

# Coalville Times - January 1914

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### Local News

#### How Christmas was Spent In Coalville and District

Fine weather favoured the Christmas holidays in the Coalville district and those who spent a good deal of time in the open, were, therefore, not inconvenienced in any way. It enabled followers of football to turn up in good force at the various matches played and on Boxing Day, Whitwick Imperial had a record "gate" for their match with Shepshed Albion, over two thousand people being present. On Christmas Eve and subsequent two or three days most of the local bands were out discoursing sweet music and there were several parties of carol singers, though these did not seem to be as numerous as on some former occasions. Many whist drives, socials, etc., were arranged in various places.

#### The Railways

It has been a busy time at the two local railway stations, particularly the Midland. The ordinary bookings have been exceptionally heavy right through the holiday and on Boxing Day 120 people were booked for a special to Birmingham.

#### Whitwick

Three bands of carol singers were out on Christmas Eve at Whitwick – Baptists, Wesleyans and Primitive Methodists. The latter subsequently collected £5 17s 6d for the chapel funds. The Christmas morning service at the parish church was well attended.

#### Thringstone

The parish church was bright with holly evergreens and plants kindly sent from Gracedieu Manor and the services were of a hearty character. The total number of communicants on Christmas Day was 81. The Sunday school prizes were distributed to the children on Holy Innocents' Day (Sunday) and on New Year's Eve a watch night service was held in the church conducted by the Vicar.

An interesting event on the Saturday afternoon prior to Christmas was a Christmas tree in the village hall for the children of the kindergarten Sunday School. Mrs C. Booth, Mrs George Booth, Mrs Shrewsbury and others were present. Miss Saunders, the super-intendant, gave an address of "Good King Wenceslas" and the teachers sang the carol for the children. The Vicar, the Rev. C. Shrewsbury, distributed gifts to 61 infants from the tree and after the delighted youngsters had gone home the teachers had tea and games.

#### Whist Drive and Dance

In connection with the Whitwick Holy Cross Church a whist drive and dance were held on boxing night and were largely attended. Mr and Mrs Popple played for dancing for which Messrs. J. H. McCarthy, J. Rewhorn and A. Dyer acted as M.C. and the M.C.'s for the whist drive were Messrs. J. O'Mara and A. Revell. The prize winners were:

Ladies: 1. Mrs O'Mara (Mansfield), 2. Miss Heighton: Gents: 1. Mr M. P. Downes, 2. Mr J. W. Cracknell.

Much interest was created by a waltzing competition, in which the prizes were won by Mr H. Hatton and partner, 1st; Mr and Mrs Slattery, 2nd; and Mr J. Beeson and partner, 3rd. The Misses O'Reilly had charge of the refreshment table which was admirably served. Another dance was held on Saturday night under the same auspices and was fairly well attended.

### **Watch Night Service**

A watch night service was held at the Whitwick P.M. Church on Wednesday evening conducted by Mr John T. Ward of Whitwick.

### **P.M. Chapel**

The preacher at the Whitwick P.M. Chapel on Sunday should have been Mr Anderson of Markfield, but he was unable to attend through indisposition, and his place was taken in the morning by Mr J. Lakin (Whitwick) and in the evening the pulpit was occupied by Mr Bernard Lowe, of King's Norton, formerly a member of the Whitwick church. Good congregations were present at the services.

### **Whist Drive and Dance**

In connection with the Holy Cross Cricket Club, a dance and whist drive were held in the Holy Cross School on New Year's Eve, over one hundred being present. The M.C.'s for the dance were Messrs. J. W. Orton and J. Rewhorn and Mr Charles Jones was the pianist. Mr J. O'Mara conducted the whist drive and the winners were:

Ladies: 1st Miss A. Needham; 2nd Miss Henson. Gents: 1st Mr George Knight; 2nd Mr W. Griffin. Miss Harris had charge of the refreshment department. A singing contest was also held in connection with the event and the winner was Mr Reg. Needham, with "On the banks of Allan water." The prize was a case of "Bass" given by Mr Bowley Hurst. The proceeds were for the cricket club funds.

### **Christmas Festivities**

At the Forest Rock Hotel, on Boxing night, Mr W. James celebrated his first Christmas tenancy of this well-known hostelry, by inviting many friends and patrons to dinner. A company of about 70 accepted the invitations, and excellent preparations had been made for the guests to spend a most enjoyable time, which was fully realised. The large dining room was charmingly decorated with evergreens and fairy lamps, and the repast provided was first-rate, great satisfaction being evinced at the liberal provision. After the dinner, at which Mr H. G. W. Howe presided, a capital musical programme was gone through. The loyal toasts were heartily drunk, as was also the health and prosperity of Mr and Mrs W. James and family, the company endorsing their thanks in the good old English manner. The chairman, in giving the toast, remarked that it was his 23rd attendance at this annual gathering, and it had been his pleasure to have the friendship of five landlords during that period, and was glad to still see many familiar faces present, but had to regret the loss of many old forest friends, who formerly attended. Harmony was provided by Messrs J. Cox, S. Walton, H. Cave, J. Walker, G. Smith, Messrs. James Blankley and W. James jnr., Mrs Newton and Miss Jeffs, who were accorded a vote of thanks.

### **Social**

A social was held in the Baptist School on New Year's Eve and was well attended. Mr T. W. Bourne presided and a good programme included songs by Misses M. Wheeldon, Hetty Smith, Gerty Mann, Carrie Goddard, Messrs. Holland and Manning, duets by Mr and Mrs Smith and Messrs. Frank Manning and W. Aris, quartets by the A.B.C. quartet party, recitation by Mrs W. Smith, and piano duets by Misses Lily Adams and Gladys Bourne, who also acted as accompanists. Refreshments were provided and a happy event terminated just before midnight.

### **Do you Know?**

That the members of the Whitwick Church Girls' Guild, under Mrs J. J. Sharp, will perform "The Forty Thieves" at the Whitwick National School on Tuesday and Wednesday next?

That the Beaumont Arms Inn, one of the oldest public houses in Whitwick, situate in the Market Place will close next Wednesday having been dealt with by the Compensation Authorities on the ground of redundancy?

That the Senghenydd Colliery Explosion Fund amounts to £112,000?

That there has been a large number of weddings this Christmastide?

That Mrs J. J. Sharp and Ashley Sharp have been spending the Christmas holidays in Switzerland?

### **Coalville Police Court**

To-day (Friday) – Before Mr Walter Lindley (in the chair), Mr H. J. Ford, Mr B. G. Hale, Mr J. W. West, and Mr William Sheffield.

### **Compliments of the season**

The chairman, on behalf of the Bench and himself, wished the clerk, solicitors, police and all in court, a happy and prosperous New Year.

Mr J. J. Sharp said he was sure it was reciprocated by the solicitors between whom and the Bench there had always been happy relationships, and he had no hesitation in saying that they would continue.

Mr Crane also added his appreciation.

The clerk thanked the Bench, and Superintendent Lockton replied for the Police.

### **Paternity Case**

George Birkumshaw, collier, Whitwick, was summoned by Agnes Henson, single, Swannington, to show cause etc.

Defendant did not appear.

Mr J. J. Sharp (Coalville), appeared for the complainant and stated that the child died on Sunday last. He asked for the costs and also the expenses of the birth and the funeral. It was stated that the child was born on October 19th, and the question arose as to whether the Bench could make an order for payments during the life of the child.

The Bench decided to hear the case.

Complainant said she was 22 years of age. She gave evidence of the birth and death of the child, and said defendant had admitted being the father. Complainant's mother said defendant told her he should get married but he had nothing to get married with. The costs of the birth were £1 15s., and of the funeral £2.

The Bench ordered the defendant to pay the costs of the birth and funeral, the court costs, and £1 1s towards the advocate's fees, a total of £5 14s.

### **Obstruction in the Market Place**

George Hincks, farmer, Whitwick, and Frederick Gardner, rag and bone dealer, Whitwick, were each summoned for obstructing the highway with a horse and cart at Coalville on December 16th.

Hincks pleaded guilty.

P.C. Robertson said the defendant left two carts opposite the Snibstone New Inn on the Ashby Road for 2 1/4 hours while he was at the sale. Witness told defendant it would be all right if he drew the horses on to the waste ground.

Defendant said he left a boy with the horses but he was longer than he thought he would be. It was his first offence. He was fined 5s and 4s costs or 7 days.

Gardner also pleaded guilty, and P.C. Chamberlain said defendant left his horse at the Market Place corner for 25 minutes unattended. There was a lot of traffic, it being the Christmas sale day. Fined 5s and 4s costs or seven days.

### **Bad Language**

Chas. Cavendish, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on December 13th. He did not appear. P.C. Jones gave the facts and defendant was fined 2s 6d, and 12s 6d costs or seven days.

### **Drunk and Disorderly**

John Garrity, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick, on December 29th. He did not appear – P.C. Jelley gave the facts and defendant was fined 5s 6d and 12s 6d costs or seven days.

### **Sport Football**

Whitwick Imperial V Hinckley United at Whitwick tomorrow in the Leicestershire Senior League. Whitwick Team: Roadley, Waterfield and Cooke; J. Moore, Bird and Lovett; Wain, Sturman, Hewitt, Wright (Captain) and W. Moore.

### **Whitwick Imperial Still Unbeaten**

Whitwick Imperial had two stiff matches in the Leicestershire Senior League during the holidays and though they had to concede a point on Boxing Day, they managed to maintain their unbeaten league certificate. Their opponents on each occasion were Shepshed Albion, the first match being at Shepshed on Christmas Day and the return game at Whitwick on Boxing Day. They are usually very big holiday attractions and this year proved no exception to the rule. There was a big crowd at Shepshed and at Whitwick the "gate" was the best of the season so far, there being over two thousand people round the enclosure. Both were strenuous games. At Shepshed, the Imperial got the only goal of the match, while at Whitwick, honours were divided, each side scoring once.

