

Coalville Times – July 1915

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Local News

Memorial Service at Whitwick Church

For Two Local Men Killed in Action

An Impressive Sermon

A memorial service was held at the Whitwick Parish Church on Sunday morning for Lance-Corpl. H. S. Burton and Pte. E. Tugby, two Whitwick soldiers who have been killed in action. The Citizen Corps of Coalville, Whitwick and Thringstone, with the Whitwick Holy Cross Band and boy scouts also attended, and there was a large congregation, the church being packed. The flag was flying over the church at half-mast. At the foot of the altar were placed two wreaths, composed of evergreens, tied with ribbons of the national colours. The hymns sung included, "Jesu, lover of my soul," "On the resurrection morning," and "For ever with the Lord." At the close of the service, the organist, (Mr R. West) effectively played the Dead March, the congregation standing meanwhile, and after this, two of the Whitwick boy scouts, Buglers James Richards and Albert Williamson from the altar steps sounded "The Last Post," which was followed by the singing of the National Anthem.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. T. W. Walters, M.A.), who preached an impressive sermon, from the text St. John 11c. 32v. "Lord, if Thou hadst been here my brother had not died." He said they had come together that morning, not for the first time, to keep in remembrance some of the men who had fallen in the war now raging on the Continent. Since they met together there before two things had happened. First of all they had witnessed the huge casualty lists published daily. At first they were small and came only rarely, but when the lists came as they had been doing during the past four or five weeks, they began to realise the greatness of the fight in which they were engaged. And part as a result of the publication of those casualty lists and as a result of the cry of the men who are fighting for us in France and in Flanders, the nation, the empire was awakening. During the past few days they had witnessed, as it were, the stirring of a mighty giant and knew that they would soon see it fully awake and using its great power to the fullest extent. Alongside this mighty empire of ours during the last 44 years, ever since the close of the last Continental war in 1871, they had witnessed growth and development in men and in power of another great empire which had become so powerful in the centre of Europe that it had persuaded itself that it could easily master the other mighty empire that existed alongside it – the British empire. And it was more easily for it to persuade itself of that because it thought that the British Empire had fallen asleep. We never suspected that the German empire was making such preparations and were preparing such instruments of war to be levelled against us and at last the day came. The day that had been toasted and which the enemy had been praying for arrived, and war was declared. Yet we went for about for weeks and months in a false sense of security. Now the nation was realising that unless something wonderful could be done in the way of supplying our men with the munitions they require, something awful would happen to this island home of ours. We were living today in the most critical days since the year 1066, the time of the Norman Conquest, when a hostile force landed near Hastings and took this island from the English. In less than ten years the Normans spread over the land and got a bull from the Pope declaring that it was illegal to place in high positions in the church of this land any man who could be proved to be an Englishman. He must be a foreigner, a man who had come with conquering armies from Normandy, and if the Germans came to England in these days – if it would be very much the same. We should lose everything and the vast majority would lose their lives also. Foreigners would fill all the leading professions, take all positions of trust, and we should be trodden underfoot and become the serfs of the land as our forefathers were the serfs of the Normans for a few centuries after the last invasion and conquest of this island. The people were beginning to realise that and so this great giant, the mighty British Empire was moving itself. Every man who was worth calling a man was saying that there was not going to be another invasion of this island, and if they could not go out to fight on the battlefield they were fighting in the great industrial army at home. When they looked at the vastness of the war they could not realise it. During the whole of the 19th century it was estimated that the wars in Europe cost four thousand million pounds, but this amount would soon be put in the shade by cost of the present war. If they went on at the present rate, in 12 months from now, this war would have cost the British people no less than one thousand, one hundred million pounds. All the wars of the 19th century only cost a little over

three times that amount. This war was also taking men at a terrific rate. Already Great Britain had lost five times as many officers and seven times as many men as were lost during the whole of the Boer war, and, apparently, they were only at the beginning. They could not say how long it was going to last. They asked themselves what was the cause of it? The answer was not Christianity: not anything that is good, but the ambition – that was the sole word that could describe it – the ambition of a man, or a small class of men in Central Europe. It seemed a shame and the blackest crime in history that one man, or one man with a few supporters, should have such immense and awful power that they could plunge not only their own country but the whole world in such an awful state as this.

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So he was pleased that a large number had gone from Whitwick and more would go he felt sure. But two who were from Whitwick had gone to their long lost home. Both were well known in Whitwick. They were both scholars in the church school, and one was apprenticed to the teaching profession in their school. He was working in London when the war broke out and being touched as hundreds of thousands had been touched, he offered his services for his country, was sent out to France, and there in that glorious company of thousands who had fallen, he fell, and now lay buried in a foreign land. The other was much younger, just over 21 years of age. He landed in France on his 21st birthday. Little did I think, continued the preacher, when I spoke to him in April last in Leicester Road, as I wished him goodbye that that would be the last time that I should speak to him. He was a member of our men's service here and on the 28th of last month, he wrote me a very beautiful letter. I thought I would just read you a line or two from the letter I received. He said, 'I am sorry if I am wasting your time but I must say a word about the Sunday services. As there are five Sundays in this month I expect you will have a mixed one – he referred to the combined service on every fifth Sunday – When I was in civil life I used to think they were grand, but now that I am in the army and away from home I think of these services Sunday after Sunday with loving memories, and as circumstances will not permit me to be with you in person on these afternoons, I am with you in mind.' And then he goes on to ask me if I will send him a prayer book and report of the men's service. These things were being parcelled up to send to him when the news came that he had been killed.

