

Coalville Times - September 1913

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Local News

Leicestershire Miners' Association Annuities for Whitwick Disaster Widows

The monthly meeting of the Council of the Leicestershire Miners' Association was held at the Railway Hotel, Coalville, on Friday night, Mr A. Smith presiding.

The agent gave a report respecting the sudden death of Mr W. Turner in the Bagworth pit, and also stated that several compensation cases had been satisfactorily settled. Several out of work cases were dealt with. The agent further reported on the meetings of the lodges held in reference to the forthcoming ballot on the Trades Union Act.

The Chairman, as representative of the council on the Whitwick Colliery Disaster Relief Fund Committee reported that 15 years having now expired since the disaster occurred, the committee, according to the deeds of the fund, purposed to purchase annuities for the widows of 5s a week for life. It was pointed out that there were two young people aged 16 and 24 unable to do anything for themselves, and the committee proposed to make ample provision for them. This was considered satisfactory.

The question of non-union men at some of the pits was discussed and a resolution was received from the men at the South Leicester pits, asking to be authorised to hand in their notices unless the non-unionists joined the association. It was pointed out that the council had already passed a resolution empowering their members to refuse to work with non-unionists, and it was decided that, if necessary, steps be taken to enforce them at an early date.

Campanology

A peal of grandsire triples (Hollis' five-part), 5,040 changes was rung at the Church of St. John Baptist, Whitwick on Saturday last, August 30th 1913, in three hours. The bells were rung by J. H. Pegg (treble) W. Fern, H. Percival, G. Walker, H. Partridge, J. Rawson, J. Cadle and A. Jarvis (tenor). Mr W. Fern conducted the peal. This was the first peal by the tenor ringer.

The Whitwick Parish magazine states that "The Children's (Nativity) Window near the north door, has been ordered to be fixed soon. The Vicar has selected an inscription for the foot of the window.

Thanks to the continued efforts of the children, the Churchwardens have sufficient funds to pay on completion, and thereby earn the 5 per cent discount allowed by the makers. This will be the second beautiful window placed in our old church by the children of our congregation. The splendid success of this effort proves the great value of a continuation of small efforts.

At Easter 1912 we had a balance in hand of £1 14s 4¹/₂d. Since then the Churchwardens have received exactly 60 separate amounts varying between 6d and £7 12s 9¹/₂d – 51 of these contributions have come direct from the children at service in church or Sunday school. In addition to these were, Sales of Work, the late Miss K. Burkitt's £5 5s, Children's Xmas Party £1 12s 9¹/₂d, Children's entertainment (part proceeds) £5 etc, total £33 4s 10d.

Towards the proposed Miners' and Quarrymen's Memorial Window in Whitwick Church estimated to cost £127 (less 5 per cent discount) the sum of £76 7s 10d has been received by the churchwardens.

Released from Isle of Man Gaol

The Rev. James Wilson Alexander Mackenzie, formerly vicar of Whitwick, who, on March 13th last, was convicted at the Isle of Man Court of General Gaol Delivery, on a charge of uttering what purported to be a promissory note for £300 from the late Miss Murray, matron of Ramsey Isolation Hospital, to himself, knowing the same to be forged, and was sentenced to 12 months' hard labour,

was late on Monday night released from the Isle of Man Gaol under an order of the Lieutenant-Governor of the island. The reason for his release was ill health. He left the island early on Tuesday morning for England accompanied by his solicitor, Mr J. J. Sharp.

Damage to the Charnwood Forest Laundry

A fire broke out at the Charnwood Forest Laundry situated in Hermitage Road, Whitwick on Monday night. About 8.30, a little girl named Clarke, who lives in a house near, saw flames shooting through the roof of the building and called her mother. The latter promptly gave an alarm and a number of the neighbours were soon on the scene throwing buckets of water on the burning building. A telephone message from the gasworks quickly brought the Whitwick section of the Coalville Urban Council Fire Brigade on the scene under Lieut. Bull, and a message conveyed by Police-Sergeant Dobney, as the result of a telephone call soon brought the Coalville contingent of the Brigade under Lieut. Moreton. As the building is composed of only one storey the Brigade were easily able to throw the water from the road main right over it, and the fire was soon got under. But for the promptitude of the Brigade said Mr H. Wright, the manager, the building would doubtless have been burnt down.

The roof is composed largely of wood and glass, and this was considerably damaged. A portion of the floor was also burnt away near the heating stove, from which the fire is supposed to have originated. The woodwork and other fixtures inside the laundry were badly damaged by the fire and water, but the machinery was uninjured, and no damage was done to the linen. A clock on the wall, all burnt away but the hands, showed that it had stopped at fourteen minutes to nine. Half an hour before then, two van-men had deposited parcels in the laundry, and noticed nothing wrong.

The total damage is roughly estimated at £100, and is covered by insurance. The wind blew the fire away from a haystack which stood in the yard. The employees were able to resume work on Tuesday morning, though it was at some inconvenience. A policeman and a fireman remained on the premises all night, to see that there was no fresh outbreak.

Dutch Scouts

End of Leicestershire Visit

The party of Dutch Boy Scouts concluded their visit to Leicestershire on Friday morning. Leaving Leicester on Tuesday morning, they walked to Bradgate, through the Park by Bardon Hill to Coalville, where as already reported they were taken down the Snibston Colliery by the manager, Mr B. T. Boam. They were much interested in the novel experience. On returning to the surface they were met by the Whitwick Troop and marched to their club room. After supper, they passed an enjoyable hour with the Whitwick Troop before retiring to bed.

On Wednesday morning they visited the Whitwick Quarry and after being taken over the same, were invited by Mr Robinson, the manager, to dinner, afterwards rambling over the rocks of Spring Hill Farm. So different is the rock country of the Charnwood Forest from what they are used to in Holland that it was difficult to get them to leave, and they did not arrive at the Hanging Rocks and Woodhouse until six o'clock instead of earlier in the afternoon as expected. After tea they marched to Woodhouse Station and took train for Rothley, where they slept in the clubroom belonging to the Rothley Troop, who had almost given them up, being so late.

Thursday morning they marched into Leicester, and after a short time spent at the Y.M.C.A. left by the 12 train for Ullesthorpe Court, where they had been invited by Mr Hugh Goodacre, Scout Commissioner for Leicestershire. On Friday morning they left early for to catch the 8.25 train at Lutterworth for London, to spend that day and Saturday under auspices of the Y.M.C.A. Junior Section. They left for Rotterdam on Saturday evening. The visit had been mutually agreeable to the Dutch Scouts and Leicester Scouts who have entertained them. There is no doubt that both English and Dutch boys who have come into contact with one another will long entertain the friendly feeling to their brother scouts of another nation.

Coalville Urban District Council

The monthly meeting of the Urban Council was held at Coalville on Tuesday night, when the holiday season was apparent by the absence of four members. Mr Wm. Sheffield, JP, presided and there were present, Messrs M. McCarthy, S. Perry, S. P. Matterson, T. Kelly, W. Fellows, S. Armson and F. Griffin, with the clerk (Mr T. E. Jesson), surveyor (Mr L. L. Baldwin), assistant surveyor (Mr G. F. Hurst).

