

Coalville Times – January 1914

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Local News

Whist Drive and Dance

The annual whist drive and dance took place at the Holy Cross School on Monday night, when there was a good attendance, though not nearly as large in former years. The MC's for the dance were Messrs. J. H. McCarthy and J. Rewhorn and for the whist, Messrs. M. Downes and W. T. Hull. The two prizes were won by Mr Dickens, the stationmaster, and Miss Adcock. Mr and Miss Popple (piano and violin) supplied the music and Miss O'Reilly had charge of the refreshment department.

Christmas at the Clubs

During Xmas-tide competitions took place at both the Whitwick political clubs. At the Liberal club, Mr J. Beeson was first in the skittles contest and also for cards (25's). Messrs. E. Allen being second and F. Harper third. Mr F. Sear won the cribbage competition and the winners respectively at dominoes were Messrs. W. Freeman, S. Billings and W. Taylor. At the Conservative club, Mr Josiah Chambers won the goose in the skittles competition, the proceeds were for the Red Cross Society.

Wanted at once. Strong girl as General. Age 18 or 19. Good references essential. Apply Mrs W. Stinson, Sharpley House, Whitwick.

Soldiers' Gifts from Whitwick

Yeomanry Major's Thanks

Mrs Harold Stinson, of Whitwick, has received the following letter:

Dear Madam, I must write to you a line of thanks for the various woollen garments sent out by you and the ladies of Whitwick for our yeomen, and to say how much the men appreciate the generosity of friends at home. It means a lot to them to get things by post that stand between them and the severity of the weather, a pair of dry new socks or a helmet, or a jacket often stand between a man and the hospital and goodness knows, they need to be sound to endure what comes and retain their health. Socks they use up to any extent and a woollen helmet helps a lot when sleeping out or in straw. The sad thing is every now and then we have to refuse them leave to bring their small comforts from lack of transport and that is where a post which bring small parcels is often such a help. I am sure you will be glad that I can say that they are a grand lot of men and are doing more than credit to their neighbourhood and county. I remain, yours faithfully.

W. F. Martin
Major, C Squadron, Leicestershire Yeomanry

Whitwick Yeomanry's Thanks

Writing from France on December 20th, 1914, Sergt-Major Green, of C Squadron Leicestershire Yeomanry, on behalf of himself and Whitwick Troop, thanks all the kind friends on the Charnwood Forest for their generous gifts of tobacco, cigarettes, chocolates, etc., that they have received this Christmas.

Sergt. W. Harris, C Squadron, Leicestershire Yeomanry also writes the following: "France, December, 10th, 1914: Received the welcome present from the people of Charnwood Forest. Please convey our sincere thanks to all the kind friends who think of the comforts the boys out here need so much and are delighted to receive."

Local Chit Chat

A collecting box containing over a sovereign sent from the Whitwick Conservative Club to the Red Cross Society in London by the club manager, Mr George West, has apparently been lost in transit. The box was

despatched from Whitwick on December 7th and not having had any acknowledgement, Mr West recently wrote to the Society and has received a reply to the effect that they have not received the box and suggesting that its delivery may have been delayed owing to the Christmas pressure with parcels. The money was collected at the club.

A band of carol singers from the Whitwick Primitive Methodist Church, with Mr J. B. Newbury and Mr L. Shillian in charge, went round on Christmas Eve and the subsequent collection by the two gentlemen named has realised £5 for the church funds.

Christmas Day fell very conveniently for the tradesmen, as with Boxing Day and Sunday succeeding they were given three days clear rest. During the earlier part of the week the Coalville shopkeepers seemed to have a busy time. Work was resumed at the Whitwick and other pits on Monday morning and also at the Coalville factories. Messrs. Stableford's men and Wootton's commenced again on Tuesday morning.

On account of the war, the usual skittles competition at the Conservative club was dispensed with this year.

Whitwick Quarryman's Terrible Death

Whirled Round Shafting

Jury find it a Pure Accident

The Coroner for North Leicestershire, Lieut. H. J. Deane, who was dressed in his khaki uniform, held an inquest at the Forest Rock Hotel, near Coalville, on Thursday afternoon concerning the death of Job Fox, an employee of the Whitwick Granite Company, who was killed at the quarry on Tuesday.

Those present included H.M. Inspector of Mines and Quarries, Mr W. H. Hepplewhite, Mr J. J. Sharp, representing the Whitwick Granite Company, and Mr J. H. Robinson, manager of the quarry.

In opening the inquest the Coroner said there was no need for him to go into details as possibly most of them, being local men were familiar with the particulars of the accident and would hear the evidence. Their duty was to find out how the man came by his injuries, to ascertain whether responsibility rested with the deceased himself, anybody connected with the work, or the method of the operations. The first duty was to view the body and the jury would find a brake waiting outside to convey them to the deceased's home at No. 101, Leicester Road, Whitwick.

The foreman (Mr S. Perry) asked whether they might also view the spot at the works where the accident took occurred and the Coroner replied in the affirmative. This having been done.

Emma Fox, the widow, stated that the deceased was 42 years of age and resided at 101, Leicester Road, Whitwick. He had been employed at the Whitwick quarry for 22 years. When he went to work he was in his usual health. He was in possession of good sight and hearing. She believed he had worked for over 11 years at the particular kind of work on which he was engaged at the time he met his death.

Charles Henry Lacey, quarryman, said he was working at the Whitwick quarry on Tuesday as loader. About 2 o'clock he brought a loaded tub to the bottom in the incline to be drawn up into the mill. He gave the usual signal for the stuff to be drawn up, but it did not do so, and then he went to ascertain the reason why. He saw deceased standing in front of the drum. He asked him to pull the tub up and he replied that there was a chain roller under the drum and he would have to get it out and put it on the drum again before he could get the tub up. He fetched an iron hook from the office and went to the drum again. A few seconds later witness followed and then saw deceased being taken round the shafting. Witness signalled for machinery to be stopped and shouted for assistance. He helped to extricate the deceased who was then alive, but he died shortly afterwards.