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Local Chit Chat

That the war is adversely affecting the brick trade is apparent. This week we announce the contemplated closing of the Whitwick brickyard, the men having received notice to this effect on Saturday. For some time the trade has not been brisk, and the decision of the Government not to grant loans for public works until after the war has not improved matters from the brickmaker's point of view, while the facilities afforded for investment by the new war loan are likely to divert a good deal of money which might otherwise have been expended on bricks and mortar. It is satisfactory to know that none of the men under notice at the Whitwick yard are likely to be thrown out of employment, and that the works are to be kept in readiness for reopening as soon as the circumstances permit. Some people predict a great boom in trade after the war and the building trade seems likely to be one which will be particularly active.

Singular Accident at Whitwick Station

Man Falls onto the Platform

A Whitwick quarryman, Mr John Cornwall, who resides in North Street, met with a serious accident on Monday morning at the Whitwick railway station. He was hurrying to catch a train and in rushing on to the steps leading down to the platform he overbalanced and fell over the barrier at the side, falling a good distance on to the platform below. He received serious injury to his head and was rendered unconscious. He was removed to his home, where he was attended by Dr. Milligan, locum tenens for Dr. Burkitt.

Whitwick Wake

The Sharing-Up Clubs

Whitwick is one of the parishes where that ancient institution – the annual wake – is still observed, and the event has taken place as usual this week, though on account of the war and serious times in which we are living, it was short of one or two of its usually prominent features. Time was when there was a large

procession of members and friendly societies and a service at the parish church, and though these have not been held for the last two or three years, the customary feasts have been maintained, but this year the dinners were mostly dispensed with, only one being held.

The wake commenced on Saturday, and was kept up till Tuesday. On Saturday and Monday nights there were many visitors from the neighbourhood around. The roundabouts, shows, etc., were congregated on building land off Church Lane.

The various sick clubs had their sharing-up as usual. The men's five shilling club held at the Crown and Cushion Inn (Silver Street) had their sharing-up on Saturday. After paying the entrance fee for another year, each member received a dividend of 7s. It was somewhat reduced by reason of the fact that last week they paid the usual death levy of £3 to the parents of one of the members, Pte. Ernest Tugby, of Leicester Road, who has been killed in action. Mr Joseph Cooper is the secretary of the club, which has been started again.

Two five-shilling clubs, men's and women's, held at the King's Arms Inn (Silver Street) finished their year on Monday, when the men each received a dividend of 10s 1d and the ladies each had 12s 3d to draw. Both clubs received a good start for another year, all the old members and several new ones having joined. The men's secretary is Mr W. Bennistone, and Mrs Smith acts in a similar capacity for the women.

There also two five-shilling clubs held at the Three Crowns Hotel (Market Place) and Saturday was the sharing out day. It has been a heavy year for the sickness among the men, and the secretary (Mr J. Rowell) paid out a dividend of 3s 6d. The women fared a bit better, their secretary (Mrs Ann Hull) being able to hand to each member a dividend of 11s. The clubs are to be started again.

The annual dinner of the members of the five-shilling club held in the Castle Inn took place on Saturday night, when Mr P. Griffin, catered excellently for a company of about 60. A statement of accounts presented by the secretary (Mr G. H. Stanyard) showed the total income to have been £46 0s 5d. Sick pay amounted to £16 5s 8s and after meeting other expenses, the 58 members each received a dividend of 8s. Father O'Reilly presided at the dinner and a toast list was gone through. All the old members rejoined the club and the names of 14 new ones were enrolled.

Whitwick Brickyard to be closed

Men under Notice

The workmen, numbering about 60, at the Whitwick brickyard, owned by the Whitwick Colliery Company, on Saturday received notice to terminate their employment as the yard is to be closed owing to bad trade resultant on the war.

The manager, Mr Walter Lindley, J.P., informs us that the works will be kept in order to be opened again as soon as the circumstances are favourable. For some months the men have been working short time and the management feel that the step they have taken will be to the interests of the men and all concerned. It is not anticipated that any of the men will be thrown out of employment, since there is such a demand for workmen just now and most of them are being taken on in the mines.

It is hoped that brighter days are not far distant and that the re-opening of the yard may not long be delayed.



Whitwick Soldier Wounded

Fought at Neuve Chapelle

A rumour was current in Whitwick last week that Pte. Ernest Albert Sparks, of the 2nd Leicesters, had been killed in action, but his father, Mr Albert Sparks, who resides in Leicester Road, Whitwick, has now received an intimation from the War Office, that his son is wounded and lying at the base hospital in Boulogne. Another son of Mr Sparks, Pte. John F. Sparks, of the Warwicks, is sick in hospital in the Isle of Wight.

Coalville Police Court

Today, Friday – Before Major Hatchett (in the chair), and Mr J. W. West.

Applications

Mr Kelly, manager of the Whitwick Picture House, made application for three children, aged 11, 12 and 13 to be allowed to appear on the stage, and it was granted.

School Case

William Bromley, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for neglecting to send his children regularly to school, and David Boot, collier, Whitwick, was similarly summoned.