The match at Whitwick was an interesting game and there were several thrilling incidents. The home team scored first through P. Wright, who previously had netted the ball, but was ruled offside. This gave rise to some comment among the spectators, as Wright was behind the ball when he received it, but as it was from a re-bound from the cross bar, and not from an opponent, the referee was quite correct in his decision.

Just before the interval, an unfortunate thing for the Albion occurred. Tommy Briers injured his knee and had to be carried off. But though handicapped through being a man short, Shepshed played spiritedly afterwards and soon equalised through Witters. Whitwick made a great effort for the winning goal but could not beat Diggle, who was a magnificent custodian for Shepshed, saving very hot shots time after time. Herbert Marriott also kicked splendidly in the Shepshed defence but Whitwick were rather unfortunate in not getting all the points.

The Imperial were again at home on Saturday, when they entertained Leicester Imperial in a Rolleston Cup match, and again the supporters of the Whitwick club were treated to a well-contested game, in which Whitwick won, as it were, on the tape. Both sides scored in the first half, Moore for Whitwick and Leeson for Leicester. The latter went ahead through Harris and Sturman equalised. There was not long to go when Hewitt kicked the winning goal for the home side.

Hinckley United come to Whitwick to-morrow and as they will try hard to lower Whitwick's colours for the first time, a keen game is anticipated.

### **Coalville League**

A good list of matches has been got through during the Christmas holidays in the Coalville League.

In the first division, Coalville Town Reserves went to Whitwick on Christmas morning and won 4 – 2 and the return match was to have been played at Coalville the next morning, but only the Whitwick goalkeeper turned up and the Coalville club lost a good holiday “gate.”

On Boxing Day, the P.S.A. took a weak team to Ibstock and were beaten 9-0 by the Albion, Coalville Swifts defeated Hugglescote Wesleyans 3-2, and Hugglescote St. John's won at Whitwick 2-1 against the Holy Cross. Two matches fixed for Saturday were postponed through teams failing to put in an appearance.

### **Coalville and District League A big batch of fines**

A meeting of the management committee of this League was held at the Red House Hotel, Coalville, on Monday evening, Mr J. Kirby presiding. There were also present, Messrs R. T. Bradshaw, and C. E. Marston, (hon. secretary). In the absence of a quorum, owing to the Christmas holidays, and members being otherwise engaged, it was decided to take evidence of the representatives of clubs present and defer decisions to a meeting on Tuesday night.

Mr J. Kirby presided at the meeting on Tuesday night when there were present Messrs A. E. Clay, R. T. Bradshaw, D. Marston, G. Swain and the hon. secretary, C. E. Marston.

Whitwick Holy Cross claimed 5s for bills, etc., from Ellistown, owing to the match having to be put off on account of a cup match and insufficient notice being given. The claim was allowed.

The referee reported Whitwick Amateurs for being 40 minutes late at Swannington against the Robin Hoods on December 20th.

Thirty-five minutes were played each way and the match finished. The Whitwick representative said they could not get the team together in time. Whitwick were fined 1s.

The referee reported that owing to the Ashby club being late for their match with Whitwick Amateurs on December 13th, the match was stopped 28 minutes from time owing to darkness. Only five minutes were played in the second half. Ashby were fined 1s., and the match ordered to be replayed on cup-tie terms.

Hugglescote Wesleyans reported Whitwick Holy Cross for being 55 minutes late for their match at Hugglescote. The match was ten minutes short, Hugglescote leading 3-1 and the clubs asked for the match to stand. This was agreed and Whitwick were fined 1s.

### **Coalville Charity Cup Hugglescote Protest Against Whitwick Imperial**

A meeting of the management committee of the Coalville Charity Cup Competition was held at the Coalville Conservative Club on Wednesday night to consider a protest by Hugglescote St. John's against Whitwick Imperial.

Mr C. E. Marston presided and there were present, Messrs. H. R. Brown, R. T. Bradshaw, A. E. Clay, S. Goacher, D. Marston, K. Kirby, J. Tivey, H. Clamp, and G. Swain, with the hon. sec, Mr J. W. Farmer.

Hugglescote's protest was that Whitwick played A. Brady in the re-played cup-tie on December 20th after he had been transferred to Barnsley and played for that club against Blackburn Rovers Reserves on December 18th. Mr W. Barrett, secretary of the Hugglescote club, produced a telegram which came from Barnsley, purporting to be from the secretary of the Barnsley club, but which was unsigned, stating that Brady was transferred before he played for Barnsley on the Thursday.

Mr W. Whitmore for the Whitwick club, gave the assurance that Brady had not been transferred and was at the present time a bona fide member of the Whitwick club. He could not say whether Brady had played for Barnsley or not. Whitwick were negotiating for the transfer, but it was not yet completed. The committee decided that for the protest to be substantiated, the Hugglescote club must

produce evidence from Mr F. J. Wall, secretary of the Football Association, that the transfer had taken place prior to December 20th and the meeting was adjourned till Tuesday to give Hugglescote an opportunity of procuring such evidence.

Whitwick representatives applied for expenses of attending the meeting and the chairman said that would be decided at the adjourned meeting.

### **Hugglescote Protest Fails**

An adjourned meeting of the Committee of the Coalville Charity Cup Competition was held at the Coalville Conservative Club, on Tuesday night to further consider the protest of Hugglescote St. John's against Whitwick Imperial for playing A. Brady in a cup-tie after his alleged transfer to Barnsley F.C.

Mr C. E. Marston presided and there were present, Messrs. A. E. Clay, R. T. Bradshaw, J. Kirby, D. Marston, H. R. Brown, G. Swain, J. W. Farmer (hon. secretary).

At the previous meeting, Hugglescote produced a telegram from Barnsley, which was unsigned, purporting to come from the Barnsley club secretary to the effect that Brady had been transferred to them before they played him.

The secretary stated that he had forwarded the telegram to Mr F. J. Wall, secretary of the English Football Association, who had returned the same and replied that A. Brady was registered for Whitwick Imperial as a professional on June 12th, and had not been transferred to the Barnsley club.

The Hugglescote secretary reported that Mr Wall had written similarly to him. The committee decided that the protest must fail and agreed to return the protest fee, 10s to the Hugglescote club.

### **Births, Marriages and Deaths**

#### **Christmas Weddings**

##### **Miss C. Orton and Mr J. Abell**

In the Whitwick Primitive Methodist Chapel on Christmas Day the marriage ceremony of Miss Catherine Orton, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs James Orton, of Leicester Road, Whitwick, and Mr John Abell, of Hugglescote, was performed by the Rev. T. J. Martin, of Coalville. The bridesmaids, (sisters of the bride) were Miss Hannah and Miss Emma Orton. The bride was given away by her father and Mr Ernest Glover acted as best man.

The bride was tastefully attired in a grey costume, with hat and veil to match. She carried a shower bouquet of orchids, lilies, and lilies of the valley. The bridesmaids, who wore pretty blue dresses, with black velvet hats, also carried bouquets, gifts of the bridegroom. Miss S. Leech, L.L.C.M. played Mendelssohn's Wedding march. The hymn, "O love divine, and golden" was sung. The happy pair were recipients of many handsome and useful presents. The guests, numbering over 60 spent a most enjoyable time. The bridegroom is a well-known local footballer.

##### **Miss E. Aris and Mr L. Ratcliffe**

Another Whitwick wedding on Christmas Day was that at the Baptist Chapel, where was solemnised the nuptials of Miss E. Aris, eldest daughter of Mr P. Aris, of Silver Street, Whitwick and Mr Leonard Ratcliffe, second son of Mr J. C. Ratcliffe, of Bakewell Street, Coalville. The Rev. W. H. Wills, of Coalville, performed the ceremony.

The bride wore a fawn dress trimmed with Paris lace, and was given away by her father. The bridesmaids were Misses B. Aris, J. Collingham (Nottingham), E. Wood and E. Price (Coalville), and they were attired in biscuit coloured and cream dresses and hats to match. Mr H. Ratcliffe, brother, was best man. Suitable wedding music was played on the organ by Mr A. Aris. An enjoyable time was afterwards spent by the wedding party at the bride's home. They received many handsome presents.

## **Friday January 9th 1914 (Issue 1142)**

### **Local News**

#### **P. M. Chapel**

The preacher on New Year's Sunday at the Primitive Methodist chapel was the Rev. T. J. Martin of Coalville, who delivered two excellent sermons to good congregations. The collections at these services were in aid of the Whitwick Nursing Association.

#### **Death of Mrs Fern**

The death occurred on Wednesday, of Mrs Fern, widow of Mr D. Fern, for many years licensee of the Hastings Arms, and the mother of Mr E. Fern, the Hathern schoolmaster, and Mr Walter Fern, captain of the Whitwick bell-ringers. The deceased was 78 years of age. The funeral takes place tomorrow.

### **Ashby Board of Guardians**

#### **The Whitwick Registrar Vacancy**

The fortnightly meeting of the Board of Guardians was held at Ashby on Saturday, Mr W. Sheffield presiding. There were also present, Mrs Pratt, the Rev. C. T. Moore, Messrs F. Pickering, A. J. Briers, G. Bullen, T. O. Frost, W. Franks, S. Stanley, W. Gascoyne, T. Radford, F. W. Soar, A. Riley, J. W. Fowler, J. T. Bradshaw, J. Rice, T. Oakey, W. Ramsell, T. H. Brooks, T. Varnham, T. Parker, Dr. Atkinson, W. Massey and W. E. Glover, with the clerk (Mr George Farmer).

