

Fochriw Weddings as Recorded in the Merthyr Express 1880-1964

“Merthyr Express” 27 November 1880

Marriage of Miss Kent Jones On Tuesday, the 16th inst., the little village of Fochriw was the scene of great rejoicing on the occasion of the marriage of the above much-esteemed young lady, eldest daughter of Dr. Kent Jones, to H. Roddock Kirby Esq., of Waterloo, near Liverpool. The marriage ceremony took place at the Parish Church of Pontlottyn by the Rev. T. Theophilus, vicar, the service being choral. The sacred edifice was beautifully decorated and densely crowded. As the bride entered, leaning on the arm of her father, and followed by her two bridesmaids, viz. Miss E. Kent Jones, sister of the bride, and Miss Williams of Llangamarch Rectory, Breconshire, the choir sang, “The voice that breathed over Eden.” The bride, who wore her travelling costume and a large diamond pendant, the gift of Mr. J. McG. Kirby, Esq., Colchester, was given away by her father. The bridesmaids were dressed in ruby velvet, trimmed with silk, and hats to match, were presented by the bridegroom with handsome silver bracelets with the monogram of the married pair. As the wedding party left the church, the organist, Mr. J. Jones, of Pontlottyn Schools, played “The Wedding March,” in brilliant manner. On the previous night, the bride received, amongst her numerous and valuable presents, a massive silver cake basket, presented by the Rev. T. Theophilus, on behalf of the choir and congregation at St Tyfaelog’s, and a handsome oaken salad bowl, mounted on silver, by the Rev. W. Tibbot, Independent minister, chairman of the Fochriw presentation committee, from the workmen and friends of the said place. A few influential gentlemen spoke at length on the past services rendered by Miss Kent Jones on several occasions, amongst whom we noticed Messrs. J. Harris, W. Rees, and the Rev. M. Evans, Baptist minister. On the return of the bride and bridegroom from church to the residence of the bride’s father, the men of Fochriw met the happy pair, and drew them up to the residence of the bride’s father, where she received a downpour of rice and good wishes. Eighteen guests sat down to partake of the dejeuner, supplied by Mr. Howfield, Merthyr. Mr. and Mrs. Kirby left by the 3.30 p.m. train en route to London to spend their honeymoon.

“Merthyr Express” 24 March 1894

Marriage On Thursday, 13th., Miss Claudia Ursula Davies, daughter of the late Rev. John Davies of Cwmaman, and sister of Dr. Davies, Fochriw, was wedded to Mr. George Davies, son of Mr. John Davies, Treffynon, Pembrokeshire, and a member of the firm of B. S. Davies & Co., drapers, Neath. The marriage took place at Cwmaman, and the couple left to honeymoon in London. The old-fashioned practice of letting off firearms were freely indulged to mark the event. The present were numerous, the Fochriw people alone contributing nearly a hundred.

“Merthyr Express” 6 June 1896

Interesting Wedding at Fochriw The marriage took place at Gelligaer Church on Wednesday, 20th ult., of Mr. W. Morgan of Llandrindod, and Miss A. Mantle of Pentwyn, Fochriw, and late mistress of Penybank School. The bride’s wedding gown was of electric blue cloth trimmed with white; hat, tulle toque trimmed with orange blossoms. Miss Gertie Mantle, cousin of the bride, acted as bridesmaid, and was also dressed in electric blue with hat to match. The bride was given away by her father. The officiating clergyman was Rev. Jones, Trelewis. On the return from Gellygaer, luncheon was partaken at the home of the bride. Among those present were Mr. & Mrs. Mantle, Mr. & Mrs Cook, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Williams (Dowlais), Mr. & Miss Jones (Deri), Mr. John Mantle, Miss Mantle, Mr. & Mrs. R. Booth (Abercarn), Miss E. Jones (Guest-street), Miss Harris, Miss Morgan (Rising Sun), W. Mantle and Wat Williams. The happy couple left Fochriw by the afternoon train for Llandrindod, where the first part of the honeymoon will be spent. The couple received a very large array of costly presents. The carriages were supplied by Mr. Seth James, Post Office, Fochriw.

“Merthyr Express” 25 October 1902

Wedding Miss Maggie Bevan, daughter of Mr. William Bevan, surveyor, have married.

“Merthyr Express” 26 December 1903

Wedding: Mr. J. Lawrence and Miss E. J. Payne On Saturday last, at St Tyfaelog's Church, Pontlottyn, a wedding was solemnised, the contracting parties being Mr. John Lawrence, Aelybryn, and Miss E. J. Payne, eldest daughter of Mr. Charles Payne, Railway-terrace. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. A. Rees, curate of Pentwyn Church. The bride was given away by her father, and she was attended by Miss Kitty Lawrence. Mr. Joseph Payne acted as best man. The happy couple left by the 11.40 train (B. and M. Ry) for Newport. Both parties are highly respected in the village, as is well testified by the large collection of valuable presents.

“Merthyr Express” 16 March 1907

Fochriw Minister's Marriage On Tuesday, the marriage of the Reverend James Jones, Congregational minister, Fochriw, and chairman of Gelligaer Education Committee, to Miss Edith Cole, daughter of the late Mr. James Cole, Fochriw, took place at Zoar Chapel, Merthyr Tydfil, Dr. Eleazer Davies acting as best man, and Miss E. Evans, Fochriw, as bridesmaid. The following ministers took part: Rev. Penrith Thomas, Ferndale; Rev. Grawys Jones, Aberdare; Rev. John Thomas, Merthyr Tydfil. The other members of the wedding party were Mr. John Cole, Brynteg, Fochriw; Mr. Rhys Jenkins, Fochriw; Mr. Gilest Jones, the bridegroom's brother. The wedding attracted a large number of the Fochriw fair sex. A good selection of music was played by the Zoar organist. The wedding breakfast was held at Bentley's Hotel, when the usual speeches were delivered and replied to. The newly-married couple left for Bournemouth to spend their honeymoon.

“Merthyr Express” 14 March 1908

Golden Wedding at Fochriw: Mr. & Mrs. William Angell, 26, Guest-street Mr. and Mrs. William Angell celebrated their golden wedding on Monday last. They were married at the Parish Church, Rhymney, by the late Rev. Canon Evans, on 9th March, 1858. They have resided in the village for the last 40 years. Mrs. Angell has been midwife for the last 25 years, and has attended at the births of hundreds of local children. Mr. Angell is a night hatcher at the No. 1 Pit, and has worked at the Fochriw collieries for over 41 years. They have had 11 children, nine of whom are alive. There are 44 grandchildren and six great grandchildren, all of whom are living. A grand party was held at the house of the happy couple on Monday night, when a large number of the family and a few friends assembled to celebrate the event. The tables were beautifully laid, and an excellent spread had been provided, to which all present did ample justice. The following is a list of relatives were present: Mr. and Mrs. Burkley Angell, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Angel (sons and daughters-in-law): Mr. and Mrs. Elias Davies, Mr. and Mrs. William Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. James Davies, Mr. and Mrs. John Davies, (daughters and sons-in-law); Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Shankland, Mr. William J. Angell, Miss Blodwen Angell, Miss Laurie Angell, Mr. Howell Thomas, Mr. John Davies, Mr. John Davies, Miss Mary J. Davies, Miss Ceridwen Thomas, Miss Mary J. Angell, Mrs. D. J. Davies, (grand children). Friends present were: Mr. James Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Payne, Mr. and Mrs. James Williams, Mrs. Esther Pugh, Mr. John Williams (signalman), Mr. Richard Pugh, and Mr. James Claude.

Mr. Charles Payne proposed the health of Mr. and Mrs. Angell and spoke in glowing terms of their good qualities. Mr. James Williams, Brynawel, in a very neat speech, responded on behalf of the aged couple. An excellent programme of music, etc., was contributed to by the following: song – Mr. W. J. Angell, grandson; speech – Mr. James Lawrence, Aelybryn; song – Mr. James Claude; speech – Mrs. James Williams; quartette – Messrs. B. & W. J. Angel, sons, Mrs. Maud Davies and Mrs. Jesse Davies, daughters; song – Mr. James Claude; song – Mr. Charles Payne; song – Mr. William Angell - "The Old Gentleman"; song – Mr. Payne. Mr. Richard Pugh gave several selections on the phonograph. Mr. Payne proposed a vote of thanks Mr. and Mrs. William Angell for their hospitality, seconded by Mr. James Lawrence. A vote of thanks to the chairman brought an enjoyable and memorable night to a close. [Photographs of Mr. & Mrs. Angell included in article]

21 March 1908 Golden Wedding Mr. & Mrs. Angell, Guest-street, who celebrated their golden wedding on March 9th, have been the recipients of numerous congratulations and presents from their many friends, the latter including a handsome, inscribed, silver-mounted walking stick, from Dr. and Mrs. E. Davies.

27 March 1909 Wedding: Way-Yeo A very pretty wedding was solemnised at St Tyfaelog's Parish Church, Pontlottyn, on Monday, by Rev. Thomas Rees, Vicar, assisted by the Rev. B. Glover, curate, the contracting parties being Miss Nellie Way, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Way, Aelybryn, and Mr. Albert Yeo, Fochriw. The bride wore a navy blue costume and white hat trimmed with orange blossoms, and was given away by her father. Miss Florrie Yeo, sister of the bridegroom, was the bridesmaid, and the duties of best man were carried out by Mr. George Yeo, brother of the bridegroom. Mr. James Way, brother, and Mr. Thomas Evans, grandfather of the bride, also attended the wedding. The happy couple were deluged with rice and confetti on going to and coming from the Church, and received the hearty wishes for their happiness from a large circle of friends. They were the recipients of numerous presents. A large number of friends were entertained to a sumptuous feast at the bride's home. The happy couple left for their honeymoon by the afternoon train.

12 June 1909 Interesting Wedding A pretty wedding was solemnised on Wednesday morning at Soar Congregational Chapel, Merthyr, the contracting parties being Miss Elizabeth Evans, assistant mistress at the Fochriw Infants' School, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Evans, Martin-street, and Mr. David Lewis, fruiterer, Brynteg. The bride, who was given away by her father, was dressed in a mole colour costume, and wore a cream Leghorn hat to match. She was attended by Miss Mary MacArthur, the bridegroom's niece, who was attired in a mole coloured costumes and wore a cream hat to match. Mr. Thomas Lewis, brother of the bridegroom, acted as best man. The wedding party also included Mr. David Isaac Evans and Master Tom J. Evans, brothers of the bride. The nuptial ceremony was performed by the Rev. David Hughes Jones, Carmel Chapel. The wedding breakfast was at the home of the bride's parents, and the newly married couple left by train for Aberystwyth where the honeymoon is being spent. A long list of valuable presents testifies to the esteem in which the parties are held by their numerous well-wishers.

19 June 1909 Wedding A pretty wedding was solemnised at Merthyr on Thursday, the contracting parties being Miss Rachel Cheeke, daughter of Mr. George Cheeke, Williams-row, and Mr. Thomas John Hopkins, son of Alderman Hopkins (ex-Mayor of Aberystwyth). The bride, who was given away by her father, looked charming in a navy blue costume with a cream hat to match. There were two bridesmaids: Miss Beatrice Evans, Dowlais, who was attired in a grey costume, with black crinoline hat, and Miss Hannah Cheeke, sister of the bride, who wore a mauve pinafore dress, and white hat trimmed with silk. Mr. Lewis of Merthyr acted as best man. Also present were Mr. David H. Cheeke and Mr. William G. Cheeke, brothers of the bride. The wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride's father. The happy couple were the recipients of numerous presents.

30 April 1910 Wedding: Pritchard - Wellings A pretty wedding took place at Gellygaer Church on Thursday week, the contracting parties being Mr. Levi Pritchard and Miss Mary E. Wellings youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Wellings, Pentwyn. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Jesse Jones, Rector of Gelligaer, and the bride was given away by her father. Mr. John Griffiths, Brook-row, was the best man. Mrs. Coggan, sister of the bride, and Mr. Joseph Payne, accompanied the party. The happy couple were the recipients of numerous presents, and also the good wishes of their many friends.

6 August 1910 Wedding: Morgan-Llewellyn A pretty wedding were solemnised on Monday at Gellygaer Church, by the Rev. T. Jesse Jones, Rector, the contracting parties being Miss Emily C. Morgan, daughter of the late Mr. W. O. Morgan, head teacher of Fochriw Councils School, and Mr. Samuel Llewellyn, Bedlinog. Miss M. F. Morgan and Miss Maude Llewellyn, sisters of bride and bridegroom, where the bridesmaids. The guests who accompanied the wedding party were: Dr. and Mrs. Davies, Fochriw, brother-in-law and sister of the bride; Mr. M. D. Morgan, brother of the bride; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Llewellyn, Fochriw, parents of the bridegroom; Messrs. John, Kinsey and Edwin Llewellyn, brothers; Mr. Thomas Kinsey, uncle of the bridegroom; Mrs. John Llewellyn, Bedlinog, and Mrs. Chrystal (Canada), aunts of the bridegroom. The wedding party returned to 37, Aelybryn, the home of the bride, where Mrs. W. O. Morgan and Mrs. James, Brynmawr, sister of the bride, presided over the wedding breakfast. The young couple left by the mid-day train for their honeymoon in Cardiganshire. The presents were numerous and costly.

31 December 1910 Fochriw Weddings: Rees-Davies A pretty wedding was solemnised at Gellygaer Church on Saturday morning, the officiating minister being the Rev. T. J. Jones. The bridegroom was Mr. T. Rees of Fochriw, who was accompanied by his father, and the bride, Miss M. M. Davies, daughter of Mrs. Jane Davies, Martin-street. The bride, who looked pretty in a navy blue costume with hat to match, was given away by her uncle, Mr. Evan Price, Rhymney Bridge. She was attended by Miss Annie Davies, her sister. The best man was Mr. W. Jones. The breakfast was served at the home of the bride's mother. She was assisted by Mrs. Price, Misses M. M. Jones and M. Rees. A great number of relations and friends were present. Many presents were received.

31 December 1910 Roberts - Lawrence Another pretty wedding, the contracting parties being Mr. Harry Roberts and Miss Kate Lawrence. Rev. T. J. Jones officiated. The bride was attired in an amethyst costume with cream silk hat. The bridesmaid was Miss Mary Lawrence, sister of the bride, who looked charming in a rose colour costume with cream silk hat. Mr. Tom Lawrence was best man. Mr. J. Davies was also present. The wedding breakfast was at the bride's home, many friends and relations being present. The wedding party returned to Derwen Deg, the home of the bridegroom, where luncheon was prepared, and later in the day, the happy couple left for North Wales, where the honeymoon is being spent. They were the recipients of many presents.

31 December 1910 Candrick-Way Miss Lily Frances Way, eldest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. George Way, Aelybryn, was joined in holy matrimony with Mr. William Candrick, Pontlottyn, at Gellygaer Church. Rev. T. J. Jones officiated. The bride looked charming in an amethyst costume with cream silk hat trimmed with orange blossoms. She was accompanied by two bridesmaids, Miss Edith Way and Miss Maggie Candrick, sisters of the bride and bridegroom, who were attired in rose colour costumes with hats to match. The breakfast was presided over by Mrs. Way and Mrs. Candrick, assisted by Mrs. W. H. Hughes, the bridegroom's sister. The presents were very numerous.

11 February 1911 Wedding: Jones - Jones The wedding was solemnised at Merthyr on Wednesday morning of Mr. Edward Jones and Miss Esther Mary Jones, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Evan Jones, Guest-street. The bride was attired in a dove crepoline dress trimmed with silver fringe, and hat to match. The bridesmaid, Miss Etie Evans, Merthyr (cousin), was dressed in white silk, with hat to match. The wedding breakfast was served at the bride's home, when a large number of guests were present. The presents were both numerous and costly.

1 April, 1911 Wedding: Parry-Davies A pretty wedding was solemnized at St. Tyfaelog's Church, Pontlottyn, on Thursday last, the contracting parties being Mr. William J. Parry and Miss Mary G. Davies. The bride was neatly attired in a mole-coloured costume, and wore a cream crinoline hat to match. Mr. George Price was best man. The bridesmaid was Miss Edith Way, Aelybryn, who wore a crushed strawberry costume, with hat to match. Rev. B. Jones, Pontlottyn, officiated, assisted by Rev. B. Glover.

5 August 1911 Wedding: Meredith-Jones The wedding took place on Wednesday of Mr. David J. Meredith, Deri, and Miss Hannah Jones, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Jones, Pentwyn. The marriage was solemnized at Gellygaer, the Reverend T. Jesse Jones officiating. The bride was attired in a smart mole costume with hat to match. The bridesmaid was Miss M. A. Davies, cousin of the bride, and daughter of Mr. E. M. Davies, checkweigher, who also wore a mole costume with hat to match. The wedding party left the bride's house amid showers of rice and confetti. A hearty reception was given to the bride and bridegroom by the Pentwyn people. After the ceremony, the happy couple left for Cardiff. Numerous and costly presents were received by the young couple.

12 August 1911 Wedding at Fochriw: Payne - Evans The wedding took place at St. Mary's Church, Fochriw, on Monday last, of Mr. W. J. Payne, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Payne, 7 Railway-terrace, Fochriw, and Miss Sarah Anne Evans, eldest daughter of Mr. William Evans, Pit-row, Fochriw. Both are held in the highest esteem by the residents. Both are active Church workers, Mr. Payne being the leader of the Fochriw Dramatics Society, Miss Evans also being a member. The dramatic society has handed over to the St. Mary Church building fund a sum of nearly £200, the proceeds of their recent performances. Mr.

Payne is also lieutenant of the Fochriw Fire Brigade, and president of the Fochriw Soccer football club. Miss Evans has been a teacher in the Fochriw Council Schools for the past 11 years, and is loved by staff and scholars. It is only recently that the Church was licensed for marriages, and this was the first wedding to be solemnized there. The Church was beautifully decorated with flowers and palms, the altar being decorated by Mrs. J. Richards, Mrs. Curtis, and Miss M. M. Jones. There is accommodation for 300, and the Church was packed to overflowing. The officiating clergyman was the Reverend T. Rees, vicar. Mr. J. C. Payne, brother of the bridegroom, was best man, and the bridesmaids were Miss Myfanwy Evans, sister of the bride, and Miss M. S. Edwards, cousin of the bride. The page boy was Master Charles James Lawrence, nephew of the bridegroom. Mr. Charles Payne, father of the bridegroom, was also present. The bride, who was given away by her father, was prettily attired in a robe of cream silk, trimmed with cream satin and cream silk lace. She wore a bridal veil of cream chiffon and orange blossoms. The bridesmaids wore cream silk robes, with cream picture hats to match. The page boy wore a cream serge suit, with cream cap to match. The service was fully choral, and the choir (surpliced and mixed) were present, under the conductorship of Mr. John Williams, and they sang 'The voice that breached o'er Eden,' and 'How welcome was the call.' Psalm 67 was also chanted. On the arrival of the bridal party at the Church, the organist played appropriate wedding music, and at close of the service played Mendelssohn's Wedding March. After the ceremony, the wedding breakfast was partaken of at the residence of the bridegroom's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Lawrence. About 70 guests, in addition to the bridal party, were present. Afterwards, the happy couple left by coach for Merthyr, and from there by train to Llanstephan, Carmarthenshire, where the honeymoon is being spent. The bride was attired in a mole travelling dress, trimmed with silk braid and cream lace. They departed amidst showers of rice and confetti, and with the good wishes of a host of friends. They were the recipients of the very large number of presents. The Vicar presented them with a Bible, in commemoration of the first wedding solemnized at St. Mary's Church.

1 April, 1911 Personal Mr. James Williams, late of Brynawel, Fochriw, who recently moved to Dowlais to become the licensee of the Patriot Hotel, was one of the most prominent personages in the village. He was a native of Dowlais, but came to Fochriw about twenty years ago, and has closely identified himself with every good movement in the village.

14 October 1911 Wedding: Williams-Bates The wedding was solemnised at Tabernacle Baptist Chapel, Merthyr, on Wednesday of the Miss Lilian Williams, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Williams, Bryn Awel, Fochriw, and Mr. Harry Bates, of Wolverhampton. The officiating minister was the Rev. M. S. Young, Fochriw, assisted by Rev. W. R. Jones, Merthyr. The bride was given away by her father, and Mr. Tom Jones, cousin of the bridegroom, was best man. The bridesmaids were the Misses J. A. Jenkins, Gertrude Williams and Edith Williams. A reception was held at the Bentley's Hotel, where an excellent spread was provided. Afterwards, the happy couple left for Torquay, where the honeymoon is being spent. Miss Williams has been a teacher at the Fochriw Council School for many years, where she was greatly loved by one and all.

4 November 1911 Wedding: Lewis-Evans The wedding was solemnised at the Parish Church, Merthyr on Saturday last, of Miss Margery Lewis, Fochriw, and Mr. John Evans, Merthyr. The bride, was becomingly dressed in tussore silk, with hat to match, was given away by her nephew, Mr. T L Griffiths. The bridesmaids were Miss Maggie Griffiths and Miss Nellie Evans. The Rector of Merthyr officiated. After the ceremony, cold lunch was taken at the home of the bridegroom. The happy couple were the recipients of many valuable presents.

10 February 1912 Wedding: Davies-James The wedding was celebrated at Adulum Congregational Chapel on Sunday of Mr. Thomas George Davies of Fochriw, and Miss Elizabeth James, Dowlais, uncertificated mistress at Brecon Road Infants' School. The ceremony was performed by Rev. D. Hughes Jones, Fochriw. The bride wore a cream costume with matching hat.

13 July 1912 Wedding: Rev. M. S. Young and Miss G. M. Williams The wedding was solemnised at Zoar Baptist Chapel, Pontllynn, on Monday of the Rev. M. S. Young, the

respected minister of Noddfa Baptist Chapel, Fochriw, and Miss G. M. Williams, certificated mistress at Fochriw Schools, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Williams, Brynawel. The officiating ministers were Rev. D. R. Beynon, cousin of the bride, and Rev. Hughes and Rev. Baker, Pontlottyn. The bride, who was prettily attired, was given away by her father, who is Chief Clerk at the Fochriw Collieries. The bridesmaid was Miss E. A. Williams, sister of the bride, and the best man, Rev. R. Richards, Porth. After the ceremony, a large number of friends, including Rev. and Mrs. D. H. Jones (Carmel), and Rev. and Mrs. Roderick (Nazareth), were entertained to breakfast at the home of the bride's parents. Afterwards, the happy couple left for Torquay where the honeymoon is being spent.

17 August 1912 Wedding: Jones-Jones The wedding was solemnised at Merthyr last Tuesday of Mr. Richard Jones, second son of Councillor and Mrs. John Jones, grocer, Fochriw, and Miss Jennie Jones, Abercwmboi. The bride wore a silver grey dress with matching hat. The bridegroom is an enthusiastic cricketer and footballer, and a member of the village teams. He is also the respected organist of Nazareth C. M. Chapel. The honeymoon is being spent at Aberystwyth.

31 August 1912 Wedding: Mantle-Edwards The wedding was solemnised at the Parish Church, Pontlottyn on Saturday of Mr. Albert Mantle, son of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Mantle, Pentwyn, and Miss Maggie Sarah Edwards, eldest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Edwards, Brooklyn House, Fochriw. The vicar, Rev. Gilbert Williams, officiated. The bride wore a French grey costume with white hat to match. She was attended by her sister, Miss Jennie Edwards, as bridesmaid. She was attired in a beautiful costume of French grey with matching hat in white. The wedding breakfast was at the bride's home.

23 November 1912 Wedding: Walters-Thomas The wedding was solemnised at Zoar Congregational Chapel, Merthyr, on Sunday, of Mr. Thomas Walters, organist of Carmel Congregational Chapel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Walters, Brynteg Terrace, and Miss Ceridwen Thomas, teacher at the Fochriw Infants' School, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howell Thomas, Bryntirion. The bride was dressed in a fawn dress with large black hat to match. She was attended by two bridesmaids - Miss Rachel Walters, sister of the bridegroom, who was dressed in grey, with matching black hat, and Miss Ceridwen Thomas, niece of the bride, who was dressed in terra cotta, with velvet hat and shoes. Mr. D. H. Jones officiated. The breakfast was at the home of the bride's parents, after which, the happy couple left for their honeymoon which is being spent in Surrey. The bride's travelling costume was of brown tweed with beaver hat to match. The rest of the party returned to dinner at the home of the groom's parents. Both bride and bridegroom enjoy a wide circle of friends, and they were the recipients of a large number of valuable presents.

18 January 1913 Wedding: Evans-Parry The wedding was solemnised at Pontmorlais Chapel, Merthyr, on Tuesday, of P.C. Richard G. Evans (Ebbw Vale), and Miss Elizabeth A. Parry of Fochriw. The bride was dressed in a costume of grey with matching hat. The bridesmaid was Miss Martha Parry, sister of the bride, who wore a green costume with black hat. Rev. Isaac Roderick officiated. The wedding breakfast was at the home of the bride's parents, a large number of friends being present.

19 April 1913 Wedding: Curtis-Thomas A pretty wedding was solemnised at St. Mary's Church on Tuesday, the contracting parties being Miss Mabel Curtis, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis, Pit Houses, and Mr. William Thomas, Brynderwen, Fochriw. The Vicar officiated. The bride looked charming in a smart dress of saxe blue with hat to match. She was attended by her sister, Miss Ivy Curtis. After the ceremony, the breakfast was at the home of the bride's parents. The honeymoon is being spent in Swansea.

6 September 1913 Wedding: Thomas-Parry A wedding was solemnised at Zoar Chapel, Merthyr, on Monday, the contracting parties being Miss Laurie A. Thomas, second daughter of Mr. & Mrs. William Thomas, Gwalia House, (under manager of No.2 Pit), and Mr. Robert Parry, son of Mr. & Mrs. Edward Parry, Bryn Corwen, Fochriw. Rev. D. H. Jones, pastor of Carmel Chapel, officiated. The bride was attired in a charming dress of silver grey, with a white hat and black lancer. She was attended by her sister Miss Ceridwen Thomas, who wore a silver grey dress, with white hat and black lancer. Mr. Howell Thomas, brother of the bride, was best man. The breakfast was at Gwalia House, a large number being present.

20 September 1913 Wedding: Davies-Roberts The wedding was solemnised at Merthyr on Thursday week of Miss Lucy Davies, fourth daughter of Mrs. Davies, and the late Mr. Evan Davies, for many years colliery overman at Fochriw collieries, and Mr. William John Roberts, Deri. The bride wore a dress of champagne colour with black velour hat with yellow tip. She was attended by the groom's sister, Miss Annie Roberts, who wore a blue dress with white felt hat to match. The breakfast was at the bride's home. Later the couple left for Swansea, where the honeymoon is being spent.

27 September 1913 Wedding: Phillips-Morgan A wedding was solemnised this week at Hengoed Baptist Chapel between Mr. Sidney Phillips, grocer, Pentwyn Stores, the only son of Mr. & Mrs. George Phillips, grocer, Fochriw, and Miss Gwen Morgan, daughter of Mr. T. Morgan, Darren. Rev. R. Evans, pastor, officiated. After the ceremony, the couple left for Weston, where the honeymoon is being celebrated.

4 October 1913 Weddings: Jenkins-Griffiths A wedding was solemnised at Tabernacle Merthyr, on Saturday, between Mr. Thomas Jenkins, second son of Mr. Daniel Jenkins, Pleasant View, and Miss Beatrice Griffiths, daughter of Mrs. M. Griffiths, Brynteg. Rev. D. Huws Jones, Carmel, and Rev. Rowland Jones, Tabernacle, officiated. The bride looked charming in a handsome tweed costume with matching hat. Her maids were Miss Polly Richards, Dowlais, and Miss Tegwen Jenkins. Lunch was taken at the bridegroom's house, after which the couple left for a honeymoon at Swansea. The presents were numerous.

4 October 1913 Wedding: Archer-Lewis A pretty wedding was also solemnised at Merthyr on Monday between Mr. Henry J. Archer, son of Mr. & Mrs. Archer, Pentwyn, and Miss Edith Ellen Lewis, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. David Lewis, Pentwyn. The bride wore a brown costume with matching hat. The breakfast took place at the home of the bride's parents. The couple received many useful presents.

20 December 1913 Wedding: Lewis-Cumpstone A wedding was solemnised at Gelligaer Church on Tuesday last, between Miss Rachel Mary Lewis, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Lewis, 10, Aelybryn, Fochriw, and Mr. Percy Cumpstone, Fochriw. Rev. M. James officiated. The bride was beautifully attired in a grey and white whip-cord costume with which she wore a grey velvet hat trimmed with white wings. She was accompanied by her aunt, Miss M. Harris, Bargoed, who was also charmingly attired. The best man was Mr. Simon Lewis, brother of the bride. The breakfast was at the home of the bride's parents. Later, the couple left for their new home at Brook Row, Fochriw.

20 December 1913 Wedding: Smith-Davies Another pretty wedding was solemnised at Pontlottyn Parish Church on Tuesday, between Miss Elizabeth Smith, the only daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Smith, Fochriw, and Mr. Wm. Owen Davies, Bargoed. The bride was beautifully dressed in a light grey costume, with a black and white hat to match. She was accompanied by Miss Florrie Roberts, Deri, and Miss Mary Lawrence, Fochriw. Messrs. Samuel, Walter and Arthur Way, Fochriw, were also present. After the ceremony, the party returned to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Way, 20, Aelybryn, Fochriw, for the wedding breakfast. Later, the couple left for their new home at Bargoed.

Wedding: Llewellyn-Davies A wedding was solemnised at Merthyr on Saturday, the contracting parties being Mr. William Samuel Llewellyn, son of Mr. & Mrs. John Llewellyn Pentwyn, and Miss Eleanor Ann Davies, Fochriw. The bride who was charmingly attired was given away by her grandfather, Mr. John Davies. The happy couple, who are highly respected, were the recipients of many useful presents.

31 January 1914 Wedding: Evans-Jones The wedding took place at Penuel Chapel, Rhymney, on Thursday, of Mr. Tom Evans, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. John Evans, Guest-street, and Miss Annie Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Jones, Coronation-terrace, Rhymney. The bride, who had been a school teacher at Llanover for the past three and a half years, was beautifully attired in a grey costume with velvet hat to match. She was attended by Miss Maggie Evans, sister of the bridegroom, and Miss Maggie Matthews. Mr. Iorwerth Edwards was the best man. Mr. Rowland Jones, and Mr. Tom Davies, Pontlottyn, were also present. Rev. Griffiths officiated. The happy couple were the recipients of many useful presents.

14 March 1914 Wedding: Rowlands-Evans A wedding was solemnised at Merthyr on Thursday, the contracting parties being Miss Elizabeth A. Rowlands, eldest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Rowlands, Aelybryn, and Mr. David Evans, eldest son of Mr. & Mrs. David Evans, Aelybryn. The bride, who was given away by her father, looked charming in a royal blue costume, with black hat to match. She was attended by her sister Miss Blodwen Rowlands, who wore a saxeblue dress and white hat. The breakfast was served at the house of the bride's parents, and dinner was taken at the house of the bridegroom's parents. Many friends were present at both houses. The happy couple were the recipients of many valuable presents.

14 March 1914 Wedding: Thomas-Lewis Another wedding was solemnised at Bethesda Chapel, Merthyr, on Thursday, the contracting parties being Miss Ceridwen Thomas, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Thomas (under-manager), Fochriw, and Mr. Dai Lewis, son of Mr. & Mrs. Rees Lewis, Merthyr. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a light fawn costume with cream hat. She was attended by Mrs. L. Davies, her sister, who wore a light fawn costume with black hat., and Miss Maggie Lewis (the bridegroom's sister), who was dressed in a saxeblue costume with hat to match. Rev. D. Huws Jones officiated. The wedding breakfast was served in the bride's home, Gwalia House. The happy couple were the recipients of many costly presents.

21 March 1914 Wedding: Cole-Morris The wedding was solemnised at Gelligaer Church on Wednesday of Miss Sarah Cole, eldest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Simon Cole, Aelybryn, Fochriw, and Mr. Edgar Morris of Deri. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a slate-coloured dress, with a cream hat trimmed with orange blossom. She was attended by Miss Maria Thomas. Rev. Prutney officiated. The wedding party returned to the bride's home where a dinner was served, a large number of friends attending. They were the recipients of many valuable presents.

18 April 1914 Wedding: Williams-Evans A pretty wedding was solemnised at Gellygaer Church on Tuesday, the contracting parties being Mr. Arthur Williams of Pontlloftyn, and Miss S. J. Evans, second daughter of Mr. & Mrs. D. Evans, Penybank, Fochriw. The bride, who was charmingly attired, was given away by her brother, Mr. J. Evans. She was attended by Miss E. Tamblyn and Miss L. Tomkins. Breakfast was provided at the home of the bridegroom's parents. The couple were the recipients of many useful presents.

1 August 1914 Wedding: Jones-Morris The wedding was solemnised at Merthyr on Saturday last of Miss E. A. Jones, second daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John Jones, Pit-row, and Mr. John Morris, Pentwyn, the son of Mr. Richard Morris, Pontlloftyn. The bride looked very pretty in a costume of navy blue serge, with cream hat to match. After the ceremony, the couple returned to Pentwyn, where they now reside. They were the recipients of many useful presents.

1 August 1914 Wedding: Thomas-Williams A pretty wedding took place at Merthyr on Thursday, the contracting parties being Miss Jane Thomas, eldest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Walter Thomas, Dynevor-street, and Mr. Enoch Williams of Pontlloftyn. The bride was neatly attired in a costume of grey and black, with cream hat to match. She was attended by her sister, Miss E. Thomas, who was nicely dressed in brown with white hat. The bride's brother, Mr. Caradoc Thomas, was best man. The wedding breakfast was provided at the home of the bride's parents, and after the wedding, a reception was given at the home of the bridegroom's parents. The happy couple were the recipients of many useful presents, and also received the good wishes of their many friends.

8 August 1914 Wedding: Powell-Jones A very pretty wedding was solemnised at the Parish Church, Pontlloftyn, on Thursday, the contracting parties being Miss M. A. Powell, the only daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Edmund Powell, Blaenbargoed Cottages, Fochriw, and Mr. Ernest Jones of Bircher, Leominster. The bride, who was charmingly attired in a costume of grey with hat to match, was given away by her father. She was attended by Miss Edith Jones, sister of the bridegroom, who looked very pretty in a navy-blue costume with matching hat. The bride's brother, Mr. David John Powell, was best man. Rev. Gilbert Williams, Vicar, officiated. Mr. Jones is a sidesman at St. Andrew's Church, Pentwyn, and a faithful church worker and Sunday School scholar. Mrs. Jones is also a faithful communicant of the church

and an earnest Sunday School teacher. The breakfast was held at the home of the bride's parents, many friends attending, as well as the families. The couple were the recipients of many useful presents. They left for Bircher, Leominster, on Saturday, where the honeymoon is being spent.

8 August 1914 Wedding: Thomas-Morris Another wedding was solemnised at Gellygaer Church on Saturday last, the contracting parties being Miss Maria Thomas, the youngest daughter of Mrs. Thomas, Ffynonau Duon Farm, Pentwyn, and Mr. John Morris of Bailey-street, Deri. The bride, who was charmingly attired in a dress of saxe blue with hat to match, was given away by her brother, Mr. J. Thomas. Canon Jesse Jones officiated. The breakfast was taken at the bride's home, many friends amongst the party. The couple were the recipients of many useful presents.

8 August 1914 Wedding: Shankland-Davies A pretty wedding was also solemnised at Gellygaer Church on Tuesday, the contracting parties being Miss Eleanor Shankland, the eldest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Shankland, Ael-y-bryn, and Mr. William Thomas Davies of Deri. The bride was beautifully attired in a white silk dress with black hat to match. She was attended by her sister, Miss Gwladys Jane Shankland, who wore a dress of pale blue with hat to match, by Miss Maggie Jane Davies, sister of the groom, who wore a fawn coloured dress with matching hat, and Miss May Davies, niece of the groom, who also wore a fawn dress and matching hat. Canon Jesse Jones officiated. The wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride's parents, many friends and relatives being present. The happy couple were the recipients of many useful presents.

22 August 1914 Wedding: Chappell-Lyne A very pretty wedding took place on Tuesday, the contracting parties being Mr. Thomas Chappell (wagon examiner, Cwmbargoed), son of Mr. & Mrs. Walter Chappell of Yeovil, and Miss Ellen Lyne of Sherborne, Dorset. The ceremony took place in Sherborne Abbey. They were the recipients of many presents.

5 September 1914 Wedding: Mantle-Jones A pretty wedding was solemnised at the Parish Church, Pontlottyn, on Saturday last, the contracting parties being Mr. George Mantle, son of Mr. & Mrs. T. Mantle, 9, Hill-row, Pentwyn, and Miss M. Jones, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. David Jones, 1, Glen-view, Pentwyn. Rev. W. Chappell officiated. Mr. J. C. Payne was best man. The breakfast was served at the home of the bride's parents. The couple were the recipients of many useful presents.

5 September 1914 Wedding: Jones-Price A wedding was also solemnised at Merthyr on Thursday, the contracting parties being Mr. Thomas Jones, Glyn-terrace, and Miss Mary Jane Price, Pontlottyn. The bride was prettily dressed in blue with hat to match. She was attended by her sisters, Mrs. W. Jones and Miss K. Price, who were also dressed in blue with matching hats. Mr. Wat Jones, Fochriw, was best man. The couple were the recipients of many useful presents. They left for Neath, where the honeymoon is being spent.

12 September 1914 Wedding: Williams-Walters A pretty wedding was solemnised at Bethania Chapel, Dowlais, on Monday last, the contracting parties being Mr. Evan Williams, Glyn-terrace, and Miss R. Walters, second daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Walters, Brynteg, Fochriw. Rev. D. Huws Jones officiated. The bride, who was prettily attired in a cream Misso silk dress with black hat to match, was attended by Miss S. Williams, sister of the bridegroom, who looked well in a cream dress with black hat. Mr. Wm. Walters (father of the bride), and Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Walters (brother and sister-in-law of the bride) were also present. Mrs. Walters wore a cream dress, with leghorn hat trimmed with black. A reception was held at the house of Mrs. John (Dowlais), aunt of the bridegroom, after which the happy couple left for Pwllheli, where the honeymoon is being spent. They were the recipients of many presents.