The mothers of the children appeared and said they were ill. In Bromley's case a medical certificate was produced and the summons was withdrawn. Boot was fined.

Sport

Cricket

Whitwick Holy Cross V Coalville Baptist

At Whitwick on Saturday, June 26th. A. Twigg batted well for the home side (41 not out) and J. Massey bowled well, taking 3 for 4. W. Baker got 18 for the Baptist out of their score of 50.

Coalville Baptist

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| L. Ratcliffe | c Stanyard | b Briers | 1 | |
| A. Bridgland | lbw | b Massey | | 2 |
| H. Hornbuckle | run | out | 4 | |
| W. Baker | c Bourne | b Massey | | 18 |
| J. T. Pauley | c Beeson | b Briers | 3 | |
| E. Price | | b Briers | 0 | |
| H. Ratcliffe | c Briers | b Bourne | 0 | |
| A. Andrews | c Bourne | b Massey | | 5 |
| J. Price | | b A. Twigg | 4 | |
| T. Price | c Twigg | b Massey | 0 | |
| B. White | not | out | | 4 |
| Extras | | | | 9 |
| Total | | | | 50 |

Whitwick Holy Cross

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|-------------|----------------|------------|---|----|
| E. Bourne | c Andrews | b White | 3 | |
| S. Briers | c H. Ratcliffe | b White | 0 | |
| A. Twigg | not | out | | 41 |
| N. Hibbert | c T. Price | b C. Price | | 14 |
| T. Stanyard | not | out | | 4 |
| Extras | | | | 1 |
| Total | | | | 63 |

J. Massey, - Massey, J. Newell, T. Hull, H. Benson and A. Hull did not bat.

Football

Coalville Football League

Many Members Playing the Greater Game

A meeting of the management committee of this league was held at the Red House Hotel on Monday night, Mr J. Kirby presiding, there also being present, Messrs. J. Lowe, G. Swain, D. Marston, R. T. Bradshaw, and C. E. Marston, hon. sec.

The chief business was to consider the claims of clubs who had withdrawn through players having joined the forces, for the return of their deposits. The clubs had been asked to send in lists of the players who had enlisted.

Measham United submitted a list of 17 as follows: J. W. Tyler, W. Shuttleworth, A. Bradford, D. Hart, W. Shuttleworth, A. Ensor, J. Thomas, H. Gibbons, T. Kinson, F. Wileman, T. Wood, S. Davies, F. Jones, J. Whetton, H. Underwood, and J. Buck. It was decided to return the club 10s after paying Ellistown 11s towards a claim of 15s for brake fare.

Coalville P.S.A. sent a list of 11 players, viz., J. Moore, T. Davis, F. S. Brown, B. Hickinbottom, J. Satchwell, G. Fenwick, E. Batho, J. Lively, A. Swain, J. Brotherhood and L. Squires. The secretary stated that only seven of these players were registered. The committee thought this did not justify the return of the deposit and decided that it be forfeited, after paying a referee's claim of 2s 9d.

Moira United's list was W. Adams, H. Askew, A. Bates, C. Dumelow, R. Finch, J. Grice, G. Marlow, E. Woodall, J. Sharp, C. Summers and G. Chambers. (Total 11). It was decided to return the Moira club 12s 6d after paying 8s 6d due.

Whitwick Imperial sent six names: E. Tugby (killed in action), W. Bird, R. Needham, J. Makin, W. Findall, and C. R. Ball. It was decided that Ellistown be paid 12s and Moira 8s for brake fares and the remaining shilling be forfeited.

Stanton-under-Bardon list was: G. Hill, B. Darker, S. Manning (wounded in action), W. Mason, B. Brown, J. Adcock, and J. Lloyd (7 in all). After allowing the claim of 5s to Bardon, 3s 3d referee, and 12s Ravenstone, this left 7d to be forfeited.

Whitwick Amateurs five players names sent were: J. Hall, T. Bailey, W. Cross, W. Lycett and J. Horobin. It was decided that the deposit be forfeited and 9s 5d owing be paid from it.

Coalville Swifts: 16 players – W. Commons, O. Hallam (killed in action), W. Williamson, F. Middleton, F. Woodhouse, L. Gough, G. W. Black, W. Swift, W. Priestland, A. Dale, W. T. Durrands, D. Egan, J. Tugby, H. Tivey and W. Platts. It was decided to return the deposit.

The chairman, (who is connected with the Swifts club) did not adjudicate in this case.

Pegg's Green and Swannington Robin Hood having withdrawn before the season commenced, it was agreed to return their deposits. The circumstances in regard to Hugglescote Wesleyans were stated to be somewhat peculiar, the secretary having received no names owing to secretaries joining the colours. The late secretary, F. Whitmore, has been killed in action. The question was deferred to give another opportunity for names to be submitted.

Thornborough United were ordered to forfeit their deposit and a fine of 2s and 4s 6d to Ravenstone to be deducted from it.

Coleorton United were reported to have sent no names and it was decided that the deposit be forfeited, 7s to be paid to Ashby Amateurs. The latter club were reported to owe 1s fine, 3s referee's fee and 4s to Ravenstone and it was decided to pay this from their deposit.

It was left to the secretary to call the annual meeting when something more definite as to next season was known.

