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Advertisement

A Whist Tournament

In the NATIONAL SCHOOLS, on WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8TH, to commence at 7.45 prompt.

Ticket for lady and gentleman 1s 6d; single ticket 1s. Players will have the same partner throughout the evening. – It is proposed to have two tournaments of 13 games each and double set of prizes. – The last whist competition till after Easter.

Local News

New Years Eve

The bells at the parish church rang the old year out and the new year in and they sounded very nice indeed and the ringing reflected great credit on the Whitwick Hand. The performance of this old custom was much appreciated.

Sewing Tea

The usual weekly sewing tea was held on Tuesday afternoon last in the Primitive Methodist Schoolroom, when a fairly good number sat down to a good tea provided by the lady members of the church. The proceeds of the tea were in aid of the church funds. A very enjoyable time was spent.

C. E. Society

The Christian Endeavour Society in connection with the P.M. society, was held on Wednesday evening last, being attended by a fair number of endeavourers. A discussion took place on a Biblical topic, which was much enjoyed, and refreshments were partaken of at the close by those present. A most interesting and profitable time was spent.

Watch Night Service

A united Nonconformist watch night service was held on Tuesday night in the Wesleyan Chapel. A good number were present and a very enjoyable time was spent. The meeting was conducted by Messrs. John Ward (Primitive Methodist), T. W. Bourne (Baptist) and James Toon (Wesleyan). Mr Ward gave a most impressive and instructive address to a good congregation. Suitable hymns were sung, and at the close of the service the usual greetings were exchanged by friends present.

Whist Drive and Dance

A whist drive and dance were held in the Whitwick National School on Tuesday evening in connection with the Church Restoration scheme. There was a good attendance. Messrs. G. Underwood and A. Dyer were the M.C.'s for the dance and the music was supplied by Messrs. R. G. West (piano), W. Eagan (cornet) and Haywood (violin). The Vicar was M.C. for whist and the prizes were won by Miss G. Henson and Mr C. W. Pegg. Songs were

rendered by Miss Dorothy Underwood. Refreshments were served, this department being in charge of Mesdames J. Roulstone, C. Pegg, O. Burton and Webster.

Trap Accident at Whitwick

Mr Bert Hood Seriously injured

By a trap accident late on Tuesday night, a well-known Whitwick tradesman, Mr A. E. Hood, Butcher, was seriously injured. About ten o'clock Mr Hood was driving home and by some means the trap was overturned at the corner of Cademan Street and Loughborough Road. Mr Hood was thrown out and found lying unconscious on the road, being subsequently conveyed to his home by Mr Z. Parker, landlord of the Compass Inn. Dr. Burkitt was summoned and every attention was given to the injured man, but on Wednesday afternoon, he had not recovered consciousness.

“Aladdin” at Whitwick

Successful performances at the White House

Two performances of “Aladdin” were very successfully given by members of the Whitwick Church Girls’ Guild, on Saturday last, in the salon at the White House, Whitwick, the residence of Mr and Mrs J. J. Sharp. The production of “Cinderella” twelve months ago by the members of the same Guild was so well received that it was decided to make the effort an annual one, but, unfortunately, some difficulty arose in getting the National Schools on the required dates this year. In order, therefore, not to disappoint the girls who had been at considerable trouble and expense in the preparations, Mr and Mrs Sharp decided to allow the production to take place at their house. They had to be in the nature of private performances, however, no charge being made for admission, and on that account the church restoration fund, nursing association and guild funds will probably be considerably the poorer, as the proceeds were originally intended for these objects.

The arrangements were admirable in every way, and a company of about 80 accepted the invitations of the girls in the afternoon and nearly a similar number in the evening, both performances being much enjoyed. The following were the principal characters:

Scintilletta	.....	Miss Ethel Rawson
Brillianta	.....	Miss Nellie Rawson
Hohum	.....	Miss Lily Adams
Emperor	.....	Miss Hilda Waters
Aladdin	.....	Miss Mahala Knight
Mustapha	.....	Miss Hannah Robinson
Princess	.....	Miss Mabel Williamson
Slisloflo	.....	Miss Thurza Cresswell

Under the direction of Mrs Sharp, the girls went through the piece in a very creditable manner. Many of the players wore real Chinese costumes which had been obtained from London.

The soloists were Misses Ivy Taylor and Lily Adams, and several popular airs were introduced. There were also classical dances, cleverly executed by Miss Bailey, of Leicester, some excellent songs by Mr D. L. G. Williams, of Leicester, and songs and clog dances by Mr A. T. Sharp, all of which much enjoyed, as encores testified. Items equally

appreciated were a rainbow dance by Miss Nellie Rawson, a country dance by eight of the performers, a fairy dance by the fairies and courtiers, and the Moon Song and chorus by Miss Ivy Taylor and company. Mr Mann of Whitwick, with the aid of his lantern, was responsible for some splendid limelight effects and Miss Storey, of Norwich, ably played the piano accompaniments. During an interval refreshments were provided.

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Coalville Police Court

This day (Friday) – Before the Rev. C. T. Moore (in the chair), Mr H. J. Ford, and Mr W. Lindley.

The Chairman's good wishes

The chairman said that with the dawn of a new year, he would like to be permitted on behalf of his colleagues and himself to express to the officials and others connected with the court the wish that they would have a happy and prosperous new year, also that there would be a considerable diminution of crime locally, and throughout the county.

Bad Language

Joseph Fewkes, (60), collier, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on Boxing Day. Sergeant Betts gave the facts, and defendant was fined 5s 6d and 11s 6d costs or seven days.

Holiday Aftermath

Chas. Bailey, (31), collier, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick on December 13th. He did not appear – P.C. Jones said the man had been refused drink at several places. Fined 5s 6d and costs 12s 6d or seven days.

Wm. Frearson, (29), collier, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick, on December 21st. P.C. Grewcock gave the facts in the absence of the defendant who, he said, first gave the name of Jim Jackson. Fined 5s 6d and 12s 6d costs or seven days.

John Doyle, (40), shoehand, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick, on December 21st. P.C. Grewcock said the defendant's face and clothes were covered with blood. Fined 5s 6d and 12s 6d costs or seven days.

Charles Cooper, (27), collier, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick, on Xmas Day. P.C. Grewcock said defendant was challenging everyone to fight and threatened witness. Fined £1 1s and costs 12s 6d or 21 days, there being previous convictions.

Wm. Henry Bottrill, (20), bricklayer's labourer, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Thringstone on December 24th. Defendant did not appear. P.C. Jones said the defendant was very violent on Xmas eve, being like a lunatic. He broke the windows of a man named Bird, struck several persons, including witness, and also threw a bottle at him. When in drink the man was not fit to be at large. – Fined £1 1s, and costs 12s 6d or 21 days' hard labour.

Ashby Police Court

Saturday – Before Mr George Moore (in the chair), Sir Wm. De Abney, Mr J. German, Mr J. Shields, Mr J. Hassall, Mr George Brown, Mr T. Dennis, Mr J. P. Adcock, Mr J. H. Sutton, Mr G. D. Orchard and Mr T. Varnham.

Whitwick collier ordered to pay

James Newell (48), collier, Whitwick, was summoned by the Ashby Board of Guardians for refusing to contribute to the support of his wife chargeable to the common funds of the union. Mr J. W. Bowley, relieving officer, said the defendant's wife was removed to the Asylum on November 1st and the Guardians asked him to pay 8s a week, the cost to the Guardians being 10s 6d per week. The defendant refused to pay more than 2s 6d. he earned 24s a week, but had three sons at work and the total amount going into the house for the last six weeks was 78s 6d per week. Defendant had two children dependant upon him, and a girl aged 19 kept house for him.

Defendant said his earnings were 24s a week at the Whitwick Colliery and out of that he had to pay 6s a week rent, and 6s for clubs and insurance. That took half his wages and there were three children and himself to be kept out of the other 12s.

The Bench made an order for the payment of 3s per week and 10s costs.

Sport

Football

Only one match was played in the Senior League on Saturday, though four were in the list. The only match played was that at Hugglescote, where the United were beaten by Whitwick Imperial in a hard game by the odd goal in seven. Also included in the chart are Hugglescote's win 1 – 0 over the Imperial at Leicester on Xmas day and Shepshed's 2 – 0 win against Whitwick.

Keen Fight at Hugglescote

Warden as Goal-Scorer

The elements overhead were very favourable for football on Saturday, but after the recent heavy rains, the grounds were in a wretched state, and this was particularly the case at Hugglescote, where Whitwick Imperial were visitors in a Leicestershire Senior League match. In the approaches to the Crescent Road enclosure the slush was ankle deep, and the playing piece itself was a veritable quagmire. Despite these conditions there was a big crowd, and an interesting game was witnessed.

The Hugglescote team was strengthened by the inclusion of several new men and the United came very near sharing the points, which would have been a good performance, considering how things have been going lately. T was a pity for them that that penalty was not improved upon.

Hugglescote's new goalkeeper, Walters, of Leicester, gave a good display, and could not be blamed for any of the four goals scored against him. Percy Brown showed what a versatile player he is by making a splendid partner for Croson in the back division, and Williams, at centre forward, was a capable deputy for Sturman, who was unable to play on Saturday. Williams, undoubtedly was one of the best forwards on the field. Abell was also an absentee from the forward line, which was made up of Marshall and Cartwright on the right, and Chapman and Bee on the left. Causer was a new man in the half-back line, the others being Reeves and Spencer.

Whitwick had their usual team, though the players were somewhat re-arranged. Warden, for instance, after being off injured for a short time in the first half, went from his usual position as back, to centre forward, changing places with Starkey. And this provided the outstanding feature of the match, for within a few minutes of his appearance in the front line, "Shinty" had put on no less than three goals. That was all right so far as it went, but Starkey was not such a success in defence and as Hugglescote began to reduce the arrears the Whitwick captain acted prudently in putting Warden back again to his proper place.

The United opened the score through Marshall, with the game still young, and Starkey soon afterwards equalised. It was after this that Warden performed his "hat trick," though in the meantime, Bee had scored from a fine centre by Marshall, the score at the interval being 4 – 2.

Hugglescote were seen to greater advantage in the second half, and their supporters became quite enthusiastic when Chapman reduced the lead with a capital shot. The excitement was intense, when Referee Bradshaw awarded the United a penalty, but Marshall shot straight at Commons, who returned the leather, to the great delight of the Whitwick portion of the crowd. Hugglescote thus lost their chance, and it never came again. They tried hard, but never looked like scoring again. Warden and Lester always holding them well in check, while the Hugglescote goal had one or two narrow escapes from further disaster.

In the end Whitwick won by four goals to three. There was a decided improvement noticeable in the Hugglescote team, and it is to be hoped that this will be maintained.

Whitwick's Goodbye to the Rolleston Cup

Loughborough Corinthians were visitors to Whitwick, on Friday last, playing the Imperial in a Rolleston Cup match. The weather conditions were execrable and the ground was in a dreadful condition. Loughborough scored the first goal through Widdowson, and at half time this was the only goal in an indescribable game, rain completely soaking the players. It was thought the game might not be proceeded with, but the official order was "go ahead." Roach equalised for Whitwick Imperial, but J. Belton and Harrison afterwards scored for the Corinthians, while Roach responded for Whitwick Imperial, who made gallant attempts to get on terms, but were beaten by the odd goal in five.

Rolleston Cup Fiasco

Coalville Town and Whitwick Ordered to replay

When Whitwick Imperial played Loughborough Corinthians for the Rolleston Cup at Whitwick last Friday, it was generally concluded that nothing had come of Coalville Town's protest in reference to them having played Sam Lester at Coalville on the previous Saturday in an earlier round, Lester not having been registered long enough. But it has transpired that the Whitwick V Corinthians match stands as nought.

Coalville Town have won their protest. The cup committee met at Leicester on Monday night and on Tuesday morning, the Town club secretary (Mr T. Earp) received an intimation from the cup secretary that their match with Whitwick has to be replayed at Coalville next Saturday (Jan 4th), Whitwick to play without Lester, and the winners have to play Loughborough Corinthians on Jan 18th.

The teams had arranged to re-play their Coalville Cup match at Whitwick on January 4th and as January 18th is the date for the next round of the Coalville Cup, there seems likely to be a clashing of dates.

Coalville Town are anxious to play both these matches on January 4th, keeping a team at Coalville and sending another to Whitwick. The Town committee have chosen the following teams:

For Whitwick match: Stinson; Davis and H. Smith; Toon, Nicolls and Wharmby; Beard, Twigg, Heward, J. Smith and Brownlow:

For the match at Coalville: Palmer; Stevens and Holyoak; Starkey, Pringle and Geary; Webster, Dexter, Lees, Barratt and Thompson.

It is stated that Whitwick have scratched in the Rolleston Cup competition.

Whitwick Player at Halifax

Mr Aubrey T. Sharp, the Leicestershire amateur cricketer, of Whitwick, who is studying for his final law examination at Halifax in the spring, is playing a great game for Halifax Town at centre-half, and has a good share in assisting the team to reach the first round proper for the English Cup, when they meet Queen's Park Rangers. Mr Sharp has been invited to play in this match.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Death of Mr Bert Hood

The death of Mr A. E. Hood, butcher, Whitwick, occurred this (Friday) morning as the result of injuries received in a trap accident on Tuesday, reported on Page 6 of this issue. The deceased never regained consciousness.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Burials

Fowkes – At Whitwick, on Xmas Day, Phoebe Fowkes, aged 51 years, of North Street.

Mould – At Whitwick, on December 28th, Eleanor Mould, aged 5 years, of Cademan Street.

Holland – At Whitwick, on December 30th, Elizabeth Ann Holland, aged 19 years, of Brooks' Lane.

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Local News

On Tuesday afternoon, a bullock belonging to Mr T. Moore, of Whitwick, was being driven along South Street, when it entered the Crown and Cushion Inn, kept by Mr M. Noon. It went through the passage into the kitchen, and the surprise of the occupants may readily be imagined. Happily, the animal was induced to leave quietly and no damage was done.

Whist Tournament

In connection with the Church restoration fund, a whist tournament was held in the National School on Wednesday evening, and was largely attended. Mr Walter Fern acted as M.C. The first part was played as a tournament and the winners were Mr I. Foster and Mrs Smith, the prizes being clocks. In the subsequent whist drive Nurse Lilley won the lady's prize, a cruet, and Mr A. Baum, of Coalville, was the winner of the gent's prize, also a cruet. Refreshments were provided.

Gifts

Gifts to the church have again been made by Mrs Howe, viz., a fair linen cloth for the new altar and kneelers.

Sewing Tea

The usual weekly sewing tea was held in the P.M. schoolroom on Tuesday last and was well attended. The tea was provided by the lady members and was enjoyed, a most enjoyable afternoon being spent. The proceeds were in aid of the debt reduction fund.

P.M. Church

The preacher at the Whitwick P.M. Church on Sunday was the Rev. J. Blayney, of Coalville. There were good congregations at both morning and evening services and the rev. gentleman's remarks were listened to with interest by those present. A collection was made at each service on behalf of the trust funds. The minister gave an excellent address to the Sunday school scholars in the afternoon.

Social and Presentation

A social was held in the Exchange Hall on Wednesday evening in connection with the Y.M.C.A. There was a large attendance. Messrs. J. W. Taylor and A. Curtis acted as

M.C.'s, and Mr O. Ratcliffe played for dancing. Mr Cyril Walton gave a club display, and there were songs by Misses N. and M. Chambers, Gill, and Mr J. G. Ward, and a stump speech by Mr F. Newman. On behalf of the members, Mr J. Edwards (Snibstone) presented Mr H. Heward (the hon. secretary) with a timepiece and tea service on the occasion of his recent marriage, and voiced their good wishes. Mr Heward similarly replied.

The Church Yard

In view of the commitment which has been made on the churchyard alterations, the following, from the Parish Magazine, will be of interest: *"The Churchyard work has made progress, but darkness prevents our band of voluntary workers doing much at present, and indeed little more can be done before the Spring, other than levelling the mounds and sowing with lawn grass seed. It is interesting to know that families connected long ago with Whitwick have been communicated with by one, who has of course tried to remain unknown, in the hope that no difficulty would be made in proceeding with the work. The result has been a visit to the churchyard, approval expressed of the work and a subscription."*

Local Chit Chat

It has several times been said that a subscription should be given from the Whitwick "Disaster Fund" to the Collier's Memorial in Whitwick Church, says the parish magazine. The paragraph continues: *"This cannot be. The money is held in trust for the dependants of those who were killed, and until there are none of these left to receive it, the money can only be applied in this way. There is little doubt that there will be some unexpended when all dependants are dead. Then, but not till, can the question arise as to how the trust shall be dealt with, but it should be for the benefit of colliers who suffer through their work, and a Cottage Hospital in Whitwick would be a good scheme. The memorial can hardly be called a "benefit." It is a mark of respect for those quarrymen and colliers whose industry has assisted to make the district, and one which all should be ready to support for the heroes of peace as they would be ready to support a similar memorial had the list been one of the heroes of a war."*

The day schools at Hathern, where Mr Ed. Fern, of Whitwick, is headmaster, have been closed until January 20th, on account of the prevalence of measles.

It is contemplated to close the "Field" Club connected with the Whitwick Colliery, and a meeting has been held to consider the matter. The club has in the past been very useful to members who met with accidents, and in the case of death the relatives of the deceased member received a grant from the fund. It is thought that the benefits of the National Insurance Act negative the necessity for the club.

Extraordinary Story at Whitwick Inquest

Grim Struggle in a Trap

How Mr Bert Hood Met His Death

Tragic End of an Exciting Drive

An inquest concerning the fatal accident to Mr A. E. Hood (49), butcher, Whitwick, was held on Saturday morning at the Whitwick Conservative Club, by the North Leicestershire Coroner, Mr H. J. Deane.

Mr J. J. Sharp (Messrs. Sharp and Lancaster, solicitors, Coalville) held a watching brief for one of the parties interested, and Mr T. E. Jesson (Fisher, Jesson and Co. of Ashby) appeared for the relatives. Mr S. Perry was foreman of the jury.

The Coroner, opening the inquest, said many of the jurors had served on inquests before and doubtless knew that it was customary on such occasions to first outline the facts as reported to him, and possibly comment on the same. But in this case the facts seemed to be of such an extraordinary kind that he did not propose to adopt such a course that morning, but would the jury hear the evidence direct from the witnesses first and reserve any comment he had to make until after the evidence had been taken.

Francis Samuel Bramwell said he assisted his father, George Bramwell, and lived with him at the Forest Rock Hotel. On Tuesday afternoon he saw the deceased at the Stamford and Warrington Hotel, Coalville, and he asked him where he was going. Witness said he was going home and deceased said he would drive him home. When they got into the trap deceased said he should take him to Osgathorpe though he did not want to go. They had a whiskey and soda each at the Queen's Head, Thringstone, and then went onto Osgathorpe, having one or two whiskeys at the Storey Arms. Both witness and Hood were sober. They left the Storey Arms at about five o'clock. It was two o'clock when they started from Coalville. After leaving the Storey Arms they went to the Royal Oak Inn, Osgathorpe, and had several mixed drinks there. Deceased had chiefly whiskey. They left the Royal Oak about seven o'clock and went by a circuitous route and witness not knowing the district, thought they were going home, but eventually they got to the White Horse on the way to Shepshed. Witness had a ginger ale there and deceased had other drinks. Deceased wanted to drive witness to Belton and when he (witness) said he should get out, deceased said he would chuck him out. They left the White Horse about nine o'clock and deceased wanted to call at another public house, but witness would not let him. Driving down the Ives' Head Hill, deceased whipped the pony which went at a very sharp pace, the cart swaying from side to side. Witness tried to get the reins from him, and they had a struggle in the cart. Deceased tried to throw witness out of the cart and asked him if he had ever been thrown out. Deceased did not succeed in throwing witness out, but in the struggle the trap went into the ditch and turned over, both of them being thrown out. It took some time to put matters straight, as Hood thought the trap was broken and started to unharness the horse, and the reins and harness all became entangled about the horse's legs. Deceased afterwards got into the cart and witness was adjusting the bridle when the deceased struck the horse, which darted away, leaving the bridle in witness's hand. The horse galloped away with no bridle on and the deceased in the cart. Witness told his father of the occurrence when he got home. He had had such a rough time that he hardly knew what he was doing.

The Coroner: *I can understand you not knowing what you were doing, after having so much drink.*

Witness: *I admit having had some drink.*

Proceeding, witness added that when he heard of the accident to Mr Hood, he informed the police. Replying further to the Coroner, witness said he had seen the deceased in some wild moods but never so wild as he was that night. He was angry because witness tried to take the reins and drive. Deceased said no one should drive but him. Deceased

had threatened him several times before, but he could not say why. It was a wonder he went with him that day.

The Coroner: *You could have left him at one of the houses you called at.*

Witness: *I wanted to see him home.*

Replying to jurors, witness said it was near the cross roads where the trap turned over into the ditch, past the lodge going to Onebarrow. The horse was never out of the cart, but the bridle had come off.

Sarah Ann Gardner, wife of Wm. Gardner, Cademan Street, Whitwick, stated that about 9.20 on Tuesday night she heard a crash and going outside saw deceased lying in the road unconscious. The cart was on its side and the horse also lay in the road. She called for help and sent for the police. She and neighbours attended to the deceased until the police arrived. He had cuts and abrasions on his head.

Sarah Parker, wife of Zachariah Parker, beerhouse keeper, Loughborough Road, said she stood against her door at 9.20 and saw a horse and cart coming from the direction of the monastery at a great pace, as hard as it could go. There were no lights on the cart. The speed was maintained up to the corner where the cart went over. She found Hood lying with his head near the kerb and feet on the splashboard of the cart.

By a juror: *Not more than two minutes elapsed after the accident before the deceased was attended to.*

Dr. Burkitt, Whitwick, said he had attended the deceased. There were abrasions on the head, but no bones broken. Deceased was unconscious and remained so till the time of his death, which was due to concussion and laceration of the brain substance, due to the fall. Deceased was in a comatose condition all the time after the accident occurred. Witness had known the deceased for many years.

The Coroner: *Can you say he was in his right mind?*

Witness: *At the time of the accident?*

The Coroner: *No, at any time?*

Witness: *He was given to drink and when in drink did some extraordinary things.*

Mr Jesson: *But when not in drink, he was quite rational?*

Witness: *Oh, yes.*

The Coroner, summing up, said the jury might have been holding an inquest on two persons instead of one. He went on to review the evidence and said everything pointed to the deceased being mad drunk. It was very sad and very regrettable that a man should end his life in that way. If he could have refrained from drink he might have been a useful citizen, but he could not overcome his craving for it and so it had ended in this sad fatality.

The jury returned a verdict of death from concussion and laceration of the brain due to being thrown out of a cart whilst in a state of intoxication.

Coalville Urban District Council

The monthly meeting of the Coalville Urban Council was held on Tuesday night, Mr M McCarthy J.P., presiding. There were also present Messrs. W. Sheffield, S. Perry, T. Y. Hay, A. Lockwood, F. Griffin, J. Kirby, S. P. Matterson, J. R. Bennett, W. Fellows and T. Kelly, with the clerk (Mr T. E. Jesson), surveyor (Mr L. L. Baldwin), and assistant surveyor (Mr F. G. Hurst). The chairman wished the members and officials the compliments of the season.

Closing Order

After the reading of the minutes, Mr Lockwood asked whether the closing order served in respect of the old property at Whitwick had been complied with. The surveyor said the notice did not expire until March 31st.

Highway Committee's Report

The surveyor reported that an accident had occurred to a pony owned by Dr. Burkitt, of Whitwick, on the Hermitage Road, through the giving way of the road crust, and read a long report on the matter, and the committee recommend Messrs. McCarthy, Sheffield and the surveyor, inspect the site and report thereon. A claim from Dr. Burkitt for £25 for damages was considered by the committee, and on the advice of the clerk recommend that Dr. Burkitt be informed that the Council could accept no liability in the matter.

Medical Officer's Report

The medical officer, (Dr. R. W. Jamie) reported that during December four cases of scarletina had been notified – two in Hermitage Road, Whitwick, one in Gutteridge Street, Coalville, and one in North Street, Hugglescote. Four cases of diphtheria were reported, one in Silver Street, Whitwick, two in Ashby Road, Hugglescote and one at Battleflat. Those were probably contact cases in connection with the outbreak referred to in the report of the previous month. One of the cases proved fatal. Three cases of pulmonary tuberculosis had also been notified – two at Ibstock Road, Ellistown, and one in Cademan Street, Whitwick. Two of these had since died. The number of cases of whooping cough was declining. There had also been a considerable number of cases of influenza, more particularly amongst children, frequently complicated with broncho-pneumonia. During the month 20 deaths occurred, giving a death rate of 13.3 per 1,000. These included, as above referred to, one from diphtheria, two from phthisis and two from broncho-pneumonia. Forty births were registered during the same period, giving a birth-rate of 26.6 per 1,000.

Replying to Mr Lockwood, the sanitary inspector (Mr Hurst) said there was nothing special connected with the cases that he need call the attention of the Council to.

The Chairman: *Drains and everything in fair order?*

Mr Hurst: *In very reasonable order.*

The Chairman: *You could not put your finger on the cause?*

The surveyor: *The medical officer tells you that they are contact cases.*

Mr Lockwood: *They would not be all be contact cases, I take it?*

The Chairman: *They are a long way apart.*

Whitwick Lodgers

The surveyor reported that during the month of December 979 people were accommodated at the Whitwick lodging houses, against 1,111 for November and 1,157 in December last year. The totals for the year were 8,868 males, 818 females, and 117 children, total 9,803, against 12,632 in 1911 and 16,236 in 1910.

Mr Hay: *The number is going down.*

The chairman said that in 1910 and 1911, the Swannington sewerage scheme, and the Mantle Lane improvement were proceeding and that increased the number of casuals who made their home at the lodging houses. Mr Sheffield said there was a great decrease of tramps about the county.

The Chairman: *A good thing too.*

Mr Kelly: *It shows good trade.*

Mr Sheffield said he hoped it meant that there was more employment. The surveyor was authorised to prosecute two Whitwick colliers who had refused to pay 1s 6d each for the removal of night soil.

Sport

Football

Coalville Cup Match at Whitwick Postponed

The elements were again unkind to footballers on Saturday, and several matches in the Coalville district had to be abandoned or postponed.

The most important of these was the Coalville Cup replay at Whitwick, between the Imperial and Coalville Town. The players were there all ready to start, and a great game before a big crowd would doubtless have taken place under favourable conditions, but rain fell practically all day and the referee declared the ground unfit.

Considering that it is practically a new pitch, having been re-laid at great expense not many seasons ago, the field was in a much worse state than one might have imagined. Round the Church Lane end goal, the water and slush were two or three inches deep, and all over it was a quagmire. The postponement caused keen disappointment.

By a peculiar coincidence, the Whitwick and Coalville clubs were down to play three matches on Saturday. They had been ordered to replay the Rolleston Cup tie at Coalville, which was scratched by Whitwick, and they were also to have played in the Leicestershire Senior League, the latter, of course, being postponed.

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Local News

Sewing Tea

On Tuesday afternoon the usual weekly sewing tea was held when a fairly good number sat down to a good tea, provided by the ladies of the church. The proceeds were in aid of the church debt fund. In the evening the usual preaching service was held, when the Rev. W. H. Whiting was the preacher.

C.E. Society

This society held their usual weekly meeting on Wednesday last, when the Rev. W. H. Whiting presided and also spoke on the topic set apart for the week. A good discussion was taken part in by various members present and a most interesting time was spent.

P.M. Church

The preacher at this place of worship on Sunday morning was the Rev. W. H. Whiting (Whitwick), who delivered a most interesting sermon to a fairly good congregation. In the evening, owing to the change of pulpits which is carried out on this Sunday night in each year by the Coalville and District Free Church Council, the pulpit was occupied by the Rev. J. A. Hopwood, of Bardon Park. This gentleman delivered a most inspiring address, which was appreciated by a good congregation. The collections at both the morning and evening services were in aid of the Whitwick Nursing Association.

Local Chit Chat

The employees of the Whitwick Colliery, who held a meeting to consider whether they would close the Field Club, have since decided to continue that excellent institution. The club has been established several years, the members receiving weekly payments in case of accident and the relatives, in the event of a member's death by accident, a substantial grant.

We regret to hear that Mr J. J. Sharp, of the White House, Whitwick, is indisposed, and confined to his home. Many will join us in wishing him a speedy recovery.

In connection with the dispensary opened in London Road, Coalville, by the County Council in reference to the tuberculosis regulations under the Insurance Act, we hear that Dr. J. C. S. Burkitt, of Whitwick, has been appointed as the medical officer for the Coalville district.

Remanded

Before Mr J. W. West, yesterday, John A. Stanley, a youthful labourer, of Whitwick, was charged with being found on enclosed premises for the purpose of attempted felony, and remanded to the Coalville Sessions today.

Mission

Mr and Mrs Fred Elliott, evangelists, commenced a mission at the Wesleyan chapel on Saturday, which is to continue until the 23rd inst. Meetings are being held nightly.

Wintry Weather

Deep Snow in Coalville and District

A snowstorm, the like of which in severity, has not been experienced for some years, visited Coalville and District, on Saturday. Starting about half past nine in the morning, there was quite a blizzard which lasted for fully 12 hours, and by ten o'clock on Saturday night, when there was a calm, snow lay to a depth of about two feet, while this was considerably exceeded in places where the snow had drifted.

Vehicles were snowed up in all directions, the conditions making road traffic almost impossible.

The train service was also affected. The heavy downfall made it extremely difficult to keep the points or the line clear and several of the trains were delayed on that account. The Leicester to Burton express, due at Coalville about eight o'clock, was nearly an hour late, having been held up at Bardon for half an hour or more, owing to the "point" difficulty above referred to, and other trains were correspondingly late.

A youth whilst driving to Shaw Lane collapsed in the conveyance, so intense was the cold. An aged woman, belonging to Whitwick, was also overcome, and was found unconscious, and carried to Mr S. Perry's house in Silver Street, where Mr Perry generously provided her with some hot tea, and the woman recovered. She was found face downwards in the snow, and undoubtedly narrowly escaped death from exposure. The woman was Mrs Robinson, of Cademan Street. She was subsequently taken back home by relatives.

Numerous cases of damage to property occurred in the locality, chiefly the breaking of water spouts by the heavy weight of the snow, and the next week or two promises to be an exceptionally busy time for the local plumbers.

On Sunday morning the weather was spring like and a considerable portion of the snow melted, but in the evening a severe frost set in and people out with horses and vehicles on Monday morning had a very uncomfortable time. The snow had been converted into huge ice chunks, making traffic on the roads exceedingly difficult, and matters were not improved by a dense fog which enveloped the district, it being impossible to see more than a yard or so ahead until about ten o'clock, when the mist began to lift.

Mr Moore, carrier, of Whitwick, had great difficulty in returning from Leicester and was beaten before he got home, being unable to get further than just beyond the Hermitage Hotel. He completed his delivery of parcels on Sunday morning.

One of the Coalville Co-Operative Society's bread vans got stuck in the snow near the Forest Rock Hotel, and had to be left there, the driver returning home with the horse and another of the same society's bread vans was in a similar position at Highfields, having to be left there till an additional horse was forthcoming.

In Coalville Streets

The Coalville streets were almost impassable on Monday. The Urban Council insist on occupiers of property clearing the pavements in front of their premises, and this being readily done, led to a huge bank of snow on either side of the road, leaving only a narrow space in the middle, and drivers of vehicles in the main thorough fares of Coalville found traffic very difficult.

On Tuesday, however, the Council had a good number of men at work with horses and carts clearing the snow away and a great improvement was soon effected in High Street, Belvoir Road, and other places where the traffic is heaviest.

Coalville Man's Leg Broken

One of Messrs. Stableford's workmen, Mr Charles Tipper, of Ashby Road, when going to his work on Monday had the misfortune to slip down in Mantle Lane with the result that one of the bones in his leg was broken. He is being attended by Dr. Jamie. Mr Tipper is a well-known comic singer and much sympathy will be felt for him in his trouble. He has a wife and four children, one of them recently born, but which came a few days too soon to entitle the parents to the maternity benefits of the Insurance Act.

General Thaw Sets In

A general thaw set in over Coalville and District on Tuesday night and on Wednesday morning, rain was steadily falling.

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For Sale

Splendid Sittings of White Wyandotte eggs. Record layers, 3s per sitting. J. C. Stinson, Sharpley House, Whitwick

Local News

We understand that Mr B. G. Hale, J.P., has been invited to oppose Mr M. McCarthy in the Whitwick division at the ensuing C.C. election and that Mr Hale is considering the matter.

Parochial Tea and Social

The Shrovetide parochial tea and social were held in the school on Tuesday, there being a large attendance. Messrs. W. Fern and George Underwood were the M.C.'s and Mr R. West played for dancing. A good number played whist.

P.M. Church

The annual Shrovetide effort by the Whitwick Primitive Methodists was a great success, the proceeds exceeding last year's total. The Rev. S. R. Woodall, of Oldham, formerly a minister in this district, preached on Sunday and in the afternoon gave an address at a service of praise presided over by Mr Arthur Toon, of Swannington. On Monday evening the rev gentleman lectured on "One of the miracles of the 19th century," which, he said, was the growth of Primitive Methodism. Mr John Ward, of Whitwick, presided and said it was during Mr Woodall's stay in that district that he received a note from him authorising

him to go out on trial as a local preacher. Thanks to the lecturer and chairman were accorded on the proposition of Mr J. Newbury. There were a large number at the tea on Tuesday, trays being given by members of the congregation. Mr J. T. Ward, of Hugglescote, presided at a public meeting in the evening addressed by the Revs. S. R. Woodall, J. Blayney and W. H. Whiting.

Will of Mr C. T. Church

Mr Charles Thomas Church, of Ivy Dene, Forest Road, Coalville, formerly in business at Whitwick as a grocer, baker and corn dealer, a former member of the old Whitwick Local Board, and who died on the 8th December last, aged 74 years, left estate of the gross value of £9,283 2s 6d, of which £6,484 19s 1d is the net personalty, and probate of his will, dated 25th November, last, has been granted to his widow, Mrs Sarah Church, Mr Thomas William Bourne, of Market Place, Whitwick, draper, and Mr Charles James Kilpack, of North Avenue, Clarendon Park, Leicester, wholesale provision merchant.

Testator left £10 each to Coltman, Annie, John Willie and Charles Church.

£10 to his sister-in-law, Ann Church.

£25 each to the trustees of his will.

£500 to his son, Charles Thomas Church, of Sydney, New South Wales.

£500 to his grandson, Charles Thomas Church, son of his late son Joseph.

£50 each to his daughters, Fanny Elizabeth Allen, Sarah Jane Bourne, Harriett Martin, and Annie Edith Morris.

His freehold residence and effects there to his wife, Mrs Sarah Church, and the residue of his estate he left upon trust for his four said daughters in equal shares.

Conservative Association

At the annual meeting of the above association, which was held at the Conservative Club, Dr. Burkitt presiding over a good attendance. Officials were elected as follows: President, Mr E. M. P. de Lisle, vice-presidents, Messrs. T. Y. Hay, M. McCarthy, W. Lindley, G. F. Burton, H. Bastard, F. Blow, I. Foster, R. Alcock, and Dr. Burkitt. Mr G. F. Burton was appointed chairman in the place of Dr. Burkitt, who resigned the office. Mr G. West was elected hon. registration secretary. Delegates to the Loughborough Divisional Council were chosen as follows: Messrs. H. Bastard, F. Blow, G. E. Bramwell, H. Bunce, S. Haywood, H. G. W. Howe, J. Holt, F. Limb, H. Williams, J. West, C. E. Crane, J. Bakewell, A. Underwood and H. Ward. – A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Dr. Burkitt for his services to the association. – A discussion on the work of the association resulted in the adoption of a proposition made by Mr Howe to re-form it on an extended basis, and to that end the meeting was adjourned to Wednesday, February 12th.

Whitwick Vicar's Claim

What Led up to the Arrest

The Fate of Mr Mackenzie's Son

Said to have been killed by Wolves.

Full details are to hand in regard to the claim of the Rev. J. W. A. Mackenzie, Vicar of Whitwick, in the Isle of Man Chancery Court, the week before last, against the estate of the late Miss Murray, of Ramsey, which, unfortunately, led up to his arrest on a serious charge.

While riding in Dr. Roe's motor car in July, 1911, Miss Murray met with an accident, in which she was killed. She left a will dated February 15th, 1911, leaving legacies of £100 each to her sisters, and £30 to Annie Corkill, and the residue of her estate to Mr Mackenzie. Miss Murray's estate is being wound up by the Court, Dr. Roe, of Ramsey, being her trustee, and the Rev. J. W. A. Mackenzie sought to establish a claim against the estate for £640 6s 1d. Messrs. Nelson and McWhannell appeared for the trustee, Mr Farrant for the claimant, and Mr Hughes-Games for Cecil S. Hodges and Edith Joyce, his wife, and Nora Joyce Murray, sisters of the deceased, who are beneficiaries under the will.

Claimant, giving evidence in support of his claim, said that in July, 1910, he lent deceased £300 to help her sisters in Canada; and in the following year received a promissory note for the amount. He drew the money from his agents (account produced from agents), and paid it to Miss Murray. In the September following, Miss Murray wrote him for £100. He had to borrow it at heavy interest, agreeing to pay £50 for the loan (note produced). On the back of the note were the numbers of the Bank of England notes he received from the money-lender, and paid into Miss Murray's account. (Bank statement produced, showing the notes paid in). On July 11th, 1911, Miss Murray said that the claimant should have an acknowledgement of the money she owed, and gave him two cheques, one for £300 and one for £162, the latter to cover the £100 loan, with interest and expenses. She asked him not to cash the cheques, as she had nothing to meet them. Later on in the day, she said that as cheques were useless, she would give him a promissory note. He wrote out one at her request, and later she gave it to him signed. Witness had also made a will, making Miss Murray his residuary legatee. Miss Murray met with an accident shortly after and died on July 23rd. On July 14th, he and Miss Murray went into the accounts of the partnership for the year, and drew up the balance sheet (produced). It showed that he had put £420 capital into the partnership against her £25. The balance sheet also contained a profit and loss account, and showed a balance in hand (profit) of £27 3s 9d. Miss Murray signed the balance sheet, and he was now claiming that £27 3s 9d as being due to him. He did not know that at that time the partnership account was overdrawn, but he understood Miss Murray had not paid into the account all the money she had received on behalf of it. There was a ledger and a small book kept by Miss Murray, but the executors stated that they could not find those books. After Miss Murray's death he found that the partnership account was overdrawn £89 6s 11d and he arranged with Dr. Roe, the executor, to pay off that overdraft, so as to release Miss Murray's securities. It was paid off by the sale of partnership property, and he now claimed that amount as being due to him. Dr. Roe wrote him that he would pay the £89.

Witness underwent a very severe cross-examination at the hands of Mr Nelson and Mr Hughes-Games. In answer to the former he said that he was a frequent judge at poultry shows on the other side of the water. All his judging fees went into the partnership fund. Miss Murray exhibited at shows where he had acted as judge. Once he gave a bird of hers a card, but it was one that he did not know. At another show he recognised one of his own birds, and passed it over. The balance sheet he produced had been sent him by Dr. Roe, pasted in the scrap-book produced. He could only account for his lending a lady he had only known from January to July, £300, by the sudden friendship they formed for each other. She was, he understood, sending the money to her sisters in Canada, and, as he was sending his boy out to them, he thought that they would look after him better, knowing

that he had lent their sister money. His boy was, however, turned adrift in a week. For months they could get no word whether he was alive or dead, and now they said he must have been killed by wolves in the woods.

Mr Nelson: *The only inducement you had for lending the money is what you have said?*

Witness: *That was the only inducement. On the Wednesday before Miss Murray's death, she showed him a number of banknotes in her sitting-room at the Hospital. There were two £50 notes, three £5 notes, and some others. Those notes had not been accounted for by the executors, and his lawyers in England had written to Messrs. McWhannell and Nelson about them on January 16th, 1912. He last saw the partnership ledger on the day of the accident, when he and Miss Murray walked down to Dr. Roe's house and had tea. When Miss Murray was dying she told him where the will was, and he went to the Hospital on Saturday, and got a communion service to administer to her the sacrament.*

In answer to Mr Hughes-Games, witness said that he had expended over £800 on the farm and money lent. The promissory note was given to Mr LaMethe, and sent by him to witness's solicitors, Messrs. Sharp and Lancaster, who gave it to him, and he sent it to Mr Farrant. It had not been tampered with, and that he knew of.

Mr Hughes-Games: *When Mr LaMothe had it a distinct impression of Miss Murray's signature could be seen on the reverse side of the note.*

Witness could not tell. He never had been told any reason why Mr LaMothe gave the case up. He did not think that the signature had been traced in pencil or with a sharp instrument, and then inked over. He had never had any reason to examine the signature so close as Mr Hughes-Games had.

Mr Hughes-Games: *I thought that you would have had more.*

Witness: *You thought wrong.*

Mr Farrant: *Is this a question or a sparring match.*

Witness: *The Church and the Law often do.*

Continuing, witness said that he had never observed any peculiarities about the signature such as picking of the 'L'. He had not observed any unnatural smoothness of the paper. He had not compared the signatures on the notes with those on the cheques. He had only had blank cheques signed by Miss Murray when he went personally to buy stock. He had filled up the cheque for £300 and £160 but that was his common practice when on the Island. That could easily be ascertained by the production of the cheques. On the day of the accident Miss Murray gave him a cheque for £5 for his Deaconess Fund. After her death he never filled in blank cheques with her name. On July 14th 1911, the accounts of the farm were made up to July 1st. She signed the promissory note and the cheques against his will. He had no objection to the balance sheet being removed from the scrap-book if the book was not destroyed. He had not in his possession a cheque book signed in blank, and that did not account for his getting the cheques for £300 and £160. He could not tell how the cheque of July 15th was a number earlier than the cheque of July 14th. The signature on the balance-sheet had not been traced in black lead, then in ink lightly, the black lead rubbed out, and then inked again.

Re-examined: *No suggestion had ever been made till now that the promissory note and cheques were wrong.*

Annie Corkill, who had been with Miss Murray at Noble's Hospital, and afterwards at Ramsey, for 20 years, deposed that Miss Murray often discussed business with her. She knew that Miss Murray kept the books of the poultry farm, and Miss Murray told her about the financial affairs of the farm. Within a week or so of her death Miss Murray came to her in the kitchen with a promissory note for £300, which she said she wished her to witness by signing. Witness repeated the contents of the note word for word.

Cross-examined: She remained at the Hospital three weeks after Miss Murray's death, then went to Mr Mackenzie's for 10 months, and afterwards returned to the Island. Mr C. T. Hughes-Games, sworn, said *"I was instructed about a year ago by Miss Murray's sisters to resist the claim put forward by Mr Mackenzie. In June last, in Mr LaMothe's office in Ramsey, he was told that Mr LaMothe was acting for the claimant, who was anxious that he should see witness and arrange a compromise. He said that he would not admit a penny of the claim, and Mr LaMothe said that he could not see how they could get over the promissory note. The note was produced. I examined the note carefully, and observed a marked sheen on the letters. I pointed that out to Mr LaMothe. I turned the note over, and there was, then, perfectly visible, the impression of the name through the paper. Since then that impression has disappeared. I said to Mr LaMothe that the signature was a forgery caused by tracing and then inked over. He made no comment. Both he and Mr Cowley afterwards informed me that they had ceased to act for the claimant."*

The case stood adjourned till Thursday.

On Thursday, Doctor Roe, one of the executors of the will, gave evidence. He stated that after Miss Murray's death he saw the partnership ledger in claimant's possession. He considered that the signatures to the promissory note and the balance sheet of the partnership were not those of Miss Murray. In cross-examination letters were read from the witness to Mackenzie, in which he begged him not to bring the case into Court, as it would ruin him (witness). It also meant it would become known that he, as a Commissioner, knew of the partnership and supported Miss Murray's proposals before the Board. It also meant that every poultry club in England would know claimant judged Miss Murray's and his own fowls. It would also mean Miss Murray's name and reputation being ruined. There was no doubt about the latter. Asked to explain, witness said that the public would put a wrong construction on what had occurred which would injure him as a medical man. He did not know then that Mackenzie alleged that bank notes were missing, and the letters did not refer to them. – Thomas Ed. Acherson, manager of the Lloyd's Branch at Ramsey, considered the signatures on the note and the balance sheets very doubtful, but could not say that the signatures would not have passed him if there were no suspicious circumstances. Mr Farrant, who spoke for three hours, ridiculed the idea that Mr Mackenzie had committed forgery, or induced Miss Corkill to commit perjury. – The Clerk of the Rolls said that he was not satisfied with the balance sheet or the promissory note, or with the signatures. He disbelieved Miss Corkill's evidence as to her having seen the note signed. He was also of opinion that the ledger had been in the claimant's possession after Miss Murray's death, and considered it remarkable that the executor had found no papers among Miss Murray's effects making reference to the amounts claimed for. The plaintiff had to prove his claim; it rested on him to do that, and he had not satisfied him that the claim was a just one, and it would be dismissed with costs. – On the application of Mr Hughes-Games, acting for the legatees, the documents in the case were impounded.

Police Court Proceedings

Strange Story of a Bracelet

Accused Committed for Trial

How Mr Mackenzie was subsequently arrested and taken back to the Island was briefly reported in our last issue. On Wednesday morning he was brought before the High Bailiff of Douglas (Mr J. S. Gell), and charged at the instance of Police-Superintendent John Thomas Quilliam, that he did, on the 22nd day of January, 1913, feloniously utter, dispose of, and put off a certain forged undertaking for the payment of money, which said forged undertaking is as follows:

“Cronk Ruagh, Ramsey, Isle of Man.

I, Leila Eleanor Murray, hereby acknowledge to have received the sum of three hundred pounds (£300) from the Rev. J. W. A. Mackenzie, of Whitwick Vicarage, Leic, which sum I promise to repay him.”

L. E. Murray

With intent thereby to defraud etc.

Mr Ramsey-Moore appeared for the prosecution, and Mr Lay for defendant. Mr Moore, having outlined the case, the clerk to the Chancery Court (Mr John Cannell) deposed as to the evidence given by the defendant when making his claim, and produced the promissory note.

Photographs of the Questioned Signature

Wm. Henry Warburton said he was a photographer carrying on business in Douglas. On the instructions of the Chief Constable, he photographed the promissory note in question. He produced the negatives.

Mr Moore said the allegation of the prosecution was that the signature in question was first done with black lead or some other sharp instrument, and so to get an imprint the person making the forgery had gone over it with a pen to produce the signature. Witness said the negatives were as they came from the camera, and had not been re-touched or varnished. The first negative was a small one of the signature taken from the back. No. 2 was an enlarged view of the back, No. 3 was an enlarged view of the front, and No. 4 was also an enlarged view of the front taken with a side light, the idea being to throw a side light across to show up the grooving. In cross-examination, witness said he could not see anything on the small negative except “L. E. Murray.”

Handwriting Expert's Conclusion

Gerald Francis Gurrin said: *“I am a member of the Royal Microscopical Society, and have devoted my life to the study of handwriting, and I am a handwriting expert practising in London. I have had eleven years' experience, and have dealt with large numbers of forged and disputed handwritings. I am regularly consulted by the Treasury and Crown offices in such matters. I came to the Island yesterday, and devoted sometime last night, and practically the whole of today, to the examination of the document involved in this case”*.