The clerk reported that he had written to the Registrar-General in reference to the resignation of Mr J. Newbury, and the Board's opposition to the suggested amalgamation of the Whitwick and Ashby registration sub-districts, and had received the following reply:

"General Registrar Office, Somerset House, London, W.C., Dec 24th Sir, I am directed by the Registrar-General to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd inst., and in reply, to state that having regard to the unanimous opposition of Guardians to his proposal to run Ashby-de-la-Zouch and Whitwick sub-districts, and to their cogent reasons for the same, he will not now press the matter further. He desires, however, to record his opinion that the permanent division of the registration district into four sub-districts is unnecessary and he will be glad if the Guardians will consider the best method of reduction, to be effected as opportunities present themselves. I am to transmit forms to enable the Guardians to submit their appointment of a duly-qualified person to the office of registrar of births and deaths for the Whitwick sub-district, and to suggest that if the notification of the Registrar General's approval has not been received by the 5th prox., the date when it is proposed that Mr Newbury's resignation should take effect, perhaps he will be agreeable to retaining office for a short time longer. If not, it will devolve upon his deputy, Mrs E. J. Newbury to act as interim registrar upon the 6th prox. I am to request that you will inquire as to Mr Newbury's willingness to continue in office if required, and that you will advise the Registrar-General in due course. I am, sir, your obedient servant, A. H. Billingham, Secretary."

The clerk added that he had ascertained that Mr Newbury was willing to continue until his successor was appointed, and had notified the Registrar-General to that effect. The reply dated Dec. 30th was as follows:

"Sir, I am directed by the Registrar-General to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th inst., notifying that Mr Newbury, registrar for births and deaths for the Whitwick sub-district is prepared to retain office until the notification of the Registrar-General's approval of the appointment of his successor has been received. I am to advert to the Registrar-General's letter of the 24th inst., and to say that although he will not press the amalgamation of Ashby-de-la-Zouch and Whitwick sub-districts, he is not sure that the civil parishes of Coleorton and Packington would not be more conveniently served by a registrar residing at Ashby-de-la-Zouch, than by one resident at Coalville. I am therefore to request that before the Guardians proceed to appoint a successor to Mr Newbury they will favour the Registrar-General with their observations as to the transfer of these parishes from Whitwick sub-district to the Ashby-de-la-Zouch sub-district. I am, your obedient servant, A. H. Billingham, Secretary."

Mr Redford said he thought it would be a very good arrangement for the parishes of Coleorton and Packington to go to Ashby. Mr Massey said there was great inconvenience to the people of Oakthorpe and Donisthorpe, in having to go to Smisby.

The chairman : That is not before us now. The clerk said that question could be raised when there was a vacancy in that district. If any alteration was made now, they would have to compensate the officer. Mr Massey said they could give him other parishes in any re-arrangement. The clerk said they could do nothing until there was a vacancy. The chairman said they could not consider that now. The suggestion before the Board was that Coleorton and Packington go to Ashby. Mrs Pratt said she lived for many years at Packington and knew how inconvenient it was for people there to have to go to Whitwick. It would be a great boon if it could be transferred to Ashby. The clerk said that when Mr Heafield died they took Ashby Woulds from the Ashby sub-district, and if these two parishes were now added, it would compensate Mr Bowley for that.

Mr Radford moved and Mrs Pratt seconded that Coleorton and Packington be added to Ashby sub-district and this was carried. The clerk was instructed to advertise the vacancy for the Whitwick sub-district and to stipulate that the newly appointed officer must have his chief office at Coalville. Mr Parker asked whether the remuneration was enough for a man. The clerk said the person appointed would not be required to give his whole time. The fees amounted to somewhere about £100. Mr Briers said they should not press for the man to live at Coalville.

The clerk said it was important for the registration of deaths particularly that there should be a central office. It was inconvenient for people at Bardon or Hugglescote to have to go to Whitwick. Coalville was central. It meant that a Coalville man should be appointed. Mrs Pratt said that if it was only an office at Coalville, it would mean that it would only be open certain hours. If a man lived there, a person could go at night to register a death. Mr Briers said he took it that if the man appointed lived at Coalville he would have certain office hours. The clerk said they did not find a registrar refusing to register a death out of office hours.

### **Coalville Urban District Council**

The monthly meeting of the Urban Council was held at Coalville on Tuesday night, Mr W. Sheffield, J.P., presiding. There were also present, Messrs A. Lockwood (vice-chairman), M. McCarthy, S. Perry, P. Y. Hay, S. Armson, S. P. Matterson, W. Fellows, T. Kelly, R. Blower, F. Griffin, and B. G. Hale, with the clerk (Mr T. E. Jesson), surveyor, Mr L. L. Baldwin, assistant surveyor, Mr G. F. Hurst and gasworks manager, Mr J. W. Eagles.

### **Plans**

At a meeting of the Plans Committee, the following plans were recommended for approval: Slaughter-house and piggeries, Whitwick, for Mrs Neath, subject to further ventilation being provided for the slaughter-house and an undertaking to lay on the public water supply thereto if the well on the property is found unsatisfactory; and two houses, Crescent Road, Coalville, for Mr W. Earle. The report was adopted on the motion of Mr Perry.

### **Highway Committee's Report**

At a meeting of the Highways Committee the surveyor reported on the present position of matters in connection with the proposed improvement at Pare's Hill, Whitwick, and he was instructed to proceed with the negotiations.

### **Water Analyses**

At a meeting of the Water Committee the surveyor produced tenders for the supply of circulars warning householders against allowing the waste of water, and the committee recommended the tender of Mr West, at 12s 6d for 4,000, be accepted.

The surveyor reported that he had received a reply from the Whitwick Colliery Co. agreeing to pay their share towards extending the mains to their property on Bardon Road, but no reply had been received from the other owners.



The surveyor produced the analysis results of water taken from the spring at Whitwick, which were returned as satisfactory, and the committee recommend the half-yearly analysis of the public water be made by Dr. Dyer.

The surveyor produced an application from the Whitwick Granite Co. for a special connection to their works for use in case of fire, and the committee recommend the suggestions of the surveyor therefore be carried out at the expense of the company.

Mr Fellows moved the adoption of the report and pointed out that they had arranged for their own medical officer to make the water analysis, but it had been thought fair to have one of the half-yearly analyses of the public water by Dr. Dyer, so that they would not be open to the charge any time of showing a prejudiced report.

Mr McCarthy asked who were the Bardon Road owners that had not replied to the surveyor's letter. The Whitwick Colliery Co. had replied. Mr Hale said there were three parties concerned, the Whitwick Colliery Co., Mrs Coleman and himself, though he did not know whether it was right to discuss it at that point. Mr Fellows : Hear, hear.

The chairman said he did not think it was. Mr Hale said he thought at the same time that he was justified in giving their reason for not replying. Mrs Coleman said she had contributed to the rates since the inception of the water scheme, and helped to pay for many miles of main to take it to other properties, and she thought it unfair to be asked to pay a third of the £40 which it would cost to extend the main to her house. He was of the same opinion. When Walker and Sons wanted a sewer, they paid £40 without even bringing it before the Council, and now £40 was wanted for a water supply which was absolutely imperative, they wanted the owners to pay a third of the cost. It was unjust and did not show enterprise on the part of the Council. Mrs Coleman had asked him to say that sooner than pay a single shilling she would close the house and go and live somewhere else. He felt the same.

The chairman : I think this must stop now. I have allowed considerable license. Mr Hale : There is no license at all. It is a serious matter, and I shall have more to say on it presently. Mr Fellows said that it was only one side. The Council tried to deal with all alike, and that had always been his aim. The chairman said it should not go abroad that any different feeling existed. Mr Hale : It does.

Mr McCarthy wanted to speak, but the chairman ruled him out of order. The report was adopted.

### **Isolation Hospital Accommodation**

The Medical Officer (Dr. R. W. Jamie) reported that in the month of December there were seven cases of diphtheria, one in North Street, Hugglescote, three in Pare's Hill (in one house), one in Cademan Street, one in Church Lane, and one in Leicester Road, Whitwick. The Pare's Hill house was occupied to the point of overcrowding, and this had undoubtedly affected the cases there. In a case like this, an additional ward in hospital would have been a great service. One of the cases in Pare's Hill proved fatal. Anti-toxin was supplied and the usual precautions taken. Two cases of scarletina, both in Mammoth Street, had also been notified. The general death rate continued favourable, 14 deaths occurring in December giving a death rate of 9.3 per thousand. These included one from diphtheria, one from rheumatic fever, two from accidental injuries, one from burns and one from a scald. During the same period 49 births were registered, giving a birth-rate of 32 per thousand. Replying to Mr Kelly, the surveyor said the premises in Leicester Road, Whitwick, where diphtheria had occurred, had been inspected, and reported there was nothing wrong. Mr Kelly said he understood from the people who lived there that the sanitary accommodation was in a bad state. He asked whether the Council usually supplied disinfectants in such cases.

Mr Blower asked what the medical officer meant by an extra ward at the hospital. The surveyor said that the only ward they had at the present time was reserved for typhoid cases, and if they had another ward they could deal with another disease. Mr McCarthy said that in June they instructed the surveyor to prepare plans and specifications for six extra beds at the hospital, but nothing had been done. When a question was left like that it should be put on the agenda till it was completed or their valuable time was wasted.

Mr Lockwood asked whether the Council could refund the money spent by people on disinfectants, as stated by Mr Kelly. The clerk said they had better take that in committee. Mr Kelly asked if the disinfectants supplied by the Council were as good as one would get from a chemist. The surveyor : Absolutely. Mr McCarthy : The best that money can buy. Mr Kelly : They were led to think otherwise.

### **Whitwick Lodgers**

The surveyor reported that the number of people accommodated at the Whitwick lodging house during the month was 995, against 934 in November, and 979 in December last year. The total for the year 1913 was 10,578 compared with 9,803 for 1912 and 12,432 for 1911.

### **Thringstone Colliers and the Game Prosecution at Loughborough**

At the Loughborough Police Court on Wednesday, Alec White, collier, Robin Robinson, collier, Thringstone, and James Gee, collier, Whitwick, were charged with having used dogs for the taking of game, at Shepshed, on December 28th.

