

Coalville Times - March 1914

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Local News

Leicestershire Miners Association New President Elected

The monthly meeting of the Leicestershire Miners' Association was held at the Railway Hotel, Coalville, on Friday night. Mr Abraham Smith presiding. The chairman gave a report on the Whitwick Colliery Disaster Relief Fund, stating that annuities had been purchased, amounting to 5s per week, for all widows and two young persons now left on the fund and that to enable this to be done, the Whitwick Colliery Co. added £250 to the balance of the fund. The Council considered this very generous on the part of the Company.

There were three nominations for the position of president of the association rendered vacant through the resignation of Mr A. Smith and Mr B. Wileman, of Coalville, receiving 15 votes in the ballot was declared elected. The others were Messrs Samuel Taylor 9 votes and George Brooks 8.

Mr T. Gowdrige, of Hugglescote, was unanimously re-elected general secretary of the Association, and Mr Wm. Storer of Coalville, was unanimously re-elected treasurer.

A vote was taken by ballot for the vice-chairman and Mr John Wilton, of Pegg's Green was elected, receiving 12 to ten for Mr George Brooks and nine for Mr S. Taylor.

Chapel Anniversary

The Whitwick Wesleyan Chapel Anniversary was celebrated by special services on Sunday conducted by the Rev. F. H. H. Labbett, there being good congregations. On Monday, a public tea was held and was well attended and in the evening, the Rev. Labbett gave a lecture entitled "Life on a narrow neck of land." This was much appreciated by a good congregation, over which Mr C. H. March, of Coalville, presided. On the motion of Mr A. West, seconded by Mr J. W. Eagles, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the lecturer, chairman and ladies who had assisted at the tea. The proceeds were for the trust funds.

Licensed Victuallers' Association

A meeting of the newly formed Licensed Victuallers' Association was held on Thursday evening in last week, at the King's Arms Inn, Whitwick. Mr T. Kelly was appointed permanent chairman of the Association and Mr A. Waterfield vice-chairman, with Mr G. H. Hallam, of Thringstone, secretary. The following were elected on the committee : Messrs A. Smith, S. Jarvis, T. Musson, F. Sears, A. Waterfield, George West, R. Squires, Webb and Hutchinson. It was reported that Mr T. E. Jesson, of Ashby, had accepted the invitation to become solicitor to the Association. Mr S. Perry was elected president and the Notts Bank the treasurers. The yearly subscription was fixed at 10s., payable quarterly. A sub committee was appointed to draw up rules. It was reported that up to Thursday night, 24 members had been enrolled.

Reliable Eggs for Sitting

From record laying strain. Note : this season, 24 chickens from 26 eggs. White Wyandottes 3s 6d sitting; Black Minorcas 2s 6d sitting. J. C. Stinson, Sharpley House, Whitwick.

German and German

Will offer for sale by auction, at the Hastings Arms Inn, Whitwick, on Wednesday March 18th, 1914, the pleasantly situated Family Residence situate in Silver Street, Whitwick, and known as "Ferndale" together with the large garden in the rear and the necessary out-offices, lately occupied by Mrs Fern (deceased).

Four dwelling houses situate and being Nos. 16, 18, 20, and 26 Castle Street, Whitwick, with the gardens in the rear and now in the respective occupations of George Bonser, William Hoult, John Clarke and T. Harding and a plot of building land adjoining.

Fisher, Jesson and Co., Solicitors, Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

Ashby Board of Guardians

Mr W. Sheffield presided at the Ashby Board of Guardians meeting on Saturday when the members present were, Mrs Pratt, the Revs. M. J. O'Reilly, and C. T. Moore, Major Hatchett, Messrs. T. Frith, S. P. Matterson, W. Andrews, F. Pickering, A. Riley, J. Taylor, W. Franks, F. C. Stevenson, J. Ward, F. H. Walker, J. Nicklinson, A. J. Briers, T. O. Frost, G. Bullen, T. Varnham, J. Pargetter, W. Massey, T. Parker, G. B. Blakesley, W. Gascoyne, R. Lawton, G. Sheldon, Dr. Atkinson, T. Dennis, J. T. Bradshaw, S. Stanley and J. Rice, with the clerk (Mr George Farmer.)

The Whitwick Registrar Vacancy

The clerk reported the receipt of a letter from the Registrar General stating that with the consent of the Local Government Board he was issuing an order to transfer the parishes of Coleorton and Packington from the Whitwick Registration Sub-District to the Ashby Sub-District. Mr Farmer said he had advertised the Whitwick vacancy and had received 35 applications.

Mr Massey said the committee should be formed of the representatives of the parishes within the Whitwick sub-district. Mr Varnham moved that it be referred to a committee of the whole Board. Those who were interested could come and those who were not could stay away. No doubt they had all selected their man and would try to get him in the selected number.

Mr Parker said he had received a letter from one applicant who said he had been informed that a certain person would have the position and it was little use applying. If that was so, it was a farce to advertise it in the paper. It should be decided by the whole Board or it would look to the outsider as if it had been cooked.

Mr Massey : If there is any feeling of that sort, I will withdraw my proposition. I believe in a case being decided on its merits.

The chairman said he had been interviewed a time or two and applicants had said it was no use applying as so and so was bound to get it. There was no 'bound to get it' at all. Nobody was sure of it. There was nothing cut and dried about it, but it would be dealt with fairly. It was decided to refer the matter to a special committee meeting of the whole Board to be held at the clerk's office at 3.45 pm tomorrow.

The question arose as to whether the appointment would be made at that meeting and Mr Franks moved that it be so. Mr J. Taylor said he did not consider that reasonable. If all the members went they would not get into Mr Farmer's office. Mr Walker said they would not all want to.

Mr Taylor : They may be more interested than you imagine.

The chairman said the powers of this committee would be to make a recommendation to the Board.
Mr Bullen : The final appointment will be made a fortnight today.

The chairman : That is so.

Mr Varnham moved that six be selected to appear before the Board. He added : If we can get them here we shall be able to judge by the looks of the men.

Mr Parker : If we go on much longer we shall waste as much time as it would have taken us to go through the applications (laughter).

It was decided that not less than three and not more than six be selected to meet the Board at the next meeting.

Two Septuagenarians Dead

Whitwick has lost two old residents by death this week, Mrs Elizabeth Adams, of Brooks Lane and Mr T. Roach, of Loughborough Road, whose ages respectively were 72 and 70 years. The funerals took place at Whitwick Cemetery on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Foot Race at Whitwick

Wm. Martin, 57, of Whitwick, a National Reservist, late of the Leicester Regiment and John Smart, 55, a coal miner of Hugglescote, ran in a 60 yards race on the Duke of Newcastle ground, Whitwick, on Saturday afternoon, Martin conceding two yards. The event created considerable interest. Mr A. Gough of Whitwick, was starter, and the betting was 6 to 4 on Martin. Smart won on the tape.

Coalville Urban District Council

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

Committee's Reports

The following reports of committees were adopted without comment.

The following plans were recommended for approval: Two houses, Highfields Street, Coalville for Mr F. M. Rogers; amended plan of house, London Road, Coalville, for Dr. Jamie; Houses, Meadow Lane, Coalville, for Mr G. Fern; seven houses, Hermitage Road, Whitwick, for Mr A. Vesty; and amended plan, proposed main hall, Conservative Club, Hugglescote, subject to a further exit thereto being provided.

County Medical Officer's Report

Dr. Jamie said the report had been in the hands of the printers a fortnight. He thought the time limit was ten days, but they were allowed a fortnight, which they had exceeded by one day. He agreed that the Councillors should have the report in their hands a few days before the meeting. He went on to say that the birth rate had declined, being 2 per 1000 less than last year, but it was still above the average for the whole country and for Leicestershire. The death rate, 13.2 was fairly favourable, but so favourable as last year when it was 11.7. It was however, a good average rate. The Whitwick ward was the highest with 15.3, against 12.4 for Coalville and 12.9 for Hugglescote.

Mr Perry : That is a thing that doesn't occur every year.

Dr. Jamie : No. Whitwick often has a favourable death rate.

Proceeding, the medical officer said diphtheria had been very prevalent (42 cases), but there had been excessive diphtheria all over the country and it was difficult to explain why it was so marked. The local cases were of a mild type. Alluding to the occurrence of 53 cases of tuberculosis, he emphasised the fact that this was now known as a preventable disease.

The chairman : This is very good news.

Mr Perry asked whether the doctor thought the Coalville dispensary, near to the dust of the Whitwick Colliery and the L. and N. W. shunting yard, was in a good spot. Dr. Jamie agreed that it might have been on a better site.

Mr Kelly : But you have no voice in that. Dr. Jamie : No. A member : Nor the Council either.

Mr Lockwood asked whether the doctor could tell them how many houses there were in the district containing two families and whether he considered the system of scavenging satisfactory. Dr. Jamie

said five cases of overcrowding were dealt with during the year, but generally speaking the housing accommodation was fairly satisfactory.

Mr Lockwood : There are no statistics as to the number of houses with two families? Dr. Jamie : No, but there is a considerable number of houses with two families. It is not general but there is a fair number. Mr Lockwood repeated his question as to the scavenging. Mr McCarthy said they thrashed that out only the other day. They had a full dress rehearsal and it was quite fresh in their memories.

Mr Lockwood said it was in the report and he wanted an answer from the doctor. Dr. Jamie : I should say the place is well scavenged (hear, hear). It is well done and deaths and illness due to bad scavenging are entirely absent (hear, hear). There has not been a single death from typhoid fever during the year and only two mild cases were reported which is quite unprecedented in the history of any place this size. That speaks well for the water supply, sewerage, and general scavenging. You could not possibly have a typhoid rate of that kind in a badly scavenged place (hear, hear).

The chairman : I am very glad you are able to give a report of that kind.

Mr Lockwood : It would have to be bad to kill anyone, I take it (laughter).

Replying to Mr Fellows, the doctor said that deaths from tuberculosis of people residing out of the district, but who were sent to the Coalville dispensary, were not included in the Coalville death rate. Mr Fellows said that was only right as the dispensary provided for from 16 to 20 parishes.