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

There have been good attendances here this week again to witness another first class programme. Morelli and Moore in an eccentric musical and speciality act, are an up to date and pleasing couple, their various items being received with loud applause. These should be seen during the weekend. The list of film subjects is good, and the chief one at the commencement of the week was Episode 12 of the "The Million Dollar Mystery" a very interesting part. A mysterious stranger is observed by agents of "The Black Hundred" loitering near the Hargraves' mansion, and later on is seen holding secret conferences with Jones, the butler. Braine, believing the stranger menaces the plans of the conspirators, attempts to remove him from their path, but Florence Gray interferes and shoots Braine in the hand from her window in the mansion. The box which was thrown into the sea is recovered by the gang, but Norton and Jones by some smart work, gain access to the secret meeting of the society just as the box apparently containing the money is about to be opened. Suddenly the lights go out and there is a great confusion. When, however, the lights are turned on again, Jones and the reporter, with the box, have disappeared. In the last scene mysterious hands are seen lowering the treasure box into the depths of an old well. – The star picture for the weekend will please patrons and the story in brief is as follows. – "The Return." Tom Henderson, a young ranchman, very devoted to his widowed mother, is deeply in love with Edna. Tom's father has gone to a drunkard's grave and the young fellow also visits the village saloon and rapidly goes down the hill, until his mother's heart is broken. Jack Warren is also a suitor for Edna's hand, and he shows the girl that Tom is rapidly becoming a drunkard. The young fellow comes home to find that the girl is to become the wife of Jack. Time passes, and Edna marries Warren. It is not long before he shows his true character, and he falls in with the evil set of the town. He becomes engaged in a saloon brawl and kills a man. Meanwhile, Tom has become one of the Texas Rangers and is greatly respected for fearlessness and straight living. He receives information to round up a bunch of smugglers. The pursuit leads him near to his old home town. He cannot resist the temptation to visit his old sweetheart and learns from her the sad story of her marriage. While they are talking, the little girl brings in news of the smugglers, and, with his men, Tom goes on the trail. A terrible fight ensues, during which Tom is shot. Edna sees her former sweetheart sink, and shoots the smuggler. She rides to where Tom is bending over the dead man, and lifting the hat from his face, finds that Edna has killed her own husband. The old time romance between the young fellow and Edna is renewed. – Particulars of next week's programme see advertisement columns.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Death of Mrs Hood

A well-known resident has passed away in the person of Mrs Elizabeth Ann Hood, widow of the late Mr Hood. Deceased was 59 years of age. The funeral took place at Bardon Hill, on Tuesday afternoon, the service being conducted at St. Peter's Church by the Rev. R. P. Farren. A good number of relatives and friends attended. Mr Briers supplying five coaches for the mourners and there were numerous beautiful wreaths.

Deaths

Hood – On June 25th, at London Road, Bardon Hill, Elizabeth Annie Hood, wife of A. E. Hood, late of Whitwick, aged 59 years. Interred at St. Peters Church, Bardon Hill, June 29th. Friends please accept this the only intimation.

Burials

Hood – At Bardon, on Tuesday, Elizabeth Ann Hood, aged 59 years, of Whitwick.

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Ashby Board of Guardians

Whitwick Man's Accident

Mr Soar said the House Committee would like to know how it was that a man named John Cornwall, of Whitwick, had been admitted to the Workhouse Infirmary. It was on an order of the relieving officer (Mr Bowley) but they understood that the man was receiving national insurance pay and was also in a sick club.

Mr Bowley said that on Tuesday afternoon he received a wire from Mr Moore, of Whitwick, saying that there was a serious case in North Street, and Dr. Milligan had advised his removal to the workhouse infirmary as he could not be attended in his own home. He telephoned and told them to bring him.

Replying to Mr Frost, the relieving officer said the man met with an accident at Whitwick station on Monday by falling from some steps onto the platform. Mrs Pratt said it was a case for a hospital and not a workhouse, which was only for destitute people. They must set their faces against people being brought to the workhouse like that.

Mrs Sharp said that to a certain extent she agreed but they must remember that the hospitals and infirmaries were full of wounded soldiers. Mr Frost said that this man might have been taken to the Ashby Cottage Hospital. He had his insurance money and was in a sick club and only had one child and his wife dependant on him.

Mr Bowley said he was told that all the man had coming in was 10s a week state insurance. Mr Andrews said the man was perhaps only in a sick club for state insurance. Mr Bowley said that was so.

Replying to further questions, the relieving officer said the man was 44 years of age. His wife was considerably older and incapable of looking after him. He was employed as a quarry labourer. The furniture in the home was only worth about £1.

Mrs Sharp suggested that the district nurse might have attended the case. Mr Bowley said there was no doubt the man was being neglected at his house. The workhouse master said the man was suffering from concussion of the brain and the previous day the doctor suggested his wife might be sent for as it was feared that he might die, but he had had a

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Local News

Mr R. Sharp, of Whitwick has sent 1035 eggs collected for wounded soldiers and is despatching another 130 this week.

Mrs J. J. Sharp has this week received 56 packets of cigarettes, 10 loose and 7 1/2d in money from the box at the Coalville Liberal Club and 24 packets from Mr Higgins' box, which are being sent to the 5th Leicesters at the front.

