

“Merthyr Express” 22 April 1882

Sale By Auction Vochriw (Near Dowlais): Desirable Investment Messrs. Davies and Atkins are favoured with instructions by the Trustees to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on the premises on Thursday, 4th May 1882 the whole of that well-built and compact Primitive Methodist CHAPEL called “Bethany,” and situated in Cae Glas near Vochriw Railway Station, surrounded by a thickly-populated neighbourhood, and a very convenient place for a small congregation. It was built about 10 years ago. The interior is well-fitted up with moveable seats and a platform pulpit. It measures over the walls 47ft. by 36ft. more or less, and there is ample room in the rear to extend it in future time. The aforesaid chapel can be altered with a small outlay into a house and shop, or two dwelling houses. The above premises are held under a Lease of 91 years from July 1st. 1873, by Lord Wimborne and others, and subject to a Ground Rent of £1-6-9 per annum. The Sale will commence at 3.30 to 4 o’clock p.m..

Mr. Worman, 2 Sun-row, Vochriw, will show the premises, and for further particulars, apply to the Rev. R. Reeve, 5 Union Street, Merthyr, Mr. George Roberts, Pant Road, Dowlais, or to the Auctioneers, 16, Ivor Street, Dowlais. Dated 18th April, 1882.

“Merthyr Express” 21 July 1883

Sale Penybank Farm, Nr. Fochriw, Sale of Leasehold Houses by PUBLIC AUCTION

Lot 1: Numbers 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 Stony houses on part of Penybank Farm in the occupation of Daniel Edwards and others, let at monthly rents of £31 4s. per annum.

Lot 2: Numbers 1, 2, 3 and 4 Stony Houses in the occupation of James Price and others, let at £20 16s. per annum.

These lots are held under separate leases for three lives with such further period as will complete the terms of 99 years from 1st January 1856 for Lot 1, and 1st January 1859 for Lot 2. Ground Rents of £2-15-7 and £1-17-0 respectively. These houses are commonly known as ‘Brithdir Houses.’

“Merthyr Express” 6 October 1894

Fochriw Farm Sale VOCHRIW FARM, VOCHRIW, GLAMORGANSHIRE Situate within a few minutes walk from Vochriw Station on the Brecon & Merthyr Railway, about two miles from Cwmbargoed Station on the G. W. and Rhymney Railways, and about the same distance from Pontllytyn Station on the Rhymney Railway. Important Sale of 657 Mountain Sheep, 15 head of Cattle, 10 Horses and Ponies, Crops, Ruffage etc. Messrs Henry Lewis and Son, having been favoured with instructions from Mr. Evan Kinsey who is leaving the farm, to sell by Public Auction at the Farm on Monday 8 October 1894 the whole of the following: FARMING STOCK

Sheep - 240 mountain breeding ewes, 150 fat wethers, 120 wethers in forward condition, 140 lambs, 7 rams, all of the pure mountain breed.

Cattle - 1 cow in calf, 1 heifer in calf (to calve at the end of October), 5 two-year-old heifers in calf, 1 fat heifer, 7 three-year-old steers.

Horses - 1 three-year-old filly about 13.3 hands, suitable for underground purposes; 1 strong cob mare (with foal) about 14½ hands, quiet to ride or drive; 1 four-year-old pony about 13½ hands, quiet to ride; 1 three-year-old gelding pony; 1 yearling ditto; 2 yearling mountain ponies; 1 two-year-old mountain pony; 1 four-year-old mountain pony; 2 aged mountain ponies and foals.

Crops - About 14 tons of prime meadow hay well harvested. Ruffage of land will be let from day of sale to 2 February 1895.

Three months credit will be given upon a good, approved security to purchasers of £10 and upwards, or discount will be allowed for cash at the rate of £5 per cent per annum. Luncheons on the table at 11 a.m., sale to commence at 12.30 punctually. The whole of the stock is young, healthy, and in prime condition. Auctioneers’ Office, Gellihir Farm, Nelson, Glam. September 26th, 1894.

“Merthyr Express” 13 April 1901

VOCHRIW: SALE OF LEASEHOLD DWELLING HOUSES AND PREMISES Mr. G. Alec Lewis has been instructed to offer for sale by Public Auction at The White Horse Inn, Fochriw, on Wednesday, 24th April, 1901, at 7:30pm, the following Properties:

Lot 1 - All those two leasehold dwelling houses and premises, being Nos. 1 & 2, Davies-row, Vochriw, let to monthly tenants at rentals amounting yearly to £15-12s.

Lot 2 - All those two leasehold dwelling houses and premises, being Nos. 3 & 4, Davies-row, Vochriw, let to monthly tenants at rentals amounting yearly to £16-5s.

Lot 3 - All those two leasehold dwelling houses and premises, being Nos. 7 & 8, Davies-row, Vochriw, let to monthly tenants at rentals amounting yearly to £13.

The whole of the above properties are held under a lease for a term of 99 years from the 1st day of May, 1868, at an apportioned yearly ground rent of £1-14-10, which will be apportioned at the sale. The ground plan of the above property has may be seen at the White Horse Inn 14 days before the day of the sale. For further particulars apply to the auctioneer, Market-square Chambers, Merthyr.

“Merthyr Express” 29 June 1901

To Builders: 44 New Houses at Fochriw Tenders are invited for building 44 houses at Fochriw, for the Fochriw Building Club. Plans and specifications can be seen with the Rev. L. P. Davies, Fochriw, to whom sealed and endorsed tenders are to be sent not later than July 8th, 1901. The lowest or any tender not necessarily excepted. T. Roderick, Architect, Aberdare and Merthyr.

“Merthyr Express” 12 October 1901

Vochriw Farm, Vochriw Situate within a few minutes walk of the Fochriw Station, on the Brecon and Merthyr Railway, and about one mile from Pontlottyn Station on the Rhymney Railway, and Cwmbargoed Station, on the Great Western Railway.

HIGHLY THE IMPORTANT SALE OF 280 Sheep, 12 Cattle, 6 Horses, Crops, Implements, etc.

SHEEP: 160 Breeding Ewes, 46 Fat Wethers, 70 Ewe and Wether Lambs, 4 Rams.

CATTLE: 6 Two-year old Heifers in Calf, 1 Calf, 1 Yearling Heifer, 1 Pure-bred Yearling Shorthorn Bull, 2 Yearling Hereford Bulls, 1 Cow in Calf, to calve in April.