Mr Moore: *You were informed it was an extremely serious case, and involved the honour of a clergyman.*

Mr Lay: *I object to that.*

Mr Moore: *You were informed of the seriousness of the case?*

Mr Lay: *I take it he will speak the truth whether it is serious or not.*

Witness: *Yes. I have examined a bundle of cheques which are admittedly the genuine signatures of the person, L. E. Murray. I had sufficient specimens before me to acquaint myself with her signature. I had also submitted to me the promissory note, which forms the subject of this inquiry. The common outstanding characteristics of Miss Murray's handwriting are that it is quickly and lightly written with very little pressure.*

Mr Moore: *Do you mean that the mouth of the nib would not have been opened?*

Witness: *It might have been slightly but there is no discernible pressure. The mouth of the nib would not have been opened to any extent, but then it would depend upon the nib that was used. The light pressure of Miss Murray's signature is consistent throughout. I saw all the signatures, also those on the two cheques produced. I also saw the signature at the foot of the balance sheet.*

Mr Moore: *Looking at the signature on the promissory note, what is the thing that strikes you as the characteristic of that signature?*

Witness: *It is practically the opposite to the other signatures on the cheques as far as the pressure is concerned. The ink is darker and heavier on the promissory note, pointing to the slower execution. As I have examined them, I have formed a conclusion on the whole of them. I examined the signature in question with a very strong glass, with a very powerful lens.*

Mr Moore: *What did you find in each letter?*

Witness: *I found the signature is characterised by the fact that an indentation is visible in a number, if not all, of the letters.*

Mr Moore: *In what portion of the letter is that found?*

Witness: *Generally in the centre, and generally deviating from the centre to the side, but mainly in the centre. It is a single indentation such as would be produced by a pencil, and has no indication of a double indentation such as would be produced by a pen if that amount of pressure was used.*

Mr Moore: *Are you satisfied in your own mind that the indentations have been caused otherwise than by a pen?*

Witness: *Yes. It is a single indentation, whereas a pen would produce a double indentation. Neither is it an indentation produced by a stylographic pen as distinguished from a fountain pen. A stylographic pen would make a clean mark. I made a careful examination of the ink strokes throughout, and found in several places, particularly at the base of the letter 'L' and at the top of the letter 'E,' certain strokes other than ink strokes of a purple or bluish tinge, such as might have been produced by pencil or carbon paper. After getting in a certain light with a strong glass, the actual glint of this substance could be seen. It is not ordinary ink.*

Mr Moore: *Did you also examine the back of the promissory note?*

Witness: *Yes. Both the signature and the body of the document, although I did not pay much attention to the latter. My special attention was paid towards the signature. I could see on the back, the outline of the signature which appeared on the face of the document, and in order to fix the effect of the light, the photographs taken by Mr Warburton were taken under my direction. This No. 3 photograph was taken with the object of showing down the centre of the each letter where the indentation or groove appears, and the photograph clearly shows that grooving. That shows the indentation, particularly the letters 'M' and 'L'. That is by direct light. The next photo (No. 4) was taken with the object of showing the lines appearing outside the ink lines in certain places – for instance, at the base of the 'L' and the top of the 'E'. They are seen clearly, but not so clearly as with a powerful glass.*

No. 2 is an enlargement of the back of the note showing up the indentations, which it does fairly well.

The High Bailiff examined the photo print with a magnifying glass.

Witness: *It is no use using the glass on the print. It is necessary to do it with the original.*

Mr Moore: *Dealing with the back of the note, have you any doubt whatever that these are the marks of the grooving of these letters there?*

Witness: *They seem to me to correspond exactly with the grooving. It is also seen in front.*

Mr Moore: *From these observations are you in a position to give us any conclusions, having in mind the seriousness of the case? Will you state your conclusions – to what extent your opinions are certainties?*

Witness: *The strongest points are the points of fact – such as, for instance, the existence of the indentations on front and back; the appearance of writing in matter other than ink, and also the substance appearing to be pencil, which is seen particularly on the letter 'L'. These actual facts, to my mind, point only to one conclusion, namely, that the signature is not a natural signature, but one produced by some mechanical means – such, for instance, as a tracing or carbon paper.*

Mr Moore: *I want to put it more seriously whether, in expressing your view you feel in our mind any doubt?*

Witness: *Oh, no doubt whatever, particularly as the things I have pointed out are facts, and not opinions.*

Mr Moore: *You were not asked to direct your attention in any way as to whose signature it was?*

Witness: *No. I was simply asked whether it was a forgery or not. It was not my instructions to say who did it.*

The High Bailiff: *In your opinion, it is a forgery?*

Witness: *It is, sir.*

Mr Moore: *In your practice, do very many doubtful cases come before you?*

Witness: *A number, a very large number.*

Mr Moore: *Does this fall into that category?*

Witness: *No. I might say traces of a signature having been tampered with are sufficient to damn the signature.*

Mr Moore: *In this case the interference goes through the whole signature?*

Witness: *Yes.*

Mr Moore: (producing the signature of Miss Murray to a balance sheet). *This was also submitted to your examination?*

Witness: *Yes, it is difficult, if not impossible to say anything about it, for the reason that it has been gummed on paper and smudged in the process. But I did take a tracing of it, and I find that tracing if super-imposed on the signature to the note corresponds with it as regards the letters 'L' and 'E', and the word 'Murray' with the exception of the letter 'Y'. Taking the 'L' and 'E' they correspond, and the first part of the word 'Murray' corresponds with this exception, that if the letters 'L' and 'E' in this tracing are placed over the same letters in the signature, then the word 'Murray' does not correspond in location; you have to shift the paper; then 'Murray' corresponds. If one were producing the signature from the tracing, in all probability the tracing paper was moved before the word 'Murray' was written, and the same is true with regard to 'Y'.*

Mr Moore: *Is the correspondence so close and so accurate that it would not be produced by a person writing their name twice?*

Witness: *I hardly think so. It is difficult to say on account of the smudge, but I hardly think so. I think that points to one of two conclusions – either one of these signatures was reproduced from the other, or both were produced from some other. The fact that the word*

'Murray' does not correspond in location when the tracing is over the letter 'L' and 'E' would be accounted for by the moving of the tracing paper or other medium employed. The same applies to the difference in position of the letter 'Y'.

The High Bailiff: *I do not see any of these documents with a turned-up tail on the 'Y'.*

Witness: *I might have gone into the details of dissimilarities, but the fact that there are these features I have mentioned rendered it unnecessary.*

Cross-Examination

Mr Lay: *Have you ever been engaged in connection with a Manx case before? – I have not been in the Island before in my life.*

I did not ask you that: have you ever been engaged in a Manx case before? – No.

Or any case connected with the Isle of Man?

Not as far as I know.

You have not given your opinion on any writing? – If I have it was not disclosed to me that it was in connection with the Isle of Man.

Mr Lay: *I will postpone my cross-examination to a later period, if necessary.*

Mr Moore: *I propose to give formal evidence of arrest, and then will request your Worship to remand the defendant to Friday.*

The Arrest

Police-Constable John Henry Fayle deposed: *Under the authority of a warrant issued by a justice here, I proceeded to Leicester on Saturday, and having had the warrant backed by a local justice of the peace, I arrested the defendant on Monday at Whitwick, about 18 miles from Leicester. The warrant was read to him, and he was cautioned and charged. He said, "I do not understand it." I did not have any further conversation with him as to what he meant. His room was searched.*

Mr Moore: *I do not propose to go into it today, but there were certain articles of jewellery and documents found which will be produced. (To witness): Among the articles of jewellery found, was there _____.*

Mr Lay: (interrupting): *I cannot see the connection of this, for the life of me.*

The High Bailiff: *I do not see the connection at present. We shall see later on, I suppose.*

Mr Lay: *I do not wish to shut anything out because I know it may tell against me, but I do not see what this has to do with the charge.*

The High Bailiff: *I do not see the connection at present.*

Mr Moore: *It has a bearing on correspondence which was produced at a previous court.*

Witness: *There was a gold bracelet set with six sapphires and three small diamonds. It was found in a drawer in a desk in his study. He saw it afterwards in my possession, but did not make any comment.*

Mr Moore: *Last night, I believe, the defendant volunteered a remark? – Yes, he said it was very trying. I said, "Yes", "But," he said, "before God, I am innocent."*

A conversation took place as to bail, and the High Bailiff said, *"As it stands at present, the matter is a very serious one. I should say £200, and two sureties of £100 each."*

Mr Lay asked that the defendant might be kept in the police station, instead of being sent to the Isle of Man gaol, as telegrams were constantly passing. The High Bailiff said that was a matter he had nothing to do with, and Mr Lay had better apply to Colonel Madoc. The prisoner was then remanded.

How the Alleged Forgery was Detected

The case was continued on Friday before the High Bailiff of Douglas. The first witness cross-examined was C. T. Hughes-Games, who said that in connection with the estate of the late Miss Murray, he acted for her sisters, who are beneficiaries under the will. Mr LaMothe was acting for the defendant with regard to the claim against the estate. He saw Mr LaMothe.

Mr Lay objected to any conversation whatever between Mr Hughes-Games and Mr LaMothe. Mr Moore said that Mr LaMothe was defendant's agent. The question was allowed.

Witness (continuing): *Mr LaMothe, on instructions of the defendant, suggested a compromise of the claim. He replied that he could admit no claim whatever, and Mr LaMothe produced the promissory note. That was the first time he had heard of the note. He examined the document with some care. What struck him at first was that there was a peculiar gloss, or glean on the letters of the signature. He thought that the paper, which was somewhat rough in character, had been smoothed by pressure, which caused the glossy appearance where the signature is. He suspected the signature, and turned the note over. The signature was clearly impressed on the back of the note. It was perfectly clear. He pointed that out to Mr LaMothe, who said nothing about it. After that he looked again, and saw a distinct grooving of the letters, and a distinct printing by dots of the 'L' and 'E'. He could still see them. He had since seen the note under a glass, and examined it by turning it to a strong light at different angles. Under a glass he could see the grooving he spoke of, the fitting of the dots that he had mentioned, and the glean, or glossiness of the letters, looking as if the ink was over lead pencil, and if this paper had been unnaturally smoothed. He also observed that the chisel-shaped end of the 'Y' indicated that the ink was put on downwards, and not upwards. That could be seen with the naked eye. He had not at the time seen Miss Murray's signature. He had, however, examined the whole of the note, and there was no impression on the letters, except on the reverse side of the signature. He gave evidence in the matter of the civil claim, and produced letters written by the defendant to the sister and brother-in-law of Miss Murray. He first heard that the £300 had been lent Miss Murray to assist her sisters that was when he gave evidence before the Clerk of the Rolls.*

Attempted Photographing in Court

At this stage the High Bailiff said that he had heard efforts were being made to take photographs in this case. He would not permit it, and asked the police to let him know if any attempt was made.

Cross-examined, witness said that he first suggested the forgery, and suggested that the documents should be impounded. He did not suggest the prosecutions. He told the chief of police, or his advocate, that if a search was being made, they should look for a bracelet that had been left to his client. He did not see Constable Fayle before he went away. The chief of police sent for him, and he had conversation with him. He disclaimed any expert knowledge of handwriting.

Strange Story of a Bracelet

Charles Disney Roe said that he was one of the executors, along with Mr Lyon, of Kingston, of Miss Murray's estate. He had known her since 1905, and she was a regular

visitor at his house. In July, 1910, he met the defendant, who was judge of the poultry at Ramsey show. Witness was invited by a clergyman friend to meet him at dinner. Defendant wished to see the stock of two of the exhibitors, Miss Murray and Mr Johnson, and witness volunteered to drive him out. Next day he drove defendant out, that was the commencement of his acquaintance with Miss Murray. Subsequently, Mr Mackenzie told him of his contemplated partnership. In 1911, defendant came to the Island about July 13th, and Miss Murray met with an accident on the 21st July, and died at witness's house on the 23rd. On the day after the funeral, July 26th, he went to the hospital with Mr Mackenzie, who told him where Miss Murray said the will was. Defendant showed him the will in an envelope, not opened, and they took it to Mr C. B. Nelson's house, where the envelope was opened. He then first knew that he was executor, and went to secure the assets. He did not see in Miss Murray's room on that occasion, or at any other time, any Bank of England notes. He had never heard the suggestion made that there were any notes until several months afterwards. There was some difficulty in locking the door in Mr Mackenzie's presence. Mr Mackenzie was staying with witness for a few days afterwards, and never made any mention of Miss Murray owing him £300. Not being aware that there was any large claim like that, witness had an inventory made by Mr Chrystal, and allowed prisoner to take away articles to the value of £64 10s 3d. Amongst these articles was a gold bracelet, set with sapphires and diamonds. Mr Lay objected to this evidence as not being relevant to the charge.

Mr Moore pointed out that if there had been a genuine liability of £300, the estate would have been insolvent, and these articles should have been left to the creditors. It was a link in the chain of evidence.

Witness said that a gold bracelet with sapphires and a gold ring were specially bequeathed by Miss Murray to her sisters. They were given to the defendant on the distinct understanding that he was to give them to the sisters. When defendant's claim of £300 was made, and it was apparent the estate was insolvent, witness wrote for these articles, as they were required for the administration of the estate.

Mr Moore read Mr Mackenzie's reply Dr. Roe's letter, denying that he had received the sapphire bracelet and the pearl ring. Mr Moore then produced to the witness the bracelet found by police constable Fayle, in the prisoner's desk, and he identified it as the bracelet in question, which had belonged to Miss Murray.

Witness said Miss Murray paid £3 10s for it, but it was only put down at £1 10s in the valuation. He first heard of the promissory note late in the autumn, and first heard of the £300 cheque in the Chancery Court when Mr Mackenzie's claim was made. He could find no trace in the bank books of Miss Murray having received £300, or paid away that, or any other large sum approaching that amount. In July, 1910, Miss Murray had some £400 or £500 invested, and those investments remained till her death. Apart from this alleged loan, she had no big obligations, and had an assured position and income. He frequently saw Miss Murray's handwriting. She wrote a very light hand, and the signatures on the cheques were very characteristic of her hand writing. The signature on the promissory note was not characteristic.

Cross-examined, Miss Murray's estate included £200 in Guinness, £50 in Pears, something in the Bradford Dye Works, and Dunlop rubbers. The securities realised £430. He could not tell whether she had these in 1910. Re-examined, Miss Murray possessed some property in Dublin jointly with her sisters, and she received the rents, £5, and transferred it to her sisters.

Miss Murray's Signatures

Thomas Ed. Acherson, manager of Lloyd's Branch at Ramsey, gave evidence to the cheque book issued to Miss Murray. For two years before her death Miss Murray deposited some of her securities at the Bank. They were valued at £300. No. 2 account was opened in July, 1910, in Miss Murray's name. He was well acquainted with Miss Murray's signature. All the cheques in the book commencing 024541 to 024565, with the exception of three missing ones, were filled in in handwriting not the deceased's. The signatures were hers.

Mr Moore: *We allege that all the cheques are filled in by Mr Mackenzie, and that all are from across the water. The cheques for £300 and £162 are from that book?*

Witness: *Yes. The handwriting on the promissory note was very different to all others of Miss Murray's that he had seen.*

Cross-examined: *In the Chancery Court he said that he did not know whether the signature would pass or not, but under ordinary circumstances he would not question it.*

Mr C. B. Nelson, who acted for the executors of Miss Murray's estate, deposed that the will was opened by him in the presence of Dr. Roe, and Mr Mackenzie. They brought the will to the house, Mr Mackenzie did not at that time say that he was a creditor under a promissory note for £300. It was some time after before he heard of any claim. On November 24th, 1911, he wrote to the defendant that he understood that he held a note for £300. Mr Mackenzie replied that the £300 was money lent to Miss Murray for purposes for which he had made no enquiries. In the Chancery Court defendant said that the money was lent to the deceased to keep her family. He first saw the note a week before the Chancery Court, and it was not at the court that he first heard that the £300 was advanced a year before the date of the note. In the Chancery Court, Dr. Roe produced the counterfoils of Miss Murray's cheque books, except the book 024541 to 024570, out of which the cheques for £300 and £162 were taken. It was suggested to him that he had a book of cheques signed in blank, and that he had filled them in after her death, but he denied it.

Committal of the Prisoner

This was the case for the police. Mr Lay said that he proposed to call no evidence at this stage. The charge was read over to the defendant and he said, "*I am advised by my solicitor to say nothing, I am not guilty.*" Prisoner was committed for trial.

The Question of Bail

On the question of bail, the High Bailiff said that he had considered the matter very carefully, and he did not feel disposed to release the defendant on a money deposit. It was not a proper thing to accept a money deposit.

Mr Lay: *That means that the defendant must be kept in gaol till at least Tuesday.*

The High Bailiff: *The responsibility is mine Mr Lay, and I cannot accept a money deposit.*

Mr Lay: *Will you accept one bail, £200?*

The High Bailiff: *Yes. If I am satisfied of the man's means, I will take one bail of £200.*

Prisoner was removed in custody, but was subsequently released on bail. When it was intimated by the authorities that personal bail would be required, some difficulty arose

which was removed by a gentleman in court stepping forward and offering himself as bail until the other necessary securities had been obtained. Mr Mackenzie, we understand, afterwards left the court with this gentleman, who offered him hospitality pending his trial, and Mr Mackenzie is now staying with him in the Island. The gentleman was only slightly acquainted with the Vicar, as a result of a little business transaction connected with the poultry farm.

Vicar's Telegram to his Congregation

The services at the Whitwick Church, Sunday, were conducted by the Rev. F. C. Stocks, curate of Misterton, Lutterworth, who is also the diocesan inspector. During the morning service, the reverend gentleman read a telegram from the Vicar, declaring his innocence, and asking for the prayers of the congregation.

A Defence Fund Formed

After the evening service on Sunday, Dr. Burkitt presided over a full meeting of the Church council, the churchwardens, Messrs. S. W. West and J. P. Roulston, and Mr H. T. Bastard, lay representative, being amongst those present.

The chairman made a statement on the Vicar's case, and several sympathetic speeches were made by members of the council. It was proposed by Mr S. W. West, seconded by Mr J. R. Roulston, and unanimously carried, that an official letter of sympathy and belief in his innocence and expressing confidence that he would clear himself, be sent to the Vicar, Mrs Mackenzie, the Rural Deane, the Archdeacon, and the Bishop of Peterborough. To help the Vicar to establish his innocence it was felt that a considerable sum of money would be required; the council, therefore decided to endeavour to raise funds for that object. It was decided to open a fund of the Whitwick branch of the Nottingham and Notts. Bank to be called, 'The Mackenzie Legal Defence Fund' and that printed circulars be issued to friends appealing for help.

Dr. Burkitt, of the Old Vicarage, Whitwick, and Mr H. T. Bastard, of the School House, Whitwick, (the two lay representatives) were appointed as treasurers to the fund, and will be glad to receive donations from any persons who feel disposed to assist. An excellent start was given the fund on Monday.

Ashby Board of Guardians

Whitwick Girl's Sad Plight

A letter was received from Mr W. A. Musson, on behalf of the Ashby National School managers, regretting that they could not admit to the school a certain child from the workhouse because of her moral unfitness to be associated with the other girls of the school, whom the managers had to protect. He felt sure that the Guardians would appreciate the responsibility of the managers. It may be explained that the girl's mother and a man are undergoing terms of imprisonment for offences connected with the child at Whitwick.

Father O'Reilly said they could not do better than send the girl to a home in London as was originally proposed, at a charge of 7s per week.

The clerk said they had once decided to do that, and they got the sanction of the Local Government Board which came a fortnight ago but the Board thought there was an improvement in the child, and that she might be given a trial there. The child was sent to the school at Ashby, with this result.

The Chairman: *Can you tell us whether the managers have the right to refuse the admission of any child to the school?*

The Clerk: *They must have grounds for their refusal and these would be the grounds.*

Mr McCarthy: *That the child is not fit to be with the other children there.*

The chairman said they had a report a fortnight ago that there was a great improvement in the child. He did not wish to unnecessarily raise the point, but it was a serious thing. Here was a child, who through no fault of her own, but through being the tool of someone else, had become absolutely demoralised. But she was only 12 years of age. She had been treated worse than if she was feeble-minded or demented, being shut up on those premises, and not allowed to associate with other children, and the Board felt that if they sent the child away, they would only be paying someone else to do what they ought to do there. They would simply be transferring their responsibility to someone else, and it seemed to him to be rather cruel on this girl, because she had been put in this unfortunate position by someone having made money out of her, that she should be treated as a criminal. It did not seem to him to be a Christian act. He admitted the difficulties of the situation. The question was, had the managers of a school the right to refuse admission to any child?

The Clerk: *It is a question of fact, and on enquiry they would have to justify their refusal.*

Father O'Reilly said thieving and immoral conduct were considered grounds for refusing admittance. Mr McCarthy observed that Mr Musson was a lawyer, and doubtless knew what he was doing. Mr Andrews asked whether the girl had been allowed to mix with the other children.

Mr Parker replied in the affirmative, and said the report to the House Committee that morning was anything but a favourable one. He thought they had no alternative but to go back to their previous resolution, and send the child away. Mr Matterson said they should do so as speedily as possible, because it was an injustice to keep her isolated from the other children. It was worse than being in gaol. Mr McCarthy asked whether they could get the girl to an industrial school. The clerk replied, not without she had committed some offence.

Mr Bullen said the Bridge of Hope Mission dealt with abnormal cases, and he thought it was a suitable place. The Board decided to send her there, and to pay £2 for the necessary outfit.

Coalville Urban District Council

The monthly meeting of the Urban Council was held at Coalville on Tuesday evening, Mr M. McCarthy, J.P., presiding. There were also present, Messrs. W. Sheffield, S. Perry, T. Y. Hay, A. Lockwood, J. Kirby, F. Griffin, S. P. Matterson, J. R. Bennett, T. Kelly, and W. Fellows, with the clerk (Mr T. E. Jesson) surveyor (Mr G. F. Hurst) and gasworks manager (Mr J. W. Eagles).

Highway Committee's Report

The Highways Committee reported that the sub-committee appointed, reported on their visit to the site of the accident on Hermitage Road, when a pony belonging to Dr. Burkitt, of Whitwick, was injured through the crust of the road giving way. The clerk read a letter from Messrs. Sharp and Lancaster, acting on behalf of Dr. Burkitt, asking the Council to reconsider their decision of not admitting any liability in the matter, and the committee recommend the reply thereto be as suggested by the clerk.

Whitwick Lodgers

The surveyor reported that 1,055 people were accommodated at the Whitwick lodging houses during the month, against 979 in December, and 1049 in January last year. Replying to Mr Perry, he said permanent lodgers were not counted. It was decided to summon four nightsoil defaulters in School Lane, Whitwick, and one in the City of Dan. Mr Baldwin remarking that he wanted 1s 6d each from four of them and 9d from one.

Coalville Police Court

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

Bad Language

James Peter Hurst (40), frame fitter, Swannington, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on January 18th. He did not appear. P.C. Betts stated the case and defendant was fined 2s 6d and 12s 6d costs, or seven days.

Francis Wheeldon, (45), storekeeper, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on January 26th. P.C. Jelley proved the case. Fined 2s 6d and 12s 6d costs or seven days.

Whitwick Fight

Charles Cooper (29), and Patrick Costelow (17), colliers, Whitwick, were summoned for violent conduct at Whitwick on January 18th. They did not appear. P.C. Grewcock proved the case and Cooper, who had been previously convicted, was fined £1 1s and costs 10s 6d or 21 days. Costelow was fined 5s 6d and 10s 6d costs or 7 days.

Sport

Football

Whitwick Win by the Odd Goal

In view of the good record of the Leicester Belvoir Street Sunday School club, it was recognised that Whitwick Imperial had not to hold them too cheaply in their Senior Cup tie at Whitwick on Saturday, though Whitwick's ability to pull through was never doubted. As things went only a goal separated the teams in the end. Whitwick winning by two goals to one. All the scoring was done in the first half. Brady, who was in great form, opened for Whitwick and Rowse, having responded, it was left for Joe Lees to kick the winning goal.

Whitwick had much the best of the play in the second half, but the players were handicapped by the heavy state of the ground. It was a common thing for the ball to drop and stick in the mud and the difficulties under such conditions can be easily imagined.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Octogenarian's Death

The death occurred on Tuesday of Mr Joe Spencer, of North Street, aged 85 years. He was working up to Xmas.

Fatality at Whitwick Brickyard

Large Fall of Clay

Workman's Terrible Injuries

The North Leicestershire Coroner, Mr H. J. Deane, held an inquest at the Whitwick Colliery Offices on Tuesday afternoon, concerning the death of Fred Adams, who was killed on the previous day by a fall of clay in the company's brickyard.

Mr W. H. Hepplewhite, H.M. Inspector of Mines, was present, Mr C. F. Elliot-Smith, of Mansfield, appeared for the Whitwick Colliery Company, and Mr G. J. Binns, of Derby was for the Midland Colliery Owners' Mutual Indemnity Co. Ltd. Mr Walter Lindley, secretary to the Whitwick Colliery Company was also present. Mr W. Sheffield was the foreman of the jury.

The Coroner, opening the inquest, said the deceased lived at Whitwick, was 42 years of age, and was employed as a labourer at the Whitwick Colliery Brickyard. He usually worked on the surface, but on Monday morning was working in the clay hole in the place of a man who was absent. He understood that the deceased was an experienced workman, but at the time of the accident he was not actually getting clay from the face, but was filling loose clay into a tub. About 11.50, a fall of clay occurred, without preliminary warning, and knocked the deceased face forward on to the truck by which he doubtless received injuries from which he died. It would be for the jury to say when they had heard the evidence, whether they were satisfied as to the cause of the man's death and the circumstances by which it occurred.

Dr. J. C. Burkitt, Whitwick, said he had seen the body and knew it to be that of Fred Adams, who was employed at the Whitwick Colliery Co's. brickyard as a labourer. It was between 12.30 and 12.45 when witness saw the body. He found a fracture of the lower jaw and all the bones of the face were fractured on the left side. There was also a fracture of the vertebrae. On the right side of the chest the collar bone and the first rib were broken and there was a hole in the chest, three inches by two, with a collapsed lung underneath. Witness afterwards saw the place where the man had been working and came to the conclusion that the wounds and fractures on the face were due to the man's head coming into contact with the tub he was filling and the punctured wound on the chest looked as if it might have been caused by the shovel or some such blunt instrument. There was blood on the corner of the tub. Death would be instantaneous. The force must have been considerable.

Mr Smith: *Death was due to the accident?*

Witness: *Oh, yes.*

Benjamin Adams, labourer, employed on the Prestwold estate by Mr Hussey Packe, and living at Prestwold, said the deceased was his son and was 42 years of age. He had good sight and hearing, and had worked at the brick works for 17 years. He left a wife and child. He lived at Golden Row, Talbot Street, Whitwick.

John Wm. Pope, foreman of the brickworks, said the deceased was employed under him and was a good man – one that witness could put to almost any job with reliance. He was a sort of handyman and could take anyone's place if they were a man short. He usually worked at clay getting on the top. On Monday he went to work in the clay hole as they were a man short. Witness had not been in the clay hole that morning till he was told of the accident. He found the deceased was covered with clay all but his head. His cheek was resting on the tub. When they moved some of the stuff, witness saw that the man's neck was broken. Owing to the wet weather there had been an unusual slip of clay, which came from the top of the present working face.

The Coroner asked what examination was made in the morning before the men started work. Witness said a man had to make an inspection and sign a book that everything was safe.

The Coroner: *Had he so signed that morning?*

Witness: *Yes. (The book was produced)*

Replying further to the Coroner, witness said he had not examined the place himself that morning before the accident, but did afterwards and saw that it was due to the wet. The quantity of stuff which fell was about two tons. It seemed to slip off the face. If the tub had not been there, witness thought the clay would have pushed the man away, but he was pinned between the tub and the clay.

By the Inspector: *As far as he knew there had been no 'barring' on the clay on the top that morning. There were no marks in the crack to indicate that though there was a hole in the piece that was left. As far as witness knew there had been no under-cutting under the clay that morning. He did not think the clay that caused the accident was over-hanging clay, though the clay that was left was vertical. He could not say what was the thickness and depth of clay that fell.*

The Inspector: *You say two tons fell.*

Witness: *Yes, but it does not take much clay to make two tons.*

The question was repeated, and witness said he could only estimate it at 2 yards along the face and from 18 inches to 6 or 7 inches wide. Witness said that if the working ledge had been wider it might have arrested the fall of the clay, but the ledge was of ordinary width. They had not had a similar accident before.

By the Coroner: *The man in charge had to keep the ledges of sufficient width to ensure safety of working according to his discretion. He had to inspect and sign the book. The Coroner observed that the signature was the same all through the year, except one referring to snow. Witness said the chargeman would remove his men if he found anything unsafe until he made it safe.*

The Inspector: *He should record in the book what he did, not simply put 'ditto' every day.*

Mr Smith said the man was no scholar, though a very good practical workman. Replying to Mr Smith, witness said the clay hole was worked that day quite in accordance with the special rules. Thomas Stacey, foreman of the clay-getters, said deceased started to work under him about nine o'clock. Witness got to the clay hole at 7.15, and then and after breakfast, made the usual inspections, finding everything safe. He walked round both ledges and inspected them the first time, but only on the top the second time, not thinking it necessary to go on the second ledge again. It was a wet night on Sunday night. The face from which the clay fell had stood without being touched for about three weeks. Witness worked with Adams up to within about twenty minutes of the accident. Witness had charge of the clay hole, and had to decide how wide the ledges should be, but 4ft was required by the Act of Parliament. It would, however, be better with 8ft, because then if there was a fall it would catch it.

By the Coroner: *The depth of the face might be 11ft, and a 4ft ledge would be sufficient to work on, though it would be safer if it were wider.*

Replying to the Inspector, witness said he understood the Act called for 4ft, and had worked with that idea. The Inspector said 4ft was not mentioned in the Act. It said the place must be made safe. Mr Smith said the man's idea was that it must never be less than 4ft. It might be more, but never less.

By Mr Smith: *Witness had worked at the place five years and had been foreman for 12 months. There had been falls of clay, but never one like this before, and he was sorry it had happened.*

Replying to Mr S. Clamp (a juror), witness said it was possible for a slip to take place in the middle, and let the top down, leaving the face vertical, but in this case witness thought the stuff came from the top.

The Coroner said the foreman seemed to have exercised reasonable care, and the fall was quite unexpected, probably due to the rain. A good deal of attention had been paid to the width of the ledges, and it was apparent that Stacey thought four feet was enough and if there was no other result of the inquest than to remove that impression from the man's mind, it would have done good. He (the Coroner) thought a ledge of four feet, with a face of 11ft of clay above was not sufficient. It was for the jury to consider the facts, and return a verdict according to the evidence.

The witness, Stacey, recalled, said all the men, including himself, were paid piece-work. Replying to a juror, Mr Lindley said Stacey took the job, and paid the rest of the men.

The jury found that deceased was accidentally killed as the result of a slip in the face of the clay, and they strongly recommended that in future, the benches or ledges should be equivalent, or nearly so, to the face of the clay being worked.

Mr Lindley, on behalf of the company said they were sorry that the accident had happened, deceased being an excellent workman. They would carry out the recommendation of the jury as far as possible. (Hear, hear).

Shunting Fatality at Whitwick

Shepshed Workman Killed

Another fatal accident, making two at Whitwick this week, though on different works occurred on Wednesday.

John Scaysbrook, a workman in the employ of the Whitwick Granite Co., was employed in shunting operations at the works about a quarter to eleven, when he was caught by a waggon which he had just left with the brake down, but not pinned, and which had started off unexpectedly.

Deceased received severe injuries and was removed to the Loughborough Hospital where he died about 8 o'clock the same evening. Scaysbrook was 42 years of age. He lived at Shepshed and leaves a wife and large family.

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Local News

Messrs. Orchard and Joyce on Wednesday held a sale at the Whitwick Poultry Farm. Some 120 prize birds and other stock recently taken over from the Rev. J. W. A. Mackenzie, by Messrs. Bryde and Moore, who are leaving the district, were sold.

During the absence of the Rev. J. W. A. Mackenzie, the Rural Dean, Canon Broughton, of Hugglescote, is making the arrangements for clergymen to carry on the work of Whitwick Church. Last Sunday, the Rev. F. C. Stocks, of Misterton, was again the preacher, and next Sunday the services will be conducted by the Rev. C. H. Fox, of Leicester. All the services on Sunday last were well attended.

The feeling of church-people and many others in Whitwick towards the Vicar is very sympathetic and the hope is freely expressed that he will come successfully out of the severe ordeal through which he is passing. There has been a splendid response to the appeal for the defence fund, and it is understood that the amount now stands at about £250 though the fund has only been open a little more than a week. The sum named includes £100 by Mrs Perry Herrick, of Beaumanor, and all classes have contributed.

At the time of writing, it appears that the date of the Rev. J. W. A. Mackenzie's trial has not definitely been fixed. The Isle of Man may be said to enjoy distinct Home Rule, and in some respects their laws differ from those of England. The Whitwick vicar's friends are naturally anxious that he should have eminent English counsel to defend him, and the question has been raised as to whether this would be permissible, and has been much discussed in Whitwick during the past few days. It is suggested that the difficulty may be overcome by paying a certain fee to the Manx Bar. At any rate those in England interested in the matter are sparing no effort to ensure everything being done in the Vicar's defence that is possible.

Owing to the absence of the vicar, who is the editor, the "Whitwick Parish Magazine" for February has not been published.

Sewing Tea

The usual weekly sewing tea was held on Tuesday afternoon last and was well attended. The tea was kindly provided by Mrs E. Wallam and Mrs Latham, and a most enjoyable time was spent by those present. The proceeds were for the reduction of the debt in connection with the chapel.

Christian Endeavour

The usual weekly meeting in connection with this society was held on Wednesday evening, when a fairly good number were present. Various members spoke on the topic and a very interesting discussion followed. A most profitable time was spent.

Band of Hope

This society met in the P.M. schoolroom on Thursday evening last, and was well attended. Songs, solos, and recitations, were given by various scholars and an enjoyable time was spent.

Ashby Brewster Sessions

The annual brewster sessions were held on Saturday. The presiding magistrate was Mr George Moore, and other justices present were Sir William Abney, the Rev. C. T. Moore, Major Hatchett, Mr H. J. Ford, Mr J. Hassall, Mr George Brown, Mr J. P. Adcock, Mr T. Daniels, Mr G. D. Orchard and Mr J. W. West.

Superintendent's Annual Report

In his annual report, Superintendent Lockton stated:

"There are 114 publicans' licenses in this division (of which 3 are 6 days' licenses), 38 beer-houses off, 1 wine on, and 14 wine and spirits off, total 195, being one less than appeared in my report of last year. There are also 7 registered clubs wherein intoxicating liquors are sold, 4 at Coalville, two at Whitwick, and one at Ashby.

The population of the division, according to the 1911 census, is 43,328 or an average of one licensed house to every 222 persons, including women and children. Five publicans and one beer-house keeper have been proceeded against during the year. Three were convicted and three were dismissed, viz., one for keeping open during prohibited hours (dismissed), one for selling beer during prohibited hours (dismissed), one for permitting drunkenness (dismissed), two for permitting drunkenness (convicted), and one beer-house keeper for being drunk on his licensed premises (convicted). All the six licensed person's proceeded against are still occupying their licensed premises. The three convicted have received notice to apply personally for the renewal of their licences. The total number of persons proceeded against for drunkenness, and drunkenness and disorderly conduct during the year is 98, an increase of 17 on last year, and a decrease of 32 on the previous year; they were all convicted. I have received notices of application for one new full license for the Hermitage Inn, Whitwick, which is now only a beer-house, one new beer off-licence at Coalville, one billiard licence for the Cricketer's Inn, a beer-house, Albert Village, and one music, dancing and singing license for the new picture palace in Lower Church Street, Ashby. There has been no material change in the requirements of the Coalville district since the general annual licensing meeting of last year. The number of licences transferred

during the year is 25, viz., 17 publicans' licenses, 4 beer-on, 2 beer-off, 1 wine on and 1 wine and spirits off. The conduct of the licensed hours has been good, with the exception of those against whom I have had to take proceedings. Notices have been served upon Henry Ward, licensee of the "Royal George" (beer-house) and Thomas Allen, licensee of the "Beaumont Arms" (full license), both of Whitwick, requesting them to make personal application for the renewal of their licenses with a view to such licenses being referred to the Compensation Authority. At the adjourned general annual licensing meeting of last year, the renewals of two beer-on licenses were referred to the Compensation Authority with the result that only one was refused, viz., the "Turk's Head" at Ashby, and compensation in this case has not yet been paid."

The chairman said the report could not but be regarded as very satisfactory and it called for little comment. The total number of persons proceeded against was an increase of 17, but a decrease of 32 on the previous year. All were convicted and it spoke very well for the police.

Whitwick Licenses Objected To

Hy. Ward, landlord of the Royal George Inn, Whitwick, applied personally for the renewal of his license. Supt. Lockton objected with a view to it being referred to the Compensation Authority, observing that it was not required for the needs of the district. Mr Jesson said he appeared for the applicant, but he understood it was intended to defer the matter to the adjourned sessions. The matter was accordingly adjourned.

Thomas Allen, also applied personally for the renewal of the license of the Beaumont Arms, Whitwick, to which the police objected, and this also was adjourned.

All the other licenses in the division were, on the application of Supt. Lockton, formerly renewed.

Whitwick Application Refused

Charles Beasley, landlord of the Hermitage Inn, Whitwick, a beer-house owned by Messrs. Salt and Co., applied for a full license to the house.

Mr T. E. Jesson, (Ashby) appeared for the tenant and the owners, and Mr T. H. Moore (Coalville) opposed the application on behalf of Messrs. Truman, Hanbury and Buxton, the owners of the Three Crowns Inn, Whitwick.

Mr Jesson submitted that a full license was required. The house was rebuilt in 1905 at a cost of £2,000, and was on the main road about half-way between Coalville and Whitwick, in the centre of a large population which was growing. The opposition was not serious, the Three Crowns being right in Whitwick, about a mile away.

Beasley, the applicant, said he had been at the house nearly 12 months. He had kept two fully-licensed houses previously. He gave evidence as to serving the necessary notices, and particulars as to the accommodation at the house, a photograph of which was produced. There were three large rooms in which the business was carried on downstairs, besides a large clubroom upstairs. An ambulance class was held there, connected with the Whitwick Colliery, having between 200 and 300 members, and a sick club was also held there with about 50 or 60 members. The owners had recently taken an adjoining field of six acres and cricket and football clubs were being formed. There were about 150 houses

in the immediate vicinity. The nearest fully-licensed house was the Victoria Hotel, half a mile away, and the King's Arms was the nearest in Whitwick, also about half a mile away. The Three Crowns was right in Whitwick. Witness frequently had callers asking for spirits which he could not supply. The rent was £30 a year.

By Mr Moore: *There had not been many new houses built in the locality during the last few years. The trade was already there, and it was not his intention to create it by forming football and cricket clubs.*

Mr Moore raised a technical objection on the ground that the premises were not of sufficient annual value. Mr Jesson said he was informed that the rent was £40. In stating £30, the witness deducted what he paid for the rates.

Lannoy John Cousmaker, architect, in the employ of Messrs. Salt and Co., produced plans of the house. There were three rooms used by the public apart from the accommodation for the tenant. Within a 300 yds radius of the house there were 150 houses.

Fred Blow, collier, said he had lived in the neighbourhood for 19 years, and considered a full license necessary. He used the house occasionally, and drank mineral waters, but he had a weak wife, and if he wanted a little brandy, he had to go to the Victoria Hotel, about a quarter of a mile away.

Mr Moore: *Then you say that a full license is necessary because you have a wife with a weak heart?*

Mr Blow said there were other people who wanted it. Replying further to Mr Moore, witness said not many houses had been built in the locality of recent years.

By Mr Jesson: *There was a trades extension society in the district, and one gentleman had magnanimously offered a three-acre site for a factory at the back of the Hermitage Inn, which would call for more houses.*

James Massey, collier, residing in the locality, said he considered a full license necessary and had heard many more people say so.

Mr Jesson: *Do you drink mineral waters? – No, beer.
And a little whiskey occasionally? – You can't get it there. (Laughter)
And to save my friend asking you, you have not got a wife with a weak heart? – No. (Renewed laughter)*

This closed the case for the applicant, and Mr Moore pressed his objection as to the insufficiency of the annual value, contending that they must take it that the house would supply Coalville as well as Whitwick. Mr Jesson said the house was in Whitwick parish which had a population of 4,133 and that was what they had to go upon. His friend was opposing a house in Whitwick.

The applicant was recalled as to the rent he did pay, and he replied that it was £40. The chairman remarked that the witness did not seem to be very clear on the point. Applicant said he had been confusing the rates and taxes. He paid £40 a year without any deductions. Mr Jesson held that an annual value of £15 would be sufficient for his purpose if they took it as applying to the parish of Whitwick only.

The Bench were against Mr Moore on his technical point, and Mr Moore then addressed the Bench as to the necessity for the license, contending that it was not needed. The Bench decided that a full license was not necessary, and refused the application.

Quarry Fatality at Whitwick

Inquest and Verdict

The circumstances attending the death of John Scaysbrook, a Shepshed man, who was employed at the Whitwick Granite Company's quarry, formed the subject of an inquest held by the Coroner for North Leicestershire, (Mr H. J. Deane) at the Police Offices, Loughborough, on Friday afternoon.

Mr W. H. Hepplewhite, H.M. Inspector of Mines, was present, and Mr T. E. Jesson, (Ashby), represented the Whitwick Granite Company. The Coroner said the deceased was employed at the Whitwick Granite Company's quarries as a loader. He was following his employment on Wednesday morning last week, when he met with an injury, which proved fatal later in the day. It was his duty to place empty railway wagons under the hoppers to receive loads of stone, and to remove them when full. At the time deceased was injured, several full and empty wagons were under the hoppers, and deceased wished to bring another empty wagon, which was at the top of a steep incline, to the hoppers. His object, apparently, was to let this empty wagon bump into the two empties under the hoppers, which in turn would collide with the two full ones, which would thus be moved. Deceased started the empty wagon down the slope, but did not, apparently, notice that a full one, containing about 11 tons of granite, came down at the back. Before the empty one reached the hose under the hoppers, deceased must have noticed the full one, because he shouted to his son to get round to the brakes. Before the brakes could be put on, the empty wagon had bumped into those under the hoppers and bounced off. In doing so the wagon trapped deceased between its coupling hook and the hook of the full wagon at the back. It could be seen that deceased was seriously hurt, but he was able to stand and give an account of what happened. He complained of pains in the abdomen, and was taken to Loughborough Hospital, where he died about nine o'clock the same night. The doctors were not certain as to the cause of death, and so he (the Coroner) ordered a post-mortem examination, which was made by Dr. Paul. The duty of the jury would be greater than merely to decide the cause of death. It would be for them to say, after hearing the evidence, whether the work of loading the wagons was carried out in such a way as was commendable to them.

John Wm. Scaysbrook, son of the deceased said that when his father called to him to put the brake on the full wagon, deceased was trying to hold the full wagon back. For that purpose he had his back to the front of the full wagon. The brake of the full wagon was on, but not pegged. It was his father's duty to attend to the brakes.

In answer to Mr Hepplewhite, witness said he had never seen his father ride on the brake stick. It was the daily practice to allow the empties to knock the full ones from under the hopper. His idea was that his father was pushing the empty wagon, and the full one was on the top of him before he could get away. The full wagon was intended for a different set of metals from the empty one.

Dr. Paul said he had made a post-mortem examination and found considerable evidence of bruising of a number of the abdominal organs, and a rather extensive rupture of the

liver, and practically the whole of the organs from the bowels upwards. The injuries were consistent with an accident such as was described by the last witness. The cause of death was shock, consequent on the injuries.

George Parks said he had run empties down the incline many a time. Their instructions were to peg the brakes of two wagons down when they ran a wagon down.

John Clarke, yard foreman at the quarry, said the men allowed the wagons to be bumped from under the hoppers in order to save themselves the trouble of levering the wheels.

By Mr Jesson: If the full wagon had had the brakes pinned it could not have started down the incline. It was necessary to take out the pin from the full truck in order to loosen the coupling sufficiently to allow the coupling to be taken off. Deceased must have forgotten to replace the peg in the brake of the full wagon.

In answer to the Coroner, witness said it was not practicable to have a horse to move the wagons. The structure of the place would not allow of it, and the work was safer without the locomotive. The Coroner said the method and procedure seemed somewhat fraught with danger. Deceased himself appeared to have been the cause of the accident, and he thought it ought to be the invariable, instead of the general rule that two men should go to the top of the incline to look to the brakes.

The jury returned a verdict of "Accidental death" and recommended that two men should go up the incline when wagons were to be sent down. Mr Jesson said the company had decided to do that. He expressed the sympathy of the company for the relatives of the deceased, who had worked for them for 12 years, and whom they had always found to be a good workman.

An impressive scene was witnessed on Sunday afternoon, at the funeral of John Scaysbrook, who met with a fatal accident at the Peldar Tor Stone Quarry, owned by the Whitwick Granite Company, on the previous Wednesday. A large number of sympathetic friends assembled near to the deceased's home in Brook Street, and the cortege started, headed by about 100 fellow workmen, six of whom acted as bearers. The route to the cemetery was marked by quiet but general signs of regret. At the cemetery the crowd was greatly augmented. The service in the chapel and at the graveside was conducted by the Rev. Edwin Foley. Wreaths were placed upon the coffin by relatives and the quarrymen contributed one of a magnificent character. The deceased leaves a widow and eight children.

The Infirmary Fancy Dress Ball

A meeting of the committee which arranged the fancy dress ball recently held in the Whitwick Holy Cross School in aid of the Leicester Royal Infirmary, was held on Monday night to wind up the accounts. The financial statement showed that the event had yielded a profit of £9 9s for the infirmary which was considered very satisfactory. The secretary was Mr J. H. McCarthy, and the following constituted the committee: Messrs. W. J. Cracknell, L. P. McCarthy, W. D. McCarthy, W. Matterson, T. W. Gray, J. O'Mara, T. W. Harris, sen., T. W. Harris, jun., T. Hull, J. Rewhorn, and G. Greasley. They are to be heartily congratulated on the success of the effort. It is intended to make it an annual event.

Presentation to a Former Whitwick Priest

Father Quilter Honoured in Nottingham

A meeting took place in St. Patrick's schools, Nottingham, on Wednesday night last to present the late rector, Father Quilter, with an address and purse of gold.

A large and representative assembly of the congregation and friends of Father Quilter were there to greet him and many complimentary speeches were heard by those present. Amongst those to meet the rev. gentleman were Mr Starkey (in the chair), Councillors A. J. Lloyd, and G. V. Hatton, Messrs. Brown, Burn, Donoghue, Goddard, Young, Whiteman, Madden, Murphy and many others. Letters of apology were read from Councillors Douglas McCraith, Mrs Edwards, Miss Durr, and Mr Clough.

The following is a copy of the testimonial presented:

"Rev. Sir, - On the termination of your Rectorship of the Church of Our Lady and St. Patrick, London Road, Nottingham, the congregation together with numerous other friends, desire to place on record their high appreciation of the efficient manner in which you have discharged the arduous duties of your office. Your unflinching devotion to duty; your unswerving energy and desire for the welfare of the church and schools have been manifest to all.

In the performance of public duties entailed by your office and your ministrations among the poor, you have been brought into contact with all classes and all creeds and it must be very gratifying for you to learn that you have gained the respect and esteem of many outside the church, who are anxious to join with the congregation in this tribute to your worth. Nor is this all. They have identified themselves most generously with the congregation in their efforts to present you with something more tangible than this address, and the result is the accompanying purse of gold, which we the undersigned beg you to accept on behalf of the congregation and your numerous friends, and we fervently hope that you may be spared for many years to labour in the service of God, and success attend your labours."

Signed by W. Starkey, J. W. H. Donoghue, John Clough, A. J. Lloyd, J. Higgins, A. Goddard.

In reply, the Rev. Father Quilter said, *"No words of mine could adequately express my very deepest feelings of a lasting gratitude for your goodness to me in the past. But, ladies and gentlemen, you have not only honoured me with your presence here tonight, you have also given me another proof, if proof were needed, of your loyalty, affection and good will. I have done nothing to merit this very warm tribute of your marked appreciation. I only know and feel that I have done my duty and in doing it I had always your kind co-operation. I feel very grateful indeed for the testimonial and purse of gold that you have so kindly presented me with, and the very kind thoughts and good wishes contained in the address shall be bound up with the most cherished feelings of my life. Thank you all, and may I wish you every success in time and eternity."*

Coalville Police Court

This day (Friday) – Before the Rev. C. T. Moore (in the chair), Major Hatchett, Mr W. Lindley, and Mr B. G. Hale.

Transfers

The tenant of the Royal George, Whitwick, Mr H. Ward, was granted the transfer of the license of the Wagon and Horses Inn, Whitwick from Albert Moul. Supt. Lockton said the Royal George was one of the houses objected to in Whitwick. (Court proceeding).

Sport

Football

Whitwick Player for Gresley

It is understood that J. Lees, of Whitwick Imperial and formerly of Coalville P.S.A. has gone to Gresley Rovers and will be given a trial with the Rovers tomorrow.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Burials

Spencer – At Whitwick, on Saturday, Joseph Spencer, aged 84 years, of School Lane.

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Local News

It is stated that Mr C. Mee, of Shepshed, will oppose Mr M. McCarthy, of New Swannington in the county council election in the Whitwick division. Nominations have to be handed in at Mr J. J. Sharp's office by Tuesday.