Plans

The following plans were recommended for approval: Factory, Mantle Lane, Coalville, for Messrs Walker and Son; alterations to the Railway Hotel, Whitwick, for Messrs Eadie, Ltd; three houses, Breach Road, Hugglescote, for Mr W. Sketchley; house, Whitehill, Ellistown, for Mr J. A. Hume; and factory, Hermitage Road, Whitwick, for Mr W. Stinson, junr. The following plan was referred back: New streets, estate of the Wyggeston Hospital Trustees. The report was adopted on the motion of Mr S. Perry.

Medical Officer's Report

The medical officer, (Dr R. W. Jamie) reported that one case of scarletina, at Kendal Road, Ellistown, and one of diphtheria in Belvoir Road, Coalville, had been reported during the month. A case of typhoid fever had also occurred in North Street, Whitwick. The local conditions did not appear to have played any part in the causation of the illness. No further cases had occurred. Two cases of phthisis had been reported, one in Hotel Street, and one in Marshall's Row, Coalville. In each case the usual precautions were taken. Measles were still fairly prevalent and two deaths had been attributed to this cause. During the month of August, 20 deaths occurred, giving a death rate of 13.3. During the same period, 50 births were registered, giving a birth rate of 33 per 1,000.

Prosecutions

The surveyor reported three night-soil defaulters in Talbot Street, Whitwick. One of the men had been ill, and there was some delay in getting his insurance benefit. It was decided to let him off and prosecute the others.

Do you know?

That among the clubs entered for the Hinckley Football Cup are Whitwick Imperial, Coalville P.S.A., Hugglescote St. John's, Ellistown's St. Christopher's and Ibstock Albion?

That Mr S. W. West has been elected a manager of the Whitwick Church School for the next three years?

That the Rev. T. W. Walters will be instituted Vicar of Whitwick at Peterborough on September 24th and that his induction at Whitwick will follow on a date to be announced?

Sports News

Football

Opening of the Football Season

Tomorrow football in Coalville and district will be in full swing, and for some weeks the secretaries and officials of the local clubs have been very busy in their preparations. Though Hugglescote United drop out of the list, other local teams hope to accomplish greater things and altogether the season opens with excellent prospects for a good game in the colliery centre. A few details concerning the local leagues are appended.

Coalville League

The Coalville League has reached considerable dimensions, and the season now commencing promises to be the best in its history. No less than 34 clubs are participating. A pleasing feature is the formation of a strong first division, which hitherto has been somewhat of a failure owing to restrictive rules. Alterations have been made this season, however, which will allow any amateur player to take

part irrespective of any senior competitions he may have played in and this has induced several of the leading clubs in the district to join. The new clubs include Whitwick Imperial, Whitwick Holy Cross, Ibstock Albion and Hugglescote Wesleyans, while Coalville Town, who withdrew during last season owing to the difficulty created by the old rule, have rejoined. There are ten good clubs competing in division one, and the second and third divisions have twelve each. New clubs in the second division are Thornborough United and Whitwick Amateurs, and there are also two new clubs in the third division, Heather Imperial and Osgathorpe United. The latter club were anxious to join the Loughborough League, but as they are in the Coalville area, and there was a vacancy through the withdrawal of Measham Town, they were advised to come to Coalville, and acted wisely in accepting. They will have some good matches in the Coalville League third division, which was a most interesting and successful one last season. There is no change in the officials of the League.

Whitwick Imperial

A. Roadley; P. Waterfield and J. T. Cooke; H. Toon, J. Bird and P. W. Wright; F. Wain, A. Brady, J. Moore, J. Abel and W. Moore.

Whitwick Imperial Reserves

A. Hart; J. Moore and F. Smith, E. Tugby, H. Rennocks and H. Hewitt; Levi Bradford, A. Bird, E. Lees, R. Rossell and A. Croson. Res. G. Chantrill and E. Glithero.

Skittles

Colliery Clerks at Play

The clerks of the Whitwick Colliery last night played a match at skittles at the Conservative Club, and afterwards partook of dinner in the games room. Mr Brown catered excellently and an enjoyable evening was spent.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Burials

Smith: - At Whitwick, on Saturday, James Smith, aged 67 years, of Hermitage Road.

Baxter: - At Whitwick, on Tuesday, George Lohman Baxter, aged 13 months, of Cademan Street.

Frearson: - At Whitwick, on Wednesday, May Ann Frearson, aged 77 years, of James Street, Coalville.

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Local News

Whitwick Boy's Sad Death

Result of a Fall

The sad death of a Whitwick boy named Samuel Horobin, aged 15 years, of Cademan Street, Whitwick, was the subject of an inquest by Mr T. J. Webb, deputy coroner, at the Marquis of Granby Inn, Whitwick, on Tuesday morning. Albert Horobin, grazier, of Cademan Street, said the deceased was his son, and he was employed in the Whitwick Colliery. Witness and deceased were at the Whitwick Conservative demonstration on Saturday, and then deceased seemed all right. Witness was told about 7.30 that he was wanted at home and left the boy in the field. A little after eight o'clock the deceased arrived home, and complained of pains in his head and said he felt poorly. He told the boy to lie down on the couch, and asked his wife to give him a seidlitz powder. Witness then went into Whitwick to do some business, and returned about 10.30. As the boy then seemed worse, he sent for Dr Burkitt. Death took place about 12.30, shortly after midnight.

Zachariah Parker, carter of Whitwick, stated that on July 31st about 7 pm witness was with the deceased in his father's field in front of the house in Cademan Street, when the boy ran and tried to get over a wall into Cademan Street. He fell backwards, and rolled over on his knees and then on his side, afterwards holding his head in his hands. Witness ran to him and called his father who was also

in the field. Witness said to the latter, "Sam is in a fit." He carried the boy home and laid him on the sofa. He asked him if he felt better, and he replied that he did not. Witness remained with him till about 10 pm, and his father went for Dr Burkitt. Witness thought the boy was trying to get over the wall to another boy in Cademan Street.

Dr Burkitt said he was called to see the deceased on July 31st and found him suffering from concussion. He advised the parents to keep him quiet. Witness continued in attendance for a fortnight, when the boy seemed to have recovered, except for violent headaches. He advised the parents to keep the lad quiet till all trace of the headache had disappeared. Witness was called in again at 10.45 last Saturday night, and on examining the deceased found him suffering from an apoplectic seizure. This brought on syncope which was the cause of death.

The jury returned a verdict of death from syncope, due to an apoplectic seizure as the result of a fall on July 31st. The funeral of the unfortunate boy took place at Whitwick cemetery on Tuesday afternoon, when there were many tokens of public sympathy for the deceased's parents in their sad bereavement.

