

"Merthyr Express" 8 June 1878

Concert at the Vochrhiw National School On Thursday last a grand concert was held at the School when the following programme was performed: pianoforte solo, Mrs. Theophilus; glee, "Sailor's Chorus," glee party; song, "The little mountain lad," Miss Williams; quartet, "Oh, who will oe'r the downs so free," Mrs. K. Jones, Miss Williams and Messrs. Walters and Griffiths; song, "Bradwnaith y don," Mr. Walters, who was loudly encored; glee, "All among the barley," glee party; song, "The warrior bold," Mr. Griffiths, who was loudly encored; duet, "I know a bank," Mrs. K. Jones and Miss Williams; comic song, "The broken hearted shepherd," Mr. Hardwicke; piano duet, Miss Williams and Mrs. Jones; song, "Once Again," Mr. Walters, who was loudly encored; glee, "Now is the month of maying," glee party; trio, "Oh, memory," Mrs. Jones, Miss Williams and Mr. D. Walters; song, "We'll show them we're sons of old England," Mr. Harris, a capital song, which was loudly encored; duet, Mrs. Jones and Mr. Williams; trio, "The wreath," Mrs. Jones, Mr. Griffiths and another; song, "Yr eaeth ddall," Mr. D. Walters; glee, " My day," glee party; comic song, "Little Brown jug," Mr. Hardwicke; finale, "God Save the Queen." Great credit is due to Mrs. Kent Jones for the energy she put forth in getting up the concert, the benefit of which is devoted to the church. We were highly pleased especially with the style in which Miss Williams of Llandovery sang, and also with Mr. D. Walters and Mr. Griffiths. The comic man was not behind in his part.

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Fochrhiw: Entertainment At the National schools, under the presidency of Rev. W. Jones Evans, an entertainment of a very pleasing character was given on Thursday evening last. The following programme was gone through: songs by Mr. Alfred Evans and Mr. C. Hardwicke both of which were well received; reading by Miss Annie G. Jones; song by Mr. Edwin Rees; reading by Miss Ella Harris; song by Mr. C. Hardwicke; quartet by Mr. Harris and party; reading by Miss M. J. Harris; song by Master Barkley, a lad who has a sweet pipe-like voice, which is clear as a bell, and in our opinion, wants but patronage to make a mark; reading by Master Alfred Evans; song by Mr. J. Harris which was well received; song "Little Brown Jug," by Mr. C. Hardwicke. This charming little ditty was splendidly given and rapturously encored. After a vote of thanks to the chairman and the singing of the National Anthem, the audience dispersed.

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Fochrhiw - A Miscellaneous Entertainment A miscellaneous entertainment was given at the National schools on Monday evening last. The following programme was gone through: Selection from the best authors - instrumental, Messrs. E. Jenkins and son; recitation - Miss Phillips; song, Mr. Edwin Rees; recitation, Miss A. Price; song, Mr. Evan Evans; violin and melodium, Messrs. E. & J. Jenkins; recitation, "Yr Iesu wrth ei hun," Mr. Evan Evans - this beautiful poem, written by Telynog, was given in a most consummate style, evidently having been made the subject of sedulous study; song, Dewi Buallt; reading, Alfred Evans; duet (Y dau forwr), Messrs. E. Rees & Jacob Hughes; reading, Miss Ela Harris, a distinct and practised little reader; song, Miss Phillips; song, Miss Margery Lewis - the possessor of a voice of great compass, who rendered a selection from Professor Parry's "Blodwen," in magnificent style; song, Miss Havard, a singer of no mean merit; while Mr. David James's party, although unannounced, favoured the audience with a glee, which was very well received; song, Miss Martha Ann Richards; selections - instrumental, Messrs. Jenkins and party. A competition was now entered into for the best extempore speech, and also a singing contest, which was carried away by Master

Berkeley Angel's party. The singing of the National Anthem, led by Mr. Jenkins' family, and a vote of thanks to the chairman, brought a most enjoyable entertainment to a close.

“Merthyr Express” 19 June 1880

Concert At very successful concert took place at the National Schools, Vochriw, on Thursday evening, the 10th instant. The following programme was beautifully rendered: Miss Effie Kent Jones opened the concert with a solo on the pianoforte, “La harpe eolienne,” which was warmly applauded. Then followed the glee, “Down with the tyrant,” by the Vochriw Church Choir, accompanied by Mrs. Greening, mistress of the Infant Board School; Master D. J. Jones (Asaph Glan Morlais), of Dowlais, sang the “Soldier’s grave” with great effect, and received loud applause; Mr. J. Harris, Pontsticill, sang a comic song in good style; and the Vochriw Glee Party, under the leadership of Mr. H. M. Williams, gave the “Quarrymen’s Chorus,” which was well received; Miss Maggie Lewis of Dowlais sang the pathetic song “Too late,” in an impressive manner, and was applauded; “My pretty page” came next as a duet by Miss Maggie Jones, Dowlais, and Master D. J. Jones, and was encored; to this succeeded “The village blacksmith,” sung by Mr. John Griffiths, Dowlais, in his usual effective style, and was well received; after this came the comic song “The jolly miller,” by Mr. E. Humphreys of Newport, which fairly brought the cheers of the assembly, and received an encore, to which he responded by giving another most amusing song. An interval of a few minutes was allowed before giving the second part. The Misses Kent Jones played a duet on the pianoforte in a spirited and artistic style. The Vochriw Glee Party sang the “Reaper’s Chorus,” and Miss Maggie Jones (Llinos Morlais) gave “Y gardotes fach” in her well cultivated and efficient manner, followed by “O, lovely peace,” by Misses M. Jones and Lewis. The well known song “The special booby,” was given by Mr. J. Harris; Mr. Burkley Angel sang “It’s all the same to some,” and was encored; Mr. D. E. Humphreys followed with the comic song, “Could I live my time over again;” then the glee, “Sleep while the soft evening breezes blowing,” by the Vochriw Church Choir, accompanied by Miss E. Kent Jones. The concert closed with the singing of the National Anthem. Mr. J. Harris, Vochriw, was the able conductor, and Miss Kent Jones was the general accompanist, and kindly lent her pianoforte for the occasion.

“Merthyr Express” 7 May 1881

Sanger’s Circus This splendid equestrian establishment visited Merthyr on Thursday and gave two excellent performances. The outdoor procession was the most gorgeous of its kind that we have witnessed on the streets of Merthyr for many a year.

“Merthyr Express” 28 May 1881

Concert On Thursday se’nnight a very successful concert was given under distinguished patronage at the Board schoolroom, for the purposes of augmenting the funds of the Fochriw Cricket Club, when the following well-known artistes took part:- Miss Keturah Evans (Eos Alma), Miss Maggie Davies (Eos Fach), Dowlais, Messrs Tom Williams (Pontypridd), J. Griffiths (Dowlais), Watkin Evans and David Davies (Rhydney), W. T. Morris and B. Angel (Vochriw), W. C. Williams (Merthyr), Mr. D. Bowen, Dowlais, accompanist, and Mr. John Harris, Vochriw, conductor. The programme opened with a pianoforte solo, “Welsh airs,” very skilfully performed by Mr. D. Bowen. Mr. W. T. Morris followed “Land ho!” and then those sweet warblers, Eos Alma and Eos Fach gave a duet. “Over the hawthorn hedge,” that they sang so prettily that an encore was demanded by the audience, and in response they gave “I know a bank.” Mr. Tom Williams followed and sang “John Brown,” which was encored. The trio, “A little farm well tilled,” by Messrs. Evans,

Morris and Davies was well received, after which Mr. Berkley Angel sang a song very sweetly. After the duet, "Albion on they fertile plains," by Messrs. Morris and Evans, Eos Fach followed with "Jeanette and Jeanot," which was well received. Next came Mr. W. C. Williams the highly talented comic vocalist, sang an excellent ditty called "£ s. d.," a song marked by common sense and worldly wisdom. In response to an enthusiastic encore, he gave another effusion which pleased immensely. Mr. D. Bowen opened the second part with an overture, after which Mr. Watkin Evans gave "The death of Nelson" fairly well. Eos Alma and Eos Fach followed with "The cousins." Mr. Tom Williams then sang "The bonny blue jackets," which was loudly encored. After a catch song called "Call John," by Messrs. H. M. Williams, Angel and Walters, Eos Alma very tastefully gave "The old love and the new," which was loudly applauded. Mr. W. C. Williams again came forward with "Still they come" which created roars of laughter. Mr. Williams make-up and acting in this song were something to see, to laugh at, and to be remembered. He was, of course, vociferously encored, when he appeared in a different character, which made the audience fairly scream with delight. The trio "Dame Durden," by Messrs. W. Evans, Morris and Davies, was followed by "The Midshipmite," well rendered by Mr. J. Griffiths, after which Mr. Tom Williams gave a capital Welsh song, which was encored. The next item, "Howel, Howel, why dost though linger," given by Eos Alma and Eos Fach was much appreciated. The usual finale brought to a close one of the most enjoyable concerts ever given at Fochriw.

"Merthyr Express" 30 June 1881

Show The Glamorgan Agricultural Show was held at Penydarren Park, Merthyr.

"Merthyr Express" 14 January 1882

Popular Entertainment On Tuesday evening, the 3rd inst., the third of a series of Entertainments, to be held during the winter months, took place at the Mission Church. The Chair was taken by the Rev. W. Jones Evans, curate, and Mrs. Kirby of London acted as accompanist. A long and interesting programme which included Recitations, Musical and Recital Competitions, and Songs was gone through, in a manner which met with hearty approval of the audience. It would be invidious to point out anyone for special praise, but we cannot refrain from mentioning the name of Mr Kirby, who elicited roars of laughter with his Comic Songs. The room was crowded, many failing to gain a sitting, an one of the most successful entertainments held in the neighbourhood. It closed with the National Anthem. At a late hour, a large display of fireworks took place, in honour of the visit of Mr. & Mrs. Kirby to the place since their marriage. The fireworks were supplied by Messrs. C. T. Brock and Co., of Crystal Palace, London.

"Merthyr Express" 29 April 1882

Concert On Monday evening the 17th inst., a concert, presided over by Rev. A. Davies, Pontlottyn, was held at Carmel Chapel. A well arranged programme was gone through, the parts being sustained by Misses Margery Lewis, U.C.W.; Beck Jenkins, Rhymney; and C. M. Thomas, Vochriw; and Messrs. S. Evans and party, Pontlottyn; S. Richards and party, Deri; Dewi Buallt, Vochriw, assisted by the Vochriw Glee Club, under the leadership of Mr. Henry Williams, who sang the "Sailor's Chorus" and "Comrades in Arms." Part 1 included: "Sailor's Chorus" - Glee Party; duet, "Tell me, gentle stranger," - Miss Lewis and Mr. S. Evans (encored); song, "Kilarny," Miss Doyle; pianoforte solo, Miss Kent Jones; song, "I'm a merry Singara," Miss Lewis; duet, "The flower gatherers," Misses Philpots; song, "Y Milwr," Mr. Richards; song, "Katie's letter," Miss Jenkins; chorus, "O Gymru anwylaf," Choir. Part 2: Duet, Messrs. Richards and Owen; song, "Turnham Toll,"

Miss Lewis; glee, "Comrades in Arms," Glee Party; duet, Miss Thomas and Dewi Buallt; song, "The old cottage clock," Miss Jenkins; quartette, Mr. S. Evans and party; song, "Tell me my heart," Miss Thomas (encored); duet, "Howell, why dost thou loiter," Miss Lewis and Mr. Robert Davies (encored); finale, "God Save the Queen." Miss Kent Jones ably presided at the pianoforte, and Mr. John Harris was the conductor. The proceeds were towards supporting a workman's daughter who succeeded in gaining a scholarship of £25 per annum, tenable for two years, at Pengam. We have no doubt that a large sum will be handed over to the part mentioned.

"Merthyr Express" 23 December 1882

Grand Concert A grand concert was given at the Board Schools under the auspices of Nazareth Calvinistic Methodist Chapel. Local celebrities from Dowlais, Rhymney, including the Rhymney Glee Party took part. The room was overcrowded. Miss Kent Jones and Mr. Bedlington Harris were at the pianoforte.

"Merthyr Express" 20 January 1883

Popular Entertainment A popular entertainment was given at the Fochriw mission church on Tuesday the 16th. The Rev. W. Jones-Evans presided. We are indebted as usual to Mr. Harris, station-master, for the able manner in which he worked to secure good artists for the occasion. Mr John Jones, Pontlottyn, was the accompanist, and judging from the cheers which greeted him on his departure, he evidently became a favourite with the Fochriwites. All the artistes tried their best to amuse the audience, the songs and recitations being interspersed with remarks from the chairman, who occasioned much laughter by his ready wit. Programme: address, the Chairman; harmonium solo, Mr. Jones; song, Mr. Harris; recitation - Sergeant Phillips; song, Miss M. J. Evans; recitation, Miss A. James; song, Mr. W. Hocking; trio, Misses Thomas and Shankland, and Mr. D. Jenkins; dialogue, Miss E. Harris and H. Mantle; song, Mr. M. Harvy; harmonium solo, Mr. Jones; song, Miss M. Williams; recitation, Mr. Fred Radly; song, Mr. J. Mostyn; song, Miss C. M. Thomas; recitation, Miss A. Lewis; song, Mr. H. Evans; song, Mrs. Powell; song, Mr. D. Prosser; overture, Mr. Jones; finale, "God Save the Queen."

"Merthyr Express" 27 October 1883

Vochriw: Lecture On Saturday evening last, the Rev. Isasc Cool, the respected pastor, delivered his popular lecture on "Billy Bray, the Cornish miner," at Bethany English Baptist Chapel. Mr. Thomas Jones was to have taken the chair, but being unable to attend, Mr. W. F. Grier of London presided. The lecture was very amusing and interesting, and was much appreciated by a large audience. A vote of thanks to the lecturer and chairman closed the proceedings.

"Merthyr Express" 1 March 1884

Vochriw: Grand Concert On Tuesday evening, the 19th of February, a most successful concert was held at the Board School when the favourite cantata, entitled "Under the Palms," (by A. T. Roct), was performed by the Pontlottyn Juvenile Choir, under the conductorship of Mr. W. Lewis. The attendance was very good, the room being tolerably full, notwithstanding the unfavourable weather.

"Merthyr Express" 19 April 1884

Fochriw: Lecture On Monday se'nnight, a lecture was delivered by Rev. D. Jones, Swansea, in Carmel Congregational Chapel, on "England, China and the Opium Trade." After a very interesting lecture, the following resolution was passed: "That this meeting desires to express its protest against the injustice of enforcing the trade of opium on the Chinese, and of prohibiting them the power to deal with it as they may see fit." The following gentlemen also took part in the proceedings: Messrs.

Isaac Williams, John Jones, W. O. Morgan, and W. Harris. After the usual votes of thanks had been accorded the lecturer and chairman, the meeting terminated.

“Merthyr Express” 27 September 1884

Fochriw: Cantata Performance On Monday evening a meeting was held at Carmel Congregational Chapel, when the cantata “Elijah” was performed by the Sunday School children of the chapel, under the conductorship of Mr. H. M. Williams. The chair was occupied by Dr. Davies, The following are the names of those who took part in the proceedings: Misses E. Shankland, M. J. Davies, A. Williams, E. Harris, G. Wright, L. Williams, A. Jones, M. Jones, J. Angell, M. J. Thomas, E. Thomas and D. Davies; Messrs B. Angell, R. Jenkins, A. M. Williams and G. W. McArthur. Between the different parts, an address was given by Mr. J. Williams, and recitations by Messrs. J. Harris and H. Davies. Mr. Jas. Griffiths presided at the harmonium. Mr. Henry M. Williams is deserving of the highest praise for the excellent manner in which the cantata was rendered.

“Merthyr Express” 17 April 1886

Entertainment On Tuesday evening last, the usual fortnightly entertainment was given by the Baptist friends at Zoar Hall, Pontlottyn. On this occasion, the Fochriw friends, in return for services rendered them some time back, came over and carried out a very successful programme. Their pastor Rev. D. Evans presided. After a few pithy remarks by way of introduction, he called upon the party to come forward to sing “Blodeuyn bach.” Next came a recitation entitled, “Washing Day,” by Miss Eleanor Ellis, after which Messrs. Thomas Evans and Dan Evans gave a duet, “The Tonic Solfa lesson.” Mr. James Davies recited in splendid manner “Y Gweddellod a’r lleuad,” and a duet, “Home, sweet home,” by Misses Mary and Ada Jones was very wekk rendered. “The tower of Babel,” by Mr. Ellis and friends, elicited much applause, while the duet by Dewi Buallt and Miss Thomas was also loudly encored, in response to which Miss Thomas sang “Paham mae Dai mor hyr yn dod?” A recitation by Me. Rees Thomas, “A ydyw dy galon yn teimlo?” was highly appreciated. The party then sang “May morn,” after which the catch by Messrs. J. Bevan and friends, caused much laughter. Mr. Thomas Evans’s rendering of the song “Gwraig y meddwyn” was very touching, while the recitation “The ship on fire” by Mr. James Davies was all that could be desired. The party then sang “Mi a godaf,” which was sung in good style and becoming spirit. Mr. W. Jones (Morgrugyn) moved a hearty vote of thanks to all, and when put to the meeting, the vote was carried amid loud applause. Miss Thomas then led the National Anthem, and the meeting terminated.

The Debating Society and the Distress On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the Mount Pleasant Coffee Tavern was the scene of great excitement. The Debating Society had contracted with the proprietress for the provision of 400 pints of soup to be given to the most needy inhabitants of the town, and there was therefore great stir amongst them. Tickets had been distributed by members of the society during the previous week, and some very distressing cases were found. Great credit is due to Mrs. Evans for the manner in which she had carried out the arrangements and the excellent quality of the provender, and also to the society for devoting the proceeds of their annual entertainment to such a praiseworthy object.

“Merthyr Express” 26 March 1887

Vochriw: Cantata Performance On Tuesday evening se’nnight, a grand performance of the beautiful school cantata entitled “The Indian Summer,” was given by the choir of Carmel Chapel, under the able leadership of Mr. Burkley Angel, who also played the accompaniments. The cantata was performed in the following manner:- First part:

Recitation, "Voices of the early morn," 1st part, Master W. J. Angel; 2nd part, Miss L. Williams; 3rd part, Master W. J. Ballard. Recitation, "The voices of past, present and future," 1st part, Miss E. Ballard; 2nd W.J. Angel; 3rd, the whole choir. Chorus, "The day awakes," the choir, "Song of the reapers," boys choir. Soprano solo, "The Skylark," Miss E. Ballard; chorus, the choir; soprano solo, "The flower girl," Miss E. Thomas in full character; chorus, the choir; soprano solo, "The Clarion." Miss Jessie J. Angel (exceedingly well rendered); chorus, the choir. This concluded the first part. The second part began with a chorus from the choir, followed by a semi-chorus, "O, ye Maidens," Misses M. J. Davies, J. Angel and J. J. Angel and Messrs. D. Jenkins, A. M. Williams, and W. J. Angel (excellently given). Solo, "The Forest Queen," Miss M. J. Williams was most exquisitely rendered. Chorus and quartet, "The autumn time." The quartet was taken up by W. J. Angel, E. Angel, E. Thomas, and E. Williams, the chorus being sung by the choir. The foresters then appeared upon the stage, when the solo was sung by Mr. A. M. Williams in first class style. "Echo" song by Miss Lucretia Williams was very well rendered. Chorus, "Let not grief and pain annoy," the choir; duet "Sweet sister Fay," E. Thomas and J. J. Angel; fairy glee trio, "Aelus singeth so lusty and loud," Miss M. J. Davies, Master W. J. Angel and Mr. D. Jenkins. It was also concluded by a full chorus of the choir. Soprano solo, "Come ye fairies all," Miss E. Harris joined in a duet by Master W. J. Angel; chorus, "Closing hymn," the whole choir, the contralto solo being sung by Master W. J. Angel, and the duet further on by W. J. Angel and E. Thomas, concluding with a final chorus by the whole choir. The whole rendering of the cantata was a treat for the audience and a well-merited success to Mr. Burkley AngelThe greatest credit is due to the different artistes who so efficiently maintained their parts, an also the whole choir for the attention paid by them to their young conductor. The choir presented a very picturesque spectacle, the ladies being dressed in white muslin dresses, tied with knots of red ribbon. We are glad to hear that it is intended to perform this cantata in the same place at some future date. We understand there is some talk of a performance at Pontlloftyn. We would strongly urge them to do, as it would certainly be a great pity for such labour to be thrown away on one performance.

"Merthyr Express" 7 May 1887

Fochriw: Lecture The Rev. R. Allen, Bryntroedgam, delivered a lecture at Noddfa Baptist Chapel on Monday, entitled "Na ddigiwch," (Don't be offended). Mr. Allen is known as a talented preacher and a most able lecturer. The lecture was one of the best ever delivered in the place. The chapel was crowded with friends from Pontlloftyn, Bedlinog, Brithdir etc.. Mr. Bevan, coal agent, presided.

"Merthyr Express" 11 June 1887

Fochriw Entertainment An entertainment was held on Wednesday night, the 1st inst, at the Vochriw Mission Church, over which the Rev. D. Lloyd Rees presided. Miss Harris was the accompanist, assisted by Mrs. Greening. The programme was as follow: recitation, "Nerth hen arferiad," Mr. D. Phillips; song, "The Jubilee," Mr. Hier; recitation, "The curfew must not ring tonight," Mr. Wright; song, "I want to meet a good young girl," Mr. Castle; recitation, "Rhowch broc i'r tan," Mr. John Williams, Pontlloftyn; song, "The hart's visit," Mrs. Powell; recitation, "The Zulu War," Mr. Benjamin Summers, Pontlloftyn, splendidly rendered; song, "We say one thing, and mean another," Mr. T. Greening; recitation, "The soldier's pardon," Mr. Wright; song, "Ar weli di'r packman," Mr. Hier; dialogue entitled "A chwe-cheiniog gam," Br. B. Summers and John Williams, Pontlloftyn; song, "I'll take it home to Sarah," Mr. Castle; recitation, "Greedy Dick," Master Fred Radley; song, "I Blas Googerdan," Mrs. Powell; recitation, "The ship on fire," Mr. B. Summers, which

delighted the audience; song, "Oh, Joe, do let me go," Mr. Castle; song, "Darling, I am growing old," Mr. T. Greening; song, "Disgynai'r gwalaw," Mr. Hier; song (by desire) "Far, far away," Mr. Castle. The evening terminated with the usual votes of thanks.

"Merthyr Express" 2 July 1887

Vochriw: Annual Treats Although there was not much preparation made to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee in this village, yet the inhabitants agreed to spend a day instead, on Monday the 27th. If any strangers visited Vochriw on Monday, they would have found no-one there - everyone had gone away. It happened to be Pay Monday, and all the works were idle, so they thought it wise to have their annual tea flights. Instead of having their festivals at home, at 9.30 a special train left the station for Talybont, by which the members of Carmel and Nazareth Sunday Schools, and many more, travelled to that very pretty place, to spend a very happy day. The passengers in all numbered 500. They engaged the Vochriw Brass Band who played most excellently. The Baptist Sunday School went by the ordinary train to Pontsarn, where they enjoyed themselves thoroughly. We are glad to say that everyone returned home at night without an accident occurring.

"Merthyr Express" 6 August 1887

Vochriw: Picnic The annual tea party in connection with Nazareth Welsh Calvinistic Methodists took place on Monday last. The weather was fine and the treat a grand success. About 300 sat down to tea, the tables being presided over by the following ladies:- Mrs. Elizabeth Jones, Mrs. Eleanor Jenkins, Mrs. Matthews (butcher), and Mrs. John Mathews. The following also took a very active part in the work:- Messrs. John Matthews (sen.), John Matthews (butcher), Edward Parry, Griffith Pugh, Hugh Jones, William Adams, Evan Evans and Mrs. Susannah Llewelyn. The C.M. are rather weak in this place, and a little help is needful.

"Merthyr Express" 20 August 1887

Sunday School Treat On Thursday last the annual Sunday School treat of the Vochriw Church was held. At 2 o'clock there was a service, the Rev. D. Rees, Pontlottyn officiating, and before they proceeded, Mr. T. Greening, superintendent of the school, gave a short address. At 3 o'clock the procession started, headed by the school banner, and the Revs. D. Ll. Rees, Vochriw; D. Rees and W. Pritchard, Pontlottyn; and Mr. Greening, superintendent, Mr. Radley and Mr. Wood. Then followed the Vochriw Brass Band under the conductorship of Mr. David Williams. This band plays exceedingly well considering that they have had only about twelve months' practice. Tea was prepared in the schoolroom, and the following ladies presided at the tables, viz., Mrs. Richards, Miss Morgan, Mrs. Radley, Mrs. Wey and Miss Castle. Everything passed off quietly, and all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The Rev. T. J. Jones, vicar, joined them at tea, and had his surpliced choir there.

"Merthyr Express" 9 September 1887

Tea Party Noddfa Welsh Baptist Church had a tea party on Saturday evening. Although the weather was wet, they had a large attendance. The following ladies assisted at the tables:- Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Davies, Mrs. C. M. Jones, Mrs. D. Davies and Miss E. Thomas. The following also took a very active part:- Messrs. Thomas Moore, Thomas Jones, D. Davies, Daniel Evans, T. Evans. A prize of 10 shillings was drawn for and won by Mrs. Rachel Higgon of Pontlottyn who returned it to the chapel funds.

"Merthyr Express" 5 November 1887

Concert An evening concert was given at the Vochriw Board School on Saturday last, the proceeds being devoted in aid of Noddfa Baptist Church. Mr. T. Bevan,

manager, ably presided, and Ap Myrddin, Dowlais, accompanied. The following programme was gone through:- Selection from "The Messiah" by the Vochriw Brass Band, conducted by Mr David Phillips, Pontlloftyn (bandmaster). The playing of this Band deserves special mention. Song, "Bird-in-hand," Mr. C. M. Jones; song, "Y siethiwr ai gu," rendered in good style by Mr. James Powell (Ap Dewi); song, "My love is a rover," sung in very effective manner by Miss Margery Lewis, U. C. W., Pontlloftyn; song, "Tar's farewell," rendered with taste by Mr. F. Hill and Mr. Robert Davies, Pontlloftyn, followed in excellent style with "Till the breaking of the day." Mr. Davies is a tenor of repute, and as usual, acquitted himself with honours. Next came Mr. George Harding, New Tredegar, who favoured the audience with a selection on the concertina "Bells of Aberdovey" (loudly applauded). The comic song, "Oh! What a mug," sung in character by Mr. D. Tasker, Merthyr, was encored. The band then played a selection "Infant Saviour" very ably. Part II commenced with an excellent piano solo by Ap Myrddin. Trio, "Duw bydd trugarog," Mrs. Jones, Messrs. R. Davies and J. Powell, was given in splendid style. The comic song, "You should never marry if you have no cash," was given by Mr. D. Tasker, followed by a concertina solo by Mr. G. Harding, which was encored. Then followed: Song, "Alone on the raft," Mr. R. Davies; song, "Honour in arms," Mr. J. Powell; song, "Daddy," Miss M. Lewis; song, "The first in wisdom," Mr. S. Hier; comic song, "Your always sure to find her with a -," Mr. Tasker, who was encored, and sung "Good Tidings.;" Mr. C. M. Jones sang the National Anthem, and after the usual votes of thanks, the meeting terminated.

"Merthyr Express" 14 January 1888

Entertainment On Tuesday, an entertainment was held at the Mission Room, Pentwyn, being the first held this year. It was well attended. After a speech by the Rev. D. Lloyd Rees (curate), the following programme was gone through: recitations, A. Radley; song, Mr F. Hier; recitation, Tommy Greening; dialogue, Mr Roberts and party; recitation, Lizzie Wood; song, Mr Harris (station-master); recitation, M. Gwynne; recitation, Ada Young; song, Mr. F. Hier; recitation, Miss Castle; song, Flory Mantle; recitation, H. Jones; song, M. Harris. The National Anthem led by Mr. Harris, closed a very good entertainment.

"Merthyr Express" 28 January 1888

Entertainment A popular entertainment was held at the Church Schoolroom on Tuesday evening, the 24th. when the Rev. D. Rees, Pontlloftyn, occupied the chair. The following programme was gone through: Song, Miss M. M. Gwynne; recitation, Mr. Fred Radley; song, Mr. T. F. Jones; recitation, Master George Radley; song, Mr. Hier; recitation, Miss E. C. Wood; song, Mr. T. Howell (encore); dialogue, Master T. and Miss A. Greening; recitation, Miss M. M Jones; song, Mr. Ryder (encore); duet, Mr. & Miss Harris; song, Mrs. Powell; recitation, Miss M. Lewis; violin solo, Rev. D. Lloyd Rees; recitation, Mr. D. Phillips; song, Mr. J. Wood; reading, Miss Castle; song, Mr. Ryder. After a short speech by the Chairman, the National Anthem brought one of the most successful entertainments ever held in the parish to a close. These entertainments will be held every alternate Tuesday throughout the season.

"Merthyr Express" 11 February 1888

Concert On Monday evening the 6th., a grand concert was given at the Vochriw Board Schools for the benefit of Mr. Samuel Davies, a very deserving young man, who has also been an assistant master under the Gelligaer Board School, and recently gained a scholarship at Bangor University College. The schoolroom was completely filled with an interested and appreciative audience. We would congratulate the committee on the excellent choice of artistes. The chair was ably filled by Dr. Davies,

and after a few opening remarks by the chairman, the following programme was ably gone through:- duet (violin and piano), "I'l Travatore," Miss Kent-Jones and Mr. E. H. Duck; song, "I'm a merry Singara," Mrs. C. M. Jones, whose excellent voice delighted the audience. "The village blacksmith" was next given in good style by Mr. James Powell (Ap Dewi), and encored; song, "Y teithiwr a'i gu," Mr. A. M. Williams, who has a good baritone voice; Eos Wenallt then favoured the audience with "I seek thee in every flower," encored and responded to. It is only necessary to say that "yr eos" sang in his usual captivating style; he needs no further praise. Song, "Bwthyn yr amddifad," Bronwen Morlais (encored); glee, "Nyni yw'r meibion cerddgar," Vochriw Glee Party, conductor Mr. Evan Evans; the party was loudly applauded. Part II – Song, "The Lost Chord," Miss J. Angell; duet for violin and piano, "The Bohemian girl," Miss Kent Jones and Mr. Duck; song, "Can y Tywysog," Eos Wenallt; song, "Powder monkey Joe," Mr. James Powell (encored); song, "Never again," Bronwen Morlais, vociferously encored, and Bronwen responded by singing "Hiraeth" in splendid style; trio, Miss M. Morgans, Mrs. C. M. Jones, and Mr. James Powell; song, "When the stormy winds do blow," Mr. E. Evans; song, "The maid of the mill," Eos Wenallt, encored and responded to with "Nid dyna'r ferch I fi;" glee, "Awn I ben yr Wyddfa fawr," glee party, conductor Mr. B. Angell. After the usual votes of thanks, the singing of the National Anthem brought the evening to a close. We are glad to say that the concert was a success, and we hope that a large sum will be raised for this worthy object.

"Merthyr Express" 11 February, 1888

Entertainment A popular entertainment was held at the Schoolroom on the 7th., when the Rev. T. J. Jones occupied the chair. The following programme was gone through: recitation, Miss M. Gwynne; song, Mr. John Davies; recitation and song, Master B. Newman; song, Mr. Ryder (encore); recitation, Miss Greening; song, Mr. P. Hennesey (encore); dialogue, Master Willie Gwynne and party; song, Miss Humphreys; reading, Miss S. Davies; song, Mr. T. Howells; recitation, Master W. Newman; song, Mrs. Powell; dramatic sketch, Messrs. Boucher and Wood, and Misses Castle, Wray, Lewis and Roberts; song, Mr. Hennesey (encore); recitation, Miss M. Lewis; song, Mr. Ryder (encore); recitation, Master T. Greening; song, Rev. T. J. Jones. After the usual votes of thanks and the singing of the National Anthem, a very successful entertainment closed.

"Merthyr Express" 3 March 1888

Welsh Deputation to Ireland On Tuesday evening the 21st., Rev. Aaron Davies (one of the Welsh deputation to Ireland) addressed a meeting at Nazareth C.M. Chapel. The meeting was well attended and there was an enthusiastic audience. The subject was, "A visit to Ireland." Rev. Davies gave a vivid description of how the Coercion Act is administered in the country, and the great suffering of the people under the tyrannical rule of the chief secretary Balfour and his uncle. The chair was occupied by Dr. Davies, and an enthusiastic vote of thanks was given to the lecturer by Rev. J. Jones, and seconded by Mr. W. Mathias.

"Merthyr Express" 19 May 1888

Entertainment On Monday evening last, an entertainment was held at Noddfa Welsh Baptist Chapel, which was very fairly attended. The following programme was gone through: song, "The missing boat," Miss S. A. Davies; recitation, "Hen gadair wag tad," Mr. John Davies; song, "Goleu ar y" Miss M. A. Jones; recitation, "Storom ..geu," Mr. D. Daniel Jones; song, "Drummer boy," Master George Jones; song, "Canig y ...chau," Miss A. J. Beddoe; duet, "Angry words," Misses Ada and Mary Jones; recitation, "The thatched cottage," Miss A. S. Jones; song, "I'm Simon

Jenkins, the miller's boy," Master Thomas Owen, Pontlottyn; reading, "Y ddau ddarlun," Mr. John Jenkins; recitation, "The tempest," Miss A. J. Beddoe; recitation, "The little boy," Master David Evans; competition, reading music at first sight, adjudicator, Mr. Henry Jones, best, Mr. Thomas Evans; impromptu speech, adjudicator, Mr. John Jenkins, best, Mr. David Thomas; song, "The very worst girl in school," Miss A. J. Beddoe; recitation, "Y goardotes fach," Miss S. A. Davies; song, "See that my grave's kept green," Master Thomas Owens; recitation, Mr. Samuel Evans.

"Merthyr Express" 21 July 1888

Dramatic The Vochriw Dramatic Party that so successfully performed the sacred drama "Jonah," last winter at different places, are now busily preparing a national drama entitled "Owain Glyndwr," by Beriah Gwynfe Evans. If they acquit themselves as well with this drama as they did with the last, they will earn infinite credit.

"Merthyr Express" 28 July 1888

Musical The United Choir, under the leadership of Mr. Harris, stationmaster, intend going to Cardiff on August 6th (Bank Holiday), to compete in the chief choral competition "Then round about the stary throne." Although not successful at the Dowlais Eisteddfod, we admire their pluck in going to Cardiff, and hope the laurels of victory await them.

"Merthyr Express" 4 August 1888

Church Sunday Schools Church of England Sunday Schools held their annual treat on Thursday 26th. Although rain fell at first, the weather cleared later and the school turned out in demonstration. A brass band was in attendance. Great credit was due to the respected curate-in-charge, Rev. D. Lloyd Rees.

"Merthyr Express" 18 August 1888

Church Choir Annual Treat Members of the choir, together with a number of Sunday School workers, held the annual treat on Tuesday, August 7th. They marched in procession to Pontlottyn, and thence took the train to Abergavenny. The Castle and other places of note were visited. The weather was everything that could be desired. There were abundant refreshments. The party returned safely by the last train.

"Merthyr Express" 22 December 1888

A Holiday Concert On Monday the 17th an entertainment was given at the Board School, Vochriw. The chief attraction was the performance in character of the cantata "A Holiday Concert," under the leadership of Mr. Harris, stationmaster. Mr. Harris deserves great praise for the able manner in which the children performed the several parts, for the labour in preparation must have been very great, and we are glad to see that his efforts to give a pleasant evening at this mountain village were so much appreciated by the great number who were present. Mr. Harris's work has been nobly seconded by his daughter, Miss Ella Harris, who is always to the fore in matters of this kind. The accompanists for the evening were: pianoforte, Miss Lilly Rutter, Pontlottyn; violinists, Mr. William Morgan, Dowlais, Mr. Steward and Master Johnnie Harris, Vochriw. Dr. Davies very ably presided. We understand the same piece is to be given in Pontlottyn on the 31st.

"Merthyr Express" 5 January 1889

Cantata On Monday last a most amusing cantata was performed in character at St. Tyfaelog's Schoolroom entitled "A Children's Holiday," by a children's choir from Vochriw, under the able leadership of Mr. John Harris, Stationmaster, Fochriw. It was very well received and greatly complimented. Miss Lilly Rutter, accompanied at the pianoforte. Reference was made to her dedication and faithfulness in view of the fact she had to walk over the mountain in all weathers for practices.

“Merthyr Express” 20 April 1889

The Vochriw Reading-Room Concert This came off at the Board School, when the following programme was gone through: Miss Kent-Jones (Plasycloed, Deri) accompanist, commenced with a well-played selection on the piano. Then Miss Jones of Deri sang “Somebody,” followed by “Ye breezes that blow,” both with very much sweetness. Miss Phillpots of Deri sang two songs in very good style, and also joined in a duet with Mr. Thomas, Deri, “Howell and Blodwen.” Mr. W. C. Williams of Merthyr, set the audience roaring with the “Lodging-house cat,” and “My wife’s relations.” The Vochriw Glee Party under the leadership of Mr. Evan Evans, gave “Yr haf,” which was well sung. Mrs. C. M. Jones sang “Yr eneth ddall” with a splendid, clear, soprano voice, and afterwards joined Mr. Samuel Richards of Deri in a duet, “I’ve wandered in dreams,” which was well appreciated. Messrs. B. Angel, D. Jenkins and E. Evans sang two catches, creating much merriment. Mr. Samuel Richards’s party from Deri gave “Angels ever bright and fair” in very good style. Mr. J. Richards, Merthyr, sang “Cymry fydd” and “Banner ein gwlad” excellently. At the close of the concert, Rev. James Jones, Congregational Minister, Vochriw, said a few well-chosen words on behalf of the Reading-room Committee, thanking the artists for their services, and also referring to gentlemen who had given assistance towards obtaining the much-required institution of a reading-room. Mr. Henry Martin, Dowlais, and Mr. Richard Cory, Cardiff, came in for special mention.

“Merthyr Express” 3 May 1890

Operetta An interesting and well played children’s operetta called “Golden Hair and the Three Bears,” was performed by the Vochriw Church Choir and others, and was most ably conducted by Mr. John Harris, stationmaster, Vochriw, on Wednesday, 23rd April at Deri. Leading parts were taken by Mr. Burkley Angel, Miss Roberts, Miss M. M. Jones, Miss Florie Mantle, all of Fochriw. The proceeds went to the Vochriw Working-men’s Reading-room. Due to its great success, the operetta was also performed at Fochriw and at St. Tyfaelog’s School, Pontlottyn. The general opinion was that it was the best of its kind ever performed at Pontlottyn.

“Merthyr Express” 29 November 1890

GILCHRIST EDUCATIONAL TRUST On Tuesday Evening, December 9, 1890 at 8 o’clock the sixth of the series of Lectures will be delivered at the Temperance Hall, Merthyr by PROFESSOR H. G. SEELEY, KING’S COLLEGE, on “The Animals and Plants of the Coal Measures.” The Lectures Are Primarily For The Working Classes And Working Men Are Therefore Especially Invited. Admission One Penny

“Merthyr Express” 6 December 1890

Order of Rechabites On Thursday evening last, a concert was held at the Board School in connection with the “Blodeuyn Dirwest” Tent of the Independent Order of Rechabites. The schoolroom was crowded, and the concert was a complete success. The members of this flourishing tent are to be congratulated upon the efficient manner in which the arrangements were carried out. Dr. Davies made a most able chairman, and commenced the proceedings with a most stirring address, in which he spoke of the great progress made recently by the order, of which he was an honorary member. Miss E. Kent Jones presided at the pianoforte in her usual able manner. The following programme was gone through: overture, piano, Miss Kent Jones; bass solo, “The bugler,” Mr. James Powell; tenor solo, “Bwthyn bach melyn fy nhad,” Mr. Wm. Griffiths; treble solo, “Y fam a’i baban,” Miss Mary Powell; baritone solo, “Forth to the battle,” Mr. Mial Williams; solo. “Rocked in the cradle of the deep,” Mr. Ben Lewis, accompanied by Mr. John Randle; duet, violin and piano, Messrs. Isaac Thomas and Ben Lewis; baritone solo, “Can y marchog,” Mr. Thomas Evans; solo,

“Darby and Joan,” Miss Thomas (Penybank School); tenor solo, “Death of Nelson,” Mr. Burkley Angell; party, “Blodeuyn bach wyf fi mewn gardd,” conducted by Mr. John Jones, A.C.; overture, piano, Miss Kent Jones; bass solo, “Simon the cellarer,” Mr. James Powell; treble solo, “The song that reached my heart,” Miss Ellen Pugh; baritone solo, “Y morwr a’i fachgen,” Mr. Thomas Evans; tenor solo, “O na byddai’n haf o hyd,” Mr. Wm. Griffiths; baritone solo, “She must be mine,” Mr. Mial Williams; duet, violin and piano, Messrs. I. Thomas & B. Lewis; treble solo, “Angels ever bright and fair,” Miss M. Powell; tenor solo, “Baner ein gwlad,” Mr. B. Angell; bass solo, “The little hero,” Mr. J. Powell; baritone solo, “The village blacksmith,” Mr. B. Lewis.

“Merthyr Express” 28 February 1891

A Month in Canaan The eminent Welsh bard “Dyfed,” delivered his popular lecture on the above subject to a crowded and appreciative audience at Nazareth Chapel, Vochriw, on Monday night last. The lecturer was in the best of moods and continuously elicited the applause of the audience. He also exhibited himself in the different costumes of the Holy Land to the great amusement of the young people assembled. The proceeds go to defray the debt of the chapel.

“Merthyr Express” 21 March 1891

Dramatic Performance On Thursday evening, the 12th, the popular drama “Jack, y bachgen drwg” by Mr. D. Evans, Hirwain, was performed to a crowded audience at the Fochriw School by a party of friends from Noddfa Baptist Chapel. The drama, which is in Welsh, seeks to demonstrate the temptations to which young persons are exposed once they leave the parental roof. The characters were taken as follows:- Historian, Mr. D. Thomas; father, Mr. T. Morgan; mother, Miss J. Edwards; daughter, Miss S. A. Davies; son, Master E. Williams; Jack, Mr. R. Thomas; Jane, Miss A. Thomas; Arthur, Mr. S. Evans; Mr. Lodwick, Mr. T. Evans; Mary, Miss C. Moore; minister, Mr. J. Davies; Mr. Jones (Full Moon), Mr. J. Thomas; Mr. Reynolds (Crown), Mr. J. Jones; waitress, Miss L. Roberts; Tom, Mr. D. J. Davies; Dai y Stag, Mr. D. Bowen; Mary Cilfryn, Miss M. G. Davies; policeman, Miss S. Edwards; postman, Mr. E. Jones. The proceeds of the drama were in aid of the Noddfa Chapel building fund, which object was fully realised, several having to go awqay fo want of room. The drama is to be performed shortly at Pontlottyn.

“Merthyr Express” 20 June 1891

Vochriw: Entertainment and Presentation On Thursday se’nnight, an entertainment was held at Carmel Chapel, under the presidency of Dr. E. Davies, who explained that the evening had two purposes: to provide a literary and musical treat for the audience, and to make presentations to three persons who well deserved them in connection with the recent dramatic performances given by the members of this chapel. The programme was as follows: overture, Mr. W. R. Beddoe; song, Mr. John Cole; recitation, Miss L. Ballard; song, Mr. B. Angell; song, Miss A. Davies; recitation, Mr. James Davies; song, Mr. E. Evans. Dr. Davies was compelled to leave at this juncture owing to a call of duty, and Mr. E. Williams was elected to the chair. Dialogue, Messrs. Jemkins & Harris; song, Mr. A. Walters; recitation, Master D. J. Thomas; song and chorus, Mr. E. Evans and party; recitation, Mr. James Davies; song and chorus, Mr. E. Evans. The chairman then called upon Mr. Rees Morgan and Mr. T. Davies, two of the oldest members of Carmel, to present a Bible each to Miss G. Jones and Master D. J. Morgan, for their services in connection with the Welsh drama “Owen Llwyd.” Mr. E. Evans was then called upon to present a beautiful silver cruet stand and tea pot to Mrs. Edward Sibly. The gift was given because she had prevented postponement of two performances of the drama, by returning to take her part as

'Lady Cadvan' on the eve of her wedding day, instead of going away to Somersetshire, to spend her honeymoon, as originally intended. After the usual votes of thanks and the singing of "Brightly gleams our banner," by Mr. D. J. Davies's party, the meeting terminated. We are glad to say that the drama performances realized £40, which has been handed over to the Chapel funds.

"Merthyr Express" 19 September 1891

Advertisements Eisteddfod: Blackwood, Monday, October 5 (Mabon's Day);

Eisteddfod: Hirwain, Monday, October 5 (Mabon's Day);

Eisteddfod: Dowlais, Monday December 7;

Comic Opera: 'The Old Guard.' Temperance Hall, Merthyr, 21, 22, 23 September;

Grand Sacred Concert: 'Pepper's Ghost.' Drill Hall, Merthyr, 20 September;

All England 130 Yards Handicap, First Prize £40: Penydarren Park, October 5. Also,

All England Three Miles Bicycle Handicap, First Prize £40.

"Merthyr Express" 3 March 1892

Lecture on Astronomy On Thursday se'nnight the Vochriw Board School was crowded to excess for the purpose of hearing a lecture on astronomy by Mr. James Morgan, late student of Cardiff University. The chair was taken by Dr. Davies, who in introducing the lecturer, said that Mr. Morgan was a native of Vochriw, he having commenced his career in this room. He was subsequently appointed schoolmaster under the Gelligaer School Board, but being of an ambitious mind, he tried and won a three years' scholarship at Cardiff, and also matriculated at London. Mr. Morgan has obtained the degree of B.Sc. in the first division in July 1890. The lecture was copiously illustrated by means of a lantern, and was exceedingly interesting to all. The customary votes of thanks concluded the meeting.

"Merthyr Express" 2 December 1893

Cantata On the evenings of Thursday and Saturday last at the Fochriw Board School to crowded audiences, a cantata "Playmates" by J. C. Grieve, was performed under the leadership of Mr. Burkley Angel, assisted by Miss A. Mantle and Mr. James Davies, when the following instrumentalists took part: pianoforte, Miss M. J. Harries; harmonium, Miss M. J. Jones, Deri; violins, Messrs. Henry Francies, J. Evans, John Harries, Jnr., D. Williams and Messrs. Phillips, Pontlottyn. On a number of raised benches on the platform were seated the tiny host of choristers, singing with all their might, and seeming very happy in their white dresses and red sashes. The dancing in two circles around the maypole was well done. What created considerable amusement was the marching and dancing of the little soldiers dressed in the Highland regimental dress and carrying guns. The chief characters were performed by Elizabeth Jones, Albert Griffiths, David J. Thomas, Theophilus Shankland and Willie Angel, Ann Davies, Gwen Jones, Maud Angel and Edith Ann Jones. The performance went off extremely well. The takings, amounting to more than £20, will be handed over to the Reading-room and Library Funds. We shall be glad to see "Playmates" played before a larger audience in the Oddfellows' Hall, Dowlais.

"Merthyr Express" 28 April 1894

Performance On Saturday evening, a party from Noddfa, Fochriw, played the popular drama "Jack, y bachgen drwg," to a crowded audience at the Board School. The performance was opened by the Fochriw Brass Band. The parts were played by C. Williams, R. Thomas, T. Morgan, Mrs. Williams, A. Thomas, A. Evans, T. Evans, S. A. Davies, S. Evans, Wm. Davies, J. Davies, E. Davies, T. Evans, J. Evans, J. Beavan, M. J. Davies. Between the acts songs were given by Mr. T. Evans and Miss M. J. Davies. The proceeds of the evening will be given in aid of the brass band, who are making rapid strides in the brass band world.

“Merthyr Express” 18 August 1894

Guest Majority Festivities Fochriw was *en fete* for this celebration. From early morn, the inhabitants of this colliery district were actively engaged in bedecking the streets, and by noon a complete metamorphosis had been effected. A procession, consisting of upwards of 600 children, gathered from Vochriw, Pantywaun, Brithdir and Cwm Bargoed, started at 1.30 from the Board school, led by the Fochriw Brass Band. A Welsh goat immediately following, while Mr T. Bevan, the manager, and the majority of the principal inhabitants occupied prominent positions. After parading the village, a return was made to the Board School, where the children had tea and cake. After tea, sports and other amusements were held on the mountain, where swings, a greasy pole and an “Aunt Sally” had been erected. The sports included tug of war and various races. A timbering competition was also promoted, the winners being 1st (15s.) W. Lewis; 2nd (10s.) W. Griffiths; 3rd (5s.) D. Morgan. Messrs. T. Roberts, E. Williams (undermanagers), and E. Williams (checkweigher), acted as judges, and the racing arrangements were in the hands of Messrs. J. Evans, E. Davies, H. Jones and J. Edwards. In the evening, a huge bonfire was kindled on the tips, and a grand display of fireworks, supervised by Messrs. John Bevan, T. Williams and T. Grainger, concluded the day’s festivities.

“Merthyr Express” 8 February 1896

Lecture On Wednesday week, the popular lecture on “Gwlad Y Pyramidiau” was delivered at Nazareth Chapel by Mr. Rees (Dyfed). The lecture, as usual, was delivered in a most competent style, and gave general satisfaction to the crowded audience. The Chair was ably filled by Mt. T. Bevan.

“Merthyr Express” 18 April 1896

Vochriw: Outing The annual outing under the auspices of the “Welsh Grammar Class” took place on Saturday last. The rendezvous on this occasion was Pontsarn, and a really enjoyable day was spent. During the morning various games were indulged in. Then tracks were made for the refreshments room, where a capital ‘spread’ had been prepared by Hostess Lewis. After dinner, various places of interest were visited, our able tutor, Rev. J. Jones, acting in the capacity of guide. The affair turned out a complete success, and was a fitting close to a term of lessons drawn up to master the intricacies of the Welsh language. “Oes y bydi’r iaith Gymraeg.”

“Merthyr Express” 18 July 1896

Cymanfa On Saturday evening, and Sunday, the 4th and 5th, the students of Gwynfryn Academy, Ammanford, held a series of services at Carmel Independent Chapel. The following students delivered impressive sermons: Saturday evening: D. Overton, Berthlwyd, and E. O. Evans, Llanbrynmair; Sunday morning: M. W. Davies, Trelewis, and E. O. Evans; Sunday afternoon, H. W. Thomas, Blaenavon, (English) and D. Overton; Sunday evening: T. J. Morgan, Llanhithel, and R. Jenkins, Fochriw. J. T. Williams, Trecastell, and D. Williams, Trelewis, also took part. Large and appreciative congregations attended the services, and the sermons gave ample proof of the abilities of the young men who are just entering a course of training for a ministerial career.

“Merthyr Express” 15 May 1897

Outing The Dosbarth Grammadeg Cymraeg held their annual outing on Saturday, the rendezvous being Weston. The party was made up exclusively of members of the class and their teacher, Rev. James Jones. The morning was fine, and the start was made from Pontlottyn Station at 7.30 a.m. At Cardiff, the party transferred to the Waverley. Lunch was taken at Weston, followed by the usual visit to the beach.

Afterwards, the party drove to Worle and Kewstone. The outing was in every way pleasant one.

“Merthyr Express” 12 February 1898

Presentation On Saturday night, the 29th January, a very interesting ceremony was gone through in the vestry of Carmel Chapel, when Miss Margaretta Phillpott, the accompanist to the Pentwyn Choir, was presented with a gold brooch, suitably inscribed, in recognition of her valuable services. Miss Philpott has accompanied the choir at at least a dozen eisteddfodau. The presentation was made by Mr. Simon Evan Cole, the leader of the choir. Miss Philpott suitable replied. During the meeting, songs were given by the following members of the choir: James Jones, T. Davies, Joseph Shankland, Simon E. Cole, David Cole, J. M. Jones, Rees Jones, and recitations by James Davies, (chairman), David Evans, and Elizabeth J. Evans. In an impromptu reading competition the prizes were divided between Caradoc Shankland, David Evans, and James Pugh, while T. Davies and Caradoc Shankland took the prizes in an impromptu music reading. With the rendering of the quartette, a most enjoyable and successful meeting was brought to a close.

“Merthyr Express” 5 March 1898

Board School On Saturday, February 24th, and operetta for schools "A Pair of Little Runaways," was performed to an overcrowded-house by the Juvenile choir of Noddfa Baptist Church. The choir was under the leadership of the Mr. Henry Jones, who was well known at Capel Sion, Merthyr, where he has led the singing of years before his removal to Fochriw. The chief characters were well represented by Mr. Thomas Evans, Miss M. Williams, Mr. Tom Evans, Miss A. Evans, Messrs D. James Thomas and L. James Thomas, Miss M. J. Davies, James Davies and Moodi Williams. The accompanist were Miss M. A. Thomas, and Miss Lilian Williams. The singers and players did their work in such a manner that everybody seemed quite pleased.

“Merthyr Express” 31 December 1898

Drama A performance of the popular drama " Owain Glyndwr," was given by the Fochriw Dramatic Society at the Board School on December 22nd. The famous scenes which took place in the 14th century in connection with Prince Owain were reproduced in true Cymric style. Mr. Thomas Jones played the leading part, and he was admirably supported by Messrs. J. Cole, William Walters, James Davies, D. J. Thomas, and D. Evans. The other numerous roles were also well filled. The musical portion was superintended by Messrs. D. Davies (Pencerdd Morganwg) and W. J. Angel, and the recitations by Messrs. J. Davies and W. Walters, A.C. The party intends appearing at Dowlais on January 7th, and we predict a treat for the audience there.

“Merthyr Express” 15 December 1900

Soiree On December 6th at the Board School, a soiree was held, with the object of defraying expenses, in connection with obtaining an acetylene gas apparatus to supply the Fochriw Reading Room with light. The place of worship in the village is already supplied with such a light, which proves to be a brilliant light. The Reading Room Committee, and those who avail themselves of the reading room privileges, are much indebted to the following ladies for presiding at tables: Mrs. Jones, Station-terrace; Mrs. Phillips (nee S. A. Morgan); Mrs. Jones, 24 Guest-street; Misses Bevan, M. A. Thomas, Ballard, Payne, Elenor Davies, A. Evans, M. Jones, Williams, Mrs. Ballard, and Mrs. Thomas, Dynevor-street. The services of Mr. George Phillips, Mr. Harry Evans, Mr. James Williams, and Mr. M. Williams, were invaluable as usual, and last, but not least, the energetic chairman of the Reading Room Committee, Mr. Henry

Williams, assisted by the other members of the Committee, worked in such a way as to make the affair a grand success.

“Merthyr Express” 5 January 1901

Singing Cymanfa The second annual singing cymanfa was held at Carmel Chapel on Christmas Day. The conductor was Mr. Burkley Angell, the precentor of the chapel. At the morning meeting, Rev. L. P. Davies, Baptist minister, presided, and after several tunes were sung, an address was delivered by Mr. R. D. Jenkins, Brecon College. The afternoon meeting was commenced by singing Gwalia (I). This was followed by Miss M. Davies reciting a Psalm, and a prayer offered by Mr. G. Pugh. The president was Mr. John Jones. A solo, "Y Bugail Da," was given by Miss E. Jones, and the anthem "Duw sydd Noddfa" (Pencerdd Morganwg) was rendered. The speakers for the occasion, Messrs William Walters, A.C., and Thomas Jenkins, discoursed briefly on "The Progress of Tonic-Sol-fa Notation." Rev. Jas. Jones, Independent minister, presided at the evening meeting. The hymn "O fryniau Caersalem" having been sung to the tune "Crugybar," Miss C. Lewis recited a chapter from the Scriptures, and was followed by a prayer from Mr. R. D. Jenkins. A solo was effectively given by Miss E. Jones, whilst Messrs. Evans, Cole and Pugh also spoke. The accompanists were Mrs. S. A. Jones, Miss M. A. Thomas, and Miss Lilian Williams, who acquitted themselves well. The singing throughout was of a high standard, and the three denominations heartily joined in thanking Mr. Angell for his valuable services during the year.

Soiree A soiree was held on Monday evening, December 31st, 1900, under the auspices of the Noddfa Baptist chapel. The tables were presided over by Mrs. Captain Edwards, Mrs. Catherine M. Jones, Mrs. Daniel Evans, Miss Anne Thomas, Mrs. H. Williams, Miss Bevan, and Miss M. Williams. There were also numerous other friends in attendance. Mrs. W. G. Davies effectively sang "Yr Hogyn Drwg," and Miss Lizzie Jones "The Bonny Bonny Banks o' Loch Lomond," with Miss Lilian Williams accompanying. The soiree was a success in every respect, and after all had partaken of supper, the advent of the new century was awaited.

“Merthyr Express” 4 May 1901

Cantata A successful performance of the cantata "The Musical Village," was given on Saturday, 27th March, by the Noddfa Baptist choir, conducted in an able manner by Mr. Samuel Evans, Martin's-street. The work of Mr. Evans was greatly facilitated by the efficient manner in which the stage-manager conducted the movements. The performance was highly successful, and mention should be made of the fine rendering of two solos sung by Miss Lizzie Jones. The accompanist was Miss Lilian Williams.

“Merthyr Express” 7 December 1901

Operetta The operetta "The Flowers of the Forest," was performed at the schools in full character on Friday and Saturday evenings by the Fochriw Juvenile Choir, under the conductorship of Mr. W. J. Angell. The event had been eagerly anticipated, and the performances exceeded the most sanguine expectations. A fine orchestra was engaged, and was composed of the following: pianist, Miss Lilian Williams; organist, Mr. R. Jones; violinists, Miss Evans, Messrs. W. J. Barry, L Evans (Dowlais), and D. R. Williams; piccoloist, Mr. E. Evans, Dowlais. Mr. H. Williams was stage manager. A feature of the proceedings was the magnificent rendering of the various choruses by the children, who gave ample proof of careful training by the conductor, as well as assiduous attention on their own part. The main artistes were: Mr. Tom Llewelyn, Master James Jones, Miss Blodwen Angell, Miss Laurie Angell, Miss May Angell, Miss E. M. Sibley, Master Freddie Williams, Master Willie Angell, Master Rees Jones, Mr. Theo Shankland, Master William Evans, Master Rod Jones, Master Tom

Walters, Master W. J. Angell, Master Aneurin Jenkins, Miss S. A. Evans, Miss J. A. Jenkins, Miss Mary Thomas, Miss A. M. Thomas, Miss Lucy Davies, Master D. J. Thomas. The building was crowded each evening, and an extra production was given on Monday evening, when an equally successful performance was done. We heartily congratulate the conductor on the great success which has crowned his efforts, and trust that the treat we have enjoyed will be extended to the neighbouring villages. The proceeds were devoted to the local library.

“Merthyr Express” 5 July 1902

Coronation Festivities at Fochriw Despite the postponement of the Coronation, coronation festivities went ahead in the village. On Thursday, a procession was formed at 1:30p.m., and was headed by the Fochriw Brass Band. Fochriw and Penybank scholars took part, and it was followed by tea at the Fochriw schools. The costumes of numerous countries were worn by the children. Every child received a commemorative mug. On Thursday night, a coronation bonfire was lit on Pentwyn mountain by Mrs. J. H. Jones. During Thursday and Friday, Coronation Sports were held. Events: Two miles bicycle race - 1. W. Payne, 2. D. Lawrence; Half mile bicycle race - 1. T. G. Davies, 2. W. Edwards; 440 yards foot race - 1. W. E. Jones, 2. J. Edwards; 100 yards foot race - 1. R. Pugh, 2. W. E. Jones. Mr. J H Jones was manager of the committee, Dr. Eleazer Davies was treasurer, and Mr. Evan Evans was secretary.

