

# Coalville Times – January 1916

**Friday January 7<sup>th</sup> 1916 (Issue 1244)**

## **Local News**

Temporary Major Burkitt, M.D., of the North Midland Field Ambulance has received many congratulations in connection with the honour of being recently “mentioned in despatches.” Major Burkitt has spent considerable time at the Front, and before the war had many years’ service in the Leicestershire Yeomanry. He is a popular medical practitioner in the Whitwick and Coalville district, a former chairman of the Coalville Urban Council, and a Justice of the Peace of the County. Since the war, he has been as active in military duties, despite his age, as he was formerly in the public and political life of the district.

## **New Guardian Nominated**

A parish meeting was held in the Whitwick National School on Wednesday night for the purpose of nominating a successor to Mrs J. J. Sharp (resigned) on the Ashby Board of Guardians. Mr M. McCarthy presided, and the meeting was over in about three minutes, the Rev. T. W. Walters (vicar) being unanimously nominated.

## **Parish Church**

Special services of intercession in connection with the war were held at this church on Sunday, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. T. W. Walters, and during the day, muffled peals were rung on the bells.

## **Presentations to a Valued Church Worker**

The Whitwick Parish Church is losing an active and valued worker in the removal of Miss Lily Adams, who is leaving to be trained for Church Army work in one of the homes in London, and the great extent to which her many varied and services have been appreciated by the Whitwick Church people, is shown by several presentations which have taken place. At a Band of Hope tea and entertainment last Thursday, Miss Adams was presented with a writing case, subscribed for by members. On Sunday afternoon at the Women’s Service, she received from the members a Prayer Book, a Bible Dictionary and other books, also a Bible from the Vicar and Mrs Walters, and on Monday night, the Mother’s Union at their annual tea, presented Miss Adams with an oak clock, suitably inscribed. She was also the recipient of another present from the members of the Girl’s Guild. Among the church offices held by Miss Adams were, secretary of the Communicant’s Guild, secretary of the Band of Hope and Temperance Association, secretary of the Girl’s Guild and of the Scripture Union and she was also organist and treasurer of the Women’s Service.

## **Do You Know That**

A memorial service for the late Pte. Hall, of the Leicestershire Regiment, recently killed in action, is to be held at Whitwick Parish Church on Sunday next?

### **Coalville Urban District Council**

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

#### *Whitwick Lodgers*

The surveyor presented the Whitwick lodging house returns, showing that during December, 686 persons were accommodated, against 705 the previous month and 817 in December 1914. The premises were in good order. The totals for the year were 7,149 males, 516 females and 64 children, total 8029, compared with 11,337 in 1914 and 10,573 in 1913.

#### *A Whitwick Improvement*

Mr McCarthy said he understood that Mr G. F. Burton was willing to negotiate with the Council as to giving up land for the widening of North Street, Whitwick, near to where a new factory had been built. It would put the finishing touch on.

Mr Lockwood: On the factory?

Mr McCarthy: No, on the approach. – He added that it would complete the improvement which had been made there. The factory had increased the rateable value and he suggested that the surveyor see Mr Burton and go into the matter. Mr Briers seconded and it was carried.

### **Coalville Police Court**

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

#### *Bad Language*

William Allen, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick, on December 18<sup>th</sup>. In his absence P.C. Jelley said he saw the defendant drunk on Pares' Hill and he was using very bad language. Fined 15s or 14 days.

James Gee, collier, Thringstone, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Thringstone on December 24<sup>th</sup>. P.C. Jones said the defendant was drunk and using bad language in the main street.

Gee, who did not appear, was found 15s or 14 days.

## Round the Theatres

*The Picture House, Whitwick*

**THE  
PICTURE : HOUSE**  
**SILVER STREET,**  
**— WHITWICK. —**

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Week Commencing January 10, 1919.  
Special engagement for one week only  
Miss NANCE JACOBSON'S  
**— 5 KOSIQUES —**

A troupe of charming ladies presenting a Novel,  
Dancing and Electrical Scenes, entitled  
**THE ENCHANTED GLEN.**  
Featuring Mdlle. Nanette,  
From the "Palais D'ete," Brussels, and La  
Scala, Antwerp, in her beautiful electrical  
creations  
Don't miss this Exceptional Treat!