Answering further questions, witness said deceased's body went round the shafting before they got the man out. During the few seconds that elapsed between deceased leaving the office with the hook and the accident, witness was looking at a newspaper in the weigh office. He did not see deceased get over the barrier.

By Mr Hepplewhite: The fencing was quite as good on the day of the accident as now. He had never known the deceased to go inside to do anything besides attend to the roller on any other occasion. The shafting was constantly going, but there was a wheel which stopped and started the drum. Deceased could have given a signal to stop the shafting if he liked. The shafting revolved at between 80 and 90 revolutions a minute.

By Mr Sharp: If the machinery had been stopped the accident would not have happened. Deceased could have signalled for the shafting to be stopped. If witness had attempted to do anything of that sort he would have signalled for the machinery to stop. Witness could not explain why the deceased got over without stopping the machinery.

By Mr Harper (a juror): The deceased took more than a reasonable risk.

By the Foreman: He did not think the deceased could have been pulled in through the fencing.

Benjamin Laundon, millwright at the Whitwick quarry, said he heard someone shout and the signal to stop. He went to ascertain the cause. Near the hauling gear he saw Lacey who told him deceased was fast in the hauling gear. The machinery had stopped when witness got there. He cut the belt and with the assistance of Clarke and Lacey, got the deceased out. He was alive then, but died shortly after they got him into the office.

The deceased was the man in charge of the haulage gear. He had worked at that job for 11 years and was a very trustworthy workman. Witness had never trusted any man more than Job Fox. If deceased was trying to get the roller out it was a foolish thing to do. He should have stopped the machinery. It would not have delayed the work five minutes. Deceased was not engaged on piece work. The loaders worked piece work. Witness did not think it possible for the deceased to have been drawn in without getting over the fence.

By Mr Hepplewhite: He had never seen the roller get out during the working operations before, nor heard of it being out. He could not say why it got out on that occasion. Witness got the roller from under the drum after they had got the deceased out. The deceased was held to the shaft by his clothes. His coat, waistcoat, trousers and shirt were tightly wrapped round the shaft and had to be cut before he could be got out. Witness thought the man must have been leaning over when his coat caught in the friction wheel. Possibly, he lost his balance.

By Mr Sharp: The machinery was stopped as soon as the signal was given. Deceased could have stopped the engine if he liked and it was usual to do that if anything was the matter.

A juror: Has he stopped the machinery many times?

Witness: Yes, he always did. He never took risks before. He has worked with me between 11 and 12 years and I have always had the greatest trust in him.

The Coroner: He has never hesitated to stop the machinery if anything was wrong? – No.

Dr. Milligan, locum tenens for Dr. Burkitt, Whitwick, said he saw the deceased at the quarry office. He was then alive. He had extensive fracture of the skull on the right side and both legs were broken above the knee. The cause of death was the fractured skull. The Coroner said there could be no doubt in the jury's minds as to the cause of death and how the injuries were caused. But as to what also happened they could only surmise. Deceased was a most trustworthy servant, but on this day a thing happened which so far as they knew, had not happened before. A roller got under the drum and deceased proceeded to get it out. No one knew exactly what the man did, but there was no doubt he attempted a careless thing in trying to get the roller out without stopping the machinery. How he did not was not quite clear, but no doubt the jury would be satisfied that it was a pure accident. The Coroner added that in the opinion of the Inspector and himself the protection of the machinery was ample.

The Foreman said the jury all agreed that it was a pure accident and returned a verdict accordingly. Mr Sharp said the directors and manager of the quarry desired him to express sympathy with the widow and their regret at the accident, particularly at this time. They desired him to say that they would readily recognise their responsibility in regard to compensation and would also contribute to the funeral expenses. (Hear, hear) They would do all they could for the unfortunate widow. (Hear, hear).

The Coroner and jury joined in the expression of sympathy and the Coroner thanked the manager of the quarry for providing a conveyance for the jury. In discharging the jury, the Coroner wished them the compliments of the season and Mr Deane was congratulated by some of those present on looking so well, the remark being made that military duty evidently suited him.

Coalville Police Court

Today (Friday) Before Mr W. Lindley (in the chair), and Mr J. W. West.

The Chairman expressed the wishes of the Bench to those present for a happy new year and the hope that before another new year's day dawned they would have a much better condition of things in Europe. Mr W. P. Musson (Ashby), the only solicitor present, replied on behalf of the legal profession.

Day Poaching at Whitwick

Herbert Hall, Thomas Hall, Arthur Warral and James Gee, colliers, Whitwick, were summoned by Trevor Pratt, gamekeeper, Shepshed, for day poaching on land in the occupation of Mr E. M. P. de Lisle, at Whitwick, on December 13th.

None of the defendants appeared. Mr W. P. Musson (Ashby), appeared to prosecute for Mr de Lisle, and asked the Bench to deal severely with the men for using threats and violence to the keepers.

Albert Pratt, keeper, Belton, said he was hiding under a tree in Drybrook Wood about 4 o'clock in the afternoon, when he saw the defendants put 15 or 16 nets over a rabbit warren and put a ferret in. He went towards the defendants, and Thomas Hall and Arthur Warral said if he came another yard they would knock his brains out. The defendants struck at him with the bough of a tree and tried to wrench the nets from him. Then Herbert Hall and Gee said it was "a fair cop," and they made off.

The defendants, Thomas Hall and Warrall were each fined 30/- and costs 9/- or one month, and Herbert Hall and Gee, 10/- and 9/- costs each, or 14 days.

Bad Language

Herbert Hall, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on December 19th. P.C. Jelley gave the facts and the defendant, who was also in the last case, was fined 2/6 and 10/6 costs or 7 days.

Drunk and Disorderly

Ernest Gee, collier, Thringstone, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick, on December 24th. He did not appear. P.C. Jones proved the case and the defendant was fined 5/6 and 10/6 costs, or 7 days.