In his monthly report, Dr. R. W. Jamie stated that two cases of diphtheria, both in London Road, Coalville, had been notified. Three cases of scarletina had also been notified all in one house in Park Road. The usual precautions had been adopted. Two cases of phthisis had been reported, one in Oxford Street and one in Owen Street. Influenza has been fairly prevalent during the month of February and one death had been attributed to this cause. During the month, 14 deaths occurred giving a death rate of 9.3 per 1000 – a favourable rate. These included one from phthisis and one from diphtheria. During the same period, 41 births were registered, giving a birth rate of 27 per 1000. Thanks were accorded Dr. Jamie for attending the meeting.

Date of Election

The clerk gave notice that polling day for the election was Monday, April 6th. The Council then went into Committee.

Coalville Medical Officers Annual Report

In his report to the Coalville Urban District Council, the Medical Officer (Dr. R. W. Jamie) states : During the year 1913, 524 births were registered, consisting of 263 males and 261 females. Of these births, 16 were illegitimate. This gives a birth-rate of 27 per 1000, as compared with 29 last year and as compared with an average of 33 per thousand for the last ten years.

For comparison, I may state the birth-rate for Leicestershire, for 1912, was 22.8; and for England and Wales, for the same year 23.8. This appears to give for the Urban District, comparatively speaking, a favourable birth-rate, but the age constitution of a new industrial district, is favourable to a high birth-rate.

During 1913, the total deaths occurring in the district were 234, giving a death rate of 12.1 per 1,000. In addition to these, 22 deaths of persons belonging to the district occurred outside. Thus the total deaths amount to 256. This gives a net death rate of 13.2. The death rate for England and Wales for 1912 was 13.3. Of those deaths 113 occurred in Coalville, 75 in Hugglescote and 68 in Whitwick.

The infantile mortality rate for England and Wales for 1912 was 85, and for Leicestershire for the same year 81. For the Urban District the rate is 118, still a high one, but compared with the average of the last ten years, which was 138, there is a gratifying improvement.

The most favourable rate obtains in the Coalville ward, 88 per thousand, as compared with 132 and 162 for Hugglescote and Whitwick respectively. The excess in these wards is accounted for by the number of deaths due to premature birth and to gastro-intestinal ailments.

The most significant figures are those due to gastro-intestinal ailments and convulsions, amounting to 20 : almost one third of the total infantile mortality. These ailments are largely due to improper feeding; the substitution of farinaceous food for milk, being one of the most common errors. The deaths occurred mostly in the months of August and September. I have included in this class convulsions. Convulsions is really a secondary cause and frequently due to stomach derangement. Eight deaths were due to diseases of the respiratory organs. These, like the former, are also largely preventable by proper clothing and careful nursing. In this respect, perhaps the most common error is the use of flannelette instead of woollen clothing.

Fourteen deaths were due to premature birth – the same number as last year. It is difficult to account for this factor in infantile mortality.

Fourteen deaths were due to zymotic disease in Whitwick, 10 in Coalville, and 9 in Hugglescote. The excess in Whitwick is due to 3 diphtheria, 2 from measles and 8 from gastro-intestinal ailments. It is gratifying to notice that no death occurred from typhoid fever, as compared with an average of 3.5 for the last ten years.

One death was caused by scarletina, whilst 5 resulted from measles.

The zymotic rate for the district for 1912 was 0.7; for 1913 1.7. This cause alone account for the increase in the general death-rate to the extent of 1 per 1,000.

A brief account follows respecting the outbreaks of infectious disease during 1913.

Measles – This disease was fairly prevalent in the first half of the year, although not of epidemic prevalence as in 1910. Three years had brought a certain number of susceptible children, and these being scattered throughout the district, one or two cases appeared in a considerable number of families, and gave the outbreak the semblance of considerable prevalence, although at no period was the number of cases affected large. Children of susceptible age were excluded from school, and subsequently the infant departments of several of the schools were closed for a period.

Scarletina – During 1913, 18 cases of scarletina were notified, 9 in Coalville, 8 in Hugglescote and 1 in Whitwick, as compared with 30 and 28 for 1911 and 1912 respectively. One death resulted from this cause. In several of the cases notified, no desquamation took place. The children from affected houses were excluded from school and the bedroom disinfected at the end of the illness.

Whooping Cough – During March and April there were numerous cases of whooping cough in the Hugglescote ward, and a few cases at Whitwick during the same period. Three deaths were attributed to this cause. Like measles, it is not properly regarded as a serious disease, and it is difficult to get parents to arrest its spread. But it invariably adds to the death rate, and its fairly high case mortality would justify more preventative measures than are practised at present.

Diphtheria – Forty-two cases were reported in 1913, as compared with 19 and 47 for the year 1911 and 1912 respectively. The Council arranged for a free bacteriological examination in all doubtful cases. Seventeen such examinations were made, and a positive result was found in each case. Four of those cases were of the “carrier” type and occurred among school children. This appeared to account for the illness in 14 cases between the ages of 5 and 15. In the other 13 cases of the same age period no contact could be traced. The mortality was most marked in the Whitwick ward, where 3 deaths resulted. Two notable cases of throat affection occurred there in two boys, who had been playing with the decomposed body of a dog, found in a brook, and who immediately thereafter with unwashed hands had partaken of a fish from a “fish and chip” shop. Those two cases were most violent and ended fatally.

Gastro-Intestinal Ailments – In this class are included the illnesses described as epidemic diarrhoea, enteritis, summer diarrhoea and gastro-enteritis.

Summer diarrhoea was prevalent in Coalville and Whitwick during the months of August and September, and seriously affected the infantile morality, more particularly in the Whitwick ward. The illness was of an acute type, associated with sickness and marked prostration, and the fatal cases were mostly under two years of age; 13 occurring amongst infants under one year and 4 amongst children between one and three. The milk supply did not appear to play any noticeable part in the causation or propagation of the disease, for amongst the 13 cases of infants, 9 were exclusively fed at the breast.

Tuberculosis – Fifty-three cases of tuberculosis have been notified throughout the year, 23 occurring in Coalville, 9 in Hugglescote and 21 in Whitwick. This is for a complete year as far as tuberculosis of the lungs is concerned, but only for 11 months as far as tuberculosis of other parts is concerned, the regulation for the compulsory notification of the latter dating from 1st February, 1913. The number of notifications in the Coalville ward is increased by the inclusion of 4 cases brought from outside and temporarily located in the sorting station in Coalville. Thus 12 cases of Phthisis belonging to Coalville were notified. This makes a total notification of Coalville Urban cases of 49, 37 being diseases of lungs, and 12 diseases of other parts. Each case is visited, and printed and other instructions given.

Do you Know

That Mr S. Perry has declined the invitation to become the president of the Whitwick Licensed Victuallers' Association?

That Mr H. T. Bastard will not again seek election on the Coalville Urban Council in the Whitwick ward at the coming election?

That at the end of February, there was in hand £119 4s 2 1/2d towards Colliers' and Quarrymen's memorial window to be placed in Whitwick Church at an estimated cost of £127 less five per cent discount?

Coalville Police Court

Friday – Before the Rev. C. T. Moore (in the chair), Major Hatchett, Mr W. Lindley, Mr J. W. West and Mr W. Sheffield.

A Whitwick Fight

Bowley Hurst and Wm. Bunce, colliers, of Whitwick, were summoned for violent conduct at Whitwick, on February 14th. Hurst pleaded guilty and Bunce, who was represented by Mr T. E. Jesson, not guilty. P.C. Jelley deposed to seeing the defendants near the railway station fighting, with a crowd of people round. They were very violent. Bunce admitted his guilt when served with the summons, saying the constable had done his duty.

By Mr Jesson : Bunce had blood on his face, and appeared to have been badly knocked about. Mr Jesson said Bunce was set upon by Hurst and badly knocked about. If he struck a blow, it was in self defence.

The constable, re-called, said Bunce was as bad as Hurst. They were both fighting. Mr Jesson said Bunce could not help himself.

The Bench decided to convict both defendants and they were each fined 5s 6d and 8s 6d costs, or seven days.

Struck Out

Wm. Brealey, collier, Whitwick, was summoned by Adam Finch, retired collier, for wilful damage to a post and wire fence to the amount of 3s, at Whitwick on February 16th. There was no appearance and the case was struck out.

Whitwick Publican Summoned

Heavy Fine for Permitting Drunkenness

Wife charged with Assault

The Coalville magistrates were occupied for some hours on Friday hearing a number of cases in which a Whitwick licensed victualler and his wife were involved.

Zachariah Parker, beerhouse keeper, Whitwick, was summoned for permitting drunkenness on his licensed premises, and John Robinson, labourer, Whitwick, was summoned for being found drunk on licensed premises at Whitwick on February 14th.

Mr George Rowlett (Leicester) prosecuted for the police and Mr T. E. Jesson (Ashby) appeared for the defendants, who both pleaded not guilty.

P.S. Betts deposed to visiting Parker's house, the Compass Inn, about 8pm. He saw Robinson in the tap room and noticed that he had had sufficient to drink and said to the landlord, "Zac, if I were you I should get rid of him." Defendant : Not the first time.

Betts, proceeding stated that he and P.C. Grewcock went to the house again about 10 pm and saw Robinson still there. He had a pint glass half full before him and he was then drunk. Witness told the landlord he was surprised and reminded him that he had cautioned him at eight o'clock. Parker said the man had only had two pints there. The landlord then asked Robinson to go and he staggered out of the house and fell down outside. He went to his brother Levi's, but his brother told him to go home. He started towards home and fell down again. They had to take him home. Witness returned to the public house and told the landlord that he would be reported.

After Mr Jesson's cross-examination the Sergeant added that when served with the summons Robinson said he went to the public house between three and four in the afternoon. P.C. Grewcock said he accompanied the sergeant to the house on the ten o'clock visit and saw Robinson there drunk. Witness heard the sergeant tell the landlord that he was surprised, as he had cautioned about Robinson at eight o'clock, and he (the sergeant) advised Parker to get rid of Robinson. Witness corroborated as to Robinson twice falling and having to be taken home.

Mary Horne, single woman, Cademan Street, Whitwick, said she went with her father to the Compass Inn about five o'clock and saw the defendant Robinson there. He then looked about asleep and asked if he should be at home.

Mr Rowlett : What was his condition? Witness : He was drunk. By Mr Jesson : She had no feeling towards Parker. She went with her father to get some money from Parker but he refused to give it. She did not get excited and was not ordered out of the house. She did not use bad language towards Mrs Parker, but she admitted calling her a "bad cat."