In the 25th annual report presented to the shareholders of the Whitwick Liberal Club at a meeting last night the directors stated: The cash in bank amounts to £36 4s 2d. The directors recommend that a dividend of 7 ½ per cent per annum be paid. That £1 1s be sent to the Loughborough Liberal Association, and that the secretary receive £1 10s for his services. The company have kept the Company's premises in a good state of repair, the committee having spent £17 5s 9d in repairs and fittings. The retiring directors are Messrs. G. H. Hallam, J. Bottrill, Samuel Jarvis and Thomas Kelly but are eligible for re-election. The auditors, Messrs. Joseph West, and T. W. Bourne, also retire, but are eligible for re-election.

Wesleyan Chapel

Anniversary services were held in the Whitwick Wesleyan chapel on Sunday, the preacher being the Rev. W. E. Garment, of Measham. There were good congregations. On Monday, a faith tea was held and there was a good company at a meeting in the evening presided over by Mr James Toon and addressed by the Rev W. E. Garment. The proceeds in aid of the trust funds amounted to over £6.

Baptist Chapel

The anniversary of the Whitwick Baptist chapel was observed on Sunday and Monday. The Rev E. J. Garnham, of Loughborough, conducted special services on Sunday, which were well attended. In the afternoon, Mr A. Aris sang a solo, and there was also a solo in

the evening by Miss Maude Wheeldon, and a quartet by Messrs. O. Geary and A. Aris, and Misses M. Wheeldon and E. Aris. A tea was held on Monday afternoon, followed by a public meeting in the evening, at which Mr A. Aris presided, and addresses were given by the Rev. A. E. Pope (Shepshed) and Rev. B. Williams (Ibstock).

Situations Vacant

Wanted – Young lady apprentice or improver for counter. Apply T. W. Bourne, Market Place, Whitwick.

For Sale

Stack of hay, about 12 tons, near Oaks Church. Apply P. G. McCarthy, Whitwick.

Another Burglary at Whitwick

Collier's House Broken into in Green Lane

Burglaries at Whitwick continue and so careful are the perpetrators in their movements that so far they have baffled the police in the strenuous efforts they are making to bring the offenders to justice.

The latest robbery to be committed was on Sunday evening, in the same vicinity where two or three other similar crimes have lately been committed, the house of a collier, named Wm. Benistone, in Green Lane, being broken into. Entry was effected while the family were out, and in precisely the same manner as at Musson's, in Silver Street, not far away, a week or two ago, this being by smashing the back window near the catch and so raising the sash.

Mr and Mrs Benistone went out for tea about 3.30 on Sunday, and later attended the Baptist Chapel and then went to a friend's for supper, returning home about ten o'clock. They then found that the house had been broken into as stated, and the place ransacked. Drawers and cupboards had been turned inside out, but the thieves got very little for their trouble. No money was found, but the articles missing are a lady's silver watch, half a dozen ladies' hose, and half a dozen metal tea spoons.

It looks as though all this trouble at Whitwick is being caused by one person or gang, and it is to be hoped that before long the police will be able to lay their hands on the guilty party.

V.C.'s Hero's Death At Whitwick

Mr Thomas Ashford

The death occurred about five o'clock this (Friday) morning at his home in Whitwick, of Mr Thomas Ashford, V.C., who had for 20 years been a rural postman and was believed to be the only Victoria Cross hero in the postal service throughout the country. Ashford had suffered from an attack of bronchitis, through which he took his bed on Boxing Day and had been there ever since. He remained conscious to the last and, in the words of his wife to our representative this morning, "*died like a soldier*". He was 54 years of age, and leaves a widow and two grown-up daughters.

The deceased soldier joined the Royal Fusiliers in 1878 at the age of 18, and went to India in 1879, and Afghanistan in 1880, and it was while there that he performed a brave deed which won for him the award "for valour." He was presented with the Victoria Cross on returning to India in 1881. The notification of the awarding of the Cross to Ashford appeared in the 'London Gazette' of October 14th, 1881, and stated that on the occasion of a sortie from Kandahar on August 10th, 1880, against the village of Deh-Khoja, Ashford, with Lieut. W. Lucien Chase, of the Bombay Staff Corps (also awarded the Cross), rescued and carried for a distance of over 200 yards, under the fire of the enemy, a wounded soldier named Private Massey, of the Royal Fusiliers, who had taken shelter in a blockhouse. Several times they were compelled to rest, but persevered in bringing the wounded man to a place of safety. Private Ashford rendered Lieut. Chase every assistance, and remained with him throughout. The Cross was presented by Lieut.-General Sir Frederick Roberts, V.C., at Madras, in December, 1881, before a full parade of the troops, numbering about 6,000 men, and in the presence of the Governor of Madras and 20,000 spectators.

General Roberts, in making the presentation said: "*It affords me much pleasure in presenting you the Victoria Cross, which Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to confer upon you. I know what hard work the Royal Fusiliers had in Afghanistan, and how admirably their duties were performed there. I only regret that the whole of the battalion could not be present here today, but those at Bellary will be as well pleased as we all are here, that your gallantry at Deh-Khoja should be thus recognised.*"

Private Ashford, after the presentation, accompanied the Commander-in-Chief, and the Governor to the flagstaff, and witnessed a march past. He returned home in 1884, served six years in the Army Reserve, and joined the postal service in 1893, being in receipt of four stripes for good conduct and long service. He possessed the Afghan medal in addition to the Victoria Cross. During his 20 years as rural postman at Whitwick, he had been on the Gracedieu round, and during his illness, the Right. Hon. and Mrs. C. Booth, of Gracedieu Manor, and the Hon. and Mrs Macnaughton, have made many kind enquiries. Private Ashford is a native of Newmarket, Cambridgeshire.

Sequel to a Whitwick Action

Verdict for Grocer Stands

Probably several readers will recollect seeing a report in our columns some weeks ago of an application made at the Ashby County Court before His Honour Judge Wightman Wood by Mr Edward Walton, of Whitwick, for a new trial in a case in which Geo. Frederick Burton, grocer, Whitwick, had obtained judgement against him for £13 4s 8d for goods supplied. The judgement was given at the February Court, 1911, and Walton at the Court last January asserted that he did not owe the money and his application for a new trial was granted.

We are informed by Mr C. E. Crane, solicitor for Mr Burton, that Walton has now withdrawn his defence, and that the former verdict stands.

Charge Against the Vicar of Whitwick

Date of the Inquiry

A Criminal Court of Inquiry will be held at Douglas on Friday, February 28th, when the Rev. J. W. A. Mackenzie, vicar of Whitwick, will be brought up for trial on a charge of uttering a forged promissory note for £300.

The inquiry will be before a judge and jury, and the latter will have to decide whether or not there is sufficient evidence to send the defendant to take his trial before a Court of general gaol delivery on March 11th.

Whitwick Colliery No. 1 and 2 Lodge Delegates

The workmen of No. 1 and 2 Lodges, Whitwick Colliery, have balloted for four delegates to the Leicestershire Miners' Council. Among ten nominations, Mr Abraham Smith, the popular president of the Leicestershire Miners' Association, and chairman of the Miners' Council, was returned at the head of the poll, with a substantial majority.

The following were elected: Abraham Smith 156 votes; John Hall 138; George Brooks 128; and Thomas Moore 125. Non-elected: Thos. Young 108; Bernard O'Mara 104; Joseph Rowell 86; John Ottey 80; John Wardle 66; and Arthur Isaacs 56.

Parish Church

The Rev. C. H. Fox, of Leicester, was the preacher at the Whitwick Parish Church on Sunday, when reference was made to the Polar disaster, the prayers and hymns being suitable to the occasion. A short service of intercession was held after evensong.

Sewing Tea

The weekly sewing tea was held as usual on Tuesday afternoon, when a good number sat down to a good tea provided by ladies members connected with the chapel. The proceeds were in aid of the debt reduction fund.

P.M. Church

The preacher appointed to take the services at this place of worship on Sunday, was unable to attend and the services were taken in the morning by Mr John Ward, and in the evening by Mr L. Shilliam, both of Whitwick. Good congregations were present and the services were of hearty order.

Coalville Police Court

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

School Cases

Edward Collier, 51, drayman, Whitwick, was summoned for not sending his child regularly to school. His wife appeared – George Gray, school attendance officer, gave the facts – The woman said the boy had a swollen foot, but the officer said the summons applied to dates prior to that. Fined 1s and 1s 6d costs, or seven days.

David Boot, 42, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for not sending his boy regularly to school. Fined 2s and 2s costs or seven days.

No Control

John Crowson, 43, collier, Thringstone, was summoned for not having control of a horse and cart at Whitwick, on January 28th. He did not appear. P.C. Grewcock said the horse stood across the road in a dangerous position. It was unattended to his knowledge for half an hour. He found the defendant in the Three Crowns Inn. Fined 10s 6d and costs 6d, or seven days.

Dogs at Large

Wm. Batson, 32, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for not keeping his dog under control after sunset at Whitwick, on February 1st. P.C. Jelley gave the facts in defendant's absence and a fine of 1s and 11s 6d costs was imposed, seven days in default.

Charles Batson, 28, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for not keeping his dog under control after sunset at Whitwick, on February 1st. P.C. Jelley stated the case and defendant was fined 1s and costs 12s 6d or 7 days.

John Wilks, 44, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for not keeping his dog under control after sunset on February 2nd at Whitwick. He pleaded guilty, P.C. Jelley gave the facts. Fined 1s and costs 11s 6d or 7 days.

Thringstone Collier Fined

John Squires, collier, Thringstone, was summoned for indecency at Whitwick, on February 10th. P.C. Jones proved the case in the absence of the defendant, who was fined 7s 6d, and costs 12s 6d or seven days.

Drunk and Disorderly

Thomas Hurst, 25, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick, on January 31st. He did not appear. P.C. Grewcock said the man was very abusive, and when asked to desist and go home, he said he did not care for all the police force. Fined 7s 6d and costs 12s 6d or seven days.

Sport

Football

Whitwick Beaten by the Prospective Champions

Whitwick Imperial have no cause to be ashamed of themselves in losing by the odd goal of five to the Corinthians at Loughborough on Saturday, though at least a point would have been welcome seeing that the Corinthians in the matter of points have now bagged both braces at the Imperial's expense. On the Duke of Newcastle ground it was by two to one that the Loughborough club won. But they are the prospective champions of the League and on form a win on Saturday was only what one might have expected.

There was little to choose between the teams in the first half. Whitwick were first to score their centre forward finding himself within a yard or two of the Loughborough goal as the result of a couple of mis-kicks by Corinthian defenders. It would have been a very poor

effort if he had not scored from that position. Whitwick enjoyed their lead for about a quarter of an hour, when Neale got a clever goal for the home side from a capital centre by Harriman. Neale made several gallant attempts to put the home side ahead but the interval score was one all. Loughborough opened the second half with considerable spirit, and quickly had the Whitwick defence in sore trouble. Before two minutes had expired, Day lifted the ball over the heads of a group of players, and beat Commons with a well-judged shot. Loughborough's third goal was obtained by Jack Belton, but all the credit except that of actually scoring must be given to Neal who led up to the point with a fine solo burst. Whitwick got their second point from a break-away. A long shot hit the Loughborough bar and Roach, following up, headed past Roadley. The Corinthian's were the superior side and Commons had no chance with the shots that beat him.

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Local News

Burglary at Coalville

House entered in Oxford Street

The Coalville police were notified on Sunday night of a burglary in Oxford Street at the house of a railwayman named Taberner. The house is situated at the far end of the street, and being easy of access from Green Lane, Whitwick, where a similar offence was committed on the previous Sunday night, it would seem as though there is some connection between the Whitwick occurrences and the latest "enterprise" at Coalville. A precisely similar method was adopted to get into the house, viz., by breaking the back window near the catch and so raising the catch and the same time was chosen for the exploit, this being while the family had gone to chapel.

Mr Taberner was only absent for about an hour and a half, but the offence had been committed meanwhile. Apparently, the intruder was disturbed for it is remarkable that enough money and valuables were in the house and might easily have been found, nothing so far as can be ascertained, was missing.

It seems to be almost conclusive that the series of petty burglaries which have been going on for weeks in the Whitwick district and have now been extended to Coalville arise from the same source and the police are hoping soon to be able to trace the offenders.

Since to be forewarned is to be forewarned, it may be of use to emphasise for the public benefit what have been the methods adopted in most of these cases. The offenders apparently get to know when the occupiers of certain property are likely to be out, usually when they are at the church or chapel on Sunday night, and then break a back window sufficiently to admit the hand to unfasten the catch, and the rest is easy. Since the occurrences are becoming so frequent, people who leave their houses unguarded will do well to leave no money for this is apparently the main object of the visitors. As they are very careful not to leave the slightest clue and make a careful selection of the house to be operated upon, it is an exceedingly difficult matter for the police to trace the perpetrators but it is to be hoped that they will be successful in this before very long and that no mercy will be shown to the offenders.

Leicestershire County Council

(Local Government Act, 1888)

To the Electors of Whitwick Division, comprising the Parish of Whitwick, Thringstone, Osgathorpe, part of Coalville (formerly Whitwick), part of Bardon.

Ladies and Gentlemen

I have been invited by several Electors to become a Candidate for the Whitwick Division of the Leicestershire County Council, a vacancy having occurred through the retirement of Mr Walter Lindley, who so very ably filled the office during the last nine years. I gladly accept the invitation.

I have lived amongst you over forty years. I have a long and varied experience on the local public bodies, viz., 25 years on the Ashby-de-la-Zouch Board of Guardians, seven years as a member, and five years as Surveyor, Whitwick Local Board of Health. I was elected in December, 1894, a member of the Coalville Urban Council, making eighteen consecutive years on that important body, three of which I was chairman. If I am not now qualified to represent you on the Leicestershire County Council, I ought to be.

The duties of County Councils have greatly increased, and are likely to be still further increased by future Acts of Parliament. The money spent by our County Council has increased also, - for instance, in the year ended March, 1900, the Ashby-de-la-Zouch Board of Guardians paid to the Leicestershire County Council £2,177 11s 2d, or a rate of fourpence three-farthings; in the year ended March, 1912, the same Board paid £12, 026 11s 4d, plus a special contribution the same year. March, 1912 of £2,358 5s 6d or a rate of one shilling and fivepence farthing in the pound. When you add to this sum the money paid by all the other Boards of Guardians in Leicestershire, you have a vast sum of money to be dealt with.

If you do me the honour of electing me as your representative I shall spare neither time nor trouble to do my duty in the best interests of the constituency, and of the County generally.

I have the honour to be, Ladies and Gentlemen, your obedient servant.

Michael McCarthy
New Swannington, Whitwick.
17th February, 1913.

P.M. Church

The preachers at this place of worship on Sunday last were the Rev. W. H. Whiting, in the morning, and Mr S. Stanley, of Swannington, the evening. Good congregations were present at both services, and collections were made on behalf of the Aged Local Preachers' Fund.

Sewing Tea

The usual weekly sewing tea was held on Tuesday afternoon and was well attended in the Primitive Methodist Schoolroom. The tea was kindly provided by Mrs Fred Boam and Miss Ethel Kirk. The proceeds of the tea will be devoted to the debt reduction fund. A most enjoyable afternoon was spent.

Situations Vacant

Wanted Immediately – Half a dozen good men for clay-getting. Two months' work guaranteed. – Apply, Secretary, Whitwick Colliery Co. Ltd, Coalville.

Leicestershire County Council Election, 1913.

To the Electors of Whitwick Division, comprising the Parish of Whitwick, Thringstone, Osgathorpe, part of Coalville (formerly Whitwick), part of Bardon.

Ladies and Gentlemen

In response to the unanimous invitation of the Liberal Associations representing the Division. I have consented to stand as a candidate at the forthcoming Election. My sole reason for doing so is to afford the electors an opportunity of recording a protest by their votes against any claim being admitted that any person or party has a right to the seat for his Division without a contest. If any resident in the electoral area was willing to accept the responsibility for this protest I would gladly resign in his favour, but as no one has been found ready I offer myself as a candidate in the Liberal interest. So far as residence is concerned my opponent and I are on equal terms.

I remember that for some years the Rev. Father O'Reilly represented you as a Liberal, and it is my desire to serve you faithfully, even as he so worthily filled the position he then occupied. I have reason to believe that the Division contains a majority of Liberal voters, and that being so, there is no reason why they should not be represented by a Liberal.

When the question is considered from a County Council point of view, the reasons for my election are very much strengthened. While the county of Leicester sends three (and recently four) members to Parliament, you will find that in the County Council only about one-fourth of its members are Liberals. I maintain that it is necessary that legislation passed by a Liberal Government should be administered by Liberals, and yet that small minority of Liberal County Councillors are being attacked in a number of places in order to still further decrease their number, as for instance, at Sileby, Swannington, Markfield, and other places, while no such attempts are being made on seats held by Conservatives who offer themselves for re-election. Where a vacancy is created, as in your division, it is our duty as Liberals to give the electors an opportunity of exercising their freedom of choice. This is my justification for the appeal I make for the support of the majority of the electors, and I think you will deem it to be sufficient.

I can claim to have rendered good service in Local Government as a member of the Shepshed Urban District Council ever since its formation. As a Guardian of the poor, and in other public offices, I have had ample opportunities of becoming conversant with the needs of the workers, and it will always be my endeavour to secure the greatest good of the greatest number.

I shall be able to bring to the business of the County Council and to the furtherances of your local interests a sound and clear judgement upon the matters requiring attention. It is necessary that the administration of recent laws passed by the Liberal Government, such as the Old Age Pensions Act, the Insurance Act, and Acts relating to child life, be carried through on generous Liberal lines.

As the time before the election is so short, I can only ask you to favour me with your presence at the meetings to be held in my support, when I shall be able to go more fully into County Council work and local matters affecting your interests.

I have no personal ends to serve, but would devote my energies to the furtherance of all those questions which would be of benefit to the constituency.

The decision is in your hands. If you wish to secure a fairer representation of Liberals upon the County Council, I ask you to give me your support on the day of election by your votes.

I have the honour to be, ladies and gentlemen, your obedient servant,
Charles Mee,
Lawson Cottage,
Shepshed,
February 26th, 1913.

The Whitwick Division

Mr C. Mee at Thringstone and Osgathorpe

Mr Charles Mee, of Shepshed, who is standing as a Liberal in opposition to Mr McCarthy for the Whitwick Division of the County Council, held meetings at Thringstone and Osgathorpe on Wednesday evening. At the meeting held in the Church of England Schools, Thringstone, Mr G. H. James presided. He said that in Mr Mee, they had a representative man. It was not a question with him, "If the people want me they can send me, but if the people want me I will go," and he would go. He was a man of business ability and was capable of looking after their interests. He would like to refer to an education master. Mr McCarthy was a keen business man, but the first claim with him would be the school, and he (the speaker) thought that Nonconformist and Church people, being in a large majority, had the first claim to be represented. He moved a resolution endorsing the candidature of Mr Mee, and pledging themselves to use every legitimate means to secure his return. Mr John Winters seconded. Mr C. H. Nelson (Shepshed) and Mr G. Lloyd James supported.

Mr Mee said that was his first meeting in Thringstone, but he hoped to visit them again and again. If they did him the honour to return him he should consider it his duty to visit them from time to time, as his other interests allowed, in order to ascertain their wishes and needs. Something had to be said of the need of a business man. Well, he was one who formed the Co-Operative Society in Shepshed, which began business in the year 1866. He was first secretary, and then manager, a post he held for many years, and was still the secretary. When the Coalville Society was formed, a deputation visited Shepshed to glean information, and he was pleased to know that the Coalville society had outgrown theirs. Then, 33 years ago, he was proud of being instrumental in starting a building society, of which he was the secretary. He was proud of being a working man and believed that they should have the fruits of their labours, and be well-paid. He agreed that politics should not enter into local matters, and when he first put up for the Local Board he failed to get elected. He realised that to enter public work it was necessary to be associated with some organisation, and he was elected. He went on to refer to the work of the County Council. A resolution of confidence was then put and carried. A vote of thanks was accorded the chairman on the motion of Mr Mee, seconded by Mr Gough.

At Osgathorpe, the meeting was held in the Church Schools, Mr Joseph Lager presiding, and addresses were given by the candidate Mr Mee, and Mr C. H. Nelson, of Shepshed. Several questions were asked and answered by Mr Mee, after which a resolution in support of his candidature was carried. A vote of thanks was accorded the chairman. A successful meeting for Mr Mee was held last night at Pegg's Green.

Mr M. McCarthy at Osgathorpe and Thringstone

Meetings in support of the candidature of Mr M. McCarthy in the Whitwick Division were held last night at Osgathorpe and Thringstone. Dr. Atkinson presided at the Osgathorpe meeting, and expressed pleasure at seeing so many present. He said the fact that Mr Mee was not conversing with the district and was fighting on political grounds was enough to condemn him. Mr McCarthy had been actively associated with the public work of the district for the past 30 years (cheers). Mr McCarthy spoke of the public offices he held and the important work done by them, including the gas, water and sewerage schemes of the Coalville Urban Council, and he thought his long experience and knowledge of the district made him well-qualified to represent them on the County Council. He expressed himself in favour of high prices for the land for these improvements. He proceeded to deal with small holdings, and said he favoured a scheme whereby the tenants would ultimately become the owners of their holdings (cheers). The county rates were an important item and required careful management. When they considered that in 1900 the county contribution from the Ashby Union was £2,000, while in 1912, it was £14,000 they would see that it was no small concern.

A vote of confidence moved by Mr Knight, and seconded by Mr Allard was heartily carried – Mr W. J. Gough presided at the Thringstone meeting, and there were speeches in support of the candidate by Mr J. Biddle, Mr F. Brown, and Mr C. E. Crane, the latter urging the importance of having a man on the spot. – A vote of confidence was unanimously carried.

Concert

A concert in aid of the Colliers' and Quarryman's memorial to be placed in the parish church was held in the school on Wednesday evening. There was an excellent programme but a poor attendance. The various items were as follows:

Piano duet, Miss L. Adams and Mr R. G. West; song, "Jack Breton" Mr H. Toon; duet, "Come o'er the Moonlit Sea", Misses E. and N. Chambers; song, "The mighty deep", Miss L. Nourish; duet, "Flow gently Deva", Messrs. W. Shaw and H. Toon; song, "My Ain Folk", Miss N. Chambers; song, "Farewell in the desert", Mr F. Clay; song, "The influenza", Mr F. T. Bellward; piano duet, Miss Adams and Mr West; song, "In a child's small hand" Miss E. Chambers; duet, "Albion", Messrs. Shaw and Toon; song, "Tit for Tat", Miss N. Chambers; song, "My ships", Miss L. Nourish; duet, "Spring will bring", Miss N. Chambers and Mr F. Clay; song, "Dolly's revenge", Miss E. Chambers; song, "The huntsman pay", Mr F. T. Bellward.

Liberal Club Members' Meeting

The annual meeting of the members of the Whitwick Liberal Club was held on Saturday evening, Mr A. Needham presiding. The balance sheet was considered satisfactory and was passed. The following were elected on the committee: Messrs. J. Kelly, A. Cooper, B. Johnson, A. Beers, H. Lovell, and F. Harper. The secretary, Mr T. Kelly, was re-elected. It

was decided that the committee be paid for their services the same amount as the directors. Messrs. J. Rose and D. Otter were appointed auditors. A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting.

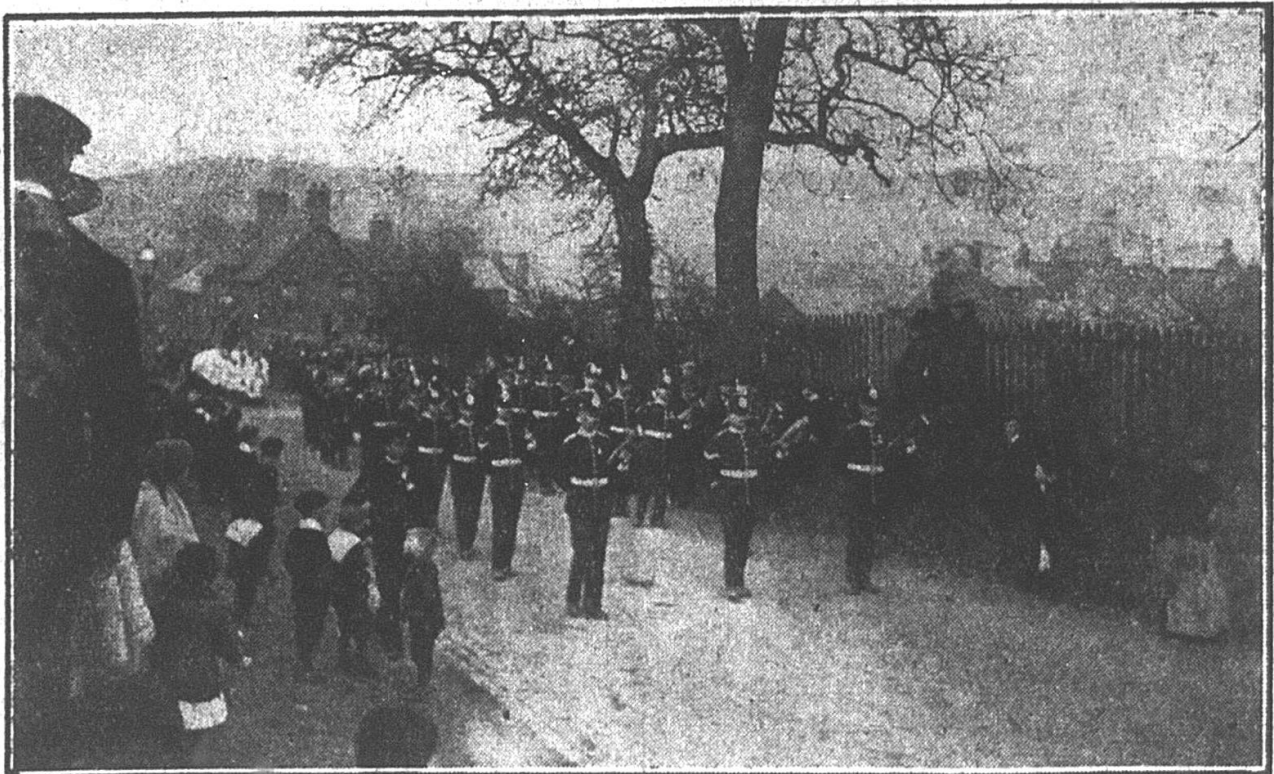
Whitwick V.C. Hero

Huge crowd at the funeral

Interred with military honours

A vast concourse of people, estimated at about eight thousand, assembled at Whitwick on Tuesday afternoon, to witness the funeral of Mr Thomas Ashford, the V.C. postman, whose remains were laid in their last resting place amid remarkable scenes, testifying to the great respect in which the deceased was held and public admiration for the dead hero in connection with the brave deed which won for him the distinction so coveted of all military men.

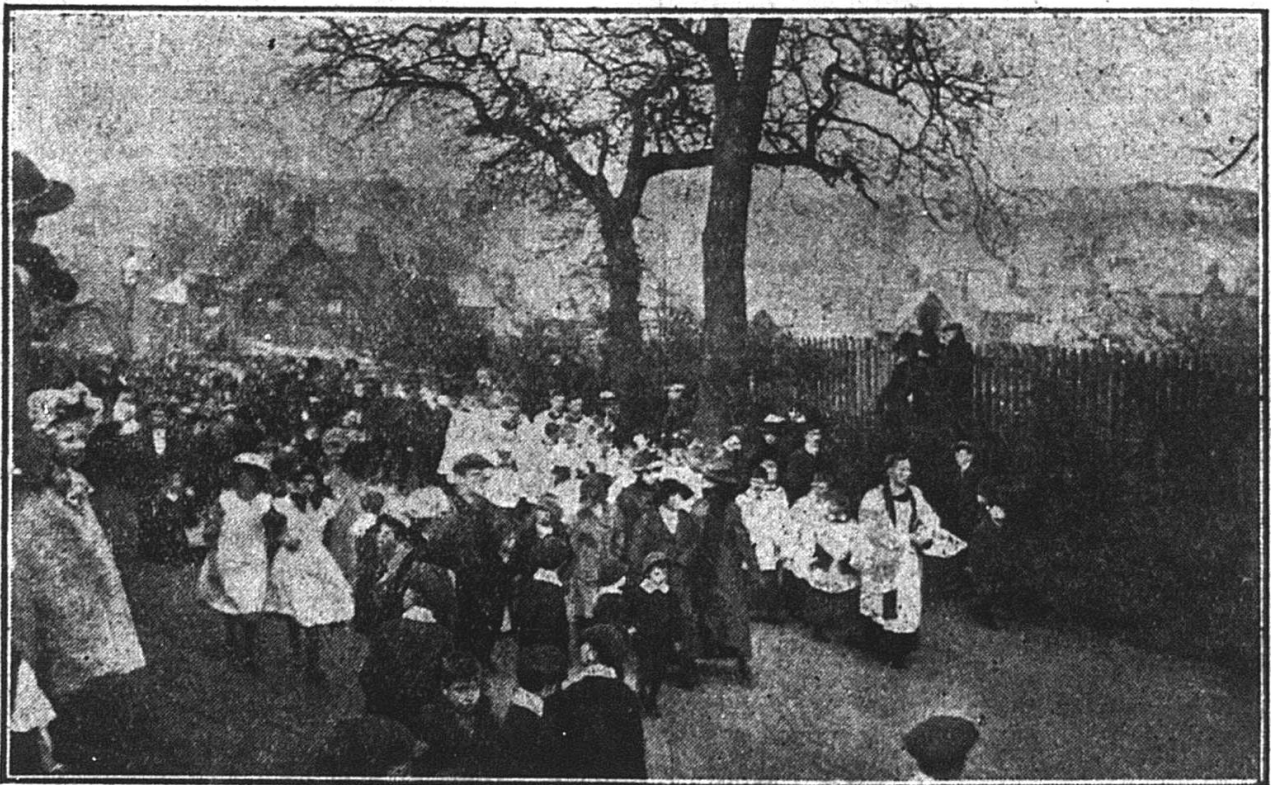
Never has such a scene been witnessed in Whitwick as that on Tuesday afternoon. At practically all the shops and residences the blinds were drawn, and various sections of the military forces were represented in the funeral cortege, which must have numbered some hundreds of persons. The streets from Ashford's humble cottage in Skinner's Lane to the Parish Church, and onward to the cemetery were crowded with people so thickly as only to leave just sufficient room for the funeral cortege to pass.



As the body was brought out of the house and placed on an ambulance carriage, covered with the Union Jack, a party of about 20 men of the 17th Leicester Regiment from Glen Parva Barracks, under Sergeant Gamble, who had lined up in front of the house, presented arms, and then with reversed rifles, walked at the head of the procession.

The chief mourners were the widow and two daughters, Lily and Gertrude, Mr and Mrs Neale of Hallaton, brother-in-law and sister, Mr W Handford, brother-in-law of Highfields Coalville and Mrs Handford, Mr C Holmes, brother-in-law of Whitwick and the Messes Holmes (2), Mr and Mrs Hill of Hallaton and Mrs Harris and Miss Allgood of the Whitwick Post Office. Walking immediately after the widow and daughters were Sergeant-Major I Williams and Colour Sergeant W Perkins, from the Hounslow London depot of the Royal Fusiliers, the deceased's regiment and others in the procession were representatives of the Leicestershire Imperial Yeomanry, including Captain Surgeon Burkitt (Whitwick), Sergeant-Major Parker, Sergeant-Major Peach and Major Diggle of Loughborough, with about 20 of the rank and file, fifteen members of the Hastings Company of the Leicestershire Territorial Regiment in command of Col-Sergeant Farmer, about 20 members of the National Reserve with Ex-Sergeant-Major Harris of the Yeomanry in charge. Ashby, Coleorton and Whitwick Troops of Boy Scouts, in charge of Scoutmaster S Perry (Whitwick), Scoutmaster Ellison and Assistant Scoutmaster Thornley (Ashby), Sergeant-Instructor Stone of the Whitwick School of Arms, about fifty postmen, with the Coalville postmaster, Mr G Wallis, and Mr R H James, postal inspector of Leicester, representing the department. Drs J S Hamilton (Coalville) and J Archibald (Ellistown), Father O'Reilly, Mrs J J Sharp, who, it is not generally known, is the officially appointed "soldier's friend" for the Whitwick district and others.

Twelve of the deceased's postman comrades in uniform, acted as bearers, these being Messrs J H Timms, P H Haggar, H Laywood, C W Woods, H Ponntain, G H Kenney, and W Bailey (Coalville), T Harris (Whitwick), W Covell, A A Watson, R T Ridderford and G Keyworth (Leicester).



The cortege was met at the Church gates by the Rev. C Shrewsbury, M.A. vicar of Thringstone, and the choir and service in the church, was impressively conducted before a crowded congregation.

The 39th Psalm was sung, and after the reading of a portion of Scripture from the first epistle to the Corinthians, 15c, the Rev. C Shrewsbury said they were gathered there that day in such large numbers to do reverence: to pay their last act of homage to a brave and gallant soldier. There was no need for him to tell them, as they all knew of the heroism by which the deceased won that coveted distinction – the Victoria Cross. It was a far cry from that village in the centre of England, to the scorching glare of Afghanistan, but they tried to picture the brave deed of their departed brother, who, like a true British soldier, did not hesitate to risk his own life when the life of another was in peril. The Cross was won by that noble act of gallantry which would not allow a wounded soldier to perish, but they bore him away for 200 yards under the fire of the enemy, bore him slowly and carefully until they reached a place of safety. He asked them to think of that noble act of heroism and yet perhaps some of them faltered in carrying out the commonplace duties of life. But that was not so with him whom they now mourned. He who had won that cross “for valour” on the field of battle was content for 20 years or more to perform hard work, still in the service of his country, walking 17 miles day by day, without a murmur or complaint. He was one of whom they might say that he could be absolutely trusted. Think of the many secrets he must have carried locked up in that postman’s bag of his, but when one’s letters were placed in his charge he knew that they were quite safe. This two-fold idea of duty was not always easy to carry out. It was easy sometimes to rise to a supreme act of sacrifice, but it was not so easy to carry out one’s duty loyally year in and year out, and it was because the devotion to duty shown far away in Afghanistan was continued for so many years here in Whitwick, that they were there in such large numbers that day to pay their last act of reverence.

The deceased’s favourite hymn, 234 “O Paradise, O Paradise” was sung, and during the service, Mr R. G. West (organist) played the “Dead March” in “Saul”.

The procession was met outside the Church by the Whitwick Holy Cross Band, who had been got together at short notice, the men having been fetched out of the pit the same morning, and under Bandmaster W. Egan, they played the Dead March on the way to the cemetery.



A tremendous crowd was at the cemetery to witness the last rites performed by the Rev C Shrewsbury, and at the close of the service, the hymn, "On the Resurrection Morning" was sung. The body was enclosed in an oak coffin bearing the inscription:-

Thomas Elsdon Ashford V.C.
Died February 21st 1913
Aged 54 years

Immediately on the conclusion of the burial service the 17th Leicesters presented arms, and then fired three volleys over the grave, after which the buglers sounded 'The Last Post'.

Some beautiful floral tributes bore cards as follows:

From his affectionate wife, Lily and Gertie. Gone but not forgotten.

With the deepest sympathy of the postmen at Leicester

To dear Tom, from his sorrowing sister, Sophia. Although a hero, modest as a violet.

Like the laurel, green his memory will ever be. With deepest sympathy from Mr and Mrs Bourne and family.

The noble hero's task is done: his fight has been fought, his battle won. May he rest in peace. From Mr and Mrs G F Burton, Apsley House, Whitwick.

With the sincere regret and sympathy of the employees of Gracedieu Manor.

With sincere sympathy from the C Squadron of the Leicestershire Yeomanry.

With deepest sympathy from George and Flo, and Eva Hill, Hallaton, to a dear friend.

With deepest sympathy from his comrades at Whitwick and Coalville Post Offices.

With loving sympathy from Omar and Sophie, Evan and Mary, and Jack and Fred.

*In loving memory of our brave comrade. Gone to his last rally. From the members of ex-naval and military C.S.A. G.P.O. Leicester
With deepest sympathy from the members of the Sergeant's Mess, the Royal Fusiliers, Hounslow Barracks.
With deepest sympathy from Mr and Mrs W Handford, Highfields, Coalville.
From the Right Hon. and Mrs C Booth, Gracedieu Manor.*

On the return journey the Holy Cross Band played "The Minstrel Boy" and the military parties returned to their starting point, the Whitwick School of Arms, where, before they were dismissed, Dr. Burkitt thanked them for their attendance which, he said, showed that they appreciated the gallant act of their dead comrade. They could not all win the V.C. but every man could do something for the honour of his country.

The arrangements for the funeral, which was of a much larger scale than anticipated and passed off without a hitch, were carried out by a small committee consisting of Dr. Burkitt, Sergeant Green, Sergeant Stone, Mr George West and Mr H. T. Bastard (secretary).

Letter from Lord Roberts

Notice of Ashford's death was brought to the notice of Lord Roberts by Mr A Jones of 37 Harrow Road, Leicester and Mr Jones received the following letter from his lordship which was handed to the widow on the day of the funeral.

Englemere, Ascot, Berks

24th February 1913

Dear Sir

*I am very sorry to learn from your letter of the 21st inst, of the death of Mr Ashford. I well remember his great gallantry at Kandahar, and the pleasure it gave me to present him with the Victoria Cross, awarded to him by her late Majesty Queen Victoria.
Please tell Mrs Ashford how much I sympathise with her and her daughters in their sorrow.*

*Yours very truly
Roberts F.M.*

Muffled Peal

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1,260 changes, was rung at Whitwick on Sunday last in 50 minutes, with the bells muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Mr Thomas Ashford V.C. The bells were rung by Messrs H Pegg (treble), S W West, J Moore, F Middleton, H Partridge, B West, W Fern (conductor) and J Bonser (tenor).

The Charge against the Vicar of Whitwick

Alleged Forged Promissory Note

Committed for Trial

The Rev. James Wilson Alexander Mackenzie, vicar of Whitwick, on Tuesday, surrendered to his bail, and was charged at the Manx Criminal Court of Enquiry, before Deemster

Callow and a jury, with having uttered with intent to defraud a promissory note for £300 knowing the name to be forged.

Attorney-General Ring prosecuted for the Crown, and Messrs. Lay, Farrant, and Allen appeared for prisoner. Mr Lancaster, of Messrs. Sharp and Lancaster, was also present. The Attorney-General, in his opening address, told the jury that it was their duty to decide whether or not the evidence was sufficient to send defendant to take his trial before the Court of General Goal Delivery. The case arose subsequent to the death of Miss Murray, matron of the Ramsey Hospital, when Mackenzie brought a claim against the estate based on a promissory note, alleged to be a forgery. Defendant and Murray were partners in a poultry farm, and defendant's claim was in respect of money stated to have been advanced by him to deceased. The Attorney-General outlined the case in an address lasting two hours.

The first witness called was Mr Hughes Games, advocate, who acted for deceased's sisters in the Chancery proceedings. He deposed to seeing the promissory note in June, and an examination noticed that the signature was in a different coloured ink to the body of the note. He also noticed a peculiar gloss on it. On the front side there was a grooving of each letter of the signature, and distinct pitting having the letter 'L' and 'E'. Under a strong glass the grooving and pitting was very apparent.

Harold Francis Gurrin, handwriting expert, dealt in detail with the signature of the note, which, he said, had the appearance of being written in pencil with carbon. The back of the note showed certain indentations, which corresponded with letters of the signature. Seeing all these things, it was beyond question that this was not a natural signature, but had been produced by artificial means. It was hardly a matter for expert opinion, but a statement of fact. Defendant called no evidence, and reserved his defence.

Defendant was permitted for trial before the general gaol delivery. Bail was allowed.

Coalville Police Court

Today (Friday) – Before Major Hatchett, (in the chair), Dr. Burkitt, Mr H. J. Ford, Mr J. W. West, and Mr M. McCarthy.

Theatre for Whitwick

Thomas Christopher McQuire applied for a theatrical license for a portable theatre now at Shepshed, proposed to be erected at Whitwick. – The application was granted.

Threw the Ashpan and Candlestick

Thomas Benson, tinsmith, Whitwick, was summoned by Johanna Benson, widow, for assault, at Whitwick, on February 8th. He pleaded guilty. Complainant said the defendant threw the range ashpan at her, striking her in the face. He also threw a candlestick at her, and she had to go to a neighbours for protection. Defendant said he was sorry, and the reason he did it was that he had been out of work such a long time.

Fined 5s 6d and costs 10s 6d or seven days.

Sport

Football

Ibstock Albions V Whitwick Imperial

There was a good 'gate' at the above match on Saturday last on the Hastings Arms ground, and the spectators were rewarded by being able to see a particularly good game. The Whitwick Imperial won the toss, and the opening exchanges gave a hint of how keenly the game was to be fought. Within a few minutes the visitors were awarded a penalty kick, but they failed to secure a goal, the ball being shot clean over the bar. Storer endeavoured to make a goal after this, but the visitor's custodian saved very neatly. Another attempt in a pass from Storer to C. Price proved successful, the ball being netted with a rattling shot. Things got lively after this, and Bee on the left wing had rather a rough time of it. There were many dashes made towards the home goal by the visitors, but they were unable to break through a steady defence, still the Imperials kept a stiff upper lip, and in a scrimmage in front of goal, close on half-time, the ball was finally rolled into the Albion's goal right off the feet of one of the Albion players. Just before the whistle blew splendid use of a pass from Towers was made by Storer, and, by the merest fluke it failed, the ball seeming to roll down the goalpost, which the Whitwick goalie hugged in his successful efforts to save. The half-time score was Ibstock Albions, one goal: Whitwick Imperial, one goal.

Resuming, the game became as fierce as ever. Bee missed a penalty for the Albions, and made up for this by helping Price to score later on. There was some minutes' play amid field after this in which both sides amused themselves by occasionally kicking the ball out of boundary. On one of these occasions Bee showed remarkable speed powers, when the ball was thrown in by racing with it right down the field, and easily beating competitors. The result was another goal for Ibstock from a quick centre. The visitors seemed to get dispirited somewhat after this and the final result was Ibstock 3 goals: Whitwick 1 goal.

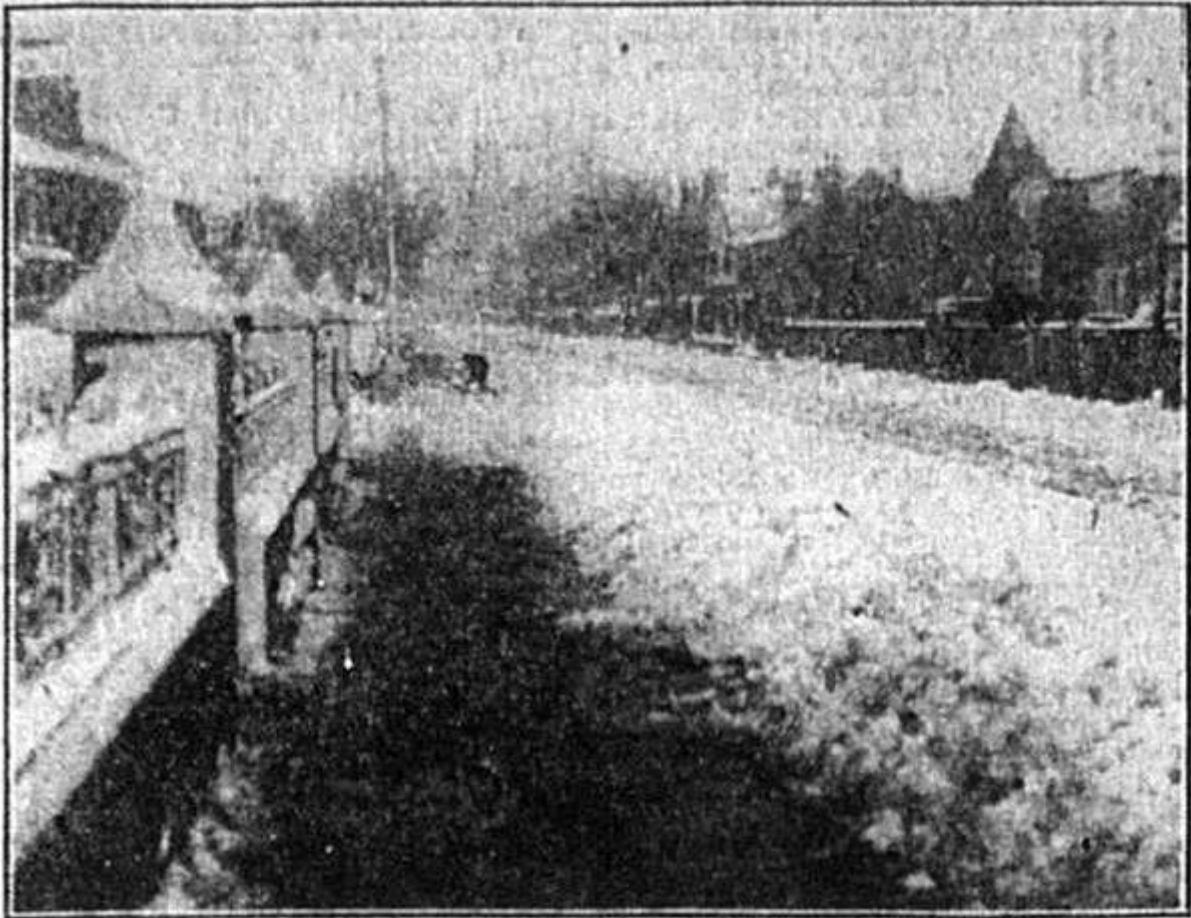
In this match both teams fought very creditably, and although the visitors failed to secure a victory, yet they made very great efforts. Their system of playing with one full back helped them to be considerably more aggressive than many of the Albion team, and had it not been for Ibstock's able defence, which was sometimes tested most severely, the result would have been very much different. As it was, however, the Imperials did not seem able to break through the defence of the home team and consequently their shots at goal were very few.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Burials

Ashford – At Whitwick, on Tuesday. Thomas Elsdon Ashford, V.C., aged 54, of Skinner's Lane.

Wintry Weather.



London Road, Coalville, on Sunday Morning last,

New Trial in a Whitwick Case

A Collier's Successful Application

At the Ashby County Court, before His Honour, Judge Wightman Wood yesterday. Geo. Edward Walton, collier, Hermitage Road, Coalville, applied for a new trial in respect of a judgement obtained against him by George Frederick Burton, grocer, Whitwick, for £13 4s 8d, on February 9th, 1911, alleging that he did not then nor now, owe Burton anything.

Mr T. E. Jesson (Ashby) was for the applicant and Mr C. E. Crane (Coalville) for the plaintiff in the former case.

Mr Jesson, making the application, said his client had receipts for amounts paid since the date of the action. The Judge said that was possible. They might have nothing to do with the amount in dispute. Mr Jesson said that it was likely than if applicant did owe the money, any subsequent receipts would have to be given on account. Mr Crane opposed the application and held that no proper ground for a new trial had been put forward. He also pointed out that judgement was obtained in this case on a default summons.

The Judge said that could be set aside just the same if there was sufficient reason. Walton was then called and stated that he did not attend the court at the time, as he did not understand it. The Judge said it was very plain. Anybody who could read could understand that it was a summons to attend the court. Applicant added that later when he received an order to pay he denied owing the money, and said he should not pay.

Replying to questions, applicant said he had been twice married and he was a widower for a little over a year before his second marriage.

The Judge: *Were the debts in the time of the first wife?*

Mr Crane said that was so. The applicant formerly kept a shop and was supplied by Mr Burton for goods for sale. Applicant produced receipts from Mr Burton, which Mr Jesson pointed out were not marked on the account.

The Judge said that apparently no proper particulars were filed at the time of the action which should have been done as the amount was over £2.

By Mr Crane: *He called on him (Mr Crane) soon after the judgement in reference to the matter and Mr Crane told him he had better consult another solicitor.*

The Judge said it was very proper advice, but the applicant did not seem to have done anything he ought to have done. Mr Jesson said that if there was a new trial, plaintiff would have to produce his books and they could be compared with these receipts.

Replying to the Judge, Walton said he was in work. The Judge said that if a new trial was granted, the plaintiff should have some guarantee as to his costs on coming to court again. Mr Jesson said he appreciated that and suggested a sum of 10s.

Mr Crane objected to this and urged that they should have the costs of the former case. The clerk said the first judgement was for £2 16s 8d and the costs were 30s.

The Judge agreed to reopen the case at the next court provided the applicant paid £1 into court within a fortnight. In that case plaintiff must bring proper particulars as to how the claim was made up.

Mr Crane raised the question as to costs in connection with this application and His Honour said that would be held over.