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

The Whitwick Picture House has proved a great attraction during the holidays and on Friday, Saturday and Monday evenings was packed to the doors, while the attendances since have been very good. The programme in the early part of the week included "The House on the Hill," a drama in which a wife's social ambitions were realised at the sacrifice of love and happiness, though by a strange coincidence, both were ultimately recovered. There was a wealth of mirth in "Winky's fireworks," dealing with the spy fever, while "Winky's Stratagem," by which he obtained Pa's consent to his marriage with the "only" girl in the wide world, was another amusing subject, and much interest was evinced in the pictures illustrating the method adopted by big American companies for the harvesting of ice.

The programme for this weekend if anything, is even better. The comic element is well sustained by "The terrible two on the warpath" and "The nightmare of a special constable," while a special drama is "The reporter on the case," which shows that reporters can sometimes be of great assistance to the police in clearing up crimes. In this case, a woman is arrested and wrongly accused of a crime, but Reporter Jimmy

unfolds the mystery and secures a great triumph. Another stirring drama is "Ward's Claim," a gold mining story. While working his claim one day, Old Ward strikes it rich, and just has sufficient time to tell the rest of the prospectors of his good luck when he is stricken with a fatal sickness. He entrusts his young friend John Hanson, with the task of sending for the rightful heir to the claim. Lopez, a rascally Mexican, tries to jump the claim, but is prevented by John, who proves more than a match for him. The heir arrives and proves to be a beautiful young girl, Shirley. John promptly falls in love with her and she with him. The Mexican abducts Shirley with the aid of two bad Indians, and John gives chase, effecting an exciting rescue, snatching the girl from the saddle of the villain's horse as it disappears over the edge of a cliff. There are several other interesting films including the Pathe Gazette. Particulars of another good list for next week will be found in our advertisement columns.

Sport

Football

Whitwick's "Double" on Shepshed Albion

For some years it has been the custom of Whitwick Imperial and Shepshed Albion to play their Leicestershire Senior League matches at Shepshed on Christmas Day and at Whitwick on Boxing Day and there have been many keen contests which have attracted large holiday crowds. Enthusiasm was scarcely as great this year for obvious reasons, and in both matches, the Whitwick men had an easy task. At Shepshed they won by three goals to none and the next day they went one better, winners by five goals to one.

In the Whitwick match the Albion opened after seven minutes through Start, but Whitwick were soon on the aggressive, playing well in all departments, and Dexter got a couple. Resuming, play went in favour of Whitwick and further goals were scored by Thorp and Layton, who added the fifth and Shepshed goal had several narrow escapes.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Burials

Fox – At Whitwick, on Saturday, Job Fox, aged 42 years, of Leicester Road

Boam – At Whitwick, on Saturday, Joseph Boam, aged 95 years, of Green Lane.

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Local News

Situations Vacant

Wanted, Good Cheveners, none but good hands need apply. Mrs Pearson, 233, Hermitage Road.

To Let

House in Green Lane, Whitwick. Pleasantly situated. Good garden, 5s weekly – Apply Mrs Newbury, Market Place, Whitwick.

Next Thursday afternoon, a pageant, entitled "Children through the Centuries," is to be given at Leicester Palace in aid of the war emergency fund of the Waifs and Strays Society and it is interesting to note that Mrs J. J. Sharp, of Whitwick, is responsible for one of the scenes, "Charles I." The following will be the characters: "Charles I," Mr R. L. Brown; "Bishop of London," the Rev. S. Hosking; "Princess Elizabeth," Miss N. Burkitt; "Prince Henry," Master Derek Lomax; "Faithful Herbert," Mr Stuart Turner; Lady Royalists, Mrs Barker and Miss Doris Turner; Jailors, Dr. Griffin and Mr Stanleigh Turner; these ladies or gentlemen will be pleased to supply tickets.

Too Merry

Arthur Robinson, collier, was summoned at Loughborough, last Wednesday, for being drunk and disorderly on Christmas Eve, at Shepshed – P.C. Highton proved the case, and defendant who did not appear, was fined 15s or ten days.

Tea and Social

On New Year's Eve a tea was held at the Whitwick Baptist School followed by a social and there was a good attendance. The Rev. H. C. J. Wix presided at the social and gave a violin solo, as also did Mr H. Vesty and other items were solos by Miss Gertie Mann, a piano duet by Misses Adams and Bourne, and two dialogues, "England wants them," by Misses Bourne and Vesty, and "A bad end," in which the characters were taken by Miss Gertie Mann, Messrs. H. Vesty, H. Mann, A. Mann, W. George and Eric Bourne. Various games were indulged in and later a watch night service was conducted in the chapel by the Rev. H. C. J. Wix, which was well attended, including several representatives of other denominations.

Drunk and Disorderly

At the Coalville Police Station before Mr B. G. Hale and Mr J. W. West yesterday morning, Thomas Haywood, pedlar, of no fixed abode, was sentenced to seven days imprisonment for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick on the 6th inst. P.C. Brewin proved the case.

Whitwick House-Breaking Case

Collier's Foolish Conduct

At the Leicestershire Quarter Sessions on Tuesday, James Wallam (39), collier, pleaded guilty to breaking into the dwelling house of Mary Harris, of Silver Street, Whitwick. G. W. Powers defended.

Mr Everard said that prisoner got into the house through a window, but did not take anything. The following day he made a confession to the police. Supt. Lockton told the Court that prisoner had worked for the Whitwick Collieries for many years and received good wages. Prisoner was brought in once previously for being on enclosed premises, but he was not prosecuted, as it was merely a case of suspicion.

Prisoner said he did not know what made him commit the offence, he must have been mad. Supt. Lockton said prisoner was not addicted to drink. The Chairman said that having regard to the fact that prisoner had been in prison for a month he would be sentenced to one day's imprisonment, and be put on probation for six months.

Prisoner: Thank you, gentlemen, one and all.

Band of Hope Social

The children connected with the Whitwick Baptist Band of Hope had a social on Tuesday evening. Mr H. Mann showed a number of amusing pictures with his magic lantern and songs were given by Miss Maud Wheeldon and Miss Gerty Mann. Mrs Mann gave each child a mince pie. Various games were indulged in and a very enjoyable time was spent.