HORSES: 2 Two-year old Cob Fillies, 3 Two-year old Ponies in Foal, 1 Yearling Cob Colt.

IMPLEMENTS: 1 Tedding Machine, Pleasure Trap, 2 Sheep Racks, equal to new.

CROPS: About 25 tons Prime Meadow Hay, well harvested, to be sold in two lots.

Purchasrs can have for one month's keep from the day of sale at their own risk.

Messrs. Henry Lewis & Son, have received instructions from Mr. Thomas Llewellyn to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, at the above named place, on Monday, 14th October, 1901.

Terms Cash. Luncheon on the table at 11:00am. Sale to commence at 12.30 prompt. Auctioneer's Office, Gellihir, Nelson, Glamorgan.

“Merthyr Express” 25 January 1902

Sale of Houses: Nos. 1, 2, and 3 Hill-terrace, Pentwyn At the Mount Pleasant Inn on January 30th, Nos. 1, 2, & 3 Hill-terrace, Pentwyn, now in the proceSSION of Mrs. Margaret Lewis and others at the yearly rental of £27-6s. The above are held under a lease of 99 years from the 1st May, 1858, at an annual ground rent of £2.

“Merthyr Express” 23 May 1903

Sale Fochriw, near Dowlais To Brewers, Licensed Victuallers, and other Capitalists, Sale of the Leasehold Double Licensed Inn and Other Premises.

Mr. Isaac Edwards is favoured with instructions to sell by Public Austion at the Mount Pleasant Inn, Fochriw, on Thursday, May 28th, 1903, at 7.30 p.m.

Lot 1 - All of that valuable inn and premises, now we in the occupation of Mr. David Jones, known as Mount Pleasant Inn, Fochriw. These premises are held for a term of 99 years from the first day of May, 1858, and will be sold subject to the apportioned yearly ground rent of £2-3s-1d.

The premises are also sub-let for a term of 21 years from the 1st day of January, 1890, at a net annual rental of £50, but determinable, nevertheless, at the option of the sub-lessee, at the end of the first seven or fourteen years of the said term of 21 years. The premises comprise:

Ground Floor - Parlour & Tap Room in front, Small Tap Room and Bar in the rear, large Kitchen.

First Floor: Spacious Long Room, with three large Bedrooms.

Outbuildings: two pigscots, a two-stall stable with a large hay-loft and usual offices.

The Inn is situated at Pentwyn, close to the junction of the four main roads connecting Dowlais, Fochriw, Bargoed, and Bedlinog.

Lot 2 - All those five messages, dwelling houses and premises, known as Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, Mount Pleasant Row, Fochriw. These premises are held for a term of 99 years from the first day of May, 1858, and will be sold subject to an apportioned yearly ground rent of £2.

Lot 3 - All those five messages, dwelling houses and premises, known as Nos. 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 Mount Pleasant Row, Fochriw. These premises are held for a term of 99 years from the first day of May, 1858, and will be sold subject to an apportioned yearly ground rent of £2.

Lot 4 - All that message, dwelling house and premises, together with the stable at the rear thereof, known as No. 3, Hill-terrace, Fochriw, now in the occupation of Mr. William Gwynne. These premises are held for a term of 99 years from the 1st day of May, 1858, at an annual ground rent of £1.

It is anticipated that sinking operations will shortly be started in the immediate vicinity of this property. The opportunity thus afforded of shortly securing a Free Double Licence Premises and Good Cottage Property, in the district with such a future before it, is seldom met with. Plans, particulars and conditions of sale are being prepared. In the meantime, all information may be obtained upon application to the Auctioneer, Cambria Chambers, North-street, Dowlais, also from Mr. John Thomas Jones, solicitor, Union Street, Dowlais.

“Merthyr Express” 6 June 1903

Property Sale At the Mount Pleasant Inn, Vochriw, on Thursday se'nnight, Mr. Isaac Edwards, auctioneer, offered for sale, several lots of leasehold property, including a double-licensed inn. The Inn and premises - the Mount Pleasant Inn - were withdrawn at £1,950.

Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, Mount Pleasant-row, were purchased at £190 by Mr. D. Jones, Mount Pleasant Inn, Vochriw. Nos. 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11, Mount Pleasant-row, realised £225, the purchaser being Mr. Thomas Kinsey, Nantyffin Farm, Vochriw. No. 3 Hill-terrace, with adjoining stable, was withdrawn at £125. Mr. John Thomas Jones, solicitor, acted on behalf of the vendors.

“Merthyr Express” 19 September 1903

Sale of Freehold and Leasehold Cottage and Other Properties at Dowlais, Fochriw and Pantywaun. Messrs. Edwards Bros. have been instructed to sell by Public Auction, at the Clarence Hotel, Dowlais, on Tuesday, 29th September, 1903, at 7:30pm, the following lots:

Lot 6 - All those leasehold cottages and premises, being Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, Pentwyn, Fochriw, now in the occupation of Mr. Richard Davies and others, on monthly tenancies, and producing £32-10s. per annum. These premises are held for a term of 99 years from 1st November, 1859, at an annual ground rent of £2-2s-10d.

Lot 7 - All those leasehold cottages and premises, being Nos. 16, 17, 18, and 19, Pentwyn, Fochriw, now in the occupation of Mr. Thomas Rees and others, on monthly tenancies, and producing £36-8s. per annum.

Lot 8 - All those leasehold cottages and premises, being Nos. 20, 21, 22, and 23, Pentwyn, Fochriw, now in the occupation of Mr. David Jones and others, on monthly tenancies, and producing for £31-4s. per annum.

Lots 7 & 8 are held for a term of 99 years from the 1st November, 1859, at the annual ground rent of £7-4s-1d, which will be apportioned as follows: Lot 7 - £3-12-1; Lot 8 - £3-12-0.

For further particulars applied at the Auctioneers' Office, Cambria Chambers, North-street, Dowlais.

7 November 1908 Sale of Property: No. 2 & 3, Station-terrace At the Rising Sun Inn on Wednesday evening, Mr. J. Lloyd Atkins, F.A.I., Dowlais, disposed of the leasehold dwelling

house and shop, known as No. 2 & 3, Station Terrace, now in the occupation of Mr. Edward Worman, as a yearly tenant, at the annual rental of £18, the owner paying rates and taxes. The property, which is held for a term of 99 years, from 1st November, 1865, at an annual ground rent and £1.18s, was secured for £255 after spirited bidding by Mr. Sibley, Fochriw. Messrs. F. James and Sons, solicitors, Merthyr, acted for the vendor.