14 November 1914 Wedding: Sibley-Wilton A pretty wedding was solemnised at Pontlottyn Church on Thursday last, the contracting parties being Miss Alice Maud Sibley, Guest-street, and Mr. F. J. Wilton of Butleigh Wooton, Somersetshire. Rev. G. Williams, vicar, officiated. The bride looked charming in a dress of pale blue silk, with black hat to match. She was attended by Misses S. A. Sibley and E. M. Sibley, cousins of the bride, both of whom wore dresses of silver grey lester with black hats, and white lancers to match. The

breakfast was served in the home of the bride's parents, with many friends, as well as family present. The couple were the recipients of many useful presents.

9 January 1915 Wedding: Evans-Tamblyn A very pretty wedding was solemnised at the Parish Church, Pontlottyn on Saturday, the contracting parties being Mr. Joseph Evans, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Evans, Stoney Houses, Penybank, and Miss Edith Mary Tamblyn, Fochriw. The bride, was charmingly attired in a costume of light blue serge, was attended by a Miss Lily Maud Tomkins, who also looked very pretty in a costume of light blue serge. Mr. W. J. Jones, Pentwyn, acted as best man. The wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Ashley, Pontlottyn. The Rev. Gilbert Williams, vicar, officiated. The bridegroom is a sidesman at St. Andrew's Church, Pentwyn, and is a faithful church worker, and Sunday school teacher. The happy couple were the recipients of numerous presents.

9 January 1915 Golden Wedding Celebration At The Fochriw Mr. & Mrs. Howell Thomas, Station-terrace, Fochriw, celebrated their golden wedding on Saturday last. In honour of the occasion, a grand party was held, at which, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, their four sons and one daughter, were all present. Also present, were their twenty-four grandchildren and the three great grandchildren. All have been reared in the village, and still live there. Mr. Thomas was born at Pontlottyn, and Mrs. Thomas at Big Meadows, near Dowlais. Mr. Thomas is, and has been for over 30 years, an official at the Fochriw Colliery. They were married in the Old Church, Merthyr, on January 2nd, 1865. Both are faithful members of the Carmel Congregational Chapel, where they are highly esteemed. The family is well-known and greatly respected in the village and throughout the surrounding districts. The tables cleared, a splendid programme was contributed to by the following: pianoforte solos – Mr. Thomas Walters, son-in-law; Mr. David Thomas, grandchild; comic songs – Mr. Howell Thomas - grandchild; reading – Mr. Wm. Thomas, eldest son (under-manager of the No. 1 Pit, Fochriw); recitation – Mr. Jenkin Thomas, son ; song - Miss Ceridwen Thomas, grandchild ; reading – Mr. David Lewis, grandchild; numerous folks songs by the little children; solo – Mrs. C. Walters; duets – Mr. and Mrs. Walkers, daughter and son-in-law; Mr. Howell Thomas and Miss Lily Davis, grandchildren. Appropriate speeches were given by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, who were the recipients of numerous presents in honour of the occasion. An enjoyable and memorably evening was brought to a close by the singing of "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau" led by Mrs. Walters.

27 February 1915 Wedding: Edwards-Evans A pretty wedding was solemnised at St Tyfaelog's Church, Pontlottyn, on Wednesday, the contracting parties being Pte. Wyndham R. Edwards, 3rd Welsh (Deri), and Miss Margaret H. Evans, Fochriw. The bride, who was given away by her father, Mr. William Evans, Pit-row, looked pretty in a rose-coloured dress with cream hat. She was attended by Mrs. Edmund Thomas, sister of the bridegroom, and Mrs. W. J. Payne, sister of the bride. Messrs. W. J. Payne and Edmund Thomas were also present. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Gilbert Williams, vicar. The happy couple were the recipients of many useful presents.

13 March 1915 Wedding: Morgan-Evans A pretty wedding was solemnised at Merthyr on Thursday last. The contracting parties were Mr. Habacuc Morgan, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Morgan, Glenview, Pentwyn, and Miss Elizabeth Jane Evans, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Evans, Guest-street, Fochriw. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by her sister, Miss Maggie Evans. Mr. Evan Morgan, father of the bridegroom, and Mr. Aneurin Evans, brother of the bride, were also present. The wedding breakfast was partaken at the house of the bride's mother.

22 May 1915 Wedding: Hughes-Price A pretty wedding was solemnised at Gellygaer on Tuesday, the contracting parties being Miss Maggie Hughes, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hughes, Martin-street, and Mr. David Price, butcher, Deri. The bride was attired in a mole-coloured costume, with pale blue hat, and was given away by her father, whilst Mr. H. Hughes was best man. The bride was attended by four bridesmaids: Miss Bessie Hughes, sister; Miss Eileen May Price, cousin; Miss Katie Williams, niece of the bridegroom; and Miss Jennie Jones. The wedding party drove to Gellygaer in a motor car. The ceremony was conducted by the Rev. Canon Jones. The party returned to the house of the bride's parents for

the breakfast. Mr. and Mrs. Price left later for Swansea, whether honeymoon is being spent. They were the recipients of many presents.

11 September 1915 Wedding: Bell-Williams On Wednesday, at Soar Chapel, Merthyr, the wedding took place of the Rev. R. W. Bell, Penderyn, and Miss A. G. Williams, schoolmistress, Fochriw. The bride, who looked charming in a white Chinese silk dress with black hat, was attended by Miss E. Owens, Porth, and was given away by her brother, Mr. Jesse Williams. The best man was Mr. Dan Evans, Llandovery. The officiating ministers were the Revs. D. H. Jones, and J. Roderick, Fochriw. The wedding breakfast was taken at the Y.M.C.A, Merthyr, after which the Reverend and Mrs. Bell left by motor for their new home at Llwynhendry, Llanelly. The happy couple were the recipients of numerous presents and congratulatory telegrams.

25 September 1915 Wedding: Evans-Davies A pretty wedding was solemnised at the Baptist Chapel, Hengoed, on Thursday last, the contracting parties being Miss Maggie Evans, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Evans, Guest-street, and Mr. Thomas J. Davies, Pontlottyn. The bride, who looked very pretty in a champagne coloured dress with lace coatee and black hat, was given away by her father. She was attended by her sister, Miss Hannah Evans, who was dressed in a champagne colour dress with black hat to match. The best man was Mr. David Davies, brother of the bridegroom. Mr. Thomas Evans, the bride's brother, was also present. The happy couple left by motor for Swansea, where the honeymoon is being spent. They were the recipients of many presents.

9 October 1915 Wedding: Meredith-Prosser A pretty wedding was solemnised on Wednesday at Gelligaer Church, the contracting parties being Mr. E. L. Meredith, Bailey-street, Deri, and Miss Beatrice M. Prosser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Prosser, Aelybryn, Fochriw. The bride looked very pretty in a royal blue costume with hat to match, and was given away by her father. She was attended by Miss Nellie Meredith, sister of the bridegroom, who wore a cream dress with hat to match. The best man was Mr. Ivor Prosser, brother of the bride. Mr. James Meredith and Mr. David Evans, father and uncle of the bridegroom, was also present. The Reverend Canon Jones officiated. The wedding breakfast was held at the home of the bride's parents, at which a large number of relatives and friends sat down. The presents were numerous and useful.

4 December 1915 Golden Wedding Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Jones, Brook-row, celebrated their golden wedding on Thursday last week. Mr. Jones was born at Aberaeron, and is 81 years old, whilst Mrs. Jones, a native of Dowlais, is 74. Mr. Jones left Cardiganshire in 1855 and worked for over half a century under the Dowlais Company. The couple rank with the oldest inhabitants of Fochriw, where they have lived for 46 years. There are ten children, nine of whom are still living. These include Councillor John Jones, Bargoed, and Messrs. D. L. Jones, Evan Jones, and Walter Jones, active members of the Miners' Federation in the Dowlais district. Mr. Walter Jones is secretary of the Fochriw Workmen's Library. There are 35 grandchildren. Mr. Jones, who has been a lifelong Liberal, has a store of interesting reminiscences. At the age of seven years, he drove a tram of horses, and whilst 17, he, and a band of others, walked from Aberaeron to Shrewsbury for harvesting, the journey taking two days. At the time there was but one steam engine in Wales that he had heard of, and whilst on the march to Shrewsbury, hearing the passing of an engine, he ran to a railway bridge in the hope of seeing it. Reaching the bridge, he peeped over, only to be temporarily blinded by smoke and steam. Notwithstanding the fact that the engine only travelled six miles an hour, it had gone too far for him to see it by the time his sight was restored. He also remembers the old mail coach, and its disaster near Trecastle. He says that there was a time when starch dared not be used by the poor, and also a time when tea was a luxury, to be used only when persons above the ordinary visited. He remembers the construction of the Rhymney Railway and the Brecon and Merthyr Railway through the Fochriw valley. To celebrate the event, supper was taken at No. 2, Dynevor-street, the home of one of his daughters, Mrs. T. Evans. All the children and grandchildren were gathered together. The old couple were the recipients of many handsome presents.

12 February, 1916 Wedding: Thomas-Uzzell A pretty wedding was solemnised at Gelligaer Church last Saturday, the contracting parties being Miss Maggie Thomas, eldest

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins Thomas, Martin-street, and Mr. David A. Uzzell, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. George Uzzell, Bailey-street, Deri. The ceremony was performed by Canon T. J. Jones. The bride was attired in a silver grey dress, with black hat to match, and was given away by her father. The bridesmaids were Miss Annie G. Thomas, and Miss Gwladys M. Uzzell, who looked very nice in dresses of brown velvet. Mr. George Uzzell, father of the bridegroom, was also present. The wedding breakfast was taken at the home of the bride's parents. The happy couple were the recipients of numerous presents.

11 March 1916 Wedding: Morgan-Gregory A pretty wedding was solemnised at Calfaria Chapel, Bargoed, on Monday, the Reverend Jones, Nazareth, Deri, officiating. The contracting parties were Miss Maggie Morgan, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Morgan, overman, Martin-street, and Mr. James George Gregory, Deri. The bride, who was given away by her father, looked charming in a grey costume and grey silk hat. The bridesmaids were Miss E. M. Morgan, sister of the bride, and Miss Rachel Gregory, sister of the bridegroom. The happy couple were the recipients of many presents.

15 April 1916 Fochriw Wedding Mishap: Dangerous and Foolish Custom A serious mishap, which might have had fatal consequences, befell a wedding party at Fochriw on Saturday. The old custom of placing a rope across the road - which in this case was being carried beyond a joke - to hold up the wedding party until they satisfied the waylayers with coppers, was responsible for an unfortunate occurrence. It was a motor wedding and there were two cars. The contracting parties were Mr. Thomas Walters, an engine driver at the Groesfaen Colliery, living at New-road, Deri, and Miss Eunice Jones, daughter of Mr. John Jones, overman, Fochriw. The party left the bride's house at Fochriw for Cefn Hengoed Baptist Chapel, where the ceremony was to take place. The first car was occupied by the Rev. Isaiah Williams, Baptist minister, Fochriw, and Rev. Rowland Williams, Baptist minister, Deri, Mr. Ben Thomas, uncle of the bride, Mr. John Walters, brother of the bridegroom, together with the driver, Mr. Edgar Watkins, Bargoed. The car was travelling along at a nice pace when, near the station, it came to grief, the whole party thrown into a state of confusion. It appears that a wire rope had been fastened to the walls on either side of the street, and near an awful corner. It spanned the road at the height of some five to six feet, and caught the glass screen in front of the car. The rope did not give way in the impact, with the result that the screen was smashed to bits. The driver, and the gentleman who sat with him, were badly cut to by the glass, while the three other occupants, including the two ministers who sat in the rear, sustained injuries to the face by coming in contact with the rope. The injured parties were taken to the Schoolhouse, where their injuries were attended to. Eventually, they reached Hengoed where the marriage duly took place.

15 April 1916 Wedding: Walters-Jones A wedding was solemnised at Hengoed Baptist Chapel on Saturday last, the contracting parties being Mr. Tom Walters, Deri, and Miss Eunice Jones, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Jones, overman, Fochriw. The bride, who was given away by her father, looked charming in a Prussian blue moire silk costume, with Tuscan hat trimmed with ostrich feathers, and fastened with orange blossom and white heather. She also carried a bouquet of tulips and carnations. She was attended by Miss Maggie Jones, Bargoed, who was attired in a navy blue costume with a Tuscan hat. The flower girl was Miss Sylvia Morgan, niece of the bridegroom, who looked very pretty in a white silk dress, with a coat of shell-pink, shantung silk, with white silk hat to match. The best man was Mr. John Walters, brother of the bridegroom. Messrs. Thomas Walters, Gwilym Thomas and Benjamin Thomas were also present. The Rev I. Williams, and Rev. Rowland Williams, Deri, officiated. The party returned to the home of the bride's parents, where reception was held, a large number of relatives and friends being present. The happy couple were the recipients of numerous presents.

3 June 1916 Fochriw Golden Wedding: Celebration At Pontlottyn A happy gathering met at Mount Zion Primitive Methodist Church, Pontlottyn, on the Monday evening, when the members of the Church, together with some friends, held a public celebration of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Worman, Fochriw, who are old and faithful members of the Church. The proceedings began with a tea, successfully organised and provided by the ladies of the Church. Mr. G. Moore, Graig Rhymney, presented Mrs. Gorman with a beautiful

bouquet, while the Church trustees each received a buttonhole. The company afterwards adjourned to the chapel, where the meeting was presided over by Rev. C. Robert, New Tredegar, circuit minister. The chairman referred in glowing terms to the high respect in which Mr. and Mrs. Gorman were held by all in the neighbourhood. Mr. Gorman had rendered faithful service as a successful local preacher for nearly 53 years. The Church presented the couple with an individual communion service, with a silver pattern and flaggon, suitably inscribed. Mr. Worman was also presented with a valuable meerschaum pipe, and Mrs. Gorman with a silver jewellery case. At the close of the meeting, Mr. Worman baptised a young infant.

24 June 1916 Wedding: Davies-Williams A pretty wedding was solemnised at Zoar Chapel, Merthyr, on Thursday week, between Mr. John E. Davies, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Davies, Martin-street, and Miss Florence M. Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Moses Williams, Brynteg. The bride, who looked charming in a grey dress with hat to match, was given away by her father, and was attended by Miss Mary J. Davies, sister of the bridegroom, and Miss Olwen Price, cousin of the bride. The Rev. D. Hughes Jones officiated. The wedding breakfast was taken at the home of the bride's parents. They were the recipients of numerous presents.

5 August 1916 Wedding: Thomas-Mercer A pretty wedding was solemnised at St. Andrew's Church, Cardiff, this week, between Mr. George Thomas, Fochriw, and Nurse Mercer, Cardiff. Both enjoyed the respect of a large circle of friends and acquaintances, Mr. Thomas having associated himself with several movements for the welfare of the village, Nurse Mercer having been appointed to the post of nurse to the colliery workmen, having obtained the post by a large majority out of a large number of applicants. Since her advent into the place, by her faithfulness to her duties, she has won the respect of the community at large. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. A. J. Edwards, vicar. The bride looked charming in a navy costume, with saxe blue picture hat to match. The best man was Mr. J. Evans, colliery manager, Ynysyawl. The reception has held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hurmon, Park Road Cardiff. The happy couple were the recipients of many congratulating messages.

16 September 1916 Wedding: Angell-Griffiths A very pretty wedding was solemnised at Nazareth Chapel, Pontlottyn, last Saturday, the contracting parties being Nurse Angell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. Angell, Dynevor-street, and Mr. John Griffiths, Brynteg. The bride, who looked charming in a brown costume, with a nigger brown velour hat to match, was given away by her father, and was attended by two bridesmaids, Miss J. A. Angell, sister, and Miss Maggie Evans. The duties of best man were carried out by Mr. W. J. Thomas, cousin of the bridegroom. The following were also present: Messrs. Walter Angell, Richard D. Davies and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jenkins. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Rhys Jenkins, uncle of the bride, and the Rev. J. R. Salmon. The party returned to the home of the bride's parents, where the wedding breakfast was served, to which a large number of relatives and friends sat down. The happy couple were the recipients of many presents, and left by the noon train for Aberystwyth, where the honeymoon is being spent.

4 November 1916 Wedding: Evans-Thomas A very pretty wedding was solemnised at Gellygaer Church on Monday last, the contracting parties being Mr. Thomas Francis Evans, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Evans, Pleasant View, Fochriw, and Miss Margaret Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Thomas, Dowlais. The bride, who looked charming in a saxe blue coline dress, with black picture hat, was given away by Mr. W. J. James, her brother-in-law, Picton Hotel, Pontlottyn. She was attended by Miss Lydia May Evans, sister of the bridegroom, who was dressed in a navy blue costume with pale blue hat. The best man was Mr. Willie Evans, brother of the bridegroom. Mr. Alfred Evans, father, was also at the ceremony. The Reverend W. J. James officiated. The wedding party returned to the Junction Hotel, Bargoed, for the wedding breakfast, and afterwards left for Cardiff for the day. They were the recipients of many presents.

9 December 1916 Wedding: Payne-Payne A very pretty wedding was solemnised at St. Michael's Church, Creech, Somerset, on Wednesday, the contracting parties being Mr. J. C. Payne, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Payne, Glyn-terrace, Fochriw, and Miss F. A.

Payne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Payne, Creech. The bride looked charming in a saxe blue silk taffetta dress with hat to match, and was attended by Miss Ivy Hawkins, who looked charming in a grey costume with black velvet hat. The bride was given away by her father. The best man was Mr. W. J. Payne, brother of the bridegroom. Mr. Charles Payne, father of the bridegroom, was also present, as were Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lawrence, Mrs W. J. Payne, Olive May Payne, Gordon Lawrence, Willie Bailey, and Annie Mitchell. The happy couple left for Bristol, whether the honeymoon is being spent. They were the recipients of many congratulatory messages and numerous valuable presents. The Reverend John Philip Dalton, the vicar, officiated.

30 December 1916 Wedding: Curtis-Hughes At St. Tyfaelog's Parish Church, Pontlloftyn, on Tuesday, Miss Violet E Curtis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J Curtis, Pit-row, was married to Mr. Willie N. Hughes, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hughes, Martin-street. The bride, who looked charming in a pale blue silk dress, was given away by her father, and accompanied by Miss Ivy Curtis, Miss Mary Tyler, and Miss Olwen Hughes, as bridesmaids. Mr. John Hughes, father of the bridegroom, and Mr. Willie Curtis, brother, were also present. Mr. Henry Hughes, brother of the bridegroom, was best man, and the Reverend Gilbert Williams, vicar, officiated. The happy pair were the recipients of many expensive presents. The wedding breakfast was taken at the house of the bride's parents.

20 January, 1917 Wedding: Wellings-Williams A very pretty wedding was solemnised at St Mary's Church on Thursday week, the contracting parties being Bombardier Edward Wellings, R.F.A., only son of Mr. and Mrs. Wellings, Plantation-terrace, and Miss Mary H. Williams, Rhymney. The bride, who was prettily attired in a nigger brown costume with pink velour hat, was given away by her brother-in-law, Mr. John Davies. She was attended by Miss Lizzie Wellings, cousin, who wore a fawn costume with pale blue hat. Mr. Joseph Wellings, father of the bridegroom, was also present. The wedding breakfast was taken at the home of the bride's parents. The happy couple were the recipients of many presents. The Reverend John Francis officiated. The bridegroom left again for the Front on Monday, with the best wishes of his many friends.

3 February 1917 Wedding: Parry-Davies A very pretty wedding was solemnised at Carmel Baptist Chapel, Bargoed, on Wednesday, the contracting parties being Miss Martha Parry, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Parry, Bryncorwen, Fochriw, and Corporal-Farrier Sydney O. Davies, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Davies, New Road, Deri, who is home on short leave from France. The bride, who looked charming in a navy blue costume with a saxe blue velour hat, was given away by her father. She was attended by Miss Edith Parry, her sister, and Miss Margaret Davies, sister of the bridegroom. The officiating minister was the Reverend Jones, Deri. The wedding breakfast was taken at the home of the bride's parents. The happy couple were the recipients of large number of presents. The bridegroom leaves for France this Saturday.

10 February 1917 Marriage: Phillips-Jones On the 6th of February at Tabernacle Chapel, Bridgend, Ewart Haydn Phillips, Second Lieutenant, North Staffordshire Regiment, youngest son of Mrs. Phillips, Bargoed, was married to Nurse Margaret Jones, Porthcawl, eldest daughter of Councillor John Jones, Fochriw. The Reverend D. Morris, Porthcawl, officiated.

26 May 1917 Wedding: Morgans-Jones A pretty wedding was solemnised at Zion, Merthyr, last Tuesday between Miss Margaret Morgans, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Morgans, Rising Sun Inn., and Mr. W. H. Jones, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. H. Jones, Martin-street. The bride, who looked charming, was given away by her father, and was attended by Miss Maud Morgan, niece of the bridegroom, and also by Mrs. S. T. Morgan, Mrs. T. Morgan, and Mrs. Tully. Mr T. J. Jenkins was best man. The Reverend Esaiiah Williams and the Reverend Hughes, Port Talbot, officiated. The breakfast was taken at the Bentley's Hotel, Merthyr, after which the happy couple left for Barry Island. They were the recipients of many presents.

14 July 1917 Wedding: Staddon-Way A very pretty in military wedding was solemnised at St. Mary's Church, Fochriw, on Wednesday, July 11th, 1917. The contracting parties were Bombardier Albert John Staddon, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Staddon, Exeter, and Miss Ada Way, London, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Way, Pentwyn, Fochriw. The

bride, who looked charming, wore a white embroidered voile dress, with white hat, and carried a bouquet of lillies. She was given away by her father. She was attended by Miss Phylis Staddon and Miss Eliza Way, as bridesmaids. There were also two flower girls, Lena Way and Edna Yeo, cousins. Rev. John Francis officiated. Mr. Octavius Richards presided at the organ, and played the "Wedding March" as the happy couple left the church. The wedding party returned to the home of the bride's parents, where numerous friends sat down to tea.

28 July 1917 Wedding: Lewis-Walters A pretty wedding was solemnised at Merthyr on Tuesday, the contracting parties being Miss Catherine Lewis, Fochriw, and Mr. Llewelyn Walters, Penywern. The bride, who looked charming in a navy blue costume with pale pink hat, was given away by her brother-in-law, Mr. A. Jones. She was attended by her sister, Mrs. Abraham Jones, who wore a blue dress with a rose colour hat. The best man was Mr. Connolly, brother-in-law of the bridegroom. Mrs. Connolly and Miss Walters were also present. The breakfast was taken at the bride's mother's house. The happy couple were recipients of numerous presents.

22 September 1917 Wedding: Smith-Williams On Monday, at Mount Zion P. M. Church, Pontlottyn, a pretty wedding was solemnised, the contracting parties being Miss Selina May Smith, Brewer-street, and Mr. D. J. Williams, Aelybryn, Fochriw, draughtsman under Messrs. Guest, Keen and Nettlefolds, Dowlais. As both parties are well known locally, the event created much interest, and at the chapel, which was decorated, there was a large gathering of friends. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. D. R. Byron, cousin of the bridegroom, and the Rev. C. Roberts, New Tredegar. The bride, who was given away by her brother, was charmingly attired in a dress of crepe-de-chene, and was attended by Miss Edith Williams, the bridegroom's sister, and Miss Phyllis Jenkins, cousin of the bride, each of whom wore dresses in saxe silk. Mr. Fred Williams, Wolverhampton, brother, was best man, and the party included Mr. and Mrs. Williams, the bridegroom's parents, Mr. Bates, Wolverhampton, brother-in-law; Mr. Walter Smith, brother of the bride; and a large number of relations. The reception was subsequently held at the bride's home, a large number attending. The happy couple left later for Aberystwyth for their honeymoon. The presents were numerous.

16 August 1919 Wedding: Williams-Ellison A very pretty wedding was solemnised at St. Mary's Church, Fochriw, on Monday, the contracting parties being Miss Edith A. Williams, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Williams, Brynawel, and Mr. Arthur Ellison, Coventry. Mr. Fred J. Williams, brother of the bride, Wolverhampton, was best man, whilst the bridesmaids were Miss Evelyn Davies and Miss Doreen Price. The bride looked charming, carrying a beautiful bouquet sent by Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Davies of Pembroke. The service was fully choral, the choir being conducted by Mr. Berkley Angell, with Mr. Octavius Richards presiding at the organ. The marriage ceremony was performed by the Reverend Samuel Evans, vicar, and the Reverend John Francis, late vicar, now of Kenfig Hill. Miss Williams has been a faithful communicant at St. Mary's, where she will be sadly missed. Speeches were made at the breakfast table by the Rev. John Francis, Rev. S. Evans, and Rev. Esaiiah Williams. Amongst the numerous guests were Mr. and Mrs. James Williams; Mrs. Ellison; Mrs. H. Bate, Wolverhampton; Mrs. M. S. Young, (sister) USA; Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Williams; Mr. and Mrs. E. Price, Aberaman; Nurse Thomas; Rev. and Mrs. John Francis; Rev. and Mrs. Evans; Miss Lydia Evans; Miss Gwen Rees; Miss Mary Davies. The happy couple left by the 12 noon train for Aberystwyth, where the honeymoon is being spent.

31 August 1919 Wedding: Curtis-Watkins A pretty wedding was solemnised at St. Mary's Church on Tuesday, the contracting parties being Mr. W. J. C. Curtis, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Curtis, Pit-row, and Miss Elizabeth Mary Watkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Watkins, Guest Street. The bride, who carried a beautiful bouquet of flowers, was attended by her sister, Miss Gwladys Watkins, and the bridegroom's sister, Miss Ivy Curtis. The best man was Mr. Evan Watkins, brother of the bride. Mr. John Curtis and Mr. Thomas Watkins, fathers, were also at the ceremony, which was performed by the Reverend Samuel Evans, Vicar. The "Wedding March" was played by the organist, Mr. O. Richards. The wedding breakfast was taken at the home of the bride, a large number sitting down. The happy couple were the recipients of many presents.

20 September 1919 Wedding: Griffiths-Morris A very pretty wedding was solemnised at Gellygaer Church on Saturday. The contracting parties were Mr. Thomas L. Griffiths, only son of Mr. and Mrs. William Griffiths, Glyn-terrace, and Miss Annie Maud Morris, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Morris, Bailey-street, Deri. The bride, who wore a tweed costume with mole colour hat, was given away by her father. The bridesmaids were Miss Mary L. Griffiths, Miss Lizzie M. Morris, and Miss Olwen Davies. Megan Morris and Mary L. Morgan acted as flower girls. The best man was Mr. Willie Cook. Mr. William Griffiths, father of the bridegroom, was also present. The ceremony was conducted by Canon Jesse Jones. The wedding breakfast was taken at the bride's home, after which the happy couple left for Weston for the honeymoon.

3 January 1920 Wedding: Davies-Davies A pretty wedding was solemnised at Pontmorlais Chapel, Merthyr, on Saturday last, the contracting parties being Mr. Evan Davies, son of Mr. Edward Davies, Aelybryn, and Miss Margaret Davies. The best man was Mr. Thomas Davies, Deri, brother of the bride. Mr. Edward Davies and Mrs. Thomas Davies were also present at the ceremony. The Rev. Isaac Roderick, formerly of Fochriw officiated.

14 February 1920 Wedding: Davies-Gittens A very pretty wedding was solemnised at Merthyr on Saturday last, the contracting parties being Mr. George Davies, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Evan Davies, Glyn-terrace, and Miss M. Gittens, Pontlloctyn. The bridesmaid was Miss Emily Davies, sister of the bridegroom, and the best man, Mr. William Lewis.

6 March 1920 Wedding: Davies-Thomas A very pretty wedding was solemnised at Noddfa Chapel on Thursday, the contracting parties being Mr. Price Davies, Fochriw, and Miss Jennie Thomas. The bride looked charming in a navy blue costume and hat to match. She was attended by her sister, Miss Gladys Thomas, who wore a navy costume with pink hat. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. D. W. Thomas. Messrs. W. Davies and Edwin Davies, father and brother of the bridegroom, were also present. The wedding breakfast was taken at the home of the bridegroom, where large numbers sat down to breakfast. The officiating minister was the Reverend Esaiiah Williams.

17 July 1920 Wedding: Davies-Lewis A very pretty wedding was solemnised at Merthyr on Saturday, the contracting parties being Miss Mary Alice Davies, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Evan Morgan Davies, Glyn-terrace, and Mr. William Rees Lewis. The bride looked charming in a navy blue costume, with champagne hat. The bridesmaid was Miss Ceridwen Davies, sister of the bride, who also wore a navy blue costume with champagne hat. The bride was given away by her father. The best man was Mr. Gilbert Harris. The wedding breakfast was taken at the home of the bride. After the ceremony, the wedding party left for Aberdare. They were the recipients of numerous presents.

9 October 1920 Marriage: Lewis-Lewis On October 4th at Zoar Chapel, Merthyr, a very pretty wedding was solemnised, the contracting parties being Mr. Sam Lewis, son of Mrs. Lewis, Brynteg, and Miss M. A. Lewis, daughter of Mrs. Lewis, Glyn-terrace. Rev. Rhys Jenkins, assisted by Rev. D. Jenkins-Jones, officiated.

11 August 1923 Wedding: Lewis-Thomas A pretty wedding was solemnised at Soar Welsh Congregational Church, Merthyr, on Tuesday last, by Rev. Jenkin Jones, minister of Carmel, Fochriw. The contracting parties were Miss Maggie Lewis, second daughter of Mrs. Lewis, and the late Mr. John Lewis, Aelybryn, Fochriw, and Mr. James Arnold Thomas of Bargoed. The bride was attired in a dress of silver grey satin and morocain with hat to match, and carried a shower bouquet of pink carnations. The bridesmaids were Miss Edna Thomas, sister of the bridegroom, and Miss Annie Morgan, cousin of the bridegroom, both prettily attired in dresses of fawn morocain and rose silk, with black picture hats, and carried bouquets of sweet peas and cream roses. Also, Misses Elspeth and Auna Lewis, sisters of the bride, both prettily dressed in white silk and carrying sprays of sweet peas. The reception was held at the bride's home. The couple left later in the day for Weston-super-Mare, the bride wearing a travelling costume of navy garbedine and autumn hat. They were the recipients of many valuable presents.

18 August 1923 Marriage: Davies-Davies The marriage took place on August 4th at Bethel Chapel, Pontlloctyn, of John, eldest son of Mr. & Mrs. Elias Davies, Fochriw, and Blodwen,

eldest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. James Davies, Penygraig, Pontlottyn. Rev. S. B. Samuel officiated.

15 September 1923 Wedding: Hughes-John A pretty wedding was solemnised at Zoar Chapel, Merthyr, on Tuesday, the contracting parties being Miss Olwen Hughes, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hughes, Martin-street, Fochriw, and Mr. Harry John of Llandebie. The bride was attired in a nigger brown costume with hat to match. The best man was Mr. Harry Hughes, brother of the bride. Rev. D. J. Jones officiated. The breakfast took place at the bride's home, after which the happy couple left for Porthcawl where the honeymoon is being spent. They were the recipients of numerous presents.

12 January 1924 Golden Wedding Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Davies, Guest-street, Fochriw, have just celebrated their golden wedding anniversary amongst the good wishes of a host of friends. The marriage took place at the Registry Office, Merthyr, on December 22, 1873. Mr. Davies was born in Gellifaelog, Dowlais, and Mrs. Davies in Hirwaun. Both came to Fochriw when young and have lived at Fochriw for 64 years. Mr. Davies worked at the collieries for nearly 60 years, the last 28 years as an official. Both are faithful members at Noddfa Baptist Chapel, Mr. Davies being a deacon. They have had 14 children. Both are still enjoying fairly good health, and we wish them well in the eventide of their lives.

26 July 1924 Wedding A very pretty wedding was solemnised at St. Mary's Church on Saturday. The contracting parties were Miss Avonwy Price, only daughter of Mr. & Mrs. W. Price, Glen-view, Pentwyn, and grand-daughter of the late Rev. J.G. Mathias, Pontlottyn, and Mr. Stanley Jones, son of Mr. & Mrs. Albert Jones, Gelli, Rhondda. The ceremony was performed by the Vicar. The bride was given away by her father and was attended by Misses Myfanwy Davies (cousin) and Gladys Jones (sister of the bridegroom). Miss Hylida Williams was the flower girl. Mr. Ivor Jones, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. Mr. Bryn Price, the bride's brother was also present. The bride was attired in white crepe-de-chene, embroidered with crystal beads, with hat to match. A reception was held at the bride's home. The bridal pair left for London, where the honeymoon is being spent. The bride wore a grey costume for travelling. The presents were numerous.

13 December 1924 Wedding: Ballard-Thomas At Zoar Chapel, Merthyr, on Saturday last, Miss Lydia Ballard, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ballard, Aelybryn, married Mr. Griff Thomas. The bride wore a brown costume with matching hat, and was attended by Misses Ceinwen and Maggie Ballard, who were also dressed in brown with matching hats. The best man was David J. Thomas, brother of the bridegroom. Rev. Rhys Jenkins, Gosen, Rhymney, officiated.

27 December 1924 Wedding: Davies-Jones At Merthyr on Saturday, Mr. Dan Davies, son of Mr. & Mrs. David Davies, Aelybryn, married Miss May Jones of Rhymney. The bride was dressed in a cinnamon brown costume with matching hat.

27 December 1924 Wedding Bells: Edwards-Sullivan At Rhymney Church on Saturday, Miss Esther Edwards, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Edwards, Aelybryn, married Mr. Thomas Sullivan of Pontlottyn. The bride wore a brown garbadine costume with hat to match. She was attended by the sister of the bridegroom who wore a slate dress with hat to match. The breakfast was at the bride's home.

5 September 1925 Wedding: Edgar-Bowen A pretty wedding was solemnised at St. Mary's last Monday, the contracting parties being Miss Esther Edgar, second daughter of Mr. Herbert Edgar and the late Mrs. E. Edgar, Guest-street, and Mr. H. J. Bowen, Deri. The couple are now on honeymoon in Portsmouth.

12 September 1925 Wedding: Davies-Evans At Zoar Congregational Church, Merthyr on Wednesday, Rev. T. Alban Davies, minister of Bethesda, Ton Pentre, married Miss Hannah Evans of Fochriw, eldest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. T. Evans, 13, Aelybryn. The couple are on honeymoon in the Isle of Wight.

9 January 1926 Wedding: Cumpstone-Griffiths A very pretty wedding was solemnised last Monday at Gellygaer Church, the contracting parties being Mr. Ernest Idris Cumpstone, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Cumpstone, Aelybryn, and Miss Elizabeth Griffiths, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Griffiths, Rhymney. The bride looked charming in a dress of fuchsia crepe de chine, with hat to match. She was attended by Misses Maggie and Teggie Cumpstone, who were beautifully attired in dresses of brown and old gold with hats to match.

The bride was given away by Mr. John Griffiths, her brother. The duties of best man were carried out by Mr. Ernest Cumpstone. Also present were Mr. Bertie Cumpstone, brother; Mrs. A. Broadbent, Newport, Salop, aunt of the bride; Mrs. Griffiths and Miss Frances Griffiths, Ystrad Mynach, aunt and cousin of the bride. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. L. J. Jones, and the Rev. S. Evans, vicar of Fochriw. The wedding breakfast was taken at the home of the bridegroom when a large number of guests were present. The happy couple left by the 1:20p.m. train for London, where the honeymoon is being spent. They were the recipients of many presents, and the good wishes of a host of friends.

1 May 1926 Wedding: Prosser-Bailey A very pretty wedding was solemnised at St. Mary's Church on Saturday last, the contracting parties being Miss Olive May Prosser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Prosser, Aelybryn, and Mr. Thomas C. Bailey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bailey, Nantyglo. The bride wore a fawn costume with the rust colour hat, and was given away by her father. She was attended by Miss Maggie Prosser, her sister, who was attired in a nigger brown dress with lavender hat. The flower girls were Miss Phyllis Bailey and Miss Eirwen Bowen. The best man was Mr. E. Puddle. The Rev. S. Evans, the vicar, officiated. Mr. Thomas Beale and Mr. Garfield Davies were also present at ceremony. The wedding breakfast was taken at the home of the bride's parents, where a large number of relatives and friends attended. The happy couple were the recipients of the large number of useful presents. Mr. Octavius Richards was at the organ, and rendered appropriate music including "The Wedding March."

29 May 1926 Wedding: Angell-Lewis A pretty wedding was solemnised at Zoar Chapel, Merthyr, on Tuesday morning last. The bridegroom was Mr. Willie Angell, eldest son of Mr. W. J. Angell and the late Mrs. Angell, Glyn-terrace, and the bride Miss Nellie Lewis, fourth daughter of Mrs. Lewis, and the late Mr. John Lewis, Aelybryn. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. William Lewis, was attired in a navy costume, with hat to match. She was attended by two bridesmaids, Miss Edna M. Angell and Miss Maggie Evans. Mr. W. J. Angell and Mr. John Lewis were also present. The officiating minister was Mr. Rhys Jenkins, Goshen, Rhymney. After the ceremony, a large number of relatives and friends sat down to breakfast at the home of the bride. The happy couple were the recipients of a large number of gifts.

18 September 1926 Wedding: Watkins-Smith A very pretty wedding took place at St. Mary's Church on Tuesday, the contracting parties being Miss Gwladys Mary Watkins, the youngest daughter of Mrs. Watkins, and the late Mr. Thomas Watkins, Guest-street, and Mr. William J. Smith, Lock House, Abercynon. The bride was attired in a mauve costume with hat to match, and was given away by Mr. Alfred Watkins, her brother. The bridesmaid was Miss Betty Smith, sister of the bridegroom, who was attired in a mauve dress. The flower girls were the Misses Bertha Jones and Rosie Watkins (nieces or of the bride), and Lorraine Smith (sister of the bridegroom) - who looked very pretty in cream crepe de chine dresses trimmed with silver and mauve. The best man and was Mr. H. Watkins, brother of the bride. Mrs. Watkins and Mrs. Smith (mothers) were also present. Rev. S. Evans, vicar, officiated. The wedding breakfast was taken at the home of the bride's mother. The happy couple, the recipients of a large number of presents, left by car for their new home at Abercynon amidst the good wishes of their many friends.

12 March 1927 Wedding: Morgan-Jones A pretty wedding was solemnised on Saturday at St. Mary's Church. The contracting parties were Miss Mary Morgan, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Morgan, Pentwyn, and Mr. William J. Jones, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. David Jones, Mount Pleasant Inn, Pentwyn. The bride, who was dressed in mauve, was given away by her father. She was attended by Miss Edna Morgan, her sister, who was also attired in mauve. The best man was Mr. Lewis Jones, brother of the bridegroom. The Vicar officiated. The breakfast was taken at the home of the bride. The happy couple were the recipients of many presents.