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

**THE**  
**Exploits of Elaine**  
— EPISODE 3. —  
**THE VANISHING JEWELS.**

Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

**FOUR GRAINS OF RICE**  
A special Vitagraph Feature in Two Parts.

Monday to Friday 7-30 | SATURDAY  
Tuesday Morning 10-30 | 6-50 and 8  
Children's Matinee | Doors open 6-15  
Saturday 2-30

**Popular Prices : 3d. 4d. & 6d.**

Book your Seats early, Reserved and  
Numbered 8d. Box Office open daily  
Early doors Saturday, 6-15 p.m., 4d., 6d & 8d

No. 2 of the serial, "Exploits of Elaine," (The Twilight Sleep) was one of the chief features at the commencement of the week. It was a good piece, and was much enjoyed. Patrons should not miss the succeeding parts – they are all good. – "A Red Girl's Sacrifice" was a good Bison two-reel drama, and up to the usual excellent standard of the company's productions. – Others were also good. – For the week-end, "Peggylynn Burglar," depicts how a girl crook found regeneration, and is a picture with a good moral. It should be seen. – Then "The Man Who Could Not Sleep" is a fine Edison drama, featuring Mare McDermott, a well-known and clever picture artist. The story briefly is: Judge Jeffer has sentenced a woman to 30 days after she, in contempt of court has answered the judge and expressed the hope that he never would be able to sleep again. The Judge soon becomes obsessed by this curse, and is unable to get sleep. The first night is one of torment. The slightest sound makes his nerves tingle. In the morning, he sees his physician who prescribes, but that evening he is again unable to sleep. The bell, in a neighbouring tower awakens his jumping nerves to further action, and the blind slamming against the house, contributes to the judge's discomfort. After he has spent three nights of horror, during which time he has been haunted by visions of the woman he sentenced, the judge appears in court, haggard and drawn for want of rest. He instructs the prosecutor to direct the probation officer to look into the case of the woman he sentenced three days before, as, in his opinion, the sentence was unjust. A woman is brought before him, with a child, for sleeping

on a bench in the park. The judge looks down on her kindly, and when the court is over, goes with her to her squalid flat. He pays her rent, thereby preventing her eviction, and asks his beneficiary to pray that he might be able to sleep. An earnest prayer is said by the grateful woman and that night, Judge Jeffer, for the first time in four nights, is able to sleep. His valet enters as the clock tower tolls the hour of 12, but the Judge does not move. No word description can give an idea of the strange power of this picture. Few, indeed, could even attempt to depict the subtle, but mind-sapping torments that beset the man; and we doubt that Mare McDermott never more remarkably showed his art. – Others are good. – Large audiences have been the order, and patrons must not miss paying a visit this week-end. – Next week's programme. – Another good one. – See advertisement columns.

## Friday January 14<sup>th</sup> 1916 (Issue 1245)

### Local News

#### Memorial Service

A memorial service was held in the Parish Church on Sunday evening for Pte. J. A. Hall, of the Leicestershire Regiment, recently killed in action, and whose wife and child reside at the Dumps, and his parents live in Silver Street, he being a former Whitwick collier. There was a large congregation, which included the Whitwick and Thringstone Citizen Corps under Commandant G. F. Burton, and the Boy Scouts. The Vicar (the Rev. T. W. Walters) gave an appropriate address and Mr R. West (organist) effectively played the Dead March.

### Round the Theatres

*The Picture House, Whitwick*

**THE  
PICTURE : HOUSE**  
**SILVER STREET,**  
**— WHITWICK. —**  
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Week Commencing Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

**THE  
Exploits of Elaine**  
— EPISODE 4. —  
**THE FROZEN SAFE.**

**The Midnight Limited**  
— DRAMA. —  
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Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

**The Inventor's Peril**  
— DRAMA. —

**Saved by His Horse**  
— DRAMA. —

Monday to Friday 7-30 | SATURDAY  
Tuesday Morning 10-30 | 6-50 and 9  
Children's Matinee | Doors open 6-15  
Saturday 2-30