Sport

Football

Coalville Town F.C. have been ordered to play two cup matches tomorrow – the replay for the Coalville Cup with Whitwick Imperial at Whitwick, and with Loughborough Corinthians for the Rolleston Cup. In the latter however, Loughborough have scratched. For the Coalville Cup match at Whitwick, the Town have selected the following team:

Stinson, Davis and H. Smith; Toon, Dexter and Wharmby; Beard, Twigg, Heward, J. Smith and Thompson. Res. W. Brownlow.

The Whitwick team is: Commons, Warden, F. Smith; Wright, Springthorpe and Moore; Bradford, Brady, Starkey, Lees and Roach. Reserve Egan.

Players Stranded

The Leicester Belvoir Street S.S. players journeyed to Whitwick on Saturday for their Senior Cup Match, in a motor charabanc, which became weather bound and was unable to get away from Whitwick in the evening.

The players had to make their way to Coalville and return to Leicester by train.

A Whitwick junior team were on their way to Ibstock, but failed to reach there, the brake being snowed up. The players had to walk back home.

Coalville Charity Cup

A meeting of the management committee of the above was held at the Red House Hotel, Coalville, on Friday evening. Mr R. T. Bradshaw presided and there were present, Messrs. J. Kirby, G. Swain, H. Clamp, A. E. Clay, D. Marston, H. S. Goacher, and J. W. Farmer (hon. sec). The meeting was called to settle a difficulty which had arisen in reference to the replay between Whitwick Imperial and Coalville Town.

The secretary read a copy of a letter he had sent to the secretary of the Rolleston Cup complaining of their committee ordering Rolleston cup matches to be played on Coalville Cup dates and a replay had been received stating that the matter should be laid before the Rolleston Cup committee.

In reference to the Whitwick v Coalville match having been postponed on January 4th owing to the bad state of the ground, Mr Whitmore (Whitwick) resented the suggestion in Mr Earp's (Coalville Town) letter that Whitwick influenced the referee, Mr Dexter, in postponing the match. The chairman said they had nothing to do with that. The referee had power to decide. Mr Dexter wrote that the ground was quite unfit.

The committee unanimously agreed that the match must be played to a finish on Saturday, January 18th, Mr A. Dexter, of Shepshed, to be the referee.

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Public Notices

All persons having accounts owing in connection with the estate of the late Emma Whittaker, Hermitage Road, Whitwick, in the County of Leicester, are hereby requested to send particulars of the same on or before January 31st, 1913. And all monies owing to the said estate must be paid by that date, to the undersigned executors under the will of the late Emma Whittaker.

(Signed)

W. Gill Wheatley, Ingle Nook, Whitwick, Leicestershire
Albert J. Briers, The Farm, Whitwick, Leicestershire

To the overseers of the poor of the Parish of Whitwick, in the County of Leicester; to the Superintendent of Police of the Division of Ashby-de-la-Zouch, in the same County; to the

Clerk to the Licensing Justices of the said Division of Ashby-de-la-Zouch; and to all whom it may concern.

I, Charles Beasley, now residing at the Hermitage Inn, Hermitage Road, Whitwick, in the said County of Leicester, Beerseller, and for six months and upwards last past having resided at the Hermitage Inn, Hermitage Road, Whitwick, aforesaid, Do Hereby Give Notice that it is my intention to apply at the General Annual Licensing Meeting to be holden at the Police Court, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, aforesaid, on the 8th day of February, 1913, for a licence, to hold an Excise Licence or Licenses to sell by retail all intoxicating liquors to be consumed either on or off the house, and premises thereto belonging situate at Hermitage Road, Whitwick, aforesaid, and known as the Hermitage Inn, of which house and premises Messrs. Thomas Salt and Co. Limited, of Burton-on-Trent, in the County of Stafford, Brewers, are the owners, of whom I rent the same, and which said house and premises have for some time past been used and occupied by me as a beerhouse under the name or sign of the Hermitage Inn.

Given under my hand, this 16th day of January, 1913.
Charles Beasley.

Local News

Mr T. W. Bourne has consented to be nominated as a candidate in the Whitwick Ward at the forthcoming Coalville Urban Council elections.

We understand that it is the intention of the Liberals in the Whitwick division to run a candidate in opposition to Mr M. McCarthy at the ensuing County Council election.

Concert

A successful concert was given in the Holy Cross School on Saturday and Monday evenings, there being a large and appreciative audience on each occasion. The programme included two dramatic pieces, "The Irish Attorney," and "The Irish Tutor." In the former, Mr W. Griffin appeared as a solicitor and Mr M. Downes as his partner, while Messrs. B. Revell were clerks, Messrs. B. Dyer, B. Orton, A. Dyer and J. W. Orton, farmers, and Miss F. C. Needham, maid. In the other the characters were, An Irish Tutor, M. O'Reilly, pupil J. Garrity, father of pupil F. Johnson, and English tutor D. Dyer.

In both pieces the parts were admirably sustained, and the performers were much applauded. There were also songs by Miss G. O'Mara and Miss C. Needham, duet by Misses M. Higgins and C. Needham, and a recitation "Kissing Cup" by Mr T. F. McCarthy, who gave an encore, "Lightning, the famous cab horse,"

Miss Revell was the accompanist. The arrangements were well carried out by Mr M. Downes and the proceeds were for the Altar Society at Holy Cross Church.

A Successful Mission

The mission which has been conducted at the Whitwick Wesleyan Church by Mr and Mrs Elliott, was concluded last night. It has been very successful, there having been crowded meetings nightly.

Whist Drive and Dance

A whist drive and dance was held in the Holy Cross School on Wednesday evening in aid of the Holy Cross Cricket Club. There was a moderate attendance. Messrs. J. McCarthy and J. Rewhorn were the M.C.'s for the dance and Mr Jones was the pianist. The M.C.'s for whist were Messrs. W. T. Hull and J. O'Mara. The prize winners were:

Ladies: 1. Miss A. Needham; 2. Miss L. Middleton.

Gents: 1. Mr J. Glynn; 2. Mr M. Noon.

Coalville in the Early Days

An Old Resident's Reminiscences

When Colliers Worked Twelve Hours a Day

There are still surviving in Coalville, members of a few old families whose recollections either from actual experience or what has been told them by friends who have gone before, carry us back to the early days of the nineteenth century when things in the Coalville district were very different from what they are today, there being in fact no such place as Coalville at that time.

One of the oldest Coalville families are the Uptons, so William of that ilk informed the writer in a little chat we had the other day. William Upton was born in 1847 and was one of six sons who first saw light in a small cottage of the London Road, near the butcher's shop at present occupied by Mr W. F. Moore. The father of the family was also named William and he had been living in the district for some years. He was a resident here at the time of the sinking of the Whitwick pits and was one of the first to be employed there. As soon as coal was discovered, great rejoicing took place and ale and other refreshments were freely given at the Engine Inn, kept by James Shaw, and now known as the Leicester Hotel. For a time Mr Upton went to work at the Glascote Colliery, near Tamworth, but labour then was scarce in the Coalville district, and the company offered to fetch him and his sons back to Whitwick, and he returned after a few months. This was the first time that young William, our informant, had had a ride in a train, and he tells us that the carriages were all open then. They lived in Mammoth Street for some years, but Mr Upton gave the assurance that it was a much more respectable street than it is today.

All along the Hermitage Road, the land was open to the road, there being no walls or fences, and from the Whitwick dirt bank, he said, cannons were fired in connection with the peace celebrations at the conclusion of the Crimean war.

When Mr Upton snr., returned to Whitwick, he went down the pit as a loader and the miners then used to work twelve hours a day and only used to see daylight once a week – on Sunday. And it was not so long before that, that the men would descend the mine in the early morning and be working below till 8 or 9 o'clock in the evening. Boys were then employed in the pit at the age of 9 to 10 years and the younger William Upton started to work on the bank at the age of ten, afterwards going down the pit as a pony driver. He recalls several accidents from causes which would not be tolerated in these more enlightened days. A case in point. At this time it was not deemed necessary to fence round the pit shafts and there was one instance of a boy who had just been brought up one shaft walking into another on his way home, and, of course, being killed. In these early days, the colliers were paid 2s 6d a ton for getting the coal at the Snibston pit and 2s 7d per ton at Whitwick, and out of this stallmen had to purchase their own timber.

Mr Upton recalls one of the earliest strikes which was to shorten the hours and in other ways improve the working conditions. A novel idea of the strikers was to draw a wagon load of coal from Whitwick to Leicester where the coal was sold for bread. But it had a wonderful effect, and the men got their hours reduced.

The old Baptist School was one of the earliest day schools in Coalville, and the first teacher was Mr W. Bott, of Hugglescote, he being followed by Mr Porter. The Whitwick Colliery Co. used to find the coal for the school, and the children of parents who worked at the colliery were allowed their education free. Others had to pay. It seems that in the earlier days they managed the Sunday school treats better than they do now. Instead of the sects holding their treats separately, they used to all amalgamate and Mr Upton recalls when they ran a joint trip to Matlock. The first colliery excursion from Coalville was from the Whitwick pit, when Mr Harrison was the manager. The colliery headstocks and wheels were painted on canvas and fixed on the front of the engine.

The first internment which took place in Coalville Cemetery, says Mr Upton, was that of Mr R. Gamble, and another fact which we are assured, is not generally known, is that a good deal of the stone with which the Coalville church is built was got from a field close to the top of the Swannington Incline.

The first brass band in the district was started in the sixties at the Whitwick Colliery and was soon followed by a rival band started at the Snibston pit. Mr Vaughan provided the instruments and also for years paid for an instructor. Mr George Locker was the first bandmaster there. The first policeman at Coalville was named Bailey and he lived on the Ashby Road. He was followed by Mr Fardell. Things were very quiet in the locality at this time. With the wind favourable, it is asserted, the blowing of a Derby "bull" could be heard at Coalville. The first "buzzer" ever blown in this district was at the Nailstone Wood Colliery.

A more modern event, but one which stands out prominently in the history of the place, was the attempt by Mr F. Whetstone to close the Broom Leys footpath. Mr Upton, Mr T. Hardy and a few other old residents took a prominent part in frustrating this, there being a public subscription to meet the cost of their defence in the legal proceedings which ensued.

In the early days referred to, there was no such place as Coalville – it was known as Long Lane. It received the name of Coalville when the railway station was opened, and for a time passengers had to go to the Railway Hotel (Mr Sheffield's) to get their tickets. There were only two big houses on London Road, those now occupied by the Rev. F. Pickbourne and Mr J. W. Stableford, besides the Engine Inn previously referred to, and, coming along Hotel Street, only the mill and mill-house, occupied by Mr Webster, and later by Mr Franks. Where the Labour Exchange is now there used to be an old saw-pit open to the road. There were the little houses against the pump. Marshall's Row was also there, and the Blue Bell Inn, and the Fountain. Bowling used to be a popular game in front of the Fountain. A Mr Taylor kept a butcher's shop where Mr Fryer now lives and there were two old private houses where the late post office was. The Red House, known as the Cradle and Coffin, was then kept by a Mr Burton. There were very few houses in Belvoir Road, and from Vaughan Street corner to Mr Atkin's butcher's shop, were lane gardens belonging to the poor people. When the owners of the land at the back wanted to sell for building there was considerable trouble but ultimately a compromise was effected by land being given for gardens on another site.

Possibly there are other old readers with interesting recollections. If they care to send them along we shall be glad to publish the same.

Leicestershire Miners' Association

Annual Lodge Meetings

Whitwick No. 3 Pit

A meeting in connection with the Whitwick No. 3 Lodge was held on Saturday, Mr A. E. Clay presiding. The figures of the ballot for the election of council delegates were received and Messrs. W. Glover and Jos King were declared elected. The voting was as follows, Wm. Glover 204, Joseph King 130, Ernest Hinds 87, George Summers 70, Fred Blow 50, George Wright 46, and Charles Hipwell 32. Mr Glover was a former delegate and Mr King displaces Mr E. Hinds.

Christian Endeavour

The usual weekly meeting of the P.M. society was held in the schoolroom on Wednesday last and was well attended. Various members spoke on the topic and a most enjoyable time was spent.

Sewing Tea

The usual weekly sewing tea was held in the P.M. schoolroom on Tuesday afternoon last and was well attended. The tea was given by the lady members of the church and was much enjoyed. The proceeds were for the debt reduction fund.

A Poultry Farm Partnership

Whitwick Vicar's Interesting Claim

In the Manx Chancery Court, on Wednesday the Rev James Wilson Alexander Mackenzie, vicar of Whitwick, claimed £640 from the estate of the late Miss Lena Eleanor Murray, formerly matron of Ramsey Isolation Hospital.

Claimant, who is a residuary legatee under Miss Murray's will, was in partnership with Miss Murray in a poultry farm in the Isle of Man. Four hundred pounds of the claim was in respect of money claimant alleged he had advanced Miss Murray, to enable her to assist relatives, and the balance was in connection with the poultry farm.

Claimant deposed that in respect of the advance £300 Miss Murray subsequently gave him a promissory note, and that shortly before her death she also gave him two cheques, one for £300 and one for £162 to meet the loans and charges incurred with a moneylender he had resorted to in the matter. The whole claim was strongly resisted by the executor of Miss Murray's will, and next-of-kin, and in cross-examination, claimant admitted he judged at a show in England at which Miss Murray had exhibited birds from the partnership farm. He had awarded her a prize for one bird he had not previously seen, but passed another of her exhibits, as he knew it.

It was suggested to Mr Mackenzie, in cross-examination that the signature of the promissory note had been traced by him in black lead, and filled in with ink, and that subsequently to her death he had filled up blank cheques, which had been supplied him by Miss Murray for purchasing poultry, for sums of £300 and £162. Both suggestions claimant indignantly denied – Annie Corkill deposed Miss Murray had signed a promissory note in her presence. In cross-examination she admitted the claimant had sent her a copy of the note.

The hearing was adjourned till yesterday.

Yesterday, Dr Roe, one of the executors, giving evidence resisting the claim, said he first heard from plaintiff as to the promissory note some months after Miss Murray's death, and knew nothing about the cheques until these proceedings. Among Miss Murray's papers there was nothing to show she had borrowed money. The poultry farm ledger which plaintiff claimed he could not get from the executors, witness had seen in plaintiff's possession after Miss Murray's death. In his opinion, the promissory note and balance sheet signatures were forgeries.

Mr Acheson, manager of the Lloyd's Bank in Ramsey, said the signatures would pass with him in the ordinary way, but if his attention was particularly called to them, their character would cause him to make inquiry. Counsel for plaintiff ridiculed the suggestions of fraud and forgery, and submitted that the claim had been established.

The Judge, without calling on the other side said the claim lacked sufficient corroboration. He believed plaintiff had taken away the poultry farm ledger, and with regard to the signatures which had been questioned, he entirely disbelieved the evidence of Miss Corkill, who had been called by plaintiff, and had sworn she saw Miss Murray sign the note. He was not satisfied the signatures were those of Miss Murray. He did not go further, but the onus lay with plaintiff to satisfy him, and he had failed to discharge it. He dismissed the claim with costs.

On the application of counsel for the legatees, the papers were ordered to be impounded.

Coalville Police Court

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

Wilful Damage at Thringstone

Wm. Hy. E. Bottrill, (20), bricklayer's labourer, Whitwick, was summoned for wilful damage to a window, to the amount of 30s, the property of Sarah A. Bird, at Thringstone, on December 24th.

The clerk said Inspector Pegg had ascertained that the damage was only 5s 6d. Defendant pleaded guilty.

Bird said that the defendant, after some words with her husband, threw six stones through the window. Defendant said he offered to pay for the repairs.

Fined 5s 6d and costs 10s 6d and 5s 6d damages or seven days.

Hy. Robinson, (19), collier, Thringstone, was summoned for riding a bicycle without a light at Whitwick, on January 10th.

He did not appear. P.C. Jelley proved the case.

Fined 1s and costs 12s 6d or seven days.

Drunk at Whitwick

Mary A. Robinson, (57), married, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk on the highway at Whitwick, on January 11th. She pleaded not guilty.

P.C. Jelley said he found the woman lying in the snow in Silver Street, and took her into Mr Perry's. She was very drunk. Defendant said her condition was due to the cold, and she fell down in the snow.

John Hussey, reporter, Coalville, corroborated as to the woman being drunk.

Fined 2s 6d and costs 14s 6d or seven days.

Sleeping Out

Wm. Smith, and Francis Insley, labourers of no fixed abode, were charged with sleeping out on the previous night. Insley said he had some capital.

P.S. Dobney deposed to finding the men sleeping on the boilers at the Whitwick brickyard. Insley had five pence and some tobacco and matches. Defendants did damage by this sort of thing apart from the danger they ran. They admitted having slept there each night since Saturday.

Smith was sentenced to 14 days' hard labour and Insley to a month's hard labour, the latter having been several times previously convicted of a similar offence.

Whitwick Youth sent to the Assizes

John Arthur Stanley, (16), labourer, Whitwick, was charged with attempting to steal 3s 4d from the shop of Hy. Moore, at Whitwick, on the 16th inst., and he was further charged with stealing a pocket knife, the property of Philip Aris, barber, of Silver Street, Whitwick.

Catherine Moore, wife of Hy. Moore, collier and grocer, Silver Street, Whitwick, stated that about three o'clock on Wednesday she saw the defendant prowling round the shop. She put off the bell, and retired to watch. She saw him come along by the counter, and one arm on the top, then trying to reach the drawer with his other hand. He got it a little way open, and she then came out of the living-room and caught hold of him. She asked what he was doing, and he made no reply. She said she should detain him until her husband came home, and she sent for the police. The till in the drawer contained 3s 4d in silver and coppers.

Philip Aris, barber, said he kept a shop in Silver Street, Whitwick, and sold pocket knives like the one produced. He had one in a case on the counter at his shop at Christmas. He had not sold one from that case since Christmas, but one disappeared. He identified the knife produced as his property and valued it at 6 1/2d.

P.C. Grewcock said he went to Moore's shop on receiving a complaint, and saw the prisoner who was being detained by Mrs Moore. She charged him with the offence, and witness asked him what he had to say. He replied that he went into the shop for a pennyworth of rock, but in reply to a further question admitted that he had no money. When charged, and told he would be arrested, prisoner replied, "*I will tell you the truth, I came into the shop for the money in the till.*" Witness then took him to the police station. On the way, he called at Sergeant Bett's house, and searched prisoner, finding the new pocket knife (produced). Defendant said he gave 8d for it, but on the way to Coalville, told witness he stole it from Mr Aris's shop about a fortnight before.

Prisoner had nothing to say, and was committed for trial at the Leicester Assizes.

Sport

Football

Sensational Football at Whitwick

Coalville Town's Wonderful Recovery

An interesting event on Saturday was the replayed Coalville Cup tie at Whitwick between the Imperial and Coalville Town, which had postponed from the previous week on account of the weather. Possibly the belief that the ground might still be unfit kept a few away and the gate proceeds, though good – between £11 and £12 – would doubtless have been much larger under more favourable conditions. As things turned out, the ground was not in such a bad state, except on one small portion which was covered by straw. It was, of course, rather heavy and this seemed to suit the Coalville players more than Whitwick. The latter went off in a sensational manner and when they had got a lead of three goals, things looked anything but rosy for the Coalville team. To the credit of the Town men, however, they recovered the lost ground and secured a sensational win, which they well deserved.

Whitwick were the best team in the first half and it was not long before Joe Lees opened their account. Soon afterwards, Starkey got another, while there was something like consternation in the faces of the Coalville portion of the crowd when Percy Wright splendidly headed the third from a corner. The Town strove gamely and ultimately Beard reduced the lead. Then a penalty was awarded, but Commons finely saved Heward's shot, so that at the interval, Whitwick were leading 3 – 1.

The luck of the Imperial seemed to wane afterwards. Warden was injured and had to be off for some time and Coalville gradually wore their opponents down and had matters pretty much their own way. Further goals were obtained by Jim Smith and Thompson, and there was great excitement when Twigg kicked the winning point. Whitwick made a strong effort towards the close, but were always held in check and when the end came, the Town had won a most strenuous game by the odd goal in seven.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Burials

Beech – At Whitwick, on the 20th inst., Lillian Maud Beech, aged 2 years, of Leicester Road.

Pollard – At Whitwick, on the 21st inst., Louisa Pollard, aged 10, of Leicester Road.

Cotton – At Whitwick, on the 23rd inst., Sarah Austin Cotton, aged 59 years, of Forest Road.

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Local News

Whitwick Boy's Chance to Reform

Three Years at the Borstal Institution

Case at Leicester Assizes

At the Leicestershire Assizes on Saturday, John Arthur Stanley, 16, described as a labourer, of Whitwick, was sent to the Borstal Institution for three years on charges of attempting to steal 3s 4d., the money of Henry Moon, and a pocket knife, the property of Philip Aris, at Whitwick, to which he pleaded guilty.

Mr G. W. Powers prosecuted. Supt. Lockton told the court that the boy had a bad home, and it was his surroundings that had brought him to this. His Lordship was afraid that the boy was developing tendencies which, unless they were put a stop to, would lead him into a criminal life, and he would give him a chance, through the Borstal treatment, of becoming a useful member of society.

Another Burglary at Whitwick

A Collier's Rent Stolen

Whitwick just now seems to be infested with people on burglary bent. There have been several minor robberies lately, and another was added to the list on Saturday night. The burglars, apparently, are no respecters of persons, for in this case, they broke into the house of a working collier, and stole the money which the good wife had put on one side to pay the rent with on Monday.

The house entered was that of Mr James Frederick Musson, who works at the Whitwick Colliery, and resides in Silver Street. Mr Musson, on Saturday night went to a supper at the Forest Rock Hotel, and Mrs Musson went to a children's concert at the Whitwick National School.

Apparently, the burglar or burglars knew this. At any rate, when Mrs Musson returned a surprise awaited her. After leaving the concert she had proceeded to the Three Crowns, kept by her husband's mother, to there await her husband's return. When she arrived home it was about 11 o'clock, and she then found that the window at the back had been smashed near the catch by means of which the window was unfastened and the sash raised. The house was all in confusion. The front door stood wide open, and the key was missing. Drawers both upstairs and down had been ransacked, but all that Mrs Musson missed was 5s 2d., which she had placed in one of the drawers to pay the weekly rent with

on Monday. The intruders had evidently made a very minute search, but this was all they got for their pains. A remarkable circumstance is that there was a somewhat similar case on Sunday evening at the house of Mr J. W. Briers, up Leicester Road, half a mile away from Musson's house. In this case the window at the back had been broken in a previously similar manner near the catch, whilst the family had gone to chapel, but there were no signs of the house having been entered, the offenders possibly being disturbed.

Both cases were reported to the police.

Fancy Dress Ball

A fancy dress ball and whist drive in aid of the funds of the Leicester Infirmary, was held at the Holy Cross School on Wednesday evening, there being about 200 present, many in fancy dress. Mr and Miss Popple played for dancing, and the characters represented included: Miss Hault, Billiards; Miss Bancroft, Miss Hook of Holland; Miss Avery, Italian peasant; Mr Carter, Pierrot; Mr F. Henson, Indian; Miss A. Moore, Cowboy; Miss A. Black, Gipsy fortune-teller; Mr M. Black, Dick Turpin; Mr H. Black, Pierrot; Mrs Bishop, Five o'clock tea; Mr G. F. Burton, 13th Century; Miss S. Pickworth, Japanese; Miss McCarthy, Irish Colleen; Miss A. O'Reilly, Erin; Mr H. Pickworth, Forador; Miss North, Indian; and others. The prizes for the best fancy dress were won by the following:
Ladies historic, Miss B. Carter, 1840; comic, Miss C. Moore, harem.
Gents historic, Mr Vendy, Charles I; comic, Mr E. Burton, Private Potts.
The judges were Nurse Lilley, Miss D. Underwood, the Rev. W. Sykes, and Mr Dick Francis.

The M.C.'s for whist were, Messrs. W. J. Cracknell and G. Greasley, and the winners were:

Ladies: 1. Miss Barnet; 2. Miss Weston, who won a cut with Mrs Hull.
Gents: 1. Mr G. Abell; 2. Mr C. W. Pegg. Mr Abell also winning on a cut.

The prizes were distributed by the Rev. M. J. O'Reilly. The proceedings were very successful and it is intended to make the same an annual event.

Whitwick Sensation

The Vicar Arrested

A Serious Charge

Police Court Proceedings in the Isle of Man

A profound sensation was created in Whitwick and district, on Monday, when it became known that a detective had been over from the Isle of Man, to take the Vicar, the Rev. J. W. A. Mackenzie, back to the Island to answer a very serious charge.

The detective, in company with Superintendent Lockton, proceeded to the Vicarage in a taxicab on Monday afternoon, and were there for about two hours, after which they left for Leicester, and the accused was conveyed to the Isle of Man next day. The charge arises out of proceedings in the Isle of Man last week in which the Vicar made a claim against the estate of the late Miss Murray. As reported in our last issue, the main facts of the case are as follows:

The Vicar claimed £640 from the estate of the late Miss Murray in the Manx Chancery Court. Claimant is a residuary legatee under Miss Murray's will, and £400 of the claim was in respect of money claimant alleged he had advanced Miss Murray to enable her to assist relatives, and the balance was in connection with the poultry farm.

Claimant deposed that in respect of the advanced £300 Miss Murray subsequently gave him a promissory note, and that shortly before her death, she also gave him two cheques – one for £300 and one for £162, to meet the loans and charges incurred with a moneylender he had resorted to in the matter.

The claim was strongly resisted by the executor of Miss Murray's will, and next-of-kin and in cross-examination, it was suggested to Mr McKenzie that the signature of the promissory note had been traced by him in black lead, and filled in with ink, and that subsequently to her death he had filled up blank cheques, which had been supplied him by Miss Murray for purchasing poultry, for sums of £300 and £162. Both suggestions, claimant indignantly denied. Counsel for plaintiff ridiculed the suggestions of fraud and forgery, and submitted that the claim had been established. The Judge, without calling on the other side, said the claim lacked sufficient corroboration, and dismissed the claim with costs. On the application of counsel for the legatees, the papers were ordered to be impounded.

The Charge Outlined

Handwriting Experts Opinion

Before the Douglas Stipendiary, on Wednesday, James Wilson Alexander Mackenzie, vicar of Whitwick, Leicestershire, was charged that he did on the 22nd of January, 1913, feloniously alter, dispose of, and put off a certain forged undertaking for payment of £300. Mr R. S. Moore prosecuted for the police, and Mr R. Ray defended.

Mr Moore, in opening the case for the prosecution said defendant filed a claim against the estate of Leila Eleanor Murray, hospital matron, who died in Ramsey in July 1911, for £640 3s. The first item in the claim was for £300, money lent by claimant to deceased, and it was in respect of this that proceedings had been brought. The claim was objected to on behalf of the executors.

Defendant attended the Chancery Court in Douglas, on the 22nd inst. to prove his claim. In his evidence, defendant said:

“This sum I gave about July, 1910. When I was in Ramsey, in July, 1911, deceased said she would like to repay me or give me a cheque, and asked me to hold it over, as it would not be honoured. I regard it as an acknowledgement. Later in the day she said she would like to give me a further acknowledgement, and asked me to draw something that would show it. I wrote this on a sheet of paper in her room, and left it there. She afterwards gave me the promissory note.”

Counsel, continuing, said the allegation of the prosecution was that the signature was forged. They did not say defendant forged it, not because they doubted it, but they had no evidence to show if he did forge it, that it was forged in the Isle of Man. The only thing the prosecution could charge was that of uttering, and that was equally serious.

The parties were partners in a poultry farm. Defendant was an expert in poultry, and he purchased poultry, but the banking account was carried out in Miss Murray's name under an account styled "Number two account." Defendant had admitted that he had received blank cheques signed by Miss Murray which he filled in when he brought poultry.

John Cannell, Clerk to the Chancery Court, testified to the defendant's evidence in support of his claim against Miss Murray's estate and of the presentation of documents, including the promissory note in question.

Mr H. Warburton, photographer, produced negatives of the promissory note, which it was alleged showed grooving over which the signature of Miss Murray had been effected.

Gerald Francis Gurrin, handwriting expert, London, said he carefully examined the promissory note and compared the signature with that in a bundle of cheques admittedly signed by Miss Murray. The common outstanding character of Miss Murray's handwriting was that it was quickly and lightly written, without much pressure. The signature on the promissory note was practically the opposite to the signature of Miss Murray. As far as the pressure was concerned, the ink was darker and heavier, pointing to a slower execution.

After examination of the signature on the promissory note, he found that a strong indentation was visible in a number, if not all the letters. It was a single indentation, such as might be produced by a pencil, and had no indication of a double indentation, such as would be produced by a pen. Neither was it an indentation such as would be produced by a stylographed pen as that always made a clear mark. He also found in several places, particularly at the base of the letter L, and at the top of the letter E, certain strokes other than ink strokes, of a purple or bluish tinge, such as might be produced by a pencil or carbon paper.

"In a strong light, and with a strong glass, the actual glint of this substance could be seen in the photograph. Down the centre of each letter the indentation or groove was clearly shown. In conclusion, witness said the strongest points were the points of fact. Such as for instance, the existence of the indentation on the front and back, the appearance of writing other than ink, and also the substance, appearing to be pencil, seen particularly in the letter "L". These actual facts, to my mind, point to only one possible conclusion, namely, that the signature is not a natural signature, but one produced by some mechanical means, such, for instance, as a tracing or carbon paper."

Mr Moore: *You were not asked to direct your attentions any way as to whose signature it was?*

Witness: *No, I was simply asked whether it was a forgery or not. It was not my instructions to say who did it.*

The Magistrate: *In your opinion, it is a forgery?*

Witness: *It is sir.*

Police-detective John Henry Fell, deposed to arresting the defendant at Whitwick. When charged, he said, *"I do not understand it."* At the Vicarage, in defendant's desk, witness found a gold bracelet, set with diamonds and sapphires. In the police station at Douglas, defendant said, *"It is very trying, but before God, I am innocent."* Prisoner was remanded until today, bail being granted in defendant's own bond of £200, and two sureties of £100.

Nineteen Years at Whitwick

The Rev. J. W. A. Mackenzie is a native of Inverness where his grandfather held the position of manager of the Bank of Scotland. His father was Major-General J. R. Mackenzie, of the Madras Light Infantry, 105th Regiment, and being of military parentage, he was himself educated at Cheltenham College with the view of joining the Army, but was debarred from this due to an accident to his eye. He afterwards went to Pembroke College, Cambridge, where he took the degree of B.A., in 1888 and, later, that of M.A. For some time he worked with the Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen on the North Sea and in London, and was subsequently trained by the late Dean Vaughan, of Llandaff with a view to his ordination. His first curacy was at St. Mark's, Leicester, in 1890. He afterwards accepted a private chaplaincy to the Earl of Dunmore, in Stirlingshire, whence he was recalled by the Bishop to become curate-in-charge of Hrafield, Northants. In 1894 he succeeded the Rev. A. F. Tollemache as Vicar of Whitwick. During his ministry at Whitwick, much good work has been done in connection with the church.

Lately the Vicar has inaugurated a large scheme of restoration at the church, and some portions of the new work were dedicated by the Bishop of Peterborough a few weeks ago. Mr Mackenzie has taken an active part in local sports and the "fancy" during his residence at Whitwick. He formed the old Whitwick White Cross Football Club, which ran two or three seasons in the Midland League, and turned out two or three first-class footballers. The club played on the Vicarage field. He has also been intimately identified with the Leicestershire Football Association. He has also won many prizes in the National Homing Union's pigeon races, but is better known, perhaps, in the poultry world, being a recognised authority on fowls, and has judged at many important shows throughout the country.

The services at the Parish Church on Sunday were conducted by the Vicar as usual and in the evening he preached a particularly impressive sermon to a fairly large congregation. After the Sunday evening service the Vicar had an interview with the Churchwardens, Messrs. S. W. West and J. P. Roulstone, and told them of the whole case, and in regard to the failure of his claim, he said it was his intention to appeal.

Two of the Vicar's sons are abroad, one having recently left for Australia. General sympathy is felt for Mrs Mackenzie, who is much beloved by the parishioners and the hope is freely expressed that the arrest of Mr Mackenzie is due to some mistake which will speedily be rectified.

Children's Concert

A successful concert was given by Whitwick Church School children in the National School on Saturday and Monday evenings. The proceeds were in aid of the children's window proposed to be erected in the parish church and there were large audiences, as a result of which it is expected a good sum will be realised. An excellent programme consisting of songs, dances, tableaux, etc., was much appreciated, there being several encores. The vicar (the Rev. J. W. A. Mackenzie) presided on Saturday evening, and on Monday evening the chair was occupied by Dr. Burkitt. The programme was as follows:

Welcome, Miss Gladys West; song, "The land of Nod," children; Morris dance, girls and boys; recitation, "My Toys," Alice Geary; full tableau, "Hush, baby's asleep," girls; parasol song, girls; duet, "Where are you going to my pretty maid?" Harriet Smith and Thomas Gilbert; tableau, "Two strings to her bow," ribbon dance, girls and boys; tableau, "Fairy Queen," song and dance, "No, John," children; song, "The little Irish girl," Miss Atkins; pianoforte duet, Miss Adams and Miss Bourne, A.L.C.M.; tableau, "Peace" song; "I have a

doll," children; recitation, "Which shall it go?" Rosie Baker, tableau, "Sleeping Beauty" song, "The Flower Girl," children; pianoforte solo, Miss E. Shelton; tableau, "Bluebeard"; Morris dance, girls and boys, song, "Teasing," girls and boys, nursery tableau; song, "Aunt Eliza," Miss Atkins; tableau, "Babes in the Wood," floral song and dance, sixteen girls; "God save the King" – Miss Edith Henson was the accompanist. The children had been trained by the teachers, on whom the performance reflected great credit. Dr. Burkitt expressed thanks to all who had contributed to the great success of the concert.

Social

In connection with the Christian Endeavour Society held at the P.M. School, a social took place on Wednesday evening last and was fairly well attended. A good programme of musical items was gone through, and various games took place. Refreshments were provided during the evening.

Sewing Tea

The usual weekly sewing tea was held in the P.M. school on Tuesday afternoon last, and was fairly well attended. The tea was given by the ladies connected with the church and a most enjoyable time was spent by those present. The proceeds were in aid of the debt reduction fund.

Sport

Football

Whitwick Imperial team to meet Leicester Belvoir Street at Whitwick tomorrow in the Senior Cup competition: Commons (captain), Lester and Springthorpe (A), D. Egan, Percy Wright and Springthorpe (H), Bradford, Brady, Starkey, Lees and Roach.

Ashby Police Court

Saturday – Before Mr George Moore (in the chair), Sir Wm. Abney, Major Hatchett, Mr J. H. Sutton, Mr G. D. Orchard, Mr T. Varnham, Mr T. Dennis and Mr G. Brown.

Whitwick Man ordered to Pay

John Bakewell (56), bricklayer, Whitwick, was summoned by the Ashby Guardians for 11 weeks' arrears in regard to the maintenance of his wife. He said he had been out of work. John Wm. Bowley, relieving officer, stated that on November 2nd, the Bench made an order for the defendant to pay 2s a week, but he had paid nothing. The defendant could work regularly if he liked. If he had a good week one week, he would play half the next.

Defendant said he had been out of work for weeks. It had taken him all his time to get money to pay his rent to keep a shelter over his head. He had had no fire in the house for days. Unless things altered, he would have to go into the Union. Mr Bowley said the man drank his money away as fast as he got it.

The Bench made an order for payment of the amount due, £1 2s and 10s 6d costs.

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Local News

We understand that Mrs Mackenzie left Whitwick for the Isle of Man yesterday. A sister of the Whitwick Vicar and other relatives are already on the island. The trial takes place on Tuesday next.

The adjourned Brewster Sessions were held in Ashby this morning, when the evidence of the police was taken in objection to the renewal of the licences of the Royal George Inn, and the Beaumont Arms Inn, both at Whitwick. A full report will appear in our next issue.

Colliery Workmen's Accident Club

A meeting of the workmen of Whitwick Colliery was held at the Hermitage Hotel, Coalville, on Saturday night, Mr George Thomas presiding. The result of the ballot of the old age pension scheme was reported, there being a majority of 107 in favour of question 3, that no pension be paid from the funds of the new club. A committee was appointed to draft new rules for submission to a meeting of men as early as possible. Messrs. Thomas Moore, George Brooks, James Musson and George Thomas from Nos. 2, 5 and 6 pits. Messrs. F. Blow, A. Hinds, J. Woodward, from No. 3 pit and William Jarvis were elected to serve on the committee along with the secretary and treasurer, Messrs. George Mason, George Toome and Thomas Leech were appointed treasurers, and Messrs. George Mason and A. Hinds delegates to the Derby Fatal Accident Relief Society.

Sewing Tea

The usual weekly sewing tea was held in the Primitive Methodist Schoolroom, on Tuesday afternoon last and was well attended. The tea was given by the ladies connected with the church and was much enjoyed, a pleasant afternoon being spent.

Entertainment

An entertainment was held in the Whitwick P.M. School on Saturday evening in aid of the church funds. Mr Jacob Newbury presided and an excellent programme was given by Hugglescote Baptist friends.

P.M. Church

The preachers at this place of worship on Sunday last were the Rev. Jas. Blayney (morning) and the Rev. W. H. Whiting (evening). Good congregations attended both services, which were much enjoyed. Collections were made on behalf of the trust fund.

Scalding Fatality at Whitwick

Little Boy's Sad Death

The Coroner for North Leicestershire (Mr H. J. Deane) held an inquest at the Police Buildings, Loughborough, on Friday night, on the body of Frederick George Wilson, the two-year old son of Joseph Wilson, of 53 Western's Yard, Talbot Street, Whitwick.

The Coroner said the child died at the Loughborough Hospital on Thursday from scalds, which were sustained on February 22nd. On the evening of that day deceased's mother had bathed the deceased child and another and as they had colds she left them near the

fire while she went into the village for some powders. The father, who was a cripple, was left at home with the children, and on the fire was a pot, in which a quantity of bones were stewing. While the mother was away the father removed the pot from the fire, and placed it on the table. The deceased, child-like fetched a stool, and placed it near the table. He then climbed onto the stool, which slipped, and the child, clutching at the pot, pulled the boiling liquid over himself. He was attended by Dr. Burkitt until February 25th when he was removed to the Loughborough Hospital. It would be for the jury to say whether any blame attached to anyone. Accidents would happen while the world lasted, and they would have to decide whether this accident could have been prevented.

The mother and father gave evidence bearing out the Coroner's opening statement, and Mrs Wilson added that she was only out of the house about ten minutes. The child was not able after the accident to tell her anything about it. All he could say was, "Mother, drink."

Dr. Watson, house surgeon at the Loughborough Hospital, said the child was badly scalded about the face, arms and chest. He got on well at first, but became worse and died on Thursday night. Death was due partly to shock and partly to absorption of septic matter from the scalds. The jury returned a verdict of "Accidental Death" and said no blame attached to either of the parents.

Sale by Auction

Whitwick

The sale of Mr R. Sharp's farming stock will be held on Tuesday, March 18th, 1913, at 12 o'clock. Catalogues may be had from the Auctioneers' Office, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, and Market Bosworth.

Wesleyan Band of Hope

The first anniversary services in connection with the Whitwick Wesleyan Band of Hope were held last Sunday, when two sermons were preached to excellent congregations by the Rev. F. H. Labbett, of Coalville. Special singing of temperance hymns were given by the children, who had been ably trained by Misses Clarke and Cradock. Mr Ottey presided at the organ. The collections amounted to £4 10s.

Leicestershire County Council Election

Polling took place on Wednesday in 10 divisions for representatives on the Leicestershire County Council. In 1907 there were 26 contests, and in 1910 ten. Most of the campaigns were fought more or less on political lines though not in all cases.

Coalville participated largely in the polling. The parish is divided into four divisions and in three of these there were contests. In the Hugglescote division Dr. Meredith opposed the member, Mr R. Blower; in the Swannington division the seat of Mr J. A. Goodman was challenged by Mr J. Shields, and in the Whitwick division both Mr M McCarthy and Mr C. Mee sought to take the place of Mr W. Lindley, who retired.

The two old members were re-elected, Mr Blower by a majority of more than two to one, but Mr Goodman had his majority greatly reduced, winning by only 10. Mr McCarthy had a huge majority over Mr Mee. In none of the divisions did there appear to be very much

excitement, and polling went on steadily throughout the day, being, of course, heavier in the evening.

Whitwick

M. McCarthy (Con)	849
C. Mee (Lib)	467
Majority	382



Exciting Scenes at Whitwick

Desperate Struggle in a Grocer's Shop

Three Colliers Fined for Assault

At the Coalville Police Court on Friday, George Frederick Burton, grocer, Whitwick, was summoned for assaulting Cyril Johnson, aged nine years at Whitwick, on February 22nd. Mr Fisher Jesson (Ashby) appeared for the complainant, and Mr J. J. Sharp, (Coalville) for the defendant.

Mr Jesson, opening the case proceeded to refer to the character of Burton who, he said, was subject to sudden fits of temper. Mr Sharp objected to this and the Bench agreed that Mr Jesson should confine himself to this case. Mr Jesson then outlined the case which, he said, would be proved in evidence.

Cyril Johnson, aged 9, stated that on Saturday last he and his little brother met their father near Burton's shop, and received from him a halfpenny. They went into the shop to buy some sweets. Only the defendant was in the shop and he was behind the counter writing

something in a book. He (the boy) asked for some sweets, and the defendant gave them nuts. They asked him to change them, as they could not crack them, and the defendant came from behind the counter and kicked him, at the same time swearing at him. The kick sent him out of the shop into the road, and when the defendant slammed the door, it knocked witness's little brother down. His father went into the shop and threw an egg at him and his father threw one back. A crowd of people came round.

By Mr Sharp: *He had been to Mr Burton's shop before, and had never been kicked previously. He had brought nuts there on previous occasions.*

Further answering Mr Sharp, the boy said Miss Walker was not in the shop at the time. The defendant took a running kick at him. He had not been told by anyone what to say. Arthur Worrall, collier, Whitwick, employed at the South Leicestershire Colliery said that on the way home from work on Saturday he had a pint at the Castle Inn, Hugglescote, another at Thornborough, and a third at the New Inn, Whitwick. When he left the latter place it was just after four, and outside he met his two children. He gave them a halfpenny and they went into Burton's shop for some sweets. They came out with nuts, but went back for sweets and witness then saw the defendant kick the boy, Cyril, out of the shop, and knock the other boy down by slamming the door.

By Mr Sharp: *When Sergeant's Dobney and Betts came to his house, he complained to them of the assault on the boy.*

Harriet Johnson, mother of the boy, deposed to receiving a complaint from the latter as to the assault. Defendant, sworn, said Miss Walker was in the shop at the time. It was untrue that he kicked the boy. He did nothing at neither of them. He had never had a complaint from the boy's father or mother about kicking the boy.

By Mr Jesson: *The whole story of the assault was trumped up and was a pack of lies.*

He was amazed to hear the boy tell such lies in the box. He admitted having a bad temper, but said he could control it. His wife had left him through his temper.

Mr Sharp: *And is now back again.*

Mr Jesson asked whether Miss Young left him because of his temper?

Defendant: *You ask proper questions, and you will get proper answers.*

Proceeding, defendant said he had had a law action with Miss Young. He had never been summoned for assaulting a child before. Mr Jesson then asked a question about a Mrs Bunce, but Mr Sharp objected, observing that this had nothing to do with the case.

Defendant: *Let him ask. What about Mrs Bunce? Go on.*

Mr Jesson: *Don't get cross with me.*

Defendant: *It would not take me long.*

Mr Jesson: *I thought so.*

Defendant: *I know you too well.*

Mr Jesson: *Well, don't be personal.*

Answering further questions, he said the father of the boy came back into the shop, and threw nuts at him. Rose Walker, single woman, Whitwick, said she was in Burton's shop

when the boys came in and asked for a halfpennyworth of nuts. The boys did not come back again, and neither of them was kicked by the defendant.

By Mr Jesson: *Her mother was a tenant of Burton's and worked for the defendant sometimes.*

Sergeant Dobney said he and Sergeant Betts went to Worrall's house on the 22nd and the boy's name was not mentioned. No complaint was made about the boy being kicked.

By Mr Jesson: *Worrall told witness that when his boy brought nuts he went back with him to the shop and said it was sweets he wanted. Burton made an offensive remark, whereupon he (Worrall) threw the nuts at him. Burton then threw an egg, and as there were eggs handy, he retaliated, and they had a good set-to.*

The Bench decided to dismiss the case.

Another case arising out of the same bother was then taken.

Arthur Worrall, Thomas Hall, and George Bennett, colliers, Whitwick, were summoned for assaulting George Frederick Burton, grocer, at Whitwick, on February 22nd. Complainant said that when Worrall came into the shop he told them he had given the boys what they asked for. Worrall then threw the nuts at him, and he bundled them out of the shop. The defendant came in again, however, and started throwing eggs at him from a case near the door. One of the eggs hit him on the head, and others smashed on the fittings behind him. Then Mr Walter Briers, parish constable, and Mr Williamson, came and they had a struggle in the shop in trying to get Worrall out. Mr Briers then went and fetched a pair of handcuffs, and they had another struggle in trying to get the handcuffs on. Mr Briers was knocked down, and the defendant was most violent. When the people outside saw what was going on, the other defendants, Hall and Bennett, came in to take Worrall's part. Both defendants struck him in the shop and outside and friends of theirs encouraged them. They were kicking and plunging like madmen, and eventually they got Worrall away. In the teens of eggs were smashed and other damage done. He sent for the police. Complainant did not throw any eggs.

By Mr Jesson: *It was a most exciting time, but he was fairly calm, and it was the defendants who were like madmen.*

By Mr Jesson: *When Worrall brought the nuts back he (Burton) did not say to him; "Take your _____ bastards home." He did not take up a butter knife and threaten Worrall. Briers had not taken out a summons against Worrall because, as he was parish constable, he thought the police would take it up. He (Burton) was not making any claim for damage to his property: he was advised not to.*

Walter Briers, contractor, and also parish constable, Whitwick, said he was attracted to the shop by the bother, and saw Worrall throwing eggs at Mr Burton. He did not see Burton throw anything. Witness asked the defendant what he was doing, whereupon Worrall struck him a blow, knocking him down. Defendant also struck Burton. Worrall was very violent, and threatened to kill Burton and witness. He (Briers) went for a pair of handcuffs, and they had another struggle. He got the handcuff on one hand, and the other defendants came in and demanded the release of the defendant. Bennett kicked witness while Hall went for Burton. The latter was pulled through the doorway and the defendants punched him.

By Mr Jesson: *He (Briers) had not summoned any of the men for assault, as he thought the police would take it up.*

The clerk: *You can take it from me Mr Jesson, that the police have this matter in hand.*

Moses Williamson, of Whitwick, said Worrall had got Briers down when he arrived on the scene. He also witnessed the assault on Burton. Alice Maud Burton, complainant's wife, also gave evidence as to the assault and said the defendants threatened her as well.

Worrall, on oath, alleged that when he took the nuts back, Burton threw an egg at him, and he threw one back. Complainant then rushed at him with a knife and they had a struggle. As soon as he got out of the shop he went across the road. The other two defendants were not in the shop at all. A man named Kenny burst into the shop. During the struggle blows were struck. He received blows, but he never deliberately struck at Burton, neither did the other defendants. Burton was very violent, and struck him (Worrall) several times. He did not see Bennett kick Briers and he (defendant) did not knock Briers down. The other defendants denied going into the shop, and said they did not assault Burton.

Worrall was fined 12s 6d and 14s 6d costs or 14 days, and the other defendants each 7s 6d and costs 14s 6d or seven days.

The Charge Against the Vicar of Whitwick

Criminal Court of Enquiry

As briefly reported in our last issue, the Rev. James Wilson Alexander Mackenzie, vicar of Whitwick, on Tuesday surrendered to his bail, and was charged before Deemster Callow and a jury of six with having uttered a promissory note for £300 with intent to defraud, knowing the same to have been forged. – Messrs. Lay, Farrant and Allen appeared for the prisoner, Mr Lancaster, of Messrs. Sharp and Lancaster, Coalville, defendant's solicitors in England, was also in Court.