Mr R. S. Clifford, junr., prosecuted on behalf of Lord Crawshaw, and Mr T. E. Wright defended. Mr Clifford said that, on the information of Trevor Pratt, a keeper in the employ of Mr De Lisle, he learnt that on the day in question that three men were proceeding on the turnpike with a lurcher, which was the property of Gee, and a terrier, the property of White. When they got to a wheat field they entered it, and spread out, the lurcher being slipped at a hare in the field. The hare was coursed, and within five minutes the dog had got the hare, which was eventually seen in White's pocket.

Trevor Pratt, the gamekeeper, gave evidence bearing out his solicitor's statement, and said he had no doubt about the three men, whom he had known all their lives. With a constable, witness overtook Robinson and Gee, but White was not with them.

For the defence, Mr Wright said that Gee's dog was not a lurcher, but a whippet. When Robinson and Gee saw Trevor Pratt in the cart, Willie Pratt was not with them, but only Pratt's little son and daughter. After further cross-examination, and evidence, the Bench decided to convict. There were other convictions to take into consideration against Gee and Robinson, and White was fined 10s including costs, or five days. Robinson, 35s including costs, or a month; and Gee, £1 including costs, or ten days.

### **"Forty Thieves"**

The third annual pantomime by the members of the Girls' Guild was given in the Whitwick Church Schools, on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Effectual assistance was given to the Guild by Mrs W. C. Tomlinson, Miss Kitty Lancaster, Miss Richter, Mr T. Davenport, and Mr A. T. Sharp. The attendance on Tuesday evening was not very encouraging, but on the following evening, the room was packed. The characters were:

Ali Baba, Mahala Knight; Selim, Nellie Rawson; Cassim Baba, Ethel Rawson; Abdullah, Hannah Robinson; Mustapha, Eliza Ottey; Fatima Baba, Mabel Williamson; Selima, Frances Kidger; Morgiana, Lily Adams; Fairy Anachronisma, Sarah Cresswell; four principal robbers, E. Moore, G. Ottey, L. Ashurst, and J. Moore. The accompanist was Miss Storey, and Mrs J. J. Sharp, stage manager. The dancing of the Misses Lancaster and Richter was a special feature which received a large share of recognition from the audiences. Mrs Tomlinson was deservedly encored for 'cello solo, and Mr Davenport was recalled for his song in Act 2. Miss Lily Adams, as Morgiana, was the recipient of a beautiful bouquet, but all the characters were well sustained, and reflect credit upon the training received at the hands of Mrs Sharp. The chorus singing was good all round. Every member of the Guild did their part well. Mr Mann, of Whitwick, manipulated the lime-light. The proceeds were for the memorial window, and Girls' Guild.

## **Leicestershire Constabulary**

A number of changes have been made in the Leicestershire Constabulary this week which are of interest to the Coalville District. Consequent on the retirement of Inspector Hall, of Market Bosworth, Coalville loses its esteemed officer, Inspector Pegg, who is to be Mr Hall's successor at Bosworth. Inspector Pegg has been at Coalville for three years, and although he had a hard task in following an excellent police officer in the person of Inspector Robertson, then promoted to superintendent at Market Harborough, he has capably discharged the duties and deservedly won the confidence and respect of the people of this district, whose good wishes will go with him in his new sphere of labour. The new inspector at Coalville will be Mr Thomas Dobney, promoted from the rank of sergeant, and he will receive many congratulations on his elevation. Inspector Dobney has always been a zealous officer and conscientious in the discharge of his duties, and it will be generally agreed that his promotion is well deserved.

## **Whitwick Public house Closed An interesting gathering**

On Saturday last, at the Beaumont Arms, in the ancient parish of Whitwick, a company of about sixty were present under circumstances more of regret than pleasure. The event was to accept of the hospitality of the respected landlord, Mr T. Allen, whose tenancy at this old-established Inn was expiring, by reason of the decision of the Licensing Authority.

The preliminary of the evening was the partaking of a well-provided, and well-served dinner to which the guests did full justice. Mr H. G. W. Howe, who had had the pleasure of many years' acquaintance with Mr Allen and his family, was invited to preside and after partaking of dinner, a most enjoyable time was spent in harmony and toasts, the first toast being that of the King, Queen, and Royal family.

The toast of the Host and his family and good wishes for their future prosperity, was received with genuine enthusiasm. The chairman in giving the toast, asked for the indulgence of the company, by allowing him to refer for a few minutes to past history in connection with the premises about to be closed as a licensed house. He said that no doubt there were in the room many older residents of Whitwick than himself, but he could remember the days of an old Whitwick family named Bonnett, being tenants, also another of the name of Burgess, and more recently that very respected host, Uncle Tom, all of whom had maintained for the house an excellent reputation and the concluding tenant had done the same in every respect. He had well played the part of a man, been most genial to his patrons, and had given good value for money. At the same time, he had endeavoured his best to carry out one of the greatest difficulties of the Trade, that was obedience to the Licensing Laws. In a few days the sign of the Beaumont Arms (a name very closely connected with an old Whitwick family) would only be a remembrance of the past, but it was hoped some enterprising person of Whitwick would secure the sign and adopt it in some way to let future generations know there had been a Beaumont Arms in the parish.

Mr John Pegg and others heartily supported the remarks and hoped that Mr and Mrs Allen's future would be full of satisfaction. The Host feelingly replied and said it was with great regret there was a possibility of so many friends and himself not being able to so frequently enjoy each other's company as they had happily done for so many years, but the past to him was one of pleasant memories. He sincerely thanked all for their good fellowship and the appreciation of how he had conducted the house.

Mrs Allen also thanked the company for the kindness which she had always received, and wished the best to the many friends who had supported them in their efforts to maintain good feeling. The health of the chairman on the proposal of Mr J. Roulstone was heartily toasted, as was also a vote of thanks to those who had most ably assisted with harmony, this being proposed by Mr F. Allgood and supported by Mr Tom Quemby. Harmony was provided by Messrs A. Fern, R. Lovett, W. King, A. Wilkins, Adcock, Cook and Mrs Palmer, the latter presiding at the piano.

On Wednesday evening, the house, as licensed premises, was closed, previous to which a good company who had met to say goodbye to an old local institution, joined regretfully in singing "Auld Lang Syne", and on leaving the premises within whose walls many a hearty joke had been given, many a yarn told, and many a friendship made, the National Anthem was sung.

## **Burning Fatality At Whitwick Little Girl's Sad Death Inquest**

A Whitwick burning fatality was the subject of an inquest held by Mr H. J. Deane at the offices of Messrs E. Briers and Son, of Brooks' Lane on Tuesday morning. The victim was a little girl named Ivy Bailey, aged three years, residing with her parents at the Dumps, Whitwick. She died early on Sunday morning from burning injuries received on New Year's Day.

Mr H. Allgood was foreman of the jury, and among those present was Mr Fitzsimmons, inspector N.S.P.C.C. The Coroner said the facts of the case were short and could be related in a few words. He went on to outline the circumstances as stated in the evidence and said that unfortunately these cases were becoming of rather frequent occurrence. This was the fourth case in his district within the last few weeks all directly similar – the mother temporarily absent, the children getting on fire in some way or other and then there was an inquest. He fully recognised that accidents would happen in the best regulated families but he thought that many of the accidents which did occur were preventable by taking ordinary precautions. So the jury had to make full enquiry whether anyone was to blame for this child's death. In this district, there were generally big fires burning in collier's houses and that made it more necessary that ample precaution should be taken. Accidents, as he had said, would occur, but they must satisfy themselves that proper precautions were taken to prevent it.

Charlotte Ada Bailey, wife of John Henry Bailey, collier, of the Dumps, Whitwick, said the deceased was her daughter and was three years old. She had been a strong healthy child. About 1.30 last Thursday she went to her mother's house about three doors away, and had not been gone more than five minutes when she heard a scream. The two children were in the yard playing with some toy brushes. She left the door open not intending to be gone long. She had just made up the fire and the guard was round it. When witness heard the scream she saw the child coming towards her with a shawl burning up one side. Her mother put a rug round to put out the flames and witness went into the house and saw some burnt paper on the floor. Some paper was on the sofa. The other child, aged 5, was still in the garden. The deceased was wearing a woollen shawl. Witness nursed her and subsequently put olive oil and linseed oil on the burns and the child was given some physic. She was burnt on the arm, but she appeared to be going on well and on Friday was singing. On Saturday she did not seem so well and witness went about eleven o'clock in the morning for the doctor, who came a nine o'clock in the evening. The child seemed sleepy all day. At 12 o'clock midnight she became worse and died about 1.30 Sunday morning.

The Coroner : When the doctor didn't come, didn't you think it necessary to send for another doctor?

Witness : Dr. Hamilton is our doctor and we were expecting him every minute.

The Coroner said he was glad to know that they had provided a fire guard, but it would be a much greater precaution if her husband got some galvanised wire netting and put round the guard to prevent a child getting its hand through. He hoped she would tell her husband to do that.

Ann Walker, grandmother of the deceased, stated that her daughter came to see her at about 1.30 and had not been there five minutes before they heard the scream. Witness had been washing her son-in-law's shirt and she gave it to her daughter as soon as she had put it through the mangle. Witness put a rug around the child.

The Coroner : A very proper thing to do. Witness, proceeding, said the arm was burnt and she applied olive oil and linseed oil. They did not seem to be deep wounds and witness thought the child was going on well. When the deceased was worse on Saturday witness advised that the doctor be sent for and the mother went. She went to the local surgery in Whitwick. Dr. Archibald, assistant to Dr. Hamilton, said that as a rule the Whitwick hours of attendance were 12 to one, but they could not always be there at those hours. The first he heard of this case was at the Coalville surgery in the evening. He believed a woman came up. It was about nine o'clock when he went down, immediately the surgery business was over. He found the right hand and arm rather badly burnt. The upper part of the arm was not so badly injured as the lower part, but the child was suffering from septic pneumonia when he arrived, that being a common consequence on burns. The earlier dressings were properly done and the child was wrapped up in warm blankets and having warm drinks. Everything possible that could be done seemed to have been done for the child. Death was due to pneumonia from the

shock due to the burns. Had the child lived the right hand would probably have had to be amputated and possibly the forearm as well.