By Mr Rowlett : She reported to P.S. Betts about seven o'clock having seen Robinson at the Compass Inn drunk. Osmond Richards, collier, Whitwick, said he went into the Compass Inn between 9:20 and 9:30 and saw Robinson in the tap room. He had had enough to drink. Witness was asked by the police to assist in taking Robinson to his home but he refused, saying it was not his business to take drunken men home.

By Mr Jesson : He had not gone to the house at the instigation of anybody. It was the house he regularly used. That was the case for the prosecution.

Mr Jesson said that if the Bench decided that Robinson was drunk, they should not convict the landlord unless they were sure that he or his servants were guilty of negligence in regard to the conduct of the house. But the evidence of the police would be absolutely denied by ten witnesses he could call. The court then adjourned for lunch.

Resuming, the defendant Parker said he had kept the Compass Inn for 5 1/2 years and for 4 1/2 years before that was at the Royal George. Robinson first came to his house that day at about half-past seven. It was untrue that he was there at 5 o'clock as stated by Miss Horne. When Sergeant Betts came to the house the first time about eight o'clock all the conversation was about Matthew

Horne having lost some money. Robinson was not mentioned. The sergeant came a second time about three quarters of an hour later and then remarked to Robinson, "Halloa Jack, I see you are here; isn't it about time you were going home." Robinson said that if he was doing any harm he would go and did so. Witness could not remember whether he asked Robinson to leave or not.

Mr Lindley : You can remember other things. The clerk said it was rather important. Defendant said he believed Robinson got up and went straight away. He did not stagger or stumble. He was perfectly sober. By Mr Rowlett : Miss Horne's evidence as to Robinson being in the house at five o'clock was quite untrue and was given for spite. The police only paid two visits to the house that day and did not return at ten o'clock after taking Robinson home.

The defendant Robinson said the first time he went to the house that day was about 7.30 pm and he had a pint of ale which his father paid for. He also ate some bread and cheese which he got from his brother Levi. He was not ordered out by the landlord and did not fall down.

By Mr Rowlett : He was quite sober. He admitted previous convictions for drunkenness.

Sarah Parker, defendant's wife, said she was at home all that day and Robinson did not come in until 7.30. He was with his father and she served them with a pint of beer each for which the father paid. A few minutes after Robinson went out and returned shortly with a piece of bread and cheese, which he ate to the beer. When the sergeant came the first time nothing was said about Robinson, but on the second visit, Betts spoke to him and he walked straight out of the house. She only served Robinson with one pint.

By Mr Rowlett : The police paid their last visit about 8.30 and did not return at ten o'clock. Robinson was quite sober when he left the house.

Joseph Wesley, collier, Whitwick, brother-in-law of Parker, said he went to the house about 7.30 and Robinson came in soon after. He corroborated the landlady's evidence.

Isaac Limb, collier, Whitwick, said Robinson was sober when he left the house.

James Kearins, collier, Whitwick, said he went to the Compass Inn about 8.30 pm and saw Robinson who was "fairly well."

By Mr Rowlett : He would certainly not say that Robinson was sober, but he was not beastly drunk.

Herbert Skellington, collier, Whitwick, said he saw Robinson at the Compass Inn about 8.10 pm and he seemed sober.

Michael Roach, collier, Whitwick, said he saw Robinson leave the Compass Inn and he walked as straight as a gunshot (laughter).

By Mr Rowlett : Witness was in house with a woman named Garner. He was not the worse for drink himself and the Sergeant did not tell him it was time he was going.

John Parker, collier, Whitwick, nephew of the defendant, also spoke as to Robinson being sober.

P.C. Grewcock, re-called, said he did not go on duty that night till nine o'clock.

The Bench decided that both defendants were guilty. Parker was fined £3 3s and costs £2 6s 6d or one month and Robinson 10s and costs 12s or seven days. Both defendants said they would do the time. The clerk told Parker there would be a distress warrant against his goods. It was stated that Robinson had no goods and he was removed to the cells.

Alleged Refusing to Quit

Matthew Horne, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for refusing to quit the licensed premises of Zachariah Parker, at Whitwick, on February 14th. Mr T. E. Jesson, of Ashby, was for the complainant and Mr T. H. Moore, of Coalville, for the defendant who pleaded not guilty.

Sarah Parker, wife of the landlord, said the defendant came and asked her to return some money and threatened her with a glass using filthy talk. She asked the defendant several times to leave but he refused.

By Mr Moore : The summons for refusing to quit was taken out after she had received a summons for assaulting Miss Horne. There had previously been some dispute about some money and Horne demanded 5s 9d. She told him to come when her husband was in. She knew that her husband had 5s 9d belonging to the defendant.

John Wesley, collier, Whitwick, gave evidence as to the glass incident and hearing the defendant ordered out. Defendant, on oath, denied the charge. Explaining how the money was due to him he said he was in the house the previous night, and while he was out of the room temporarily he left a box there with nine shillings in. When he came back there was 5s 9d in the box and he said he should not have that unless he could have the lot. He went for it the next morning and the landlady said they were going to have a beano with it.

By Mr Jesson : He had since had the money – or his solicitor had.

The Bench dismissed the case.

The Assault Case

Sarah Parker, married, of Whitwick, was summoned by Mary Horne, single, for assault at Whitwick on February 14th.

She pleaded not guilty.

Mr T. H. Moore was for the complainant, and Mr T. E. Jesson for the defendant. Complainant said she told the defendant that she was a bad cat or she would give her father his money. Defendant then struck her in the face knocking her down and rendering her unconscious. Defendant also threatened her father. Complainant had been unwell for some time and she felt the effects of the blows the next day.

By Mr Jesson : She did not throw stones at the door.

Complainant's mother said that she went to the Compass for her husband's money but Parker would not give it to her. Matthew Horne, complainant's father, also gave evidence.

By Mr Jesson : It was not true that Parker had offered him the 5s 9d several times. He had not spread it broadcast in Whitwick that Parker had robbed him, though he had a solicitor's letter threatening him with slander.

Gerty Peckworth, a girl of 14, niece of the complainant, said she saw the defendant hit her aunt. Defendant said the complainant called her filthy names and when she remonstrated Horne scratched her down her face. Defendant pushed her out of the house and complainant and her niece then started throwing stones at the door.

Jessie Moore, aged 17, corroborated. Mr Jesson said he had other witnesses, but the chairman intimated that the Bench had heard sufficient.

The case was dismissed.

Sport

Football

Loughborough Corinthians beaten at Whitwick

A good crowd witnessed the meeting of Whitwick Imperial and Loughborough Corinthians on the Duke of Newcastle ground, on Saturday, when the Imperial won by the solitary goal of the match. Many better games have been witnessed on the Whitwick enclosure, neither team being seen to very great advantage.

Taking the game through, Whitwick had much the best of matters and well deserved their victory, but if the forwards had been on form it might have been by a much bigger margin. Plenty of opportunities came their way, but it seemed as if they could do anything but score. The first half was unproductive. Before the interval, the Corinthians had a player injured and were somewhat handicapped in having to play to the end with ten men.

The goal which decided the match in Whitwick's favour was secured by Percy Wright with a beautiful shot in the second half. There was an anxious time for the Whitwick supporters when Roadley was penalised and a free kick given only about three or four yards from the goal but the spectators breathed more freely when the ball was kicked outside. That was the only time that Loughborough came anywhere near equalising. Numerous corners fell to Whitwick, but all to no purpose.

The best player on the Whitwick side was Bird at centre half and Brady and A. Moore were the pick of a moderate forward line. Cumberland, at back did a lot of useful work for the Corinthians.

Leicestershire Senior League

Whitwick Imperial and Hinckley United are running a neck and neck race for the championship of the Leicestershire Senior League. They both had stiff matches on Saturday, Whitwick meeting Loughborough Corinthians on the Duke of Newcastle ground, while Hinckley were at Coalville, but both managed to secure the points, though it was only by an odd goal in each case. Whitwick obtained the only goal their match produced, while Hinckley had the division of three in their favour. Both Whitwick and Hinckley have gone so far through the season with only one defeat, the former losing at Ibstock and the latter at Loughborough, and Whitwick head the chart with a point lead over their rivals but Hinckley have a match in hand, having made only two draws compared with Whitwick's three. Having had their hopes dashed by Whitwick in regard to the Coalville Cup, the "tin hatters" are striving hard to "get their own back" by wresting the League Cup from the Imperial lips. The issue will probably be decided tomorrow when Whitwick are due at Hinckley.

Coalville League

Hugglescote St. John's helped up their already big record on Saturday by defeating Whitwick Imperial Reserves 8 – 0. Bradford got four of the goals and the others were F. Surman, Bennistone, Gent and Moyens. The two bottom teams of division one – P.S.A. and Whitwick Holy Cross met on the Central ground and drew one each, T. Moore and Greasley being the respective scorers. It was the first point in the chart for the Holy Cross. The biggest win in the second division was by Ibstock Amateurs, the score being 5 – 1.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Burials

Adams – At Whitwick, on Tuesday, Elizabeth Adams, aged 72 years, of Brook's Lane, New Swannington.

Roach – At Whitwick, on Wednesday, Thomas Roach, aged 70 years, of Loughborough Road.

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Local News

A Year's Sanitary Work at Coalville Inspector's Annual Report

In his annual report to the Coalville Urban District Council, the surveyor and sanitary inspector, Mr L. L. Baldwin states that fifty-five houses were erected during the year 1913 and the number of inspections of houses and premises made was 13,226, with 9,387 re-inspections. The number of notices served to secure abatement of nuisances was 5,130. Numerous other details of work are tabulated and the report proceeds:

Common Lodging Houses

The common lodging houses at Whitwick continue to uphold their previous standard of efficiency. There have been no cases of infectious disease or overcrowding during the year. Only one cause of illness (non-infectious) was reported, which was promptly removed to Ashby Infirmary. The requirements as to half-yearly lime washing have been well carried out. Systematic inspections have been made monthly and twice at nights, no complaints being noted. The total number of lodgers accommodated for the year was 10,573, this shows an increase compared with that of the year 1912 when the total was 9,803.