24 July 1909 Sale of Property: Brynderwen, Fochriw To be sold by Public Auction by Mr. J. Forrester at the Rising Sun Inn on Wednesday, the 4th August, 1909, at 7:00p.m. All that leasehold Villa, messuage and premises known as "Brynderwen," Melindwr-place, Fochriw. The premises are held for a term of 90 years from the 25th March, 1901, at the yearly ground rent of £2 3s 11d., and are let upon a lunar monthly tenancy at the rental of £2 per month, the landlord paying rates. Messrs. Frank James and Sons, Solicitors, Merthyr.

18 December 1909 Sale of Dwelling-houses at Davies's-row, Pentwyn On Monday evening, at the Mount Pleasant Inn, Fochriw, Mr. J. Lloyd Atkins offered by public auction all those dwelling houses, stables and premises known as Nos. 1, 2, 3, 7 (stables at rear), and 8, Davies's-row, Pentwyn, now in the occupation of monthly tenants at rentals amounting yearly to £53 17s. The premises are held for a term of 99 years from the 1st day of May, 1868, subject to an apportioned yearly ground rent of £1 8s 3d. The property was purchased in one lot for £315 by Mr. J. Davies, Pontlottyn. Messrs. Thomas and Davies, Merthyr, were the solicitors.

“Merthyr Express” 16 April 1910

Sale of Desirable Leasehold Dwelling Houses Mr. J. Lloyd Atkins has received instructions to sell by public auction, at the Rising Sun Inn, Fochriw, on Tuesday, 19th April, 1910, at 7:00p.m., the following valuable leasehold properties:

Lot 1 - All those leasehold dwelling houses, gardens, and premises, situate and being Nos. 14 & 15, Pentwyn, Fochriw, now let to monthly tenants. These premises are held under a lease for a term of 99 years, from the first day of November, 1858, and subject to the annual ground rent of £1 18s.

Lots 2, 3, 4, and 5 - All those dwelling houses, gardens, and premises, situate and being Nos. 1, 2, 3, & 4, Pleasant View, Fochriw, now let to monthly tenants. The premises comprised in Lots 2, 3, 4 and 5, are held under a lease for a term of 99 years, from the first day of May, 1875, subject to an annual ground rent of £3 13s 2d, which will be apportioned on the night of the sale. For further particulars applied to Messrs. Lewis and Jones, Solicitors, Merthyr Tydfil.

23 April 1910 Property Sale A successful sale of leasehold property was held at the Rising Sun Inn, on Tuesday evening. Two leasehold dwellings, Nos. 14 and 15, Pentwyn, were sold together for £147 10s. to Mrs. Llewellyn, Fochriw. Four leasehold dwelling houses, Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4, Pleasant View, were offered in separate lots, and knocked down to the following purchasers: No. 2 to Mr. William Evans, Dowlais, for £170; No. 3 to Mrs. Williams, Fochriw for £150; Nos. 4 & 5 to Mr. Wm. Morgan, Pontlottyn, for £155 and £145 respectively.

3 September 1910 Pentwyn: 14 New Houses Excavations are in progress for the building of 14 houses at Pentwyn. The contract has been given to Messrs. Wm. Lewis, Tirphil, and David Davies, Fochriw.

20 May, 1911 To Builders Tenders are invited for alterations at the White Horse Inn, Fochriw, for Messrs. David Williams and Co., Taff Vale Brewery, Merthyr. Plans to be seen at the 112, High Street, Merthyr, until June 1st. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. J. P. Davies, Ebbw Vale.

5 August 1911 Land Dispute at Fochriw At Glamorgan Assizes last Friday, Mr. Dd. Thomas claimed possession of a piece of land which, with other land and a dwelling house, No. 8, Williams-row, Fochriw, had, he alleged, been demised to him by a lease for 99 years, dated 1897, and which land on the 2nd July was, he alleged, taken possession of unlawfully by the defendants, John Benjamin Lewis and Mary Lewis, his wife. Mr. R. Vaughan Williams appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Ivor Brown for the defendant, and Mr. Lincoln Reed for a third party, Mrs. Cecilia Davies. His Lordship, after hearing the legal argument, reserved

judgment till Saturday, when his Lordship awarded the palintiff half the land, and the defendand the other half.

6 July 1912 A Fochriw Building Line: Deputation to District Council At a meeting of the Gellygaer District Council on Tuesday, a deputation from Fochriw was received in reference to a road to some cottages at Fochriw. A letter was read from the architect giving the widths of the road at various points of its length, and expressing the hope that it would be allowed to remain as it was. The Surveyor reported that there had been an encroachment on the road, and that the bye-laws should be observed. Mr. Payne, of the Fochriw deputation, said that the fact that a certificate of habitation was withheld for these houses was a hardship, as the owners were only working men. There was much overcrowding which caused them to build the houses, and they had come to urge the Council to grant the certificates of habitation, since many had given notice to leave their present homes, and such notices were about to terminate. A second member of the deputation, Mr. Davies, said that in his house there were only three rooms wherein six persons slept. His elder girl had to sleep out. Mr. Payne stated that the members of the building club were not responsible for the encroachment. The Clerk stated that the Council's remedy was to prosecute for a breach of the bye-laws, but they could not withhold the certificate of habitation. Council members were divided on the action necessary, five supporting a resolution to enforce the bye-laws, and seven supporting a proposal that the Council take no action in the matter. It was decided that the matter should go before the Local Government Board.

19 October 1912 Sale of Valuable Leasehold Dwelling-Houses by Public Auction at the Rising Sun Inn, Fochriw on Tuesday, October 22, 1912, at 7 p.m.

Lot 1: All that valuable leasehold dwelling house and premises, situate and being, No. 20, Brook Row, Fochriw, being in the possession of Mr. Albert Walters, at the rental of 19s. per lunar month. The premises are held on a lease of 99 years from 1st October, 1859, with a yearly ground rent of £1-3s-10d.

Lot 2: All that valuable leasehold dwelling house and premises, situate and being, No. 4, Rees' Row, Fochriw, being in the possession of Mr. W. Barrett, at the rental of 17s. per lunar month.

Lot 3: All that valuable leasehold dwelling house and premises, situate and being, No. 5, Rees' Row, Fochriw, being in the possession of Mr. W. Williams, at the rental of 17s. per lunar month.