The Coroner : As bad as that? Dr. Archibald : Yes.

The Coroner said he was glad to notice that in this case the whole of the facts seemed to point to proper precautions being taken. The parents had provided a fire guard and the mother went to her mother's to fetch the shirt while the children were out. The child took advantage of the mother's absence to play with fire as children sometimes would, and after the deceased got on fire, everything possible seemed to have been done. Then when the condition of the child gave rise for uneasiness they at once sent for the doctor. He had nothing to say on the conduct of the parents in the case except of commendation. They did all they could. The only thing that might have been done was the putting of wire netting inside the guard, but it was easy to be wise after the event.

The jury returned a verdict of death from pneumonia consequent on burning injuries accidentally received.

### **Do you Know**

That Thringstone has 261 parliamentary electors and 305 parochial, and Whitwick 788 and 899? That at the end of December, the amount received towards the cost of the Colliers' and Quarrymen's memorial window to be placed in Whitwick parish church was £92 15s 4d?

That in respect of the Beaumont Arms Inn, Whitwick, the Compensation Authorities have allowed the owners £1,035 and the tenant £100?

That the owners of the Royal George Inn, Whitwick, which has been closed, have been awarded £491 17s 6d as compensation with £60 to the tenant?

That one of the oldest public houses in Whitwick, the Beaumont Arms, in the Market Place, was closed on Wednesday, having been dealt with by the compensation authorities?

### **Sport**

#### **Football**

#### **Leicestershire Senior League**

Whitwick Imperial V Ibstock Albion at Ibstock tomorrow. Whitwick team: Roadley, Waterfield and Cooke; A. T. Sharp, Bird and Lovell; J. Moore, A. Moore, Sturman, Wright (captain) and Hewitt.

#### **Whitwick's Flag Still Flying**

Some fears were entertained that Whitwick Imperial might not be able to maintain their unbeaten record in the Leicestershire Senior League on Saturday, when they had to oppose Hinckley United on the Duke of Newcastle ground, but though they and their supporters got a fright, they just managed to keep the flag flying, and the "tin hatters" had to be content with one point when they would fain have taken a couple. So Whitwick are still in their proud position, without a defeat at the head of the chart and having conceded only two points (two draws) out of seven matches played.

There was a good attendance at Saturday's match and from the start, play was kept up at a smart pace, both ends being rapidly visited and bad shooting characterised the efforts of the forwards on both sides. Once Hinckley had an open goal and there was a miserable failure, while on the other hand, Moore, for Whitwick, missed a penalty. Osborne at length got through and Hinckley crossed over leading by a goal.

Play soon became exciting in the second half particularly when Hinckley further increased their lead. The Imperial then realised the seriousness of the situation and played splendidly. Another penalty fell to them, which Bird failed to convert, and it looked as though the home team's luck had quite deserted them. Nothing daunted, however, they kept pegging away and at last reward came in a beautiful goal by Captain Wright. The Imperial played strongly for the equalising goal and there were rousing cheers when at length it came as the result of a splendid "header" by Andy Moore. Great enthusiasm

prevailed and the Whitwick lads were cheered to the echo. There for nothing succeeds like success and it looked at one time as though Whitwick would dash through again, but the end came without any further score and a consequent division of the spoils in what was a fast and interesting game. The Whitwick players have provided their supporters with some splendid exhibitions of football of late and just now the team is very popular. Saturday's performance was satisfactory considering they were without Waterfield.

### **Leicestershire FA Heavy List of Suspensions**

The Consultative Committee of the Leicestershire F.A. met on Thursday evening in the Y.M.C.A. rooms. There were present Messrs H. E. Rudkin (in the chair), J. H. Linthwaite, J. Waring, A. E. Clay, A. R. Smith, and F. L. Jinks. Mr Mark Billson was unable to attend owing to a family bereavement.

On referees reports for misconduct the following decisions were given : Hurst, Gallowtree Gate Chapel: E. Akers, Leicester St. Andrews; and Bird, Coleorton United; each suspended for one month; F. Clarke, Syston St. Peter's; Burton, Whitwick Amateurs; W. Lees, Coalville L.S.A.; and Lakin, King Richard's Road Wesleyans, each suspended for one month and fined 2s 6d. G. Shepherd, Ellistown St. Christopher's, suspended for 14 days and fined 2s 6d. Cook and Frisby, Carley Street S.S.; each suspended for one month and fined 2s 6d. J. Cliff, Huncote; F. King, Earl Shilton; Victor, Storer, S. Meakin, and J. Lees, all of the Coalville P.S.A.; F. Roff, Rowley & Co.; Dean, Aylestone St. Andrew's; Faulkener, South Wigston Thursday; each fined 1s and suspended for 14 days. B. Diggle, Shepshed Albion and J. Belton, Loughborough Corinthians, each suspended for seven days, as was also W. Moore, Whitwick Imperial.

### **Friday January 16th 1914 (Issue 1143)**

#### **Local News**

#### **Whitwick Boy Scouts**

#### **Successful Fancy Dress Ball and Whist Drive**

Great success attended a fancy dress ball and whist drive, held in the Whitwick Holy Cross School on Wednesday night, organised by Mr and Mrs G. F. Burton, in aid of the funds of the Whitwick Boy Scouts. About 300 people were present and most of the dancers were in fancy dress. Four prizes for whist and four for the best dresses were given by Mr and Mrs G. F. Burton, Messrs B. Berry, F. Blow, G. Greasley, S. Perry and J. H. Robinson. The Belvoir Orchestra, conducted by Mr H. Williamson, played for dancing. The M.C.'s were, Messrs Justin McCarthy, A. E. Vendy and H. Weston for the dancing, and Messrs W. J. Cracknell and G. Greasley for whist.

The winners of the whist prizes were : ladies 1st Miss Conibear, of Coalville, 176; 2nd Mrs J. R. Tebbett, of Coalville, 173; gents 1st Mr J. Glynn, 186; 2nd Mr E. Weston, 183.

The awards for best dresses were as follows : Ladies sentimental, Miss Beatrice Smith of Coalville, as an Indian; Comic, Miss A. Gough, farmer's boy; Gents sentimental, Mr Cunningham, of Coalville, Mikado; Comic, Mr R. Needham, clown. The judges were Mr and Mrs G. F. Burton and Messrs P. M. Downes and J. E. Earle. The prizes were presented to the winners by Mrs J. C. S. Burkitt.

Among the most notable costumes were Mrs G. F. Burton, Amy Robsart; Miss M. McCarthy, Colleen; Miss Clark, Spanish dancer; Miss Watson, Scotch lassie; Miss Goodacre and Miss Burton, both as America; Miss F. Moulton, Chocolate; Miss Perry, Italian girl; Miss Speddings, Dutch girl; Mrs J. Waldram, Whist; Messrs G. F. Burton, Earl of Leicester; A. E. Vendy, Napoleon; H. Watson, Admiral; J. Goodacre, German officer; Mr Earle, Pirate; M. Clutson, H. Smith, J. Burton, Pierrots; Mr Lock, Barnaby Rudge; R. Chell, Mephistopheles; E. Benistone, A. Carter, R. Moore, Chinamen; and T. Burton, Cricketer.

During the evening, Major E. M. Childers, District Scout Commissioner, presented on behalf of the Whitwick troop, a gold thanks badge to Mr R. Adcock, late of Whitwick, who for three years ably discharged the duties of hon. secretary to the Whitwick Boy Scouts Committee.

Madame Endor Hecate was kept busy nearly the whole of the evening telling fortunes and a considerable sum was added to the funds in this way. The refreshment department was capably managed by a number of charming young ladies daintily attired in black and white.

### **Coalville's New Police Inspector Inspector Dobney**

Inspector Thomas Dobney, of Coalville, who has been promoted from the rank of sergeant, and is to succeed Inspector Pegg here, is a native of Oakham, Rutlandshire. He joined the Leicestershire County Constabulary in February, 1891, and in March of the same year, was removed from headquarters to Hinckley, remaining there until July, 1891. He then went to Loughborough, and was promoted to first-class constable in August, 1893, on his removal from Loughborough to Ibstock, where he was promoted to merit class constable in August, 1899, and to the rank of sergeant in January, 1903. He was removed to Coalville in May 1912. On his removal from Ibstock he was presented by the inhabitants of Ibstock and neighbourhood, with a marble clock and a pair of bronzes, also an illuminated address, together with a purse of gold from the five neighbouring collieries in his district as a mark of their appreciation and esteem of his services during his 19 years' stay. During his stay in Ibstock, he took an active part in friendly society work, being a P.G. of the "Loyal Earl Howe" Lodge, M.U., and was presented by the Lodge with a P.G. emblem in an oak frame, also a centenary jewel, inscribed : "Presented to P.G. Thomas Dobney, for services rendered to the "Loyal Earl Howe" Lodge, M.U., Sept. 1910." Inspector Dobney's promotion is a popular appointment, and he has received many congratulations.