26 March 1927 Wedding: Williams-Jones A very pretty wedding was solemnised at St. Mary's on Saturday. The contracting parties were Mr. Wm. T. Williams, son of Mr. & Mrs. Watkin Williams, Pentwyn, and Miss Catherine Jane Jones, Bedlinog, daughter of Mrs.

Jones, and the late Mr. Jones, Bedlinog. The bride was charmingly dressed, and was given away by Mr. Tom Jones, brother. The Rev. Samuel Evans, vicar, officiated.

23 April 1927 Pretty Weddings: Thomas-Walters A very pretty wedding was solemnised at Noddfa Chapel, on Saturday, the contracting parties being Mr. Robert Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Thomas, Dynevor-street, and Miss Walters, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Walters, Moore's-row, Fochriw. The ceremony was performed by the Revs. Ieuan Evans, and Esaiiah Williams, Cefn Mawr. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. George Walters. She wore a charming beige morocain dress trimmed with lace, with hat to match, and was attended by Miss Eirwen Walters, niece of the bride, and Miss Gwenda Thomas, sister of the bridegroom. The best man was Mr. Caradoc Thomas, brother of the bridegroom. Mr. Joshua Thomas presided at the organ. After the ceremony, the party returned to the bride's home, where the reception was held, attended by a large number of friends and relatives. The bridal pair were the recipients of good wishes and numerous presents. The happy couple then left for Paignton, whether the honeymoon is being spent.

23 April 1927 Wedding: Jenkins-Phillips Mr. Sylvanus Jenkins, youngest son of Mrs. David Jenkins, and the late Mr. David Jenkins, Martin-street, was married to Miss E. Muriel Phillips, youngest daughter and of Mrs. G. Phillips, and the late Mr. G. Phillips, Grocery Stores, Fochriw, at Noddfa Baptist Chapel on Saturday. The bride, who was given away by her sister, Miss Hilda Phillips, wore a white georgette dress, trimmed with sequins and pearls, and was attended by Miss Irene Phillips, her sister, Miss Eirlys Jenkins, sister of the bridegroom, and Miss Hettie Williams, Cefnmawr. The best man was Mr. Alfred Jenkins, Taff's Well. The service was conducted by the Revs. Esaiiah Williams, Ieuan Evans and Rhys Jenkins (uncle of the bridegroom). The honeymoon is being spent on the South Coast. The happy couple were the recipients of many and costly presents.

6 August 1927 Wedding: Jenkins-Cook A very pretty wedding was solemnised at Merthyr on Monday, the contracting parties being Miss Leonora Jenkins, daughter of Mrs. Jenkins, and the late Mr. David Jenkins, Martin-street, and Mr. Raymond Cook, Deri. The bridesmaids were Miss Eirlys Jenkins, sister of the bride and Miss Sarah Cook, sister of the bridegroom. The bride, who looked very pretty, was given away by Mr. Tom Jenkins, her brother, and the bridegroom was attended by Mr. Harry Cook. The bride and bridesmaids looked charming in dresses of beige crepe de chine and georgette, with white crinoline hats. The wedding breakfast was taken at the home of the bride's mother. The happy couple were the recipients of many presents, and also the good wishes of a large number of friends.

20 August 1927 Wedding: Griffiths-Games On Sunday morning, at St. Mary's Church, a very pretty wedding was solemnised, the contracting parties being Miss Edith Griffiths, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Griffiths, Aelybryn, and Mr. William Games, Pontlottyn. The bride looked charming in a rose coloured dress trimmed with beige, and a cream hat to match. She was given away by her father, and Mr. D. Games, father of the bridegroom, was also present. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Williams, Pontlottyn. Mr. Wyndham Lawrence played the Wedding March. The happy couple were the recipients of a large number of presents.

20 August 1927 Wedding: Rowlands-Davies Another pretty wedding was solemnised at Zoar Chapel, Merthyr, on Monday. The bride was Miss Edith May Rowlands, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Rowlands, Aelybryn, and the bridegroom Mr. William Angel Davies, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. James Davies, Guest-street. The bride was prettily attired in a beige georgette dress and hat to match. She was given away by her father, and Mr. James Davies, father of the bridegroom, was also present. The officiating minister was the Rev. Rhys D. Jenkins, Goshen, Rhymney. Amongst the large number of presents received was one from the staff and children of the Penybank Council School, at which the bride was a teacher for seven years. Mr. Davies is on the staff of the Tirphil school. The happy couple left with the good wishes of many friends for Torquay, whether the honeymoon is being spent.

3 September 1927 Wedding: Edwards-Evans A wedding was solemnised at St. Mary's Church on Monday, the vicar officiating. The contracting parties were Miss Sophia Edwards, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Edwards, Deri, and Mr. Harold Games Evans, Talgarth.

17 September 1927 Wedding: Cook-Griffiths The marriage took place on Saturday at Bethania Chapel, Dowlais, of Mr. Willie Cook, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Cook, Aelybryn, and Miss Mary Griffiths, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Griffiths, Glyn-terrace. The bride, who was given away by her father, was dressed in a gentian blue dress, trimmed with silver lace and beads, with crinoline hat and shoes to match. She was attended by Miss Elsie Griffiths, her sister, who was dressed in beige rose, with hat to match. Iris Jones, niece of the bride, acted as a flower girl, and was dressed in a blue dress trimmed with Ecrú-lace, and wore a Victorian style hat to match, and carried a bunch of sweet peas and asters. The Rev. R. D. Jenkins, Rhymney, officiated. The duties of best man were carried out by Mr. Bob Rees. Others who attended the ceremony were Mr. Willie Cook, father of the bridegroom, Mr. Wm. Mantle, Mr. Trevor Davies and Mr. Ambrose Jones. After the ceremony, the happy couple left by car, the honeymoon being spent in Somersetshire. The bride's travelling dress was a beige dress with a navy Ottoman repp coat trimmed with cow, with green shaded hat to match. The wedding breakfast was taken at the home of the bride's parents. The happy couple were the recipients of a large number of presents.

1 October 1927 Wedding: Slimmon-Edwards A very pretty wedding took place at Merthyr on Saturday last, the contracting parties being Miss Grace Jean Slimmon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Slimmon, Fochriw Farm, and Mr. W. Edwards, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Edwards, Deri. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a pretty crepe rex mushroom-shade dress, with navy coat and hat to match. Mr. D. J. Edwards, father of the bridegroom, was also present. The wedding breakfast was taken at the home of the bride. They have been the recipients of a number of valuable and useful presents.

1 October 1927 Wedding Bells: Way-Jones On Saturday, an interesting wedding took place at Merthyr Parish Church, the contracting parties being Mr. Sydney Way, Aelybryn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Way, and Miss S. E. Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Jones, Railway-terrace, Cwmbargoed. The ceremony was conducted by the Rev. D. Pugh, Rector of Merthyr, and the Rev. John Francis, the vicar of Kenfig Hill, in whose employ Miss Jones has been for over ten years. Mr. Alfred Jones, brother of the bride was the best man, and Miss Edith Jones, sister of the bride, bridesmaid. Many and varied presents were given by a large circle of friends. The happy pair, accompanied by their friends, went from Merthyr to Dowlais Station by motor, from where the couple journeyed to Ludlow to spend their honeymoon in Cocerdale, Shropshire.

8 October 1927 Wedding: Truran-Jones At St. Mary's Church on Monday, the wedding took place of Miss Enid Catherine Truran, daughter of Mr. George Truran, Dowlais, and Mr. David Isaac Jones, the youngest son of Mr. John Jones and the late Mrs. Jones, New Inn Hotel, Ammanford. The bride was attired in a pink beige with hat to match. Her going away dress was cherry red, with black coat trimmed with opossum furs. The honeymoon is being spent in London. The bridegroom served throughout the war with the Royal Fusiliers.

11 August 1928 Wedding: Parry-James A very pretty wedding was solemnised at St. Mary's Church on Monday morning, the contracting parties being Mr. Evan J. Parry, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. David Parry, Dynevor-street, and Miss Amy Louise James, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas James, Council Houses. Rev. Samuel Evans officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, was charmingly attired in pale blue crepe de chine trimmed with cream lace, with cream hat with blue flowers, and she carried a bouquet of sweet peas and a gypsy fiddle. She was attended by Miss Margaret James, her sister, who was prettily attired in powder blue georgette trimmed with cream net with hat to match, and Miss Gwyneth Parry, the bridegroom's sister, who was attired in a cream celanise dress with grey hat and grey shoes. The bridesmaids carried bouquets of sweet peas. The duties of best man were carried out by Mr. David G. Parry, the bridegroom's brother. The sacred building was full to witness the ceremony. A reception was held at the bride's home, and was attended by many friends and relatives. They were the recipients of a large number of presents.

18 August 1928 Wedding: Lawrence-Williams A very interesting wedding took place at St. Mary's Church on Saturday, when Miss Elizabeth Mary Lawrence, the elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Lawrence, Bank House, and Mr. J. Idris Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Williams, Pontllynn, were the contracting parties. The bride was given away to by her

father, and the officiating clergyman was the Rev. Samuel Evans. The service was fully choral, and Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, brother of the bride, presided at the organ. The bride was attired in an ivory georgette frock, with inlets of Chantilly lace over ivory crepe de chine. Her veil of tulle was held by a coronet of orange blossoms and seed pearls. The bridesmaids were Miss Adelaide Lawrence, the bride's sister, who wore a picture frock of primrose georgette: Miss Olwen Lloyd, the bride's cousin, and Miss Gwennie William, the bridegroom's sister, who wore blue crepe de chine dresses. Each carried a bouquet of sweet peas to match their dresses. The train bearer was Miss Rita Cole, who wore a white frilled crepe de chine dress. The bridegroom's brother, Mr. D. E. Williams, was best man. The reception was at the home of the bride. The happy couple later left for Bournemouth. The bride's going away dress was of rose crepe de chine with a navy charmeuse coat trimmed with grey fox fur with grey hat to tone. The bride and bridegroom were members of the teaching profession at the Pontllynn Council Schools, and Mr D. W. Jones, headmaster, on behalf of the staff, presented them with a timepiece. They were the recipients of congratulatory messages and a large number of valuable presents.

8 September 1928 Marriage: Lloyd-Evans On Sunday morning, at Soar Congregational Chapel, Merthyr, a very pretty wedding was solemnised between Miss Olwen Lloyd, niece of Mr. and Mrs. Aneurin Jones, Post Office, and Mr. Emlyn Evans, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Evans, Rhymney. The officiating minister was the Rev. R. E. Peregrine, Rhymney. The bride, who was charmingly attired in an ivory georgette frock embroidered with diamante and picture hat to match, carried a bouquet of carnations and orchids. She was given away by her uncle. Mrs. Aneurin Jones and Mr. James Evans, father of the bridegroom, also attended the ceremony. The married couple left for Weston-super-Mare where the honeymoon is being spent. The bride travelled in a navy tailleur and cream hat to tone. They were the recipients of a larger number of presents.

8 September 1928 Pretty Wedding: Davies-Cook The marriage of Mr. Morris Trevor Davies, Lord Nelson Hotel, Pontllynn, and Miss Agnes M. Cook, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Cook, Aelybryn, took place at Nazareth Chapel, Pontllynn, on Monday. The Rev. R. D. Jenkins, Rhymney, and Rev. J. R. Salmon, Pontllynn, officiated, whilst Mr. Wyndham Lawrence presided at the organ. The bride, who was given away by her father, was charmingly attired in a beige georgette dress trimmed with Chantilly lace, with hat, shoes and stockings to match. She carried a bouquet of bronze chrysanthemums. The bridesmaids were Miss Gertrude M. Cook, sister of the bride, who wore a dress of beige crepe de chine, and Miss Gwyneth Davies, sister of the bridegroom, who was similarly attired. Both carried bouquets of sweet peas. The best man was Mr. Cyril Cooke, the bride's brother. Messrs. Morrie Davies and Ivor Davies, Tom Davies and Miss Mafanwy Davies also attended the wedding. The page boy was Master Gordon Leslie Cook, nephew. The reception was held at the bride's home, where a large number was present. The newly-married couple journeyed to Burnham-on-Sea for the honeymoon. The bride's going-away dress was of pink crepe de chine with navy coat and grey hat.

3 November 1928 Wedding: Tyler-Watkins St. Mary's Church was the scene of a very pretty wedding on Saturday morning last, the ceremony was witnessed by a large number of friends. The contracting parties were Mr. David Richard Tyler, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Tyler, and Miss Frances May Watkins, second daughter of Mrs. Watkins, and the late Mr. T. Watkins, Pentwyn. The bride was prettily attired in a cream silk dress trimmed with lace, with picture hat to match, and she carried a bouquet of bronze chrysanthemums. The bridesmaids were Miss Elizabeth Watkins, the bride's sister, and Miss Ivy Tyler, the bridegroom's sister, and Miss Cissie Franketti. They looked charming in green silk dresses with hats to match. The best man was Mr. Richard George Atwell, brother-in-law of the bride. Mr. Albert Tyler, Messrs. Charlie Tyler, Willie Tyler, George Baldwin, Tom Davies and Willie Watkins were present. The Rev. J. C. Payne officiated. After the ceremony, a large number of friends and relatives sat down to the wedding breakfast at the home of the bride. The happy couple were the recipients of a large number of presents.

8 December 1928 Wedding: Evans-Dainton At the Parish Church of St. Mary's on Saturday, a very pretty wedding was solemnised, the contracting parties being Mr. Edward

M. Evans, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Evans, Davies-row, Pentwyn, and Miss Gwenny Dainton, daughter of Mr. Charles Dainton, Abertysswg. The bride looked charming in a beige dress with hat to match. She was given away by her father, and the best man was Mr. David Way. The Vicar performed the ceremony. The wedding breakfast was taken at the home of the bride. The happy couple were the recipients of a large number of useful presents.

15 December 1928 Wedding: Davies-Price A pretty wedding was solemnised at Merthyr on Wednesday, the bride being Miss May Davies, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Davies, Guest-street. She wore a blue silk stockinette dress with hat to match, and a tailored navy coat trimmed with fur. The bridegroom was Mr. Harry Price, son of Mr. and the late Mrs. Richard Price, Pontlottyn. The wedding breakfast was taken at the home of the bride's parents, when a large number of relatives and friends gathered together. The happy couple were the recipients of a large number of useful presents.

20 April 1929 Wedding: Davies-Thomas The wedding took place on Thursday at Soar Chapel, Merthyr, the Rev. T. Alban Davies, Ton Pentre, officiating, of the Rev. Brython M. Davies, of Goodwick, Fishguard, and Miss Ceridwen Thomas, B.Sc., eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howell Thomas, Station Terrace. Miss Mary and Miss Maggie Thomas, sisters of the bride, were bridesmaids, and the duties of best man were carried out by the Rev. J. Idris Jenkins, Aberdare. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in a dress of beige georgette with bankok straw. The reception was held at the "Peter Pan," after which the Rev. and Mrs. Davies left for St. Ives, Cornwall.

25 May 1929 Wedding: Jones-Taylor At St. Mary's Church on Saturday, a pretty wedding was solemnised, the contracting parties being Miss Edith Gwen Jones, Deri, and Mr. Edward George Taylor, Leominster. This ceremony was performed by the Vicar.

10 August 1929 Wedding Bells: Kings-Leslie St. Mary's Church was the scene of a very pretty wedding on Monday morning, the contracting parties being Miss Alice Gwen Kings, of Pantywaun Siding, and Mr. Lawrence Gordon Leslie of Newport. The Vicar officiated.

10 August 1929 Wedding: Thomas-Saunders On Monday, a very pretty wedding was solemnised at Nazareth, Pontlottyn, the contracting parties being Mr. Thomas Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jenkin Thomas, Brook-row, and Miss Lizzie Olwen Saunders, daughter of Mr. Job Saunders and the late Mrs. Saunders, Pontlottyn. The bride looked charming in a beautiful dress of beige with hat to match. The bridesmaids were Miss Sadie Williams, Rhymney, and Miss Elizabeth A. Evans, Fochriw, who were also dressed in beige. The best man was Mr. David Joshua Thomas, brother of the bridegroom. The wedding breakfast was taken at the bridegroom's home, where a large number of guests were entertained. Afterwards the the happy couple left for Cardiff. They were the recipients of a large number of presents. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. R. Salmon, Pontlottyn.

4 January 1930 Wedding: Morris-Williams A pretty wedding was solemnised at Soar Baptist Chapel on Boxing Day, the contracting parties being Mr. Thomas James Morris, Pontlottyn, and Miss Eirwen Williams, School House, Fochriw. The bride, who was attired in a blue georgette frock, over which was wore a fawn chenille coat, with hat and shoes to match, was given away by her father Mr. Mordecai Williams, ex-official of one of the Fochriw collieries. The duties of best man were carried out by Mr. Gustav Morris, brother of the bridegroom. The luncheon was prepared at the bride's home.

25 January 1930 Golden Wedding Mr. and Mrs. Rees Rees, Guest-street, celebrated their golden wedding last Friday, surrounded by some of their children and a host of well-wishers. Mr. and Mrs. Rees are well-known and highly respected in the neighbourhood. Mr. Rees was born in Aberdare 70 years ago, whilst Mrs. Rees was born in Fochriw also 70 years ago. They were married at Merthyr, and have spent the greater part of their lives at Fochriw, with the exception of seventeen years in Australia. They have ten children - seven sons and three daughters. Two sons are in Australia and one in America. They have twenty grand children. Mr. and Mrs. Rees are members of Carmel Congregational Chapel. Mr. Rees is a keen follower of cricket, and a number of his sons are excellent cricketers. Their youngest son, Bob, is a cornet player, and has played solo cornet for several prize bands, including Fochriw, Rhymney and Dowlais. Mr. and Mrs. Rees were the recipients of shoals of good wishes from their many friends. All join in wishing them many further years of wedded bliss.

26 April 1930 Wedding: Morgan-Beddoe The marriage took place at Nazareth chapel on Saturday of Mr. Thomas John Morgan, Plantation-terrace, and Miss Lilian Beddoe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Beddoe, Pontlottyn. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a dress of beige georgette, with shoes and hat to match. The bridesmaids were Miss M. Beddoe, the bride's sister and Miss Mary Morgan, sister of the bridegroom. They wore dresses of powder-blue, with hats to match. Miss Mair Morgan, cousin of the bridegroom, wore a peach dress. Messrs. J. Morgan, H. Beddoe, W. Morgan and H. Harris were present at the wedding. The Rev. J. R. Salmon officiated. The happy pair were the recipients of many useful presents. The honeymoon is being spent at Port Talbot.

3 May 1930 Omission The name of Miss Katie Beddoe, who presided at the organ of her sister's wedding at Nazareth Chapel recently, was omitted.

24 May 1930 Wedding: Williams-Jenkins A pretty wedding was solemnised at St. Mary's Church on Saturday, the contracting parties being Mr. Walter Thomas Williams, Stoney Houses, Penybanc, and Miss Elizabeth Ellen Jenkins, Chapel-row, Penybanc. The bride looked very charming, and was given away by her brother, Mr. Peter Jenkins. The bridesmaid was Miss Gwenllian E. J. Davies, cousin of the bridegroom. The ceremony was performed by the Vicar. The happy couple were the recipients of many presents.

24 May 1930 Wedding: Davies-Davies The wedding of Mr. Trevor Davies, Cilfrew, and Miss Gwyneth Vivia Davies, formerly of 5, Aelybryn, Fochriw, was solemnised at Seion Chapel, Seven Sisters, on Saturday, 17th May. The bride was attended by Miss Gwladys Davies, sister of the bridegroom, and Mrs. Nesta Bell, her cousin. The bride was dressed in pale pink georgette, black hat inlaid with cream lace.

14 June 1930 Wedding: Gwynne-Walsh A pretty wedding was solemnised at St. Mary's Church on Monday, the contracting parties being Miss Myrtle W. B. Gwynne, second daughter of Mrs. Gwynne and the late Mr. W. Gwynne, Hill-row, Pentwyn, and Mr. David Walsh, Newport. The bride, who was charmingly attired, was attended by her sister, Mrs. Sybil Gwynne, and was given away by her brother, Mr. Alfred Gwynne. Mr. Percy Gwynne, Mr. George Mansfield, and several other family members were present. The wedding breakfast was taken at the home of the bride, and the happy couple were the recipients of many presents. The ceremony was performed by the Vicar and beautiful bouquets of flowers were left at the church after the ceremony.

14 June 1930 Wedding: Lawrence-Lewis The marriage took place on Thursday of Nurse Elizabeth Lawrence, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Lawrence, Martin-street, and Mr. David W. Lewis, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lewis, Caeharris. The ceremony took place at Tabernacle, Merthyr, and was performed by the Rev. T Jones, Moriah, Dowlais. The bride wore a frock of brown lace over georgette, with hat and shoes to tone. The party returned to the bride's home, where a large number sat down to the wedding breakfast. The happy couple left later in the day for Mumbles, where the honeymoon is being spent. The bridesmaid travelled in a West of England tweed costume, with brown hat. They were the recipients of many valuable presents. Nurse Lawrence was nurse at Merthyr General Hospital for three years, before she took the post of staff nurse at Monmouth Hospital.

9 August 1930 Weddings: Lewis & Jones A pretty wedding took place at Bethania, Bargoed, on Saturday, when Mr. Sidney Lewis, Deri, and Miss Muriel Jones, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Evan Jones, Aelybryn, were joined together in holy matrimony. The bride was given away by her father, and was charmingly attired in a dress of beige and navy silk morocain, with large navy picture hat to match. She carried a bouquet of carnations and sweet peas. Attending her as bridesmaids were Miss Gwynfa French, who was dressed in blue satin, with hat to match. The duties of best man were carried out by Mr. Griffith Jones, brother of the bride. Mr. E. J. Jones, Mr. Willie Adams Jones, Mrs. Mattie Jones, and Miss O. Jones were present at the chapel. The Rev. Richard Evans officiated. The reception was held at the bride's home, to which a large number sat down. They were the recipients of a large number of presents. The honeymoon is being spent in Weston-super-Mare. The bride's going away dress was navy tricaline.

9 August 1930 Wedding: Ralph-Kings The Rev. D J Griffiths officiated at the wedding in St. Mary's on Monday of Mr. William John Ralph and Miss Edith Kings, Rhydney Siding,

daughter of Mrs. Kings, and the late Mr. Joseph Kings. The bride wore a dress of white satin with hat to match. She was attended by Miss Maud Ralph who was dressed in blue silk with hat to match. Miss Mary Higgs and Miss Gladys Kings acted as flower girls. The wedding breakfast was taken at the bride's home.

6 September 1930 Wedding: Slimmonds-Thomas A pretty wedding was solemnised at Merthyr on Monday, the contracting parties being Mr. John Slimmonds, Fochriw Farm, and Miss Lilian Thomas, Aelybryn. The bride was charmingly attired and was attended by Mrs. Sophie Slimmonds and given away by her father, Mr. David H. Thomas. They were the recipients of many useful presents.

27 December 1930 Wedding: Osbourne-Walters A wedding took place on Saturday at St. David's Parish Church, Rhymney. the bridegroom was Mr. James Osbourne Parry, Brewery Row, Rhymney, and the bride, Miss Rachel A. Walters, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walters, Pleasant-view, Fochriw. The Rev. T. Williams, vicar of Rhymney, officiated. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. D. Wm. Walters, and was attended by Miss Annie M. Roberts, Deri. The best man was Mr. D. J. Parry brother of the bridegroom, and the groomsman was Mr. Octavius Richards, Fochriw. They were the recipients of many useful presents.

11 April 1931 Wedding: Ballard-Oliver A pretty wedding took place on Saturday at Zoar Chapel, Merthyr, the Rev. J. T. Rogers officiating. The contracting parties were Miss Ceinwen Ballard, daughter of Mr. Thomas Ballard and the late Mrs. Ballard, Moore's-row, and Mr. William Henry Oliver. The bride, who is on the staff of Ystrad Mynach School, was given away by her father. She was attired in a dress off Lido blue with primrose hat. The bridesmaid was Miss Bessie Ballard, who wore a Lido blue dress with beige hat. Mr. Thomas G. Thomas acted as best man. They were the recipients of many presents and good wishes from a host of friends.

30 May 1931 Wedding: Lewis-Humphreys A very pretty wedding took place at Gellygaer Church on Saturday, the contracting parties being Miss Marjorie Lewis, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Lewis, Aelybryn, and Mr. William Humphreys, son of Mrs. Humphreys, Pontlottyn. The bride looked charming in a pastel shade of primrose dress of suede georgette, and Reslau straw hat and black suede shoes. The wedding breakfast was taken at the home of the bride, where a large number sat down, after which the happy couple left for Aberystwyth. The bride's going away attire was a black silk morocain coat with powder blue georgette dress and hat to match. They were the recipients of numerous presents and a host of good wishes.

22 August 1931 Wedding: Edwards-Uzzell A wedding took place on Saturday at St. Mary's, the contracting parties being Mr. Charles Edwards, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Edwards, Aelybryn, and Mrs. Nellie Uzzell, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Uzzell, Deri. The Vicar officiated. The bride, who was given way by her father, was charmingly attired in a dress of shell pink satin with black picture hat. She carried a bouquet of carnations. Miss Evelyn Davies, a close friend of the bride, wore a dress of lavender silk and floral georgette, and carried a beautiful bouquet of sweet peas. The reception was held at the bride's home. The couple have made their new home at Bargoed House, Bailey-street, and were the recipients of many useful and varied presents.

22 August 1931 Wedding: Davies-Way St. Mary's Church was scene of a very pretty wedding of local interest on Saturday. The bridegroom Mr. W. E. Davies, the elder son of Mr. J. Davies, and the late Mrs. B. Davies, Glynmarch, and the bride, Miss Lena Way, youngest daughter of Mrs. S. Way, and the late Mr. Sam Way, Deri Newydd. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. Frank Way, was daintily attired in a dress of beige crepe de chine, with hat and shoes to match, and carried a bouquet of red carnations. She was attended by Miss Irene Davies (sister of the bridegroom), and Miss Edna and Miss Gwladys Yeo (nieces of the bride), and had as flower girls, Miss Margaret Stokes, Miss Etta Davies and Miss Sadie Hawkins. They were all prettily dressed in dresses of lupin blue jappe suede. Rev. D. J. Griffiths officiated, and the couple left the church to the strains of Mendelssohn's "Wedding March," stirringly played by Mr. Octavius Richards at the organ. Many and varied presents were received.

26 September 1931 Wedding: Griffiths-Rees A pretty wedding was solemnised at Bethania Chapel on Saturday, the contracting parties being Miss Elsie Griffiths, youngest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. William Griffiths, Glyn-terrace, and Mr. Robert Rees, youngest son of Mr. Rees Rees, Guest-street. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore an ankle length dress of shell pink suede georgette, black picture hat which shoes to tone, and carried a bouquet of pink roses. The best man was Mr. Harry Jones, brother-in-law of the bridegroom, and the officiating minister was the Rev. W. E. Jones. The couple were the recipients of numerous presents. The honeymoon is being spent at Weston-super-Mare.

10 October 1931 Wedding: Davies-Gethin On Saturday last, a very pretty wedding was solemnised at Bethania Chapel, Bargoed, the contracting parties being Miss Jennie May Davies, youngest daughter of Mr. David Davies, Aelybryn, and Mr. Samuel Gethin Thomas Pontlottyn, who is a signalman on the G.W.R. The Rev. Richard Evans officiated. The bride, who looked charming in an ankle-length maple blue crepe suede dress, blue hat and shoes to match, was attended by her sister, Miss Aseneth Davies, who wore an ankle-length wine crepe suede dress with fawn hat and shoes to match. The reception was held at the home of the bride, where a large number of relatives and friends were entertained. The happy couple were the recipients of many valuable presents. They will make their future home at Caerphilly.

2 January 1932 Wedding Bells: Richards-Jones A large number of friends assembled at the Parish Church on Boxing Day on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Octavius Richards, who has been the poplar church organist for 25 years, and Miss Mary Elizabeth Jones, Pengam. The service was fully choral, with Mr. Berkeley Angell conducting the singing, and Miss Nellie White at the organ. This ceremony was conducted by the Vicar. The bride was attired in a navy costume with blue hat. She was attended by her three sisters - Olwen, Gladys and Nancy. The bride was given away by her uncle, Mr. Horton. The best man was Mr. Osborne Parry. The wedding breakfast was taken at the home of the bride's parents. They were the recipients of many presents.

2 January 1932 Yuletide Wedding: Slimmon-Evans At St. Mary's Church on Boxing Day, two well known local families were united in marriage, namely, Mr. Alfred Pellard Slimmon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Slimmons, Fochriw Farm, and Miss Nesta Evans, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Evans, and the grand-daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Evans, Aelybryn. The service was fully choral. The Rev. J. L. White officiated, with Miss Nellie White at the organ, and Mr. Berkley Angell conducting the singing. The bride looked charming in a beige dress with hat to match, and was given away by her uncle, Mr. Stephen Ballard. She was attended by Miss Addie Slimmons, sister of the bridegroom, who wore a saxe blue dress with hat to match, and Miss Gwen Nash, who wore a pale blue dress. Mr. Jack Lawrence was best man. Mr. Robert Slimmons, father of the bridegroom, and Mr. Gomer Evans, uncle of the bride, were also present. After a reception at the home of the bride's grandparents, the happy couple left for Clapham, London, their future home. They were the recipients of many useful presents and the good wishes of their friends.

16 January 1932 Wedding: Dobson-Llewellyn A very pretty wedding was solemnised at Gellygaer Church on Saturday last, when Miss Edith Maud Dobson, Deri, was married to Mr. John P. Llewellyn, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Llewellyn, Ffynonau Duon Farm, Pentwyn. The bride was attired in a blue silk dress with hat to match, and was given away by Mr. Fred Amos. The bride was attended by two bridesmaids - Jessie and Gwen, sisters of the bridegroom, who were attired in ivory dresses and carried beautiful bouquets. Mr. Alvin Llewellyn, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. The reception was held at the bride's home, after which the bride and bridegroom motored to Wenvoe. They will make their future home at 5, Rees-row, Pentwyn.

2 April 1932 Wedding: James-Jones On Saturday morning at St. Mary's Church, a pretty wedding was solemnised by the Vicar, with Mr. Octavius Richards at the organ. The contracting parties were Miss Margaret A. James, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas James, Council Houses, and Mr. David John Jones, Deri. The bride, who was given away by her father, looked charming in an ankle-length dress of ivory satin, and wore a bridal veil. She carried a sheaf of the lilies and white heather, and was attended by Miss Betty Jones

(cousin of the bridegroom), who wore a dress of pink crepe jappe, with hat to match and silver shoes, and carried a bouquet of pink tulips, and Misses Jenny M. Wright and Dilys Jones, who were dressed in pale green net over gold, with caps to match, and carried posies of narcissi. The best man was Mr. Bert James, whilst Mr. W. James acted as groomsman. After the ceremony, a reception was held at the bride's home. They were the recipients of numerous presents.

2 April 1932 Wedding: Morris-Perkins A pretty wedding was solemnised at St. Mary's Church on Saturday, when the Rev. J. L. White officiated. The contracting parties were Miss Nellie Morris, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Morris, Brynteg-terrace, and Mr. Reginald Perkins, Deri. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore an ankle-length dress of champagne crepe suede, lace coatee, and picture hat and shoes to tone, and carried a bouquet of pale pink tulips. She was attended by Miss Frances M. Jones, who wore an ankle length gown of peach silk taffeta, with coatee, picture hat and shoes to match, and Miss Olwen Harries, who wore an ankle-length dress of Lido-blue crepe de chine, with hat and shoes to tone. The flower girls were Miss Beryl Morris, sister of the bride, and Miss Myra Perkins, sister of the bridegroom, who looked very pretty in pale pink and cherry, which Juliet caps. The duties of best man were carried out by Mr. George Perkins. After a reception at the bride's home, the happy couple left for Swansea, where the honeymoon is being spent. The bride's travelling dress was of brown and orange, tweed coat and hat to match. They were the recipients of numerous presents.

17 September 1932 Wedding: Price-Thomas A pretty wedding was solemnised at Zoar Congregational Chapel on Saturday. The contracting parties were Mr. Samuel Price, Bedlinog, and Miss Margaret Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Thomas, Gwalia House. The bride, who was given away by her father, was prettily attired in an ankle-length dress of ivory georgette with Chantilla lace, with veil and wreath of orange blossoms, and silver shoes. She carried a bouquet of cream and white gladioli. The train-bearer was Rona Jones (niece of the bridegroom), who was attired in peach with a Juliet cap and champagne shoes. The bridesmaids were Miss Jessie Thomas (sister of the bride), and Miss Mimi Lewis and Miss Peggy Lewis (nieces of the bride). Miss Thomas was attired in a dress of blue crepe to chine, with hat and shoes to match, and carried a bouquet of bronze chrysanthemums, whilst the younger bridesmaids wore peach coloured dresses, Juliet caps and champagne shoes, and carried posies of sweet peas. The best man was Mr. Glyn Thomas, brother of the bride. The reception was held at the bride's home, after which the happy couple left for Bournemouth, where the honeymoon is being spent. They were the recipients of numerous presents. The bride was a former member of the teaching staff of Penybank Council School.

7 January 1933 Wedding: Way-Evans A pretty wedding was solemnised at Merthyr on Saturday, the contracting parties being Miss Lilian Way and Mr. Tudor Evans. The bride was prettily attired in a blue dress with green coat and hat to match. She was given away by her brother, Mr. Noah Way. Miss Zenith Davies, aunt of the bridegroom, was bridesmaid, and was dressed in black with a fawn hat. The best man was Mr. Ben Davies, uncle of the bridegroom. Mr. Bert Evans, father of the bridegroom, was present. The wedding breakfast was taken at the home of the bridegroom, and the happy couple were the recipients of a large number of presents.

18 March 1933 Weddings: Harris-Morris; Harris-Dainton Two weddings took place at Merthyr on Saturday when the brides were sisters - Miss Betty Harris and Miss Margaret Valentine Harris, daughters of the late Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Harris, 2, Aelybryn. Miss Betty Harris was married to Mr. William Morris, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. John Morris, late of Ty Mawr, now of Ystrad Mynach, and Miss Margaret Harris to Mr. Leslie Charles Dainton, son of the late P.S. Charles Dainton, Abertyswg. The brides were charmingly attired in black and white satin, with hats and coats to match. The best men were Mr. Owen Morris and Mr. R. Hawkins. The bridesmaids were the Misses Ursula, Rowena and Myrtle Harris, sisters of the brides, and Miss A. M. Twinning, who were dressed in black and white satin, with the hats and coats to match. The reception was held at the home of the brides, the guests including Mrs. W. R. Thatcher and Mrs. S. Morgan (Abergavenny), Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Harris, Mrs. J. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Horrell (Ystrad Mynach), Mr. H. B. Harris, Miss R.

Harris and Miss M. Harris (London). The happy couples were the recipients of many presents.

10 June 1933 Wedding: Rees-Owen A pretty wedding was solemnised at St. Mary Church on Saturday between Mr. James Bryngwyn Rees, Martin-street, and Miss Eva May Owen, High Street, Pontlottyn. The bride was charmingly attired in white satin, with hat and shoes to match, and carried a bouquet of lilies. She was attended by Mrs. B. Cumpstone, her sister, who wore a pink silk dress with hat and shoes to match, and Mrs. L. Morgan, sister of the bridegroom, who wore a blue dress with hat and shoes to match. Each carried a bouquet of lemon irises. The flower girls were Miss Mavis Jones, who wore a blue frock with a wreath of flowers; Miss Marion Evans and Miss Evelyn Cumpstone, who wore lemon frocks with a wreath of flowers and bunches of lemon lupins; and Miss Jean Morgan, who wore a lemon dress with coat and hat to match. The bride was given away by her father, and the best man was Mr. Windsor Rees, brother of the bridegroom. The groomsmen were Mr. B. Cumpstone, brother-in-law of the bride, Mr. Garfield Hancock and Mr. H. Wells-Hancock (uncle of the bride). At the Church, the Rev. J. L. White officiated, and Mr. Octavius Richards was the organist. The reception was held at the home of the bride. The happy couple were the recipients of numerous presents.

22 July 1933 Wedding: Watkins-Ellis A very pretty wedding was solemnised at St. Mary's Church on Monday. The contracting parties were Miss Gertrude May Watkins, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Watkins, Penybank, and Mr. Leonard James Ellis, London. The bride was attired in an ivory silk dress, with shoes to match, and carried a bouquet of pink and white carnations. She was given away by her father. She was attended by her sister, Miss Dorothy Watkins, who wore a blue floral georgette dress with grey hat and shoes to match. The best man was Mr. Reg Watkins, brother of the bride. The Vicar officiated.

22 July 1933 Wedding: Lewis-Quick A pretty wedding was solemnised at St. Gwladys' Church, Bargoed by the Rev. W. Hopkins, the contracting parties being Miss Aurna Lewis, youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Lewis, Aelybryn, and Mr. Calvin James Quick, Bargoed. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. William Rees Lewis, was attired in a white clytic gown, with bridal veil and orange blossoms, and carried a bouquet of blood-red carnations. She was attended by Miss Phyllis Quick, sister of the bridegroom, and Miss Rachel Harris, cousin of the bride, and Miss Iris Edwards, friend of the bride, who were attired in powder-blue georgette dresses, with picture hats, and blue satin shoes to tone. They carried bouquets of mixed sweet peas. The reception was held at the home of the bride, and later in the day, the happy couple left for Blackpool, where the honeymoon is being spent. The bride travelled in a mauve crepe-de-chine dress, grey coat, with hat to tone. The couple were the recipients of numerous presents and congratulations, and will make their future home at Bargoed.

5 August 1933 Wedding: Evans-Cook A pretty wedding was solemnised at the Merthyr on Saturday between Mr. William Evans, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Evans, Dynevor-street, and Miss Mildred Cook, Bedlinog. The bride looked charming in a slate grey costume, and was attended by Mrs. E. A. Evans, who was dressed in beige satin. She was given away by her brother, Mr. David Cook. Mr. Thomas Evans, the father of the bridegroom, was also present. The reception was held at the bride's home. The happy couple were the recipients of many presents and good wishes.

