (Fochriw Farm), and Mr. Willie Davies (Martin-street) are patients at Merthyr General Hospital. We wish them a speedy recovery.

3 August 1935 Hospital Mr. Garfield Davies, Nant Cottage, has undergone an operation at Cardiff Royal Infirmary. Mrs. Sullivan, The Bungalow, is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital. All join in wishing them a speedy recovery.

3 August 1935 Hospital Concert Result The concert in aid of the Merthyr General Hospital raised the sum of £14 3s 9d, which was handed to the secretary. Thanks are due to the committee, the artistes and ladies' choir, who gave their services free, also the ticket sellers and members of the St. John Ambulance, and the general public. The annual community singing in aid of the hospital is to be held on Sunday evening, 25th August.

14 September 1935 Road Accident On Monday, Olive Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Jones (greengrocers), was leaving school in the morning when she was knocked down by a motor-car. She was conveyed to Merthyr General Hospital suffering from injuries to her legs.

21 September 1935 Hospital Mr. David Owen, School House, is a patient at Aberbargoed Hospital.

28 September 1935 Motorcycle Accident As a result of a motorcycle accident on Monday on the Pontygwindy-road. Caerphilly, Mr. David Giddens (driver), and Mr. Ernest Sibley (pillion rider), both of Guest-street, are in Caerphilly Miners' Hospital, suffering from serious injuries. It appears the motorcycle collided with a telegraph pole on the roads side.

26 October 1935 Hospital Mr. John Rees, Aelybryn, is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital.

26 October 1935 Policeman's Illness P.C. Islwyn Davies of the Metropolitan Police, who is a patient at St. Thomas's Hospital, London, is making satisfactory progress after an operation. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Davies, Y Nant.

26 October 1935 Home From Hospital Mr. Ernest Sibley, Guest-street, who has been a patient at Caerphilly Hospital following a motorcycle accident some weeks ago, has returned home.

23 November 1935 Hospital Mr. Jack Davies and Master Evan Morgan Lewis have undergone operations at Merthyr General Hospital. Both are making steady progress.

30 November 1935 Nursing Success Nurse Rosella Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mordecai Williams, Dynevor-street, has passed her state examination in nursing. She was trained at Merthyr General Hospital and is still on the nursing staff.

7 December 1935 Hospital Miss Doris Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lewis, Railway-terrace, has undergone an operation at Merthyr General Hospital, and is making steady progress.

7 December 1935 Hospital Meeting At the Old Reading Room on Friday, a meeting was held to consider raising money in aid of Merthyr General Hospital. Councillor Sam Lewis presided. Messrs. W. J. Payne and Howell Thomas gave a report of the work done during the past year and emphasised the great need still existing to do all in support of the institution. They explained that thanks-offering envelopes would be handed in at each house during Christmas in place of the annual Christmas prize drawing. Several schemes were discussed for raising funds, and it was decided to appeal to Mr. Thomas Walters, A.L.C.M., to produce a book of some sacred works for Good Friday. A football match and a dance will take place, also, Windy Rees, Bedlinog, the clever motor cyclist, has offered his services free for an exhibition, and these have been accepted.

14 December 1935 Hospital Miss Winnie Evans, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Evans, Brynteg-terrace, has undergone an operation at Merthyr General Hospital, and is making satisfactory progress.

28 December 1935 Hospital Governor Mr. Willie Adams Jones has been appointed a governor of Merthyr General Hospital as a representative of the Gellygaer National Union of Teachers. Mr. Jones is on the staff of Fochriw Mixed School.

11 January 1936 Hospital Appeal The Christmas envelope appeal in aid of Merthyr General Hospital realised £5. Those who assisted were H. Thomas, W. J. Payne, P. Edwards, O. Harris, E. E. Jones, G. Lewis, N. Davies, K. Williams, M. Lewis, E. Lewis and Mrs. Davies.

14 March 1936 Hospital Mrs. Wyndham Morgan, Mrs. M. A. Lawrence and Mrs. F. Adams have undergone operations at Merthyr General Hospital and are making satisfactory progress.

21 March 1936 Nursing Successes Nurse Megan Davies, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Davies, Brook Cottage, at the recent examinations held by the General Nursing Council, passed her final state examination. She is on the staff of Cardiff Royal Infirmary, where she received her training. Nurse Alice Kinsey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Kinsey, Nantyffin, has passed her preliminary examination. She is at present at Merthyr General Hospital.

4 April 1936 Nursing Nurse Ann Ballard, daughter of Mr. T. Ballard and the late Mrs. Ballard, Moore's-row, has been appointed sister at Stretford Memorial Hospital, Old Trafford, Manchester.

11 April 1936 Hospital Mr. Clark of Rhas Las, Mrs. Watkin Williams of Pentwyn, and Mr. Tom Jones, Hill-row, who are patients at Merthyr General Hospital, are making satisfactory progress.

18 April 1936 Hospital Mrs. Baldwin, wife of Mr. Tom Bladwin, Glen View, and Miss Betty Simpson, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Harry Simpson, Aelybryn, were removed to Merthyr General Hospital on Easter Monday. Miss Simpson was operated on the same day and is making progress.

25 April 1936 Hospital Collections The following sums were realised in aid of the Merthyr General Hospital: Brynteg. £1 18s 3d; Aelybryn, 19s 7d; Pentwyn, 14s 2d; Martin-street and Railway-terrace, 8s; Guest-street and Dynevor-street, 7s 7d; Brook-row and Council Houses, 6s 5d; Pantywaun, 4s; Penybank, 3s 1d; Williams-row and Pit-row, 2s 7d. The total was £5 3s 9d. The collectors were: Misses J. Jones and W. Evans; Mesdames S. Jones and L. Evans, Palmer, Richards and A. Davies, Misses C. J. Williams, J. Mills, N. Ballard, . Mantle, M. Williams, M. Lewis, R. Price, M. Owen, Mesdames S. Lewis, H. Thomas and W. J. Payne.

25 April 1936 Motor Accident Mr. Garfield Davies, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Davies, Brook-cottage, when out motorcycling on Monday, met with an accident, and received injuries which necessitated his removal to Merthyr General Hospital. He is making satisfactory progress

13 June 1936 Hospital Master Harry Evans, son of Mr. & Mrs. Bert Evans, Aelybryn, who is a patient at Gellygaer Hospital, is making progress. Also, Mr. David Davies, Dynevor-street, who is at Talgarth Hospital.

29 August 1936 Hospital Mr. Leslie Cowles, Hill-row, Pentwyn, is a patient Merthyr General Hospital, where he has undergone an operation.

29 August 1936 For the Hospital A concert will be held at the New Hall on Thursday, September 3rd, by the Glyndwr Concert Party, who are giving their services free to help the Merthyr General Hospital. It is hoped that the public will rally round and help the hospital as funds are needed to carry on the noble work.

26 September 1936 Hospital Mr. Daniel Rowlands, Aelybryn, has undergone an operation at Merthyr General Hospital.

10 October 1936 Hospital Mr. Willie A. Davies, Aelybryn, is it patient at Merthyr General Hospital.

31 October 1936 Hospital Funds As a result of the concert organised by the local committee £9 15s 6d was realised. The secretary of the hospital has sent a letter of thanks to all workers for the splendid effort. The secretary was Mrs. W. J. Payne with Mrs. H. Thomas as treasurer.

7 November 1936 Hospital Mrs. M. A. Lawrence, Martin-street and a Mrs.. E. J. Williams, Hill-row, Pentwyn, are patients at Merthyr General Hospital.

26 December 1936 Lest We Forget Appeals have been left at each house by a band of lady workers this week in aid of Merthyr General Hospital. The ladies will collect envelopes on Monday.

16 January 1937 Hospital The following are patients at Merthyr General Hospital: Mr. John Evans, Railway-terrace; Mr. R. J. Price, Martin's-street; Mr. Claude Smith, Guest-street; Mr. D. J. Lewis, Aelybryn; Mr. T. Williams, Pantywaun.

16 January 1937 For The Hospital As a result of Christmas Appeal for the Merthyr General Hospital the sum of £4 12s 1d was realised as follows: Brynteg £1 3s 11d; Pentwyn 14s 3d; Martin-street and Guest-street 16s 1d; Dynevor-street 12s 19d; Aelybryn and Morris-row 11s 9d; Brook-row and Council Houses 6s 4d; Pantywaun 4s 3d; Penybank 2s 8d. Thanks are due to the following ladies for counting, distributing and collecting the envelopes: Mrs. Sam Lewis, Mrs. W. Adams Jones, Misses Monica Williams, W. Edwards, A. Baldwin, Mesdames S. Phillips, W. Davies, Adams, Richards, Palmer, Davies, Misses Joan Mills, A. and L. M. Mills, T. and A. Evans. The organising secretary was Mrs. W. J. Payne, with Mrs. Howell Thomas as treasurer.

23 January 1937 Hospital Mrs. Sarah Evans, Brook-row, is a patient in Merthyr Hospital, where she has undergone an operation.

6 February 1937 Hospital Mrs. Lloyd Jones, president of the women's section of the British Legion, is progressing favourably after a long illness. Progress is also being made by Mrs. Sarah Evans, Brook House, who is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital.