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Big audiences are attending this theatre this week, to witness a fine programme – Miss Nance Jacobson's 5 Kosiques, are the chief attraction. They are a troupe of charming lady artistes of a very high standard of excellence. The electrical scena, "The Enchanted Glen" featuring Mdlle. Nanette, is very fine and this talented lady has received loud applause. The singing and dancing is splendid and the stage setting is fine, the whole "show" being worthy of highest commendation, and best patronage. Patrons must not miss this during the weekend. – "Exploits of Elaine," No. 3 (The Vanishing Jewels) was a good part, and other films were much enjoyed. – For the weekend "Four Grains of Rice" is the chief picture. It is a special Vitagraph feature in two reels. The leader of "The Sons of the Brazen Joss" one of the Tongs of Chinese social organisations is murdered by Moy Wong, cunning leader of 'The Four Grains of Rice,' a tong of higher class, and bitter enemies of the "Sons." Sworn to vengeance, the "Sons" await an opportunity to get even. A slumming party happens into Chinatown at this time and Ruth Ginnell, fiancé of Sidney Rance, insists upon exploring the interior Moy Wong's little store the beautiful display of which has attracted her attention. The leader sees her and is fascinated by her beauty. He is agreeable and quietly slips a ring of peculiar design into her bag. Next day Ruth discovers the ring, remembers the Oriental perfume on it and

where it came from. She determines to take it back to its owner. Very foolishly she goes alone. She manages to escape however. Moy Wong is "sent up" for a long term, breaking the power of "The Four Grains of Rice," and leaving Ruth and her fiancé in peace. "The Wealth of the Poor" too, featuring G. M. Anderson, should not be missed. It is a good story. — Next week No. 4 "Exploits of Elaine" and a strong list of other films. Particulars, see advertisement columns.

## **Friday January 21<sup>st</sup> 1916 (Issue 1246)**

### **Local News**

#### **Operetta**

A successful concert was given on Saturday and Monday evenings in the Holy Cross Church School, under the auspices of the Holy Cross Band. There was a large attendance at each performance and a good sum will be realised to be divided between the funds of the church and band. The first part of the programme consisted of the operetta, "Sherwood's Queen," in which the principal characters were Robin Hood, Charles Haywood; Will Scarlet, George Stanyard; Little John, Jack Haywood; Friar Tuck, Tommy Stanyard; Queen, Gerty O'Mara; and Alice, Annie White, with a chorus of boys and girls. The parts were all admirably sustained and the singing was excellent, especially the contributions by Gerty O'Mara, Annie Garrity and Charles Haywood. Mr R. West was the pianist. Mr J. Lockar, the conductor of the band, was responsible for the production and it reflected great credit on him and all concerned. The programme was completed by a few miscellaneous items, including songs by Messrs. W. D. McCarthy, R. West and Blake (Shepshed) and there was a clever skipping rope dance by Mr A. Slattery.

Whitwick District M.U.I.O.O.F.

The half year meeting of this district was held at the Loyal Gresley Pride Lodge House, the Traveller's Rest Inn, Church Gresley, on Saturday last, when the following officers and delegates were present, viz., Messrs. William Deat (chairman), Joseph Shay (vice-chairman), J. A. Jones (district book examiner), William Shay (district auditor), John Brewin, P.C. (secretary) and delegates on Committee:

Charnwood Forest Lodge, P.G. R. Roulston and P.G. N. Fern; Victoria, P.G. G. H. Brooks and P.G. T. N. Lord; British Oak, P.P.G.M. F. Earp, P.P.G.M. Thomas James, P.P.G.M. A. Atkins, P.G. C. Starkey, V.G. G. H. Greaves (secretary) and Tom George, P.P.G.M. James Cliffords, J. M. Chester; Snibston Glory, P.P.G.M. J. T. Beniston and P.G. T. W. Booker; Excelsior, secretary N. Shepherd, P.P.G.M. J. A. Jones and P.G. James Archer; British Crown, P.G. Benjamin Beeched, P.G. J. N. Clarke, and P.G. Daniel Toon; Gresley Pride, P.G. N. Deakin, P. G. Thomas Betteridge, P.G. Charles Harry Boulter and G.M.G. Thomas Sharp; Board P.P.G.M. F. Baker and P.G. Edwin Clemson.

The auditors and the district book examiner reports were passed as being very satisfactory. A vote of condolence was passed to the friends of their late Bro. William Sheffield, who had worthily held the office of district treasurer for over thirty years; also a vote of condolence to Bro. C. A. Beniston, secretary of the Snibston Glory Lodge, who is seriously ill, the feeling being expressed that he may soon be restored to his usual good

health. – P.P.G.M. John T. Beniston, a member of the Snibston Glory Lodge, was elected to represent the district at the next A.M.C. which is to be held at Bristol next Whitsuntide.