Sewing Tea

A tea was given on Tuesday, in the P.M. Schoolroom by Mrs William Vesty, of Hermitage Road. It was a decided success, a good number being present and a good sum realised towards the debt reduction fund.

On Tuesday evening, instead of the usual preaching service, the Rev. W. H. Whiting gave a lantern lecture in the schoolroom which was well attended by parents and children. A nice sum was realised by a collection for the trust funds.

Catholic Mission

On Sunday, the Very Rev. Father Fennell, O.C. of Cardiff, commenced a mission at the Holy Cross Catholic Church, there being a large congregation. The services during the week have been well attended and the mission will be continued until next Sunday night.

Mr Jacob Newbury

We regret to hear of the rather serious illness of Mr Jacob Newbury, of Whitwick, who recently resigned the post of registrar of births and deaths after holding the same for over 33 years. Mr Newbury's many friends and acquaintances will join us in wishing him a complete and speedy recovery.

Mr Richard Heath

The death of Mr Richard Heath of Packington, was the first to be registered by Mr J. W. Bowley on the transference of the parishes of Packington and Coleorton from the Whitwick sub-district to the Ashby sub-district. There is rather a remarkable coincidence in connection with this fact, inasmuch as Mr J. Newbury, the retiring Whitwick registrar had his Packington station at Mr Heath's house, and regularly attended there during all the 33 years that held the appointment.

Whist Drive

The Whitwick Committee who organised the recent whist drive and social for the benefit of the Leicester Royal Infirmary are to be congratulated on the fact that as a result of the effort, their secretary, Mr Justin H. McCarthy, has been able to send £22 12s 3d to the county institution. A good sum was collected in the New Swannington district by members of the ladies' committee.

Presentation

On Saturday last, at the Hastings Arms, Whitwick, a presentation to Mr T. Allen, late tenant of the Beaumont Arms, took place, (this old established inn having been closed by order of the licensing authority). Mr and Mrs Allen had by their excellent management of the house and genial manner, made many friends, and the desire was unanimous to endorse the good feeling that had existed by the giving of a memento. The presentation took the form of a very handsome and substantial gent's writing desk, this being supplied on excellent terms by Mr W. Adams, of Pares Hill, Whitwick. Mr H. G. W. Howe, introduced the subject for which the subscribers had met, and at special request, called on Mr F. Allgood, one of Mr Allen's oldest supporters to make the presentation and with expressions of regret at parting with Mr Allen from Whitwick, and good wishes for Mr and Mrs Allen's future, he asked Mr Allen to accept the present, trusting for many years it would remind him of many friends in

Whitwick. These remarks were heartily supported and Mr Allen thanked one and all for their kindness and good wishes, assuring them he much appreciated their very useful present. The subscribers numbered 37. Mr Allen is shortly leaving to take up the license of an old established inn at Heather, "The Crown", for many years ably carried on by Mr Dronfield. The following were the subscribers : Messrs F. Allgood, H. Allgood, W. Adams, B. Berry, W. Briers, J. Berrington, F. Boam, John Berrington, T. Cook, W. Colver, W. Horton, H. G. W. Howe, W. T. Hull, C. Highton, G. Jarvis, L. Johnson, T. Ladkin, F. Middleton, G. Morris, J. O'Mara, J. Pegg, C. Pegg, T. Quemby, J. Roulston, F. Stone, W. Stevenson, Sergt. Stone, I. Thorpe, G. Thirlby, J. Underwood, T. Webster, A. H. W. Waterfield, D. Williams and F. Wass.

Election

In a week or so we shall be in the thick of another election in the Coalville Urban area. This will be the first election under the new order of things. Hitherto, the whole of the members have retired triennially, but there are now to be yearly elections, two retiring from one ward and one from each of the others annually. Coalville being the first of the wards alphabetically takes the lead with two retiring members, these being Messrs. A. Lockwood and S. P. Matterson, who were the lowest of the successful candidates at the election twelve months ago. Both are again offering themselves for election and already it is definitely known that a third candidate will be in the field, Mr John Goddard, who is the nominee of the Labour Party. There are likely to be others, but as far as we have been able to gather these are only three definitely before the public for the central ward. There seems likely to be three candidates for the one seat in the Hugglescote ward. Mr S. Armston will endeavour to retain his position and will have two opponents as before, Messrs. J. Cato and J. Woollerton, who have both expressed their intention of standing again. Mr T. Kelly will endeavour to retain his seat for the Whitwick ward, and so far nothing definite has been ascertained as to whether he will be opposed. Mr T. W. Bourne has been approached, but as yet, is undecided and the name of Mr A. J. Briers is mentioned as a likely candidate.

The list of candidates will be definitely known before this time next week as all nominations have to be handed in to Mr T. E. Jesson, the returning officer, at the Council Chamber by 12 o'clock noon next Thursday, the 19th inst. Withdrawals have to be made by the 24th and polling will be on Monday, 6th April.

Catholic Confirmations at Coalville and Whitwick

Three Hundred and Fourteen Candidates

Confirmation services were conducted at the Coalville and Whitwick Roman Catholic Churches on Sunday by Bishop Brindle, D.S.O. of Nottingham.

The service at St. Saviour's in Coalville, was in the morning, and 73 candidates were presented by Father Degan, in the presence of a good congregation. At the Whitwick Holy Cross church in the afternoon, the Bishop confirmed 241 candidates, being assisted by Father O'Reilly, Father Fennell, O.C., and Father Cuthbert Betherton, O.P. as chaplains.

The Bishop at both places, gave an impressive address on the sacrament of confirmation and also pronounced the benediction. The Holy Cross Church was crowded.

Do you Know

That P.C. Higgs, of Heather, formerly of Whitwick, has been promoted to the merit class?

That Bishop Brindle, D.S.O., of Nottingham, was last week the guest of Mrs Haydock of Charnwood Towers, Whitwick?

That Andy Brady has been transferred from the Whitwick Imperial football club to Swindon Town, the transfer fee being £20?

That several valuable lots of property are to be offered for sale by Messrs. German and German at the Hastings Arms Inn, Whitwick, on Wednesday evening next?

That the six candidates selected from the 35 applicants for the post of registrar of births and deaths at Coalville to appear before the Ashby Board of Guardians tomorrow are Messrs. W. J. Newbury, Whitwick; R. Hewes, C. W. H. Gutteridge, Coalville; F. J. Newman, Ibstock; J. H. Sale, Ashby; and H. Forman, Woodville?

Coalville Police Court

Today (Friday). Before Major Hatchett (in the chair), Mr H. J. Ford, Mr B. G. Hale, Mr J. W. West and Mr W. Sheffield.

Bad Language

Thomas Price, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on February 28th. P.C. Jelley proved the case and defendant was fined 5s 6d and 12s 6d costs or 7 days.

The 'Drunk' List

Frederick Bryan, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick, on February 28th. He did not appear. P.C. Jelley gave the facts and there being previous convictions, defendant was sent to prison for 21 days.

Sport

Football

Leicestershire Senior League

Whitwick lose the Championship

The most important of the three Senior League matches played on Saturday was that at Hinckley between the United and Whitwick Imperial inasmuch as it practically decided the championship. These two clubs alone were in the running for top position and by their victory of two goals to none, Hinckley are now almost assured of this honour. They are a point in front of their rivals with two matches yet to play, while Whitwick have only one more match. Both Hinckley's goals on Saturday were scored in the first half, through Whitehouse and Stringer, and though Whitwick made the pace pretty warm and gave the Hinckley defence many anxious moments they failed to get through. It was a splendid match and the big crowd of onlookers had plenty of thrills in the course of the game.

Cricket

Coalville Times Cricket Cup

A Record Entry

Draw for First and Extra Rounds

A meeting in connection with the above competition was held at the Red House Hotel, Coalville, on Tuesday evening, Mr R. B. Grant of Bardon Hill, presiding over a large attendance.

The secretary, (Mr D. Marston) reported that the president and vice-president had all again accepted office and the Hon. H. D. McLaren, M.P., had forwarded a cheque for £1 1s towards the funds and Mr A. E. Hawsey £1. Letters of thanks were received from Leicester Infirmary and six local nursing Associations for contributions from the competition funds. The secretary also reported a record entry of 18 clubs, being two more than last year. The new clubs are Hathern Old C.C. and Ibstock Town. This number necessitated an extra round which it was decided should be played on or before Saturday June 20th. The draws and appointment of umpires resulted as follows:

Markfield Town v Coalville Baptists, G. W. Reason and T. Burton. Heather v Bardon Hill, J. Weston and K. Black. Whitwick Holy Cross v Coalville Town, J. Martin and J. Robinson. Woodhouse Eaves v Bagworth United, J. Cave and S. Marper. Hathern Old C.C. v Ravenstone, A. Smalley and W. Grimley. Ibstock Town v Stanton-under-Bardon, J. Wragg and J. Kirchin. Coleorton Beaumont v Hugglescote Albion, D. Otter and W. T. Hull. Ibstock Ivanhoe v Shepshed Parish Church, W. Bradford and W. Middleton.

Byes, Gracedieu Park and Shepshed Town. Extra round – on or before June 20th.

Hathern or Ravenstone v Shepshed Town, H. Swain and W. T. Hull. Gracedieu v Heather v Bardon Hill, J. Kirchin and B. Smith.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Mr Samuel Wildbur Billings, of 65 Leicester Road, Whitwick, wishes to tender his sincere thanks to all relations and friends for their kindness and help to his late wife during her illness; also to all those who have expressed sympathy with him on the death of his wife and daughter, who died at her parents' home at the Dumps Road, Whitwick.

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Local News

Whitwick Registrarship

Appointment of Mr J. Newbury's Successor

Testimonials that were not read

The principal part of the public business transacted by the Ashby Board of Guardians at their fortnightly meeting on Saturday when Mr W. Sheffield presided, was the appointment of a successor to Mr Jacob Newbury, as registrar of births and deaths for the Whitwick registration sub-district.

Six candidates had been selected from the thirty-four applicants and these were interviewed by the Board. The selection had been made at a special meeting of the Board on the previous Saturday as follows : Messrs W. J. Newbury, of Whitwick; Mr C. W. H. Gutteridge, of Coalville; Mr F. J. Newman, Ibstock; Mr R. A. Hewes, Ravenstone; Mr J. H. Sale, Derby; and Mr H. Forman, Swadlincote. Before the candidates were interviewed the Rev. Father O'Reilly asked what was to be the mode of procedure. He suggested that they reduce the number to three.