“Merthyr Express” 19 July 1902

Fochriw Sunday School Treats The children of Carmel and Noddfa chapels paraded the streets of the village, before tea was taken at the respective chapels. After tea, sports were held. The children of Nazareth Chapel went to Abergavenny Castle.

“Merthyr Express” 14 March 1903

Minstrels A minstrel troupe, composed entirely of local talent, and conducted by Mr. J. Angell, gave two interesting concerts at the schools last week. A fine programme of coon songs and choruses was given each evening to crowded audiences. Misses L. and G. Williams were the accompanists. The proceeds were devoted to that flourishing institution - the Fochriw Reading Room. The services of everyone were given free, and Dr. Davies, on behalf of the Reading Room Committee, expressed his appreciation of the troupe's magnanimous action.

“Merthyr Express” 27 February 1904

Performances: "Peter the Great" Two grand performances of "Peter the Great" (Dicks' standard plays) were given on Friday and Saturday by the Fochriw Amateur Dramatic Society in aid of the Reading Room, when the following took part: Mr. William Payne, Mr. Caradog Ballard, Mr. Ernest Price, Mr. David James Thomas, Mr. Walter Williams, Miss Gertrude Williams, Miss Jessie Maud Price, Miss Sarah Ann Evans. The stage manager was Mr. William J. Ballard, and the music was arranged by Miss Lillian Williams, who also acted as accompanist. The schoolroom was crowded each night. Everyone did their duty well, and great credit is due to all the party for the able manner in which the piece was staged. Thanks are due to Mr. Haggard of New Tredegar, who supplied the scenery free of charge. The party will perform at Dowlais in a few weeks, when an opportunity of seeing this beautiful drama should not be missed.

“Merthyr Express” 15 April 1905

Constitutional Club On Thursday, about 40 members of the Pontllynn Club paid a visit to take part in a games tournament, and the result was "evens." The games over, the party adjourned to the assembly room where the steward and stewardess had

prepared supper. The remainder of the evening was spent in songs etc. given by Messrs. D. Powell, Rees, Powell and Ward, C. Parry and W. Evans.

“Merthyr Express” 5 August 1905

Musical Our talented young soprano vocalist, Miss E. Jones, acquitted himself admirably on Monday at a benefit concert at Pontlottyn, when she sang "For all eternity" and "The Japanese Love Song" to an appreciative audience. Miss Lilian Williams accompanied most artistically.

“Merthyr Express” 11 November 1905

Constitutional Club At the Club on Saturday last, a successful smoker was held, the speaker being Mr. T. Thornton, Conservative agent, Cardiff. The following gentleman added to the harmony in fine style: Messrs. Alfred Lewis, D. Jones, W. Evans, W. Jones, and T. Shankland. Mr. Threlfall was the pianist. Mr. E. Johnson, Pontlottyn, presided.

“Merthyr Express” 3 February 1906

Dramatic The Council School was crowded with a highly appreciative audience on Friday and Saturday evening last, to witness what was, no doubt, the finest performance that has appeared before the people of Fochriw, when Mr. W. J. Payne, and his splendid company of amateur performers, appeared in the great drama, "A Message from the Sea." Great credit is due to all the company for the able manner in which they performed the different parts in so difficult a piece. The principal characters were in the most capable hands of Messrs W. J. Payne, D. J. Thomas, S. Lewis, W. Williams, W. Mathews, W. Gwynne, R. Jones, L. Thomas, L. Pritchard, and Misses S. A. Evans, M. M. Jones, R. Rees, Master James Sheady, & Miss C. Davies. The accompanist was Mr. Roderick Jones. The scenery was skillfully handled by Mr. Thomas Jones, assisted by Mr. Dai Harris. Great thanks is due to Mr. Haggart, Castle Theatre, Bargoed, who so kindly lent the scenery again this year. Mr. J. H. Jones ably acted as chairman, and the committee, with Mr. R. Slimmon and Mr. Charles Payne as ticket sellers, all helped to good purpose.

“Merthyr Express” 15 September 1906

Concert On Saturday evening, a concert was held at the Fochriw Council School, in aid of the Fochriw Ambulance Brigade (instructor in brigade drill, Sergeant Wm. John Ballard). Dr. Eleazer Davies presided, and the following programme of music was gone through: overture "Zamps" - Miss Lilian Williams; duett "Awake" - Misses E. Jones and J. Jenkins; song "Y Fellten" - Mr. T. Shankland; violin solo "Romance & Bolero" - Mr. W. Barry, Dowlais; song "Babylon" - Miss E. Jones; song "Margharita" - Mr. T. P. Jones, Dowlais; song "Gwlad y Delyn" - Miss J. Jenkins; duet "Flow, gentle Deva" - Messrs. T. P. Jones & T. Shankland; song "The Storm Fiend" - Mr. T. Shankland; duett "Wicked Cupid" - Misses Jones & Jenkins; violin solo "Blue Bells of Scotland" - Mr. Barry; song "Peidiwch a dweyd wrth fy nghariad" - Miss Jones; song "O na byddai'n haf o hyd" - Mr. Jones; duet "A, B, C" - Miss Jones & Mr. Shankland; quartette "Good Night Beloved" - the four soloists; finale "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau." All the artistes were in excellent form, and the concert was a thorough success. Mr. Edward Lewis and Mr. William Payne, members of the Ambulance Brigade, proposed and seconded a vote of thanks to the artistes and to the chairman, which was carried.

“Merthyr Express” 29 December 1906

Cantata Two excellent performances of the cantata "Santa Claus is Coming" were given to crowded houses by the children of Penybanc School in the Fochriw Council Schools on Friday and Saturday evenings. The children had been carefully prepared by the headmistress, Miss Jenkins, and her faithful band of assistants. The soloists

were well chosen. The organist was Miss Emily Morgan, School House. The children were assisted by the well-known trio, Messrs. Juliff, Watkin Williams, and Wm. Payne, whose characterisation of "Schoolmaster," "Jack Frost," and "Santa Claus" was extremely good. The chairman on Friday evening was Mr. J. H. Jones, manager of the Fochriw Pits, and on Saturday, by Dr. Eleazer Davies. It was the unanimous verdict of all present that the entertainment ranked among the best of its kind ever given in Fochriw. Mr. Charles Payne was an excellent stage manager, and Mr. E. Griffiths, secretary, and Mr. Joseph Payne, deserve special mention for the hard work they put in to secure the financial success of the entertainment. The proceeds went towards the new Church and Institute shortly to be erected at Fochriw.

“ Merthyr Express” 10 August 1907

Outing The Sewing Guild in connection with Nazareth Chapel, had their outing last Thursday to Pontsarn. The weather was delightful, and the outing was thoroughly enjoyed. The party visited the historical ruins of the Morlais Castle, situated on the high cliff above Pontsarn. In the afternoon, they took tea at Aberglais. Speeches were delivered by the Reverend Isaac Roderick, minister, Councillor John Jones, and Captain Jones, Fochriw, all congratulating the Sewing Guild upon its great success during its first season of work. Thanks were also given to Mrs. M. J. Roderick, president; Mrs. S. A. Jones, secretary, and Mrs. H. Roberts, treasurer of the guild. The latter part of the day was spent very enjoyably at Aberglais Pleasure Ground.

15 February 1908 Dramatic Performance at Fochriw The Fochriw Amateur Dramatic Society, under the able direction of Mr. W. J. Payne, has scored another success in the performance of the drama "Simon Lee, or The Murder of the Five-Field Copse," which was given at St. Mary's Hall on Thursday, and repeated on Saturday. The hall seats 300 people, and was crowded on both occasions. Their efforts on this occasion were, if anything, in advance of any previous production, and won the plaudits of the audience. The interpretation of the drama was in every respect creditable, and nearly all present were at times moved to tears, being completely carried away by the seeming reality of the piece; at other times the hall was ringing with laughter. Characters were sustained by the following: Mr. Stephen Lewis, Mr. W. J. Payne, Mr. W. Williams, Mr. L. Richard, Mr. J. Edwards, Mr. T. Baldwin, Mr. J. Lawrence, Mr. W. Gwynne, Mr. J. S. Edwards, Mr. L. Reed, Mr. R. Evans, Mr. F. Atwell, Miss S. A. Evans, Mrs. S. Thomas, Miss M. M. Jones, Master J. Thomas, and Miss L. M. Lawrence. Excellent services were rendered by Messrs. T. Jones, C. Payne, and H. Seabourne as stage managers, whilst the accompaniments were played by Miss E. C. Morgan. Mr. E. Griffiths, stationmaster, proved a very energetic secretary. Thanks are also due to the ticket sellers, door keepers and all who helped to make the performances successful. The proceeds were devoted towards the new church building fund.

22 February 1908 Entertainment Another of the series of popular entertainments was given on Tuesday evening, at the Church Institute, when Mr. J. C. Payne presided over an appreciative audience. An interesting programme was contributed to by the following: songs: W. Baker, L. M. Evans, G. Gough, Mary Tyler, Violet Curtis, A. Jones, Rees Kendrick, Bertie Way, Mary Tyler. Violin duet: J Phillips and A. M. Griffiths. Recitations: L. M. Jones, S. A. Gough and V. Curtis.

The Church and Chapels were the centres at which much of the entertainment on offer to the people of Fochriw was centred. Records relating to

'entertainment' prior to 1908 are relatively sparse. In 1908, J.C. Payne became the local correspondent of the 'Merthyr Express' and from that time considerable detail was recorded. Therefore, for a fuller picture of the entertainment on offer to villagers, examination of the various chapel/ church records is essential.

18 April 1908 Cantata A cantata entitled "The Picnic Party" was performed in full character by the Juvenile Choir of the Independent Order of Good Templars on Saturday evening at the Church Institute. The 300 seats were filled at an early hour so eagerly was the performance looked forward to. Mr. Charles Payne thanked parents for the great interest they had taken in providing costumes, etc. The choir, conducted by Mr. David John Thomas, rendered the opening chorus with vigour and enthusiasm, thus winning the plaudits of the audience from the very start. The characters were sustained by the following: Miss Rachel Walters, Miss Lydia May Evans, Miss Gwennie Rees, Miss Hannah Evans, Miss Mary A. Walters, Miss Martha Thomas, Miss Edith Way, Miss Margaret Thomas, Miss Edith May Sibley, Master Freddie Williams, Master Rees Jenkins, Master Leyshon Rowlands, Master Willie J. Davies, Master Richard Jones, Miss Sarah Cole, Miss Hannah C. Jones, Miss Jennie Edwards, Miss Bessie Rees, Miss Maud Llewellyn. The artistes, choir and conductor are to be congratulated on the very successful performance. Excellent service was rendered by Messrs. Thomas Jones, Henry Seabourne, and Charles Payne, stage managers, and the accompanist was Mr. Roderick Jones. Mr. Edward Lewis proved in very energetic secretary.

25 April 1908 Soiree On Thursday evening, a soiree was held at the Council School. A very large number were present. The tables were gaily decorated, and an excellent spread had been provided. The tables were presided over by the following: Mrs. Sibley, Mrs. John Jones, Mrs. Howell Jones, Mrs. William Griffiths, Mrs. Howell Thomas, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. William Lewis. The following programme of music was gone through, Mr. Evan Evans, Railway-terrace, presiding: solo, Miss Ceridwen Thomas; solo Mr. T. J. Davies; solo, Mr. Thomas Walters; solo, Mr. D. J. Thomas; duet, Mr. T. J. Davies and Mr. Albert Whale; song, Miss Mary Walters; song, Mr. James Jones; song, Mr. Benjamin Shankland; song, Mr. John Morgan; song, Miss Ann Griffiths. The accompaniments were played by Mr. Thomas Walters. Miss M. A. Ballard acted as treasurer, and Miss J. A. Jenkins as secretary.

25 April 1908 Organ Recital A special service was held at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin on Sunday afternoon in connection with the installation of a new organ. The organ is made by Messrs. Blackett and Howden of Newcastle upon Tyne, Glasgow, and Cardiff. The instrument has a splendid tone, and is beautifully finished. It has been built to the following specification, drawn out by Mr. D. I. Jones, Pontlottyn: Manual compass, C.C. to A., 58 notes; pedal compass, C C C to F, 30 notes; great organ - (1) Double Diapason, 16ft.; (2) Open Diapason, 8ft.; (3) Dulciana, 8ft.; (4) Lieblich Gedackt, 8ft.; (5) Principal, 4ft.; (6) Harmonic Piccolo, 2ft.; swell organ - (7) Geigen Principal, 8ft.; (8) Rohr Flute, 8ft.; (9) Viol de Gamba, 8ft.; (10) Vox Celeste (Tenor C), 8ft.; (11) Gemshorn, 4ft.; (12) Oboe, 8ft.; (13) Tremulant; pedal organ - (14) Bourdon, 16ft.; (15) Bass Flute, 8ft.; couplers - (16) swell to great; (17) great to pedals; (18) swell to pedals; accessories - two composition pedals to great organ; two composition pedals to swell organ.

The following is the programme of the organ recital, the organist being Mr. Ernest A. Evans, late organist of the Parish Church, Great Ayton, and also the Parish Church, Middlesbrough: Hymn 125 from of the "Ancient and Modern" Hymn book; "Andante and Allegro" on the organ; solo "Onid oes Balm yn Gilead?" - Miss Ceridwen Price, Rhymney; Fantasia - organ; solo "Nazareth" - Mr. Edward Williams; Hymn 135; organ selections: "Song Without Words," "Postlude;" Hymn 140; solo "Arm, Arm, ye Brave" - Mr. Edward Williams; organ variations; solo "O Lord, thou hast searched me out" - Miss Price; overture by Rossini - organ. Praise is due to the artistes for their excellent performances. The church was well filled.

2 May 1908 United Choir A meeting of the members of the United Choir was held on Sunday evening at Noddfa Baptist Chapel, when it was decided to compete at the Bedlinog Chair Eisteddfod, to be held on Whit Wednesday. The test piece is "Hallelujah Chorus." Mr. Daniel Jenkins, Emlyn House, was appointed conductor.

9 May 1908 Living Pictures On Friday night, at the Church Institute, Mr. Hall, Rhymney, gave a fine display of living pictures on the bioscope. The pictures were well worth seeing. Several marches, selections, etc., were also given on the Empire Tonograph. Mr. Hall had been engaged by the members of the Fochriw Brass Band, with a view to augmenting their funds, but unfortunately, not many turned up, with the result that there was not sufficient money to clear expenses. Mr. Hall accepted a reduced fee. Mr. Charles Payne on behalf of the band thanked the audience for their support and Mr. Hall for his pictures.

16 May 1908 Cantata A second performance of the cantata "The Picnic Party" was performed at the Council Schools on Saturday evening. As before, the performance was a great success.

4 July 1908 Concerts Mr. J. Tracey's Bioscope and Vaudeville Company of star artistes, opened at Fochriw on Friday last with a splendid programme. The antics of Joe Andy, Joey Oran, and the Two Jays, convulsed the large audience. Mr. John Tracy met with a hearty reception. Mr. Will Bluett, the pianist, sang two fine baritone songs, which were much appreciated. On Sunday evening, there was a crowded attendance at the sacred concert, "The Life of Christ" and other suitable pictures were shown on the Bioscope. Mr. Joe Andy gave a lecture, and also recited "The Blind Collier's Child." Mr. William Bluett sang "Ora Pro Nobis," and played suitable music to the pictures.

4 July 1908 Organ Recital A most enjoyable evening was spent at the Church of St Mary the Virgin on Thursday, when an organ recital was given by Mr. E. A. Evans, the talented organist and choirmaster of St. Peter's Church, Abercanaid. The organist displayed to the fullest extent his abilities as player and composer in an "Overture in C minor," written by himself. The playing throughout was of the very highest standard. The soloists were: Madame Kate Williams, Rhymney soprano; Mr. T. Phillips, Dowlais, tenor, Mr. T. Griffiths, Dowlais, bass, all of whom performed in pleasing and excellent style. There was a large audience present, who very much appreciated the excellent singing and playing. Programme: hymn - "For ever with the Lord;" organ solo - "Overture in C Minor;" bass solo - "O, Star of Eve;" organ solo - "Jerusalem the Golden;" soprano solo - "The Light of the World;" organ solos - March (King Hall); Polanaisse (Hammel); Reminiscences (Meyerbeer); Extemporisation (E. A. Evans); tenor solo - "Comfort ye my people," "Every valley shall be exalted," (Messiah); organ solo - "Toccatto and Fugue," (Bach); bass solo - "It is enough," (Elijah); soprano solo - "Y Ddinas Sanctaidd;" organ solo - Sonata No. 6 (Mendelssohn); tenor solo - "Giver of Life," (E. Fortisque); organ solo - "Overture," (Van Suppe).

11 July 1908 Entertainments At Mr. J. Tracey's Bioscope exhibition on Tuesday night, there was a comic singing contest, the prize being taken by Mr. Harry Wilcox who sang a very amusing parody of "Home Sweet Home," responding with "Following in Father's Footsteps" as an encore. Mr. John Tracy and Mr. Will Bluett also sang, and Mr. Joey Oran, a comedian, dancer and ventriloquist, greatly pleased the audience. The pictures shown on the bioscope were excellent. On Sunday evening a sacred concert was held.

25 July 1908 Entertainments On Thursday evening week, Mr. John Tracy gave another concert. There was a crowded audience, and a good programme was presented. A comic singing competition took place, the prize being won by Mr. W. J. Payne. The accompanist was Mr. W. Bluett. On Thursday evening, Mr Tracey gave his farewell concert to a crowded audience.

7 November 1908 Dance A Cinderella Dance took place at the Church Institute on Tuesday, under the auspices of the St. Mary's Guild. There was a large attendance, and there was dancing up to a late hour. Mr. Ted Maskill carried out the duties of M. C., whilst Mr. J. W. Hinton, Penydarren, presided at the piano. The secretarial duties were carried out by Mr. Samuel Thomas, Aelybryn.

2 January 1909 Cymanfa A singing Festival, in connection with the choirs of the Carmel, Nazareth, and Noddfa Chapels, took place at Carmel on Christmas Day. There were very large attendances throughout the day. The presidents were: morning – Mr. Thomas Evans, senior; afternoon, Mr. Evan Evans; evening, Rev. Isaac Roderick. The singing, which was of a very high standard, was conducted by Mr. Thomas Evans, junior. The accompanists were Miss Lilian Williams, Mr. David John Thomas, and Mr. Roderick Jones.

9 January 1909 Entertainment Another of the popular entertainments was held at the Church Institute on Monday night last. There was a good attendance, and the chair was occupied by Mr. Charles Payne, who delivered a very interesting speech. The programme was contributed to by the following: recitation, Miss Maggie Morgan; song, Master Jim Sheady; comic song, "It serves him jolly well right," Master Arthur Pritchard; song "I'm following in my father's footsteps" Mr. Harry Wilcox. In an impromptu speech on "Obedience," there were seven competitors, and Master Arthur Pritchard secured the prize. Song - Miss Nan Prosser; song "The British Navy" Mr. Harry Wilcox; recitation - Miss Maggie Morgan; recitation - Miss Edith Way; song "If I could live my life over again," Mr. Charles Payne; recitation - Miss Mary Morgan; song - Miss Lizzie Rowlands; duet - Miss Nan Prosser and Miss Mary Tyler. Miss Morgan, School House, presided at the organ.

6 February 1909 Whist Drive The staff of the Fochriw Council School promoted a whist drive and dance at St. Mary's Institute on Friday night. A large number of invitations were sent out, and freely responded to. An excellent spread was provided, the tables being presided over by the teaching staff. Great interest was centred on the whist drive. A dance followed, in which a very large number took part. The music was provided by Mrs. Herbert, Pontlottyn. Mr. Ted Miskin was master of ceremonies. Miss Gertrude Williams and Miss S. A. Evans were the secretaries and Miss Minnie Morgan was the treasurer.

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Entertainment Another popular entertainment was held at the Church Institute on Monday night. There was a record attendance. Mr. Charles Payne presided, and opened with a very interesting speech. The programme was as follows: whistling song, Master Arthur Pritchard; recitation, Miss Nan Prosser; lantern exhibition, Mr. J. E. Jones, Tirphil; recitation, Miss May James; "Curfew shall not ring tonight,"

illustrated very effectively on the lantern; song, Miss E. M. Sibley. The entertainment was brought to a close by a laughable sketch entitled "Grandmother's Ghost." The following took part: Miss S. A. Evans, Mr. Watkin Williams, Mr. James Lawrence, Mr. W. J. Payne. The large audience was convulsed with laughter. Master Octavius Richards was at the organ. Mr. Jones was heartily thanked for his lantern displays.

27 February 1909 Cantata Highly successful performances of the cantata "Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves," were given by the Fochriw Juveniles at the Council School on Friday and Saturday evenings last. As is usual with performances of this character, crowded audiences were attracted. A children's performance was also given on Saturday afternoon which, too, was well attended. The characters were successfully sustained by the following: Mr. Harry Hughes; Miss Mary Rees; Mr. W. Evans; Miss Jennie Edwards; Mr. Wat Williams; Mr. James Jones; Mr. John Davies; Master Howell Jones; Miss Gwennie Rees; Miss Lucy Davies. The several choruses were admirably rendered by the choir. The girls presented a brilliant spectacle in their pretty white dresses, and all the costumes were very appropriate. Great praise is due to Mr. W. J. Angel, conductor, also to Mrs. James Jones and Miss Elizabeth Evans who worked unceasingly for weeks in teaching and training the children and characters, for bringing the performances to such a successful issue. The music was furnished by Miss Lilian Williams, piano, Mr. Roderick Jones, organ, and Mr. Sydney Phillips, violin, all the playing being of a very high standard. Mr. Thomas Jones assisted by Mr. Charles, effectively carried out the duties of stage manager.

27 March 1909 Soiree A very successful soiree was held at the Council School on Thursday evening week, promoted by St. John Ambulance Brigade, Fochriw Branch. The tables were beautifully laid and a rich spread was provided. The tables were presided over, and assistance rendered by the following: Mrs. Martha Griffiths, Miss Maggie Griffiths, Miss Elsie Griffiths, Miss Mary Ann Lewis, Mrs. Howell Thomas, Miss Maggie Walters, Miss Mary MacArthur, Mrs. John Lewis, Mrs. Elizabeth Jones, Miss S. E. Williams, Mrs. Jennet Davies, Miss Owen, Miss Hannah Jones, Miss N. May Jones, Mrs. D. W. Lewis, Miss Nellie May James, Mrs. D. J. Williams, Miss Maria Jones, Mrs. P. S. Williams, Miss M. A. Ballard, Miss Elizabeth Jones, Miss Lilian Williams, Miss M. J. Walters, Miss Anna Evans, Mrs. Stephen Barnard, Mrs. Edward Lewis, Mrs. John Evans, Mrs. Walters, Mrs. David Griffiths, Mrs. Griffiths (Brook-row), Miss S. Williams and Miss J. A. Jenkins. The following also rendered assistance: Messrs. Dan Jenkins, John Morgan, Harry Hughes, D. J. Evans, George Thomas, Tom Jones, Tom Evans, Howell Thomas, Joshua Evans, James Jones, John Williams, Thomas Jones, Tom Jenkins, Simon Cole, Crad Ballard, John Lewis, W. J. Ballard, and Austin Price. The secretarial duties were carried out by Mr. Edward Lewis, and Mr. Daniel Jenkins acted as treasurer.

8 May 1909 Concert A juvenile concert was held at Carmel on Saturday promoted by the Fochriw Juvenile Choir, of which Mr. David John Thomas is the conductor. The accompanist was Miss Lilian Williams. Also contributing to the programme were Master Sydney Northcote, Bargoed, the boy pianist, winner at Llangollen National Eisteddfod and nine semi-national eisteddfodau; Master Trevor Watkins, (Eos Bach), Ystrad Rhondda, the boy soprano; and Masters D. Lloyd Roberts, Bargoed, violinist. The programme was as follows: pianoforte solo "Valse Elegante" - Miss Lilian Williams; Juvenile choir "We rock away on the billows gay;" violin solo "La Traviata" - Master Robertss; Juvenile choir "Awn i'r Gad;" Mozart pianoforte selection - Master Northcote, with "Edenia" (Albert Oswald) as an encore; solo "Y Gardotes Bach" Master Watkins, with "Mary" (Richardson) as an encore; Choir, the English glee "Maryland;" violin solo "Austrian Hymn" with "The Cuckoo" as an

encore; Choir "The Heavenly Dove;" pianoforte selections from Beethoven, with "Con Amoro" as an encore; part song, "Carol Blodau'r Gwanwyn" - the Choir; soprano solo "Sing Sweet Bird" with "Clychau Aberdovey" as an encore; viloin solo "Chant Sans Paroles" (Tschaikowsky); Choir "Hail, Merry Playtime, Hail." Praise is due to Mr. Thomas who has worked so hard to bring the choir up to its present standard. The proceeds were in aid of the Fochriw Juvenile Choir.

24 July 1909 The Pageant A good number of school children visited Cardiff on Wednesday to witness the Pageant.

18 September 1909 Personal At a performance of Haydn "Spring" and Gaul's "Ruth," held at Jerusalem Chapel, Resolven, on Thursday last, Mr. T. G. Davies, Dynevor-street, (bass), and Miss Elizabeth Jones, Brynmorlais, (soprano), were greatly applauded for the excellent rendering of their different solos.

15 January 1910 Soirees in the Council School Sir - It is difficult to know why these entertainments are allowed to be carried out in the Council School, especially when the people are permitted to remain there until the small hours of the following morning. This is a direct infringement of the Council's regulations, and ought not to be continued. In the last soiree that took place there on New Year's Eve, some irresponsible lads indulged in ringing the school bell at intervals from half past 10 till half passed one the following morning, which disturbed the peaceful sleep of the neighbours. The children of the village were let loose, as it were, into the school, and allowed to run over the benches. Questionable comic songs were sung in different corners by the young people. There is more damage done to the school in the night like this, than in five years of ordinary classes. When the cleaners entered the school on the following morning, every thing was in a shocking state. It is high time to put an end to these practices. Different denominations have their vestries; why not use them for entertainments of this kind, as they have their tables and everything ready on the premises? DISCIPLINE

22 January 1910 Soirees in Council Schools In last week's "Express," a letter appeared complaining of the conduct of certain persons at a soiree held in the Council School, Fochriw, on New Year's Eve. Representatives of the Baptist Church, under whose auspices the soiree was held, refute several of the statements made in the letter. They state that soirees have been held in the school for a number of years, and that never before has a complaint been made. The programme was similar to those of previous years, and the proceedings were quiet and orderly. The bell was only rung for a few minutes to herald in the coming of the New Year.

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Treat of the Season: Fochriw Dramatic Society On Saturday and Monday nights next, Feb. 5th & 7th, at the St Mary's Institute, the Fochriw Dramatic Society will produce the sensational drama "The Lucky Horseshoe." Children's performance at 3p.m. Saturday afternoon.

2 April 1910 Concert A concert was held at the Council School on Saturday, promoted by the Fochriw Juvenile Choir, when the following took part: soprano, Miss S. Williams, Dowlais; contralto, Miss C. Thomas, Fochriw; tenor, Mr. W. J. Edwards, Dowlais; bass, Mr. Crad Shankland, Fochriw. The choir did credit to themselves in rendering the part song "Twelve by the clock" (Lloyd); test piece at Abergavenny Eisteddfod, "Onward" (D. Jones, Bargoed); test piece at the Bargoed Eisteddfod, "Clang of the Forge" (C. F. Lloyd); "Sweet and Low" (Barnby); test piece at the Llanbradach Eisteddfod, "Nant a'r Blodeuyn" (T. Price). The choir was conducted by a Mr. David John Thomas. Mr. Thomas Walters was the accompanist. The chair was taken by Mr. J. D. Jones, schoolmaster, Fochriw.

25 February 1911 Aladdin Performances of the school operetta 'Aladdin' were given at the Council School on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings by Mr. W. J. Angell and his party. The main performers were: Mr. Harry Hughes, Miss Blodwen Williams (Dowlais), Mr. T. George Davies, Miss Mary Rees, Mr. James Jones, Miss Gwennie Rees, Miss Elsie Davies, Mr. John Davies and Mr. Howell Thomas. The choral singing and action songs were excellent. The orchestra was composed of the following: organ - D. Cole Jones; piano - Miss Hilda Phillips; violinists - Miss Irene Phillips and Mr. Sydney Phillips. The stage managers were Messrs. Dd. Harris and John Phillips. Mr. Haggart lent the scenery and dresses for several of the artistes. The following also rendered assistance: Mrs. Cole Jones, Messrs. Charles Payne, Walter Jones, Thomas Jones. The conductor, Mr. Wm. J. Angell worked hard and unceasingly to bring the performances to a successful issue.

18 March 1911 Lecture On Monday night, a large number assembled to hear Dr. Morris lecture on 'Athrofa Bywyd.' This was primarily intended for young men, with wiser counsels, earnest appeals, and inspiring examples of great and good men who had fought and conquered life's battle. Dr. Davies presided.

1 July 1911 Coronation Sports Excellent sports were arranged by the the Fochriw Ambulance Brigade, the following Committee being responsible: Messrs. George Thomas (chairman), Simon Cole, David Cole, Thomas Jenkins, Harry Hughes. The secretarial duties were carried out by Mr. Joshua Evans, and the treasurer was Mr. James Jones. The Committee also had charge of the fireworks, there being a very fine display. They were fired by Messrs. Tom Jones, Edward Lewis and Daniel Jenkins. Some of the fireworks were set off on Friday evening. Balloons were also sent up. The heats of the chief races were set off at 10 o'clock in the morning. The following is a list of the events and winners: Half-mile cycle handicap - 1. Daniel Jones; 2. Sydney Wright. 120 yards foot handicap: 1. Jenkin Williams; 2. Llewellyn Rees. Quarter-mile cycle scratch: 1. D. Jenkins; 2. Herbert White. 440 yards foot handicap: 1. W. Thomas; 2. W. J. Thomas. 100 yards foot race, boys under 16: 1. W. A. Jones; 2. E. Prosser. Football competitions: Distance kicking with Soccer ball - Wm. Evans; Goal kicking with Rugby ball - Llewellyn Jones; Cricket ball throwing - Llew Rees. Skipping competitions: girls under 16: 1. E. M. Thomas; 2. Myfanwy Evans. Officials: handicappers:- Messrs. Aneurin Jenkins and W. J. Payne; starter: Mr. Joseph Shankland; judges: racing - Messrs. A. Jones and Jesse Williams; football - Messrs. T. H. Llewellyn and Evan Jones; cricket ball throwing - Messrs. J. D. Jones and D. L. Evans; skipping - Mr. Harry Hughes. Dr. Davies and Mr. David Cole had charge of all items for children under 9 years of age. The Ambulance Brigade and Committee deserve praise for the excellent programme arranged, and the very able manner in which it was carried out.

22 July 1911 Investiture Sports Very successful sports were held at Fochriw on Investiture Day. The weather was excellent and a large number were present. Everything passed off without a hitch. The committee was: Messrs. Evan Jones, Jesse Williams, W. Payne, A. Jenkins, Rod Jones and A. Mantle. The chairman was Mr. J. D Jones, schoolmaster, and the treasurer Mr. George Sibley. Mr. William Evans was secretary. The programme included foot races, cycle races, an 80 yards race for veterans, a human wheel-barrow race, cricket ball throwing for ladies, long jump, and a three legged race.

1 June 1912 Cantata Performances: Fochriw Juvenile Good Templars Two performances of the sacred cantata, 'Christ the Redeemer,' illustrated with lantern views, were given at the Carmel Chapel on Thursday and Friday evenings last by the Fochriw Juvenile Good Templars. Bro. R. O. Jenkins presided at the Thursday

performance, and Bro. Dr. E. Davies on Friday. Mr. D. J. Thomas was the conductor, and Mr. Thomas Walters the organist. The choir was very strong in numbers and quality, and presented a brilliant spectacle in their attractive dresses. The artistes were the Misses M. A. Walters, Hannah Jones, Martha Thomas, Maggie Thomas, Sarah Cole and Maggie Morgans. Much trouble and care must have been taken to bring the choir and artistes to such a state of perfection. Mr. Charles Payne, on behalf of the Lodge, thanked the Noddfa friends for the loan of the lantern, Messrs. H. Williams and J. Evans for manipulating it, Carmel friends for the loan of the chapel and piano, the Ambulance and Library officials for curtains and papers, as well as the artistes, choir, conductor and organist.

7 September 1912 Concert A concert took place at the Constitutional Club on Monday last, during which Mr. Jarman delivered a long and appropriate speech. Mr. C. Shankland presided.

7 June 1913 Penydarren Pierrots This troupe has postponed its performance until the 12th, so as not to interfere with the Ambulance Brigade contest.

21 June 1913 Concert A concert was given in the St. Mary's Institute on Thursday week by the Scarlet Pierrot Troupe, Penydarren. All the artistes did their work exceedingly well.

14 February 1914 Social A social and dance was held at St. Mary's Institute on Thursday week, promoted by the staff of Penybank Council School. The duties of M.C. were shared by Mr. Tom Evans and Mr. John Puddle, with Mr. Alf Jenkin, Pontlottyn, at the piano. Miss H. Evans was secretary and Miss J. Morgan the treasurer.

2 May 1914 Cantata The pretty cantata 'White Garland' (G. C. Allen) was performed at Noddfa Baptist Church, by Sunday-school children on Thursday and Friday week. Action songs were performed before the cantata. Miss Hilda Phillips, organist of the church, conducted, and Miss Maggie Morgan accompanied on the piano. They were assisted by Miss Irene Phillips, and Messrs. Sydney Phillips, Lewis Beynon, and Harry Hughes, violinists. The stage arrangements were admirably performed by Messrs. H. Williams, Thomas Evans (senior), and T. E. Evans, and Mesdames G. Phillips, J. Mathews, J. Pugh, T. Evans and Miss Mattie Morgan. The principal singers were: Miss Mary Rees, Miss Elvis Muriel Phillips, Miss Elizabeth A. Evans, Miss Lilian J. Evans, Master Thomas J. Jones, Masters Gomer Williams and Tudor Williams. The action songs were: 'How'd you like to be a baby girl,' 'When Grannie comes home from the Fair,' 'Mister Boggie Man,' (the most popular item of the evening), 'Macnamara's Band,' and 'Welsh Girls.' The standard of the whole performance reflects great credit on the conductor and the choir. Praise is also due to Mr. Samuel Evans, Mr. Wm. H. Jones and Mrs. Tom Evans, who gave their assistance during the practices.

7 November 1914 Needlework Class Under the auspices of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, the needlework class held a grand concert at Carmel Chapel on Thursday evening, October 29th, with a view to obtaining funds to supply clothing to the wounded soldiers and sailors, and those who are on the battlefield. The Apollo Glee Singers, Bargoed, under the conductorship of Mr. Terry Williams, assisted by special artistes, provided the programme of choruses, recitations and solos.

20 March 1915 Concert A concert was given at St Mary's Hall on Thursday last by the scholars of the Fochriw Mixed School. The programme consisted of plays, songs, recitations, etc. The chair was occupied by Councillor John Jones, Fochriw. The following pieces were performed: "Owain Glyndwr;" "William Tell;" "Pont Orewyn;" "Buttonhook" (by the 10 girls). National Anthems and a few glees were

sung; soloists - D. J. Rees, Ruth Griffiths, Phyllis Williams; duets were given by Elizabeth Ann Jones and Elizabeth Ann Angel, and Lydia and Ceinwen Ballard; recitations - Dan Davies, Ceinwen Ballard, Ernest White. The singing and acting was all that could be desired, and reflects great credit upon the Headmaster and staff, who must have laboured very hard. The scenes, dresses, and arms were all prepared by the scholars, and tickets were also sold by the scholars of the upper classes. The proceeds were in aid of the Fochriw Sewing Class.

4 September 1915 Fancy Affair At Fochriw On Thursday last, at Fochriw, a Fancy Fair was held under the auspices of Noddfa Baptist chapel. The fair was held at Mr. R. Slimmons' field, the weather being ideal. The procession was large and the different dresses and costumes made an imposing spectacle. The Fochriw Brass Band headed the procession. The band, which comprised most of the old members, had been got together and trained by their respected conductor, Mr. W. J. Powell, who has spared no pains in bringing them to a state of great efficiency. After parading the streets of the village, the procession made its way to the Fair Grounds. The opening ceremony was performed at the entrance to the field by Mrs. Dr. Davies, who delivered a most appropriate speech. After the fair was declared open, the company entered the field. Hundreds of people visited the field during the afternoon. The chief attractions were: sketches, a fish pond, musical chairs, hoop-la, shooting range, hat-trimming for men, nail driving for ladies, fruit stall, flower stall, fancy stall, cigarette and sweet stall. The Band played appropriate music at intervals during the evening. Other musical items were given by Mr. J. J. Lewis and Mr. J. P. Jones. Mr. W. S. Williams and Mr. T. Thomas gave conjuring feats which were very well received. The president was Mrs. George Phillips; the treasurer Mrs. D. T. Evans (mechanic); the secretary, Mrs. T. Matthews (butcher). The accompanists were Mr. J. Evans and Mr. H. Hughes.

2 October 1915 Carnival A highly successful Carnival was held on Thursday last week under the auspices of the Fochriw Sewing Class, in aid of wounded soldiers. The carnival was chiefly composed of the children of the Fochriw and Penybank schools, and their teachers. The Fochriw Ambulance Brigade was present. The procession was headed by the Fochriw Brass Band under Mr. W. J. Powell, and prominent also was the banner carried in front of some ladies displaying the motto "Votes For Women." The dresses of the children represented the different dress of the Allies. Parents spared no trouble and expense to make the carnival the success it was. Lieutenant George, home wounded from the Dardanelles, was also in the procession. Dr. Davies had placed his motor-car at his disposal. After the parade, the procession returned to St. Mary's Hall, where an excellent concert was held. The chair was occupied by Mr. George Thomas. The National Anthem was sung by the children, Mr. T. Jones, Pontlottyn, conducting.

27 November 1915 Concert A successful concert was held at Carmel Chapel on Thursday week, organised by the ladies of Fochriw Sewing Class, the object being to provide comforts for the Fochriw soldiers and sailors relief fund. The chapel was crowded, the chair being occupied by the Rev. Rhys Jenkins. The programme was provided by the Apollo Glee Party from Bargoed, who gave a real musical treat.

25 December 1915 Welsh Drama On Thursday and Saturday last, two excellent performances of the Welsh drama "Asgro Lan" by R. G. Berry, were given by the Carmel Dramatic Society at the Council Schools to large audiences. The acting was all that could be desired, and reflects great credit on the abilities of the members. The scenery and dresses were very effective, and the drama was well received. The following took part: Mr. David Evans, Mrs. M. A. Walters, Mr. Evan Morgan Davies,

Mr. Howell Thomas, Mr. Tom Jones, Mr. Harry Hughes, Mr. Moses Williams, Mr. D. Rowlands, Mr. David Lewis, Mr. Tom Jenkins, Mr. Simon Lewis, Mr. Thomas Walters, Mr. T. J. Jones, Mr. James Jones, Mr. Evan Williams. The stage-managers were: Messrs. T. J. Jones and D. Harris. Miss Olwen Hughes presided at the piano on Saturday evening.

8 January, 1916 Apollo Glee Singers, Bargoed A concert, given by the above singers in aid of the local Soldiers' and Sailors' Fund, proved a musical treat and a financial success. The proceeds amounted to £16-7-8, the expenses were £3-17-0, giving a profit of £12-10-8. At the general committee held at the Ambulance Hall, it was decided to send a parcel valued at three shillings and sixpence to each local lad. 65 parcels were packed and forwarded, containing socks, handkerchiefs, scarves, etc. Great praise is due to the ladies and gentlemen who worked so well for the concert, in obtaining the address of each soldier and sailor, and in packing the parcels. Praise is also due to the members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, who so kindly rendered their assistance to make the concert to success. The treasurer of the fund is Mrs. Cole Jones, and the secretary Mr. J. Edwards.

22 January, 1916 Social A social and dance was held at St. Mary's on Monday evening, and was well attended. The masters of ceremonies were Messrs. Arthur Woods and W. Jenkins, whilst Mr. Harry Salmon ably assisted at the piano. Miss E J Williams was secretary and Mrs. White was treasurer.

29 January, 1916 Concert A very pleasant musical evening was spent at the Workmen's Institute on Friday week, when a large number assembled to bid farewell to Sapper John Williams, Royal Engineers, who was about to leave once again for the Front, and also to Mr. J. T. O. Keffi, who has joined the Army. The room was suitably decorated. During the evening, Sapper John Williams was made the recipient of a beautiful cigarette case, the presentation being made by Mr. William Evans. Mr. Keffi was also presented with a cigarette case this time by Mr. W. S. Williams. The following contributed to the programme: overture on the piano – Mr. R. E. Jones; songs – Messrs. H. Turner, Morgan Jones, H. Wilcox, Tom Jones, D. H. Evans, I. Martin, William Evans. A hearty vote of thanks to all the artistes and to the steward and stewardess, Mr. and Mrs. S. Phillips, brought the evening to a close.

29 January, 1916 Smoker A very successful smoking Concert was held at their The Rising Sun Inn, on Wednesday week, in order to bid farewell to Sapper John Williams, Royal Engineers, Plantation-terrace, before his return to France. The room was decorated with flags of the Allies and a crowded audience assembled, showing the respect in which the young soldier was held. Mr. Tom Jones was appointed chairman. In his opening remarks, he said that Sapper Williams had been at the front for nine months, and during that time had received severe shrapnel wounds in the leg, and had been badly gassed. He was not allowed to return to England but had to go into hospital at Rouen, afterwards returning to the trenches. He was sure that his friends would wish him a less unfortunate time during his next sojourn at the Front. Songs were rendered by Mr. James Evans, Rhymney; Mr. Howell Thomas, Fochriw; Mr. Morgan Jones, Treharris; Mr. Charles Hamblett, Fochriw; Corporal David Griffiths, St. Fagans, and Mr. William Wilcox, Dowlais. Sapper Williams, in a neat speech, thanked all his friends for the reception given him, and Private Cornelius Edwards, who was invalided home from the Dardanelles, also added appropriate words. Mr. Evans, Rhymney, ably presided at the piano.

1 April 1916 Concert A concert was held at Noddfa Chapel on Thursday evening week, the chapel being lent for the occasion. An excellent programme of music, etc, was given a by Bargoed Orpheus Party, under their conductor Mr. D. Roberts. Solos,

duets, quartettes, and choruses were rendered by the party. Miss Adelaide Roberts presided at the piano, and the chair was occupied by the Reverend E. Williams. The proceeds of the concert were towards the St. John Hospital funds.

29 July 1916 Brass Band On Tuesday, the Band, under the conductorship of Mr. W. J. Powell, played a fine programme of dance music etc., on the green before a large crowd, their playing being greatly appreciated.

30 December 1916 Drama On Thursday and Friday evenings last week, the people of Fochriw were entertained to a fine treat, when the members of the Carmel Dramatic Society gave a fine production of the Welsh drama "Ar y Groesffordd," at the Council School to a very large audience. The acting of the various parts was all that could be desired. The following took part: Mr. James Williams, Mr. James Jones, Mr. Samuel Lewis, Mr. Thomas Walters, Mr. T. H. Jones, Mr. Evan Williams, Mr. T. R. Evans, Miss Mary A. Walters, Miss Mary MacArthur. The duties of stage manager were ably carried out by Mr. T. Jones, assisted by Mr. D. Harris.

20 January, 1917 Drama in Aid of the Fochriw Soldiers' and Sailors' Fund Another excellent performance of the Welsh drama "Ar y Groesffordd" was given at the Council School by the Carmel Dramatic Company last Saturday evening to a large audience. The members of the company gave their services free to assist in raising a fund to provide comforts and gifts for soldiers and sailors. One hundred lads have gone from the Fochriw district. About nine have made the supreme sacrifice. The committee and people of the village feel a deep sense of gratitude to the society for their charitable action. Councillor John Jones said a fund had been registered, known as the Fochriw Soldiers' and Sailors' Fund, with the Reverend D. Hughes Jones as chairman, Mr. W. J. Payne as treasurer, Miss H. Evans as secretary, and Mr. James Williams as auditor, to whom the proceeds of this performance were handed.

5 May 1917 Performances Two excellent performances of the musical war masque "The Empire's Honour," were given at the Church Hall on Thursday and Saturday last by members of St. Mary's Church, under the conductorship of Mr. Berkley Angell. Rev. John Francis, vicar, presided. The principal characters were sustained by Mrs. W.J. Payne, Mrs. Perrot, Mrs. W. Hughes, Mrs. G. Mantle, Misses Gwenny Rees, M. Gough, M. Watkins, B. Harris, B. Watkins, M. Baldwin, M. Hughes, Ivy Curtis, Addie Baldwin, M.F. Morgan, E. Way, Mary Morgan, R. Davies, Claudia Davies, Mrs. E. Price, Mrs. Lydia Evans, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Archer, Mr. W.J. Payne, Messrs. W.J. Curtis, Ed. Dummett, Masters Willie Morgan, ... Hughes, Messrs. Bob White, A. Coggan, H. Archer, Rev. J. Francis, Misses M. Dummett, H.E. Wood, Master Sydney Way, Mr. Albert Lewis, Mr. W. Morris, Master E. White, Master Francis Williams, Mrs. F. Williams and Mrs. P. Edwards, M... J.A. Angell (The Empire's Honour), Miss Winnie Evans, Miss May Davies. Accompanists: Mrs. Morgan and Mr. W. Hughes; stage manager: Mr. Charles Payne.

26 May 1917 Cantata Three performances of the cantata, "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," were given at the Old Council Schools on Thursday, Friday and Saturday last. Mrs. Hannah Davies, Brynteg, enacted the role of Snow White, and charmed the large audience, while Miss Hilda Davies, Aelybryn, was a huge success as the wicked Queen. Mr. Hywel Thomas and Mr. James Jones proved equally successful in their respective roles. All the other characters were ably sustained. Great praise is due to the conductor, Mr. Thomas Walters, A.L.C.M. The accompanist was Miss H. Evans.

26 May 1917 Welsh Drama An excellent performance of the Welsh drama, "Serch Hudol," was given a last Saturday at their Council Schools by the Bedlinog Dramatics Society.

6 October 1917 Concert A concert was given at Noddfa Chapel on Wednesday last week by the Penywern and Dowlais Male Voice Party. The artistes were: soprano, Madame Nana Lewis Thomas, Clydach Vale; bass, Mr. Lewis Evans, Cardiff; solo violin, Mr. W J Berry, Dowlais; accompanist, Mr. Arthur Hughes. The audience, which was a large one, was delighted with the excellent renderings of the Choir and artistes, encores being the order of the evening.

13 October 1917 Organ Recital An organ recital was given at St. Mary's Church on Monday by Mr. W. J. Watkins, A.R.C.O., assisted by Mr. James John Lewis, Dowlais.

3 November 1917 Concert A concert was held at Carmel Chapel (kindly lent for the occasion) on Thursday, in the aid of the Fochriw Sailors' and Soldiers' Fund. The chair was occupied by Councillor John Jones, who gave an able speech. The following took part: soprano, Madam Sarah Thomas Johns, Merthyr; contralto, Madame H. C. Davies, Fochriw; tenor, Mr. James John Lewis, Dowlais; bass, Mr. James Williams, Pontlottyn; accompanist, Mr. Thomas Walters, A.L.C.M., Fochriw. During the evening, Lance-Corporal Lewis Evans, R.F.A., was presented with the cheque from the fund. The treasurer, Mr. W. J. Payne, remarked in his speech, that this was the 41st cheque presented by the fund. The Rev. John Francis gave a fine address, in which he urged the necessity of prayer as a mighty weapon in the winning of this war. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the deacons by Mr. Charles Payne for the loan of the chapel; also to the artistes and all who helped to make the concert such a success. This was seconded by Mr. James Williams.

22 December 1917 Drama Two excellent performances of the Welsh drama "Machan Mawr I!" were given at St. Mary's Hall by the Ambulance Dramatic Society to large audiences on Thursday and Saturday last week. Great praise is due to the performers for the able way each of them sustained their respective parts. The following took part: Mr. James Jones, Mr. Trevor Lewis, Mr. John Morgan, Mr. Harry Hughes, Mr. E. Morris, Mr. Tom Jenkins, Mr. D. James, Mr. D. I. Evans, Mr. Tom Evans, Miss M. A. Walters, Miss Gwen Rees, Mrs. T. Evans, Miss M. Cole.

2 March 1918 Concert A pleasant evening was spent at the Rising Sun Inn on Saturday, when a concert was held in aid of the United Football Club. The room was well filled. The artistes included the well-known Merthyr comedian, Mr. Fred Richards, who delighted the audience with his performances. Other singers were Messrs. H. Wilcox, Tom Jones, Tom Rees, & W. Weale. The accompanist was Mr. Weale of Dowlais.

13 April 1918 Carmel Chapel A grand operetta, the "Mystic Mirror," was given by the Carmel Chapel Sunday School Choir, under their conductor Mr. W. J. Angel, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, before crowded audiences. The chief characters were ably sustained by Madame H. C. Davies, Mr. Howell Thomas, Mr. T. J. Lewis, Mr. James Jones, Master Henry Evans, Miss Maria Jones, Miss M. Cole, Mr. Henry Hughes, and Miss Doris Davies. The accompanists were Miss H. Evans and Mr. Thomas Walters. Mr. Thomas Jones was the stage manager, and was assisted by Messrs. Howell Thomas and David Harris. Mrs. E. Cole Jones also rendered great help. The Fochriw String Band rendered excellent help; first violin, Miss Irene Phillips, Miss Miriam Thomas, Mr. Harold Williams; second violins, Messrs. D. J. Thomas, Charlie Budd, and Miss Katie Davies; cellist, Mr. Danny Morgan; flautist, Mr. Alf Sullivan; cornet, Mr. Albert Mantle. Great praise is due to all who worked so hard to make it such a success. The secretarial duties were performed by Miss Maria Jones.

11 May 1918 "Playmates" St. Mary Hall was crowded on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, for performances of the children's cantata, "Playmates," given by the children of St. Mary's choir, under their conductor Mr. Berkley Angell. The choruses by the children were well rendered. All the characters were excellently represented, the following taking part: Gwenny Rees, Robert Wilton, Percy Gwynne, Ben Davies, Harold Harris, Jackie Williams, Rowena Harris, Adelaide Baldwin, Vera Wilton, Morfydd Williams, Charles Lawrence, George Baldwin. The pianist was Mr. Octavius Richards, and the organist Mr. Willie Hughes. They were assisted by the orchestra: first violin, Messrs. D. J. Thomas, Harold James, Miss Irene Phillips, Miss Miriam Thomas; second violin Mr. Harry Hughes, Miss Katie Jones Davies; cornet, Mr. Albert Mantle; cello, Mr. Daniel Morgan; flute, Mr. Alfred Sullivan. The stage manager was Mr. Charles Payne. The scenery was by Mr. Willie Curtis, who presented them to the Church. The Chairman was the Rev. Francis.

25 May 1918 Operetta A very pretty Japanese operetta, "Surprise Land," was performed at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday evenings by the school children, in aid of the Fochriw Soldiers' and Sailors' Fund. Miss Hilda Phillips was the conductor. All the characters were excellently sustained. The operetta was preceded by numerous action songs. The following took part: Miss Enid Evans, Miss Elvis Phillips, Miss Ivy Curtis, Miss Edith Walters, Miss Delsey Turner, Miss D. Burrows, Master Ben Davies, Master J. Thomas, Master D. J. Davies, Master E. Davies. The accompanist was Miss Hannah Evans. The duties of stage manageress were ably carried out by Miss S. A. Sibley, and the scenic operator was Mr. Charles Payne.

21 September 1918 Sports An excellent programme of sports took place at the Primrose Field on Saturday in aid of the Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes Welcome Home Fund. The Fochriw Brass Band played throughout the evening. The events were as follows: 80 yards handicap - 1. Ernest Prosser, 2. W. Pellard, 3. D. Jones; 220 yards handicap - 1. Ernest Prosser, 2. W. J. Thomas, 3. Lewis Jones; wheelbarrow race - 1. Fred Prosser and D W Morris; tug-of-war - the Deri team.

4 January 1919 Concert A concert was held at Noddfa Baptist Chapel on New Year's Day. The artistes were: Soprano, Miss Maggie Davies, Ynyshir; contralto, Miss E.M. Lewis, Tonypany; tenor, Mr. Lewys Jones, Bargoed; bass, Mr. W.D. Bowen, Bargoed; accompanist, Miss Hilda Phillips, Fochriw. Selections were rendered by the Fochriw Orchestra, under their conductor Mr. D.J. Thomas, A.C. The proceeds were in aid of St. Dunstan's Blind Institute.

8 March 1919 Cantata An excellent performance of the cantata "The Giant's Castle" was given at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday to a crowded audience by the St Peter's Church children, Deri, and friends, under their conductor Mr. John Owen. The chairman for the evening was the Reverend John Francis.

5 April 1919 "Moabites" Two grand performances of the operetta were performed by the Fochriw Operatic Society, under their conductor Mr. Thomas Walters, on Friday and Saturday last at Carmel Church. Councillor John Jones presided on Friday and the Reverend John Francis on Saturday. The accompanists were Miss Hannah Evans and Mr. David Thomas. The performances were given in full character. The building was overcrowded on each evening, and the singing, which was all that could be desired, reflected great credit on the conductor. The different characters were efficiently taken as follows: Naomi, Mrs. H. C. Jones; Ruth, Mrs. C. T. Walters; Boaz, Mr. James Jones; First Reaper, Miss Hilda Davies; Israelite woman and Jewish maiden, Miss Mattie Jones; Assistant Reapers, Mr. Howell Thomas. The stage

manager was Mr. Howell Thomas. The proceeds were in aid of the Fochriw Soldiers' and Sailors' Fund.

2 August 1919 Fochriw Peace Day Celebrations: Carnival The results of the Peace Carnival was as follows: Charlie Chaplin: 1. Dan Davies; 2. Christmas Thomas; Allied Nations: 1. Mrs W J. Payne; Costume on Horseback: Idris Llewellyn; Male or Female: Wyndham Hughes; Welsh Costume (children): Glenys Jones; Collier (boys under 14): 1. Robert E. Jones; 2. William L. Jones; Comic: Tom Jenkins and party; Comic Band: Richard Evans and party, David Thomas and party; Soldier (children): Gerwin Thomas; Soldier (adult): Mrs. Chaffey and Miss M. Lawrence; Aged Couple: E. Williams and T. Davies; Red Cross nurse (children): 1. Lynda Roberts; 2. Phyllis P. Evans; Red Cross nurse (outdoor): Maggie Ballard and Phyllis Evans; Red Cross nurse (adults): Mrs. M. Matthews; Policeman: Sydney Way; Gipsy: Madge Lewis, M. C. Jones; Daily Paper: Elvis Phillips; Little Red Indian: Hetty Williams; Spanish peasants: Irene Phillips, Mary Rees; Red Riding Hood: Dilys Evans; Italian peasants (children): 1. F. Cole; 2. Doris Thomas; 3. M. Ballard; Italian peasants (adults): Miss E. Davis, and Miss E. A. Williams; Japanese: L. M. Davies, Cresley Davies; Scouts: Gwynfor Davies, Trevor Lawrence, Gordon Lawrence, Bryn Jones, Enock Lewis, Elwyn Lewis; Fisher Lad and Maiden: Miss M. Jones, Miss H. Evans; Flower Girl: Mrs; Wootten; Any Trade: Mrs. M. Thomas; Smartest Man: Mrs. White.

Sports Results Open cycle handicap: 1. E. Puddle; 2. S. Llewellyn; 3. Emrys Lewis; 100 yards open handicap: 1. C. Edwards; 2. E. J. Williams; Marathon: Tom I. Evans; Tug-of-War (open): Miss M. Cole & Co.; Mrs. W. J. Payne & Co.; Mrs. Jones & Co.; Mrs. Cole & Co.; 50 yards race (girls under six): 1. Glenys Edwards; 2. M.C. Jones; 3. Winnie Baldwin; 80 yards race (boys under 10): 1. D. E. Lewis; 2. R. Jones; 3. W. Evans; 50 yards race (boys under six): 1. John Mantle; 2. Gomer Davies; 3. Edward G. Price; 80 yards race (girls under 15): 1. M. H. Cook; 2. Ivy Curtiss; 3. Milly Hughes; 80 yards race (boys under 15): 1. David Thomas; 2. W. Hughes; 3. T. C. Davies & P. Griffiths.

Tug-of-War: H. Evans & Co.; 50 yards race (girls 10 and under): 1. Edna Edwards; 2. A. Lawrence; 3. Lena Way; Boys long jump: Wyndham Lawrence; Mens long jump: Bert Thomas.

The following are Monday's results: 80 yards handicap (discharged Soldiers): 1. W. A. Jones; 2. John Lewis; 3. Gilbert Harris; High jump: 1. Arthur Way; 2. E. Prosser; Waltzing competition: 1. Johnny Lewis & Co.; Girls race, age 6 to 8: 1. Doreen Griffiths; 2. Olive May Payne; 3. May Morgan; Boys race age 6 to 8: 1. Horace Phillips; 2. J. Mantle; 3. C. Hughes; Girls race 10 to 12: 1. Elsie Edgar; 2. Miriam Thomas; Boys race 10 to 12: 1. Iorwerth Evans; 2. Willie Roberts; Skipping race: Mary Jones, L. Jenkins, L. R. Davies, E. Lewis; Three-legged race: 1. T. Roberts & B. Davies; 2. I. Evans & D. Thomas; 3. W. Hughes & W. Lawrence; Barrow race (discharged soldiers): K. Llewellyn; Sack race: Emrys Evans; Egg and Spoon race: 1. Mrs. R. Thomas; 2. Mrs. M. Williams; Football kicking: Morgan Davies; Tug-of-War men: D. Harris and Co.; Tug-of-War, discharged soldiers: D. Lewis and Co.. Great praise is due to all, and especially to the energetic secretary, Mr. W. Evans, Aelybryn.

25 October 1919 Noddfa Chapel: Dramatic Recital A grand dramatic recital was given at the chapel on Thursday last by Madam Francis-Evans, the popular and successful Welsh elocutionist. There was a large crowd present and all enjoyed the recital immensely.

10 January 1920 Social and Dance These were held at St. Mary Hall on Friday evening in aid of Private E. H. Lewis, who is still in hospital suffering from wounds

received on active service in France. The arrangements were carried out in a very able manner by the Church people of St. Mary's. The duties of M.C. were ably carried out by Mr. Fred Puddle, with Mr. Octavius Richards as the pianist. At the close of the evening, Mr. W. J. Payne, in a very encouraging address, presented Private Lewis with £20, the result of the evening's takings.

6 March 1920 Social A very pleasant social evening was spent at the Co-operative Rooms on Thursday evening last under the auspices of the Independent Labour Party. A large number sat down to a fine spread. During the evening a fine programme of music, etc., was given, and greatly enjoyed.