Lots 2 and 3 are held on a lease of 99 years from 1st November, 1859, subject to a yearly ground rent of £1-4s-7d, which will be apportioned equally, if sold separately.

All the properties are well-built and well-situated, and always command good tenants. A portion of the purchase money may be had on mortgage of 5%, if desired. Edward T. Lewis, Solicitor, 26, Church Street, Ystrad Mynach.

19 April 1913 Presentation On Tuesday, the owners of Glyn Terrace met together around a table of delicious eatables, and with a gift of a fine roll-top desk, they showed their appreciation of the services of Mr. J. C. Payne during the construction of the Terrace. Mr. Payne rendered valuable services by taking over all secretarial transactions and supervision during the building, as well as other arduous work. This was done gratis, and without a penny expenses to the owners. Tea over, the entertainment commenced, the following contributing with Mr. Harry Hughes as accompanist: piano solo - Mr. H. Hughes; songs and solos - Messrs. Wm. Griffiths, W. J. Payne, C. Payne, Tom Lawrence, Mrs. J. Maud Lawrence, Misses Ceridwen Davies, M. A. Davies, Mary and Elsie Griffiths, Mrs. Budd, Masters Jack and Trevor Lawrence; recitations and readings - Mr. H. Hughes and Mrs. E. M. Davies. Selections on the gramophone were also given. Mrs. Budd made the presentation. Mr. Payne thanked everyone, and was especially touched because he knew that they were all hard-working men and women, who had striven hard and long to become their own landlords. In turn, each owner thanked Mr. Payne warmly for his efforts, and expressed their delight at having this opportunity of casting a glance back over the last eighteen months, and finding themselves, after all their worry and labour, in possession of some of the finest and best designed houses in Fochriw.

24 January 1914 Sale of Valuable Leasehold Dwelling Houses and Premises: Penybank, Fochriw, for sale by Public Auction at the Blast Furnace Hotel, Pontlottyn, on Tuesday, January 27th, 1914, at 7.30 p.m. by Mr. A. A. J. Watkins, Auctioneer.

Lot 1: All those four Dwelling Houses and Premises being Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4, Stoney Houses, Penybank, Fochriw, now in the occupation of monthly tenants, at rentals amounting to £13 each per annum. These premises are held for the remainder of a term of 76 years from the first day of January, 1881 (except the last ten days) at an annual ground rent of £1-17s.

Lot 2: All that Dwelling House situate and being No.5 Stoney Houses, Penybank, Fochriw, together with the Laundry, Hospital, Matron's House and adjoining shed, formerly used by the Council as an Isolation Hospital. No.5 Stoney Houses is in the occupation of a monthly tenant at a rental amounting to £13 per annum. The remainder of the Lot is vacant. These premises are held for the remainder of a term of 76 years from the first day of January, 1881 (except the last ten days) at an annual ground rent of £2-15s-7d. The minerals are reserved.

Lot 3: All those four Dwelling Houses and Premises being Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4, Chapel Street, Penybank, Fochriw, now in the occupation of monthly tenants, at rentals amounting to £61-12s. per annum. These premises are held for the remainder of a term of 99 years from the first day of January, 1865 at an annual ground rent of £2-13s-6d per annum.

21 March 1914 Under the Law of Distress Amendment Act: 21 Brook Row, Fochriw Mr. Geo. A. Reeves will sell at the above address on Tuesday, March 24th 1914, the whole of the Fixtures, Fittings and Furniture consisting of 4 dozen chairs, round tables, ring boards, desk, notice boards, brandy and whisky jars, glass mugs.

2 January 1915 Sale By the order of the mortgagee: Fochriw: Sale of a desirable leasehold property. Mr. J L Cunningham will sell by public auction at the Rising Sun Inn, Fochriw, on Friday January 15th, 1915, at 7 p.m. the Leasehold Property, namely all that dwelling house, and premises being No. 8 Aelybryn, Fochriw, estimated to produce an annual rental of £16. 18s. and held under release for a term of 99 years from the 29th day of September 1901, subject to the low annual ground rent all of 18s. The auctioneer would draw the special attention of workmen and others to the sale as it affords them a rare opportunity of acquiring a good substantially built house for their own occupation, as, by special arrangement with the auctioneer, four-fifths of the purchase money can remain on mortgage at five percent per annum interest if required. For further particulars, applied to the auctioneer at his offices, 19, Glebeland-Street, Merthyr Tydfil, or to Washington Bowen, Esq., solicitor, Merthyr Tydfil.

9 January 1915 8, Aelybryn, Fochriw The sale of the above property advertised to take place at Fochriw on Friday is withdrawn. J L Cunningham, auctioneer.

26 June 1915 House Rents Great dissatisfaction is felt at Fochriw owing to the fact that the rents of certain houses have been raised by 20 per cent. A petition has been forwarded to the landlords, with the tenants arguing that they are now worse off than before receiving a war bonus of two and a half per cent.

4 September 1915 Sale FFYNONAU DUON FARM, FOCHRIW Distance about half a mile from Fochriw Station on the Brecon and Merthyr railway, and about two miles from Bedlinog Station on the Great Western and Rhymney Railways.

HIGHLY IMPORTANT SALE OF FARMING STOCK, CROPS, IMPLEMENTS, HARDY'S, ETC. SHEEP: 16 mountain breeding ewes, 20 fat and store lambs.

CATTLE: 5 cows in milk and in calf; 1 cow in full milk; 1 yearling heifer; 1 yearling steer; 2 calves. HORSES: 1 aged horse pony, about 13 hands high, good worker; one 2-year-old pony.

PIGS: 1 fat pig.

IMPLEMENTS: 1 cart, gambo, trap, swing plough, a pair of harrows, 1h.p. mowing machine, rakes, pikes, scythes and sneads, 3 ladders, cow chains, two pig troughs, a hay knife, etc.

DAIRY UTENSILS: small butter churn, butter prints, milk pans, etc. CROPS: the whole of the crop of hay on the farm in three lots.

MR WILLIAM LEWIS has been favoured with instructions from Mrs Thomas, who is leaving the farm, to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION at the above named place on MONDAY, 20th SEPTEMBER, 1915. Luncheon on the table at 12 o'clock. Sale commences at 1.30 sharp. Terms, cash. Auctioneer's Office, Bryntitton, Nelson, Cardiff. August 31st 1915.