12 August 1933 Wedding: Baldwin-Faulkner A pretty wedding was solemnised at St. Mary's Church on Monday, the bride being Miss Violet Baldwin, fourth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Baldwin, Dynevor-street, and Mr. William Thomas Allen Faulkner, Lincolnshire. The Vicar officiated at the ceremony which was fully choral. Mr. Octavius Richards was the organist. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in a dress of blue floral georgette with hat and blue satin shoes, and carried a bouquet of carnations and gip. The bridesmaid was Miss Winifred Baldwin, sister of the bride, who was attired in a beige dress, white hat and white satin shoes, and carried a bouquet of sweet peas and gip. There were a large number of handsome presents. Later in the day, the couple left for their new home in Lincolnshire, the bride travelling in a pin stripe costume, white hat and black patent shoes.

9 September 1933 Wedding: Evans-Jones A pretty wedding was solemnised at Zoar Chapel, Merthyr, when the Rev. Brython Davies, Wrexham, officiated. The contracting parties were Mr. Iorwerth Thomas Evans, Brook Cottage, son of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Evans and Mr. David Evans, Abertysswg, and the adopted son of Mrs. Davies, The Nant; and Miss Mary Jones, Picton House, the younger daughter of Mr. G. Jones, and the late Mrs. Jones. The bride, who was given away by her eldest brother, Mr. Dan Jones, was dressed in a beige georgette dress with hat and shoes to match, and carried a bouquet of bronze chrysanthemums. She was attended by Miss Pearl Davies, cousin of the bridegroom, who was prettily dressed in blue, and carried a sheaf of white carnations, and Miss Mildred Jones, niece of the bride, who was attired in white, and carried a sheaf of pink carnations. A reception was held at the Peter Pan, Merthyr, after which Mr. and Mrs. Evans left for Weymouth. The bride's going-away outfit was a pale blue dress, navy coat and hat to match.

23 September 1933 Wedding: Evans-Thomas A pretty wedding took place at Pontlottyn Church on Saturday last. The contracting parties were Miss Eluned Evans, Pontlottyn, and Mr. Bryn Thomas, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Jenkin Thomas, Brook-row. The bride was given away by her brother, and wore a gown of grey crepe-de-chine with hat and shoes to tone. The bridesmaid was Miss Gwenyth Havard, the bride's cousin, who was attired in grey, with hat and shoes to tone. The best man was Mr. David Joshua Thomas, the bridegroom's brother. Mr. Tom Thomas, brother of the bridegroom, and Mr. Cyril Cook were groomsmen. The Rev. W. Brazell, vicar, and the Rev. F. Leonard, curate, officiated. After the ceremony, the reception was held at the home of the bride. The happy couple were the recipients of many gifts, and later in the day, they left for their honeymoon at Paignton.

7 April 1934 Wedding: Williams-Williams At Noddfa Chapel, on Monday, the marriage took place a Miss Phyllis Mary Williams, only daughter of the late Sergt. and Mrs. Williams, and Mr. John Nicholas Williams, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. John Williams, Prince Uchaf Farm, Princetown, near Tredegar. The bride was attired in a powder blue georgette and lace dress, with picture hat and shoes to match. She was given away by Mr. Seaborne Williams. The bridesmaids were Miss Beatrice Williams (sister of the bridegroom), Miss A. M. John (friend), Pontlottyn, who were attired in pink satin dresses, with hats to match, and Miss Magdalen Pugh, who wore a floral georgette dress, with hat to match. The Rev. J. C. Evans, Pontlottyn, officiated. The reception was held at the bride's home. The happy couple have been the recipients of many presents. The honeymoon is being spent at Bournemouth. The bride travelled in a brown and mustard swagger two-piece costume, with hat and shoes to match.

7 April 1934 Wedding: Adams-Walters St. Mary's Church was the scene of a very pretty wedding on Saturday last, the contracting parties being Miss Ivy Maud Adams, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Adams, Guest-street, and Mr. John R. Walters, son of the late Mr. Albert Walters and Mrs. Walters, Pleasant View, Fochriw. The Vicar officiated. The organist was Mr. Octavius Richards. The bride was charmingly attired in a satin dress, with bridal veil and train, and carried a bouquet of red carnations and maidenhair fern. She was given away by her father. She was attended by Misses Frances Adams, Joan Adams, Gertie Adams, Thelma Thomas, and Avriel Jones (cousins of the bride). Two bridesmaids were dressed in pale pink georgette, and the others wore pale blue georgette, with silver headgear, and carried bouquets of tulips. The guests included: Mr. and Mrs. Everitt (sister and brother-in-law of the bride); Mrs. Everitt, Essex; Nurse Blanche Gross and Nurse A. Grinnett, Ilford; Mr. and Mrs. Webb, Merthyr (aunt and uncle); Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Powell (cousins), Merthyr. The reception was held at 42, Aelybryn, Fochriw, the future home of the bride and bridegroom. The happy couple were the recipients of many presents. Later in the day they left for Swansea, the bride travelling in a brown and green dress of swagger style.

28 April 1934 Wedding: Davies-Davies A pretty wedding was solemnised at the Parish Church on Wednesday, the contracting parties being Miss Gwenllian E. J. Davies, daughter of Mrs. Davies, White Horse Inn, Pentwyn, and Mr. Ivor D. P. T. Davies, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Davies, Lewis Street, Bedlinog. The service was fully choral, with Mr. Octavius Richards at the organ. "The Voice that Breathed O'er Eden" was sung as they entered the Church. The Vicar conducted the ceremony. The bride, who was given away by

her brother, Mr. T. D. Davies (Bath), was attired in pale lemon floral georgette, picture hat, and carried a bouquet of pink and red carnations. The bridesmaids were Miss Ethel Lewis (niece of the bride) and Miss Zenith Jones (niece of the bridegroom), who wore pink pale crepe-de-chine dresses with hats to tone, and carried bouquets of mauve tulips. Misses Mary Davies and Jenny Davies (sisters of the bridegroom), wore dresses of brick colour ray-de-chine, trimmed with fawn, with fawn hats, and carried bouquets of pink tulips. The reception was held at the White Horse Inn. The honeymoon is being spent at Llandrindod Wells.

26 May 1934 Wedding: Richards-Jones The wedding took place at Severn Road, Congregational Church, Canton, Cardiff, on Saturday of Mr. T. Hywel Jones, only son of Mr. and Mrs. David Jones, Anwylfan, Bryteg, and Miss Mary Richards, Rhymney. The Rev. Ben Davies, pastor of the Church, officiated. The bride, who was unattended, wore a delphinium blue ensemble with picture hat to match. Mr. Brinley Richards, brother of the bride, was best man. The reception was held at the Angel Hotel. After the reception, the happy couple left for their honeymoon in the Isle of Wight. Among the presents was a Westminster chiming clock from the head teacher and staff of the Deri Mixed School, where Mr. Jones has been a popular member of staff for the last 14 years.

26 May 1934 Wedding: Saunders-Shankland At St. Mary's Church on Whit Monday, the wedding was solemnised of Mr. Morris Meirion Shankland, eldest son of Mrs. and the late Mr. Crad Shankland, Guest-street, and Mr. Lily May Saunders, youngest daughter of Mrs. Thomas, Williams-row. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. J. H. Saunders, Gilfach, was charmingly attired in a dress of pink floral georgette, with hat and shoes to match, and carried a bouquet of carnations and maidenhair fern. The bridesmaids were Misses Olga and Millie Chapman (Fochriw), R. Powell (Pontlottyn), nieces of the bride, and Mair Evans, Fochriw. They looked charming in pink-and-blue georgette lace dresses. The little flower girls were Audrey and Marion Saunders, nieces of the bride, who were attired in pink satin, and they carried pink and mauve tulips. The Vicar officiated. The duties of best man were ably carried out by the Mr. John H. Evans, Fochriw, and Mr. Octavius Richards played appropriate music. A large number of relatives and friends attended the wedding breakfast, including Mr. and Mrs. Chapman, Fochriw, Mr. and Mrs. Chapman (bungalow), Mrs. Saunders, Gilfach, Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan, Pontlottyn, Mrs. H. D. Evans, Manchester, Miss Phyllis Evans, Fochriw, Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. G Jones, Fochriw, Messrs. Tom and William Shankland, brothers of the bridegroom. The happy couple were the recipients of many presents.

14 July 1934 Wedding: Cumpstone-Chaplin St. Mary's Church was the scene of a pretty wedding on Monday. The contracting parties were Mr. Frank Chaplin and Miss Lydia Mary Cumpstone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Cumpstone, Aelybryn. The Vicar officiated. The service was fully choral, with Mr. Octavius Richards at the organ. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in an ice satin dress with coronet of orange blossom and bridal veil, and shoes to match, and carried a shower bouquet of red roses. She was attended by her sisters, Margaret and Tegwedd, and her cousin, Gwyneth M. Davies. They wore lemon floral georgette dresses with hats and shoes to match, and carried bouquets of roses. The flower girls were Betty, Enid and Mair Cumpstone, nieces of the bride, and they were attired in pale green-and-pink frilled net in Victorian style, and carried posies of sweet peas. The best man was Mr. Idris Cumpstone, and the groomsman, Mr. Arthur Cumpstone, brothers of the bride. The breakfast was held at the home of the bride, where large number of guests assembled. The happy couple later left for Barry, the bride travelling in a blue costume with white hat. They were the recipients of numerous presents, and will make their future home at Slough, Buckinghamshire.

4 August 1934 Wedding: Small-Ballard The wedding took place on Saturday at St. Mary's Church of Mr. Stephen Ballard, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. Ballard, and Miss Celia Small, daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. Small, Tymawr. The Rev. J. L. White, vicar, officiated. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. Ll. Small, wore a blue floral georgette dress with a navy hat. Miss Olwen Small (sister) was bridesmaid, and was dressed in a maroon dress with brown hat. The best man was Mr. G. Evans. Mr. A. Barnard, brother of the bridegroom, and Mr. Idris Cumpstone, nephew, were also present at the wedding.

Immediately after the ceremony, the happy couple left by car for a motor tour of the Wye Valley.

4 August 1934 Wedding: Havard-Cook A very pretty wedding was solemnised at Soar Chapel, Merthyr, on Saturday, Rev. J. R. Salmon, Pontlottyn, and the Rev. J. T. Rogers, Merthyr, officiating, when Mr. C. T. Cook, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Cook, Aelybryn, was married to Miss Gwyneth V. Havard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Havard, Pontlottyn. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by her cousin, Miss L. M. Evans. The reception was held at the Peter Pan, Merthyr. Later, the happy couple left for Swansea for their honeymoon. They were the recipients of many presents.

11 August 1934 Wedding: Evans-Owen The wedding was solemnised on Monday at the Parish Church of Mr. Edward Owen, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Randall Owen, Pontlottyn, and Miss Phyllis Evans, elder daughter of Mr. Mordecai Evans, Fochriw. The Vicar officiated. The father of the bride presided at the organ. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. H. D. Evans (Manchester), wore a gown of beige crepe suede, with hat to tone, and carried a bouquet of pink and red carnations. She was attended by her sister Mair and Miss M. Owen, sister of the bridegroom. Little Pat Evans of Manchester was flower girl.

10 November 1934 Wedding: Ballard-Watkins The wedding took place at Merthyr on Saturday of Miss Dwynwen Ballard, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Crad Ballard, Brynteg, to Mr. William John Watkins, son of Mrs. Watkins and the late Mr. Watkins, Pentwyn. The bride was attired in blue with hat and shoes to match, and was given away by her father. She was attended by Miss Mary H. Ballard, her sister, and Misses Lizzie and Hilda Watkins, sisters of the bridegroom, who were attired in grey velvet with hats and shoes to match. Mr. Robert Jones was the best man. The wedding breakfast was held at the bride's home. They received numerous presents.

29 December 1934 Wedding: James-Davies The wedding was solemnised at Merthyr on Saturday of Miss Maggie May James, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan James, 25, Guest-street, and Mr. James Alfred Davies, second son of Mr. and Mrs. James Davies, 28, Guest-street. The bride, who was given away by our father, was attired in brown. Mr. James Davies, father of the bridegroom, attended the ceremony. The wedding breakfast was at the home of the bride's parents. The happy couple will make their home at 25 Guest-street.

5 January 1935 Wedding: Mr. Harold Barlow and Miss Florence Benton At St. Margaret's Church, Birmingham, on December 22nd, the wedding took place of Mr. Harold Barlow, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Barlow, Guest-street, to Miss Florence Benton, Fark Way, Birmingham. The bride was tastefully attired in white crepe-de-chine, and silk lace, with veil trimmed with lovers' knots, and head-dress of orange blossoms, and white satin shoes. Attending the bride was Miss Irene Barlow, the bridegroom's sister, and Miss Rachel Annie Evans (Dowlais) the bridegroom's cousin. The bridesmaids were matched in blue satin, with silver caps, muffs and shoes. Mr. J. T. Barlow, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. Rev. A. Dugmore officiated. A reception was held at the bride's home.

5 January 1935 Wedding: Beer-Slimmon The wedding was solemnised by the Rev. Richard Evans at Pontmorlais Chapel, Merthyr, on Saturday, of Mr. William Beer, Cardiff, and Miss Adelaide Slimmon, youngest daughter of Mr. Robert Slimmons, and the late Mrs. Slimmon, Llwyn Iago Farm, Fochriw. The bride, who was given away by her father, was charmingly attired in a dove grey georgette frock, and carried a bouquet of red carnations. The bridesmaids were Miss Margaret Slimmon and Miss Doris Gwendoline Llewellyn, niece and cousin of the bride, who wore long frocks of blue crepe-de-chine, with silver caps, and they carried bouquets of red tulips. The flower girl was Jean Slimmon, niece of the bride, who wore a frock of pink crepe-de-chine, with a bonnet to match, and carried mauve tulips. The reception was held at the Peter Pan, Merthyr, where there were many guests. The honeymoon is being spent in London.

12 January 1935 Wedding: Miss Gertrude May Cook and Mr. Jack Lawrence At Mary's Church on Wednesday week, Mr. Jack Lawrence, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Lawrence, Glyn-terrace, was married to Miss Gertrude May Cook, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Cook, Aelybryn. Mr. Lawrence is a member of St. Mary's Parochial Council, and secretary of the Sunday school. The Mr. Berkley Angell conducted the choir, with Mr.

Octavius Richards at the organ. The officiating clergymen were the Rev. J. C. Payne, uncle of the bridegroom, Rev. J. L. White and Rev. George White. The bride, who was given away by her father, was charmingly attired in a Marina-blue georgette and lace dress, which coatee, blue satin shoes, and veil, and carried a bouquet of tulips. The flower girls were Eira Cook and Gertrude Mary Davies, nieces of the bride, who were attired in shell pink dresses, and carried white bouquets. The bride was attended by the following bridesmaids: Miss Olive May Payne and Miss Eluned Watts, who wore old rose dresses, with hats and shoes to tone, and carried bouquets of tulips. Mr. Trevor Lawrence, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. The reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. The honeymoon is being spent in the Vale of Glamorgan.

15 June 1935 Wedding: Palmer-Jones The wedding took place on Monday at Fochriw Parish Church of Miss Violet Palmer, daughter of Mrs. A. Palmer, 5, Council Houses, and Mr. Emlyn Jones, West Villa, Abertysswg. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. Arthur Palmer, was attired in white georgette and lace, and wore a veil trimmed with a halo of orange blossoms. The train-bearers were Nancy Palmer and Jean Pegg, nieces of the bride. They wore white organdie dresses and hats to match. The flower girl was Sybil Jones, niece of the bride, who wore a dress of white organdie, the early Victorian style, and a Dolly Varden bonnet to match. The train-bearers and flower-girl carried posies of white and blue carnations. The bride was attended by Miss Iris Palmer (sister), who wore a pink and lace georgette dress and pink crinoline hat; Miss Bernice Handley who was similarly attired; and Miss D. Hughes and Miss Traylor, who were attired in blue floral georgette with blue crinoline hats, and Miss Tema Lewis and Miss Meidwen Rees, who wore green floral georgette and green crinoline hats. The bride carried a bouquet of white lilies, and the bridesmaids' bouquets were white and purple. The complete wedding outfits were supplied and designed by Messrs. G. W. Davies, The Emporium, Bargoed. The service was fully choral, conducted by the Vicar, with Mr. Octavius Richards at the organ, and the choirmaster was Mr. Berkley Angel. After the reception, the bride and bridegroom left for the Wye Valley.

15 June 1935 Wedding: Wright-Tyler A pretty wedding was solemnised at St. Mary's Church on Saturday. The contracting parties were Miss Doris Wright, eldest daughter Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wright, Aelybryn, and Mr. Goronwy Tyler, youngest son of Mr. Bert Tyler, and the late Mrs. Tyler, Davies-row, Pentwyn. The bride, who was charmingly attired in a lemon georgette dress with hat and shoes to match. She carried a bouquet of lilies, and was given away by her father. She was attended by Miss Annie Wright (sister) and Miss Doris Tyler (sister of the bridegroom). They were attired in pink dresses, and carried bouquets of pinks. The best man was Mr. David Tyler. The Vicar officiated. Mr. Bert Tyler (father) and Mr. Charlie Tyler (brother) were also present at the ceremony.

15 June 1935 Wedding: Edwards-Neal A pretty wedding was solemnised at St. Mary's on Whit Monday. The contracting parties were Mr. George Neal, London, and Miss Edna Edwards, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wyndham Edwards, Brook-row. The Vicar officiated. The service was fully choral, the choirmaster being Mr. Berkley Angell, and the organist Mr. Octavius Richards. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in a white satin dress, with Juliet cap and veil trimmed with orange blossoms. She carried a bouquet of lilies. The train-bearers were Queenie Griffiths, Teddington (niece of the bride), Beryl Chart, London (niece of the bridegroom), Margaret Mantle, Aberbargoed (cousin). They wore long lavender dresses. The flower-girls were Misses Mair Evans and Betty Edwards, cousins of the bride, who wore pink silk dresses, and carried muffs trimmed with blue and pink forget-me-nots. The bridesmaids were Misses Wyndham Edwards and Rita Cole, who were attired in blue silk ankle-length dresses, crinoline hats, and shoes to match. Their bouquets were of mauve irises. The best man was Mr. John Mantle, and the groomsman Mr. Bedford Edwards. The reception was held in the Church Hall. Later in day, the happy couple left for London. The bride travelled in a brown and fawn ensemble with hat to match. They were the recipients of the numerous presents.

29 June 1935 Wedding: Jones-Parry A pretty wedding was solemnised at Hermon Congregational Church, Treorchy, on Saturday, the contracting parties being Mr. David

George Parry, Dynevor-street, Fochriw, and Miss Gwyneth Jones, Treorchy. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in a powder-blue, ankle-length crepe-de-chine dress, with hat to tone. She carried a bouquet of white chrysanthemums. The bridesmaids were Miss Gwyneth Parry (sister of the bridegroom), and Miss Maggie M. Jones, Porthcawl. The duties of best man were carried out by Mr. Willie Parry, and the officiating minister was the Rev. A. W. Anthony, pastor of Hermon. The organist was Mr. David J. Thomas, Fochriw. The reception was held at the home of the bride's parents.

13 July 1935 Golden Wedding: Mr. and Mrs. J. Shankland, Aelybryn Mr. and Mrs. J. Shankland celebrated their golden wedding on Thursday amongst their family and friends. They were married at Merthyr 50 years ago. Mr. Shankland was born at Bygyn, Llanelly, 74 years ago, and Mrs. Shankland at Dowlais 69 years ago, both coming to Fochriw at an early age. Mr. Shankland is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Shankland, and Mrs. Shankland, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jones. Mr. Shankland has worked in the mines of Messrs. G.K.N. for the greater part of his life as a collier and fireman, and is held in high esteem. They have had six children - two girls (both of whom passed away) and four boys. The four boys all served with H.M. Forces during the Great War, all seeing active service. Ben served with the Cardiff City Battalion, Tom with the Mons, David with the Royal Navy and Caradoc with the Welsh Regiment, all the boys bearing a splendid record. Mr. and Mrs. Shankland are both hale and hearty, and associate themselves with many movements in the village. They have been the recipients of many good wishes on this happy occasion.

17 August 1935 Wedding: Jones-Jenner The wedding was solemnised at St. Mary's Church on Monday, August 5th, of Mr. Frank Jenner, Gilfach, and Miss Olwen Jones, elder daughter of Mr. and the late Mrs. T. Jones, Horeb-street, Penydarren. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a gown of blue floral georgette, with hat and shoes to tone, and carried a bouquet of carnations. The bridesmaids, Miss N. Jenner (sister of the bridegroom), and Miss M. Woodyatt, wore pink floral georgette and carried bouquets of sweet peas. Pat Jenner (cousin of the bridegroom) and June Richards (cousin of the bride) were the flower girls, and were dressed in pink satin and pink silk respectively, with caps to match, and carried posies of carnations. Mr. Glyn Jones, brother of the bride, was best man, and Messrs. D. Owen and W. Watkins (cousins of the bride) were groomsmen. The reception was held at the School House, Penybank, and a large number of guests were present. The Rev. Ll. T. Jones officiated. The happy couple's new home will be in Bargoed.

17 August 1935 Wedding: Parry-Jones At St. Mary's Fochriw on Bank Holiday, Miss Doris M. Parry, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Parry, Cwmbargoed, was married to Mr. David Vivian Jones, Twynyrodyn. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore an ankle-length suite of powder blue crepe suede with hat and shoes to tone. The bridesmaids were Miss Margaret Parry, the bride's sister, Miss Megan Pope, the bride's cousin, who wore blue silk, Miss Gwennie Pugh and Miss Eunice Heggie, who wore lemon georgette and pink georgette. The flower girls were Phyllis Evans, Cwmbargoed, and Gwennie Davies, Fochriw, and the page-boy was Cyril Pugh, brother of the bridegroom. They all carried bouquets of pink carnations, and the flower girls were dresses in ankle-length gowns of lemon silk. The best man was Mr. Richard T. Pritchard, Pentrebach. The reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, where many guests were present.

9 November 1935 Wedding: Wilton-Scriven The wedding was solemnised at St. Mary's Church on Saturday of Mr. Robert C. Scriven, of Stoke, near Torquay, and Miss Ethel May Wilton, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilton, Guest-street. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore an ankle length dress of pale peach, white shoes and a head dress trimmed with orange blossom, and carried a bouquet of white chrysanthemums. She was attended by her sister, Miss Florence Wilton, who wore a pale blue dress with shoes and hat to tone, and carried a bouquet of yellow chrysanthemums. The best man was Mr. Llewellyn, Aberdare, cousin of the bridegroom. The Rev. J. L. White officiated. The reception was held at the bride's home. The couple will make their future home at South Devon.

7 December 1935 Wedding: Weeks-Pollock The wedding was solemnised on Saturday at the Catholic Church, Rhymney, Father Wolfe officiating, of Miss Annie Doreen Weeks, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. S. Weeks, and Mr. Bernard Pollock, Pontlottyn. The bride, who wore crushed mulberry, with hat and shoes to tone, was given away by her grandfather, Mr. David Griffiths. She was attended by Mrs. Ruth Fox as bridesmaid, who was dressed in blue with hat and shoes to tone. The best man was Mr. Will Fox. A reception was held at the bride's home. The happy couple were the recipients of numerous presents.

4 January 1936 Wedding: Maddox-Wood The wedding was solemnised on Saturday at Carmel Chapel, Dukestown, Tredegar, of Miss Doris Evelyn Maddox, Tredegar, and Mr. Alfred Slimmons Wood, Fochriw Farm. The Rev. Evans officiated. The bride, who was given away by her brother, was attired in pink, with hat and shoes to match. The bridesmaids were Miss Jessie Llewellyn, Sophie Slimmon and Violet Maddox, who wore peach dresses, with hats and shoes to tone. The best man was Mr. Ronald Llewellyn. A reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George, Tredegar. The happy couple were the recipients of a large number of presents. They will make their home at Tredegar.

4 January 1936 Wedding: Baldwin-Adcock Miss Winifred Baldwin, 1, Dynevor-street, was married to Mr. Stanley Adcock, Leicester, at St. Mary Church on Boxing Day. Mr. Adcock is a foreman operator at a Leicester boot factory. Miss Baldwin is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Baldwin, Fochriw. She was formerly a nurse at the Groby-road Hospital, Leicester, where she obtained her training, and where she remained for a period of three years. She later transferred to the Fulham Palace-road Institute, London, where she became a staff nurse under the London County Council. The bride was attired in an ivory satin gown, with veil, and a head-dress of orange blossoms, and carried a sheaf of arum lilies. The bridesmaids were Miss Ivy Adcock, Northampton, who was attired in a mauve velvet dress, which head-dress and shoes to tone; Mrs. Betty White, Bargoed, and Miss Freda Brangwynne, Hengoed, both of whom were attired in white taffeta dresses in Victorian style, and white lace bonnets to match. Each carried posies of the mauve anemones and fern. The Rev. J. L. White officiated and Mr. Octavius Richards was at the organ. The best man was Mr. Cyril Adcock, Northampton. A reception was held at the Library Institute. At the Church door, the bride was presented with a pair of silver horseshoes by her twin nieces, Pam and Jane Faulkner of Market Rasen, Lincoln. Numerous presents were sent. Following the receptions, the bride and bridegroom left for their honeymoon on a motor tour, the bride being attired in a green two pieces costume trimmed with fur, with hat and shoes to match.

29 February 1936 Wedding: Harris-Morgan The wedding was solemnised at St. Mary's Church on Saturday of Mr. Idris Morgan, youngest son of the late Mr. John Morgan, and Mrs. Morgan, Penybank, and Miss Agnes Harris, Deri. The bride was attired in a dress of pale blue crepe-de-chine with coat and hat to tone, and was given away by her father. The best man was Mr. Wyndham Morgan, the bridegroom's brother. The Vicar, Rev. J. L. White, officiated. A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents.

28 March 1936 Wedding: Thomas-Phillips The wedding was solemnised at the Parish Church on Sunday of Mr. Sydney Phillips, Pentwyn, and Mrs. Mary E. Thomas, Station-terrace. Both are active workers in the British Legion. Mr. Phillips is chairman of the Men's Section, and Mrs. Thomas chairman of the Women's Section. She is a faithful member of St. Mary's, being member of the Parochial Council and a Sunday School teacher. Rev. J. L. White, vicar, officiated. They will make their future home at Pentwyn.

18 April 1936 Wedding: Thomas-Pearce The wedding took place on Saturday at Noddfa Chapel of Mr. William Pierce, Rhymney, and Miss Gwenda Thomas, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Walter Thomas, Dynevor-street. The bride, who was attired in blue satin, trimmed with lace, with hat and shoes to tone, was given away by her brother, Mr. Crad Thomas. The best man was Mr. John Thomas, and the bridesmaids were Mrs. M. Edwards and Miss L. Thomas (sisters) and Miss M. Pugh (friend), who wore lemon and green floral dresses with hats to match. The Rev. Jones, Deri, conducted the ceremony. Mr. W. A. Davies was at the organ. The wedding breakfast was taken at the home of the bride. The happy couple were the recipients of many presents.

18 April 1936 Wedding: Lewis-Jones A pretty wedding was solemnised at Trinity Chapel, Bargoed, on Monday. The Rev. Baker officiated. The contracting parties were Mr. Owen J. Jones, Pontlottyn, and Miss Gwladys M. Lewis, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lewis, Railway Terrace. The bride was attired in a grey typhoon crepe-de-chine dress, navy coat and grey hat, and was given away by her brother, Mr. Emrys Lewis. She was attended by her sister, Miss Doris Lewis, who wore a floral dress with navy coat and hat. Mr. Edward Lewis and Mr. Charles Pugh attended the ceremony. The reception was held at the bride's home.

27 June 1936 Wedding: Harris-James The wedding took place at St. Mary's Church on Saturday of Mr. William James, youngest son of Mrs. James and the late Mr. T. James, Council Houses, and Miss Rachel Harris, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Harris, Martin-street. The Rev. J. L. White, vicar, officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore an ankle-length dress of white satin, white kid shoes, bridal veil, and carried a bouquet of carnations. She was attended by Mrs. Tegwen Williams and Miss Janie Jones. They were attired in ankle-length blue crepe-de-chine dresses, silver shoes, blue satin bands as headgear, and carried bouquets. The flower girls were Thelma Way and Mary Williams (cousins), and the pages were Margaret Jones (bridegroom's niece) and David Parry (nephew of the bridegroom). Mr. Ieuan Griffiths was the best man. The reception was at the Old Library, and later the happy couple left for Cardiff.

18 July 1936 Golden Wedding On Monday, at the Old Library, the ladies of the social centre organised a social evening to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Burkley Angell. The guest of honour was of Mrs. Elinor Angell, who was presented with a fancy jug. The good wishes of those present were expressed. The tray holders at the tea were Mrs. L. Thomas, Mrs. B. Angell, Mrs. W. Davies, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. S. Jones, Mrs. T. Jones, Mrs. M. Shankland, Mrs. Phillips and Mrs. Cumpstone. There were about 70 persons present.

18 July 1936 Golden Wedding Mr. Burkley W. Angell and Mrs. Elinor Angell, 21, Aelybryn, celebrated their golden wedding on Friday, 10th July. Mr. Angell was born in Rhymney. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Angell, who came to reside at Fochriw when he was very young. Mrs. Angell was born at Dowlais, and was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jenkins, who also came to reside in Fochriw 63 years ago. They have lived in Fochriw ever since and are held in high esteem. They were married in Adulam Chapel, Merthyr, by the Rev. James Jones, late pastor of Carmel Congregational Church. It was his first wedding. Previous to her marriage, Mrs. Angell was on the teaching staff of the Fochriw schools. Mr. Angell has worked at the collieries of Messrs. Guest, Keen and Nettlefolds for 59 years, far the greater part in an official capacity as overman and firemen. He is a musician of local repute and has been for many others choirmaster at the Parish Church. In his younger days, he conducted many choirs to victory at eisteddfodau, and produced many operettas. To celebrate the golden wedding, a home gathering was held, at which the happy couple were surrounded by their children and other members of the family. The children present were: Mrs. B. Shankland and Mrs. R. Davies (Maentwrog), Mrs. J. Griffiths (Pengam), Messrs. Willie Angell, Burkley Angell, Mrs. E. Hiscox (Luton), and Mr. Tom Angell (Lewisham). They were the recipients of a number of telegrams, greetings and good wishes.

8 August 1936 Wedding Bells: Pritchard-Roberts The Parish Church was the scene of a pretty wedding on Saturday. This ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. C. Payne and the Rev. J. L. White. The contracting parties were Miss Mavis Pritchard, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Pritchard, Aelybryn, and Mr. William Richard Roberts, Pontlottyn. The service was fully choral, with Mr. O. Richards at the organ. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a dress of white satin beaute and veil, white train edged with silver cord, and carried a bouquet of pink carnations. She was attended by Miss Muriel Constance Pritchard (sister), Misses Nancy, Bronwen and Cissie Roberts (sisters of the bridegroom), Rosaline Wellings, Betty Wellings and Margaret Higgins (cousins of the bride) and Miss P. Roberts (cousin of the bridegroom). They wore dresses of white taffeta, with pink sashes, silk veils, with shoes to match, and carried bouquets of pink and white roses. The train-bearers, Miss Bronwen and Cissie Roberts, were attired in white and pink crepe-de-chine, with shoes to

match, and head-dresses of silver leaves. The best man was Mr. Trevor Roberts. The reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. They were the recipients of numerous presents, and will make their home at No. 1, Plantation-terraces, Fochriw. The car arrangements were made by Mr. Vivian Powell, Dynevor-street, Fochriw.

17 October 1936 Wedding: Douglas-Morgan Two well-known teachers were joined in holy matrimony on Saturday. They were Mr. Willie Morgan, second son of Mr. John Morgan and the late Mrs. Morgan, Plantation-terrace, and Miss Frances H. Douglas, Bristol. Both are on the staff of the Samuel White School, Bristol, and they received their training at St. Luke's College Exeter and Hereford College, respectively. The ceremony took place at St. Luke's Church, Bristol. The bride wore a two-piece ensemble with hat to match and carried a prayer book. The best man was Mr. Tom Pope. Amongst others present were Mr. John Morgan and Miss Mary L. Morgan, father and sister of the bridegroom.

26 December 1936 Wedding: Pugh-Williams The wedding took place at St. Mary's Church on Saturday of Miss Rhoda Annie Pugh, Cross-row, Pantywaun, and Mr. John Thomas Williams, Blaen Carno. The bride was attired in a dress of blue floral georgette, and was attended by Miss Lucy May Pugh, her sister, who wore blue crepe georgette. The Vicar officiated.

26 December 1936 Wedding: Evans-Hewins The wedding took place at Cardiff on Monday of Miss Elizabeth Ann Evans, the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Evans, 2, Dynevor-street, and Mr. William Rees Hewins, Pontlottyn. The bride was dressed in a fawn coat with hat to match, and was attended by Miss Joan Evans (her niece), who was dressed in a navy coat with hat to tone. The bride was given away by her father. The best man was Mr. Thomas John Evans, brother of the bride. The reception was held at the home of the bride. They were the recipients of many presents.

2 January 1937 Wedding: Burrows-Swaine The wedding took place at St. Mary's on Saturday of Mr. James Swaine, Birmingham, and Miss Edna Burrows, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Burrows, Guest-street. The bride was attired in an oyster satin dress with panne velvet hat with veil and shoes, and carried a silver Prayer book over 100 years old. She was driven away by her father and was attended by Miss Stella Morgan (cousin), who wore green georgette with an over-dress of lace, and carried a bouquet of purple chrysanthemums. The flower girls were Marion Lester and Margaret Davies, nieces of the bride. They wore blue crepe-de-chine dresses, silver shoes and silver head-dresses, and carried muffs. Master Len Burrows, nephew of the bride, acted as page, and wore blue velvet trousers with white crepe-de-chine blouse. The best man was Mr. Jack Swaine. Messrs. Glyn Burrows and Alquin Burrows were groomsmen. The service was choral, with Mr. O. Richards at the organ. The Vicar officiated. The reception was held at the bride's home. They were the recipients of numerous presents and will make their home at Birmingham.

20 March 1937 Wedding: Kendrick-Cleavey The wedding was solemnised at St. Mary's Church on Saturday of Elizabeth Mary Kendrick, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Prosser, Aelybryn, and Mr. John E. Cleavey, Deri. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. Albert Prosser. The Vicar officiated. They will make their future home at Penybank.

3 April 1937 Golden Wedding: Mr. & Mrs. John Hughes, Martin-street Mr. and Mrs. John Hughes celebrated their golden wedding on Easter Monday. They were married at Merthyr Tydfil. They resided at Tunnel Pit for 10 years, and have lived at Fochriw for over 37 years. Mr. Hughes, who is now 73 years of age, is a native of Dowlais, and worked as a pitman under Messrs. Guest, Keen and Nettlefolds at the Fochriw and Tunnel Pits until the closing down of the collieries. Mrs. Hughes, who is also 73 and a native of Dowlais, has been a member of Carmel Congregational Church for over 37 years. The following were present at the celebration: Mr. & Mrs. Harry Hughes, Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Hughes, Mr. & Mrs. Wyndham Hughes (sons and daughters-in-law); Mr. Richard Jones (son-in-law); Mrs. D. J. Price, Mrs. Harry John, Miss May Hughes (daughters); Masters John and Norman Hughes, Douglas Hughes, Lyn Price; Lynn John Selwyn Hughes, Misses E. Price, Myra Jones (grand children); Mr. and Mrs. David J. Price, Miss Eileen Price, Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Hughes, Mrs. Williams, Miss Greta Evans, Miss Betty Morgan, Mrs. Lucy Lewis. Suitable verses for the occasion were read by Mr. David J. Price.

3 April 1937 Wedding: Cumpstone-Slade The wedding took place on Saturday at St. Mary's Church of Mr. Eric Slade, Ickford, Oxford, and Miss Tegwedd Cumpstone, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Cumpstone, Fochriw. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a charming gown of ivory chiffon velvet, with coronet of orange blossoms and a veil of net embroidered with applique work. She carried a bouquet of deep cream roses and white heather. The bridesmaids were Miss Myfanawy Davies, cousin of the mine; Miss Margaret Jones, sister of the bride; Miss Irene Markham, cousin of the bridegroom; and Miss Margaret Ballard, cousin of the bride. They wore gowns of purple chiffon velvet and carried white velvet muffs. Their head-dresses were caps of diamante net in juliet style, with a plait of white velvet. Miss Enid Cumpstone, niece of the bride, was the flower girl, and she wore a frock of white velvet and a hair band of deep purple violets. Master Billie Cumpstone, nephew of the bride, was the page. He wore a suit of purple velvet with crepe-de-chine blouse. Mr. Bert Cumpstone, brother of the bride, was the best man. Rev. J. L. White officiated. The honeymoon is being spent in Oxfordshire. The bride travelled in a green tweed tailor-made ensemble with green hat to match. Fifty guests were present at the reception at the Church Hall.

8 May 1937 Wedding: Jones-Roberts The wedding took place at Merthyr on Saturday of Nurse Phoebe Jones, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Jones, Plantation-terrace, and Mr. Bryn Roberts, Merthyr. The bride, who wore a blue gown, with hat and shoes to tone, was given away by her grand-father, Mr. Elias Davies. Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Davies, uncle and aunt of the bride were also present. The wedding breakfast was held at home of the bride. The couple will make their future home at Merthyr.

26 June 1937 Wedding: Morgan-Pope The wedding took place on Sunday at Bethania Chapel, Dowlais, of Miss Mary L. Morgan, only daughter of Mr. John Morgan and the late Mrs. Morgan, Plantation-terrace, and Mr. Thomas E. Pope, Dowlais. Rev. D. O. Jones, Penywern, officiated. The bride was given away by her father, and wore a pink satin ensemble with fawn picture hat, and shoes to tone, and carried pink and white carnations. The bridesmaid was Miss May Pope who wore a floral dress, brown swagger coat, hat and shoes to tone and carried pink and white carnations. The reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Griffiths, Glyn-terrace, uncle and aunt of the bride. The honeymoon is being spent at Aberystwyth, the bride travelling in a tweed costumes with hat and shoes to match.