Mr Parker moved that they vote and the lowest three drop out. The chairman asked whether the Board would take the applications as read. Mr Bullen pointed out that the selection was made by only half the Board.

Mr Parker: I am confident that they made a good selection. Mr Varnham: No testimonials were read last week. The Rev. C. T. Moore: I think in fairness to the candidates that they should be read. Mr Bullen: The candidates were asked to give testimonials? The chairman: Yes. The applications were read and some of the testimonials were.

Father O'Reilly moved that they be taken as read. Dr. Atkinson moved and the Rev. C. T. Moore seconded that the testimonials be read.

Mr Blakesley: Surely the committee who made the selections last week read the testimonials of the six. The clerk: No, we read the names of the persons from whom they received testimonials. Mr Walker: We shall be talking about it as long as it would take us to read them. Mr Andrews: Let's vote, Mr chairman.

Mr Bullen said the general custom of the Board in other appointments was to read the testimonials of the candidates interviewed and he did not see why there should be any exceptions in this case. A lot of interest was being taken in this appointment. Dr. Atkinson said they should at least read the applications and the testimonials could be read if asked for. On a vote being taken, it was decided by 18 to 17 to take the applications as read.

The clerk said it was open to anyone to move a further amendment.

Mr Parker: Let's get on. Mr Andrews: We shall be here all day. Mr Bullen: To test the feeling of the Board I will move that the testimonials of the six candidates be read.

The Rev. C. T. Moore seconded. Only seven voted for this which was defeated by a large majority. Mr Parker: I will move now that we have the candidates in at once. Father O'Reilly: I will second that. The chairman: We will have Mr Newbury in first and read his application and testimonial if you want them. Mr Andrews: Read the application and not the testimonials. We don't want to be here all day.

Mr J. W. Newbury, who is a son of the late registrar, was then called into the room and was questioned by the members. In reply to these he said he was 29 years of age and had made arrangements to live at Coalville if appointed. His office would be in Belvoir Road, nearly opposite the Police Station. For some time now, he had done the work for his father and had made out the quarterly returns for the registrar general for the last ten years. He had also assisted in the general work connected with the office.

Mr Newbury having retired, the Rev. C. T. Moore, said that before the next candidate came in they ought at least to have the advertisement read out. The clerk said that was an omission and he read the advertisement which had been in the local Press.

Mr J. Ward: Is it decided not to read even the applications for this position, besides refusing to read the testimonials?

Dr. Atkinson said that if they were not going to read the applications someone should have made a proposition that a certain applicant be appointed.

The Rev. C. T. Moore: We don't know how they write. Dr. Atkinson: We know nothing about them at all. Mr Parker: You won't get much from reading them.

Major Hatchett said they saw the writing a week ago and threw out several because of the writing. The members of the Board should have attended the special meeting.

Mr Andrews: Hear, hear. Those who are not satisfied should have attended.

The next applicant to be interviewed was Mr J. H. Sale, of Derby, who said he was a draper's manager and was 42 years of age. Replying to Mr J. Taylor, he said he had no place of residence at Coalville yet, but would take steps immediately to get one, if appointed. In answer to Mr Andrews, he said he had no experience of registration work, but he had of rate collecting.

Mr C. W. H. Gutteridge, the next applicant to be interviewed, said he had resided at Coalville for 4 1/2 years and had a place of business close to the station. He proposed to have his registration station there. He was 39 years of age. Mr John Taylor elicited from Mr Gutteridge that it was a lock-up shop and his residence was about six minutes walk distant on the Forest Road. He was at business from 8 to 8 Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 8 to 1 on Wednesday and 8 to 10 Friday and Saturday. Answering the clerk, he said he had assistants in the shop and would be able to visit the registration stations in the villages. The accommodation at the shop, he said in reply to Mr Ward, was not sufficient for him to reside there.

Mr H. Forman, aged 38, of Swadlincote, next appeared and said his present occupation was that of a sanitary earthenware presser. Have you had any experience in registration work? asked one of the Guardians. No, replied the applicant, beyond going to register a child (laughter).

Mr R. A. Hewes, of Ravenstone, aged 25, was the next to be interviewed. He said he was assisting his father at present as house agent and had an office in Marlborough Square. He would live in Coalville if appointed.

Mr F. J. Newman was the last of the selected applicants to appear before the Board. He said he was 28 years of age and resided at Ibstock. At present he was employed as clerk by Messrs Sharp and Lancaster, solicitors of Coalville. Asked whether he had made arrangements to live in Coalville, he replied in the negative, saying he was awaiting developments. He was prepared to do so. It was decided to vote by ballot.

The Rev. C. T. Moore: The Press no doubt will record this appointment and I hope they will also take notice that no applications and no testimonials have been read. Mr Parker: Move a vote of censure on the Board (laughter). Replying to a question, the chairman said that members could vote for one or as many as they liked. The whole six if they wished. The first vote resulted as follows:

Newbury 24; Gutteridge 15; Sale 12; Hewes 8; Newman 6 and Forman 2:

Dr. Atkinson: It would save a lot of time if someone made a proposition. We have been 40 minutes on it now. The Rev. C. T. Moore: No, vote. Mr Andrews: We shall have to vote openly at the finish. The chairman: Yes, between the last two.

Replying to a question on the second vote, the chairman said they could vote for one, two or three. Mr Briers: Vote for one. Mr Parker: (jocosely) What a waste of time and money this has taken. Dr. Atkinson: And waste of paper. The Rev. C. T. Moore: It won't take long now. The chairman: We have to do it satisfactorily. Mr Andrews: It is not a matter of time, but of doing it fairly.

The voting was Newbury 22; Gutteridge 17; Sale 5.

The chairman: We shall have to have another vote as Newbury has not a clear majority over the other two. Mrs Pratt: Don't you think we might do it by show of hands now.

Dr. Atkinson said he would propose that. The Rev. C. T. Moore: No, let's vote. The chairman: We'll vote again. There has been a great deal of comment on this business and we will have it right. On the final vote, Newbury received 19 and Gutteridge 16.

Father O'Reilly then moved and the Rev. C. T. Moore seconded that Mr Newbury be appointed and this was carried.

The successful candidate was called into the room and informed of the Board's decision by the chairman, who said that he hoped he would have a record like his father, who did his duty well for many years and was very highly respected. Mr Newbury thanked the Board and said he should do his best to merit their confidence.

Young Men's Effort

The young men connected with the Whitwick P.M. church gave a ham and tongue tea in the school on Saturday which was well attended. In the evening the Rev. W. H. Whiting gave an interesting lecture on "From village green to Downing Street., An hour with Mr Lloyd George." Mr A. E. Cook, of Loughborough, presided. In connection with the same effort the Rev. Whiting conducted the services on Sunday. The proceeds and collection were for the trust funds.

For Sale

To be sold or let. Small Farm and House in Cademan Street, Whitwick, March 25th. Inquire Wm. Webster, Tower House.

Leicester Royal Infirmary

The treasurer of the Leicester Royal Infirmary acknowledges with thanks the receipt of £22 12s 3d, proceeds of a whist drive and dance at the Whitwick Holy Cross School, per Mr Justin H. McCarthy and the committee.

Children's Concert

A successful children's concert, arranged by Miss Maud Wheeldon, who had trained the children, was given in the Baptist School on Wednesday night, when there was a crowded audience. The pastor, the Rev. H. C. J. Wix, presided, and the company were delighted with the programme. Mr O'Geary and Miss May Geary were the accompanists. It is expected that the effort will realise about £5 5s for the church funds. The items included an opening speech by Kenneth Wheeldon, songs, etc, by May Smith, A. Aris, F. Wheeldon, Harry Geary, May Geary, K. Wheeldon, Fred Wheeldon, Harold and G. Mann, Lily Mann, Peggy Cooper, the infants and girls.

Mr W. J. Newbury

Mr W. J. Newbury, who has been appointed registrar of Births and Deaths for the Whitwick sub-district, is a son of Mr Jacob Newbury, who held the office for 33 years. His present occupation is that of Wnotype operator at the "Coalville Times" office, where he has been employed for the last 12 years. Mr Newbury has received many congratulations on his appointment.

Whitwick Liberal Club

Shareholder's Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the shareholders was held at the Whitwick Liberal Club on Thursday last week, when there was a small attendance, Mr A. Needham presiding.

The secretary submitted the report of the directors as follows : "The directors beg to hand their twenty-sixth annual report and balance sheet. The directors recommend that as an alternative to paying a dividend, the money be devoted to improving the premises, as we feel sure that this will be to the benefit of the shareholders and members. That 10/6 be sent to the Loughborough Liberal Association and the Secretary receive £1 10s for his services. The cash in bank is £2 11s 8d. The retiring directors are Messrs H. Allgood, F. Sheen and J. Twigg, with J. H. Hemsley (deceased), the first three named being eligible for re-election. The auditors, Messrs Dennis Otter and Jerry Rose, also retire, and are eligible for re-election".

The report was adopted. Mr F. Harper was elected a director in the place of Mr Hemsley (deceased) and all the retiring directors were re-elected. Mr T. Kelly was re-elected secretary and Messrs J. Briers and A. Otter were re-elected auditors.

Property Sale

At the Hastings Arms Inn, Whitwick, on Wednesday night, Messrs German and German offered by auction the house in Silver Street, lately occupied by Mrs Fern (deceased) and known as "Ferndale". It was knocked down to Mr Walter Fern for £330. Four dwelling houses, Numbers 16, 18, 20 and 26 Castle Street, with a plot of land adjoining were sold to Mr Roughton for £472 10s. Messrs Fisher, Jesson and Co., of Ashby, were the vendors solicitors.

St. Patrick's Day

Whitwick Catholics as usual celebrated St. Patrick's Day on Tuesday. Father O'Reilly received a quantity of shamrock from Ireland and distributed sprigs to his congregation. Service was held in the morning at the Holy Cross Church. In the evening a dance and whist drive were held in the school, nearly 300 people being present. Mr and Miss Popple played for dancing for which Messrs J. H. McCarthy and J. Rewhorn acted as MC's. The MC's for whist were Messrs George Greasley and W. J. Cracknell and the following were the prize-winners :

Ladies : 1st Miss Highton 127; 2nd Miss Webb 123: Gents : 1st Mr F. Harper 142; 2nd Mr J. Rewhorn 140:

These scores were for 18 games. Refreshments were supplied and an enjoyable evening was spent.