6 March 1920 St. David's Night On Monday evening, an entertainment was given by the Mixed School Children in St. Mary's Hall. A very good programme had been prepared, and was successfully carried out. The chief items were: "Cewri Cymru"; "Plas Gogerddon": " Pont Orewyn" - Welsh plays. The folk songs were well rendered. The conductor was Mr. T. J. Jones, the chairman, Mr. J. Jones, grocer, whilst Mr. Howell Thomas manipulated the scenes, and rendered the other valuable assistance. The teachers wish to thank all who kindly assisted to make the evening a success.

6 March 1920 St. Mary's Hall On Saturday, the members of the Fochriw Ambulance Dramatic Society gave an excellent performance of the Welsh drama "Y Ferch o Cefn Ydfa" at the above Hall to crowded audiences. The whole performance was magnificent. The characters were ably sustained by the following: Harry Hughes, Dan Jenkins, Dan James, W. Hughes, Mr. G. Cole, J. Morgan, C. Ballard, J. Morgan (Pentwyn), J. and T. Evans, S. Wright, Mrs Thomas, M. A. Walters, A. Thomas, M. Cole, M. Jones, M. MacArthur, A. Llewellyn, S. Jones, E. A. Jones. Stage-managers: Messrs. T. Jones and W. J. Ballard. Scenic artists: Howell Thomas and David Harris. Pianist, Miss H Evans.

25 December 1920 Organ Recital On Thursday evening last at St. Mary Church, a grand organ recital was given by Mr. E. R. Lewis, of the Memorial Hall, Cardiff, assisted by the Miss Jenkins, soprano, and Miss Mabel Welch, contralto, both of Cardiff. The organ, which is a magnificent instrument by the well-known makers, Brackett and Howden, Newcastle, has been entirely rebuilt. It has been removed from the Lady Chapel to the organ chamber, where it now presents a striking appearance. The playing of Mr. Lewis delighted the crowded congregation, and the singing of the artistes was much enjoyed. At a close of the programme, the vicar pronounced the blessing.

26 February 1921 High-Class Concert The people of Fochriw are indebted to the members of the Nazareth Chapel for providing such a high class concert on Tuesday evening at Noddfa Chapel, kindly lent for the occasion. The evening had been eagerly looked forward to by all music lovers, and the chapel was well filled. The chair was taken by Mr. J. Jones, who proved a very able chairman, and opened the concert with some well-chosen remarks. The artistes were Madam Clee-Williams, Treharris, soprano; Miss Mary Dilys Jones, Penarth, contralto; Mr. Harry Lewis, Nelson, tenor; Mr. L. Powell Evans, Cardiff, bass; accompanist, Miss Llywela Lewis, Hengoed. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the artistes etc. by the Rev. J. Williams, seconded by the Rev. R. D. Jenkins.

12 March 1921 Concert A grand concert in celebration of St. David's Day, which was postponed under painful circumstances last week, was held by the scholars of the Fochriw Mixed School at St. Mary's Hall. The building was well filled, and the chair occupied by the vicar, who opened the proceedings with a very able address. An excellent programme had been prepared by Mr. Isaacs, headmaster and staff. The

conducting of the singing was carried out by Mr. Tom Jones, whilst Miss H. Evans was at the piano. An interesting programme was carried through in fine style. The last chorus, "Cadw Fi," was sung with much feeling in memory of the departed pupil, Morfydd Jones. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the chairman, staff, etc., and all who had worked to get the concert to such a success, by the Rev. D. J. Jones, and seconded by Mr. Isaac.

28 May 1921 Exciting Carnival at Fochriw On Thursday last, a very attractive carnival took place under the auspices of the Relief Committee, and was favoured with excellent weather. A large procession was marshalled in the Co-operative Yard. It was composed of representatives, different characters, etc, and paraded the streets headed by the Deri Silver Band, under the conductorship of Mr. W. J. Powell. There was also a comic band under the conductorship of Mr. D. J. Davies, and the the Troedrhwiwuch Jazz Band. The streets en route were lined with huge crowds of spectators and there was a fine display of bunting. Some of the various make-ups were really laughable. Leading the procession were Police Sergeant Williams, Counsellors Morgan Morgan and D. J. Thomas, and the Reverend Eisaiah Williams. They were followed by: the St. John Ambulance Brigade, under Superintendent W. J. Ballard; the Fire Brigade, under the command of Lieutenant W. J. Payne; members of both Football teams in full playing order, and looking eager for the fray; the Jazz Band bringing up the rear.

After the parade, the crowd marched up to the football field to see the much talked of football match, playing as they were for the "Lock-out Cup." Hard training had been put in the day before. There were present several well-known playing managers eager to sign on some of the players. The referee was that well-known sport, Mr. Watkin Williams, who had been busy plotting the war paint on both teams. The linesmen were Messrs. Richard Davis and William Ballard.

The Wolves, captained by Mr. E. Lewis, were the first to leave the dressing room, in full war paint and flying colours. When they reached the playing arena the cheers were deafening. Following closely behind, and looking as fit as fiddles, with their Stars and Stripes flying, were the Spurs, under their captain Mr. John Thomas. Mrs. John Bevan kicked off.

The first part of the game was more or less devoted to Soccer, and a feature was the fine combination between Rees Thomas, Tom Thomas and David Lewis, but all their efforts came to nothing. George Jones, late of Aberaeron, was able to deal with all their shots turning the ball over bar in all directions. He successfully stopped two penalties, one from Bill Gittoes (late Arsenal) being a terrific shot. The Wolves then got going. Captain E. Lewis placed the ball nicely, and set Dan Bach and John Rees off at lightning speed. Ultimately a great shot from John Rees was punched out by Gittoes.

On resuming, Mrs. Hill kicked off. The Spurs got going now in style. James Davies and Tom Jenkins gave evidence that they are still possessed football qualities. Davies, with a fast grounder, scored, deceiving the goalie, who appealed for offside, but the referee was adamant. This dispute brought P. C. Benny Thomas on the scene, who threatened to lock up both goalie and referee.

The whistle then blew for lemons, and Nurse Thomas kicked off this time. Job Thomas, George Shankland and Bill Davies followed up in rare style. The Wolves were penalised for hands in the penalty area. Gittoes was entrusted with the kick. The force of the kick drove both goalie and ball through the net. The whistle was again sounded for lemons. Mrs. Rosser then kicked off, and George Shankland, going alone, beating man after man, scored a beautiful goal. David Lewis was knocked out.

The Ambulance Squad were marched up and, after examination he was carried off, the referee protesting. The Wolves, although a beaten side, were playing desperately. Captain Lewis tried to rally his men, and Evan Jones, E. Chaffey, David Harris, and Daniel Jenkins made repeated efforts to score without success. W. E. Jones and David Griffiths now came up in style, but Jones was as safe as houses. Job Thomas then scored the last goal, the Spurs winning by four goals to nil, amid scenes of wild enthusiasm. Dr. T. Stenner Evans presented the cup to the winning captain in a neat speech. The captain responded and was afterwards carried shoulder high to the dressing room. The money taken was handed to the Distress Fund.

28 May 1921 Sports On Friday afternoon, a fine programme of sports was held to on the football field, under the auspices of the Distress Fund. The Fochriw Brass Band, under the conductorship of Mr. W. J. Powell, played a selection of music, and the strong committee carried out the arrangements. The chairman was Mr. Tom Jones; vice-chairman, Mr. Rees Thomas; treasurer, Mr. John Rees; secretary, Mr. James John Lewis. The results were: 1st race - 1. Phyllis Davies, 2. Bethune Gregory, 3. Rita Cole; 2nd race - 1. Vernon Davies, 2. Tom Jenkins, 3. Graham Wootton; 3rd race - 1. Tudor Davies, 2. Myrddin Evans, 3. Rufus Dummett; 4th race - 1. Irvona Thomas, 2. Edith Wilton, 3. Rosie Williams; 5th race - 1. Emrys Davies, 2. Gomer Davies; 6th race - 1. Lena Rees, 2. Olwen Davies; 7th race - 1. Bedford Edwards, 2. Richard Jones; 8th race - 1. Doreen Weeks, 2. May Angell; 9th race - 1. Evan W. Jones, 2. William Thomas; 10th race - 1. Sarah Gwen Price, 2. Muriel Jones and Ethel Baldwin. Skipping - 1. May Davies, 2. May Cook; Three-legged race boys - 1. Bryn Davies & Elfed Lewis; girls - Phoebe Cole & Gwenda Thomas; Blind Man's Buff - 1. Iorwerth Evans, 2. Richard Jones; Married Ladies - 1. Mrs. Willie Williams, 2. Mrs. Percy Edwards, 3. Mrs. Tom Jones; Tug-of-War men – Mr. William Gittoes' team; ladies – Mrs. Mordecai Williams' team; young men – Mr. Anthony Morris' team. The tit-bit was the race for men over 16 stone in weight, which was won in exciting fashion by Mr. Benny Jones, with Mr. George Jones second, and Mr. Wm. Gittoes third.

4 June 1921 Concert On Saturday evening, a grand concert was given at the Baptist Chapel, Penybank, in aid of the local Distress Fund. The chapel was well filled. The chair was taken by Miss Jones, headmistress of Penybank School. The artistes were really excellent, encores being the order of the evening. Mr. W. Deri Bowen, who is home on a visit, gave his services for the occasion. The following were the artistes: baritone, Mr. Clifford Davies, Deri; soprano, Mrs. H. C. Davies, Fochriw; baritone, Mr. W. Deri Bowen; tenor, Mr. James John Lewis, Fochriw; musical quartet, Messrs. Albert Mantle, Bob Rees, Tom Rees, Ben Shankland. Accompanist, Mr. Bowen, Deri. After the usual votes of thanks, the evening concluded with the singing of "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau," Mrs. H. C. Davies taking the solo.

4 June 1921 Carnival On Thursday last, another very successful Carnival in connection with the Local Distress Fund was held. The procession was formed up at the Co-operative Yard. The costumes were exceedingly good. The Jazz Band from Pontllytyn evoked a great deal of interest and merriment. The procession was headed by the Fochriw Brass Band, conducted by Mr. Albert Mantle. The band was followed by the St. John Ambulance Brigade, the Fire Brigade, the members of the Deri Gymnastic Team with their instructor, Mr. Henry Hufton, and members of the ladies' football teams. The streets were thickly lined with spectators, and all were thoroughly pleased with the display. After the parade, the crowd made its way to the football field to witness the eagerly anticipated match between Fochriw and Pentwyn Ladies. Both teams were played on to the field by the Band, and were urged on to victory by

their hundreds of supporters. Fochriw were captained by Mrs. Chaffey, the team looking very smart in their blue jerseys. Pentwyn were captained by Miss Blodwen Williams, the team looking particularly attractive in their scarlet jerseys. First, P. S. Kinsley Llewellyn and P. S. Tom Jenkins cleared the playing area with their dangerous-looking clubs. Mr. H. Roberts, the referee, in female attire, called the rival captains to toss for choice of ends. Dr. J. Stenner Evans kicked off in the first half, and Councillor Morgan Morgan the second. Despite heroic efforts, and end-to-end football, the game ended in a pointless draw. The Fochriw team were as follows: Mrs. Mordecai Williams, Mrs. James John Lewis, Mrs. Percy Edwards, Mrs. Rees Thomas, Mrs. E. Chaffey, Miss Mattie Jones, Miss Rachel Gregory, Mrs. Fred Wright, Mrs. D. Davies, Mrs. Lucy Jones, and Miss Rachel Price. The Pentwyn team was: Miss B. Williams, Miss Sarah Evans, Miss Alice Mills, Mrs. Tom Rowlands, Mrs. Albert Wright, Mrs. H. A. Williams, Miss E. A. Davies, Miss May Williams, Mrs. Pullen, Miss Polly Jones, Miss Gladys Mills. Trainers: Fochriw – Messrs. W. Gittoes and George Jones; Pentwyn – Messrs. W. Williams and J. Williams. After the match the Deri Gymnastic Team gave a sparkling exhibition for an hour, which delighted the large crowd, bringing round after round of applause. The proceeds were handed to the Distress Fund.

11 June 1921 Drama The Pontlloftyn Dramatic Society gave a wonderful performance of the play "Change" at St. Mary's Hall on Wednesday evening in aid of the Local Distress Fund. The hall was crowded, the chairman for the evening being the Rev. Esaiiah Williams. Votes of thanks were accorded the company for helping the noble cause.

11 June 1921 Concert A very successful concert was given in Penybanc Chapel on Wednesday evening, June 1st, by the members of Carmel Young People's Guild, assisted by a few friends, the chair being taken by Miss Jones of Penybanc School. The seating capacity of the chapel was severely taxed, and the following programme was received with much applause: overture, Mr. J. A. Thomas; pianoforte solos, Miss Gwladys Shankland and Miss A. M. Sims; violin selections, Miss Mary Morgan and Master Windsor Rees; recitations, Mr. Latimer Evans; dialogue, Miss Rona Lewis and Miss C. Shankland; solo, "The Sweetest Fairy" - Miss Doris Davies; "Fishes and Wishes" - Miss Agnes Cook; "Darlun fy Mam" - Miss Lydia Ballard; "There is a Land" - Miss M. Lewis. Mr. J. Thomas ably accompanied. A short drama entitled "Yr Hen Scwlin" was performed by members of the Guild, directed by Mr. Tommy Jones. The evening ended in with the singing of "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau," Miss M. Lewis taking the solo.

2 July 1921 Concert A well-attended concert was held at Penybanc Baptist Chapel on Thursday evening in aid of the Distress Fund. The chair was very ably filled by Councillor David John Thomas. The entertainment was first class, the artistes bringing forth round after round of applause. The following took part: Madame H. C. Davies, Fochriw; Mr. James John Lewis, Fochriw; Mr. Theophilus Shankland, Fochriw; accompanist, Masters Aneurin Thomas, Fochriw.

16 July 1921 Concert A very interesting concert was held at Penybanc Chapel on Thursday last by the scholars of the Fochriw Council School, under the conductorship of Mr. T. J. Jones, Fochriw School. Selections were given of all the National airs by the scholars. Pianoforte and violin solos were also given, together with solos and duets. Dialogues were most effectively given by parties of boys and girls. Mr. Edward Lewis, Fochriw, presided.

17 December 1921 Organ Recital A grand organ recital was given at Carmel Chapel on Thursday evening by Mr. W. J. R. Davis, A.R.C.O., Tredegar, on the new

organ which has recently been erected. The recital was very well attended and much enjoyed. The artistes were Miss Blodwen Williams, contralto, Dowlais, and Mr. W. J. Jones, tenor, Rhymney. The Rev. D. J. Jones was in the chair.

7 January 1922 Operetta: "Mayday on Welladay" This was held at St. Mary's Hall, and was performed by the children of Noddfa Sunday School, under the conductorship of Mr. Thomas Evans. The accompanist was Miss Hilda Phillips and the conductor, Councilor D. J. Thomas. Characters:- Annette - Miss E. Phillips; Sue - Mrs. Tom Evans; Christine - Miss Gwen Matthews; Iris - Miss Maggie Rees; Ella - Miss Edith Walters; Elene - Rachel Gregory; Penelope - Miss L. M. Jones; Pansy - Miss M. Lewis; The Beadle - Mr. Tom Walters; Grannie - Mrs. L. Williams; Granfer - Mr. Tom Evans; Hodge - Mr. Joshua Thomas; Jarge - Mr. Robert Thomas; Jerry - Mr. E. Jones; Jim - Mr. Emrys Evans; Naomi - Mrs. W. J. Williams; Mike - Mr. D. G. Parry; Crier - Mr. T. J. Jones; Fairy Flora - Miss A. M. Sims; Fairies - Gwen Thomas, D. Evans, Elsa Matthews.

14 January 1922 'The Railway Troupe' Concert At St. Mary's Church, in aid of church funds, a concert was given by 'The Railway Troupe.' Every artist had some railway connection. The event was arranged by Mr. Ernest Lewis, Stationmaster.

25 February 1922 Performance "Golden Hair and the Three Bears," was performed by children of St. Mary's Church. The choir was conducted by Mr. Berkley Angell. Characters: Golden Hair - Miss Doris Davies; Woodland Queen - Mrs. Hannah Cole Davies; The Bard - Mr. Willie H. Davies; Big Bruin - W. J. Payne; Mammy Muff - W. N. Hughes; Tiny Cub - Master Percy Gwynne; Faithful Miss - Miss L. J. Jenkins; Lightfoot - Miss Sybil Gwynne; Frailty - Miss Myrtle Harris; Airy - Addie Baldwin; Will o'the Wisps - Ivy Curtis. Accompanists - Mr. Octavius Richards and Mrs. Everett. The orchestra was conducted by D. J. Thomas. Everyone was thanked for their efforts by Rev. J. C. Payne.

4 March 1922 Concert A first-class concert was given at Noddfa Chapel on Thursday last by the Cymric Glee Party, assisted by the following artistes: Soprano, Miss Dorothy Davies, Newbridge; contralto, Madame Parry-Evans, Oakdale; tenor, Mr. John Lloyd James, Pontlottyn; bass, Mr. John Lewis, Newbridge. The Party and artistes were in excellent form and the verdict of all was that they had had a fine musical treat. The accompanist was Miss Kate Roberts, Pontlottyn, who performed her part well, whilst Mr. J. P. Isaac, headmaster, proved a fine chairman. Votes of thanks brought a fine concert to a close.

4 March 1922 Whist Drive A very successful whist drive and dance took place at St. Mary's Hall on Friday last. The event had been well organised by the headteachers and staff of the local Council Schools. The Hall had been beautifully decorated for the occasion and there was a large gathering present. The dancing M.C.s were Messrs. T. H. Jones and W. A. Jones; games, Mr. G. Thomas; pianist, Mr. D. T. Davies, Rhymney. The following ladies assisted at the tables: Mrs. G. Way, Mrs. R. Evans, Mrs. D. Evans, Mrs. W. Thomas, Mrs. W. Cole, Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Morris and Miss B. Rowlands. The arrangements worked without a hitch. The secretarial duties were carried out by Misses S. Cole Jones and E. M. Thomas.

18 March 1922 "Zurika, the Gipsy Maid" at St. Mary's Hall The famous operetta entitled "Zurika, the Gipsy Maid," was most successfully played by the children and members of Carmel Chapel, and held at the Church Hall. The performance was conducted by Mr. W.J. Angell, accompanied by the orchestra under Mr. D.J. Thomas. The pianists were Mr. James Thomas and Mr. Willie Angell. For four successive nights the performances were greatly appreciated by a crowded and most enthusiastic audience. Requests arrived from all quarters to have the performance repeated, and

these were granted. The leading characters are natives of Fochriw, and members of Carmel Chapel. They are Miss Doris Davies, Miss A. Maude Jones, Mr. Harry Hughes, Mr. Howell Thomas, Mr. Henry Evans, Mr. Berkley Davies, Mr. Johnnie Lewis and Mr. Latimer Evans. The singing of the choir and the scenery, which was almost sufficient in itself, filled the audiences with wonder and admiration.

6 January 1923 Operetta At St. Mary's Hall on Friday and Saturday, a humorous and romantic French Fairy Operetta, 'Barbette,' was performed by members and children of Noddfa Baptist Chapel. Mr. Thomas Evans (Junior) was the conductor, and was supported by the Fochriw String Orchestra, under their conductor Cllr. D. J. Thomas. Mr. William John of Pontlottyn was stage manager, and Mr. D. J. Shankland taught the Tars the Hornpipe Dance. The chief characters were: Barbette - Miss Elvis Phillips; Lucie - Mr. Robert Thomas; Madame Dulac - Mrs. Tom Evans; Prof. Dubois and Monsieur Le Maire - Mr. T. J. Jones; Charles Hawthorne - Mr. T. Walters; Le Capitaine Curious - Mr. J. Williams; Valun - Mr. D. Rees; Suzette - Mrs. H. Jones; Leonce Durie - Mr. J. Thomas; Uncle Sam - Mr. D. Thomas; Lisette - Mrs. J. Williams; Marie - Miss Maggie Rees; Julie - Miss E. A. Evans; Cecile - Miss R. Gregory; Harcot, Junot, Pierrot, Jack, Bill and Joe - Messrs. C. Thomas, E. Jones, E. Evans, J. Thomas, D. G. Parry and T. Thomas; Queen of Fairies - Miss Phyllis Williams; Sylvana - Miss Margery Lewis.

20 January 1923 'Cinderella and the Princess' The Carmel Juvenile Operatic Society under their conductor Mr. W. J. Angell gave a performance of the above. Mrs. H. C. Davies took the leading part of The Fairy Godmother. Mr. James Thomas was the accompanist.

13 January 1923 New Library Hut A Social and Dance was held at the Hut on Tuesday evening. Mr. D. Lewis was M.C., with Mr. O. Richards at the piano.

3 February 1923 New Library Hut A Social and Dance was held on Tuesday evening.

10 February 1923 Library Hut: Social and Dance Mr. D. Lewis was M.C., with Mr. O. Richards at the piano.

17 February 1923 Drama On Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Fochriw Ambulance Dramatic Society presented 'The Gipsy King.' The players were: Messrs. H. Hughes, S. Lewis, C. Ballard, J. Jones, Stanley Lewis, J. Morgan, W. Hughes, T. Evans, D. Jones, J. Morgan, G. Davies; Misses A. M. Jones, M. McArthur; Mrs. A. Ballard. The accompanist was Mr. T. Walters, the stage managers, Mr. T. Jones and W. J. Ballard, and the scenic artists, Messrs. D. Harris and H. Thomas.

17 February 1923 New Library Hut A Social and Dance was held on Tuesday last. Mr. D. Lewis was M.C., and Mr. O. Richards was at the piano.

3 March 1923 Whist Drive A whist drive in aid of the Fochriw Council Schools was held at the Infant Department. The M.C. was Cllr. D. J. Thomas.

3 March 1923 Concert A concert had been held in aid of Mr. Tom Wilcox, South Tunnel, who has been unable to work for three years through illness.

10 March 1923 Library Hut A social and dance was held at the Hut on Tuesday evening, when there was a large attendance. The M.C. was Mr. D. Lewis, and the accompanist was Mr. O. Richards.

10 March 1923 Lecture Mr. Davies, librarian of the Workmen's Institute, Bargoed, gave a lecture entitled 'From Bargoed to Italy,' at St. Mary's Hall on Friday evening. Rev. S. Evans, vicar, was in the chair.

17 March 1923 New Library Hut The usual social and dance was held at the Hut on Tuesday evening.

17 March 1923 Whist Drive and Dance At the Fochriw Ballroom on Friday evening under the auspices of the Fochriw Touring Club, a first class whist drive and dance was organised in aid of the funds of the Library. The room had been specially decorated for the occasion. The duties of M.C. were ably carried out by Mr. Wm. Evans, whilst the M.C.s were Messrs. W. A. Jones and W. A. Thomas. Mr. H. Salmon of Rhymney was the accompanist.

24 March 1923 Lecture At Carmel Chapel on Tuesday under the auspices of the Dowlais Co-operative Society Ltd., the Rev. Ben Wilson, a famous American preacher, delivered an interesting lecture entitled 'Co-operation and the New Human Brotherhood.' The lecturer impressed the audience with his outspoken remarks, and a return visit would be welcomed. The chair was occupied by Cllr. Sam Jennings.

7 April 1923 Cosy Cinema, Penydarren Tonight, a very special programme - 'Habit,' - featuring Mildred Harris-Chaplin. Next Monday, a stupendous comedy-drama entitled 'Easy to Earn Money.' Next Thursday, the colossal drama 'Hail the Woman' - packed with gripping interest.

7 April 1923 Dance A long dance was held at the Fochriw Ballroom on Tuesday evening. The M.C.s. were Messrs. Dan Lewis and George Cole. Mr. Octavius Lewis was at the piano, and Mr. Francis Wilton was the violinist.

14 April 1923 Whist Drive and Dance At the Ball Room on Monday, a whist drive and dance in aid of St. Dunstan's was held, and an enjoyable evening was spent. The M.C.s. were Messrs. D. Lewis and T. H. Jones. Mr. Octavius Richards was at the piano and Mr. F. Wilton was the violinist.

21 April 1923 Social and Dance Held at the Ballroom on Tuesday night. Mr. D. Lewis was M.C., with Mr. O. Richards presiding at the piano.

21 April 1923 "Cinderella and the Prince" The Carmel Operatic Society played the above operetta at the Miners' Hall, Merthyr, on Thursday last. The crowded and most appreciative audience were well-pleased. All the artistes excelled themselves and enjoyed themselves immensely. The Committee wish to thank all who contributed to the success of the evening.

28 April 1923 Cantata: "The King and the Cobbler" A successful performance of the cantata was given at the Church Hall on Thursday evening by the children of St. Peter's Church, Deri. Mr. Charles Payne was the chairman.

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.

12 May 1923 Whist Drive A first-class whist drive took place at the Ball Room on Thursday last in aid of the Fochriw Reading Room. Mr. W. Howells was M.C.

12 May 1923 Welsh Drama The inhabitants of Fochriw were given a rich treat on Friday and Saturday last, when the members of Noddfa Dramatic Society performed the Welsh drama 'Jac Martin.' in excellent style and to large audiences. Leading members of the cast were: Mr. Gomer Williams, Mrs. Lydia Williams, Mr. D. J. Thomas, Mr. T. Evans, junior, Mrs. A. M. Evans, Mr. T. J. Jones, Mr. T. Walters, Mr. J. R. Walters, Mrs. Tom Evans, Mrs. Seaborne Williams, Mr. E. Evans.

19 May 1923 Whist Drive and Dance A very successful evening was held at the Church Hall under the auspices of the Fochriw Orchestra. There was a large attendance. The Orchestra supplied the music for the dance.

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

2 June 1923 Fochriw Ballroom A successful whist drive was held at the Ballroom last Thursday, and was very well attended. Mr. W. Howells was M.C.

16 June 1923 Fochriw Ballroom A whist drive and dance took place last Thursday in connection with the Wireless Society, and a very pleasant evening was spent. Councillor D. J. Thomas was M.C. for whist, and the M.C's for dancing were Mr. W. A. Evans, and Mr. W. A. Thomas. The music was supplied by the Fochriw Orchestra, conducted by Coun. D. J. Thomas. Mrs. E. C. Jones presented the prizes to the successful whist winners, and Mr. W. J. Payne thanked all who had taken part.

30 June 1923 The Ballroom A very successful whist drive was held last Thursday, and was very well attended. Mr. S. Jenkins was M.C.

21 July 1923 Fochriw Ballroom A most successful whist drive was held on Friday evening. There was a large attendance. Mr. W. Howells was M.C.

8 September 1923 Organ Recital On Thursday evening, at St. Mary's Church, an excellent organ recital was given by Mr. T. Parry Edwards, organist and choirmaster of St. Martin's Church, Caerphilly. He was assisted by two eminent artistes in the persons of Madame H. C. Davies and Mr. W. A. Davies. The Vicar delivered an appropriate opening address, after which the hymn 'All people that on earth do dwell,' was sung with much feeling. The organist then gave the following in fine style: 'Festal March' (Elvey); 'Allegretto Grayices' (Tours); 'Minuet from Samson' (Handel); 'Melody in F' (Rubinstein); 'Festive March' (Smart); 'Hallelujah Chorus' (Handel). Then, the soloists, singly, and finally together, gave excellent renderings of their repertoire. The evening ended with the singing of the hymn 'Jesu, lover of my soul.'

29 September 1923 Charlie Chaplin 'The Pilgrim' at 'The Palace,' October 1st to 6th.

3 November 1923 Rehearsal On Sunday evening at Noddfa Chapel, the Fochriw United Choir under Mr. W. A. Jones gave a first class programme of music. Rev. Ieuan Evans, pastor, presided. Among other things, the choir sang the test piece at the semi-national in Newport, 'By Babylon's Wave.' They also sang 'Hallelujah Chorus' and 'Ar Lan'r Iorddonen Ddofn.' Solos were rendered by Mrs. H. C. Davies, Mrs. C. Walters, Miss E. Phillips and Miss Marjorie Lewis. Recitations were given by Mrs. B. Davies. The accompanists were Mr. Thomas Walters, Miss Hilda Phillips and Mr. Jas. Thomas.

8 December 1923 Whist Drive and Dance At the Church Hall on Thursday evening last, under the auspices of the staff of Penybanc School, a first class whist drive and dance took place, and was well attended. The Hall had been gaily decorated, and looked a pleasing sight. The M.C. for whist was Coun. D. J. Thomas and the M.C. for dancing was Mr. T. H. Jones. The accompanist was Mr. H. Salmon, Rhymney, and Mr. F. Wilton, the violinist. The prize-winners were: Ladies, Mrs. W. Edgar; gents, Mr. W. Evans.

12 January 1924 Fochriw Operetta: 'Feast of St. Hans' The Noddfa Welsh Baptist Church recently transformed the two vestries under the chapel into a convenient and comfortable hall for the purpose of holding entertainments, etc.. Much credit is due to ex-Sergeant Williams, Mr. Thomas Evans, Secretary, together with the other officers and young men of the church, for the time and labour spent in bringing about the

improvement. Last week the hall was opened by the young people of the church. Five evening were occupied with the performance of the operetta 'The Feast of St. Hans,' by Smyth Cooper. The chief characters were: Kristin - Miss E. Phillips; Kaja - Mrs. Annie Evans; Fur Skomager - Miss Hilda Evans; Little Ika - Miss G. Thomas; Ordfoler - Mr. Thomas John Jones; Konstabel - Mr. Joshua Thomas; Skomager - Mr. T. Evans (jun); Jacob - Mr. J. Williams; Giacomo - Mr. Tom Walters; Deen - Mr. D. G. Parry; Naomi - Mrs. Lydia Williams; Anna - Miss P. Williams; Elsa - Miss R. Gregory; Hans - Mr. J. R. Walters; Karl - Mr. Emlyn Evans; Holanta - Miss M. Lewis; Bruro - Master Emlyn Evans; First Brownie - Master K. Phillips; Second Brownie - Master W. Howells; Third Brownie - Master J. I. Morgan; Crier - Mr. L. Williams. The pianist was Miss H. Phillips who has been organist at Noddfa for many years, and as such is most faithful and efficient. Miss Phillips and Mr. Thomas Evans, the conductor, trained the choir and characters to attain their excellent standard. Invaluable assistance was also given by the Fochriw orchestra under the conductorship of Cllr. Dd. John Thomas. The duties of stage manager were carried out by Mr. William John, Pontlottyn. The Hall was packed, many being turned away on two occasions.

19 January 1924 "The Village Outcast" at St. Mary's Hall on January 24th, 1924. "Muzzle won't muzzle your smiles." American papers please copy!

1 March 1924 Drama At St. Mary's Hall on Thursday, Friday and Saturday last, the Ambulance Dramatics Society delighted large audiences with the well-known drama 'East Lynne.' The whole production was given in fine style and speaks well of the dramatic talent of the village. The staging, scenery and dresses were greatly admired, and nothing but praise could be heard for the way the drama was played out. Parts were played by Mr. Harry Hughes, Mr. Willie Hughes, Mr. Crad Ballard, Mr. D. James, Mr. Tom Evans, Master Emlyn Evans, Miss Annie Maud James, Miss Maria Jones, Miss Hannah Evans, Miss Mary Hughes and Miss Sarah Jones. The stage managers were Messrs. Thomas Jones, Howell Thomas and W. J. Ballard.

8 March 1924 St. Dunstan's A first class whist drive was held in the Library Hut in aid of St. Dunstan's on Thursday last. There was a large attendance and a goodly sum was raised. The M.C. was Cllr. D. J. Thomas.

15 March 1924 Whist Drive A first-class whist drive was held under the auspices of the Library at the Library Hut on Thursday last and was very largely attended.

22 March 1924 Whist Drive This was held on Thursday at the Library Hut, and was largely attended. The M.C. was Mr. H. Williams.

12 April 1924 Welsh Drama Fochriw and district were entertained to a fine treat last week, when members of the Nazareth Dramatic Society performed in excellent style, the drama 'Dic Shon Dafydd,' to crowded audiences. So great was the crowd the first three nights that a repeat performance had to be given on Saturday evening. The staging, scenery and stage effects were all that could be desired. The character selection was also excellent, and many of the players were performing for the first time on stage. Parts were played by Mr. Willie A. Jones, Mr. Jack Lawrence, Mr. Willie A. Davies, Mrs. Edith Lewis, Mr. Berkley Davies, Mr. Griffith Morris, Mr. William Morris, Mrs. T. Pugh, Miss Katie Davies, Miss Annie M. Jones, Mrs. Sophie Lee, Mrs. Mattie Lewis, Mrs. Catherine Roberts, Mr. Harry Roberts, Mr. Griffith Jones, Mr. C. J. Lawrence, Mr. Alf Simmons, Mr. J. Edgar and Master John Adams. Stage workers were Messrs. P. Isaac, Idris Jones, E. Parry, Dd. Lewis, D. Davies and J. Lewis.

19 April 1924 "Belshazzar's Feast" On Friday and Saturday evenings last, Carmel Choir, under the able conductorship of Mr. Tom Walters, A.L.C.M., gave two

brilliant performances at Carmel of the oratorio "Balshazzar's Feast" (Dr. G.F. Root). It was freely commented on that Fochriw and district had enjoyed a rich musical treat. The choir was beautifully balanced and showed a fine conception of every movement, whilst all the solosists received a rousing reception, namely: soprano, Madam H.C. Davies; contralto, Madam C.T. Walters; tenor, Mr. James J. Lewis; bass, Mr. Jas. Jones. The accompanists - Mr. Willie Angell and Mr. Aneurin Thomas - did their parts well. On Friday, the president was the Rev. D. Jenkin Jones, and on Saturday, Mr. George Sibley.

15 November 1924 Whist Drive A very successful whist drive was held under the auspices of the Library Committee at the Library Hut on Thursday. The duties of M.G. were ably carried out by Mr. D. J. Thomas. The prize-winners were: Ladies: Miss Hilda Phillips; gents: Mr. Gomer Evans.

20 December 1924 Whist Drive Held at the Library Hut on Tuesday. The M.C. was Mr. D. J. Thomas.

20 December 1924 Billiards At the annual tournament, the finalists were Thomas J. Morgan and E. Thomas. The latter was the winner.

20 December 1924 "King of Kandy" Carmel Juvenile Operatic Society under their conductor W. J. Angell presented this operetta. The following took part: Annie Jones - Princess; Harry Hughes - King of Kandy; Mr. Idris Griffiths - Prince Zaria; Tommy Howell Jones - Prince Karaya; Haydn Davies - Chancellor of the Exchequer; Leyshon Rowlands - Lord High Executioner; Tom Lewis - Court Physician; Miss M. J. Cole - Mistress of the Nautch; C. Davies - Court Jester; L. Slimmons - Court Magician. Other parts were taken by Mr. E. Davies, Mr. D. J. Davies, Mr. I. Davies, Mr. C. Davies, Mr. Evan Davies, Mr. Gwynfor Davies, Miss R. Griffiths. The accompanists were Miss Hannah Evans and Mr. W. Lawrence. Members of the orchestra were Miss Agnes Cook, Messrs. Bob Rees, W. Barry, H. Morgan, J. Price and D. Morgan. Stage managers were Messrs. J. J. Lewis, E. M. Davies, W. Griffiths and W. R. Lewis.

10 January 1925 "Jan of Windmill Land" On Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday last, large and appreciative audiences gathered at Noddfa Vestry for performances of the above by the children of Noddfa. The children had been carefully trained and performed their parts splendidly, looking very smart in their beautiful costumes. The principal parts were: Miss Hilda Evans - Frau Masterdyk; Master Emlyn Evans - Jan; Kenneth Phillips - Max; Windsor Rees - Piet; Master Richard Jones - Mathis; Miss Dilys Evans - Myn; Miss Margaret H. Williams - Gertrunn; Burgomaster - Mr. Emlyn Evans; Masters John Mantle, John Thomas and William Davies - Retainers; Mr. Thomas John Jones - St. Nicholas; Mr. Crad Thomas - Knight Ruprecht; Miss Elvis Phillips - Mrs. John Bull; Miss Magdalene Pugh - Alice; Miss Doris M. Thomas - Beatrice; Masters Tegfryn Evans, Gwyn Evans, Thomas J. Walters and Ivor Morgan - Golliwogs; Miss Elsa Matthews - Fairy Queen; Misses Lily Thomas, Katie Thomas, Bessie Williams, Esther Pugh, Betty Jones, Tidwen Morgan, Bethune Gregory and Beryl Gittings - Flower Fairies; Kathleen Williams, Minnie Lewis, Margaret Robertson, Marion Gregory, Doris Edwards, Hannah Mantle - Baby Bulbs; Phyllis Davies and Eirlys Evans - Black Fairies; Rau Parry and Chrissie Davies - Dutch Girls; Egryn Thomas - Dutch Boy. Mr. Thomas Evans was the conductor and Miss Hilda Phillips the accompanist. Great praise is due to them, to the orchestra under their conductor Mr. David J. Thomas, and to numerous willing helpers with stage and scenery.

24 January 1925 Whist Drive A very enjoyable whist drive was held at the Library Hut under the auspices of the Library Committee on Thursday last. The M. C.

was Mr. H. Williams. The winners were: ladies, Mr. Berkley Angell; gents, Mr. Willie Davies.

31 January 1925 Whist Drive A very enjoyable whist drive was held at the Library Hut under the auspices of the Library Committee on Thursday lat. The duties of M.G. were ably carried out by Mr. H. Williams. The winners were: ladies - Mr. Berkeley Davies; gents - Mr. Willie Davies.

31 January 1925 Operatic Congratulations to the Carmel Operatic Society under the conductorship of Mr. W.J. Angell, who performed the "King of Kandy" at the Cosy Cinema with such marked distinction. The Cinema was full, and the audience was not slow in showing their appreciation of the excellent musical treat provided.

7 February 1925 Whist Drive Held at the Library Hut on Thursday evening in aid of the National Institute for the Blind. The honorary local organiser is Mr. Evan Henry Lewis (also M.C. for the evening), and he was assisted by many willing helpers. The Vicar and Mr. G. Sibley presented the prizes. No-one succeeded in the 'Guessing the Weight of the Cake' competition, and so it was auctioned and knocked down to Mr. E. H. Lewis.

28 February 1925 Whist Drive Held at the Library Hut on Thursday under the auspices of the Library Committee. The M. C. was Mr. W. A. Jones.

21 March 1925 Drama On Friday and Saturday last, the Carmel Dramatic Society gave an excellent performance of the drama 'Alun y Meddig' to large audiences. The principal characters were: Mr. Tom Walters, Miss Maria Jones, Mr. Lewis H. Angell, Mr. William Evans, Mr. Harry Hughes, Miss Olwen Lloyd, Mr. David Griffiths, Miss Annie M. Jones, Miss Ceinwen Ballard, Miss Sarah Jones, Miss Annie Jones, Mr. Edmund Davies, Mr. Bryn Davies, Mr. David H. Lewis, Mr. Evan Davies, Miss A. M. Jones, Miss Nesta Evans, Miss Mary J. Cole. The stage management was in the capable hands of Mr. Thomas Jones, with Messrs. Willie R. Lewis and R. Burrows as scenic artists.

28 March 1925 Whist Drive Held on Thursday at the Library Hut under the auspices of the Library Committee. Mr. S. Jenkins was M.C.

11 April 1925 "The Dark Little People" On Thursday, Friday and Saturday last, the Nazareth Dramatic Society presented a Welsh comedy entitled, "The Dark Little People," to crowded audiences at the Library Hut. The production of the play was without doubt a dramatic achievement of the highest order, and would have done credit to a first-class company. All the artistes appeared to be perfectly at ease in their respective parts, and were loudly cheered. The whole performance was one of which the Nazareth Dramatic Society can feel proud, and we hope to hear more of them in the future. The stage arrangements were admirably carried out, and the dresses and effects were good. It would be a pity to make comparisons where the entire cast deserved praise. The characters were performed by: Mr. Berkely Davies, Mr. Charlie Budd, Mr. Griff Morris, Mr. Willie A. Jones, Mr. John Edgar, Mr. W.A. Jones, Mr. Griff Jones, Mr. Alf Slimmons, Miss Katie Davies, Mrs. Davies, Mrs. J. Lawrence, Mrs. David Lewis, Mrs. J. Lewis, Miss A. Lawrence, Miss E. Lawrence. The duties of stage manager were ably carried out by Mr. David Lewis, with Mr. Wyndham Lawrence as an efficient accompanist. Thanks are due to all the members of Nazareth who helped to make the drama the success it was.

18 April 1925 Whist Drive Held in the Library Hut on Thursday. The M. C. was Mr. D. Thomas.

2 May 1925 Don't Miss seeing 'Miss Hook of Holland' at the Theatre Royal next week.

9 May 1925 Library Hut A very successful whist drive was held at the Hut last Thursday under the auspices of the Fochriw Male Voice Party. The M. C. was ex-Sergt. Williams.

23 May 1925 Merthyr General Hospital Carnival Cyfarthfa Park on Whit Tuesday. Stendous attractions. Cheap trains from all parts. Admission 1/-.

20 June 1925 Musical Treat On Thursday evening the inhabitants of the village were entertained to a first-class musical treat when the Church Choir, under the conductorship of Mr. Thomas Walters, A.L.C.M., A.Mus.L.C.M., gave an excellent performance of 'Abraham,' assisted by the following eminent artistes: Soprano - Miss Annie Jones; Contralto - Miss Ceinwen Ballard; Tenor - Mr. T. J. Jones, B.A.; Bass - Mr. W. Angell; Boy soprano - Master Vernon Davies; Accompanist - Miss Hannah Evans. Both choir and artistes were in great form. The chairman was Mr. G. Sibley.

11 July 1925 Concert On Sunday evening, a sacred concert was held at Carmel Chapel under the auspices of the Fochriw Male Voice Party. The chair was occupied by Mr. W. J. Payne. Under the conductorship of Mr. W. J. Angell, the choir rendered the piece for the Pontlottyn Eisteddfod 'Crossing the Plain.' The choir was assisted by the following artistes: Mrs. Margery Lewis, Miss Ceinwen Ballard, Master John Adams Jones, Mrs. Ballard Davies and Master Richards. The accompanists were Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, Mr. Richards and Mr. D. Walters, A.L.C.M..

22 August 1925 "Ye Old Rustic Sports" A wave of enthusiasm prevails over the district in connection with the above sports, to be held at Pentwyn on August 27. The object is a deserving one - the beautifying of the Pentwyn Churchyard - and deserves widespread support.

17 October 1925 'The Widow's Son.' Very successful performances of this work were given by Noddfa Dramatic Society on Thursday, Friday and Saturday last, at Noddfa Vestry, to crowded audiences. The drama is the work of the pastor, Rev. Ieuan Evans. Those taking part were: Master Tefryn Evans, Mr. D. J. Jones, Miss Elizabeth A. Evans, Mrs. Tom Evans, Master Windsor Rees, Mr. Gomer Williams, Miss Elfrys Phillips, Mr. Joshua Thomas, Mr. Tom Walters, Mr. Caradoc Thomas, Mr. Thomas Evans, Misses Marjorie Lewis and Phyllis Williams, Mr. D. J. Parry, Mr. Bert Edwards, Mr. John Williams, Mr. Tom Thomas, Mr. Emrys Evans, Mr. Emlyn Evans, Mr. John Rees Walters, Mr. Tom Walters and Mr. Thomas Evans. The chairman on Thursday was Mr. D. Hughes, M.E., manager of Ogilvie; on Friday, Mr. John Bevan, M.E.; Saturday, Mr. D. Williams, M.E., manager Groesfaen.

21 November 1925 Dramatic Society Members of St. Mary's Dramatic Society have been rehearsing a drama, "Driven from Home," which will be performed on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

28 November 1925 Concert A sacred concert under the auspices of the Fochriw Male Voice Party was held on Sunday evening at Carmel Chapel. The President, Mr. W. J. Payne, was in the chair. Under the conductorship of Mr. W. J. Angell, the choir rendered 'Tempest and Calm,' 'The Crusaders,' 'Sleep thy Last Sleep,' and 'Crossing the Plain.' Mr. Wyndham Lawrence was at the organ. Mr. George Sibley moved a hearty vote of thanks.

28 November 1925 Drama On Thursday, Friday and Saturday last, at the Church Hall, St. Mary's Dramatic Society, under the directorship of Mr. W. J. Payne, added another brilliant success to their high reputation as amateur actors, when they produced the human drama, 'Simon Lee,' and 'Driven from Home.' The scenic touches were in the capable hands of Mr. Willie Curtiss. The actors were: Mr. H. Hughes, Mr. Harold Harris, Mr. W. J. Payne, Mr. Percy Gwynne, Mr. David Tyler, Mr. J. L. Jones, Mr. C. Ballard, Mr. T. B. Edwards, Mr. H. Ballard, Mr. T. James, Mr.

Sid Way, Mr. Jack Lawrence, Mrs. H. Hughes, Mrs. W. J. Payne, Mrs. W. Candrick, Miss R. Davies, Miss V. Wilton, Miss Gwyneth Evans and Miss Cynthia Candrick. Stage managers were Messrs. Charles Hollister and H. C. Payne. The pianist was Mr. Octavius Richards and the violinists Misses Mary Morgan and Agnes Cook.

19 December 1925 Drama Week A very successful drama week is being held at Carmel Congregational Chapel this week. The members have been working very enthusiastically and have got together some excellent companies: Tonyrefail, Bedlinog, Bethania (Dowlais), Morlais (Dowlais), Rhymney and Rhymney Dramatic. The adjudicators are Rev. Ieuan Evans, Fochriw, and Mr. R. J. Jones, J.P., Aberbargoed.

26 December 1925 Drama Week The drama week at Carmel was a great success. The following is a list of the dramas performed: Monday, Tonyrefail, 'Oeshwn Pencoedmer;' Tuesday, Bedlinog, (a) 'Firois,' (b) 'Noson o Farrug,' (c) 'Y Pwllgor;' Wednesday, Bethania, Dowlais, 'Y Boneyi;' Thursday, Morlais, 'Nobody's Daughter;' Friday, Rhymney, 'Outside the Gates;' Saturday, Rhymney, 'Maesymeillion.'

9 January 1926 Concert A first class concert was held at Noddfa Chapel on Thursday last, when a fine programme of music was given by local artistes, who rose to the occasion and delighted the large audience with their renderings of classical solos. The artistes were: Madame H. C. Davies, contralto; Miss Marjorie Lewis, soprano; Mr. W. Angel Davies, tenor; Mr. John Williams, bass; accompanist, Miss Hilda Phillips. The duties of chairman were carried out by Mr. Morgan.

9 January 1926 Concert On Sunday evening, at Noddfa Chapel, the Abertysswg Ladies' Choir, assisted by eminent artistes, gave a first class concert which was much appreciated by the large number present. The chairman was the Rev. Ieuan Evans, pastor.

30 January 1926 Reading Room Last Thursday evening at the Reading Room, a very fine meeting was held, the speaker being Councillor W. Jones of Pengam, who gave a fine address which was thoroughly enjoyed. The chairman was Mr. Evan M. Davies.

20 February 1926 Concert On Sunday evening last, Noddfa Chapel was packed to the utmost capacity, the occasion being the first concert of the Fochriw Ladies' Choir, under their conductor Mr. D. J. Thomas, A.C. The choir, which has only been formed about nine months, made a magnificent start, and a very bright future is predicted for them. They are the possessors of very fine voices. Mr. Thomas' past record as a conductor speaks for itself. Great praise is due to the talented accompanist, Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, and the artistes who were in excellent form. They were much appreciated. Rev. Ieuan Evan, F.V.C., was in the chair.

13 March 1926 Whist Drive A successful whist drive was held at the Library Hall on Thursday last in aid of the National Institute for the Blind. The hon. organiser was Mr. E. H. Lewis, Dynevor, and the M.C. was Mr. W. Howells. A substantial sum was realised.

27 March 1926 Drama On Thursday, Friday and Saturday last, the members of the Carmel Dramatic Society gave excellent performances of the drama "The Human Factor" (Naunton Davies). The play had been well prepared and was much appreciated by the large audience. Those who took part were: Messrs. Thomas Walters, Evan Davies, Miss Olwen Lloyd, Mr. William Evans, Mr. Daniel James, Miss Annie Maud Jones, Miss Annie Jones, Mr. Thomas Howell Jones, Mr. David H. Lewis, Mr. Edmund Davies, Mr. David Griffiths, Miss Maria Jones, Mr. Iorwerth

Evans, and Miss Ceinwen Ballard. The duties of stage manager were ably carried out by Mr. T. Jones, and the scenic artist was Mr. W. R. Lewis.

27 March 1926 Noddfa On Tuesday evening, the inhabitants of the village were given a rich musical treat by the members of the Deri Children's Choir, under the able conductorship of Mrs. M. Evans, a Fochriw lady who has gained fame as a fine conductress of juvenile choirs. In the unavoidable absence of the pastor, the chair was occupied by ex-Sergeant Williams, who performed his duties in the very able manner. In addition to the choruses, action songs and other concert items were given by the following: Master Vernon Jenkins, Miss Mary Marsh, Master Douglas Bowen, Mrs. L. Richards, Miss Doris Knight, Miss Gwen Weekes. Miss Nesta Jenkins, Misses Olwen Uzzell and Gwen Weekes, Iris Hillifield, Mary Marsh and Mair Jenkins. The accompanists were Miss May Gambling and Mr. Bowen.

10 April 1926 Concert A concert was given at Carmel Chapel on Friday by the Fochriw Ladies' Choir, under the conductorship of Mr. D. J. Thomas, assisted by eminent artistes. The choir gave an excellent account of itself, and created a fine impression. Mr. John Bevan, M.E., presided. The following artistes contributed to the programme: soprano, Madame H. C. Davies, Fochriw; Master Myrddin James and Miss Dilys Willams, Senghenydd, the noted soloists and duettists; violinist, Masters E. L. Thomas, New Tredegar; elocutionist, Mr. W. Morgan, Caerleon College. The accompanists were Messrs. W. Lawrence and A. Thomas, Fochriw.

24 April 1926 "Bat and Ball" Concert The committee of the above wish to apologise to the public of Fochriw for the postponement of the concert. The committee were unable to accept one condition for the hire of the hall. The concert will now be held next week.

8 May 1926 Concert A Bat and Ball concert took place at Noddfa vestry on Thursday and Friday last, and was attended by very large and appreciative audiences. The event had been organised under the auspices of the cricket club, and an excellent programme was produced. Both musical artistes and the actors in the sketches acquitted themselves well. Among the artistes were Mr. Claerwyn Davies; Mr. J. Cymro Thomas; Miss Flossie Jones, elocutionist, New Tredegar; Mr. Snellwood, Bedlinog; Mr. Harold Harris, Fochriw; Mr. Evans, Dowlais. Mr. Wyndham Lawrence was the accompanist. Two very laughable sketches were played each evening entitled "Military Mad" and "The Vicar's Daughter," the following taking the parts very effectively: Messrs. Harold Harris, John Lloyd Jones, Thomas John Morgan, William Morgan, Horace Evans, Claerwyn Davies, Jack Davies, Iorwerth Evans. The chairman on Thursday evening was Mr. Sylvanus Jenkins.

22 May 1926 Whist Drive A very pleasant whist drive was held at the Library Hall on Friday evening, under the auspices of the Strike Committee. The M.C. was Mr. William Evans. A vote of thanks to all who helped was moved by Mr. W. J. Payne, seconded by Mr. W. Jones.

29 May 1926 Carnival and Sports On Monday, the village was en fete, the occasion being a successful carnival and sports organised by the local strike committee. The weather was all that could be desired, and a large number turned out in picturesque costumes, some of the characters causing roars of laughter. Races and football matches were played. The winner of the marathon race was Mr. David Thomas, Aelybryn, and in the football tournament Mr. Thomas Morgan's team was successful. The presentation of the prizes was made by Sergeant Howells.

29 May 1926 Concert A concert in aid of the Distress Fund was held at St. Mary's Hall, and presided over by Mr. W. J. Payne. The artistes were in excellent form and were well received. The following contributed to a musical programme: tenor solos,

Mr. Willie Angell Davies; soprano solos, Miss Marjorie Lewis; baritone solos, Mr. Claerwyn Davies; tenor solos, Mr. Willie Jones; recitations, Miss Nesta Jenkins; duet, Messrs. Davies and Jones; tenor solo, Mr. Leyshon Rowlands. Mr. Wyndham Lawrence presided at the organ. Mr. Edward Lewis proposed a vote of thanks, seconded by Councillor D. Jenkins and Mr. George Sibley.

29 May 1926 Whist Drives A very successful whist drive was held at the Old Library on Thursday evening last in the aid of the Distress Fund, and was well attended. Mr. Sylvanus Jenkins was of the M.C. Another well attended whist drive was held at St. Mary's Hall on Monday evening. The duties of M.C. were carried out by Mr. C. Ballard. The refreshments were attended to by the members of the Mothers' Union.

5 June 1926 Strike Amusements The Local Strike Committee continues to do excellent work in providing a variety of entertainments, sports and games for the strikers. A first-class football match between teams from Fochriw and Pontlottyn was played, during which selections of music were provided by the Fochriw Brass Band under the able conductorship of Mr. Albert Mantle.

5 June 1926 Concert A first class concert was held at Noddfa vestry on the Thursday evening last in the aid of the Distress Fund. Ex-sergeant Williams was the chairman. The accompanists were Messrs T. Walters, and David J. Davies. The following contributed to the musical programme: solos, Mrs. H. C. Davies, Messrs. J. J. Lewis, John Evans, Master R. J. Price; instrumental duet, Messrs C. Everett and Millar. A vote of thanks was proposed to by Mr. Walters Jones, seconded by Mr. Howell Thomas.

5 June 1926 Whist Drives A very successful whist drive was held at St. Mary's Hall on Monday evening, and was well attended. The duties of M.C. were ably carried out by Mr. C. Ballard. A very interesting whist drive was held at the Old Library on Friday last in the aid of the local Distress Fund, and was well attended. Mr. William Price was the M.C.

5 June 1926 Sports Successful sports were held at Pentwyn on Saturday last under the auspices of the Outdoor Amusement Committee in aid of the Fochriw and District Distress Fund. The procession started from the Old Reading Room headed by the Fochriw Brass Band, under the able conductorship of the Mr. A. Mantle. There were races for children and adults.

12 June 1926 Whist Drive A very successful whist drive was held at the Old Library on Monday last in the aid of the local Distress Fund, and was well attended. Mr. C. Ballard was the M.C. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

12 June 1926 Concert A concert was given at Noddfa vestry on Thursday evening last under the auspices of the Distress Committee. Mr. Thomas Evans presided over a large gathering, and long before the programme commenced, the vestry was packed. The following contributed to a musical programme: soprano solos, "How lovely are thy dwellings," and "Good-bye," - Miss Thomas (Bedlinog); contralto solos, "Friend o' mine" and "The Enchantress," - Mrs. Lewis; duet, "Life's dream is O'er" - Miss Addie Lawrence and Mr. W. A. Davies; duet, "Watchman," Messrs. Davies and Jenkins; bass solos, "The Spoilers" and "Arm, arm, ye brave," - Mr. E. J. Jenkins, Pontlottyn. A very laughable sketch was played, entitled "Military Man, by the Jones and Harris company which was much enjoyed. Mr. George Sibley proposed a hearty vote of thanks, seconded by Mr. Jenkin Pugh. A pleasant evening was brought to a close with the singing of "Hen Wlas fy Nhadau," Miss Thomas taking the solo. The accompanist for the programme was Mr. Thomas Walters.

19 June 1926 Whist Drive A successful whist drive for was held at the Old Library under the auspices of the local Distress Fund. Mr. David J. Davies was at the M.C.

19 June 1926 Correction It was reported last week that in the concert at Noddfa vestry, the Jones and Harris Company played the laughable sketch. The sketch was, in fact, played by the Bat and Ball Concert Party, and not the Jones and Harris Company, which does not operate in the village. The cast members were: Messrs. J. Lloyd Jones, H. Bernard Harris, Iorwerth Evans, W. Morgan, Berkley Angell, Tom Angell, Thomas J. Morgan, Jack Davies, H. D. Evans, H. D. Smith. Mr. H. David Evans is the hon. secretary of the Concert Party.

26 June 1926 Whist A whist drive was held at the Reading Room in aid of the Distress Fund. Mr. Wm. Thomas was M.C.

26 June 1926 Tournament and Sports This took place on Wednesday, under the auspices of the Outdoor Amusement Committee, in aid of the Fochriw and District Distress Fund. The first event was the football tournament, the successful team being that of Mr. Thomas John Jones. There were races for the children. The Brass Band was in attendance.

3 July 1926 Whist A whist drive was held in the Old Reading Room on Friday in aid of the Distress Fund. The M.C. was Mr. I. J. Jones.

3 July 1926 Concert A concert was held at Carmel Chapel on Thursday in aid of the Distress Fund, when the Pontlottyn Glee Club, under their conductor Mr. Victor Lewis, gave an excellent programme. Mr. George Sibley presided.

10 July 1926 Whist A whist drive was held in the Old Reading Room on Monday in aid of the Distress Fund. The M.C. was Mr. Dan James.

17 July 1926 Sports Sports were held on the mountain on Monday for the school children, under the auspices of the Outdoor Amusement Committee. A collection was made in aid of the Fochriw and District Distress Fund.

17 July 1926 Concerts At Carmel Chapel on Thursday, a concert was given by the Deri Glee Party under their conductor Mr. John Owen. The accompanist was Mr. Thomas Walters. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Thos. Evans, seconded by Mr. Wm. Morris. A concert was also held at Carmel on Wednesday, given by the Rhymney Glee Singers under their conductor Mr. James Evans. Councillor Thomas Jenkins was the chairman. Nurse Ballard-Davies proposed a vote of thanks, seconded by Mr. Ed. Lewis.

24 July 1926 Whist Drive A successful whist drive was held at the Old Library in aid of the local distress fund, and was well attended.

14 August 1926 Whist Drive A well-attended whist drive was held at the Old Reading Room on Friday evening in connection with the Distress Fund. The M.C. was Mr. John Walters.

21 August 1926 Whist Drive A well-attended whist drive was held at the Old Reading Room on Tuesday evening in connection with the Distress Fund. The M.C. was Mr. W. Price.

28 August 1926 Concert A well-attended concert was held at Noddfa vestry on Thursday evening. Mr. Thomas Evans presided. All the artistes gave a programme of music which was much appreciated, the following taking part: Madame H. C. Davies, Mr. J. J. Lewis, Miss Phyllis Davies, Mr. Leyshon Rowlands, Mr. J. M. Williams, Mr. Rees Thomas. The accompanist was Mr. Wyndham Lawrence. The proceeds were in aid of the Distress Fund.

28 August 1926 Concert On Tuesday evening, under the auspices of the Children's Choir, conductor Mr. David John Davies, a very fine concert was given in aid of the Distress Fund. The chairman was Mr. W. J. Payne, who gave a very appropriate

address, after which the curtain was raised, the children looking very striking in their pretty dresses. They sang the following choruses in fine style, and received a great ovation: "Sweet and Low," "Peace Be Still," and "Through the Valley of the Shadow." They were assisted by a wonderful boy soprano, Master W. Davies, Deri, who pleased the crowd immensely. Other artistes who gave beautiful renderings were Miss Richards, Rhymney, soprano; Mr. D. Rich, Rhymney, bass; and Mr. Emrys Jones, Rhymney, baritone, all being encored. The accompanists were Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, Mr. Joshua Thomas, Mrs. Uzzell and Miss Rich. Nurse Ballard-Davies proposed a vote of thanks, seconded by Mrs. Jones.