25 September 1915 Ffynonau Duon Farm An important sale of farming stock, crops, implements etc, took place at the above Farm on Monday. There were a large number of buyers present. The auctioneer was Mr. William Lewis.

9 December 1916 Sale of Property Messrs Phillips and Jones, auctioneers, Bargoed, held a property sale at the Rising Sun, Fochriw, on Thursday, when four substantially built leasehold cottages and premises, 3-6 Williams-row, let at 14 shillings each per month, and held for a term of 99 years from 1897, were sold to Mr. T. Jones, Brynteg, Bargoed, for the sum of £280.

31 March 1917 Fochriw School Sold to C.W.S. At the Royal Hotel, Bargoed, on Thursday of last week, Messrs. Selwyn Davies, Coggins and Company, offered for sale Fochriw Old Council School and the master's house. The property, which is freehold, is situated on a commanding site opposite the railway station, having a frontage of 240 ft, and containing in the whole, 1760 square yards. It was sold to the Dowlais Co-operative Society for £910. The solicitor for the vendors, the Glamorgan Education Committee, was Mr. T. Mansell Franklen.

30 June 1917 Sale of Leasehold and Freehold Properties The sale of Leasehold and freehold properties, and Building Club shares, by public auction, at the Royal Exchange hotel, Dowlais, will take place on Tuesday, July 10th, 1917 at 7:30pm.

Lot 5: One share in the Fochriw Building Club, representing house No. 8, Plantation-street, Fochriw, possessing a paid up value amounting to £50 or thereabouts. Further particulars from G. C. James, Charles and Davies, solicitors, Merthyr.

24 April 1920 Pentwyn Building Club The members of this club sat down to an excellent supper at the White Horse Inn on Saturday evening. The tables had been beautifully decorated and laden with all the good things necessary to make a good supper. Thanks to the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Vines. Afterwards, Mr. Evan Jones delivered a very able address.

25 December 1920 Meeting: Proposed Sale of Guest, Keen and Nettlefolds Houses to Tenants A well-attended meeting was held at the Church Hall on Wednesday evening last in connection with the sale of the houses belonging to Guest Keen and Nettlefolds to the tenants. The chair was occupied by Councillor Tudor Davies, who outlined the scheme in a very lucid manner, both from the employer's point of view, and a workman's point of view. He called upon Mr. Isaac Edwards, Merthyr, to give them some information regarding the disposal of the houses. Mr. Edwards said he was very glad to see so many old faces present, faces that were known to him from years ago. He then gave a very detailed account of the proposed disposal of the houses, and recommended the scheme as a very good one, one which the tenants should take up. There were many advantages in connection with the properties. The houses were generally in very good condition, the rateable value was very low, ground rent was very low, and the scheme for purchasing very easy. Several questions were asked, which Mr. Davis and Mr. Edwards answered satisfactorily. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded both gentleman.

29 January 1921 House For Sale - 41, Aelybryn, Fochriw: Apply Rev. R. W. Bell, Nazareth House, Llwynhendy, Llanelly.

28 May 1921 Building Land It will be interesting news to the people of Fochriw to know that the Board of Agriculture has granted an enclosure order for thirteen and a half acres of land for building purposes near the new schools at Fochriw. Great praise is due to Councillor Morgan for the part he has played in bringing this about.

10 March 1923 Fochriw Houses: Meeting of Gellygaer Council At a previous meeting of the Council, a letter was read from the District Valuer, stating that the Bute Estate was prepared to sell the land required at the rate of £40 per acre plus costs, and suggesting that the Council should negotiate for a reduction in the price of £50 per acre. In a reply to Rev. Gilbert Williams, the Clerk stated that the matter was proceeding satisfactorily, and that he thought the outcome would be favourable.

21 July 1923 Gellygaer Council: Fochriw Houses The Clerk reported that the first and second tenderer for the erection of twelve houses at Fochriw had withdrawn their tenders, but that the third, from Mr. Williams, Dowlais, had been accepted by the Ministry.

15 September 1923 Fochriw Houses Quite a busy sight was witnessed at Fochriw this week, with the commencement of building operations for the erection of 12 Council Houses. Councillor D. J. Thomas has worked hard under trying circumstances to bring this about.

6 October 1923 Two Properties with Vacant Possession Messrs. Phillips and Jones are instructed to sell by auction at the Rising Sun Inn, Fochriw, on Monday, October 15th 1923, at 6 p.m., the undermentioned valuable leasehold properties:

Lot 1: the Dwelling House No. 13 Brynteg Terrace, Fochriw: term of lease, 99 years from March 25th 1911, annual ground rent £1-4s-4d.

Lot 2: the commodious Dwelling House, Brynamlwg, with shop premises, UPLAND STORES, adjoining with 35 feet of frontage to New Road, Fochriw: lease 99 years from March 25th 1905, ground rent £1-17s-0d.

To view apply to auctioneers at 15 High St. Bargoed.

16 May 1925 Sale at Fochriw Farm A very interesting sale of live and dead farming stock, including ponies, sheep, implements etc. took place at Mr. R. Slimmons' Fochriw Farm on Monday afternoon. Despite the bad weather, the sale was very well attended. Luncheon was taken at one o'clock, the sale beginning at 2.30. Bidding was brisk, reaching fairly good prices.

30 April 1927 Departure To celebrate the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Morgan from the Rising Sun Inn, Fochriw, for the Cambrian Hotel, Bridgend, a social was held last Thursday evening, when ex-Sergeant Williams presided. A good company were present. The Rising Sun Inn had been occupied by the Morgan family for over 68 years, and no one could find fault with the manner in which the house had been conducted. Addresses were given by Mr. John Thomas, Brook-row (in Welsh), and by Messrs. C. Taylor, Alf Millar, Evan Jones, J. J. Lewis (Ap Morlais), Bert Lewis, R. Slimmons, Ernest Jones, David Davies, and Inspector Ted Roberts. They wished the family well in their new home.

10 December 1927 Sale of Leasehold premises at the Fochriw Mr. Henry Owen will offer for sale by public auction at the Mount Pleasant Inn, Fochriw, on Friday, 23rd December, 1927, at 6:00p.m., all that desirable residential house known now as No. 9, Glenview. The premises are substantially built, compact and pleasantly situated. It is held on a lease for a term of 99 years from 24th June, 1910, at the ground rent of £1 9s 2d per annum. Procession on completion. Further particulars from Frank T. James, Solicitor, 134, High Street, Merthyr Tydfil.