Accident at Whitwick Colliery

A miner residing in Oxford Street, Mr John Hall, met with an accident on Wednesday last week while at work in the Whitwick colliery. He was badly crushed by a fall and is being attended by Dr. Rolston.

Coalville Urban District Council

The monthly meeting of the Urban Council was held at Coalville on Tuesday night, Mr T. Y. Hay presiding. There were also present, Messrs. A. Lockwood (vice-chairman), M. McCarthy, A. J. Briers, R. Blower, C. W. Brown, F. Griffin, S. Armson, B. G. Hale, J. W. Farmer, T. Kelly and W. Fellows, with the clerk (Mr J. F. Jesson), surveyor (Mr G. F. Hurst) and gas works manager (Mr J. W. Eagles).

Water Supply

The chief officer of the Fire Brigade reported on attendance at a fire at Temple Hill Wood, Whitwick, on the 20th June, and an account for fireman's time had been forwarded. Also of a call to a house owned and occupied by Mr T. Lacey, in Highfields, Coalville, but on arrival found the fire had been extinguished.

The surveyor produced the result of the analysis of several samples of water, and where returned as unfit for domestic use, the usual notices had been served. With reference to the spring in the City of Three Waters, Whitwick, the analyst reported that the quality of the water was deteriorating, and the committee recommend a letter embodying the result of analysis be sent to Mr W. Henson, the owner of the houses supplied by this spring.

Medical Officer's Report

The medical officer (Dr. R. W. Jamie) reported that it was most gratifying to be able to state that during the month of June no case of either scarletina or diphtheria had been notified. The outbreak of measles had considerably diminished in its prevalence but four deaths had been attributed to this cause, three being children under two years of age. Six cases of phthisis had been reported, one in Jackson Street, one in Vaughan Street, one in Gutteridge Street, one in High Street, and one in Margaret Street, Coalville, and one in Green Lane, Whitwick. One death – a non resident – resulted from this cause. During the month 22 deaths occurred giving a death rate of 14.1 per 1,000. These included three from premature birth, one from erysipelas and one from pernicious anaemia. During the same period 45 births were registered, consisting of 28 males and 17 females, giving a birth-rate of 29 per 1,000.

Surveyor's Department

The Whitwick lodging house returns showed that 631 persons were accommodated in June, compared with 660 last month and 689 in June last year.

A Widow's Difficulty

The clerk reported that the tenant of a house at Pare's Hill, Whitwick had not complied with an order to quit, though the term had expired. She was a widow with a large family and could not get another house. The question was whether the Council would give her a little more time. The property was in such a state that there was a danger to life and if the tenant remained in any longer, it would be at her own risk.

Mr McCarthy said the woman came to him and he recommended her to one house agent, though he did not know how she got on. Though she was a widow, she had three sons at work, so it was not a financial matter. He moved that she be allowed to remain another month, but that the clerk send her a letter stating that it would be at her own risk. Mr Kelly said he knew that the woman had tried to get a house.

Mr Blower asked whether anything could be done to temporarily make the roof safer. The surveyor said he was afraid not. Some of the slates had fallen into the road and he was afraid that the ceilings might fall in at any time. Mr McCarthy said that should be pointed out to her.

The Surveyor: The house is distinctly dangerous.

Mr McCarthy's resolution was carried.

Coalville Police Court

Friday – Before Major Hatchett (in the chair), Mr B. G. Hale and Mr J. W. West.

Banker at Whitwick

Henry Garrett, Thomas Middleton, Thomas Chambers, John O'Mara, Herbert Moore and Ernest Wheeldon, pit boys, Whitwick, were summoned for gaming with cards and coins at Whitwick, on June 19th.

P.C. Jelley said the defendants were playing 'banker' near the recreation ground. It was Sunday afternoon. P.C. Grewcock corroborated.

Garrett said he was there but did not play. Defendants were each fined 7s 6d or seven days.

Bad Language

William Winfield, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language in a house at Whitwick on June 19th. P.C. Jones said this man was also quarrelling with his wife and his daughter complained to witness.

Defendant in his absence, was fined 12s 6d or seven days.

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

There have been good audiences here again this week and another excellent programme of films and "turns." The latter are: Muriel Leslie's 'Forget-me-not' a juvenile quintette of a high order, the singing and dancing being splendid, calling forth loud applause. They have had a fine reception, and should be seen during the week-end. Baby Pauline is a smart little comedienne and dancer and should not be missed. The star picture for the first half of the week was No. 13 of the "Million Dollar Mystery" and proved, as usual, very interesting. The headquarters of "The Black Hundred," dissatisfied with the un-success of Braine in tracking down Hargreaves and securing his money, send a secret agent to relieve Braine of the case. The newcomer makes elaborate plans to get Florence Gray into the power of the society. But the Countess Olga gets tangled up in the arrangements and the humour of the situation is intensified when the Countess, who believes she has really lured the mysterious millionaire into the hands of "The Black Hundred," discovers the real identity of the man. Others were excellent. The first of the fine "Zigomar" series is appearing this week-end and Whitwick patrons will enjoy this splendid detective film. The following is a slight resume of the story of part No. 1. Paulin Broquet, the great detective, is searching a file of crimes committed by the notorious band of robbers who always leave their identification behind in the shape of a Z. . . . He leaves the room for a second, and on returning is amazed to discover that the file has gone and in its place is a piece of paper with a threatening Z. Paulin Broquet swears to capture the leader of the band. By chance he discovers the meeting place of the "Z" robbers which is an underground vault in St. Magloire's Church. Broquet is surprised while watching the entrance to this vault and captured in an iron cage, but fortunately he is rescued by a patrol of police and captured one of the accomplices. – Next week's list see advertisement columns.