For the prosecution, in opening, it was pointed out that the jury were not to decide whether the defendant was guilty or not guilty, but simply whether there was sufficient evidence to send the defendant to take his trial. The charge was confined to that of uttering, as the prosecution did not know whether the document had been forged in the Isle of Man or in England. There was no question about the uttering of the document, because it had been produced in the Chancery Division of the High Court in January last in proof of a claim made by the defendant against the estate of Miss Leila Murray, matron of the Ramsey Isolation Hospital. The defendant and Miss Murray were interested in the breeding of poultry. In 1910 defendant came to judge at the Ramsey show at which Miss Murray was an exhibitor. After the show, defendant was introduced to Miss Murray, and they agreed to carry on a partnership in a poultry farm. The final clause of the partnership deed provided that if either of the partners died before the partnership was dissolved, the whole of the assets were to go to the survivor. An account was opened at Lloyds Bank in the name of Miss Murray, No. 2 account. The prosecution alleged that defendant had a number of cheques in blank, signed by Miss Murray, and that he made use of one of these after her death, filling it up in favour of himself for £300 in order to bolster up his claim. From July 1910 to July 1911, the business was carried on, when a balance sheet was drawn up, which professed to show a balance of £23 3s 11d and purported to be signed by Miss Murray. The prosecution did not admit that the signature on the balance sheet was a genuine one. In July, Miss Murray was being driven by Dr. Roe in his motor car when there was an accident, and as a result, Miss Murray died. She left a will, leaving the defendant

her residue legatee. Miss Murray left property worth some £400. Though defendant was on the island at the time of the death, and had several interviews with Dr. Roe and with Mr Nelson, acting for the estate, he never claimed that the estate owed him anything, and it was not till November 26th, 1911, that he wrote to Dr. Roe claiming that he had a promissory note for £300. The prosecution allege that there never was a loan of £300, that the whole thing was pure invention. The executors understood that the money was lent to the deceased nine days before her death and as they could find no trace of it, they wrote to the defendant, and his advocates wrote back and said that at the time of her death the deceased was possessed of considerable means, including two £50, and three £5 notes and it was not till the matter came before the Chancery Court that they heard that the money was advanced a year before in 1910.

Mr Lay said that the letter from the defendant's solicitors had no reference whatever to the loan of £300, but was in support of an allegation that the executors had not accounted for the whole of the estate, and had not accounted for a considerable sum of money that Miss Murray had at the time of her death.

The prosecution, continuing, alleged that the defendant made the date of the loan 1910 as in that year he got money from his agent; but even in 1910 the executor could find no trace of that money. If the defendant could trace that money in any way to Miss Murray it would be of great assistance to him. The defendant drew from his agent on July 5th, 1910, £250, and, on the following day, £50, making the £300; but when arrested, a bank book, called a pigeon and poultry book, was found on him. This showed that on July 6th, £125 was paid into that account, and another sum of £38 11s 7d while on the same date the letter book showed that he sent £20 to a Mr Heath; while on Monday, the 8th, he paid into the account £38. They alleged that that money was part of that he had drawn from his agents. When writing to Mr Nelson about his loan, defendant said he had not inquired why Miss Murray wanted the £300; but in the witness box in the Chancery Court he said that she wanted it to send to her sister in America. Evidence would be called as to the signature on the note – expert evidence which would show the jury that the signature had first been traced at the foot of the note by some sharp instrument, and afterwards filled in with ink.

The first witness called was C. T. Hughes-Games who had acted on behalf of the late Miss Murray's sisters in connection with the winding up of the estate. He deposed to seeing the promissory note in May or June of 1912, in Mr LaMothe's office in Ramsey. He examined it carefully, and first of all noticed that the signature was in a different coloured ink to the body of the note. He noticed a peculiar gloss or sheen on it. He turned it over and looked on the reverse side. The signature was clearly expressed on the reverse side. On the front side he also observed a grooving of each letter of the signature, and distinct pitting after the 'L' and 'E' of the signature. He had since examined it under a strong glass, and the grooving and pitting was still quite apparent. The final 'y' seen under the glass, indicated that the ink had been put on downwards, not upwards. He next saw the document a few days before the Chancery Court, when the expression of the signature on the back, which before was perfectly obvious, had become almost indelible. William Henry Warburton, photographer, produced negatives and photographs of the promissory note.

Harold Francis Gurrin, handwriting expert, stated that Miss Murray's signature had certain characteristics, viz., that she wrote lightly and thinly. There was hardly any pressure at all – so little that the pen would hardly open. The signature on the note was the exact opposite to that on the cheques, and suggested that it was heavily and slowly written. There was considerable variation between the up strokes and the down strokes. He examined the signature under a glass, and there was a grooving or indentation in the

letters, which would require considerable pressure to make. The signature had the appearance also as if before the ink, it had been written in pencil or traced with carbon paper. You could in a side light see the glint of the other substance on some of the letters. The back of the note showed certain indentations which corresponded with the letters of the signature. Seeing all these things, it was beyond question that this was not a natural signature, but had been produced in an artificial manner. It was hardly a matter for expert opinion, but a statement of fact. He had examined the signature on the balance sheet, and apparently it also was not a natural signature. It corresponded in detail with the signature on the note, and apparently one was taken from the other, or else they were both taken from the same model.

Mr C. B. Nelson, who acted as advocate for the executors of the will of Miss Murray, gave evidence that the first he heard of the claim for £300 was in November, 1911. They got a letter from defendant stating that the money was a loan to Miss Murray for purposes of which he (defendant) knew nothing. They understood the money was lent to Miss Murray a few days before her death, and though they made every effort to trace it, could not. It was a reflection on the honesty of the executors. They did not know that the money was lent the year before, till very shortly before the hearing in Chancery.

Dr. Roe, one of the executors of Miss Murray's estate, gave evidence that he first heard of the defendant's claim for £300 some time in October. Previous to this, he had handed Mr Mackenzie a number of articles. He went most carefully through Miss Murray's papers, and could find no trace of her having received £300, or of it having been passed through her bank accounts. Miss Murray's investments realised £430, and she had those in 1910.

Thomas Edward Acheson, manager of Lloyds Bank in Ramsey, produced a list of cheque books issued to Miss Murray. A. E. Rothwell, deposed that he was a shorthand writer, and on January 22nd and 23rd, was present in the Chancery Court, when Mr Mackenzie's claim was gone into. His notes were transcribed for newspaper purposes, not in full. The print was absolutely correct in substance. In addition, he had written out a certain part of Mr Mackenzie's evidence in full (produced).

John Henry Fayle deposed to arresting defendant on January 27th, at Whitwick. In reply to the charge, defendant said, "*I don't understand it.*" He searched the defendant's room and found the bank books, 'pigeon and poultry account', and his own private account, a letter book and cash book, all of which he brought to the Island. On the evening of January 28th in Douglas, defendant said, "*It is very trying, but before God I am innocent.*"

Cross-examined: *He had not a search warrant, and was not looking for stolen goods.*

Mr Lay: *By what authority did you search this man's house and rooms?*

Council for the prosecution submitted that the question was not relevant. The question was allowed.

Witness: *I had official instructions to search and bring with me anything connected with the case.*

Mr Lay: *No objection was made to you making a thorough search?*

Witness: *No.*

Mr Lay: *And we have all the documents?*

Witness: *They are not all put in. All the documents have been shown to Mr Lay, and he has free and open access to all of them.*

This was all the evidence for the prosecution – Mr Lay said that at this stage he did not intend to offer any defence. It was for the jury to say as to whether there was sufficient evidence to send defendant for trial. After a short summing up Mr Gill, on behalf of the jury, said that they were quite agreed that prisoner should go to trial.

Bail was allowed in defendant's bond of £200, and one security of £200. General Gaol will be held on March 11th. The case is expected to take two days.

Coalville Police Court

Friday – Before Major Hatchett (in the chair), Mr H. J. Ford, Dr. Burkitt, and Mr J. W. West.

Bad Language

Henry Richards, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick on February 21st. Defendant did not appear. P.C. Grewcock gave the facts and defendant was fined 2s 6d and costs 12s 6d, or seven days.

Coalville Urban District Council

Mr W. Sheffield presided at the monthly meeting of the Coalville Urban Council on Tuesday night, when there were also present, Messrs. S. Perry, A. Lockwood, F. Griffin, J. Kirby, S. P. Matterson, J. R. Bennett, and T. Kelly, with the clerk (Mr T. E. Jesson), surveyor (Mr L. L. Baldwin), medical officer (Dr. R. W. Jamie), assistant surveyor, (Mr G. F. Hurst), and gasworks manager (Mr J. W. Eagles).

Highways Committee Report

The Highways Committee reported that they had considered the question of the erection of a public convenience near the Market Place, and recommend the Wyggeston Hospital trustees be asked to give a piece of land on which one of substantial design could be erected. – The committee also recommend the Whitwick members and the surveyor report on a site for the erection of an additional convenience in Whitwick. Also that a light be fixed on the one in Belvoir Road, Coalville.

The surveyor reported on his suggestions for preventing the flooding on the Hermitage Road, and that the Whitwick Colliery Co. be asked to allow a line of pipes to be laid on their land, and the committee recommend he carry out the suggestions.

Carting Tenders

Mr Lockwood said they had the tenders for the gas works carting and he suggested they be opened in Council. Eleven were asked to tender but only three had replied. The first was that of Mr James Thomas, of Church Lane, Whitwick, as follows: Carting coal from the Coalville Midland station to the gas works, 10d per ton, carting tar into the tank 1s 6d per ton, ammoniacal liquor 1s per ton, coke to Messrs. Stableford's Works 1s per ton, coke to the Coalville Co-Operative Society, including throwing into the cellars 1s 6d per ton, coke in bags to the Council Schools at Bagworth, including getting in 5s per ton, coke in bags to Stanton Schools 4s 6d, coke to Whitwick, including L. and N.W. dock 1s, coke to Hugglescote district 2s, coke to Ellistown district 2s 6d, coke to Coalville, including M. R. dock 1s 3d, coke to Forest Rock and Whitwick quarries, 1s 6d and day work, odd jobs as required 10d per hour.

Messrs. E. Briers and Son: Coal 1s, tar 2s, liquor 1s 3d, Stableford's 1s 6d, Co-Operative Society 1s 9d, Bagworth 5s 6d, Stanton 4s 6d, Whitwick 1s, Hugglescote 2s, Ellistown 2s 6d, Coalville 1s 6d, quarries 1s and day work 10d per hour.

Mr John Moore: Coal 11d, tar 11d, liquor 11d, Stableford's 11d, Co-Operative Society 1s 6d, Bagworth 4s, Stanton 3s 6d, Whitwick 1s, Hugglescote 2s, Ellistown 2s 6d, Coalville 1s, quarries 1s, and day work 10d per hour.

Mr Eagles said the carting of coal from Coalville to the works and the liquor were the chief items. Replying to Mr Lockwood, the manager said Thomas had previously done the work very satisfactorily. On the motion of Mr Lockwood, seconded by Mr Bennett, the tender of Mr Thomas was accepted.

Sport

Football

Whitwick Imperial Easy Winners

Whitwick Imperial "got their own back" on Saturday in the match with the Imps from Leicester. In the match at Leicester earlier in the season, the colliery district representatives were beaten 3 – 0, but at Whitwick on Saturday they went one more and won 4 – 0.

There was no mistake about Whitwick being the better side. Though only one goal was scored in the first half, and this from a penalty by Brady, the home side had the bulk of the play and missed many chances. But they were handicapped in having Springthorpe off injured for a good portion of the half. He came into collision with Egan when the two were trying to head the ball at the same time. But Springthorpe returned by the second half, when Whitwick were seen to great advantage. Beautiful goals were scored by A. Starkey (2), and Lees, and the Leicester club were fortunate in not having more put up against them, considering the pressure.

In both the matches between these clubs last season Leicester won by two goals to one.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

In Memoriam

Mrs Ashford and Family desire, through the medium of this paper to thank all kind friends for expressions of sympathy shown to them in their recent sad bereavement.

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Local News

Sewing Tea

The usual weekly sewing tea was held in the P.M. schoolroom on Tuesday afternoon last, when a good number sat down to a good tea provided by the ladies. The afternoon was spent in a most enjoyable manner, the proceeds being in aid of the trust fund.

Christian Endeavour

The usual weekly meeting of this society was held on Wednesday evening last and was fairly well attended. Various members spoke on the topic and, a most interesting and profitable evening was spent by all present.

Lantern Lecture

In connection with the P.M. Band of Hope, the Rev. W. H. Whiting gave a lecture illustrated by lantern views to a fairly large audience in the Primitive Methodist schoolroom on Friday night last. The proceeds were for the band of hope funds.

P.M. Church

The preachers at this place of worship on Sunday last were the Rev. W. H. Whiting in the morning and Mr Hardwick, of Coalville, in the evening. Good congregations were present and the services were much enjoyed.

Public Notices

Albert Edward Hood, Deceased

All persons having any claims against the estate of Albert Edward Hood, deceased, late of Whitwick, who died on the 2nd day of January, 1913, are requested to send particulars thereof, to us, the solicitors for the executors, on or before the 25th day of March, 1913.

Fisher, Jesson and Co.
Ashby-de-la-Zouch
Dated 12th March, 1913.

To Let

House and shop to let in Vicarage Street, Whitwick. Suitable for pawnbroker, clothing of any kind, hardware or shoe trade. Stabling if required. Burton, grocer, Whitwick.

Local Chit Chat

The "Coalville Times" will be published at the usual time on Thursday next week, Friday being Good Friday.

Several Whitwick and Coalville residents left for the Isle of Man on Monday to be present at the trial of the Vicar. Among them was the Rev. S. Hosking, vicar of Coalville.

It is not generally known that the Ashford family, of Whitwick, had another member who distinguished himself for bravery, in addition to the late postman who won the Victoria Cross. This was Thomas George Ashford, a cousin of the Victoria Cross holder, who lost his life in the Alhambra Theatre fire in London on December 7th, 1882, while engaged as a member of one of the fire brigades in trying to extinguish the flames.

Coalville Urban District Council Election

List of Nominations

Nominations in connection with the Coalville Urban District Council election were received by the clerk, Mr T. E. Jacques, up to 12 noon on Thursday (yesterday). Four members are required for each of the three wards, and 23 candidates were nominated – nine Coalville and seven each for the Hugglescote and Whitwick wards. All the old members are again nominated.

Whitwick (or North) Ward

Bastard, Henry Thomas, Silver Street, Whitwick, schoolmaster. Two papers.
Bourne, Thomas William, Market Place, Whitwick, draper and clothier. Nine papers.
Hay, Thomas Young, Forest Road, Coalville, colliery manager. Six papers.
Kelly, Thomas, South Street, Whitwick, licensed victualler. Five papers.
McCarthy, Michael, New Swannington, surveyor and estate agent. Two papers.
Perry, Samuel, Silver Street, Whitwick, tailor. Six papers.
West, George, Church Lane, Whitwick, house agent. Two papers.

Seven candidates for four seats.

A Broken Arm

A little boy, son of Mr S. Briers, insurance superintendent, had the misfortune on Tuesday to break his arm for the second time in the course of a few weeks.

Ashby Brewster Sessions

Two Whitwick Houses Referred for Compensation

Friday – Before Mr George Moore (in the chair), the Rev. C. T. Moore, Major Hatchett, Mr G. D. Orchard and Mr G. Brown.

Royal George, Whitwick

The police objected to the renewal of the license of the Royal George Inn, Whitwick.

Mr Fisher Jesson (Ashby) appeared for the owners, Messrs. Bindley and Co., Burton, and for the tenant, Mr H. Ward. Supt. Lockton it was an ante-67 beer-on license and Ward had been the tenant for about four years. The population of the Ashby division at the 1911 census was 43,328 and the average per licensed house was 231. The population of Whitwick was 4,433 and the average per licensed house, 147, there being 28 licensed houses in Whitwick. The house was 147 yards from the New Inn and there were 13 houses between. The Duke of Newcastle Hotel was 347 yards away and there were 36

houses between. The Duke of Newcastle was a much superior house, being a new building and the New Inn was also superior. It was a working class trade of about £8 a week. The assessment was £23 10s and the rent £18 a year. The house was tied to the owners for intoxicants. He objected because the house was not required, the number of licences being excessive and it was not in the interests of the public that it should be renewed.

Mr Jesson said that in the face of the superintendent's report he would hardly but justified in taking up the time of the Bench. He would, therefore, formerly apply for the license to be renewed and leave it in the hands of the Bench. The Bench renewed the license provisionally and referred the house to the compensation committee.

Beaumont Arms, Whitwick

Superintendent Lockton also objected to the renewal of the license of the Beaumont Arms Inn, Whitwick.

Mr H. Hanson of Walker and Hanson, Nottingham, appeared for the owners (Hanson's Ltd, Kimberley), and for the tenant, Mr Thomas Allen. Supt. Lockton said this was a fully-licensed house and had been occupied by Allen for five years. The "White Horse" was ten yards away, the "Hastings Arms" 32 yards, "Three Crowns," 85 yards, "Railway Hotel" 74 yards, "Crown and Cushion" 104 yards, "Waggon and Horses" 137 yards, and the "Black Horse" 157 yards. There were eight licensed houses within 157 yards. This house was inferior to the others, it being thatched property. He understood that the tenant's trade was between £12 and £16 per week. The assessment was £28 a year, £22 10s net, and the rent £18. The house was tied to the owners. The house was not required in the neighbourhood, not being suitable as a licensed house, and was inconvenient for police supervision, owing to adjoining cottages having access at the rear.

By Mr Hanson: *The house was the worst building of the eight in the neighbourhood. He had nothing against the conduct of the house. The tenant was a very good landlord, and witness would like to see him in a good house. He could not say that the trade of this house was less than the others. The previous tenant was in the house for a long time.*

Mr Hanson: *19 years I am told.*

Mr Hanson asked the Bench to renew the license, and said the owners would then undertake in the coming year to improve the property by taking in an adjoining house. He submitted that the amount of trade being done justified the continuance of the license. It could not be said that the house was not required. The average takings were £12 to £14 per week, and on special occasions, the tenant had taken £20 to £30 a week. The tenant had been there for five years, and the tenant before him was there 19 years. It was the only house owned by Hanson's in Whitwick, and that was a reason they wished to retain it. There were other brewers with more than one house in the parish, and he submitted that to take this away would be a hardship.

Mr Allen, the tenant, said he had been at the house for five years, and it was his only source of livelihood. The lowest week he had ever had was £11, but the average was £14 to £15. He had a respectable class of traders and provided lunch for callers. He believed that if premises were improved the trade would be extended. His customers did not like the idea of the license being taken away. This was the only house in Whitwick which supplied Hanson's beer, and they liked it.

Wm. Smith, secretary to Hanson's Ltd, said the house had provided a good living for the tenant for years. His firm had had the house for 25 years. If the license was renewed they would undertake to make structural alterations to meet the police objections.

The Bench considered the matter in private and decided to refer the house to the Compensation Committee, the license meanwhile being provisionally renewed.

Trial of the Whitwick Vicar

Was the Promissory Note a Forgery?

Local Witnesses Examined

(From our Special Correspondent)

Douglas, Wednesday Morning.

Lord Raglan, Lieutenant-Governor of the Island, together with His Honour, the Clerk of the Robe, their Honours the Deemsters Moore and Callow, presided on Tuesday at a General Goal Delivery, or Criminal Court held in Douglas, where the Rev. James Watson Alexander Mackenzie, Vicar of Whitwick, surrendered to his bail, Mr Ellis Wood, to stand his trial on the charge of uttering forged documents, to wit, a promissory note for three hundred pounds, purporting to bear the signature of the late Miss Murray, late matron of the Ramsey Isolation Hospital. The Court was crowded. The Attorney-General for the Island, assisted by Mr R. B. Moore, prosecuted, and Messrs. W. Lay, Allen and Durrant, (instructed by Messrs. Sharp and Lancaster, solicitors of Coalville), appeared for the prisoner, who appeared in the dock in his clerical costume, and looked tired and worried. His wife was present, accompanied by Miss Mackenzie, the prisoner's twin sister, and his other sister, Mrs Gibbs and her daughter.

The case started at 11 o'clock, and the opening speech of the Attorney-General occupied three hours. The Court adjourned at 6.30 until 10 o'clock next day. The following is a report of the proceedings:-

The Attorney-General, in opening the prosecution, said that the defendant was charged under the Criminal Code with uttering a forged instrument, knowing the same to have been forged. The prosecution could not charge him with actually committing the forgery, because they could not say where, or by whom the forgery was committed. What they said was a false signature was made, and they could not prove that it was made in the Isle of Man. The instrument in this case was a promissory note for £300, said to be signed by L. E. Murray, matron of the fever hospital at Ramsey. She met with a motor accident on July 21st, 1911, and died on the 23rd of that month. She left a will appointing Dr. Roe, of Ramsey, and another, her executors. Her estate came to be wound up by the Chancery Court, and in support of a claim against the estate he put in this note. He first made a claim against the estate of £501 0s 11d, and later an amended claim for £604 5s 1d, and it was in support of the second cheque that he put in the promissory note. He would ask them to believe that he had never left Miss Murray any money and, therefore, he must have known that the note was a dishonest and false one. If he could prove that there never had been a loan, the rest of the case was quite simple. Defendant interested himself in poultry and pigeons, and was brought to Ramsey to judge the poultry at a show there. Miss Murray was an exhibitor, and the defendant was introduced to Miss Murray by Dr.

Roe, and in July, defendant and Miss Murray entered into a deed of partnership to keep poultry and pigeons. Under the deed of partnership the poultry farm was to be at Ramsey, and the bankers, Lloyds Bank, at Ramsey, the account to be in Miss Murray's name. Mr Mackenzie was to put in £125, and Miss Murray, certain stock. It was provided that on the death of either party the assets of the partnership should vest to the survivor, subject to the whole of the liabilities. In connection with the partners a certain cheque or cheque books were given to Miss Murray. One book was numbered 024541 to 024570. This cheque book, the Attorney-General alleged, had been signed by Miss Murray and given to the defendant to pay for certain partnership accounts. The body of all these cheques, down to "65" were filled in, in prisoner's writing, and the signature of them were Miss Murray's. Two other cheques were put in, made payable to defendant – one for £300, and the other for £162. They (the prosecution) contended that these cheques had been wrongfully filled in by the defendant after Miss Murray's death, so as to bolster up his claim against the estate. Miss Murray left a will dated 15th February, 1911, in which, after leaving legacies of £100 to each of her two sisters, and £75 to her servant, she left the residue of the estate to the defendant. He had also stated that he had made her his residue legatee, and that after providing for his wife and family, she would have benefitted to the extent of some £800. After Miss Murray's death defendant became entitled to the partnership assets, and though a number of financial matters were discussed, defendant left the Island without saying a single word to the executor or the lawyers that were acting, about the debt that he now claimed was due to him. On August 30th, after defendant got home, he wrote to Miss Murray's sister in Canada, in which he said that the only reason he was made residue legatee was that deceased wished him to get back the £300 he had put into the poultry farm. He did not in that letter say anything about his claim against the estate, which would have made it hopelessly insolvent, and done away with the legacy left to the sisters. It was not till November that the executors first heard that defendant had a claim against Miss Murray's estate, and it was not till he was giving evidence in the Chancery Court did defendant say that the £300 was lent to Miss Murray in July, 1910, and not in July, 1911, the date of the note, which was only nine days before her death. The promissory note and the cheque for £300 were admitted in relation to the same matter. In the box of the Chancery Court defendant said that on the 14th July, 1911, Miss Murray gave him the cheque for £300, as she wished him to have security for the loan of £300 made in July of the previous year, but later in the day she said that he had better have some further acknowledgement of the loan, and asked him to write out a promissory note. He did that, and later in the day Miss Murray returned him the note signed. He also said that Miss Murray wanted that money to aid her sisters, but the executors had been quite unable to trace the payment of the £300 to Miss Murray. They might ask why defendant wished to date back the loan for 12 months. There were two reasons that might arise from that being done. One was because no trace of the money was found among Miss Murray's assets, or he might wish to show where he got the money from. They suggested that he had dated it back for the second reason, as in the Chancery Court he had produced a statement from his lawyers. Messrs. Sharp and Lancaster, showing that on July 5th and 6th, 1910, he had drawn £300, and that he said was the money. When arrested, however, at Whitwick, the constable took possession of the defendant's books, and among them was a pigeon and poultry bank book, which showed that on July 6th, the day after he received the £250, he paid £125 and £38 11s 7d into the Bank, and paid £20 for poultry. This came to £183 11s 7d. The £50 which he received on July 6th was paid - £38 of it into the pigeon and poultry account, and £12 taken in cash. This brought down the whole fabric of the story put forward by the defendant to show how he obtained the £300 he said he had lent to Miss Murray. At this stage the case was adjourned for lunch.

On resuming, Deemster Moore told the jury that they would not be able to get home that night, but postcards would be supplied to them to communicate with their families. Mr Lay said a number of the other jurymen summoned had asked him to apply to the Court to see whether they need attend on Wednesday, as the present case would not end on Wednesday. The Clerk of the Rolls said they would see at five o'clock.

The Attorney-General, resuming, said that in 1910, when he was supposed to have lent this money to Miss Murray, he was really in financial difficulties. In the early part of 1910 he purchased some poultry from Mr Johnson, at Sulby, for £11 11s. He gave him a cheque post-dated June. Mr Johnson evidently did not notice the date, and paid it into the bank. The cheque was returned, and defendant wrote asking Mr Johnson to hold it over till June. At the same time he also got a letter from a Mr Woodruff, pressing defendant for money. Mr Lay objected to the letter going in, as it could not be proved. The Clerk of the Rolls suggested that it would be better to simply state that he was not in a good financial position, and prove it later.

The Attorney-General adopted the suggestion, and continuing, said that in 1910, Miss Murray gave defendant a cheque for £100, so that it looked as if she was lending him money and not he her. In July, 1911, the defendant stated that while in the Isle of Man, Miss Murray drew up a balance sheet of the partnership account, showing a profit of £27 13s 9d. They said that signature was also a forgery. The Clerk of the Rolls said that the prosecution was not allowed to put that in at the present time. It had nothing to do with this case. If the defendant produced it as a genuine signature the prosecution could question on it. The Attorney-General argued that he should be allowed to put the document in. Deemster Moore agreed that the document up to the present was not evidence.

Proceeding, the Attorney-General dealt with the alleged forged promissory note. Mr Hughes-Games, who was acting for the sisters, saw the note in Ramsey, in Messrs. LaMothe and Cowley's office, and saw that there was distinct grooving in the letters, and that it was impressed on the back of the note, which showed that it had been made first with a pencil or other sharp instrument, and afterwards inked over. The signature to the note was heavy and thick, and directly opposed to the usual light writing of Miss Murray. He would call Mr Gurrin, a writing expert, who could tell them how that signature was made. His theory was that it was first traced in pencil and then filled in with ink. The Attorney-General's address lasted two and three-quarter hours. Evidence was then given in support of the Attorney-General's statement.

The first witness was Mr Hughes-Games, who spoke of the suspicions that were aroused in his mind as to the genuineness of the signature on the promissory note. He noticed that grooving of the letters, and saw the signature quite clearly impressed on the reverse side, while there was a gloss on the letters which was produced by putting ink over lead pencil. The letters produced were written by the defendant to his clients. – Cross-examined: the whole claim was dismissed in the Chancery Court, and he then asked to have all the documents impounded. He did not instigate the prosecution. He knew about the gloss and sheens, etc., because he had eyes. He had got the idea in his head from the start that the signature was a forgery caused by having been traced, and it had stuck there ever since. John Cannell, clerk in the Rolls Office, gave evidence as to the filing of the claims against Miss Murray's estate, by the defendant's advocates, and the production of the promissory note in the Chancery Court, and of the cheque for £100 in support of the claim.

Alf. E. Rothwell, deposed to reporting the proceedings in the Chancery Division of Mr Mackenzie's claim. He produced a verbatim transcript of Mr Nelson's cross-examination of the defendant as to how he had paid Miss Murray the £300.

Charles Roe, one of the executors of Miss Murray's will, deposed that he was well acquainted with Miss Murray. In January, 1910, he met Mr Mackenzie at the dog show dinner and the next day introduced him to Miss Murray. Mr Mackenzie and Miss Murray started a poultry farm, and in July, 1911, defendant came to stop at witness's house. On July 21st, Miss Murray met with an accident and died in his house on 23rd July. Between the 21st and 23rd July defendant had been twice to the hospital at Miss Murray's request. After her death, defendant gave witness the will in a sealed envelope, and it was given to Mr Nelson, who opened it. He then learnt that he was executor, and that defendant was residue legatee. Next day, he went to Miss Murray's room for the assets. Defendant stayed with witness till the end of the week, but never suggested that Miss Murray owed him any money, though they discussed the estate, and they knew that she was worth £400 or £500. There was no suggestion that the estate was insolvent, and defendant took away goods valued at £64. In the autumn, when Mr Mackenzie was again on the Island, he mentioned that there was £300 owing to him, and witness took it that it was in connection with the partnership. He mentioned it to Mr Nelson, and defendant wrote to both Mr Nelson and witness. He had been quite unable to find any trace of the loan of £300 among Miss Murray's documents. He knew before Miss Murray's death that she had shares worth about £400. She had an assured income quite adequate for her needs. – Cross-examined: He could not say whether Miss Murray had given a lecture to mothers. He could not say that writing in the book produced was in Miss Murray's writing or not. Mr Mackenzie did not wish to prove his claim against the estate for the £300, and he only wanted paying back to him some £89 which defendant paid into Lloyd's Bank to release Miss Murray's securities. The whole trouble arose because witness refused to refund that £89. – Re-examined: The £89 was paid into the No. 2 account in order to get rid of the debt. Witness now understood that defendant was liable to pay off that debit.

W. H. Warburton, gave evidence as to taking photographs of the promissory note for Col. Madoc. He produced the negatives and the photographs of them. John Gurrin, handwriting expert, stated that the outstanding feature of Miss L. E. Murray's signature was the lightness of touch, which was an indication of fast writing. In the signature to the promissory note, the outstanding feature of lightness in the other signature was missing. The signature was thick and heavy, and evidently written with considerable pressure. On examining the signature under a glass he found that there was an indentation or groove running through all the letters made with a single point, and not with a double point, as would have been the case with a pen. If the signature was examined in a side-light you could see a peculiar glint, especially in the first two letters, probably caused by some substance other than ink, as lead pencil, or from carbon paper, but not ink. On the back of the note he could see an indentation of the letters. The signature could have been made in several ways, but there was no doubt it had been traced. It certainly was not a genuine signature. He explained to the jury photographs of the signature on the note, showing a groove in the letters, and the use of another substance other than ink.

Mr Gell (a juror) asked how witness accounted for the large curve on the final "y," if it was a tracing of Miss Murray's signature. Witness said he could not account for it. He had seen none of Miss Murray's signatures with a "y" like that on the note. In none of the signatures he had seen was the turn up of the "y" so pronounced as in the one on the note. In cross-examination, witness said that among the bundles of cheques produced there was one with a "y" quite different from the others. She wrote her "y" erratically. It was eleven years

ago when he commenced the study of handwriting with his father. His father was engaged in the Adolph Beck case. The Attorney-General objected to the question.

Mr Lay: *Have you heard of the Beck case? - Yes, but he was engaged in the case.*

Have you heard of the Edalji case? – Yes.

Were you engaged in it? – No.

He was not engaged in the Shee case.

Was the gentleman who taught you all you know engaged in these three cases?

The Attorney-General objected.

Mr Lay: *Have you ever been proved to be wrong?*

Witness: *In only two cases in which I have been engaged the verdict of the jury has gone contrary to my view.*

Mr Lay: *Can you show me a single indentation in that signature? – I can show it you. I don't know whether you will see it.*

Witness endeavoured to show the indentation to Mr Lay, but without success. Witness, continuing, said that a stylographic pen would not make an indentation like the one on the note. He could not tell whether the letter card produced had been tampered with or not. He would give no opinion. He could not tell whether the pass-book was written by Miss Murray, and would not say without a careful examination. To the best of his belief the sheen and gloss was not ink. He would not go further than that.

Henry Williamson said he was engaged at the Whitwick sub-office of the Nottingham and Notts Bank. Defendant had a poultry and pigeon account at the Shepshed branch. A cheque for £50 drawn by Mr J. J. Sharp, payable to the defendant, was paid in at the Whitwick branch on July 7th, 1910. £12 was given to the person who brought the cheque and the rest was put into the pigeon and poultry account. Mr Mackenzie's eldest son brought the cheque to the bank. Cross-examined: His head office told him to come to the Island and give evidence. The directors told him to come over and give evidence about this.

Mr Lay: *It is most unusual for a banker to disclose any of its customers' transactions?*

Witness said that he could not tell. T. E. Acherson, manager of Lloyds' branch at Ramsey, gave evidence as to the cheque books issued to Miss Murray. C. B. Nelson deposed to opening Miss Murray's will, shortly after her death. Before Mr Mackenzie left the Island he saw him several times, but he never mentioned that he had a claim against the estate. He had had a long correspondence with the defendant's solicitors. (Letters produced). He first heard that the money was lent in 1910, and not 1911, in the Chancery Court. The counterfoil for the cheque for £100 was not among Miss Murray's papers. At this stage the case was adjourned till ten o'clock on Wednesday morning, bail being allowed in the same amount as before.

Wednesday's Proceedings

The jury, who had been locked up overnight took their place in the box, and the case began at 10 o'clock.

P.C. John Henry Fayle, deposed to arresting the defendant, who in answer to the charge said, *"I don't understand."* Witness then searched his room and his papers at the Vicarage. He found two bank books, one of his private account and the other "Pigeon and Poultry" account. He also found a carbon letter book and cash book. Defendant told witness that there was no necessity to take the cash book, as it only contained matters belonging to the church. There was a considerable number of church accounts in the book, but at the commencement of the book there were accounts "birds sold," "birds bought" etc. Defendant said that they had reference to dealings before Miss Murray's partnership. The first of the book was headed "Cronk Ruagh," the name of the hospital. He said that the book would not help them, as it had never been on the Island. He then searched for correspondence with Miss Murray and the farm. He found the letters produced in a drawer in defendant's writing desk. Mr Moore was proceeding to read a letter dated August 14th, 1912, when Mr Lay objected. The Attorney-General said that the letters showed his financial position from 1910 to 1912. The letters were admitted.

The first letter was from James H. B. Woodroffe, brother-in-law of the prisoner, and was dated January 2nd, 1911. It was evidently in reply to a letter written by the defendant, and advised him to make a bankruptcy petition as his affairs were so bad. There was also a letter, Maple and McGrith to Sharp and Lancaster, dated 14th of August, 1912, written on behalf of the Nottingham and Notts Bank, stating the terms on which they would allow an overdraft. By the letter, all money received from Miss Murray's estate was to be paid into the bank. Several items from a cash book were also read referring to loans from the Nottingham and Notts Bank, including one for £655 6s 1d on January 1st, 1912, another for £375 10s 2d dated July, 1911, from Beardsley and Son; and one for £100 from the Provincial Union Bank. Witness, continuing, said that he also found jewellery which was given him by Mrs Mackenzie. Defendant instructed her to get them.

Cross-examined by Mr Lay, witness said that he had no search warrant, and was not looking for stolen goods or forged documents. While he was making the search, Dr. Burkitt, a magistrate, came to the house. He did not ask if I had a search warrant, but he asked me to read the warrant over to him. I refused to read.

Mr Lay: *Did you know that you had no authority to search the house?*

Witness: *I asked for Miss Murray's ledger and he told me to search the house.*

Mr Lay: *That was not a general authority to search.*

Witness: *I had instructions.*

Mr Lay: *Though you had no authority at law. How long were you in the search?*

Witness: *Four hours.*

Continuing, witness brought also a large cash book. David Charles Johnson deposed to selling £10 10s worth of poultry to Mr Mackenzie in January 1910. He had some difficulty in getting the money. P.C. Fayle, recalled, said that when in the police station on the night he arrived on the Island, defendant said, *"Before God I am innocent."*

The Defence

The case for the defence opened about 11 o'clock. Annie Corkhill said: *"I was in the late Miss Murray's employ for 20 years, up till the time of her death. I saw the promissory note produced in the Chancery Court. I also saw Miss Murray put her signature to it. I swore that in the Chancery Court, and my word was questioned there, but I still stick to it that I saw her sign it. I handed the pass-book containing "An Address to Mothers" to Mr Allen when he called. All in the book was in the handwriting of Miss Leila Eleanor Murray. It was*

in the kitchen, as it contains recipes for things in the house.” Cross-examined by the Attorney-General: In the Chancery Court she did not hear the Clerk of the Rolls say that he did not believe her evidence. A few weeks after Miss Murray’s death she went to Whitwick, and worked for defendant, and remained till June, 1912. She did not put her name as a witness, as Miss Murray did not ask her to. She had never witnessed any other paper for Miss Murray.

“When Miss Murray came into the kitchen she asked me if I remembered her getting a loan of £300 from Mr Mackenzie. I did remember it, as in June, 1910, Miss Murray told me that she had a loan from Mr Mackenzie. This was when then first went into the partnership. She told me about the partnership and I understood that the £300 was for poultry.”

The Attorney-General: *He was putting £300 into the farm?*

Witness: *Yes sir.*

Continuing, witness said that she had not seen the note again till just before the Chancery Court in Mr Farrant’s office. In the Chancery Court she repeated the note word for word. Asked to repeat the note again witness did so. She said that the note was only read to her once, and she remembered it from July, 1911, till January, 1913, at the Chancery Court. After she got back to the Island after leaving Whitwick, she received a letter from the defendant early in December, 1912. In the Chancery Court she said that she could not remember what was in the letter she kept. Mr Hughes-Games asked her was there a copy of the note in Mr Mackenzie’s letter, but she could not remember her reply.

The Attorney-General: *Was there a copy of the note in Mr Mackenzie’s letter? – Yes there was. I remembered it after.*

The Attorney-General read witness’s reply. Witness, continuing, said that the note was signed in the kitchen. Miss Murray brought the pen and ink down with her. Re-examined: *“I thought that the £300 was invested in the poultry. In the letter she said she knew nothing about the cheque. That was a cheque for £300 that had been signed that day.”*

Ella Fraser Magdalen Mackenzie said: *“I am sister of the prisoner. I am a church worker, residing in London, and have been for many years. I have had many money dealings with my brother. I have many times given him money. Up to July, 1910, I gave him £378. In 1910, at the end of June I gave him £50 in notes. I have no accounts or bank book. I have ample means.”*

Cross-examined by the Attorney-General: *“I keep no account book. I keep a diary, but I do not enter it every day. I just put things down as I think of them. I sent the £50 in notes. I have no account of that. Sometimes I get a salary as church worker, and sometimes work voluntarily. I have received £80 a year as church worker. I have ample means.”*

The Attorney-General: *What is your income?*

Witness: *Is that a lawful question?*

The Attorney-General: *I am afraid it is. What do you receive?*

Witness: *I have an income apart from salary of £200 a year. I have a pension of £60 a year.*

Her trustees were Kennedy, Ponsonby and Ryde. She got a salary of £80 in 1911, and that was all she had received during the past three years. She got her income in bank notes from her solicitors. Her pension was from the army. She used her money as it came,

and never had any amount. She arrived at £378 because she had calculated it from her diary and from memory. The £378 was given within the last few years, but she could not definitely say how far back she went, but it was not over six years back. Her brother had never asked her for any money to use in his parish or for his family. She did not care twopence what he did with the money.

Re-examined: Her father was a general in the army, and she had received the pension since his death. Her personal expenses were very little, and she always had plenty of money to spend.

Amy Adelia Magee Mackenzie, wife of the defendant, who is very deaf, had to be spoken to by a tube, which she placed to her ear. She said: *"I knew the late Miss Murray very well indeed. I was introduced to her in November, 1910, when she came to stay at Whitwick Vicarage. I invited her to come again at Easter, 1911. During the Easter visit I had a conversation with her about money matters."*

The Attorney-General objected to the evidence, as Miss Murray was no party to case.

Deemster Moore: *Suppose it is a statement made by a deceased person against her own interests?*

The Attorney-General: *That would only be admissible under certain circumstances.*

Mr Lay handed a copy of the statement to the Bench – The evidence was allowed.

Mr Lay: *Did she tell you anything? – Miss Murray told me that she and her sisters were hard up, and she said that Mr Mackenzie had lent her some money.*

Was the sum mentioned? – No, and I did not ask her.

Was the time mentioned? – No.

The Attorney-General: *You knew Miss Murray intimately? – Yes.*

By Mr Lay: *Mr Mackenzie first met my brother, Mr T. Woodrooffe in Ramsey, after Miss Murray's death.*

By the Attorney-General: *The conversation was in Easter, 1911. Miss Murray was interested in parish affairs at Whitwick, and gave subscriptions to church affairs. She gave something to the restoration fund, £5, I think, but I am not sure. She did not always read the parish magazine. She might also have given £5 to the Lady Workers' fund in August, 1910. I did not know of a donation to the Deaconess' Fund. I knew about the poultry partnership between her and Mr Mackenzie, but I knew very little about or its financial position. When Miss Murray told me that my husband had lent her money, I did not ask her how much. I would be surprised to hear Miss Murray had £400 or £500.*

The Attorney-General: *The parish magazine shows that in three months in 1910, there were donations of £15 from Miss Murray.*

Witness: *This conversation was at Easter, 1911. I did not know she had made the donations you mention, except the one to the restoration fund.*

John Joseph Sharp deposed: *I am a solicitor, and I carry on business with Mr Lancaster at Loughborough and Coalville. I live at Whitwick. I have acted for the prisoner for many years and I have frequently gone into his financial position. With regard to money matters, I have frequently to advise him. – The Attorney-General objected.*

Mr Lay: *I wish to show that defendant is a perfect fool over money matters.*

Witness: *As far as money matters are concerned, he is very generous, and not a business man. He is something like what you have seen his sister is. I don't think he considers*

money. The account produced shows that from December, 1909, to July, 1910, we had £1,125 12s 8d to the credit of the prisoner. That sum included £1,000 price of a poultry farm. All he got of that was £337, and the rest went to money-lenders and so on. I instructed Messrs. LeMothe and Cowley to act in this matter.

The Attorney-General: *What are you going to give now?*

Mr Lay: *I wish to show that the signature was questioned before the case came to Court and he still went on with it. I will leave it.*

Witness: *Defendant had a valuable pigeon loft, known all over the country. In the church magazine the vicar tells his parishioners that he is hard up. He tells them that during the past 19 years he has spent £12, 619 – of which £4, 317 was his own money. This was in the magazine of May, 1912. I think that if he had £300 in his hands, he would go straight off and spend it.*

Cross-examined by the Attorney-General: *In 1909 defendant was not in a good financial position, and paid 15s in the pound to his creditors. This left him pretty free of trade troubles. This was in October, 1909, when the first payment was made. Neither the vicar nor I had anything to do with that. I didn't know that the vicar had given £4,000 to the restoration fund, but I quite believe it. I have no doubt that he has. His financial position was, some few years ago, much stronger.*

By Mr Lay: *The money for the compromise with his creditors was found by his friends: there was no assignment of his property, or anything of that sort.*

Robert Thomas Marsh said: *"I am an auctioneer and valuer practising at Wigan. At the request of the defence, I have made a valuation of Mr Mackenzie's belongings at the Vicarage. There are some valuable pictures. A fair estimate of the value of the furniture was £634 10s, outside the pictures and a very valuable table. The value of the pictures depended on how and where they were sold."*

Fred Smart said: *"I am a handwriting expert and have carried on business in Manchester for 35 years. Since 1879 I have been continuously engaged by the Crown at Manchester and Liverpool Assizes. Within the last fortnight I was engaged in three cases at Manchester for the Crown. I have examined the note for a considerable time under a powerful glass. I have examined the signature "L. E. Murray" on the cheques and compared it with that on the note. I think that the signature on the note is a genuine one. It has not been written with the same pen. The note and signature have evidently been written by different people and at different times with different ink. The signature, I should say, has been written with an old disused pen. I have examined the paper of the note, and it has not in the slightest way been tampered with. There is no indication of ironing, or smoothing out."*

On resuming after lunch, the Attorney-General proceeded with the cross-examination of Fred Smart, handwriting expert, at great length.

Storer West said he resided at Whitwick, and was people's churchwarden, and had acted in that capacity for five years at different periods. He had known the prisoner 19 years. His general reputation was very good, and he knew of nothing to the contrary.

The Rev. David Jenks, a warden of the Theological College of the Church of England in the diocese of Suffolk, said he and prisoner had been personal friends since 1885, when

entered as students at Pembroke College, Cambridge. Prisoner was a somewhat quixotic man. His reputation was that of an exceedingly honourable gentleman.

Samuel Hosking, vicar of Coalville, the adjoining parish to Whitwick, said he had been there five years. He had known the prisoner intimately all the time. His income was just over £500 nett. During the time witness had known him he knew of nothing against his reputation, and had never heard it questioned. Witness had seen his pigeons and knew he was constantly selling them. Prisoner had a reputation of being over-generous.

This concluded the case for the defence.

Mr Lay began his address to the jury for the defence at 3.25. Mr Lay wished the jury to remember that at the Chancery proceedings the onus of proving his claim against the Murray estate was upon Mackenzie. He had no fault to find with the judgement, as the corroborative evidence necessary to prove the claim was not forthcoming. But then they were in the Criminal Court, and the onus entirely shifted. It was for the prosecution to prove to the hilt that he had forged this document and uttered the forgery. That was where the difference came in. The prosecution, to prove this case, had had to resort to unusual methods. He had never heard of conversations between client and advocate being given before in Court. Then they had an improper search. The information gained by the prosecution was gained from the prisoner's house in an improper manner. It only showed to what extent the prosecution had gone to encircle round the unfortunate man exposed in this case. The prosecution point out that there was no trace of the £300 going into Miss Murray's accounts: that his financial position did not permit of the prisoner lending the money. In answer he realised there was no trace of the £300. That fact was not sufficient to bring the charge upon. The charge was uttering a false document. He submitted the money did not find its way into Miss Murray's account. Still there was evidence she had the money, and she stated to the prisoner's wife, that Mackenzie had lent her money. What else could that refer to but the £300 concerned? Coming to his financial position, and the statement that at that time he could not have afforded this £300. They had it from Mr Sharp that prisoner was careless and reckless over money matters. He was freed by a compromise made for him at the beginning of 1910. They were told he was over-generous. They would see from his magazine what he had been doing for the parish. At the time in question he was free by the compromise, and with his salary, and what his sister sent him, he was in a position to advance this money to Miss Murray. For months his attitude was – let the debts be paid in full, and he would have what was left, and it was not until he found that he was not being fairly dealt with by the executors that he started proceedings. He submitted that the case was full of doubt, and that the prisoner was entitled to the benefit of it. He concluded his address to the jury at 4.45.

The Attorney-General said if the doctrines propounded by his friend were to prevail, criminals would enjoy a fine time, because the bulk of crimes were brought home to defendants, not where the crimes were being committed, but where facts were such that beyond any reasonable doubt that they pointed conclusively to the guilt of the person accused. Every plaintiff must "prove his case" and the Crown was in the same position. The jury ought to be satisfied beyond reasonable doubt that the story of the loan was a fabrication, and that the documents brought in to support it were forged documents. If there was no loan, how could the documents have come into existence except through forgery: it all hinged on the proper loan. Although they were not trying defendant on any question of the loan, the offence for which they were trying defendant on any question of the loan, the offence for which they were trying defendant could not have come into existence without the loan. The loan was the basis for the production of the document,

which was a receipt for money supposed to have been lent, and the document was inseparable from, and dependant on the loan. If the jury were satisfied there was no loan, the fabric fell to pieces, and the defendant had made a false claim. As to the attack on the police, the police had the power and right in cases of felony to search the prisoner, and make any march they thought proper. That was common knowledge to anybody who read the newspapers, and the attack on the police did not help the defendant, whose business it was to get rid of the effect if he could. Then there was an attack on bank officials; it was argued that it was the duty of the bank, where a felony was charged, to keep back essential facts and documents. He knew of no such law or doctrine, and he entirely denied there had been any impropriety in the conduct of the bank officials. The Attorney-General said his learned friend said that the jury were not entitled to draw any inference from the fact that the defendant did not go into the box. If there were damaging points which could be explained by defendant, and he did not go into the box when he had the opportunity, the jury were entitled to draw their own conclusions. It was only where a case was weak and in the balance, that the fact of the prisoner bearing a good reputation could come in. it was a frequent experience that people bearing good characters committed crimes. His contention was that from 1910 to 1912 the defendant was in a decrepit financial condition, and was not in a position to advance money to a person who did not require it. Miss Murray, so far from wanting money, was in a good position, earning a sufficient salary and held realisable securities to the amount of £400 or £500.

At six o'clock, the proceedings were adjourned until 10 o'clock yesterday, the jury being placed under the custody of the police authorities.

The final stage was entered upon yesterday morning. Deemster Moore immediately proceeded with the summing up. He asked the jury not to draw any conclusions from the fact that prisoner had not given evidence on his own behalf, as a man labouring under a serious charge would be under considerable amount of excitement. After referring to prisoner's position, he went on to deal with the accounts.