For Sale

3 heavy drays, on fairground, Coalville, £7 10s each. Apply McQuire, 13 Vicarage Street, Whitwick

Liberal Club's Annual Event

The annual open show of flowers, fruit and vegetables in connection with the Whitwick Liberal Club was held on Saturday in the Public Hall. Prizes were offered in 29 classes and there was a capital entry, some splendid produce being shown. The judges were Messrs A. Huthby (gardener to Mr J. J. Sharp, of the White House), and W. Bambridge (gardener to Mr Justice Joyce, of Abbots Oak). The secretarial duties were ably discharged by Mr Dennis Otter and Mr Thomas Kelly, and the committee responsible for the excellent arrangements were : President , Mr Anthony Needham; vice-president, Mr G. H. Hallam; committee, Messrs Sam Jarvis, Twigg, Sheen, S. Perry, J. Frearson, E. Briers, A. Cooper, A. Beers, H. Allgood, G. Jessop, H. Lovell, Joseph Kelly, Fred Harper, B. Johnson, T. Ottey, James Clifford, Fred Perry, J. Ward, Fred Sears, J. Beeson, H. Beeson, S. Billings, J. Rose, J. Wardle.

Prize List

Collection of Vegetables – 1 and special, J. W. Williamson, Whitwick; 2 Walter Brooks, Whitwick; 3 Bowley Hurst, Whitwick. White kidney potatoes – 1 and special, J. W. Williamson; 2 John Beeson, Whitwick. Coloured potatoes – 1 J Beeson; 2 W. Waring, Shepshed. White round potatoes - J. W. Williamson; 2 W. Willmott, Gracedieu. Coloured round potatoes – 1 W. Waring; 2 B. Hurst Parsnips – 1 James Musson, Whitwick; 2 B. Hurst Shorthorn carrots – 1 J. W. Williamson; 2 Michael Shea, Whitwick. Intermediate carrots – 1 J. W. Williamson; 2 Michael Shea White turnips – 1 A. Cooper, Whitwick; 2 J. Musson

White celery – 1 and special, B. Hurst; 2 J. W. Williamson; 3 A Cooper Red celery – 1 George Corbert, Shepshed; 2 J. W. Williamson; 3 B. Hurst. Cauliflowers – 1 W. Brooks; 2 Joe Frearson, Whitwick Onions - 1 and special, J. W. Williamson; 2 A. Cooper 3 Walter Bradley, Thringstone. Marrows - 1 W. Waring; 2 J. W. Williamson. Heavy Marrows - 1 J. Beeson; 2 W. Waring. Runner Beans - 1 and special, W. Brooks; 2 R. Wilks, Whitwick White Cabbage – 1 J. W. Williamson; 2 W. Waring Red Cabbage – 1 and special, J. Frearson; 2 W. Brooks Leeks – 1 B. Hurst; 2 M. Shea Cooking Apples – 1 B. Hurst; 2 W. Waring Dessert Apples – 1 J. W. Williamson; 2 M. Shea Roses – 1 and special, W. Waring; 2 Mr Green, Whitwick Cactus Dahlias – 1 Mr Richards, Coleorton; 2 J. Beeson Six bunches sweet peas – 1 and special, W. Waring; 2 J. Beeson; 3 M. Shea Asters – 1 W. Waring; 2 B. Hurst Twelve pods of peas – 1 J. W. Williamson; 2 W. Waring Eschalots – 1 S. E. Sharp, Loughborough; 2 B. Hurst Six heavy potatoes – 1 R. Wilkes, 8lbs 12oz; 2 B. Hurst, 8lbs 11oz Window plants – 1 B. Hurst

Mr J. W. Williamson won a silver medal, given by Mr G. H. Hallam of Thringstone, to the exhibitor gaining the most points in the show, and he also won Messrs Greasley Bros special of 2s 6d to the most successful exhibitor residing in Whitwick. Other specials referred to in the prize list, were: Class

1, six gallons of ale, given by Mr George Herrod: Class 13, special by Mr Geo. Musson, for six best onions, green tops and untrimmed at bottom; cockerel, given by Mr Arthur Gough; special given by Mr Fred Harper; bottle of whisky given by Mr Jno. Smart; one pound of tea given by Mr Edward Hall; pork pie given by Mr W. Albrighton, value 2s; special given by Mr Wilfred Ward.

Sailing for Australia To-day Farewell to a Whitwick Man Interesting Presentation

A social gathering and supper were held on Saturday evening last, at Mr and Mrs Wm. Smith's, "Crown and Cushion" Inn, Silver Street, Whitwick, as a farewell to Mr Robert Sharp, who is sailing for Australia to-day. A capital spread was provided by the host and hostess. The cloth having been removed, Mr Henry Partridge was voted as the chair. He said they were there that night for making a present to one of their friends and neighbours, and to give a good farewell to Mr Robert Sharp. He (the chairman) said it was a painful duty to perform, as although Mr Sharp had not been engaged in the staple trade of this place, the coal mining industry, he never was so happy as when he was among the miners. Some people might call him eccentric in some ways, but he was a man with a very feeling heart, a very good friend to the poor and needy, and so parting with a gentleman like Mr Sharp caused them much regret, but there was also a pleasing part to the duty. They were pleased to see such a good company to wish him farewell, and the committee and secretary, Mr Joseph Cooper, had decided to make him a present of a Gladstone bag. In asking Mr Sharp to accept the gift, the chairman said the committee wished him a safe journey and good luck and prosperity for many years to come (applause).

Mr John Joseph Sharp, who next spoke, said he very much regretted that he could not stay long, owing to a previous engagement. They found in Mr Robert Sharp an Englishman, a John Bull, a man with sound principle, and he was proud of him. This was not the first time he had gone to Australia. He wished him success in his new sphere of life, and thanked the committee for their kind regard for him (applause).

Mr John Wardle said they had in Mr Sharp one of the generous Britons, and if he saw anyone of the poor in need, he would tell them to fetch what they required. He was a farmer with great experience, and he hoped he might drop on a good farm, and grow and prosper as he had done at Whitwick. He wished him good health and prosperity, and if his absence was only temporary, they would welcome him back, and be glad to see him (applause).

Mr Robert Sharp, who was deeply moved, said that he was quite surprised to receive such a present, but he had always tried to do his duty. He should keep the present as long as he lived, and every time he saw it it would remind him of the people of Silver Street. He thanked them very much for it, and he should treasure it as long as he lived. Mr Sharp then stated that the time they had farmed under the Jesson family was since 1850, but the Sharps had been connected something like 400 years with the Jesson family. His last visit to Australia was from 1878 to 1884. He wished again to thank them very much for the present, and hoped it would not be the last time he should see them. Songs were rendered by Messrs John Burton, H. Partridge, Arthur Pindle, Robert Sharp, Thomas Wyatt and toasts were given with musical honours to Mr R. Sharp, Mr J. J. Sharp, and the host and hostess, for their excellent catering, and a vote of thanks was also passed to the chairman for presiding, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. The names of the committee who supplied the present are Messrs Frederick Baxter, Henry Partridge, John Wardle, John Burton, Thomas Wyatt, Edward Walker, Arthur Isaacs, Jos. Cooper, Abel Hall and Wm. Smith.