11 September 1937 Wedding: Jones-Richards The marriage took place at St. Mary's Church on Saturday of Mr. Brinley Richards, Rhymney, and Miss Ann Jones, daughter of Mrs. S. J. Jones and the late Mr. David Jones, "Anwylfan," Fochriw. The service was conducted by the vicar, and Mr. Abel Jones, uncle of the bridegroom, was the organist. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. T. Hywel Jones, Caerphilly, wore a gown of blue pink charmeuse, and a Grecian coronet of orange blossoms from which fell her long veil of bluish pink tulle. She carried a bouquet of pink and white carnations and her long train was carried by Master David Adams Jones, who was dressed in an oyster satin suit. The two flower girls, Miss Mildred Jones, Bargoed, and Mrs. Gillian Walters, Port Talbot (cousins of the bride), were dressed in forget-me-not blue Victorian frocks trimmed with silver lace. They wore wreaths of silver leaves and carried posies of pink rose buds and beaded vanity bags, the gifts of the bridegroom. The bridesmaids, Miss Frances M. Jones (sister of the bride), and Miss Eluned Lawrence, were attired in lavender slipper satin Victorian gowns, trimmed with ecru lace, and wore coronets of silver leaves. They wore amethyst and silver brooches, gifts of the bridegroom, and carried bouquets of pink carnations. The bride's mother wore a Buckingham lilac cloque ensemble, and the bridegroom's mother a blue crepe ensemble. A reception was held at the New Hall, and later the couple left for Brighton, the bride wearing a burgundy three-piece with hat and shoes to match, and a silver fox fur. Before leaving, the bride laid flowers on her father's grave. The bride was on the staff of Fochriw Infants' School. Their future home will be at Hilcot, Harley Crescent, Harrow.

15 January 1938 Wedding: Gittens-Davies The wedding took place at St. David's Church, Merthyr, on Tuesday, of Miss Beryl Gittens, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gittens, Guest-street, and Mr. Alun Wynn Davies, Aberystwyth. The Rector of Merthyr officiated. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. Eddie Gittens. The bride wore a new clover

crepe-de-chine dress, and a navy coat with silver fox fur. She carried an ivory Prayer book, the gift of the bridegroom's aunt. The bridesmaids were Miss Mair Gittens, who wore a blue dress and navy coat, with hat and shoes to tone; Mrs. Buddy Davies, in a navy costume trimmed with fawn; Miss Mabel Davies, in a nigger ensemble with hat and shoes to tone; and Miss Beryl Howells, in a brick-coloured dress, with fur ensemble. The groomsmen were Messrs. Edwin Gittens and Idris Hopkins. The reception was held at the home of the bride. Mr. and Mrs. Davies later left for their honeymoon, which is being spent in North Wales. They will make their future home in Aberystwyth.

29 January 1938 Wedding: Pugh-Hopkins At Noddfa Baptist chapel on Saturday, the wedding took place of Miss S. Magdalen Pugh, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pugh, Guest-street, and Mr. L. Hopkins, Tirphil. For many years, the bride has been a Sunday School teacher and superintendent of Noddfa Chapel. She was given away by her father, and wore a pink two-piece georgette dress, with hat and shoes to tone. The bridesmaids were Miss Esther Pugh, sister of the bride, who wore a two-piece Marina-blue costume, with hat and shoes to match, and Miss Dorothy Morgan, who wore a petrol-blue dress, with hat and shoes to tone. The best man was Mr. Bert Rogers, Aberbargoed, and the groomsmen were Messrs. G. Hopkins (brother of the bridegroom) and D. Mutlow (nephew of the bride). The ceremony, which was choral, was conducted by the Rev. Ieuan, Rhymney. Mr. David Joshua Thomas was the organist. The reception was held at Noddfa Vestry. Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins will make their future warm at New Tredegar.

23 April 1938 Wedding: Morgan - Willmott The wedding took place at St. Mary's Church on Monday of Miss Edna May Morgan, third daughter of Mrs. Morgan and the late Mr. T. G. Morgan, Hill-row, Pentwyn, and Mr. Arthur Alec Charles Willmott, Long Sutton, Somerset. The service which was fully choral, was conducted by the Vicar, with Mr. Wyndham Lawrence at the organ. The bride wore a gown of white satin beaute, with floral veil, coronet of orange blossom, and white satin shoes. She carried a bouquet of arum lilies, white tulips and maidenhair fern, and was given away by her brother, Mr. Alfred Morgan. The best man was Mr. Jackie Jones, nephew of the bride. The bridesmaids were Miss Doris Morgan (sister), Miss Almira Jones and Miss Iris Morgan (nieces of the bride). They wore mauve and peach crepe-de-chine dresses, and carried bouquets of mauve tulips and maidenhead fern. The flower girls were Pamela James and Margaret Morgan, nieces of the bride. They were dressed in floral daffodil crepe-de-chine and carried baskets of primroses. The page-boy, Master Gwynfor Jones, nephew of the bride, wore a blue velvet trousers and a white satin blouse. The reception was held at the home of the bride. The couple will live at Long Sutton.

18 June 1938 Wedding: Miss Marjorie Pryke and Mr. William Davies The wedding has taken place at St. Michael's Church, Wallington, Surrey, of Mr. William Davies, only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Davies, Martin-street, and Miss Marjorie Pryke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pryke, Warrington. The bride was attired in blue, white hat and shoes and carried a bouquet of pink carnations and blue irises. The couple will make their home at Wallington.

18 June 1938 Wedding: Lewis-Pugh The wedding was solemnised at Trinity Chapel on Monday, the Rev. E. J. Baker officiating, of Miss Doris Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lewis, Railway-terrace, and Mr. Charles Pugh, Gilfach. The bride, who wore a blue ensemble, halo hat and shoes to tone, and carried it bouquet of lilies, was given away by her father. She was attended by her sister, Mrs. Owen Jones, who wore a floral dress, blue coat, halo hat and shoes to tone. The best man was Mr. Emrys Lewis, brother of the bride, and the groomsman was Mr. Pugh, brother of the groom. A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. The honeymoon is being spent at Blackpool. The bride's going away dress was of London tan with hat and shoes to match. They will make their future home at Gilfach, Bargoed.

16 July 1938 Wedding: Jenkins-Fisher The wedding took place on Saturday at Cardiff of Mr. Jack Fisher, Bargoed, and Miss Eirlys Jenkins, youngest daughter of Mrs. Jenkins and the late Mr. David Jenkins, Martin-street. The bride wore a fawn and brown mixture costume with pink hat, and shoes to tone. The reception was held at the home of the bride's mother. The couple will live at 16, Martin-street.

16 July 1938 Wedding: Edwards-Harris At the Parish Church on Saturday, the wedding took place of Mr. Stanley Harris, Nelson, and Miss Wynda C. Edwards, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jones, Glyn-terrace. The service was fully choral with Mr. Wyndham Lawrence at the organ. The bride was a member of the Church, and was a Sunday school teacher. The Rev J. L. White, Vicar, and the Rev. J. C. Payne officiated. The bride was given away by her father, and wore a gown of white satin, cut on princess lines, with a veil held in place by a coronet of orange blossom bud in pearl, with silver shoes, and carried a bouquet of red carnations. The bridesmaids were Miss Olive M. Payne, cousin of the bride, and Miss Emma Harris, the bridegroom's sister, who wore apple green floral dresses with picture hats and shoes to tone, and carried bouquets of sweet peas. The train-bearer was Master Melville Edwards, and the flower girls were Nancy Jones and Shirley Lawrence, who wore pink Victorian dresses, and carried baskets of flowers. The best man was Mr. W. Jones, Kidderminster, brother of the bride, and the groomsmen Messrs. John Harris, D. R. Jones and Bedford Edwards. The reception was held at Church Hall, when 100 guests were present. Later, the couple left for Weston-super-Mare, the bride travelling in a grey costume with navy halo hat. They will make their future home at Nelson.

6 August 1938 Wedding: Williams-Davies The marriage of Mr. Jack Davies, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. David Davies, Brook Cottage, and Miss Marion F. Williams, Princetown, was solemnised at St. David's Church, Rhymney, on Saturday, the Rev. Dewi Williams officiating. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in a white satin charmeuse gown, with the coronet of orange blossoms set in crystals with a silk embroidered veil. She carried a shower bouquet of crimson roses and maidenhair fern and white heather. Attending the bride were Miss Pearl Davies and Miss Nellie Harris, who wore frocks of misty blue ninon over blue satin and shell pink ninon over pink satin with juliet caps, gloves and shoes to match, and carrying bouquets of sweet peas. The flower girls were Joan Rowe and Edith Williams, who were dressed in Empire frocks in shell pink and blue ninon, with rosebuds and forget-me-nots in their hair, and carried Victorian posies. The best man was P.C. Islwyn Davies, London. The ushers were Messrs. Dick, Archie and Ted Williams, and Garry and Stuart Davies. The honeymoon is being spent at Aberporth, Cardiganshire.

6 August 1938 Wedding: Evans-Edwards At Noddfa Chapel on Saturday, Mr. Albert Edwards, son of Mrs. Edwards and the late Captain Edwards, "Anchorage," was married to Miss Mary Dilys Evans, daughter of Mr. Tom Evans and the late Mrs. Evans, Aelybryn. The Rev Ieuan Evans officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a two-piece suit of pinky beige with hat and shoes to tone. The bridesmaids were Miss Edna Evans Jones, niece of the bride, and Miss Phyllis Davies, cousin of the bridegroom. They were attired in green and tan respectively. Mr. Glyndwr Edwards, cousin of the bridegroom, was best man, and Mr. Ieuan Griffiths, London, cousin of the bride, was the groomsmen. Mr. D. J. Thomas, cousin of the bride, was at the organ. On leaving the chapel, the bride was presented with a silver horseshoe by her niece, Miss Betty Fox. A reception was held at Noddfa vestry. The honeymoon is being spent at Swansea, the bride travelling in a tan costume with hat and shoes to tone.

6 August 1938 Wedding: Watkins-Davies The wedding of Miss Doris Watkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Watkins, Stoney Houses, Penybank, and Mr. William John Davies, son of Mrs. Davies, White Horse Inn, Pentwyn, took place at the Parish Church on Monday. The Vicar officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in old gold charmeuse and carried a bouquet of yellow carnations. The best man was Mr. P. T. Keane. The reception was held at the White Horse Inn. The honeymoon is being spent the Porthcawl.

6 August 1938 Wedding: Edwards-Jury The wedding took place at Bayswater, London, on Saturday, of Mr. Allen Jury, Abertysswg, and Miss Doris E. Edwards, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Edwards, Brook-row. The bride wore a navy edge-to-edge coat over a floral dress, with hat and shoes to tone, and carried red carnations. She was attended by Miss Glenys Edwards, her sister. The couple will make their future home at Sudbury, Middlesex

3 September 1938 Vicar's Son Weds: Father Officiates at Ceremony The Rev. George Lawrence White, son of the Rev. J. L. White (vicar of Fochriw) and Mrs. White, was married

at St. Peter's Church, Littleover, on Wednesday, to Miss Jean Marion Brownsey, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Lionel R. Brownsey, Abbeville, Derby. Rev. White was curate of St. Giles, Normanton, and will soon take up duties as curate at St. Mary's, Ilkeston. The father of the bridegroom officiated, assisted by the Rev. T. H. Evans, rector of South Normanton, late of Ynysybwl. The bride wore a chiffon dress of delphiniums blue with hat and shoes to tone. The bridesmaid was Miss Nellie White, who wore a dress of pink silk with hat and shoes to match. The best man was the Rev J. Whitlock of Ludlow. The bride and bridesmaid carried bouquets of pink roses. A reception was held at the Jacobean Cafe, Derby, and later the couple left by motor-car for the East coast.

1 October 1938 Wedding: Evans-Davey The wedding took place at Cardiff on Saturday of Mr. Warwick Davey, Deri, and Miss Mary Jennet Evans, youngest daughter of Mr. Benjamin Evans and the late Mrs. Sarah Evans, Pentwyn. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a brown two-piece costume, with hat and shoes. She was attended by Miss Ceinwen Davey who wore a petrol blue gown. The reception was held at the home of the bride. The couple will live at Pentwyn.

15 October 1938 Wedding: Evans-Williams At Noddfa Baptist Chapel on Saturday, the marriage took place of Mr. D. J. Williams, Pontllytyn, and Miss Iris Evans, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Evans, Brynteg-street. The Rev T. E. Williams officiated, and Mr. D. Joshua Thomas was the organist. The bride was given away by her father, and wore a pink brocaded silk dress with hat and shoes to match, and carried a bouquet of chrysanthemums. The bridesmaids were Miss Winnie Evans and Miss M. J. Williams, and the flower girl was Margaret Williams. The bridesmaids wore net coats over satin with flower overhead bands. The reception was held at the bride's home, and there were a large number of guests. The couple will make their future home at Pontllytyn.

24 December 1938 Carmel: First Wedding: Jenkins-Gardiner The first wedding in the Church took place on Saturday last when Mr. Jenkins and Mrs. I. Gardiner, of Rhymney, were married. The officiating minister was the Rev. R. Morris, Rhymney. The organist was Mr. Thomas Walters.

31 December 1938 Wedding: Thomas-Hann The wedding was solemnised at Trinity Church, Bargoed, on Saturday last, the Rev. A. Baker officiating, of Miss Jessie Thomas, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Thomas, Gwalia, Fochriw, and Mr. Percy G. Hann, Deri. The bride wore a two-piece French grey Angora, trimmed with black coney fur, with hat and shoes to tone, and carried a spray of white carnations. Mr. Wm. Thomas, father of the bride, and Mr. G. Hann, father of the groom, were present. The honeymoon is being spent in London. They will make their future home at Gwalia, Fochriw.

4 February 1939 Wedding: Baldwin-Gardner The wedding was solemnised at St. Andrew's Church, Southampton, on Sunday, of Miss Adelaide Baldwin, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Baldwin, Glen-view, Pentwyn, and Mr. Robert Gardner, Southampton. They will make their future home at Southampton.

4 February 1939 Wedding: Evans-Mantle The wedding was solemnised at Salem Baptist Church, Bedlinog, on Saturday, of Miss Phyllis Irene Evans, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Evans, Colly-row, Bedlinog, and Mr. John Edward Mantle, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Mantle, Pentwyn. The bride was attired in a pale blue satin dress with veil to match, held in place by a coronet of orange blossom and pearls, and carried a bouquet of pink carnations. She was given away by her father, and was attended by Miss Hannah Mantle and Miss Ceinwen Williams, who wore pink satin, with head dresses of silver leaves, and carried sheaves of tulips, mimosa and white heather. The flower girl was Phyllis Prothero, and she wore a green satin dress, and carried a posy of tulips and white heather. The page-boy was David Roberts, and he wore a green velvet suit with a white satin blouse. Mr. Thomas M. Mantle, brother of the bridegroom, was the best man, and the groomsmen were Messrs. David Roberts and David Thomas Price. The officiating minister was the Rev. R. C. Pugh, Pengam (late of Bedlinog), and the organist was Miss B. Watkins. The couple will make their future home at Aelybryn.

15 April 1939 Wedding: Davies-Sharpe The wedding took place at St. Mary's Church on Monday of Miss Annie Jane Davies, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Davies, Martin's-

street, and Mr. Arthur J. Sharpe, Sheerness. The service was fully choral, and Mr. Wyndham Lawrence was the organist. The ceremony was performed by the Vicar. A reception was held at the New Hall. Mr. Sydney Phillips composed some verses for the occasion. The couple will live at Sheerness.

15 April 1939 Wedding: Rice-Williams The wedding took place at St. Mary's Church of Miss Lily May Rice, Maesteg, and Mr. Idris Williams, Pentwyn. The bride wore a white satin gown with a bridal veil, and carried a bouquet of lilies. The bridesmaids were Miss Megan and Betty Rice and Miss Doris Tyler, who wore mauve taffeta dresses with muffs to match. The Vicar officiated. A reception was held at the home of the bride's mother.

26 August 1939 Wedding: Miss Ethel Lillian Lewis and Mr. Myrddin Evans The wedding took place on Saturday at St. Mary's Church of Mr. Myrddin Evans, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Evans, Aelybryn, and Miss Ethel Lillian Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Lewis, Hill-row, Pentwyn. The bride was attired in an ice blue satin gown and bridal veil, held in place with a coronet of blue flowers and silver leaves. The bridesmaids were Misses Lilian, Betty, Gwen and Audrey Williams and Elsa Evans. They wore pink net gowns with halos of pink flowers on blue net, with silver shoes. The best man was Mr. W. Evans. The groomsmen were Walter Williams and William Powell.

9 September 1939 Wedding: Lewis-Shankland The wedding took place on Saturday of Mr. T. James Shankland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Shankland, Aelybryn, and Miss Elspeth Lewis, youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Lewis, Aelybryn. The ceremony took place at Tabernacle English Baptist Church, the Rev. J. Williams officiating. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. D. Lewis, Bryn Corwen, who was attired in a blue marocain dress and navy hat. The duties of best man were carried out by Mr. Arthur Cumpstone. The reception was held at the bride's home, where a large number of guests attended. The happy couple later left for Barry, where the honeymoon is being spent. They will make their future home at Aelybryn.

9 September 1939 Wedding: Ballard-Davies The wedding took place at Carmel Congregational Chapel on Saturday of P.C. Islwyn Davies, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Davies, Brook Cottage, and Miss Beryl Ballard, daughter of Mr. T. Ballard and the late Mrs. S. Barnard, Moore's-row. The Rev. J. R. Salmon, Pontlottyn, officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore an ivory satin frock, with tulle veil held in place by a coronet of orange blossom, and she carried a shower bouquet of pink carnations and blue scabious. The bridesmaids were Miss Mona Ballard, sister of the bride, and Miss Megan Davies, sister of the bridegroom. They wore pink and blue figured lace frocks with velvet pixie caps and muffs to tone. The duties of best man were carried out by Mr. Garfield Davies, brother of the bridegroom. The bride, prior to her marriage, was on the teaching staff of Tiryberth Infants' School, and the bridegroom is in the Metropolitan Police. The reception was held at Carmel Vestry, where 48 guests were present. The couple will make their home at Alperton, Middlesex.

4 November 1939 Vicar's Son Weds The wedding took place at St. Martin's Church, Cardiff, on Saturday, of Mr. W. R. White, youngest son of the Rev. and Mrs. J. L. White, vicar of Fochriw and Deri, and Miss Doreen Thomas, Canada Road, Cardiff. The bridegroom's father officiated. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. James Thomas, wore a period gown of gold taffeta, with head-dress of gold organdie, and carried a bouquet of bronze chrysanthemum. The Rev. George L. White, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. The reception was held at the Sandringham Hotel, Cardiff. Mr. and Mrs. White will live at Cardiff.

18 May 1940 Wedding: Morgan-Llewellyn The wedding took place at St. Mary's Church on Monday of Mr. Ronald Llewellyn, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Llewellyn, Pentwyn Farm, and Miss Tydwen Morgan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Morgan, Williams-row. The bride, who was dressed in a blue satin dress with a veil, and carried a bouquet of white lilies, was given away by her uncle, Mr. Emlyn Evans. The bridesmaids were Mrs. Jessie and Miss Gwennie Llewellyn (sisters of the bridegroom), Miss Mair Morgan (sister of the bride), and Miss Pearl White (friend). They wore mauve and pink taffeta head-dresses over lace, with head-dresses of flowers. They carried bouquets of pink carnation. The best man was Mr.

Robert Llewellyn (brother of the bridegroom), and the groomsmen were Mr. John Llewellyn (brother of the bride), and Mr. Emlyn Evans (cousin of the bride). The Vicar officiated and Mr. Wyndham Lawrence was the organist. The reception was held at the New Hall. The couple will live at 27, Guest-street.

1 June 1940 Wedding: Pugh-Hathaway The wedding took place at St. Gwladys Church, Bargoed, on Monday, of Miss Esther M. Pugh, Guest-street, and Mr. Leslie Hathaway, Bargoed. The Rev. D. H. Evans officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, was dressed in a white satin dress with bridal veil held in place by a silver head-dress. She carried a shower bouquet of red roses and was attended by Misses Bessie Pugh (sister of the bride), and Gwladys and Ruby Hathaway (sisters of the bridegroom), who wore dresses of peach and pink taffeta with head-dresses, mittens and shoes to tone, and carried bouquets of pink carnations. The reception was held at the bride's home, and later, the couple left for Birkenhead, where the honeymoon is being spent.

17 August 1940 Wedding: Watts-Lawrence The wedding of Mr. Trevor Lawrence, second son of Mr. and Mrs. John Lawrence, to Miss Eluned Watts, Caeharris, Dowlais, took place at St. John's Church, Merthyr, on Saturday. The Rev J. C. Payne, uncle of the bridegroom, officiated. Mr. Lawrence is on the staff of Deri Mixed School. The bride was formerly an assistant mistress at Pant Infants' School, Dowalis. For the ceremony, the bride wore a two-piece blue ensemble with brown accessories. Later, they left for Aberystwyth, the bride travelling in blue. They were the recipients of a large number of presents. They will make the future home at Bargoed.

17 August 1940 Wedding: Lewis-Richards The marriage took place at Marloes-road, Kensington, London, on Saturday, of Mr. David James Richards, Treorchy, and Miss Mary Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Lewis, Hill-row, Pentwyn. The bride was attired in a grey tailored costume with hat and shoes to tone, and wore a shoulder spray of orchids. She was attended by Miss Letty Lewis, and Mrs. Batchelor was maid of honour. Both wore cream and wine coats, with hats and shoes to tone, and shoulder sprays of carnations. The flower girl was Miss Ann Williams (niece of the bride), who was attired in white satin and carried a basket of carnations and orchids. The couple would make their future home at Lexham-gardens, Kensington.

24 August 1940 Wedding: Lewis-Hughes Mr. Wyndham L. Hughes, Deri, and Miss Mary Lewis, Station-terrace, Fochriw, were married on Tuesday after Calfaria Church, Bargoed. The bride has been assistant mistress at Bargoed Infants' School, and the bridegroom is science master at the Mountain Ash Secondary School. The bride was given away by her father, and wore a green two-piece ensemble with brown accessories. The officiating ministers were the Rev B. M. Davies (Blaenau Ffestiniog), brother-in-law of the bride, and the Rev. J. Pugh, Pengam. The honeymoon is being spent at Porthcawl. The couple will live at Mountain Ash.

19 October 1940 Wedding: Miss Bessie Pugh and Mr. R. J. Evans The wedding took place at St. Gwladys' Church, Bargoed, on Saturday, of Miss Bessie Pugh, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Pugh, 23, Guest-street, and Mr. R. J. Evans, Garthbeibio, Montgomeryshire. The Rev. D. H. Evans officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, was dressed in a white taffeta Elizabethan dress, braided in white silk, and her veil was held in place by a head-dress of white camelias. She carried an ivory Prayer book. She was attended by her sister, Mrs. Esther Mary Hathaway, as matron of honour, and her cousin, Miss Esther Pugh, as bridesmaid, who wore dresses of blue lace over blue silk, and blue taffeta, with accessories to tone, and they carried bouquets of white chrysanthemums, and wore gold crosses, the gifts of the bridegroom. A reception was held at the bride's home, and later the couple left for North Wales, whether the honeymoon is being spent. They will make their future home at Rogerstone, Newport.

2 November 1940 Wedding: Clavin-Mantle The wedding took place on Tuesday at the Roman Catholic Church, Bargoed, of Aircraftman Edgar Mantle, RAF, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Mantle, Fochriw, and Miss Cissie Clavin, Deri. The Rev. Father Oruke officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in Air Force blue. Miss Teresa Clavin was bridesmaid and wore an Air Force blue dress. The best man was Mr. Leslie

Mantle. Also present were Mrs. Sullivan (aunt of the bride), Miss Lilian Mantle and Mr. Gwyn Mantle. The reception was held at the bride's home.

2 November 1940 Wedding: Watkins-Evans Mr. Idris Evans, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. George Evans, Plantation-terrace, and Miss Cissie Watkins, Hereford, were married on Sunday at Bishops Frome Church, Hereford. The bride wore a gown of white lace with a bridal veil, and carried a bouquet of bronze chrysanthemums. The bridesmaids were Miss Phyllis Evans (sister of the bridegroom), and Miss Winnie Watkins (sister of the bride). They wore pale blue taffeta dresses, blue halos and silver shoes, and carried bouquets of pink chrysanthemums. Mr. Emrys Evans was best man, and the groomsmen included Messrs. Douglas and Derlwyn Evans, brothers of the bridegroom. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. George Evans (parents of the bridegroom), Mr. and Mrs. Syd Davies, Mr. and Mrs. David Lewis (uncles and aunts of the bridegroom). Later, the couple left for Smethwick, where they will make their home.

9 November 1940 Wedding: Llewellyn-Davies The wedding took place at Llanbradach Church of Gunner Ivor Glyn Davies, Royal Artillery, and Miss Jessie Elizabeth Llewellyn, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gwilym Llewellyn, Pentwyn Farm. The Rev. H. Thomas officiated. The bride, who was given away by Mr. John Llewellyn (brother), wore a blue brocade dress with navy accessories, and wore a spray of pink chrysanthemums. She was attended by her sister, Miss Gwen Llewellyn. The reception was held at the bride's home.

23 November 1940 Wedding: Adams-Sinclair The wedding took place at St. Edmund's Church, Chingford, London, on Saturday, of Mr. Albert Sinclair, London, and Miss Joan Adams, daughter of the late Mr. Arthur Adams and Mrs. Adams, 21, Guest-street. The bride, who was given away by her brother-in-law, wore a white taffeta dress with veil and shoes to tone. She carried a bouquet of red carnations. The bridesmaid was Miss Gertrude Adams (sister of the bride), who was dressed in blue, and carried a bouquet of pink carnations. The reception was held at the home of the bride's sister.

22 February 1941 Golden Wedding Mr. & Mrs. Jenkin Thomas, Martin-street, celebrated their golden wedding last week. They were married at Merthyr Tydfil and they have both celebrated their 70th birthday. They were both born at Dowlais but came to Fochriw when they were very young with their parents. Mr. Thomas was the son of the late Mr. & Mrs. Howell Thomas, Mr. Thomas being a well known official at the Fochriw Collieries. Mrs. Thomas was the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Henry Davies. Her father was a well-known bard in his day, and will be remembered as choirmaster of Brynseion Chapel, Dowlais, before removing to Fochriw. Mr. & Mrs. Thomas have lived at the same house, 18, Martin-street, since their wedding day. Previously, Mrs. Thomas had lived there with her parents. They have had six children, three boys, and three girls. The oldest son, Henry, died some years ago. Mr. Jenkin Thomas was one of the oldest members of the Fochriw Brass Band, having played with them when they were one of the most successful prize winners in Wales under the conductorship of Mr. Robert Dawson. It is of interest to note that their eldest daughter, Mrs. Uzzell, wife of Mr. David Uzzell, celebrated their silver wedding the same day, and it was also the wedding anniversaries of their grandchildren - Mr. & Mrs. Uzzell's son and daughter. They were the recipients of messages of congratulation and numerous presents from a host of well wishers.

1 March 1941 Wedding: Harris-Ridd The wedding took place at Lynton Parish Church on Tuesday, the Rev. G.A. Watson officiating, of Signalman Leslie David Harris, only son of Mr. & Mrs. David Harris, Martin-street, and Miss Elizabeth Mary Ridd, eldest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Ridd, of Lynton. The bride, who was given away by her uncle, was attired in an Air Force blue ensemble with hat and shoes to match, and with a spray of white chrysanthemums. The best man was Major Anderson, Lynbridge. After the reception, the couple left to spend the honeymoon at the bridegroom's home in Fochriw.

22 March 1941 Wedding: Griffiths-Bisheys Mr. Ieuan Griffiths, Aelybryn, only son of the late Mr. & Mrs. John Griffiths was married on Saturday last at the Brompton Oratory, London, to Miss Miriam Bisheys of Chelsea, London. The bride, who wore a blue coat and dress trimmed with light blue, with hat and shoes to tone, with a spray of pink carnations, and carried an astrakan muff, was given away by her brother, Chief Petty Officer R.E. Bisheys,

R.N. The best man was Mr. Wm. Pugh, Abercynon, of the Welsh Guards. The reception was held at the home of the bride. The couple will make their future home in Chelsea.

29 March 1941 Golden Wedding Mr. & Mrs. Rees Thomas, Plantation-street, celebrated their golden wedding on Friday, March 21st. They were married at Merthyr. Mr. Thomas is 74 and Mrs. Thomas 69 years old. Mr. Thomas was born at Dowlais but has lived at Fochriw for 70 years. Mrs. Thomas was born at Brymbo, Wrexham, and has lived in Fochriw for 52 years. Both are members of Noddfa Baptist Church where Mr. Thomas is a Sunday School teacher. He was a fine elocutionist, having taken part in many Welsh dramas in the village. There have been six children, three of whom are living. One of their sons, Mr. David Thomas, is manager of Lewis-Merthyr Colliery, and was formerly manager at Bedwas and Clydach Vale. There are five grandchildren.

19 April 1941 Wedding: Hulme-Ballard The wedding took place on Saturday at Carmel Congregational Church of Mr. Wm. Charles Hulme of Leigh, Lancashire, and Miss Ann Ballard, late maternity sister at Stretford Memorial Hospital, and daughter of Mr. Thomas Ballard, and the late Mrs. S. Ballard, 1, Moore's-row. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in an ivory satin frock, with lace veil, secured with a coronet of orange blossom, and she carried a shower bouquet of pink carnations. She was attended by her twin sister, Miss Margaret Ballard, who wore a pale-green silk frock, pink pixie hood, sash, muff, and shod to match. The officiating minister was the Rev. D.J. Williams, Ystrad Mynach. The best man was Mr. T.G. Thomas. Wedding music was rendered by Huw B. Thomas, nephew of the bride. The reception was held at the bride's home. Mr. & Mrs. Hulme will make their future home at Leigh.

26 April 1941 Wedding: Marshallora-Williams The wedding took place at Merthyr on Saturday of Mr. Reginald Marshallora, fourth son of Mr. & Mrs. Albert Marshallora, South Tunnel-terrace, Cwmbargoed, and Miss Mary Williams, third daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Williams, Rees-row, Dowlais Top. The bride was dressed in brown, with hat and shoes to tone. She was attended by her sister, Miss Peggy Williams, who wore a fur coat with accessories to match. The reception was held at the bride's home.

7 June 1941 Wedding: Lewis-Fitmuss The wedding took place at Carmel Congregational Church on Saturday, of Mr. Thomas I. Lewis, youngest son of the late Mr. & Mrs. John Lewis, Aelybryn, and Miss Olive I. Fitmuss, Nuneaton. The bride, who was attired in a navy costume, navy hat and shoes to tone, and carried a spray of pink carnations, was given away by her sister, Mrs. Adams, Hengoed. The best man was Mr. W.R. Lewis, brother of the bridegroom. The reception was held at 10, Aelybryn, where the couple will make their future home.

7 June 1941 Wedding: Lewis-Wendon Mr. John Gwynne Lewis, youngest son of Mr. & Mrs. D. Lewis, "Preswyl," was married on Saturday at All Saints Church, Wakes Colne, to Miss Elizabeth Wendon, Wakes Colne, Essex. The bride was attired in a blue silk dress, navy hat and accessories, and carried a bouquet of pink carnations. The bridegroom, who is now a wireless operator, was formerly assistant master at Earl's Colne Council School. The bride is on the teaching staff of Chappel Mixed and Infants' School. The reception was held at the home of the bride's parents.

21 June 1941 Wedding: Gittens-Evans The wedding was solemnised at Merthyr on Saturday of Mr. Edward Gittens, third son of Mrs. Gittens, and the late Mr. Edward Gittens, Guest-street, and Miss Sarah Evans, youngest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. J.R. Evans, Colly-row, Bedlinog. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a two-piece blue with ensemble and hat and shoes to tone. The bridesmaids were Misses Betty Gittens, sister of the bridegroom, and Norah Morris, niece, who wore pink and blue dresses. The couple will make their home at Fochriw.

28 June 1941 Wedding: Davies-Williams The wedding took place at Cardiff on Saturday of Gunner Gwilym Davies, R.A., son of the late Mr. Owen Davies and Nurse Ballard-Davies of the Villas, Fochriw, and Miss Margaret Williams, Twynrobyn. The bride, who was attired in a blue ensemble, was given away by her father. She was attended by Mrs. Blunt, sister of the bridegroom, and Miss Williams, sister of the bride. Others who attended the ceremony

were Mr. Williams (brother), Mr. Blunt (brother-in-law), Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Ballard (uncle and aunt). The reception was held at the bride's home.

28 June 1941 Wedding: Dainton-Morgan The wedding took place on Saturday at St. Mary's of Lance-Corporal Victor Osmond Dainton of Abertysswg, and Miss Doris Gwenllian Morgan, youngest daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. T.J. Morgan, Pentwyn. The vicar officiated with Mr. W. Lawrence at the organ. The bride, who was attired in a white taffeta gown, bridal veil and a coronet of white lilies, carried a bouquet of white carnations and pink roses. She was given away by her brother, Mr. Alfred Morgan. The bridesmaids were: Misses Nesta Dainton, who wore a pale blue ankle length taffeta gown with head-dress to match; Doris Tyler, who was attired in a mauve ankle length gown with head-dress to match, and carried a bouquet of iris and cornflower; Margaret Morgan, niece of the bride, who wore an ankle length gown of blue satin; and Mattie Evans, niece of the bride, who wore an ankle length gown of yellow taffeta, and carried bouquets of sweet peas. Master Donald Harding, nephew of the bridegroom, was the page boy, and he wore velvet trousers with lemon satin blouse. The reception was held at the White Horse Inn where a large number of guests were present.

9 August 1941 Airman's Wedding: Pullen-Pope Aircraftman John O. Pullen, R.A.F., eldest son of Mr. & Mrs. J. Pullen, 2, Glenview, Pentwyn, was married on Saturday at St. Mary's to Miss Pope, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. W. Pope, Hill-row, Pentwyn. The service was choral, the vicar officiating, with Mr. W. Lawrence at the organ. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in a white satin gown with veil and head dress of orange blossom, and carried a bouquet of pink and white carnations and maidenhair fern. She was attended by Miss Doreen Pullen, sister of the bridegroom, who wore a pale green, ankle length, silk gown, with veil and head dress of flowers to match; Miss Gwennie Llewellyn, cousin of the bridegroom, who wore a pale mauve, ankle length, silk gown, with matching veil and head dress; Miss Phyllis Martin, cousin of the bride, who wore a pale blue, ankle length, silk gown, with veil and head dress of flowers; Miss Margaret Jones, who wore an ankle length gown of pale mustard silk, with veil and head dress of flowers. All the bridesmaids carried bouquets of sweet peas to match their dresses. The page boy was Master Ronald Harding, Plantation-terrace, who wore a white satin blouse with blue trousers. The best man was Mr. W.J. Llewellyn, cousin of the bridegroom. The reception was held at the bride's parents home, where a large number attended, including the grandparents of the bride from Dowlais. The couple were the recipients of a large number of presents.

16 August 1941 Sapper's Wedding: Bengough-Llewellyn The wedding took place on Sunday at St. Mary's Church by special licence of Sapper Leslie Bengough, elder son of Mr. & Mrs. D.E. Bengough, Brecon-terrace, Deri, and Miss D. Gwendoline Llewellyn, Ffynnonau Duon Farm, Pentwyn. The service was choral, the vicar, Rev. J.L. White officiating, with Mr. Wyndham Lawrence at the organ. The following choir boys were also present: Gordon Llewellyn, Willie Clark, Tom Catterson and Melville Edwards. The bride, who was given away by her brother, L.A.C. Alvin Llewellyn, R.A.F., was attired in a powder-blue uncrushed crepe gown, with hat to match and navy accessories. She wore a spray of white carnations, and carried an ivory prayer book, the gift of the bridegroom. Mrs. I.G. Davies, sister of the bride, was matron-of-honour and was dressed in a navy gown with accessories to match, and wore a spray of white carnations and also carried an ivory prayer book. The duties of best man were carried out by Mr. Cuthbert Llewellyn, brother of the bride, and Mr. D.E. Bengough was the groomsman. The reception was held at the bride's home.

Wedding: Palmer-Wile The wedding was solemnised at St. Mary's on Monday of Miss M. A. Palmer, second daughter of Mrs. & the late Mr. Chas. Palmer, Fochriw, and Mr. Hubert Wile, West Hartlepool. The bride, who was attired in white moire satin covered with old lace, wore a veil with a coronet of orange blossom, and carried a bouquet of pink carnations, and was given away by her brother, Mr. Arthur J. Palmer. The bridesmaids were the Misses Jean, Valerie and Veronica Pegg, and Miss Nancy Palmer, who were attired in white and pink floral taffeta dresses, with green velvet sashes, and head dresses to tone, also mittens to match. The flower girls were the Misses Sybil and Ismail Jones and they wore pink and blue

organandie frocks and carried posies of sweet peas. The Rev. J.L. White officiated, and the service was fully choral, the organist being Mr. Norman Palmer. The reception was held at the Church Hall. The happy couple were the recipients of many presents, and will make their future home at West Hartlepool.

4 October 1941 Wedding: Walters-Davies The wedding took place at the Parish Church on Saturday of Mr. George Walters, son of the late Mr. & Mrs. W. Walters, and Miss Katie Davies, daughter of the late Mr. John Davies, Llanbradach, and Mrs. M. Davies, Fochriw and Llanon. The bride was given away by her uncle, Mr. E. I. Griffiths, and was dressed in saxe blue with navy accessories. She was attended by her sister, Miss Doris Davies, who wore rose, with brown accessories, and her cousin, Mr. W. J. Angell Davies. The best man was Mr. Tom Walters, brother of the bridegroom, and the groomsmen were Mr. Robert Thomas and Mr. Harry Jones. The honeymoon was spent in the Vale of Glamorgan. Both bride and bridegroom are teachers, Mrs. Walters being head-teacher of South Bargoed Infants' School, and Mr. Walters on the staff of Pontlottyn Boys. They will live at 4, Glyn-terrace.

22 November 1941 Wedding Bells: Perkins-Wellings The wedding took place on Saturday at Christ Church, East Greenwich, of Lance-Corporal Henry Perkins, R.A.S.C., Blackheath, and Miss Mary Rosaline Wellings. The bride, who was attired in an ivory satin beaute dress, Victorian style, with veil and head dress to match, carried a shower bouquet of red roses, and was given away by her uncle Mr. Bert Wellings. After the ceremony, over fifty guests attended the reception at York House, home of the bridegroom's parents.

3 January 1942 London Welsh Wedding: Worman-Cole The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of the Holy Innocents, Hammersmith, of Mr. William David Worman, youngest son of Mr. & Mrs. G. Worman, Pretoria, Heol y Deri, Rhiwbina, Caridff, and Miss Rita Blanche Cole, youngest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. W. Cole, late of Brynteg, Fochriw, now in London, W. The bridegroom, who is serving as a lieutenant in the Forces (and who is shortly leaving for active service abroad) is well known and popular figure in the Caerphilly district. The bride is a native of Fochriw and was educated at Hengoed County School. She is now an active member of the Hammersmith Civil Defence Corps and intends continuing as a vountary A.R.P. warden. The parents of the happy couple are well known in the Caerphilly and Bargoed Districts. The reception was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith, from whence the couple left to spend their honeymoon in Norfolk. Among the many guests were the bride and bridegroom's parents, and Nurse F. E. Cole, the eldest sister of the bride.