20 February 1937 Hospital Mr. W. Fox, Aelybryn, and Mr. Daniel Jones, who are patients at Merthyr General Hospital, are making good progress.

27 February 1937 Hospital Mr. W. J. Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jones, 4, Glyn-terrace, is recovering in Kidderminster Hospital, where he has been seriously ill with pneumonia. Mr. C. Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Jones, Penybank, who is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital, is progressing favourably after an operation.

20 March 1937 Hospital Mr. Albert Kings, Pantywaun, who is a patient at Cardiff Royal Infirmary, as the result of a road accident, is making progress towards recovery.

27 March 1937 Nursing Success Miss Olga Chapman, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Chapman, Williams-row, has obtained the state preliminary certificate in nursing. She is at present at the Chelmsford Hospital, Essex.

3 April 1937 Hospital Miss Betty Cumpstone, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. N. Cumpstone, Council Houses, who is a patient at Gellygaer Hospital, is making progress.

24 April 1937 Colliery Accident Mr. William Evans, Brynteg-street, fractured his leg whilst working at Ogilvie Colliery. He was conveyed to Merthyr General Hospital.

24 April 1937 Hospital S.O.S. The following ladies assisted in the distribution and collection of S.O.S envelopes in aid of the Merthyr General Hospital: Mesdames S. Lewis, W. A. Jones, Pugh, Morris, J. Williams, Harris, Pope, Strang, B. Evans, T. Jones, S. Jones, L. Evans, Morgan, Davies, E. Davies, Misses Jennie Jones and Winnie Evans. The secretary was Mrs. W. J. Payne, and the treasurer Mrs. Howell Thomas. The sums realised in the districts were: Brynteg £1 3s 2d; Aelybryn £1 1s; Pentwyn 16s 4d; Guest-street & Dynevor-street 16s 2d; Martin-street 10s 9d; Cwmbargoed 6s 9d; Brook-row 6s 8d; Penybank 4s 2d. The total collected was £5 5s.

1 May 1937 Hospital S.O.S. As the result of a further donation to the Appeal, the Fochriw total is £5 10s 2d. Thanks to all contributors and helpers.

1 May 1937 Personal Mr. George Dummett, 1, Martin-street, was taken seriously ill whilst working at the Brithdir Level on Sunday night. He was taken home by colliery ambulance, and is slowly improving.

22 May 1937 Hospital Messrs. Goronwy Tyler, Aelybryn; Idris Williams, Pentwyn; and E. Sibley, Guest-street, patients at Merthyr General Hospital, are making progress towards recovery.

29 May 1937 Hospital Mrs. Watkins, Stoney Houses, a patient at Merthyr General Hospital, is progressing favourably.

5 June 1937 Hospital Mr. J. Aldwyn Edwards, Brook-row, who was taken seriously ill, and removed to Merthyr General Hospital on Sunday, is still in a critical condition.

3 July 1937 Nursing Success Miss Olwen M. Chapman, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Chapman, 1, Williams-row, has passed her S.R.N. final state Nursing examination. Miss Chapman was trained at Chelmsford and Essex hospital where she is at present.

17 July 1937 Hospital Mr. Simon Mills, Dynevor-street, was taken ill and conveyed to Merthyr General Hospital on Wednesday. He is progressing favourably after an operation.

17 July 1937 Nursing Appointments Nurse Ballard-Davies, Aelybryn-street, has been appointed for the new services provided under the new Mid-wives Act to take charge of the Fochriw area, and Nurse Rose Thomas, Martin-street, to take charge of Gellygaer. Both are fully qualified nurses, having carried on the work of midwifery for many years.

24 July 1937 Hospital Mr. Tom Morgan, signalman at the cutting near Pantywaun, who is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital, is progressing favourably.

31 July 1937 Hospital Miss Kathleen Williams, 7, Dynevor-street, who is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital, is progressing favourably after an operation.

28 August 1937 Success Miss Megan V. Davies, SRN, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Davies, Brook Cottage, has passed a recent examination held by the Central Midwives Board. She was educated at the Girls County School, Hengoed, and was trained at the Royal Infirmary and Maternity Dept., Cardiff.

4 September 1937 Hospital Mr. Joe Pullen, Pentwyn, Mr. T. Morgan, Pantywaun, and Mr. Aldwyn Edwards, Brook-row, who are patients at Merthyr General Hospital, are progressing favourably.

11 September 1937 Hospital Meeting A meeting in connection with Merthyr General Hospital was held at the New Hall on Monday, and there was a representative attendance. Mr. W. J. Payne said the meeting was to arrange for the concert by the Penrhiwceiber School Children. The vicar was appointed chairman, and Mr. W. J. Payne and Mr. Howell Thomas, auditors. The concert will be held on October 14th. Mr. T. J. Jones, on behalf of the staffs of Fochriw and Penybank schools, said they

would carry out the arrangements in connection with the concert, and this was accepted.

23 October 1937 Hospital The following are patients at Merthyr General Hospital and are making progress: Mrs. Mary Walters, Moore's-row; Mrs. Sarah Evans, Pentwyn; Mrs. A. Morgan, Penybank; Mr. W. H. Jones, Martin-street; Miss Mair Gittens, Guest-street; Mr. David Evans, Penybank; Mrs. C. Edwards, Plantation-street; Mr. Aldwyn Edwards, Brook-row.

6 November 1937 Hospital Mr. Goronwy Tyler, Aelybryn, who is the patient at the Royal Infirmary, Cardiff, is making satisfactory progress.

20 November 1937 For The Hospital The concert given by the Penrhiwceiber School Children raised £13 for the Merthyr General Hospital.

4 December 1937 Success Nurse Megan Morris, daughter of Mrs. Millward, Aelybryn, and the late Mr. Edgar Morris, has passed her final state examination in Nursing. She was trained at the Municipal Hospital, Hastings, where she is still nursing.

11 December 1937 Hospital Mr. Daniel Rowlands, Aelybryn, is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital, and has undergone an operation.

18 December 1937 For The Hospital A treat can be looked forward to at the New Hall on Sunday, December 26th at 8p.m., when the school children, under the conductorship of Mr. Jones, With Mr. Wyndham Lawrence as pianist, will give a performance of carol music in aid of the Hospital.

25 December 1937 Hospital Mrs. Mattie Lewis, wife of Mr. John Lewis, Guest-street, who is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital, is making satisfactory progress.

1 January 1938 Hospital Mrs. Davies, White Horse Inn, Pentwyn, is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital, and is progressing favourably.

8 January 1938 Personal Mr. H. Goddard, Nantyffin Cottages, a patient at Merthyr General Hospital, is making satisfactory progress.

26 March 1938 Hospital S.O.S. The S.O.S. in aid of Merthyr General Hospital was organised by Mrs. Howell Thomas and Mrs. W. J. Payne. The sum realised was £6 11s.

9 April 1938 Nursing Association Mrs. J. M. Lawrence, Mrs. D. Davies, and Mrs. O. Evans, Fochriw, were chosen by the Pontlottyn and District Nursing Association to attend a reception at Cardiff Castle in honour of Queen Mary's visit to Cardiff. Mrs. Lawrence has also been chosen to represent the district in the guard of honour on the occasion of Her Majesty's visit to the Capitol Theatre on Wednesday.

21 May 1938 Hospital The following patients at the Merthyr General Hospital are progressing favourably: Mr. James Davies, Guest-street; Mr. Tydwen Morgan, Guest-street; Miss Joan Evans, Brook-row. Nurse Rosella Williams returned home on Monday after an operation, and is making good progress.

28 May 1938 Hospital The following who are patients at Merthyr General Hospital are progressing favourably: Terence Williams, Martin-street; Agnes Rowlands, Penybank; and Mr. David Williams, Pleasant view, who is at Pontsarn Hospital

28 May 1938 Nursing Success Miss Olwen M. Chapman, S.R.N., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Chapman, Williams-row, has been successful in the recent examination of the Central Midwives Board. She received her training at the Chelmsford and Essex hospital, and her midwifery training at the North Middlesex County Hospital.

11 June 1938 Rose Day Mrs. W. J. Payne and Mrs. Howell Thomas organised a successful sale of roses in connection with the Merthyr General Hospital Fete and Gala. The following ladies were busy throughout the day disposing of roses: Misses

Betty Edwards, Sybil Jones, Mair Evans, Kathleen Williams, Cassie Shankland, Esther Pugh, Moreen Lewis, Betty Simpson, Lilian Mills, Myra Archer. The organisers wish to thank the public and sellers for their splendid support.

23 July 1938 Hospital Meeting A public meeting in connection with Merthyr General Hospital was held at the New Hall on Thursday. The chairman was Mr. W. J. Payne, who outlined the object of the meeting, which was to organise functions to benefit the hospital financially. Fochriw had done well in the past, but funds were still urgently needed. This was the Jubilee year of the hospital, which was opened on 22nd October, 1888, by the Marquess of Bute, with 24 beds. Now there are 123 beds. The annual expenditure in 1888 was £1,141 6s 2d., but now it exceeds £10,700, owing to the largely increased services rendered. The hospital was better equipped and staffed than ever in its history. Still, to maintain its existence as a voluntary hospital, the sympathetic help of a generous public was continually needed. Several schemes were discussed, and it was decided to hold a concert with Mr. T. J. Jones as secretary, and Mr. W. A. Jones as treasurer; a dance with Messrs. Idris and Arthur Cumpstone as organisers; and a carnival, with P.C. Wadley as secretary, assisted by Messrs. T. J. Jones, W. A. Jones and Idris Cumpstone. Sub-committees were appointed to carry out arrangements for the events. Messrs. Howell Thomas and W. A. Jones (governors) were also present, and made appeals on behalf of the hospital.