Coalville Urban District Council

Diphtheria at Coalville and Whitwick

The monthly meeting of the Urban Council was held at Coalville on Tuesday evening, Mr R. Blower, J.P., presiding, and there were also present, Messrs. T. Y. Hay (vice-chairman), M. McCarthy, S. Perry, A. Lockwood, F. Griffin, S. Armson, J. W. Farmer, B. G. Hale, T. Kelly and W. Fellows, with the clerk's deputy (Mr A. L. Bertenshaw), surveyor (Mr L. L. Baldwin), assistant surveyor (Mr F. G. Hurst) and gasworks manager (Mr J. W. Eagles).

Water Supply

The Water Committee reported that the Manager's monthly report was produced and read to the meeting, showing that for the four weeks ending December 19th, the estimated gallons of water pumped was 4,933,000. The surveyor reported that notice to Mr Jackson of Coleorton, to put on the supply to his three houses at Whitwick, expired on 14th November, and nothing had been done in the matter, and the Committee recommend the Clerk write Mr Jackson, giving fourteen days in which to have the work carried out, otherwise the Council would take the necessary steps to enforce compliance with the notice.

Whitwick Lodgers

The Surveyor presented the Whitwick lodging-house returns showing that for December the number of persons accommodated was 817 against 995 in December last year and 913 in November. The annual returns gave 10,080 males, 1124 females and 123 children, a total of 11,337, against 10,573 for 1913 and 9803 in 1912. Mr McCarthy asked what was the cause of the increase.

The Surveyor: More employment, or the weather conditions.

Mr Kelly: Good accommodation.

Mr McCarthy said there had been a lot of contract work going on in the district during the last 12 months and no doubt many of the men engaged had gone to their lodging houses.

Medical Officer's Report

The Medical Officer (Dr. R. W. Jamie) reported that during December, seven cases of scarletina had been notified – two in Hotel Street, three (in one house) in Club Row, one in Hermitage Road, and one in Oxford Street. Six cases of diphtheria had also been notified – two in Bakewell Street, one in Vaughan Street, one in Club Row, Coalville, and in Talbot Street, and one at Pare's Hill, Whitwick. In each case the usual precautions were taken. There had been no fatality from infectious disease. Twenty-six deaths occurred during the month giving a death rate of 17.3. These included one from phthisis and two from accidental injuries. Forty-six births were registered during the same period, giving a birth-rate of 30 per 1,000.

Three Shillings Saved by Enlisting

The Surveyor reported that in a case where the Council had given instructions for the collecting of a 3s fine for a chimney fire, the wife of the man had informed him that he had joined the forces. On the motion of Mr McCarthy, seconded by Mr Fellows, it was decided not to enforce the fine under the circumstances.

Talbot Street

Mr Kelly called attention to the bad state of the footpath in Talbot Street, Whitwick, which he said was ankle deep in water.

Thringstone – War Lecture

Another of the series of war lectures took place in the Village Hall on Monday night when there was again a capital attendance. The lecture, which was on "The fight for Calais," should have been given by the Hon. Malcolm Macnaughton, but as he was called away in connection with the death of his brother, Mr Ritchie stepped into the breach. The Hon. Charles Booth presided. The lecture was illustrated with some capital slides, the lantern being managed by Messrs H. Upton and W. Watts, stage manager, Mrs J. J. Sharp and Miss Burkitt of Whitwick, ably contributed songs. The proceeds amounted to £3 for the Prince of Wales's National Relief Fund.

Gifts to Whitwick Yeomanry

Officers' letter of thanks

The following letters have been received by Mrs Sharp.

Colonel Freke writes: "Thank you very much for cheque for £17 7s which I am taking out with me to France and will give to Major Martin for the benefit of the C. Squadron. I should like to specially thank the children of the Holy Cross School who gave up their treat for the benefit of the men serving at the front."

Major Martin writes: "Col. Freke handed me on the most generous gift from your neighbourhood on his return from leave and the men are deeply grateful for the good feeling of friends at home specially the children. I shall hope to buy things from time to time for them as they are wanted which just makes all the difference. We are on an average a fortnight away from everything for which we write home and what is an urgent need one day becomes a superfluity in a fortnight or the converse. The local yeoman are all doing themselves and their regiment credit and I never wish to command a better lot, take them all round. Corporal Hughes has amply justified his promotion, and such men as Green and Carter are the backbone of any corps lucky enough to contain them."

Market Bosworth Police Court

Wednesday – Before Mr R. A. Oswald Brown (in the chair), Mr R. Hammer and Mr W. C. Kirkman.

The Wrong Name

Arthur Unwin, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for riding a bicycle without a light at Bagworth on December 22nd. He pleaded guilty.

P.C. Screamon said the defendant was riding with other colliers who had lights about 6 a.m. It was a dangerous practice and several people had been knocked down. The defendant gave the name of John Robinson, of the Green, Thringstone, and witness found that there was a man of that name living at Thringstone, who was very much like the defendant. The latter lived at Pare's Hill, Whitwick.

The Chairman said that if the defendant had given the right name, the fine would have been 1s and costs, but it would now be 5s and costs 8s 6d or seven days.

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

This theatre is having good "houses" again this week, and the films provided have been much enjoyed. The star film was entitled, "By the Kaiser's orders," and this was an extra good piece, in which an insight into the methods of the secret service was given. It was a film most suitable during these stirring times, and was well produced. A fine comic was "At three o'clock," a champion Sterling film. Sterling decides on suicide on being disappointed in love, but the sight of the undertakers and various other things alters his tune. "The Old Oaken Bucket" too, was good, and "For the love of Mike" was a good Kalam comedy; Mike, the new policeman, wins the heart of every servant on his beat. He however, gives them no encouragement, but he gets into hot water all the same. "Fiery deeds of the Terrible Two," and the Pathe Gazette were also excellent. Patrons must not miss the week-end lot, which includes a fine list of films notably, "When a woman loves" a 3-reel properly acted photo play. It contains an enthralling story which will appeal to Whitwick picture goers, and should be seen. Others are "Bronco Billy's Indian Romance" featuring Mr Anderson, a well known and clever cinema actor, and numerous others. For next weeks' list see our advertisement columns.