2 June 1928 House for Sale: 9, Pleasant-view, Fochriw. Vacant possession. Apply Charles Edwards, 7, Aelybryn, Fochriw.

22 August 1931 Sale of Houses Mr. E. Berryman will offer the following properties for sale by public auction at the Rising Sun Inn, on Thursday Sept. 3rd, 1931, at 7p.m. Lot 1: No. 7 Plantation-terrace, now let to Mr. Wm. Ballard, at an inclusive rent of £1 13s per lunar month. A six-roomed house with a garden: Lease 99 years from 25 March, 1889, at £1 9s 8d annual ground rent. Lot 2: No. 7 Glenview-terrace, Pentwyn, now let to Mr. Chas. Grimmett at an inclusive rent of £1 18s per lunar month. A six-roomed house with bath and garden: Lease 99 years from 24 June 1910, at £1 16s 10d apportioned ground rent. Apply to Messrs. Merrils, Ede & Nicholls, Queen St., Cardiff or to Auctioneer, Merthyr, Tel. 106.

6 May 1933 Sale Messrs. F. A. Phillips & Son have received instructions to offer for sale by public auction on May 30th, 1933, the following Lots: Lot 5: 11, Glenview, Pentwyn, Fochriw; Lot 6: Mortgage for £250 secured on two dwelling houses at Fochriw. Further particulars: J. LL. Atkins Esq., Solicitors, Dowlais.

20 May 1933 Sale of Valuable Dwelling Houses Messrs. F. A. Phillips & Son have received instructions to offer for sale by public auction on Tuesday, May 30th, 1933, at the Clarence Hotel, Dowlais, at 7.30pm, the following properties: Lot 5: All that leasehold dwelling-house known as 11, Glenview, Pentwyn, Fochriw, let at the annual rental of £23 8s 6d.. These premises are held for a term of 99 years from 24th June, 1910, at the apportioned annual ground rent of £1 11s. 2d; Lot 6: All that sum of £125 with interest at the rate of 4 1/2 per cent per annum secured by mortgage on a leasehold

dwelling-house situate at 4, Glenview, Pentwyn, Fochriw, held for a term of 99 years from 24th June, 1910, at a ground rent of £1 3s. 7d; Lot 7: All that sum of £125 with interest at the rate of 4 1/2 per cent per annum secured by mortgage on a leasehold dwelling-house situate at 5, Glenview, Pentwyn, Fochriw, held for a term of 99 years from 24th June, 1910, at a ground rent of £1 5s. 0d. per annum; Further particulars: J. Ll. Atkins Esq., Solicitors, Dowlais.

17 March 1934 Important Sale of the Properties at of Fochriw For Sale by Public Auction, at the Empire Rooms, Masonic Street, Merthyr Tydfil, Wednesday 28th March, 1934, at 7:30p.m. Lot 12: Leasehold Dwelling house, No. 7, Plantation-terrace, let at an inclusive rental of £1 13s 0d per lunar month. Lease: 99 years from 25th March, 1911; ground rent £1 9s 8d. Lot 13: Leasehold Dwelling house, No. 7, Glenview-terrace, Pentwyn, let at an inclusive rental of £1 18s 0d per lunar month. Lease: 99 years from June 24th, 1910; ground rent £1 6s 10d.

27 April 1935 Sale of Property Mr. Evan Phillips, F.A.I., will submit to public auction at the Lord Nelson Hotel, Pontlottyn, on Wednesday May 1st at 6.30p.m. the following property: Leasehold Corner Shop Premises and Dwelling House (with vacant possession) adjoining situate and known as Nos. 16 and 17, Brook-row, Fochriw, held for a term of 99 years from 1st November, 1865, at the yearly ground rent of £2 8s 10d.

20 June 1936 Properties For Sale No 8. Plantation-terrace, Fochriw; Nos. 11 & 12 Brynteg-street; No. 14 Aelybryn-street.

27 June 1936 Sale of Valuable Freehold and Leasehold Dwelling Houses: For Sale by Public Auction at the Royal Oak Hotel, Dowlais, on Tuesday, 7th July, 1936 at 7.30p.m, the following properties:

Lot 6:- All that leasehold dwelling house known as No. 14 Aelybryn Street, Fochriw, let at an annual rental of the £26. These premises and held for a term of 99 years from 29th September, 1901 at an annual ground rent of 18 shillings.

Lot 7: - All that leasehold dwelling known as No. 8 Plantation-street, Fochriw, let at an annual rental of £19 10s.. These premises are held for a term of 99 years from 25th March, 1912 at an annual ground rent of £1 10s 3d.

Lots 8a & 9: - All of those leasehold dwelling houses known as Nos. 11a and 12 Brynteg-street, Fochriw, let at annual rentals of £19 10s. each. These premises are held for a term of 99 years from 25th March, 1912 at annual ground rents of £1 5s. and £1 7s 2d respectively.

23 October 1937 Sale of Properties Lot 5: All that leasehold dwelling house known as No. 22 Brynteg, now let at £20 16s per annum, and held for a term of 99 years from March 25th, 1912, at an annual ground rent of £1 12s..

17 January 1942 Fochriw Properties for Sale by Public Auction at the Royal Oak Hotel, Dowlais Lot 4 Leasehold Dwelling house "Brynderwen," Melindwr Place, Fochriw, held for 99 years from 25th March, 1904, for annual ground rent of 2 3s. 11d. Vacant possession on completion. Lot 5 Leasehold Dwelling house "Brynawel," Melindwr Place, Fochriw, held for 99 years from 25th March, 1904, for annual ground rent of 1 3s. 2d.. Vacant possession on completion.