23 July 1938 Hospital Miss Betty Simpson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Simpson, Aelybryn, is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital. She has undergone an operation and is progressing favourably.

2 July 1938 Hospital Mr. Wyndham Morgan, Station Terrace, who is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital, is progressing favourably.

27 August 1938 Hospital Mr. Charles Mills, Glen view, Pentwyn, who is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital, is progressing favourably.

27 August 1938 Fractured Leg While Mrs. Lewis, the wife of Mr. Freddy Lewis, Hill-row, was returning home from a walk, she accidentally fell and fractured her leg. After receiving first-aid from Messrs. Glyn and David Meredith, and George Baldwin, members of St. John Ambulance Brigade, she was conveyed to Merthyr Infirmary.

24 September 1938 Personal Mr. Percy Edwards, Brook-row, returned home this week from hospital where he had been a patient as a result of an accident at Ogilvie Colliery. Mr. Reggie Gittoes, Guest-street, is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital, also as a result of an accident at Ogilvie Colliery. He is progressing favourably.

15 October 1938 Pit Accident As a result of an accident at Ogilvie Colliery, Mr. George Williams, Pentwyn, was removed to Merthyr General Hospital, where he is making satisfactory progress.

22 October 1938 Hospital The following are patients in hospital and are progressing satisfactorily: Miss Elspeth Lewis at Merthyr General Hospital; Messrs. Oliver Griffiths and George Evans at Merthyr Infirmary; Master Graham Cumpstone at Gellygaer. Their many friends wish them a speedy recovery.

22 October 1938 For the Hospital On Thursday, under the auspices of the Fochriw Ward effort, the New Hall was packed, when the Radioites from Cwmaman, Aberdare, presented a revue, "Sunshine Cruise," with Mr. W. R. Jones as manager and producer. The chairman was Mr. W. J. Payne. The company gave three hours of entertainment, and were received with rounds of applause. Mr. W. Adams thanked all who had contributed to the evening, including Noddfa Chapel for footlights, and Gellygaer U.D.C. for lighting arrangements. The secretaries were Mr. Willie Adams Jones and Mr. T. J. Jones, with the following willing workers: Mesdames W. Adams Jones, W. J. Payne, H. Thomas, A. Ballard, J. Lawrence, M. Davies, T. Jones, S.

Jones, Miss M. Jones, Messrs. H. Thomas, W. J. Payne, D. James, J. Lewis, T. J. Jones, W. A. Jones. The company gave thier services for expenses only.

29 October 1938 Hospital Messrs. Daniel Wheeler and D. C. Bowen, both of Pentwyn, are patients at Merthyr Infirmary, where they are progressing favourably.

3 December 1938 Nursing Success Miss Hannah A. Mantle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mantle, Pentwyn, has passed her preliminary Nursing examination. She is now at the Edmund Potter Hospital, Bolton.

12 November 1938 Hospital The following are patients at Merthyr General Hospital and are progressing favourably: Mrs. T. Powell, Glenview Cottage; Miss Doreen Thomas, Penybank; Mrs. G. Tyler, Aelybryn; Mr. T. Jones, Hill-road, Pentwyn. Their many fiends wish them a speedy recovery.

3 December 1938 Hospital The following our patients at Merthyr hospital and are progressing favourably: Mr. Ernest Williams, Martin Street; Elsa Morgan, Dynevor-street; Cyril Davies, Martin-street; Mr. Emlyn Evans, Moore's-row; Edgar Evans, Williams-row.

31 December 1938 Hospital Mr. Gwyn Evans, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Evans, Moore's-row, was taken to Merthyr General Hospital on Friday evening and an operation was performed immediately. Mr. Hugh Mantle is also progressing favourably after an operation.

7 January 1939 Hospital Mr. James Lawrence, Emlyn House, who is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital is improving. Mrs. Saunders, Williams-row, is also progressing favourably. Other patients admitted are: Mr. Edward Price, Martin-street; Mr. James Davies, Guest-street; Miss Iris Barlow, Aelybryn. Their many friends wish them a speedy recovery.

21 January 1939 Hospital Mrs. J. Morgan, Stoney Houses, Penybank, is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital. She has undergone an operation and is progressing favourably.

28 January 1939 Hospital Dance A good gathering assembled at the New Hall on Tuesday evening at the hospital dance. The evening had been organised by Mr. Idris and Bert Cumpstone, along with Mr. T. J. Jones. The hall had been decorated by the hospital workers in the village. Music was supplied by the the Serenaders' Band, Merthyr. The M.Cs. were Messrs. I. & B. Cumpstone, and prizes were won by a Mr. and Mrs. Williams and Mr. Bert Cumpstone. Refreshments were served by the ladies.

4 February 1939 Hospital Mr. J. Morgan, Council Houses, who is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital, has undergone an operation, and is progressing favourably. Mr. James Lawrence, Mrs. Morgan, Penybank, and Mrs. T. Powell, have returned home after being patients at the hospital.

11 February 1939 Hospital Mr. Robert Llewellyn, son of Mr. & Mrs. G. Llewellyn, Pentwyn Farm, is a patient at Talgarth Hospital, and is progressing favourably.

25 February 1939 Hospital Mr. Tom Lewis, Aelybryn, who is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital, where he has undergone an operation, is progressing favourably. Mrs. Walters, Penybank, is also improving. Mr. Tom Jones returned home on Saturday after a long stay in hospital.

1 April 1939 Hospital Mr. Frank Strang, Hill-row, and Mr. Ted Price, Martin-street, are patients at the Merthyr General Hospital, where they are progressing favourably.

22 April 1939 S.O.S. Fund The members of the Executive Board of the Merthyr General Hospital thank those who distributed and collected envelopes. The collection was organised by Mrs. Howell Thomas, Mrs. W. J. Payne, and Mrs. W. A. Jones. The

total collected us £7 2s 7d. The collectors were: Mesdames T. Pugh, W. A. Jones, W. J. Payne, T. Rowlands, C. Shankland, H. Thomas, Jones, W. D. Davies, T. Jones, J. Lawrence, E. Davies, W. Morgan, Davies, Palmer, Mr. Archer, & Miss Kinsey.

22 April 1939 Hospital The following who are patients in hospital are progressing favourably: Mr. W. H. Way, Aelybryn; Mr. T. Price, Martin's-street; Mr. D. G. Parr, Aelybryn (Merthyr General Hospital); Miss Mair Cumpstone, Council Houses (Gellygaer Hospital); Mr. Oliver Griffiths and Mr. Ronald Walters (Merthyr Hospital).

3 June 1939 For The Hospital On Friday and Saturday, roses were sold in aid of the Merthyr General Hospital. The organisers were Mrs. W. J. Payne and Mrs. Howell Thomas, with the following as sellers: Mrs. W. Morgan, Mrs. W. Edwards, Mrs. T. Jones, Misses Nana Ballard, Gwenfil Harris, O. M. Payne, Gwen Llewellyn, Margaret Jones, Betty Edwards and Sybil Jones.

1 July 1939 Nursing Success Miss Mildred Chapman, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Chapman, 25, Martin-street, has passed her state nursing preliminary examination. Nurse Chapman received her training at the Chelmsford and Essex Hospital.

22 July 1939 Hospital Mr. Richard Jones, Martin-street, is a patient at the Merthyr General Hospital, where he was moved as a result of an accident at the Bargoed Collieries on Friday last. He is making good progress. Other Fochriw patients in hospital at Merthyr are: Mr. William Way, Aelybryn; Dennis Harding, Plantation-street; Edward Price, Martin-street; Mr. Jones, Pantywaun. Mr. John White, son of the vicar, is a patient at Cardiff.

29 July 1939 Hospital Mr. W. H. Williams, who is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital as a result of an accident sustained at Ogilvie colliery, is making good progress.

19 August 1939 Hospital Mr. Percy Edwards, Brook-row, who has been a patient at Merthyr General Hospital as a result of an accident at Ogilvie Colliery, has returned home.

30 September 1939 Accident Mr. James Harding, Plantation-street, slipped and fractured his leg as he walked home last week. St. John Ambulance Brigade rendered first aid, after which he was conveyed to Merthyr General Hospital.

18 November 1939 In Hospital Mr. Bert Evans, who met with an accident at Nantyffin Drift, is now in Merthyr General Hospital, and is progressing. Mr. John Lewis and Mr. David Evans have undergone operations at the hospital and are making progress.

16 December 1939 Hospital Appeal The inhabitants of Fochriw and the district will have an opportunity this week to show their appreciation of the great work the Merthyr General Hospital is doing by giving to the Christmas Appeal.

16 December 1939 Accident While travelling to work on his motorcycle, Mr. David Thomas, a signalman, of Aelybryn, met with an accident. He was discovered by Mr. B. Lewis, another signalman, and taken to Merthyr General Hospital.