The district has nearly 1,500 members, there are nine lodges and the capital of same is eleven thousand pounds. – P.D.G.M. Joseph Sharp was elected as Grand Master of the district for the year 1916. P.G. J. M. Chester was unanimously elected as the P.D.G. Master for the year 1916. P.G. Tom Hall Sharp was elected as district auditor. A veto of thanks was accorded to the district officers for the manner in which they had conducted the business of the district during the past year, and a similar vote to the host and hostess closed the proceedings.

### Do You Know That

A whist drive and dance in connection with the Imperial F.C. will be held in the Whitwick Holy Cross School next Wednesday night?

In view of her approaching marriage, Miss O'Reilly, niece of the Rev. M. J. O'Reilly, of the Presbytery, Whitwick, is, at the end of the present month, relinquishing her appointment as certified assistant teacher at the Whitwick Holy Cross day school, which she has held for some years?

### Round the Theatres

#### *The Picture House, Whitwick*

**THE PICTURE HOUSE**  
SILVER STREET,  
— WHITWICK. —

Week Commencing January 21st.  
Special Engagement of the

**Mysterious VALLOS**  
Illusionists, Spiritualists and Hypnotists.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

THE  
**Exploits of Elaine**  
— EPISODE —  
THE POISONED ROOM.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

**MOUNTAIN MARY**

Monday to Friday 7-10  
Tuesday Morning 10-3  
Children's Matinee  
Saturday 2-3

SATURDAY  
6-9 and 9  
Doors open 6-15

Popular Prices: **3d. 4d. & 6d.**

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Early doors Saturday, 6-11 p. m., 4d., 6d & 8d

The pictures here this week are a fine lot and have been witnessed by big audiences nightly. "The Frozen Safe" (Exploits of Elaine, No. 4) was a good one at the beginning of the week and "The Midnight Limited" was an extra good Kalem. Helen, who was a passenger on the Empress, gets into the hands of a gang of crooks, with whom she had a rough time, but ultimately help arrives when they are about to slay her – "Fatty's Reckless Fling," was also good, as were all the others shown. For the week-end "The Inventor's Peril" should be seen. The story is good and will be much enjoyed. It is as follows: John Alden, the inventor of a new wireless telephone, is invited by his neighbour Mrs Baldwin (who wishes him to marry her daughter, Lola), to meet Signor Marvelli, the famous Italian inventor. The two inventors become absorbed in the subject of wireless telephony. John returns to his own laboratory in order to make a test call. Meanwhile, Marvelli is attacked in the garage by a crazy inventor, Michaels, who believes that the great man has wronged him. Lola, who witnesses the attempted murder, is seized by the ferocious madman and carried off by him in a motor car. An old bridge gives way and the vehicle plunges into

the waters beneath. Michaels succeeds in escaping and drags Lola with him to an island, where she survives to find the maniac glowering over her. Aroused by her screams, John rushes down and rescues her from the clutches of Michaels, who follows them to the laboratory. There is a fearful struggle in which John is gradually overpowered. Seizing his last opportunity, he suddenly flings the telephone at Michaels who falls backward down the stairs into the arms of Marvelli. Lola is saved, and then as Marvelli holds the great invention out to him, John takes her in his arms, while Mrs Baldwin smiles in happy triumph. – “Saved by her Horse” is a good Selig which should not be missed, as it is an entirely different type of drama to the usual “turn.” The name of Selig is quite sufficient as a guarantee of excellence in animal pictures, and, as is the case with other productions, this one is splendid. – Others are good. – Next week’s programme, see advertisement columns.

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

#### **Burials**

Clarke – At Whitwick, on Monday, Francis Clarke, aged 22 months, of Brooks Lane.

## **Friday January 28<sup>th</sup> 1916 (Issue 1247)**

### **Advertisements**

#### **Situations Vacant**

Chevening – Wanted, experienced chevening hands, immediately - Apply after six p.m. to 34, Leicester Road, Whitwick.

#### **Tenders**

To Tailors – The Whitwick and Thringstone Citizens Corps require quotations for the supply of a number of uniforms. The uniform required is that of the Leicestershire Volunteer Regiment. Quotations, with patterns of the material, should be sent to the secretary, J. Lester, Grace Dieu View, Thringstone.