21 February 1942 To Close an Estate and by Other Directions: Two Separate Sales at Fochriw and Bedlinog: Twelve Dwelling Houses Mr. W. Melville Berryman will sell by Public Auction on Tuesday, the 3rd of March, 1942, at 6p.m. at the Mount Pleasant Inn, Fochriw, and at 7p.m. at the Station Hotel, Bedlinog, the following: At Fochriw:- Lot 1 13 Glenview Rental 1-18-0 per lunar month; Lot 2 14 Glenview Rental 1-18-0 per lunar month; Lease 99 years from June 24th, 1910: annual ground rent 3-6-2 which will be apportioned if sold separately. Lot 3 4 Rees Row Rental 7/- weekly; Lot 4 5 Rees Row Rental 7/- weekly. Lease 99 years from November 1st., 1859; annual ground rent 3-12-1 which will be apportioned if sold separately. Lot 5 3 Hill Row Rental 6/0½ weekly; Lot 6 4 Hill Row Rental 6/6 weekly. Lease 99 years from November 1st., 1859; annual ground rent 2-2-10 which will be apportioned if sold separately. Lot 7 16 Hill Row Rental 6/6 weekly; Lot 8 17 Hill Row Rental 6/6 weekly; Lot 9 18 Hill Row Rental 6/6 weekly; Lot 10 19 Hill Row Rental 6/6 weekly. Lease 99 years from November 1st, 1859; annual ground

rent £3-12-1 which will be apportioned if sold separately. For further particulars: Lots 1-4 apply to Martin Evans, Solicitor, High St., Merthyr (Tel. 55); Lots 5-10 W.J. Canton D.L., LL.B., Solicitor, Union Street, Dowlais (Tel. 56); & to the Auctioneer at High Street, Merthyr (Tel. 409).

28 February 1942 At Short Notice: Further Properties for Sale at Fochriw Since arranging the sales described on the 21st February, 1942, the auctioneer has been instructed to include in the sale the undermentioned properties: Lot 13 6 Brynteg Terrace Rental 10/- weekly. Lease 99 years from 29th September 1903: annual ground rent 17/5. Lot 14 4 Guest Street Rental 7/6 weekly: Lease 99 years (less 3 days) from July 1st 1865; annual ground rent 17/6.

20 March 1943 Properties for Sale by Auction Lot 4 No.5 Glenview, Pentwyn. Leasehold dwelling house let at 9/- per week inclusive. Lease 99 years from 24th June, 1910. Annual apportioned ground rent £1 5s. Lot 5 No.11 Glenview, Pentwyn. Leasehold dwelling house let at 9/- per week inclusive. Lease 99 years from 24th June, 1910. Annual apportioned ground rent £1 11s 2d.

25 October 1952 Sale By Auction For Sale by Auction at the Hanbury Hotel, Bargoed: Lot 4: No.3 Aelybryn, Fochriw, a dwelling house let at £2 per lunar month. Lease 99 years from 29th September, 1901. Annual ground rent, 18/-.

1 November 1952 200 Houses for Fochriw Area: Hope to Complete First by June The Coal Industry Housing Association hopes the first of 200 houses will be completed before June next. The information was contained in a letter from architects to the Association, which was read at a meeting of the Rhymney Valley Water Board in Ystrad Mynach on Monday, which agreed to urge upon manufacturers the importance of priority for the delivery of pipes for the Association's programme for Fochriw and Bedwas. The letter stated about the Fochriw scheme: "It seems desirable that priority for delivery of the pipes should be obtained, in order that a start may be made before February of next year." The Welsh Office of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government wrote stating that the department approved in principle the Board's proposals for the provision of water to the Fochriw and Bedwas areas.

31 January 1953 New Houses The erection of 200 new houses for the N.C.B. began last week. Gellygaer Council will build another 100 in the district in the near future.

7 February 1953 200 Houses For Miners At Fochriw: Council's "Yes" To Immediate Start On £282,639 Scheme Two hundred homes costing £282,639 are to be built by the Coal Industry Housing Association at Fochriw. Included in the total cost are amounts for the provision of coal cooking ranges and for extra insulation and draught-stripping to doors. This information was given at Thursday's meeting of Gellygaer Council, which offered no objection to the Association's application that an immediate start be made on the scheme.

4 April 1953 Fochriw Houses Splendid progress is being made with the erection of 200 houses for the Coal Industry Housing Association, and with the erection of 112 houses for the Gellygaer Council, which we hope will be started soon. These developments will add greatly to the status of the village.

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

28 August 1954 For Sale With immediate vacant possession, the excellent 7 roomed house, No. 5, Aelybryn: front room, middle room, kitchen, four separate bedrooms. Particulars: W. Melville Berryman, High St., Merthyr.

11 December 1954 New Council Houses For Fochriw: Ministry Approves Cost Of £159,000 Gellygaer Urban Council was told on Tuesday that Ministry approval had been received for the erection of 110 traditional houses at Fochriw, costing £159,000. In a letter of reply to the Council requesting a contribution towards the cost of reinforced foundations for the houses, due to mining subsidence, the Coal Board stated that it was unable to comply with the request. The Surveyor stated in reply to a question from Coun. W. J. Payne, that all plans and specifications were ready for an early start to be made on the scheme.

17 March 1956 To Home Seekers Public Auction sale of the compact leasehold dwelling house No.9, Glen View. Lease 99 years from 24th June 1910. Annual ground rent £1 9s 2d. Sale at the White Horse Inn on Wed. 21st March at 7.30p.m.

6 June 1959 Three-Storey Blocks of Flats For Pontlottyn and Fochriw Gellugaer Urban Council wants to build three-storey flats costing £100,000 at Pontlottyn and Fochriw. The flats, which would give a 'city-look' to some of the oldest townships in the Rhymney Valley, would provide 55 dwellings - 33 at Pontlottyn and 22 at Fochriw. The Clerk of the Authority said that the Council was now seeking official approval of the tenders and design. It is intended that the flats at Pontlottyn, for which the Council has accepted at tender of £57,243 - excluding the cost of roads and sewers - will be built on the re-development area, and that those at Fochriw - a tender of £42,477 has been accepted - will be erected at Brook Row. The Clerk said that included in the cost of the flats at Fochriw was provision for two shops, and roads and sewers to the building.

6 June 1959 Freehold Movement At the New Hall on Sunday, a meeting in connection with the purchasing of freeholds was held. In the absence of the chairman, Coun. Payne, the chair was taken by Mr. Emlyn Evans, B.A., and the Rt. Hon, Ness Edwards, M.P., gave an explanation of how the new terms will affect intending purchasers.

6 January 1962 For Sale Vacant Freehold: End of Terrace House - 1, Brynteg Terrace. Apply by letter: Morgan Brothers, Penybank Farm, Fochriw.