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Local News

Re William Jesson Gough Deceased

All person having any claims against the estate of William Jesson Gough, late of Talbot House, Whitwick, in the County of Leicester, Farmer, who died on the 6th July, 1915, are hereby requested to send particulars of their claims to us, the undersigned, forthwith.

Moss and Taylor

80 and 81, Wood Gate, Loughborough. Solicitors for the intended Administratrix.

Baptist Chapel

Egg and flower services were held at the Whitwick Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon and evening and were well attended. There was a good offering of flowers and 96 eggs were contributed. Two appropriate sermons were preached by the Rev. H. C. J. Wix. A social was held on Monday evening at which the pastor presided, and there were songs by Miss Smalley (Hugglescote), Miss Goddard (Coalville), Miss Mann and Miss Cooke (Whitwick), recitations by Kenneth Wheeldon, stump speeches by Mr Mann, gramophone elections by Mrs Fellows and a dialogue entitled "Paddy's pledge," the characters being taken by Messrs. W. George and H. Mann, Misses Gibson and G. Mann and Reggie Cooper. Miss Bourne was the pianist. Refreshments were provided and the eggs from Sunday's services were sold. The total proceeds for the chapel funds were about £4.

Imperial F.C. Dinner

A dinner was held at the Duke of Newcastle Inn, on Saturday night, in connection with the Whitwick Imperial Football Club, about 40 being admirably catered for by Mr and Mrs Waterfield. In the unavoidable absence of Father O'Reilly, Mr W. Brooks presided. Mr G. Waterfield (secretary) presented the clubs balance sheet for last season, which showed that the receipts had just met the expenditure and the club was free of debt. Several toasts were proposed and songs were given by Messrs. E. Commons, T. Moore, G. Waterfield and others, Miss Waterfield being the pianist. A pleasant evening was spent.

Sport

Cricket

Whitwick Holy Cross V Bagworth

At Whitwick on Saturday. Bagworth won.

Whitwick Holy Cross

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| S. Briers | c Wallbank | b Bancroft | 10 |
| A. Twigg | c Wallbank | b Percival | 10 |
| N. Hibbert | | b Bancroft | 1 |
| P. Massey | lbw | b Pearson | 3 |
| T. Stanyard | c Wesson | b Pearson | 7 |
| J. Newell | | b Pearson | 1 |
| J. Massey | c Wesson | b Pearson | 0 |
| F. Hawkins | | b Pearson | 0 |
| T. Hull | | b Pearson | 1 |
| A. Harris | not | out | 15 |
| A. Hull | | b Wallbank | 2 |
| Extras | | | 4 |
| Total | | | 54 |

Bagworth

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| E. Bancroft | run | out | 0 |
| J. Wesson | c A. Hull | b Twigg | 0 |
| H. Percival | | b Massey | 0 |
| P. Pearson | not | out | 35 |
| G. H. Ball | | b Massey | 2 |
| G. Mills | | b Briers | 1 |
| J. Boulton | c Harris | b Hawkins | 3 |
| J. Insley | not | out | 10 |
| Rev. Badham, J. Wallbank and H. Bancroft did not bat | | | |
| Extras | | | 9 |
| Total (for 6 wickets) | | | 60 |

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

This theatre has another very good programme this week, and there have been good audiences who have shown their appreciation of the items by much applause. There are two excellent 'turns' in addition to the fine picture list; these are Dolly Lyndo, in comedy songs and impressions, a smart artiste whose songs in character and witticisms "brought down the house." She should not be missed. Bert Lund, in a novel act at the piano, is also first-class, his imitations on the instrument being very good and finely executed. Both the above should be seen during the week-end. Episode 14 of the "Million Dollar Mystery" was the chief picture at the commencement of the week and following is a short resume: A daring plan to have Florence Gray and Jones arrested as counterfeiters by the police, is on foot. Norton accidentally discovers the plot by seeing Florence Gray's name on the blotting pad in a hotel writing room. Arrangements are made with the police to allow the plan to succeed, in the hope of finally capturing the whole gang. Everything goes well until some of the conspirators discover the presence of the police officers and give the alarm. Norton calls for police

reserves, and when these arrive the reporter batters to door down leading to the secret room of "The Black Hundred." Just as the police enter the last conspirator disappears through a trap door, by which means all escape. A very good part. Others were excellent. For the week-end the chief one is "The Trail Breakers" a fine drama by the Bison Co. Roselli's daughter Marie is loved by his secretary Clifford. Clifford goes to manage a rival concern of railroad builders. Roselli visits the spot and Marie follows. Hard words are spoken and the Indians are involved. There is a fight between men on a swiftly moving train and others on horseback. Reconciliation follows. This should be seen. Next week there is another good programme, full particulars of which may be seen in our advertisement columns.