3 January 1942 Engagement: Thomas - David The engagement is announced between Egryn Thomas, youngest son of the late Mr. & Mrs. Thomas of 6, Dynevor St., Fochriw, and Nurse Joan Davies, only daughter of Mr. & Mrs. J. R. Davies, 43, Brynteg Terrace, Merthyr Vale.

17 January 1942 Wedding: Wheeler-Evans The wedding took place at St.. Mary the Virgin, Fochriw, on Saturday, of Signalman Christopher Robert Wheeler of the Royal Navy, son of Mr. & Mrs. C. C. Wheeler of Auckland, New Zealand, and Miss Doreen Evans, only child of Mr. & Mrs. John Llewellyn Evans, Bailey Arms, Deri. The vicar officiated, with Mr. W. Lawrence at the organ. The bride was dressed in a powder blue two-piece, trimmed with dyed squirrel, brown accessories and a bouquet of carnations. The bridegroom was serving in a corvette with a Rhondda boy and spent his leave in the Rhondda, thereby meeting his bride.

11 April 1942 Wedding: Jones - Williams The wedding took place at the Parish Church on Sunday of Mr. John Lloyd Jones and Mrs. C. Williams, Aelybryn. Mr. Jones is well known in the district in connection with the British Legion, being secretary of the local branch. The bride was given away by her brother-in-law, Mr. John Richards, and was attended by her sister, Mrs. J. Richards. Mr. Harry Jones, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. Also present were Mrs. M.L. Jones (mother of the bridegroom), Mrs. Farley (sister), Mr. Farley, and Mrs. L.G. Jones (sister-in-law). The Rev. J.L. White officiated. Mr. & Mrs. Jones will make their home at Aelybryn.

18 April 1942 Wedding: Thomas-Tyler The wedding took place at St. Mary's Church on Saturday of Miss Doris Tyler, daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. A. Tyler, Pentwyn, and Mr. Frederick John Vaughan Thomas of Homelands House, Rhiwhina, and Porthleven, Cornwall. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. D. Tyler, wore a dress of white lace with

lovers' knots in white satin, and a white embroidered net veil with coronet of orange blossom. She also wore a string of pearls, the gift of the bridegroom. She carried a sheaf of lilies. This, together with the bridesmaids' bouquets of pink and red carnations and fern, were placed on the grave of the bride's parents. The bridesmaids were Miss Elizabeth Thomas, sister of the bridegroom, who wore an ankle length dress of ice blue satin and shoulder length veil of blue net; Miss Alice Watkins and Misses Thelma and Margaret Tyler, nieces of the bride, wearing ankle length dresses of blue and mauve net over satin slips of the same shade, with shoulder veils, and wreaths of flowers of the same shade. They wore gold crosses and chains, the gift of the bridegroom. The service was fully choral, conducted by the vicar, with Mr. Wyndham Lawrence at the organ. A reception for a large number of guests was held at the White Horse Inn, Pentwyn. The honeymoon is being spent in Cornwall, the bride travelling in a clover dress, grey coat and hat. They will make their future home in Whitchurch.

27 June 1942 Thomas – Davies The wedding took place at the Welsh Baptist Chapel on Saturday of Miss Joan Davies, only daughter of Mr. & Mrs. D.R. Davies, 43, Brynteg-terrace, Merthyr Vale, to Mr. Egryn Thomas, youngest son of the late Mr. & Mrs. W. Thomas, 6, Dynevor-street, Fochriw. The bride was dressed in a white silk gown with bridal veil. She carried a bouquet of pink carnations, and was attended by Miss Gwnefil Harris, niece of the groom, who wore a long pink frock and silver shoes, with head-dress of pink flowers. The other two bridesmaids wore lemon and pale green, with shoes and head-dresses to tone. All carried bouquets. The flower girls, cousins of the bride, were dressed in pink and blue with shoes and head-dresses to match, and carried bouquets of lemon roses. The page-boys were Howard Pearce, nephew of the groom, who was clad in white satin with white shoes. The reception was held at the home of the bride. The best man was Mr. John Thomas.

27 June 1942 Golden Wedding Mr. & Mrs. George Sibley, 43, Aelybryn-street, celebrated their golden wedding on June 11, 1942. They were married at the English Congregational Church, Merthyr, in 1892. They have five children and four grand children. Mr. Sibley is a native of Somerton, Somerset, and came to Fochriw 54 years ago. His wife, Mrs. Emma Sibley, is the daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. Evan Williams, under-manager of the Fochriw Collieries. Mr. Sibley, although an Englishman, always attended Carmel Welsh Congregational Chapel where he held the positions of deacon, trustee and treasurer. Their eldest daughter married Mr. Dan Jones, headmaster of Brithdir Boys' School. Previous to that she was on the staff of Fochriw Council School. The second daughter, May, is the wife of Mr. Wm. Evans, supt. of the Refuge Assurance Company, Newport, Isle of White. The third daughter, Crisley, married Mr. Lewis Angell, M.A., Welsh master at the County School, Rhyl. Previous to her marriage she was on the staff of the Southampton Central School. Their son, Mr. G. Vincent Sibley, is director of physical education at Loughborough College. Before his present appointment, he was lecturer at Cardiff University. Another son, Mr. E. Bryn Sibley, B.A., is general inspector of schools for the county of Surrey. Before this appointment he was county inspector of physical education for Surrey.

22 August 1942 Wedding: Thomas-Davies The wedding took place on Saturday at Carmel, of Mr. William Edmund Thomas, an official at Groesfaen Colliery, son of Mr. & Mrs. David Thomas, Cefn-road, Deri, and Miss Phoebe M. Davies, elder daughter of Mr. & Mrs. T. J. Davies, 9, Brynteg, Fochriw. Prior to her marriage, the bride was on the staff at Gelligaer Isolation Hospital. Rev. Eurof Jones officiated and Mr. T. Walters was the organist. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in coral, with nigger brown accessories. The bridesmaids were Misses Marie Jones-Davies, Jessie Jones, Margaret Campbell, T. Davies, Mair Rowe & Mrs. Iris Gambling. The best man was Mr. W. Gambling. The groomsmen were Messrs. Alun Davies, W.J. Huxton (Gellygaer), and Bryn Davies. The reception was held at the Vestry, where a large number of relatives and friends were present. The couple later left for Aberystwyth the bride travelling in grey with navy blue accessories. They will make their home at 2, New-road, Deri.

17 October 1942 Wedding: Deverell - Adams On Saturday at St. Mary's Church, the wedding took place of Mr. Christopher Thos. Deverell, of High-street, Downton, Salisbury, and Miss Florence Gertrude Adams, youngest daughter of the late Mr. A. Adams & Mrs. F. Adams, Guest-street. The vicar officiated with Mr. W. Lawrence at the organ. The bride was

given away by her brother-in-law, Mr. R.J. Walters, and was attired in a white taffeta dress trimmed with orange blossom lace, and bridal veil. She carried a bouquet of red carnations, and was attended by Miss Joan Deverell, sister of the bridegroom, who wore a gold taffeta dress, with accessories to tone, and carried a bouquet of bronze chrysanthemums. The bridegroom's brother, William, was best man. The reception was held at the bride's home. The bridegroom is a member of H.M. Forces serving in the Royal Corps of Signals. The couple will make their home in Salisbury.

7 November 1942 Chapman – Griffiths The marriage took place at Nazareth Congregational Church, Pontlottyn, on Saturday, of Mr. Windsor W.H. Chapman, only son of Mr. & Mrs. Chapman, 25, Martin-street, Fochriw, and Nurse Morfa M. Griffiths, Gellygaer Isolation Hospital, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Fox, Aelybryn, Fochriw.

12 December 1942 Ross – Lewis The wedding took place at Cardiff on Monday between Miss Maureen Lewis, only daughter of Mrs. K. Owen, and the late Mr. D.W. Lewis, Dynevor-street, and Corpl. Wm. Ross, R.A.S.C., of Girvan, Scotland. The bride, wore a wine dress with hat and shoes to tone, and was given away by Mr. K. Owen. She was attended by Mrs. Clifford Lewis (sister-in-law) as matron of honour. Mr. Willie Lewis, brother, was best man, and Messrs. Clifford and Elwyn Lewis, brothers, were groomsmen. The reception was held at the bride's home.

20 March 1943 Williams - Davies The wedding took place at Cardiff on Thursday of Able Seaman Billy Williams, son of Mr. & Mrs. E. Williams, Martin-street, and Nurse Jennie Davies of the Gellygaer Hospital Staff, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. G. Davies, Brynteg-terrace. The bride, who was dressed in a navy costume, navy hat and shoes to tone was given away by her father. She was attended by her cousin, Miss Gladys Harris, who wore a brown dress with hat and shoes to tone, and Nurse Margaret Rowlands, who was dressed in grey, with hat and shoes to tone. Mr. Alan Davies, cousin of the bride, was best man. The groomsman was Mr. Jack Davies, brother of the bride. The reception was held at the bride's home, where a large number of relatives were present. Later, the couple left for their honeymoon in London.

17 April 1943 Harding - Martin The wedding took place at Cardiff on Saturday of Mr. Desmond M.J. Harding, eldest son of Mr. & Mrs. J. Harding, 5, Plantation-terrace, Fochriw, and Miss Bronwyn Martin, youngest daughter of Mr. J. Martin and Mrs. Martin, 11, Mount Pleasant, Pentwyn. The bride, who was given away by Mr. Vernon Llewellyn, was dressed in a green and fawn costume with accessories to tone, and was attended by her sister, Miss Phyllis Martin, who wore a grey coat and hat, with accessories to match, and Miss Nesta Dainton (aunt of the bridegroom), in the uniform of the W.A.A.F. The bridegroom's father, Mr. J. Harding, and Ralph Jones, nephew of the bride, were also present at the ceremony. The reception was held at the home of the bride, and later, the happy couple left for London on their honeymoon.

7 August 1943 Fochriw Man's Bride: Evans - Edwards On Saturday at St. Tyfaelog's Church, the Rev. T. Gwilym Davies officiated at the marriage of Mr. Emrys Evans, second son of Mr. & Mrs. R.G. Evans, 11, Plantation-terrace, Fochriw, and Miss Irene May Edwards, only daughter of Mr. & Mrs. W.J. Edwards, Gillar-street, Merthyr. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore an azure-blue two-piece ensemble, with navy accessories, and carried a bouquet of pink carnations. The bridesmaids were Miss Phyllis Evans, sister of the groom, who wore a dusky pink two-piece with brown accessories, and Miss Evelyn Jones who wore a bell heather and powder blue two-piece. Each wore a spray of pink carnations. The best man was Mr. Douglas Evans, brother of the groom, and the groomsmen were Messrs. D.W. King and D. Evans. The reception was held at the New Inn Hotel, Merthyr, Mr. & Mrs. Evans later leaving for Porthcawl, the bride traveling in dusky pink with navy accessories. Mr. & Mrs. Evans will reside at 11, Plantation-terrace. On leaving the church, the bride was presented with a silver horse shoe by Miss Christine Adler. The bride's bouquet was later sent to Merthyr Infirmary.

11 September 1943 Minister's Bride The marriage took place on Saturday at Bethlehem Welsh Presbyterian Church, Treorchy, of the Rev. William Thomas of Fochriw and Miss Sallie Williams, daughter of Mr. John Williams, and the late Mrs. Williams, of Prospect-

place, Treorchy. Rev. Thomas is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Thomas of Ynyswen-road, Treorchy. The bride is on the staff of Pontreirhondda Mixed School, Llwynypia.

25 September 1943 Garbett - Archer The wedding took place at Cardiff on Saturday, of Mr. Daniel Garbett, son of Mr. & Mrs Garbett, Club Houses, Trelewis, and Miss Myra Gwennlian Archer, only daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Archer, Pentwyn. The bride was given away by her father, and wore a check costume with hat to match, and carried a handbag, the gift of the bridegroom. A reception was held at the home of the bride. They will make their home at Treharris.

9 October 1943 Williams - Shankland The marriage took place on Saturday at Bethania C.M. Chapel, Bargoed, of Mr. Glanmor Williams, youngest son of Mrs. Williams and the late Mr. James Williams, of Rees-row, Pentwyn, and Miss G. Shankland, elder daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Crad Shankland, Aelybryn. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a two piece ensemble, rose hat, brown shoes and gloves to tone, and wore a shoulder spray of bronze chrysanthemums. She was attended by her cousin, Miss G. Jenkins, who wore an ice blue two piece with black hat and shoes to tone: and Miss Thelma Williams, sister of the bridegroom, who wore the A.T.S. uniform. The best man was Mr. Iorwerth Williams, brother of the groom, and the groomsman was Mr. Vernon Llewellyn. The reception was held at the home of the bride, where a large number of guests were present. They will make their future home at Rees-row, Pentwyn.

6 May 1944 Blight - Williams At St. Andrew's Church, Cardiff, on Saturday last, The Rev. Percival Jones officiated at the wedding of L/A.C. Horace J. Blight (R.A.F.), of Woodville-road, Cardiff, to Miss Elizabeth Ann Williams, eldest daughter of Mrs. H.A. Williams, 3. Glen-view, Pentwyn. The bride was given away by Mr. J. Thomas, Cardiff, and the matron of honour was Mrs. J. Thomas. A guard of honour consisting of A.R.P., Ambulance and others was present at the church.

13 May 1944 Fochriw Pastor's Bride The wedding was solemnised at Hermon Welsh Congregational Chapel, Treorchy, on Tuesday last week, by the Revs. W.E. Anthony (Hermon), Arthur Williams (Calfaria), and Griffith Jones, M.A., B.D., (Bargoed), of the Rev. Eurof Jones, Rhos, Wrexham (pastor of Carmel Congregational Chapel, Fochriw), and Miss Annie M. Jones, Herbert-street, Treorchy. The bride wore an ice turquoise two-piece with shell pink and silver head-dress and accessories to tone, with a spear of pale pink orchids. She was given away by her father, Mr. Arthur E. Jones, and the best man was Mr. Clifford T. Jones, Rhos, cousin of the bridegroom. The bridesmaid, Miss Sally Jones, sister of the bridegroom, wore a mushroom pink two-piece with nigger-brown hat and accessories with a spear of pink carnations.

1 July 1944 James - Harris The wedding took place on Saturday at Noddfa Baptist Chapel of Mr. Sylvanus M. James, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas John James, Brynteg-terrace, and Miss Gwenfil Harris, daughter of Mrs. T. Morris, School House. The ceremony, which was choral, was conducted by Mr. Thomas J. Jones, cousin of the bride, and Mr. David J. Thomas was at the organ. The singing was conducted by Mr. Thomas Evans, precentor of the chapel. The bride, who wore a gown of white satin, with veil held in place by a coronet of orange blossom, was given away by Mr. Tom Morris. She carried a bouquet of red roses, and was attended by Miss Elsie Evans, cousin of the bride, who wore pink silk, with head-dress of flowers; Miss E. Jones, a friend of the bride, who wore turquoise silk with headress to match; and Miss Jean Paul, who was dressed in a pale pink crepe-de-chine, with a headress of flowers. They carried bouquets of variegated sweet peas. The flower girl, Miss Margaret Morris, sister of the bride, was dressed in blue crepe-de-chine, and carried a basket of mixed flowers. Colin Marshalsea, cousin of the bridegroom, was page boy, and wore a long blue velvet trousers and white crepe-de-chine blouse. The best man was Mr. Egryn Thomas, uncle of the bride, and the groomsman, Mr. Thomas J. James, father of the bridegroom. On leaving the chapel, the bride was presented with a silver horseshoe by Ann Morris, sister of the bride, Delphine Chapman and Gareth Morris. Over 100 guests attended the reception, which was held in the vestry of the chapel. The honeymoon is being spent at Aberystwyth. The bride's going-away outfit consisted of a brown coat over a pink dress with hat and shoes to tone.

They will make their future home at 20, Brynteg-terrace, Fochriw. The bride had been on the staff of the local Co-operative Stores for many years.

8 July 1944 Flewitt - Smith The wedding took place at Cardiff on Saturday (by licence) of Mr. Wm. T. Flewitt of Liverpool, and Mrs. L.A. Smith, Plantation-street, Fochriw. Mr. Flewitt is chief steward aboard a hospital ship. The bride wore a blue dress with brown coat, hat and shoes to tone, and carried a bouquet of pink carnations. She was attended by Mrs. Alice Price of Bargoed, who wore a navy dress with green coat and hat and shoes to match. The best man was Corpl. Green.

15 July 1944 Wedding The wedding took place at Cardiff on Wednesday of Mr. Gomer Davies, youngest son of the late Mr. E.M. Davies and Mrs. Davies, 8, Glyn-terrace, and Miss Jessie Lloyd of Deri. The bride, who wore a dusky pink two-piece ensemble with navy accessories, was given away by Mr. Emlyn Evans, her brother-in-law. She was attended by Mrs. J. Williams, niece of the bridegroom, who wore a green dress, with nigger brown to tone, and Miss Addie Lawrence, niece of the bridegroom, who wore a pale blue dress with navy accessories. The best man was Mr. Bryn Davies, brother of the bridegroom. Mr. & Mrs. Davies left later for Doncaster where the honeymoon is being spent. A reception was held at 8 Glyn-terrace where a large number of guests attended.

4 November 1944 Nursing Sister Weds The wedding took place on Saturday at the Parish Church, of Sister M. Morris, Q.A.I.M.N.S. (R), daughter of Mrs. Millward, Aelybryn, and the late Mr. Edgar Morris, and Staff-Sergt. A. Stark, R.A.M.C. Sister Morris was one of the first nurses to land in Normandy after D-Day, after much service in West Africa. The service was fully choral and was conducted by the Vicar with Mr. Wyndham Lawrence at the organ. The bride, who was given away by her uncle, Mr. G. Cole, wore white satin with veil, and carried a bouquet of white chrysanthemums. She was attended by Mrs. C. Gibson, her aunt, as matron of honour, who wore a floral dress with blue accessories. The bridesmaids were Miss M. Stark, sister of the bridegroom, who wore a blue dress with burgundy velvet; Miss E. Millward, sister of the bride, attired in an ankle-length apple green dress, and Miss M. Cole, niece of the bride, who wore an ankle-length, pink satin dress. The bridesmaids all carried a bouquet of chrysanthemums. The page-boys were Master C. Cole and I. Gibson, cousins of the bride, who wore white satin suits. The best man was Mr. Leighton Millward, brother of the bride. A reception was held at the bride's home, where she was received by Mrs. S. Millward (mother), Mrs. S. Cole (grandmother), and numerous friends. Among the guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Stark of Renfrew, Scotland, father and mother of the bridegroom; Miss Harkness, also of Renfrew, aunt of the bridegroom; Mr. E. Gibson, Manchester, uncle of the bride; Mrs. E.M. Morgan, Deri, aunt of the bride; Mr. S. Morris, Deri, uncle of the bride; Mrs. R. Cole, Deri, aunt of the bride; Miss N. Bevan, school nurse, Ebbw Vale, friend. The bride and bridegroom received a large number of presents. The couple left Fochriw on Wednesday to return to their units. They wish to tender thanks to their friends for their congratulations and kind wishes, and also to those friends who gave valuable help for the occasion.

13 January 1945 Lawrence - Powell The wedding took place on Tuesday at Bedwellty Church of Mr. Gordon Lawrence, youngest son of Mr. & Mrs. John Lawrence, Glyn-terrace, and Miss Lilian Powell, daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. John Powell, Coedymoeth-road, Aberbargoed. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. John Powell, was attired in a turquoise frock with fox fur cape and navy accessories. She wore a spray of orchids and was attended by Miss Vera Powell, her sister, who wore tan with brown accessories. The best man was Mr. Trevor Lawrence, brother of the bridegroom. The service, which was fully choral, was conducted by the Rev. Jas. Davies, rector, and the Rev. J.C. Payne, vicar of Penyarden, uncle of the bridegroom. Mr. Cliff Mantle was the organist. A reception was held at the home of the bride. Later in the day they left for Brecon.

27 January 1945 U.S. Soldier's Bride The wedding took place on Saturday at Cardiff of Pte. Lee Roy Clayton of the U.S. Army, who came home on short leave from Belgium, and Miss Marion E. Sullivan, eldest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Tom Sullivan, Aelybryn, Fochriw. The bride, who was attired in green with rust accessories, was given away by her father and was attended by her mother. A reception was held at the home of the bride.

10 March 1945 Married In Belgium The marriage took place in No.6 British General Hospital, Belgium, solemnised by Padre Macalmon, R.A.C.H.D., of Nursing Officer Lt. Hannah Mantle, Q.A.J.M.N. (S.R.), only daughter of Mr. Albert Mantle and the late Mrs. M.S. Mantle, Pentwyn, Fochriw, and Lieut. J. Menneer of Cornwall. The bride was given away by O.C. Col. Dolan, R.A.M.C. The best man was Captain Michael Martin, R.E. The bridesmaids were Nursing Officers Athon, Skeet, Quinn and Wright. The reception was held at the Sisters' Mess, given by the Matron, Miss Buckingham, R.R.C. The guests numbering 150, included Major Isaac, Swansea. Numerous presents were received. The short honeymoon was spent in Brussels, the couple returning later to their respective units. Nursing Officer Lt. Menneer has served in Normandy, Belgium, and Holland. Before going abroad, she was nursing at Cardiff Infirmary.

28 July 1945 Golden Wedding Mr. & Mrs. Walter Jones, formerly of Brynteg, Fochriw, now of Ogmere Vale, celebrated their golden wedding on Friday.

22 September 1945 Nurse Weds Gunner The wedding took place on Monday at Carmel Congregational Chapel, the Rev. Eurof Jones officiating, with Mrs. A. Davies at the organ, of Gunner James A. Lewis, R.A., son of Mr. & Mrs. Lewis, Station-terrace, Fochriw, and Nurse Kathleen Williams, youngest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. M. Williams, Dynevor-street. The bride, who is on the nursing staff of Gellygaer Isolation Hospital, was given away by her father, and wore a blue dress, brown accessories and bronze chrysanthemums. The bridesmaid was Miss Olive M. Payne, cousin of the bride, who was dressed in brown with bronze chrysanthemums. The best man was Mr. Ron Kitt, and Mr. David Lewis, uncle of the bridegroom, was groomsman. A reception was held at Carmel Vestry, and later, Mr. & Mrs. Lewis left for Birmingham for their honeymoon.

13 October 1945 Jones - Jones The wedding was solemnised at St. Mary's Church on Monday, of Mr. Graham Jones, the younger son of Mr. & Mrs. Tom Jones, New-road, Deri, and Miss Betty Jones, daughter of Mrs. Jones and the late Mr. Evan Jones, Martin-street, Fochriw. The bride wore a powder blue two-piece, with pink accessories, and was given away by her uncle, Mr. David Lewis. The bride was attended by Miss Ray Farley, who wore a tan two-piece, with blue accessories. The service, which was fully choral, was conducted by Rev. E. Adams Evans, vicar, and Rev. S.J. Beynon, Deri. Mr. Huw B. Thomas was the organist. The best man was Mr. John Jones, brother of the bridegroom, and the groomsman was Mr. Graham Jones, Tirphil. A reception was held at Bargoed. The honeymoon is being spent in London. Mr. & Mrs. Jones will make their future home at New-road, Deri.

3 November 1945 American's Bride On Wednesday, October 24, at Noddfa Baptist Chapel, the wedding took place of Gunner Charles M. La-Salle, son of Mr. & Mrs. F. La-Salle, Blantford, Ontario, and Miss Dwynwen Williams, younger daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Gomer Williams, Aelybryn. Mr. Thomas J. Jones officiated at the service which was choral, Mr. David J. Thomas at the organ. The bride, who was dressed in a cherry two-piece with black accessories, was given away by her father. She was attended by Mrs. Charles O'Donnell (sister of the bride), who was dressed in grey with navy accessories, and Mrs. P. Williams (aunt of the bride) who wore navy with floral accessories. Each wore bronze chrysanthemums. The reception was held at Noddfa Vestry, where numerous guests assembled. Later in the day, Mr. & Mrs La-Salle left for London, where the honeymoon is being spent, the bride travelling in a black and green outfit.

4 May 1946 G.I. Bride Mrs. Marion Clayton and her baby son left last week to join her husband at Kentucky, U.S.A. She is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Tom Sullivan, Aelybryn, and had served in the war with the A.T.S., during which time she met her husband who was serving with the American Army.

18 January 1947 Palser - Thomas The wedding took place at St. Mary's Church, Fochriw, on Thursday last, of Miss Thelma Thomas, the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. W. Thomas, 13, Brynteg, Fochriw, and Mr. Oliver Palser, son of the late Mr. & Mrs. A.O. Palser, 71, Stacey-road, Cardiff. The officiating minister was the Rev. E. Adams Evans. The service was fully choral, and Mr. W.P. Lawrence, Mus Bac. was at the organ. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a white brocade satin gown with bridal veil and coronet of orange blossom, and carried a shower bouquet of bronze chrysanthemums. She was attended by Miss

Linda Thomas, sister, who wore a blue lace dress and feather head dress, and Miss Barbara Stevens, who was dressed in pale green nylon with feather head dress. Both carried posies of chrysanthemums. The best man was Mr. Ronald Palsler, brother of the groom. A reception was held at the bride's home. Later, Mr. & Mrs. Palsler left for Southall.

14 June 1947 Golden Wedding Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Cumpstone, Aelybryn, celebrated their golden wedding last Thursday. A reception was held at the New Hall, where family and guests were present. They received congratulations from a large number of friends.

12 July 1947 Golden Wedding Mr. & Mrs. J. Davies, Railway-terrace, celebrated their golden wedding on Thursday last, July 3. Mrs. Davies is a faithful member of Noddfa Sisterhood, and the sisters had prepared an excellent supper in her honour. Mrs. Phyllis Jones was in charge, and read eleven telegrams and four cards. Mrs. Davies suitably responded. Several sisters spoke. During the evening, a miscellaneous programme was given.

11 October 1947 Thomas – Cole The marriage was solemnized at Noddfa Welsh Baptist Chapel on Saturday between Mr. David Joshua Thomas, son of Mr. & Mrs. J.W. Thomas, Brook-row, and Miss Phoebe Cole, daughter of Mrs. Cole, and the late Mr. Simon Cole, 24, Aelybryn-street. The Rev. Eurof Jones officiated, and the organist was Mr. W.P. Lawrence. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. George Cole. She wore a powder blue two-piece with floral hat and a spray of pink carnations. She was attended by three bridesmaids, Miss Myfanwy Cole and Miss Eileen Millward, nieces, and Miss Nan Thomas, niece of the bridegroom. The bridesmaids wore blue and pink, with head-dresses to tone. Br. T. Thomas, brother of the groom, was best man. The groomsmen were Mr. B.J. Thomas and Mr. Leighton Millward. On leaving the chapel, the bride was presented with two silver horse-shoes by Willie Edwards and Non Thomas. A large number of relatives and friends attended a reception at the Noddfa Vestry. Mr. & Mrs. D.J. Thomas left for Maidstone on Sunday, where the honeymoon is being spent. The bride travelled in a burgundy frock and fur coat with brown hat to match.

13 December 1947 Laslett – Farley The marriage was solemnised at the Parish Church on Saturday, between Mr. Cyril E. Laslett, Kingston, Portsmouth, and Miss Ruth (Ray) Lloyd-Farley, second daughter of Mr. & Mrs. S.C. Farley, Supply Stores, Fochriw. The service, which was choral, was conducted by the Rev. E. Adams Evans with Mr. W.P. Lawrence at the organ. The bride was given away by her father, and wore a sage green, heavy, crepe-de-chine two-piece, hand-embroidered shoulder length veil, secured by a coronet of green silk tulle and feathers, and carried a bouquet of bronze cherry chrysanthemums. Miss Audrey Edwards and Miss Rita Davies (Tonteg, Pontypridd) were bridesmaids, and wore two-piece, green dresses, with green tulle and feather head-clusters, and sprays of autumn chrysanthemums. Jill Lloyd-Farley, sister of the bride, the flower-girl, wore an ankle-length gown of green crepe-de-chine with wrist bag to match, a halo of silver and autumn colour leaves, and carried a posy of autumn chrysanthemums. The best man was Mr. Albert Kendrick, Lancs., and the groomsmen were Mr. Bob Lawton, Cardiff, and Mr. Willis C. Farley, brother of the bride. On leaving the church, the bride was presented with silver horse-shoes by her little nephew, Barrie Matthews, and two little friends, Glyn & Alun Jones. A number of relatives and friends were entertained to a reception at the New Hall. Mr. & Mrs. Laslett later left for Portsmouth, where they will live. For travelling, the bride wore an old rose dress, fur coat and accessories to tone.

27 March 1948 Golden Wedding Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Jones, Hill-row, Pentwyn, have celebrated their golden wedding. They were married at St. Luke's Church, Hayward, Lancashire, and have lived in this district for the past 45 years. Mr. Jones was a member of the parochial church council, and a sidesman of the Parish Church, and Mrs. Jones is a member of the Mothers' Union. Both are members of the British Legion, and to mark the occasion, they were entertained to supper by the Women's Section, of which Mrs. Jones is one of the oldest members. As a mark of appreciation on behalf of the members, Mrs. F. Lewis presented Mrs. Jones with a woollen scarf. Mr. & Mrs. Jones gratefully responded. All members joined in wishing them many more years health and happiness. The secretary is Mrs. J.J. Harding.

3 April 1948 Golden Wedding Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Evans, 2, Dynevor-street, celebrated their golden wedding on Monday. They were married at Merthyr. Mrs. Evans was born at Fochriw, where she has lived all her life. Mr. Evans was born at Dowlais, but moved to Fochriw when he was very young. They have a number of grown up children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

3 April 1948 Gittens – Davies The wedding took place at Carmel on Easter Day of Miss Eira Davies, eldest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. David Davies, Dynevor-street, and Mr. John Gwyn Gittens, son of Mrs. Gittens, and the late Mr. Edward Gittens, Guest-street. The service was fully choral, and was conducted by the Rev. Eurof Jones, with Mr. T. Walters at the organ. The bride was given away by her father. She was dressed in blue with rose accessories. She was attended by Misses E. Evans, E. Davies and Betty Gittens as the bridesmaids. The best man was Mr. Roy Evans, and the groomsmen were Mr. Roy Evans and Mr. D.A. Evans. The reception was held at the home of the bride, and a large number of guests attended.

24 April 1948 Smith – Evans The marriage took place quietly at Avenue Church, Southampton, of Mr. T.J. Smith, elder son of the late Mr. Geo. Smith and Mrs. Flewitt of Fochriw, and Miss Joan Evans, only daughter of Mr. & Mrs. W. Evans, of Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight. The honeymoon is being spent in Holland.

29 January 1949 Cockram - Way The wedding was solemnised at St. Mary's on January 17th of Mr. Thomas Andrew Cockham of Dawlish, and Miss Joan Way, eldest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. W. Way, 10, Aelybryn. The service was conducted by the vicar, Rev. E. Adams Evans, with Mr. Huw B. Thomas at the organ. The bride wore a navy costume with pale blue accessories, and was given away by her father. She was attended by her sister, Miss Thelma Way, who wore a blue costume with navy accessories. The best man was Mr. W. Cockram, brother of the groom. A reception was held at the New Hall, a large number of guests attending. Later, the couple left for a honeymoon in London. The bride travelled in a brown dress and tweed coat.

12 March 1949 Williams - Martin The wedding took place at the Parish Church on Feb. 26 of Miss Phyllis Martin, Mount Pleasant-row, and Mr. Jenkin Ivor Williams of Glen View, Pentwyn. The service was choral, and the Rev. E. Adams Evans officiated, with Mr. Wyndham Lawrence at the organ. The bride, who was given away by her brother-in-law, Mr. Glyn John, wore a blue costume with matching accessories. The bridesmaid was Miss Catherine J. Williams, and Mrs. B. Harding was matron of honour. The best man was Mr. Islwyn Williams, Pontlottyn. On leaving the church, the bride was presented with silver horse-shoes by Joyce Evans and Gaynor Harding. The reception was held at a Bargoed café, thirty guests being present. The couple will spend the honeymoon at Fulham. The bride's going away dress consisted of a new look mustard dress with brown hat.

17 September 1949 Evans - Gittens The marriage took place on September 8th at Fochriw Church of Mr. Desmond Evans, second son of Mr. & Mrs. Evans, 96, Heolddu Grove, Bargoed, and Miss Hetty Gittens, youngest daughter of Mrs. M. Gittens, and the late Mr. Edward Gittens, 4, Guest-street. The service, which was fully choral, was conducted by the Rev. A. Evans, vicar, and the organist was Mr. N. Palmer. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. Stanley Gittens. She wore a gown of white figured satin with full length embroidered veil, which was held in place with a head dress of orange blossoms. She carried a shower bouquet of deep red carnations and maidenhair fern. She was attended by two bridesmaids, Miss Margaret Evans, sister of the groom, wearing a blue satin dress trimmed with sequins; and Miss M. Gittens, who wore pink satin trimmed with sequins. Both wore feather head-dresses and carried bouquets of pink carnations and gladioli. The flower girls were Yvonne Davies and Jacqueline Gittens, nieces of the bride, wearing butter-coloured, ankle length, taffeta, and carrying posies of bronze chrysanthemums. The page-boy was John L. Gittens, nephew of the bride, dressed in white satin. On leaving the church, the bride was presented with silver horse-shoes by Shirley Evans, Norma Gittens and Cynthia Conelly. The reception was at the New Hall, Fochriw. A large number of guests attended. The bride's bouquet was placed on her father's grave. The bride has been on the staff of John Evans since she left school.

22 October 1949 Price – Kent At Noddfa on Saturday, the wedding took place of Miss Elsa Kent, only daughter of Mr. & Mrs. T.A. Kent, Iscoed Villa, and Mr. Rhys Price, 61, Bailey-

street, Deri. Mr. T.J. Jones officiated, and the organist was Mr. W.A. Davies. The bride was given away by her father. She wore an ivory figured satin gown with train and veil held in place by a coronet of orange blossom. She carried a bouquet of pink carnations. The bridesmaids were Miss Vera Pope and Miss Jenny Sullivan. Both wore dresses of blue satin with elbow length mittens, and blue flowered head dresses with shoulder veils. The flower girls were Miss Jillian Parry and Miss Ann Ballard, cousins of the bride. They were dressed in pink flowered silk with gloves to match, and pink poke bonnets. They carried silver baskets of mixed flowers. The train-bearer was David Price, cousin of the bride, dressed in a suit of white satin. The best man was Mr. Derrant Hollifield, and the groomsman was Mr. Derlwyn Kent, brother of the bride. On leaving the Chapel, the bride was presented with three horse-shoes from Linda, Aannie and David, with a wooden spoon from Jill. The reception was held at Noddfa Vestry. There were 90 guests. It was also the silver wedding of the bride's parents.

7 January 1950 Wedding: Bebb-Palmer The wedding was solemnised at St. Mary's Church between Mr. Tal Bedd, eldest son of Mr. & Mrs. G. Bedd, Tirphil, and Miss Nancy Palmer, only daughter of Mr. & Mrs. A. Palmer, 10, Council Houses, Fochriw, on Dec. 28. The service was fully choral and was conducted by the Revs. E.A. Evans, Vicar, and H.J. Richards. The organist was Mr. N. Palmer, cousin of the bride. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a white figured satin gown with a head-dress of orange blossoms and veil. She carried a bouquet of white chrysanthemums and was attended by four bridesmaids, Misses Lorna Rees, M. Thomas, who were in turquoise crepe de chine; G. Jones and I. Jones in pink net dresses, and carrying muffs to tone. Miss I. Wile, flower girl, was dressed in blue taffeta and carried a basket of chrysanthemums. Michael Jones, page-boy, wore mauve velvet and white satin. The best man was Mr. J.B. Palmer, brother of the bride, and the groomsman was Mr. Bryn Rees. The reception was held at the New Hall, Fochriw, and was attended by 70 guests. It was the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. & Mrs. A. Palmer, the bride's parents.

1 April 1950 Golden Wedding Mr. & Mrs. Marshallsea, 1, Williams-row, celebrated their golden wedding on Wednesday, March 22. Mr. Marchallsea is 78, and his wife is 69. They had twelve children, eight of whom are still alive. There are 22 grand children, and one great-grand-child. Mr. Marshallsea spent the biggest part of his life as a colliery worker. He worked at South Tunnel Colliery (G.K.N.) up to its closing, and afterwards, up to his retirement, at Ogilvie Colliery, Deri. Mrs. Marshallsea is an active member of the Full Gospel Hall, Fochriw. They received many messages of congratulation.

19 August 1950 Davies - Davies The wedding took place at Carmel Church on August 12, of Gwyn T. Davies, youngest son of Mr. W.M. Davies and the late Mrs. M. Davies, The Villas, Aelybryn, and Miss Eleanor Davies, second daughter of Mr. & Mrs. D. Davies, Deynevor-street, Fochriw. Rev. E. Jones, Cilfynydd, late of Fochriw, officiated. Mr. T. Walters was at the organ. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a beige dress with brown accessories, and a spray of deep carnations. The bride was attended by the Misses Margaret Davies (sister), and Eliza Evans (cousin), who wore floral dresses with white accessories and sprays of pale pink carnations. The best man was Mr. Ellis Davies, cousin of the bridegroom. The groomsmen were Messrs. John Evans and Len Davies. The bride was presented with silver horseshoes by Miss Pat Brown and Kenneth Cook. Following a reception at the bride's home, where a large number of guests were present, the couple left for Blackpool where the honeymoon is being spent.

9 December 1950 Golden Wedding Mr. & Mrs. Williams George Davies of 13, Dynevor-street, celebrated their golden wedding on Friday. Mrs. Davies is the possessor of a beautiful contralto voice, and has sung in many well-known choirs. Mr. Davies has worked in the coal-mines for 61 years, and only recently retired. They are members of Carmel Church.

16 December 1950 Golden Wedding Mr. and Mrs. William George Davies, 13, Dynevor-street, celebrated their golden wedding on Friday week. Mr. Davies worked in the mines for 61 years until his retirement, while Mrs. Davies is well known as a contralto singer. She has been a member of many well known choirs. Both Mr. & Mrs. Davies are members of Carmel Chapel.