Conservative Demonstration at Whitwick Interesting speech by Mr Smith-Carrington Major Bowden's Advice to the Colliers

A demonstration, under the auspices of the Unionist Association, was held at Whitwick, on Saturday, in the Rifle Range grounds. Over 200 partook of tea in a tent in which a meeting was afterwards held. Mr E. M. P. de Lisle, of Garendon Hall, president of the Association, who was accompanied by Mrs de Lisle, occupied the chair, and was supported by Mr N. W. Smith-Carrington (prospective Unionist candidate for North-East Derbyshire), Dr Burkitt, Mr A. E. Seymour (agent), Mr W. Baldwin (agent Bosworth Division), Mr H. G. W. Howe (chairman of the Association), Mr W. D. McCarthy (hon secty)

and others. The chairman said it gave him great pleasure to meet his Whitwick friends once again. He then called upon their 'future member' Mr Smith-Carrington (applause) to address them. Mr Smith-Carrington said he was glad to have a chance of coming to Whitwick again on the occasion of a Conservative fete. It was rather a matter for regret that it had been put off so late in the season, and that it was on the day when football started. He knew that the colliers of Whitwick were real good sports, and when the opening match was with Coalville, it was only natural that the boys should want to have a look at them. Nevertheless, he thought that meeting a most encouraging one, because if the men were not there in full force as they would like, the ladies were well in evidence, and he was convinced that the Women's Unionist Association were doing a splendid work in the Loughborough Division (applause). He had had evidence of that at two elections he had fought, and he thought it would be shown still further at the next when it came. And the sooner it came the better, for they would find then that the blot which had been on the Loughborough Division for something like 25 years would be removed, and once more they would have a Unionist representative (cheers). Not very long ago there was a big meeting at Whitwick addressed by Mr Ramsey Macdonald. That was shortly after the Leicester bye-election, and Mr Macdonald devoted a great deal of time to talking about Sir Maurice Levy, and the transaction that took place which so largely influenced the result at Leicester. It was not his place to go further into that incident, and all he wanted to say was that from the discussion it stood out clearly that it was not a question upon which one could take credit for some fine action, but it was a question as to where the discredit for a poor action should be rightly placed. Shortly after that they had the Chesterfield bye-election and commenting upon that at a recent meeting in Barrow, Sir Maurice Levy took a conciliatory tone and recommended that the Labour lamb should lie down with the Liberal lion. Sir Maurice did not say whether they were to be side by side or one inside the other (laughter), but he invited the labour people like good boys to join the Liberals to fight the common foe of Unionism. When he spoke of the common foe of Unionism, or when any Radical spoke of it, he (the speaker) admitted that they were the common foe of those bodies which made up the Coalition Government, but they were not the common foe of the working man, or anything like it. On the contrary, if they looked through the past history of the Conservative party and their programme for the future, they would see that the Unionist party had stood and did stand for the best interests of the workers. If they considered the past they would find that it was the Unionist party which had stood for the health and safety of the workers. They passed the majority of the Factory Acts, and certainly were the pioneers in starting a new era in that direction. It was also the Unionist party which promoted the Public Health Acts and Housing Acts which made for the betterment of the conditions and sanitary arrangements under which the working class lived. To the Unionists also had to be attributed those wise measures for small holdings and allotments, while if they came more strictly to questions of organised labour, they would find that the Trade Union Act itself was a Unionist measure. Before that time, it was actually criminal for workmen to come together, and it was the Unionists who gave them the right to combine and form the trade unions to which so many now belonged (cheers). Again it was the Unionist party that passed the Truck Act. Before then, it was the custom in many works to pay men their wages with stuff made in the works, but the Unionist party put an end to that, and said the wages must be in cash. The Unionist party – and this fact would ever be associated with the name of Mr Joseph Chamberlain (cheers) – started the Workman's Compensation Act, and they also passed the first Unemployment Act. That Unemployment Act was admittedly an experimental one, on which they could enlarge in the future, but the Liberals said it was useless, and during the eight years they had been in office, had done nothing to put anything better in its place. He went on to deal with the Liberals' claim that they represented the voice of the people, and pointed out how they had guillotined measures through upon which the voice of the people had never been heard. On the other hand, it was the Unionists who gave them county and local councils, so that people who liked to have a share in the administration of local and county affairs, might have an opportunity of doing so. It was the Unionist party from A to Z that had stood for the true representation of the people and legislation by which they would have themselves governed. He would also remind them that it was the Unionist party which carried the earlier Friendly Societies' Acts, which endowed the Friendly Societies with the privileges which they enjoyed. How far those privileges had been invaded he would refer to later. With the Radical Government in power there had been few opportunities for the Opposition to bring in new measures, but a committee of the Unionist party had been sitting to consider sound social reforms, and had put forward those reforms in certain directions. They had, though in opposition, introduced a measure of small holdings, their object being to try to secure for the people of England, the same privileges that were enjoyed in Ireland – the privilege of being able to buy the land they occupied by the payment of instalments spread over a long period of years so that instead of being, as the Liberals would have them the perpetual tenants of the County

Council, they would have facilities, not for mere occupation, but of becoming owners of the land they tilled. Then there was the Housing question. The Unionists had brought forward a measure to improve the housing conditions in the towns by the pulling down of slums and replacing them with better and more suitable dwellings for the working classes. When they had put forward such measures as these, how had they been met? The Liberal party had refused to have anything to do with them. They had not discarded them on their merits, but neglected them to rush on with such measures as Home Rule and Church Disestablishment, for which nobody cared at all. While speaking of land, let him refer to the land tax. They were told that Mr Lloyd-George's famous Budget was to make the rich poorer, and the poor richer, but they all knew how incorrect those prophecies were. It was not the rich man who had felt the tax, but the poor man. He cited the case of a Willesden road-sweeper who, by the exercise of thrift was able to build himself a house at a cost of £295. Ultimately he fell on bad times, and had to sell his house, losing £55 on the transaction. One would have thought that was enough, but he Government officials came along, and said that as there had been an improvement on the site value the man must pay increment duty to the extent of £4 15s 1d ("Shame"). They all agreed that it was a shame, and yet that was how this beneficent measure so highly spoken of by Mr Lloyd-George worked in actual practice. It had come to his knowledge quite recently that even allotment-holders in Loughborough were being served with demand notices for undeveloped land tax on their allotments. The law under Mr Lloyd-George's scheme was that where land was used for agricultural purposes and was worth more than £50 an acre, they must pay duty on the difference between £50 and the value of it, with the exception that if the total value is under £500 and the land happened to be occupied by the man who actually owned it, then they let him off. But apart from that, they would see how it would bear on allotment-holders. It stood to reason that in the neighbourhood of a town allotments must be on fairly valuable land. It was almost impossible for it to be otherwise if they were to be near the town for the convenience of the holders. But under the Liberal land scheme they would find that the land, which was bound to be worth over £50 an acre would be subject, with the reservation he had named, to the payment of duty. That did not affect the rich man: it was the poor man interested in allotments and it was in that and other ways that they would see how the Liberal Government had taxed and hit the working man. Alluding to the Insurance Act, he said they had been reading lately in the papers reports of the conference of the Friendly Societies, and at most of them the Act had been denounced. Notwithstanding that Act affected millions of people and cost them an enormous sum of money, it was hurriedly carried through by the Liberal party, hounded on by Mr Redmond. He had several times pointed out that the Government had no right to compel the people to be insured unless they guaranteed the benefits. Personally, he thought it should not have been made compulsory at all. The scheme that appealed to him was the one put forward by the Manchester Unity some years ago. They were willing to take in people in a poor state of health if the Government would refund them for the loss they incurred on that class of member. He would also have been willing to see a Government grant made to the friendly societies on their other members. The cardinal principle in these matters was to help those who tried to help themselves (cheers). That would have encouraged thrift, and would have secured for ever what was best in their friendly society work. He knew that most of the men in Whitwick were members of friendly societies, and when they read the reports of the conferences, he thought they must feel alarmed. When the valuations took place three years hence, he thought they would come out very badly. Unionists who went into the Insurance Act doubted its financial soundness at the time, and they doubted it still more to-day. He concluded with an appeal for support to the Unionist party who, he said, had a constructive, and not a destructive policy, and would work for the best interests of the people (cheers).