Coalville Council Election

Nominations Yesterday

Contests in all the Wards

Twelve Candidates for Four Seats

The new rule in regard to the Coalville Urban Council election comes into operation this year. Hitherto, the whole of the members have retired triennially, but in future four members are to retire annually. The members to retire this year are Messrs S. P. Matterson and A. Lockwood in the Coalville Ward, Mr S. Armson in the Hugglescote Ward, and Mr T. Kelly in the Whitwick Ward. Nominations had to be handed in at the Council Chamber by noon yesterday and it transpired that there were 12 candidates for the four seats – five for Coalville, four for Hugglescote and three for Whitwick, so that unless there are withdrawals by Tuesday next there will be a contest in each ward. All the old members are seeking re-election. The nominations were as follows:

WHITWICK WARD – One Required

BASTARD, Henry Thomas, schoolmaster, Silver Street, Whitwick. One paper. Proposer and seconder, Messrs Storer, W. West and Wm. Adams

BOURNE, Thomas William, draper, Market Place, Whitwick. Two papers. Proposers and seconders, Messrs James Toon and J. W. Briers, and J. Higgins and Jos. Wilfred Ward.

KELLY, Thomas, licensed victualler, South Street, Whitwick. Four papers. Proposers and seconders, Messrs S. Perry and A. J. Briers, S. Berrington and A. Needham, T. Irons and S. Boot, and M. McCarthy and Mr J. O'Reilly.

Coalville's "Insult" to Whitwick

Strong protest at the Parish Meeting

An appeal to the County Council

The Whitwick National School was crowded on Monday night on the occasion of the annual parish meeting. Mr McCarthy was proposed as chairman, but he suggested a change saying he had had it for two or three years. He proposed Mr Stinson. The latter however declined.

A Voice (to Mr McCarthy) : We don't want anybody else when you are here. Mr McCarthy : They didn't think so at Coalville (laughter).

The following were nominated as overseers: Messrs T. Kelly, George West, Joseph Kelly, A. J. Briers and George Musson. On the voting they were placed in the following order. Messrs George West 45 votes, T. Kelly 34, G. Musson 30, A. J. Briers 27 and Jos. Kelly 35. The chairman said the names would be sent to the Urban Council who usually selected the first three.

The nominations for parish constables were Messrs W. Briers, J. Henson, H. Beeson, F. Ducker, A. Beers and F. Harper, and for assessors of taxes, Messrs George West, John Pegg and T. W. Bourne.

The next business was the consideration of representation on the urban council, and the chairman referred to the resolution of Coalville parish meeting of 12 months ago, when there were about 45 people out of a population of 8,000 present. They wanted the Council to increase the representation for Coalville and threatened to go to the Local Government Board. He also made reference to the meeting recently held when he said there were about 35 present not counting the officials.

A Voice : They knew you were there. Mr McCarthy : They will before I am done.

He went on to say that they must get even with them and he asked Mr Geo. West to move a resolution.

Mr West then moved : "That this meeting respectfully requests the Coalville Urban Council, at an early date, to apply to the Leicestershire Council to hold a public inquiry with the view of restoring part of the old parish of Whitwick which was some 20 years ago, unwisely and against our wishes, transferred by the County Council to Coalville. By doing this a great cause of perennial insult offered to the inhabitants of Whitwick by certain ratepayers of Coalville parish will be removed" (hear, hear). Mr Anthony Needham said it was quite time Coalville people were made to know their position and Mr McCarthy was going the right way to show them. The chairman said figures had been put in the local papers showing that Coalville should have nine members. They wanted to wipe their feet on them.

A Voice : They do now. The chairman : They don't. There is not a man born who can do that on me. Having referred to the history of the Local Government Board going to Coalville, he pointed out that great works had been carried out – sewerage, water and gas – at a cost of something like £150,000, in addition to extensions of the gas mains, new gas holder, out of current rates at a cost of £19,000. Road improvements and widening had been carried out at a cost of several thousands of pounds out of current rates and they had lowered the price of gas 10d per thousand ft. and the undertaking was

now self-supporting. Men they might expect to be best able to judge, said when they purchased the works that the price was so high that the undertaking would not be self-supporting in the life time of any of them living. Proceeding, he said that in 1902 the district roads cost £2,764 4s and in 1910, £3,320 14s 8d. In 1901, street lighting cost £496 13s 9d and in 1914 £1078 3s 11d. Notwithstanding all this money being spent out of the rates, the rates, which were 6s in the £ in 1906 had been reduced to 4s in the £ which had meant a saving to the ratepayers since 1906, to the present time of over £30,000. That was, if the rate had remained at 6s in the £ all the time, £30,000 more money would have been taken out of the pockets of the ratepayers. The difference between a 6/- rate and a 4/- rate in one year was a saving of over £5,500. Not a single complaint from any ratepayer from any local councillor of Coalville had been received that the slightest injustice had been done to Coalville during a period of over 21 years by the councillors representing Whitwick and Hugglescote. Why was a change desired by a fraction of Coalville ratepayers? Was it to save the pockets of ratepayers? Was it to enable silly demagogues to get into power and spend recklessly many thousands of pounds on wild ill-considered schemes and raise the rates to over 7/6 in the £? Was it to please the man who at Coalville Parish Meeting last month in his hearing said, "Because I live in Coalville, I think like Coalville; if I lived in Hugglescote or Whitwick I would think like the people of Hugglescote or Whitwick." If that was the case they could very readily see that a man so accommodating in his views could by changing from parish to parish find endless work for the Leicestershire County Council, the Coalville Council and others would keep the place in a turmoil, and keep all the ratepayers at loggerheads and all for no useful purpose of any kind. He appealed to them to look after Whitwick before it was too late. He could not keep on doing it, as it was time he retired (laughter). Mr Perry said it would be an injustice to both Hugglescote and Whitwick were Coalville able to out-vote them. It would not be to the interests of the Council for Hugglescote and Whitwick to combine together to beat Coalville. There would be constant bickering. Mr Kelly agreed and said the resolution from the Coalville Parish Meeting did not meet with favour in the Council Chamber. They had worked amicably together in the Council Chamber in the past.

Mr Needham said he was glad to hear that from three of their representatives. He would liked to have heard it from the fourth.

The chairman : You can take it from me that Mr Hay is always with us.

Mr Needham said that as ratepayers they must strongly oppose this movement at Coalville. There was no necessity for it and it would be against the interests of the other wards. Mr George West agreed and said things had gone on well and there was no need for a change. Coalville was formerly on the grab and was on the grab again. He had always contended that Whitwick was not sufficiently represented when they considered the area. If Coalville got six members they would crow over the rest and that was what they wanted it for. He could see no other reason.

Mr J. H. Gilberd said they should leave well alone. Coalville had no more right to more members than the other wards. He urged them to support their members in the stand they were taking. The chairman said he was pleased to hear these expressions of opinion. They had said at Coalville they would not care if they got one extra member, but he did not believe it. They wanted to get the inquiry and would then go in for nine. He said he remembered the time when there was no such place as Coalville on the map. He went on to point out the area, including the Whitwick Colliery, which was taken from Whitwick – a moral robbery. If that was given back and Hugglescote had back what was taken from them, it would make the rateable value and population equal. He then submitted the resolution which was carried unanimously.

Mr McCarthy : Good old Whitwick. I expected it would be unanimous.

Mr Gilberd raised the question as to a deputation having been appointed to see the Whitwick Colliery Co as to making the road through the Whitwick brickyard from Mantle Lane to the Hermitage bridge. Mr George West said he saw Mr Walter Lindley, who pointed out that the Company was not a charitable institution but he would put it before the directors and let him know, but he had heard no more about it. The chairman said it would be a great boon and he thought the Whitwick Colliery Company would consider it if again approached. Mr Harper moved that the Company be again written to. If the road was opened it would increase the value of the Company's land. The proposition was carried.

Mr J. W. Eagles moved that a letter be written to the postal authorities pointing out the great inconvenience of Whitwick Post Office being closed from one o'clock till five every Tuesday afternoon. The telephone call office now at the post office was also closed, and he frequently had people at his office who wanted to telephone. It was an important matter. He did not wish to interfere with the weekly half-holiday, but it could be arranged.

The chairman said the government should pay someone. They had plenty of money. He nearly kept the postmaster himself (laughter). He was glad that Mr Eagles had mentioned it. It was an important matter and the Council opposed it when the closing was first proposed. A letter should go to headquarters from the overseers. This was agreed to.

Mr Gilberd asked whether anything had been done towards securing Mr Ward's property for an improvement in Silver Street. The chairman said it had been before the Council several times, but it was a question of price. He should oppose any excessive price. The ratepayers had enough to pay now. Mr Adams asked about other Whitwick street improvements.

The chairman said they had purchased Mr Hemsley's property at Pare's Hill and were trying to make arrangements with Mrs

Chandler. But whether they got that or not they would carry out an improvement at Pare's Hill. As to other improvements right through the parish, he said they had to go slowly. A man with £5 a week could not live like one with £10 a week. They had only a small rateable value and he hoped no jackasses would be put on the Council who would go in for all sorts of wild schemes regardless of expense.

Mr Adams said it was for the public to judge whether they were jackasses. They would not send Mr McCarthy if they thought he was a jackass (laughter). Mr Kelly said the Council last Tuesday night decided to go on with the flagging from the gas house into the Market Place. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

Do you Know

That the "wearing o' the green" was freely observed at Whitwick on St. Patrick's Day?

That Mr W. Towle, the manager of the Midland Railway Hotels, is about to retire?

That the Ashby Board of Guardians were exactly one hour on Saturday in appointing the Registrar of births and deaths for the Coalville and Whitwick district?

That withdrawals, if any, of candidates nominated for Coalville Urban Council elections have to be made at the Council Chamber by 12 o'clock on Tuesday next?

Market Bosworth Police Court

Wednesday – Before Ald. T. Cope (in the chair), Mr F. F. A. Wollaston and Mr H. L. Scott.