4 September 1926 Lecture At the Old Reading room on Sunday evening, a large gathering was present, when Mr. A. J. Parker, Dowlais, delivered a very able lecture entitled "Deliverance Year."

20 November 1926 Whist Drive A very successful whist drive was held at the Old Library Hall last Friday, a very large number being present. The duties of M.C. were ably carried out by Mr. Bryn Price.

27 November 1926 Drama At Carmel Chapel on Tuesday evening, the St. Mary's Dramatic Society gave a performance of "Simon Lee." This company, under the management of Mr. W. J. Payne, has been in great demand during the strike. Mr. William Price was the chairman, and the principal characters were: Messrs. W. J. Payne, Harry Hughes, T. B. Edwards, Harold B. Harris, Caradoc Ballard, Jack Lawrence, Gilbert Harris, D. Tyler, H. Ballard, W. Thomas, Mrs. H. Hughes, Mrs. W. J. Payne, Mrs. W. Candrick, Mrs. T. B. Edwards, Miss Rosie Davies, Miss C. Candrick, Miss E. Edwards, Mrs. Gwynne, Mrs Jones, and Mrs. Tyler. The accompanist was Mr. Octavius Richards, and stage-managers Mr. Charles Hollister and Mr. Charles Morgan. The scenic artist was Mr. William Curtis.

25 December 1926 Whist Drive A very successful whist drive was held at the Old Library last Friday, and was well attended. The duties of M.C. were ably carried out by the Mr. T. Evans.

19 February 1927 Drama On Friday and Saturday, the inhabitants of the district where entertained to a performance of the drama, "The Village Outcast," performed by the St. Mary's Dramatic Society, under the direction of Mr. W. J. Payne. The Vicar presided, and gave an encouraging address each evening. The following took part: Messrs. W. J. Payne, Harold B. Harris, T. B. Edwards, Percy Gwynne, W. Curtis, Jack Lawrence, H. Ballard, Crad Ballard, and Mrs. W. J. Payne, Mrs. L. Candrick, Mrs. L. Edwards, and Misses Margaret Edwards, Addie Lawrence, Maggie Morris, Lena Rees, Margaret Harris, Rosie Davies and Sal Evans. The accompanist was Mr. Octavius Richards. The scene artist was Mr. W. J. Curtis, and the stage attendants Mr. C. Hollister, Mr. C. Payne and Mrs. Gwynne.

12 March 1927 Drama The Nazareth Dramatic Society performed the drama "The Miser's Daughter," at Nazareth Chapel on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The scenery and stage effects were very good, everything combining to make it one of the best performances this company has given. The part of the miser found a worthy character in Mr. Jack Lawrence, and the miser's daughter was finely portrayed by Miss Addie Lawrence, whose appearance for the first time as a leading actress proved a great success. Others taking part were Mr. Willie Davies, Mr. Berkley Davies, Mr. Griffiths Jones, Mr. Griffith Morris, Mrs. David Lewis, Mr. Charles Budd, Mr. Trevor Lawrence. The stage manager was Mr. David Lewis.

2 April 1927 Drama On Friday and Saturday, another performance of the drama "Our Old House at Home," by Thomas G. Blake, was given by a well selected party at Carmel Chapel, under the direction of Mr. Thomas Jones, an old veteran in the

dramatic world. The performance was a decided success. The following took part: Miss Maria Jones, Miss Annie Jones, Miss Maggie Hannah Williams, Miss Arona Lewis, Misses M. Morgan and N. Evans, Mr. Thos. John Jones, Mr. James Jones, Mr. J. R. Walters, Mr. Thomas Walters, Mr. T. Jones, Mr. Dan James, Mr. John Morgan. The child's part was well done by Miss Jessie Jones. The stage managers were Mr. W. R. Lewis and Mr. T. Davies. The accompanist was Miss Nesta Evans, and the violinist Miss Mary Morgan. Mr. Thos. Jones must be congratulated on his indefatigable work.

14 May 1927 Concert A first class concert was held at Noddfa Vestry on Tuesday evening by the Fochriw Ladies' Choir, under the conductorship of Mr. D. J. Thomas, and local artistes. Both choir and artistes were in excellent form, and a really enjoyable evening was spent. To open the programme, the Choir sang "My Love dwelt in a Northern Land." The other items were: solo, Miss Agnes Cook; recitation Miss Nesta Evans; solo, Mr. W. A. Davies; solo, Madame H. C. Davies; solo, Mr. Claerwyn Davies; Choir "Song of the Pedlar" "Snow," "Annie Laurie." The chairman was the Rev. Ieuan Evans, and the accompanist Mr. Wyndham Lawrence. The concert was brought to a close with the singing of "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau."

21 May 1927 Concert A first class concert was given at Noddfa Vestry on Tuesday evening by the Fochriw Ladies' Choir, under their conductor Mr. D. J. Thomas, A.C.. They were assisted by eminent artistes. Ex-Sergeant Williams was the chairman. The following contributed to the programme: solos, Madame H. C. Davies, Miss Dorothy Thomas, Messrs. James J. Lewis, E. J. Jenkins; elocutionist, Miss Flossie Jones. The choirs sang the following items: "My Love dwelt a Northern Land," "Song of the Pedlar," "Come, Rosy Morn," "Duncan Grey," and "Can yr Eos." The accompanist was Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, A.L.C.M.. A hearty vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. Walter Jones, seconded by Mr. W. J. Angel, brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

4 June 1927 "David, the Shepherd Boy" The inhabitants of Fochriw were entertained to a rich musical treat on Saturday evening by the Salem Choir, Bedlinog, at the Church Hall, under the able conductorship of Mr. Philip Watkins. They produced "David, the Shepherd Boy," to a most appreciative audience. The choir was in excellent form and showed careful training. In the unavoidable absence of the vicar owing to illness, Mr. Charles Payne presided.

11 June 1927 Concert At Carmel chapel on Sunday evening, a concert was held under the auspices of the Male Voice Party, before a very appreciative audience. The chairman was Mr. W. J. Payne. The party rendered the following choruses: "Charge of the Light Brigade," "Crossing of the Plain," "Poor Old Joe" and "The Darkies' Reverie." Solos were rendered in fine style by Mr. W. A. Davies, Mr. Claerwyn Davies and Mr. Griff Morris. The accompanists were Mr. James Thomas and Mr. Thomas Walters. A vote of thanks to choir and artistes was proposed by Mr. Thomas Walters, seconded by Mr. Jenkin Pugh.

1 October 1927 Whist Drive A well attended whist drive was held at the Old Library on Friday evening last. The M.C. was as Mr. Willie A. Jones. The prize winners were: Ladies: 1. Miss T. Cumpstone, 2. Mrs. Peters; Gents: 1. Mr. Stuart Jones, 2. Mr. David Lewis.

8 October 1927 Whist Drive A very successful whist drive was held at the Old Library on Friday evening. The M.C. was Mr. D. James. Prizewinners: Ladies: 1. Mrs. Price, 2. Mrs. Thomas; Gents: 1. Mr. Lewis, 2. Mr. Bishop.

22 October 1927 Concert A well-attended complimentary concert was held at Carmel Chapel (kindly lent) on Thursday evening, under the auspices of the Fochriw

Male Voice Party to commemorate the excellent services rendered to the party by the late conductor, Mr. W. J. Angell, and the accompanist, Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, A.L.C.M. The concert was presided over by Mr. W. J. Payne, who referred to the splendid services of both. The party, under Mr. Thomas Walters, A.L.C.M., rendered "Wyr Philistia," "Tempest and Calm," "Crossing the Plain," and "Martyrs of the Arena." The artistes were: Miss Margery Lewis, soprano; Miss Ceinwen Ballard, contralto; elocutionist, Mrs. Ballard Davies; tenor, Mr. W. A. Davies; bass, Mr. Claerwyn Davies, all of whom did their parts in fine style. Mr. James Thomas was the accompanist. At the close, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the artistes, choir, conductor, accompanist, chapel authorities, and all who had helped to make the concert such a success. The singing of "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau" with Miss Margery Lewis taking the solo, brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

19 November 1927 Whist Drive A whist drive was held at the Old Library on Friday. The M. C. was Mr. W. Price. The prize winners were: Ladies: Mr. T. J. Jones, Gents: Mr. W. M. Davies.

3 December 1927 Whist Drive A whist drive was held at the Old Library Hut on Friday, and the M.C. was Mr. D. James. The prize winners were: Ladies: 1. Mrs. S. Jones; 2. Mrs. D. James; Gents: 1. Mr. Harding; 2. Mr. Bishop. Knock out: Mr. Howells and Miss Thomas.

17 December 1927 Old Library: Whist Drive The duties of M.C. were carried out by Mr. D. James. Prize winners: Messrs. D. Thomas, D. Lewis, H. Wilton, J. Harding. There was a very fair attendance.

7 January 1928 Drama The inhabitants of Fochriw and district were given a dramatic treat during the past week, when members of the Noddfa Dramatic Society staged two excellent dramas entitled "Old Honesty," and "The Factory Girl." The coach was Mr. William John, Pontlottyn, whose name is a household word in the dramatic circle. The following took part: ("Old Honesty") Mr. Alf Morris, Master Windsor Rees, Mr. Bert Edwards, Mr. Emlyn Evans, Master Richard Jones, Miss Elsa Matthews, Miss Ray Parry; ("The Factory Girl") Mr. J. R. Walters, Mr. D. J. Thomas, Mr. T. J. Jones, Mr. D. G. Parry, Mr. Crad Thomas, Mr. Tom Thomas, Miss M. H. Williams, Tom Thomas, Miss P. Williams. The producer was Mr. William John. The scenery was manipulated by Mr. Joshua Evans.

11 February 1928 Drama There was a large and appreciative audience at Nazareth Chapel last week to witness the drama "The Bottle" by T. P. Taylor, performed by the Nazareth Dramatic Society under the supervision of Mr. W. A. Jones. The chief characters were played by: Mr. Jack Lawrence, Mrs. David Lewis, Master Harold Barlow, Miss Esther M. Pugh, Miss Jessie Jones, Mr. Berkley Davies, Mr. Griffith Jones, Mr. Griffith Morris, Mr. W. J. Davies, Mr. Evan Davies, Mr. W. A. Jones, Mr. D. H. Lewis, Mr. Tom Davies, Miss Adelaide Lawrence, Miss Rona Lewis, Mrs. Evan Davies. Stage manager: Mr. D. H. Lewis.

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 Ambulance Concert On Wednesday evening at Carmel Chapel, a large audience was entertained to a rich musical treat, when Mr. Evan Thomas (Alaw Morlais) with his renowned Dowlais Male Voice Party, assisted by talented artistes, gave a programme of outstanding merit. The concert was in aid of the St. John Ambulance Brigade of the Merthyr Borough Centre. Dr. T. Stenner Evans presided. The proceedings opened with the choir singing "Tempest and Calm" followed by delightful items from the artistes. In the interval, Mr. W. J. Canton, LL. B., who is vice-president of the Merthyr Borough Centre, addressed the meeting.

5 May 1928 Drama The Carmel Dramatic Society performed three plays on Friday and Saturday before very appreciative audiences: "Potch," "The Poacher," and "Calonnau Plant." The stage managers were Mr. W. Rees Lewis and Mr. T. Jones, and the accompanist was Mr. Thomas Walters. The following were the chief characters: ("The Poacher") Mr. David H. Lewis, Mr. Robert Rees, Miss Sarah Jones, Mr. Cyril Cook; ("Potch") Mr. Willie Morgan, Mr. Bryn Davies, Mr. Enoch Lewis, Miss Nesta Evans, Miss Beryl Ballard, Miss Maggie E. Thomas; ("Calonnau Plant") Miss Sarah Jones, Mr. Willie Morgan, Mr. Bryn Davies, Mr. Enoch Lewis, Mr. John Gwyn Lewis, Master Vernon Davies, Jessie Thomas, Mary L. Thomas, Maggie H. Thomas, Mary L. Morgan, Beryl Ballard, Ceinwen Cole, Nesta Evans.

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.

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.

23 June 1928 Carnival Under the auspices of the Noddfa Baptist Chapel, a very successful Carnival and concert was held on Saturday last. A procession was formed at the station gate, headed by the Fochriw Brass Band. Some of the characters were very finely got up, and amongst the prize winners were: Best Group: Pentwyn Jazz Band. Others who had prizes were: Gerwyn Thomas, Olwen Chapman, Mervyn Davies, Olga Chapman, Magdeline Pugh, Maggie H. Williams, Hilda Morris, Beryl Morris, Idris Parry, J. Lewis (Pentwyn). The stall-holders were: sweet stall, Mrs. Captain Edwards and Mrs. J. Williams; refreshments, Miss Alice Mills. The adjudicators were: Mrs. J. Bevan and Miss Katie J. Davies. Entertainments were given at intervals by the young members of the Guild.

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.

22 September 1928 Fochriw Ladies' Choir: Whist Drive A very successful whist drive was held at the Old Library on Thursday evening last. The duties of M.C. were carried out by Mr. D J Thomas, the conductor of the choir. Prize winners: Ladies: 1. Mrs. S Jones, 2. Mrs. Patten; Gents: 1. Mr. T. I. Evans, 2. Mr. T. Davies. The winners of the guess cake were Mrs. David Evans and Mr. Morris. The donors of the prizes were Mrs. A. Jones, Mrs. J. Lawrence, Miss S. Jones, Mr. D. J. Thomas. Miss S. Jones was the very energetic secretary. The refreshments were in the capable hands of the committee and choir members. Thanks are due to all who helped to make the drive a success.

6 October 1928 Whist Drive A very successful whist drive under the auspices of the Fochriw Ladies' Choir was held at the Old Library on Tuesday evening. Mr. Howells was the M.C. Prizewinners: Ladies: 1. Miss G. Davies, 2. Miss E. Griffiths; Gents: 1. Mr. J. Harding, 2. Mr. T. Thomas. The secretarial duties were carried out by Miss S. Jones and Mrs. G. Jones.

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.

27 October 1928 Whist Drive On Friday evening, at the library, the Fochriw branch of the British Legion held a very successful whist drive which was well attended. Mr. William Howells was M.C. The winners were: Ladies: 1. Mr. W. Jones, 2. Mrs. R Lewis; Gents: 1. Mr. T. Sullivan, 2. Mr. D. Morris.

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.

15 December 1928 Dramatic Performances At Noddfa Vestry on Thursday and Saturday last, a very happy time was spent when crowded audiences were entertained to two sketches, "Poor Ma-in-law," and "The Haunted Bedroom." The performances were under the auspices of the Ladies' Choir. The chairman on Thursday was Mr. D. J. Thomas. The characters were well portrayed and had been carefully coached by the producer, Mr. J. Idris Williams. On Saturday the chairman was ex-Sergeant Williams. In the first play, those who took part were Miss Nest Evans, Mr. Danny James, Miss Adelaide Lawrence, Mr. Bob Rees and Mr. Willie Angell. In the second were Mr. W. Angell Davies, Mr. Thomas J. Morgan, Mr. Willie Morgan and Mr. Berkley A. Davies.

9 February 1929 Whist Drive The duties of M.C. were ably carried out by Mr. Howells. Prizewinners: ladies: 1. Mr. Evans, 2. Mrs. Jane Evans; Gents: 1. Mr. Thomas, 2. Mr. J Evans.

16 March 1929 Glee Party On Sunday evening, at the Institute, Deri, the Fochriw Glee Party, under the conductorship of Mr. Willie Adams Jones, gave a rich musical treat to a large audience. They were assisted by several artistes: soprano, Miss Margery Lewis; tenor, Mr. T. Cymro Thomas; baritone, Mr. Claerwyn Davies. Councillor A. T. Minhinnick presided. The accompanists were Messrs. Wyndham Lawrence and James Thomas.

16 March 1929 Whist Drive A successful whist drive was held at the Old Library on Friday, under the auspices of the Labour Party. The duties of M.C. were carried out by Mr. Ray Cook. Prize winners: Ladies: 1. Mrs. G. Smith, 2. Mr. S. Jones; Gents: 1. Mr. Griff Jones, 2. Mr. Bishop. The refreshments were supervised by Mrs. T. Rowlands, assisted by a willing band of ladies. The prizes were presented to the winners by Mrs. S.J. Jones.

6 April 1929 Whist Drive A very successful whist drive was held at the Co-operative Rooms on Thursday under the auspices of the Labour Party. The duties of M.C. were carried out by Mr. Bryn Price. Prize winners: Ladies: Mrs. E. A. Jones, Gents: Mr. H. Morgan.

20 April 1929 Concert At Carmel Chapel on Thursday evening, under the auspices of the Fochriw Glee Party, one of the finest musical treats that has ever been staged in the village was given to a most appreciative audience. The Vicar presided, and in his remarks said he never anticipated such a feast of music as they had enjoyed that evening. The party and artistes were magnificent. The Party sang the following: "In Absence," "Harlech," "The Jolly Roger," "Soldiers' Chorus," "Miserere Chorus," "A Medley of Old English Songs," and "Italian Salad." The artistes were Mr. T. Cymro Thomas, Miss Margery Lewis, Mr. Claerwyn Davies, with Miss Flossie Jones, as the elocutionist. The accompanists were Mr. Wyndham Lawrence Mr. James Thomas, Miss Winnie Jones and Mr. D. J. Davies. A magnificent programme concluded with the singing by the party of "Llan Baglan." The duties of secretary were carried out by the Mr. James Gregory, with Mr. John Phillips as treasurer.

27 April 1929 Dramatic Performance At Carmel Chapel on Thursday and Saturday, the Dramatic Society gave excellent performances of the drama entitled "Caste" to most appreciative audiences. The various characters were well portrayed, and the dresses, scenery and stage effects were excellent. The chief characters were played by: Mr. Sylvanus Jenkins, Mr. J. Idris Williams, Miss Sal Jones, Miss Nesta Evans, Miss Bessie Ballard, Mr. Willie Morgan, Mr. Bob Rees, and Mr. Dan James.

Mr. Tom Walters is to be complemented on the fine display of the company. He was assisted by Mr. Daniel Janes. Mr. E. M. Davies acted as chairman, and the secretarial duties were carried out by Mr. J. Idris Williams.

4 May 1929 Nazareth Dramatic Society At Nazareth on Thursday and Friday, successful performances were given by the Dramatic Society. The comedy "Lesson for Ladies," was played to very appreciative audiences. The characters were played by: Mrs. E. Parry Lewis, Miss Adelaide Lawrence, Miss E. Lawrence, Miss D. Davies, Mr. B. Davies, Mr. G. Jones, Mr. W. A. Davies, Messrs. T. Davies, H. Barlow and W. A. Jones. The stage manager was Mr. David Lewis.

25 May 1929 Drama At Noddfa Chapel performances were given by the Beulah Dramatic Society, Deri, of three sketches entitled "Accidents will happen," "A Will and a Way," and "The Wrong Flat." The chairman was ex-Sergeant Williams.

9 November 1929 Fochriw Vocalist There was a large audience at the Hanbury Cinema, Bargoed on Sunday evening, when the Powell Duffryn Male Voice Party, under their conductor Mr. C. Tudor Jones, L.R.A.M., gave a benefit concert to one of their vocalists in the person of Mr. Claerwyn Davies, Brook Cottage, Fochriw. The chair was taken by Councillor Minhinnick. Mr. Davies, who is only 21 years of age, has been successful in obtaining the Rosing Scholarship, London, which is open to singers throughout Great Britain, and he headed the list of 600 aspirants. The scholarship is valued at 250 guineas per annum, including tuition in eight languages. Mr. Davies has made a wonderful advancement in the last three years. His musical career reads like a romance. One day, he went to hear Chaliapine, the Russian bass, sing at a concert in Cardiff, and apparently, he was inspired on hearing the Russian's wonderful voice, and went in seriously for singing. He has broadcast from the Cardiff Studio, and holds the distinction of being the youngest bass to have appeared before the microphone. When the Royal Carl Rosa Company visited Cardiff last season, he was offered an appointment. Patrons of the Capitol, Cardiff, heard his powerful voice when he appeared there a short while ago on the week's engagement. According to the critics his range of voice is described as phenomenal, from bottom Double C to top B Flat. Mr. Davies is a former pupil of Lewis' School Pengam, but is now employed as a miner. He is also an all-round athlete, and was given a soccer trial for Wales when at school. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Davies, Fochriw.

14 December 1929 Opera At Carmel Chapel on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday last, very successful performances were given of the opera, "The Bohemian Girl," by the Carmel Operatic Society, under the able conductorship of Mr. James J. Lewis ("Ap Morlais"). The singing, dresses and stage effects added greatly to the success of the opera. The chief characters performed by the following: Mr. T. Lewis; Miss Lilian Way; Mr. Haydn Davies; Miss Beryl Ballard; Mr. Emlyn Davies; Master Tudor Davies; Master Jimmy Pasc-Lewis. The scenic artists were Messrs. Idris Williams and D. James. The accompanists were Miss Nest Evans and Mr. Tom Walters.

14 December 1929 Smoking Concert A grand smoking Concert, under the auspices of the Fochriw branch of the British Legion, was held at the Rising Sun Inn on Saturday, when a large audience were entertained to an enjoyable programme. The concert was presided over by Mr. D. Martin Thomas, with Mr. Gilbert Harris as pianist. The soloists were: Messrs. F. Dummett, R. Price, H. Hiscox, D. D. Thomas, D. Harris, Jack Clifford, H. Ballard, H. Thomas, D. L. Evans, D. Tyler, R. Clark. The secretary, in moving a vote of thanks to the chairman and artistes, made a strong appeal to all ex-servicemen to join the branch, pointing out that there were over 200 ex-servicemen in the village.

8 February 1930 Drama St. Mary's Dramatic Society scored another success on Thursday and Saturday when they produced the drama "The Lucky Horseshoe," under the supervision of Mr. W. J. Payne. The music was supplied by Mr. O. Richards and Mr. T. Horton. The chief characters were sustained by Messrs. J. Lawrence, D. Tyler, T. Jones, W. J. Payne, P. Gwynne, G. Williams, D. J. Williams, E. Davies, G. Tyler, A. Llewellyn, R. Jones, Miss L. Rees, Miss O. M. Payne, B. Watkins, G. Lawrence, W. Rees, Edward G. Price, George Baldwin. The stage-managers were Charles Hollister and Charles Payne. Lighting effects: W. J. Davies.

29 March 1930 Concert On Thursday, under the auspices of the Fochriw Male Voice Party, Mr. W. J. Payne presided over a crowded audience at the Old Library, and a first class concert and go-as-you-please competition was held. The adjudicators were Messrs. John Lloyd Jones and Griffith Jones, who had a very difficult task to perform. The singing and reciting reached a very high standard. The winners of the competitions were Messrs. W. Haydn Davies, Meirion Shankland and W. J. Payne. The programme was contributed to by the following artistes: Messrs. Thomas Walters, David J. Davies, Jack Lawrence; duet, W. H. Davies and M. Shankland; Connie Edwards, W. Haydn Davies, Crad Shankland, Gomer Evans, James Gregory, Mr. Griff Jones, Mr. Tom Lewis, T. J. Evans. The accompanists were Messrs. Thomas Walters and James Thomas.

19 April 1930 Drama Carmel Dramatic Society scored a decided success on Thursday and Saturday last, when they produced the Welsh comedy "John a Jams" (Brinley Jones). The chief characters were played by the following: Mr. David Lewis, Mrs. May Davies, Mr. Willie Morgan, Mr. W. Angell Davies, Mr. Willie Angell, Miss B. Ballard, Mr. Daniel Jenkins, Miss Nesta Evans. The producer was Mr. David Lewis, and the stage manager Mr. Tom Lewis. The secretary was Miss S. Jones.

3 May 1930 Concert A first class concert was held at Noddfa vestry on Thursday under the auspices of the Fochriw Male Voice Party. The chair was occupied by Mr. W. J. Payne. The following artistes took part: Mr. Thomas Walters, Mr. James Thomas, Mr. Haydn Davies, Mr. Griff Jones, Mr. Berkley Davies, Mr. Dan James, Mr. Meirion Shankland, Mr. Crad Shankland, and Mr. R. J. Price. During the evening a go-as-you-please competition was held, which revealed some splendid talents. "The Gallant Twelve," conducted by Mr. David John Davies, sent the large audience into roars of laughter. The adjudicator, Mr. Thomas Walters, complimented the competitors on the excellent standard. He awarded first prize to "The Gallant Twelve," and the second prize to Mr. Haydn Davies. During the evening, the Party rendered selections under their conductor Mr. Thomas Walters. Mr. James Thomas was the accompanist. The energetic secretary is Mr. James Gregory.

14 June 1930 Concert At Carmel Chapel on Sunday evening, a first class concert was given by the Fochriw Male Voice Party, assisted by eminent artistes. The chairman was Mr. W. J. Payne. The Party rendered the test piece for the Llangynidr Eisteddfod, "Tempest and Calm." Other items by the Party were: "The Jolly Roger," "Martyrs of the Arena," and "Llan Baglan." Solos were rendered by the Messrs. Haydn Davies, Griffith Jones, Meirion Shankland, Glyn Burrows, Thomas Walters, and Tom Lewis. The elocutionists were Mr. Morgrugyn Jones, Pontlottyn, and Master Willie Walters. The accompanists were Mr. Wyndham Lawrence and Mr. James Thomas.

13 September 1930 Concert At the Church Hall on Thursday evening, a first class musical treat was given under the auspices of the Fochriw Male Voice Party to a large and appreciative audience. The chair was occupied by the Vicar. Both Choir and artistes were in excellent form. They rendered the following choruses: "Crossing the

Plain," "The Crusaders," and "Voice of the Torrent." The soloists were Miss Evans, New Tredegar; Miss Jones, Deri; Mr. Haydn Davies, Fochriw. The conductor was Mr. T. Walters, and the accompanist Mr. Wyndham Lawrence. At the close, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the chairman, conductor, accompanist and artistes on the motion of ex-Sergeant Williams, seconded by Mr. David J. Davies. The singing off "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau," brought a fine concert to a close.

27 September 1930 Lecture A lecture entitled "The Economics of the Daily Newspaper," was given at the Old Library on Tuesday by Mr. Evan Davies, B.A.. Mr. Davies is an old Fochriw boy, son of Mr. Lodwig Davies and the late Mrs. Maud Davies. He had a very successful career at Aberystwyth University.

29 November 1930 Concert at Fochriw On Thursday and Saturday, performances of the cantata "The Holiday Concert," were given by the Carmel Operatic Society under the conductorship of Mr. James John Lewis, and great credit is due to him for his careful training of the children. In their various coloured dresses, and with the lighting effects, the children were a pleasing picture. The stage managers was Mr. J. I. Williams and Mr. W. A. Davies; the accompanists, Mr. Tom Walters and Miss Nesta Evans; the lighting effects, Mr. Tom Lewis. The following were the chief characters: Hannah Mantle; Rita Cole; Mimmie Lewis; Tudor Rowlands; Pearl Davies; Jackie Davies; Amelia Evans; Tom Smith; Howell Lewis; Jenny Davies; Erene Davies; Willie Walters; Mr. Tudor Davies; Miss Mary Morgan.

10 January 1931 Concert On Friday, a concert was held at the Church Hall, the vicar presiding. Several competitions were enjoyed by the children and the following contributed to the programme: Doris Edwards, Norman Thomas, Ceiriog Powell, David Howell, Gordon Price, David Cole, Ernest Lester, Lilian Cole, David Rees Jones, Berkley Hiscox, Graham Cumpstone, Marion Gregory, Cuthbert Llewellyn, D. Harding. The entertainment was brought to a close with a laughable sketch entitled "The Wrong House," played by W. J. Payne, Rod Jones, D. J. and George Williams, Vernon Payne, Alfred Wood.

10 January 1931 Operetta: "The Musical Village" Noddfa Vestry was well filled during last week when the children, under the capable conductorship of Mr. Thomas Evans, produced the operetta "The Musical Village." The singing of the chorus and artistes reflected great credit on the conductor. The dances and marches were excellent, and great praise is due to Mrs. Annie Evans. The characters were performed by: Miss Phyllis Davies, Mr. Walter Parry, Mr. John Williams, Mr. David G. Parry, Miss Lydia Williams, Dilys Evans, Gwenda Thomas, Iris Evans, Bethune Gregory, Ceinwen Thomas, Beryl Gittens, Katie Thomas and Messrs. Thomas John Jones, Crad Thomas, and Emllyn Evans. Numerous children played lesser parts, including Margaret Evans, Marion Sullivan, Richard Jones, Richard James Price, John and Egrin Thomas, Edward George Price, John Iorwerth Morgan, Gordon Price, Leighton Walters, David J. Lewis, Jackie Evans, Cyril Lewis, J. I. Morgan, John Thomas, R. Jas. Price, Richard Jones, Edward G. Price, W. Howell, Gwen Evans, Berkley Davies, Francis Thomas, David Jones, Ronald Price. The accompanist was Mr. David Joshua Thomas, and the scenic artist Mr. Jenkin Thomas.

17 January 1931 Concert On Friday, a children's entertainment was held at the Church Hall, presided over by the Vicar. The following contributed to a musical programme: Mary Lewis, Megan Pope, Marion Gregory, Maud Jones, Beryl Morris, Doris Tyler, H. Watkins, Doris Edwards, D. J. Williams, G. Tyler, W. J. Payne, Tudor Rowlands, Jack Davies, Dennis Harding, Willie Walters, Stewart Davies, Howell T. Lewis, Bobby Watkins, Cuthbert Llewellyn, Ceiriog Powell, E. Lester, D.

Cole, B. Payne. The following played a laughable sketch entitled "Chinese Laundry:" Mrs. H. Pope, Mrs. J. Harding, and Mrs. W. H. Edwards.

24 January 1931 Concert A children's concert was held at the Church Hall on Friday evening, presided over by the Vicar, and a very good time was spent. The following contributed to the programme: Maud Jones, Gwen Llewelyn, Doris Edwards, Bronwen Martin, Graham Cumpstone, Ronald Payne, David Howell, Stewart Davies, Gordon Price, Francis Thomas, Douglas Clark, Jackie Davies, Ceiriog Tyler, Willie Jones, Mimmie Lewis, Cuthbert Llewellyn, Howell Thomas Lewis, Goronwy Tyler. The whole concluded with a laughable sketch entitled "The Naughty Girl," played by Goronwy Tyler, Doris Edwards, Winnie Evans, Gwennie Puddle, Maggie Slimmonds, Betty Hiscox and Minnie Lewis.

21 March 1931 Drama: "Eilunod" The amateur dramatic society in connection with Carmel Welsh Congregational Chapel performed the Welsh drama "Eilunod" (J. Eddie Parry), at Carmel Chapel on Thursday and Friday to most appreciative audiences. The cast was an excellent one. Each character was well portrayed, reflecting great credit on the producer, Mrs. Sam Lewis. The following were the performers: Mrs. Martha James, Mr. Bryn Davies, Mr. Willie Angell, Miss Beryl Ballard, Mrs. Sal Jones, Mr. Arthur Ballard, Mrs. Mary Alice Lewis, Miss Mary Morgan. The president on Thursday was Mr. Daniel Rowlands, and on Saturday, Mr. Thomas Walters. The stage manager was Mr. Willie Angell Davies, and the scenic artist was Mr. Tom Lewis. The performance ended on Saturday night with the singing of "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau," by Mr. James John Lewis.

28 March 1931 Whist Drive At the Old Library on Thursday, a very pleasant whist drive was held under the auspices of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. The duties of M.C. were ably carried out by Mr. Crad Ballard, and the prize-winners were: Ladies: 1. Miss Dilys Evans, 2. Mrs. Thomas; Gents: 1. Mr. T. Puddle, 2. Mr. E. Thomas. The energetic secretary is Miss Bessie Ballard.

11 April 1931 Concert At Carmel Chapel on Good Friday evening, one of the finest concerts ever held in the district took place under the auspices of the Fochriw Male Voice Party, conducted by Mr. Tom Walters, A.L.C.M., with Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, A.L.C.M., at the piano. The proceeds were in aid of the St. John Ambulance Brigade and Merthyr General Hospital. The chairman was Dr. D. C. Williams, and he was accorded a hearty reception when introduced by Mr. W. J. Payne, chairman of the Party. Both the artistes and choir were in excellent form, encores being frequent. The concert opened with an overture by Mr. Lawrence, which put the audience into an excellent spirit. The party then rendered "Llan Baglan," followed by Mr. T. Cymro Thomas, Rhymney, with a tenor solo, "Sound an Alarm," and as an encore, he sang "Gwlad y Delyn." The concert continued as follows: recitation by Madame Thomas, Abertyswg, "Simon o Cyrene yn cario'r Groes," encore, "The Policeman's Story;" baritone solo, Mr. Haydn Thomas, Bedlinog, "The Desert," encore, "O! Illusion," soprano solo, "Lo, hear the gentle lark," encore "One fine Day;" the Party, "Hallelujah Chorus;" baritone solo, Mr. Thomas, "The Blind Ploughman;" recitation, Madame Thomas, "The Leper;" tenor solo, Mr. T. C. Thomas, "Lend me your aid;" soprano solo, Madame Evans, "Llam y Cariadau," encore, "The Wandering One;" Party, "Y Delyn Aur." At the close, Mr. W. J. Payne moved a vote of thanks to the chairman, artistes, officers of the chapel, Mr. Tom Jones for the lone of the piano, ticket sellers, the party, conductor, accompanist, and all who had helped in any way. Mr. W. J. Ballard seconded. The whole concluded with the singing of "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau."

25 April 1931 Concert At the Church Hall on Friday evening, Mr. W. J. Payne presided over a very happy children's entertainment. The following contributed to a programme of solos and recitation: Edna Jones, Marion Gregory, Mair Gittins, Jennie Davies, Betty Edwards, Ada Gregory, Doris Edwards, David Cole, Ernest Lester, David Howell, Tudor Rowlands, Graham Cumpstone, S. Davies, Mr. D. J. Williams, Mr. G. Tyler, Dennis Harding, Douglas Clarke, Howell T. Lewis. The following were the winners in the various competitions: Jennie Davies, Edna Jones, Betty Edwards, and David Cole.

2 May 1931 Concert A children's entertainment was held at the Church Hall on Friday evening, presided over by the vicar. A splendid programme was contributed by Master John Davies, Ewart Davies, David Rees Jones, David Howells, Graham Cumpstone, Ada Gregory, Hannah Mantle, Edna Jones, Winnie Evans, Maud Jones, M. H. Ballard, Jennie Davies, Betty Edwards. The winner of the competition was Miss Mary H. Ballard. The evening programme was brought to a close by the playing of a sketch "Eliza Couldn't Stay," by W. J. Payne, Rod Jones, Goronwy Tyler, D. J. Williams, A. Wood, V. Payne and Bertie Stephens.

9 May 1931 Dramatic Recital On Wednesday evening, Nazareth Chapel was full to overflowing to hear a dramatic musical recital by Miss Ruth Parry, Cardiff. Mr. J. P. Isaac was the chairman. Miss Parry was given a splendid reception. Her scenes from "Macbeth," and "Romeo and Juliet," were given in masterly style. Some of her monologues and songs at the piano will linger long in the minds of the audience. The vicar proposed, and Mr. Willie Adams Jones seconded a hearty vote of thanks to Miss Parry. Mr. John Lawrence was secretary, and Mr. William Morris was treasurer.

23 May 1931 Tea and Baby Show At the Church Hall on Wednesday, a very happy time was spent. The judge for the show was Dr. D. C. Williams, who said that his task was a very difficult one, as the babies present were all well developed and cared for, and a credit to their parents. He awarded the first prize to Glyndwr Parry, and the second to Gwenllian Williams. Mrs. Williams presented the prizes. After the baby show, tea was taken, followed by an entertainment. Mr. Octavius Richards was the accompanist, and the following artistes took part: Mrs. Jones (elocutionist); Mr. D. J. Williams and Mr. G. Tyler. The M.Cs. were Mr. Tom Jones and Mr. Crad Ballard.

4 July 1931 Social The Church Hall was well filled on Thursday evening for a social and whist drive under the auspices of the Male Voice Party. The M.Cs. for whist were Messrs. Crad Ballard and J. Lloyd Thomas, and for dancing Messrs. T. Howell Jones and Stanley Williams. The music was played by Mr. Sydney Briffett. The prize-winners for whist were: Ladies: 1. Miss Jessie Thomas, 2. Mrs. Wyndham Morrgan, Gents: 1. Mr. Geo. Williams, 2. Mr. W. Edwards. The secretarial duties were carried out by: Mr. D. J. Davies and Mr. J. Gregory.

5 September 1931 Whist Drive A whist drive was held at the Old Reading Room on Thursday under the auspices of the Fochriw Hotspurs' Football Club. The M.C. was Mr. Stanley Williams. Prize winners: gentleman: Mr. H Ballard; ladies: Mr. T. H. Morgan.

19 September 1931 Whist Drive On Monday evening, at the Old Library, a very pleasant whist drive was held under the auspices of the Hotspurs' A.F.C. Mr. Stanley Williams was the M.C. Prize winners: ladies: 1. Mrs. W. Thomas; 2. Mr. T. Sullivan; gents: 1. Mr. Bert Cumpstone, 2. Mr. Dan James.

10 October 1931 Whist At the Old Library on Thursday evening, a whist drive was held under the auspices of the Hotspurs' Football Team. Mr. Stanley Williams was M.C., and the prize winners were: ladies: Mr. Dan Jones; gents, Mr. W. T. Morgan.

17 October 1931 Glee Party The well-known party are again busy rehearsing a programme of music for their forthcoming engagement at Pontlottyn in a first class concert to be held in aid of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. The conductor is Mr. Thomas Walters and the accompanist Mr. Wyndham Lawrence. The energetic secretaries are Mr. James Gregory and Mr. D. J. Davies.

17 October 1931 Opera Fochriw inhabitants were entertained to a rich musical treat on Thursday last, when St. Margaret's Church Choir, Gilfach, performed in character the opera "The Raja of Rajapore." The hall was well filled with an appreciative audience who gave the company a fine reception. The duties of chairman were carried out by Councillor Minhinnick, who spoke in glowing terms of the excellent spirit shown by the Gilfach choir in coming up to aid the funds of the Fochriw Church.

14 November 1931 Glee Party On Thursday last, the party gave their services in a concert at Bethlehem Chapel, Pontlottyn, in aid of the N.S.P.C.C., and delighted the large audience with their singing.

14 November 1931 Drama The Carmel Dramatic Society scored a striking success on Thursday and Saturday last, when they performed three one act sketches at Noddfa Vestry to crowded audiences. The following were the characters in the three plays: "A Bachelor Girl" - Miss Nesta Evans, Mr. W. A. Davies, Mr. W. Angell, Miss Bessie Ballard, Mr. Bryn Davies; "A Dear Departed" - Mrs. Nellie Evans, Miss Beryl Ballard, Mr. W. Angell, Mr. G. Cole, Miss Hannah Mantle, Mr. Bryn Davies; "The Bishop's Candlesticks" - Mr. J. Idris Williams, Mr. Gomer Evans, Mrs. Sarah Millward, Miss Rita Cole, Mr. D. James. The scenery and dresses were very effective.

28 November 1931 Concert Fochriw music lovers were entertained to a rich musical treat on Thursday last at Nazareth Church. An excellent programme of music was given by eminent local artistes. Mr. Wyndham Lawrence was the accompanist. Mr. J. P. Isaac presided.

2 January 1932 Christmas Entertainment at Fochriw At the Church Hall on Christmas Eve, the children spent a happy time with a tea, entertainment and Christmas Tree. The entertainment was presided over by Mr. W. J. Payne. Serving at the tables were Mrs. White and a willing band of workers. Miss Olive Payne took the part of Santa Claus. Games were played and a musical programme was given by the following: Mary Lewis, Eirwen Williams, Sarah Williams, Gwladys Harris, C. J. Williams, Myra Archer, Betty Edwards, Ethel Lewis, Lettice Lewis, Joan Mills, Mary Ballard, M. J. Evans, D. Tyler, Ellen Way, E. Thomas, Loyal Evans and T. Edwards.

9 January 1932 "Princess Chrysanthemum" The annual production of an operetta by the children of Noddfa Baptist Church is eagerly looked forward to in the village. This year's effort was a striking success. Great praise is due to the conductor, Mr. David Joshua Thomas, on his first venture, for the high standard of this singing attained. Tribute must also be paid to the producer, Mrs. Tom Evans, whose efforts have been untiring, and were crowned with success. The following took part: Mrs. M. Humphreys Mr. W. A. Davies, Misses Ceinie Thomas, Dilys Evans, Bethune Gregory, Iris Evans, Gwenda Thomas, Mr. John Williams, Mr. R. J. Price, Mr. D. G. Parry, Mr. T. J. Jones. The Spirits of the Night, Courtiers, Attendance and Fairies produced the same excellence of vocal quality. They also had the splendid services of the brilliant accompanist Mr. Thomas Walters. The dresses, scenery and stage effects were very effective.

16 January 1932 Concert A Children's Concert, organised and presided over by Mr. Ken Phillips, took place at Siloh, Penybank, on Friday evening, when a large

number of laughable lantern slides were shown. The following contributed to a miscellaneous concert: Phil Mantle, Dennis Harding, Victor Davis, David Jones, Richard Sullivan, Ivor Small, David Prouse, Tom Sullivan, Phyllis Prouse, Douglas Small, and Stanley Jones. The accompanist was as Mr. Ken Phillips.

16 January 1932 Hospital Concert The Fochriw Glee Party, under the able conductorship of Mr. Tom Walters, with Mr. Wyndham Lawrence as accompanist, paid a visit to the Merthyr General Hospital on Wednesday evening last and entertained the patients and staff to a first-class programme of music. This party, always ready to give their services for the cause of charity, are to be highly commended for their spirit of self-sacrifice. The chairman was Mr. W. J. Payne. The following programme was given: overture - Mr. Wyndham Lawrence; "The Soldiers Chorus" - the Party; tenor solo, Mr. W. A. Davies; recitation, Mr. Lewis Jones; "The Little Church" - the Party; solo, Mr. Meirion Shankland; "In Absence" - Party; solo, Mr. W. A. Davies; "O, Peaceful Night" - Party; solo, Mr. Evan Evans; "The Jolly Roger," "Mafanwy" "Pen Calfaria" - the Party. Alderman Lewis Jones, on behalf of the matron, staff and patients, thanked the Fochriw party for providing such an excellent musical treat. The evening was brought to a close by the singing on "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau."

23 January 1932 Concert A very enjoyable time was spent at Siloh, Penybank, on Friday, when the Children's Concert was organised and presided over by Mr. Ken Phillips.

13 February 1932 "The Crystal Queen" St. Mary Church Operatic Society gave three excellent performances of the above operetta at the Church Hall on Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. The Vicar presided. The conductor was Mr. Berkley Angell, who was assisted by an orchestra - piano, Mr. Octavius Richards; violins, Mr. T. Horton and Miss Mary Morgan; cello, Mr. Tom Walters; cornet, Mr. Albert Mantle. The following took part in the operetta: Nellie White, Lilian May Mills, Gwendoline Llewellyn, Betty Hiscox, Gladys Harris, Mary Lewis, Ursula Harris, Doris Edwards, Mr. Goronwy Tyler, Mr. Gordon Lawrence, Mr. Windsor Rees, Mr. Rod Jones, Mr. Archie Adams, Miss Audrey Wood, Olwen Morgan. The dancers formed some striking tableaux. They were: Mary H. Ballard, Mary J. Evans, Thelma Thomas, Patricia Small, Eirwen Williams, Marion Evans, Frances Way, & Pearl White. The stage manager was Mr. C. Ballard, and the electrician Mr. W. J. Davies.

26 March 1932 Concert At Noddfa Vestry (kindly lent) on Tuesday and Wednesday, a miscellaneous concert was given by the juveniles and adult lodges of the I.O.G.T. The children gave Japanese songs and dances all of which were well done. Miss Bessie Ballard was responsible, and deserves praise for such a splendid performance. Solos were rendered by Messrs. W. A. Davies, Dan James, and Mrs. C. Walters; violin solo, Miss Mary Morgan. A sketch, entitled "Uncle John from Yorkshire," was performed, the characters being Miss Mary Morgan, Miss Beryl Ballard, Mr. B. Rees, Mr. B. Davies, and Mr. W. A. Davies. The accompanists were Miss Mona Ballard and Mr. Thomas Walters. The presidents were Mr. Sam Lewis and Mr. D. Jones.

30 April 1932 Dramatics Appreciative audiences witnessed splendid performances of the drama "The Unknown Quantity," given by the Noddfa Dramatic Society at Noddfa Vestry last week. The following took part: Miss Elsa Matthews, Miss Iris Evans, Miss Gwyneth Parry, Mr. Thomas J. Jones, Mr. John Rees Walters, Mr. David George Parry. Mr. Trevor Rees, Pontlottyn, was the producer, and Mr. J. R. Walters, the scenic artist and electrician.

7 May 1932 Lecture A lecture was delivered at Carmel Chapel on Thursday by Dr. Crosbie Roberts, Cardiff. The subject was "The British Water Spider: a study in biology and ethics." The chair was taken by Nurse Ballard Davies.

9 July 1932 Concert On Wednesday evening at Noddfa Vestry, a concert was given by the Fochriw Juvenile Choir, assisted by the following artistes: violin, Master Ronald Evans, Dowlais; elocutionist, Master Glanmor Williams, Dowlais; Masters Tegwyn Short, Dowlais; and Miss Eirlys Rees, Bedlinog. The chairman was Mr. W. J. Payne.

27 August 1932 Community Singing At a well attended meeting of representatives from the various churches held at the Library on Wednesday, Mr. William Price presiding, Mr. W. J. Payne spoke of the possibilities of holding a community singing festival on Sunday evening next. He explained that Mr. Robert Slimmons, Fochriw Farm, had kindly allowed a field near the farm to be used for the occasion. The singing will be conducted by Mr. Thomas Walters, A.L.C.M., and the Fochriw Silver Band, under the conductorship of Mr. Albert Mantle, will lead the singing. A collection will be made for the Merthyr General Hospital.

3 September 1932 Community Singing About 2,000 people attended a community singing festival under the auspices of the "Western Mail and Echo" on Sunday. The large gathering assembled on the Brynteg Field, kindly lent by Mr. Robert Slimmons, and outside, on the surrounding hills, many hundreds more were gathered. Mr. W. J. Payne presided. The hymns sung were: "Cwm Rhondda," "Eventide," "Gertrude," "Sandon," "Crygybar," "Aberystwyth," and "Pentecost." The sum of £5 5s 6d was realised for the Merthyr General Hospital.

3 September 1932 Concert A happy meeting was spent at Noddfa Vestry on Thursday, when Mr. T. J. Jones, vice-president of the local branch of the British Legion, presided over a concert organised to support the newly established Fochriw British Legion Children's Welfare Fund. The programme was under the direction and of the Fochriw Juvenile Choir.

8 October 1932 Concert A concert in aid of the fund for providing footwear for school children was held at Noddfa vestry on Thursday last. This was the first of a series of entertainments it is planned to hold during the coming winter, and it is hoped that the public will rally round and support such a worthy cause. The chair was occupied by Mr. Sam Lewis, school manager. An excellent programme had been prepared, and all the artistes gave their services free. The artistes were: soprano, Miss Eirlys Watkins; contralto, Miss Mafanwy Richards, Pontlottyn; baritone, Mr. James Brown, Deri; tenor, Mr. Isaac Jones, Pontlottyn. Solos and duets were also rendered by Megan Brown and Dilys Haines, Deri; Harry Oliver and Phyllis Haines. The Juvenile choir rendered choruses in fine style. Mr. Wyndham Lawrence was the accompanist, and the organising secretary Mr. Willie Adams Jones. A most enjoyable evening was brought to a close by the singing off "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau" by Miss Eirlys Edwards, Deri.

29 October 1932 Concert At Church Hall on Friday, a Children's Concert was held. Mr. W. J. Payne was the chairman, and the following contributed to the programme: Betty White, Gwendoline Llewellyn, Catherine J. Williams, Mair Evans, Betty Cumpstone, David Mantle, Denis Harding, Norman Thomas, Cecil Llewellyn, Victor R. Davies, Harry Evans, Douglas Clark, Freddie Williams, Jack Davies, Evan Lewis, Alun Davies, Trevor Edwards, David R. Jones, Alfred Lester. The Vicar adjudicated the singing competition and recitations. The singing competition was divided between Howell Lewis and Jackie Davies. Recitation: Catherine Jane Williams. Mr. W. White was the accompanist.

12 November 1932 Concert At the Church Hall on Friday, the vicar presided over a children's entertainment. The following contributed: Mary H. Ballard, Jennie Davies, Betty White, Mary Chapman, Cecil Llewellyn, John Davies, Howell Lewis, Douglas Clark, Denis Harding, Berkley Angell, James Lester, Jackie Davies, William John Jones, Victor Rees Davies, Maggie Slimmons, Mair Evans, Dorothy Way, Betty Edwards, D. R. Jones, Gertie Adams, Norman Thorne. A keen competition took place in the singing competition which was won by Master W. J. Jones. The recitation was won by Master Willie Walters. Another competition winner was Miss Pearl White.

26 November 1932 Band Whist Drive The first annual whist drive and dance under the auspices of the Fochriw Silver Band was held at the Astoria Ballroom, Pontlottyn, on Thursday evening, and was well attended. The music was supplied by Mr. Walter Grey's Arcadians' Band.

26 November 1932 Concert A well attended concert was held at Church Hall on Friday evening, presided over by the vicar. The following contributed to the programme: Hannah Mantle, Mary H. Ballard, Betty White, C. J. Williams, W. J. Jones, D. J. Williams, Cecil Llewellyn, Stuart Davies, Jackie and John Davies. The prize for the recitation was divided between Hannah Mantle and Mary Ballard. The programme was brought to a close with a sketch, "The Mysterious Lady," when the following took part: Messrs. W. J. Payne, D. J. Williams, R. Llewellyn, W. J. Jones, Jack Davies, Douglas Clark, T. J. Lewis, J. Lester, D. R. Jones. Mr. Willie White was the organist.

3 December 1932 Concert At Church Hall on Friday, the vicar presided over the Children's Concert. The following contributed: Gladys Shankland, Marion Gregory, Thelma Williams, Jennie Morgan, Betty White, Mary Ballard, Hannah Mantle, Mary J. Evans, Agnes Baker, Jack Davies, W. J. Jones, Freddie Williams, Victor Rees Davis, Douglas Clark, Stuart Davies. The winners of the singing competition were Jack Davies, Mary J. Evans and Mary Ballard. The programme was brought to close with the sketch entitled "The New Invention," played by W. J. Payne, James Lester, Jack Davies, W. J. Jones, Robert Llewellyn and David C. Jones.

10 December 1932 Concert A children's Concert was held at the Church Hall on Friday evening, the vicar presiding. The following contributed to the programme: Nancy Morgan, Megan Davies, Betty White, Thelma Williams, Jennie Morgan, Mary Ballard, Cecil Llewellyn, Jack Davies, David Howells. The winners of the choral competition were The Music Lovers, conducted by Mary J. Evans. The whistling competition was won by Robert Llewellyn. A pleasant evening was brought to a close with a sketch "The Pantry Ghost," played by Pearl White, Maggie Slimmons, W. J. Payne, W. J. Jones, James Lester and Tudor Rowlands. Mr. Willie White was the accompanist.

24 December 1932 Dramatics Excellent performances of three sketches were performed by the Carmel Dramatic Society at Noddfa Vestry on Thursday and Saturday, with a children's matinee on Saturday. The producers were Mr. Willie Angell Davies and Mr. J. I. Williams. Mr. Jenkin Pugh was chairman on Thursday, and on Saturday, Messrs. D. Rowlands and A. Ballard. The following took part: "The Factory Girl:" Mr. Tom Jones, Gomer Evans, W. Angell, Dan James, Griff Thomas, Martha James, Beryl Ballard, Margaret James; "Why Men Don't Marry" - Mr. T. Howell Jones, Miss B. Barnard, Miss J. Thomas, Miss E. Edwards, Miss S. Jones, Miss M. L. Thomas, George Cole and Rita Cole; "Minding the Baby" - Mr. W. Angell, Mrs. M. A. Lewis, Mr. W. A. Davies, Mrs. Millward, Mr. Bob Rees, Mrs. Nellie Evans, Mr. Tom Walters, Miss Maria Jones. Nurse Ballard Davies proposed,

and Mrs. Addie Jones seconded, a vote of thanks to the Church for the use of the vestry.

7 January 1933 "The Magic Key" On Thursday and Saturday, the Noddfa Augmented Choir, under the conductorship of Mr. D. Joshua Thomas, gave excellent performances, in full character, of the cantata "The Magic Key." The characters were represented as follows: Mr. D. G. Parry; Mr. T. J. Jones; Miss Phyllis Davies; Mr. D. Emlyn Evans; Mr. Walter Parry; Miss Iris Evans; Mr. Egryn Thomas; Mrs. M. Sheen; Miss Gwyneth Parry; Mr. Oliver Dyer; Miss Gwenda Thomas; Miss Margaret Evans; Miss Gwenfil Harries; Miss Ada Gregory; Miss Marion Sullivan. Mrs. T. Evans was the producer, and Miss Annie Jones, Brynteg, was responsible for the dancing. The accompanist was Mr. Thomas Walters, and the scenic artist Mr. D. Emlyn Evans.

14 January 1933 Omission The following names were omitted from the report of the performance of "The Magic Key," reported last week: Master Tom Smith, Miss Mair Morgan, Mr. R. Price, and Mr. Bert Edwards.

14 January 1933 "Agnes de Vere" On Thursday and Saturday last, at the Church Hall, the members of the St. Mary's Dramatic Society gave performances to most appreciative audiences of the three act drama "Agnes de Vere" (John Baldwin Buckstone), with Mr. W. J. Payne as producer. On Thursday night, Mr. E. I. Griffiths (Royal Stores) occupied the chair, and on Saturday evening, Councillor J. Edwards, Deri, was chairman. The following took part: Mr. W. J. Payne, Mrs. Lena Morgan, Mr. Jack Lawrence, Mr. Gordon Lawrence, Miss Rose Williams, Mr. Windsor Rees, Miss Nancy White, Mr. Tom Jones, Master C. Llewellyn, Mr. George Baldwin. The masqueraders were Misses G. Davies, W. Edwards, M. White and Doris Edwards. The stage manager was Mr. Charles White, and Mr. W. J. Davies was responsible for the lighting effects. The scenic artist was Mr. L. G. Thomas, the pianist Mr. Octavius Richards, and the organist Mr. Willie White.

28 January 1933 Concert At Noddfa Vestry on Tuesday evening, Mrs. A. Jones (Post Office) presided at a concert given by the Fochriw Children's Choir, under their conductor Mr. David John Davies. The choir sang the following items: "Today and Tomorrow," "Alawon y Bryniau," "Gwsg Gwyn Faban Gwyn," "Y Lili," "Liberty," "Duw a'i Gwnaeth." They were assisted by Miss Mary Lewis, Pentwyn; Miss Audrey Hollifield, Deri; Miss Muriel Davies, Fochriw; Master Ewart Davies, Fochriw. The accompanist was Mrs. E. Uzzell, Deri. Mr. T. J. Jones proposed, and Mr. D. J. Davies seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to all who had helped.

18 February 1933 Concert A concert was held at Penybank Chapel on Sunday under the auspices of the Fochriw Silver Band. Mr. W. Price presided. Programme: Band, "Lead, Kindly Light," solo, Miss Dilys Uzzell, Deri; solo, Master Harry Oliver, Deri; Band, "Friendship; recitation, Miss Dorothy Cook; duet, Miss Uzzell and Master Oliver.

25 February 1933 Whist Drive Under the auspices of the Fochriw Hotspurs Football Team, a whist drive was held at the Old Library on Tuesday. The M.C. was Mr. T. J. Jones, and the winners were Mrs. Thomas and Mr. T. Jones.

11 March 1933 Whist Drive Under the auspices of the Fochriw Silver Band, a whist drive was held at the Old Library on Thursday. The duties of M.C. were carried out by Mr. William Price and P.C. Sanson

18 March 1933 Welsh Dramas The children of the primary department of Carmel Congregational Church gave splendid performances of the Welsh dramas, "Mog Llwyys" and "Llew" (Margaret Prosser), and "Dic Whittington" (D. H. Thomas, Port Talbot), on Thursday, Friday and Saturday at Noddfa vestry (kindly lent). The vestry was crowded each evening and the characters were splendidly portrayed by the little

ones. Those who took part were: "Mog Llwyd" - Edryd Jones, John Jones, Douglas Clark, Evan Strang, Philip Mantle, Graham Cumpstone; "Llew" - Evan M. Davies, Edryd Jones, Willie Walters, Willie William; "Dic Whittington" - Jackie Davies, Eliza Evans, Howell Lewis, Rene Angell, Betty Jones, Jenny Davies, David Cole, Morgan G. Jones, Ivor Davies, Lynn Jones, Mimi Lewis, Hannah Mantle, Alun Davies, Willie Walters, Oriel Jones, Betty Evans and Muriel Davies. Miss Bessie Ballard, Mr. W. A. Davies and Mr. A. Ballard presided. Great credit is due to producers Mrs. Sam Lewis, Miss Maria Jones and Miss Sarah Jones. The stage managers were Messrs. Willie Angell, Emrys Lewis and Joshua Evans. The accompanist was his Mr. Bob Rees.

25 March 1933 Omission The name of Miss Betty Simpson was omitted from the account of last week's play "Dic Whittington."

25 March 1933 Whist Drive A whist drive under the auspices of the Fochriw Silver Band was held at the Old Library on Tuesday. P.C. Sanson and Mr. William Price shared the duties of M.C. Prize winners: ladies: 1. Mr. Bryn Thomas, 2. Mr. W. Edwards; gents: 1. Mr. Stanley Jones, 2. Mr. Jones.

25 March 1933 Operetta On Thursday and Saturday, the Juvenile Choir of St. Mary's Church, under the conductorship of Mr. Berkley Angell, with Mr. Octavius Richards as the accompanist, gave performances in full character of the pretty operetta, "Bold Robin and the Babes." Mr. W. J. Payne presided on Thursday, and of the Rev. J. L. White, vicar, on Saturday. The following took part: Master W. J. Jones, Miss Nelly White, Master W. J. Llewelyn, Miss Betty Edwards and Masters Jack Davies, Miss Gwen Davies, Mr. Rod Jones and Mrs. Percy Edwards, as well as The Fairies and Robin Hood's Merry Men. Mr. Crad Ballard and Mr. Charles White were the stage managers, Miss Nellie White the dance instructor, Mr. L. G. Thomas the scenic artist, and Mr. W. Davies the electrician.

29 April 1933 Concerts: Juvenile Choir A concert was given at the hall of the Fochriw School on Wednesday and Thursday last by the Fochriw Juvenile Choir, conductor Mr. D. J. Davies, accompanist Mr. Wyndham Lawrence. A rich treat was given the large and appreciative audiences. The chairman on Wednesday was Councillor Minhinnick, M.E., and on Thursday, Mr. Tom Jones, headmaster. The programme was as follows: selections by the choir - "Night Bells," and "Alawon y Bryniau;" recitation, Margaret Dyer; solo and story of "Dafydd y Garreg Wen" - Mary Lewis and Phoebe Davies; choir boys - "Flat Huw Puw;" "Mab annwyl dy Fam" - Winnie Evans, Thelma Thomas and Evan M. Lewis; group of English and Welsh folk songs; "Mari Lwyd" - story told by Jessie Jones, singing by Mary Lewis, Phyllis Martin and the choir boys; recitation - Eliza Evans; solo, Wm. John Jones; solo, Mary Lewis; selections by the choir - "To-day and To-morrow," and "I Sing because I Love to Sing." This was followed by a one-act play, "Toriad y Dydd," the cast of which was: Mr. D. J. Davies, Miss R. Angell, Jackie Davies, Edna Jones, Winnie Evans, Minnie Lewis. Mr. T. J. Jones and Mr. Berkley Davies proposed and seconded votes of thanks.