### **Inspector Pegg**

In going from Coalville to Market Bosworth, Police Inspector Wm. Pegg, who is succeeding Inspector Hall (retired) will be amid familiar scenes, and be able to renew old acquaintances for Bosworth was one of his earliest stations as a police constable. Mr Pegg has had an interesting career. Before joining the county Constabulary, he was for nearly 2 1/2 years in the Leicester Borough Police Force, which he left to take up other duties. The life of a policeman appealed to him, however, and he joined the County Constabulary in 1882. After three weeks at headquarters, his first station was at Hinckley, but he only remained there a few months, being removed to Market Bosworth, where he remained 6 1/2 years. That he earned the respect and confidence of the people in that district was shown by the fact that when he left for Ibstock, he was presented with a handsome marble timepiece and a Malacca cane. His stay at Ibstock terminated in 1893, the year of the great coal strike. A fortnight before the strike commenced, he had gone to Sileby, but was brought back to Ibstock until after the conclusion of the strike. On leaving Ibstock, Mr Pegg was presented with a silver watch, bearing this inscription : "Presented to Police-Constable William Pegg, by the inhabitants of Ibstock and neighbourhood, on the occasion of his removal to Sileby, August, 1893." A little over four years was the extent of Mr Pegg's stay at Sileby, and on leaving there for Syston, in 1898, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant. In this capacity, he was nearly ten years at Syston, and on leaving there for South Wigston, was promoted to the rank of inspector, and was presented by the inhabitants with an illuminated address and a purse of gold. Three and a half years ago, the inspector came to Coalville. He leaves here for Bosworth, with the good wishes of many friends.

### **Prize Distribution**

The annual prize distribution in connection with the Church Sunday School took place in the National School last night, the vicar, the Rev. T. W. Walters, handing out a good number of books to scholars for regular attendance, etc. Games followed.

### **Church Tea and Social**

There was a large attendance at a tea and social in the Whitwick National School on Tuesday. The vicar acted as M.C. and Mr R. West and Miss Adams played for dancing. There were songs by Miss Burkitt, Messrs Cook and Shelton and contributions by a glee party. Refreshments were served by a number of ladies. The proceeds were for the colliers' memorial window to be placed in the parish church.

## **Sport**

### **Football**

#### **Ibstock Albion V Whitwick Imperial**

The above match, played last Saturday at the Hastings Arms ground, commenced favourably for the visitors, who won the toss and had the best of the opening exchanges, although they did not make a goal. Bee put in a good centre which was cleverly repulsed, and the home team then had the game in their hands for a few minutes. Goddard, for Ibstock, endeavoured to shoot into an open goal after a tussle on the line, but only just caught the ball with the tip of his foot, and it failed to reach the net. Another attempt from a corner kick saw the ball rolling along the bar on to the wrong side of the net. Whitwick broke away with the ball some time after and by excellent passing managed to get it into a favourable position for a neat centre by Sturman making the first goal in Whitwick's favour. The play, after this was rather exciting, both sides endeavouring to improve on their position, but the half time result stood at :-

#### **Whitwick 1 goal; Ibstock, 0**

Ibstock made special efforts to equalise on resuming, and it was not long before C. Price had made good by a well-placed shot in Ibstock's favour, and this was eventually repeated by Price putting in another goal, making No. 2 for the Albions. Subsequently, Morley got hold of the ball and worked it well down the left wing, centralising to Bee, who almost added another goal for Ibstock. The Imperial retaliated by a clever breakaway and long shot on the part of Sturman, which was safely netted. The play continued stiff right up to the end of the game. Result :-

#### **Ibstock Albions 3; Whitwick 2. Leicestershire F.A.**

The Council of the Leicestershire F.A. met on Thursday evening, when there were present Messrs M. Billson (chairman), H. A.

Chitham, J. A. Knight, W. W. Haw, A. W. Jennings, H. E. Rudkin, J. Tivey, R. T. Bradshaw, A. E. Clay, G. W. Goodacre, J. H. Linthwaite, A. R. Smith, H. Green, and F. L. Jinks, hon. secretary.

It was reported that Old Loughburians should have visited Castle Donington Victoria, and Whitwick Imperial Reserves gone to Swannington. Neither club turned up, and they were ruled out of the competition, Whitwick to pay 7s 6d expenses incurred. The Cup Committee will deal with the expenses in the first named tie.

## **Births, Marriages and Deaths**

### **Deaths**

#### **Funeral of Mrs Fern**

The funeral took place at Whitwick Cemetery on Saturday of Mrs Fern, of Silver Street, widow of the late Mr Daniel Fern, for many years licensee of the Hastings Arms Inn, in Whitwick Market Place. The service was conducted by the Rev. T. W. Walters (Vicar), the first portion being held in the parish church. The mourners present were, Miss Upton and Miss Lucy Fern, daughters; Messrs Edward Fern of Hathern, Walter Fern and Albert Fern, sons; Miss D. Foster, of Whitwick, grand-daughter; Mr R. T. Bradshaw, of Coalville, son-in-law; Mrs Clegg, of London, Mrs Marston and Mrs Tyers, of Leicester, and Mrs Hames and Mrs Burrows, of Barrow, step-daughters; and Mr H. Fern, of London, step-son. Dr. Burkitt and Mr H. T. Bastard also followed. The body was enclosed in an oak coffin, with brass furniture, the breast plate bearing the inscription : "Sophia Fern, died January 7th, 1914, aged 78 years." The bearers were J. Henson, J. Pegg, J. Roulstone, R. Sharp, J. Bonser, and A. Holt. Floral tributes were sent by the children (two), Doris and Cyril Foster (grand children), Mrs Speddings and Miss Owens (Coalville).



## **Friday January 23rd 1914 (Issue 1144)**

### **Local News**

#### **Whitwick Baby Suffocated Inquest**

An inquest was held by Mr H. J. Deane at the offices of Messrs E. Briers and Sons, Whitwick, on Tuesday afternoon, concerning the death on Sunday morning of Harriett Hall, the three months old daughter of Herbert Hall, collier, of Talbot Street.

Counsellor S. Perry was foreman of the jury, Fanny Hall, wife of Herbert Hall, collier, 17, Talbot Street, said the deceased was her daughter and was three months old. They went to bed at 11:15 on Saturday night, and she and her husband and their two children slept in the same bed. They had two bedrooms. They had no lodgers. She fed the baby from the breast twice during the night and fell asleep with the baby on her arm. At eight o'clock, the postman knocked and witness got up. When she was getting into bed again she noticed something wrong with the child, and sent her husband for the doctor. They had only one bed.

The Coroner : Why hadn't you a cradle or cot for the child? Witness : I have not been able to afford it yet.

Further answering the Coroner, witness said her husband worked at the new pit, and gave her so much a week. The pit was working well now. She had not realised the danger of the child sleeping with them in bed. The Coroner said it was a nice little child, and with a little care it might have been saved. He urged the mother to provide a cot in future.

The foreman said there was another point of law. When a woman got out of bed to attend to a child in a cot, there was a danger of her taking cold. The Coroner said different people had different opinions, but he was frequently having these cases, and they knew his views in the matter.

The Coroner : I don't suggest it, but I am bound to ask you, was your husband sober when you went to bed? – Yes. Were you sober too? – Yes. Was the child insured? – No.

Dr. Burkitt said he saw the child about eleven o'clock and found that it had been suffocated. It was a well-nourished child. The doctor added that he agreed with the Coroner as to the inadvisability of parents having young children in bed with them.

The Coroner : Is there any danger in having a child in a cot by the bed? The Doctor : Absolutely none. He added that there was no necessity for the mother to get out of bed if the cot was near. He had seen a clothes basket on a chair answer the purpose in a poor home. A child could be kept warm in a cot, and the mother need not get out of bed to feed it.

The Coroner : And it is much better for the health of the child to sleep in a cot? – Yes.

The Foreman said he knew there was a danger in a child sleeping with its parents, but all bedrooms were not large enough to hold a cot. A clothes basket he agreed, might be used in such cases. Dr. Burkitt said that a room not big enough to hold a cot was not big enough for three people to sleep in. The Coroner said that in view of what the foreman said, it was obvious that all the jury did not agree with the views he held, but probably they would if they were brought into contact every week with these cases as he was. If greater precautions were taken they would not lose 1,200 children a year in England this way. Even if the child slept in a clothes basket, it would be better for the child and better for the parents.

The Foreman said he believed they all agreed on that point, and a warning should go to the public that the danger should be avoided if possible. But there were other dangers.

The Coroner : There always are where there are children.

The Foreman said he thought it was a pure accident in this case, and they should not blame anyone.

The Coroner : I don't ask you to do that. The Foreman : A warning may go forth.

The verdict of the jury was that the child was accidentally suffocated whilst in bed with its parents.

### **A Brahmin Marriage**

On Wednesday evening at the Thringstone Wesleyan Chapel, friends from Whitwick gave an interesting representation of a Brahmin marriage, the effort being for the missionary funds. There was a good attendance. Sixteen characters in native costume were represented, and the explanation of the performance was given by the Rev. F. H. H. Labett, Mr A. Barker, of Onebarrow, being in the chair. The effort realised 28s for the missionary funds, and from a tea which preceded it, a sum of £1 was cleared, this being considered very satisfactory.

### **Ashby Board of Guardians The Registration Sub-Districts**

Mr William Sheffield, J.P. presided at the fortnightly meeting of the Board of Guardians held at Ashby, on Saturday, when there were also present, Mrs Pratt, Dr. Atkinson, Messrs S. P. Matterson, T. Frith, H. Pickering, W. Andrews, P. Bullen, T. O. Frost, T. Radford, W. Gascoyne, T. Parker, A. Riley, T. Varnham, J. Nicklinson, G. Sheldon, A. J. Briers, R. Lawton, J. W. Fowler, F. W. Soar, W. Ramsell, W. E. Glover, J. Rice, J. T. Bradshaw, W. Massey, and A. W. Shaw, with the clerk, Mr George Farmer.

The clerk reported the receipt of a further letter from the Registrar General stating that before applying to the Local Government Board for their sanction to the transference of the parishes of Coleorton and Packington from the Whitwick registration sub-district to the Ashby sub-district the matter should be referred to the Ashby Rural District Council for their observations thereon. The Guardians, therefore were asked to defer the appointment of a successor to Mr J. Newbury until the matter was arranged. The clerk said the Rural Council would meet that day fortnight, and till then the matter would have to remain in abeyance.

The chairman : It defers it for a fortnight before an advertisement can be issued.