Major G. Harland Bowden commenced his speech with a reference to the ladies, observing that they had a strong branch of the Women's Unionist Association in North-East Derbyshire. Having spoken of the good work Mr Smith-Carrington was doing in the Loughborough Division, the Major said he could see no reason for the slightest bitterness in politics. He was willing to shake hands most heartily with any Radical who truly believed in his principles. They might be both aiming at the same object, but each thought his own the best way of accomplishing it. Therefore, why bitterness of feeling? They must produce sound arguments and if they were in the wrong be willing to admit it. He had no patience with the man who was a Radical or Unionist simply because his father was before him. To-day, it was politics for what they were worth. Let them consider the matter seriously, and try to come to a right conclusion. No man was right who said that politics did not concern him.

Proceeding, he said the Chancellor of the Exchequer in the House of Commons recently was deploring the great increase in our national expenditure, and the necessity for maintaining our army and navy. He was forgetting that there were still great gaps in the navy to be made up – gaps which

some future Government would have to make up – and they could not have social reform unless the army and navy were in a state of efficiency to bring it about and defend it. There were plenty of people all round them willing to fight, but so long as Britain maintained the navy they not only maintained their own prosperity, but also the peace of the world (cheers). When Mr Lloyd-George was bewailing this great expenditure, he said he was blamed, but it was not his doing, as he was only the servant of the people. The people, he said, demanded reforms, and then when they got them they grumbled at the cost of them. He (the Major) said that was not so. The people had not demanded a lot of the Liberal legislation which was costing so much money. The people did not demand the land duties which had resulted in a dead loss of one million, 240 thousand pounds, they did not ask for the Insurance Act nor the payment of members of Parliament. But the responsibility for the whole of these Mr Lloyd-George would put on the electors. Mr Asquith himself had said the only way to make the working classes pay their share of the cost was by directly taxing their food. They should make a protest against this and against having the blame put on to them, by returning Mr Smith-Carrington at the next election (cheers). Mr Lloyd-George did not pay any increment duty on his Marconi shares, though he made a profit of £1,029 in three weeks.

Alluding further to the complaints as to the heavy expenditure the speaker said it all proved one thing – that our method of raising money had broken down. Free trade had broken down and Tariff Reform was to come to the rescue of the taxpayer. He stood before them as a tariff reformer out and out, and asked them not to believe that a tariff reformer was a sort of half-mad individual who wanted to put a tax on everything that came into the country: it was only proposed to tax those things which were taking away the work and the money of the working men of this country. He saw in the audience some men smoking their pipes. Were they aware that for every 1s 3d they paid for tobacco, only 2d was for the tobacco and 1s 1d was for taxes. Were the ladies aware that in every pound of tea they bought they paid 5d for duty? He contented that they should be relieved of some of this, and the duty instead of being on the tea, should be on the kettle which came from Germany to boil the water (cheers). They all knew how the cost of living had gone up, and it was the direct result of the Liberal Government. The Liberal party as they all knew, had allowed the railway companies to increase their freights. He was one of those who said that railwaymen were not yet properly paid for the dangerous work they had to perform, and he was out to help them, but when they did get concessions, the Government had no right to say the people should pay. They all knew that the price of coal had gone up by 4s or 5s per ton at the pit-head, because the colliers had had an advance of wages, but if the colliers had to pay more railway fares and more for their food they were no better off. There was one thing he wanted strongly to impress on the colliers. Mr Winston Churchill had recently made provision for several ships which were to burn no coal, but oil. To-day in many of our large towns the Corporations were using oil engines to drive their machinery : factories were doing the same. If oil, then, was going to be a foreign competitor of coal, as a means of producing power in this country, would the collier take his hat off and shout “Free trade for ever”, while oil was coming into this country free of duty and robbing the miner of his employment? That was the whole thing in a nutshell. What applied to the miner also applied to other trades suffering from foreign competition.

A Voice : The consumer reaps the benefit. Major Bowden : Oh, the absolute mockery of it! The absolute folly of it. Cheapness of article meant cheap labour and cheap labour meant that the people could not afford even the cheap article. He asked them to think of that. If they did that he was sure that at the next election there would be an overwhelming turnover in favour of sound legislation, and they would turn out a Government made up of minorities which kept in power on the principle of “You scratch my back, and I’ll scratch yours.” (Laughter and cheers).

Dr Burkitt, moving a vote of thanks, said many colliers had been free traders because up to now it had not touched their pockets, but they were keen men, and as soon as they felt the pinch they would realise that tariff reform was to their advantage. He asked them to think over what had been said in regard to the likely foreign competition with their industry by the introduction of oil. On the same principle that workmen protected their labour in the trade unions, they should do so nationally.

The vote of thanks was heartily accorded. #The Whitwick Holy Cross Band played selections during the afternoon, and for dancing in the evening. There was also a tug-of-war, which was won by the Whitwick Granite Co’s team. After the meeting a whist drive followed in the tent. Mr H. G. W. Howe being M.C. The lady’s prize was won by Mrs E. Briers; and the gentlemen’s by Mr Isaacs.

Do you know?

That a marrow shown at Whitwick Liberal Club show on Saturday, weighed nearly 20 pounds?

Coalville Police Court

This day (Friday) Before Major Hatchett (in the chair), Mr W. Lindley, and Mr Wm. Sheffield.

Whitwick Farmer Fined

Samuel Topliss, farmer, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly, at Whitwick, on August 30th. Mr J. J. Sharp appeared for the defendant. Mr Grewcock stated the facts. Mr Sharp expressed regret on behalf of the defendant who would have been there, but for being busy with the harvest. He hoped it would not occur again. Fined 10s 6d, and costs 12s or seven days.