Sport

Football

Hugglescote beaten at Whitwick

Whitwick Imperial look like being the champions of the Leicestershire Senior League and made a step further towards the accomplishment of this on Saturday with a good win over Hugglescote St. John's on the Duke of Newcastle ground.

The match took place before a fairly good attendance and Whitwick were soon seen to advantage, pressing a good deal from the start but chances were thrown away. The Whitwick defence was then taxed, but was equal to the demands made upon it, and the home forwards going in again Dexter headed through. It fell to the lot of this player to score the second goal soon afterwards and the interval found Whitwick leading by two goals to none.

Early in the second half, the Whitwick custodian saved well from Bradford, and then had the honour of scoring the Imperial's third goal, which was from a penalty. Notwithstanding these heavy arrears, the John's continued to play pluckily and their efforts were eventually rewarded by a good goal from Lees. Whitwick forced a corner from which Lockwood secured the fourth goal and before the end Shurman got another for the St. John's, who never gave up, but maintained a good fight to the end.

Some good play was witnessed in the match, but it was apparent that Whitwick were the superior side and good value for their win.

Friday January 15th 1915 (Issue 1193)

Local News

Whist Drive and Dance

A successful whist drive and dance were held in the Holy Cross School on Wednesday night, the proceeds being for the local Belgian Refugees and hospital funds. About a hundred were present. Messrs. J. H. McCarthy and J. Beeson were the M.C.'s for the dance, Mr J. Cooper being the pianist. The M.C.'s for whist were Messrs. Dickens and M. Downes and the following were the prize winners:

Ladies: 1st Mrs Abell (Hugglescote), an umbrella; 2nd Mrs Smith, box and gloves; Mystery, Miss Rawson.
Gents: 1st Mr Stretton, brace of pheasants; 2nd Mr Ward (Thringstone), walking stick; Mystery, Mr Beeson.

Refreshments were provided by a ladies committee.

Ellistown Goal-keeper's Return

Experiences with the Leicestershire Yeomanry

A former goal-keeper for Ellistown St. Christopher's F.C., Trooper S. Black, son of Mrs Black of the Ellistown Hotel, has returned from France, where he has been serving with the Leicestershire Yeomanry. He was in the trenches for 13 days in the neighbourhood of Ypres and had to go into hospital with an injured knee. Black says that the trenches are very muddy and damp and the muddy roads also make marching difficult. Despite this, he said the men were enjoying good health. He was in the Whitwick troop and Whitwick people had been good in sending out comforts which were very much appreciated. But for his troublesome knee, Black says he would gladly take his part again with the men in the trenches.

Whitwick Mother's Union

Interesting Presentation

About 50 members of the Whitwick branch of the Mother's Union assembled in the school on Thursday for the annual tea, Mr F. H. Deacon, of Coalville, being the caterer. An interesting event took place after tea, Mrs Walters, wife of the vicar, and superintendent of the Union, being presented with a silver mounted cut glass rose bowl. All the mothers had a part in the presentation, which was made on their behalf by Mrs Lowe, the oldest member.

Mrs Walters suitably replied, thanking the mothers. The vicar also addressed the meeting, and thanked them for their kindness.

Do You Know

That during 1914, there were 28 Church burials at Whitwick, 59 baptisms, 13 weddings and 27 members of the church confirmed?

That as far as can be ascertained there are 134 Whitwick men serving in the army and navy?

That the 3rd annual whist drive and dance for the Leicester Infirmary takes place at the Holy Cross Schools, Whitwick, on February 10th?

That Mr R. Sharp, of Whitwick, has offered a fine ham 41 lbs in weight previous to curing, to be drawn for the local proceeds towards the local Soldiers' Comforts'?

Coalville Police Court

Today (Friday) – Before Major Hatchett (in the chair) and Mr B. G. Hale.

Whitwick Collier Fined

Ambrose Hall, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for violent conduct at Whitwick, on January 9th. He did not appear. P.C. Grewcock gave the facts and the defendant was fined 7/6 and costs 10/6 or seven days.

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

Last week-end good audiences attended this popular picture house and much enjoyed the films. During this week good audiences have again attended, and have shown much appreciation of the excellent 'shoot' provided. The 'star' picture at the beginning of the week was "A net of villainy," a strong drama by Pathe, and a rare good film it was. "The Yule Log," a fine drama by Neptune, was a good story. Two young people in love with one another meet the opposition of the young lady's parents. They decide to elope, and afterwards ask forgiveness, and the old man's heart softens; he sends for his daughter, and there is a happy reunion. "Love and Soda," was a good S and A comedy. The plumber decides on another trade to his own, as he may press his intentions more forcibly on a little girl he is very fond of, but he is a better egg-throwing marksman it turns out, than anything else. "The Tell-tale Scar," by Thanouser, was a drinking drama; and others were exceptionally good, notably the Sterling film, "A Bogus Baron." The chief picture for the week-end is "Martin Chuzzlewit," a fine A.B. – Martin is disinherited by his grandfather and spurned by his uncle, for engaging himself to one Mary Graham. A friend of Mark's induces him to go to America with him, and here they make their fortunes, and how young Martin comes back from America to win his grandfather's favour and the hand of Mary are the closing scenes of the piece. A splendid story which should not be missed. "Love and Bullets" is a good Keystone, and the love-stricken swain finds much trouble with very little exertion, but it's there alright. "The Demon of the Rails" is a champion drama by Kalem, and the way Billy overcomes the insane man in time to avert a terrible disaster is a rousing and exciting finish to a splendid picture. "Breaking into Jail" is a Seizig comedy; and "The Wonderful Mineral Spring" is a quibble between Silas and Hiram as to the ownership of the spring, and in the end Silas not only makes his fortune but carries off the girl. Patrons should not fail to see these. Next week's programme see advertisement column.