### **House Committees Report**

The House Committee, through Mr Parker, gave a favourable report on the Whitwick girl, Ada Collis, who was removed from the workhouse to an institution a few months ago. The groceries supplied had been inspected and found satisfactory. Messrs A. Hunt, Ltd, of Leicester, the builder of the oven in the workhouse wrote advising the Guardians that it was not necessary to put in new tubes as suggested and the committee decided to act upon that.

### **Coalville Police Court**

Friday :- Before the Rev. C. T. Moore (in the chair), Mr B. G. Hale, and Mr William Sheffield.

### **A Whitwick Scramble**

James Walton, colliery shaftsman, of Whitwick, and Ada Walton, his wife, were summoned for assaulting Elizabeth A. Wallam, married woman, at Whitwick, on January 3rd. The complainant and her husband, James Wallam, collier, Whitwick, were summoned for assaulting Ada Walton, and James Wallam was further charged with assaulting James Walton, all of Whitwick, on the same date.

Mr A. H. Timms, Swadlincote, appeared for the Waltons, and Mr T. E. Jesson, Ashby, for the Wallams. All pleaded not guilty. Elizabeth Wallam, of Hermitage Road, Whitwick, stated that just after eleven she and her husband were returning from Whitwick and in Silver Street came up with the Waltons. Mr Walton said to his wife, "Let's see which is the best man," and went for her husband. He caught him round the neck and threw him on to the ground almost immediately. She went to her husband's assistance, and Walton struck her in the mouth, knocking her down. While on the ground, she was kicked and when she was picked up Mrs Walton struck her several times. She was

streaming with blood. She struck no blows herself. Complainant was in a certain condition and still felt the effects of the assault. She had been attended by Dr. Burkitt.

By Mr Timms : All she had to drink that night were two glasses of gin. They did not budge into the Waltons as they passed. They did not pass them and then wait for them at the gas works and start the bother. They lived next door to each other. There had not been any trouble about some water and they were not trying to "get their own back" in the evening. There was not a row going on at her house all night and the smashing of crockery. A window was broken by her own brother. She did not threaten them in any way. When they came to take out a summons, the clerk advised them to make it up. She went away and the Waltons did without taking a summons then, but she did not mean to make it up after being knocked about like that.

James Wallam, husband of the last witness, corroborated, and produced the coat he was wearing that night, which was very dirty and torn. He had had no previous quarrel with the Waltons.

By Mr Timms : His wife's brother was annoyed when he saw his sister's condition and he hammered the door of Walton's house and broke one of the windows.

Ernest Burton, Green Lane, Whitwick, said he saw Mr Walton run and strike Mr Wallam, throwing him down and when on the ground started "laping" him. Mrs Wallam was also struck. Witness picked her up partly unconscious and after that Mrs Walton struck her several times in the face.

Edwin Moulton of Alma Villas, Hermitage Road, said he saw the two men on the floor. Both Mr and Mrs Wallam were struck and kicked by the Waltons, but the Wallams struck no blows. This was the case for the Wallams.

Mr Timms said that the evidence he had to call was absolutely contradictory. It would have been much better had the parties taken the excellent advice of the magistrates' clerk and settled the matter without coming to court. Walton was then called and said the Wallams shoved his wife as they were passing. They went on but the Wallams were waiting for them near the gasworks, and till then no blows were struck. Wallam swore at his wife and struck her in the mouth. He (defendant) said he should not have that and then Wallam then said he should not have that and then Wallam then said he would give it to him. They had a set-to, and he (Walton) got the best of it. His wife was also assaulted by Mrs Wallam and her nose was bleeding. The Wallams threatened them and hammered the door after they got home.

Asked by Mr Jesson how he accounted for a sleeve being torn from Wallam's coat, defendant said they, (the Wallams) were good enough to do that.

Are they good enough to rub the dirt on it as well? – Yes. Did you kick Wallam? – No.

Mrs Walton corroborated and said both the Wallams were the worse for drink. She (Walton) had been under the doctor herself since the assault and produced a bottle of medicine in support of this. The Bench, owing to conflicting evidence, dismissed the cases, the parties to pay their own costs, Wallams 12s and Waltons 7s 6d.

### **Bad Language**

John Robinson, labourer, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on January 10th. He did not appear, P.C. Jelley proved the case and defendant was fined 10s 6d, and costs 12s 6d or 14 days.

### **Drunk and Disorderly**

Samuel Brown, labourer, no fixed abode, was brought up in custody charged with being drunk and disorderly at Ravenstone, on the previous day. He had no coat on. P.C. Sibson deposed to finding the defendant lying in the road. Defendant said he was out in the cold all day and a little drink overcame him. The constable, recalled, said the man was starved as well as drunk. He had been in the ditch and was in a terrible state. He had been working with a threshing machine, and they had given him a lot of drink. Defendant, who trembled violently in the dock, said he had lodged at Whitwick. He was

sentenced to one day's imprisonment. Supt. Lockton said the man had 3s on him. His coat was wet, and was having to be dried.

### **Fowl Stealing at Forest Rock**

George Cawson, of Whitwick, and Harold Wright, of Coalville, both miners, were charged with stealing four fowls, value 16s, at Whitwick, on January 3rd. They pleaded guilty.

P.S. Betts said he received a complaint from Edward Newton and examined his fowl place. The lock was broken off, and there were feathers, blood, and footprints near the door. He made enquiries and went to Cawson's house. Cawson said he knew nothing about it. Witness asked to see the boots he was wearing on Saturday night and witness found a small feather on the bottom of one of them. They were wet. He also asked to look at the trousers and coat and found these had blood on. There were feathers on the coat. He cautioned the defendant, and told him he should charge him with stealing four fowls from Newton's place near the Forest Rock. Defendant said he could search the house, he would find no fowls. Witness arrested him, and on the way to the Police Station, defendant asked if they had the other man, and witness said someone had gone for him. At the Police Station, defendant made a statement admitting the offence, he and Wright each having two fowls. Wright was brought to the Police Station by Inspector Dobney and he also admitted the offence. The statements were to the effect that the men left the Forest Rock at eleven pm, and subsequently went to the fowl-place, breaking open the door with a poker. Defendants said they were sorry, they were in drink.

Wright, who lives in Waterworks Road, pleaded for leniency, saying he had a wife and six children. The chairman said it was a serious offence.

Defendants were each fined £5, and 11s 6d costs, or one month.

### **Ashby County Court**

Yesterday – Before His Honour Judge Wightman Wood. Mr T. E. Jesson, on behalf of the advocates practising at the Court, welcomed the judge back again and said he hoped the improvement in his health would be maintained. His Honour expressed thanks.

### **Administration Order**

Wm. Thos. Findall, miner, Whitwick, applied for an administration order. His debts amounted to £32 13s and debtor offered 6s a month until 10s in the pound was paid. – Granted.

### **Thringstone Collier and the Rabbits**

John Squires, collier, of Thringstone, appeared on a judgement summons in respect of £1 due on a debt for bread supplied by James Richards, baker of Pegg's Green.

Answering Mr T. E. Jesson, who appeared for the plaintiff, defendant said he worked at the Whitwick Colliery and went there when he had time (laughter).

Mr Jesson : You get a bit by poaching don't you? Defendant : Just a bit. I have a bit of a touch now and then (more laughter). The Judge : Do you sell two rabbits a week? – No sir.

A new order of 1s 6d a month was made.

### **Brothers in Court**

Thomas Wileman, collier, Hugglescote, sued Wm. Wileman, collier, of the Wagon and Horses Inn, Whitwick, for 10s 10d money paid by him on behalf of the defendant and for the return of certain tools or their value, 15s and 5s damages for detention.

Mr T. H. Moore was for the plaintiff, and Mr T. E. Jesson, Ashby, for the defendant.

Plaintiff stated that in 1911 he was charge-man in Coleorton Colliery and purchased tools to the value of £2 15s. Defendant, who was his brother, should have paid his share, 18s 4d the same as was paid by another man named Findall. Defendant had given him 7s 6d. They subsequently left the pit and the tools were brought out, defendant taking the tools to the Royal George at Whitwick in his trap, to remain there until they got into a stall together again. Plaintiff paid him 6d for conveying the tools and he had kept the lot. He (plaintiff) had applied for the tools but defendant's daughter said they should keep the lot. Her husband was using the tools in the Whitwick pit.

By Mr Jesson : Findall paid his share 18s 4d and was a joint owner of the tools. The defendant had never lent him money.

Defendant said he did not owe his brother a penny. It was true that in April 1911, they were working together at Coleorton pit and they agreed to pay 18s 4d each for the tools they used. Defendant paid 7s 6d and had lent plaintiff money at other times and on one occasion in the Royal George at Whitwick, plaintiff admitted they were square.

By Mr Moore : He paid 7s 6d leaving 10s 10d owing but they straightened that in the kitchen of the Royal George. The joint payments were for all the tools, including defendant's personal tools mentioned in the claim.

Wm. Findall, collier, Whitwick, said he worked with the two Wilemans in the Coleorton pit, and paid his share of 18s 4d for the tools. He was entitled to a share of the tools now, but he did not know where they were. He meant to get his 18s 4d back on the next court day from the man he paid it to. These tools no more belonged to the plaintiff than they did to witness, defendant, or Lydall, another man who worked with them.

Mary Ward, wife of Harry Ward, of the Wagon and Horses, Whitwick, and daughter of the defendant, said that in 1911 she lived at the Royal George and both her father and uncle lived there. She heard the conversation in the kitchen when plaintiff said that it settled everything. She knew that her father had lent the plaintiff money and she had too.

The Registrar found for the plaintiff for 10s 10d.

## **Sport Football Whitwick's Easy Task**

Whitwick Imperial had no difficulty in getting into the next round for the Coalville Cup at the expense of Bagworth Town. The Imperial were unable to induce the Town to visit Whitwick and so the match was played at Bagworth on Saturday. The game had only been in progress eight minutes before the Imperial had put on a couple and these had been increased to four by the interval. The second half was a repetition, four more goals being scored, but just before the end, Bagworth made a spurt and were allowed to get one by way of consolation.