Cruelty to a Horse

Thomas Haywood, carter, Whitwick, was summoned by Inspector Green of R.S.P.C.A. of Loughborough, for cruelty to a horse at Whitwick on August 25th. Defendant did not appear. PC Grewcock said he saw the horse attached to a stone cart. It had a raw wound under the saddle, and also another wound. The horse was in a poor state. Defendant took the horse home when witness told him, after he had disposed of the load, being near to the station when witness saw him.

Inspector Green also gave evidence as to the wounds and the poor condition of the horse. Replying to the Clerk, witness said the Forest Rock Granite Co. were the owners of the horse, Haywood worked two horses for the company, and took full responsibility. They were kept at the quarry. Mr Berry, the manager of the quarry, said he took no responsibility. Haywood had admitted his liability. Mr Lindley said the owners should have known the state of the horse, and should not have allowed the man to work it. The Inspector said he laid the whole facts before his chief office, and they decided to prosecute Haywood, as he undertook responsibility.

Mr Lindley : I know Mr Berry would not let the horse be worked like that had he known about it, but at the same time somebody must be responsible for the horse being worked in that condition. The Bench considered it a case of gross cruelty, and fined defendant £3 3s and 13s costs or one month.

Drunk

Charles Cooper, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick, on August 30th. He pleaded guilty. PC Jones said the defendant caused a disturbance about 11 pm. He had clogs on and was threatening to kick people. He did kick one man. Witness had to bring him to the police station. The chairman said the defendant had twice this year been fined £1 1s for a similar offence, and several times last year. Defendant said he was struck first. Fined £1 1s, and costs 10s 6d or 21 days, the chairman informing him that if he came again very soon he would not have the option of a fine.

David Sanson, painter, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick, on August 30th. He did not appear. PC Grewcock gave the facts. Fined 5s 6d, and costs 12s 6d or seven days.

Frederick James Goodwin, painter, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick, on August 30th. PC Grewcock proved the case in the absence of the defendant, who was fined 5s 6d, and costs 12s 6d or seven days.

Ashby Police Court

Saturday. Before Mr George Moore (in the chair), Sir Wm. Abney, Major Hatchett, and Mr T. Dennis. Application under the Children's Act

Mr George Farmer, clerk to the Ashby Board of Guardians, applied under the Children's Act, for a magistrates' order for the committal of Ada Ethel Johnson, otherwise Collis, late of Whitwick, and now

in the Ashby Union, the St. Winifred's Home, Wolverhampton. He said the girl was an illegitimate child, and one of her parents had been convicted for an offence for which she was sent to prison. Answering the chairman, Mr Farmer said this was the girls' mother.

The Chairman : Where is the father? The clerk said the woman had lived with a man who was not her husband. The man was sentenced at Coalville some time ago for neglect. Mr Farmer said the case was before the Ashby Bench some 12 months ago, the mother being charged with neglect of the child, and aiding and abetting in immoral conduct. She was sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment. The girl was admitted to the workhouse, but it was found that she was totally unfit to associate with the other girls in the house, and arrangements were made for her to be sent to one of the homes of the Bridge of Hope Mission. Now the authorities of the latter had written asking for her to be removed. He had been in communication with the Church Penitentiary Association, and had placed all the facts before them, and they were willing to admit the girl to their St. Winifred's Home, Wolverhampton. He therefore asked for a committal order, which would give them control over the girl until she was 18 years of age. The mother would have no power to interfere with the girl. An order was made.

**Ashby County Court
Yesterday before His Honour Judge Wightman Wood.
Whitwick Case Adjourned for Doctor's Report**

James Wyatt, labourer, Loughborough Road, Whitwick, sought an arbitration between himself and Elijah Wolfe, of the Irish Farm, Whitwick, under the Workmen's Compensation Act. Applicant's case was that whilst carting stones from the Forest Rock Granite Quarry to Whitwick railway station, the horse stepped on his right foot, and the loaded cart went over his right arm lacerating and bruising the flesh and muscles. The accident occurred while applicant was in the employ of the respondent and his wages were 18s a week. Since the accident, applicant has been incapacitated. Respondent's filed answer stated that the applicant's particulars were incomplete in that it did not state the estimated duration of the incapacity. He also denied his liability to pay compensation on the ground that the applicant was not, and had not been since May 26th, 1913, incapacitated from work as a result of the injury.

Mr J. J. Sharp (Coalville) was for the applicant, and said the applicant was to submit to an examination by Dr Marriott, of Leicester, who would report to the next court. This case, therefore, was also adjourned.

Judgement in Whitwick Will Case

His Honour gave judgement in a Whitwick will case reserved from the last court. Some question had risen in regard to the proposed sale of property under the terms of a will made by a former resident of Whitwick, a Mr Thomas Adams, who died on July 13th, 1886, and under what was termed an equity action, application was made for the reformation of the deed under the provisions of Section 67 of the County Court Act 1888.

The applicants, for whom Messrs Simpson and Lee (Nottingham) appeared, were Fredk. John Selby, joiner, of 18 Conway Street, Nottingham, and six others, and the defendants Mary Adams, widow, of Coppice Side, Swadlincote, and five others, who were represented by Mr T. E. Jesson, of Ashby.

The Judge said the point was raised as to whether the Court had power to alter the deed and though he had not much doubt at the time, he reserved his judgement to enable him to look the matter up. He had decided that the Court had the power, and he granted the application. On the application of Mr Jesson, the Judge said the costs of both parties would come out of the estate.

**Sports News
Football
Whitwick's Opening Win
Poor Start by Coalville Town**

The Whitwick club secretary arranged a most attractive fixture for the opening match on the Duke of Newcastle ground, this being a visit by Coalville Town, on Saturday. It was a beautiful day,

fortunately, and there was a big crowd, some fifteen hundred people lining the enclosure, which is adequately roped off, and the provision made for the spectators by the spreading of engine ashes will be found much more comfortable than standing on damp turf when the wet weather comes.

The Coalville team turned out as previously announced, but there was one alteration in the Whitwick team, Murdy, a Leicester youth, taking the place of Brady. The Imperial were loath to start without "Andy", who is looked upon as their star forward, and they dallied as long as they could – in fact, too long, for it was just thirty minutes after the advertised time when they turned out with ten men, and the Coalville players had been on the field trying their shooting powers for some time. Brady, I am told, appeared a little later, but the eleventh man had then gone on, and he was, perforce, a spectator. Mr J. E. Heath, a former Swannington schoolmaster, and now residing in Leicester, was in charge of the game, taking the place of Mr R. Gorse, of Loughborough, who found himself at the eleventh hour, unable to fulfil the appointment.