13 May 1933 Concert On Saturday evening, at Siloh Baptist Chapel, Penybank, a concert was given by Bedw Glee Party, Bedlinog, under the conductorship of Mr. T. S. Rees. The concert was in aid of Siloh Chapel Sunday School funds. The chair was occupied by Mr. Thomas Evans, and the Party was assisted by Mr. Haydn Thomas, Miss Mary Lewis, Mr. Reggie Watkins, and Mr. Frank Cooper.

13 May 1933 Concert Fochriw music lovers were given a rich musical treat at Nazareth Chapel on Thursday evening last, when the Pontlottyn Ladies' Glee Society, under the conductorship on Miss Kate Beddoe, gave a concert in aid of Nazareth Chapel. The artistes were Miss Megan Davies (soprano), Miss Mafanwy Richards

(contralto), Mr. Arthur Rees (tenor), Mr. Windsor Davies (baritone). They delighted the audience and were in brilliant form. The chairman was Mr. J. P. Isaac, headmaster of Pontlottyn School.

3 June 1933 Parade In the recent parade held at Fochriw, headed by the Fochriw Silver Band, the following organisations took part: the British Legion (with standard bearer); the Women's Section of the British Legion (with standard bearer); the St. John Ambulance Brigade; the Cadets' Section; Fochriw and Pontlottyn Fire Brigades.

8 July 1933 Whist A pleasant whist drive was held at the Old Library on Thursday evening under the auspices of the Women's Section of the British Legion, in aid of the Children's Welfare Fund. The duties of M.C. were carried out by Mr. E. Puddle. Prize winners: ladies - Mrs. Harding; gents - Mr. Harding.

8 July 1933 Concert A grand concert was given at the Unemployed Social Centre by the Fochriw Silver Band, under their conductor Mr. Albert Mantle, assisted by some first class artistes. The chairman was Mr. James Williams. The band played a varied programme of music which delighted the audience. The following artistes were in fine form: Mr. James Lewis, Miss Mary Lewis, Master Ewart Davies. Mr. Wyndham Lawrence was at the piano. An excellent address was given by Mr. Thomas of the Bargoed Settlement. Mr. D. D. Thomas proposed a vote of thanks to the band, artistes, speakers, and Mr. Jones of the Rising Sun, for the loan of the piano. Mr. James Tewkesbury seconded.

29 July 1933 Social Centre A concert was given at the Fochriw Unemployed Social Centre on Monday evening by the Fochriw Juvenile Choir conducted by Mr. David John Davies. The choir sang a number of choruses in fine style. They were assisted by the following artistes: violinist - Miss Nancy Cleaves; elocutionist - Miss Margaret Dyer; boy soprano - Master William J. Jones; girl soloist - Miss Muriel Davies; accompanists - Mr. Wyndham Lawrence and Miss Edna Cleaves. Mr. James Williams was the chairman. A hearty vote of thanks was given to the Choir and artistes on the motion of Mr. D. T. Thomas, seconded by Mr. D. D. Thomas. The secretarial duties were in the capable hands of Mr. R. Clark.

5 August 1933 Whist Drive A whist drive under the auspices of the women's section of the Children's Welfare Fund, took place at the Old Library last week. The duties of M.C. were carried out by Mr. Sullivan and Mrs. S. Jones. The prize winners were: Ladies - Mrs. Sullivan; gents - Mr. W. T. Morgan; knock-out prizes - Mrs. Sullivan and Mr. T. I. Evans. Refreshments were provided by the members. The secretary was Mrs. S. Jones.

5 August 1933 Concert A go-as-you-please concert was held at the Rising Sun Inn on Saturday evening. The chair was occupied by Mr. R. Clark who also conducted the competitions. The following took part: Messrs. D. Lewis Evans, D. Martin Thomas, J. Mostyn Evans, James Gregory and Jack Morgan. The adjudicator was Mr. L. Pritchard. The first prize was awarded to Mr. James Gregory who gave a fine rendering of "The Desert Song."

2 September 1933 Concert At Noddfa Vestry on Sunday, the Fochriw Silver Band gave a concert for the benefit of the Fochriw Ambulance Division. The Band was assisted by Miss Mary Lewis, soprano, and Mrs. Dilys Uzzell, soprano. Mr. Thomas Walters was the accompanist, and the chairman was Divisional Sergeant Howell Thomas.

9 September 1933 Community Singing In connection with the effort now being made for the Institute of the Blind at Merthyr, a community song service was held on the Fochriw mountainside on Sunday. Mrs. S. J. Jones, Anwyllfan, and a strong committee were responsible for the arrangements. The Fochriw Silver Band played

excellently. Mr. Wyndham Lawrence conducted the singing. The speakers included Mr. Hobby, general secretary, Merthyr Institute for the Blind, and Mr. J. Bennett. Mr. J. Lloyd Jones presided. A sum of £2 10s 1d was collected. The following assisted in collecting: Mesdames S. J. and A. Jones, D. Davies, E. P. Lewis, S. Davies, and Mr. Joshua Evans; stewards - Messrs. Berkley Davies, Tom Lewis, T. J. Jones, J. Williams, D. Griffiths, J. Phillips, S. Lewis, and P.C. Samsome.

16 September 1933 Concert At the Unemployed Social Centre on Monday evening, a competitive concert for children was held, and a large number of entries were received. The chairman was Mr. D. M. Thomas, and the adjudicators were: singing - Mr. J. J. Lewis; recitations - Mr. James Williams, Pentwyn; accompanist - Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, A.L.C.M. The winners were: singing - 1. Master W. J. Jones, 2. Miss Rena Angell; recitation - 1. Miss Eliza Evans, 2. Miss Letty Evans. A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. J. Gregory and seconded by Mr. D. D. Thomas. The secretarial duties were carried out by Mr. R. Clark.

30 September 1933 Dramatics On Thursday and Friday, the Noddfa Dramatic Society gave excellent performances of three one-act plays entitled "Temtassiwn," "Uncle Ben," and "Pretty Piece of Business." The company is to be congratulated on their excellent display. A word of praise is due to the young dramatist, Mr. David Emlyn Evans, Moore's-row, a pupil at Bargoed Secondary School, who was the writer and producer of the Welsh play "Temtassiwn," which won the prize for a one-act play at his school annual Eisteddfod. The following were the characters: "Temtassiwn," - Messrs. Thomas J. Jones, Emlyn Evans, D. J. Thomas, Miss Phyllis Williams; "Uncle Ben" - Messrs. Bert Edwards, David George Parry, Misses Phyllis Davies, Gwyneth Parry, Iris Evans, and Egryn Thomas; "Pretty Piece of Business" - Messrs. David George Parry, David Joshua Thomas, Misses Phyllis Williams, Phyllis Davies, Gwyneth Parry. The producers were Mr. David George Parry and Mr. Emlyn Evans. The chairman was Mr. Joshua Evans and the scenic artists were Messrs. Jenkin Thomas and Tom Thomas. The furniture was kindly lent by read Mr. Freedman, Dowlais.

25 November 1933 Social A most enjoyable evening was spent at the New Hall on Tuesday evening, when a social was held. The M.C. for whist was Mr. T. J. Jones. The winners were: ladies - 1. Mr. Emlyn Evans, 2. Mr. Egryn Thomas; gentleman - 1. Mr. Thomas Shankland, 2. Mr. William Shankland. After whist, the evening was spent in entertainment to music supplied by Mr. Sydney Briffett from his radiogram. The duties of M.C. were carried out by Messrs. S. Williams and T. H. Jones. Secretarial duties were carried out by Mr. Hartwell Wood.

2 December 1933 Whist A whist drive was held at the New Hall on Tuesday evening, under the auspices of the Institute Entertainments Committee. The duties of M.G. were carried out by Messrs. E. Puddle and H. Wood. The winners were: ladies - 1. Mr. T. J. Evans, 2. Mrs. S. Jones; gents - 1. Mr. W. Edwards, 2. Mr. J. Harding.

9 December 1933 Social A pleasant evening was spent at the New Hall on Tuesday, when a whist drive and social was held. The winners at whist were: ladies - Mr. Idris Jones, Mr. H. Barnard; gents - Mr. John Thomas, Mr. V. C. Wood. The Fochriw Silver Band supplied music for dancing. The duties of M.C. were shared by Messrs. S. Williams and E. Puddle.

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.

30 December 1933 Concert A supper and concert took place at the Mount Pleasant Inn on Saturday evening. Mr. Stephen Lewis, Pentwyn, presided. The following rendered items: overture, Mr. Gilbert Harris; solos, Messrs. Charles Tyler, Tom Jones, Pentwyn; Gron Tyler, David Owen Thomas, Bedlinog; Eddie Thomas, Penybank; David Tyler, Pentwyn; F. Dummett, Fochriw; W. Thomas Williams, Penybank; C. R. Mills, Pentwyn; Tom Jones, Bedlinog; George Williams, Pentwyn, and D. Daniel Thomas, Fochriw. The Fochriw Silver Band gave quartettes, conducted by Mr. A. Mantle. Mr. A. Grist gave a fine display on the bones, and Iorweth Williams gave some whistling solos. Mr. Tim Jones, chairman of the Football Club, gave an excellent address, and also proposed a vote of thanks, which are seconded by Mr. C. R. Mills, thanking all the artistes and the host for their kind services.

30 December 1933 "The Picnic Party" Very enjoyable evenings were spent at the New Hall on Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, when the Carmel Children's Choir, conducted by Madam Hannah Cole Davies and Mr. Meirion Shankland, gave excellent performances of the operetta, "The Picnic Party." The children had been well trained, and the dresses and effects were all that could be wished for. The chairman on Wednesday was Mrs. David Lewis; Thursday, Nurse Ballard Davies; Saturday, Mr. Aneurin Jones. The characters were ably portrayed by the following: Mrs. D. James; Jenny Davies; Elize Evans; Phyllis Martin; Mimi Lewis; Betty Jones; Frances Strang; Hannah Mantle; Muriel Davies; Rene Angell; Evan M. Lewis; Willie Walters; Douglas Clark; Jimmy Lester; Tudor Rowlands; Kathleen Williams; Rita Cole; Phoebe M. Davies; Margaret Rowlands; Betty Simpson; David Cole, Howell Lewis, Stewart Davies, Philip Mantle, Evan Strang, Graham Cumpstone, Idris Shankland. The accompanist was Miss Mona Ballard. The secretarial duties were ably carried out by Miss Mary Lewis Thomas. The stage manager was Mr. Tom Lewis. Votes of thanks to all who contributed were proposed and seconded by Messrs. Daniel Rowlands and James John Lewis.

6 January 1934 New Hall A social evening was held at the New Hall on Monday evening under the auspices of the Fochriw Ladies' Glee Party. Mr. D. J. Davies was the M.C. for whist and the winners were - ladies: 1. Miss M. Ballard, 2. Mr. Vivian Powell; gents: 1. Mr. Sullivan, 2. Mr. G. Watkins. Music for dancing was supplied by the Fochriw Silver Band, Mr. Albert Mantle conducting. The M.C.s were Messrs. T. Puddle and D. J. Davies. The winners of the spot dance competition were Mrs. Lewis and Mr. Hartwell Wood. Refreshments were served by Mrs. H. C. Davies and members of the choir.

6 January 1934 Noddfa Operetta On Thursday and Saturday, the Noddfa augmented Sunday School Choir, under the conductorship of Mr. D. Joshua Thomas, gave performances of the operetta "The Enchanted Glen." The production was in the hands of Mrs. Tom Evans, with Miss Mona Ballard as the accompanist. The characters were taken by the following: Miss Iris Evans, Miss Mary Lewis, Miss Phyllis Davies, Miss Thelma Thomas, Miss Margaret Evans, Miss Gwnfil Harris, Mrs. M. Shea, Misses Nellie Dummett, Frances Adams, Winnie Evans, Lily Thomas, Edna Jones, Tidwen Morgan, Pearl White and Sally Jones. The scenic artist was Mr. D. Emlyn Evans, and Mr. J. Thomas was in charge of the scenes and effects

10 February 1934 "East Lynne:" Revival of Old Favourite at Fochriw St. Mary's Dramatic Society staged a notable success with their production of the world famous stage-play "East Lynne." In selecting this play, Mr. W. J. Payne, the producer, has chosen one of the most difficult plays to stage in the restricted accommodation at his

disposal, and the success of the performance reflects great credit on the company. From the first act to the final curtain, the acting was of a standard rarely attained by amateurs, and so well were some of the most poignant scenes played, that the whole audience was deeply moved. By capturing the right atmosphere at the outset, the company prepared the way for a polished interpretation of the play, which earned the unstinted praise of the large audience present. Those taking part were: Mr. W. J. Payne, Mrs. Lena Morgan, Miss Betty Edwards, Miss Ursula Harris, Miss Rose Williams, Miss Wynda Edwards, Miss Jessie Williams, Mr. George Williams, Mr. Crad Ballard, Miss Jessie Llewellyn, Mr. Gordon Lawrence, Mr. Windsor Rees, Mr. Crad Williams, Mr. D. J. Williams, Mr. George Baldwin. The stage manager was Mr. Chas. White, the pianist Mr. O. Richards, the organist Mr. W. White, and Mr. W. J. Davies assisted with stage effects.

17 February 1934 Operetta Two performances of "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" (G. F. Root) were given at the New Hall on Wednesday and Thursday by the Fochriw Juvenile Choir, conducted by Mr. J. Davies. Choir and soloists responded excellently to his baton. The singing and dancing were good. The scenery, dresses and decorations were excellent, and the dancing of the Fairies was well done. The characters were ably portrayed by: Miss Mary Lewis, Madame H. C. Davies, Mr. Edmund Davies, Mr. James Jones, Miss Muriel Davies, Miss Winnie Evans, Miss Edna Jones, Master Tom Smith, Master Ewart Davies. Mr. Wyndham Lawrence and Mr. D. Joshua Thomas were the accompanists, and the stage managers were Mr. R. Evans and Mr. Tom Thomas. Mrs. Jones (Post Office) presided on Wednesday, and Mr. T. J. Jones (chairman of the Choir) on Thursday. The performances reached a high standard, were well worthy of the praise of the audience.

24 February 1934 Concert Mr. T. J. Jones presided over a concert at New Hall on Thursday given by the the "Jolly Boys Concert Party," of Bargoed, in aid of the local branch of the British Legion.

17 March 1934 Concert Under the auspices of the local branch of the R.A.O.B., the New Hall was crowded on Thursday when a concert, in aid of the Benevolent Fund, was given by the Merthyr District Buff Concert Party. Councillor A. T. Minhinnick presided.

24 March 1934 Drama A successful performance of the drama of "Ishmael" was given by the Fochriw Dramatic Party at the New Hall on 15th March. Proceeds were in aid of the local Ambulance Fund. Mr. T. Jones presided. The characters were well portrayed by the following: Miss S. Jones, Miss Elsa Matthews, Mr. Eynon Thomas, Mrs. D. James, Mr. A. Morris, Mr. W. Angell, Mr. T. J. Jones. The drama was produced by Mr. T. J. Jones and the stage managers were Messrs. W. Parry and D. James. Mr. W. Angell was responsible for the lighting effects.

14 April 1934 Welsh Drama Carmel dramatic Society scored a striking success on Wednesday and Thursday week, when they performed "Y Pwyligorddyn." It was evident that the utmost care had been taken to produce the drama, reflecting great credit on the producer, Miss Bessie Ballard. The cast was as follows: Mr. Willie Angell, Miss B. Ballard, Master David Cole, Mr. Gwilym Davies, Mr. Thomas Walters, Mr. G. Evans, Mr. David Lewis, Miss M. Lewis Thomas, Miss Jessie Thomas. The stage manager was Mr. Dan James. The chairmen were: Wednesday, Mr. Thomas Ballard; Thursday, Mr. Sam Lewis.

21 April 1934 Band of Hope Operetta On Thursday at the Church Hall, "Aladdin" was performed by St. Peter's Church, Deri, Band of Hope. Mr. W. J. Payne presided.

26 May 1934 Lest We Forget In aid of the Merthyr General Hospital, a community singing concert will be held on Sunday at 8pm.

2 June 1934 Whist and Dance A whist-drive and dance under the auspices of the Library Committee took place. The music was supplied by Ace Band, Tredegar, whose playing was much enjoyed. Mr. John Lewis and Mr. Gwynfor Morris were M.C.s for dancing, and Mr. T. Jones for whist.

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.

11 August 1934 Concert A concert was held at the New Hall on Sunday evening under the auspices of the Fochriw Silver Band. The bandsmen appeared in their new uniforms. The chairman was Mr. Willie Adams Jones. The Band, under their conductor Mr. Albert Mantle, played the following selections: "The Typhoon," "Dawn of Spring," "Country Life," "Echoes of Spring," "Royal Artillery," "Eventide." The band was assisted by Mrs. Marjory Humphreys, Pontlottyn, soprano; Mr. James John Lewis, Fochriw, tenor; Miss Megan Jones, Pontlottyn, elocutionist; accompanist, Mr. Thomas Walters. Mr. William Price moved a vote of thanks to the artistes, chairman and band.

1 September 1934 Tea and Baby Show The annual tea in connection with the Parish Church took place at the Church hall on Thursday afternoon last. Prior to the tea, the baby show was held, the judges being the Matron of Merthyr General Hospital, Mrs. Musgrove, and Mrs. Canton, Penydarren. The awards were as follows: Babies under nine months: 1. Glanville Greening; 2. Patricia Sullivan; Babies up to eighteen months: 1. Raymond Davies; 2. Dorothy Williams; consolation prize, Margaret Owen. The awards were received with much satisfaction. The tea followed. The prize cake given by the Royal Stores, Fochriw, was won by Mr. Vivian Powell, Fochriw. The tray holders were: Mrs. T. Jones, Mrs. W. D. Davies, Mrs. T. Baldwin, Mrs. C White, Mrs. A. Palmer, Mrs. E. Jones, Pearl White, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Miss Ethel Lewis, Mrs. W. Morgan, Mrs. M. A. Edwards, Mrs. O. Richards, Mrs. Pritchard and Mrs. B. Edwards. The cutters were Mrs. White, Mrs. Payne, Mrs. Jones, Miss Rosie Davies, Mrs. H. Thomas, Miss Olive Payne and Miss Mills. After tea, community singing was indulged in, with Mr. Octavius Richards as accompanist.

6 October 1934 N. S. P. C. C. A concert was held and at the New Hall on Wednesday, the proceeds being devoted to the Fochriw Branch of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. Mr. S. Lewis presided, and the programme was provided by the Fochriw Ladies' Glee Society under the conductorship of Madam H. Cole Davies. Mrs. Tom Evans (secretary) arranged the programme. The artistes included Mr. T. Cymro Thomas, Rhymney, National winner; Mrs. H. Pugh, Rhymney, soprano; Mr. Haydn Thomas, Bedlinog, baritone; Mr. Merddyn Morris, Cardiff, elocutionist; Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, A.L.C.M., Fochriw, accompanist. The president, Mrs. Matthews, proposed a vote of thanks to the artistes and choir, and this seconded by Mrs. M. Jenkins, secretary of the Ladies Committee.

6 October 1934 Library Dance At the New Hall on Monday under the auspices of the Library and Institute Committee, a dance was held. The music was supplied by Mr. H. Salmon's (Rhymney) Band. Mr. John Lewis was M.C.

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20 October 1934 Dance At the New Hall on Monday a dance took place. The music was supplied by Mr. H. Salmon's Band, Rhymney, and the M.C. was Mr. John Lewis.

27 October 1934 Glee Party Mr. W. J. Payne presided at a meeting at the Old Library, when it was decided to hold a concert on 11th November in the aid of the Gressford Fund. The Party, under the conductorship of Mr. Thomas Walters, is making splendid progress.

27 October 1934 Library Dance A large number attended the dance at the New Hall on Monday. Mr. H. Salmon's Band provided the music, and Mr. John Lewis and Mr. Ted Puddle were the M.Cs.

3 November 1934 Library Dance A large number attended the dance at the New Hall on Monday. The M.C. was Mr. John Lewis and the music was provided by Mr. H. Salmon's band.

10 November 1934 Library Dance A large number attended the dance at the New Hall on Monday. Messrs. John Lewis and Ted Puddle were the M.Cs. and the music was provided by a Rhymney band.

17 November 1934 Fochriw Eisteddfod Success marked the eisteddfod held at the New Hall, Fochriw, on Saturday, in aid of the Library and Institute. The competitions, which lasted until midnight, were of a very high standard. The adjudicators were: music - Mr. Bumford Griffiths and Mr. D. Lodwick, Dowlais; elocution, Mrs. M. A. Lewis, Fochriw, and Mr. Williams, Rhymney; accompanists, Mr. Thomas Walters and Mr. Wyndham Lawrence. The Rev. J. L. White, Vicar, was the President, and the conductor, Councillor W. R. John, Deri. An energetic committee had worked hard to make the event a success, with Mr. T. Puddle chairman, and Messrs. D. J. Davies and D. J. Evans, as joint secretaries.

Awards: Male Glee Party, "The Little Church" - four choirs competed - Penfhiwceiber 86; Fochriw 84; Aberdare 83; Ystrad Mynach 79. With a first prize of £5 was a fine oak chair made by Mr. Vernon Davies, Fochriw, and Mr. T. J. Jones, another old Fochriw boy; Juvenile Choir: "Ymdaith yr Urdd" and "Difyrwech y Brenin" confined to Urdd Gobaith Cymru Choirs: 1. Fochriw; 2. Ystrad Mynach; Boys' and Girls' solo under 14, confined to members of the Urdd - 1. Dilys Uzzell, Deri, 2. Gwyn Arthur, Treharris; Boys' and Girls' recitation under 14 "Gwnewch Bobpeth yn Gymraeg" - 1. Eliza Evans, Fochriw; 2. Mattie Jenkins, Ystrad Mynach; Boys recitation under 14 "Play the Game" - George Turner, Blaenavon; Girls' recitation under 14 "The Watermill" - Marion Frampton, Pontllanfraith; Boys' solo under 16 "Guiding Star" - Leslie Yerbery, Blaenavon; Girls solo under 16 "I Picked a Flower" - Gwladys Arthur, Ebbw Vale; Pianoforte solo boys or girls under 16 - Myra Morgan, Port Talbot; Juvenile champion solo under 16 - Myra Morgan, Port Talbot; Juvenile champion recitation under 16 - Derek Barber, Talywain; Soprano solo "Memories" - Madame Cresswell-Minnett, Bargoed; Pianoforte solos under 17 - Betty Jones, Fochriw; Tenor solo - Mr. Griffith Evans, Treharris; Bass solo, "The Sailor Boy's Dream" - Mr. Morlaisydd Morgan, Dowlais; Champion solo, any voice - Madame Cresswell-Minnett.

17 November 1934 Cinematograph Entertainment A fine programme of talking pictures was shown at the New Hall on Tuesday by Messrs. W. D. and H. O. Wills. The programme included comedy, drama and musical reels.

24 November 1934 Church Hall A children's entertainment took place at the Church Hall on Friday, the vicar presiding. The children contributed an interesting miscellaneous programme.

17 November 1934 Institute Dance At the New Hall on Monday, under the auspices of the Library Institute, a dance was held. The M.C. was Mr. John Lewis.

24 November 1934 Institute Dance A dance took place at the New Hall on Monday, under the Library and Institute Committee. Music was supplied by Mr. Jack Jones' Band, Rhymney, and the M.C. was Mr. John Lewis.

1 December 1934 Drama Performances Fochriw Dramatic Party added to its reputation on Wednesday and Thursday of last weeks in performances at the New Hall in aid of the Ambulance Division of the "The Rotters" (by F. H. Maltby). The acting was good and the presentation generally surpassed the usual amateur stand it. Much credit is due to Mr. T. J. Jones, the producer. The chairman on Wednesday was Mr. A. Ballard, and on Thursday, Mr. Sam Lewis. Members of the cast were as follows: Mr. W. Angell; Miss S. Jones; Miss E. Matthews; Miss Rita Cole; Mr. E. Thomas; Miss M. Morgan; Mr. V. Davies; Mr. A. Morris; Miss E. Lawrence. The stage manager was Mr. W. Parry. Corps Treasurer John Morgan thanked the party.

8 December 1934 Entertainment At the Church Hall on Friday evening, a children's concert was held, presided over by the Vicar. The programme consisted of solos, recitations and competitions.

1 December 1934 Local Dance A dance was held at the New Hall on Monday. Mr. John Lewis was M.C. and the music was supplied by Mr. Jack Jones's band.

8 December 1934 Institute Dance A dance was held at the New Hall on Monday and on Wednesday, under the auspices of the Library and Institute Committee. Music was supplied by Mr. Jack Jones' Band, and Mr. James Lewis was the MC.

15 December 1934 Entertainment On Friday night a children's entertainment was held, the vicar presiding.

15 December 1934 Institute Dance A dance was held on Monday evening. Mr. John Lewis was the M.C. and the music was provided by Mr. Jack Jones's band.

22 December 1934 Institute Dance A dance was held at the New Hall on Monday, Mr. John Lewis as M.C., and the music provided by Mr. Jack Jones' Band.

29 December 1934 Library Dance A dance was held at the New Hall on Monday. Mr. John Lewis was the M.C., and the music was supplied by the Grosvenor Band.

5 January 1935 Glee Party's Dance Under the auspices of the of Fochriw Ladies' Glee Society, a dance was held at the New Hall on Thursday and was well attended. Music was supplied by radiogram. Mr. D. J. Davies was M.C.

5 January 1935 Christmas Social At the Church hall on Thursday, a tea and entertainment were enjoyed. The tables were attended by Mesdames J. L. White, W. J. Payne, C. White, T. Baldwin, W. D. Davies, T. Jones, P. Edwards, O. Richards, Daighton and B. Edwards. After tea competitions were indulged in, the following in charge: the Vicar, Mr. W. J. Payne, W. D. Davies, G. Evans, W. Morris. Mr. Willie White was the accompanist.

12 January 1935 Institute Dance At a dance held at the New Hall, under the auspices of the Institute Committee, the M.C. was Mr. J. Lewis and the music was supplied by the Grosvenor Band.

19 January 1935 Football For Hospital A football match between the Fochriw Schoolboys and Bedlinog Schoolboys in aid of Merthyr General Hospital was played

last week. The game proved a fine one, Fochriw winning by three goals to two. Thanks are due to Mr. T. J. Jones, headmaster, who organised the match.

19 January 1935 Local Operetta The operetta, "A Holiday on the Sands," was given at Noddfa vestry on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday by the Noddfa Augmented Choir, conducted by Mr. D. J. Thomas, and produced by Mrs. Tom Evans. The work of the children revealed good training, and the adults portrayed their characters well. The cast was: Mr. Emlyn Evans; Mr. Willie Angell; Mr. R. J. Price; Mr. Berkley Davies; Mr. Walter Parry; Mrs. Lydia Williams; Miss Jenny Davies; Mr. Bert Edwards; Mr. Egryn Thomas; Mr. Rod Jones; supported by dancers, niggers, and lifeboat men. The accompanists were Mr. Thomas Walters, A.L.C.M., and Miss Elsa Matthews. The chairman on Tuesday was Mr. David Thomas, and on Wednesday, Mr. John Bevan, M.E.

26 January 1935 Library Dance A dance was held at the New Hall under the auspices of the Library and Institute Committee. The music was supplied by the Grosvenor Band and the M.C. was Mr. John Lewis.

2 February 1935 Library Dance A dance was held on Monday evening at the New Hall. The Grosvenor Band supplied the music, and the M.C. was Mr. John Lewis.

9 February 1935 Institute Dance A dance was held at the New Hall on Monday evening under the auspices of the Library and Institute Committee. The music was supplied by the Grosvenor Band and Mr. John Lewis was M.C.

23 February 1935 Ladies' Glee Party The Party, under the conductorship of Madame H. C. Davies, with Mr. Wyndham Lawrence accompanist, delighted a large audience at Abertysswg on Sunday at a concert.

23 February 1935 Library Dance A dance was held on Monday at the New Hall. The Grosvenor Band supplied the music with Mr. John Lewis as M.C.

23 February 1935 Ambulance Dance At the New Hall on Thursday, a dance was held under the auspices of the St. John Ambulance Cadets. The M.Cs. were Mr. Elwyn Lewis and Mr. Stanley James. The Grosvenor Band supplied the music. The spot prizes were won by Mr. & Mrs. John Lewis.

2 March 1935 Talking Pictures Fochriw Library and Institute Committee introduced talking pictures into the village at the New Hall on Tuesday.

2 March 1935 Welsh Cinema's Visit On Wednesday evening last, the Welsh Cinema visited Fochriw Hall. Mr. Ap Morris Jones manipulated Welsh scenes. Arts and crafts, mabol gampau, and the holiday cruises were shown. There were large audiences for the evening and afternoon shows, the pictures being of a high standard.

2 March 1935 Drama: "The Beggars Petition" The Church Hall Fochriw was filled to capacity on Wednesday and Thursday evening when the St. Mary's Dramatic Society, producer of Mr. W. J. Payne, performed "The Beggars Petition" (George Dibdin Pitt). The story is woven around a father's love and a mother's care and is full of pathos and humour. It was a thoroughly enjoyable performance, and the generous applause testified to the appreciation of the audience. The cast was an exceptionally strong one, and was as follows: Mr. W. J. Payne; Mrs. M. H. Morgan; Mrs. L. Morgan; Mr. G. Lawrence; Miss O. M. Payne; Mr. W. Rees; Miss W. Edwards; Mr. T. Davies; Mr. R. Jones; Mr. C. Ballard; Mr. W. J. Llewellyn; Mrs. T. Jones; Miss B. Edwards; Mr. D. J. Williams; Mr. G. Williams; Mr. G. Baldwin; Mr. T. Johnstone. The accompanist was Mr. G. Harris, and the stage manager of Mr. C. White. The lighting effects were supervised by Mr. W. J. Davies. The Vicar was the chairman. The acting and demeanour of the characters were excellent, and for an amateur

company the standard was very high. The enunciation and audibility of the players was good throughout.

9 March 1935 Library Dance Held at the New Hall on Tuesday evening. Mr. John Lewis was M.C., and the music was supplied by the Grosvenor Band.

16 March 1935 Library Dance A dance was held at the New Hall on Monday. The M.C. was Mr. John Lewis. The Grosvenor Band provided the music.

23 March 1935 Institute Dance The Grosvenor Band played, and Mr. John Lewis was M.C. at the dance held at the New Hall on Monday.

30 March 1935 Band Dance The Fochriw Silver Band held a long dance at the New Hall on Monday. Music was supplied by the Silver Band, conducted by Mr. Albert Mantle. The M.Cs. were Mr. David J. Davies and Mr. Elwyn Lewis. The winners of the spot dance were Miss Lavinia Owen, Deri, and Mr. Cadfan Cumpstone. The cake, given by Messrs. Childs and Price, Pontlottyn, was won by Mr. Stanley Davies. Refreshments were served by Mesdames W. Price, J. J. Lewis, S. Davies, A. Mantle, D. Griffiths, D. T. Davies, R. Rees, C. Shankland, V. Jones and J. Williams. Mr. J. J. Lewis proposed and Mr. William Price seconded a vote of thanks to all.

6 April 1935 Urdd Concert On Wednesday and Thursday, the Fochriw branch gave a miscellaneous concert and drama. The items consisted of the test pieces for the National Eisteddfod. The following pupils of the infants department contributed to the programme: recitations, Winnie Evans, Betty Simpson, Betty Jones, Linda Thomas, Marie Davies, Betty Evans, Desmond Kelly, Huw Thomas; songs, Megan Davies, Gladys Harries. The parties sang the test pieces, conducted by Mrs. B. Ballard, Miss M. Jones, and Mr. T. J. Jones. The Glyn party, conducted by Mr. T. Walters, also recited "Elusengarwch." The drama "Dal y Lleidr" was produced by Miss E. Ballard. Miss E. Lewis and Mr. W. Lewis presided, with Mr. T. Walters and Miss A. Jones as accompanists.

20 April 1935 "Peach Blossom" Carmel Sunday School Choir maintained their high reputation in their performance of the operetta "Peach Blossom," which they staged at the New Hall on Wednesday and Thursday. The conductor was Mr. Tom Walters; accompanist, Mrs. Beryl Ballard; assistants - Mrs. S. Lewis and Miss Maria Jones; chairmen - Messrs. Sam Lewis and E. M. Davies. The leading parts were played by: James Lester, Renee Angell, Leighton Millward, Willie Walters, Douglas Clark, Miss A. Jones, Muriel Davies, Marion Lester, Betty Jones, Betty Simpson, Ernie Simpson, Jennie Davies. The following sketches were played: "The Railway Train" (produced by Windsor Chapman and friends), and "Coffee Stall" (Evan Lewis and friends).

4 May 1935 Legion Concert Under the auspices of the local British Legion Children's Fund, a variety programme was given at the New Hall on Thursday by the All Blacks' Minstrel Troupe, who function under the auspices of Christ Church, Pant, with the Mr. W. Mason Jones as interlocutor, assisted by a Mr. Fred Richards, comedian, Merthyr. The chairman was Mr. W J. Payne. Mr. J. Lloyd Jones, secretary, thanked all were taken part.

11 May 1935 Library Dance A dance was held at the New Hall on Monday. Mr. John Lewis was the M.C. The music was supplied by Mr. Ray Parry and his band, Abertysswg.

11 May 1935 Silver Band Concert At the New Hall on the Thursday, a concert was held under the auspices of the Fochriw Silver Band. Mr. W. J. Payne was chairman. The programme was as follows: pianoforte overture, Mr. Wyndham Lawrence; solos,

Mr. T. Cymro Thomas, Rhymney, Madame Olwen Jones-Price, Merthyr; elocutionist, Miss Flossie Jones, New Tredegar; selections by the band.

11 May 1935 Jubilee Celebrations Fochriw celebrated the Silver Jubilee in right to royal style, the streets and houses being gaily decorated with flags and bunting. The children of the Fochriw Mixed and Infants and Penybank Council Schools were entertained to tea under the supervision of the head teachers (Mr. T. J. Jones, Miss Lewis and Mr. Arthur Ballard), assisted by the staff and helpers. Mr. Sam Lewis, school manager, also attended. The Silver Band, conductor Mr. A. Mantle, played a programme of music during the evening.

18 May 1935 Jubilee Events The final events in connection with the Fochriw Jubilee Committee took place at the Welfare ground on Monday. Thanks are due to the inhabitants for the generous response to the appeal.

1 June 1935 British Legion Dance The dance at the New Hall on Monday evening. Music was supplied by the Virginia Band and Mr. James Lewis was M.C. The winners of the spot prizes were Mr. Jack Davies and Mrs. Jones.

6 July 1935 Concert Arrangements At a meeting at the Old Library last week, presided over by the Mr. W. J. Payne, arrangements were made for the forthcoming concert in aid of them Merthyr General Hospital on July 18th, when the Fochriw Ladies' Choir, assisted by eminent artistes, will provide a programme of music.

20 July 1935 Town Band The Fochriw Silver played a pleasing programme of music on the Green on Monday. On Sunday, they headed the Church Parade at Pontlottyn.

27 July 1935 Hospital Concert At the New Hall on Thursday, the concert organised by the local committee in aid of the Merthyr General Hospital was given. The chairman was Councillor Sam Lewis, who emphasised the splendid service the hospital was giving. Others present included Mr. Canton (chairman of the finance committee), the Mayoress of Merthyr (Miss M. E. Edwards), the matron of the hospital, Mr. Lewis Jones (secretary) and Mrs. Canton. Those who took part were: Mr. Wyndham Lawrence; the Fochriw Ladies' Choir (conductor Madam H. C. Davies); Madam Zoe Cresswell-Minnet (soprano, Bargoed), Miss Morfydd Meyrick, Brithdir, violin selections; Mr. T. R. Jones, Pant, baritone; Mr. J. J. Lewis, tenor; Mr. Lewis, Pant. Mr. Lewis Jones, Penydarren, was the elocutionist. Mr. W. J. Payne moved a vote of thanks to the chairman, artistes, ladies' choir, accompanist, and the ticket sellers. The Mayoress of Merthyr, in a very neat speech, seconded. Mr. Canton gave an address reviewing the work of the hospital, and thanked the people of Fochriw for their splendid efforts from time to time. The secretary was Mrs. W. J. Payne with Mrs. Howell Thomas as treasurer.

3 August 1935 Baby Show The annual tea and baby show of St. Mary Church took place on Thursday. The judges for the baby shown were Miss M. Richards, matron Merthyr General Hospital, and Dr. Esther Jones, Merthyr. There were a large number of entries. The judges said that all the babies deserved a prize for they were healthy and well-cared for and were a credit to their mothers. The winners were: babies up to nine months - 1. Maldwyn Hughes, 2. Hazel May Evans; babies 9-18 months - 1. Beryl Carpenter, 2. Lorna Rees. The judges presented the prizes to the winners. Tea followed, the tray holders being Mesdames White, W. J. Payne, C. White, W. D. Davies, H. Thomas, Bert Evans, A. Wright, E. J. Lawrence, Llewellyn, T. E. Davies, Miss R. Davies, Misses Gladys Mills, Annie Mills, Nellie White, N. Ballard, T. Jones, C. J. Williams, J. Mills. The winner of the cake presented by Mr. and Mrs. Griffiths, Royal Stores, was Maldwyn Hughes.

31 August 1935 Health And Beauty Winner Miss Thelma Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Thomas, Brynteg-street, won the first prize out of 468 competitors in the health and beauty competition at Barry.

24 August 1935 Community Hymn Singing On Sunday at 7:45pm, a community hymn-singing meeting will take place on Mr. Slimmons field in aid of the Merthyr General Hospital. This singing will be led by the Fochriw Silver Band.

31 August 1935 Hospital Community Singing A community hymn singing service was held on Sunday in a field kindly lent by Mr. Robert Slimmons in aid of Merthyr General Hospital. Four nurses in uniform from the hospital were busy with collecting boxes, assisted by Miss Kathleen Williams, Miss Minnie Lewis, Mr. W. D. Davies and Mr. J. J. Lewis. The meeting was opened by Mr. W. J. Payne. The chairman, Councillor Sam Lewis, made an earnest appeal on behalf of the hospital, and emphasised the great work it was doing. The conductor was Mr. David John Davies, and the singing was led by the Fochriw Silver Band, conducted by bandmaster Albert Mantle, who gave their services free. The collection realised £3 13s 8d. Thanks a due to Mr. Slimmons for the field; Mr. Glilym Llewellyn for the lorry for the stage; St. Mary Church for chairs; the 'Western Mail' and 'South Wales Echo' for hymn sheets. Splendid services were rendered by Messrs. W. J. Payne, Howell Thomas, W. D. Davies, J. J. Lewis, William Price, Percy Edwards, E. Davies and M. Evans (Merthyr), E. Jones, Sergeant Jones and P.C. Wadley.

28 September 1935 Library Dance A dance was held at the New Hall on Tuesday. The music was supplied by the Fochriw Silver Band. The M.Cs. were Mr. John Lewis and Mr. D. J. Davies.

28 September 1935 Variety Concert At the New Hall on Thursday, a variety entertainment was given by the Dan Bells' Concert Party, Ebbw Vale, in aid of the Fochriw Institute. Councillor Sam Lewis presided.

12 October 1935 New Hall Dance A dance was held at New Hall on Tuesday. Music was supplied by the Regal Band. The M.C. was Mr. John Lewis.

26 October 1935 Dance On Tuesday at the New Hall a dance was held, when the music was supplied by the Regal Band with Mr. John Lewis as M.C.

9 November 1935 Institute Dance The entertainment committee of the library held a dance at the New Hall on Tuesday. The Regal Band supplied the music, and Mr. John Lewis was M.C.

9 November 1935 Marina Ball A meeting of ladies was held at the Old Library on Monday to make the final arrangements for the Princess Marina Ball, to be held on 23rd November, in aid of the local Silver Band funds. Mr. J. J. Jones, secretary, Mr. William Price, treasurer, and Mr. Albert Mantle, bandmaster, was also present.

9 November 1935 Drama Performance The Fochriw Amateur Dramatic Society scored another success on Wednesday and Thursday last at the New Hall, when they performed "The Cheerful Knave," a comedy in three acts, in aid of the local ambulance division funds. The characters were well portrayed by the following: Mr. Vernon Davies; Mr. W. Angell; Mr. D. J. Thomas; Mr. E. Thomas; Mr. T. J. Jones, Miss S. Jones; Miss E. Lawrence; Miss Mary Morgan; Miss Rita Cole; Miss Elsa Matthews. The producer was Mr. Trevor Lawrence, and the chairman was Councillor Sam Lewis. This is the third drama performed by this party in aid of the local ambulance division. They were thanked by Div. Supt. John Morgan, seconded by Supt. Howell Thomas

16 November 1935 Institute Concert A concert was given at the New Hall on Wednesday in connection with the Institute by the Celeste Four, Cardiff. The chairman was Mr. D. J. Davies.

23 November 1935 Institute Dance A dance was held at the New Hall on Tuesday. The Regal Band supplied the music and Mr. John Lewis was M.C..

7 December 1935 Marina Dance At the New Hall on Thursday last, the annual Princess Marina Dance took place, under the auspices of the Fochriw Silver Band. Before the dance, a tea was held, the tray holders being Mrs. Rees, Mrs. S. Lee, Mrs. L. Evans, Mrs. Burrows, Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Shankland, Mrs. T. Thomas, assisted by Mrs. T. Edwards, Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Payne, Mrs. S. Jones, Mrs. Bob Rees, Mrs. J. J. Lewis, Mrs. K. Owen. The music for dancing was supplied by the Silver Band, conducted by Mr. Albert Mantle. The M.C.S. were Messrs. D. J. Davies, Elwyn Lewis, and the winners of the spot dance prizes were Mrs. Tugby (Rhymney) and Mr. Ieuan Griffiths. During the interval, the chairman and secretary of the band thanked all for their support. The winner of the cake presented by Mr. Morley Davies, Dowlais, was Mrs. Payne. The arrangements were carried out by Mr. J. J. Lewis and Mr. William Price. Others who rendered assistance were Messrs. Job Saunders, John Phillips, R. Morgan, A. Burrows, Elwyn Lewis, Mervyn Evans, David Griffiths, A. Gwynne and Bob Rees.

7 December 1935 Drama The Provincial Players were visitors during the past week to the New Hall where they performed the drama "The Empty Cradle and Aladdin."

28 December 1935 Library Concert At the Old Library last week, a musical evening was given in aid of the British Legion Children's Welfare Fund. Mr. Sydney Phillips presided, and the following artistes took part: comedians - Paddy and Rickie; tenor - Mr. E. Thomas; boy soprano - Tommy Hennessy; Mr. Danny Donovan - character study by "Character Jim," and the Sweeney Brothers.

4 January 1936 Forthcoming Oratorio A representative meeting was held last week to make arrangements for producing the forthcoming oratorio for Good Friday in aid of Merthyr General Hospital. The chair was occupied by Mr. W. J. Payne. It was decided to organise a choir of about 60 voices with Mr. Thomas Walters as conductor.

11 January 1936 Comedy Performance The local Dramatic Society performed the comedy "Ann" on Wednesday at the New Hall. The setting and effects added to the success of the performance which merits a tribute to the producer, Mr. Trevor Lawrence, and his company. Those who took part were W. Angell, D. J. Thomas, E. Thomas, Misses S. Jones, E. Lawrence and E. Matthews. Mr. D. E. Evans presided. The proceeds were in aid of Noddfa Baptist Church.

25 January 1936 For The Hospital Mr. Thomas Walters and his mixed choir are rehearsing the famous book "Abraham," to be produced on Good Friday in aid of the Merthyr General Hospital.

15 February 1936 Fochriw Dramatic Society Dance This was held on Thursday last. The M.C. was Mr. A. Cumpstone, and the music was supplied by the Regal Band, Rhymney. The winners of the spot dance prizes were Miss Margaret Robinson (Abertysswg), and Mr. Douglas Small (Pentwyn).

22 February 1936 Drama The St. Mary's Dramatic Society, producer Mr. W. J. Payne, delighted a crowded audience at the Hall, Ystradowen, on Monday, with their performance of the great drama "The Last Shilling." Rev. Leigh, Llansannor, presided.

29 February 1936 Drama Performance The St. Mary's Dramatic Society performed "The Last Shilling" at the Church Hall on Feb. 19th and 20th. The chairmen were Rev. J. L. White and Mr. E. J. Griffiths. The cast included Messrs. W. J. Payne, R. Hughes, P. Keane, W. Rees, G. Lawrence, S. Williams, D. J. Williams,

W. J. Llewellyn, L. Deighton, S. Baldwin, Mesdames T. Jones, M. A. Edwards, Mary Hughes, and Misses Olive Payne, Lilian Mantle and Olive Jones. The stage managers were Messrs. W. Morris and L. Deighton, with Mr. O. Richards as the accompanist. Council Sam Lewis thanked the company, and the chairman said it was the best performance he had seen in the district. Mr. T. Ballard supported Councillor Lewis.

7 March 1936 Local Drama The names of Mr. Rod Jones and Messrs. W. D. Davies, John White, A. Palmer and W. J. Davies were inadvertently omitted from last week's report.

7 March 1936 Concert A concert was held at New Hall on Wednesday, under the auspices of the Library Committee. Mrs. M. A. Lewis presided and the artistes were: boy soprano, J. N. Jones, Clydach; elocutionist, Mrs. N. T. Lewis; violinist, Miss M. Meyrick, Bargoed; accompanist, Mr. Wyndham Lawrence. All the artistes excelled themselves, and Mr. D. J. Davies moved a vote of thanks.

28 March 1936 Parish Church The patronal festival was held at St. Mary's on Wednesday, the special preacher being the Rev. J. C. Payne, a former vicar of the parish.

28 March 1936 Nazareth The pulpit was occupied on Sunday evening by Mr. James Brown, Deri. During the services, solos and recitations were given by Miss Dilys Haines, Miss Morfydd Brown and Miss Megan Brown. Mr. Wyndham Lawrence was the organist.

28 March 1936 Carmel Cymanfa A cymanfa ganu was held at Carmel on Sunday, when the singing was of a high standard. The conductor was Mr. Meirion Shankland, and the organist Miss Beryl Ballard. The presidents for the morning, afternoon and evening services were Mr. Sam Lewis, Mr. A. Ballard and Mrs. D. Lewis.

14 March 1936 N.S.P.C.C. A concert in aid of funds was held at New Hall on Thursday, when Councillor Sam Lewis presided. Those taking part were M. Davies, E. Thomas, E. Cumpstone, J. Sullivan, J. Slimmonds, Eira Davies, M. Ballard, E. Davies, M. Williams, M. Cole, E. Angell, B. Jones, M. Sullivan, L. Thomas, S. Puddle, B. Evans, E. Edwards, M. Davies, N. Evans, M. Davies, M. Cumpstone, T. Jones, T. Way, M. Lester, M. J. Evans, L. Jenkins, M. Davies, G. Harris, E. Davies, E. Way, M. Way, G. Llewellyn, M. Jones, M. Archer, J. Phillips, L. Mills, D. Taylor, M. Jones, S. Jones, A. Wright, G. Adams, J. Way, E. Evans, G. Harris, A. Thomas, Eleanor Angell. A one-act play, "Archibald," was produced by Mrs. A. Evans and Miss Matthews. The cast was: Misses W. Evans, B. Edwards, E. Evans-Jones, M. Rowlands, T. Thomas, A. Edwards, M. Evans, B. Jones, M. Williams, and Master L. Walters. Miss E. Mathews was the accompanist. The president is Mrs. Mathews and the secretary Mrs. M. Jenkins.

4 April 1936 Dramatic Society The dramatic society, with Mr. Trevor Lawrence as producer, gave a fine performance at the New Hall on Thursday of the comedy, "The Laughter of Fools" (H. F. Maltby). The proceeds were in aid of Nazareth Chapel. The cast was as follows: Miss Rita Cole, Miss Mary Morgan, Mr. Egryn Thomas, Mr. T. J. Jones, Miss Elsa Matthews, Miss Eluned Lawrence, Mr. Berkley Davies, Mr. Vernon Davies, Mr. David J. Thomas.

11 April 1936 Carmel: A Welsh Comedy The Welsh comedy "Mrs. Wills o' Wells," was admirably performed on Thursday last at the New Hall by Carmel Dramatic Society. The cast was: Mrs. W. A. Davies, Mr. W. Angell, Miss M. Morgan, Mr. W. A. Davies, Miss Iris Edwards, Mrs. O. Davies, Mr. Bryn Davies, Mr. Gomer Evans, Mr. Bryn Cumpstone, Miss M. L. Thomas. The producer was Mrs. S. Lewis; secretary, Mr. B. Davies; stage manager, Mr. T. Lewis. Mr. W. A. Davies and Mr. T. Rowlands presided. Mr. Rowlands and Mr. E. M. Davies moved and seconded

the vote of thanks to all who had helped to make the performance a success. Helpful service was rendered by Mrs. A. Ballard, Miss M. Jones, Mrs. H. C. Davies, Mrs. L. Smith, Mrs. T. I. Evans, Mrs. D. James, Mrs. E. Evans, Mrs. Lewis Evans, Miss C. Jones, Messrs. J. Davies, M. Shankland, D. James, Howell Thomas, Emrys Lewis and others.

18 April 1936 Performance of "Abraham" A creditable performance of "Abraham" was given by the Fochriw Choral Society at the New Hall on Thursday, under the conductorship of Mt Thomas Walters, with Mr. D. J. Thomas as accompanist. Mr. W. J. Canton, vice-chairman of the executive board of the Merthyr General Hospital, presided, and the Mayor and Mayoress of Merthyr, Ald. Lewis Jones and Mrs. Jones, and Miss M. Richards, matron, were also present. The artistes were: soprano, Madame Gwladys Evans; contralto, Miss Bessie Davies; tenor, Mr. T. Cymro Thomas; bass, Mr. W. James Davies. "A musical feast" was the expression heard on all hands. The work of the choir was excellent, and they responded wholeheartedly to the demands made on them by their talented conductor. The Mayor thanked the people of Fochriw for their fine efforts on behalf of the hospital. Mr. W.J. Payne moved a vote of thanks to artistes and choir, and Coun. Sam Lewis seconded. Thanks were also accorded Mr. W. A. Davies, deputy-conductor, and Mr. M. Shankland who helped in the rehearsals.

30 May 1936 British Legion Concert A concert in aid of Children's Welfare Fund was held at the New Hall on Thursday, when the Aged Comrades' Party, Dowlais, gave a high-class programme. Mr. T. J. Jones presided. The event was organised by the women's section. The party were entertained to a repast. It is anticipated that the fund will be considerably augmented as a result of the concert.

18 July 1936 Pensioners' Fund A meeting in connection with the Old Age Pensioners' Outing Fund was held at the Rising Sun Hotel on Tuesday, Mr. W. J. Payne presiding. The chairman extended a welcome to Sergeant Mourton and P.C. Wadley who were present for the first time. Mr. D. J. Davies, secretary, reported that Mr. J. Bevan, and Dr. Monnelly had accepted positions of presidents. He had also sent out a number of appeals and some had already responded. The Glyn Dramatic Society, Deri, would be giving a performance of the drama, "The Luck of the Draw," on July 23rd, at the New Hall, to raise funds. It has also decided to organise a whist drive and dance on 28th July. Mr. Idris Cumpstone was appointed M.C., with Messrs. E. Pritchard and T. J. Jones as assistants. The date of the outing is 27th August. P.C. Wadley was appointed assistant secretary. Mr. J. H. Evans, treasurer, gave the financial position up to date. A sub-committee was appointed to organise the whist drive and dance.

25 July 1936 Tea and Baby Show The annual tea and baby show of St. Mary's Church took place on Thursday last. The baby show attracted a record number of entries. The judges for the baby show were Mrs. S Lewis, Dowlais, (late sister at the Merthyr General Hospital), and Sister Irene Thomas, Merthyr General Hospital. The Vicar introduced the judges and thanked them for their kindness. He also thanked the mothers for bringing their babies. The winning babies were: Up to six months: 1. Thelma Matthews, Deri; 2. John Samuel Wills, Pontlottyn. Six to twelve months: 1. Audrey F. Hollister, Fochriw; 2. Gwylfa Thomas, Pantywaun. Twelve to eighteen months: 1. Elwyn John, Pontlottyn; 2. David Williams, Fochriw. Tea was served later, and the following ladies attended the tables and cutting: Mrs. White, Mrs. Payne, Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. Deighton, Mrs. W. H. Jones, Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. W. Davies, Mrs. T. Jones, Miss Joan Phillips, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Lewis, Miss Ethel Lewis, Mrs. P. Edwards, Mrs. O. Richards, Mrs. B. Davies, Mrs. Palmer, Miss Rosie

Davies, Miss Alice Mills, Miss Gladys Wells, Miss Nancy Davies, Miss Betty Edwards.

1 August 1936 Drama Performance Under the auspices of the old age pensioners' scheme, the Glyn Dramatic Society, Deri, gave an excellent portrayal of the drama "The Luck of the Draw," with Mr. D. J. Phillips as producer. The chairman was Councillor Sam Lewis, who complimented the party and artistes on their fine performance. A vote of thanks was moved by Mr. Berkley Davies, and seconded by Mr. Edward Lewis.

8 August 1936 Whist Drive Under the auspices of the Old Age Pensioners' Outing Fund, a whist drive and dance took place at the New Hall on Wednesday. The M.C. for whist was Mr. Edgar Pritchard and the winners were: ladies: 1. Mrs. M. Jones, 2. Mr. W. Rees; gents: 1. Mr. D. J. Price, 2. Mr. E. Thomas. The winners of the spot dance were Mr. Willie Evans and Miss Joan Lewis. The following attended to the refreshments: Mrs. Mourton, Mrs. Davies, Mrs. J. Lawrence, Mrs. D. J. Davies, and Mrs. J. Williams. The secretarial duties were carried out by Mr. D. J. Davies and P.C. Wadley. The treasurer was Mr. J. H. Evans.

15 August 1936 Old Age Pensioners A meeting in connection with the Outing Fund was held at the Rising Sun Inn on Friday, Mr. W. J. Payne presiding. The secretariess gave a report with regard to the drama. The treasurer gave the financial position. This revealed the splendid work carried out. It was decided to take all the old age pensioners to Barry Island and provide two meals on September 2nd.

12 September 1936 Fochriw Concert: Successful Event in Aid of Hospital At the New Hall on Thursday a concert was given in aid of the Merthyr General Hospital by Mr. J. Darren Brown's Glyndwr Concert Party, and the Fochriw Silver Band, conducted by Mr. Albert Mantle. During the interval, a programme of community singing was held conducted by Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, who was accorded a great reception on his first public appearance since gaining his degree. The Silver Band accompanied the singing. Amongst those present was the matron of the hospital, Dr. Esther Jones (Merthyr), Mr. W. J. Payne, Mr. Howell Thomas, Mr. W. Adams Jones (Governors of the Hospital). The chairman was the Rev. J. L. White, Vicar. The concert opened with a selection played by the Band followed by items by Mr. James Darren Brown (baritone), Miss Dilys Uzzell-Haines (soprano), Madame M. E. Morris (contralto), Miss Morfydd Davies (aged 10, elocutionist), and Mr. J. Haydn Jones (tenor). Duets were given by the artistes. The accompanist was Mrs. Uzzell. Mr. W. Adams Jones and Miss M. Richards (Matron) thanked all who contributed. The Secretary was Mrs. W. J. Payne, with Mrs. Howell Thomas as treasurer. Others helpers were: Messrs. W. J. Payne, Howell Thomas, W. H. Jones, W. D. Davies, T. J. Jones, D. J. Davies, J. H. Evans, Willie Davies, Mesdames Sam Lewis, O. Richards, M. A. Edwards, A. Palmer, S. Davies, M. Mantle, M. J. Jones, R. Davies, J. Jones, and W. Davies.

19 September 1936 Hospital Concert Omissions Mrs. J. M. Lawrence and Mrs. T. J. Jones were amongst the workers for the concert. Miss Morfydd Brown, Deri, aged 10, was the elocutionist.

24 October 1936 Institute Concert On Monday at the New Hall, a concert was held in aid of the Institute and Library, when a variety programme was given by the Dan Bell Concert Party. The chairman was Mr. W. J. Payne. The following took part: Mr. Dan Bell (ventriloquist and impersonator), Brothers Richards (comedians), Mrs. Lowery (soloist), Maureen and Babs.

7 November 1936 Carmel Concert The scholars of Carmel gave a miscellaneous concert on Thursday last. The action songs and percussion band were much

appreciated. Two Welsh plays were performed. Those taking part were: recitations, Megan Davies and Jennie Davies; pianoforte solo, Mona Ballard; actions songs, Glenys Wayne, Nan Jones, Bronwen Hollister, Leslie Hollister, Elinor Davies, Roy Filage, Myfanwy Cole, Nancy Morgan, David J. Evans, Eileen Simpson, Ellis Davies, Willie Abbey, Penry Ballard. In the drama "Dewis Gorau," the following took part: Enid Davies, Muriel Davies, Gwladys Harris, V. Abbey, Linda Thomas, Elaine Edwards, Marie Davies, Eira Davies, Desmond Kelly, Eliza Evans, John Evans, Huw B. Thomas, Graham Cumpstone, Thelma Day and Betty Evans. Those taking part in the drama "Cyfaill" were: Willie Dalton, Betty Jones, David Evans and Leighton Millward. The producers were Mrs. Sam Lewis, Miss E. Ballard and Mrs. Bob Rees, and the accompanist Miss Beryl Ballard. Councillor Sam Lewis and Nurse Ballard-Davies presided. The stage manager was Mr. T. Lewis. Assistance was rendered by Misses C. Jones, I. Edwards, D. Lewis, Mesdames A. Ballard, T. I. Evans, T. Walters, L. Smith, E. A. Evans, M. A. James, C. Oliver, O. Evans, M. Strange, B. Jones, Messrs. M. Shankland, W. Griffiths, J. Davies, H. Thomas, G. Evans and D. James.

14 November 1936 Drama For Ambulance Fochriw Dramatic Society scored a striking success at the New Hall on Thursday, when they performed the drachma, "Intrigue" (Walter Hackett) in aid of the Fochriw Ambulance Division. The cast was carefully chosen and the acting of the various characters was very convincing. The producer was Miss Sal Jones. Parts were played by Mr. D. J. Thomas, Mr. Gwyn Evans, Mr. T. J. Jones, Miss Elsa Matthews, Mr. Emrys Davies, Miss Mary Morgan, Mr. Burkley Davies, Miss Eluned Lawrence, Mr. Egryn Thomas. Mr. N. D. Thomas is the secretary of the society.

21 November 1936 Talygarn Performance The Fochriw Dramatic Society gave a performance of the drama "Intrigue" on Thursday to the patients of the Miners' Convalescent Home, Talygarn.