30 December 1939 Hospital Mr. George Walters, Moore's-row, is progressing favourably after an operation at Merthyr General Hospital. Mr. Crad Ballard and Mr. Islwyn Jones returned home from hospital during the weekend.

6 January 1940 Hospital Mr. Mordecai Williams, Dynevor-street, is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital where he is progressing favourably.

20 January 1940 Hospital SOS As a result of the hospital SOS effort, this sum of £6 3s 7d was realised. The organisers were Mrs. W. J. Payne, Mrs. H. Thomas and Mrs. W. A. Jones. The collectors were: Mrs. T. Jones and Mrs. W. Edwards; Messrs.

Wyndham Lawrence and Clifford Davies; Mr. H. Archer; Misses E. Thomas and H. Bassett; Mr. John Lewis; Mrs. Arthur Davies; Miss R. Price; Mrs. A. Palmer; Mrs. Edwin Davies; Mrs. Jones; Mrs. Kinsey.

27 January 1940 Hospital Mr. Percy Hann and Mr. George Williams, patients at Merthyr General Hospital, are progressing favourably.

17 February 1940 Hospital Mr. D. J. Rees, Aelybryn, is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital.

2 March 1940 Hospital Meeting A meeting in connection with the Merthyr General Hospital was held at the New Hall on Thursday, Mr. W. J. Payne presiding. Mr. Payne said the meeting had been organised to raise funds for the hospital. The treasurer reported that the overdraft was over £1,900.

25 May 1940 Hospital S.O.S. The S.O.S. appeal for the Merthyr General Hospital took place last week, when the following distributed and collected the envelopes: Mesdames S. A. Payne, W. A. Jones, M. H. Morgan, E. Jones, G. Edwards, A. Davies (Pantywaun), E. Davies (Cwmbargoed), Misses H. Bassett, E. Williams, Muriel Davies, Thelma Way, Gladys Shankland, and Joan Way.

8 June 1940 Effort For Hospital As a result of the S.O.S. for the Merthyr General Hospital, organised by Mrs. W. J. Payne and Mrs. W. A. Jones, the sum of £5 11s 2d was realised. The collectors were: Pentwyn and Penybank: Mrs. M. H. Morgan and Mrs. E. Jones; Upper Fochriw: Misses Beryl Williams and Hannah Bassett; Brynteg: Mrs. W. A. Jones, Mrs. W. J. Payne, Mrs. W. Edwards; Aelybryn: Misses Muriel Davies and Thelma Way; Brook-row district: Misses Gwladys Shankland and Joan Way; Pantywaun: Mrs. A. Davies; Cwmbargoed: Mrs. E. Davies.

The concert for the hospital realised £12 5s, and the community singing £1 16s 3d.

6 July 1940 Nursing Success Miss Enid Olga Chapman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Chapman, Martin-street, has passed her final state Nursing examination. Mr. and Mrs. Chapman have three daughters. All have taken up a nursing career and received their training at Chelmsford and Essex hospital.

10 August 1940 Hospital The following are patients at Merthyr General Hospital and are progressing favourably: Mr. Berkley Davies, Plantation-terrace; Mr. E. H. Davies, Hill-row; Mr. Evan Morgan Lewis, Brynteg-street.

21 September 1940 Hospital Mr. Evan Morgan Lewis has returned from Merthyr General Hospital where he has spent five weeks with a leg injury.

28 September 1940 Hospital Mr. Heber Watkins, Guest-street, is the patient at Merthyr General Hospital, and is recovering.

19 October 1940 Hospital Mr. Syl James is progressing favourably at Merthyr General Hospital where he was removed after an accident at Ogilvie Colliery on Tuesday. Mr. Edward Price, Martin-street, is also a patient at the hospital.

28 December 1940 Nursing Success Miss Pearl Davies, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Davies, Brook Cottage, has passed the preliminary examination of the General Nursing Council. Miss Davies is being trained at the Royal Infirmary, Cardiff.

30 November 1940 Hospital The following our patients at Merthyr General Hospital and are progressing favourably: Messrs. W. Games, T. Price, D. Williams, of Aelybryn, and Miss Nancy Morgan of Williams-row.

28 December 1940 Help The Hospital During this week, workers will be distributing and collecting envelopes in aid of the Merthyr General Hospital. The need of funds was never greater, with an overdraft of over £3,000. Please do your best by contributing as much as possible to this worthy cause.

25 January 1941 Collection Result The Christmas collection in the Fochriw Ward in aid of the Merthyr General Hospital realised £5 19s. 5d. The organisers were Mrs. Howell Thomas and Mrs. W.J. Payne assisted by Mesdames W. Adams Jones, Jack Lawrence, W. Way, W. Fox, A. Palmer, R. Price, T. Evans, W. Edwards, A. Morgan, A. Mantle, B. Jones, A. & E. Davies, & Mr. D. Joshua Thomas. The committee wish to thank the public for their support.

1 February 1941 Hospital Mr. C. Ballard & Mr. Wm. Powell, Guest Street, are patients at Merthyr General Hospital and are progressing favourably.

15 February 1941 Colliery Accident While working at the Ogilvie Colliery, Mr. Gilbert Harris, Plantation-street, injured his hand. He was conveyed to Merthyr General Hospital.

22 March 1941 Hospital Mrs. M. S. Mantle, Pentwyn, Mr. George Dummer, Dynevor-street, Mrs. Saunders, Martin-street, and Master Mervyn Gittings, Guest-street, are patients at Merthyr General Hospital and are progressing favourably.

29 March 1941 Hospital Mr. Griff Pugh, Guest-street, is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital as a result of an accident at Ogilvie Colliery.

10 May 1941 In Hospital Mr. W.H. Way, Aelybryn, and Mervyn Gittens, Guest-street, are patients at Merthyr General Hospital. Mrs. Saunders and T.C. Sullivan, Aelybryn, are patients at Pontsarn, and Mr. John White, at Sully. Winnie Evans, Aelybryn, is at Craig y Nos.

24 May 1941 Nursing Association The yearly subscriptions of 1940-41 and special effort amounted to £8 0s.8d. for the Fochriw district. The collectors were Mrs. J.M. Lawrence, Mrs. T. Pugh, Misses G. & C. Shankland, Mrs. Crad Shankland, and Miss Addie Lawrence. The organiser of the special effort was Mrs. Lawrence, Emlyn House, who wishes to thank all for their support.

7 June 1941 In Hospital Mrs. J. Baldwin, Dynevor-street, and Mrs. J. Jones, Brynteg-street, are patients at Merthyr General Hospital, where they are progressing after recent operations.

14 June 1941 Hospital Mrs. G. Llewelyn, Pentwyn Farm, is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital as a result of a fracture to her leg; also, Mr. Richard Pugh, Dynevor-street. Both are progressing. We wish them a speedy recovery.

General Hospital. She has a fractured leg, and is progressing favourably.

5 July 1941 Nursing Success Staff Nurse M.A. Lewis, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. James J. Lewis, has passed her final State Examination. She was trained at Gloucester Royal Infirmary where she is still engaged.

28 June 1941 Hospital Mrs. H. Jones, Glenview, Pentwyn, is a patient at Merthyr

2 August 1941 Hospital The following are patients at Gellygaer Hospital and are progressing favourably: Mrs. O. Parry and baby, Pleasant-view; G. Thomas, Station-terrace. At Merthyr General Hospital are Mr. Percy Edwards, Brook-row, and Mr. Sharpe, Martin-street. All join in wishing them a speedy recovery.

9 August 1941 Nursing Success Miss Megan Davies, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. D. Davies, Brook Cottage, has been successful in passing the Tuberculosis Association Examination. She was trained at the Welsh Memorial Hospital, Sully. Miss Davies is a S.R.N. and a State midwife. She is at present a midwife at the Mid-Glamorgan County Hospital.

4 October 1941 Hospital Mr. Tom Walters, Station-terrace, and Mr. W. Games, Aelybryn, are patients at Merthyr General Hospital.

18 October 1941 Hospital Mr. D. R. Lewis, Williams-row, is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital as a result of an accident at his work at Ogilvie Colliery.

18 October 1941 Hospital S.O.S. As a result of the S.O.S. in aid of Merthyr General Hospital, a record was achieved. £14 was realised. Thanks are due to the organisers – Mrs. W. J. Payne and Mrs. Howell Thomas, and a willing band of helpers. Also to the public for their support, and a magnificent donation from Captain Thomas, Station-terrace. The amounts received were: Guest-street, Mrs. J. Lewis, 13s 2½d; Aelybryn, Mrs. W. Way, £1 4s 11d; Pantywaun, Mrs. A. Davies, 11s 6d; Pentwyn & Penybank, Mrs. G. Llewellyn, £1 3s; Plantation-terrace, Mrs. J. Lawrence, 4s 2d; Council Houses & Brook-row; Mrs. A. Palmer, 9s. 3½d; Martin-street and district, Mr. W. H. Jones, £1 2s 2d; Pleasant View and district, Mrs. J. M. Lawrence, 11s 6d; Glyn-terrace, Mrs. Rowlands, 13s 1d; Station-terrace, Mrs. H. Thomas, £5 11s 10d; Dynevor-street & Railway-terrace, Mrs. R. Price, 11s 8d; Cwmbargoed, Mr. G. Morgan, 9s. 3d; Pit-row, Mr. W. Hollister, 1s. 11d; Brynteg-terrace, Mrs. L. A. Smith, 12s. 6d.