26 May 1962 Pantywaun To Be Demolished The village of Pantywaun, near Dowlais, is to be demolished. On Tuesday, Gelligaer Urban Council made demolition orders in respect of the 21 remaining houses in the village. They are inhabited by about 80 people. The village, isolated on a vast expanse of moorland above the Deri Valley was labelled with a death tag earlier this year. This gave rise to a storm of protest from the villagers, who presented a petition to Caerphilly and Gelligaer Education Executives as an objection to the closing of the local primary school. At Tuesday's meeting, four of the villagers were invited to give their views before the Clerk, Mr. D.W.C. Morgan, said that the houses were unfit for human habitation, and incapable of being repaired at a reasonable expense. Mr. Morgan said the residents of the village would be offered alternative accommodation, probably at the neighbouring village of Fochriw. One of the residents, Mrs. Catherine Gallier, told the meeting: "We know the houses, in most cases, are not fit to live in. It's going to cost a lot to repair my house. I am a widow and I cannot afford the expense." The other residents said they were in the same position. The Clerk said there was a provision under the Housing Act for compensation to be paid to an owner or a tenant where it was considered the property had been well maintained. He said that a number of the villagers had already been to the Council office to sign application forms for compensation. Following the Clerk's observations, the four villagers left the chamber to sign application forms for compensation. Coun. Hopkin Lewis told members: "I feel in the long run, the villagers will realise we have done them a service by making the closing orders." Coun. W.H. Bennett said the people would be given better opportunities and a better outlook when they moved into their new homes. We can say Pantywaun is a village that has died. It is not a village that lends itself to development. When the people move, the children will be much better off." Coun. W.J. Payne told members he could remember Pantywaun as a village without electric light, water, telephones, or a railway station. "Now they have all these things, but the houses have deteriorated. I blame some of the owners for this," he said. "I am sorry they have to move, but when they do, they will realise the benefits of the surroundings we have to offer them."

21 July 1962 Fochriw House Owners Can Buy Freehold Leaseholders living in more than 100 homes at Fochriw are taking steps to buy up the land on which their properties stand.

The action will prevent the leases expiring in two years' time. This was revealed on Monday, when Mr. Ness Edwards, M.P. for Caerphilly, spoke in favour of the residents' plan to safeguard their properties. He told a reporter that he was not without hope that the freeholds could be bought on terms that, in these days, would not necessarily be unreasonable. He said the head lease in respect of the properties, previously held by Guest, Keen and Nettlefolds, has been held by the N.C.B. since nationalisation. The head lease would expire in 1965 and the freeholds would revert to Caeglas Estate. He had had discussions with the N.C.B. and the trustees of the estate, and had put forward suggestions that the sub-lease be commuted so that direct negotiations could take place between the owners of the houses and the estate.

28 July 1962 Fochriw Freeholds Mr. Ness Edwards, M.P., addressed a meeting of leaseholders of property on the Caeglas Estate, Fochriw, at the New Hall, when Coun. W.J. Payne presided. The meeting was called to discuss the possible purchase of the freeholds of the Caeglas property involved. There are about 100 leases, which have only a short time to run. Mr. Edwards invited statements from those present at the meeting who had made application for their freeholds. Coun. Hopkin Lewis also spoke on the matter. Thanks were accorded to Mr. Edwards for his efforts. Mr. John Ballard was elected secretary, to collect the necessary information concerning the purchase of the freeholds. A further meeting is to be called in the near future.

4 August 1962 Only The Public House Will Be Left In Pantywaun The Royal Arms Hotel, built in the last century to serve the isolated village of Pantywaun, is likely to be a public house without customers when the rest of the village is demolished by Gelligaer Urban Council. The hotel, owned by the Rhymney Brewery Company, is the only building in the village that has not been served with a demolition order. When the 80 residents move from the village, trade at the pub will collapse and the building will be forced with closure. Already, the hotel is losing custom and stocks of beer have been cut down. The licensee, Mrs. Elsie Evans, who lives at the hotel with her husband, Mr. John Thomas Evans, told an Express reporter: "Our customers have drifted away and business has been on the slack side for weeks. During the past month, we have sold hardly any beer. Two of three men call occasionally for a few bottles, but that is all. On Saturday night, we had two customers, and from now on things will get worse," she commented. Mrs. Evans, who is the mother of six sons, four of them schoolboys, said they had no plans for the future if the pub is closed. "I have been to the Council and they asked me to apply in writing for a house. But I have heard nothing yet," she added. A spokesman for the Brewery said on Thursday: "We would like to keep the pub alive, but there is no future for it. We have made no definite plans as yet, but if the other houses are demolished, there is no way of keeping it alive. It's a pity but the building is in reasonably good condition, but the drainage facilities there are not adequate," he added. The spokesman stated that there was no bulk stock of beer at the hotel because trade had become generally poor. He said the licensee normally called at the brewery with a van when supplies were low. Demolition orders in respect of the 21 houses in the village were made by Gelligaer Urban Council on May 22.

8 September 1962 Fochriw Householders Offered Freeholds One hundred leaseholders at Fochriw are to be given the chance to buy the freeholds. Mr. Ness Edwards, M.P. for Caerphilly, gave the news at the weekend. He said the arrangements had been made whereby the Coal Board would surrender the head lease on the properties, thus enabling the Caeglas Estate to offer the freeholds to the owner-occupiers. The leases are due to expire in two years time. About two years ago, a like number of leases were sold to the owner-occupiers by the same ground landlords on terms said to be reasonable and fair, having regard to present-day conditions. Mr. Edwards said he was satisfied with the way matters were going. Coun. W.J. Payne presided at a meeting at Fochriw last week, when those present accepted a suggestion that steps to be taken in the present negotiations should follow those adopted when the previous ground rents were bought.

8 September 1962 Leaseholders Coun. Payne presided over a meeting at the New Hall on Wednesday evening of the Caeglas Fochriw Leaseholders. Mr. Ness Edwards, M.P., gave a detailed report of progress since the last meeting. He had dealt with the N.C.B. and the solicitors of the Estate, and the outcome was very satisfactory. He said that Coun. Payne

would deal with matters as they arose, and when necessary, a further meeting would be called. Mr. Edwards, Coun. Payne and Mr. John Ballard were thanked by the leaseholders for the work they had done. Coun. Hopkin Lewis was present and spoke.

20 June 1964 Gellygaer Urban District Council: Repairs and Renovations, No.14, Brook Row, Fochriw Tenders are invited for the above works. Specifications and schedules of works for contract may be obtained from the Engineer and Surveyor on payment of a deposit of £2 2s. that will be refunded on receipt of a bona fide tender. Tenders to reach me not later than noon, 3rd July, 1964. The Council do not bind themselves to accept the lowest tender. D. W. C. Morgan, Clerk of the Council.