Sport

Football

Whitwick's Big Win

Double Figures against Loughborough Corinthians

How strongly Whitwick Imperial are playing in the Leicestershire Senior League this season was further demonstrated on Saturday by their record win over Loughborough Corinthians, on the Duke of Newcastle ground, where the match took place before a fair number of spectators.

It soon became apparent that Whitwick were the superior side, Thorpe twice netting while the game was still young. The Corinthians struggled gamely but were quite outplayed and before the interval arrived there were further goals by Dexter, Moore and Roach making up the half dozen. The second half was very similar, Dexter, Bird, Thorpe and Layton all scoring so that Whitwick had a double-figure victory, 10-0. Comment upon the game is needless, as the Whitwick men had such an easy task that they were not nearly put to the test and could doubtless have done better had they shown a desire to rub it in. Ten goals to none was a nice little score to be going on with and was a great step nearer to the league championship which now seems to be within the grasp of the Whitwick club.

Whitwick too, will stand well for the Coalville cup. On present form they should easily account for Enderby Town at Whitwick tomorrow and they will then be in the semi-final.

Whitwick Reserves at Castle Donington

Whitwick Imperial sent their reserves to Castle Donington to play the Town in a Loughborough Cup match. The Imperial juniors put up a good fight but in the end were beaten by five goals to two.

Coalville League and the War

Seven Resignations

The monthly meeting of the management Committee of this league was held at the Red House Hotel, Coalville, on Monday night. Mr J. Kirby presiding. There were also present Messrs. J. Tivey, D. Marston, R. T. Bradshaw and F. W. Smith, with the hon. sec. (C. E. Marston).

The secretary reported the resignation of Measham United and Coalville Swifts (Division I), Ashby Hastings, Whitwick Amateurs, Coleorton United and Thornborough United (Division II) and Stanton-under-Bardon (Division III). This left four teams in the first division, seven in the second and ten in the third. While regretting these withdrawals, due to extraordinary circumstances arising out of the war, the committee unanimously decided to continue the league where there were any teams left at all to play.

The Measham secretary, (Mr Meadon) attended and explained that they had also had to withdraw from the Measham League, the club having been abandoned for the season owing to nearly all the players having joined the forces. If things were better next season they intended making a fresh start. The Chairman expressed the hope that the war would be over and clubs able to go on as usual next season.

The resignation was accepted and the secretary asked to send a list of players' names to help the committee in deciding as to the return of the deposit.

The Ashby Hastings secretary attended as to the ground not being marked out and no nets up for the match with Ibstock Wanderers on December 12th and only playing eight men. Ibstock were late and the match was 19 minutes short. The score was 2-2. Mr Robey explained the circumstances and the difficulties of carrying on the club owing to the war. They had been compelled to resign, nine of the players having enlisted. The resignation was accepted and Ashby were asked to send in the names of players who had joined the forces, which, it was stated, would have a bearing on the Committee's decision as to the deposit.

Whitwick Amateurs and Snarestone United reported each other for being late in the home matches, but as Whitwick had withdrawn it was decided to let the matters slide.

Coalville Swifts resigned owing to 12 players joining the colours and it was accepted with regret. The Swift's secretary was asked to send in a list of the players who had enlisted.

Whitwick Amateurs also sent in their resignation for a similar reason and saying they could not pay fines due as they had no funds. It was decided to accept the resignations with regret, but to report them to the L.F.A. for not paying fines when they had a club.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Burials

Smith – At Whitwick, on Tuesday, Albert Edward Smith, aged 4 years, of Church Lane.

Perkins – At Whitwick, tomorrow, Emma Perkins, aged 66 years, of Brook's Lane.

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Local News

Pretty Pageant at Leicester

"Children Through the Centuries"

Local Performers

A pretty pageant, entitled, "Children through the Centuries" was given at the Leicester Palace on Thursday afternoon, in aid of the Church of England Waifs and Strays Society War Emergency Fund and it was a great success.

One of the scenes, "King Charles I bidding farewell to his children" was of local interest, inasmuch as it was cleverly arranged by Mrs J. J. Sharp, of Whitwick, and was performed by the following ladies and gentlemen: Mr R. J. Brown, Rev. S. Hosking, Miss Norah Burkitt, Master Derek Lomax, Mr Stuart Turner, Mrs Marker, Miss Doris Turner, Mrs Sharp, Dr. Griffin, and Mr Stanleigh Turner.

The scene opens with the King and the Bishop pacing up and down the stage engaged in earnest conversation. Afterwards they heat themselves at the table on which are books and a casket. Two jailers are present. After about one minute, the children enter accompanied by three lady Royalists and the faithful Herbert; the ladies curtsy to the King and then to the Bishop and pass on. The children greet the Bishop, who blesses them, and the King greets them as they run to him affectionately. The lady attendants, the Bishop and Herbert now retire, Charles draws the boy onto his knee and Elizabeth kneels by his side, and all engage in earnest conversation for a minute; the King then takes the garter from his knee and puts it on Henry's and takes a necklace from the casket and puts it round Elizabeth's neck. The Jailers now approach and whisper to the children that it is time to retire. The ladies now re-enter weeping with the Bishop and Herbert. The children reluctantly rise to go after affectionate embraces, and the King is greatly moved, and as the children depart he rushes after them and takes Henry up in his arms. Herbert takes them from the attendants and all withdraw. The King now shows signs of great emotion and paces the stage impatiently (the Jailers and the Bishop are in the background). He then throws himself down at the Pri-Dieu and the Bishop advances and holds the crucifix over him.

The staging of this scene was perfect in every detail and the colouring was quite delightful. The properties used were entirely 16th century and were kindly lent to Mrs Sharp by the Holy Cross Church of Leicester and Messrs. Withers, of Silver Street, Leicester.