13 December 1941 Nursing Success Nurse Mildred Chapman, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Edward Chapman, 25, Martin-street, has passed the final State examination. She is the third daughter to obtain this success – the elder daughters - Olwen and Olga - were trained at the Chelmsford and Essex Hospital.

7 February 1942 In Hospital Mr. John Baldwin, Dynevor-street, is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital. His friends hope he will soon be well.

7 March 1942 In Hospital Mr. C. Ballard, South Tunnel Pit, is a patient at Merthyr General.

18 April 1942 Hospital Mrs. J.R. Walters, Pleasant View, and Mr. Tom Shankland, Aelybryn, are patients at Merthyr General Hospital, and are progressing favourably after operations. Mrs. M. Sheen, Dynevor-street, and Mr. R. Thomas, Moore's-row, have returned home from hospital.

25 April 1942 Hospital The following are patients at Merthyr General Hospital: Mrs. S. Lewis, Glyn-terrace; Mrs. J. Lewis, Aelybryn; Mrs. R. James, Railway-terrace.

9 May 1942 Hospital Mr. Bedford Edwards, Brook-row, is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital, as a result of an accident at his work at Rhymney. Mr. Evan Watkins is also a patient as a result of an injury at work at Bedlinog. Their friends wish them a speedy recovery.

6 June 1942 In Hospital Mr. Ernest Cumpstone, Aelybryn-street, and Mr. W.T. Morgan, Williams-row, are patients at Merthyr General Hospital, and Mr. A. Kent, Martin-street, at Pontsarn Hospital. All are making satisfactory progress.

18 July 1942 In Hospital The following are patients at the Merthyr General Hospital, and we wish them a speedy recovery: Mr. John Lewis, Aelybryn; Mr. A. Ballard, Brynteg-street; Mr. R. Thomas, Plantation-street; Mrs. M. Sheen, Dynevor-street.

18 July 1942 For The Hospital Last Thursday evening at the New Hall, a concert was given in aid of the Merthyr General Hospital. The event was a local ward effort and the response was excellent. The party was that of Miss Isabelle Lambert's revue, "The Fleet's in Port," with music by Mrs. Protheroe, presenting the New Isabelle Juvenile in ballet, tap dancing, songs, comedy and sketches, with Gwen and Miss C. Brain, T. Jones and John Box. The party were in excellent form and came in for rounds of applause. Great credit is due to the producer, Miss Lambert, who is only 17 years of age. This was her 90th show for charity. Coun. Payne, member of the Hospital Board, introduced the chairman, Coun. S. Lewis of Trelewis. He also welcomed Coun. Edgar Phillips, Coun. S. Lewis, J.P., and Coun. Lewis Jones, secretary of the hospital. Coun. Williams appealed to all to continue their support for the Hospital as

funds were urgently needed to maintain it. Coun. Lewis Jones spoke in the interval. Coun. Payne thanked Miss Lambert and her company for their performance and also a willing band of workers for their support. Miss Lambert thanked them for the splendid reception they had been given. The secretary was Mrs. W.J. Payne and the treasurer Mrs. H. Thomas.

25 July 1942 In Hospital The following are patients at the Merthyr General Hospital, and we wish them a speedy recovery: Mr. Lewis Jones, Mount Pleasant; Mr. Idris Thomas, Aelybryn.

8 August 1942 In Hospital Mr. J.J. Lewis, Guest-street, is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital where he is progressing favourably.

22 August 1942 Hospital Mr. Tom Baldwin, Glenview; Mr. John Williams, Martin-street; Mr. T. Price, Aelybryn; & Mrs. L. Hollister, Pit-row, are patients at Merthyr General Hospital. We wish them a speedy recovery.

19 September 1942 In Hospital Mr. Crad Shankland, Aelybryn-street, and Mr. S. James, Brynteg-street, are patients at Merthyr General Hospital and are progressing favourably. Their friends wish them a speedy recovery.

3 October 1942 In Hospital The following are patients at Merthyr General Hospital and are progressing favourably: Mr. Daniel Davies, Martin-street; Mr. Ivor Davies, Brynteg-street; Mr. Gwenvil Thomas, Station-terrace. Their friends wish them a speedy recovery.

7 November 1942 In Hospital The following are patients at Merthyr General Hospital, and are progressing favourably: Mrs. Farley, Supply Stores; Mrs. A. Palmer, Council Houses; Mr. G. Panned, Brook-row; Mr. W. Ballard, Plantation-street. Their many friends wish them a speedy recovery.

5 December 1942 In Hospital Mrs. L. Evans and Mrs. George Davies, both of Plantation-street, are patients at Merthyr General Hospital and are progressing satisfactorily.

12 December 1942 In Hospital Mr. Wyndham Hughes, Williams-row, is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital and is progressing favourably.

19 December 1942 In Hospital Mrs. A. Walters, Pleasant-view, is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital as a result of an accident. Also, Douglas Beale, Aelybryn, who is progressing favourably. We wish them a speedy recovery.

16 January 1943 Hospital Mrs. Lewis, Station Stores, is a patient at the Merthyr General Hospital.

23 January 1943 In Hospital Mr. John Pullen, Pentwyn, who has been a patient at Merthyr General Hospital, is making good progress. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

20 February 1943 In Hospital Mrs. Evans, Martins-street, is a patient at the Merthyr General Hospital. Her many friends wish her a speedy recovery.

27 February 1943 In Hospital The following are patients at the Merthyr General Hospital and are progressing favourably: Mr. Tom Price, Aelybryn; Mr. W. Ballard, Plantation-terrace; Mrs. Angell, Aelybryn; Mrs. Evans, Martin-street; Jill Parry, Pleasant View.

6 March 1943 In Hospital Friends of Mrs. R. Rouse, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. E. Adams Evans, the Vicarage, and wife of Sergeant D. Rouse, R.A.F., will be pleased to know she is progressing favourably after her operation at the Cardiff Royal Infirmary. She is now recuperating at St. Mellons.

13 March 1943 For The Hospital The Fochriw Orpheus Choir, under the conductorship of Mr. Thomas Walters, is busily rehearsing for a performance on Good Friday evening in aid of Merthyr General Hospital.

24 April 1943 In Hospital The following are patients at Merthyr General Hospital: Mrs. E. Jones, Brynteg; Mr. T. Price, Aelybryn; Mrs. Evans, Martin-street. Their many friends wish them a speedy recovery.

8 May 1943 In Hospital Mr. Wm. Morris, Martin-street, is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

29 May 1943 S.O.S. Fochriw Ward Effort in aid of the Merthyr General Hospital will be held this weekend.

5 June 1943 Nursing Success Miss Pearl Davies, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. D. Davies, Brook Cottage, has passed the final State examination of the General Nursing Council of England and Wales. Trained at the Cardiff Royal Infirmary, she is at present a staff nurse at St. Winifred's, Cardiff. Miss Davies is an old pupil of the Girls' County School, Hengoed.

12 June 1943 Hospital S.O.S. The Fochriw Ward effort in aid of the Merthyr General Hospital S.O.S. was held last weekend when £11 2s 2d was collected. The committee wish to thank the collectors and contributors.

12 June 1943 Nursing Success Miss Hannah Mantle, only daughter of Mr. Albert Mantle, and the late Mrs. M.S. Mantle, Hill-row, Pentwyn, has passed the final State examination of the General Nursing Council of England and Wales. She was trained at the Cardiff Royal Infirmary where she is still engaged.

12 June 1943 Sisters' Success Misses Olga & Mildred Chapman, S.R.N., F.S.R.N., daughters of Mr. & Mrs. Ed. Chapman, Martin-street, have passed the final State examination in fevers. Olga is a sister at Exeter City Isolation Hospital, and Mildred is a staff nurse at Romford Isolation Hospital, Essex.

19 June 1943 Hospital S.O.S. The following is the result of the Merthyr General Hospital S.O.S. - organisers Mesdames W.J. Payne and H. Thomas. Martin-street district, Mesdames Pollock and D. Davies, £1 14s 1d; Aelybryn, Mesdames C. Way and T. Lewis, £1 11s 10d; Pentwyn, Mrs. J. Morgan, 7s 6d; Guest-street, Mesdames M. Watkins and Shankland, £1 7s; Br5ynteg-street, Mrs. G. Edwards, £1 6s 9d; Glyn-terrace, Mrs. J. Lawrence, 15s 6d; Pantywaun, Misses Ralph and Thomas, 15s 3d; Brook-row district, Mesdames W. Pearce and T. Thomas, 13s 6d; Plantation-street, Mrs. Smith, 9s 9d; donation, Mrs. S. Millward, 10s; total £11 2s 2d.

26 June 1943 In Hospital Mr. Bert Edwards, Dynevor-street, Mr. Crad Shankland, Aelybryn, and Mrs. B. Edwards are patients at the Merthyr General Hospital.

3 July 1943 In Hospital Mr. T.M. Evans, Pleasant-view, Mt T. Price, Aelybryn, Sybil Jones, Brynteg, and Mrs. Williams, Williams-row, are patients at Merthyr General Hospital.