7 April 1951 Williams – Shankland At Noddfa Chapel on Monday week, Mr. Noel Williams, son of Mr. & Mrs. Gomer Williams, Aelybryn, was married to Miss Mavis Shankland, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Crad Shankland, Guest-street. Rev. T.J. Jones officiated, and Mr. D.J. Thomas was the organist. The bride was given away by her father, and wore a dove blue two-piece with navy accessories, and carried a bouquet of cream and pink roses. She was attended by three bridesmaids – Miss Charlotte Cleave, cousin of the groom, attired in a lemon floral dress with flowered head dress, and carried a posy of pink tulips; Miss Violet Abbey and Miss Anita John, who were dressed in dove blue floral dresses with flowered head dresses, and also carried posies of pink tulips. The best man was Mr. D.J. Evans, and the groomsman was Mr. D.J. Davies. On leaving the chapel, the bride was presented with two horseshoes by Enid Shankland, sister, and Raymond Williams, nephew. The reception was held at the New Hall. Many telegrams were received, including two cables from the groom's two sisters in Canada. The bride's going away outfit was a turquoise dress and a cherry coat, with navy accessories. Before leaving for their honeymoon, which was spent in Swansea, the couple visited the bride's brother, Mr. Emrys Shankland, and her cousin, Miss Cassie Shankland, who are patients at the Merthyr General Hospital. The bride's bouquet was given to her brother, and the bridesmaids, to her cousin.

18 August 1951 Lawrence – Thomas The wedding took place at Gorphwynfa C.M. Chapel, Skewen, of Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, B.Mus., only son of Mr. & Mrs. J. Lawrence, Emlyn House, and Miss Ceinwedd Thomas, second daughter of Mr. & Mrs. J. Thomas, Penshannel, Skewen. The Rev. W. Lloyd Jones, M.A., B.D., officiated, and Mrs. Evans was the organist. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. Dilwyn Thomas, wore a two-piece suit of sea-mist wool georgette with hat to match and navy accessories. Mr. Idris Williams, brother-in-law of the groom, was the best man. A reception was held at the Caewern Guest House, Neath. Both are members of the teaching profession. Mr. Lawrence is music master at Cyfarthfa Castle Grammar School, Merthyr, and his wife is on the staff of Jersey Marine School, Swansea. Following the reception, the couple left for Bournemouth where the honeymoon is being spent. The bride travelled in a plum-colour corduroy ensemble with grey accessories. Mr. Lawrence was for a number of years the organist of St. Mary's Church, and has taken a keen interest in the many musical activities of the village. He will make his future home at Skewen.

25 August 1951 Golden Memories Mr. & Mrs. David Davies, Brook Cottage, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Friday week. They were married at Zoar Chapel, Merthyr, on August 17, 1901, by the late Rev. James Jones, Carmel. They have six sons, two daughters and eight grand children. Mr. Davies is a native of Newcastle Emlyn, and Mrs. Davies of Fochriw. Prior to her marriage, Mrs. Davies was the first organist of Carmel Chapel, and was the popular accompanist of the Choral Society, and the then-noted Children's Choir, conductor Mr. Burkley Angel, when they won the first prize and gold medal at the first semi-national eisteddfod at Mountain Ash. Most of the children and grand children were present at the family party. Mr. & Mrs. Davies received several congratulatory telegrams, cards and gifts. The sons are: Mr. Jack Davies, Craigoyston, Tredegar; Mr. Claerwyn Davies, London; Mr. Mr. Iorwerth Evans, Picton House, Fochriw, adopted son; Mr. Islwyn Davies, Metropolitan Police, London; Mr. Garfield Davies, Deri; Mr. Stuart Davies, Fochriw. The daughters are Mrs. Megan V. Jones, S.R.N., S.C.M.T.A., of St. Ives, Cornwall; Mrs. Pearl Howells, S.R.N., who recently flew to Northern Nigeria to join her husband who is in the Colonial Service. Under the stage name of John Havard, their son Claerwyn was a principal tenor with the Sadlers Wells Opera Company. He is now the stage director and producer with Emile Littler, and last year brought "Lilac Time" to the New Theatre, Cardiff. This year he produced "Song of Norway" at the Open-Air Theatre, Scarborough, and was responsible for the record-breaking production of "The Vagabond King" there last year.

12 January 1952 Duckenfield Groom The wedding of Miss Sybil Jones, the eldest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. S. Jones, 2, Brynteg, Fochriw, and Mr. John Elliott, eldest son of Mrs. & the late Mr. J. Elliott of Duckenfield, Cheshire, took place at Fochriw Parish Church on December 29. The service was fully choral, and the organist was Mr. N.S. Palmer, cousin

of the bride. The Vicar officiated, assisted by Mr. John Palmer, cousin of the bride. The bride wore a white gown of angel satin trimmed with lilies and piped with silver. Her veil was held in place with a coronet of orange blossom, and wore a necklace of pearls with a shower bouquet of bronze chrysanthemums. The bride was given away by her father. The best man was Mr. W.H. Vyce of Pontlottyn. The bride was attended by Miss Kathleen Elliott, sister of the groom, who wore a dress of green taffeta trimmed with rosebuds, and a veil of matching colour held in place by a coronet of flowers, and with elbow gloves to tone. Miss Gillian Jones, sister of the bride, and Miss Ismaine Jones, cousin, were in blue and pink taffeta with rosebud effects and veils to tone. Miss Sylvia Evans wore mauve taffeta with veil and head-dress to match. They all carried bouquets of coloured chrysanthemums. The train bearers were Miss Ismaine Wile of West Hartlepool, cousin of the bride, who wore turquoise satin with a Dolly Varden bonnet of the same material: and Neil Jones, brother of the bride, who was in a cream satin shirt trimmed with lace. The flower girls were Miss Verny Jones and Miss June Palmer, cousins of the bride, who wore blue and peach slipper satin with poke bonnets to tone and carried baskets of coloured carnations. The groomsman was Mr. Gordon Jones, Tredegar, cousin of the bride. The reception was held at the New Hall, where a large number of guests were entertained.

1 March 1952 Golden Wedding Mr. & Mrs. John Davies, 4, Plantation-terrace, celebrate their golden wedding on March 1. They were married at Adulam Chapel, Merthyr, by Rev. Jas. Jones of Carmel Chapel, Fochriw. They have lived in the village the whole of their lives. Mr. Davies was a collier until his retirement, and until recently, was treasurer of the O.A.P. organisation. Both are members of Carmel Chapel, and in their younger days were singers of note and eisteddfod winners.

5 April 1952 Davies - Edwards The wedding took place at St. Mary's on Saturday of Miss Audrey Edwards, eldest daughter of Mr. C. Edwards, 12, Brynteg-terrace, and Mr. Alfred Davies, younger son of Mrs. B. Davies, 6, Guest-street. The ceremony was conducted by the Vicar with Mr. M. Palmer as organist. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a gaberdine suit of dusky pink, with mushroom brown accessories, and wore a shoulder spray of white carnations. She was attended by her sister, Miss Elaine Edwards, who wore a dove green suit with brown accessories and a shoulder spray of pink carnations. Both the bride and bridesmaid carried white leather prayer books. The best man was Mr. Tom Davies, brother of the groom. On leaving the church, the bride was presented with a silver horse-shoe by Jean Davies, niece of the groom. A reception was held at the New Inn Hotel, Merthyr, and the honeymoon was spent in Paignton.

14 June 1952 Jones - Millward The wedding took place on Monday at St. Tyfaelog Church, Pontlottyn, of Mr. Donald Jones, eldest son of Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Jones, Reform-street, Pontlottyn, and Miss Eileen Millward, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Tom Millward, 24, Aelybryn, Fochriw. The Rev. Hughes officiated. As the bride's father was in hospital, she was given away by her brother, Mr. Leighton Millward. The bride wore a gown of white satin covered with white net, her head-dress being of orange blossom with bridal veil, and carried a bouquet of pink carnations. She was attended by two bridesmaids - Miss Myfanwy Cole, cousin, and Miss Irene Nottingham, the groom's cousin - who were dressed, similarly, in white taffeta covered in pink net, and carrying bouquets of pink carnations and sweet peas. The page-boy was Eric Stark, nephew, and the flower girl, Miss Susan Thomas, cousin. The best man was Mr. Aubrey Powell, Trethomas, and the groomsmen, Mr. Gerald Cole and Mr. Leonard Harding. The ushers were Mr. Clement Jones and Mr. Haydn Jones. The reception was held at the Baptist Vestry, Fochriw. There were seventy guests. After the reception, the couple visited the bride's father at Merthyr General Hospital.

20 September 1952 Wedding: Ballard - Hankey The wedding of Mr. Penry Ballard, B.Sc., elder son of Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Ballard, Fochriw, and Miss Sheila Florence Hankey of Prappenhall, Cheshire, took place at St. Wilfred's Church, Prappenhall, on Sept. 6. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a dress of white taffeta, adorned with white lace and net, with veil of lace and pearl head-dress. She carried a bouquet of bronze and yellow chrysanthemums and white carnations. Mr. Dd. W. Ballard, the groom's brother was best man. After the reception, the couple left for Douglas, Isle of Man. The bride travelled in

a nigger-brown suit. The groom is employed as a metallurgist at the Warrington factory of the British Aluminium Co. Ltd. and the bride as a dental assistant by the Air Ministry. Among the relatives and friends who attended were Messrs. Eifionydd and John Ballard, and Nurse Ballard Davies, uncles and aunt of the bridegroom, and Dr. & Mrs. Brown of Bargoed. There were many beautiful presents.

11 April 1953 Thorne – Slimmon The wedding took place at Beulah Baptist Chapel, Brithdir, of Mr. Ernest John Thorne, eldest son of Mr. & Mrs. Thorne, East View, Brithdir, and Miss Jean Slimmon, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Slimmon, The Farm, Fochriw. The Rev. H.E.D. Paine officiated, and the organist was Mrs. Davies. The bride was given away by her father, and wore a full-length gown of figured brocade, cut on classical lines, with an embroidered veil held in place by a coronet of orange blossoms. She carried a shower bouquet of cream rose buds. Mrs. Morfydd Morris was matron of honour, and she was dressed in a full-length gown of blue taffeta, a feathered head-dress with shoulder length veil, and carried carnations. Miss Mair Slimmon and Miss Elvis Beer, the bridesmaids, wore ankle length gowns of pink taffeta, and shoulder length veils, and also, carried carnations. The flower girls, Merle Thorne and Shirley Thomas, wore white taffeta dresses and carried posies of anemones. The page-boy, Vivian Thomson, wore a plum velvet suit and white satin blouse. The best man was Mr. Terence George. The reception was held at the George Hotel, when 80 guests were entertained.

15 August 1953 Burling – Williams The wedding took place at St. Mary's Church on August 1, of Mr. Leslie Burling of West Bromwich, and Milly, only daughter of Mrs. S. Parry, and the late Mr. D.J. Williams, Pleasant-view, Fochriw. The Rev. E. Adams Evans officiated, and Mr. Octavius Richards was the organist. The bride, who was given away by her step-father, wore a ballerina length dress of heavy lace, the veil held in place by a coronet of roses and white heather. She carried a shower bouquet of pink carnations. The Matron of Honour, Mrs. Glenys Doughty, wore a dress of blue taffeta with a headdress of feathers, and carried a bouquet of sweet peas. The bridesmaids, Miss Jill Parry, the bride's sister, and Miss Joyce Evans, were dressed in pink net over taffeta, with headdresses of velvet roses. They carried bouquets of sweet peas. The two pages were David and Peter Price, in blue and velvet trousers and powder blue blouses. The best man was Mr. Edward Doughty. The reception was held in the Noddfa Vestry, after which Mr. & Mrs. Burling left for Bangor. The bride's going away outfit was a grey three-piece suit with cherry red accessories.

5 September 1953 Wedding: Evans-Way The marriage took place on August 15 at Carmel Church, of Mr. H. Evans, younger son of Mr. & Mrs. A. Evans, Fochriw, and Miss Thelma Way, younger daughter of Mrs. C. Way, and the late Mr. W. H. Way, of Fochriw. The Rev. A. Williams officiated, and the organist was Mr. T. Walters. The bride was given away by her uncle, Mr. W. R. Lewis. The bride wore a two-piece of orchid pink, and carried a bouquet of cream roses. The matron of honour was Mrs. Vera Lewis, who wore a frock of ice blue and carried a bouquet of pink carnations. The best man was Mr. D. J. Evans, brother of the groom. The groomsmen were Messrs. S. Thomas & T. Lewis. On leaving the chapel, the bride was presented with a silver horseshoe by Joy & Ann Evans, Ralph Cockram and Joyce Lewis. A reception was held at the Noddfa Vestry. The couple later left for Blackpool, the bride travelling in a brown costume with pink accessories.

3 April 1954 Albrow – Sullivan The wedding took place at Rhymney Roman Catholic Church on Saturday week of Mr. Bert Albrow of Edgbaston, Birmingham, and Miss Jennie Sullivan, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. T. Sullivan, Aelybryn, Fochriw. Father Lawlor officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a gown of figured cloque with veil held in place by a head dress of orange blossom. She carried a shower bouquet of pink carnations with trailing fern. The bridesmaids were Miss Patricia Sullivan, sister of the bride, Miss Bernadette Albrow, niece of the groom, Mrs. Rees Price, Miss Betty Fox, Miss Jean Woods, and Miss Eileen Watkins. Three wore lavender taffeta, and three wore lemon tulle over taffeta, with Juliet caps, veils and mittens to tone. They carried posies of lavender and lemon tulips. Rosemary Jones of Fochriw was the flower girl, in white net over taffeta, and Philip Jones, her brother, was the page-boy. The best man was Mr. Fred Albrow, and the

groomsmen were Mr. John Sullivan and Mr. John Edwards. A reception was held at Noddfa Vestry. The bride's travelling outfit was a green gaberdine costume with black and lavender accessories.

4 December 1954 Thomas – Evans The wedding took place on Saturday at the Parish Church of Mr. Cyril Thomas, son of Mrs. & the late Mr. J. Thomas, Board-street, Pontlottyn, and Miss Elizabeth Evans, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. A. Evans, 12. Council Houses, Fochriw. The service was choral. The vicar officiated with Mr. Octavius Richards at the organ. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a full-length gown of white net and Italian lace, and her veil was secured by a head-dress of orange blossom. She carried a bouquet of red roses. Matron of Honour, Mrs. Nan Exton, wore a blue dress of net and taffeta. The bridesmaid, Miss Nancy Thomas, also wore a blue dress of net and taffeta. Both wore head-dresses to match, and carried bouquets gold chrysanthemums and irises. The flower girl was Joy Evans, who wore white organdie with head-dress to march and carried a posy of violets. The page-boy was Howard Thomas, who wore a white suit with blue waistcoat. The best man was Mr. Don Plant, and the groomsmen were Mr. Jack Evans and Mr. Robert Price. The reception was held at Noddfa Vestry, after which the couple departed for Burnley. The bride travelled in grey with cherry red accessories.

12 March 1955 Wedding: Pillidge-Cumpstone The marriage took place at S. Margaret's Church, Cardiff, of Lieut. Roy Campbell Pillage, London, and Miss Enid Cumpstone, younger daughter of Mr. & Mrs. I. Cumpstone, Fochriw. The bride wore a gown of white lace with a head-dress of lilies-of-the-valley, and carried a bouquet of red roses. The bridesmaids were Miss S. Robson and Miss E. Batstone, friends of the bride, who wore gowns of white lace and carried bouquets of spring flowers. After a reception at the Park Hotel, the couple left for their honeymoon in Gloucester, Somerset and Devon. The bride wore an oatmeal mixture coat and matching hat with tan accessories.

9 April 1955 Angell – Powell The wedding took place at Bethania of Mr. Haydn Angell, youngest son of Mrs. and the late Mr. W.J. Angell, Fochriw, and Miss Rosemary Powell, eldest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. J.E. Powell, Glyn Terrace, Tredegar. The Rev. W.J. Evans officiated. The bride wore white lace and tulle over taffeta and carried a shower bouquet of pink carnations. The bridesmaids were Miss J. Powell, sister of the bride, and Miss I. George, cousin of the bride. They wore lavender tulle over taffeta and carried posies of anemones. The flower girls were Sandra Gardener and Jean Davies, wearing blue tulle over taffeta and carrying baskets of mixed spring flowers. Mr. Donald Jones was best man, and Mr. S. Davies groomsmen. After a reception at the Park Café, the couple left for London, the bride travelling in a camel coat with tan accessories.

6 August 1955 Jones - Small The wedding took place at St. Mary's Church on Saturday of Mr. Douglas Jones, son of Mr. & Mrs. James Jones, 2, Oaklands-street, Bedlinog, and Miss Elvira Small, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Llewellyn Small, Glen View, Pentwyn. The Vicar, Rev. E. Adams Evans officiated. The bride was given away by her father, and wore a costume of peacock blue with white accessories and carried an ivory prayer book. She was attended by her sister, Miss Brenda Small, in a costume of pale blue and pink accessories, and carried an ivory prayer book, and Miss Jean Williams, in a grey costume with white accessories, and carried a prayer book. The best man was Mr. V. Eddington, and the groomsmen, Mr. Delwyn Small, brother of the bride. The reception was held at Glen View. The honeymoon is being spent at Didcot.

6 August 1955 Jenkins - Pullen At the Parish Church on Saturday, the wedding took place of Mr. D. Jenkins, youngest son of Mrs. C. Jenkins, and the late Mr. W. Jenkins, Caerphilly, and Miss Doreen Pullen, only daughter of Mr. & Mrs. J. Pullen, 2. Glen View, Pentwyn. The Vicar, Rev. E. Adams Evans, officiated. The bride was given away by her father, and wore a full-length gown of blue taffeta with a design of silver flowers, and carried a bouquet of red carnations. The bridesmaids were Misses Denise and Maureen Pullen, nieces of the bride; Miss E. Morgan, niece of the groom; and Miss Marion Pole. They wore pink and mauve full length taffeta dresses covered with net and each carried a bouquet of sweet peas. The best man was Mr. T. Withers, Caerphilly. The groomsmen were Messrs. J. C. W. H., and D. G. Pullin, brothers of the bride; Master E. Jones of Radstock,

Bath. The reception was held at the White Horse Inn, Pentwyn. The bride's going away costume was a pale pink suit with white accessories.

12 November 1955 Wedding: Mr. Fred Evans & Miss Margaret Jones The wedding took place on Saturday at St. Mary's Church of Mr. Fred Jones, eldest son of Mr. & Mrs. Albert John Evans, Penybank, and Miss Margaret Jones, only daughter of Mr. & Mrs. David Jones, Fochriw. The Vicar officiated, and Mr. N. Palmer was the organist. The bride was given away by her father, and wore a picture gown of witch-craft lace and nylon net. Her shoulder-length veil edged with lace was held in place by a coronet of diamente. Her bouquet was of red rose-buds. The bridesmaids were Miss Winnie Evans, sister of the groom, who wore a pale blue dress of taffeta and tulle; Miss Rosemarie Harris and Miss Margaret Wood, who wore pale pink dresses of taffeta and tulle with head-dresses to match; and Miss Miss Janet Elston and Miss Colleen Williams, who wore white dresses of tulle, trimmed with blue rose-buds and wore blue lace bonnets. All carried Victorian posies of bronze and gold chrysanthemums. The best man was Mr. Glanville Jones, brother of the bride, and the groomsmen were Messrs. W. James and C. Wood, uncles of the bride. The reception was held at the New Hall, and was attended by 100 guests. The honeymoon was spent in London. To travel, the bride wore an off-white ensemble, with sage green accessories.

26 November 1955 Marriage The marriage took place on Saturday, November 12, at St. Mary's Church, of Miss Patricia Sullivan, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. T. Sullivan, Aelybryn, and Mr. Tudor Moon, son of Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Moon, Hill-street, Rhymney. Rev. Cooper Lewis, Rhymney, and Rev. E. Adams Evans, Fochriw, officiated. Mr. Ron Davies was the organist. The bride was given away by her father, and wore a gown of white Nottingham lace with shoulder length veil edged with lace, and held in place with a lace coronet. She carried a shower bouquet of pink carnations. Matron of honour was Mrs. J. Albron, sister, who wore an ankle length gown of lavender tulle, and carried a bouquet of white carnations. Bridesmaids were Miss Hilda Moon, sister of the groom, and Miss Margaret Crane, both of whom wore ankle length gowns of blue tulle, and carried bouquets of bronze and pink chrysanthemums, and Misses Mary Jones and Gillian Jenkins, who wore ankle length gowns of pink tulle, and who also carried bouquets of pink and bronze chrysanthemums. The flower girls were Miss Rosemary Jones, cousin of the bride, and Miss Sonia Moon, niece of the groom, who wore taffeta dresses covered with nylon net of blue and pink, with head-dresses to match. They carried posies of pink and blue anemones. The best man was Mr. Glyn Edwards, and the groomsmen were Mr. Trevor Powell and Mr. J. Sullivan, brother of the bride. The reception was held in the New Hall, and was attended by a large number of guests.

14 April 1956 Wedding: Mr. Lyndon Everitt & Miss Lilian Bailey The wedding took place on Easter Saturday at St. Gwladys Church, Bargoed, of Mr. Lyndon Everitt, son of Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Everitt of Fochriw, and Miss Lilian Bailey, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. A. Bailey, also of Fochriw. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a gown of white slipper silk satin. Her full-length veil was held in place by a coronet, and she carried a bouquet of red carnations and maidenhair fern. The bridesmaids were Misses June and Janice Everitt, sisters of the groom, who wore blue net dresses over taffeta, and carried posies of lemon and pink tulips. Two smaller bridesmaids, Barbara & Sylvia Bailey, sisters of the bride, wore lemon net over taffeta, and carried posies of sweet peas. The flower girl was Avril Tucker, cousin of the groom, who wore white net over lemon taffeta, and carried a basket of sweet peas. The reception was held at the home of the groom.

19 May 1956 Golden Wedding Mr. & Mrs. Mordecai Williams, 7, Dynevor Street, celebrated their golden wedding on Saturday, May 12th. With them were their four children, Mrs. M. H. Morgan, Mr. Windsor Williams, Mrs. Rose Pittaway and Mrs. Kathleen Lewis. Mr. & Mrs. Williams were born and live all their lives in the village. Mrs. Williams is the daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. Williams Evans, and Mr. Williams, son of the late Mr. & Mrs. Modecai Williams.

16 June 1956 Greaney – Pollock Mr. Desmond Greaney, son of Mr. & Mrs. B. Greaney, High-street, Pontlottyn, was married, recently at Carmel Chapel, to Patricia, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. B. Pollock, 4, Dynevor-street, Fochriw. Rev. Albert Williams officiated. The bride,

who was given away by her father, wore a full-length gown of silver lame and carried a shower bouquet of yellow roses. The bridesmaids were Miss Jean Harris, Mrs. Margaret Crane, Miss Lorraine Jones and Miss Diane Price, cousin of the groom. They wore dresses of figured pink brocade with accessories to match, and carried pink and white roses. The best man was Mr. Colin James, and the groomsmen were Mr. Maldwyn Hughes and Mr. Dick Burrows. The reception was held at the New Hall. The honeymoon is being spent in London. The bride travelled in a gold and white brocade coat with stone accessories.

7 July 1956 Price-Williams The wedding took place at St. Mary's Church on Saturday of Mr. Graham Price, son of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Price, 15, Glynmarch Street, Deri, and Miss Jean Williams, only daughter of Mr. & Mrs. George Williams, 25, Rhodfa Ganol, Fochriw. The Rev. E. Adams Evans officiated, with Mr. Norman Palmer at the organ. The bride was given away by her father. She wore a gown of Nottingham lace over white satin, a three-quarter length veil kept in place by a head dress of orange blossom and pearls. The bridesmaids were Misses Marion Jones, Brenda Lewis, Teresa Williams (cousins), and Sylvia Evans, and wore dresses of tulle over blue satin, Juliet caps, and carried baskets of white irises, pink carnations and sweet peas. The reception was at the New Hall. The honeymoon is being spent in London. The bride travelled in a flowered shantung dress and a camel-hair coat with tan accessories.

9 March 1957 Ballard – Lewis The wedding took place at The Mission Hall, Fochriw, on Monday, of Mr. John G. Ballard and Miss Mary Lewis, both of Fochriw. The bride was attired in white satin with lace overskirt, and carried an ivory Bible with flowing white satin ribbon, and white carnations. She was given away by her brother, Mr. R. Lewis of Pant, Dowlais. Mrs. R. Lewis, matron of honour, was dressed in pink satin with overskirt of pink net. Miss Dorothy Talbot, bridesmaid, wore blue lace over satin. Both carried ivory prayer books with satin ribbon and sprays of anemones. Also in attendance was Howard Lewis of Pant, a page boy, dressed in blue velvet trousers and white satin blouse, and Jennifer Thomas as flower girl, in pink net over satin, decorated with rosebuds, and carrying a bouquet of anemones. The best man was Mr. David Ballard, and the groomsmen were Mr. Iles and Mr. Morgan. The ceremony was conducted by Pastor David Thomas. The reception was held at the New Hall, after which the couple left for Somerset. The bride travelled in a fawn coat with blue dress and hat. Other accessories were in a mushroom shade.

30 March 1957 Wedding: Mr. Ivor Bradley & Miss Mary Ann (Mair) Jones The wedding took place at St. Mary the Virgin Church on Saturday between Ivor, third son of Mr. & Mrs. Bradley, Glanynant, and Mary Ann, second daughter of Mrs. I. Morgan, and the late Mr. B. Jones, of 7, Davies-row, Pentwyn. The Rev. E. Adams Evans, vicar, officiated. The organist was Mr. N. Palmer. The bride was given away by her step-father, Mr. T. E. Morgan. She wore a full-length dress of white lace and tulle, and orange blossom head dress, with ankle length veil, white shoes and gloves, and carried a bouquet of red carnations. The bride was attended by the bridegroom's sister, Miss Audrey Bradley, and Miss Mary Jones, who were dressed in pink, and her own sister, Miss Gillian Jones, and Marilyn Evans, the groom's niece, who were in lemon with accessories to match. Two carried posies of blue irises, and two posies of anemones. Mr. Aldwyn Bradley was best man, and Mr. Ronald Jones and Mr. Ronald Bradley, groomsmen. The reception was held at the White Horse Inn, Pentwyn.

30 March 1957 Golden Wedding Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Lewis, 5, Dynevor Street, celebrated their golden wedding on Thursday. Mr. Lewis was born at Fochriw, and has lived there the whole of his life. He is the son of the late Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Lewis. Mrs. Lewis is the daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Rees, Pentwyn, and so, too, was born in the village. Until his retirement Mr. Lewis worked in the mines. He is not enjoying good health. They have a family of three sons and five daughters, eight grand children, and one great grandchild. A party gathering was held at their home.

30 March 1957 Wedding: Grist-Williams The marriage took place on Saturday of Miss Shirley Grist and Mr. John Williams, both of Fochriw. The bride was attired in a navy costume with a white hat, glove and shoes. The best man was the bride's brother, Mr. Bill

Grist. Also present at the wedding were Mrs. Ceinwen Williams, mother of the groom, and Mrs. Margaret Grist, grandmother of the bride. The honeymoon is being spent in Bristol.

6 April 1957 Wedding: Mr. Gwyn Morgan & Miss June Perry The wedding took place at St. Tyfaelog Church, Pontlottyn, of Gwyn, the only son of Mrs. M. H. Morgan, 7, Station Terrace, and the late Mr. Wyndham Morgan, to June, second daughter of Mr. & Mrs. T. Perry, Union-street, Pontlottyn. Rev. Hughes officiated. The bride was given away by her father, and was dressed in a white ballerina length dress of white lace trimmed with seed pearls, and shoulder length veil held in place by a coronet of nylon leaves and seed pearls. The bride carried a bouquet of red roses and maidenhair fern. The best man was Mr. Melvyn Edwards. The chief bridesmaid was Miss Sheila Perry, sister of the bride, who was dressed in a ballerina length dress of turquoise nylon and pill-box head dress of turquoise nylon trimmed with lace. The other bridesmaids were Miss Margaret Victoria Pittaway of Birmingham, and Miss Carol Pask Lewis of London, cousins of the groom. Both were attired in lilac nylon dresses with pill-box head dresses trimmed with lace. The bridesmaids carried bouquets of pink rosebuds. The reception was held at the Picton Hotel. The couple left for Birmingham by car. To travel the bride wore a shocking pink coat with black and pink accessories.

4 May 1957 Sproates - Jones The wedding took place at the Parish Church on Easter Monday of Miss Gillian Jones, Fochriw, and Mr. Alan Sproates, West Hartlepool. The bride wore a ballerina length gown of Italian lace over tulle and nylon with a half-length veil and a coronet of seed pearls, and carried a bouquet of red carnations and lily of the valley. She was given away by her father, Mr. Samuel John Jones. Her attendants were her sister, Mrs. Sybil Elliott, and the Misses Jean Pegg, Ismarie Jones, Ismarie Wile, Verna Jones and June Palmer. Four of the bridesmaids wore nylon dresses of turquoise blue and pink, with half hats of feathers and pearls. The four others wore white and lemon dresses of organza over satin, with feather head-dresses. They carried posies of tulips. The flower girls were Olive Titcombe and Janice Bedd. The Rev. A. Evans officiated, assisted by Mr. John Palmer, cousin of the bride. The organist was Mr. Norman Palmer, also a cousin of the bride. The reception was held at the New Hall.

13 July 1957 Diamond Wedding Mr. & Mrs. John Davies, 6, Railway Terrace, celebrated the 60th anniversary of their wedding last week. They were married in Merthyr Tydfil. They are both in good health and active. Mr. Davies is 84, and Mrs. Davies 81. Mrs. Davies was born in the village, where she has lived all her life. Mr. Davies was born in Flintshire, but came to Fochriw when he was six years old. Mr. Davies worked in the mines until retiring age. In her younger days, Mrs. Davies was an excellent singer, and even today her voice is good. They are members of Noddfa Chapel. They have three children and 14 grandchildren. They were the recipients of telegrams and letters of good wishes.

27 July 1957 Shankland - Davies The wedding took place at Cardiff on Monday of Mr. Idris Shankland, son of Mrs. E. Shankland, and the late Mr. Crad Shankland of Guest-street, Fochriw, and Miss Megan Davies, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Harry Davies, Greenfield Street, Pontlottyn. The bride wore a turquoise costume with stone-coloured accessories. They are spending their honeymoon at Penarth.

14 December 1957 First Marriage at Nazareth Church: Hughes - Hall The wedding was solemnized on Saturday at Nazareth C.M. Church, between, Kate Hughes, the second daughter of Mr. & Mrs. D. Myrddin Hughes, 2, Aelybryn, and William Hall, youngest son of Mr. & Mrs. Tom Hall, Rhymney. This was the first wedding to take place at Nazareth, and to mark the occasion the bride was presented with a Bible by Mr. W. A. Davies, the Church secretary. The Rev. T. J. Jones of Noddfa officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a full-length gown of witch-craft lace held in place by a coronet of lace and diamente. Her bouquet was a shower of red carnations and maidenhair fern. Her two attendants, Miss May Hughes, chief bridesmaid, and Miss Pam Thomas, wore dresses of rose pink nylon and head-dresses of flowers and diamente. Ann Hughes, flower girl, sister of the bride, wore an apple green nylon dress and head-dress of flowers and diamente. Each attendant carried posies of chrysanthemums and carnations. The bride was presented with horse-shoes by Geraldine Lewis and David Jones. The best man was Mr. John Prosser. The

groomsmen were Mr. Gwyn Hughes and Mr. Emrys Shankland. The reception was held at the New Hall.

1 March 1958 Beddoe - Dummett The wedding took place at St. Tyfaelog's Church, Pontlottyn, of Mr. Kendrick Beddoe, son of Mr. & Mrs. J. Beddoe, 3, Martin Street, and Miss Gwyneth Dummett, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. George Dummett, 20, Dynevor Street. The Rev. W. R. Hughes officiated. The bride was given away by her father, and wore a gown of white satin brocade with full-length veil and a coronet of orange blossom and seed pearls. In attendance were Miss Gail Beddoe, cousin of the groom, chief bridesmaid, who wore lavender brocade with flowered head-dress to tone; Gloria Dummett, cousin of the bride, and Sonia Hudson, cousin of the groom, who wore dresses of pale green brocade with head dresses to match, and carried bouquets of lemon and white freesias. The flower girl was Thelma Hudson, and the page-boy Robert Hudson. The best man was Mr. Royston Dummett and the groomsmen were David Lewis and Percy Hall. The reception was held at the New Hall. The couple left for Tupsley, Hereford, for their honeymoon. The bride wore a black and white two-piece suit with black accessories.

22 March 1958 Wedding: Hulse-Marshallsea The wedding took place last Sturday at St. Mary's Church of Mr. Albert Hulse, only son of Mr. & Mrs. S. Hulse, Rhymney, and Miss Idona Marshallsea, of Brynteg, Fochriw. The Rev. E. Adams Evans officiated, with Mr. Norman Palmer at the organ. The bride was given away by her father, and wore a model gown of white Italian lace, with a short circular veil held in place by a coronet of pearls and diamente. She carried an ivory prayer book decorated with red roses and lily of the valley. In attendance was Miss Sandra Marshallsea, the bride's sister, who wore red embossed nylon velvet and carried a white ermine muff trimmed with red carnations and trailing fern, and a coronet of white feathers trimmed with white velvet rosebuds. The best man was Mr. Jack Williams, and the groomsmen were Messrs. Colin Marshallsea, Bryn Mosely and Gordon Coggan. A reception was held at the New Hall. Later, the couple left for a honeymoon in London. To travel the bride wore a powder-blue coat and dress with stone accessories. The bride's mother wore a suit of French figured brocade in coffee and cream, with a mink marmot stole and matching accessories. The groom's mother wore a two-piece ensemble of beige and coffee with marching accessories.

5 April 1958 Bradley - Jones The wedding took place on Saturday week of Mr. Ronald Bradley, son of Mr. & Mrs. W. J. Bradley, Glanynant, to Miss Mary Jones, youngest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. S. Jones. Plantation-terrace. The Vicar officiated, with Mr. N. Palmer at the organ. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. John Jones. She wore a full-length gown of Brussels lace, trimmed with diamente and pearls. Her full-length veil was held in place by a coronet of seed pearls and diamente and she carried a shower bouquet of red carnations. The bridesmaids - Miss Marilyn Evans (niece of the groom), and Miss Margaret Mantle (niece of the bride), wore dresses of blue nylon, with head-dresses to match. Miss Mair Bradley (sister of the groom) wore a gown of pink tulle with head-dress to match. The chief bridesmaid, Miss Pat Edwards, wore a gown of lavender nylon. They all carried bouquets of tulips and anemones. A reception was held at the New Hall.

19 July 1958 Shankland - Davies The wedding took place at Siloh Chapel, Penybank, on Saturday, July 12, of Islwyn Shankland, son of Mr. & Mrs. Shankland, 2. Pleasant View, Fochriw, and Evelyn Rose Davies, second daughter of Mr. & Mrs. T.E. Davies, Danywern, Penybank. Pastor Griffiths, uncle of the bride, officiated. The organist was Mr. J. Nicholls, cousin of the bride. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a ballerina white gown of rucked nylon, and a circular veil held in place by a coronet of orange blossom. She carried an ivory bible with red rosebuds trimmed with white ribbon. The bridesmaids were Miss Letty Davies, sister of the bride, and Miss Margaret Shankland, sister of the groom, who wore lilac gowns of figured nylon with white flowered head-dresses and full length gloves. They carried posies of anemones. The best man was Mr. Glanmor Jones, and the groomsmen were Mr. Clifford Goulden Hann and Mr. Windsor Chapman, uncle of the bride and groom respectively. On leaving the chapel, the bride was presented with silver horse-shoes by Miss Rose Griffiths and Miss Ruth Jenkins, cousins of the bride. A reception was held at Bargoed

Café. The honeymoon is being spent in Weston-super-Mare, and to travel the bride wore a blue two-piece with beige accessories.

9 August 1958 Jarman-Lewis Mr. Peter Jarman, elder son of Mr. & Mrs. Leslie Jarman, Gilfach, Bargoed, and Miss Muriel Lewis, only daughter of Mrs. M. A. Lewis, Guest-street, Fochriw, were married on Tuesday at Bethania Presbyterian Church, Bargoed. The Rev. Godfrey Jones officiated. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. Derlwyn A. Lewis. She wore a gown of white Nottingham lace embroidered with diamente and seed pearls, a head dress of witchcraft lace embroidered with seed pearls and a short circular veil. She carried a bouquet of crimson rosebuds. Mrs. Pat Johnson was matron of honour, Miss Cynthia Wellsman, bridesmaid, Glenda P. Hopkins, flower girl, and Mark Lewis, page-boy. The matron of honour and bridesmaid wore primrose nylon gowns and white floral head dresses, and carried posies of sweet peas. The flower girl, in a pale blue nylon dress with a blue floral head-dress, carried a posy of deep cream carnations and stephanotis. The page-boy was attired in ivory short trousers and blouse with a pale blue bow. Among the 90 guests at the Hanbury Hotel, Bargoed, was the chairman of the Glamorgan County Council, Coun. W. J. Kedward, O.B.E., J.P., and Mrs. Kedward, also, Messrs. W. Adams Jones of Trelewis Primary School, and David A. Jones, M.A., (uncle and cousin respectively of the bride). The bride's mother wore a turquoise ensemble with dusky-pink accessories, and the groom's mother an orchid-pink ensemble with black accessories. To travel for her honeymoon - touring in Devon and Cornwall - the bride wore a mid-night blue suit with shell-pink accessories.

21 March 1959 Babcock - Golding Mr. John Babcock of Cwm, Ebbw Vale, and Miss Hazel Golding of Fochriw, were married at Penybank Chapel on Saturday.

21 March 1959 Davies - Bevan Last Saturday, at Bethel Chapel, Bedlinog, the wedding took place of Mr. William J. Davies, son of Mr. & Mrs. W. J. Davies, 12, Guest Street, Fochriw, and Miss Rena Bevan, daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. D. J. Bevan, of Bedlinog. Pastor D. Thomas, Fochriw, officiated. The bride was given away by Mr. Leslie Jenkins. She wore a ballerina length gown of white lace, and her shoulder length veil was held in place by a pearl studded coronet. She carried an ivory prayer book. Her spray was of red carnations. The bridesmaids were Miss Ann Bevan, the bride's sister, who wore a ballerina length gown of blue nylon, and Miss Kay Jones, the bride's cousin, who wore a ballerina length gown of lemon nylon. Both wore white floral head-dresses. They carried posies of mixed tulips. The best man was Mr. M. D. Thomas, the groom's brother-in-law, and the groomsman was Mr. W. Blunt.