Whitwick Man In Hong Kong

Writing to his mother from Hong Kong in China, Stoker F. Swift, of H.M. Torpedo boat F38, a Whitwick man, says they are having a busy time out there. The battleships "Triumph" and "Kennett" had had some killed and wounded, but they had captured Tsingtau in company with the Japanese fleet. It was on August 8th that they heard war had broken out, being then on a long river trip at a place called Sing-Lee, 900 miles from Canton City. They heard on August 4th at Hong Kong but could not pick us up with the wireless so far away and they sent H.M.S. Moorhen after us. We had the order to proceed to Hong Kong at full speed. The river was in flood and all over the rice fields. When we got to Canton 29 miles from the mouth of the river, we ran on to the mud, but she floated just after. She had to go in dock at Hong Kong and our crew had to go to another boat (38). We then got live torpedo heads aboard, coaled, and had orders to scout for 40 miles for the German fleet coming from Tsingtau. The battleships went after them, driving them near to Hong Kong and I think they sunk one and captured two. We had orders to proceed with the "Triumph." We stopped at Wei-Hai-Wei to coal and then had to escort the South Wales Borderers from Tien-Tsin to Tsingtau to land with the Japanese. Then the "Triumph" started banging at the forts and we lay under her guns. The German boats came out one night and we were soon after them in the chase, the "Kennett" got too near the forts and they banged away at us all. We had a wireless message to keep away. There were mines all over the place and a Japanese torpedo boat was sent sky high. The "Triumph" had her top mast shot away, but one of the German ships was run on to the rocks and we finished her. We only had a shot through our funnel. We have been on the go night and day and once were 3 days and 3 nights without sleep. The writer then describes how one of the German battleships with three funnels, rigged up a fourth to imitate the British ship "Yarmouth" which has



four and was known to be coming soon to anchor. The Germans by this trick and flying the British flag, got near to and sank a Russian and a French ship, leaving the men to drown. He concludes by saying that Len Hutchby (another Whitwick man) is at Hong Kong where there are several of the enemy's ships which they have captured.

Do You Know

That several Whitwick publicans, in consequence of trade having fallen off, have started work at the collieries and other local works?

Ashby County Court

Thursday – Before His Honour Judge Moore Cann.

Whitwick Collier's Debts

John Garrity, collier, of Green Lane, Whitwick, applied for an administration order. He said he earned 24s a week but there were various expenses stopped out of it at the colliery. His debts amounted to £19/12/3 and his offer to pay 5s a month until 12s 6d in the £ was paid and accepted, the order being allowed.

Whitwick Owner and Tenant

George Frederick Burton, grocer, Whitwick, as owner, sought the possession of a house from John William Allen, collier, Whitwick, the tenant. Defendant's wife appeared and said she could not get a house. Mrs Burton said notice had been given. The man was a great nuisance to the other tenants.

The Judge said it would be necessary to serve a notice under the Courts (Emergency Powers) Act a form for which could be obtained from the office and the case would have to stand over till the next court.

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

Good companies have been attending at all performances again this week, and the pictures are well worth seeing being a good lot. The "star" at the beginning of the week was "Burden Duty" a fine drama, which showed that a higher power than human intelligence, solves the riddles of crime. "When Death Rode the Engine," an Éclair drama. A desperado steals the Sheriff's baby, and makes off on a big locomotive, but, he is captured, and the Sheriff and his wife took the pleasure of seeing the outlaw dangling from the end of a rope. Two good comics are "Winky goes to the front," and "Napoleon and the bumps." "The Slavey's Romance" drama, and "Little Mischief" a Thanouser comedy were both good. For the weekend a good film is "The Man with a Future" a Lubin drama, Ann Trevor is the daughter of a crook and is happily married to John Gray, a district attorney, who however, knows nothing of his wife's past. She is suddenly confronted with the alternative of disclosing her former dishonest life and forfeiting her husband's love, or remaining quiet and allowing her father to be convinced of crime of which he is innocent. How she eventually dares the worst and bares her entire past is strikingly portrayed in this drama and it should be seen. "Our Country Cousins" is a champion Keystone. What with the farmer's sons trying to kidnap the farmer's niece and the rough-and-tumble Keystone police, there are some lively 'doings' going on, and the matter ends up in a general scrimmage. "Bronco Billy, the Vagabond" is good, and we can always reckon on seeing something well done, when Mr G. M. Anderson's name appears (this is 'Bronco Billy'). He is a picture actor par excellence. Patrons must see this. A good trick film is "Little Lady Lafayette" a novel and dainty film of a series of startling illusions. There are several good ones, and patrons should not fail to pay a visit this weekend. Satisfaction is assured. Next week's list, a fine one, see advertisement columns. Patrons should note that there is a matinee Tuesday mornings at 10.30, when the full 'show' is given.

Sport

Football

Whitwick Still Going Strong

Whitwick Imperial added another win to their good record and like Coalville Swifts, are now in the semi-final for the Coalville Cup. They got through the fourth round on Saturday at the expense of Enderby Town on the Duke of Newcastle ground, before a good crowd.

Play opened fast, Whitwick keeping up a fierce onslaught, forcing many fruitless corners. Enderby defended well, and kept the Imperial at bay for a long period. Roach centered well for the home team, the same player afterwards scoring. The visitors played pluckily, but were seldom dangerous. Whitwick pressed strongly, but failed to increase their lead and at half time were only a goal in front.

Resuming, Whitwick were on the aggressive, and Layton scored a good goal. The visitors played up better, and added a point. Imperial again resumed the attacking, and Moore added their third with a long shot. The visitors were now out-played, and were mainly on the defensive. Layton scored a fourth goal for Whitwick, the same player shortly afterwards repeating the performance giving the Imperial the victory by five goals to one.

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Local News

Prize Distribution

The scholars attending the Whitwick Church Schools received their annual prizes for good conduct and regular attendance at the school on Thursday last week. A large number of books were distributed by Mrs Walters and the Vicar was also present.