24 July 1943 In Hospital Mrs. M. Baldwin, Dynevor-street, and Mrs. Gwenfil Harris, School House, are patients at Merthyr General Hospital. Friends wish them a speedy recovery.

31 July 1943 Accident Mrs. E. Cumpstone, wife of Mr. Ernest Cumpstone, Aelybryn, was knocked down by a lorry at Dowlais on Saturday. She was removed to Merthyr General Hospital.

21 August 1943 In Hospital Mr. Tom Baldwin (Gelview, Pentwyn), Mr. John Williams (Martin-street), Mr. Price (Aelybryn), and Mrs. L. Hollister (Pit-row), are patients at the Merthyr General Hospital. Their many friends wish them a speedy recovery.

4 September 1943 Nursing Success Nurse Minni Angell Lewis, S.R.N., daughter of Mr. & Mrs. J.J. Lewis, Guest-street, has passed her C.M.B. She was trained at South Mead Hospital, Bristol. She is an old pupil of Hengoed County School.

23 October 1943 In Hospital The following are patients at Merthyr General Hospital: Mrs. E.J. Williams, Dynevor-street; Mr. Geo. Williams, Pentwyn; Mr. W. Ballard, Plantation-street; Mr. Tom Price, Aelybryn. Also, Mrs. Baldwin, Dynevor-street, and Mrs. Evans, Martin-street, are patients at Swansea Hospital.

6 November 1943 In Hospital Mr. R. Parry, Brynteg-terrace, is a patient at the Merthyr General Hospital as the result of an accident at Nantyffin while following his employment. Mr. Glyn Burrows is also a patient as a result of an accident at Groesfaen Colliery.

13 November 1943 In Hospital Patients at the Merthyr General Hospital are: Mr. John Lawrence, 2, Glyn-terrace; Noel Williams, Aelybryn; Mr. Bryn Jones, Davies-row, Pentwyn. Their many friends wish them a speedy recovery.

20 November 1943 In Hospital Mr. Jenkin Thomas, Martin-street, is a patient at Caerphilly Hospital. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

11 December 1943 In Hospital Mrs. Abbey of Brynteg-street, is a patient at the Merthyr General Hospital, as also are David Parry, Pentwyn, and Gwyn Morgan, Dynevor-street.

18 December 1943 Hospital Patient Mr. E.W. Jones, Guest-street, is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital, following an accident while working at Nantyffin.

1 January 1944 In Hospital Mr. G. Llewellyn, Pentwyn Farm, is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital and his friends wish him a speedy recovery.

15 January 1944 In Hospital Mr. Percy Cumpstone, Brook-row, is a patient at Cardiff Royal Infirmary, and speedy recovery is hoped for.

5 February 1944 In Hospital Mr. Albert Wright, Aelybryn-street, is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital. Mr. Jenkin Thomas, Nartin-street, is a patient at Whitchurch Hospital.

8 April 1944 In Hospital Mr. Jones, Glen-view, and Mr. L. Small, Tymawr, are patients at Merthyr General Hospital and their friends wish them a speedy recovery.

8 April 1944 C.M.B. Success Miss Mimi Lewis, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. J.J. Lewis, Guest-street, has passed the recent second examination of the Central Midwives Board. Before taking up nursing, she was a pupil at Hengoed County School.

15 April 1944 In Hospital Mr. Phillip Rowlands, Dynevor-street, is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital. His friends wish him a speedy recovery.

22 April 1944 In Hospital The following are patients at Merthyr General Hospital: Mrs. M.A. Edwards, Brook-row; Mr. W. Whitby, Guest-street; Mr. John Williams, Martin-street.

29 April 1944 In Hospital Mrs. H. Marshalsea, Brynteg-street, is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital. Her many friends wish her a speedy recovery.

29 April 1944 Hospital S.O.S. With the addition of the Pantywaun collection of 12s 8d., taken by Misses Mary Ralph and Gwyneth Thomas, a splendid total for Fochriw of £11 8s 7d was achieved. Thanks to all who assisted.

13 May 1944 In Hospital The many friends of Mrs. L. Hollister, Pit-row, who is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital, join in wishing her a speedy recovery.

20 May 1944 In Hospital Mrs. E. Jones of Brynteg-street is a patient at the Merthyr General Hospital.

10 June 1944 In Hospital Mr. D.J. Griffiths is a patient at the Merthyr General Hospital, Miss Mary Cumpstone at St. Winefred's Nursing Home, and Miss Gwladys Harris is in Pontsarn Hospital.

17 June 1944 In Hospital Mr. M. Baldwin, Dynevor-street, and Mrs. Evans, Martin-street, are patients at Swansea Hospital: Mrs. Perkins, Plantation-street, is at Merthyr General Hospital: and Mrs. Blunt, The Villas, at Gellygaer Hospital.

24 June 1944 In Hospital Mr. Tom Morris and Mr. Habac. Morgan, both of Guest-street, are patients at Merthyr General Hospital.

1 July 1944 In Hospital Mr. D. Evans, Council Houses, is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital.

23 September 1944 In Hospital Mrs. Davies, White Horse Inn, is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital.

7 October 1944 In Hospital Mr. Albert Mantle, bandmaster of the Fochriw Silver Band, is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital, as a result of an accident whilst working at Ogilvie Colliery. Also, Mr. Wm. J. Llewellyn is a patient there, again as a result of an accident at Ogilvie Colliery.

9 December 1944 In Hospital Mr. Emlyn Evans, Guest-street, and Mr. W. Jones, Penybank, are now patients at Merthyr General Hospital.

23 December 1944 In Hospital Mr. T. Baldwin, Glen-view, Pentwyn, and Mr. C. Edwards, Brynteg, are patients at Merthyr General Hospital.

20 January 1945 In Hospital Messrs. Richard Evans, Martin-street; Mr. Thomas, Penybank; Mrs. L. Hollister, Pit-row; and Master Howard Morgan are now in hospital.

3 February 1945 In Hospital Patients at the Merthyr General Hospital are Messrs. D.T. Davies, Guest-street and Crad Ballard, Tunnel Pit Houses. Speedy recoveries are hoped for.

17 March 1945 In Hospital Mrs. R. Parry, Pleasant-view, is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital. A speedy recovery is hoped for.

5 May 1945 In Hospital Mrs. B. Harris, Martin-street, is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital.

12 May 1945 Hospital Benefits As a result of the drama performed by the Glyn Dramatic Society, Deri, £30 15s. was handed to Coun. Lewis Jones, hospital secretary, who sent a letter of thanks to all concerned for the fine effort. The local organiser and secretary, Mrs. W.J. Payne, wishes to thank all who made the effort a success.

30 June 1945 Nursing Success Miss Mildred Chapman, youngest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Chapman, 25, Martin-street, has passed Part 1 Certificate of the Central Midwives Board. Miss Chapman has already obtained the S.R.N. and R.F.N. Certificated. She has now joined the Q.A.I.M.N.S.

4 August 1945 In Hospital Mrs. Gordon Lawrence (Glyn Stores) and Melville Edwards are patients at the Merthyr General Hospital.

18 August 1945 In Aid of Hospital Organised by Fochriw Allotments Association, an open Victory garden show will be held at the New Hall on Saturday, in aid of Merthyr General Hospital. Credit is due to the officials and committee for staking such a first class show in aid of such a worthy cause. The secretary is Mr. M. Evans, Brook-row, who would be pleased to supply any information.

25 August 1945 In Hospital Those from Fochriw who are patients at Merthyr General Hospital are Mr. Thos. Francis, Pit-row; Mr. Gilbert Harris, Brynteg; Mrs. A. Thomas, Brook-row; Mrs. Rowlands, Rees-row, and Mr. M. Edwards, Brook-row. At Merthyr Infirmary are Mr. E.H. Davies, Hill-row, and Mr. Lewis, Davies-row. Mr. T.O. Evans is at Pontsarn Hospital.

8 September 1945 In Aid of Hospital In aid of the Merthyr General Hospital, a horticultural and domestic show will be held at the New Hall on Saturday. Please come and support a worthy cause.

15 September 1945 In Hospital Mr. T. Walters, Station-terrace, Mr. S. Jones, Glenview, Pentwyn, and Gordon Llewellyn, Pentwyn Farm, are patients at Merthyr General Hospital.

6 October 1945 In Hospital Mrs. Lloyd, Glenview, Pentwyn, and Mr. Bert Lloyd are patients at the Merthyr General Hospital.

6 October 1945 For Hospital As a result of an open Vegetable, Fruit and Flower Show held by the Fochriw Allotment Society, £17 11s has been handed to the Merthyr General Hospital, who thank all concerned for their help. Mr. M. Evans was secretary and Mr. P. Hann treasurer.

22 December 1945 In Hospital Mr. C. Ballard, Cwmbargoed; Mr. D. Evans, Plantation-street; Mrs. Lewis, Williams-row; and Mrs. M.G. Parry, are patients at Merthyr General Hospital.

19 January 1946 Personal The following are patients at the Merthyr General Hospital, and are making satisfactory progress: Mrs. J. Davies, The Villas; Mr. Cyril Davies, Guest-street; Mr. Bert Lloyd, Guest-street; Mr. D. Evans, Plantation-street; Mrs. Williams, Station-row. All join in wishing them a speedy recovery.