Adjourned

William Frearson, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Ibstock on February 26th. He did not appear. Sergeant Iliffe stated that the defendant told him he did not want to lose a day's work as that would mean 8/6 and would go towards the fine. He admitted the offence and wanted the Bench to hear it in his absence. The Bench adjourned the case for a fortnight and the chairman said the defendant must be warned to appear.

Ashby County Court

Whitwick Sergeant and the Poachers

Interesting Case at the Ashby County Court

Before His Honour Judge W. Moore Cann and a jury at the Ashby County Court yesterday (Thursday), Peter King, collier, Griffydam sued Eli Betts, sergeant of police, of Whitwick for £15 damages and for wrongfully and unlawfully on the 26th day of October last, entering the plaintiff's dwelling house at Griffydam, by reason of which plaintiff's daughter, Nellie was alleged to have been made ill. The claim included £4 12s for 12 weeks' board and lodgings of the girl, and £2 14s for extra nourishment and 12 bottles of port wine.

Mr Watson Wright of Loughborough was for the plaintiff, and Mr T. E. Jesson, Ashby, for the defendant.

Mr Wright, opening the case, explained that it arose in connection with a night poaching expedition in which King and other colliers were concerned. Shortly after midnight (Saturday), the men went on to Lord Ferrer's estate and returned about five o'clock on the Sunday morning with a number of rabbits. After the men had been in the house some twenty minutes, the defendant and three policemen entered the house and seized a number of rabbits and nets, charging the men with poaching in the parish of Breedon. Solely on the evidence of the gamekeeper, the men were subsequently convicted at the Ashby Police Court though they denied being near Breedon that night. He did not wish to defend poaching, which was wicked, but there was no defence whatever for the police having entered this man's house as they did.

Peter King, the plaintiff, stated that shortly after midnight he and five friends left his house for Staunton Harold and caught several rabbits. When they returned just before five o'clock, they looked carefully round and no one was about. They had been in the house about half an hour before the police came in and had been having a drink and a smoke. The sergeant was first and the plaintiff ordered him out. There was a tussle over a bag containing eight rabbits, but the police did not get it. They were in the house for half an hour. Subsequently, Corbett, the gamekeeper to Mr Paget appeared on the scene and said he should charge him with poaching at Breedon. They were never near Breedon that night, but he was sentenced to one month's imprisonment at the Ashby Police Court for night poaching at Breedon. Plaintiff then stated that the effect of the police entering the house caused his daughter to faint and she was suffering for twelve weeks and had to have special nursing and treatment. The house was dirtied and damaged by the police entering as they did and the subsequent struggling.

By Mr Jesson : He worked at the Coleorton Colliery. He admitted twelve convictions for poaching. They did not get 42 rabbits that night, they got 41 (laughter). He was not aware that a printed circular had been issued in connection with the case inviting subscriptions from the public to prosecute certain people for perjury "that justice might be done."

How much did you collect from the gullible British public? asked Mr Jesson

Plaintiff : Nothing.

How much was collected? I don't know. Answering a further question, plaintiff said his house was not a regular meeting place for poachers. Thomas Townsend, collier, Griffydam, one of the men convicted at the police court in the case, gave evidence as to the entry of the police in the house and the tussle for the bags. He was fined £2 2s at the police court.

By Mr Jesson : He had two convictions against him for poaching.

Witness added that he did not think there was anything wrong in poaching. It was much more wrong to let children go hungry than it was to go and catch a rabbit.

By Mr Jesson : He was not secretary to the appeal fund and could not say how much had been collected. There was a committee formed of which Mr Holland was chairman. They had not offered

subscribers 2s on the £ on the damages they won in the case. Robin Robinson, miner, Thringstone, another of the men convicted in the case, also gave evidence. He said he was fined £1 11s 6d on this occasion.

By Mr Jesson : He had been convicted four times in all, once at Loughborough since this case at Ashby. It was not true that the men and the police all rushed into the house together. He heard King order the police out, saying he paid 5s a week for the house.

Henry White Robinson, miner, Thringstone said he was one of the men wrongly convicted at Ashby and he got a month's imprisonment. He admitted 19 convictions. He then gave his version of the affair. Harry King, 16, son of the plaintiff, said he got up at five minutes to five on the Sunday morning to let his father and five other men in. Before going back to bed, witness put some beer for them in the back room. He heard the row afterwards and came down again. It was about 25 minutes after the return of his father and the men that the police came. The latter were struggling over the bags for about a quarter of an hour. He heard his father order Betts out of the house. His sister fainted. Eliza King, plaintiff's wife, corroborated.

By Mr Jesson : Her daughter was usually out service, but was at home unwell. She had been at home over a fortnight suffering from anaemia, but was much better then. Wm. King, 22, another son of the plaintiff also gave evidence and in reply to Mr Jesson, admitted that he had been convicted of a poaching offence.

By Mr Watson Wright : His conviction was under the Poaching Prevention Act when he tried to get a rabbit during the coal strike. This was the case for the plaintiff. Mr Jesson submitted that what the police did was perfectly lawful and quoted law extracts in support of his contention. They were actually in pursuit of the men when they entered the house and legally there was no trespass. Before Mr Jesson called his evidence, the Judge said there was no evidence as to special damages. Sergeant Betts, the defendant, said he had been 23 years in the Leicestershire Constabulary. He and three policemen met gamekeeper Corbett by appointment at Stocking Lane, Breedon, on the morning of October 26th. They had just parted when they heard Corbett whistle and ran back. The gamekeeper told him he had seen six men in a field and gave them five names. They went in the direction of King's house and when about 40 yards away they saw six men come out of a field opposite the house. They had bags on their backs and ran when they saw witness. He and the police followed and chased them right into the house, entering practically at the same time. There was no tussling. The boy Harry King was not there at all.

By Mr Wright : He had not seen the men that night until they crossed the road to enter King's house. Geo. Hy. Corbett, game keeper to Mr W. B. Paget, said he was with the police that night, and entering a field, the gate caught against a net which he followed up and saw six men. He recognised the two Robinsons, King, Townsend, and Platts and subsequently gave their names to the police. Later he visited King's house with Sergeant Betts and tried the door which was locked. Witness shouted to them that he should charge them with night poaching.

By Mr Wright : He took the net from the field and had since destroyed it. The net produced at the police court was not the one seized in a previous case. He knew James Morley, and had had him under the Poaching Prevention Act. He did not know that Morley claimed the net.

Mr Wright : Why didn't you pursue the men instead of waiting to take up the nets?

Corbett : Would you pursue six men in the dark? (laughter). I waited for help.

P.C. Brown corroborated the sergeant's evidence, asserting that they were in hot pursuit of the men when they entered the house.

By Mr Wright : It was not a concocted story.

Mr Jesson : You have not conspired with your brother officers to defeat justice?

Witness : Certainly not sir.

P.C. Jones gave similar evidence and denied Mr Wright's suggestion that it was a concocted story. P.C. Collis's evidence completed the case for the defence.

The judge said the points for the jury were whether Corbett saw King taking game and whether the sergeant assisted in pursuing.

The answer was in the affirmative and judgement was given for the defendant with costs.

Sport

Football

Coalville League

It was a big day in the Coalville League, no less than 13 matches taking place, four each in the first and second divisions and five in the third. The surprise of the first division was the defeat of Moira United at Whitwick, where the Imperial Reserves won by the substantial margin of six goals to two. There was a keen match at Ellistown where the St. Christopher's conceded their first point of the season, this being to Coalville Swifts, the match resulting in a goalless draw. The PSA afforded Whitwick Holy Cross their first win, which was by three goals to none on the Hermitage ground, and at Ibstock the Albion Reserves and Hugglescote Wesleyans made a draw of one each.

One of the matches in division two was not finished by four minutes, owing to an Ibstock player disobeying the order of the referee to leave the field. Whitwick Amateurs were then leading 3 –1 against Ibstock Amateurs, but in the circumstances the match has not been included in the chart.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Parker – At Whitwick, on Monday, Wm. Parker aged 73 years, of Cademan Street.

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Local News

Retired Priest's Death at Whitwick Chaplain in the Franco-Prussian War

The death occurred at Whitwick about 8 o'clock on Monday morning of the Rev. Ameli Alexander Pleyau, a retired Roman Catholic Priest. The deceased, who was 70 years of age last January, was born in France, and served as an army chaplain in the Franco-Prussian War. After the war he came to England and for 17 years was rector of Mansfield. On retiring he came to live on the Charnwood Forest, having a bungalow built not far from the Monastery. He lived here for a number of years, but owing to failing health, he left a few months ago and went to reside with Mr R. Rooney in Church Lane, Whitwick, where he passed away after an illness which had kept him in bed for a fortnight. The body was moved to the Whitwick Holy Cross Church at six o'clock on Wednesday night, remaining in the Church all night and at ten o'clock yesterday morning, a solemn requiem mass was held. Fathers O'Reilly (Whitwick), Degan (Coalville) and other priests of the neighbourhood being present. Immediately after the mass, the body was conveyed to the St. Bernard's Monastery, where the interment took place.

Induction of the Vicar

The Rev. T. W. Walters, was inducted Vicar of Whitwick on Friday last, the ceremony being performed at the parish church by the Rev. W. G. Whittingham, rector of Knighton, representing the Archdeacon of Leicester, assisted by Canon Broughton, of Hugglescote, rural dean. The event was not well known and there was a very small congregation.

Coalville Election

There were two withdrawals on Tuesday of candidates for the Coalville Urban Council election, these being Mr C. W. Brown in the Central Ward and Mr T. W. Bourne in the Whitwick Ward. This leaves ten candidates for four seats and there will be a contest in each ward. In the Coalville ward, Mr J. W. Farmer, the manager of the Belvoir Road elastic web factory, and well known as the secretary of the

Coalville Charity Football Association which has done so much for the charities of the district, will make his first bid for public honours.

Whist Drive and Dance

In connection with the Liberal Association a whist drive and dance were held in the Public Hall on Wednesday night, there being a good attendance. Music for dancing was supplied by Messrs R. G. West (piano) and T. Haywood (violin) and Messrs S. E. Perry and A. Carter were the MC's. Messrs F. Harper and J. Sturgess were MC's for the whist drive and the winners were:

Ladies : 1st Mrs Haywood; 2nd Miss Stacey; mystery Miss Bateman. Gents : 1st Mr W. Burton; Mr Grafts; mystery, Mr Hicken.