Patriotic Concert

On Wednesday evening a successful concert was held in the Whitwick Picture House in aid of the Leicestershire Yeomanry and Artillery. The arrangements were excellently carried out by a committee, Miss Burkitt and Mr J. W. Eagles rendering splendid help, and the building, which had been placed at the disposal of the committee on very favourable terms was nearly full. The proceedings opened with the singing of the National Anthem and the excellent programme included the songs, "There's a Land," by Miss Margaret Neale; "He was very kind to me," and "Just the same as his father did before him," Mr J. Shields; "The Navy," Mr L. L. Baldwin; "Roses of Forgiveness," Miss Doris Burkitt; "Land of Hope and Glory," Mrs H. D. Gee Clarke (Shepshed); and one by Miss Maud Wheeldon; Mr J. Goddard, Leicester, gave amusing ventriloquial and musical sketches. Mrs Hatter of Hugglescote ably recited, "The Victoria Cross," and Miss Norah Burkitt "Fall In," and two violin solos were played by Mrs A. E. Payne, of Leicester, while Mr Slattery gave a clever skipping rope dance. Practically all the artistes were encored. The proceeds amounted to between £13 and £14 from which a few items of expense have to be met.

Whitwick Soldier in Fierce Fighting

Another Big Battle Expected

Writing to Mr W. J. Gough, of the Talbot Farm, Whitwick, Corpl. Charles Yearby, a Whitwick man, of the Royal Field Artillery, says he hopes all the members of the club (Thringstone House) are well. They were having a very trying time with the wet and snow and it was very cold at night. They would not care if the weather would only clear up. He had been in some fierce fighting, but things had been quiet the last few days and they were expecting a big battle soon. He was enjoying the sport though it would be a good job for all if it was over. He wishes to be remembered to members of the club and hopes that all the young fellows will come forward to help their country.

Do You Know

That a whist drive and dance is to be held in the Holy Cross Schools, Whitwick, on Feb. 10th in aid of the Leicester Infirmary?

That the Rev. J. W. A. Mackenzie, formerly vicar of Whitwick, has now been appointed vicar of Balcardine, in the diocese of Rockhampton, Queensland, Australia?

Coalville Police Court

Today (Friday) – Before the Rev. C. T. Moore (in the chair), Major Hatchett, Mr H. J. Ford, Mr B. G. Hale and Mr J. W. West.

Whitwick Ejectment Wanted

The Forest Rock Granite Company, Whitwick, made an application under the Court (Emergency Powers) Act, 1914, to recover possession of a tenement from Allen Pares, collier, Whitwick.

Mr T. H. Moore (Coalville) for the applicants said the notice expired on November 9th. The application was for leave to proceed and defendant had to show, to retain possession, that his reason for not leaving was in connection with the war.

Defendant said his reason for not leaving was that he could not get another house. The Bench gave the applicants leave to proceed, and they paid 2/6 costs.

Gaming At Whitwick

Albert Thorpe (20), Allen Chappell (19), Joseph Garrett (20), Ernest Moulton (17), and Wilfred Waterfield (17), colliers, all of Whitwick were summoned for gaming on the highway at Whitwick, on January 24th.

Only Moulton's mother appeared. P.C. Grewcock said the youths were on the footpath leading from Leicester Road to the Monastery. They were playing with cards and dice at a game known as "find the lucky number." Witness had received several complaints. Defendants were each fined 2/6 and costs 5s or seven days.

Bad Language

Lucy Winfield, (36), married, of Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on January 13th. P.C. Jelley gave the facts and defendant was fined 3/6 and 10/6 costs or seven days.

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

This popular theatre has proved a great attraction to picture goers this week. "The Seven Sealed Orders" was the chief film at the beginning of the week. This was an S. and A. drama of exceptional merit. Joseph Keane accepts a mysterious commission of 30,000 dollars, and seven sealed orders which he is to follow. The seventh order is stolen and in the end Keane finds he has been working under the orders of a mysterious Hindoo. "Fatty's Finish," a Keystone comic, was too much for Fatty. He gets mixed up with too many girls and – well, 'nuff sed! "Winky Bigamist," a good comic in which "legs" played a big part. "Archibald's Egg Diet," a Phoenix comedy, and it was very amusing when, after waiting patiently for the poultry he had purchased to lay some eggs, he found out that his supposed hen was a cockerel. He is so disgusted that we leave him making a meal of Mr Cockbird. "Oh! Look who's here," and "Then Little Druge," and many others were good. For the weekend the 'star' picture is "The Mystery of the Sleeping Death," a fine one, in which Harrison, a young millionaire, and Lizzie, a girl of the slums, have fallen into a strange trance. A Hindoo hypnotist, however, solves the mystery and things end up well. – Patrons must see this – "The Eaves-Dropper," is a good Keystone, and should be seen. "No. 28 Diplomat," is a good S. and A; and "The Inner Conscience," and "Peter and his Son," are good, the latter being a comic trick film. – "The Wrong Flat," is a most amusing comedy, by Vistagraph, and should be seen. – Next week another fine lot of films – see our advertisement column.

Sport

Football

Leicestershire Senior League

Another Win by Whitwick Imperial

Champions of the Senior League

Coalville Swifts went to Whitwick on Saturday to meet the Imperial on the Duke of Newcastle ground in a Leicestershire Senior League medal match, and though hardly expecting to win, in view of Whitwick's brilliant record this season, they came a bigger cropper than was expected.

Whitwick's wins are helping to keep a lively interest in the game there than in any other part of the district and Saturday's game was witnessed with keen satisfaction by a keen crowd.

The Imperial had a two goal lead by half time and at the close they were five points to the good. Practically all through the match the Whitwick side held the Swifts in check. In fairness to the visitors, however, it should be stated that they were without one of their best players, Bott, a back. Joe Moore and Dexter registered goals before half-time, and Dexter and Thorpe (two) in the second half.

This was Whitwick's first match in the medal competition, in which they have, therefore, made an excellent start. They have only one more match to play in the League proper, and nothing can now rob them of the championship. Coalville Town are their nearest rivals at present in the League with only two matches less played and half the number of points.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Burials

George – At Whitwick, on Saturday, John James George, aged 35 years, of Loughborough Road.