2 February 1946 Nursing Success Nurse Lynn Pritchard, the youngest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Levi Pritchard, has gained her T.A. Certificate. She is at present at the Training Harefield Sanatorium and General Hospital, near Uxbridge.

16 February 1946 In Hospital Mr. James Lawrence, Pleasant View, is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital.

16 February 1946 In Aid Of Hospital As a result of the drama "The Rotters," played by the Deri Glyn Dramatic Society, £21 5s. has been handed to the Secretary of the Hospital. The local officers and committee thank all.

23 February 1946 In Hospital Mr. A.J. Evans, Stoney Houses, Penybank, is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital.

30 March 1946 In Hospital Mrs. Eynon Williams, Guest-street; Mr. David Saunders, Martins-street, and Mr. Cyril Davies, Guest-street, are patients at Merthyr General Hospital. Mr. James Lawrence, Pleasant View, is in St. Winefride's Nursing Home, Cardiff.

6 April 1946 Personal Mr. Gordon Llewellyn is a patient at Talgarth Hospital and Mr. Maynard Ballard of Cwmbargoed Cottages at Pontsarn.

4 May 1946 Hospital S.O.S. The annual appeal of Merthyr General Hospital took place last week. The collectors were Miss Millie Williams £1 9s 10½d; Mrs. M.A. Ballard £1 6s; Mrs. Esther Matthews £1 4s 3½d; Mr. Willie Ballard £1 1s 6d; Mrs. Lewis 16s 2d; Miss M. Ralph 13s 9d; Miss Nancy Palmer 12s 4d; Mr. Evans 12s 2½d; Mr. John Evans 9s 11d. The organiser was Mr. W.J. Payne, and £9 10s 5d has been handed to the secretary of the hospital.

18 May 1946 In Hospital Mr. Ellis Davies, Aelybryn, is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital.

8 June 1946 Hospital Vice-President Councillor W.J. Payne was unanimously elected vice-president of the Merthyr General Hospital at the annual Court of Governors held recently. Mr. Payne has given a life of voluntary service to the public. For 30 years he has been connected with the hospital as governor, executive board member, and for the last ten years as chairman of the house committee. Among a few of his activities, he is a licensed lay reader, churchwarden of the parish of Fochriw

and Deri, chairman of the Welfare Association and Institute, chairman of the Fochriw Silver Band, and a member of Gellygaer Urban Council.

13 July 1946 In Hospital Mr. Owen Jones, Railway-terrace, is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital. A speedy recovery is hoped for.

29 June 1946 In Hospital Mr. Rod Jones, Glenview, Pentwyn, is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital.

20 July 1946 In Hospital Mr. D.J. Rees. Aelybryn, is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital, and his friends wish him a speedy recovery.

3 August 1946 In Hospital Mr. C. Edwards, Brynteg-street, and Mr. Tom Jones, Pentwyn, are both patients at Merthyr General Hospital.

7 September 1946 Personal The following are patients in hospital: Mr. Emrys Evans, Guest-street; Mr. John Williams, Martin-street; Mr. C. Edwards, Brynteg; Miss Jenny Sullivan, Aelybryn.

28 September 1946 Hospital Kenneth Rees, son of Mr. & Mrs. Bryn Rees, has met with an accident to his hand, and is making good progress at Merthyr General Hospital.

16 November 1946 In Hospital Mrs. James, Dynevor-street, and Mr. D.J. Jacob, are patients at Merthyr General Hospital.

30 November 1946 In Hospital Mr. Bert Wellings, Railway-terrace, who is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital, as a result of an accident received at work at Ogilvie Colliery, is progressing favourably.

6 December 1947 Nursing Success Miss Linnie Pritchard, youngest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. L. Pritchard, Aelybryn, has obtained her S.R.N. Certificate, also her Inter-County Certificate. She is at present at Redhill County Hospital, Edgware, Middlesex.

24 January 1948 Nursing Success Nurse Linnie Pritchard, youngest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Levi Pritchard, Aelybryn, was presented with a silver medal and certificate, gained at the recent examination at Redhill County Hospital, Edgware, by the Duchess of Gloucester, at the Guild Hall, Westminster,

10 April 1948 Maternity Home A well attended meeting was held at the New Hall on Wednesday in connection with the scheme for a new maternity home to be provided at Caerphilly by the Caerphilly and Gellygear Council. Councillors Lewis, Payne and Bate were present and explained the scheme. The following officers were appointed: chairman, Coun. Payne; treasurer, Coun. Lewis; secretary, Mrs. M. Jenkins; assistant secretary, Miss M. Jones. It was decided to hold a mil-of-pennies collection on Friday, April 16; and to make a house-to-house collection afterwards. The area was split up into districts and lady stewards appointed for each district. The cause is a deserving one and an appeal is made to the public to give generously.

19 November 1949 The Health Service Under the auspices of the Labour Party, a public meeting was held at the New Hall on Wednesday, presided over by Coun. S. Lewis, J.P. The speaker was County Councillor W.J. Kedward, J.P., who dealt with a number of important subjects relating to the health service. He also dealt with the subject "Transport of School Children."

3 December 1949 Health Visitor Miss J. H. Lewis of Fochriw was appointed health visitor at a meeting of Merthyr Corporation on Tuesday.

14 October 1950 Hospital Service In connection with the National Hospital Service Reserve, a meeting was held at the Old Library on Tuesday, when representatives from various organisations were present. The speakers were Miss E. A. Gravenor, matron of Gellygaer Hospital, and Mr. Thomas, finance officer of the

Rhymney and Sirhowy Hospital Management Committee. The speakers were introduced by Coun. W. J. Payne. A further meeting was arranged for October 26th.

17 October 1953 Midwife Retires County Midwife B. Davies of Fochriw reached retiring age on Thursday last, after 30 years of faithful service. She was devoted to her duties and won the esteem of all who came in contact with her. She will be succeeded by Nurse Phoebe Thomas who has been appointed County Midwife.

5 November 1960 Nursing Reserve A meeting has been called for the evening of Thursday, November 10, at the Welfare Hall, under the auspices of the National Hospital Service Reserve. It is hoped to see a large number present, to hear the speakers, and to form a class in first aid and nursing. All are welcome.

19 November 1960 National Hospital Service Reserve A meeting called with the object of forming a National Hospital Reserve was held at the New Hall last Thursday. Mrs. Elizabeth Puckey, Bargoed, spoke of the value of such a reserve. Another meeting will be held at the New Hall on Nov. 24th. For information, apply to Supt. Ivor Morgan, or any member of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, P.C. Soutworth of Mr. Cyril Davies.

3 December 1960 National Hospital Reserve A meeting at the New Hall on Thursday decided to start a National Hospital Reserve class. The meeting was addressed by County Officer Elizabeth Puckey, Coun. W. J. Payne, and Supt. Ivor Morgan. Other members of the St. John Ambulance attended. Fifteen members enrolled, and it was agreed to start classes on December 8th at the New Hall.

23 December 1961 No Storks on Christmas Day There were no babies born on Christmas Day in the maternity unit of the Caerphilly and District Miners' Hospital.

15 September 1962 In Hospital Nurse Ballard Davies, The Villas, and Mrs. Davies, White Horse Inn, ate both in Tredegar Hospital. All join in wishing them a speedy recovery.

20 April 1963 Progressing Nurse Phoebe Thomas, county midwife for the Fochriw area, is progressing favourably after her operation at St. James' Hospital, Tredegar.

4 May 1963 Nursing Success Miss Anthea Watkin, S.R.N., elder daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Evan Watkin, 40, Corporation Crescent, formerly of Deri, has been awarded her S.R.N. Badge and Certificate at the Prizegiving Day at the East Glamorgan Hospital, Church Village, Pontypridd. Aged 21, Anthea began her nursing career at Porth & District Hospital. At present she is a theatre staff nurse at the East Glamorgan Hospital.

6 July 1963 In Hospital The following residents of Fochriw are patients at local hospitals and are making good progress: Mr. Gwynlais Lloyd; Mr. Roderick Jones; Mr. David John Moss and Mr. David John Jones. Mr. Harold Ward, Heol Iago, has now returned home, also Mr. Vernon Coggan.

20 July 1963 The Invalids Mr. Fred Dummett, 20 Martin Street, has returned home from hospital. Mrs. Mary Withers, Rising Sun Inn, is a patient at Tredegar Hospital, as is Mrs. Laurie Ann Flewitt, 15 Dynevor Street. Mr. Thomas John Prosser, 7 Railway Terrace, is a patient at Pen-y-Vai Hospital, Abergavenny.

27 July 1963 Hospital Patients Mrs. Sarah Davies, 13 Dynevor Street, is a patient at Ystrad Mynach Hospital. Mrs. Olive Ann Jones, 2 Mount Pleasant, is a patient at Aberbargoed Hospital.

3 August 1963 In Hospital Mr. Bryn Jones, 34, Heol y Bryn, a deacon of Noddfa, is a patient at Redwood Memorial Hospital.