The jury found Mackenzie guilty and he was sentenced to 12 months' hard labour. The judge expressed approval of the verdict, and sorrow at seeing a man in defendant's position in the dock.

After being sentenced, prisoner declared that he was positively innocent of all knowledge of the forgery.

Ashby Police Court

Saturday – Before Mr George Moore (in the chair), Major Hatchett, Mr J. Hassall, and Mr G. D. Orchard.

Distress Warrant Against a Whitwick Bricklayer

The Ashby Union relieving officer, Mr J. W. Bowley, applied for a distress warrant in regard to a judgement obtained against John Bakewell, bricklayer, Whitwick, for maintenance arrears. An order to contribute towards the support of his wife had been made by the Bench and Mr Bowley said this had not been complied with. The amount owing was £1 2s and 10s 6d costs. A distress warrant was issued.

Coalville Police Court

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

Cruelty to a Horse

Thomas Lacey, 40, carter, Whitwick, was summoned for cruelty to a horse at Whitwick, on February 21st. He pleaded not guilty. Inspector Green, of the R.S.P.C.A., stationed at Loughborough, and Sergt. Betts having given evidence, defendant was fined 5s 6d and costs 12s, or seven days.

Friday March 21st 1913 (Issue 1100)

Local News

Mrs J. W. A. Mackenzie, accompanied by the Rev. S. Hosking, vicar of Coalville, and Mr J. J. Sharp, of Whitwick, (Mr Mackenzie's solicitor) arrived from Douglas, Isle of Man, on Friday night, Mrs Mackenzie being met by Mr H. T. Bastard, master of the Whitwick Church of England Schools, and with whom the lady, who was very distressed drove in a cab to Whitwick.

The Rev. C. H. Fox, of Leicester, who has been conducting the services at Whitwick Parish Church, during the last few weeks, will continue to do so over Easter, and we are informed that there is a likelihood of a curate-in-charge being appointed, until matters are definitely settled.

Sewing Tea

The usual weekly sewing tea was held in the P.M. schoolroom on Tuesday afternoon last and was well attended. The tea was given by the ladies, and was much enjoyed. The proceeds were for the debt reduction fund.

Primitive Methodist Church

The preacher at this place of worship on Sunday last, was Mr George Forman, of Ibstock, who delivered two very interesting and instructive sermons to good congregations. Collections were taken on behalf of the trust funds.

Christian Endeavour

This society met on Wednesday evening in the P.M. schoolroom, there being a good number of members present, several of whom spoke on the topic for the evening. A good discussion took place, the meeting being most interesting throughout. The Rev. W. H. Whiting presided.

St. Patrick's Day

About 150 people were present at a whist drive and dance at the Holy Cross School on Monday night, in celebration of St. Patrick's Day. As the bulk of those present preferred dancing to whist, only one prize was awarded, and this was won by Mr Burton, of Thringstone. The M.C. for the "drive" was Mr J. O'Mara and Messrs. J. H. McCarthy, and J. Rewhorn acted in a similar capacity for the dance, Mr and Miss Popple being the

pianists. Refreshments were nicely served under the superintendence of the Misses O'Reilly.

Whitwick Vicar's Sentence

Question of an Appeal

A Douglas correspondent says the question of an appeal against the conviction of the Rev. J. W. A. Mackenzie, vicar of Whitwick, is under consideration. The rev. gentleman, it will be remembered, was last week convicted at the Manx Gaol Delivery of uttering a forged promissory note, and was sentenced to 12 months' hard labour. The grounds on which such an appeal would be made, it is believed, are that the verdict was against the weight of evidence, and that Deemster Moore, in his address to the jury, did not clearly and sufficiently indicate exactly what the jury could legally find.

There are two methods of appealing in a Manx criminal case, one to the Home Secretary, as in the Dixon sheep-stealing case, and the other to the Privy Council, as in the case of Dubbells' Bank directors.

Whitwick Parish Meeting

Mr McCarthy and more Councillors for Coalville

"Silly Men's Ideas"

The annual parish meeting was held in the Church School at Whitwick, last night. Mr M. McCarthy, J.P., was voted to the chair, and there was a good attendance, though not nearly so large as usual for a Whitwick parish meeting.

Mr T. Kelly (overseer) read the notice convening the meeting and also the minutes of the last meeting. The chairman said they now had a Sunday delivery of letters according to a resolution passed at the last parish meeting. Mr T. Kelly said it was much appreciated. Mr Harper moved and Mr J. S. West seconded a vote of thanks to the Coalville Urban Council for their persistence and success in getting a Sunday delivery of letters and this was unanimously carried. Mr A. J. Briers moved the re-election of the old overseers, Messrs. T. Kelly, George West, and Jos. Kelly, and this was unanimously carried.

The chairman said it was usual to send half a dozen names to the Urban Council and they generally elected the first three. He thought two or three more names should be sent as a matter of courtesy to the Council. They could elect overseers without reference to a parish meeting at all if they liked. Mr Kelly said that if anything happened to the old overseers, the next on the list would act.

It was decided to send the names of Messrs. Irons and S. W. West as last year. The old parish constables were Messrs. W. Briers and J. Robinson and the chairman asked whether the meeting wished to re-elect them. Mr S. Boot said they did not know whether they were willing to accept office again. The chairman said they could nominate whom they liked. The following were nominated, Messrs. H. Beeson, A. Beers, S. Boot, F. Harper, Walter Briers, Jos. Henson, F. Ducker, and J. Wm. Briers.

The next business was the nomination of assessors of taxes and the chairman pointed out that it was not on the agenda and he would like to know whether it was necessary. Mr

George West said they used to have a notice from the Commissioners to appoint assessors, but they had had no such notice for four or five years.

The chairman said he hoped it did not mean that if there was any question in regard to the taxes the parish would be held responsible. That was a point that should be cleared up before another meeting. The same three were nominated as before, viz., Messrs. George West, John Pegg and T. W. Bourne. Mr Albert Briers asked whether anything more had been done with the Whitwick Colliery directors in regard to opening the road from the Hermitage to Mantle Lane for vehicular traffic. The chairman said that he had mentioned the matter several times, but it was for the parish to take it up. Mr Briers suggested that the Urban Council be requested to take the matter up with the Whitwick Colliery directors. The chairman said it was purely a parish matter. The Urban Council did not care about them at Whitwick as they would see if they read the papers. They wanted to smother Whitwick out of existence, by putting on a lot more members for one place, but that would not happen just yet. He said this road, if made, would greatly facilitate carting. They did a tremendous lot of carting to gasworks and when this question was before the Council some time ago, it was suggested that they put a line to the gas works, but they found the interest on the money required to do that would cost more than they paid for carting. They wanted men of brains on the Council or they would soon be in a difficulty.

Mr Boot moved that Messrs. George West, T. Kelly, J. Kelly, and A. J. Briers, be a deputation to wait on the Whitwick Colliery directors on the matter, and this was carried. The chairman said that this was the third time a resolution of that sort had been carried, and he hoped something would come of it this time.

Alluding again to the proposal for more urban councillors for the Coalville ward, Mr McCarthy observed that Coalville would soon be built up, and the opening of new roads would facilitate the extension of the other wards. Some people seemed to lose sight of the fact that there were in the Whitwick ward 2,000 acres, and in the Hugglescote ward 2,200 acres, while in the Coalville ward there were only 777 acres, and these were nearly all filled up. The other wards could grow and extend, but Coalville for building purposes, was practically finished. If they were to carry out the ideas of some silly men they would want a re-shuffling of cards, and the re-arrangement of the number of members every so often. They were developing a new estate up by Mr Mansfield's which was in Whitwick parish, and before long there would be fifty new houses up there. They did not see 50 houses springing up anywhere in Coalville. One side of the picture was all very well until they saw the other side. Mr W. Adams said he thought the Urban Council should give more attention to the Whitwick thoroughfares.

The chairman said that before the summer was over they would be surprised to see the amount of flagging done in Whitwick. They had this matter in hand under a new scheme the Council had adopted. Some people in Coalville who had paid for their own flagging, or provided the material, were grumbling, thinking it was one-sided that the Council should do this work wholly, but it was being paid for by loan, and would be a great improvement. Mr Adams said he meant in regard to dangerous places. The chairman said they had paid £150 on deposit for Mr Hemsley's corner.

They could not carry out ever so many permanent improvements at once, without increasing the rates. They knew how high the rates were in 1906. A 4s rate would not go far unless they were careful. Mr Adams said he was satisfied with that. The chairman said the Council were only trustees of the public funds, and must consider the interests of the district. Mr Adams asked whether the Silver Street corner had been considered at all.

The chairman: *Many a time before you came here, and since. But I am not going to be the one to pay for land out of the fire to please anybody.*

A vote of thanks was accorded the chairman and in reply Mr McCarthy said he would like to thank all those who voted for him in the County Council election, and also those who did not. He hoped to so convert them that they would vote for him for the Urban Council. (Laughter).

Coalville Police Court

Friday – Before the Rev. C. T. Moore (in the chair), Major Hatchett, and B. G. Hale.

Cruelty to Horses

John Moore, 28, contractor, Whitwick, was summoned for cruelty to a horse at Whitwick on February 25th. Mr T. E. Jesson appeared for the defendant who pleaded guilty. Inspector Green said he met a boy named Griffin with the horse attached to a coal cart. It was suffering from ringbone and side bone and had a wound under the saddle. Defendant told him he was responsible. He was short of horses that day.

The horses had been rested for several days and the defendant thought it would be all right. Defendant had kept horses for many years, and was reared among horses, and there had been no previous complaint. He now had ten horses to carry on his business but lately had had the bad luck to lose his two best mares through influenza, which made him short of horses. The animals in question had now been sold and was working on a farm.

Fined 5s 6d and 10s 6d costs, or 7 days.

Isaac Emmerson, 68, farmer, Belton, was summoned for cruelty to a horse at Whitwick, on February 25th. Defendant pleaded not guilty. Inspector Green said he was at Whitwick and notified the defendant driving a horse attached to a trap. He observed that the animal was exceedingly lame and followed the defendant who stopped outside a public house in Talbot Street, Whitwick. Defendant invited him go and have a drink. Witness told him he was surprised at the defendant's driving the horse again after witness cautioned him on the previous Friday against doing so. Defendant called him a _____ liar, and told him he could go to _____. Patting his trousers pocket, he said "*I have a few sovereigns and if you take me to Coalville, I shall lick you again.*"

The clerk: *Has he been summoned before?*

The Inspector said he was summoned for cruelty to some fowls but the Bench gave him the benefit of the doubt.

Defendant: *And he has had it on his mind ever since then.*

Witness said the horse had a partly dislocated fetlock and other defects and was quite unfit for work. By defendant: He bore him no ill will in connection with the previous case. Defendant said he was 69 years of age, and had never been summoned until Green summoned him.

John Robert Green, veterinary surgeon, of Nottingham deposed to finding the horse lame in both fore feet, and unfit to work on the road. It might do light work on the land. There was no doubt that the horse had been badly used. It was an old hunter, and, he was told, formerly belonged to Lord Lonsdale.

Defendant said the horse was as sound as possible, and would jump a 6ft fence easily. The case had been brought for spite.

Fined 5s 6s and costs £1 18s 6d in all, or seven days.

Henry Wright, 52, farmer, Osgathorpe, was summoned for cruelty to a horse at Whitwick, on February 25th. He pleaded not guilty. Inspector Green said he was in Talbot Street, Whitwick, and saw defendant driving a bay mare attached to a cart containing defendant and a lady. The mare was lame and witness stopped them. Defendant admitted the horse was his, and said he would not work it again. The horse had a sprained tendon and was in pain. It was in fairly good condition.

John Robert Green, veterinary surgeon, of Nottingham deposed to examining the mare which he found very lame and unfit for work on the road. He denied the defendant's suggestion that in trying the mare, which is in foal, he turned it very sharply, and injured the animal.

Fined 5s 6d and costs, £1 13s or 7 days.

Case Withdrawn

Joseph Biddle, 50, joiner, Leicester, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick on March 7th. Mr T. E. Jesson (Ashby) for the defendant, pleaded not guilty.

John Thomas Haywood, farmer and parish constable, Thringstone, said he met the defendant and asked him to use better language but he was very abusive. He was staggering about the road, as though he was drunk, though it was dark, and witness would not say positively that he was drunk.

Supt. Lockton said Haywood was his witness and if the witness could not say the man was drunk, according to the report sent him, he would withdraw the case. He only wanted what was fair. Mr Jesson said he much appreciated the course the Superintendent had taken. He could have shown that the defendant was not drunk, and would have shown that there was some little feeling in the matter, but he need not go into that now. They had been put to some expense, but as the Superintendent had been very fair, he did not ask for costs. Case withdrawn.

Bad Language

Levi Robinson, 36, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on February 28th. He did not appear. P.C. Jelley gave the facts and defendant was fined 5s 6d and costs 12s 6d or 7 days.

James Robinson, 21, Herbert Skellington, 25, and Ernest Brooks, 18, colliers, Whitwick, were summoned for using bad language at Coalville, on March 8th. Police-Sergeant Dobney said the defendants were shouting at the top of their voices in Mantle Lane.

Skellington gave the name of Potter, Robinson gave his correct name, and Brooks ran away, but they identified him later.

Fined 2s 6d and 8s costs each, or 7 days.

Sport

Football

Whitwick's Point at Market Harborough

The Senior League match between Market Harborough and Whitwick Imperial resulted in a division of the points. It was a remarkable game in one respect, for though it was nothing like rough, the number of minor casualties was extraordinary. There was somebody down every few minutes. No less than three men got the ball full in the face, with sufficient force to lay them out for a minute or so, and one spectator met with a similar misfortune. Then Bridgeman and a Whitwick back got their heads together with a crack that could be heard all over the field. Fortunately, both players were subsequently able to resume. Quite a number of other players had to receive attention from their respective trainers. Not one of this list was due to a foul. Notwithstanding the many stoppages, the game was full of interest. Whitwick showed themselves a smart, speedy team, with the assistance of the wind in the first half and they had most of the play. The goal they got about halfway through the half was a good one. Cross had saved once, but A. Starkey beat him with a first time shot. The second half went in favour of Harborough. Bridgeman brought the scores level, and narrowly missed getting another. Harborough certainly ought to have got ahead, for they pressed continuously for twenty minutes or more, and Fox, with an open goal, missed from right close in. From a breakaway, to which Whitwick were indebted to their outside right, the visitors scored again. Harborough equalised through Basson, who was making his debut for Harborough, and they struggled very hard to get the lead, although Hall came very near to doing the needful in the last minute.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

In Memoriam

Preston: In ever loving remembrance of our dear son, Samuel Gordon, who fell asleep in Jesus, March 15th, 1910, at Holly Hayes Farm, Whitwick.

*Green is the plot where our darling is laid,
Fond are the memories which never shall fade,
Gone and forgotten by the world he may be,
But the memory of him will always be precious to me.*

From Mother and Father
Canada, 1913.

Friday March 28th 1913 (Issue 1101)

Local News

Sewing Tea

The usual weekly sewing tea was held in the P.M. schoolroom on Tuesday afternoon last and was well attended. The tea was given by the ladies, and was much enjoyed. The proceeds were for the debt reduction fund.

Separation Order

At Loughborough, on Wednesday, Thomas Hutton, collier, Whitwick, was fined 20s or 10 days for assaulting his wife, who was granted a separation order defendant to pay 10s a week.

Dance and Whist Drive

On Monday evening a successful dance and whist drive were held in the Holy Cross School, about 300 being present. Messrs. J. H. McCarthy and J. Rewhorn were M.C.'s for the dance, Miss and Mr Popple being the pianists. Mr T. W. Hull was M.C. at the whist drive and the prizes were won by Mr Perkins and Mr G. Knight, junr., respectively and Miss Griffin and Miss Brown. The proceeds were for church expenses.

Boy Scout's Concert

The Whitwick Troop of Boy Scouts, under the supervision of Scoutmaster S. Perry, gave a capital concert in the National School, on Tuesday evening. The programme was as follows: Pianoforte selection, Mr O. Ratcliffe; musical solo, Mr D. Blood; Scenes from Camp Life, "Evening in Camp" and "Morning in Camp", musical entertainment by Mr D. Blood; song, "The Spaniard that blighted my life" (encored); Mr L. Gough; humorous play, "Tom, the Piper's Son" in which the characters were: Thomas, the piper, Scoutmaster Perry; Farmer Giles, Scout J. Robinson; Tom, the piper's son, Leader W. Belcher; patrol-leader; Jack, Leader G. Kay; and widow Martha, Corporal A. Armstrong, with a patrol of scouts; song, "Softest of the Family", Mr L. Gough. The "Evening in Camp" was a very effective illustration of a camp-fire concert, and included the following items:- Choruses by the Troop: song, "When the Ebb Tide Flows", Assistant Scoutmaster Pegg; recitation, "Tim Dare", Scout A. Armstrong; song, "Dolly Gray" (encored) Scout H. Heape; song, "The Drummer", Scout R. Whitmore; recitation, "Captain Smith", (encored) Scoutmaster S. E. Perry; song, "Ora Pro Noblis", (encored), Scout E. Cook; duet, "Killarney" (encored), Scouts A. Underwood and F. Cook.

The camp-fire concert proved a great success and was quite the event of the evening, though the play "Tom, the Piper's Son" was excellently performed, and created roars of laughter. Particular mention should be made of the splendid acting of Scout J. Robinson, as "Farmer Giles". The concert proved a great success, being well attended. The proceeds were for the camp funds.

P. M. School Anniversary

The Sunday School anniversary usually held on Easter Sunday, was observed on Sunday at the Whitwick P.M. church, when there were large congregations. As for several years past, Councillor T. W. Walker, of Leicester, was the preacher and he delivered two appropriate sermons. The children and choir acquitted themselves admirably in the special singing under the direction of Mr John Ward. Miss Leach, of Griffydam, was the organist. The collections realised £21 for the school funds.

To Let

House and land, Cademan Street, Whitwick, possession after March 25th. Apply Tower House, Whitwick.

Muffled Peal

At Whitwick Parish Church on Sunday last, 1,150 changes of Grandsire Triples were rung with the bells muffled as a small mark of respect for the late Miss Kathleen Burkitt. The bells were rung by Messrs. H. Pegg, treble, B. West, J. Moore, S. W. West, H. Partridge, J. Rawson, W. Fern, conductor, J. Bonser, tenor.

Coalville Police Court

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

No Light

Charles Perry, 20, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for riding a bicycle without a light at Coalville, on March 20th. Defendant did not appear. P.C. Robertson stated the case, and defendant was fined 1s and costs or 7 days.

Sport

Football

Whitwick Win Well at Coalville

A great attraction to followers of football at Coalville on Good Friday afternoon was the meeting of the Town and Whitwick Imperial in the Leicestershire Senior League. Notwithstanding that it was a bitterly cold day, there was a big crowd, over a thousand people being present.

Owing to Wharmby and Toon having to be at work, the Coalville club committee had to somewhat re-arrange their forces. Dexter took Harry Toon's place, Glover (a reserve man) being brought inside left with Brownlow Davis went to right half and was substituted at back by Stevens. The rest of the team was as usual and Whitwick also had a strong side.

Though playing against a strong wind, Whitwick were first to open their account, through Brady. The match was keenly fought and it was not long after that Twigg equalised. Both defences had plenty to do, but there was no further score before the interval.

In the second half, when the elements were in favour of the Imperial, they were pressing most of the time. Stinson kept a good goal, however, while Herbert Smith was as reliable as ever, and for a time the defence were equal to all attacks. But the pressure told eventually, as after Wright had lost a good chance, Starkey put his side ahead. It was not long after that the same player had a lovely chance and shot wide, but he clinched a little later by scoring Whitwick's third goal. The Imperial were clearly the best side, and towards the close Coalville tried hard to regain the lost ground. They made one or two determined attacks, and forced two or three corners, but when Warden and Croson were beaten, which was not frequent, Commons was always equal to the occasion in goal.

Whitwick well deserved their win and are to be congratulated on securing the points. Under Mr Dexter, of Shepshed, the match was fought throughout in a pleasant and sportsmanlike manner.

Harborough's Holiday Experience at Coalville and Whitwick

The Market Harborough players have good reason to remember their visit to the Coalville district on Easter Monday. It is no easy task to play two matches in one day and whether this had anything to do with their sorry experience, I cannot say, but their goal average was considerably spoiled as a result of these two games. On the Town ground in the morning they lost 6 – 1. Coalville made the issue safe in the first half, crossing over with a lead of five goals to none. Twigg (2), J. Smith (2), and Thompson being the scorers.

At Whitwick in the afternoon, they fared even worse. The Imperial romped home to the extent of six goals to none.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

In Memoriam

In loving remembrance of Edith Berrington, who died April 4th, 1908.

*"I always think of thee, dear daughter
But not with outward show
The heart that mourns sincerely
Mourns silently and low"*

From loving Mother and Father

Deaths

Death of Miss Kathleen Burkitt

Youngest Daughter of Dr. Burkitt J.P.

We regret to record the death of Miss Kathleen Burkitt, youngest daughter of Dr. J. C. Burkitt, J.P. which occurred at her home, the Old Vicarage, Whitwick, on Friday afternoon. The deceased, who was only 13 years of age, had not been well for some time. The respect in which the family are held and the great sympathy felt for them in their sad bereavement was strikingly demonstrated on Tuesday afternoon when the funeral took place. The Parish Church was crowded, and there was a huge concourse of people to witness the last rites at the cemetery.

The chief mourners were Dr. and Mrs Burkitt, Miss Burkitt, Misses Eileen and Nora Burkitt (sisters), Mr R. S. Langford, J.P., of Padstow, Cornwall, and Fleet-Surgeon M. C. Langford, R.N. of H.M.S. Thunderer (uncles), Mr Forbes Handcock, cousin, Miss Trevena, Nurse Lilly and Dr. Griffin, Shepshed. Others present included Mr and Mrs and Miss de Lisle, Garendon Hall, Mrs Haydock, Charnwood Towers, Father O'Reilly, and Miss O'Reilly, Mrs Mackenzie, Miss Hunt, Mr H. T. Bastard, Mr J. H. Robinson, Mrs J. J. Sharp, Whitwick, Miss Hosking, Nurse Hosking, the Misses Powell, Dr. Vaughan, Mr and Mrs Vavasour, Coalville, Dr. and Mrs Wykes, Hugglescote, Dr. Atkinson, Osgathorpe, Mr J.

Weston, Thringstone, Mrs Potter, Shepshed, Miss Bangham, Ashby, Mr M. B. Johnson, St. George's Lodge, Swannington, and others.

The service was conducted by the Rev. F. Boothby, vicar of Ellistown, and formerly the curate at Whitwick. In church, the hymn, "There is a green hill," was sung, and at the close of the service, Mr R. G. West, organist, played the Dead March. At the grave side, the choir and congregation sang "Loving Shepherd of thy Sheep". The coffin bore the inscription "Kathleen Mackenzie Burkitt, died March 21st, 1913, aged 13 years." It was lowered into the grave which had been prettily lined with ivy leaves, narcissi, hyacinths and tulips. There was a handsome lot of floral tributes, which bore cards as follows:

From Daddy and Mums.

For darling baby from Doris, Eileen and Nora.

In loving memory from Uncle Morris and Aunt Agnes.

With deepest sympathy from Mr and Mrs T. Atkins, Swannington.

With deepest sympathy from Mr and Mrs Downes.

For my darling baby, from Nana.

In loving memory of our dear little friend, from Miss Hunt and Miss Harding.

In loving memory from Connie and Eileen Robinson.

In loving sympathy from Mr Powell, Pollie and Lill (Coalville)

From cousin Ethel and Gie.

From Charles and Mary Booth.

With the Rev. and Mrs H. D. Geo. Clark's deep sympathy. (Shepshed)

With deepest sympathy from Mr and Mrs W. West and family.

In loving memory from Mr and Mrs H. T. Bastard.

With deepest sympathy from Isaac Foster.

From Mrs and Miss M. E. Bانشam (Ashby) in loving remembrance.

For our dear little friend, from Dr. and Mrs S. E. Atkinson, Osgathorpe.

With deepest sympathy from R. Briers and Sons.

From Reggie Ross.

With deepest sympathy from Father O'Reilly, Annie and Helen.

In loving memory of our dear little Kathleen, from Mrs C. Potter (Shepshed).

With Nora Dutton's love and sympathy, Shepshed.

With much love and sympathy from Mr and Mrs J. J. Sharp, and Aubrey.

With deep respect from Mr and Mrs Bird, Hermitage Road.

From the Rev. and Mrs James Mackenzie. "And Jesus called a little child unto him, saying, Suffer little children to come unto me."

With Mr and Mrs Bosworth's love and heartfelt sympathy.

With heartfelt sympathy from Forbes Handcock.

In tender loving memory from Dr. and Mrs Vaughan.

"God has taken her into his own home." Percy Woodroffe.

From a loving friend, Mrs Haydock.

In loving memory of our little mistress, from Annie, Fanny and Jim.

With loving sympathy from Eric Hewes, Coalville

With sincerest sympathy from Mr and Mrs J. H. Robinson.

In loving sympathy from Mr and Mrs W. Hindley and family.

In ever loving remembrance of Kathleen, from Sidney Allgood.

With deep sympathy from the Misses Rolleston.

With deepest sympathy from Eric Pegg.

With love and sympathy from Birdie Hewes, Coalville.

From Mr Farmer, Coalville.

From Mr Massey, Coalville.

The funeral arrangements were excellently carried out by Messrs. E. Briers and Sons, of Whitwick.

In addition to the list reported on Page 7, of floral tributes received at Miss Kathleen Burkitt's funeral, the following sent flowers: Sir Geoffrey and Lady Palmer (Withcote Hall, Oakham), Lady Beaumont, Nurse Milne, Mr John Richards, the Rev. F. Boothby, Mr Annable, Mrs Jones, Mr Walker and Mr Kirby.

Burials

Burkitt – At Whitwick, on Tuesday, Kathleen Mackenzie Burkitt, aged 13 years, of the Old Vicarage.

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Public Notices

Coalville Urban District Council Election, 1913

To the Electors of the Whitwick Ward

Ladies and Gentlemen, On April 7th, it will be eight years and five months since I asked you to trust me as one of your representatives on the Coalville Urban District Council, during which time I have endeavoured to prove myself worthy of your support. My attendance is regular and punctual, and by this strict adherence to public duty, I keep myself in touch with all the business of all the committees. By alertness and clear thinking I am able to grip all the debatable points and form a sound judgement, so that an enlightened and intelligent vote is given which none of the people need be afraid of. Notwithstanding this, recent events, brought about by a few shallow-thinking persons, threaten to undermine my experience, and thrust a newcomer upon you, which would weaken your power on the Council. For six years I have held the position of chairman of the Plans Committee, and I have tried to deal fairly with all.

When I first entered the Council Chamber, the rate was 6s in the pound, now it is 4s, and venture to say, can be kept so for two more years. More than that I dare not go.

Amongst the improvements can be mentioned: Silver Street (opposite "Crown and Cushion"), gasworks extension, Mr Glynn's corner, extra lamps up to the top quarry, widening of Church Lane at Waggon and Horses corner (a fine improvement), £150 paid towards Pares' Hill widening at Mr Hemsley's property, public telephone call office, extra lamps Forest Side, and the flagging of the main footpath from Coalville to Whitwick. These cannot but be appreciated. The cost of all to be given here would only confuse and blind the man in the street, without helping him. Two public conveniences are greatly needed – one at Green Lane corner (land not offered) and one in North Street (land offered).

Cademan Street corner and Mr Bourne's corner, at both of which fatal accidents have occurred, should be chopped off without delay. The King's Arms corner is a dangerous spot, and the road opposite the gasworks needs widening.

What I ask you to do is to stand by me as your native member. Don't be enslaved by imperial politics and handicap your own loved locality. I appeal, not to your politics or

religion, but to the common-sense and intelligence of a united Whitwick to give a sharp, decisive smash to the paltry, discourteous, shallow, deceptive, political bullying. I take this isolated and independent stand in the interests of you all, for freedom of thought and action, and no political slavery over our local electors. Stand on brave and strong, don't stifle my mouth and cripple yourselves by placing me last on the poll. I ask all the electors in Whitwick to rouse yourselves as one man, demanding these improvements on the grounds of beauty, right, health, safety, and the interests of human life. Confident that this policy deserves YOU (the public) the honour of having at the head of the poll by a PLUMP VOTE.

Your obedient servant
Samuel Perry.

Coalville Urban District Council Election, 1913

To the Electors of the Whitwick Ward

Ladies and Gentlemen, Having been nominated as a candidate at this election, I wish to point out that after a residence of 19 years in Whitwick, I am no stranger to the electors or to the district. I would remind you that to carry out efficient work, much time and thought are needed, as many important subjects, involving large expenditure, have to be dealt with by the Council. I am prepared to give this time and thought to the best of my ability in your interests. May I hope to receive your support on the election day, and in the meantime your valuable assistance to secure my return.

Yours faithfully
H. T. Bastard
The School House, Whitwick

Coalville Urban District Council Election, 1913

To the Electors of the Whitwick Ward

Ladies and Gentlemen, Having been nominated as a candidate for the above ward, I humbly ask for your support at the poll on Monday, April 7th. As most of you are aware, I have had considerable experience in various parochial offices during the past forty years, which experience will, I am sure, assist me in my duties should you return me as one of your representatives. Thanking you in anticipation.

I am,
Yours faithfully
George West
Church Lane, Whitwick

For Sale

Eggs for hatching, Barred Plymouth Rocks, Dr. Jackson's strain, 4s 6d per sitting. Eggs proving very fertile. Inspection invited. F. Berrington, Leicester Road, Whitwick.

Eggs – White Wyandottes. Record layers, 3s per sitting of 13. Guaranteed. – J. C. Stinson, Sharpley House, Whitwick.

Local News

Sewing Tea

The usual weekly sewing tea was held in the P.M. Schoolroom on Tuesday afternoon last, and was well attended. It was given by various ladies connected with the church and was a great success. The proceeds were in aid of the debt reduction fund of the church.

Conservative Club

The shareholders' annual meeting was held on Monday night, Mr H. G. W. Howe presiding. Mr J. J. Sharp (secretary) presented the balance sheet, which was passed. Mr Ed. Moore was re-elected a director, and Mr W. Lindley was re-elected as auditor.

“Will Workman” at Whitwick

How to get a Minimum Wage for all Workers

A public meeting was held in the Whitwick National School on Monday night under the auspices of the local Conservative Association to hear an address by “Will Workman” (Mr W. Dyson) on “A minimum wage for all workers, and how to get it”. Mr Geo. West presided, and was supported by the Loughborough Division Conservative agent, Mr A. E. Seymour, besides the lecturer. There was a good attendance. Mr West said Mr Dyson was no stranger to Whitwick, and he left such a good impression on his last visit that he was sure they would give him a good hearing.

Mr Dyson referred to the discussion on the minimum wage during the debate on the Kings' Speech, and said Mr Snowden might have met with some success with his amendment except that he wanted to carry socialism with it, and, of course, they could not accept that. Twenty years ago, any proposal in Parliament for a minimum wage for the workers would have been laughed at, but it showed the progress of practical thought that all parties were now inclined to favourably consider the matter if means could be found for putting it into operation. Enlightened Liberals, Conservatives and Socialists alike were all agreed upon that. The point was how was it to be done? There was no question about it being needed. He spoke of the low wages paid, it being estimated that there were a million workers in this country not getting more than £1 per week, and 1 ½ millions not more than 25s. No one could pretend to say that that was sufficient, and if means could be found to improve this, it was highly desirable that it should be done. The reason for so much unrest in this country was that the cost of living had increased in a much greater ratio than wages had increased. They could quote no foreign country where, whatever was the increase in the cost of living, the wages had not increased more, but in this country, on the evidence of Mr Chiozza Money, it took 24s in 1912 to go as far as £1 did in 1900, but towards that 4s increase, wages had only increased 7 ½ d, leaving them 3s 4 ½ d to the bad. Australia had a minimum wage for all workers and there were certain classes in this country which had it. He mentioned the miners and the London bakers. Why should not all trades enjoy the same thing? He submitted that it could be done, but it could not be done under their present system of trading. The reason the miners and the London bakers and also Government employees had been able to get a minimum wage was because in their respective trades they held a monopoly. It was a simple thing for the coal owners to increase the price of coal to meet the minimum wage, and for the London bakers to increase the price of bread, while the Government merely increased their estimates. In each case the consumer had to pay, but he suggested that by broadening the area of

production, the increase of price might be avoided. Alluding to some of the Liberal methods of raising revenue, he mentioned Mr Lloyd George's unearned increment duty on land, and he (the speaker) held it to be most unfair thus to tax the land, and leave other things more glaring – Marconi shares for instance – alone. Mr Rufus Isaacs had admitted in a public court that if he had sold the Marconi shares for which he paid £20,000 a few days after he purchased the shares, he could have sold them for £40,000. But that counted as nothing. If a man invested £20,000 in land, and at any time should be fortunate enough to sell it for £40,000, he would have to pay £4,000 to the Government, but if the same amount was made on Marconi shares, purely as a result of a Stock Market gamble, not a penny had to be paid, though it was surely unearned increment. Other methods of Liberal taxation having been dealt with, he went on to show the difficulties of the socialist proposals for nationalisation of the railways, mines, etc. He argued that from the economic standpoint it could not be done. The post office had recently been described as a great sweating den. They had seen how matters in regard to old age pensions and insurance had increased the duties of postal servants without adequate remuneration and the resultant discontent. They could not expect the Government to do any better with other things if it had control. He instanced a loss of three millions in a year in the working of the railways under the State in France. Having spoken of the two systems by which he said they could not get a minimum wage – the taxation of the land and State ownership – he came to the method by which it could be obtained. Australia was the only country which gave minimum wage to all workers, but Australia did not give equality to all-comers in its markets. If all the world had the opportunity of using the Australian market: as all the world could use the English market, there would be no minimum wage in Australia. It was only by protecting their industries that they could give a minimum wage to all workers. (Applause).

Questions were invited, but none were asked, Mr Seymour proposed a vote of thanks to the lecturer, which was heartily recorded, and a similar vote was passed to the chairman.

On Wednesday night, Mr Dyson gave an address on the same subject at Coalville in the Market Place.

Whitwick Vestry Meeting

The Conviction of the Vicar

No Communication from the Bishop

The annual vestry meeting was held in the Whitwick National School on Wednesday night, when the Rev. H. T. Pattinson, of Leicester, presided over a fairly good attendance. The Rev. H. T. Pattinson, having been voted to the chair, on the motion of Mr S. W. West, said he thanked the meeting. He had been asked by Canon Broughton to take charge of the parish for a month, and though he could not be here next Sunday, he hoped to commence on Sunday week. But he was anxious to get to know something of the place and of church work, and so wanted to be with them that night. He wanted to show sympathy with them and their work, and that was why he was there. (Hear, hear). He then asked for the minutes.

Mr Storer West said the minute book was not to be found. He could only assume that that was one of the impounded documents. Mr H. T. Bastard said he had anticipated that such a contingency might arise and he had brought with him a magazine for May last, which had an account of the vestry meeting in it. It was agreed that this account be taken as the

minutes, and Mr Bastard proceeded to read the same. The chairman asked whether there were any questions on the minutes, they would have to take them as read.

Mr Bastard observed that at the last vestry, six or seven persons were nominated as churchwardens, and all with one accord, made excuse. He was one of these nominated, and it was stated in the account read that Mr Bastard declined, because according to the trust deed, churchwardens were managers of schools, and he could not be manager of the school in which he was master. That was not correct, because though churchwarden usually were school managers it was not necessarily so. The only reason he mentioned this was to show that he did not lose his right to be a churchwarden, should the parishioners at any time care to elect him.

Mr Storer W. West (parish warden) said it was now almost ten weeks since the vicar was suddenly taken away from the parish, and it was rather strange that the churchwardens during that time had received not a single message of any kind from headquarters at Peterborough. It might be because they thought Whitwick people were quite capable of carrying on their affairs, and the churchwardens capable of carrying on things pertaining to the work of the church, but other people might view it from a different standpoint and think it was great neglect on their part of highly-paid officials at Peterborough that they did not act in such a matter with greater promptitude. He thought anyone could fairly accuse the officials at Peterborough with neglect. They knew the position and ever since then the wardens had had to pay clergy to take the duties. Not a letter of sympathy or enquiry, or a word of any kind had been received. Of course, things had been kept going, and would be if they had to go on as they were for 12 months. (Hear, hear).

Mr Bastard said a meeting of the church council was held, and a resolution of sympathy with the Vicar was passed, and the hope that he would be able to clear himself, and it was decided to form a defence fund. Those resolutions were sent to the Bishop, the Archdeacon, and Rural Dean, and, all he got from the Bishop's secretary was a formal acknowledgement of receipt. He didn't even say thank-you. He (Mr Bastard) felt very annoyed when the letter came. It simply said, "*I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your resolution.*" He did not think the Bishop of Peterborough would have sent such a curt note, but he was responsible for what his private secretary wrote. They had a sympathetic note from Archdeacon Stocks, and Canon Broughton had helped them in every way.

The chairman said he knew how they felt, but the Bishop had no doubt corresponded on the matter with the Rural Dean. The Rural Dean and churchwardens were responsible for the services going on until the whole thing was settled. He knew that Canon Broughton had a good deal of sympathy with them.

Mr Bastard said he agreed, but felt it very much indeed that they had no expression from the Bishop of any kind. When the Hunslet vicar absconded, the Bishop of that diocese preached in the parish church there, and assured the congregation that they had his, and the sympathy of the whole of the church-people in the diocese. They were all grieved for Mrs Mackenzie and her children. She had scores of letters and telegrams sympathising with her from people whom she does not even know, but not a word from the Bishop, and they all felt it very much.

Mr W. Adams asked whether the weeknight Lenten services were held as usual. The chairman said it was unfortunately very difficult to get a man. But he thought there would be no cause for complaint in the future.

Mr J. R. Robinson regretted that they had heard nothing from the Bishop. They were fortunate in having two churchwardens whom they could trust, and no doubt they would go on, but they always welcomed the higher officials of the church in times of rejoicing, and would like to have seen them in their hour of trial. The old church had stood there for hundreds of years, and he hoped in their circumstances, they would all be even more loyal. All Whitwick churchmen and many of their Nonconformist friends had only greatest love and esteem for Mrs Mackenzie, and whoever came to the vicarage in the future, he felt that no lady would be held in more tender regard by the parishioners than Mrs Mackenzie was (cheers). They were a united body, and from the bottom of their hearts, sympathy went out to Mrs Mackenzie and her little loves in the great and grievous trouble they were passing through. (Hear, hear).

The chairman said that if the meeting wished they could send sympathy from the vestry to Mrs Mackenzie and one of protest to Canon Broughton, or they could leave it where it stood, having made those expressions which would be reported in the Press.

Mr Robinson said he did not for a moment wish to reflect on Canon Broughton in the slightest. Canon Broughton was held in the highest esteem throughout that neighbourhood, and the county. He was a grand old man and they esteemed him greatly.

The chairman said there was no doubt that Canon Broughton had been a perfect father to the parish. They could send an expression of the feeling of the meeting to him if they liked. Mr L. Foster, a previous churchwarden, having also made a few remarks, the chairman said that of course the living was not vacant yet. The question of an appeal was still pending, and so the way was not clear for the Bishop to act. It was just possible that the Vicar might yet come back, and the Bishop would then be in a funny position if he took action now.

Mr S. W. West presented the accounts, showing the increase to have been £126 13s 6d and the expenditure was £162 14s 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ d, leaving a deficit of £36 1s 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., but the accounts included £24 12s 9d paid for clerical assistance, which would be refunded from the living. Allowing for that, and a deficit from the previous year, the actual deficit on the year's working was only £4 9s 10d (hear, hear). There had been extra expenses during the year, amounting to £44 16s 9d. The receipts for special objects were £33 11s which included £17 3s 8d for the restoration scheme. Mr West also said that apart from these accounts, they raised by special efforts during the winter for the restoration fund the sum of £103 5s 1d (cheers). He thanked the ladies, and all who had in any way assisted during a busy, sad and perplexing year.

The chairman said it was one of the best records he had heard. They had done splendidly, and he was delighted to meet such loyal members of the English Church. He suggested that the present officials should be asked to continue in office.

Mr Bastard moved that the two churchwardens, Messrs. S. W. West and J. Roulston, be asked to continue in office, and this was carried. Mr Roulston said he had intended resigning, but he would accept office again, and hoped for a brighter future (cheers). Mr West also again accepted office.

The sidesmen were all re-elected, and Messrs. W. Adams, George Underwood, Thos. Belcher, John Pegg, George Causer, and J. H. Robinson, were added. Dr. Burkitt and Mr H. T. Bastard were re-elected as representatives to the Regional Conference, and a vote of condolence with the doctor in his recent bereavement was passed on the motion of Mr

Robinson. Mr Foster moved a vote of thanks to the churchwardens, speaking in terms of praise for the way they had done their work. This was seconded by Mr Bastard, and heartily accorded.

The chairman said that if they would rally round him, he was sure the church would go on well. What the future would bring forth he could not say, but he was sure they deserved better things than in the past (cheers). The business of the vestry having been declared closed, Mr Storer West said that as one of the witnesses who gave evidence in the Isle of Man he would like to make a statement. He had not been long on the island before he found what a great prejudice existed against their vicar. During the time he was on bail, Mr Mackenzie attended church and objection was raised to that by members of the congregation.

Mr Robinson: *Are they Englishmen?*

Mr West said it was bad treatment, and no Englishman would get such treatment in this country. Shortly before the trial he heard a man who had actually been summoned to serve on the jury say that if he had his way he would hang him. (Mr Mackenzie). On the morning of the trial he was in a hairdresser's shop, and heard a man who was to serve on the jury say: "*I believe Mr Mackenzie leant that woman the money, but that forgery will do him.*" He thought that to select presubscribed jurors like that was not fair play to any man.

Mr Robinson: *It is not English?*

Mr West went on to say that the editor of the "Isle of Man Times" was a bright exception. He commenced an article on the case by saying, "*Once more a Manx jury has distinguished itself.*" So it seemed to be no unusual thing. The article proceeded to deal with the evidence, and asserted that the verdict was not justified by that evidence. English law was that if there was any doubt the prisoner should have the benefit of it, and the article concluded by saying that verdict was bad in law, and the sentence was brutal. He (Mr West) was pleased to read that, and was surprised to find it, knowing the prejudice which existed. He was sorry that the trial took place there. He thought it only right to make this statement, which would perhaps help to throw a little fresh light on the matter (hear, hear).

Mr Bastard intimated that he was calling a meeting of the Church Council, having received a bill of solicitor's charges in reference to the Vicar's defence.

Local Elections

Interesting Meeting at Whitwick

Mr Walter Lindley, J.P., presided at a meeting in the Whitwick Church Schools last night in support of the candidature of Mrs J. J. Sharp, for the Ashby Board of Guardians and Messrs. H. T. Bastard, T. Y. Hay, M. McCarthy and George West for the Coalville Urban Council. Supporting the chairman on the platform were the five candidates and Mrs Pratt, a lady Guardian of Ashby. There was a large attendance.

The chairman said he proposed to take the Guardians' business first and went on to speak of the useful work ladies could do in administration of the poor law. Mr M. McCarthy, as a retiring guardian, said he had served on the Board at Ashby on and off for 30 years and claimed to know something about it. He was personally very sorry when Mrs Pratt retired

from the Board through her husband's illness and he was delighted when he heard that she was coming forward again, especially when he knew she was elected. There were about half the inmates in the Ashby Union women, and they could talk to women Guardians better than they could to men. Mrs Sharp was well qualified for the post and they would do the right thing in sending her to Ashby. If she was not returned at the head of the poll, he hoped she would be one of the three elected (cheers).

Mrs Sharp, who was well received, said she had been on a public platform in Whitwick many times before, but it was always to ask for something for someone else and she felt different at asking for something for herself. When she consented to become a candidate, she thought there would be no contest, but as things turned out, and as she belonged to "fighting fifth" she meant to see it through. She agreed that a woman's first consideration was her home, but a little human sympathy should be given by women especially for women. They had heard that a good number of women were in the workhouse and much scope for work by lady guardians. She expressed regret at the unavoidable absence of her husband who was on business in London, and said she had lived in Whitwick now for 25 years, and she hoped the kindness which had always been shown her would be continued. She was rather strong minded (laughter) and would not easily be turned aside from what she believed to be right if she was elected on the Guardians (cheers).

Replying to Mr T. Kelly, Mrs Sharp said she was in favour of boarding out the children in comfortable homes. She wanted the children to be brought up so that they would not regard the workhouse as their home (cheers).

Mr Kelly: *I thank you for that answer.*

Mr McCarthy moved a vote of confidence in Mrs Sharp and said there ought not to have been a contest. It was understood that Mrs Sharp would take his place. He urged them to vote for Mrs Sharp, Father O'Reilly and Mr A. Briers, and leave "bricks and mortar" out (laughter). Mr George West seconded the vote and he urged the need for more lady Guardians on the Ashby Board.

Mrs Pratt said she hoped they would return Mrs Sharp at the head of the poll. Many people did not fully realise the vital for necessity for women on Boards of Guardians. There was work for women to do as well as men, and if there were no women Guardians that work was either not done at all or done not as it should be. They had some idea of what a home would be without a woman, and that being so, how much more must it apply to a large place like the workhouse. Some people had said that lady Guardians were always interfering with the officials, but sometimes such interference was necessary. She had been accused of that, though those who had followed the reports in the paper would have seen that there had been more changes of officials at Ashby since she retired than while she was a member of the Board. She said she wanted a companion on the Board and asked them to be sure and send Mrs Sharp (cheers). The resolution was carried unanimously and Mrs Sharp thanked the meeting urging all to poll on Monday and poll early.

The chairman said they now came to the Urban Council election, stating that they had four excellent candidates before them and the four they would like to see elected. He proceeded to speak of the importance of the urban council work, and said he was sure they would all agree that Mr McCarthy and Mr Hay, the retiring members, had served them well. The young candidates also deserved their support.

Mr George West said he was no stranger to them. He was elected on the Board of Guardians three times successfully and regularly attended to his duties. He thought the future work of the Council would have a good deal to do with housing and few men got about among the houses more than he did. It had been suggested that Coalville should have more members on the Council, but he thought Whitwick also had a good claim to that when they considered its wide area. He thought Whitwick should have two wards. For 27 years he had been caretaker of the cemetery which business was managed by the Council, and he could be of use in that respect. He said few men knew Whitwick through and through more than he did.

Mr H. T. Bastard said that was the first time he had appeared in such a position and they would not expect him to say much when they had such an array of talent before them (laughter). But when they saw all the different posters about Whitwick, or such a eulogistic nature, he thought they would expect him to blow his own trumpet a bit (laughter). As far as the party they represented were concerned, they thought there would be no contest. They were willing for the previous arrangement of two of each party to go in but there was some disagreement among the Liberals, and a third candidate was nominated. They (the Conservatives) therefore, determined to enter the fray. He said that during the 19 years he had lived in the parish he had done a lot of public work for the general good. For many years he acted as secretary to that excellent body – the Whitwick Nursing Association (cheers). He also represented the parish on the Coalville Technical Education Committee which was doing a good work. He acted as secretary for the gymnasium and rifle class, and for 16 or 17 years gave up his Sunday afternoons to conduct a young people's bible class. That might be ridiculed as a qualification for an urban councillor, but it showed that he had been desirous of the welfare of the young men of the parish (cheers). Some people said schoolmasters were not business men, but men engaged in business were not always successful. Moreover, he pointed to what good work had been done on local Councils by schoolmasters, mentioning Mr Fellows and Mr Hubbard on the Coalville and Shepshed bodies respectively. He had in his calling to pay attention to method and detail, and display tact, and those were the qualities which made a good business man (cheers).

Mr T. Y. Hay said he was elected twice unopposed, and when he had to go through a contest three years ago, he was second on the poll, which he much appreciated. For some years he had been chairman of the Highways Committee and had worked amicably with the Whitwick members and also the other ward members. They all had a bit of the devil in them (laughter) but he realised that it was best to work together for the good of the people. They had in the area seven miles of county roads, and 35 miles of other roads. The assessable value was £53, 911 and a penny rate produced £244. The outstanding loans amounted to £111, 525 and the annual repayments on those were over £4,000. The estimated population was close on 19,000. He gave numerous figures dealing with the Council work and alluding to the gasworks, said they had an excellent manager, and the works would soon be relieving the rates (cheers). In regard to the proposal for more councillors, he said 12 members could manage the business better and more efficiently than 18 or 50. He said he should not rest until Pares' Hill improvement was carried out (cheers). The work of the Council involved an expenditure of £36,000 a year, and required business men who could stand on their pins and fearlessly advocate what they believed to be essential for the welfare of the district (cheers).