Tomorrow the Imperial are visited by Measham United in the fourth round and they should have no difficulty in getting into the semi-final.

As Market Harborough were beaten 2 – 1 on Saturday by Loughborough Corinthians and Earl Shilton Town went under to Hinckley United 3 – 0, Whitwick's win tomorrow will leave four good teams for the semi-finals, Coalville Town, Whitwick Imperial, Loughborough Corinthians and Hinckley United. The draw on Tuesday night appears in another column.

## **Coalville League**

Some tied scoring characterised the matches in the Coalville League on Saturday. In the three games in the first division the home teams shared 23 goals with nothing against them. Ellistown St. Christopher's and Coalville Swifts both scored ten, the defeated teams respectively being Whitwick Holy Cross and Coalville P.S.A., and Hugglescote St. John's did well to beat Moira United by three goals. Whitwick Holy Cross arrived late and with only eight men and just before the finish, one of these hurt his arm badly and had to leave the field. It was an excellent spirit which prompted the Ellistown men to start a collection on the ground for their injured opponent and this realised 12s 6d.

The Ellistown scorers were Percy Underwood 3, J. Underwood, a full back 4, and Watts, Cato and Bourne, one each. Notwithstanding the big score, Stanyard made some excellent saves in the Whitwick goal. In the Swifts match the scorers were Hallam, King, Sheffield and Latham (two each), Egan and Williamson. The P.S.A. have been weak in the last two or three matches owing to some of their players being under suspension. They are hoping to do better when this is removed. Hugglescote St. John's did all their scoring in the second half through Lees and Sturman. Hugglescote Wesleyans were expecting Coalville Town Reserves, but the latter failed to turn up, this being the second time they have created disappointment.

### **Coalville Charity Cup Draw for the Semi Finals**

A meeting of the Management Committee of this competition was held at the Red House Hotel, Coalville, on Tuesday evening, Mr C. E. Marston presiding. There were also present, Messrs H. R. Brown, A. E. Clay, S. Goacher, D. Marston, R. T. Bradshaw, H. Clamp, G. Swain, and the hon. secretary (Mr J. W. Farmer).

The secretary reported that Measham United had agreed to play Whitwick Imperial at Whitwick in the fourth round on January 24th, as arranged by the committee, and he would like to say that he appreciated the help the Measham club had given him in the matter. The Leicestershire F.A. had ordered Measham and Hugglescote St. John's to replay their Junior Cup match January 24th, which was breaking their rule that postponed cup matches should be played on the following Saturday. The L.F.A. had stopped conference dates, and if they were to break their rule, and fix any date for replays like that, it might put the Coalville committee in a difficulty.

Mr R. T. Bradshaw (L.F.A. representative) said the decision for the Measham V Hugglescote match fixed by the L.F.A. was on or before January 24th. Mr Goacher said that as Measham were playing for the Coalville Cup they might let the matter slide.

Several members of the committee thought there should be an understanding in regard to the L.F.A.'s rule as to replays, and the secretary was instructed to write to the L.F.A. on the matter. The draws for the semi-finals and arrangements were made as follows.

Whitwick Imperial or Measham United V Hinckley United on the Coalville Town ground, on February 14th, kick-off 3.30, referee, Mr R. T. Bradshaw, Coalville; linesmen, Messrs F. S. Weaver and T. Price, Coalville.

Loughborough Corinthians V Coalville Town, to be played on the Half-way House ground on March 14th, kick-off 3.30, referee, Mr W. H. Squires, Leicester; linesmen, Messrs F. W. Smith and C. E. Marston, Coalville.

### **Friday January 30th 1914 (Issue 1145)**

#### **Local News**

##### **To Let**

Whitwick – To Let, Lady Day, 4 acres land, or thereabouts, Talbot Street, Apply Mrs Norman, 25 Humberstone Gate, Leicester

##### **For Sale**

Mail cart 25s; push-car 7s 6d; both in good condition. Repairs, enamelling, re-tyring and re-hooding at King and Newman's Hermitage Road.

Mr and Mrs William Bradley, of Hugglescote, celebrated their golden wedding on Tuesday. They have nine children and 21 grandchildren and are well-respected in this neighbourhood. The father has been an official at the Whitwick Colliery. Several guests were invited, including Canon Broughton, the Rev. R. P. Farrar, Mr Greensmith (under-manager of the Whitwick Colliery), and others.

On enquiry at the White House, Whitwick, yesterday, we were informed that Mr J. J. Sharp was about the same. Up till Tuesday last the patient was making satisfactory progress, but he has not been quite so well since, his temperature having risen. Mr Sharp's condition still gives rise for considerable anxiety and much sympathy has been expressed with Mr and Mrs Aubrey Sharp, with the hope that Mr Sharp may soon be fully restored again.

### **P. M. Church**

The services at this place of worship were conducted by Mr Hardwick, of Coalville, in the morning and the Rev. John Guy, of St. Albans (a former minister) in the evening. There were good congregations and the services were much enjoyed. Collections were made on behalf of the trust funds.

### **Parish Church**

The preacher at the Whitwick parish church on Sunday was the Rev. L. H. Pearson, of Market Bosworth, who delivered instructive and interesting sermons to good congregations. The collections were in aid of the church expenses.

### **Forest Rock Hotel**

About 50 gentlemen were present at a supper and social evening at the Forest Rock Hotel on Saturday evening when Mr W. James provided a splendid meal to which full justice was done. Mr H. G. W. Howe presided over the after proceedings and there were songs by Messrs Walker, Bonser, Spencer, Cave, Heighton, T. Wyatt, Cooper, W. James, senr., W. James, junr., and Miss Jeffs. A vote of thanks was accorded Mr James (the host) for providing the opportunity of spending such an enjoyable evening and Mr James suitably replied.

### **Two Fire Alarms**

#### **Brigade called out at Coalville and Whitwick**

Members of the Coalville Urban Council Fire Brigade have received two calls within the past few days, though happily in neither case was the outbreak of a serious nature. The first was at Whitwick on Saturday evening, the call being to Mr F. Perry's fried fish shop at Pare's Hill. The Whitwick members of the brigade promptly responded, but, fortunately, found that the danger had been averted by the occupants and several voluntary helpers. The frying pans used in connection with the trade got ablaze and serious consequences were at first feared, but the outbreak was successfully dealt with.

The second call was on Sunday morning as was to the premises of Messrs Thompson and Hodgkinson, drapers, of High Street. The brigade were summoned by telephone by Mr E. Parramore, of the Stamford and Warrington Hotel close by, and soon Captain Elsworth, Lieut. Moreton and Fireman Bland and Dalton were on the scene. It was found that there was a recurrence of an old trouble which had given rise to not a little anxiety and led to the services of the brigade being summoned on a previous occasion. It appears that owing to the peculiar construction of the chimney, which has several awkward bends, it cannot be properly swept, and soot is allowed to accumulate. This, as on the previous occasion, had got on fire and it was only the prompt work of the firemen which probably saved a big conflagration. By getting into the roof, the members of the brigade were able to remove some two or three barrowfuls of red hot soot and so obviate the danger, which was obvious since a good deal of wood is used in the construction of the chimney. After about an hour's work, the firemen were able to remove the cause for anxiety and in two hours left the place in a safe condition. The fire on this occasion originated from the sitting room.

### **Coalville Police Court**

Today – Friday, Before the Rev. C. T. Moore (in the chair), Major Hatchett, Mr B. G. Hale, Dr. Burkitt, and Mr W. Sheffield.

## **Bad Language**

Mary A. Williamson, married woman, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on January 19th. P.C. Jelley proved the case in the woman's absence, and she was fined 3s 6d and 12s 6d costs.

## **Drunks**

Mary Fraser, married woman, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Coalville, on January 16th. In her absence, P.C. Bond stated the facts, and said he had to take her to Whitwick. Inspector Dobney said the woman's language was disgusting. She lay down on the path and said she could go no further. He had to send Bond with her. Fined 5s 6d and costs 12s 6d or seven days.

James Gee, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick, on January 16th. P.C. Grewcock proved the case. Fined 10s 6d, and costs 12s 6d, or fourteen days.

## **Sport**

### **Football**

#### **Whitwick Imperial in the Coalville Cup Semi-Final**

It was not anticipated that Whitwick Imperial would have any difficulty in getting into the Coalville Cup semi-final, and this proved to be so, as Measham United provided them with easy fourth round victims on the Duke of Newcastle ground on Saturday.

Joe Moore was a late arrival, and the Imperial played for the first five minutes or so with ten men. Play was not brilliant in the first half, the home forwards missing many chances and there might have been a much bigger lead than two to none at the interval. W. Moore scored both these goals and made his total to three after crossing over, but he was beaten by Sturman, who in the course of the second half, helped himself to four, while there were further goals by Percy Wright and Bonser. The Whitwick defence had little difficulty in holding Measham men in check and the home side retired winners by the comfortable margin of nine goals to none. If the Imperial had played in the first half like they did in the second, there is no telling what the score might have been.

Bonser played in the forward line in place of Andy Moore, who has had the misfortune to break his wrist in an accident in the pit.

Will Whitwick get into the final? That is a question which is now occupying the minds of many interested in the game. They have to play Hinckley United on the Coalville Town ground on February 14th and on the form of the two clubs during the season there is no reason why the Imperial should not triumph.

Coalville Town appear to have the most favourable chance of again appearing as finalists. They have to meet Loughborough Corinthians on the Half Way House ground on March 14th. Neither club has been playing up to the form of former seasons and it is quite an open question as to which will win. Victory for the two local teams would be popular as the meeting of Coalville and Whitwick in the final on Easter Tuesday would be a very attractive holiday event.