24 August 1963 Hospital Mrs. Lilian Lawrence, Glyn Terrace, and Mr. John W. Jones, Aelybryn, are patients at St. James Hospital, Tredegar. Mrs. Dilys Edwards, Pleasant View, is a patient at Maindiff Court Hospital.

28 September 1963 Ill Mrs. Marion Davies, 60, Heolybryn, is a patient at Cardiff Royal Infirmary.

5 October 1963 Hospital Mr. Glyn Mitchell, 9 The Nant, is in East Glamorgan Hospital. Mr. Aubrey Bishop, 37 Glanynant, is at Penyvai Hospital.

26 October 1963 In Hospital Mr. Geo. Dummett, 20 Dynevor Street, is a patient at Llandough Hospital. Mr. Robert Parry, 19 Brynteg, is at St. James' Hospital, Tredegar. Mrs. Maud Clarke, 10 Plantation Terrace, is a patient at St. Tydfil's Hospital, Merthyr.

7 December 1963 In Hospital Mrs. Doreen Powell, 23, Heol Iago, is a patient at St. James' Hospital, Tredegar, and Mrs. Louie Richards, 61, Glanynant, is a patient at Redwood Memorial Hospital, Rhymney.

21 December 1963 Hospital Mrs. Joan Cockram, Glanynant, and Mr. Alan Powell, Rhodfa Ganol, are patients at St. James Hospital, Tredegar. Miss Rosie Davies, Martin Street, is a patient at Ystrad Mynach Hospital.

4 January 1964 Homecoming Mrs. Myrna Davey, Tegfan House, has been discharged from St. James' Hospital, Tredegar.

18 January 1964 In Hospital Master Colin Lloyd, 34, Aelybryn, is a patient at St. James' Hospital, Tredegar.

1 February 1964 In Hospital Miss Joyce Lewis, 81, Glanynant, is a patient at Sully Hospital, awaiting an operation.

8 February 1964 In Hospital Mr. John Aldwyn Edwards, 6, Pontlottyn Road, and Mr. Stanley Jenkins, 14, Hillside, are patients at Aberbargoed Hospital.

15 February 1964 In Hospital Mr. John Evans, 62, Glanynant, is a patient at Llandough Hospital.

22 February 1964 In Hospital Mrs. Margaret Shankland, 2. Pleasant View, is a patient at St. James' Hospital, Tredegar.

7 March 1964 In Hospital Alan Cockram, age 3, of 57, Glanynant, was scalded in an accident at his home. He was detained at St. Lawrence's Hospital, Chepstow.

14 March 1964 In Hospital Mrs. Maud Clarke, 10, Plantation Terrace, is a patient at Rhydlafer Hospital.

21 March 1964 In Hospital Mr. Fred Dummett, 20, Martin Street, is a patient at Maindiff Court Hospital, Abergavenny.

28 March 1964 Accident Victim Mrs. Maud Davies, 4. Plantation Terrace, is a patient at Caerphilly Miners' Hospital, after meeting with an accident in the home.

11 April 1964 In Hospital Mr. David J. Jones, 11, Pontlottyn Road, is a patient at St. James' Hospital, Tredegar.

18 April 1964 In Hospital Mr. Thomas John Prosser, 7, Railway Terrace, has undergone an operation at Maindiff Court Hospital. Mr. George M. Baldwin, 8, Glen View, Pentwyn, is a patient at St. James' Hospital. Mrs. L. Richards, 61, Glanynant, and Mrs. J. Sedgemore, are patients at Redwood Memorial Hospital.

25 April 1964 In Hospital Miss Anne Sedgemore, younger daughter of the Rev. & Mrs. Sedgemore, is a patient at Energlyn Hospital, Caerphilly. Mrs. Audrey Davies, 18, Brynteg, is a patient at St. James' Hospital, Tredegar. Mrs. Gwen Jones, 16, Brook Row, is a patient at Redwood Memorial Hospital, Rhymney.

2 May 1964 In Hospital Mr. Robert Carter, 15, Hillside, is a patient at Llandough Hospital.

9 May 1964 In Hospital Mrs. Joan Cockram, 57, Glanynant, is a patient at St. James' Hospital, Tredegar.

23 May 1964 In Hospital Mrs. Megan Davies, 58, Glanynant, is a patient at St. James' Hospital, Tredegar. Mrs. Davies is a nurse at the Hospital. She collapsed there during work.

30 May 1964 Patients Mr. Emrys Shankland, 32, Guest Street, and Mr. David Pullen, 7, Chapel Row, are patients at St. James' Hospital. Mrs. Catherine Pugh is a patient at Redwood Memorial Hospital.

6 June 1964 In Hospital Mr. Ernest Sibley, 3, Guest Street, and Mr. Alvin Neade, 15, Hill Row, are patients at Merthyr General Hospital.

13 June 1964 In Hospital Mr. Cyril Davies, 20, Guest Street, and Mrs. Mary Davies, 22, Glanynant, are patients at St. James' Hospital, Tredegar.

20 June 1964 In Hospital Mrs. Myfanwy Blunt, Bryn Goleu Villa, is a patient at St. James' Hospital.

27 June 1964 In Hospital Mr. Brian Lewis, 5, Aelybryn, is a patient at St. David's Hospital, Cardiff. Miss Margaret Davies, Llwynhelig House, has returned home after an operation at St. James' Hospital.

4 July 1964 In Hospital Mr. Josph Pullen, 2, Glen View, is a patient at Redwood Memorial Hospital. Mr. Harvey Mills, 10, Glen View, is at St. James' Hospital. Mr. David Morris, 16, Martin Street, is at Llandough Hospital.

4 July 1964 In Hospital Mrs. Margaret Jones, 23, Aelybryn, is a patient at St. James' Hospital. Mr. Ivor Thomas, 41, Heolybryn, is a patient at Caerphilly Miners' Hospital. Mrs. Ethel Rowlands, Glyn Terrace, is a patient at Ystrad Mynach Hospital.

18 July 1964 Home From Hospital Mrs. Caroline Jones, 1, Moore's Row, has returned home after being a patient at St. James' Hospital, Tredegar.

August 1964 In Hospital Miss Cassie Shankland, 16, Guest Street, is a patient at St. James' Hospital, Tredegar.

15 August 1964 In Hospital Mrs. Jean Games, 22, Coronation Crescent, is a patient at St. James' Hospital. Mr. Malcolm Lewis, Iscoed Villa, is a patient at Caerphilly Miners' Hospital.

29 August 1964 In Hospital Mr. Thomas Morris, Old School House, and Mr. Joseph Pullen, 2, Glen View, are patients at Redwood Memorial Hospital. Miss Jennifer Chapman, 3, Aelybryn, is a patient at St. Woolos Hospital, Newport.

5 September 1964 Hospital Mr. David Rees, Aelybryn, is a patient at Caerphilly Miners' Hospital. Mr. Charles Jones, Heolybryn, is a patient at St. James Hospital, Tredegar. Mrs. Emily Darter, Glanynant, is a patient at Ystrad Mynach Hospital.

19 September 1964 In Hospital Mr. Bryn Jones, 34, Aelybryn, is a patient at Mardy Hospital, Merthyr Tydfil. Mrs. Ann Thomas, 20, Brook Row, is a patient at Ystrad Mynach Hospital.

26 September 1964 In Hospital Mr. Glyn Jenkins, 15, Rhodfa Ganol is a patient at Redwood Memorial Hospital.

3 October 1964 In Hospital Mrs. Blodwen Evans, 13, Rhodfa Ganol, is a patient at Caerphilly Miners' Hospital. Mr. Alfred Kent is a patient at Rhymney Hospital.

10 October 1964 In Hospital Mrs. Enid Forrest, 33, Guest Street, is a patient at St. James' Hospital. Mrs. Edith Games is a patient at Cardiff Royal Infirmary.

17 October 1964 In Hospital Mr. Albert C. Marshallsea, 1, Williams Row, is a patient at Ystrad Mynach Hospital.

17 October 1964 Nursing Career Miss Ruth Jenkins, only daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas J. Jenkins, 5, Brynteg Terrace, has begun her training as a nurse. Aged 16, she is a probationer nurse at the East Glamorgan Hospital, Church Village.

24 October 1964 In Hospital Mr. Wm. Richards, 61, Glanynant, is progressing favourably at St. James' Hospital, where he is being treated for a foot injury incurred in work.

31 October 1964 In Hospital Mr. Noel Williams, 10 Railway Terrace, and Mrs. Kitty Price, 5 Pit Row, are patients at St. James' Hospital, Tredegar.

7 November 1964 In Hospital Mr. Cornelius Edwards, 12, Brynteg, is a patient at Ystrad Mynach Hospital. Mr. George Mantle, 64, Glanynant, is a patient at Tredegar Hospital. Mrs. Joan Cockram, 57, Glanynant, and Mr. Leslie Jones, 2. Moore's Row, are both patients at St. James' Hospital, Tredegar.

11 December 1964 In Hospital Mr. David J. Jones, 11, Pontlottyn Road, is a patient at St. Tydfil's Hospital.

18 December 1964 Getting Better Mr. Wm. Jenkins, 2, Brynteg, has returned home after an operation at St. James' Hospital.

24 December 1964 In Hospital Mrs. Elizabeth Jane Williams, 7, Dynevor Street, is a patient at St. James' Hospital.