Mr O. Geary asked whether it was the intention of the Council to make a thorough job of Pares' Hill. Mr Hay said they had brought Mr Hemsley's property, and would make a good improvement. Mr McCarthy said that while he was on the Council he should never favour

buying the end of the Baptist Chapel. Mr Geary said he was one of the Baptist Trustees, who had met the surveyor, and he only wanted to know the intention of the Council.

The chairman said that if he had seen the drift of the question, he would not have allowed it, because the Council were not likely to tell everybody what they intended to do. Mr McCarthy said he took that stand in the public interest, and would do the same were it the Catholic Church. He went on to allude to the Trade Extension Society, and the success in the fact that Messrs. R. Walker and Sons had taken the Mosaic Works at Coalville – Mr Hale having given generous terms – and if the venture was a success they would build a large new factory such as Coalville had never seen (cheers). Alluding to the enlargement proposal, he said he had been accused of putting Whitwick acres before Coalville men and women. They had to have acres before the men and the women. God made the earth first. That was a sufficient answer to the Coalville wiseacre. Whitwick had 3,200 acres which was a thousand more than Hugglescote, and Coalville only had 771 acres, nearly all built on.

Then this man talked about rateable value, though he was the man who did more than anyone to rob Whitwick of its rateable value. They were a little innocent then, but he could not do it now. He had his master. This man raised the rate to 6s in the pound. He went on to a public platform and said the people of Whitwick were wicked. Mrs Haydock paid £6,000 for the Whitwick Catholic Schools, and saved the rates £300 a year, but this man tried to make Whitwick pay for schools. He hoped no self-respecting person would listen to a man who insulted Whitwick like that – one who showed such religious bigotry. Look what the school cost them at Coalville. The passive resisters were nearly dead now, but a few more like that would kill them altogether (laughter) and proceeded to deal with the work of the Council.

Mr S. Perry, junr., alluded to Mr McCarthy's remarks on the development of the Broom Leys estate, and asked whether his efforts in that direction were for the good of the public, as he inferred.

Mr McCarthy said that anybody who thought he was doing it solely for the good of the people must think he was a gigantic fool. But if any of them could offer land cheaper and better for the purpose, he would give £5 to Leicester Infirmary. He would be glad to sell some to the questioner (laughter). Mr Downes moved, and Mr Roulston seconded a vote of confidence in the candidates which was unanimously carried, and a vote of thanks to the chairman closed a successful meeting.

Coalville Police Court

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

Bad Language

Elizabeth Rose, married woman, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on March 24th. She did not appear. P.C. Jones said the woman was being taken home by her husband at the time and she caused some disturbance for a considerable time.

Fined 2s 6d and 14s costs, or 7 days.

Drunk and Disorderly

Robert Lee, 30, rag and bone gatherer, of Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick, on March 19th. Defendant did not appear. P.C. Grewcock said the defendant came to him last night and asked him to plead guilty for him.

Fined 5s 6d and costs 12s 6d or 7 days.

Wm. Allen, 35, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick, on March 22nd. He did not appear. P.S. Betts gave the facts and said the defendant told him he could bring a summons if he liked, as it was a long time since he had one. (Laughter).

Fined 5s 6d and 14s costs, or 7 days.

Coalville Urban District Council

The monthly meeting and the last of the Coalville Urban District Council as at present constituted, was held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday night. Mr M. McCarthy, J.P., presided, and there were also present Messrs. R. Blower, W. Sheffield, T. Y. Hay, A. Lockwood, W. Fellows, J. Kirby, S. P. Matterson, T. Kelly, and F. Griffin, with the surveyor, Mr L. L. Baldwin; clerk, Mr T. E. Jesson; and assistant surveyor, Mr G. F. Hurst.

Plans

The following plans were recommended for approval: Two houses, Church Lane, Whitwick, for Messrs. H. Webster and J. W. Ward; two houses, Church Lane, Whitwick, for Mr A. B. Moss; two houses, Ashby Road, Coalville, for Messrs. S. Siddon and Son.

Highway Committee's Report

The Highways Committee recommended that a sub-committee of Messrs. McCarthy, Griffin, Sheffield and Matterson, with the surveyor, inspect the Hermitage Road where flooding occurs, and report as to laying a line of pipes to prevent such flooding.

The committee recommend cheque for £150 be drawn and signed in favour of Mr Harrison Hemsley, being the deposit on the purchase of his property in Pares Hill, Whitwick.

Mr G. F. Burton wrote asking the Council to erect a retaining wall for the protection of his fence in Talbot Street, Whitwick, and the committee recommend the work be carried out.

The committee recommend that a fence be erected alongside the brook at Hockley, Whitwick, for a distance of about 80 yards.

The committee recommend the owner of the wall in Hall's Lane be written to, asking for the same to be put in a better order.

Mr Hay moved the adoption of the report and referred to the step towards the Pares' Hill improvement by paying the deposit of £150.

Mr Fellows called attention to the dangerous state of Hall's Lane, through large stones falling out of the wall. It was a serious matter. There was a lot of cycling – free-wheeling –

down that hill, and unless it was attended to there might be a fatal accident. He would sooner see the Council do it themselves than let the danger continue. The Chairman said the owner of the wall was responsible. He quoted a similar case in Skinner's Lane some time ago, and the Council narrowly escaped a law suit through one of the Council's men removing one of the stones. He suggested that the clerk communicate with the owner either to attend to the matter, or give the Council authority to remove the stones. Mr Blower said it ought not to be left as it was a day longer than necessary. The report was adopted, and it was understood that the owner would be communicated with.

Whitwick Lodgers

The surveyor reported that the number of people accommodated at the Whitwick lodging houses during the month was 928, against 927 last month and 569 last year. The half-yearly lime-washing of the lodging houses was in progress.

Appointment of Overseers

The following were appointed overseers: Coalville – Messrs. J. R. Bennett, J. Starkey and J. Smith; Hugglescote – Messrs. F. Griffin, J. A. Deacon and James Taylor; Whitwick – Messrs. T. Kelly, Geo. West and Jos. Kelly.

Dangerous Stiles

Mr T. Kelly called attention to the dangerous condition of the stiles on the path to Spring Hill Farm and the Monastery.

Sport

Football

Footballer's Benefit

The Hugglescote Baptist F.C. arranged a match with Whitwick Swifts on Saturday for the benefit of W. Gent, one of their players who met with an accident. Unfortunately, rain spoiled the event, but a good number of tickets were sold.

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Situations Vacant

Chevening – Good hands wanted at "Ward's", Silver Street, Whitwick. Plenty of work.

For Sale

Eggs for hatching – Barren Rocks, White Wyandottes, Black Leghorns, Blue Andalusians. For prices and strains apply Greasley, Church Lane, Whitwick.

Turn-out, Pony, Tub, and Harness. Sound and reliable. No further use. Cheap. Adams, Saddler, Whitwick.

Pure-bred White Wyandottes, record layers, Black Minorca's, Indian Game, Cook's strain, only 2s 6d per hatch. White Aylesbury and Pekin Duck eggs, 1s 6d per hatch. W. Houlton, Warren Farm, Gracedieu, Whitwick.

Coalville Elections

Whitwick (or North) Ward

Bastard, Henry Thomas, Silver Street, Whitwick, school-master.

Bourne, Thomas William, Market Place, Whitwick, draper and clothier.

Hay, Thomas Young, Forest Road, Coalville, colliery manager.

Kelly, Thomas, South Street, Whitwick, licensed victualler.

McCarthy, Michael, New Swannington, surveyor and estate agent.

Perry, Samuel, Silver Street, Whitwick, tailor.

West, George, Church Lane, Whitwick, house agent.

Seven candidates for four seats.

The Counting

Whitwick Ward

S. Perry	368
M. McCarthy	360
T. Y. Hay	295
T. Kelly	259
G. West	204
H. T. Bastard	194
T. W. Bourne	182

The Whitwick ward has remained loyal to the four old members. When some difference occurred in the Liberal camp a short time ago, resulting in the rejection of Mr Perry as one of the Liberal nominees, it had been much talked of, and many had doubts as to Mr Perry's chances of success. Apparently, the Whitwick electors have little regard for politics in local elections, and after the stand taken by Mr Perry, it must have been gratifying to him to be returned at the head of the poll.

For comparison we give the results of the polling three years ago.

1910

M. McCarthy	351
T. Y. Hay	348
T. Kelly	322
S. Perry	285
T. W. Bourne	228
G. West	226

Mr Perry polled 17 more votes on Monday than Mr McCarthy did when he headed the list three years ago, but here again the poll was not so heavy at Whitwick as last time.

WHITWICK WARD.



MR. SAMUEL PERRY, Council.



MR. M. McCARTHY, Council



MR. THOMAS KELLY, Council

Ashby Board of Guardians

Whitwick Candidates

Briers, Albert John, Silver Street, Whitwick, marine store dealer.
O'Reilly, the Rev. M. J., the Presbytery, Parsonwood Hill, Whitwick.
Sharp, Eleanor A. M., the White House, Whitwick.
Ward, John Thomas, Silver Street, Whitwick, builder.

The Counting

The Rev. M. J. O'Reilly	426
Mrs J. J. Sharp	413
A Briers	341
J. T. Ward	153

There was bound to be a new guardian through the retirement of Mr McCarthy, and Mrs Sharp has been elected with the old two. It is the first time that Whitwick has returned a lady Guardian and Mrs Sharp will doubtless make an excellent member. The Guardians election at Whitwick has been contested on the last two occasions and below are the figures.

1910

Rev. M. J. O'Reilly	333
M. McCarthy	294
A Briers	289

1907

O. Watson	253
G. West	249

Rev. M. J. O'Reilly 247
M. McCarthy 238

Whitwick Guardians.



THE REV. M. J. O'REILLY,



MRS. J. J. SHARP.



MR. A. J. BRIERS,

Public Notices

Coalville Urban Council Election, 1913

To the Electors of the Whitwick Ward

Ladies and Gentlemen, I beg to sincerely thank you for again electing me as one of your representatives on the Urban Council. You have shown great confidence in me by electing me at the head of the poll, and I shall do my very best to prove to you that your confidence has not been misplaced. – Again, thanking you. Your obedient servant.

Samuel Perry
Silver Street
Whitwick

To the Electors of the Whitwick (North) Ward.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I beg to tender my best thanks to the 295 voters who supported me at the above election, and you may rest assured I shall look after your interests to the best of my ability during the next term of office. Again thanking you, I remain, yours obediently.

Thomas Young Hay
The Lodge,
Coalville

Board of Guardians Election, 1913

To the Electors of Whitwick

Ladies and Gentlemen, Having elected me as one of your representatives on the Ashby Board of Guardians, I wish to thank you for this evidence of your loyalty and confidence in me. I shall endeavour to carry out the duties of the office to the best of my ability, and your satisfaction. Yours sincerely.

Eleanor A. M. Sharp
White House
Whitwick

Local Chit Chat

We understand that Counsel's opinion on the conviction of the Vicar of Whitwick has been received, and is to the effect that there is good ground for an appeal, on the assumption that the verdict of the jury is bad in law. Whether this advice will be acted upon and the appeal proceeded with, is purely a question of finance. We are informed on reliable authority that it would involve an expenditure probably of between £600 and £700, and at the time of writing there was no indication that the money would be forthcoming. The defence fund amounted to £297, but all this has been expended.

Ashby Police Court

Saturday – Before Mr George Moore (in the chair), Major Hatchett, Mr J. G. Shields and Mr J. Turner.

Transfers

The following transfers of licences were made:

Waggon and Horses, Whitwick, from John A. Moulton to Hy. Ward.

Coalville Police Court

This day (Friday) – Before the Rev. C. T. Moore (in the chair), Major Hatchett, and Mr B. G. Hale.

Wilful Damage

Frederick William Mason, 20, collier, Whitwick was summoned for damage to a street lamp to the amount of 2s at Whitwick on March 23rd. Mr T. E. Jesson appeared to prosecute for the Urban Council. There was some question as to Mr Hale (newly elected to the Council) adjudicating, and Mr Jesson remarked: *You are not a member yet, sir.*

Proceeding, Mr Jesson said the defendant was seen to deliberately throw at a street lamp on the Leicester Road, Whitwick. Pounds' worth of damage was done every year in this way. John A. Meath, butcher, Whitwick, deposed to seeing the defendant throw at and miss one lamp and then hit another at a second attempt. Leonard L. Baldwin, surveyor, said about 100 lamps were broken in a year, and it was difficult to catch the offenders.

Fined 7s 6d, costs £1 3s 6d and damages 2s, or seven days.

The Drink

John O'Mara, 33, insurance agent, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk at Whitwick, on 4th April. P.C. Jelley gave the facts and defendant was fined 2s 6d and 10s 6d costs, or seven days.

Sport

Football

The Coalville Town Football Club were anxious to play two teams again to-morrow. Having to play Ibstock again for the Senior League Cup semi-final, they would have sent another team to play the Senior League match at Whitwick, as they did to Market Harborough last Saturday, but the Whitwick Committee object on the ground that it would spoil their "gate" and so the league match is postponed.

Whitwick Winding Up Wonderfully

While the display of the Whitwick Imperial team has not been all that could be desired by their supporters during the season they are winding up wonderfully well. Their latest performance was the defeat of Hinckley United at Whitwick on Saturday, which was remarkable chiefly for two things. In the first place, a win for Hinckley was of vital importance to them in view of their fight with Loughborough Corinthians for the championship, and it was realised that they would do their best to bring this about. In the second place, Whitwick had three of their regular forwards out and it would have been no surprise to their supporters had the team gone down. The absence of Brady, Starkey and Roach from the attack compelled a re-arrangement of the forces. The defence was the same, but Joe Moore went to centre forward, being substituted in the half-back line by Frank Smith. Herbert Springthorpe appeared for Brady at inside right with Bradford and Warden, of all men, played outside left. I have seen 'Shinty' play some splendid back games, but was not aware until Saturday that he could distinguish himself as a forward.

The wind interfered a good deal with the play. Whitwick had it in their favour in the first half and crossed over with a lead of two goals to one. Their first goal was obtained by Percy Wright, after which Moore equalised for Hinckley and Whitwick's second goal was the outcome of a beautifully placed corner by Bradford. Though Pick cleared from the ensuing scramble, the ball was held to have been over the line and a goal was awarded.

Hinckley made desperate efforts in the second half, but they were unavailing, the Whitwick defence being splendid. The importance of the match to Loughborough Corinthians from the championship point of view brought over several spectators from Loughborough and they were highly delighted with the result.

Friday April 18th 1913 (Issue 1104)

Local News

Mr Thomas Elsdon Ashford, of 3, Skinners Lane, Whitwick, who was awarded the Victoria Cross for conspicuous gallantry before Khandahar in 1880, and who died on February 21st last intestate, aged 54 years, left estate value for probate at £123. Letters of administration of his property have been granted to his widow, and her sureties for the due administration of the estate, as provided by law for the property of persons dying intestate, are Mr Joseph

Ball, of Knighton Fields Road East, Leicester, and Mr Walter Baker, of Brunswick Road, Leicester.

Dance

A dance was held in the Holy Cross School on Saturday night. The Holy Cross Band played for dancing. The proceeds were for the band funds.

Sewing Tea

The usual weekly sewing tea was held in the P.M. School, on Tuesday afternoon and was well attended. The tea was given by the ladies and the proceeds were for the chapel debt fund.

Sport

Football

Whitwick Lose to Holywell

Whitwick Imperial went to Melton Mowbray on Monday evening to play the Holwell Works team, the match being robbed of much of its interest owing to rain falling most of the time. At the interval the score was one each, Bestwick scoring for the Works and F. Smith, for Whitwick. The home team had the best of matters in the second half, going ahead through Williamson after five minutes. A penalty to Holwell towards the close, enabled Kirk to score another goal and Works team won by three goals to one.

Friday April 25th 1913 (Issue 1105)

Local News

Whitwick and Coalville Liberal Clubs were to have played a league skittle match on Saturday, but owing to football attractions at London and Derby taking several of the players away, the match was postponed.

Coalville Urban District Council

The first meeting of the newly-elected Urban District Council was held at Coalville, on Tuesday evening, when there were present, Messrs. W. Sheffield, S. Perry, T. Y. Hay, A. Lockwood, F. Griffin, S. Armson, S. P. Matterson, B. G. Hale, R. Blower, T. Kelly and W. Fellows, with the clerk (Mr T. E. Jesson), surveyor (Mr L. L. Baldwin), assistant surveyor (Mr G. F. Hurst), and a good number of ratepayers, including Mr R. J. Bennett, a member of the old council.

Mr R. Blower was voted to the chair temporarily. The clerk read a letter from Mr M. McCarthy stating that he had an influenza, which prevented him attending the meeting and had caused him to cancel his Leicester and all other engagements. He regretted being unable to attend. The chairman said they all regretted Mr McCarthy's absence and the cause.

Appointment of School Managers

The appointment of school managers was then proceeded with. Mr Hay was the former representative on the managing body at the Whitwick Holy Cross School, and Mr Fellows asked whether he had attended the meetings.

Mr Hay: *I have been a sinner. It is a long way to the Catholic Schools. Open confession is good for the soul* (laughter).

Mr Fellows: *Would you rather not be elected?*

Mr Hay: *I would.*

Mr Blower moved the election of Mr Perry.

Mr Perry: *Not likely. You have all promised your constituents that you are willing to work* (laughter). *I am on for one of the schools.*

Mr Hay: *If the Council re-elect me I will act.*

Mr Hay was re-elected. Replying to Mr Fellows as to whether he had discharged his duties as a manager of the Whitwick Church Schools, Mr Perry said yes. He was again appointed.

Coalville Police Court

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

Licensing

The license of the Forest Rock Hotel, Whitwick, was transferred from Geo. Bramwell to Walter E. James.

Educational

Zachariah Parker, publican, Whitwick, was summoned for not sending his child regularly to school. On the application of Mr T. E. Jesson, Ashby, instructed for the defence, the case was adjourned for a fortnight.

Edward Collier, drayman, Whitwick, was summoned for not sending his child regularly to school. Defendant did not appear – George Gray, school attendance officer, Shepshed, gave the facts and as it was the third offence, a fine of 3s and 3s costs was imposed.

No Control

Arthur Everley, collier, Thringstone, was summoned for not having control of a horse and trap on the highway at Whitwick, on April 13th. P.C. Jelley said he saw the horse and trap outside a public house unattended for over twenty minutes. Fined 2s 6d and costs 4s or seven days.

Bad Language

Mark Bradley, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on April 13th. He did not appear. P.C. Grewcock said he was on duty in Talbot Street on the 13th (Sunday) and heard the defendant using the language in his house. It went on for half an hour, and witness had several complaints. Fined 2s 6d and 12s 6d costs or seven days.

Drunk

Wm. Ward, labourer, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick, on April 19th. In his absence P.C. Jelley stated the facts and defendant was fined 5s 6d and 12s 6d costs or seven days.

John Baker, rag and bone gatherer, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick, on April 19th. P.C. Grewcock said he had several complaints from young girls as to the defendant's conduct towards them. Defendant, who did not appear, was fined 10s 6d, and 12s 6d costs, or 14 days, there being previous convictions.

Sport

Football

Shepshed win easily at Whitwick

Whitwick Imperial had Shepshed Albion as visitors on Saturday last and they easily beat the home team. However, Whitwick were without their usual defence, Commons, Waterfield and Croson, whilst Levi Bradford was also missing from the forward line. So with the team thus weakened, it was not thought by many of the home supporters that their favourites would win. "Shinty" Warden was in the Imperial goal and he saved some very good shots indeed. Shepshed had the advantage of a very strong wind in the first half and gave the home defence a very gruelling time indeed, but Alf Springthorpe played a fine game at back and was the saviour of the side on many occasions. Shepshed, however, pierced the defence on two occasions. Simpkin and Moore doing the needful. On the change of ends, the local team pressed strongly and after very good forward play by the left wing, Starkey scored a lovely goal with his head. But this was all the scoring that the home team could manage, whilst Shepshed through Thurman, further increased their team and thus won comfortably by three goals to one.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Burials

Donoghue – At Whitwick, on Wednesday, Jno. Donoghue, aged 66 years, of North Street.

Friday May 2nd 1913 (Issue 1106)

Local News

Death of an old Whitwick Resident

Mr James Harrison Hemsley

By the death of Mr James Harrison Hemsley, which occurred at his home on Church Lane on Tuesday morning, Whitwick has lost one of its oldest and best known inhabitants, and one who was held in great esteem.

The deceased, who was 71 years of age had recently taken up his abode in his new house in Church Lane, having just sold the property he had occupied for many years to Coalville

Urban Council for an improvement at Pare's Hill, and he was only ill for a little over a week, being in fact able to continue at his work up to a fortnight last Wednesday. He had been a carpenter at the Whitwick Colliery for many years. He was conscious right up to the last and passed peacefully away. Deceased had been thrice married and leaves a widow, one son (Mr W Hemsley of North Street, Hugglescote) and five daughters for whom much sympathy will be felt.



Mr Hemsley, though possessing certain characteristics which manifested themselves when any of his tender points were assailed, was a man of most genial temperament and popular with all acquaintances. He was a strong Liberal and was one of the founders of the Whitwick Liberal Club, being for many years chairman of the directors and we can recall with what pride he used to hold the position and conduct the annual meetings of the company. He also was frequently a delegate from Whitwick to the Liberal Association meetings in Loughborough. Another office he held for many years was that of organist at the Whitwick Baptist Chapel where he was a prominent member, though latterly he attended the Wesleyan Chapel. It is interesting to note that his love of music has been handed on to his only son, Mr W Hemsley, who is a well-known 'celloist, is leader of the Coalville Adult School Orchestra and whose services are much in demand at school sermons and other musical functions in the district.

It may also be mentioned that the deceased was one of the oldest oddfellows in Whitwick and held the position of treasurer of his lodge. The funeral will take place at Whitwick cemetery this (Friday) afternoon.

Sports News

Football

Coaville Town win at Whitwick

Whitwick Imperial entertained their local rivals, Coalville Town on the Duke of Newcastle ground on Saturday and a fairly good encounter was the result. The home team was a weak one and the Town were at full strength.

It was unfortunate that the game was somewhat spoiled through the wind, the ball being very often out of the field of play. The visitors had the advantage of the wind in the first half and were soon two goals up to the good through good play by Smith and Thompson. Whitwick were within an ace of scoring, however on several occasions, but when the interval arrived the "Bottom End" men were leading by the two goals stated to Whitwick's none. In the second half the Imperial pressed a good deal but only managed to score on one occasion through Roach, who played a fine game at out wide left. The result was a win for Coalville by two goals to one.

Benefit Football

Also on Saturday, a match was played on the Central Ground, Coalville between the P.S.A. and Whitwick Swifts for the benefit of Mr Albert Glover, a former trainer at the P.S.A. club and a member of the committee who has been ill for over twelve months. The visitors won by six goals to two. A good number of tickets for the match were sold.

Cricket

Holy Cross Cricket Club

A general meeting of the members of the Holy Cross C.C. was held on Tuesday evening at the Hermitage Hotel. Father O'Reilly presided and there was a good attendance. Mr M. Noon was elected captain and Mr S. Briers vice-captain, Mr T. Hull treasurer and B. Stanyard secretary. Several new players are available and a membership of over 30 has been registered. The club will play on the new ground at the Hermitage and there are good prospects. The club is competing for the "Coalville Times" cup and in the second division of the Coalville League, opening tomorrow with a match with Markfield.

Friday May 9th 1913 (Issue 1107)

Local News

Whitwick Primitive Methodists and others in the district will regret to hear of a bereavement which has befallen Councillor Thomas W Walker, of Leicester, by the sudden death of his wife. Councillor Walker was a well-known preacher and occupied the pulpit at the Whitwick P.M. sermons. He was to have acted in a similar capacity at Bagworth P.M. chapel, Sunday but was prevented by this sad event. His place was taken by the Rev. W.H. Whiting of Whitwick.

Mr James Smith, of Loughborough and son of Mr Thomas Smith of Alma Villas, Whitwick, sets sail from Liverpool tomorrow to Australia. Mr Smith is joining his brother (Mr Joseph Smith, late of Whitwick) who left for Australia a few months ago.

Girls Guild

The members of the Whitwick Church Girls Guild held a successful dance in the school on Saturday night, when there was a good attendance. The president of the Guild, Mrs J.J. Sharp who has interested herself in the event was unfortunately unable to be present owing to indisposition. Mr Dyer was the M.C. and Miss Adams played for dancing. Refreshments were given by the ladies of the Church Council. A sum of £2 6s was realised for the Churchwardens fund.

Catholic Procession

According to the annual custom, on the first Sunday in May, the Catholics on Sunday held their procession. Years ago, it used to be a great event, which attracted thousands of visitors, but since the procession to Gracedieu Wood was abandoned and the proceedings confined to the churchyard, public interest has waned. This year it could not take place in the open-air at all, being confined to the Holy Cross Church, owing to the wet weather. Father Hurley of Loughborough was the preacher and Father O'Reilly assisted in the service. The Holy Cross Band was present.

Baptist Sermons

Great success attended the Sunday School anniversary of Whitwick Baptist Chapel on Sunday last. There were large congregations at the services, which were conducted by pastor W. H. Wills of Burton-on-Trent, and the singing of the children and choir was excellent. Mr O'Geary conducted and Mr Albert Aris was the organist, an orchestra also assisting. The collection realised £17 2s 6d, which was about £3 more than last year.

Coalville Urban District Council

Whitwick Lodgers

The surveyor reported that during the month 928 people had been accommodated in the Whitwick lodging houses, compared with 927 for February and 569 for the corresponding month of last year. The half-yearly lime-washing of the lodging houses was in progress.

Coalville Police Courts

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

A Whitwick School Case

Zachariah Parker, publican, Whitwick was summoned for neglecting to send his children regularly to school – Mr T.G. Jesson of Ashby appeared for the defence and it was his application at the last Court that the case was adjourned for a fortnight.

Mr George Rowlett (Leicester) appeared to prosecute for the School Authority and said it had been asserted that the child had been kept away because she had been beaten by the headmaster, but he would show that it was nothing of the sort.

School Attendance Officer Gray stated that the child made 21 attendances out of a possible 33. When he went to the public house kept by the defendant he saw the mother: who said she would not send the child to school again until they had put her to further trouble. Henry T. Bastard, headmaster of the Whitwick Church School stated that in the Easter week it was reported to him that a woman named Bakewell had lost her wedding ring, and he spoke to one of the teachers about it. Later a daughter of Mrs Bakewell told him she had passed it on to Ivy Parker (the girl in this case). The girl Parker told him it was only a half-penny ring, but he told her to fetch it and sent the girl Bakewell with her. It was untrue that he punished the child in any way. She did not come, but in the afternoon, Mrs Parker came to the school in quite a calm manner and said she had not got the ring. He explained the circumstances to her and she seemed quite satisfied. In further conversation, Mrs Parker remarked that he should not have punished Ivy, whereupon he denied it and said there had been nothing to punish the child for and it was wicked of her to say so. He invited Mrs Parker into the school and to ask any of the teachers whether he had thrashed her. Mrs Parker seemed quite satisfied when she left and witnesses suggested she should punish the girl for telling such a lie. Two days later he sent for the girl, as she had not been to school, and a note was sent back that the child would not be sent again until the parents were put to trouble, on account of the way she had been treated.

Replying to Mr Jesson, witness said he did not accuse the child of taking the ring. When the other girl said she had given the ring to Ivy Parker, he told the latter to go home and fetch it. He might have put his hand on the girl's shoulder in a calm way but he did not strike her in the face. He did not tell the girl she must not come back to school again until she brought the ring. He did not ask Mrs Parker to show him all the rings she had in the house. The girl Bakewell all day contended that she gave the ring to Ivy Parker. The latter was aged 10 and Bakewell 11. He understood that the ring had been traced by Mr Rowlett. Ivy Parker did not deny that the girl Bakewell handed the ring to her.

Mrs Smith, one of the teachers, said she saw all that took place and she was quite sure Mr Bastard never touched the child.

Mr Jesson: *He was quite calm and collected.*

Witness: *Yes, quite.*

Mr Jesson submitted that there was no intention on the part of the parents to violate the Act. If the parents had been misled, he suggested a dismissal of the case.

Ivy Parker was then called and she said she was going to twelve. She never had the ring. Mr Bastard took her out of class and he gave her a good hard shaking and struck her in the face. He also knocked her and pushed her into the door. He told her to go home again and not come back again until she brought the ring. She went home and told her mother.

By Mr Rowlett: Other school children and Mrs Smith were there and would see the schoolmaster's ill-treatment of her. When Mr Bastard spoke to her about the ring she did not say it was only a half-penny one. She told him she saw it passed to a girl at Thringstone and it was found in the afternoon. She states assertively that Mr Bastard struck her and kicked her.

Mr Rowlett: *How long was he punishing you?*

The girl: *For ten minutes* (laughter)

Further questioned, she said she did not tell her mother that the master thrashed her for ten minutes.

The Bench here interposed and Mr Jesson said he only wanted to establish that the parents kept the child away for what they believed to be a reasonable excuse.

Mr Rowlett said his point was that it was not a reasonable excuse and that they had aggravated the offence.

Sarah Parker, the mother, was then called and said her child was good and truthful and had hitherto attended school most regularly. When she came home on the date in question she seemed very much upset. When witness saw Mr Bastard he told her not to send the child until she brought the ring and witness said she had not had the ring. The child was ill after her ill-treatment and had to be kept in bed for two days. The child had marks on her and witness believed she had been knocked about. When she went to school in the afternoon, Mr Bastard admitted having thrashed the child and apologised to her for it.

By Mr Rowlett: *She wrote the letter stating that she had been told by children who saw the thrashing, but she did not know their names. She could not give the name of any child who told her that. She did not question Mrs Smith at the school as to the alleged thrashing.*

Ada Parker, aged 13, sister of Ivy, despatched to taking a note home from the master asking for her sister to be sent back to school and so have no more trouble and she took a note back from her mother.

The Bench, after lengthy deliberation, decided to convict. Defendant was fined 2s and 10s 6d towards the costs, which were heavy, or seven days.

Mr Tryon, of London, watched the case on behalf of the National Union of Teachers.

Sports News

Coalville Cricket League

There was to have been a full programme in the Coalville Cricket League on Saturday, but a disastrous start was made on account of the weather. Many of the matches were abandoned altogether, and in about three that was started, very little progress was made.

None of the first division matches were started. Two attempts were made in the second division. At Coalville on the Town ground, Hugglescote Albion 2nd made 72 for 4 wickets, against Coalville 2nd before the end came and at Markfield, the Town in the match with Whitwick Holy Cross made 35 for 3 wickets.

Football

Four new applications to join the Coalville and District Amateur Football League next season have been received. These were from Heather, Whitwick Amateurs, Measham United and Thornborough clubs.

The football match played on April 26th between Coalville Swifts and T. Webster's team raised £3 5s for the Coalville Nursing Association. It will be remembered that 12 months ago, the Swifts played a match for the benefit of the Titanic fund, but before the accounts were settled, the national fund was closed. The amount realised £3 and the Swifts committee have decided to give £1 each to the Whitwick, Hugglescote and Coalville Nursing Associations.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Funeral of Mr Hemsley

The funeral of the late Mr James Harrison Hemsley took place on Friday at the Whitwick Cemetery. The Service was conducted by the Rev. F.H.H. Labbett, the first part being held in the house and the hymn "Jesus, lover of my soul" was sung and "Rock of ages" at the graveside. The chief mourners were the widow and son, Walter: daughters Mary Ann, Edith, Lizzie: Mr Levi Clarke, son-in-law: Mrs W.H. Hemsley, daughter-in-law: Mr E. Haines, son-in-law: Mrs Edwin Hemsley, daughter-in-law: Mr T. Armson, son-in-law of Polesworth: Ethel and Gertie Clarke: Annie and May Hemsley; Evelyn and Alf Haines; George Hemsley (grand-children): Emmie and Cissie Weston nieces and nephew: Mr T. Hemsley of Ellistown: Mr and Mrs Gregson, brother and sister-in-law: Mrs Shorthouse, sister-in-law and Mr Cresswell of Gresley.

The bearers were Messrs Alfred West, E. Merriman, J. Higgins and H. Brooks. The body was enclosed in an oak coffin, the breast plate bearing the inscription, "James Harrison Hemsley. Died April 29th, 1913 aged 71 years"

Amongst those present at the funeral were Messrs Jacob Newbury, H. Allgood, S. Parry and T. Kelly and the colliery representatives were Messrs Jas Smith, engineerwright, T. Popples, farm bailiff and P. Beard, bank foreman.

Burials

Wildbur – In the Whitwick Catholic Churchyard on April 26th. Mary, the widow of the late Samuel Wildbur, of Leicester Road, Whitwick, aged 90 years.

Friday May 16th 1913 (Issue 1108)

Local News

Goods to the value of £5 2s 17d were distributed at the usual time amongst the poor in the parish of Whitwick in connection with Dalby's Charity. Tradesmen's accounts have been paid and there remains a balance in the bank of £6 6s 2d. The annual income from this charity is £6 3s 8d received in quarterly instalments of £1 10s 11d each.

The proposed memorial window near the pulpit in the north aisle of the Whitwick Parish Church, although somewhat delayed, will be put in hand as soon as funds permit. The churchwardens thankfully acknowledge receipt of cheque for £10 10s towards this fund from the directors of the Whitwick Colliery Co. through Mr Lindley.

Women's Own

A meeting of this society was held in the Wesleyan Schoolroom on Thursday afternoon. Mrs T.W. Bourne (president) presided over a good attendance. During the afternoon, solos were nicely rendered by Miss West of Leicester. A tea followed which was well attended and a good time was spent.

Colliery Accident

A young man named John Webster aged 18 who resides in Margaret Street, was injured while at work at the Whitwick Colliery yesterday morning. He was conveyed home in the ambulance carriage and was attended by Dr. Burkitt. On inquiry last night he was progressing favourably.

Coalville Police Courts

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

Without a light

George W Storer, insurance agent, Swannington was summoned for riding a bicycle without a light at Whitwick on May 2nd. P.C. Jones gave the facts in the absence of the defendant who was fined 1s and costs 11s 6d or 7 days.

Drunk & Disorderly

Thomas Hurst, collier, Whitwick was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick on April 22nd. He did not appear. P.C. Grewcock gave the facts and a fine of 7s 6d and costs 12s 6d or 7 days was imposed.

Lucy Springthorpe, widow, Whitwick was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Coalville on April 25th. P.C. Grewcock stated the case in the absence of the defendant, who was fined 2s 6d and costs 12s 6d or 7 days.

Sports News

Football

Whitwick Swifts F.C. have applied for admission to the Coalville Football League making five new applications for next season.

Cricket

Division II – Whitwick Holy Cross V Hugglescote II

At Whitwick on Saturday May 10th. A late start was made owing to the rain. Whitwick batted first and totalled 41 and Hugglescote were dismissed for 30. S. Briers took 4 for 11.

The Whitwick team in batting order: M Noon, S Briers, A Richardson, J Roach, J W Orton, J Newell, B Stanyard, J Massey, T W Hull, T Parrish, A Massey.

Friday May 23rd 1913 (Issue 1109)

Local News

The Whitwick Nursing Association desire, through this medium, to acknowledge the receipt of £1 from the Coalville Swifts Football Club per Mr T. Hall.

At the Ashby County Court yesterday, Wm Heward, 25, collier, Whitwick, applied for an administrative order. His debts amounted to £9 8s and he offered to pay them in full at 5s a week.

Mr Albert Edward Hood of Whitwick, Leicestershire, butcher, who owned property at Barlestone and Whitwick, and other parts of the district, who died on 2nd of January last, left estate of the gross value of £4,482, of which £1,652 is net personality. Probate of his will was granted to his sister, Miss N. Elizabeth Hood, of Barlestone, Leicestershire and Mr Thomas Edward Jesson, of Ashby-de-la-Zouch, solicitor.

A boy named Moulton, of Alma Villas, Whitwick, was playing in Messrs Manfield's clay pit on Friday afternoon last when he fell into the water. One of Messrs Enoch Briers & Sons men named Benson, fortunately had some ropes handy and then rescued the lad, with some difficulty.

Sad case of Suicide at Whitwick

A tragic occurrence happened in Ratchett Hill Wood, on Saturday last and on Monday Mr Coroner Deane held an inquest on the body of a miner named Alfred Cresswell, aged 68 years, who was found dead hanging from a rock in the wood. Deceased lived in the Leicester Road, Whitwick and left home on Friday morning. He was highly respected.

Mr Storer W West was foreman of the jury.

The coroner said the history of the case, sad as it was, was short. The deceased had for six months been in indifferent health, and as often was the case after influenza, suffered from depression. He went out on Friday morning and was not seen alive again, but was found hanging in Ratchett Wood the next day. The jury had to find what was the state of the man's mind at the time. Coroner's juries were apt to jump to the conclusion that because a man committed suicide he was of unsound mind. That did not necessarily follow. A person might be in such a state that he did not realise what he was doing at the time, and yet not be mad. The Coroner and authorities were of the opinion that the "temporary insanity" finding should be ruled out altogether. They realised that it was a great responsibility to place on juries. He thought if this finding was ruled out it would be a good innovation. He knew juries found such a verdict out of consideration for the deceased's relatives, but they had to bear in mind that it cut both ways. It laid the family open to the stigma of insanity. He would therefore ask the jury to weigh the evidence up very carefully.

Ada Cresswell, daughter of the deceased, said she lived at home with deceased, who had been in poor health for some time, and had not been at work since before Christmas. He was always inclined to be a bit low-spirited. Deceased got up about five minutes to nine, and had his breakfast in bed. A mate brought his club money and deceased sent out for a bottle of beer for him. He then seemed about as usual and often went out for a little walk. She had never heard him say anything about destroying himself, nor did she know of anything to upset him. Deceased did say that the doctor told him he had better go to the Infirmary, and that he needed to see another doctor in Leicester. He was in the habit of walking around Ratchett Hill Wood. He had left nothing in writing behind. There was no

trouble at home or any suggestion of the stoppage of his field club. By the foreman: He might have worried about the illness of his brother-in-law at Loughborough.

Harry Springthorpe, collier, Leicester Road, Whitwick, said he formed one of the party to search for the deceased, and about nine they found him hanging in the wood. They went three parts of the way through the wood when witness saw deceased hanging from a rock. He patted his cheek and found it cold. They sent for his brother, Amos, and lifted him down. The police were also sent for. (At this point the rope and handkerchief which deceased had used, was produced, and witness explained the position of it.) Continuing, witness said the feet of the deceased were only about an inch off the ground. The body was quite cold. He had known the deceased all his life. Deceased's illness put him about, and he troubled because the doctor, he said, had told him he would never be able to do anything but weed the garden. He had done all he could to cheer him up.

Dr Burkitt said he had been attending the deceased for about six months. He started with influenza, followed by congestion of the liver. He got into a very low, nervous state. Deceased went to see witness twice or three times a week and was constantly worrying about not being able to get back to work. He saw deceased on Thursday last and witness then suggested that he should go to Leicester Infirmary and see somebody there. This he seemed to dislike very much. He advised deceased to do a bit of hoeing in his garden but he was not more despondent than usual. When witness went up to the wood he found deceased lying on the ground and rigor mortis was very marked. He appeared to have been dead about 13 hours. – By the foreman: the continued worrying would produce the depression.

The foreman said the deceased was a man of excellent character. He had complained to him many times and whenever he got into conversation with him he would always come back to the question of his illness and he (the foreman) really thought that it had affected his mind.

A verdict of suicide while temporarily insane was returned.

The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon, and a great crowd watched the progress of the cortege from the home of the deceased to the Church. The Rev. H.T. Pattinson of Leicester, conducted the service and also officiated at the cemetery. Messrs E. Briers & Son had charge of the funeral arrangements, and several members of the Friendly Society held at the Foresters Arms, of which the deceased was a member, followed the remains as a mark of respect.

Deceased was one of the oldest members of the Grand U.O.O.F. Charnwood Lodge, and Messrs E. Briers senior, W. Kirk and Albert Springthorpe, were in attendance, representing the Order. Mr Briers read the usual service outside deceased residence before the cortege proceeded to the Church.

Coalville Police Courts

Friday – Before Major Hatchett (in the chair), Mr W. Lindley, Mr J.W. West and Mr Wm. Sheffield. Mr Holloway, police court Missionary was also present.

Bad Language

Rabbi Robinson, labourer and Mary Ann Robinson, his wife, of Whitwick, were summoned for using indecent language at Whitwick on May 10th. P.C. Jelley proved the case in the absence of the defendants. He said defendants used bad language both inside and outside the house. Complaints were made. Fined 3s 6d and costs 10s 6d distress or 7 days.

Drunk and Disorderly

John Jackson, bricklayer's labourer, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly on the highway of Whitwick on May 10th. Fined 2s 6d and costs 12s 6d or 7 days. Defendant did not appear.

Friday May 30th 1913 (Issue 1110)

Local News

The contents of the Whitwick Vicarage were sold by auction by Mr Ed Moore (of Messrs Moore & Miller) on Wednesday when there was a large attendance. For some of the lots we hear, there was keen competition and good prices were made.

Various rumours have been going about the district as to who will be the new Vicar of Whitwick, but we were officially informed yesterday, that nothing has yet been definitely settled.

The wedding is to take place in June of Miss E Burkitt, daughter of Dr J.C. Burkitt, J.P. of Whitwick and Mr Hancock of Putney. The banns were published at the Whitwick Parish Church on Sunday for the first time.

Mrs J. W. A. Mackenzie left Whitwick Vicarage on Wednesday morning and has taken a residence on the Forest.

Sports News

Cricket

Whitwick Holy Cross went to Coleorton and easily defeated the Beaumont 2nd, scoring 67 to 23. A Richardson 18 was the highest contribution to the Whitwick total and he took 3 wickets for 12 runs. S Briers scored 14 and took 6 wickets for nine runs.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Death of a Whitwick Tradesman

Former Church Warden

We regret to record the death of a well-known and highly esteemed resident of Whitwick, in the person of Mr Isaac Foster, which occurred at his home in Silver Street on Tuesday afternoon.

The deceased had been in failing health for some time, but the end came rather suddenly and unexpectedly, as he was assisting in his barbers shop as recently as Saturday and only took to his bed on Sunday. Mr Foster, who came from Loughborough had carried on a hairdresser and tobacconist's business in Whitwick for many years, originally in Leicester Road and of later years in Silver Street. He was an ardent churchman and had served both as parish and vicar's warden for two terms. For many years had had also been a synods man and only recently resigned the office of superintendent of the Sunday School, which he had filled with credit over a long period. He was most enthusiastic in matters for promoting the Church's welfare while his health permitted and he had a genial personality which made him much liked by all his acquaintances.

He leaves a son and daughter for whom much sympathy will be felt. The funeral will take place at Whitwick Cemetery this (Friday) afternoon.

Burials

Garratt:- At Whitwick on Saturday (arranged for) Rachael Garratt, aged 47 years of Hermitage Road.

Foster:- At Whitwick today, Isaac Foster, aged 54 years of Silver Street.

Friday June 6th 1913 (Issue 1111)

Local News

Mr J. W. Eagles has presented the Whitwick Boy Scouts with a splendid pair of brass cymbals and the troop now has a complete band. It is hoped that they will shortly be presented with troop colours.

Campanology

A quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at the parish Church on Sunday morning last with the bells muffled, as a small token of respect to the late Mr Isaac Foster. The ringers were Messrs H. Pegg (treble), S. W. West, J. Moore, T. Belcher, H. Partridge, J. Rawson, W. Fern (conductor), and J. Bonsor (tenor).

Auction

By Orchard and Joyce at the Three Crowns Hotel, Whitwick on Monday June 16th at 7 o'clock in the evening.

Lot 1:- Two well built cottages in Leicester Road, Whitwick numbered 44 and 46 with the gardens and outbuildings thereto belonging now in the respective occupation of Messrs Hill and Boobyer – gross yearly rental of £22 2s.

Lot 2:- All these three dwelling houses with shops to each, in Leicester Road, Whitwick at the junction with Castle Street, No. 13, in the occupation of Mrs Burton, No. 15 in the occupation of Mr Harris, No. 17 now unoccupied, together with Bakehouse, with flour room over, stable and other outbuildings belonging thereto.

Lot 3:- All those three messuages, situate in Castle Street, Whitwick, at the junction with Leicester Road adjoining Lot 2, with the yard and outbuildings thereto, now in the respective occupations of Messrs Brisking, Young and Ottey – gross yearly rental £28 12s.

Lot 4:- All that valuable close of pasture land, known as “Whitwick Moor Close” situate in Talbot Street, Whitwick, bordered on the North side by land belonging to Mr Mann, wheelwright; on the South side by land belonging to Mrs Norman; and containing an area of 1a, 1r, 33p or thereabouts. This field has extensive frontage, very eligible for building sites. (area was 1 acre, 1 rod, 33 perch's)

Auction

Moore and Miller are instructed to offer for sale by auction at the Three Crowns Hotel, Whitwick on Monday June 16th at 7 o'clock in the evening.

Lot 1:- All these six substantially brick built messuages, situate on the South side of Leicester Road, Whitwick, numbered 1, 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10 in the relative occupations of Messrs Bailey, Bishop, Harris, Ducker, Pearson and Parker, at the weekly rates of 3s 6d, 3s 6d, 3s 6d, 3s 6d, 4s and 2s 6d. The house occupied by Mr Pearson has five rooms, the rest have four. Each house has a cellar and garden. The property occupies an excellent corner site and readily lets.

Cycling Accident

Edward Concannon, a joiner of Brooks Lane, was found unconscious on the road a night or two ago, at the foot of the Forest Rock Hill, near one of the quarries. His bicycle was lying besides him, and it is supposed that while cycling over a level crossing, his machine skidded and he was thrown to the ground. He was carried to Mr Collins' house at the top of Leicester Road where he stayed up to 4 o'clock and recovered consciousness. His head and face were badly damaged, and his shoulder injured. A cab was procured and he was driven to Dr Burkitt who dressed the wounds and ordered the patients' removal home.

The members of the Whitwick Church Mothers meeting showed their affection and regard for Mrs Mackenzie in a pleasing manner on Monday night, when a presentation was made at the National school. Mrs Mackenzie founded the Mothers Meeting on coming to Whitwick nineteen years ago and has been president ever since. She and the members have spent many happy times together and fullest sympathy of the meeting has gone out to Mrs Mackenzie in her trouble. These sentiments were expressed in a most feeling manner by Mrs Ordish, aged 82, the oldest member, when making the presentation on Monday night. The gift consisted of a silver teapot. Mrs Mackenzie expressed her thanks to the members and high appreciation of their expression of regard.

The following letter appears in the current number of the Parish Magazine.

Whitwick Vicarage – My dear friends – By the time the June Magazine reaches you, I shall have left Whitwick. I would like to say a word of “farewell” to you all after being amongst you for so many years. I need not say with what feelings of regret I leave the parish and how much I feel the separation, as we have known and liked each other for so long and more particularly the members of my Mothers Meeting. I am deeply grateful for all your many kindnesses to me and my family and I shall always think of Whitwick with feelings of love. Although I am saying “farewell” to so much I have loved, I do not say “good-bye” as I

*hope to see you from time to time in the days to come – Believe me, yours very sincerely
Amy Mackenzie.'*

Coalville Urban District Council

Whitwick Lodgers

The surveyor reported that the number of persons accommodated in the Whitwick lodging houses during May was 769 against 802 the previous month and 846 in May last year. The lodging houses on inspection were found to be clean and in a satisfactory condition. The chairman remarked on the decrease. The surveyor said the weather was warmer. Mr McCarthy said there were no great works on such as the Mantle Lane bridge or Swannington sewerage, which made a difference.

Do you Know

Mr Thomas Young Hay, manager of Whitwick Colliery, has been appointed chairman of the managers of the Council Schools at Coalville?

Dr. Burkitt has been appointed hon. correspondent for the managers of the Whitwick National Schools?

Mr W. Fern has been re-elected captain of the Whitwick Church bell ringers?

Coalville Police Court

This day – Before the Rev C. T. Moore (in the chair), Mr B. G. Hale and Mr J. W. West.