21 November 1936 Welsh Drama Held on Thursday evening at the New Hall, the Pilgrims Dramatic Society, Bedlinog, produced the drama entitled "Dros Egwyddor" by Mr. R. Parry, Bedlinog. Councillor Sam Lewis presided. The company were well worth the fine reception they received.

28 November 1936 Moose Dance Held at the New Hall on Thursday by the Loyal Order of Moose. The M.Cs. were Idris and Arthur Cumpstone. Music was supplied by the Blue Diamond Band.

26 December 1936 Whist Drive A whist drive was held at the New Hall on Thursday under the auspices of the Coronation Committee. The M.Cs. were Mr. Idris Cumpstone and Mr. Pegg. The winners were: Ladies: 1. Mrs. Bryn Rees, 2. Mrs. V. Thomas, Rhymney, 3. Mrs. E. Jones; Gents: 1. Mr. J. R. Thomas, 2. Mr. James Mantle, 3. Mr. R. Griffiths, Rhymney.

2 January 1937 Carol Service On Sunday at the New Hall, a concert was given by the school children of the Mixed School in aid of the Merthyr General Hospital. Praise is due to Mr. T. J. Jones and his staff. The singing of the carols reached a high standard. The chairman was Mr. Arthur Ballard who spoke of the great need for support for the hospital. The choir was conducted by Mr. Willie Adams Jones, with Mr. Wyndham Lawrence as accompanist. Mr. W. J. Payne and Mr. Howell Thomas thanked all who took part.

9 January 1937 Comedy The Fochriw Dramatic Society presented the comedy "The Optimist" (Vincent Douglas), at the New Hall on Thursday, in aid of Noddfa Baptist Chapel. The producer was Mr. George Walters. The cast was as follows: Mr. David John Thomas, Miss Sal Jones, Miss Kate Davies, Mr. Bryn Davies, Miss T.

Cumpstone, Miss Elsa Matthews, Mr. Burkley Davies, Mr. Gwyn Evans. Mr. Emlyn Evans was the stage manager.

13 February 1937 Patients Entertainment Fochriw Dramatic Party, with Mr. George Walters as producer, delighted the patients at the Miners' Convalescent Home at Talygarn on the Thursday, when they presented the comedy "The Optimists."

6 March 1937 Flitch Trial At the New Hall on Thursday, a flitch trial was presented in aid of the pensioners' outing fund. An excellent cast appeared with Mr. J. J. Davies, headmaster of Bargoed Secondary School, as a judge. He was well supported by counsel, including P.C. W. Knight, Bargoed. Mr. W. J. Payne presided. Prior to the opening of the trial, a selection was played by members of the Fochriw Silver Band. Three applicants appeared for the flitch, the winners being: 1. Morgan and Morgan, Cefn Forest; 2. Powell and Powell, Deri. The other applicants were Mr. & Mrs. Hutchings, Bargoed. Before coming to a decision, the jury retired to a private room. Great excitement prevailed on their return. The foreman announced that their finding was to divide the flitch - two thirds to Morgan and Morgan, and one-third to Powell and Powell. The jurymen were: Messrs. T. I. Evans, E. J. Jones, B. Thomas, C. Edwards, W. Price, F. Amos, C. Tyler, A. Gwynne, W. Watkins, J. Lewis, W. Angell, C. R. Owen. Mr. Edward Lewis moved a vote of thanks, which was seconded by Mr. W. Griffiths. The secretary was Mr. David John Davies, and Mr. J. H. Evans was treasurer.

13 March 1937 New Hall Concert St. David's Day was commemorated by members of Carmel Congregational Church on Monday with a concert at the New Hall. The soloist was Mr. M. Shankland, and Mr. Thomas Walters was the accompanist. Miss Betty Jones and Nurse Ballard-Davies were the elocutionists. Two short dramas were performed, the players being: Mesdames Annie Davies, M. Rowlands, Davies, S. Millward, Messrs. T. Walters, B. Rees, and Gomer Evans; Mesdames May Davies, Nellie Evans, Misses Mary L. Thomas, Beryl Ballard, Iris Edwards, Messrs. Bryn Davies, W. Angell, Edryd Jones,. The producer was Mrs. Sam Lewis. Mr. Thomas Barnard presided, and Messrs. Howell Thomas and David Lewis acted as stewards.

27 March 1937 R.A.O.B. Concert A concert was held by the Brynderwen Lodge at the Rising Sun Inn on Monday, when the visitors were the Pencoedcae Lodge, Rhymney. Mr. H. Wood presided and the following took part: Messrs. T. Jones, D. Tyler, D. Watkins, J. J. Lewis, S. Williams, H. Thomas, J. Bevan, David Davies, W. Powell, E. Thomas, J. Price, T. J. Harris, F. Dummett, G. Harris. The accompanist was Mr. W. J. Davies, and the secretary Mr. S. Williams.

3 April 1937 Drama On Thursday evening, the New Hall was packed for the presentation of "Hawk Island" (Howard Irving Young) by the Fochriw Dramatic Society. Mr. George Walters was the producer. From such a well-established society, good acting is always looked for, and expectations were fully justified. The setting was exceptionally good. The chairman was Mr. Willie Adams Jones; and the stage managers Mr. Trevor Lawrence and Mr. E. Evans; the secretary was Mr. Bryn Davies. The cast: Mr. Bryn Davies, Miss Sarah Jones, Mr. T. J. Jones, Mr. Egryn Thomas, Miss Mary Morgan, Miss Tegwedd Cumpstone, Mr. Joshua Thomas, Mr. Vernon Davies, Miss Eiluned Lawrence, Mr. Emrys Davies, Mr. Gwyn Evans, Mr. Burkley Davies.

24 April 1937 Church Operetta A performance of the operetta "Barbette" was given by the members of St. Peter's Church Sunday school in aid of Parish Church funds at the Church hall on Thursday last. The Vicar presided. The performance was a triumph for the musical director, Mr. John Owen. The Rev. F. C. Phillips was the

producer, and Miss Ceinwen Owen the accompanist. Miss L. Hootton was the dance instructress.

1 May 1937 Variety Concert Penrhiwceiber Juvenile Operatic Society gave a variety performance at the New Hall on Thursday. The entertainment had been organised by the Coronation Committee. The Vicar presided. The performance was given entirely by children, and included sketches, songs and choruses, stick dance duet, toe tapping dance, a stepping medley, tambourine dance, Dutch stepping, etc. The society will give a performance in aid of Merthyr General Hospital in October.

8 May 1937 Institute Concert A concert was held at the New Hall on the Thursday. It was given by the Merthyr Arcadian Concert Party and was in aid of funds. Councillor Sam Lewis presided, and the artistes were: Miss Maud Aris, piano accordion; Mr. Owen Powney, comedian; Mr. D. J. Harris, baritone; Mr. Billie Lewis, tenor. The large audience was delighted by the performances.

15 May 1937 Coronation Celebrations The streets and houses were decorated with flags, streamers and bunting. The school was floodlit. The school children of Fochriw and Penybank held their teas on Tuesday at the Hall and School respectively. Other attractions were the carnival and parade, headed by the Fochriw Silver Band; sports, and presentation of mugs and other gifts. The old-aged pensioners and widows received 2s 6d each, and the Bonfire was lit. Each street held separate teas during the weekend. A coronation service was held at St. Mary's Church on Sunday, conducted by the vicar. A supper, under the auspices of the British Legion Women's Section, was held at the Old Library on Monday. The following were the tray holders and helpers: Mesdames L. Thomas, Morgan, Sullivan, W. Davies, Adams, C. Way, Wright, T. I. Evans, W. Davies and Pegg. Mr. Sydney Phillips, chairman of the Men's Section was also present.

22 May 1937 Coronation Event Awards At the sport's and carnival under the auspices of the Coronation Committee, held at the football ground, the winners were: boys 8-10, 1. Leonard Thomas, 2. James Price; girls 8-10, 1. Margaret Davies, 2. Marie Davies; boys 10-12, 1. W. Wadley, 2. L. Millward; girls 10-12, 1. Marion Lester, 2. Dwynwen Williams; boys 12-14, 1. Tom Morris, 2. Ed. Llewellyn; girls 12-14, 1. Jenny Davies, 2. Gertie Adams; Penybank, boys, 1. E. Strang, 2. Victor Davies; girls, 1. W. Evans, 2. Phyllis Prowse; Fochriw, boys, 1. W. Wadley, 2. L. Millward; girls, 1. E. Evans, 2. Gertie Adams; Potato race, boys, 1. M. Davies, 2. E. Jenkins; girls, 1. Thelma Morris, 2. Gwladys Harris; Relay race, boys, 1. Fochriw, 2. Penybank; girls, 1. Fochriw, 2. Fochriw; Cycle race (slow), C. Llewellyn; Secondary schoolboys, 1. E. Lewis, 2. R. Williams; girls, 1. A. Kinsey, 2. A. Thomas; Men's race, 1. D. Price, 2. J. Lewis; Marathon, 1. r. Williams, 2. T. Smith, 3. D. H. Thomas; Bicycle race (slow), 1. H. Evans, 2. D. Clarke; Bandsman's race, 1. Tudor Evans, 2. A. G. Burrows; Women's race, 1. C. Williams, 2. L. Smith; Cycle race, 1. C. Lewis, 2. B. Davies. Carnival Awards: best dressed cycle, T. Way and C. Llewellyn; best dressed car, Mr. I. Cumpstone; best mounted character, Howell Kinsey; best dressed group, divided between "Indians" and "Britannia;" jazz bands, 1. Pentwyn Seniors, 2. Pentwyn Juniors; individual characters (female), 1. Mrs. E. M. Thomas ("Gipsy"); 2. Mrs. Davies and Mrs. Taylor ("Married Couple"); individual male, Coulers "Policeman;" Advertisement, "Cow and Gate" - Mrs. M. H. Morgan; best dressed character (girl), 1. A. Thomas ("Flowe Girl"), 2. Thelma Morris ("Sailor Boy"), 3. Dwynwen Williams ("Quads"); (boy), 1. Ellis Davies ("Collier Boy"), 2. W. Morgan ("Tommy Farr") 3. Graham Cumpstone ("Chinaman"); best dressed house, "Eirianfa" Aelybryn, Mrs. Davies; best streamer, No 4, Aelybryn, Mrs. Lewis.

29 May 1937 Children's Welfare Concert A concert was held the New Hall on Thursday in aid of the fund under the auspices of the women's section of the British Legion. The Aged Comrades Party, Dowlais, gave the concert. Mr. Thomas Ballard presided.

19 June 1937 Variety Concert A concert was given at the New Hall on Thursday by the Melody Makers from Pontlottyn. The concert was in aid of the Women's Social Welfare Centre. The chairman was Councillor Sam Lewis.

19 June 1937 Community Singing The community hymn singing was held in aid of the Pensioners' Outing Fund at Pantywaun on Sunday. Mr. W. J. Payne presided and read a portion of scripture. Mr. T. F. Jones conducted this singing and the Fochriw Silver Band accompanied. The band gave their services free. The Rev D. J. James, Gorseinon, addressed the meeting. Mr. Evan Jones, Pantywaun, also spoke.

3 July 1937 Sheep Shearing Mr. John Lloyd, Aelybryn, won the first prize in the novice championship at the annual sheep-shearing contest at Bedlinog on Saturday.

23 October 1937 Hospital Concert On Thursday last, a variety concert was given at the New Hall by the Penrhiwceiber Juvenile School Party. The concert was in aid of Merthyr General Hospital. The greater part of the arrangements were carried out by the teaching staff of the Fochriw and Penybank schools, with their head teachers, Mr. T. J. Jones and Mr. Arthur Ballard, and Mr. Willie Adams Jones as secretary. In the absence of the chairman, Rev. J. L. White, Mr. T. J. Jones presided. In introducing the party, Mr. Jones said they had raised nearly £2,000 for charity. He thanked them for coming to Fochriw for a second time. Also present were Councillor Lewis Jones, secretary of the hospital, and Mr. W. J. Payne, board member. Councillor Jones said that Merthyr General Hospital was the only voluntary hospital in Wales, and there was "an ever open door" for anyone, if there was a bed available. The cost of maintenance was increasing as extra facilities were installed, and this meant greater efforts if the hospital was going to maintain its voluntary basis.

20 November 1937 Dramatic Society The New Hall was crowded on the Thursday last, when the Fochriw Dramatic Society, with Miss Sal. Jones as producer, staged the comedy "Nothing but the Truth" (Lesley Howard). The performance was in aid of the funds of the St. John Ambulance Brigade. Mr. Sam Lewis presided. The play was well produced and the players showed a fine team spirit. The players were: Messrs. David J. Thomas, Egryn Thomas, Thomas J. Jones, Burkley Davies, Miss Eluned Lawrence, Elsa Mathews, Katie J. Davies, and Nan Clee. Mr. John Morgan tendered thanks to the company.

27 November 1937 Hospital Concert The Executive Board wish to thank all for their services at the recent concert.

27 November 1937 Drama Performance The Fochriw Dramatic Society entertained at the patients at the Miners' Convalescent Home at Talygarn on Saturday evening.

11 December 1937 Welfare Fund Concert A concert was held at the New Hall on Thursday in aid of the British Legion Childrens Welfare Fund. The chairman was Mr. W. J. Payne. The concert was given by the Pontlottyn Melody Makers. Mr. S. Phillips, chairman of the Fochriw British Legion, thanked the company.

25 December 1937 New Hall Concert A concert and demonstration were given at the New Hall on Monday by professional artistes. Interesting competitions and useful prizes were distributed.

15 January 1938 Uniform Fund A concert was held at the New Hall on Tuesday evening in aid of the Fochriw Silver Band uniform fund. The concert was the given

by the Aberdare Blind Minstrels, who delighted the large audience with their programme.

8 January 1938 Comedy Performance The Noddfa Dramatic Society delighted the audience at the New Hall on Thursday when they performed the comedy "Cautious Campbell." Mr. T. J. Jones was the producer, and is to be complemented on the performance. The cast was: Mr. T. J. Jones, Mr. D. J. Thomas, Miss Iris Evans, Miss Edna E. Jones, Mrs. P. Williams, Mr. Egryn Thomas, Mrs. I. Walters. Proceeds were in aid of Chapel funds.

5 March 1938 "Cobbler's Wax" The large audience at the New Hall on Thursday were thrilled with the brilliant performance by the Fochriw Dramatic Society, with Miss Katie Davies as producer, of Mr. E. E. Eynon Evans comedy "Cobblers Wax." The performance was in the aid of the N.S.P.C.C., and the party excelled themselves. The chairman for the evening was Councillor Sam Lewis, who praised the work of the society. Also present were the author and his wife, and Mr. Evans paid a very high compliment to the company's fine performance. The Inspector of the society was also present and he proposed a vote of thanks to the company and all those interested in the work of the society. This was seconded by Mrs. Mattie Jenkins, the local secretary. The characters were taken by: Miss Sal Jones, Mr. Egryn Thomas, Miss Elsa Matthews, Miss Nan Clee, Mr. Bryn Davies, Miss Eiluned Lawrence, Mr. Joshua Thomas, Mr. T. J. Jones, Mr. Emrys Davies, Mr. Burke Davies, Miss Marie Davis and Miss Adelaide Lawrence.

18 March 1939 Window Display There was a fine window display at Messrs. William Harris, Fochriw, in the Australian window display competition. The local manager is Mr. Windsor Rees, a Fochriw boy, who was highly commended.

16 April 1938 Drama: "The Factory Strike" The St. Mary's Dramatic Society have given some excellent dramatic performances during the past years, and the company's productions are eagerly looked forward to year after year, and their portrayal on Wednesday and Thursday at the Church Hall to full houses of the great domestic drama "The Factory Strike" (G. T. Taylor) will rank as one of their best performances, and was a fine tribute to the producer, Mr. W. J. Payne, and his talented company. The characters were played by: Messrs. W. J. Llewellyn, David Jones, W. J. Payne, Rod Jones, Henry Archer, Gordon Lawrence, Stan Harris, Gwyn Mantle, George Williams, T. E. Davies, George Baldwin, W. Pegg, Mrs. Lena Morgan, Miss Olive M. Payne, Mr. Cecil Llewellyn. Mr. T. Elvet Davies carried out the lighting arrangements; Mr. Chas. Hollister was the stage manager; and the vicar presided. Councillor Sam Lewis and Mr. Wyndham Lawrence thanked the company for their fine performance. Splendid assistance was given by Messrs. Jack Lawrence, W. D. Davies, Vivian Powell, P. Keane, George Evans, W. J. Davies, Mrs. Llewellyn, Mrs. Tom Jones, Mrs. Percy Edwards, Mrs. Payne, Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Pritchard, Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. W. D. Davies, Mrs. Watkins, R. Davies, A. Mills, T. E. Davies.

7 May 1938 Concert On Saturday at the New Hall, the Dowlais Male Voice Party, conducted by Mr. Evan Thomas (Alaw Morlais), gave a concert assisted by the following artistes: Miss Gwladys Lewis (elocutionist); Mr. Stephen Davies (tenor); Mr. T. Stuart Evans (baritone); Miss Ceridwen Thomas (pianist). The choir thrilled the audience with their selections and choruses. The artistes were in excellent voice, and the young pianist, who is the daughter of the conductor, displayed fine capabilities. The chairman, Mr. Payne, thanked the conductor, choir, artistes and pianist. The secretary was Mr. D. J. Davies, and the treasurer Mr. J. H. Evans.

25 June 1938 Concert A variety concert was held at the New Hall on Wednesday, Mr. D. J. Davies presided. The following artistes took part: John Cox, comedian; the Portlock twins, steppers and dancers; Jack Dorrien, whistling entertainer; Rhythm Trio with Master Glyn Richards; Larry Bryant, Cavalier of Songs; Battleship, the Wonder Horse; with the Deri Harmonica Band. The compere was Mr. Vincent.

6 August 1938 Organ Recital An organ recital was given at the Parish Church on Thursday evening by Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, the Church organist. He assisted by Madam H. C. Davies, contralto, and Mr. Haydn Adams, tenor. The chairman was the Rev. J. L. White, who said: "This kind of entertainment was uplifting and transcends the soul and spirit of man." It was the first organ recital for Mr. Lawrence. The Rev. F. W. Phillips said they had heard music that would linger long in the memory of all.

17 September 1938 The Late Mr. J. Scandrett: Children Entertained To fulfil the wishes expressed by the late Mr. John Scandrett, Dynevor-street, Mr. and Mrs. R. Jones Price entertained the children of Fochriw to tea at the New Hall on Thursday last, when over 200 children assembled. Besides the host and hostess, the following attended: Mrs. M. Lloyd Jones, Mrs. S. C. Farley, Mrs. S. Davies, Mrs. H. Ballard, Mrs. C. Williams, Mr. W. T. Pegg and Mr. J. Phillips. The tray holders were: Mrs. E. Kent, Mrs. K. Owen, Mrs. A. Davies, Mrs. D. Griffiths, Mrs. M. A. Williams, Mrs. J. J. Lewis, Mrs. Sheila Wright, Mrs. D. Williams, Mrs. E. A. Evans, Mrs. K. Price, Miss A Price. A musical programme, with Mrs. Williams, Deri, at the piano, ended the event.

24 September 1938 For The Hospital A community singing festival in aid of the Merthyr General Hospital will be held at Noddfa Chapel on Sunday next at 7:30pm, when the will be Mr. Willie Adams Jones. This will take the place of the open-air community singing which is held every year. It is hoped that all will make an effort to attend.

1 October 1938 Community Singing At Noddfa Baptist chapel on Sunday, a community singing concert was held in aid of Merthyr General Hospital. Mr. Willie Adams Jones was the conductor, and Mr. D. Joshua Thomas was the organist. The chairman was Mrs. M. A. Lewis. The collection realised £2 3s.

5 November 1938 For The Hospital As a result of the concert given by the Cwmaman Radioites, the sum of £11 14s has been forwarded to the Hospital.

5 November 1938 Dramatic Recital On Tuesday, Miss Inman, elocutionist, Cardiff, and Mrs. Marunson, pianist, gave a dramatic recital at the New Hall. Thanks were accorded by Miss Woosnam and Miss Page Wood. An address was given on cookery, and it was arranged to hold a demonstration at a later date.

3 December 1938 Amateur Dramatics The Fochriw Dramatic Society delighted a large audience at the New Hall on Thursday night with their performance of the comedy, "The Way Things Happen." The society was formed seven years ago and has performed many dramas and comedies. This was one of their best productions. This stage was well set and the lighting effects were good. There were fine individual performances, but teamwork was also well done. Praise is due to Mr. T. J. Jones, producer, himself a first class actor. The chairman, Mr. W. J. Payne paid striking tribute to the company, stating also that they had given their services free on numerous occasions for any deserving cause. This performance was in aid of the Fochriw Branch of the St. John Ambulance Brigade. Corps Supt. John Morgan and Ambulance Officer T. Evans thanked all who had contributed for their efforts. The cast was: Miss Sal Janes; Miss Eiluned Lawrence; Mr. D. Joshua Thomas; Miss Eunice Morgan; Mr. Gordon Lawrence; Mr. Berkley Davies; Miss Elsa Matthews;

Mrs. M. Pope; Mr. R. Rees; Mr. T. J. Jones. The stage-managers were Messrs. Tom and Bryn Davies.

17 December 1938 Juvenile Concert A concert was given at the New Hall on Thursday by the Penrhiwceiber Juveniles in aid of the Library and Institute funds. Councillor Sam Lewis thanked the artistes for their aid.

17 December 1938 Inter-Club Concert At the New Hall on Tuesday, a concert was given by the Ladies' Section of the Inter-Clubs, conducted by Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, Mus. Bac. assisted by Mr. T. Jones, Pantywaun. Clubs that took part were Fochriw, Pantywaun and Deri. Mrs. Farley presided, and added interest to the concert was the appearance of Mr. J. O. Jones, organiser of the National Council of Music, Cardiff, and also Mr. B. Mordecai, Mus. Bac., the local organiser, who helped considerably in the work. Artistes who took part were: Miss Nellie White, contralto; Miss Morfydd Benbow and Miss Dyer, Pantywaun; Mr. D. R. Jones, baritone, Pantywaun; Miss Jenkins, elocutionist, Pantywaun; Mr. J. J. Lewis, tenor; Miss Hopkins, Deri. Mr. Elvet Thomas, Miss Winward and Mr. Lawrence, played some piano trios.

31 December 1938 Whist Drive Under the auspices of the Boys' Club, a whist drive was held at the New Hall on Thursday. The M.C. was Mr. Idris Cumpstone, and the prize-winners were: gents, Mr. W. A. Jones; ladies, Mrs. Stanley Jones.

7 January 1939 Drama Performance The Glyn Dramatic Society, Deri, with Mr. D. J. Phillips as producer, delighted the audience at the New Hall on Thursday evening last, when they performed the four-act play entitled "Kick In." The performance was in aid of Noddfa Baptist chapel. The chairman was Mr. T. J. Jones.

18 February 1939 Drama Few local amateur dramatic societies score a greater success than the Carmel Dramatic Society. Every year, they strike a high note with a Welsh drama, and on Thursday, the New Hall was packed with an audience that showed their appreciation of "Ar y Groesffordd." The producer, Mr. David Lewis, is to be complemented on the success of the drama. This scenery and lighting effects contributed to the success of the play. The chairman was Mr. Thomas Ballard, and the secretary Mrs. Oliver. The cast was: Miss Maria Jones; Miss Beryl Ballard; Mr. W. A. Davies; Mr. D. Lewis; Mr. Samuel Lewis; Mr. Thomas Walters; Mr. Bob Rees; Mr. Griff Thomas; Mr. Daniel James; Mr. Edryd Jones; Mr. W. Walters.

25 February 1939 Dance Under the auspices of the Boys' Club, a dance was held at the New Hall on Tuesday evening, when over 100 dancers were present. Music was supplied by the Melody-Makers' Band, Bargoed. The M.Cs. were Mr. Windsor Rees and Mr. Gomer Davies.

25 February 1939 Inter-Club Concert The New Hall was packed on Thursday last at a concert given by the boys of the following boys' clubs: Fochriw, Abertysswg, Deri, and Pantywaun, under the conductorship of Mr. Wyndham Lawrence. The concert was a preliminary to that to be held at the Central Hall, Bargoed, on 18th March, and which is to be broadcast. The chairman was Mr. T. J. Jones, headmaster. Mr. Roger Jones, the area organiser of boys' clubs (music section), Nelson, was also present. The following contributed to the programme: Miss Doris Roberts, Deri, accordionist; Mr. R. J. Price, baritone; Mr. Dennis Harding, impersonator; Mr. Gordon Price, tenor; Mr. Alun Davies, syncopation; Mr. Elvet Thomas, violinist, New Tredegar; Mr. Ben Date, baritone, Nelson; Mr. T. J. Davies, Pant, accompanist. The Women's Section of the Fochriw Social Club arranged the tables. Votes of thanks were proposed by Mr. T. J. Jones, Pantywaun, and Mr. Lawrence, Fochriw.

4 March 1939 Comedy Produced The Fochriw Dramatic Society (Mr. T. J. Jones, producer) scored another success at the New Hall on Thursday, when they performed

a comedy in the aid of the funds of the N.S.P.C.C. Those taking part were Mr. Bryn Davies, Mr. Egryn Thomas, Mr. Gordon Lawrence, Miss Eunice Morgan, Mrs. Rosie Wellings, Miss Elsa Matthews, Miss D. Evans (Bargoed), Miss Sal Jones, Mr. Burke Davies.

11 March 1939 Boys' Club Dance A dance was held at the New Hall on Tuesday evening. Music was supplied by the Melody-Makers Band. The M.Cs. were Mr. G. Davies and Mr. W. Rees.

8 April 1939 Boys' Club Dance A dance was held at the New Hall on Tuesday evening. The music was supplied by the Melody Makers, Bargoed. The M.Cs. were Messrs. G. Davies, W. Rees, and C. Cumpstone.

22 April 1939 Boys' Club Dance A dance was held at the New Hall on Tuesday. Music was supplied by the Melody Makers Band, with Mr. G. Davies and Mr. C. Cumpstone as M.Cs

29 April 1939 Outing Fund A dance in the aid of the Outing Fund was held at the New Hall on Tuesday. The Melody Makers' Dance Band, Bargoed, supplied the music. The M.Cs. were Messrs. W. Rees, G. Davies and C. Cumpstone. The spot prizes were won by Mrs. Mantle, Deri, and Mr. A. Jenkins, Pontlottyn. The crooning competition was won by Miss Gwyneth Haines, Deri. The refreshments were served by Mesdames Harry Jones, W. Morgan, J. M. Lawrence, Harris, and Miss Rosie Davies. The event was organised by the Fochriw Boys' Club.

6 May 1939 Dance Under the auspices of the Boys' Club, a dance was held at the New Hall on Tuesday. Music was supplied by the Melody Makers, Bargoed, and the M.Cs. was Mr. Cadfan Cumpstone.

13 May 1939 Drama Bethlehem Church Dramatic Society produced "Till Further Orders" (Wilfred Massey) at the New Hall on Thursday. The production was by Mr. J. L. Lloyd James and revealed fine dramatic talent. The performance was in the aid of the funds of the Fochriw branch of the British Legion. Councillor W. J. Payne presided and thanked the society for giving their services. Mr. Idris Cumpstone (chairman of the local branch), supported by Mr. J. Lloyd Jones and Mr. W. Pegg paid tribute to the company and all who supported the production.

27 May 1939 Dance Under the auspices of the Boys' Club, a dance took place at the New Hall on Tuesday. Music was supplied by the Melody Makers, Bargoed, with Mr. G. Rees and Mr. C. Cumpstone as M.Cs.

On Saturday, five of the local boys' club members played for the Rhymney Valley Boys' Clubs against the Brynmawr area Boys' Clubs at Pontypridd in the final of the Chris Page Cup. Exhilarating football was witnessed, Brynmawr winning after extra-time by three goals to two.

3 June 1939 Sheepdog Trials Mr. J. Lloyd, Aelybryn, was successful with his dog "Lad" in winning the second prize at the sheepdog trials at Cwmdu, near Crickhowell.

3 June 1939 Community Singing Community hymn singing was held at Pantywaun on Sunday evening, when a collection in aid of the old age pensioners' outing fund was made. Councillor W. J. Payne presided, and Mr. T. F. Jones conducted the singing, accompanied by the Fochriw Silver Band, under Mr. Albert Mantle. A high standard of singing was attained. Mr. Rogers, Dowlais, thanked the chairman, band, conductor and the public for their efforts.

1 July 1939 Dog Show A dog show was held at the New Hall on Monday, when the judge was Miss Jones, Trodyrihiw, and the secretary was Mr. J. J. Morgan, Dowlais Top. The best exhibits in the show were: smooth fox terrier "Gudman's Fine Art" (owner, Mr. Windsor Rees); best opposite sex, wire fox terrier (Mr. Bryn

Davies); best puppy, wire fox terrier "Pentwyn Lass" (Mr. Vernon Llewellyn); runner-up, "Nell Gwyn," puppy (Mr. W. Rees).

29 July 1939 Bargoed Attractions Claudette Colbert leads in "Midnight," which will be on at the New Hall for the first three days of next week.

26 August 1939 Sheep-Dog Trials Mr. John Lloyd was successful with his dog "Lad" in dividing the first and second places at the Rhymney sheep dog trials on Saturday.

2 September 1939 Sheep-Dog Trials Mr. John Lloyd was successful with his collie "Lad" at the sheep-dog trials at Nelson on Saturday. Mr. Lloyd is a miner, and is a good judge of a dog. His training of dogs has been very successful.

25 November 1939 Dance A dance was held at the New Hall on Tuesday by the Boys' Club. Music was supplied by the Mills Brothers, Bargoed, and the M.C. was Mr. Gomer Davies.

9 December 1939 Boys' Clubs Concert A concert was held under the auspices of the Boys' Club at the New Hall on Thursday, when boys from the Fochriw, Deri and Abertysswg Clubs took part under the conductorship of Mr. Wyndham Lawrence. The choir and artistes were in excellent form. The chairman was Councillor W. J. Payne, who spoke of the advantages of the Boys' Club, and the growth of the movement. He paid tribute to the untiring efforts of the secretary, Mr. Bryn Davies. Mr. Bryn Roberts, organiser for the Rhymney Valley, also addressed the meeting. Mr. Roger Jones, Nelson, was also present. Refreshments were provided for the boys, the ladies of the Social Centre, and girls from the Girls Club, being in attendance. Miss D. Roberts played a selection of classical tunes and poplar songs on the piano accordion.

16 December 1939 Dance The Boys' Club held a dance at the New Hall on Tuesday and the music was supplied by the Hotshots' Band. The MC. was Mr. G Davies.

16 December 1939 Boys' Club The club was visited on Wednesday by the Dorian Trio. The chairman was Mr. Arnold, The Settlement, Bargoed. On Thursday, a lecture was given by Mr. Roger Jones, Mus. Bac., Nelson. The chairman was Mr. Thomas Walters, A.L.C.M..

23 December 1939 Boys' Club Dance A dance was held at the New Hall on Tuesday. The M.C. was Mr. Gomer Davies.

13 January 1940 Dance The Boys' Club held a dance at the New Hall on Wednesday. Music was supplied by Mr. Tom Mantle's Band, and Mr. Gomer Davis was the M.C.

20 January 1940 Boys' Club Dance A dance was held at the New Hall on Wednesday. Music was supplied by Mr. Tom Mantle's band, and Mr. G. Davies was the M.C.

27 January 1940 Comforts Fund Concert A variety concert, the proceeds of which were in aid of the Y.M.C.A. and the village Comforts Fund, was held at the New Hall on Thursday. The Pontlottyn Songsters gave a splendid performance. Also, solos were given by Mises G. Williams, L. M. Williams, J. Jones, Mr. W. Watkins, J. Davies and M. Evans: harmonica solo by Mr. Gordon Price: step dancing by Miss Heggie, Miss Bebb and Miss Preece, Abertysswg. The pianist was Mr. E. Morris and the drummer, Mr. W. Evans. Mr. Probert, Bargoed, the illusionist, also did well. Councillor Sam Lewis and Mr. D. Jenkins thanked all those concerned for their services. The secretary was Mrs. D Jenkins.

24 February 1940 Concert Result As the result of the concert provided by the Pontlottyn Songsters at the New Hall, the secretary, Mrs. M. Jenkins, reports that the

sum of £10 3s. was realised. After meeting expenses, the sum was divided as follows: Comforts' Fund £5 3s.; Y.M.C.A. £5.

9 March 1940 Dance On Wednesday, a dance was held at the New Hall under the auspices of the Boys' Club. Music was supplied by Mr. Tom Mantle's band. The M.C. was Mr. G. Davies

6 April 1940 Carmel Dramatic Society At the New Hall, Fochriw, on Thursday, the Society gave a performance of "Yr Erodrom," a Welsh comedy by J. Ellis Williams. The comedy was produced by Mrs. Samuel Lewis. Mr. Arthur Ballard presided. The cast was well balanced and worked with a good team spirit. Taking part were: Mr. Thomas Walters, Mr. Samuel Lewis, Mrs. May Davies, Mrs. Annie Davies, Miss Maria Jones, Mr. Bob Rees and Mr. W. A. Davies.

30 March 1940 Hospital Community Singing Representatives from the various churches met last week to organise community singing in the aid of Merthyr General Hospital. Mr. W. J. Payne presided. It was decided to hold the singing on April 7 at Nazareth Church. Mr. Thomas Walters was appointed conductor.

13 April 1940 Community Singing At Nazareth chapel on Sunday, a community singing festival took place, and a collection was taken for Merthyr General Hospital. Mr. W. J. Payne presided, and opened the meeting by reading a portion of scripture. The singing was conducted by Mr. Thomas Walters and the response of the choir was magnificent. Mr. Lewis Jones, the secretary of the hospital, was present, and praised the singing and thanked the people of Fochriw for their support. The chairman thanked the offices of Nazareth Chapel for placing the chapel at their disposal, also the conductor, the organists (Miss Katie Davies, Mr. Wyndham Lawrence and Mr. D. J. Thomas), the choir, and all others who had helped.

13 April 1940 Dramatic Society On Thursday, at the New Hall, the Fochriw Dramatic Society performed "Uncle Ned," a four-act comedy by Douglas Murry. Those taking part were: Mr. Bryn Davies, D. Emlyn Evans, Miss Eunice Morgan, Miss Rosie Wellings, Miss Elsa Matthews, Mr. Thomas J Jones, Mr. Egryn Thomas, Mr. Joshua Thomas, Mr. Berkley Davies. The producer was Mr. D. Emlyn Evans; stage manager, Mr. Vernon Davies, assisted by Miss Sal Jones and Miss Doris Davies. Mr. Joshua Evans presided.

20 April 1940 Concert A concert in aid of Merthyr General Hospital was held at the New Hall on Thursday, the event being organised by the ward committee. The party was the Court Concert Party, Merthyr, under the direction of Mr. David Jenkins, and included Mr. Haydn Adams, who recently returned from France, where he had been singing to the troops. Councillor W. J. Payne presided. Mr. Adams excelled in his singing of "Lolita," and "O Na Byddai'n Haf o Hyd." Mr. Stanley Jones was in great form with "Ivictus," "Mother o' Mine," and "Because." Fred Richards provided excellent entertainment with his songs and humour. Madam Hamer-Edwards was most effective with her recitations which included "A Day to Late." Mr. David Jenkins sang "Marie, My Girl," and "Lily Laguna," and was well received. Meyrick Jones scored a fine success with his piano accordion and topical songs. A vote of thanks from Mr. W. Adams Jones and Coun. Sam Lewis concluded the proceedings.

4 May 1940 Outing Fund It was decided to hold a concert in aid of funds at Noddfa Church, and it will be given by the Apollo Glee Party, Bedlinog. Mr. D. J. Davies is making the necessary arrangements.

18 May 1940 Concert for Pensioners A concert for the old age pensioners' outing fund was held at Noddfa Baptist chapel on Thursday, and was given by the Bedlinog Apollo Gleemen, under the conductorship of Mr. T. S. Rees, with Mr. W. J. Lloyd as accompanist. The choral items were "Soldiers Chorus," "The Holy City," "Tempest

and Calm," "In the gloaming," "Evening Pastorale," "The Lost Chord," and "The pilgrims." Mr. Idwal Jones, tenor, sang "On with the Motley," and "Your Tiny hand is Frozen." Messrs. H. Thomas (baritone) and Idwal Jones sang the duet "Y Bardd a'r Cerddor." Messrs. H. Thomas & Handel Williams (tenor) sang "Tenor and Baritone." Messrs. Wilfred Jones (tenor) and Jack Jones (baritone) sang "The Battle Eve." The tenor solo "M'Appari," was sung by Mr. Handel Williams. Mr. W. Adams Jones presided over the latter part of the programme. Mr. D. J. Davies, secretary, moved a vote of thanks to the chairman, the officers of Noddfa, the conductor, choir and artistes. Mr. Edward Lewis seconded.

1 June 1940 Concert Success Mr. J. Lewis won the first prize for the veteran solo over 60 years at the competitive concert at the Central Hall, Dowlais, on Saturday, and also came second in the tenor solo. Mr. Jones, as a soloist and member of various choirs, enjoys a wide reputation as singer and conductor.

29 June 1940 Dramatic Society The Fochriw Dramatic Society kept up their splendid record by giving an excellent performance of "Glass Houses," a comedy in three acts, by Walter Ellis. The performance was in aid of the of Fochriw Comforts Fund and was given on Thursday at the hall. The producer was Miss Elsa Mathews. Dr. Monnelly presided. Members of the cast were: Mr. Rosie Wellings, Miss S. Jones, Miss Eunice Morgan, Miss Elsa Matthews, Mr. Emlyn Evans, Mr. Bryn Davies, Mr. D. J. Thomas, Mr. Egryn Thomas. The event was organised by a Miss K. M. Davies, Penant, secretary

23 November 1940 "Cobbler's Wax" The Fochriw Amateur Dramatic Society gave a performance of the comedy "Cobbler's Wax," at the New Hall on Thursday in aid of the Comforts Fund. The hall was well filled and the company rose to great heights. They have performed many comedies and dramas for charity, and have always scored striking successes. The chairman was Dr. Monnelly; the stage manager was Mr. Tom Davies, and the prompters were Miss M. Jones and Mrs. Katie Jones Davies. The characters were played by: Miss S. Jones; Mr. Evan M. Lewis; Miss E. Matthews; Miss R. Wellings; Mr. B. Davies; Miss E. Morgan; Mr. Joshua Thomas; Mr. Thomas J. Jones; Mr. E. Thomas; Mr. W. Adams Jones; Miss Marie Davies; Mrs. A. Lawrence. During the evening, Lieutenant Giles, South Wales Borderers, complimented the company on their performance. The event was organised by the W.V.S. with Miss K. Jones Davies as secretary.

8 March 1941 Benefit for Hospital In aid of the Merthyr General Hospital, the local ward committee are organising a performance of "The Stray Lady" at the Hall on March 13th, by the St. Quentin Players. Bedlinog, who are giving their services for a worthy cause.

22 March 1941 "Stray Lady" In aid of the Merthyr General Hospital, the St. Quentin Players gave a successful performance of "The Stray Lady," at the Hall, Fochriw, on Thursday evening. There was a large audience. Councillor Lewis Edwards presided, and was supported by Mr. W.J. Canton (Chairman of the Executive Board), Coun. Lewis Jones (Hospital secretary), Mr. Morgan L. Jones (Executive Board). Coun. W.J. Payne welcomed the guests, thanked the St. Quentin Company, and expressed delight at the size of the audience for such a noble cause. Between 35 and 40 Fochriw patients were admitted to the Hospital every year. Funds were badly needed and Fochriw had done well in the past in its support for the cause. The Company rose to the occasion, and the Hall was filled with roars of laughter. The following ladies rendered valuable assistance: Mesdames Payne, Thomas, Way, Fox, Llewelyn, Davies, Watkins, Edwards, Evans, Palmer, James, Rees and Morgan;

Messrs. Payne, H. Thomas, D. Harris, D. James, D. Wheeler, T. Evans, C. Ballard and R. Rees.

5 April 1941 Welsh Drama On Thursday last at the New Hall, the Carmel Dramatic Society, which has in recent years built up a fine reputation by its brilliant production of Welsh drama, added to its laurels with an outstanding performance of the drama "Eilunod" (Eddie Parry). The play was produced by Mrs. Sam Lewis who has steered the Society to many triumphs in past years. The drama abounds with incidents, and the audience thoroughly enjoyed the evening. The cast was well-balanced, teamwork was good and clever acting witnessed. Mr. George Sibley presided on Wednesday, and Mr. Thomas Walters on Thursday. Members of the cast were: Mr. Bob Rees, Mr. Evan Morgan Lewis, Miss Maria Jones, Mr. Willie Angell Davies, Miss Betty Jones, Miss Betty Evans, Mrs. Willie A. Davies and Mrs. James Morgan. The secretary was Mr. Bob Rees. During the interval, tribute was paid to the producer and members of the Society.

10 May 1941 Dog Show Success Mr. D. James, Aelybryn, was again successful with his cocker spaniel "Maid of the Mountain," on Saturday last, at a dog show held at the Wimborne Hall, Dowlais, winning two firsts and a special.

24 May 1941 "The Middleman" At the Church Hall on Thursday last, Horeb Welsh Church Dramatic Society, Gelligaer, performed "The Middleman," in aid of Church funds. Ald. Tom Evans, Pengam, presided. Between the acts, Miss Doris Roberts, Deri, played the piano accordion. The chairman paid tribute to all who had performed, seconded by Rev. White and Mr. Payne.

24 May 1941 Musical Success Mr. James J. Lewis, tenor, scored another success at the go-as-you-please competition held at the Institute, Deri, on Thursday evening last, winning the first prize. Mr. Lewis sang "Lend me your aid."

7 June 1941 Film Show Under the auspices of the Welfare Association a film show was held at the hall on Thursday evening. The British Social Hygiene Council presented some very instructive pictures. Several other films were also shown. Thanks to all concerned were accorded by Coun. Payne and Mr. J.H. Evans.

14 June 1941 Ministry of Information Films A programme of films was shown at the New Hall to a large audience, and was much enjoyed. Mr. T. Lawrence is the local secretary.

6 December 1941 Community Singing A meeting of representatives of the various churches was held at the Church Vestry presided over by Coun. W.J. Payne. He said that they were considering holding a community singing service in aid of Merthyr General Hospital as the need today was greater than ever. It was decided to hold the singing festival on Sunday next, December 7th, at 7.30 at Nazareth Chapel. The conductor is Mr. D.J. Thomas and the accompanist Mr. Tom Walters. A hearty invitation is extended to all.

6 December 1941 Glee Party Concert A concert was held at Noddfa on Thursday last by the Fochriw Glee Party. Mt Tom Walters was the conductor and Miss Annie Davies the accompanist. This was the party's first venture and proved a decided success. The singing reached a high standard. The chairman was Coun. Sam Lewis and the proceeds were in aid of the Fochriw Comforts Fund, which is working to provide comforts for members of the Forces who have gone from the village. The artistes were: elocutionist, Nurse Ballard-Davies; soprano, Madam H.C. Davies; bass, Mr. Tom Lewis; tenor, Mr. W.A. Davies; quartettes, M. James, S. Millward, Mr. B. Davies, Mr. E. Evans; H.C. Davies, S. Millward, Messrs. W.A. Davies & Tom Lewis. The secretary of the party is Mr. Bob Rees, and the treasurer Mr. Dan James.

13 December 1941 Community Singing A community singing festival was held at Nazareth Chapel when a collection was taken in aid of Merthyr General Hospital. The chairman was Coun. W.J. Payne who welcomed the members of the Forces present and extended the hand of fellowship. He appealed again on behalf of the Hospital whose need was still great.

20 December 1941 Community Singing A fine standard of singing was attained at the community singing service at Nazareth Chapel on Sunday, when a collection was made on behalf of the Merthyr General Hospital. Coun. W.J. Payne presided, and appealed for much needed support for the Hospital. The conductor was Mr. D.J. Thomas who had the singers under perfect control. The organist was Mr. Tom Walters whose playing added greatly to the success of the singing. Nurse Ballard Davies gave a fine rendering of the recitation, "The Dream of Pilate's Wife." The Chairman thanked all who had contributed to the evening's success and also the officers of Nazareth for the use of the Chapel. Rev. Haydn Davies, Ammanford, read a portion of Scripture.

24 January 1942 Children Entertained An enjoyable social and tea were given to the children of Fochriw, including both evacuated and local children, at the Council School on Friday afternoon. The function was organised by the co-operated efforts of the local billeting committee and members of the school staff. Those in attendance were Coun. S. Lewis (school manager and chairman of the billeting committee); members of the school staff; Mr. Idris Cumpstone (secretary of the billeting committee); Mesdames A. Ballard, W.J.A. Davies, E. Thomas, and D. Jenkins (members of the billeting committee); B. Angel, J. Jones, and I. Cumpstone. Members of the school staff were Misses M. Richards, H.E. Lewis, M. Jones, S. Jones, E. Owen (Cardiff), Mrs. T. Lawrence and Mr. D. Jenkins.

11 April 1942 Orpheus Choir The Fochriw Orpheus Choir staged another first class concert at Noddfa Baptist Chapel on Good Friday, this time in aid of the Fochriw Ambulance Comforts Fund. The choir, under their conductor, Mr Thomas Walters, was in excellent form, as also were the artistes. The accompanist was Mrs. A. Davies. The chairman was Comm. Capt. S.B. Turner, Bargoed, who was accompanied by Mrs. Turner, lady commissioner, and the matron of Gellygaer Hospital. The soloists were Madam H.C. Davies and Mr. Tom Lewis; Nurse B. Davies, elocutionist; quartette, Mrs. M. James, Mrs. S. Millward, Mr. B. Davies and Mr. Emlyn Evans. Before the choir sang "The Cross," L/Cpl. Driver Brown spoke on the theme of the story of the Cross. At the close, a vote of thanks was accorded to all by Div. Supt. T. Evans, and was seconded by Div. Sec. T. Thomas (member in charge of medical home comforts depot).

11 July 1942 Concert To celebrate the opening of the New Hall after renovation by the Welfare Association, a concert was given by the Fochriw Orpheus Choir, under their conductor Mr. T. Walters, A.L.C.M., and their accompanist, Mrs. A. Davies. They were assisted by the following artistes: Madam H.C. Davies, soprano; Nurse B.B. Davies, elocutionist; Mr. Tom Lewis, bass; Mr. W.A. Davies, tenor. The chairman was Coun. W.J. Payne, chairman of the Welfare organisation. Mr. Payne gave an outline of the work that had been carried out to the buildings. Were it not for the war, Fochriw would have had a new building now, but they had assurance that this would follow after the war. Under the circumstances, the best had been done for the time being. He welcomed the choir and conductor. The choir then rendered the following programme: "Blodeuyn Bach;" "Holy City;" "Enaid Cu;" "Lord of the Changing Year;" "Mannheim;" "Blessed Jesus;" "Finlandia;" "Behold the Lamb of God." Madam H.C. Davies rendered "Paham y Sefl Draw?" and "Nant y Mynydd."

Mr. Tom Lewis "Arm, Arm, ye Brave," and "Because." Nurse Davies in her recitations was in excellent form.

1 August 1942 Hospital Concert As a result of the concert held in aid of the Merthyr General Hospital, £10 2s 6d was handed to the Hospital Committee. Praise is due to those who sold tickets and provided tea for the Party. Thanks are also due to Miss Isabelle Lambert and her party, and to Coun. Williams, Trelewis, who presided and helped the Fund.

22 August 1942 Stay-at-Home Week The committee of the Pentwyn and Penybank Comforts Fund carried out an excellent programme for their Stay-at-Home Week. On Tuesday, more than 100 children of Pentwyn and Penybank were entertained to a tea and concert. Each child was also given a bar of chocolate and a penny. The carnival was held on Wednesday and was o**19 December 1942**
Pensioners' Concert The New Hall was well filled on Thursday last when a concert was given in aid of the old age pensioners' fund. The programme was given by the Fochriw Orpheus Choir under their conductor Mr. T. Walters with Mrs. W.A. Davies as accompanist. The chairman for the evening was Mr. George Sibley, chairman of the pensioners' organization, and he gave an address. Both choir and artistes were in excellent form. The artistes were: Mr. W.A. Davies and Mr. Emlyn Evans, tenors; Madame H.C. Davies, soprano; Madame S. Millward, contralto; Miss Betty Jones, elocutionist. At the close, votes of thanks were moved and seconded by Mr. Thomas Ballard and Mr. Mordecai Evans.

26 December 1942 Successful Dance A dance was held at the New Hall on Monday evening. Music was supplied by Mr. Alan Davies and his Band.

ne of the finest seen in a while. Headed by the Fochriw Silver Band, conducted by Mr. A. Mantle, they paraded the streets of Pentwyn, Penybank and Fochriw, and afterwards, were entertained to tea by the Comforts Committee. The sports were held on Pentwyn Mountain and proved a great attraction. On Sunday evening, an open air community singing was held and was well attended. Music was supplied by the Silver Band. The singing was conducted by Mr. J.J. Lewis and reached a high standard. The committee wish to thank the public for their support and donations. The officers were: Mr. Fred Amos & Mrs. G. Llewellyn (chairmen); Mrs. Davies (treasurer); Mr. C. J. Ham & Mrs. Phillips (joint secretaries). The judges were Sergeant Smith and Corporal Weston of Fochriw, Mrs. W. Watkins, C. Ballard and Tom Powell. Sergeant Smith deserves a special word of praise for his efforts for the Comforts Fund. Coun. Sam Lewis was present at the carnival.

24 October 1942 Sound Films Under the auspices of the M.O.I., a very fine show of sound films was given at the Hall on Thursday evening, to a large audience.

5 December 1942 Silver Band Benefit The Bedlinog Dramatic Society (producer Mr. R. Heath), gave a performance of the comedy, "Too Young To Marry," to a large audience at the New Hall on Thursday evening. The proceeds were in aid of the Fochriw Silver Band which has been reformed. At the close of the performance, Mr. H. Wood thanked the company and all who had assisted and this was seconded by Mr. Bob Rees. The chairman was Coun. W.J. Payne.

19 December 1942 Whist and Social A very pleasant evening was spent at the New Hall on Monday, under the auspices of the R.A.S.C. and P.C. The M.C. was Mr. Idris Cumpstone, assisted by Corpls. French and Spice. Winners at whist were Miss Jessie Jones, Mr. B. Rees, Mr. J. Thomas and Mr. David Way.

19 December 1942 Pensioners' Concert The New Hall was well filled on Thursday last when a concert was given in aid of the old age pensioners' fund. The programme was given by the Fochriw Orpheus Choir under their conductor Mr. T. Walters with

Mrs. W.A. Davies as accompanist. The chairman for the evening was Mr. George Sibley, chairman of the pensioners' organization, and he gave an address. Both choir and artistes were in excellent form. The artistes were: Mr. W.A. Davies and Mr. Emlyn Evans, tenors; Madame H.C. Davies, soprano; Madame S. Millward, contralto; Miss Betty Jones, elocutionist. At the close, votes of thanks were moved and seconded by Mr. Thomas Ballard and Mr. Mordecai Evans.

26 December 1942 Successful Dance A dance was held at the New Hall on Monday evening. Music was supplied by Mr. Alan Davies and his Band.

26 December 1942 Exhibition and Sale of Toys At the New Hall on Tuesday, under the auspices of the W.V.S., there was an exhibition of toys made by members. Afterwards, they were sold in aid of the children of Russia and China, and a good sum was realized. Much credit is due to the women.

2 January 1943 Successful Dance A very successful dance was held at the New Hall on Monday under the auspices of the R.A.S.C. and P.C.. Music was provided by Mr. Alun Davies and his band.

23 January 1943 Dance Under the auspices of the R.A.S.C. and Pioneer Corps, a successful dance was held at the New Hall on Monday evening. Music was supplied by Mr. Alan Davies and his band. The M.C. was Mr. Cadvan Cumpstone.

30 January 1943 M.O.I. Films A film show was held under the auspices of the Ministry of Information on Monday at the New Hall. There was a large attendance, and the films proved very instructive.

20 March 1943 M.O.I. Films A film show under the auspices of the Ministry of Information was held at the New Hall on Monday.

10 April 1943 Welsh Drama The Hall was well filled on Wednesday evening when the Carmel Dramatic Society gave an excellent performance of the Welsh drama, "Cyfrinach y Fasedg Frwyn" (Gwernydd Morgan) in aid of the Red Cross Prisoners of War Fund. Mr. David Lewis was the producer and the Rev. Eurof Jones presided. Members of the cast were Mr. W. Angell Davies, Mrs. Nellie Evans, Rev. Eurof Jones, Miss Megan Jones, Mrs. M.A. Ballard, Master David Alvan Evans, Mr. David Lewis, Mr. Bob Rees, Miss S. Jones.

1 May 1943 "The World's Redemption" On Friday evening at the Hall, a performance of the sacred cantata, "The World's Redemption," was given by the Fochriw Orpheus Society, conducted by Mr. Thomas Walters, A.L.C.M., in aid of the Merthyr General Hospital. Coun. W.J. Payne introduced the chairman, Rev. E. Adams Evans. He also welcomed Alderman Lewis Jones (general secretary of the Hospital), and Mr. Stanley Stephens (chairman of the Fete Committee). The artistes were Madam H.C. Davies (soprano); Madam S. Millward (contralto); Mr. W.A. Davies (tenor); Mr. Tom Lewis (bass); accompanist, Mrs. A. Davies. Mr. J. Stanley Stephens and Ald. Lewis Jones also spoke.

8 May 1943 Orpheus Concert After their successful concert at Fochriw in aid of the Merthyr General Hospital, where their singing reached a high standard under their conductor Mr. T. Walters, A.L.C.M., Hospital funds will benefit greatly. The choir and artistes gave a concert on Tuesday evening at Pantywaun in aid of the Old Age Pensioners. Since their formation, the choir has given their services for many deserving charitable objects throughout the district. The Rev. E. Elias presided and the arrangements were carried out by Mr. Tom Jones.

5 June 1943 Eisteddfod Winners Mr. J.J. Lewis (Ap Morlais) was one of the winners at New Tredegar "Wings for Victory" esisteddfod. Although in the veteran stage, he still possesses a very rich tenor voice and is in great demand as a concert

artiste. Other winners were the Misses Mair & Gwyneth Thomas, Pantywaun, in the duet competition.

12 June 1943 L.E.A. Youth Centre At the Hall last week, a variety concert was given by the Fochriw branch of the L.E.A. Youth Movement in connection with the "Wings for Victory" week. £17 7s was realised towards the weeks figure and praise is due to the warden and staff. Rev. E. Adams Evans, vicar, presided, and addressed the leaders and members. The artistes were Misses Marie Davies & Muriel Davies (solos); Messrs. E. Davies & D. Lewis (ballet); Cyril Davies (monologue); Huw B. Thomas (pianoforte solo); Evelun Angell, Lilian Mantle, Amy Thomas, Marie Davies, Elaine Thomas, Hettie Gittins, Margaret Davies, Mary Lewis (country dancing). Selections were rendered by the choir, and the one-act plays, "Jerry Blunder's Ghost," "Visit to the Dentist in Shadows," "The Bishop's Candlesticks," and "Y Ciwrad yn a Fair," were presented by the following: Messrs. J. Evans. J. Price, D. Evans, D. Kelly, T. Williams, H. Lewis, S. Hughes, P. Mantle, D. Cumpstone, H.B. Thomas, Misses E. Angell, L. Mantle, A. Thomas, M. Davies, E. Thomas, H. Gittins, M. Davies, M. Lewis, L. Evans, M. Cumpstone and M.J. Evans. The secretary was Mr. Huw B. Thomas and the treasurer, Mr. Desmond Kelly.

26 June 1943 Social and Dance A social and dance took place at the New Hall on Thursday under the auspices of the women's section of the British Legion. Music was provided by the Fochriw Silver Band and the M.C. was Mr. John Lewis. The spot prize was won by Mr. E. Davies and partner.

31 July 1943 Dance A dance was held under the auspices of the Youth Movement. Mr. Emlyn Evans, B.A., warden of the movement, was M.C. Music was supplied by Mr. Aneurin Thomas, Caerphilly.

24 July 1943 "Stay At Home" Week Fochriw and Pentwyn townspeople can look forward to an attractive week of events during August week. The responsible committees are busy arranging carnivals, sports, dramas and community singing services. Fochriw Silver Band will be in attendance at both places.

31 July 1943 Stay At Home A programme of events has been arranged for Pentwyn Stay-at-Home Week. There is to be a parade headed by the Silver Band. This will be followed by sports. These events are to be organised under the W.V.S. Comforts Fund of which Mr. F. Amos is secretary.

31 July 1943 Carnival Queen The New Hall was filled on Thursday for the selection of the Carnival Queen and her Attendants, for the Stay-at-Home Week to be held Bank Holiday week. There were 50 entrants, and Mr. G. Sibley presided. The judges were Mrs. G. Cowles and Mrs. Evans (Argoed). The Queen was Miss Muriel Davies and the attendants were Misses Gwerfil Thomas, Sarah Puddle, Morfydd Owen and Anne Pillidge. Flower girls were Idona Marshelsea and Sonia Catterson; page boys, Geoffrey Tyler and Howard Pearce. During the evening, music was provided by Madame H.C. Davies, soprano, Mr. J.J. Lewis, tenor, Miss Davies, elocutionist, with Mr. T. Walters and Mr. Huw B. Thomas accompanists. Coun. W.J. Payne moved a vote of thanks to the judges, artistes, accompanists, chairman, and all who helped. This was seconded by Rev. E. Adams Evans and carried. The events are organised by the committee in connection with the W.V.S. Comforts Fund to provide funds to welcome home our boys and girls from the Forces. The Crowning of the Carnival Queen will take place at 1.30 p.m. on Monday. The events will include the Carnival headed by the Fochriw Silver Band, sports, cricket and football matches, flitch trial, dance, dramas, eisteddfod for children and go-as-you-please competition. Mr. Dan Jenkins and Mrs. L. Thomas are secretaries.

14 August 1943 Stay-at-Home Festivities The committee of the Fochriw W.V.S. Welcome Home Fund carried out an excellent programme each day of the week. On Monday, the Carnival Queen, Miss Muriel Davies, was crowned by Mrs. M. Jenkins, organiser of the W.V.S. A carnival followed, headed by the Fochriw Silver Band, Mr. A. Mantle conducting. The judges were Mesdames G. Jones and C. Bevan. In the evening, a dance was held at the New Hall, the Silver Band providing the music. Mr. D.J. Davies as M.C. On Tuesday, children's sports were held followed by a whist drive in the Hall. On Wednesday, adult sports were held followed in the evening by a children's eisteddfod at the Hall, Coun. W.J. Payne presiding. The conductor was Mr. J.J. Lewis; adjudicators Mr. T. Walters, Rev. E. Adams Evans and Rev. Eurof Jones; accompanists, Huw B. Thomas. Mr. Bob Rees was secretary. A seven-a-side football match was played on Thursday, the teams being the L.E.A. Youth Club and the Home Guard. The game ended in a draw 5 - 5. On Thursday evening at the Hall, a programme was given by the L.E.A. Youth Concert Party. Two one-act plays were performed: "The Bishop's Candlesticks" and "Dr. Pedigree's Dilemma." The producer was the Rev. Eurof Jones. A competition in "Shadows" was given by Mr. Emlyn Evans, warden of the movement, who also presided. On Friday, a cricket match was played between the Parish Church team and the Youth Club, the former winning. In the evening at the Hall a go-as-you-please competition took place, Coun. Sam Lewis presiding. The adjudicators were Rev. E. Adams Evans, Rev. Eurof Jones, Messrs. Tom Walters, J.J. Lewis, D.J. Davies and Miss Muriel Davies (Carnival Queen). Mr. Huw B. Thomas was the accompanist. On Saturday, community singing of a high standard took place at Noddfa Chapel, Mr. George Sibley presiding. Mr. D.J. Davies was the conductor and Master Huw B. Thomas was at the organ. Votes of thanks were accorded by the Rev. William Thomas and the Vicar. Mr. Dan Jenkins was the secretary, Mr. A. Ballard treasurer, along with a fine committee.