The proceeds were for the Association funds.

Do you Know

That the Committee of Whitwick Imperial F.C. propose to present Brady, transferred to Swindon, with a gold watch?

That a son (the fourth), was born to the Rev. T. W. and Mrs Walters at the Whitwick Vicarage on Wednesday?

Coalville Police Court Monday

Coalville Brickyard Loungers

Making a Shed their Home

Two men sent to Prison

Before Major Hatchett (in the chair), and Mr J. W. West at the Coalville Police Court on Monday morning. Francis Insley and Wm. Smith, labourers, Coalville, were brought up in custody, charged with sleeping in a shed, the previous night, with no visible means of subsistence. They pleaded guilty, Insley adding : I have done no harm more than lying down for an hour.

Sergeant Kirkland stated that about 11:30 on the previous night he went to the Whitwick Colliery Co.'s brick yard, in company with other police officers, and searched the buildings. They found the two defendants in a shed used for the drying of the bricks. A lot of bricks were stacked in the shed and a quantity of had been knocked down and broken. Defendants, who were lying on boards at the end of the shed, each had one half-penny in their possession and he brought them to the police station. Witness had received several complaints about the place being infested with these men. Inspector Dobney said both men had pipes and matches on them. Insley said he had a lot of food there and his shirt and stockings and he had not had a chance to fetch them away. Inspector Dobney said Insley made this place his home. He was there every night. He worked in the day time, spent his money in drink and went there at night. The same with the other man. The chairman asked what sort of work they did. Inspector Dobney said it was odd jobs : getting coal in and that sort of thing. Not only was there a great danger from fire and the damage to the bricks, but these men also committed nuisances about the place which was a source of great annoyance to the men who went to work there next day.

Insley : I have always behaved myself when I have gone there and I have always known my own. I have food enough there to last me two days without buying anything.

Mr West : You have no authority to keep it there.

Insley : I have done no harm and the fireman always gives me permission to boil water to make tea or to cook a bit of bacon. I have always got permission to do it.

Sergeant Kirkland said no permission had been given. No one was allowed on the place at all. On the previous night, the foreman told him there were seven men there at eight o'clock. He said there were seven or eight men there every night and he was uneasy at their being such a crowd. Some of the men were often drunk.

The chairman said that when the last case was before the Bench the foreman of the brick yard distinctly said that no permission had ever been given to anyone to go there.

Mr West : We put this question to the manager whether this man (Insley) had ever had permission to go there and he said "No".

Insley : I am sorry it has occurred. If you will just consider things this once I will clear out of the place altogether. I am working for an honest living. I always know my own and behave myself. I don't interfere with anything that doesn't belong to me.

Inspector Dobney said that on several occasions they had been to the brick yard and turned Insley out, without apprehending him, thinking that would cure him, but it was no use. He was the biggest pest they had got. The very day he came out of prison he went to the brickyard and was there the next night.

Insley : I was not there for three nights.

Inspector Dobney : I saw you go.

Replying to the Bench, the Inspector said Smith spent a lot of his time travelling between Coalville and Loughborough, being a good deal in the vicinity of the Monastery.

Mr West : If had been convicted, you would have it recorded?

Inspector Dobney : He may have been convicted at other places. They give many different names.

Mr West : When did Insley come out of prison?

The Inspector : About three weeks ago.

Insley said the great need of Coalville was a common lodging house. There ought to have been one thirty years ago. Inspector Dobney said there were lodgings at Whitwick he could go to. Insley said they were always full. He had tried three times to get in and could not.

Inspector Dobney : You could get in by paying. You should not spend your money in drink.

The Inspector added that recently they found Insley near the brickyard unconscious and he was taken to the Ashby Union. He said he would stop there, but took his discharge a few days later. He was suffering from bronchitis and had difficulty in breathing. He was not fit to lie out and they would be finding him dead one of these mornings.

The chairman (to Insley) : You have a long list of convictions against you, but it does not seem to do you any good. You make yourself a nuisance and a danger to this place. The last time you were here in December you had two months' hard labour because we thought it would be a warning to you not to do it again, but you are here again directly. You must go to prison again for two months with hard labour. The best thing for you is to go to the workhouse and you will be much more comfortable in every way than you are now.

Addressing the prisoner Smith, the major said : It is a little over 12 months since you were here for the same thing and you had 14 days hard labour. You will have 14 days hard labour again.

Tuesday

Drunk and Disorderly

At the Coalville Police Court before Mr J. W. West and Mr B. G. Hale on Tuesday, Richard Arnold, well sinker, Coalville, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick on the 23rd inst. P.C. Grewcock gave the facts and defendant was fined 5/6 and 9/- costs or 7 days. The money was paid. Grewcock said the man called at houses and was abusive. When refused assistance he struck a man named Wyatt.

Friday

This day (Friday), Before Major Hatchett, (in the chair), Mr H. J. Ford, Mr W. Lindley, Mr B. G. Hale and Mr W. Sheffield.

Transfer

The license of the Crown Inn, Heather, was temporarily transferred from John Dronfield to Thomas Allen, late of the Beaumont Arms, Whitwick; and the licensee of the Gate Inn, Osgathorpe, was temporarily transferred from Ernest Underwood to Alf. Wm. Perry, late of the Lamb Inn, Ashby.

Family Dispute at Whitwick

John Roach, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for assaulting James Green, another Whitwick collier, at Whitwick on March 21st, and Michael Roach, collier, was summoned for assaulting Sarah Green, married woman, also at Whitwick, on the same date.

Mr Fisher Jesson (Ashby) appeared for the Roaches and Mr Lancaster (of Messrs Sharp and Lancaster, Coalville and Loughborough), was for the Greens.

In both cases there was a plea of not guilty. Opening for the Greens, Mr Lancaster explained that the parties were related, Mrs Green being a sister of the Roaches. Their father recently died and some difference arose over the will and death benefit money collected at the Colliery.

The complainant, Mrs Green, said her father died about a month ago and under his will she took what property he had. Her brother, Michael came to the house, and taking his father's watch out of his pocket, asked her if she wanted that. She told him she did not. He then struck her. She got him outside and locked the door. Outside he picked up a ginger beer bottle and threatened to throw it through the window. Afterwards he went to the front and kicked the door, which was also locked. He made use of violent threats and used dreadful language. Later the same evening her other brother John Roach, came to the house, that being about 11 o'clock. The door was locked but her husband opened it. Defendant made some reference to £31 13s 11d received from the Colliery Club and she told him she had paid the bills for the funeral. These amounted to £16 13s and included over 17s for drink which she wished now she had not paid. The money was hers under the will. Her husband told the defendant he wanted no bother, but as he was leaving the house he struck her husband a violent blow in the face.

By Mr Jesson : It was the first time she had been to court and she was sorry to have to bring her brothers there. She and they were Irish, but she was not hot-tempered. The two defendants had helped to support her father during the last years of his life. He worked for many years at the Whitwick colliery. When her father died on February 25th, neither she nor her husband knew that her father had left a will. None of them knew. The will was at Mr Sharp's, solicitor, and it was in her favour. She had received the £31 odd but there was nothing else much. Her mother had £20 insurance and a brother had £17. They did not pay anything for the funeral. She paid it all.

Answering further questions, complainant admitted that her husband picked a poker up, but she denied that he struck at Michael with it.

By Mr Lancaster : Her father came to live with her for some time before he died because his sons were so unkind to him.

James Green, the other complainant, said that when his wife's father left the Whitwick Colliery about nine years ago, he asked him to keep up the contributions to the death benefit fund, his sons having refused. Witness paid the contributions during the whole nine years. Proceeding he said he saw Michael strike his (complainant's) wife and it was then that he (Green) took up the poker with the object of frightening him away, but he did not strike with the poker. Defendant's language was very bad. Witness then referred to the visit of John Roach at eleven o'clock the same night. The defendant asked questions on the money affairs and wanted to know what was being done with the balance. Witness advised him to go home and just as he was leaving, defendant struck complainant several blows in the face. He sent for the police.

He later made a complaint to Sergeant Betts. The marks still on his face were the result of the blows. Mr Jesson was questioning the complainant in regard to the will, when the Bench interposed, Mr Ford remarking that the will did not justify an assault.

Mr Jesson submitted that the defendant's had a right to go and ask what had become of the money, and to be treated with courtesy. The chairman said the defendants had no right to go there at all.

Margaret Green, 14, daughter of the complainants bore out the statements of her father and mother, saying she saw it all. Sergeant Betts deposed to receiving a complaint and said that when he went to Green's house they all seemed very much upset. He visited Michael Roach and advised him to keep away, telling him that if he disputed the will to see a solicitor about it. He was sent for again, soon after eleven and saw that Green had been badly knocked about. Green was one of the quietest men in Whitwick.

The defendant, Michael Roach, 27, was then called and admitted that there had been some feeling between them and the Greens owing to the will. He called to ask his sister whether she was going to give his mother any of the money and she said she should not. They had a few words and she called her husband up. The latter struck at him with the poker and it caught the door. If it had caught him it would have dashed his brains out.

By Mr Lancaster : For five or six years he had paid nothing to the death benefit fund for his father at the colliery. He paid for about three years, but then left the colliery for about four months. Green having taken on the payments at his father's request in the meantime, he (defendant) did not pay again after his return.

John Roach, the other defendant, 21 years of age, said he merely called on Green to ask them to do right by his mother. Green came for him and they had a struggle. Mr Jesson then addressed the Bench for the defence.

Michael Roach was fined 10s 6d and costs 13s 6d or 14 days and John Roach £1 1s and costs 13s 6d or 14 days. The chairman said the magistrates wished him to warn them not to interview with the complainants again.

(Note: This report was only partially given in this week, the remainder in the 3rd April edition the following week. It is given here in its entirety.)

Court proceeding

The following cases were heard after we had gone to press

Walter Marriott, labourer, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on March 21st.

Roger Mould, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on March 21st.

John Robinson, labourer, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick on March 18th.

Arthur Watson, collier, Swannington, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick, on March 20th.

Arthur Barker, farmer, Whitwick, was summoned for keeping a dog without a licence.