### **Local News**

#### **Dangerous Stairs at Whitwick**

##### *An Old Lady’s Death*

The Deputy-Coroner for North Leicestershire (Mr T. J. Webb) held an inquest at Whitwick on Monday into the death of Sarah Alsebrook, otherwise Howe, a woman of 70 years of age, who was found dead in her bedroom on Sunday morning by her son, with whom she resided.

The son stated that on Saturday evening he left his mother in her usual state of health, and went to a picture-house. When he returned she had gone to bed. Next morning he called to her, and getting no reply, went into her bedroom, where he found her lying on the floor dead. Deceased never complained of anything but rheumatism. She had complained of the state of the stairs, and witness had known her to fall on them.

Dr. Rolston, assistant to Dr. Burkitt, said deceased had not removed her clothes but appeared to have fallen dead directly after going upstairs. In his opinion death was down to syncope, due to the exertion of going upstairs. The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the medical evidence, and requested the Coroner to inform the Urban District Council that in their opinion, the stairs were dangerous.

### **Whist Drive and Dance**

About 150 people were present at a whist drive and dance in the Holy Cross School on Wednesday night in connection with the Whitwick Imperial Football Club. Mr A. Adcock (Ibstock) played for dancing, the M.C.'s being Messrs. J. Warden and E. Higgins. The M.C.'s for whist were Messrs. M. Downes and W. T. Dickens, and the prize-winners were:

Ladies: 1. Mrs Haywood, 2. Miss Rewhorn, Mystery, Mrs Dickens.  
Gents: 1. Mr Clark, 2. Mr Rennocks, Mystery, Mr A. Beer.

### **Local Chit Chat**

The treasurer of the Leicester Royal Infirmary acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the following amounts: £5/16/1 from Christ Church, Coalville, per the Vicar and churchwardens; and 2/9 (making £70/16/9 for the year) from the Whitwick Colliery Workmen's Accident Club, per Mr. D. Otter.

### **Do You Know That**

Whitwick Church Day Schools have contributed £22/6/1 to various patriotic funds?

During 1915, there were 29 church burials at Whitwick, 85 baptisms, 11 weddings and 23 members of the congregation confirmed?

Up to the end of 1915, there were 170 men from Whitwick serving in the forces, nine had been killed in action, and two reported missing?



Round the Theatres

**THE  
PICTURE : HOUSE**  
**SILVER STREET,  
— WHITWICK. —**

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Week commencing January 31st, 1919.

**Mint and Mart**  
GREAT COMEDY ARTISTS.  
The Queen of Paper Tears," and "The  
King of the Wheels."

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Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

THE  
**Exploits of Elaine**  
— EPISODE 6. —  
THE VAMPIRE.  
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Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

**Zaca Lake Mystery**  
A "Flying A" Masterpiece.

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Monday to Friday 7-30 Tuesday Morning 10-30 Children's Matinee Saturday 2-30	<b>SATURDAY</b> 6-50 and 9 Doors open 6-15
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*The Picture House, Whitwick*

The Mysterious Vallos are creating a good deal of interest here this week. They are illusionists, hypnotists, etc., of the first order, and have had a fine reception by crowded audiences. Their entertainment is very good, Madame Vallo being exceptionally clever. They must not be missed by week-end Picture House patrons. — The "star" picture at the beginning of the week was No. 5 of "The Exploits of Elaine" (The Poisoned Room), another very good part of this excellent serial, and much enjoyed. The other film subjects were also splendid. — For the week-end the chief one is "Mountain Mary," a fine one, which must be seen. Also, "A Deed of Daring," a champion drama, of which the following is a short resume: - Upon learning that a gang of smugglers are using freight cars to bring Chinamen across the border, the railroad officials order all employees to keep a strict watch for traffic of this nature. Daniels, Helen's relief, is a member of the struggling band, and keeps in touch with his chief by means of messages concealed in oranges. Helen gets one of the fruit by mistake, and in opening it, discovers that a number of Chinamen are due to be smuggled across the border inside a freight car that morning. Daniels learning that Helen is aware of his gang's operations, reports to his chief. The smugglers descend upon the station, and bind and gag the girl before she can give the alarm. Helen escapes and pursues the smugglers on a locomotive, and eventually effects their arrest. — Others are also good. — Next week there is another

splendid list. No. 6 of "The Exploits of Elaine" and for the week-end, "The Zaca Lake Mystery," a good 'Flying A' which will please. Also, Mint and Mart, the great comedy artistes, will appear. — Full particulars see our advertisement columns.