14 August 1943 Pentwyn Carnival The Pentwyn Carnival, organised by the committee of the W.V.S. Welcome Home Fund, took place on Wednesday. It was headed by the Fochriw Silver Band Band conducted by Mr. A. Mantle. They paraded the streets of Pentwyn, Penybank and Fochriw. Taking part were jazz bands, national and comic characters etc. The secretary was Mr. Fred Amos and the treasurer Mrs. Davies.

11 September 1943 Dance Under the auspices of the Pentwyn Welcome Home Fund a dance was held at the New Hall on Wednesday last. Music was supplied by the Fochriw Silver Band, Mr. A. Mantle conducting. The M.C. was Mr. C. Cumpstone. A waltzing competition was won by Mr. & Mrs. D.J. Davies. The judges were Mr. E. Pritchard and Mr. E. Evans.

2 October 1943 Dance Under the auspices of the Institute Entertainment Committee a dance was held at the Hall on Thursday. Music was supplied by the Fochriw Silver Band, conductor Mr. A. Mantle. The M.C. was Mr. Gomer Davies and the waltzing competition was won by Mr. & Mrs. Idris Shankland. The judges were Messrs. E. Puddle and Crad Shankland.

9 October 1943 Flicht Trial At the New Hall on Friday, a flicht trial in aid of the Comforts Fund took place. The president of the trial was the Rev. E. Adams Jones, vicar: counsel for defence, Rev. Eurof Jones; counsel for defence of flicht, Mr. E. Evans, B.A. The claimants were Mr. & Mrs. Lovejoy, Mr. J. Lloyd Jones and Mrs. G. Wright; Mr. & Mrs. Parker, Mr. R. Rees and Mrs. A. Ballard; Mr. & Mrs. Micawber, Mr. W.A. Davies and Miss S. Jones. The producer was Mrs. S. Lewis. Madam H.C. Davies rendered solos. Mr. T. Walters was the accompanist. Mr. A. Ballard, treasurer,

gave a report on the stay-at-home week, as a result of which they hoped to hand over £127 to the funds.

6 November 1943 Variety Concert Last Thursday at the New Hall, a variety concert was given by the Black and White Concert Party of Llanbradach, in aid of the Fochriw Silver Band. Rev. E. Adams Evans presided. The artistes were: Les Gwynne (conjurer), Cliff & Tony (accordion and piano), Stranda (song and tap), Eira Rist and W.L. Jones (vocalists), Cadillo (music mimic), Les John and K. Rist (pianist). Mr. Lloyd Jones was the compere. Mr. A. Mantle, bandmaster, moved a vote of thanks, seconded by Mr. J.J. Lewis, secretary.

13 November 1943 For Comforts Fund On Thursday at the New Hall, Fochriw and Deri Dramatic Society gave a performance of the drama "Luck of the Draw," in aid of the Fochriw Comforts Fund. Credit is due to Mr. D. Phillips, the producer, who has produced many dramas for charity, and who had chosen a well balanced cast, all players acting their parts well. A miscellaneous programme was also given by Mr. E. Thomas, Ray Beddoe, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Morris and Norma Morris. The accompanist was Mr. Baden Bowen and the chairman Mr. Geo. Sibley. Thanks were accorded by Rev. Eurof Jones and Mr. D. Jenkins.

27 November 1943 Public Meeting At the New Hall on Sunday, an address was given by Mr. W. Paynter, miners' agent, on "Soviet Russia." Mr. D.J. Davies was the chairman.

27 November 1943 Film Show At Nazareth C.M. Chapel on Friday, a fine film show was given, when a number of films of a religious and educational character were shown. Rev. W. Thomas presided.

27 November 1943 Legion Dance Under the auspices of the Women's Section, a dance was held at the New Hall on Thursday in aid of Poppy Appeal. Music was supplied by the Fochriw Silver Band, conductor Mr. A. Mantle. Mr. I. Cumpstone was M.C.

4 December 1943 Public Lecture On Wednesday at the Hall, a public lecture was given on "Russia" by Mr. Lawson Caines, M.O.I. lecturer. Mr. Emlyn Evans presided.

4 December 1943 Home Guard Supper Dance At the New Hall and Platoon Headquarters on Thursday, the Platoon held its first annual supper and dance. Hard work was done by the committee (chairman Lieut. W.M. Davies) in preparing for the evening, and with the assistance of an able band of women a fine supper was provided. The Platoon was practically at full strength. The catering arrangements were in the hands of Mesdames G. Williams, D. Pollock, C. Harris, J. Harding, G. Llewellyn (The Farm), S. Jones (Pentwyn), E. Davies (White Horse Inn), B. Angell, C. Shankland, T. Thomas, M. Davies and E.A. Evans. Music for dancing was provided by the Fochriw Silver Band conducted by Mr. A. Mantle. A prize, given by Mrs. D. Pollock, was won by Miss V. Pegg. The M.C.s were Messrs. G. Davies, J. Lewis and C. Shankland. Variety to the programme was provided by Miss V.B. Watkins, Mr. James Watkins (Bargoed), Mr. Nicholas (Deri) and Mr. James J. Lewis, with Messrs. S. Bowen (Deri) and D.J. Davies at the piano. Miss Watkins is a young artiste and Mr. J.J. Lewis a veteran. The officers, N.C.O and men express their thanks to everyone who contributed. Among the guests were Col. T.D. Evans, O.C. 19th Battalion Glamorgan Home Guard; Captain Emms, Lt. and Mrs. Carew, C.S.M. Draper, Ptes. Willis and Ellis Williams and A.C.W. M. Rowlands.

18 December 1943 Hospital Dance On Thursday, a dance was held at the New Hall in aid of Merthyr General Hospital. Music was provided by Fochriw Silver Band under the conductorship of Mr. A. Mantle. Coun. W.J. Payne thanked all who had

helped, particularly the band, together with the ticket sellers and the donors of prizes. Coun. Payne said that the need for funds was still great at the hospital. As a voluntary hospital, there was always an open door, but to keep that door open there was always a need for finance. He appealed to all to subscribe to such a noble cause. He appealed to all factory workers to subscribe also. The M.Cs. were Messrs. Gomer Davies, D.J. Davies and G. Lawrence. The judges in the waltzing competition were Messrs. E.T. Pritchard, Emlyn Evans and Crad Shankland. Winners of the competition were Mr. & Mrs. D.J. Davies and Mr. & Mrs. J. Lewis. Winner of the draw for the scarf was Mr. Jones, Deri. The donors of the prizes were Mr. E.T. Pritchard and Miss Olive Payne. Refreshments were provided by Messrs. W.J. Payne, R. Fox, R. Williams, A. Davies, G. Edwards, E. Rowlands, M.J. Davey, L. Smith and Doreen Brown.

25 December 1943 Dance At the New Hall on Thursday, a dance was held by the Library entertainments committee with Mr. H. Wood as chairman. Music was supplied by Russell Brooks and his band, and the M.C. was Mr. Gomer Davies.

1 January 1944 Dances On Wednesday last, under the auspices of the L.E.A. Youth Movement, a dance was held at the New Hall. Music was supplied by Russell Brooks and his band. The M.C. was Mr. Douglas Clark. On Christmas Eve at the New Hall, the Comforts Fund held a successful dance. The music was supplied by Fochriw Silver Band, under the conductorship of Mr. Albert Mantle, and the M.C. was Mr. Idris Cumpstone. On Monday evening, a children's dance was held. The accompanist was Mrs. Walters and the M.C. was Mr. Bob Rees.

22 January 1944 Hospital Dance As a result of the dance in aid of the Merthyr General Hospital the sum of £17 1s 6d was realized, for which the Hospital Committee wish to thank all who helped.

29 January 1944 Institute Dance Under the auspices of the Entertainments Committee of the Institute with Mr. H. Wood as chairman, a successful dance was held at the New Hall on Thursday. Music was supplied by Mr. Russell Brooks and his band, and the M.Cs. were Mr. G. Davies and Mr. J. Lewis.

12 February 1944 Drama Performance Under the auspices of the Welfare Entertainment Committee, a performance of the drama, "The Coming of Simon Eval," was given by the Bedlinog Dramatic Society at the New Hall on Thursday.

19 February 1944 For Comforts Fund On Thursday last a dance was held in aid of the Pentwyn Comforts Fund. Music was supplied by the Fochriw Silver Band. The M.C. was Mr. Thomas Lewis, Pentwyn. A waltzing competition was won by Mr. & Mrs. I. Lewis, Guest-street. Mr. W.J. Morris, Penydre, Rhymney, and Mr. E.T. Pritchard, the Rising Sun, judged the competition. A silver cup was presented to the lady and a silver medal to the gentleman. Mr. W.J. Morris made the presentation. Winners of the spot prizes were: D. Lewis and Millie Angell, Harry Evans and Mrs. D. Harding. P.C. Cox presented the prizes. Refreshments were served by Mesdames G. Llewellyn, S. Phillips, C. Mills, W. Pope and F. Lewis. The officers responsible for the dance were Mrs. G. Llewellyn, Mr. F. Amos and Mrs. S. Phillips, and these together with the working committee wish to thank the judges. Previous to the competition, Mr. W.J. Morris demonstrated to the dancers the way dancing should be conducted with ballroom manners. Thanks for donations were accorded to Mr. E.T. Pritchard, Mr. W.J. Morris, Mr. & Mrs. Evans the Post Office.

1 April 1944 Gellygaer Hut In connection with the Gellygaer Y.M.C.A. Hut effort, the local sub-committee organised the following entertainments: a "go-as-you-please" competition (chairman Rev. Adams Evans), winners: adults, Mr. Huw B. Thomas, children, Morfudd Thomas. The adjudicators were Miss E. Ballard, Miss O.M. Payne, Mr. T. Walters, A.L.C.M. The guest artiste, Mr. Reg Mears, Pontlloyn, gave a

conjuring display, and the school children gave entertainments under the supervision of Miss M. Jones. Donations towards the prize money were given by Misses E. Ballard, O.M. Payne & M. Jones, Mr. T. Walters, Coun. S. Lewis, Rev. E. Jones and Mr. D. Jenkins.

On Wednesday, four one-act plays were performed as follows. "The Sewing Guild," presented by W.V.S. Members (Fochriw); cast included - Miss A. Lawrence, Mrs. Mary Evans, Miss Annie Davies, Mrs. M.A. Lewis, Mrs. C. Walters, Miss M. Jones, Mrs. R. Rees, Mrs. Annie Evans and Mrs. M. Jenkins; producer Mrs. M.A. Lewis. "The Spy," by Miss Aranwy Jones and Miss E. Evans-Jones' party; cast - Misses Aranwy Jones, Edna Evans-Jones, Gwenfil Harris, Lorna Rees, Pat Sullivan, Margaret Davies and Mr. John Evans. "Get it at Denby's," by Fochriw L.E.A. Youth Club (Girls); cast - Misses E. Edwards, L. Mantle, A.M. Thomas, M. Cumpstone, M. Williams, E. Davies, M.J. Evans; producer, Mr. D. E. Evans, B.A. "Birds of a Feather," by the Fochriw L.E.A. Youth Club (Boys); cast - Messrs. Phil Mantle, Howell Lewis, Cyril Davies and Derlwyn Lewis; producer, Rev. Eurof Jones.

On Thursday, the Twyn Carno Dramatic Society, who gave their services free, presented "The First Mrs. Fraser," by St. John Ervine. Ticket sellers were Mrs. Watkins and Miss C. Shankland; Mrs. C. Walters and Mrs. E. Rees; Mrs. E. Rees and Mrs. E. Rowlands; Mrs. E. Thomas and Mrs. I. Walters; Mrs. E. Cumpstone. Much credit is due to the members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade and members of the Fochriw W.V.S. for services rendered during the series of performances. The following were the officers of the committee: chairman, Coun Sam Lewis, J.P.; treasurer, Mr. A. Ballard; secretary, Mr. D. Jenkins.

22 April 1944 New Hall On Wednesday and Thursday last, Carmel Dramatic Society performed the Welsh drama, "Y Dyn Hysbys." Members of the cast were: Mr. D. Jenkins, Mr. D. Lewis, Mr. S. Lewis, Rev. E. Jones, Mr. Emlyn Evans, Mr. Bob Rees, Mrs. M.A. Ballard, Miss Betty Jones, Miss Maria Jones. The producer was Rev. Eurof Jones. The president on Wednesday was Mr. W.A. Davies, and on Thursday, Mrs. Sam Lewis. The secretary was Mr. W.A. Davies.

Help For Hospital The result of the S.O.S. on behalf of the Merthyr General Hospital is as follows: Upper Fochriw - Mrs. T. Rowlands & Mrs. J. Lewis, £2 16s 10d; Brynteg district - Mrs. T. Lawrence, £2 8s 6d; Aelybryn - Mrs. G. Mantle & Mrs. A. Wright, £2 5s; Pentwyn & Penybank - Mrs. Lewis, £1 9s 3d; Brook-row - Mrs. T. Thomas, 14s 4 1/2d; Pit-row - Miss Elsie Davies, 12s 8d; Tunnel Pit & Cwmbargoed - Mr. Marshallsea, 5s 3 1/2d; total £10 15s 11d. The organiser, Mrs. W.J. Payne, wishes to thank the collectors and contributors for their generous support.

6 May 1944 ENSA Concert Under the direction of the National Service Entertainment Party and Miners' Welfare, a concert was held at the New Hall on Monday by the Ensa Entertainment Party. The programme included a Welsh quartette, an accordionist, harpist, comedienne, folk dancing, pianist, etc.

13 May 1944 Community Hymn Singing On Sunday at the Parish Church a community singing festival was held. The conductor was Mr. Thomas Walters, A.L.C.M., and Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, Mus. Bac., was the organist. The Vicar, the Rev. E. Adams Evans, B.A., presided. A portion of Scripture was read by Rev. Eurof Jones and the Rev. Wm. Thomas prayed. Solos were rendered by Madam H.C. Davies and Mr. J.J. Lewis (Ap Morlais), and a quartette was given by Mrs. E. Lawrence, Mrs. E. Lewis, Mr. W.A. Davies and Mr. Burkley Davies. A collection was taken for the "Salute the Soldier" Week by Councillors S. Lewis, J.P., and W.J. Payne. Councillor Payne thanked those who had taken part.

20 May 1944 “Salute the Soldier” Under the auspices of the Fochriw L.E.A. Youth Club, under the leadership of Mr. Emlyn Evans, B.A., and the Fochriw Silver Band, conductor Mr. Albert Mantle, a miscellaneous concert was given at the New Hall on Thursday. Mr. Cyril Davies presided, and the artistes were Misses Amy Thomas, Marie Davies, Elaine Edwards, Megan Thomas and Mr. Huw B. Thomas. Selections were given by the Band, and choruses by the Youth Centre Choir. The accompanists were Miss K. Ballard and Mr. Huw B. Thomas. The shadow competition was won by Miss Olive Payne, who returned the prize towards the effort. Thanks were accorded by Coun. W.J. Payne and Rev. Eurof Jones.

20 May 1944 Welcome Home Concert A concert was held at the White Horse Inn, Pentwyn, on Friday last, to welcome home Cpl. T. Knight (Royal Marines) of Rees-row, and A.B. William Lewis of Hill-row, Pentwyn, who returned home after three years service overseas. Lieut. Morton was present and he apologized for the absence of the commanding officer. Mr. Wm. Morgan, Penybank, was in the chair and Mr. Gilbert Harris, Fochriw, was the accompanist. The artistes were: Mr. J.J. Lewis, Fochriw; Mr. Len Thomas, Pte. Peake, Pte. V..... (Pioneer Corps). A presentation was made to Cpl. Knight and A.B. Lewis by the chairman. A vote of thanks was moved by Mr. C. Rowlands and seconded by Sergt. Tyler, who also complimented the residents of Pentwyn and Penybank for exceeding their target in their “Salute the Soldier” Week.

17 June 1944 Stay-At-Home Week A meeting to make arrangements for the Stay-at-Home Bank Holiday Week was held at the New Hall on Monday presided over by the Vicar, Rev. E. Adams Evans. Mr. Bob Rees, secretary, dealt with the correspondence. It was decided to hold the ceremony of crowning the Queen and her attendants on Tuesday, July 4, at the New Hall. A fine programme of events has been drawn up for the Holiday Week. Proceeds will be in aid of the local Comforts Fund.

8 July 1944 Choosing The Queen In connection with the “Stay-At-Home” holidays, the choosing of the Queen and her attendants took place at the New Hall on Tuesday evening, and there was a large entry. The Rev. E. Adams Evans, Vicar, presided. The judges were Miss Parry Jones and Miss G. Cowles, B.A., Bargoed. Selected were: Queen, Miss Megan Thomas; flower girls, Eira Roberts, Gillian Jones, Sonia Catterson, Margaret Raines; attendants, Eillen Millward, Iris Gwynne; page boys, Brian Jones, Geoffrey Tyler; herald, Gerald Gwynne. A vote of thanks was accorded the judges and all taking part was proposed by the Vicar and seconded by Rev. Eurof Jones. The artiste was Miss Walton, New Tredegar, and the accompanist Mr. Hugh B. Thomas. The secretary was Mr. Bob Rees.

15 July 1944 Hospital Dance On Thursday at the New Hall, a successful dance in aid of the Merthyr General Hospital was organised by Coun. W.J. Payne with a band of helpers. The Hall was well filled and the music was provided by the Fochriw Silver Band, conducted by Mr. A. Mantle, with Mr. John Lewis and Mr. G. Davies as M.Cs. The judges of the waltzing competition were Mr. E.T. Pritchard and Mr. Emlyn Evans, and the winners were Mrs. C. Williams and Mr. C. Tyler, Pentwyn. The judge for the spot dance was Mr. Crad Shankland, and the winners were Mr. Emlyn Evans and Mrs. D. Tyler, who returned the prize for the Hospital. The winners of the competitions were: Silk Stockings (given by the Bargoed Emporium) Gary Llewellyn; Handkerchiefs (given by Mrs. Evans, Post Office), Coral Evans; Wallet (given by Messrs. George Rees and Jones, Bargoed) Pte. Richman; Spot prize (given by Mrs. T. Rowlands & Mrs. Shankland); donation by Mr. E.T. Pritchard. Coun. Payne thanked all who had contributed to one of the most successful dances he had attended - donors of prizes, the ticket sellers, and the ladies who had dealt with the

refreshments. He appealed to all to be contributors to such a noble cause. Last year it had cost over £21,000 to run the Hospital. As a voluntary hospital it had to be maintained. Workmen contributed 3d. per week and he would like to see many more following that lead. Anyone desirous of contributing, if not at work or factories, could hand contributions to him or to Mr. J.H. Evans, or the lady collectors. Among the patients in the Hospital that night were a few from Fochriw. There were also a number of soldiers wounded on the Normandy beaches. The organising secretary was Mrs. W.J. Payne, assisted by Mesdames G. Williams, R. Fox, A. Davies, D. Brown, T. Rowlands, C. Shankland, T. Lawrence, G. Edwards, T. Thomas, M. Golden Hann, A. Palmer, A. Evans, Elsie Davies, M. Watkins, -----, Williams, Misses Shankland, D. Pullen, Elsa Morgan, Ira Davies, B. Fox, M. Shankland, J. Slimmonds, G. Thomas, Messrs J.H. Evans, D.T. Davies, J.E. Edwards, A. & J. Palmer, Misses N. Palmer and N. Evans.

22 July 1944 ENSA Concert At the New Hall on Monday entertainment was provided by the Ensa Party composed of a variety of artistes.

29 July 1944 Hospital Dance The sum of £30 1s. was realised as a result of the recent dance in aid of the Merthyr General Hospital. The money was forwarded to the general secretary of the Hospital, Coun. Lewis Jones, who has acknowledged it with thanks. The price of admission was only 1s. and to make £30 was really magnificent. The Fochriw Silver Band generously handed their playing fee to the cause.

5 August 1944 Comforts Fund Dance A dance was held by the Pentwyn and Penybank Comforts Fund at the New Hall on Thursday week. The Fochriw Silver Band provided the music, Mr. A. Mantle conducting. The M.Cs. were Messrs. T.R. & J. Lewis. The waltzing competition was won by Mr. Jack Jones (Council Houses), and Mrs. T. Mantle (Deri). The judge was Mr. W.J. Morris, Rhymney. The spot dance was won by Mr. D. Jenkins and Mrs. Poyntz, Deri. The prizes for this event were given by Mr. W.J. Morris. The officers were Mr. F. Amos and Mrs. G. Llewellyn (joint chairmen); Mr. Davies & Mrs S. Phillips (joint secretaries). The committee wishes to thank all patrons for their support, also, the judge, the band and conductor.

12 August 1944 Carnival Dance On Monday, a carnival dance was held at the New Hall. Music was played by the Fochriw Silver Band, conducted by Mr. A. Mantle, and the M.C. was Mr. Thos Rees, Pentwyn.

12 August 1944 Stay At Home Holiday On Monday, a carnival was arranged in the village for the "Stay-at-Home" holidays. The proceeds were in aid of the local Comforts Fund. The carnival was headed by the Fochriw Silver Band, conductor Mr. A. Mantle, and included the Queen, Miss Megan Thomas, and her court. The "royal carriage" had been gaily decorated by the ladies of the W.V.S. The court ladies were Ellen Millward, Iris Gwynne, Eira Roberts, Gillian Jones, Margaret Raines and Sonia Catterson; page boys, Brian Jones and Geoffrey Tyler; herald, Gerald Gwynne. The judges were Miss McCarthy and Miss Giles, Deri. After the parade, the crowning of the Queen, performed by Mrs. E. Adams Evans, took place at the Hall, the Rev. E. Adams Evans presiding. An address was given by Coun. Sam Lewis, J.P. Thanks were accorded by Mrs. M. Jenkins (chairman W.V.S.), and Mrs. A. Evans (secretary W.V.V.S.). The carnival prize winners were: historical character, Enid & Doris Cumpstone; comic character, 1. Ian Oliver, 2. Ivona Marshelsea & Eunice Harris; nursery rhymes, 1. Sybil Jones, 2. Joan Power; the Services, Shirley Lawrence & Billy Rees; individual character, Mrs. Fox & Mrs. Wright; national character, 1. John Williams & John Yeoman, 2. June Games; special prize, Ann Raines; industrial character, Gethin Price & John Morgan; jazz band, Pat Sullivan and friends. The

crown was made by Mr. D. Jenkins, headmaster of Fochriw School; the cloak was loaned by Mrs. Rowland Jones, Cardiff. The chairman was the Rev. E. Adams Evans; secretary, Mr. Bob Rees; treasurer, Mr. Arthur Ballard; accompanist, Mr. Bob Rees.

19 August 1944 Comforts Fund Children's Dance A children's dance was held at the New Hall on Wednesday week. In charge of the games was Mrs. D. Jenkins and the pianist was Mr. H.B. Thomas. The spot prize was won by Haydn Angell and Glyn Jenkins. Refreshments were provided for the children, the helpers being Mrs. M.A. Ballard, Mrs. B. Rees, Misses Mildred Jones, Lorna Jenkins, Eira Cook and Margaret Ballard, Mr. D. Jenkins, headmaster Fochriw School, Mr. A. Ballard, headmaster Penybank School. Mr. B. Rees was the secretary. The Queen, Miss Megan Thomas, presented the prizes.

19 August 1944 Comforts Fund Community Singing This was held at Noddfa Chapel on Sunday. The chairman was the Rev. E. Adams Evans; conductor, Mr. J.J. Lewis; organist, Mr. J. Thomas; soloist, Mr. Crad Lewis, New Tredegar; accompanist, Mr. H.B. Thomas.

21 October 1944 In Aid of Pensioners A dance in aid of the Fochriw and District Old Age Pensioners' Christmas Fund was held in the New Hall last Thursday. The music was played by the Fochriw Silver Band, conductor Mr. Emrys Lewis. The M.Cs. were Messrs. J. Lewis, C. Cumpstone and David J. Davies. The winners of the waltz competition were Mrs. Pinch and Mr. Fred Bowen, and the winners of the spot prizes were Miss Iris Cullinane and Mr. Trefor Golding, all of Deri. The promoters were Mesdames Ruth Fox and Rachel Williams, who were also in charge of refreshments.

11 November 1944 Drama: For Comforts Fund At the New Hall on Thursday, the Brithdir Dramatic Society performed the drama, "Cold Coal," in aid of the Comforts Fund. Rev. Eurof Jones presided and thanks were accorded by Mr. R. Rees and the Vicar to the company and all who had helped.

18 November 1944 E.N.S.A. Entertainment Under the auspices of the Ministry of Fuel and Power, a first class entertainment was given at the New Hall on Monday, entitled "Harps and Harmony," by a company of popular artistes.

16 December 1944 "Mr. Pym Passes By" On Tuesday at the New Hall, the Rhymney Dramatic Company gave a performance of "Mr. Pym Passes By" in aid of the local Comforts Fund. Mrs. M. Jenkins presided, and thanks were accorded by the Rev. Eurof Jones and Mrs. A. Evans. Gunner J.P. Lewis, R.A., also spoke. Mr. Harry Hughes, an old Fochriw boy, who played Mr. Pym, responded for the company.

30 December 1944 Poppy Dance A successful poppy dance was held at the New Hall by the local British Legion. Music was supplied by the Fochriw Silver Band, under the conductorship of Mr. Emrys Lewis, and the M.Cs. were Messrs. Idris Cumpstone and Crad Shankland. The winners of the spot prizes were Messrs. Willie Walters, H. Evans, Mrs. T. Mantle and Miss Margaret Rowlands. Refreshments were provided by the women's section. The chairman is Mrs. Phillips; secretary, Mrs. Harding; treasurer, Mrs. Edwards.

13 January 1945 New Hall Dance A dance was held at the New Hall on Thursday. Music was supplied by the Embassy Band. The M.C. was Mr. John Lewis.

17 February 1945 "The Shepherd's Message" At the Church Hall on Thursday, the Sunday School scholars of St. Mary's Church performed a sacred play, "The Shepherd's Message." (Nancy Martin) Mr. W.J. Payne presided and the producers were Mrs. Rouse, Miss Higgs and Miss O.M. Payne. Those taking part were: Lilian Mantle, Jean Hopkinson, Ruby Williams, Lorna Rees, Gwenfil Thomas, Jim Catterson, Betty Fox, Gladys Williams, Iris Sibley, Evelyn Sibley, Ronald Jones,

Edwin Davies, Mr. Jack Palmer, Connie Wood, Jean Slimmon, Morfydd Thomas, Fred Wilton, Shirley Lawrence, Pat Sullivan. At the close, the Rev. E. Adams Evans thanked all for their help and support. The proceeds were given to the wounded soldiers at Merthyr General Hospital.

3 March 1945 Welsh Drama The New Hall was well filled last Thursday to witness the Welsh drama, "Y Dau Dylwyth" (Ieuan Griffiths), by the Carmel Dramatic Society, producer Rev. Eurof Jones. This annual event is looked forward to with interest and the Company again lived up to their reputation. Those who took part were Mr. David Lewis, Miss Maria Jones, Miss Bet Evans, Master D.J. Evans, Mr. H.T. Lewis, Mrs. May Davies, Mr. Bob Rees, Mr. W.A. Davies, Mr. D. Kelly and the Rev. Eurof Jones.

10 March 1945 Ensa Concert An Ensa entertainment was given at the New Hall on Monday by the Gaiety Revels. The acts included a comedian, pianist, soloist, speciality dancer, mimic and drummer.

28 April 1945 Community Singing Organised by the County Youth Movement, a community singing festival was held at Noddfa Chapel on Sunday evening to assist the Aid for China Fund of which Coun. S. Lewis, J.P., is the president. The chairman was Mr. Emlyn Evans, B.A. The singing was conducted by Mr. H. Ballard Thomas and reached a high standard. The organists were Miss A. Jones and Mr. D.J. Thomas.

5 May 1945 Fochriw Eisteddfod's Record Entry A successful eisteddfod was held at the New Hall last Thursday, when there were a record number of entries. Adjudicators were: music, Mr. Walter Jones, M.A., Bargoed; literature, Rev. A. Edwards, Bargoed. Rev. Eurof Jones was the conductor and the accompanists were Mr. Thomas Walters, A.L.C.M., and Mr. Hugh B. Thomas. Coun. S. Lewis, J.P., was the treasurer, and Mr. J.J. Lewis secretary. Mrs. Eurof Jones presented the prizes. Awards: recitation under 7: 1. Bessie Williams; solo 7-10, 1. Maldwyn Hughes; recitation 7-10, Audrey Dummett; solo 10-14, Ronwen Thomas, Pantywaun; recitation 10-14, 1. Pat Sullivan; solo 14-16, Gwyneth, Pantywaun; duet for children under 16, Eleanor and Enid; party of 6 reciting the 46th psalm, Glyn's party; children's choir, Carmel, conductor Mr. Bert Cumpstone, who was presented with a baton by Mr. Thomas Walters; veterans' solo, Mr. T. Walters; open recitation, Pat Sullivan; autobiography of a miner, Mr. Sam Lewis; love letter, Mr. Sam Lewis; tenor solo, Mr. T. Walters; baritone solo, Mr. M. Shankland; collection of Welsh proverbs, Mrs. A. Ballard; open duet for adults, Mrs Dilys Edwards & Miss A. Jones; sight music, Mr. T. Jones, Pantywaun; quartette, Mr. Emlyn Evans' party; chief choral, Pentwyn choir, conducted by Mr. A. Mantle, who was presented with a baton by Mr. J.J. Lewis. A competition on "A Miner" was won by "Onlooker," and a chair was given by Mr. Dan Jenkins, headmaster. The successful competitor was brought to the platform and was "chaired" in the traditional custom of the National Eisteddfod by Rev. A. Edwards, who acted as Archdruid: and the Rev. Eurof Jones and Coun. Sam Lewis, J.P., read bardic verses. Mr. J.J. Lewis rendered the bardic song. A vote of thanks to those who had taken part, and also to the ladies who prepared the tea, was proposed by Mrs. Sam Lewis and seconded by Mr. T. Ballard.

12 May 1945 Youth Concert A concert was given at the New Hall recently by members of the Fochriw County Youth Centre. Items given included pianoforte solos by Huw B. Thomas; recitations by E. Morgan and E. Davies; solos by Marie Davies and Elaine Edwards; boys' sextet led by D. Harding; girls' party led by M. Cumpstone. Choral items were given by the Centre Choir, conducted by Mr. H.B. Thomas. A mime and play, which will be performed at the county youth eisteddfod, were given. Those who took part in the mime were: Marie Davies, M. Cumpstone, E.

Davies, E. Morgan, E. Cumpstone, N. Jones, J. Sullivan, C. Woods, G. Thomas, A.M. Thomas. The narrator was D. Kelly and the producer D. Emlyn Evans, B.A. The music was arranged and played by H.B. Thomas. Those who performed the play were: Huw B. Thomas, Elinor Griffiths, John Evans and John Ballard. The producer was Mr. D. Emlyn Evans and the electrician and stage manager, Mr. J.J. Davies. The chairman was the Rev. Eurof Jones, and present at the concert were Mr. Trefor Jenkins, B.A., county youth organizer, and Mrs. Jenkins, and Miss Ena Grey, assistant organizer. Miss Grey gave an address saying that Fochriw could be proud of the talent of the young people. Mr. Jenkins also spoke. The County Youth Eisteddfod is to be held at Bridgend on Saturday, May 12, and the centre is entering many competitions.

19 May 1945 Chaired Bard The chaired bard at the recent eisteddfod held at the New Hall, Fochriw, was Huw Ballard Thomas ("Onlooker"), only son of Mr. & Mrs. T.G. Thomas, "Bryngwyn," Aelybryn. Mr. Thomas, who is 17, wrote a poem on "The Miner." The following were the winners at the eisteddfod: solo, under 7, Mair Jones, Pantywaun; solo, 7-10, Bertie Cumpstone and Billy Thomas; 10-14, Margaret Jones; recitation, under 7, Edith Thomas and Mair Jones; 7-10, Michael Evans; 10-14, Jean Hopkinson and Hugh Jones.

19 May 1945 Victory Celebrations Fochriw, Penybank and Pentwyn co-operated to celebrate victory last week. On Tuesday, thanksgiving services were held at all churches. In the evening, open-air dancing took place to music played by the Fochriw Silver Band, conducted by Mr. A. Mantle, assisted by Mr. Emrys Lewis. After dancing, a procession was formed and marched to the Gwrydd Tip, where a large bonfire was lit and Hitler's effigy was burned. On Wednesday, the children were entertained to dinner and tea. After dinner, the children formed up, and headed by the Silver Band, paraded the village. They were joined by adults, and in the parade were the standards of the British Legion men's and women's sections. The children returned to the New Hall for tea, and later, sports were held until dark, when they returned to the Square for dancing and community singing until midnight. Great praise is due to all who helped, to the band for their services, and to those who donated food etc. The officers were: chairman, Mrs. M. Jenkins; vice chairman, Coun. W.J. Payne; treasurer, Mrs. A. Ballard; secretary, Mr. Bryn Davies.

28 July 1945 British Legion Dance A successful dance was held at the New Hall on Thursday, organised by the Women's Section of the British Legion. The proceeds, which amounted to £14, were given to Ex-Serviceman C. Perkins who is in poor health, and was recently invalided out of the Army. The M.Cs. were Messrs. L. Cumpstone and C. Shankland. The music was supplied by the Fochriw Silver Band, Mr. A. Mantle conducting. Mrs. Phillips was chairman, and Mrs. G. Edwards treasurer.

15 September 1945 ENSA Concert At the New Hall on Tuesday, the variety show "Cambrai Calling" was presented.

29 September 1945 W.V.S. Social To mark the end of the W.V.S. organisation, a supper was held at the New Hall when a large number of members attended. The officers were: Mrs. M. Jenkins, chairman; Mrs. A. Evans, secretary; Mrs. (Dr.) Monnelly, treasurer.

29 September 1945 Welcome Homes In aid of the Welcome Home Fund, a dance was held at the New Hall on Thursday. Music was supplied by the Fochriw Silver Band conducted by Mr. A. Mantle. Mr. C. Shankland was M.C. Prize winners in the fancy dress were Miss Jennie Sullivan and Mr. D.J. Evans. Judges were Messrs. Iorwerth Evans and Willie Walters.

13 October 1945 “Wedi’r Drin” On Thursday at the New Hall, the Calfaria Dramatic Society, Bargoed, performed the drama “Wedi’r Drin” (by J. Ellis Williams) in aid of the Missionary Society. The drama was performed in fine style, and the Society was thanked by Rev. Eurof Jones (chairman) and Mr. Thomas Ballard. The Rev. Griffith Jones, Calfaria Bargoed, also spoke.

20 October 1945 Girls’ Choir The Troedyrhiw Girls’ Choir gave a concert at the New Hall on Tuesday. The choir rendered several choruses which drew high praise. The artistes were Mr. Haydn Thomas and Mr. Handel Williams, Bedlinog. Mr. D.E. Evans presided.

27 October 1945 Youth Centre Dance At the New Hall on Thursday evening, a dance was held by the local Youth Centre, and was well attended. The M.C. was Mr. Glyn Edwards.

3 November 1945 Legion Dance The Women’s Section of the British Legion, Fochriw Branch, held a dance at the New Hall in aid of W.J. Chapman, ex-prisoner of war. The dance raised £28.

10 November 1945 Fancy Dress Dance The Women’s Section of the Fochriw Branch of the British Legion organised a children’s fancy dress dance at the New Hall on Friday. The proceeds, which amounted to £4, were divided between the Pentwyn and Fochriw Comforts Funds.

17 November 1945 ENSA Concert A first class concert was held at the Welfare Hall on Thursday last by “Jack’s Party.” There were soloists, a comedienne, a magician, and instrumentalists.

2 February 1946 ENSA Concert A sparkling entertainment given by the Ensa Entertainments for the Ministry of Fuel and Power, was given at the New Hall on Tuesday. The programme consisted of “A Bit of Shamrock,” with the Irish Follies. The following were the artistes: Joe & Dave Fowler, Joyce Goulding, Ron Hollie, Joan Mann, Ron Adair, Rose Hollie, Tery Stewart, Ginger & Jean, Doreen Clarke.

9 February 1946 “The Rotters” at Fochriw Before a crowded audience at the New Hall on Thursday last, the Glyn Dramatic Society, Deri, scored one of their best successes, when they produced “The Rotters” (W.F. Maltby) in aid of the Merthyr General Hospital. This is a company which has been instrumental in raising large sums of money for charity in South Wales, and whose services are in great demand.

2 March 1946 Band Concert At the New Hall on Wednesday, the Silver Band, under the conductorship of Mr. Albert Mantle, provided a programme that delighted a large audience. The artistes were Mr. Haydn Thomas and Mr. Wilfred Jones, Bedlinog, with Mr. W.P. Lawrence, Mus. Bac. as pianist. Councillor W.J. Payne presided. He said that he was pleased to see such a large gathering. The band had made good progress under Mr. Mantle, and they were pleased to see he had made good progress after his accident. During Mr. Mantle’s stay in hospital, Mr. Emrys Lewis had proved a very capable deputy. The band possessed a fine set of instruments, and had reached a standard equal to anything that had been seen in Fochriw previously. During the interval, the chairman presented Mr. David Hughes, M.E., Cardiff, with a walking stick on behalf of the bands-men, officers and committee, as a token of appreciation of the kindness he has shown in bringing about the purchase of the new instruments. Mr. Hughes responded, and said he was delighted with the playing of the band. Mr. A.H. Wood moved a vote of thanks to all who had assisted, seconded by Mr. J.J. Lewis, secretary.

9 March 1946 St. David’s Day at Fochriw St. David’s Day was celebrated by the people - and more particularly the children of Fochriw - on Friday, when concerts were performed at schools and churches. Penybank School celebrated on similar lines

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

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

6 April 1946 ENSA Entertainment A first class Ensa entertainment for the Ministry of Fuel and Power was given at the Welfare Hall on Monday, when the following contributed to the programme: Jess Jacobson (raconteur); Ivy Reid (pianist); Elsa Winfield (soprano); Gordon Glenn (champion boy accordionist); Barbara Lewis (Kay Scarf); Gerald & Doreen Desmond (the two-handed brains trust); Pamela Stewart, Irene Walker, Alan Gale (the new star comedian); Sonny Jarman (versatile entertainer).

13 April 1946 For Band Fund In aid of the Band Instruments Fund, a dance was held at the New Hall on Wednesday. Music was provided by the Silver Band under Mr. A. Mantle. On Saturday, the Band played a programme of music at Rhymney Football Field.

13 April 1946 Picture Show Another first class show was given at the New Hall on Tuesday, when a large audience saw a fine programme of pictures.

20 April 1946 Picture Show On Thursday last, a first class picture show was given at the New Hall, and was well attended.

18 May 1946 Dance A dance was held at the New Hall on Tuesday. Music was supplied by the Silver Band. The M.C. was Mr. T.B. Edwards.

18 May 1946 E.N.S.A. Entertainment On Tuesday, "The Wind and the Rain," the famous comedy by Morton Hodge, was presented at the New Hall, under the auspices of the Ensa entertainments of the Ministry of Fuel and Power.

18 May 1946 Victory Celebrations Meetings have been held, and a fine programme including sports, fireworks, street teas, carnival, cymanfa ganu for children and adults, has been arranged for June 8. Also, a dance will be held on Friday evening, June 7.

1 June 1946 Victory Queen On Wednesday at the New Hall, the selection of a Victory Queen and her Court took place. The compere was Mr. D.J. Davies, and the judges were Miss Giles (Deri), and Miss Pugh (Rhymney). Music was supplied by the Fochriw Silver Band conducted by Mr. A. Mantle. The entry was a large one, and the following were selected: Victory Queen, Miss Violet Abbey; Court Ladies, Elsa Morgan, Enid Cumpstone, Elaenor Davies, Sybil Jones; flower girls, Jessie A.

Davies, Rosalind Russell; train bearers, Ann Morris, Delphine Chapman; herald, Islwyn Shankland; page boy, Neville Hann. The parade and carnival will be held on June 8, and will be headed by the Fochriw Silver Band. The marshals will be Messrs. J.J. Lewis, Crad Shankland, Arthur Palmer. The Queen will be crowned by Mrs. Edwards, The Anchorage. The judges for the carnival are Coun. W.J. Payne, Mr. E.T. Pritchard, Mesdames Olwen Evans & Jack Lawrence. The officials are: chairman, Coun. S. Lewis, J.P.; vice-chairman, Mr. D.J. Davies; secretary, Mr. Bryn Davies; assistant secretary, Mr. J.J. Lewis; treasurer, Mrs. Phyllis Jones. On Sunday, a singing festival will be held at Noddfa, with Mr. W.P. Lawrence and Mr. D.J. Davies as conductors.

8 June 1946 V-Day Carnival A carnival will be held at Pentwyn on Saturday and the Queen will be Miss Nan Jones, Glen View. A fine programme of events has been arranged. The Fochriw Carnival Committee met on Monday, Mr. D.J. Davies presiding. Mr. G. Jones has been preparing the Queen and Court for the crowning ceremony. The Fochriw carnival will be joined by the Pentwyn carnival for the parade, both Queens and Courts taking part.

15 June 1946 V-Eve Dance On Friday, a dance marked the eve of Victory celebrations at the New Hall. Music was played by the Fochriw Silver Band under the conductorship of Mr. Albert Mantle. The M.C. was Mr. T.B. Edwards.

15 June 1946 Puppet Show At the New Hall on Wednesday, the audience was entertained to a very fine show. Under the auspices of the People's Mobile Theatre Productions, Mr. Francis Redvers presented his Puppet Theatre. On Thursday evening, another ENSA programme was given, with a first class array of artistes.

15 June 1946 Victory Gymanfa On Sunday at Noddfa Chapel, singing festivals were held as part of the peace celebrations. The afternoon was given over to the children, whose singing under the conductorship of Mr. D.J. Davies, reached a high standard. Miss Edna Jones presided. Portions of Scripture were read by Hugh Jones and prayers offered by Katie Hughes. At the evening session for adults, A large congregations was present, when the conductor was Mr. W.P. Lawrence, Mus. Bac. The chairman was the Rev. Eurof Jones, and the organist Mr. Huw Ballard Thomas. The Scriptures were read by Mr. John Palmer and a prayer was offered by Miss Marie Davies. The Vicar gave the blessing at the close. The closing hymn, in memory of those who made the supreme sacrifice, was "Abide with Me."

15 June 1946 Victory Celebrations In right excellent style did Fochriw and Pentwyn Carnival Committee carry out their programme on Saturday, but the rain curtailed part of the programme in the afternoon. At 12.30 p.m., the parade was marshalled in front of the New Hall. Music was played by the Silver Band, under the conductorship of Mr. A. Mantle and Mr. Emrys Lewis. The parade included the Victory Queen, Miss Violet Abbey, and her Court in a decorated lorry driven by Mr. Jack Lawrence. The retiring Queen, Miss Thomas, was in the decorated lorry driven by Mr. Emlyn Jones. The Pentwyn Queen, Miss Nan Jones, and her Court were another striking feature in a decorated lorry driven by Mr. Cuthbert Llewellyn. A large number of entries had joined the parade and the judges had a difficult task. After the parade, the Pentwyn section went back to Pentwyn where the children were entertained to tea in the Old Church, and later ice-cream. The Pentwyn Queen was crowned by Sister Phoebe Cole who is home after much nursing abroad. In the night, a bonfire was lit at Pentwyn. After the parade, the Fochriw section returned to the New Hall, which had been decorated by the ladies of the committee. The Fochriw Queen was crowned by Mrs. Edwards, The Anchorage, the M.C. being Mr. Gomer Jones, Deri. The Queen and her Court were heralded by a fanfare of trumpets from

the Silver Band. Speeches were given by Councillors Payne and Lewis. Thanks to all was given by Mr. D.J. Davies and Mr. Danie James. In the afternoon, the children were entertained to tea and ice-cream, and a children's eisteddfod was held. In the evening in the New Hall, dancing took place to the Fochriw Silver Band, with Mr. Crad Shankland as M.C. At night, in the open air underneath the flood-lighting, community singing ended a happy day. Great praise is due to the officers of the committee: chairman, Mr. S. Lewis, J.P.; vice-chairman, Mr. D.J. Davies; secretary, Mr. Bryn Davies; assistant secretary, Mr. J.J. Lewis; treasurer, Mrs. Phyllis Jones – and all who worked so hard to ensure success. The winners at the carnival were as follows: Nursery rhymes, 1. Joyce Lewis, 2. Mary Cumpstone; Comical, 1. Billy Thomas, 2. Jean Price; Advertisement, 1. Margaret Pittaway; National, 1. Mrs. M.H. Morgan, 2. Jean Burrows & Ben Davies; Decorated Vehicle, 1. Raymond Davies; Mounted character, 1. David Williams; “Newly-Weds,” 1. Mrs. B. Evans & Mrs. A. Wright; Jazz Band, 1. Mr. Goronwy Tyler and his “Desert Rats.” Complimentary prizes: Eunice Harris, Shirley Lawrence, Michael Evans, Eira Roberts, Lorna Rees, M. Edwards, Annette Jones, Willie Edwards, Rosemary Jones, Pat Sullivan, Katie Hughes, Jill Parry, Joyce Evans.

22 June 1946 Gymanfa Ganu The name of Mr. Thomas Walters, the organist, was inadvertently omitted from the report of the Children's Gymanfa Ganu at Noddfa in connection with the Victory celebration.

10 August 1946 Dance A dance was held at the New Hall in aid of the O.A.P. outing fund. Music was supplied by the Fochriw Silver Band conducted by Mr. Arthur Mantle. Messrs. Idris Cumpstone and Browning were the M.Cs.

31 August 1946 Dog Trials Mr. John Lloyd, Glenview, Pentwyn, with his dog, won first prize at Llanfabon on Saturday. This is his second recent win. Mr. Lloyd, a keen sheep dog fancier, has trained many winning dogs.

28 September 1946 Choral Concert The Male Voice Party gave a concert at the New Hall on Tuesday. The Party was assisted by the following artistes: Mr. Harry Griffiths and Mr. Hughes, Dowlais. Both artistes and choir were in excellent form. Mr. Dan James presided. An address was given by Mr. Powell, Bargoed, a well-known figure in the musical world. The conductor is Mr. J.J. Lewis, and the pianist, Mr. W.P. Lawrence. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. E. Evans, and seconded by Mr. D.J. Davies.

26 October 1946 Youth Centre Dance A dance was held at the New Hall on Wednesday in aid of the Merthyr Blind Institute. Music was played by the Silver Band, conducted by Mr. A. Mantle. The M.Cs. were Messrs. C. Cumpstone, H. Owen and S. Davies.

16 November 1946 Band to Benefit The Mount Carmel Dramatic Society (Rhymney) performed the play “Ladies Fingers,” at the New Hall on Thursday in aid of the Fochriw Silver Band. Mr. H. Wood presided and thanks were accorded by Mr. Emlyn Evans and Mr. Shankland.

16 November 1946 Benefit Dance A dance was held at the New Hall in aid of the Fochriw & District Nursing Association. Music was supplied by the Fochriw Silver Band. Mr. Cadfan Cumpstone was M.C. The stewards were Mr. Goronwy Taylor and Mr. J. Morgan. Miss Jean Woods and Miss Iris Gwyn did good work in connection with the competition, which was won by Mrs. E. Walters. Mrs. Jones, secretary, spoke highly of the work done by the Fochriw Branch for 11 years, and Nurse Morris also spoke. The sum of £11 6s was realised. The organiser was Mrs. J.M. Lawrence, vice-chairman.

16 November 1946 For the Blind The Fochriw Male Voice Choir, conducted by Mr. J.J. Lewis (Ap Morlais), gave a concert at the Victoria Hall, Lampeter, on Sunday last in aid of the appeal for a new blind institute made by the former Mayoress of Merthyr (Mrs. S.G. Davies). The party received a civic reception and were entertained to luncheon by Mr. Davies. Coun. W.J. Payne responded on behalf of the party. Mr. W.P. Lawrence was the accompanist, and the artistes were Miss Nancy Morris, Miss Rita Evans, Mr. Idris Morris (all of Rhymney), and Mr. J.J. Lewis (Fochriw). Mr. D.T. Evans, Rhymney, was the organiser.

23 November 1946 Drama Performance The Mount Carmel (Rhymney) Dramatic Society gave a grand performance at the New Hall on Thursday in aid of the Fochriw Silver Band, and were fully deserving of the wonderful reception they received. Mr. J.J. Lewis, band secretary, thanked the company for their fine performance, and all others who had helped to make the evening a success. Mr. A.H. Wood presided.

4 January 1947 New Year's Eve Dance A social and dance was held by the Fochriw Youth Centre on New Year's Eve at the New Hall. During the evening, the Club chairman, Mr. Len Davies, presented ex-Warden, Mr. D. Emlyn Evans, B.A., with a gift from the club members in appreciation of his services. Mr. Evans suitably responded. The warden of the club is Mr. Howell Owen, Pontlottyn, and the assistant warden is Miss Edna Evans-Jones.

19 April 1947 Blind to Benefit A concert and organ recital was given at Carmel Chapel on Thursday by the Cefn Coed Male Voice Party, assisted by the following artistes: mezzo-soprano, Madame Gwen Price; baritone, Mr. Stanley Jones; organist, Mr. T. Walters, A.L.C.M.; accompanists, Messrs. Idris Morgan, B.Sc., and G.R. Williams, B.A. The proceeds were in aid of the Merthyr and Mid-Wales Institute for the Blind. The chairman was the Rev. Eurof Jones, who thanked all for their splendid support for such a noble cause. Other speakers were Mr. A.E. Fisher, and Mr. S. Maggs, Merthyr, who spoke of the work done, and the need for support for the blind. They thanked the people of Fochriw and the organisers for their support. Following the concert, refreshments were provided by the good people of Carmel for the choir and artistes.

5 July 1947 Hospital Concert Last Wednesday at the New Hall, a variety concert was given by the Aberfan Concert Party, under the direction of Mr. James Williams, in aid of the Merthyr General Hospital. The chairman was Councillor W.J. Payne, executive board member, who welcomed the concert party, the Mayoress of Merthyr, Mrs. M. Mayo, and fete secretary, Mr. J. Jones, and also, gave a review of the work done by the Hospital, and the number of Fochriw patients admitted. Mrs. Mayo and Mr. Jones thanked the people of Fochriw for their splendid efforts for the Hospital year after year.

12 July 1947 Hospital Concert As a result of the concert in aid of Merthyr General Concert by the Aberfan Variety Concert Party, organised by the ward committee, with Mrs. S.A. Payne as secretary, the sum of £20 13s 6d has been handed to secretary of the fete, Mr. Lewis Jones. Coun. W.J. Payne, executive board member, on behalf of the hospital board, wishes to thank all for their magnificent response, and all the workers, ticket-sellers, and especially the Party.

27 September 1947 Hospital Concert On Sunday, the Male Voice Party, conducted by Mr. D.J. Thomas with Mr. W.A. Davies as accompanist, entertained the patients at Gellygear Hospital to a sacred concert. The chairman was Coun. W.J. Payne, who opened by reading a portion of Scripture. Prayers followed. Among the choruses rendered by the Party were "The Crusaders," "Passing By," "The Long Day Closes." The artistes were Miss Millie Williams, Messrs. Tom Lewis, Edmund

Davies and John Williams. Thanks were accorded the party, artistes and chairman by a member of the nursing staff and a patient.

31 January 1948 Whist Winners The first of a series of drives was held at the New Hall on Thursday last in aid of the O.A.P. outing fund. Winners: Mr. A. Cumpstone and Mr. Harding; consolation prize, Mrs. E. Jones; winner of sealed packet, Mr. T. Morris. The M.Cs. were Mr. Brown and Mr. B. Angell.

7 February 1948 Whist Winners In the Whist Drive last Thursday in aid of the O.A.P. Fund, the winners were Mr. D. Way and Mr. Stewart Jones. The sealed packet, given by Mrs. Farley, was won by Mr. T. Shankland. Messrs. Brown and Angell were M.Cs.

14 February 1948 Film Lecture At the Church Hall on Wednesday, a lecture was given by Mr. J.R. Bartlett, Postmaster, Bargoed, which was illustrated by sound films. Coun. W.J. Payne presided. The films dealt with the work carried out by the Post Office. The chairman and Vicar, Rev. E. Adams Evans thanked the speaker.

28 February 1948 Go-As-You-Please The winners of the competition held in the New Hall last Wednesday were: Mrs. Margery Humphries, Pontlottyn; Mr. Harold Barnett, Bargoed, who divided 1st and 2nd prizes. Third was divided between Mrs. Waund, Bargoed, and Mr. Del Jones, Bedlinog. A consolation prize given by Mr. Jones was won by Miss M. Baker, Pontlottyn. Adjudicators were: Mr. G. Jones, Deri; Mr. H. Turner, Pontlottyn; Mr. H. Richards, Rhymney. Accompanist: Mr. Baden Bowen, Deri. Compere: Mr. J.J. Lewis, Fochriw. Chairman, Mr. M. Thomas, Fochriw. Proceeds are in aid of the O.A.P. Fund.

28 February 1948 Whist Winners The winners of the weekly whist were Mr. A. Cumpstone and Mr. M. Williams. The "Snowball" was won by Mr. R. Jones. The sealed packet was given by Mr. J. Morgan, and was won by Mr. J. Harding. Mr. Brown and Mr. Angel were M.Cs. Proceeds are in aid of the O.A.P. Fund.

20 March 1948 Whist Drive A whist drive was held at the New Hall on Thursday last. The winners were: Ladies: 1. Mr. W. Jones, 2. Mr. T. Jones (acting ladies); Gents: 1. Mr. R. Davies, 2. Mr. D. Morris. The sealed packet was given by Mr. D. Lewis and was won by Mr. B. Brown. M.Cs. were Messrs. B. Brown and A. Angell. The proceeds were in aid of the O.A.P. Outing Fund.

20 March 1948 Weekly Winners The winners of the weekly whist drive at the New Hall were: Ladies: 1. Mrs. L.C. Jones, 2. Mr. A. Cumpstone; Gents: 1. Mr. T. Kelly, 2. Mr. L. Burrows. The knock-out competition was won by Mrs. Jones and Mr. D. Ballard. The sealed parcel given by Mrs. J. Davies, Aelybryn, was won by Mrs. Powell. The M.Cs. were Mr. Angell and Mr. Brown.

24 April 1948 Whist Drive The winners of the weekly whist drive held at the New Hall on Thursday were: Ladies: 1. Mrs. L.G. Jones, 2. Mrs. D. Brown;; Gents: 1. Mrs. Powell, 2. Mr. J. Ballard. The K.O. competition was won by Mrs. Evans and Mr. W. Jones. The sealed packet given by Mrs. Evans, Post Office, was won by Mrs. J. Gittens. The secretary is Mr. W. Ross.

8 May 1948 "Rodric's Household" On Thursday at the New Hall, the Brithdir Welfare Players gave an outstanding performance of "Rodric's Hosusehold," producer Mr. Stan Williams. A vote of thanks was moved by Mr. A.H. Wood, vice chairman of the Institute, seconded by Mr. Iorwerth Evans, treasurer.

15 May 1948 Whist Drive The winners of the whist drive held last Thursday were: Mrs. T. Jones, Mr. D. Way, Mr. S. Jones. Knock-out: Mrs. D. Brown and Mr. Watkins. The proceeds were in aid of the O.A.P. outing fund. The M.Cs. were Mr. B. Brown and Mr. B. Angell. The secretary is Mr. W. Ross.

5 June 1948 For Maternity Ward Community hymn singing was held at Noddfa on Sunday evening, and a collection was taken for the maternity ward. Mrs. M.A. Lewis presided and read a portion of Scripture. The conductor was Mr. M. Shankland, and the singing reached a high standard. The organist was Mr. D.J. Thomas, and the secretary, Mrs. M. Jenkins. Rev. Eurof Jones accorded thanks.

5 June 1948 "The Man from Toronto" Last week, a performance of "A Man from Toronto" was given at the New Hall by the Pontlloftyn Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Group in aid of the Nursing Association. Mrs. S. Lewis presided. Mrs. J.M. Lawrence, chairman of the Pontlloftyn and District Nursing Association, proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Havard and her party, seconded by Rev. Eurof Jones.

12 June 1948 In Aid of O.A.P. The winners of the weekly whist drive on Thursday were: Ladies: 1.& 2. divided between Mrs. L.G. Jones and Mrs. John Gittens; Gents: 1. Mr. D. Way, 2. Divided between Mr. M. Williams & Mr. A. Blow. Knock-out winners were Mr. R. Gittoes and Mr. G. Griffiths. The proceeds were in aid of the O.A.P. Outing Fund.

18 September 1948 Whist Winners Winners of the weekly progressive whist drive held at the New Hall on Thursday were J. Evans, Penybanc, Terence Kelly, W. Morgan, Mrs. H. Morgan, Deri. Knock-out: Robert Thomas and Tydwyn Llewellyn.

2 October 1948 Whist Drive The winners of the weekly progressive whist drive at the New Hall on Thursday were: 1. Mr. E. Puddle; other prizes, Mr. J.R. Thomas and Mr. E. Puddle; knock-out: Mr. J.R. Thomas and Mrs. G. Burrows.

16 October 1948 Whist Winners Mr. M. Williams, Pentwyn, and Mrs. B. Hughes, Deri, shared the first and second prizes at the weekly progressive drive held at the New Hall on Thursday evening. Other prizes were won by Mrs. M.H. Morgan and Mr. Terence Kelly. The knock out was won by Mr. Ted Puddle and Mr. David Morris.

23 October 1948 Whist Drive At the New Hall on Thursday, the winner of the chief prize was Mr. Arthur Cumpstone. Mr. Ceri Edwards was second, and Mr. H. Ballard and Mr. Burrows, third and fourth. Mr. Leslie Jones and Mrs. L.G. Jones won the knock-out. A £5 drive will be held on November 4. Make it a date.

30 October 1948 Whist Drive First and third prizes were won by Mr. A. Cumpstone at the weekly progressive drive. Mr. B. Marsh, Deri, came second, with Mrs. M. Pritchard, Fochriw, in fourth place. The knock-out winners were Mr. Stuart Jones, Pentwyn, and Mr. Ronald Llewellyn.

6 November 1948 Whist Drive The progressive drive held on Thursday was won by Mrs. S. Jones, Pentwyn. Mrs. T. Llewellyn was second, and Mr. A. Ballard third. The knock-out was won by Mr. H. Jones and Mr. A. Cumpstone.