Births, Marriages and Death **Whitwick Man's Death in Canada**

News has been received of the death in Canada of Mr Herbert Yearby, a former resident of Whitwick. He was a brother of Mrs Smith Burton, wife of Mr J. S. Burton, collier, of 20, Silver Street, Whitwick, and the news was conveyed to Mrs Burton in a letter written by Mr Charles Wilkes, brother of Mr R. Wilkes, landlord of the Hare and Hounds Inn, Whitwick, now in Nanaimo, British Colombia.

Mr Yearby was only 26 years of age and was single. He left Whitwick about five years ago and was in Nanaimo for some time with a relative he went out with, but for the last two years he had been residing at Burmis, Alberta, where he was working at his trade as a collier. The letter from Mr C. Wilkes states he died on June 5th from pneumonia.

Friday July 23rd 1915 (Issue 1220)

Local News

At the Loughborough Petty Sessions on Wednesday, Alfred Springthorpe, Leicester Road, Whitwick, was fined 12s 6d or 10 days for riding a bicycle without a light at Shepshed, on July 15th. P.C. Highton gave evidence.

Local Chit Chat

If the rumour is true that land has been sold in North Street, Whitwick, for the erection of a factory at a not very distant date, trade "down Whitwick" should become more "healthy."

Accident to a Schoolboy

At dinner time on Tuesday a schoolboy named Thomas Yearby, son of Thomas Yearby, of Gutteridge Street, Coalville, met with an accident in the school yard at the Holy Cross School, Whitwick. By some means or other a stone slab fell on his foot, crushing his big toe. No bones were broken, and he is progressing satisfactorily.

Coalville Police Court

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

Whitwick Woman and the Hammer



MR. HERBERT YEARBY.

Margaret Hart, married, of Whitwick, was summoned by Robert Knight, of Whitwick, collier, for assault, on July 3rd. She pleaded not guilty.

Complainant said he sat on his door step when the defendant came and struck him with the hammer. He put his arm up to ward off the blow and was struck on the elbow. He produced the hammer. He could give no reason for the assault, except that at times they had had words.

Defendant said she was knocking in a nail with the hammer when the complainant came and took it from her.

P.C. Grewcock said he saw a crowd in North Street, and Knight complained to him. There was blood on his arm. When complainant charged the woman with assault she replied that she would do it again. The defendant was a very quarrelsome woman when in drink. Defendant said complainant threatened her and her invalid son who had been in the trenches.

Fined 15s or seven days.

Defendant said she was innocent and would do the time and she should give them trouble when she came out for interfering with her boy.

Dangerous Driving

John Beeson, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for dangerously driving a horse and carriage at Coalville, on July 3rd. He pleaded not guilty.

Inspector Dobney said the defendant drove a pony attached to a float containing five or six men at a rapid rate past the police station in Hotel Street, defendant knocked over and smashed a perambulator, throwing the child out, and the woman was suffering from shock. Defendant was detained, and sweat was dropping off the pony, whose sides were going like a pair of bellows. Defendant told witness he need not bring any witnesses as he would not appear. The man had had drink, but was not drunk.

Charles Fox, of Coalville, a former policeman, said the defendant drove at a dangerous pace and knocked over a perambulator near the Railway Hotel. He detained the defendant until the police came up.

John Higgins, collier, Church Lane, Whitwick, said he was with the defendant, who was driving slowly. They left Ibstock at 7.30 and it was 8.10 when the accident happened at Coalville. They had been to a cricket match at Ibstock.

Fined 1s 6d, including witnesses fees, or 14 days.

Absentee

Benjamin Morley, of the 3rd Leicester Regiment, a Whitwick man, was charged with being an absentee from his regiment since the 6th inst.

Defendant said he had 4 days leave and admitted extending it without permission. P.C. Jelley said the defendant told him it was on account of a bad arm. Defendant said he had been vaccinated. He was remanded to await an escort.

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

Patrons are well catered for here again this week and besides a strong list of films, there is an excellent variety turn, viz., The Musical Alzenus, a clever and up-to-date show. The specialities and electrical effects are very good, and the show all through is one worthy of the best patronage. They have received quite an ovation at Whitwick. They should not be missed during the remainder of their stay. Episode 15 of the "Million Dollar Mystery" was the chief picture at the beginning of the week, and this proved to be a very interesting part, being keenly watched by those who are following this excellent serial. "A Page from Life" is also very good and is the 'star' for the week-end, and this is supported by a very strong list of other films. Next week,

No. 16 of the "Million Dollar Mystery", viz "Drawn into the Quicksands" a good piece. Fred Hunt, the original comedian; and Cissie Nadene, dainty comedienne, are the "turns" announced. For the week-end "The Confession" is the chief film, and is a Hepworth film worth seeing. Full particulars may be seen in our advertisement columns.

Friday July 30th 1915 (Issue 1221)

Local News

Mrs Freer (widow), Charnwood Road, Shepshed, has four sons serving with the 5th Leicester (Territorials) viz., Privates Arthur, George, Ernest and Leonard Freer. The first named three are at the front, and Leonard has also been and returned to England wounded, but is now out of hospital.