Whitwick kicked off, and almost immediately, Dexter, the Town centre, made a fine spurt which looked dangerous for the Imperial, but Waterfield came to the rescue, and the same back defended well on two other occasions early in the game. Then it was Stinson's turn to fist away from a splendid shot by Harry Toon, an old Town player who is this season wearing the black and white. There was another case, by-the-way, of a player being opposed to his old team, Starkey, late of Whitwick, appearing in the Town forward line. As the game progressed, Whitwick had slightly the best of matters, and once J. Moore missed a lovely chance right under the posts, the ball rolling past him to Jack Abell, the old Hugglescote United player, who also should easily have scored, but he shot badly. The game was kept going at a good pace, both goal-keepers called upon, but of the two, Stinson had the most to do. The old Loughborough Corinthian (Roadley), between the Whitwick sticks was not severely taxed, but was always there when called upon. There were two occasions, however, when Wilkins, on the Town left, might reasonably have been expected to score. The first time he sent the ball across the goal, and afterwards he grazed the upright, and incidentally spoiled a lady's hat who was standing at the back of the goal, the crowd being smashed in.

Resuming in the second half with still no goals scored, it was evident that the Whitwick men meant to alter this state of affairs, if possible, and the Coalville defence had an anxious time. There was no weakness however, both Smith and Davis playing well, especially the former, while Stinson made some fine saves. The Town inside forwards made some good attempts and once Twigg was loudly applauded for a fine shot which gave Roadley a teaser to deal with, but the extreme wingers, as well as the half-back line might have been better. Play continued more or less in Whitwick's favour, and fifteen minutes from time they were rewarded, Johnnie Abell having the honour of scoring the opening goal, which proved to be the only one of the match, but was sufficient to give Whitwick the points. There was not much really to choose between the teams, but if anything the Imperial were slightly the best, and no one could say on the day's play their victory was undeserved. Cooke, the Shepshed cricketer, made a useful partner for Waterfield in the Whitwick defence.

The match was somewhat spoiled by the players (both teams) so frequently getting off-side, but this was excusable, perhaps in the first match. The teams play the return match at Coalville to-morrow, when a keen game may be anticipated in which the Town will possibly turn the tables.

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Local News

Four Whitwick teachers have recently left for College.

They are Mr Ernest Needham, who was engaged at Thringstone School; Mr T. Wheeldon, who has been teaching in the Donisthorpe Council School; Mr G. H. Webster, late assistant, Whitwick National School; and Mr Eric Ottey, who has been holding a teaching appointment at Loughborough. All are natives of Whitwick, and all have gone to London colleges.

Harvest Festival

Harvest thanksgiving services were held on Sunday at the Whitwick P.M. Chapel, the preacher being the Rev. G. P. Clarke, of Loughborough. Good congregations attended and the chapel was nicely decorated. Mr J. Newberry presided at the service in the afternoon at which an address was given by

the Rev. G. P. Clarke. The choir rendered the anthem "The Lord is my shepherd" and there were solos by Miss Maud Wheeldon. A tea on Monday was well attended and the fruit and vegetables were afterwards sold. The total proceeds were slightly in excess of last years.

Do you know

That the Whitwick Holy Cross F.C. players have been presented with green and white stockings by an anonymous donor?

That Mr Rice, of Burton-on-Trent, has been appointed to succeed Mr G. H. Webster as assistant master at Whitwick National School?

That Mr G. H. Webster was presented with a case of brushes, on Friday last, by the Whitwick National School teachers, on his leaving for college?

Sports News

Football

Whitwick's "Double" on the Town Coalville Town, like Whitwick Imperial, arranged their most attractive fixture for their opening home match, the two teams having met on successive Saturday's. In the game at Coalville last Saturday, Whitwick again proved their slight superiority and have thus taken the maximum points out of the Coalville club, though it was only by a goal each time.

The first half was productive on only one goal and this was a rather simple one, as Stinson should have easily have stopped Joe Moore's shot. Moore, himself, I am told, expressed surprise afterwards that it came off, but it was one of those things that do happen on a football field sometimes. Apart from this one occasion Stinson kept a fine goal and he could not have been blamed so much had one or two other of Whitwick's shots proved successful. Of the two custodians he had the most to do. Once he cleared finely from Brady for a corner, while on another occasion the ball struck underneath the cross bar and seemed to be going in, but Stinson got it away. Brady had a lovely chance during the first half, but he struck the upright from close range. There were also occasions when the Whitwick custodian and defence had an anxious time, Waterfield especially defending well. Roadley saved a number of shots, including a particularly good one from Wharmby, and once cleared luckily from Dexter when the latter threatened danger.

Each side got through once in the second half, Murdy for Whitwick and Jim Smith for the Town. The latter tried hard for the levelling up goal, but this was denied them, although Dexter once hit the post with a good attempt.

Whitwick were undoubtedly the superior team, as on the previous Saturday, and deserved their win. It is rather a discouraging start for Coalville to be beaten twice by local rivals in the two opening matches but the Coalville team strikes one as being capable of better things. The weakest part of the team seems to be the forward line. Whitwick have an excellent side and should make good progress in the competition.

It must have gladdened the hearts of the Town committee-men on Saturday to see a dull, damp morning develop into a fine afternoon and the coffers of the club benefited to the extent of £13 10s, which was distinctly encouraging. It is to be hoped that support like this will be maintained. It is regrettable to learn from the Coalville secretary that after Saturday's match a lot of damage was done to the hedges on the field by spectators breaking through. Perhaps after this intimation, offenders will be more careful in future, otherwise the committee have decided to adopt stringent measures.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Wedding

At the P.M. Chapel, on Saturday, Miss Harriett Ann Ward, eldest daughter of Mr John T. Ward, builder, was married to Mr Herbert Webster, eldest son of Mr T. Webster of Silver Street. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. S. C. Leach, of Clay Cross, formerly of Whitwick, in the presence of a good number of friends. The bride was given away by her father. She carried a handsome bouquet; the gift of the bridegroom. The bridesmaids were Misses Ursula and Clara Ward

(sisters) who were also becomingly attired, and carried pretty bouquets. Mr G. H. Webster (brother of the bridegroom) officiated as best man.

The chapel had a charming appearance, having been tastefully decorated for the occasion. Mrs J. B. Newbury presided at the organ, and played suitable selections, including Mendelssohn's Wedding March.. After the ceremony, a reception was held in the schoolroom, at which there were 60 or 70 guests. At the wedding breakfast, the Rev. W. S. C. Leach proposed the health of the happy couple, supported by Mr J. Newbury, wishing them much happiness in the future, and the bridegroom responded. A good number were present for supper in the evening. The school was also prettily decorated, and had a pleasing appearance. The newly married couple were the recipients of a splendid lot of presents. The bridegroom is a member of the parish church choir. Both are well known in the district, and will have the good wishes of many friends.

Friday September 26th 1913 (Issue 1127)

Local News

Situations Vacant

Good general wanted : 3 in family, good wages – Glynn, Whitwick

Campanology

At the Church of St. John the Baptist, Whitwick, on Wednesday, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) was rung in 42 minutes, in honour of the Vicar's institution to the parish of Whitwick. The bells were rung by J. H. Pegg, treble; S. W. West, G. Walker, J. Cadle, W. Fern, B. West, C. Griffin, and J. Bonser (tenor), conducted by Mr W. Fern.