5 September 1959 Wedding: Morse-Hughes The wedding took place at the Assembly of God Church, Penybank, of Mr. James Carey Morse and Miss Pamela Hughes, only daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John Wyndham Hughes, 17, Martin-street, Fochriw. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a full-length gown of flocked nylon. Her full-length veil was held in place by a coronet of pearls, and she carried a bouquet of red roses. The bride was attended by Mrs. E. Hughes, her sister-in-law, and Miss Myra Jones, her cousin. Both wore full-length blue net gowns and flowered head-dresses and carried pink carnations. The two young bridesmaids were Miss Valmai Love, sister of the groom, and Miss Meryl Hughes, cousin of the bride. They wore full-length pink nylon dresses, pink head-dresses and carried muffs of pink nylon with a spray of sweet peas attached. The flower girl, Miss Gwyneth Jones, niece of the groom, was dressed in a white nylon dress, white head-dress, and carried a white nylon muff with red roses attached. The Rev. Selwyn Hughes, Colchester, brother of the bride, officiated at the service, assisted by Pastor W. Griffiths. The best man was Mr. David Cecil Jones, and the groomsmen were Mr. Geoffrey Uzzell and Mr. Albert Evans. The organist was Pastor David Thomas of Fochriw. After the reception at the Hanbury Hotel, Bargoed, the couple left for a honeymoon in Torquay, the bride wearing a green costume with beige accessories.

19 December 1959 Fochriw Bride: Williams - Price The marriage took place on Saturday at Cardiff Register Office, of Mr. Fred Williams, son of Mr. & Mrs. T. Williams, 22, Bedlinog Terrace, Bedlinog, and Miss Ann Price, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. T.G. Price, 5, Pit Row, Fochriw. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a ballerina-length gown of

white tulle over a taffeta underskirt. Her short veil was held in place by a coronet of seed pearls, and she carried a prayer book and a spray of carnations. The bridesmaids, Miss Jeanette Gittins, Miss Kay Price and Miss Mair Price, wore ballerina-length gowns of pink lace trimmed with velvet, over taffeta underskirts, with matching pink head-dresses. They carried posies of carnations and freesias. The best man was Mr. Colin Williams. The reception was held at the Railway Hotel, Bedlinog.

13 August 1960 Wedding: Fox - Hitt The wedding took place at Wesley Methodist Church, Saltash, between Wesley Fox, the only son of Mr. & Mrs. W. Fox, 9, Aelybryn, and Mavis Hitt, only daughter of Mr. & Mrs. R. Hitt of Saltash. The bride wore a ballerina dress in white brocade, patterned with lily-of-the-valley. Her nylon veil was held in place with a pearl coronet. She carried a bouquet of pink roses and lily-of-the-valley. She was attended by Delphine Chapman and Margaret Perry, who wore turquoise, embossed nylon, ballerina length dresses, and carried bouquets of sweet peas, carnations and rosebuds. The honeymoon is being spent in London.

1 October 1960 Tew – Llewellyn The wedding has taken place at Gellygear Church of Mr. Brian Tew, B.A., son of Mr. & Mrs. B.G. Tew, 27, Florence Place, Grifithstown, Pontypool, and Miss Jessie Maud Llewellyn, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John Pellard Llewellyn, Pentwyn. The Rev. I. Jones, Rector of Gellygaer, officiated, assisted by Rev. E. Sedgemore. The bride, given away by her father, wore a short white tunic dress of slipper satin with a lily of the valley head-dress. The bride's attendants were Miss Jane Marie Llewellyn and Mster John Llewellyn (cousins). The best man was Mr. Peter Tew and the groomsmen were Messrs. Vic Gilbert, B.A., and Geraint Howells, B.A. After a reception at the Hanbury Hotel, Bargoed, the couple left for a honeymoon in Torquay. The bride travelled in a violet suit with lilac and cream accessories.

5 November 1960 Harris – James The wedding took place at Elim Church, Caerphilly, of John Lewis, son of Mr. & Mrs. P.J. Harris of Bargoed, and Jean Frances, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. T.J. James of Fochriw. Rev. L.W. Green officiated and the pianist was Mrs. Williams. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a ballerina-length gown of ice-blue brocade, with head-dress to match. She carried a Bible with a spray of pink roses and lily of the valley. The matron of honour was the bride's sister-in-law, Mrs. Gwenfil James, who wore a peach nylon gown with white accessories. She carried a Bible with a spray of carnations. The best man was Mr. David Muscott. After the reception at the Clive Arms Hotel, Caerphilly, the couple left to spend a honeymoon in London.

12 November 1960 Lovell – Morgan The marriage of Mr. Kenneth Lovell, only son of Mr. & Mrs. W.E. Lovell, Bargoed, to Miss Margaret Morgan, only daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ivor Morgan, Rhodfa Ganol, Fochriw, took place recently at the Methodist Church, Bargoed. Rev. W. Horner officiated. The bride was given away by her father, and wore a dress of white brocade. Her bouffant veil was held in place by a coronet of tulle and seed pearls. She carried a bouquet of red rosebuds and lily of the valley. The bridesmaids, Miss Hazel Burrows, cousin of the bride, and Miss June Everett, friend of the bride, wore dresses of lemon embossed nylon with white accessories, and carried bouquets of lemon rosebuds and anemones. The best man was Mr. John Davies, Bargoed, and the groomsmen were Mr. Peter Morgan, Mr. Gary Llewellyn, Mr. Trevor Light and Mr. Jeffrey Vaine. After a reception at the Royal Hotel, Bargoed, the couple left for a honeymoon in London. To travel, the bride wore African violet with white accessories.

8 April 1961 Bradley – Neade The wedding took place at the Parish Church on Saturday of Miss Lynda Neade, daughter of Mrs. J. Neade, and the late Mr. A. Neade, and Mr. Alcwyn Bradley, son of Mr. W.J. Bradley, The service was conducted by the Rev. Evan Sedgemore and the organist was Mr. Frank Jones. The bride was given away by her eldest brother, Melwyn. She wore a ballerina-length dress of white figured lace and carried a bouquet of red rose buds. The four bridesmaids, Doris (bride's sister), Audrey (bridegroom's sister), Mary (sister-in-law), and Marilyn (niece), wore pale blue dresses of figured lace and lilac nylon. They carried bouquets of assorted spring flowers. The best man was the bridegroom's eldest brother, Dreslwyn.

15 July 1961 Wedding: Powell-Lewis The marriage took place on Saturday at St. Mary's Church of Mr. Gilbert Charles Powell, son of Mrs. L. Powell, 18, Glanynant, to Miss Pamela Lewis, daughter of Mrs. D. M. Lewis, 20, Glanynant. The Vicar officiated. The bride was given away by her uncle, Mr. D. E. Lewis. She wore a ballerina-length gown of satin, covered with French lace. Her head-dress was a coronet of pearls, holding a short veil. She carried a prayer book with a spray of red carnations. The bridesmaids were Miss Valerie Davey and Miss Sheila Lewis, who wore ballerina-length dresses of satin covered in lilac figured lace. They carried sprays of sweet peas. The flower girl, Miss Kay Stephens, wore a dress of white tulips with lilac buds. She carried a posy of sweet peas. The best man was Mr. Percy Morgan. Goomsmen were Mr. J. Barnard and Mr. J. Powell. After the reception at the New Hall, the couple left for a honeymoon in Jersey. To travel the bride wore a green costume with white accessories.

29 July 1961 Marshallsea – Coggan The wedding took recently at St. Mary's Church of Mr. Colin Marshallsea, only son of Mr. & Mrs. P.G. Marshallsea, 21, Brynteg Terrace, and Miss Betty Coggan, only daughter of Mr. & Mrs. V.G. Coggan, 8, Stoney Houses, Penybank. Rev. Evan Sedgemore officiated. Mr. Frank Jones was the organist. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a ballerina length dress of white lace. Her short bouffant veil was held in place by a tiara of diamante and pearls. She carried a white prayer book and red roses. Her bridesmaid was Miss Sandra Marshallsea, sister of the bridegroom, who wore a ballerina length dress of orchid pink-embossed nylon. She wore a single rose head-dress, and carried a white prayer book with lily of the valley. The best man was Mr. Idwal Price, and the groomsmen were Mr. John Coggan and Mr. Brian Hooper. The reception was held at the New Hall, after which the couple left for London. The bride travelled in a pale pink jersey wool suit with white accessories.

11 November 1961 Nazareth Wedding The wedding recently took place at Nazareth Chapel of Mr. John Desmond Davies, only son of Mr. & Mrs. Idris C. Davies, Mozart Cottages, Pontllytyn, and Miss Mary Jane Morris, niece of Mrs. L.A. Hewitt, Dynevor-street, youngest daughter of Mr. David Morris and the late Mrs. J.M. Morris, 16, Martin-street. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a short, white-silver, shreaded lace dress over a satin underskirt. Her coronet was of pearls and diamantes. She wore a waist length veil. The bridesmaid, Miss Fay Davies, sister of the bridegroom, wore a pink flock nylon dress, over a pink satin underskirt, with pink flowered head-dress and gloves to match. The bride carried a bouquet of pink carnations, roses and ferns, and the bridesmaid carried a posy of freesias. The bride was presented with a rolling pin by her nephew, David Thomas. The best man was Mr. John Coonick and the groomsmen were Mr. Ieuan Tuck. The officiating minister was Rev. Ieuan T. Jones, minister of Nazareth Chapel, and the organist was Mr. W.F. Davies, cousin of the bride. The reception was held at the New Hall. The couple left later for a honeymoon in London. To travel the bride wore a royal blue coat with a lavender dress and accessories to match.

24 March 1962 Sweeting – Evans The wedding took place at St. Mary's Church of Mr. David Owen Sweeting, eldest son of Mr. & Mrs. Owen Sweeting, Walter Street, Abertysswg, and Miss Joyce Elizabeth Evans, the only daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Evans, 17, Brook Row. The Rev. E. Sedgemore officiated. The organist was Mr. T. Walters. The bride was given away by her father. She wore a ballerina gown of French lace and chiffon. Her shoulder length bouffant veil was held in place with a coronet of pearls and crystals. She carried a spray of red carnations and freesias. The bridesmaid, Miss Janice Hann, wore a short blue and white nylon dress. She carried a Victorian posy of freesias. The best man was Mr. Malcolm Clarke. After the reception held at the bride's home, the couple left to spend a honeymoon in Cheltenham. To travel, the bride wore a brown suit trimmed with mink, and beige accessories. The bride was presented with three silver horse-shoes by Lyn Hann, John Sweeting and Stephen Goulding.

7 April 1962 Bowen – Davies A white full-length heavy brocade gown and bouffant veil were worn by Miss Elizabeth Yvonne Wyn Davies for her wedding to Mr. Richard Bowen at St. Mary's Church on Saturday last. The bride is the only daughter of Mr. & Mrs. A.W. Davies, 8, Railway Terrace, and Mr. Bowen is the son of Mrs. Bowen Jones, and the late Mr.

D.C. Bowen, Mount Pleasant, Pentwyn. The bride's veil was held in place with white roses, and her bouquet was of tangerine roses. She was given away by her father. The bridesmaids were Miss Gillian Bowen and Miss Sian Tyler, nieces of the bridegroom. They were dressed in white flocked nylon, with tangerine coloured sashes. Their coronets were of white flowers, and they carried small replicas of the bride's bouquet. The best man was Mr. D.C. Bowen, brother of the bridegroom. Mr. J.L. Gittins Davies, the bride's brother, and Mr. D. Evans, her uncle, were the groomsmen. The Vicar, Rev. E. Sedgemore, officiated, and the organist was Mr. T. Walters. The reception was held at the New Hall. The honeymoon was spent in London, the bride travelling in an apple green coat, a brown dress, and all accessories were also brown. [With photograph]

21 April 1962 Married at Bournville: Pearce - Holding The wedding took place at Friends Meeting House, Bournville, Birmingham, on Saturday, of Mr. Brain Pearce, B.Sc., son of Mr. & Mrs. W. Pearce, Brook Row, and Miss Janet Holding, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. N. Holding, Blackthorne Close, Bournville. The bride was given away by her father. She wore a full-length gown of duchess satin with pearl and diamente head dress, and short veil. She carried a bouquet of freesias and fern. The bridesmaids were Miss Rosemary Holding, sister of the bride, and a friend of the bride, who wore blue silk dresses with white head-dresses, and carried posies of white freesias. The best man was Mr. Malcolm Harris, and the groomsmen were Mr. H. Pearce and Mr. J. Holding. The couple will spending their honeymoon at Weymouth. The bride travelled in a mauve and black suit with black accessories. They will make their future home at Bournville where both are in the teaching profession.

16 June 1962 Cumpstone – Crompton The wedding has taken place of Bertie, the only son of Mr. & Mrs. Bert Cumpstone, 8, Aelybryn, to Elaine, only daughter of Mr. & Mrs. George Crompton, Ramsden Street, Rhymney. Officiating were Canon W. Cooper Lewis, assisted by the curate. The organist was Mrs. M. Jones. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a brocaded satin gown, and carried a bouquet of red roses. The bridesmaids, Misses Lorna Rees and Pauline Slade, the groom's cousins, wore short pink and blue dresses, and carried bouquets of pink carnations. The flower girl, Miss Paula Crompton, niece of the bride, wore a lemon dress and carried a posy. The best man was Mr. Cadfan Slade. After the reception at the Castle Hotel, Rhymney, the couple left for Oxford. The bride wore a lemon suit with white accessories.

12 January 1963 Phillips – Evans Mr. Selwyn Phillips, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glyndwr Phillips, formerly of Pantywaun, and Miss Patricia Evans, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Evans of Fochriw, were married in Cardiff on Boxing Day. The bride was given away by Mr. Stuart Male, brother-in-law of the bridegroom. She wore a green coat with matching accessories. Mrs. Alice Carter, matron of honour, wore a beige coat with matching accessories. Mr. Glyndwr Jones was best man.

12 January 1963 Male – Phillips The marriage of Mr. Stuart Male, son of Mrs. Male and the late Mr. Male of Mountain Ash, to Miss Evelyn Rona Phillips, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glyndwr Phillips of Fochriw, formerly of Pantywaun, took place in Cardiff recently. The bride, given away by her father, wore a three-quarter-length astrakhan coat and blue suit with white accessories. Mrs. Gladys Parton was matron of honour. She wore a three-quarter-length astrakhan coat with white accessories. Mr. Albert Hiscox was best man. A reception was held at the bride's home.

6 July 1963 Jones - Hughes Mr. John Richard Jones, son of Mr. & Mrs. Evan M. Jones, 74, Glanynant, was married at Nazareth Chapel on Saturday to Miss Hannah May Hughes, daughter of Mrs. E. Hughes, 2, Aelybryn, and the late Mr. Myrddin Hughes. The Rev. T. J. Jones officiated, and the organist was Mr. W. A. Davies. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. Gwyn Hughes, and wore a gown of white lace with nylon insertions, and a shoulder length veil held in place by a coronet of pearls and diamente. She carried a bouquet of rose buds. The bridesmaid, Miss Phyllis Hughes, sister of the bride, wore a ballerina length dress of burnt orange nylon with a head-dress to match, and carried a bouquet of mixed flowers. Mr. Austin Jones, brother of the groom, was best man. The groomsmen were Mr. Moelwyn Hughes, Clive Gittos and Ronald Morgan. After the reception at the New Welfare Hall, the couple travelled to Coventry for their honeymoon.

6 July 1963 Youens – Jenkins On Saturday at Cardiff Register Office, Mr, Terry Youens, Oswestry, married Miss Pearl Jenkins, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Jenkins, 3, Davies Row. The bride who was given away by her uncle, Mr. Herbert Marshallsea, wore a blue two-piece suit with white accessories and carried a horseshoe. Her attendant, Mrs. Barbara Howells, sister, wore a green suit with white accessories. Miss Geraldine and Miss Denise Youens wore, respectively, a blue dress with brown accessories, and a white dress with white accessories. The reception was held at the White Horse Inn, Pentwyn. The couple will make their home in Oswestry.

10 August 1963 Forrest - Shankland The marriage of Mr. David Forrest, son of Mr. & Mrs. John Forrest, Mill Road, Deri, to Miss Enid Shankland, daughter of Mrs. Emily Shankland, 39, Guest Street, and the late Mr. Crad. Shankland, took place at Cardiff on Saturday. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. Emrys Shankland, and wore a coffee-coloured coat and dress of French lace with white accessories, and wore a spray of orchids. Miss Sandra Marshallsea, who attended her, wore a dress of turquoise-coloured French lace with white accessories, and wore a spray of pink carnations. A reception was held at the bride's home. They will make their future home at Fochriw.

10 August 1963 Walters - Rees Mr. Lionel John Keith Walters, B.A., only son of Mr. & Mrs. John Rees Walters, 7, Pleasant View, was married to Miss Barbara Gillian Rees, only daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Glyn Rees, Gilfach Road, Neath, at St. Mathews Church, Duffryn, on Saturday. The Rev. D. G. Rees officiated, assisted by Rev. Evan Sedgemore. The bride was given away by her father. She wore a full-length gown of ottoman silk with an overskirt falling into a train. Her shoulder length bouffant head embroidered veil was held in place by a cluster of roses and lily of the valley. The bridesmaids were Misses Susan Bayliss, Judith Hale, Patricia Rees, cousins of the bride, Pauline Adams, cousin of the groom, and Fay Gimerlett and Gaynor Marvin. They wore full length dresses of blue and white embroidered Swiss cotton with blue sashes, with matching head-dresses, and carried Victorian posies of blue sweet peas. A reception was held at the Memorial Hall, The Park, Skewen. The honeymoon is being spent touring France and Austria. The bride travelled in an apricot and white dress and coat with white accessories. They will make their future home at Tilehurst, Reading. The bridegroom is on the staff of Caversham Grammar School. The bride was presented with horse-shoes by the pupils of Llansawel School where she was on the teaching staff.

10 August 1963 Dando - Morris The marriage took place on Saturday at Hen Dy Cwrdd, Hengoed, of Mr. Kenneth George Dando, son of Mr. & Mrs. James Dando, James Street, Brithdir, and Miss Margaret Morris, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas James Morris, Old School House. The Rev. N. Perkins officiated. The bride was given away by her father, and wore a white satin brocade dress. Her head-dress was a coronet of pearls and diamente. The bridesmaid was the bride's sister, Miss Ann Morris, who wore a dress of lemon Ottoman silk, and carried a spray of white carnations. The reception was at the Cross Inn, Gellygaer. The couple will honeymoon at Minehead.

31 August 1963 Golden Wedding This Sunday, September 1, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Wm. Parry, 19, Brynteg, will celebrate their golden wedding. They were married at Zoar Welsh Congregational Church, Merthyr, the late Rev. D. Hughes Jones officiating. Mr. & Mrs. Parry are both natives of Fochriw. Until his retirement at 70, Mr. Parry worked at the Nantyffin Drifts until their closure, and then at Taff Merthyr Colliery, Trelewis. Both are members of Carmel Chapel. Mr. Parry is 73, and Mrs. Parry 71. Both are in good health.

28 September 1963 Howells – Owen The marriage of Mr. Malcolm Howells, son of Mr. & Mrs. Brinley Howells, Llangorse, Breconshire, formerly of Bryncaerau Farm, Fochriw, to Miss Jean Owen, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Owen, 17 Guest Street, took place at Nazareth Chapel on Saturday. The Rev. T.J. Jones officiated. Mr. W.A. Davies was the organist. The bride was given away by her father. She wore a white, full-length brocade dress with train, a bouffant veil in place with rhinestone and pearl coronet, and carried a bouquet of lemon rosebuds. The bridesmaids were Misses Angela & Sylvia Owen, sisters of the bride, Miss Ann Howells, cousin of the groom, and Miss Rita Howells, sister of the groom. Gail Evans, cousin of the bride, was flower girl. Short dresses of fiesta orange figured brocade

were worn by the cousin of the bride and cousin of the groom, and eau-de-nil figured brocade worn by the sisters of the bride and groom. All carried posies of freesias and chrysanthemums. Head-dresses were of white imitation roses. All wore elbow length white gloves and white shoes. Mr. Raymond Howells, brother of the groom, was best man, and Messrs. Bertram Howells and Olver Evans, groomsmen. After the reception at the New Hall, the couple left for a honeymoon at Porthcawl. To travel, the bride wore a three-quarter-length boucle suit of eau-de-nil with white accessories.

2 November 1963 Fochriw Couple Wed: James – Morgan The wedding took place on Saturday at Cardiff Registry Office of Mr. Vivian James, son of Mr. & Mrs. B.S. James, 14, Heol y Bryn, and Miss Barbara Morgan, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Idris Morgan, 6, The Nant. Given away by her father, the bride wore a blue courtelle suit with white accessories with a spray of pink carnations. Her attendant, Miss Doris Edwards, wore a royal blue suit, with white accessories and a spray of pink carnations. Mr. Frederick Edwards, uncle of the bridegroom, was best man. The reception was held at the New Hall. Mr. & Mrs. Morgan will make their future home at Pontlottyn.

21 December 1963 Evans - James The marriage of Mr. David Evans, son of Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Evans, 2, Guest Street, to Miss Diane James, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas James, 24, Pontlottyn Road, took place at Cardiff Register Office on Saturday. The bride was given away by her father. She wore a mustard two-piece with chocolate brown accessories and a spray of pink carnations. Mr. Denis Evans, brother of the groom was best man. A reception was held at the Central Café, Bargoed.

11 January 1964 Wedding: Davies – Owen The wedding took place on New Year's Day at Plough Chapel, Brecon, of Miss Morfydd E. Owen, only daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Owen of Llanfihangel, Brecon, formerly of Aelybryn, and Dr. Howard Davies of Pencoed. Mrs. Davies is a lecturer at Cardiff University, and Dr. Davies is a lecturer in the Welsh School of Medicine at Cardiff. They will make their future home at Rhiwsaeson, Pontyclun.

25 January 1964 Burrige – Jones The wedding took place on Saturday at St. Mary's Church of Mr. Alvar Burrige, son of Mr. & Mrs. Albert Burrige, 44, Westville, Abertyswg, and Miss Gillian Jones, daughter of Mrs. Ivy Morgan, 7 Davies Row, Pentwyn, and the late Mr. Bryn Jones. The Vicar officiated. Mr. Willie Edwards was the organist. The bride, who was given away by her step-father, Mr. T.E. Morgan, wore a white ballerina-length dress of brocade and lace. Her bouffant veil was held in place by a coronet of pearls. She carried a bouquet of red carnations. The bridesmaids were Miss Ann Tyler, Miss Jacqueline Bradley, Miss June Lewis (nieces of the bride), and Miss Cheryl Burrige, sister of the groom. Two bridesmaids wore short dresses of white nylon over lemon with head-dresses of yellow rosebuds. The other two bridesmaids wore short dresses of white nylon with white coronet head-dresses. They carried bouquets of freesias. Mr. George Powell was the best man. The groomsmen was Mr. Les Stockman. A reception was held at the White Horse Inn. Mr. & Mrs. Burrige will make their home in Germany, where Mr. Burrige is serving in H.M. Forces.

25 January 1964 Davies – Morris Mr. Jeff Davies, elder son of Mr. & Mrs. John Davies, 109, Gwladys Ave., Bargoed, was married on Saturday to Miss Ann Morris, younger daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas James Morris, School House, Fochriw. The ceremony took place at Noddfa Baptist Chapel. The Rev. T.J. Jones officiated, assisted by Rev. T.J. James. Mrs. Anne Davies, aunt of the bride, was the organist. The bride was given away by her father. She wore a short gown of heavy white satin brocade with a rosebud pattern. Her head-dress was a white satin band with bouffant veil. She carried a bouquet of apricot roses and lily-of-the-valley. The bride's attendants were Mrs. Margaret Dando, sister of the bride, and Miss Jacqueline Ann Jones, god-daughter of the bride. They wore short dresses of apricot velvet with white velvet muffs and white head dresses of roses and leaves. The best man was Mr. Kenneth Dando. Groomsmen were Mr. Lynn Jones, nephew of the bride, and Mr. Stan Jones. After a reception at the New Hall, the couple travelled to London for the honeymoon. To travel, the bride wore a dark brown coat, sage green dress and dark brown accessories.

15 February 1964 Davies – Jones The marriage of Mr. Gwynfor Davies, son of Mrs. E.H. Davies, 16, Hill Row, Pentwyn, and the late Mr. Davies, and Miss Dilyswen Margaret Jones,

daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John Owen Jones, 21, Glanynant, took place at Alnon Baptist Chapel, Abertysswg, on Saturday. The Rev. A.E. Williams, B.A., officiated, and Mr. Tom Nash was the organist. The bride was given away by her father. She wore a nylon and lace ballerina length dress with bouffant veil held in place by a coronet of white roses, and carried a bouquet of yellow tea roses. Miss Meryl Weaver was the bridesmaid. She wore a lemon nylon ballerina length dress with lemon nylon veil held in place by a coronet of lemon roses and carried a bouquet of chrysanthemums. The best man was Mr. Mervyn Davies, and Mr. Graham Bebb was the groomsman. A reception was held at the home of the bride. To travel to Malvern, Worcs., the bride wore a wine and black coat with accessories to tone.

7 March 1964 Golden Wedding Mr. & Mrs. David Evans, 44, Aelybryn, celebrated their golden wedding on Thursday. They were married at Merthyr. In their seventies, the couple have lived all their lives at Fochirw. During their younger days they were members of Fochriw choirs. They have two daughters, Mrs. T. Cumpstone of Barry, and Mrs. A. Morgan of Taffs Well, three grand children and a great grandchild.

14 March 1964 Golden Wedding On the occasion of their golden wedding, Mr. & Mrs. David Evans, 44, Aelybryn, were presented with an iced cake by Mr. R. Rees, on behalf of the Taff Branch of the Co-operative Retail Society Ltd.

14 March 1964 Wedding: McBrumby – Evans Mr. Robert McBrumby, 10, Rhodfa Ganol, was married on Saturday at Cardiff, to Miss Pauline Evans, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Isaac Evans of 10, Rhodfa Ganol. The bride was given away by her uncle, Mr. Cyril Davies. She wore a full length figured brocade dress with bouffant shoulder length veil. She carried a bouquet of red tea roses. Mrs. Violet Davies, aunt, wore a grey fur coat, turquoise dress and hat and black shoes. The reception was at the Central Café, Bargoed.

21 March 1964 Thomas – Marshallsea The marriage of Mr. Mansel Thomas, son of Mr. Tom Thomas, 25, Upper Cefn Road, Deri, and the late Mrs. Thomas, to Miss Sandra Rose Marshallsea, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Percy Marshallsea, 21, Brynteg Terrace, took place at St. Mary's Church on Saturday. The Rev. Evan Sedgemore officiated, and Mr. Willie Edwards was the organist. The bride was given away by her father. She wore a model gown of white rose patterned brocade with a train, with a bouffant veil held in place by a head-dress of roses and lily of the valley. She carried a bouquet of orchids and apricot rosebuds. Miss Moira Marshallsea, cousin of the bride, attended her. Her crinoline gown was jade slipper satin. She carried a white fur muff decorated with apricot rosebuds and freesias. The best man was Mr. Tudor Moon, and Mr. Colin Marshallsea and Mr. Roy Evans were groomsman. After a reception at the Gwerthonor Hotel, Gilfach, Bargoed, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas left for a honeymoon in London. To travel, the bride wore a brown dress under a Persianelle coat with stone accessories. The bride was presented with lucky horseshoes by Nicol Marshallsea and Diane & Karen Shankland.

28 March 1964 Currie – Everitt The marriage of Mr. George Currie, son of Mr. & Mrs. Geo. Currie, Thomas Street, Gilfach, Bargoed, to Miss Janet Ruth Everitt, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Clifford H. Everitt, 15, Heol Iago, took place at St. Mary's on Saturday. The Vicar officiated, and Mr. W.T. Edwards was the organist. The bride was given away by her father. She wore a full length pink nylon gown embroidered with pink nylon bows; bouffant veil held in place with a crystal coronet; pink three quarter length nylon gloves, and carried a pink coloured Bible and a spray of pink carnations. Mrs. June Williams, sister of the bride, and Miss Irene Currie, sister of the groom, were bridesmaids. Both wore ice-blue slipper satin ballerina length dresses with blue nylon rose head-dresses and carried blue coloured Bibles. Messrs. Lionel and Clive Everitt were groomsman. A reception was held at the Royal Hotel, Bargoed. To travel to London for the honeymoon, the bride wore a turquoise blue suit with white accessories. On leaving the Church, the bride was presented with horse-shoes by Miss Merle Everitt, Master Neil Everitt, and Jill Challenger.

4 April 1964 Wedding: Jones – Bevan Mr. Colin Jones, son of Mrs. Ivy Morgan, 7, Davies Row, and the late Mr. Bryn Jones, married Miss Patricia Bevan, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Bevan, at St. Dingat's Parish Church, New Tredegar. The Rev. John Stacey officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a full-length gown of pink rose petal brocade with a train. Her bouffant veil was held in place by a pink rose. She carried a

bouquet of pink carnations. The bridesmaids, Miss Carol Baker, cousin of the bride, wore a full-length lemon brocade dress. She carried a bouquet of lemon carnations. Mr. Douglas Jones was best man. Groomsmen were Lyn Moran, brother of the groom, and Gerald Bevan, brother of the bride. The reception was held at the Constitutional Club, Phillipstown.

11 April 1964 Walwyn – Thomas Mr. George Walwyn, son of Mr. & Mrs. B. Walwyn, Gilfach Street, Bargoed, was married to Miss Maralyn Thomas, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ivor Thomas, 41. Heol y Bryn, Fochriw, at St. Tyfaelog Church, Pontlloftyn. Mr. C.H. James, B.A., conducted the ceremony. The bride was given away by her father. She wore a full-length dress of white embossed nylon. Her short bouffant veil was held in place by a pearl tiara. She carried a bouquet of deep yellow rosebuds. Bridesmaid, Miss Patricia Price wore a full-length bell shaped gown of lemon and white brocade with a head-dress to march. She carried a posy of spring flowers. Mr. John Standal Todd, bride's brother-in-law, was best man. Groomsmen were Mr. John Ballard and Mr. L. Tams. The reception was held at the Capel Hotel, Gilfach, Bargoed. The bride wore a red coat with black accessories to travel. The couple who were presented with horseshoes by Miss Julie Thomas, Mark Ballard and Bernard Tuck, will make their future home at Bargoed.

11 April 1964 Jones – Currin Mr. Glyn Jones, son of Mrs. Gwladys Jones, 12, Railway Terrace, and the late Mr. Owen Jones, was married to Miss Diane Marie Currin, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Edwards Currin, Wolverhampton, on Easter Monday. The wedding was at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, Wolverhampton. The bride was given away by her father, and wore a white full-length lace dress with bouffant shoulder length veil held in place with a coronet of orange blossom. She carried a bouquet of apricot rosebuds. The bride's attendants were Miss Kathy Payton, aunt of the bride, and Miss Diane Hurley. The flower girls were Ann Walters and Rhian Denham, cousins of the bridegroom. Miss Payton and Miss Hurley wore short dresses of chocolate brown and gold satin with gold gloves and shoes. Their head-dresses were a gold band. They carried posies of apricot rosebuds. The flower girls wore short dresses of apricot satin, with silver shoes. Their head-dresses were coronets of white daisies. They carried posies of mixed flowers. Mr. Alun Jones, brother of the groom, was best man. Groomsmen were Vernon Pugh, cousin of the groom, and Alan Payton, uncle of the bride. The reception was held at the Mitre Hotel, Wolverhampton. The honeymoon is being spent in Jersey. To travel the bride wore a French navy two-piece suit, with an ice blue coat and white accessories. Mr. & Mrs. Jones will make their future home at Wolverhampton, where Mr. Jones is employed by British Railways.

4 July 1964 Jones – Challenger Mr. Islwyn Jones, son of Mr. & Mrs. Wm. J. Jones, 79, Glanynant, was married on Saturday at Cardiff Registry Office, to Miss Ann Challenger, daughter of Mr. Arthur Challenger, 21, Heol Iago. The bride was given away by her father, and wore a French navy and white costume, with white accessories. She carried a spray of red roses. The bridesmaid was Miss Carol Lewis, and the flower girls were Misses Susan & Carol Richards. Miss Lewis wore a lemon dress, hat, shoes and gloves. The flower girls wore short white nylon dresses. The best man was Mr. Glanville Hollister. A reception was held at the Rising Sun Inn.

25 July 1964 Bedford – Llewellyn Mr. Frederick Norman Bedford, the son of Mr. & Mrs. John Frederick Bedford, 43, Heolybryn, was married to Miss Yvonne Llewellyn, the daughter of Mr. Thomas John Llewellyn, 17, Tre Evans, Rhymney, at St. David's Church, Rhymney. The Rev. W. Cooper Lewis officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a blue two-piece suit, with white hat, shoes and gloves. She carried a Bible and wore a buttonhole of pink carnations. The bridesmaids were Miss Barbara Llewellyn, sister, and Miss Margaaret O'Brien, friend. Miss Llewellyn wore a pink two-piece suit with matching accessories, and Miss O'Brien wore a lemon two-piece suit with matching accessories. Both carried a Common Prayer and wore a button-hole of pink carnations. The best man was Mr. Clive Borstal, and the groomsmen were Mr. Richard Savage and Mr. Idris Llewellyn. After a reception at the Penywaun Hotel, Rhymney, the couple left for a honeymoon at Porthcawl. To travel, the bride wore a navy two-piece suit with accessories to tone.

1 August 1964 Hughes – Pullen The marriage of Mr. Gwyn Hughes, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Hughes, 2, Aelybryn, and the late Mr. D. Myrddin Hughes, to Miss Denise Pullen, daughter

of Mr. & Mrs. John C. Pullen, 9, Glen View, Pentwyn, took place at St. Mary the Virgin Church, Fochriw. The Vicar, Rev. Evan Sedgemore officiated, and the organist was Mr. Willie Edwards. The bride was given away by her father. She wore a white full-length gown of witchcraft lace with long train, pearl and sequin trimmings on bodice, a bouffant veil held in place with a white satin rose. She carried a bouquet of apricot tea roses. The bridesmaids were Miss Christine Pullen, the bride's sister, and Miss Ann Hughes, the bridegroom's sister, who were dressed in pink nylon tulle dresses, with pink rose head-dresses. They carried white prayer books with lily of the valley and a pink tea rose. The best man was Mr. Derek Robinson, and Mr. Godfrey Pullen and Mr. Moelwyn Hughes were groomsmen. After a reception at the Castle Hotel, Tredegar, the couple left for London. To travel, the bride wore a blue two-piece with black accessories.

29 August 1964 Golden Wedding On Saturday, August 29, Mr. & Mrs. George Mantle, 64, Glanynant, will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary. They were married at St. Tyfaelog Church, Pontlottyn. They have four sons, one daughter, eleven grand children, and one great grand daughter. One son, Hugh, was killed at the Battle of Narvik in 1940 when serving with the Royal Navy.

3 October 1964 Langley – Williams Mr. Neville Langley, of London, was married to Miss Brenda Williams, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. W.B. Williams, 82, Glanynant, at Portsmouth Registry Office. The bride was given away by her uncle, Mr. F. Baker. She wore a white brocade gown with shoulder length veil held in place with a diamente coronet. She carried a fan bouquet of red roses and lily of the valley. The bridesmaid was Miss Linda Treasure, cousin of the bride. She wore a blue and white two-piece with accessories to tone. A reception was held at the Portsmouth and Southsea Community Centre, and the honeymoon was spent in Wales. To travel, the bride wore a navy and white two-piece with accessories to tone.

3 October 1964 American Bride for Fochriw Man: Llewellyn – James Mr. Ronald Garry Llewellyn, son of Mr. & Mrs. Ronald E. Llewellyn, 32, Pontlottyn Road, was married to Miss Marion James, the only daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Tom James, Los Angeles, U.S.A., formerly of Cwmcarn, at Gelligaer Parish Church, the Rev. J. I. Jones, Rector, officiating. The bride was given away by her father. She wore a white, full length, American classic gown of white nylon and lace, with a nylon tiered train from the waistline, and a shoulder length bouffant veil. She carried a bouquet of red roses with lily of the valley. The maid of honour was Miss Mary Bowyer. Bridesmaids were Miss Marie Brown and Miss Elaine Salvace. The maid of honour wore a knee length dress of pink slipper satin, with rose head-dress, and carried a posy of carnations. One bridesmaid wore a blue knee length nylon dress with blue head-dress with rhinestone decoration, and carried a posy of assorted flowers, and the other wore a yellow nylon knee length dress with matching head dress. She too carried a posy of assorted flowers. The best man was Mr. Alan B. Eaton, and the groomsmen were Mr. David Llewellyn and Mr. Peter Morgan. A reception was held at the Castle Hotel, Tredegar, and the honeymoon was spent in London. To travel, the bride wore a rose pink light boucle suit with white organza collar and rose pink hat. [with photograph]

10 October 1964 Wed at Llandaff The wedding took place at All Saints Church, Llandaff North, on Saturday last, of Miss Sonia Catterson, daughter of Mrs. M. Catterson, and the late Capt. E. Catterson, of Whitchurch, formerly of Fochriw.

31 October 1964 Fochriw Bride: Sullivan - Pervin The marriage of Mr. Dennis Sullivan, Martin Street, Dowlais, to Miss Ann Pervin, eldest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Evan Pervin, Hillside, Fochriw, took place at St. Tyfaelog's Church, Pontlottyn, on Saturday. The Rev. C. H. James officiated. The bride was given away by her father, and wore a ballerina length dress of lemon brocade, with a bouffant veil held in place with a coronet of sequins and pearls. She carried a bouquet of dark red roses. The bridesmaids were: Miss Eileen Pervin (sister of the bride) and Miss Isobel Edwards. Misses Janet and Susan Pervin were flower girls. The bridesmaids wore full-length dresses of silk covered with nylon tulle, with flowered head dresses. They carried posies of carnations. The flower girls wore short lemon silk dresses with coronets of yellow flowers, and carried posies of carnations. A reception was held at the Lord Nelson Hotel, Pontlottyn. The couple will make their home at Dowlais.