The following is a further list of eggs collected by Mr R. Sharp, of Whitwick for wounded soldiers: Mr W. Farmer 20, Mr R. Besson 16, Mr R. Sharp 12, Mr G. Sheffield 12, Mr E. Wallam 8, Mr T. Ottey 8, Mr Palmer 8, Mr O. Burton 8, Mr G. Boam 8, Mr H. Underwood 10, Mrs Newbury 8, Mr H. Allgood 8, Mr Manstop 4, Mr J. W. Eagles 4, Mr H. Bastard 8, Mr T. Wyatt 8 and Mrs T. Hull 10. Previously acknowledged 1179.

Mrs J. J. Sharp reports having received during the last two weeks for the 5th Leicesters at the front, 37 packets of cigarettes, 4 loose and one cigar from Mr Higgins' box, 52 packets, 9 loose and 4 1/2d from the Coalville Liberal Club box, and two packets, 11 loose and 1s from the Coalville Conservative Club box.

Mrs J. J. Sharp, of Whitwick, has received letters of thanks for cigarettes sent, from J. Hancock (1st Coldstream Guards) and J. M. Eaton and L. Hutchby (5th Leicesters), local men at the front. They say that they were getting short when the cigarettes arrived and they were very much appreciated by the men.

Whitwick Trooper in Hospital

Trooper W. Adams, a Whitwick member of the Leicestershire Yeomanry, who has been at the front, is now in Lord Derby's Hospital at Warrington, having been invalided home through sickness.

Trooper Adams, who is the only son of Mr W. Adams, saddler, Pares' Hill, was called up on August 4th and went to France in November, acting in the capacity of saddler to the C. Squadron. From hospital at Rouen he was sent to Warrington and was visited there a few days ago by his mother and father. Both were much impressed by the kindness and attention given to the sufferers in Lord Derby's Hospital. Everything possible is done and Mr and Mrs Adams think that the institution is deserving of great credit.

Do You Know

That next Wednesday is the first anniversary of the war?

That Lieut. A. T. Sharp, of the 5th Leicestershire Territorial Regiment, has been gazetted captain?

Coalville Police Court

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

Educational

John Wardle, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for not sending his child regularly to school. Defendant's wife said the boy had been employed on a farm and she was told he could leave school for that.

Mr Hart, school attendance officer, said the boy worked for a week for Mr Bath, at New Swannington, but his absence for that week was not counted against him. Mr Bath was told that he should apply to the education authorities if he wanted the boy to work for him, but had not done so. The mother said the boy would be ___ years of age next April.

Mr Hart said the boy could work for any farmer, but proper application had to be made. A fine of 4s was imposed.

Bad Language

William Winfield, collier, and Lucy Winfield, his wife, of Whitwick, were summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on July 24th. Neither appeared. P.C. Grewcock said the defendants were using the language towards one another. Fined 10s each or seven days.

Court Proceeding

George Limb, collier, Whitwick, was summoned by Elizabeth Ottey, widow, of the same place, for the non-payment of £1 1s arrears under an affiliation order.

Robert Lee, rag and bone gatherer, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick, on July 24th.

Absentees

At the Coalville Police Court before Mr J. W. West, within the last few days, a number of soldiers have been charged with being absentees. They were Pte. Levi Robinson, of 3rd Battalion Sherwood Foresters; Pte. Isaac Wright Bancroft, of the 9th Leicesters; Michael Roach, of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserves; Pte. J. A. Moul, of the 8th Leicesters. All were remanded to await an escort.

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

There have been some good houses here this week again, and the programme is well worth seeing. The 'turns' have had a good reception and they are: Fred Hunt, the original comedian, a rare good laughter maker, who should "pull" full houses for the week-end. Cissie Nadene, a dainty comedienne and dancer of the first order, who has received much applause. The "star" film at the beginning of the week was Episode 16 of the "Million Dollar Mystery" entitled "Drawn into the Quicksands," a fine part. Susan, Florence's companion, is taken mysteriously ill. The Countess, has managed to retain Florence's confidence, suggest the calling of a certain Dr. Webster, who, however, is none other than Braine in disguise. The clever conspirator 'doctors' Susan, and also succeeds in drugging Florence. Then, by stating that she has scarlet fever, he makes arrangement to have the 'stricken' girl conveyed, presumably to the isolation hospital. Susan, hearing of this arrangement, sends for the reporter, whose suspicions are aroused. They gain access, after considerable difficulty, to the room where Florence lies unconscious. Susan takes her place and the reporter carries the heiress off by way of the window and fire escape. The ruse is discovered, Susan is bound, gagged and carried off, and the runaways followed. Fierce fighting follows between Norton and one of the gang. Florence gets into some quicksand and is rescued by means of a rope let down by Norton from the overhead telephone wire. Eventually they manage to release Susan and all three escape. This was much enjoyed.

For the week-end "The Confession" is the chief film. The gambler cheated two men in succession at a private card party. The first would have attacked him but was led away. The second struck him dead in a fight, and then afraid to stay, even though he killed in self defence, left the room. The first man that had been cheated returned to the room in time to appear to be the murderer. He was convicted. The real murderer, in a nervous breakdown, was nursed by the girl in love with the convicted man. She secured a confession of the truth. Next week: Bank Holiday Monday, at 6.50 and 9, No. 17 of the "Million Dollar Mystery"; The Seven Elysian Boys and Girls, a champion "turn" which should be seen. Week-end star film "The Convict's Bride" and many others. – See advertisement columns.