27 November 1948 Whist Drive Mr. Emlyn Morgan was the chief prize winner at the progressive whist drive held at the New Hall on Thursday evening. Other prizes were won by Mr. Walter Jones and Mr. Evan W. Jones. The knock-out was won by Maldwyn Williams, Pentwyn, and Mr. J.R. Thomas. Mrs. M.H. Morgan was another winner.

4 December 1948 Whist Drive The local progressive whist drive held at the New Hall was won by Mrs. L. Powell. Mr. H. Ballard and Mr. Maldwyn Williams were second and third respectively. Knockout winners were Mr. D. Moore and Mrs. E. Fisher. Mrs. M.H. Morgan was another winner.

25 December 1948 Whist Winners The weekly progressive drive held at the New Hall on Thursday was won by Mr. D. Way and Mr. Jim Harding, who shared the first and second prize. Other prizes were won by Mr. D. Pritchard, Mrs. E. Jones and Mrs.

Gwen Jones. The knock-out was won by Mr. D. Way and Mr. D. Morgan, Deri. Mr. Iorwerth Evans was M.C.

8 January 1949 Whist Winners Mrs. A. Pritchard was the winner at the progressive whist drive held at the New Hall on Tuesday evening. Mr. D. Morris and Mrs. D. Cox were second and third. The knockout was won by Mr. D. Morris and Mrs. E. Fisher. Mrs. Burrows won the consolation prize.

15 January 1949 Whist Winners The chief prize-winner at the progressive drive held at the New Hall on Thursday evening was Mr. Eddie Thomas, Penybank. Mr. Evan W. Jones had the second highest score, and Mr. Harry Jones had top score for the second half. The M.C. was Mr. I. Evans.

22 January 1949 Whist Winners At the progressive whist drive at the New Hall on Thursday evening, the winner was Mrs. Lena Morgan, Deri. Mr. Ronal Llewellyn was second, and Mr. N. Powell, Deri, third. Mr. J.B. Thomas and Mrs. Doreen Brown won the knock-out. Mr. Emlyn Evans was also successful. Mr. I. Evans was M.C.

29 January 1949 Whist Winners Mr. A. Cumpstone was the winner of the first prize in the weekly progressive whist drive at the New Hall on Thursday. Mr. J. Harding was second, and Mrs. M.H. Morgan third. Knock-out winners were: Mr. Jack Evans (Penybank) and Mr. Bryn Rees. Mrs. Tydwen Nicholas was also a prize-winner.

5 February 1949 Whist Winners Mr. W. Fox had the highest score at the weekly progressive whist at the New Hall on Thursday. Mrs. Lena Morgan, Deri, had second highest. Highest in the second half was won by Mr. Maldwyn Williams, Pentwyn. The knock out competition was won by Mr. A. Cumpstone and Mrs. D. Cox. Mr. Iorwerth Evans was M.C.

12 February 1949 Whist Winners Mr. Bob Rees was the M.C. at the weekly progressive whist drive at the New Hall on Thursday. The winners were: W. Jones (Deri), A. Cumpstone, Bryn Rees, Evan W. Jones and C. Cox. Knock out: Mr. Leslie Jones and Mrs. Harry Jones. Also Mr. Emlyn Morgan.

19 February 1949 Whist Winners Mr. Bob Rees was M.C. at the progressive whist drive at the New Hall last Thursday. First prize: Mrs. B. Hughes, Deri; Mr. Emlyn Morgan and Mr. E. Thomas shared second prize; Mr. Harry Jones third. Mr. J. Evans, Penybank, was another winner.

26 February 1949 Whist Winners At the weekly progressive drive at the New Hall on Thursday, the winner of the chief prize was Mr. J. Thomas, Bedlinog. Mrs. M. Burrows and Mr. A. Cumpstone were second and third. Knock out winners were Mr. Emlyn Morgan and Mrs. M. Jones. Mr. A. Ballard was another winner. The M.C. was Mr. Iorwerth Evans.

26 February 1949 Lantern Lecture On Wednesday at the New Hall, a lantern lecture was given by Mr. David Blatchford, Gilfach, on "A Trip to the Continent." It was in aid of the O.A.P. Fund. The chairman was Coun. W. J. Payne. Thanks were accorded by Mr. J. J. Lewis and Mrs. S. Lewis. The secretary was Mrs. Farley, and the treasurer Mrs. S. Jones.

5 March 1949 Whist Drive Mr. D. Way was the winner of the chief prize at the weekly progressive whist drive at the New Hall on Thursday. Other winners were Mr. Leslie Jones, Mrs. L. Powell and Mrs. Lena Morgan, Deri. The knockout competition was won by Mr. Jim Harding and Mrs. M. H. Morgan. Mr. Bob Rees was M.C.

12 March 1949 Whist Drive The first and second prizes were shared between Mrs. Gwen Watkins, Deri, and Mr. J. Thomas, Bedlinog, who tied for the highest score in the weekly progressive whist drive at the New Hall on Thursday. Mr. Iorwerth Evans was M.C. Mr. J. Gittens was another winner, and the knock-out was won by Mr. Emlyn Evans and Mr. Idris Cumpstone.

26 March 1949 Whist Winners The winners in the weekly progressive whist drive at the New Hall on Thursday evening were Mrs. M. Burroughs, first, Mr. Stuart Jones, second, and Mr. D. Way, third. The knockout was won by Mr. H. Jones & Mr. W. Davies. Another winner was Mr. Arthur Cumpstone. Mr. Bob Rees was M.C.

2 April 1949 Choir Concert At the New Hall last Wednesday, a concert was given by the Co-operative Children's Choir under the conductorship of Mr. W. Davies, with Miss Sheila Gough and Miss Joan Morris as accompanists. They were assisted by Madam M. Humphries, Mrs. W. Davies, the Misses N. Twoomey, A. Mosley, Jean Davies, Janet Griffiths and Mena Davies. The concert was in aid of the Fochriw Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade. Coun. Payne, president of the brigade, presided, and thanked choir, conductor and artistes for providing a musical treat. He appealed to young men to join the Brigade, who were sadly in need of recruits. All stood in silence in memory of Corps Officer Tom Evans who had died recently. Thanks were also accorded by Div. Sec. & Div. Supt. T. Thomas, and Corps Officer T.J. Powell. Conductor W. Davies responded and said it was proposed to enter the Choir in the National Esteddfof at Caerphilly in 1950.

2 April 1949 Whist Drive Mrs. Gwen Jones won the first prize at the weekly progressive drive held at the New Hall on Thursday. Mr. Bob Rees was M.C. The second prize was won by Mr. Emlyn Morgan. Mrs. M. Pritchard, Mr. W. Davies, Mr. C. Cox, Mr. J. Harding and Mr. Banfield, Pontlottyn, shared third prize. Knock-out winners were Mrs. V. Davies, Pentwyn, and Mrs. D. Cox. Another winner was Mr. D. Morris.

9 April 1949 Whist Drive The winner of the big drive held monthly at the New Hall was Mrs. L. Powell. Mr. Cliff Slade, Deri, was second, and Mrs. H. Morgan, Deri, third. The knock-out winners were Mr. M. Williams, Pentwyn, and Mr. John Matthews. Mr. A. Ballard was also successful. Mr. Iorwerth Evans was M.C.

16 April 1949 Weekly Whist At the progressive whist drive at the New Hall on Thursday, the winner was Mr. Stuart Jones, Pentwyn. Mrs. M. Pritchard was second, and Mrs. Eirlys Morris third. Mr. Ronald Llewellyn and Mrs. Eirlys Morris won the knock-out. Mrs. L. Powell was also successful. The M.C. was Mr. Iorwerth Evans.

23 April 1949 Whist Winners At the weekly progressive whist drive held at the New Hall on Thursday, Mrs. L. Owen, Deri, was the winner. Mrs. V. Andrews, Deri, was second, and Mr. J. Rees Thomas and Mr. Emlyn Morgan shared third prize. Knock-out winners: Mr. Terence Kelly and Mrs. Tydwen Llewellyn. Mr. Charlie White, Bargoed, was another winner. Mr. I. Evans was M.C.

7 May 1949 Progressive Whist The winner of the monthly big drive held at the New Hall on Thursday was Mr. John R. Thomas. Second was Mr. L. Burrows, and Mr. Harry Jones was third. Messrs. D. Morris & D. Cox were knockout winners. Miss Z. Oliver, Deri, was another winner. M.C. was Mr. Bob Rees.

7 May 1949 Variety Show The Fochriw Youth Centre staged a fine variety show at the New Hall on Tuesday. The show, which was produced by Mr. Derlwyn Kent and Belly Cumpstone, was received with applause. The programme was as follows: "Memories," a one act play, starring Pat Sullivan, Sibyl Jones, Stan Davies and Derlwyn Kent; the guest stars, Eddie Thomas, the Welsh Welter-weight title holder and party, including Gene Lyn (pianist), Tom Harding (tenor); acrobatics, Audrey Jones and Maureen Morgan; P.T. Display, David Mantle and John Ballard; comedy, D. Kent and B. Cumpstone. In the Minstrel Show, the Corner Men were D. Kent and B. Cumpstone. Also taking part were: Ken Roberts, Connie Wood, Gwenfil Thomas, Ellis Davies and Sybil Jones. The pianist was Ellen Millward. The proceeds were in aid of the Youth Centre.

7 May 1949 “Nobody’s Daughter” On Wednesday at the New Hall, the Glyn Amateur Dramatic Society, Deri, under their producer Mr. D.J. Phillips scored another triumph in their performance of “Nobody’s Daughter” (George Paxton). Coun. W.J. Payne presided welcomed the company that had been instrumental in raising hundreds of pounds for good causes. On this occasion, the effort was for the Llandaff Cathedral Appeal. A capacity audience were delighted with the performance, being loud in their praise. The Vicar thanked the company for their fine effort.

14 May 1949 Whist The first and second prizes were divided between Mrs. M. Pritchard and Mr. Terrence Kelly. Mrs. Lena Morgan, Deri, won third prize. Mr. Harry John and Mr. Walker Jones were the knock-out winners. The M.C. was Mr. Bernard Brown.

14 May 1949 “Merry Quips” At the New Hall on Wednesday, a concert was given by the “Merry Quips Variety Party.” The proceeds were in aid of the Welfare and Institute. The chairman was Mr. H. Wood. The acts included: The Merry Quips in Harmony; a whistler; comedian; The Boy from the Valleys; guitarists; character studies; the Mystic Major; Ernie Spencer, piano tuner.

28 May 1949 Whist At the weekly progressive drive held at the New Hall on Thursday last, winners were Mr. Bryn Rees, Mrs. Margaret Jones and Mr. Stuart Jones. Knockout winners were Mr. John Matthews and Mrs. L. Owen, Deri. Mr. A. Cumpstone was another winner. M.Cs. were Mr. B. Rees and Mr. I. Evans.

11 June 1949 Whist Drive The winners this week were 1. Mrs. E. Gittings; 2. Mrs. M.H. Morgan; 3. Mrs. Tydwen Llewellyn. Knock-out: Mr. O. Perry, Pontlottyn, and Mrs. M.H. Morgan. Mrs. D. Cox was also successful.

18 June 1949 Whist Winners The progressive whist drive held at the New Hall on Thursday was won by Mrs. M.H. Morgan. Mr. Jack Evans, Penybank, was second, and Mr. Ron Llewellyn third. Mr. David Morris and Mrs. M.H. Morgan won the knock-out. Mrs. M. Burrows also won. Mr. I. Evans was M.C.

25 June 1949 Whist Drive Mr. Watt Jones was the winner of the progressive drive held at the New Hall on Thursday evening. Mr. Bob Rees was the M.C. The second and third prizes were won by Mr. Emlyn Evans, Mr. Len Burrows, and Mrs. L. Owen of Deri. Mr. Terence

30 July 1949 Whist At the New Hall on Thursday, the winner of the progressive whist was Mrs. Owen, Deri. Mr. Idris Morgan was second, and Mr. Terence Kelly third. The knock-out winners were Mr. W. Morgan, Fochriw, and Mrs. B. Hughes, Deri. Mrs. D. Cox was also successful.

9 July 1949 Whist The weekly whist drive was held on Thursday, when the M.C. was Mr. E. Ross. The winners were 1. Mrs. D. Morgan, Deri; 2. Mrs. O. Conner, Deri; half time score, Mr. Emlyn Morgan.

13 August 1949 Whist Winners Mrs. Eira Gittins won first prize at the progressive whist held at the New Hall on Thursday. Mrs. Cox was second, and third prize was divided between Mrs. L. Owen and Mrs. B. Morgan, both of Deri. The knock-out winners were Mr. C. Cox and Mrs. Steve Jones. Mr. Allan Burrows was also successful. Mr. Iorwerth Evans was M.C.

27 August 1949 Whist At the New Hall on Thursday evening, the progressive whist drive was won by Mr. D. Way, Pentwyn, with Mrs. D. Cox second, and Mr. Evan W. Jones third. Knockout: Messrs. H. Morgan and Ted Puddle. Mr. A. Burrows was also a winner. Mr. Hartwell Wood (chairman of the Institute Committee) was M.C.

17 September 1949 Whist Winners The winners of the big drive held at the New Hall on Thursday last was Mrs. B. Morgan, Deri. Mr. C. Cox was second, and Mrs. M.

H. Morgan third. Knockout: Mr. D. Way and Mrs. Beryl Davies. Mrs. L. Morgan was also successful. Mr. Bob Rees was M.C.

24 September 1949 Whist Winners At the New Hall on Thursday, the winners in the progressive whist was Mr. D. Way, Pentwyn. Mrs. L. Owen, Deri, was second, and Mrs. Eira Gittings third. Knock-out winners were Mr. Will Way and Mrs. L. Morgan, Deri. Mr. I. Evans was M.C.

1 October 1949 Whist Winners The winners of the progressive whist drive held at the New Hall on Thursday evening were: first, Mr. J.R. Thomas; second, Mrs. V. Jones, Deri; third, Mr. Terrence Kelly and Mrs. L. Powell. Knockout: Mr. Ted Puddle and Mrs. B. Hughes. Also successful was Mrs. E. Morris. The M.C. was Mr. Bob Rees.

8 October 1949 Whist Winners The winners of the progressive whist drive held at the New Hall on Thursday evening were: first, Mr. Will Way; second, Mrs. D. Cox; third, Mrs. Eira Gittings. Knockout: Mrs. Rudd, Deri and Mrs. D. Cox. The M.C. was Mr. Iorwerth Evans.

15 October 1949 Whist Winners The winners of the progressive whist drive held at the New Hall on Thursday evening were: first, Mrs. Eirlys Morgan; second, Mrs. Lena Morgan, Deri; third, Mrs. L. Powell. Knockout: Mr. I. Cumpstone & Mrs. T. Llewellyn. Also successful was Mr. Ned Evans, Pontlottyn. The M.C. was Mr. H. Wood.

22 October 1949 Whist Drive At the New Hall on Thursday, the winner of the progressive drive was Mrs. V. Jones, Dei. Second and third prizes were won by Mr. Emllyn Morgan and Mr. D. Cox, respectively. Knock-out winners were Mr. Emllyn Morgan and Mrs. M. Morgan, Deri. Mr. Bob Rees was M.C.

29 October 1949 Whist Winners The winner of the progressive whist drive held at the New Hall on Thursday evening was Mr. Ron Llewellyn. Other winners were Mrs. E. Morris, Mrs. M. Pritchard & Mr. S. Jones. Knockout: Mr. S. Jones & Mrs. L. Powell. The M.C. was Mr. I. Evans.

5 November 1949 Whist Winners The winner of the progressive whist drive held at the New Hall on Thursday evening was Mrs. L. Owen, Deri. Other winners were Mrs. D. Cox, Mr. I. Cumpstone, Mrs. E. Jones. Knockout: Mr. Haydn Jones and Mrs. M. Pritchard. The M.C. was Mr. Iorwerth Evans.

19 November 1949 Their Help A smoking concert was held at the Rising Sun Inn recently to raise funds for the assistance of young Eddie Morgan, who received spinal injuries while working at Ogilvie Colliery. The concert was organised by Mr. S.V. Powell and Mr. Stan Davies.

19 November 1949 Whist Winners The winner of the progressive whist drive held at the New Hall on Thursday evening was Mr. Walter Jones. Other winners were Mr. David Way, Pentwyn, and Mr. B. Hughes, Deri. Mrs. Hughes, Deri, and Mr. E. Jones beat Mr. R. Rees and Mr. D. Way in the knockout. The M.C. was Mr. Emrys Lewis.

Thursday evening was Mr. Habacuc Bellars. Other winners were Mrs. D. Cox, Mr. R. Llewellyn and Mrs. M. Pritchard. Knockout winners were Mrs. L. Owen and Mrs. B. Hughes, Deri, who defeated Mr. Tom Morris and Mrs. D. Cox. The M.C. was Mr. I. Evans.

3 December 1949 Weekly Whist The winner of the progressive whist drive held at the New Hall on Thursday evening was Mrs. D. Morgan, Deri. Other prize-winners were Mrs. M. Pritchard and Mrs. W. Morgan, Deri. Knockout: Mrs. B. Hughes, Deri, and Mrs. M. Pritchard. The M.Cs. were Mr. H. Wood and Mr. Emrys Lewis.

10 December 1949 Whist Winners The chief prize-winner at the progressive whist drive held at the New Hall on Thursday evening was Mr. Will Morgan. Second and

third were Mr. Evan W. Jones and Mrs. Elsie Jones. Knockout: Mr. D. Morris and Mrs. M. H. Morgan. The M.C. was Mr. Bob Rees.

17 December 1949 Whist Winners The winner of the progressive whist drive held at the New Hall on Thursday evening was Mr. H. Bellars. Other winners were Mr. Bryn Rees, Mrs. D. Cox, Mrs. A. Morgan, Deri, & Mr. I. Cumpstone. Knockout: Mr. Stuart Jones and Mr. M. H. Morgan. The M.C. was Mr. H. Wood.

24 December 1949 New Hall A concert was given at the New Hall on Thursday by the Tredegar Amateur Variety Party presenting "Variety Time," produced by Mr. T. Ball, with the well-known Welsh international accordion band-leader, Mr. Rupert Reynolds. The chairman was Mr. Atwell Wood, who thanked the party for "a wonderful performance."

4 February 1950 Variety at the New Hall Fochriw inhabitants are enjoying a fine variety of plays at the New Hall nightly by the Allen Production Company, whose fine acting and staging ranks them as a first class company.

18 February 1950 New Hall A first class drama "Hatter's Castle," was performed at the New Hall in aid of the old age pensioners by the Allen Production Company, on Monday. The Hall was filled to capacity and the acting and stage effects were excellent. Thanks were expressed to the management committee by Mr. J.J. Lewis and the Vicar.

11 March 1950 Company Entertained The Allen Production Company was entertained on Thursday to a supper at the Old Library. The company has entertained the inhabitants of the village for several weeks. The following were responsible for the refreshments: Mesdames G. Williams, T. Morris, T. Thomas, M. Davies, J.M. & H. Lawrence, M. Ross, L. Thomas, E. Lawrence. Mrs. J.M. Lawrence proposed a vote of thanks to the company for their kindness, which was seconded by Mrs. G. Williams. Mr. Peter Allen responded. The company has received a very warm welcome in the village.

18 March 1950 Final Performance The Allen Production Company gave their final performance on Saturday with a Variety Show at the New Hall. They have spent several weeks in Fochriw with a change of drama every night.

16 September 1950 "The Sacred Flame" On Wednesday week, the Pontllynn Amateur Dramatic Society performed "The Sacred Flame," in aid of the Fochriw O.A.P. organisation. Mrs. H. L. Farley presided. Mr. J. J. Lewis thanked the producer and company.

28 October 1950 "To Kill A Cat" At the New Hall on Thursday evening, the St. Margaret's Amateur Players staged the three-act play "To Kill a Cat" (Ronald Pertwee and Harold Dearden. The play was produced by Mr. W. Madley. Coun. W.J. Payne presided and complimented the producer and company, and also said that the company had given their services free. The Rev. E. Adams Evans, vicar, also thanked the company. The ladies of the church entertained the company to refreshments after the performance.

18 November 1950 Variety Concert At the New Hall on Thursday evening, a variety concert was given by the Tredegar Amateur Variety Party (Merrymakers) in aid of the Fochriw Institute. Coun. W.J. Payne presided.

3 March 1951 County Youth Club Players At the New Hall on Thursday evening last, the Youth Players presented three one-act plays. The chairman was Mr. Emllyn Evans.

28 April 1951 New Hall Drama A first class drama, "Interference," was given on Thursday at the New Hall by the Masque Players, Bargoed. The chairman was Coun.

W.J. Payne, who thanked the company and producer. The event was organised by the Institute Committee.

28 April 1951 Festival Plans A meeting was held at the New Hall on Friday to organise Fochriw's Festival of Britain celebrations. It was decided to hold events from July 7. Officers appointed: chairman, Coun. W.J. Payne; secretary, Miss Eliza Evans, 22, Martin-street; treasurer, Miss M. Davies, Brynteg-terrace. The chairman hoped the Silver Band would re-form, which would add to the success. Members of the Youth Centre had decided to contribute events. It was decided to appoint a festival Queen and her Court. Entries for Queen, attendants, flower girls, page boy and herald, are to be sent to the secretary. An evening for judging will be chosen. On the Sunday, a gymanfa ganu will be held, and other days will be devoted to carnival, sports, displays, etc.

19 May 1951 Concert At the New Hall on Wednesday, a concert was given by the Pontlottyn Senior Mixed School Choir, conducted by Mr. Graham Barrar, and accompanied by Miss Jones. Coun. Payne presided. The proceeds were in aid of the Fochirw O.A.P. Association. The choir was assisted by the following soloists: Mr. Malcolm Burnell and Miss Shirley Jenkins. Thanks were given to the party and all who helped by the chairman and Mr. T. Ballard, secretary of the O.A.P.

26 May 1951 Festival of Britain Preliminary arrangements are well in hand for the week of events in July in the village. Various committees are hard at work arranging for an eisteddfod, sports, cymanfa ganu etc. On Friday week, the ladies were busy with a mile of pennies, and this was a great success, a good sum was realised. The secretary is Miss Eliza Evans, and the treasurer is Miss Marie Davies. The chairman is Coun. W. J. Payne.

26 May 1951 Queen Selected At the New Hall on Friday before a crowded audience, the selection of the Carnival Week Queen took place. The judges were Councillor Mrs. S.L. Williams (Gilfach), Coun. Mrs. A. Hamer (Ystrad mynach), and Miss M. Moore (head teacher of Brithdir School). The M.C. was Mr. Gomer Jones, Groesfaen, and Coun. W.J. Payne presided. The awards of the judges were: Queen, Miss Jean Wood; Deputy Queen, Miss Jean Price; Attendants, Rosylyn Russell, Shirley Davies, Jill Parry and Nesta Russell; Flower Girls, Yvonne Davies, Delphine Chapman, Susan Lawrence and Phyllis Jones; Herald, Herbert Jones; Page Boy, Lyn Gittens. Coun. Sam Lewis, J.P., also attended. The secretary is Miss Eliza Evans and the treasurer is Miss Marie Davies. Several committees are busy with the week's events, which will start on July 7, with the Crowning of the Queen, a carnival and sports.

2 June 1951 Festival of Britain A meeting was held at the New Hall on Friday evening, Coun. Payne presiding, and supported by the secretary, Miss Eliza Evans, and the treasurer, Miss Marie Davies. Coun. Sam Lewis, J.P., was appointed vice-chairman. Reports of the various committees were presented by the secretary. The eisteddfod, sports, musical and carnival committees have drawn up a first class programme and prizes will be awarded. The carnival and sports will take place on the afternoon of July 7 after the crowning of the Queen. On Sunday there will be a cymnafa ganu. During the week, events will be held each day including plays and various exhibitions by members of the Youth Club. The financial report was given by the treasurer.

14 July 1951 Procession at Fochriw Mrs. S.A. Payne crowned the Fochriw Festival Queen before a large gathering. The Queen was Miss Jean Wood, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Hartwell Wood. Aelybryn. Mrs. Payne congratulated the Queen, and said that she, and her Court, were a magnificent sight. The carnival procession was

marshalled by Mr. Frank Jenkins and was led by the Fochriw Silver Band, conductor Mr. Albert Mantle, assisted by his deputy, Mr. A.H. Wood. After the parade, the joint Pentwyn and Fochriw processions marched into the football field where the final judging took place. The judges were Mr. Howell Owen, Misses Moore and Mayne, and Mrs. Clayton. During the evening, there was a programme of sports, with Mr. Frank Jenkins as M.C.

14 July 1951 Joint Singing Festival Sunday was devoted to a singing festival at Noddfa Chapel. The conductor was Mr. D.J. Davies, and the organists Mr. W.A. Davies and Mr. Tom Davies. The afternoon session was devoted to the children and Master Hughes Jones presided. It was a combined service of children from Fochriw, Pentwyn and Penybank. The children from Pentwyn and Penybank were trained by Miss Marie Davies who accompanied them at the organ. It was a service to be remembered: the young voices were most inspiring. The reading of the Scripture and devotions were taken by Brian Davies, Enid Shankland and Neville Hann; and recitations were given by Marie Williams and Mary Cumpstone. At the evening service, Rev. E. Adams Evans presided. Mr. A. Williams, Carmel, read the Scripture and prayed. Solos were given by Mrs. Mattie Lewis, and recitations by Nurse Ballard Davies. The officers of the Festival were: chairman, Coun. W.J. Payne; vice-chairman, Coun. S. Lewis, J.P.; treasurer, Miss Marie Davies; secretary, Miss Eliza Evans.

14 July 1951 Pentwyn and Penybank Festival Week A carnival at Pentwyn marked the beginning of Pentwyn and Penybank Festival of Britain week. The crowning of the Queen took place at Pentwyn Church green before a large audience. The Queen, Miss Eirlys Meade, was crowned by Mrs. E. Maggs, wife of Mr. E. Maggs, M.E., colliery manager, who was accompanied by Mrs. A. Bates. The Queen was attended by her Court comprising Pentwyn and Penybank children. Court ladies were Doris Meade, Edith Thomas, Mair Jones, Valerie Davey; flower girls, Pamela Lewis, Amy Thomas, Linda Meade, Lena Davies, Avril Small, Gillian Jones; page boy, Brian Lloyd; herald, Colin Jones. After the crowning ceremony, the procession proceeded to Fochriw, led by the Fochriw Silver Band, and joined the Fochriw carnival procession. Afterwards, tea was given to the children. Later in the evening, a grand display of fireworks was given. Mrs. I. Bowen, Jenkins-row, Deri, provided the flowers for the Queen and her Court. The chairman, Mr. F. Amos, secretary, Mr. G. Williams, treasurer, Mrs. W. Pope, and committee were greatly relieved that the weather did not spoil the occasion. The Queen's crown was made by Mr. Ivor Small of Davies-row, Pentwyn. Others who assisted with the arrangements were Mr. Ll. Jones, Mount Pleasant Inn, and Mr. T. Davies, New-road, Deri.

6 October 1951 Window Dressing Among the winners in the window dressing competition at Merthyr Festival of Britain events was Mr. Dd. Ballard, Plantation-street, who is an employee of Morgan Harris, and works at their Court-street, Twynyrodyn, shop.

1 December 1951 "To Have And To Hold" Drama lovers were entertained to a fine play on Monday at the New Hall, when the St. Margaret's Amateur Players, Gilfach, presented "To Have and to Hold," a drama in three acts by Lionel Brown. The Hall was full and the audience appreciative. Coun. W. J. Payne presided. The proceeds were in aid of Church funds. The Vicar thanked the Company for their wonderful performance, and for their kindness in coming to Fochriw in aid of the Church. Afterwards, the company was entertained to tea by the ladies of the Church.

15 December 1951 “Go-as-you-please” Caerphilly’s Father Christmas presented Mary Cumpstone with third prize in the juvenile section of the “Go-as-you-please” competitions during the Shopping Week.

15 December 1951 Band’s Dance A successful dance was held at the New Hall last Thursday under the auspices of the Fochriw Silver Band. Mr. A. Mantle conducted. Messrs. Gordon Lawrence and A. Cumpstone were M.C.s. The secretary is Mr. J. J. Lewis. The prize winners were Mr. & Mrs. Pearce.

5 January 1952 Christmas Tree On Christmas Eve, a giant tree was illuminated. It was a fine site, and a first class programme had been arranged with the Silver Band under the conductorship of Mr. A. Mantle, and the choral singing under the conductorship of Mr. David Joshua Thomas. Santa Claus arrived in style on his sleigh, and was given a tremendous cheer by the large crowd of children present. He was escorted to the tree, where he was received, and welcomed, by Coun. W. J. Payne. The Vicar dedicated the tree. Others present were: Mr. Iorwerth Evans (secretary); Mr. Robert Thomas; Mr. Frank Jenkins; Mr. Tudor Evans and Mr. T. Morris. After the ceremony, Santa Claus was again escorted to his sleigh and driven to the Old Library, where he presented gifts to the children, who sang carols. Thanks are due to Mr. John Slimmons for his services in arranging the sleigh and driving the same; to the kind people who granted permission to erect the tree in the School House, and to the donor of the tree; the people who erected it, and all who helped in any way to make the function a success. The officials were: chairman, Coun. W. J. Payne; secretary, Mr. Iorwerth Evans; treasurer, Mr. Tudor Evans.

9 February 1952 “The Way to Jerusalem” The Nativity play, “The Way to Jerusalem,” was performed at Carmel Chapel on Sunday by the pupils of Fochriw Primary Mixed School. Mr. S. Lewis presided. Gillian Jones read the Scripture and the devotions were led by Jill Farley. The narrator was Miss M. Owen, and the children taking part were Neville Hann, Dorian Jones, Derrick Hann, Jennifer Thomas, A. Davies, Brian Davies, Alan Powell, Glyn Jones, Gary Llewellyn, Dilwyn Evans, Phillip & Herbert Jones, Willie Edwards, Peter Morgan, Nesta Russell, Edna Hughes, Pam Hughes, Jeanette Burrows, Joyce Evans, Alun Jones, Michael & Alun Shankland. The part of Mary was ably played by Miss Rosalind Russell and Joseph by Delfryn Jones. The producer was Miss M. Jones, and the accompanist Mr. T. Walters, A.L.C.M. Assistance was rendered by Miss Mimmie Lewis, Mesdames B. Jones, M.A. Ballard, B. Rees, Messrs. Howell Jones, D. Jenkins, B. Rees.

8 March 1952 Regency School of Dancing at the New Hall A capacity crowd on Wednesday, welcomed the Regency School of Dancing with their principal Megan Evans. They presented a festival of dances, produced and choreographed by Megan Evans. The event was in aid of the old age pensioners of Fochriw, and had been organised by the Supporters Club. The chairman was Mrs. J. Lawrence. A vote of thanks was moved by Mr. Thomas Ballard, secretary of the O.A.P. organisation, and seconded by the Vicar, Rev. E. Adams Evans.

19 April 1952 Concert On Wednesday last at the New Hall, the Macdonald Concert Party, Bargoed, gave a very fine entertainment to a large audience. The concert was in aid of the Fochriw and District Motor Cycling Club. Coun. W.J. Payne presided and introduced the conductor and party. He referred to the excellent record of the Party in supporting good causes. After the concert, the party was entertained to tea by the ladies, and was thanked by Mr. Jack Jones, chairman of the Motor club, and Mr. Idris Shankland, secretary.

19 April 1952 56th Appearance At the New Hall on Tuesday, the drama “Change” was presented by the Pontlottyn Dramatic Society. The producer and chief character

was Mr. William John, who is 84 years of age, and has taken a leading part in this drama 56 times. The first occasion was in 1916. The president for the evening was Mr. Arthur Palmer. The party was thanked by the Vicar and Mr. T. Ballard.

14 June 1952 Children's Concert A delightful concert of fairy tales, nursery rhymes and action songs was given by the children of Fochriw Schools at the New Hall on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Those taking part were Jennifer Thomas, Allison Davies, Carol Williams, Margaret Shankland, Wendy Hann, Gloria Dummett, Mary Morris, Willie Edwards, Enid Shankland, Delphine Chapman, Pat Morgan, Eunice & Annette Jones, Ann Ballard, Yvonne Davies, Pamela Hughes, Michael Shankland, Norman & Alun Jones, Peter Morgan, Phillip Jones, Neville Hann, Ann Morris, Joyce Lewis, Pam Yeoman, Pam Ross, Jeanette Burrows, Irene Games, Dd. Brain Davies, Herbert Jones, Dilwyn Evans, Alun Powell, Glyn Jones, George Dummett, Garry Llewellyn, Islwyn Jones, Frank Tunley, Glanville Hollister, Alan Shankland, Celia Fisher, Gwyn Hughes, Nesta Russell, Edna Hughes, Joyce Evans, Edith Williams, Jill Parry, Lilian Jones, Malvina Pugh Matthews, Dawn Games, Sandra Marshallsea, Janice Powell. In charge were Miss M. Jones and Mrs. D. Jenkins, with Mr. T. Walters, pianist. Coun. W.J. Payne was the compere: chairman, Mr. A. Palmer; stage manager, Mr. E. Lewis.

14 June 1952 "Random Harvest" The St. Tyfaelog Dramatic Society presented "Random Harvest," (James Hilton), at the New Hall on Wednesday week. The producer was Mr. James Ings. Both he, and the cast, gave excellent performances. The chairman was Mr. T.J. Jones. Thanks were accorded by Mr. T. Evans and Miss B. Ballard. Refreshments were provided by the O.A.P. Supporters' Committee. The performance was given in aid of the O.A.P. outing fund.

28 June 1952 Variety Concert At the New Hall on Wednesday a variety concert was given by the Bill Richards Party, Merthyr. The chairman was Mr. Boobyer, station-master.

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

5 July 1952 Sports on Wheels The Fochriw Motor Cycle Club organised sports for motor-cycle and cycles at the Welfare Ground on Saturday in aid of the O.A.P. Outing Fund. A large crowd gathered, and the event was a financial success. Mrs. Joan Owens, secretary of the O.A.P. Outing Fund, wishes to thank everyone who helped to achieve this success. Winners in the events were: Motor Cycle Sports: Riding the pegs: Baden Dummit; egg and spoon race, Idris Shankland and Mrs. Enid Jones; sticking the potatoes, Idris Shankland and Eileen Watkins; bun race, Baden Dummit and Mrs. W. Jenkins; Relay race, Idris Shankland and Gogie Oliver; musical chairs, Oliver Morgan and Miss Pat Brown; Cycle Sports: Around Tunnel Pits road race, L. Evans, Deri; slow motion, Hadne Woods; relay race, Islwyn Shankland and Hadne Woods; late for school, Gareth Williams; egg and spoon, Horace Davies. Mrs. J.M. Lawrence, chairman of the O.A.P. Supporters' Committee, presented the prizes.

23 August 1952 Queen Chosen On Friday at the New Hall before a packed audience, the following were selected to form the Court for a carnival to be held at Fochriw on Saturday, September 6: Queen, Miss Jean Price; Court Ladies: Gilliam Jones, Margaret Edwards, Jessie Ann Davies, Margaret Morgan. Flower Girls: Margaret Shankland, Delphine Chapman, Allison Davies, Angela Owen. Herald: Herbert Jones. Page-boy: John Lyn Gittens. The judges were Mrs. Griffiths and Mrs.

Barry (Merthyr), and Miss Whitehead (Herts). The M.C. was Mr. Gomer Jones, Deri, and Mr. H. Woods was chairman.

13 September 1952 Fochriw En Fete: Weekend Carnival was a Success The carnival and sports were held last weekend. The festivities began on Friday night, when a successful dance was held at the New Hall. The carnival began on Saturday with the crowning of the Queen, Miss Jean Pryce, performed by Mrs. M. Pritchard. Members of the Court were Gillian Jones, Margaret Morgan, Jessie Ann Davies and Margaret Edwards; flower girls, Margaret Shankland, Delphine Chapman, Angela Owen and Alison Davies. The page-boy was John Lyn Gittens and Hubert Jones was the herald. The addition of three Jazz Bands – the Red and Whites, the Black and Whites (Bedlinog), and the Ivy Benson Comic Band (Deri), added to the formidable turn out of children and adults, made for an excellent parade. The judges were rs. I. Stallard, Miss L. Osborne, Mr. H. Owen, Mr. J.H. Davies and Mr. D.E. Harris. Prizes were presented by Mr. Eddie Thomas, Merthyr. Winning competitors were: Comic: 1. Ivor Coggan (Father Papered the Parlour); 2. Linda Pugh (Quick Service); Nursery Rhymes: 1. Margaret Jones & Raymond Williams (Jack and Jill); 2. Megan Jones (Red Riding Hood); Original: 1. Maldwyn Gittens (Golliwog); 2. Margaret Mantle (Old Fashioned Girl); 1. Ann Ballard (Players), 2. Wayne Wright (Pirate); 1. David & Windsor Ballard (Corona Man and Bottle), 2. Ann Morris (Mazzawttee Tea); Mounted: 1. David Chapman (Indian); 2. David Pearce (Cowboy); Wheeled: 1. Graham Price (Stop Me and Buy One); Adult Comic: 1. Mrs. G. Wright & Mr. M. Chapman (Couple going to Church); 1. Mrs. R. Fox (Holidays with Pay); Comic Group: 1. Ivy Benson's Band, 2. Footballers Mascot; Jazz Bands: 1. Black and White, 2. Red and White (both of Bedlinog); Sports: egg and spoon, under 7: 1. David Chapman, 1. Phyllis Jones; Under 10, late for school: 1. David Pearce; 3-legged race: 1. Neville Hann & Peter Morgan, 1. Annette Jones & Pat Morgan; Sack race: 1. Howard Davies, 1. Mary Price; 60 yds. Under 10: 1. Neville Hann, 2. Ann Ballard; 80 yds. under 13: 1. Alan Thomas, 2. Nesta Russell; Wheelbarrow race: 1. Alan Thomas & Alan Powell, 1. Joan Morgan & Mary Price; 3-legged race girls: 1. Yvonne Davies & Jeanette Burows; 100 yds. Under 18: 1. Delfryn Jones; Throwing the Cricket Ball: 1. David Morris; 220 yds.: 1. Delfryn Jones; Slow Bicycle Race: 1. Alan Burrows; 440 yds.: 1. Bertie Cumpstone, 2. Islwyn Shankland; Relay: 1. Single Girls, 1. Single Men; Girls, 220 yds.: 1. Margaret Rees, 2. Mary Jones; Tug of War: 1. Married Women; 1. Married Men; 2 Mile Marathon: 1. Bertie Cumpstone, 2. Islwyn Shankland.

20 September 1952 Carnival Queen Miss Jean Pryce was crowned Fochriw Carnival Queen by Mrs. M. Pritchard. Her attendants are: Gillian Jones, Margaret Morgan, Jessie Ann Davies and Margaret Edwards; flower girls, Margaret Shankland, Delphine Chapman, Angela Owen and Alison Davies; herald, Hubert Jones.

4 October 1952 Club To Benefit A drama and variety concert in aid of the Fochriw A.F.C. was held at the New Hall on Thursday. Coun. W. J. Payne was the chairman. The programme was given by the Pontlottyn and Fochriw Youth Centres. Taking part in a one act play called "The Man in the Bowler Hat" were: John Ballard, Lorna Rees, David Yeoman, John Sullivan, Yvonne Davies, Idris Powell and John Williams. Other items were: Al Jolson impressions by John Griffiths; duet, Shirley Jenkins and Pamela Edwards; a Welsh scene by members of Fochriw Y.C.

3 January 1953 Social Evening A successful social evening was held at the New Hall on Tuesday evening by the members of the Fochriw County Youth Centre. Members meet weekly at the Fochriw School. They are an active body with Mr. H.

Owen as warden and Mr. J. Ballard secretary. The evening was devoted to different forms of entertainment. Refreshments were served by the lady members.

7 February 1953 Dance for O.A.P. A dance was held at the New Hall on Friday in aid of the O.A.P. Outing Fund. Dancing was to the music of Mr. John Pullen's radiogram. The M.C.s were Messrs. C. Cumpstone, G. Davies and G. Lawrence. The first part of the evening was given over to dancing for children, followed by dancing for adults. Winners of the spot prizes, given by Mrs. H. L. Farley and Mrs. J. M. Lawrence, were Mrs. M. Chapman and Mr. Powell. A prize, given by Mrs. T. Rowlands, was won by Miss Connie Wood. Refreshments were served by members of the committee. The officers were: secretary, Mrs. Joan Owen; treasurer, Miss C. Shankland; president, Mrs. H. L. Farley; chairman, Mrs. J. Lawrence.

21 February 1953 Coronation Committee Dance A dance was held under the auspices of the Coronation Committee at the New Hall on Friday. Dancing was to Mr. John Pullen's radiogram. The M.C.s were Messrs. C. Cumpstone, G. Lawrence and D. Keen. The ladies of the committee served refreshments.

7 March 1953 Drama at the New Hall On Tuesday, the St. John's Church Dramatic society, Cefn Coed, gave a fine performance of the comedy "The Camel's Back," produced by the Rev. T. Emlyn Jones, vicar. The proceeds were in aid of the Coronation Fund. Mr. Dan Jenkins introduced the Company, and Coun. W. J. Payne who presided, thanked the Company and the producer.

14 March 1953 One-Act Plays On Thursday at the New Hall, a performance of three one-act plays was given by the Tiryberth County Youth Centre, who performed the play "Mr. Twemlow is not Himself;" and the Fochriw County Youth Centre, who performed "Riders to the Sea" (J.M. Synge), and "A Husband for Breakfast" (J. Elwy Mitchell). The chairman was Mr. Frank Jenkins. Mr. Frank West, Tiryberth, and Mr. H. Owen, Fochriw, the centre wardens, thanked the audience for their attention and support. Mr. Arnold Jones was responsible for the make-up of the Fochriw group, and the stage carpenter was Mr. John Sullivan. Refreshments for the visitors was served by Miss Margaret Williams, vice-warden of the Fochriw Cente, and Mr. H. Owen. The performers of the Fochiw plays were: "Riders to the Sea:" Margaret Davies, Pat Brown, Pat Sullivan, John Williams, Gillian Jones, Mair Jones, Sheil Lewis, Donald Jones, John Sullivan; "A Husband for Breakfast:" Mary Jones, Gillian Jones, Pamel Edwards, Roy Shankland, John Ballard, Donald Jones, Gwyn Morgan. Mr. H. Owen was the producer.

28 March 1953 For Church Funds The St. Margaret's Amateur Dramatic Society, Gilfach, gave a performance of the comedy, "Short Story," at the New Hall on Thursday. The company was well received by an appreciative audience. Coun. Payne and the Vicar, Rev. E. Adams Evans, thanked the company for their excellent services. At the close, the company was entertained to tea by the ladies of the church.

18 April 1953 Pentwyn Dance Under the auspices of the Pentwyn Coronation Committee, a successful dance was held at the New Hall on Friday. Music was played by Mr. John Pullen and his radiogram and the M.C. was Mr. C. Cumpstone. The Committee is very active in their preparation for the Coronation.

2 May 1953 Pensioners To Benefit A dance was held at the New Hall on Friday in aid of the O.A.P. Outing Fund. Dancing was to the music of Mr. John Pullen's radiogram. The M.C. was Mr. Cadfan Cumpstone. Refreshments were served by members of the committee. The officers are: secretary, Mrs. Joan Owen; treasurer, Miss C. Shankland; president, Mrs. H. L. Farley; chairman, Mrs. J. Lawrence.

16 May 1953 Fochriw Children's Eisteddfod The Coronation Committee held a Children's Eisteddfod at the New Hall on Saturday. The president was Coun. W. J.

Payne, supported by Coun. S. Lewis. The adjudicators were: music, Mr. E. Morgan, Merthyr; literature, Mr. E. Hughes, Bargoed; conductor, Mr. T. Walters; secretary, Mr. I. Evans; treasurer, Mr. F. Jenkins.

16 May 1953 Coronation Queen On Thursday at the New Hall, the Queen and her Court were selected. Coun. W.J. Payne presided, and the M.C. was Mr. D.J. Davies. The judges were Mrs. Luke, Hengoed, and Mrs. Price, Gilfach. Nurse Connie Wood was selected Queen; deputy Queen, Miss Idona Marshallsea; Court ladies, Misses Margaret Edwards, Jessie A. Davies, Pam Edwards, Gillian Jones. Flower girls: Margaret Shankland, Margaret Evans, Jennifer Thomas, Allison Davies. Herald: Herbert Jones. Page: Michael Jenkins. The secretaries are Mr. D. Jenkins and Mr. Iorwerth Evans.

23 May 1953 Eisteddfod The name of the accompanist, Mr. D. J. Thomas was inadvertently omitted in last week's eisteddfod report. The following choirs were successful: 1. Coronation Bells; 2. Snowflake.

23 May 1953 Coronation Events A meeting was held at the New Hall on Friday, presided over by Coun. S. Lewis, J.P., supported by Mr. D. Jenkins and Mr. I. Evans, secretaries, and Mr. Frank Jenkins, treasurer. The week's programme was completed. It will be opened with the crowning of the Queen by Mrs. M. A. Lewis, wife of Coun. S. Lewis, J.P., on Saturday, May 30th at 3p.m. The Queen is Nurse Connie Wood, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. A. H. Wood, Aelybryn. After the ceremony, the carnival parade will start headed by the Queen and the deputy Queen, Miss Idora Marshallsea, Brynteg, and her court, and they will travel on a lorry provided by Messrs. Wimpey, contractors. An appeal is made to all in the village to join in the week's festivities. It is hoped that the Silver Band will head the parade. Prizes will be given for the best-dressed street. Sunday will be devoted to singing festivals at Noddfa.

6 June 1953 Coronation Festivities On Sunday week at Noddfa - Cymanfa Ganu; Monday - Pensioners tea and Noson Lawen; Television of the Coronation on Tuesday, kindly arranged by the Bargoed Radio Co., followed throughout the week by daily events.

13 June 1953 Coronation Events On Saturday, Nurse Connie Wood of Aelybryn, Fochriw, was crowned Coronation Queen by Mrs. M.A. Lewis. Fochriw Silver Band, conducted by Mr. A. Mantle, headed a carnival procession that paraded the streets. Mr. D.J. Davies was marshal. The judges of the carnival were Mrs. M. Jenkins, Miss Olive Payne and Miss Margaret Ballard, and of the jazz bands, Messrs. A. Mantle, T. Walters and F. Jenkins. Three jazz bands took part. On Sunday, a singing festival was held at Noddfa Chapel. The afternoon was devoted to the children, when Coun. S. Lewis presided, and Mr. D.J. Thomas conducted the singing. Michael Shankland read the Scriptures, and Margaret Shankland prayed. A solo was sung by Miss Phyllis Jones, and the organist was Mr. W.A. Davies. Coun. Payne presided over the evening session. Miss Edna Jones read the Scriptures and Nurse Mimi Jones prayed. The organist was Mr. W.A. Davies and the conductor Mr. Meirion Shankland. A pensioners' tea was held on Monday at the New Hall. The tables were served by the ladies' committee of the O.A.P. Fund. Grace was said by Coun. W.J. Payne. Thanks were proposed by Coun. S. Lewis, Coun. W.J. Payne, Mr. T. Ballard and Mrs. M.A. Lewis. The Coronation Queen, Nurse Connie Wood, attended, and cut the Coronation cake. Mrs. J.M. Lawrence and Mrs. Farley, chairman and president of the O.A.P. Fund, also spoke. Mr. David Davies, Brook Cottage, was pianist. Mr. Iorwerth Evans, Coronation committee secretary, was also present. A Noson Lawen was held at the New Hall on Monday evening, conducted by Mr. W.A. Davies, one

of the party. The chairman was Coun. S. Lewis, who thanked all for their efforts. On Coronation Day, a tea was given to Pentwyn children and adults of the village, in a room kindly lent by Mr. L.D. Jones, Mount Pleasant. Grace was said by Coun. W.J. Payne, who attended with Coun. S. Lewis. After tea, Mrs. J. Llewellyn presented each child with a souvenir medal. Councillors Payne and Lewis then presented each child with a cup, saucer and plate, oranges and sweets. The officers were: chairman, Mr. Victor Davies; vice chairman, Mr. B. Griffiths; secretary, Mr. Walley Davey; treasurer, Mr. L.D. Jones. A large bonfire was lit on Monday night. On Tuesday, a large gathering was present at the New Hall to view the Coronation ceremony, through the kindness of Mr. Owen of the Bargoed Radio Company. Later in the day, street parties took place. The streets were gaily decorated. The prize for the best decorated street were: 1. Pleasant View; 2. Aelybryn. In the afternoon there was a children's dance, with a Coronation Ball in the evening. Music was supplied by Mr. John Pullen on his radiogram. The M.C. was Mr. Cadfan Cumpstone. Coronation events were held also on Wednesday and Thursday, including sports, football and cricket. First prize in the marathon race was won by Bertie Cumpstone. The cycle race was won by Haydn Wood. The officers of the committee thank the Band for their help. A successful week concluded on Friday evening, when children under five years of age were entertained to tea at the New Hall, and each child was presented with a Coronation mug. The presentation was made by Mrs. S. A. Payne. At the school, all the children were entertained to tea by Mr. Dan Jenkins, headmaster, and staff, and the presentation of a Coronation mug was made by Mrs. M.A. Lewis. A repeat of the Noson Lawen was given in the evening. On Saturday, the various streets arranged motor coach outings to Porthcawl, Barry, and other places. The Committee also thank Mr. Owen of Bargoed Radio Company, who provided the television set which enabled the old age pensioners and others to view the Coronation.

22 August 1953 Table Bowls An exhibition of Table Bowls was given at the Billiard Hall during the week by teams from Pontlloftyn and Abertysswg.

22 August 1953 For The Band On Monday, the Fochriw and District Motor Cycling Club gave an exhibition of sports at the Welfare ground, in aid of the Fochriw Silver Band. The Band was present, under their conductor, Mr. Arthur Mantle.

5 September 1953 Dance A dance was held on Friday at the New Hall by the Pentwyn Christmas Club. Music was provided by Mr. John Pullen's radiogram, and the M.C. was Mr. Cadfan Cumpstone. Before the adult dance, the children were entertained to a social. Refreshments were served by the ladies of the committee. The winners of the spot prizes were Mr. Ralph Colbourne and Miss Linda Neade. The secretary is Mr. Walley Davey.

5 December 1953 Dance the Fochriw and District Motor Cycling Club held their annual dance at the Mayfair Dance Hall, Pontlloftyn, on Friday. Music was provided by the Blue Diamond Band. The M.Cs. were Messrs. Gomer Davies, Gordon Lawrence and Cadfan Cumpstone.

4 December 1954 Dance Fochriw A.F.C. held a dance at the New Hall on Friday evening. Mr. John Ballard was M.C.

15 January 1955 Missionary Play The children of Fochriw Council School gave a splendid performance of the missionary play "Led by a Star," at Carmel Congregational Church on Sunday. The producer was Miss Maria Jones. Mr. T. Walters presided and was also the pianist. An address was given by Nurse Ballard Davies. The children taking part were: Jean Davies, Ruth Jenkins, Anthony Mantle,

Terence Shankland, Margaret Mantle, Carl Blunt, Ann Jones, Angela Owen, Sandra Gardener, Lynn Jones.

12 February 1955 Motor Cycling Club Dance On Friday evening at the New Hall, a very pleasant evening was spent at a dance under the auspices of the Motor Cycling Club. Music was supplied by Ron Hughes and his band. The M.C. was Mr. Cadfan Cumpstone.

5 March 1955 Snooker In an exhibition match at the Billiard Hall on Thursday night, between Cliff Wilson and Ray Reardon, both of Tredegar, Ray Reardon made a break of 101. It was excellent entertainment from both players.

30 April 1955 Motor Club Dance The Fochriw & District Club held a long dance on Friday evening at the New Hall to the music of Ron Hughes and his clavoline. M.C.s were Mr. C. Cumpstone and Mr. G. Lawrence. The secretary is Mr. W. Abbey.

14 May 1955 Motor Club Dance A successful dance was held at the New Hall on Friday last. The music was supplied by Ron Hughes and his band. Mr. C. Cumpstone was M.C..

28 May 1955 Dance The Motor Club held a dance at the New Hall on Friday, to the music of Ron Hughes and his band. Mr. C. Cumpstone was M.C.

11 June 1955 On New Stage At the New Hall on Thursday, the Fochriw and Tiryberth County Youth Centres presented three one-act plays to a large and appreciative audience. The chairman, Coun. W.J. Payne, congratulated each Centre on being the first to use the new stage, which was one of the best in the Valley, with every modern facility. The plays were: "The Bathroom Door," and "The Sixth Hour," by the Fochriw County Youth Centre, and "The Mayor of Tarantol," by the Tiryberth C.Y.C. The plays were well produced and brought rounds of applause. At the close, Mr. Howell Owen, warden of the Fochriw Centre, thanked the chairman and all who had helped to bring about such a successful evening.

25 June 1955 Dance The Fochriw and District Motor Cycling Club held a dance at the New Hall on Friday. Mr. C. Cumpstone was the M.C., and Ron Hughes and his band supplied the music.

24 September 1955 Welfare Committee The Committee opened their cinema show last week with pictures on Tuesday and Friday. Very encouraging audiences attended.

12 November 1955 Fireworks and Bonfire A gigantic fireworks display and communal bonfire was held by the Fochriw Tenants' Association on the N.C.B. Estate at Fochriw on November 5th. The chairman of the Gellygaer Urban District Council, Coun. C. Williams, J.P., attended, accompanied by the vice-chairman, Coun. E. Burgess, who gave a donation of fireworks to the display. The bonfire was lit by Mr. Burgess as Guy Fawkes and the fireworks display followed. Musical entertainment was supplied by Mr. & Mrs. Everett.

31 December 1955 Institute The officers of the Library and Institute entertained all school children to a free show at the New Hall on Friday.

18 February 1956 Concert On Sunday evening at the New Hall, a grand concert was given by the Duffryn School Choir, National Eisteddfod winners, 1955. The choir and artistes were in excellent form and were encored. The chairman was Mr. David Thomas.

10 March 1956 New Hall Entertainment At the New Hall on Thursday, the audience was entertained to five one-act plays by members of the County Youth Movement. Each of the five companies put on a fine show. The contribution of the Fochriw County Youth Centre was "The Vision at the Inn," producer Mrs. M.

Williams. The chairman, Coun. W. J. Payne, complimented the companies on such excellent performances.

5 May 1956 Concert At the New Hall on Thursday, a concert was given by the Tredegar Kentucky Minstrels in aid of the Fochriw Old Age Pensioners Outing Fund. The Hall was full and the party was in excellent form. The Supporters Committee wish to thank all who helped and gave donations. The secretary was Mrs. J. Owen, and the treasurer Miss C. Shankland.

26 May 1956 In Aid of O.A.P. Outing Fund The Pontlloftyn Players entertained most appreciative audiences at the New Hall on Wednesday and Thursday last, in aid of the Outing Fund. The company was excellent; some would have done credit to the professional stage. The officers of the Outing Fund are indebted to all for their kind support.

17 November 1956 Llwyn Iago Fireworks Display A fireworks display was held at the Llwyn Iago Estate on Monday, Nov. 5, by the Tenants' Association. It commenced with a parade by Guy Fawkes, the children of the estate following. The bonfire was set alight by Guy Fawkes who was the master of ceremonies. A loudspeaker van was used for announcements and music. Mr. A. T. Powell, secretary of the Association, is very pleased with the success of the second annual event, and is indebted to all who helped to making it successful.

9 February 1957 Film Show On Thursday at the New Hall, the Fochriw Welfare Association presented a film show in aid of the O.A.P. Fund. Among the films shown was "The Valley of Song." Coun. W.J. Payne presided. The Women's Supporters' Committee had been very active in selling tickets, and in making arrangements for the event. Mrs. Joan Owen thanked the Welfare Committee for giving the show, and their kindness to the organisation.

23 November 1957 O.A.P. Concert At the New Hall on Thursday, a first class concert was given by the Penywern choir. The event had been organised by the Supporters Committee. The chairman was Coun. W. J. Payne who spoke in praise of the performance. A vote of thanks to the choir was proposed by Mrs. J. M. Lawrence, chairman of the Committee. The choir was entertained to tea after the concert.

28 December 1957 Film Show The scholars of Fochriw Primary School were entertained to a first class film show at the "New" on Thursday. There were two shows and the scholars had an enjoyable time in the charge of their head teacher, Mr. Bryn Davies, and staff.

11 January 1958 Labour Club The Club entertained the children to a fine Christmas tea at the New Hall. After tea, each child was given a gift of money.

11 January 1958 Successful Dance The long dance at the New Hall on Friday proved a success. Tea was served by Mesdames Hettie Evans, Marian Gittoes, M. Watkins & C. Shankland.

10 May 1958 Film Shows A film showing the work done by Dr. Barnado's Homes was given at Nazareth Chapel by the Rev. J. O. James, organiser for Wales. Mr. James gave a very interesting and graphic talk on the films shown, and on the work done in the Homes. Mr. W. A. Davies, Railway Terrace assisted, and was the organist for the evening. Mrs. Mitchell and Nurse M. Lewis thanked the speaker. Miss Eliza Evans, secretary, arranged the programme. Rev. Jones appealed for practical sympathy, chiefly handkerchiefs and gloves, as the Homes depended on voluntary help and contributions.

20 December 1958 Concert A concert in aid of the Christmas School Fund was held at the New Hall. The concert party was the Dowlais Works Male Voice Party,

conducted by Mr. Elwyn Morgan, accompanied by Mr. D. Glyn Jones, B.A. Coun. W. J. Payne extended a hearty welcome to the party. After the performance, the party was entertained to tea by the head and staff of the school.

19 March 1960 Concert At the New Hall on Thursday last, a variety concert was given by the Dixielanders' Concert Party, Aberdare. The event had been organised by the Ladies' Supporters' Committee of the O.A.P. The chairman was Coun. W. J. Payne. Officers of the Committee are: secretary, Mrs. Joan Owen; treasurer, Miss Shankland; chairman, Mrs. J. M. Lawrence; vice-chairman, Mrs. Lewis.

10 June 1961 Film Show On Tuesday evening at the New Hall, members of the Mothers' Union and Sewing Guild were entertained to a film show. Producers were Miss Eliza Evans and Miss Lorna Jenkins. They were thanked by the Vicar and churchwarden.

21 April 1962 Dance At the New Hall on Thursday, a dance was held under the auspices of the Fochriw Branch of the British Legion. Music was supplied by the Flamingo Band. Mr. D. Dando, Pontlottyn, was M.C. The secretary of the Legion is Mr. Eddie Jones, Glanynant, who would be pleased to welcome new members.

26 October 1963 Play Guest, Keen and Nettlefolds Dramatic Society presented the comedy "Bachelor Brothers" at the New Hall on Tuesday. The chairman was Mr. Thomas John Jones, and the proceeds were in aid of the O.A.P. Fund.

25 April 1964 Dance A teenage dance was held recently at the New Hall. Music was provided by Fochriw's own Sabre Skiffle Group. The M.C. was Mr. Eddie Jones.

25 April 1964 Concert A concert was given on Sunday by the Abertyswg Youth Silver Band at the New Hall. The conductor was Mr. W.T. Davies, and the chairman, Mr. A.H. Wood. This was the first public concert given by the band.

7 November 1964 Play The Guest Keen Players of Dowlais presented "Murder Without Crime" at the New Hall. Mr. Derlwyn Kent, a native of Fochriw, was one of the caste. Rev. Sedgemoore presided. Proceeds are in aid of the O.A.P. Fund.