Harvest Festival

Harvest thanksgiving services were held at the Whitwick Baptist Chapel on Sunday and were well attended. The preacher was Mr E. Smith, of Loughborough. There was a good display of flowers, fruit and vegetables which were sold on Monday night. There was also a public tea on Monday which proved a very successful and enjoyable event. A good sum was realised for chapel funds.

Liberal Club

A dinner was held at the Whitwick Liberal Club on Saturday night as a winding-up to the flower show. A company of about 30 were admirably catered for by Mr F. Sear (club steward) and a pleasant evening was spent. Mr A. Needham presided and there were songs by Messrs J. Beeson, T. and J. Ottey, A. Cooper, J. Cooper and others. Mr Ben Johnson being the pianist. Mr T. Kelly made a financial statement showing a small balance in hand. A vote of thanks was passed to the secretaries (Messrs T. Kelly and D. Otter) and the committee for their services. The subscribers were also heartily thanked.

Do you know?

That at both Coalville and Whitwick Liberal Clubs funds are being started with a view to parties visiting the football cup final at the Crystal Palace in April next?

That the Rev. T. W. Walters was inducted vicar of Whitwick at Peterborough on Wednesday and will read himself in on Sunday next?

Sports News

Football

Whitwick's Third Win

Three matches and three wins is the record of Whitwick Imperial so far, and the players and supporters of the club are naturally on good terms with themselves. The victory over Loughborough Corinthians on the Duke of Newcastle ground on Saturday was even more decisive than those over Coalville Town the two preceding weeks. The Infirmary Parade materially affected the attendance,

together with the rain, and there was nothing like the "gate" that Loughborough Corinthians usually draw when they visit Whitwick, but the spectators who were present were privileged to witness a good match, and some particularly smart play by members of the home side, who were clearly the best side and well deserved to win.

Whitwick included a new forward, Searle, late of Belvoir S.S. (Leicester), and he made a very successful debut. He pleased the spectators immensely and is regarded as a very useful addition to the Whitwick side, who are already strong enough to take a lot of beating by any club in the League. They played with dash on Saturday and were soon rewarded for their efforts by a goal obtained by Wain, who played finely, and since he appeared for Coalville Town, has developed into quite a clever outside right. He is a most stylish player and possess a rare turn of speed.

Murdy put them further ahead and a lead of two goals at the interval put that confidence in the players which is a great factor in achieving success. Loughborough improved for a time after crossing over and Belton opened their account but the superiority of the Imperial was again shown when Moore got a third for Whitwick. This was the extent of the scoring although Whitwick missed many chances through poor shooting, and it looked as if the home team were in for another when a penalty was awarded, but Brady failed with the kick. The two goal-keepers, Billingham (Loughborough) and Roadley (Whitwick) both gave good displays, the visiting custodian having the most to do.

Owing to their being so few clubs in the Leicestershire Senior League this season, a medal competition has been arranged for the league clubs and this match was the first of the medal series. This victory therefore, does not count to the credit of the Whitwick club in the ordinary League Chart, but gives them two points in the medal competition.

Coalville League

The opening Saturday saw seven matches decided in the Coalville and District League. These interesting games were played in the first division, the home team winning in each case, and all were old clubs playing against new ones. Both the new Whitwick teams came a cropper.

The Holy Cross played Hugglescote St. John's on the Crescent Rd ground and were beaten 5 – 0, while it was also by five goals that Whitwick Imperial Res. lost to the St. Christopher's at Ellistown, the result being 6 – 1.

Coalville Football League

A meeting of the management committee of the Coalville League was held at the Red House Hotel, on Monday night, Mr J. Kirby presiding. There were also present, Messrs G. Swain, D. Marston, J. Tivey, R. T. Bradshaw and C. E. Marston (hon sec).

The secretary produced copies of the handbook just completed. He said its publication had been delayed somewhat through him having to arrange all Osgathorpe fixtures and a change in the Ashby Hastings F.C. secretary. The latter club had not yet fixed up with the Bardon Hill club and the books had been printed without these.

A letter was received from Hugglescote St. John's stating that Mr J. E. Lowe was a member of their committee and was eligible to act as auditor, as appointed at their annual meeting. As the committee had received a letter from Coalville P.S.A. at the meeting stating that Mr Lowe had ceased his connections with their club they appointed Mr J. Draycott in place of Mr Lowe, and notice was now given to rescind this minute and the re-appointment of Mr Lowe in accordance with the resolution of the annual meeting.

Mr W. Burton (Whitwick Amateurs) reported Ibstock Wanderers for non-fulfilment of fixture on September 13th and claimed 2s for marking ground and 10s loss of "gate." Mr T. Cheney (referee) wrote claiming 2s 6d, his fee, for the same match. Mr Adcock (Ibstock Wanderers) attended the meeting and stated that he tried to get the match postponed. They were unable to raise a team that day owing to it being the Infirmary parade at Ibstock. Owing to the extenuating circumstances, it was decided to let Ibstock off on paying the referee's fee, the match to be rearranged within 14 days. Whitwick's claim for loss of "gate" was not entertained.

The Secretary reported Mr Dennis (referee) for failing to take the Moira United Reserves V Nailstone All Saints' match and Mr Dennis wrote stating that he made a mistake in reading the list. He had no notification of the match from the Moira secretary, however, the secretary said Mr Rhodes (Moira secretary) had written stating that he did notify Mr Dennis. The matter was adjourned for further particulars.

It was reported that the following clubs had not paid all monies due to the league for the current season: Whitwick Holy Cross, Thornborough United, Bagworth Town, Ravenstone United, Ibstock Excelsior and Nailstone All Saints, and it was decided that all amounts due must be paid within seven days or a fine of 2s 6d would be imposed.

Skittles

Whitwick Liberal Club V Barrow Liberal Club

At Whitwick on Saturday, the home team winning by two pins, 196 to 194. The Whitwick team were : J. Ottey, H. Lovell, G. Woodhouse, G. Jessop, A. Stretton, J. Stretton, F. Richards, T. Cooper, J. Beeson, S. Billings, W. Burton, J. Frearson.

Accompanying Notes to the September Articles

September 5th

Grandsire Triples – The Grandsire is a method of change ringing of church or hand bells using a mathematical permutation. The Grandsire method is usually rung on an odd number of bells, Grandsire Doubles is rung on five working bells, while Grandsire Triples is rung on seven.

The Belfry in the church has eight bells – Tenor 11 cwts 3 qts. Treble to fourth dated 1891 and fifth to tenor dated 1628. The other bells were dated 1891 when the framework was repaired.

In the Council's medical officer's report there is a case of scarlatina. This is a milder version of scarlet fever, usually following a sore throat or infection and having a red rash. However, many cases proved fatal.

In the Coalville Police Court case involving a horse, the R.S.P.C.A. gave evidence. The original organisation was the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (S.P.C.A.) and was founded in a London coffee shop in 1824. There was royal patronage in 1837 and Queen Victoria gave her permission for the 'Royal' to be added in 1840.

September 12th

In the article about the death of Samuel Horrobin, the cause of death mentions 'syncope'. This is the medical term for fainting and the loss of consciousness.