Evelyn Francis, daughter of Edward Francis, labourer, Whitwick, was charged with stealing a purse containing £3 1s 7 1/2d, the property of Martha Moore, at Whitwick on May 28th. She pleaded guilty – P.S. Betts said he saw defendant and told her he suspected her of finding a purse containing a quantity of money belonging to Martha Moore, and she replied that she knew nothing of it, and had not seen the purse. He told her he did not believe her, and should take her to Coalville Police Station. She then said, *“About three p.m. this afternoon, I saw Mrs Moore’s purse on the ground in the back yard. I picked it up, took two half-crowns out and put them in the carriage and then took the baby and the carriage up the field. I put the purse in the dyke. When I came down the field, Mrs Moore asked me if I knew anything about her purse, and I told her ‘No’ and said ‘I have found two half-crowns in the dust-heap’ which I gave to her.”* Witness went with her up the field, and found the purse hidden under some grass in the dyke. Defendant’s father said he left the girl in Mrs Moores’ charge, and as nothing was said to him, he thought nothing was wrong.

The chairman:- *You have heard that the girl admitted taking the money.*

Replying to the Bench, Mr Holliday, probation officer, said that if the girl was placed under his charge, he would gladly look after her. The chairman pointed out to the defendant the seriousness of the charge. The girl and her father were each bound over in the sum of £5 for her good behaviour for 12 months, and the girl was placed under the care of the probation officer. The father had to pay 12s 6d costs.

Sports News

Cricket

Whitwick Holy Cross V Heather

Whitwick Holy Cross were disappointed in their hopes of improving their position in the second division at the expense of Heather, on the Hermitage Road ground. Heather totalled 79, G. Sparrow heading the list with 25, while A. Bradford scored 21 and A. Carter 13. Whitwick failed ignominiously before the bowling of F. Kimberlin, six wickets for 7 runs and G. Sparrow three wickets for 9 runs. In a total of 27, there were 11 extras and 5 was the highest score.

"Coalville Times" Charity Cup

The following is a list of the players registered as being qualified to play for the "Coalville Times" Charity Cup.

Whitwick Holy Cross

T. W. Harris, W. Stanley, M. Noon, J. W. Orton, P. Commons, M. Downes, W. Stanyard, W. T. Hull, A. Waterfield, F. E. Needham, T. Preston, G. Harris, J. Beeson, T. Stanyard, A. Richardson, B. Stanyard, S. Briers, B. Rewhorn, W. Briers, G. Stanyard, A. Twigg, H. Rennocks, J. Botterill, J. Roach, J. Noon, J. Newell, B. Revell, J. Rewhorn, A. Thorpe, T. McCarthy, A. Roulston, G. Hill, A. Massey, P. Massey, J. Massey, J. Parrish, T. Parrish, T. Storer, J. Boam, J. Williamson, A. Barlow, A. Schofield, C. Toon, L. Wheeldon, A. Utting, J. Phillips.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

The marriage of Miss Burkitt, of Whitwick, is fixed for Wednesday June 18th.

Obituary

The death took place this week (after a short, but painful illness) of Miss Evelyn Webster, the youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Thomas Webster, of Silver Street. The deceased young lady was 21 years of age, and was much esteemed by all who knew her, and sympathy will be extended to the bereaved family. The funeral took place on Thursday (yesterday) amid manifestations of sorrow. There were many beautiful floral tributes. The officiating clergyman was the Rev. Temple Wilson.

Funeral of Mr I. Foster

The funeral of the late Mr Isaac Foster, of Silver Street, Whitwick, took place on Friday afternoon. The service, the first part of which was held at the parish church, was conducted by the Rev. Mr Pattison. The chief mourners were Mr C. Foster and Miss Foster, son and daughter; Mrs Ward of Derby, and Mrs Cox of Leicester, sisters; Mr W. Foster of Loughborough, brother; Miss Upton of Woodhouse, sister-in-law; Mr R. T. Bradshaw of Coalville, brother-in-law; Mr and Mrs W. Fern of Whitwick, brother-in-law and sister-in-law; Miss L. Fern, Mr A. Fern, Whitwick, Mrs Pratt, Long Whatton, Mr E. Glynn

and Miss Glynn:- On Sunday morning a muffled peal was rung on the bells and at the evening service, Mr R. G. West, organist, played the Dead March.

Friday June 13th 1913 (Issue 1112)

Local News

We understand that the Whitwick Colliery Company are about to open two building estates, one on the Hermitage Road and the other on Bardon Road. A sale of plots is to be conducted by Messrs. Orchard and Joyce on June 30th.

The New Vicar

The living of Whitwick, which is of the value of £400, and is in the gift of the Duchy of Lancaster (Mr Hoohouse) has been accepted by the Rev T. W. Walters M.A. rector of Hamworthy, Poole, Dorset. There were several local applicants, but the new Vicar is an entire stranger to the district. He and his wife paid their first visit to the parish on Monday, staying overnight. They were shown round by the churchwardens, and before leaving on Tuesday, the rev. gentleman intimated to Mr Storer West his intention to accept the appointment. It is understood that the new Vicar is a low Churchman, abstainer and non-smoker. He is middle aged and has three boys. It is expected that about a month will elapse before he enters on his new duties. The new Vicar will be the patron of the living of St. George's, Swannington, now vacant, the value of which is about £200 a year.

Coalville Police Court

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

Bad Language

Samuel Smith, blacksmith, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick on May 21st. P.C. Grewcock said the defendant caused a disturbance at his house in Church Lane, where they had him tied on the couch with a clothes line. Defendant who did not appear was fined 10s 6d and 12s costs or 7 days.

Edward Squires, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick on May 21st. He did not appear, P.C. Grewcock said there had been a funeral at the house in Silver Street earlier in the day. Defendant had been using bad language in the afternoon and evening. Fined 5s 6d and 12s 6d costs or 7 days.

Wm Allen, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick on May 26th. P.C. Grewcock gave the facts in the absence of the defendant, who was fined 10s 6d and 12s 6d costs or 14 days.

Robert Lee, rag and bone gatherer, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly, at Whitwick on May 28th. He did not appear. P.C. Jelley said he found the defendant in Silver Street, with a lot of children round him. His language was very bad. Fined 7s 6d and 12s 6d costs or 7 days.

Sports News

Football

Whitwick Imperial and Hugglescote Wesleyans have applied for admission to Division One of the Coalville Amateur Football League.

Cricket

Whitwick Holy Cross V Gracedieu Park

At Whitwick:- Two big scores kept the teams in the field till after eight o'clock, Whitwick winning a keen game by twenty runs. The Holy Cross batting was very consistent. The highest individual score was 17, but seven of the batsmen reached double figures in a total of 123. There were also five double-figure men on the Gracedieu side and it looked at one time as though they might win. There were 54 on the board for only two wickets but four men were out quickly after this. With 94 for seven however, there seemed a good chance but the last three wickets fell cheaply. S. Briers took five wickets for 27 runs and M. Noon three for 17.

Friday June 20th 1913 (Issue 1113)

Local News

Miss Harding, secretary of the Whitwick Nursing Association wishes to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of cheque for £3 from the Coalville Charity F.A. per Mr J. W. Farmer.

Coalville Police Court

Today (Friday) – Before Mr H. J. Ford (in the chair), Mr J. W. West and Mr W. Sheffield

Walter Stanley, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for driving without lights at Whitwick on June 8th. Defendant did not appear. P.C. Grewcock gave the facts and defendant was fined 2s and 12s 6d costs or 7 days.

Ernest Stanley, Fish dealer, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk in charge of a horse and carriage at Coalville on June 1st. Defendant did not appear. Sergeant Dobney said he saw defendant driving towards London Road at 9.50 pm. He was very drunk and witness had to get someone to drive him home. Fined 10s 6d and 13s costs or 7 days.

Ashby Police Court

Saturday – Before Mr George Moore (in the chair), Mr John Hassall, Mr J. H. Sutton and Mr George Brown.

Whitwick Man sent to prison

John Bakewell (56), bricklayer of Whitwick, was summoned by the Ashby Board of Guardians for non-payment of maintenance arrears to his wife, who is in the county asylum. The defendant did not appear. John Wm Bowley, relieving officer, said that £1 2s

was owing, together with the costs of a distress warrant. The mans' earnings were low, but that was his own fault. In the 17 weeks since the order was taken out, his average earnings had been 10s 7d a week, but there had been four blank weeks, and taking them out the average was 13s 1d a week. He had made as much as 30s a week but when he did that he went on the drink for several days. He could easily earn 30s a week if he liked, but the man would not pay anything towards his wife. The order was for the payment of 2s a week. In addition to the arrears for which these proceedings were taken, there was an additional £2 6s arrears, which would form the subject of another charge. Defendant was sent to prison for a month.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Marriage of Miss C. E. Burkitt

Pretty Ceremony at Whitwick

The marriage was solemnised in the Whitwick Parish Church on Wednesday afternoon of Miss Claire Eileen Burkitt, second daughter of Dr. J. Colley Burkitt, J.P. of the Old Vicarage, Whitwick and Mr G. M. Forbes Handcock of Putney, London, only son of the late Mr G. Handcock of the Public Record Office. The esteem in which Dr and Miss Burkitt are held in the locality and also the personal popularity of the bride had caused a good deal of public interest to be taken in the event, and there was a large congregation to witness the ceremony.

The officiating clergyman was the Rev. F. Boothby, vicar of Ellistown, and a former curate of Whitwick. The bride, who was given away by her father, looked pretty in a graceful gown of ivory satin, the skirt being prettily draped over a petticoat of Limerick lace, and the corsage mainly composed of Limerick lace, outlined with pearls. Orange blossoms surmounted a long tulle veil, and she carried a handsome shower bouquet composed of white carnations, white roses, lilies of the valley, and white heather, the gift of the bridegroom, who also presented the bride with a large silver fitted dressing case, and a gold bracelet watch.

The two bridesmaids were Miss Burkitt and Miss Norah Burkitt, sisters of the bride, whose dresses were of white shantung made very simply with dropped surest, the bodices having small chemisettes of French lace and collars to match. They also wore white hats lined with white aeroplane, the top having large, uncurled ostrich feathers drooping over the brim, and they had on white shoes and stockings. They carried sheafs of deep purple irises tied with purple satin, and wore pearl and peridot pendants, the gift of the bridegroom.

Mr Nicholas W. Sadler of Richmond, Surrey, officiated as best man.

The service was fully choral and the hymns sung were "O perfect love" and "Lord divine". Mr R. G. West (organist) played the Wedding March by Tannhauser and other suitable music and there was a merry peal on the church bells immediately after the service, and another as the happy couple started for their honeymoon later in the day. The bride and bridegroom left for a tour through the South-west of Ireland. The bride travelled in a smart navy coat and skirt, lined out with putty and putty-coloured buttons, and a navy and white Tagel hat.

They were the recipients of a splendid lot of presents, the following being the list:-

Bride to bridegroom, gold cuff links, and wrist watch. Bridegroom to bride, large silver-fitted dressing case, and gold bracelet watch. Father of bride, cheque, leather arm-chair. Mother of bride, cheque, household linen. Miss Burkitt, suede fitted bag, parasol. 'K.B' and Norah, brass fire screen. Rev and Mrs Falkiner Wilkinson, silver tea caddy. Rev and Mrs H. Fitzmaurice, dozen hand-embroidered Irish linen napkins. Mr and Mrs R Sussex Langford, cut glass tantalus. Fleet-Surgeon and Mrs Langford, dinner service. Mr and Mrs H. Langford, cheque. Surgeon M. Langford, R.N. cheque. J. Handcock, Esq, cheque. Miss D. Studdert, handsome silver crumb scoop. Miss Wilkinson, Duchesse set. Dr and Mrs C. Griffin, silver entrée dish. Sir Geoffrey and Lady Palmer, gold pocket opera glasses. The Right Hon. Charles and Mrs Booth, silver salt cellars. The Hon. Malcolm and Mrs Macnaghten, jewelled neck slide. The Rev F. Boothby, silver cream jug and sugar basin. 'A.M', pair silver vases. Dr and Mrs Wilson, revolving silver tureen. Dr and Mrs Atkinson, silver fruit stand. Miss Hunt and Miss Harding, set of silver tea spoons. Miss A.E. O'Reilly, silver-mounted umbrella. Miss Margaret Tawner, silver photo frame. Miss Haydock, gold and coral muff chain. Miss Bangham, pair antique vases. Miss A. Henson, afternoon tea cloth. Miss Boyd, set gold studs, afternoon tea cloth. Mrs Lett, brass fender and fire irons. Messrs N. and C. Sadler, leather suit case. Mr C. Pegg, flour bin. Mr F. Bayliss, wall paper. Dr and Mrs S. Morell Hamill, silver entrée dish. Mr and Mrs W.T. Williams, cut glass and silver scent bottle. Mr and Mrs W.P. Downes, silver and china fruit stand. Mrs W.H. Johnson, large silver scent bottle. Mrs Howe, embroidered cushion cover. Colonel and Mrs Grant, silver jam jar and spoon, and set of fancy waistcoat buttons. Mrs Blakesley, silver serviette ring. Mr and Mrs W. Lindley, silver butter dish and knife. Dr and Mrs Vaughan, silver clock. Miss G. Vaughan, lace handkerchief (Brussels). Mr and Mrs T. McCarthy, cake stand. Mrs and the Misses Middleton, pair silver jam jars and spoons. Mr and Mrs C. Fox, silver salt cellars and mustard pot. Mrs Oxley, cheque. Mrs Wm. Turner, cheque. Mrs Trevena, brass cake stand. Mrs Pratt, brass gong. Mrs Francis Taylor, brass trivet. Nurse Lilley, electric iron. Miss M.E. Carter, embroidered muslin cushion. Miss B.A. Carter, pair d'oyleys. Mr and Mrs Bastard, embroidered house linen. Mrs O'Mara, set of china jugs. Misses O'Mara, wicker basket. Misses Powell, silver butter dish and knife. Miss de Lisle, painted satin satchel. Mr E. de Lisle, junr, silk stockings. Miss Clemon, drawn thread tea cloth. Mrs Robinson, drawn thread tea cloth. Mrs Frost, hand embroidered linen handkerchiefs. Mr and Mrs Alfred West, silver cake knife. Mr and Mrs Wm. Stinton, pair silver vases. The Rev J.H. Fry, Dresden cup and saucer. Mrs Martin Allen, pair glass vases. Mr P. Archer, silver inkstand. Miss R. Handcock, gold photo frame. Mr Katman and Mr E. Phelps, pair silver candlesticks. Mrs A. Williams, set of shaving mirrors. Miss and Miss L. Goodall, silver inkstand. The Rev Mother and Nuns of Loughborough Convent, hand-painted satin tea cosy. The Nuns of Whitwick Convent, drawn thread tablecloth. Mr and Mrs J. Sharp, pair of silver siphon stands. Mr and Mrs G. West, Spock and Coleport China bowl. Mr and Mrs E. Rewhorne, silver butter dish and knife. Rev and Mrs J. Gee Clarke, glass and silver sugar sifter, Mrs Geary, drawn thread tablecloth, Mrs Jenkins, pair silver candlesticks and silver inkstand. A friend, glass flower stand. Mr and Mrs E.M.P. de Lisle, three cut glass and silver scent glasses. Mrs Hemsley, flower vases. Fanny, Annie and Jim, large cut glass and silver sugar sifter. Misses Goodall, silver inkstand. Mrs and Miss Ivens, pearl and turquoise brooch. Miss H. White, embroidered tea cloth. Mrs A. Gough, tea set. Mr Puxted, flowers.

Friday June 27th 1913 (Issue 1114)

Local News

Runaway

A horse belonging to Mr G. F. Burton, grocer, took fright on Tuesday morning and galloped from the direction of the Forest Rock down the Leicester Road hill and it turned into Silver Street, being stopped near the Conservative Club by Mr George West.

Silver Wedding Celebration

In celebration of their silver wedding which occurred last week, Mr and Mrs J. J. Sharp on Wednesday evening held a reception at the White House, Whitwick, about 80 guests being present, and they had a most enjoyable time. Mr and Mrs Sharp were the recipients of over 100 presents. One was a silver centrepiece and pair of vases, to Mrs Sharp from the members of the Whitwick Church Girls' Guild as a token of love and esteem, the presentation being made at the White House by Miss Adams at a meeting of the Guild. The Parish Church bells were rung in honour of the event.

Accident

On Friday afternoon, a Thringstone collier named Hallam was cycling round the Whitwick Market Place corner, opposite the Three Crowns Hotel when a collision occurred between him and a conveyance belonging to Messrs E. Briers and Sons. The cyclist was thrown and appeared to be badly injured. He was carried to Dr Burkitt's surgery and was subsequently removed home.

Drunk in charge of a horse

At the Coalville Police Court, before Messrs J. W. West and W. Sheffield, yesterday, Robert Lenton, vanman of Leicester, was fined 10s 6d and 9s 6d costs for being drunk while in charge of a horse and float at Whitwick.

Do you Know

That the Whitwick Church Choir are going with Stableford's trip to Blackpool tomorrow?

That a presentation is shortly to be made to Father O'Reilly on completion of 25 years work as a priest in the parish of Whitwick?

Sports News

Cricket

Whitwick Holy Cross V Shepshed Town

At Shepshed on Saturday, Whitwick batted first, putting up a total of 56, and Shepshed's score was 16. The Whitwick team, in batting order were:

P. Massey, J. Roach, J. W. Orton, A. Richardson, A. Schofield, W. Stanyard, S. Briers, M. Noon, J. Massey, B. Stanyard and J. Newell.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Burials

Smith:- At Whitwick, on Friday, Phyllis May Smith, aged three months, of Brooks Lane.

Taylor:- At Whitwick, on Thursday, Henry Taylor, aged 67, from the Ashby Union.

Accompanying Notes to the June Articles

June 6th

The auction by lots use the word, 'messuages'. The meaning is "a dwelling with its adjacent buildings and lands."

It also has the area of land given in acres, rods and perch's. As a unit of area, a 'square perch' was 16 1/2 feet, and there are 40 square perches to a 'rood', but generally referred to as a 'rod'. There were 160 square perches, or 4 'roods' to an 'acre'.

June 20th

In the report of the marriage of Miss Burkitt several words appear describing the dresses of the bride and bridesmaids.

Shangtung: Is a type of silk fabric, historically from the province of Shandong, in China. Shantung is often used for bridal gowns.

Chemisettes: From the French, meaning "little chemise", is an article of women's clothing that is worn to fill in the front and neckline of any garment. This gives the appearance of a blouse worn under the outer garment without adding bulk at the waist or upper arm. Chemisettes made of cotton or linen could be decorated with embroidery, especially lace.

Peridot: One of the few gemstones that occur in only one colour, an olive green. The intensity and tint of the green, however, depends on how much iron is contained in the crystal structure, so the colour may vary from yellow through olive to a brownish-green. The most valued colour is a dark olive-green.

Friday July 4th 1913 (Issue 1115)

Local News

The New Vicar of Whitwick, the Rev T. W. Walters, writes a letter of greeting in the current 'Parish Magazine' and expresses the hope that with the active co-operation and sympathy and prayers of the congregation the work of the church will flourish. The church wardens also express thanks to the congregation for their loyalty during the trying time through which the church has passed during the last six months.

Stableford's Trip

About 700 people went by Messrs Stableford's workmen's trip to Blackpool on Saturday. The train left from Coalville at 3:30 am and the return journey was accomplished about

four o'clock on Sunday morning. The weather, though somewhat dull, kept fine and the trippers had a good day. About 300 had extension tickets.

The Wake

The annual wake has been observed this week, various shows being congregated on land off Church Lane. There was a large number of visitors on Monday night.

Band Concert

The Whitwick Holy Cross Band on Sunday night, under the direction of Bandmaster Egan, gave a sacred concert in the White Horse yard, and it was listened to by a large and appreciative crowd.

Foot Race

Considerable interest was taken in a foot race on the recreation ground at the back of the Kings Arms Inn on Monday, between Samuel Williamson and Jack Bonser. Williamson received seven yards start in 120 and was the winner.

Women's Club

The women's five shilling club at the Three Crowns Hotel had their annual tea on Monday. Mr W. G. Musson being the caterer. There were 37 present and Mrs Ann Hull, the secretary, paid out a dividend of 11s 1d per member.

Pound Club

The female members of the £1 club held their annual tea at the Three Horseshoes Inn on Tuesday, when Mr Joseph Burton provided a good spread. The members pay contributions and have a draw when the fund reach £1. The male members are having their annual dinner next Saturday.

King's Arms Clubs

The members of the Old Coalfield Lodge of Oddfellows held at the King's Arms had their annual dinner on Saturday, about 60 being admirably catered for by Mr A. J. Smith. Mr Albert Limb presided and a toast list was gone through after dinner, while songs were given by Messrs F. Hall, H. Garratt, J. Middleton and others. Mr T. Moore is secretary of the lodge.

The members of the 5s club held at the King's Arms did not have a dinner as usual this year, but on Monday, the secretary, Mr Wm Benistone, paid out the dividend of 4s 3d per member.

At the King's Arms on Tuesday, the members of the women's 5s club had their annual tea. The dividend amounting to 11s 10d per member was paid out by the secretary, Mrs Smith.

Five Shilling Club

The club held at the Castle Inn, held their annual dinner on Saturday evening last, when about 40 sat down to a capital repast, well served by Host and Hostess Griffin. On the

removal of the cloths the Rev M. J. O'Reilly presided. The balance sheet was read by the chairman, and showed that there were 57 members, and total receipts £138 18s 6d. The expenditure amounted to £21 7s 2d, and a dividend of 6s 9d was declared. The secretarial duties of the year had been satisfactorily performed by Mr G. H. Stanyard, and the auditors of the accounts were Messrs F. Parker and E. Rewhorne. The dividend having been paid out, it was announced that 44 members had enrolled for the ensuing year. The following officers were appointed: President, Mr Thos. Kenny, secretary, Mr G. H. Stanyard; treasurer, Mr P. Griffin; and committee, Messrs Geo. Thirlby, Samuel Burton, B. O'Mara, T. Lander, J. Lakin, E. Rewhorne, and T. W. Harris. Mr J. J. Sharp wrote regretting his inability to be present, and enclosed a donation. The chairman gave "The King and Queen and Royal Family", which was received with musical honours. "The Army and Navy" was also well received, after which Mr J. Kelly proposed, "Success to the Castle Five Shilling Club." "The Host and Hostess" was put from the chair, Mr P. Griffin responding.

The reverend chairman having to leave, Mr T. W. Harris was unanimously voted to the chair for the rest of the evening. The musical part of the programme was provided by Mr Wardle, (Hugglescote, violinist), Mr Stanyard, Mr T. Wilson, and Mr Pat Allen, the latter giving a clever step dance. The chairman read a telegram from Messrs Wells, Kegworth, announcing a subscription to the funds. Mr P. Griffin proposed "The Chairman" to which Mr Harris responded, and in doing so referred to the celebration of the coming jubilee of Father O'Reilly next Saturday." The Press" was given from the chair and suitably acknowledged.

Whitwick licenses to go.

Compensation Authority's Decision

The principal meeting of the Compensation Authority of Leicestershire took place at the Castle, Leicester, on Monday afternoon. Members of the authority present were Ald. T. Cope (in the chair), Mr R. Dalgliesh, Rev C. T. Moore, Mr S. F. Stone, Sir Geoffrey Palmer, Major Hopton, Major Hatchett, Mr B. Hurst, Rev J. P. Seabrooke. The Recorder of Leicester, (Mr Marston Buszard K.C.) was also accommodated with a seat on the Bench.

Ashby Division

In reference to the beer-on license of the Royal George, Whitwick, Bindley and Co. of Burton, being the owners, and Harry Ward, the licensee. – Supt Lockton said it was an old tumble-down place, and the license was unnecessary. The renewal was refused, and the license sent for compensation.

The Beaumont Arms, Whitwick, a full license: owners Hanson and Co. Kimberley, licensee Thomas Allen. – Supt Lockton said the license was not necessary, and that the premises were not entirely suitable. The renewal was refused and the license sent for compensation.

Do you Know

That at the Whitwick Colliery Co.'s land sale at the Masonic Hall on Monday night, three plots near Hermitage Hotel, were privately sold to Mr Vesty, fruiterer of Whitwick, and another plot on the Bardon Road to Mr A. B. Moss?

That the new Vicar of Whitwick, the Rev T. W. Walters is announced to preach at Whitwick for the first time on Sunday next?

That Mr Stephen Latham, for some years the manager of the Whitwick branch shop of the Coalville Co-operative Society has been promoted to the position of manager of the Central Stores in Coalville?

That £30 has now been received towards the £35 required for the erection of a children's window in Whitwick Church?

Coalville Police Court

To-day Friday – Before Rev C. T. Moore (in the chair) Major Hatchett, Mr H. J. Ford, Mr J. W. West, and Mr W. Sheffield.

Bad Language

Frederick Williams, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick on June 21st. Defendant did not appear. P.S. Betts gave the facts and defendant was fined 2s 6d and 12s 6d costs or 7 days.

Two months for Whitwick Collier

Frederick Bryan, collier, Whitwick, was charged with stealing a bicycle, value 30s, the property of Messrs Holland Brothers, show proprietors, at Whitwick, on June 30th. He pleaded guilty. P.C. Grewcock stated that at 11:45 pm he was on duty on the foot road leading from Brooks Lane to Church Lane, when he saw the prisoner trying to put a bicycle over some iron rails. Witness asked him who the bicycle belonged to, and he said "*It is mine.*" Witness arrested him on suspicion of stealing it and cautioned him. He replied, "*I had it from the feast ground. I shall have something better than this yet. I have done, and shall again. It is so easy to steal a bicycle.*" The bicycle was the property of Holland Bros. and was worth 30s. Witness conveyed defendant to the Coalville Police Station, where he was detained by Inspector Pegg. Prisoner was sentenced to two months hard labour.

Sports News

Skittles

Whitwick Liberal Club V Hathern Liberal Club

At Whitwick on Saturday, the visitors gaining an easy victory. 194 to 225

Whitwick Liberal Club

A.Beers, T. Kelly, A. Cooper, C. Meakin, T. Cooper, W. Burton, F. Richards, P. Costeloe, J. Ottey, S. Billings, H. Stretton, G. Jessop.

Hathern Liberal Club

W. Mitchell, S. Watts, H. Berrington, H. W. Kelham, W. Spencer, J. Moody, E. Ward, H. Bowley, E. Barker, H. Gamble, F. Moody, J. H. Spencer.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Wedding at Whitwick

A pretty wedding took place with nuptial mass at the Whitwick Holy Cross Church on Monday morning, the contracting parties being Miss Agnes McKenna, of the Stud Farm, Bardon Hill, and Mr Harry Birtles, of Manchester. Father O'Reilly officiated, in the presence of a good number of friends.

The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr Charles McKenna, was charmingly attired in a dress of ivory satin with a tulle veil and wreath of orange blossom, and she carried a pretty shower bouquet of carnations. Miss Rose McKenna, (sister), was bridesmaid and she wore a pretty pale blue dress and hat to match and carried a bouquet of lilies, which, with a gold bangle, was the gift of the bridegroom.

Mr James Clarke, of Manchester, officiated as best man. Miss Harris presided at the organ and played suitable selections, including Mendelssohn's Wedding March. The choir were present and the hymns included, "Come Holy Ghost" and "Jesus my only thought of thee."

A reception was held at the Bardon Stud farm and during the afternoon the happy pair left for Glasgow, en route for Dunoon, where the honeymoon is being spent. The bride travelled in a saxe blue costume and hat to match. They were the recipients of many valuable and useful presents.

Burial

Berridge – At Whitwick, on Wednesday, Walter Berridge, aged 29 years of Meadow Lane.

Friday July 11th 1913 (Issue 1116)

Local News

The New Vicar – The new Vicar, the Rev T. W. Walters, M.A., commenced his duties in the parish on Sunday, conducting three services during the day. There was a crowded congregation in the evening. We understand that several alterations and repairs are to be carried out at the Vicarage before the rev. gentleman takes up his residence there and meanwhile he is staying with Mr H. T. Bastard.

Sports News

Cricket

Whitwick Holy Cross V Shepshed Town

This match on the Hermitage Road ground resulted in an easy win for the cup-holders, though it was a low scoring match. Shepshed, who batted first, made a poor show at the start, losing six wickets for 42 runs but J. T. Cooke played a fine innings, carrying his bat for 30, and a total of 87 was reached. S. Briers took five wickets for 26 runs, P. Massey 3 for 15 and J. W. Orton 2 for 11. Whitwick had a good opportunity even then, but gave a

feeble batting display. They were seven wickets down for 14 runs and 9 for 25, the last wicket carrying the score to 39. J. T. Pauley bowled six maidens in 15 overs and took four wickets for 12 runs. E. Needham had 3 for 16 and Wright one for none. J. Bottrill batted right through the Whitwick innings for 8 runs.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Death of Mrs O. Burton

The death occurred on Monday night, of Mrs Burton, the wife of Mr Oliver Burton, of Leicester Road. The deceased was a well-known church worker, always taking an active part at teas and other social events connected with the church. She had made herself most useful in this respect and will be much missed. Much sympathy is felt for Mr Burton in his bereavement. Deceased was 65 years of age.

Friday July 18th 1913 (Issue 1117)

Local News

Visit of Women Unionists

The annual outing of the Barrow-on-Soar Women's Unionist and Conservative Association took place on Saturday afternoon, when about sixty members journeyed by brakes to St. Joseph's, near Whitwick, the residence of Mrs Cramp. Visits were paid to the Monastery and other places of interest.

Camp Meeting

The annual camp meeting services in connection with the P.M. Church were held in Sunday last. Morning service was held in a field in the Hall Lane, conducted by Messrs Stanley, Swannington, Foster, Ibstock, Anderson, Markfield, and Perkins, Coalville. In the afternoon, a mission was held, also a service in the field, and in the evening service was held in the chapel. The services were all fairly well attended, collections being taken on behalf of the trust funds.

Unionists Outing

The members of the recently re-organised Whitwick Unionist Association, of which Mr E. M. P. de Lisle is president, had an enjoyable outing to Beaumanor and Woodhouse on Saturday. A good number were conveyed by brakes and the party had an excellent tea at the Manor House Hotel, Quorn. A visit was paid to Loughborough, where they were met by the agent, Mr A. E. Seymour, and on the return journey a call was made at Shepshed. At the Conservative club there the steward, committee and secretary made them most welcome, and games of skittles, etc were indulged in. Mr H. G. W. Howe, chairman of the association, accompanied the party and the arrangements were excellently carried out by the new and energetic hon. secretary, Mr W. D. McCarthy. The event was so successful that it is intended to arrange another on a large scale, in conjunction with the women Unionists shortly.

Parish Church

At the Whitwick Parish Church on Sunday evening, the new Vicar in the course of his sermon made appropriate reference to the deaths of Mrs O Burton and Mr Robert Clarke. The organist, Mr R. West, played the Death March in Saul. There was a large congregation.

The Boy Scouts

A social and dance were held at High Tor (Mr Hallam's) on Saturday evening in aid of the camp fund of the Whitwick Boy Scouts. About 100 were present, and a capital programme was given by the Coalville Pansy Pierrot Troupe. Mr Ratcliffe played for dancing, and Scoutmaster Perry and Mr H. Haywood were the M.C.'s. Fourteen of the senior scouts including Scoutmaster Perry are going to Holland with the Leicester Scouts for the August holiday week, and the junior scouts will go into camp at Finney Hill near Shepshed.

Do you Know

That about a dozen Whitwick Boy Scouts are going to camp in Holland during August Bank Holiday week. That they will be entertained, with other Leicestershire Scouts, by the Scouts of Holland who, in return, are to pay a visit to England?

That the Whitwick Church bellringers propose attempting a full peal of grandsire triples tomorrow?

Coalville Police Court

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

Damage by Juveniles

Samuel Wardle, Samuel Clarke, Jos. Roberts, and Thomas Roberts, schoolboys, Whitwick, were summoned by Charles Peach, farmer, of Whitwick, for wilful and malicious damage to a wall to the amount of 5s, the property of Charlotte Jesson, at Whitwick, on July 11th. Clarke did not appear and the other boys pleaded not guilty. Mr T. E. Jesson, Ashby, who appeared to prosecute, said that last year £40 was spent on repairing the wall at Holly Hayes, which was constantly being pushed down. The case was brought as a warning. P.C. Grewcock said he caught the defendants in the act of pushing the stones off the wall, for a distance of about four yards. Charles Peach, Holly Hayes Wood, deposed as to the damage.

The chairman said the magistrates did not wish to record a conviction against the boys, though they had told an untruth in saying they did not do it. If they or anyone else offended again they would be severely dealt with. The parents were ordered to pay the costs and damage 9s each.

Bad Language

Sophia Bradley, married woman, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on July 12th. Sergt. Betts gave the facts, and the defendant who did not appear, was fined 2s 6d, and 12s 6d costs or 7 days.

Fanny Hall, married woman, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick on July 12th. P.C. Grewcock stated the case. Fined 2s 6d and 12s 6d costs or 7 days.

Sports News

Cricket

Whitwick Holy Cross V Markfield Town

At Whitwick on Saturday, Markfield won after scoring 39 all out and then dismissing Whitwick for 30, no one in the Whitwick team making double figures. The Whitwick team were:

B. Stanyard, A. Scholfield, A. Richardson, J. Massey, J. Botterill, S. Briers, J. Newell, P. Massey, M. Noon, J. W. Orton and W. Stanyard.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Burials

Clarke – At Whitwick, on Sunday, Robert Clarke, aged 56 years, of Castle Street.

Friday July 25th 1913 (Issue 1118)

Local News

Parish Church

The preachers on Sunday, were, the Rev O. Strickland, of Hugglescote, in the morning, and the Rev R. P. Farrow of Bardon, in the evening. It is understood that the new vicar is taking up his residence at the Vicarage this week.

Sunday School Treat

The children of the Whitwick P.M. Sunday School were conveyed in brakes to Woodhouse Eaves, on Saturday, having tea on arrival. The outing proved very enjoyable.

B.W.T.A.

The members of this association had a garden party yesterday at Hervey Woods, the residence of Mr J. H. Stinson. About 50 had tea on the lawn and at a meeting at which Mrs Hartshorne presided, an address was given by Mrs Coltman of Loughborough, and there were two solos by Miss L. Evans and a recitation by Mrs Stinson.

Women Unionists Gathering at Whitwick

Open Air Social.

The Coalville and Whitwick Women's Unionist Association (Loughborough) division held an open air social in the grounds adjoining the Whitwick Conservative Club on Wednesday, when there was a good attendance.

The proceedings opened with a meeting at three o'clock in the afternoon at which Mr J. H. Robinson presided and he was supported by Mrs Booth of Gracedieu Manor, (president of the Association), Mrs J. J. Sharp (chairman of the Association), Mrs Burkitt, Mrs Wiggins, (hon. secretary), and Miss Katherine Shaw, of Westminster.

The chairman explained the object of the gathering and said it was to place before the ladies the views of the Unionist party, by a lady speaker, Miss Shaw. With regard to the aims of the Association, it was to uphold their country and their religion. With reference to the latter he urged that the women had more to lose than the men, and they should see to it that the religion of the country was maintained. He referred to the Welsh Disestablishment Bill whereby the Government proposed to rob the church of its endowments. The country was awakening, as the bye-elections showed, and he hoped that it would enable them to arrest such ill-considered legislation.

Miss Shaw said it was always a pleasure for her to assist Associations in the Loughborough Division, for their organisation was in the van. She found that many members were anxious to do all they could for the cause but they did not know what to do and were timid of launching out in the effort of gaining converts. But they should do that if they cared anything. If a member did not gain one convert a year then she was not doing her duty. In fact, each member should seek to gain two converts a year and then they would soon make substantial progress. She proceeded to explain methods whereby they could tackle their own friends and gain them over as converts. A good many women did not know what was meant by politics. They required to be shown that politics was the science of Government and that Government rightly administered was the greatest good for the greatest number. The more authority they had, the less was their liberty, the more liberty they had, the less authority they had. Germany went in for authority, authority everywhere, whilst in France they went to the other extreme. In England, they tried to strike the happy medium. Proceeding, she said that if they looked at Home Rule for Ireland, and Welsh disestablishment from the standard of the greatest good for the greatest number, these measures would have to go overboard. All other questions palled before the Poverty Problem. They were regarded as a rich country and the dwellings of the workers were much more comfortable than those in some other European countries, yet there were many who lived in poverty. The Insurance Act was supposed to be an attempt to solve the Poverty Problem, but did it. She found wherever she went that there was a feeling it did more harm in one way than good in others. In the Insurance Act they had an example of authority going too far. Miss Shaw proceeded to combat the Socialist idea of State control of industries, as a solution of the Poverty Problem. The liberty of the subject under such a scheme would be so interfered with that life would be intolerable. If they read history thoughtfully and carefully they could not help coming to the conclusion that England was what she was because of her self-reliance, and anything that interfered with that was to the detriment of the country and the race. Mrs Sharp, in moving a vote of thanks said it was not the first time she had had the pleasure of hearing Miss Shaw. She agreed that they should all do their part in the work, if only a little. Their first duty was to their home, but they could all do something. Mrs Pickering seconded and it was heartily carried. Mrs Burkitt moved and Mrs Wiggins seconded a vote of thanks to Mr Robinson for presiding and this was heartily received. Miss Shaw responding, said that since her last visit she had been greatly interested the Association which had such excellent success.

Mr Robinson also responded, and said he was always ready to do what he could because he realised the importance of the women's mission. She might not have the vote and probably did not want it. She had a more important work in the home. Miss Shaw expressed the appreciation of the company at the presence among them of Mrs Booth.

The chairman announced that tea would be provided in the gymnasium by kind permission of the Rt. Hon Charles Booth. Over 100 sat down. After tea the Whitwick Holy Cross Band played on the lawn for dancing, and a whist drive took place in the gymnasium, the idea of holding it in the open being abandoned as the weather was rather cold. Mr J. H. Robinson acted as M.C. and the prize winners were,

Ladies: 1st a cruet, Miss W. North, 2nd a jam spoon and sugar sifter, Miss L. Henson, consolation, Mrs Jelley.

Gents: 1st pipe in case, Mrs Robinson (playing as a gentlemen), 2nd walking stick, Mr F. Glynn, consolation Mr Popple.

The prizes were presented by Mrs Burkitt, to whom a vote of thanks was passed on the proposition of Mr Robinson, and a similar vote to the latter, for his help, proposed by Mrs Wiggins, was also carried. Mrs Wiggins (secretary) and a committee ably carried out the arrangements.

Coalville Police Court

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

Drink List

Thomas Hall, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick on July 12th. P.C. Grewcock gave the facts and defendant was fined 7s 6d and costs 12s 6d or 7 days.

Herbert Hall, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick on July 6th. P.C. Grewcock proved the case. Fined 5s 6d and 12s 6d costs or 7 days.

John Fewkes, carter, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick on July 3rd. He pleaded guilty and evidence was given by P.C. Jones. Fined 5s 6d and 10s 6d costs or 7 days.

James Newell, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick on July 5th. P.C. Jelley proved the case in the absence of the defendant who was fined 5s 6d and 11s 6d costs or 7 days.

Thomas Fisher, labourer, of no fixed abode, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick on July 17th. He pleaded guilty. P.C. Grewcock said the defendant told him he should not go away for all the police in the county, adding, *"I have killed better policemen than you and eaten them before breakfast. I wish we had you in Whitechapel."* Supt. Lockton said the defendant was a stranger to the district. Defendant said he came from Birmingham. Fined 5s 6d and costs 9s 6d or 7 days.

Whitwick Will Case

Ashby Judge reserves decision

A dispute in connection with a Whitwick will came before His Honour Judge Wightman Wood at the Ashby County Court on Thursday last week. The plaintiffs were Frederick John Selby, joiner 18, Conway Street, Nottingham, John Wm Underwood, commercial traveller, 7 St. Saviours Road, Nottingham, Ellizabeth Underwood, wife of the latter, Fanny Selby, wife of F. J. Selby. Sarah Marriott, wife of John Marriott, 29 Warsop Vale, Mansfield, and Clara Ann Williamson, wife of George Williamson, Brooks Lane, Whitwick.

The defendants to the action were Mary Ann Adams, widow, of Coppice Side, Swadlincote, Gertrude Fanny Farmer, wife of Arthur Farmer, Moira Road, Woodville, Amelia Topley, wife of Reuben Topley, of the Turks Head Inn Ashby, Maud Adams, of Coppice Side, Swadlincote, and Florence Adams, of Coppice Side, Swadlincote, spinsters.

The case had reference to a document purporting to be a will made by Thomas Adams of Whitwick, who died on July 13th 1886, disposing of eight cottages for the benefit of his wife during her widowhood, and children.

Dr T. Lindley, of Nottingham, instructed by Messrs Simpson and Lee, solicitors, Nottingham, appeared for the plaintiffs and Mr H. J. Taylor, of Fisher Jesson and Co. Ashby appeared for the defendants. The application of Dr Lindley was to insert in the conveyance words creating the life estate into a free simple. Mr Taylor opposed the application on the ground that the Court had no power to make the alteration and, after considerable legal argument His Honour said he would reserve judgement.

Market Bosworth Police Court

Wednesday – Before Mr F. E. A. Woolaston (in the chair), Mr H. Harrington-Hulton, Mr R. Hanmer and Mr W. Eggington.

Rate Case

George Whyles, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for neglecting to pay poor rates at Bagworth, Thomas Smith, assistant overseer, being the complainant, and the usual order was made.

Sports News

Miniature Rifle Shooting

Coalville Beaumont V Whitwick

Members of these clubs met in a North Leicestershire League match on Saturday, when Beaumont proved themselves superior at all points and in the aggregate won by 96. The conditions were seven shots each at 50 yards deliberate, 50 yards attack, and 25 yards disappearing man.

The Whitwick team were: F. Wilson, C. A. Pegg, F. Smith, J. Parker, S. Perry and B. Williams.

The Coaville team were: T. Lashmore, C. W. H. Gutteridge, G. H. Irons, R. W. Roberts, F. W. Watts and G. Clay.

Skittles

Hathern V Whitwick

Played at Hathern on Saturday, the home team winning by 32 pins.

Hathern Liberal Club team: W. Mitchell, H. Berrington, E. Barker, W. Melbourne, W. Moody, J. Moody, H. W. Kelham, E. Ward, W. Spencer, H. Gamble, A. Moody, J. H. Spencer.

Whitwick Liberal Club team: J. Frearson, F. Sear, P. Costelow, W. Burton, A. Cooper, J. Beeson, S. Boot, F. Richardson, J. Ottey, J. Stretton, G. Jessop, H. Stretton.

Accompanying Notes to the July Articles

July 4th

There is mention of groups / lodges of 'Oddfellows' and 'Friendly Societies' who are holding meetings and paying out money to members throughout the year. These organisations were set up for the protection and care of their members and communities before there was a National Health Service, welfare state, trade unions and the lack of personal or public insurance. These were non-profit organisations owned by their members and with the income being passed back to the members in the form of services and benefits. In many cases this was the only way families could protect themselves against illness, injury or death. The Oddfellows also were fundraisers for local charities and local causes.

July 25th

Women Unionists

The Conservative Party comes from a faction of the 18th century Whig Party. From about 1812 the name 'Tory' was also commonly used. In 1886 the party formed an alliance with the new Liberal Unionist Party and held power for nearly twenty years before suffering a heavy defeat in 1906 with a split over the issue of free trade. In 1912, the Liberal Unionists finally merged with the Conservative party. It aggressively sought women, often relying on patriotic themes.

Welsh Disestablishment Bill

The aim of the bill was to both disestablish and disendow the 'Church in Wales', the term that was used to define the part of the Church of England which was to be separated. Disestablishment meant the end of the Church's special legal status and this would mean the end to Welsh bishops no longer being entitled to sit in the House of Lords, and that tithes paid to the Church would no longer be available, leaving it without a major source of income. Disendowment would mean that the endowments of the Church in Wales were partially confiscated and given to local authorities.

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To Let

Six-roomed house on Gracedieu Road, Whitwick, 5s 6d per week. Good gardens. Burton, grocer, Whitwick.

The Property Market

There was a good attendance on Monday night at the Queen's Head Inn, Thringstone, on the occasion of a property sale by Messrs. Moore and Miller, of Coalville.

The second lot was a corner building site now used as garden ground, having a frontage of 19 feet to the main road from Whitwick to Thringstone and 67 ft to the Gracedieu Road containing an area of 221 square yards, or thereabouts. This lot is well fenced off from the road, and is bounded by property belonging to Mr Thomas Carter. It was sold to Mr E. Parramore, of Coalville, for £30.

The other lot offered was at Whitwick, consisting of three messuages, situated in North Street, Whitwick, numbered 51, 61 and 63, in the occupation of Messrs. Bishop, Hart and Bullen, at an annual rental of £23 odd. The property is brick and tile built, and each house is supplied with Council water. There are two acknowledgements of 2s 6d each per year from the adjoining owners. Mr T. Saddington of Coalville, brought this lot at £185.

Messrs. Sharp and Lancaster were the vendors' solicitors.

Local News

More honours have fallen to George P. Hay, son of Mr T. Y. Hay (manager of the Whitwick Colliery). In connection with the advanced electrical engineering classes held at the Leicester Technical School last session, Mr Hay has obtained the advanced certificate of the City and Guilds of London Institute in electrical engineering for both alternating and continuous currents.

Coalville Urban District Council

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

Highway Committee's Report

A letter was read from the Whitwick Colliery Company that they regretted they could not see their way to make a grant towards laying a sewer in Meadow Lane. A petition was produced to the meeting from the owners of property in the road, and promises of financial contributions read to the meeting, and the committee recommend the question be considered at the Highway Committee in September, and the Surveyor in the meantime to go into the matter and make a full report at that meeting.

The Committee recommend the purchase of the property at Pares Hill, Whitwick, from the late Mr H. Hemsley be completed and a cheque drawn in payment of the balance of the purchase money.

Water Supply

The report of a meeting of the Water Committee stated that the Manager's monthly report was produced and read to the meeting, showing that the estimated gallons pumped during the month was 4,803,000.

The Surveyor reported that in the cases where notices had been issued to put on the public supply, the work was in hand with the exception of Mr Webster's property at Whitwick, and the committee recommend the necessary steps be taken to put on the supply and charge Mr Webster with the cost thereof.

Medical Officer's Report

The medical officer (Dr R. W. Jamie) reported that during June the only notifiable cases of disease were four cases of tuberculosis – one in Owen Street, one in Ashby Road, and one in Berrisford Street, Coalville, and one at the Colony, Whitwick. There were no cases of either diphtheria or scarlatina. A somewhat extensive outbreak of measles and rubella (German measles) occurred at Whitwick, necessitating the losing of one school, there till July 12th.

During the month 20 deaths occurred giving a death rate of 13.3 per 1000. These included one from whooping cough, and three from pneumonia. Forty-three births were registered during the same period, giving a birth rate of 28 per 1000.

The Coalville Technical School

The Coalville Technical School presented ten candidates in the Royal Society of Arts examinations, and the results just to hand show that eight passed. Eleven papers were worked and certificates are to be awarded, nine; three first class and six second class. All are in the intermediate stage. The successful students are:

Book-keeping: First Class passes, Harold Ernest Freeman, Ellistown: John Harold Pegg, Whitwick: and John Henry Taylor, Standard Hill, Coalville.

Second Class passes, Thomas Arthur Dobney, George Herbert Smith, Wm H. Statham, Cyril T. Walton, Coalville and Wilfred Sidney Hipwell, Ibstock.

Typewriting: Second Class pass, T. A. Dobney.

Coalville Police Court

To-day, (Friday): Before Major Hatchett, in the chair, Mr W. Lindley, Mr J. W. West, and Mr William Sheffield.

Bad Language

Wm. Egan, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on July 19th. He pleaded not guilty. P.C. Jelley gave the facts and put in a written statement as to the man's language.

On this being handed to Egan, he said, "*Did I say this?*"

The Constable, "*You did*"

Defendant, "*You are a liar*"

The Chairman, "*Why have you not brought witnesses?*"

Defendant, "*Why hasn't he brought them?*"

Supt. Lockton said he did not want to run up the costs. Defendant strongly denied using bad language and said he had had a lot of illness in his house with his wife and two daughters. He was not in the habit of using bad language and if he heard it in the pit he corrected them. Replying to the clerk, defendant admitted to having a quarrel with his son through the latter coming in late and they had a fight. Defendant had had some beer but was not drunk.

By Supt. Lockton: *He did not throw a clothes box downstairs and at the same time make use of a nasty expression.*

Fined 2s 6d and 12s costs or seven days.

Caroline Smith, married woman, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick on July 26th. She pleaded not guilty. P.C. Grewcock gave the facts. Defendant said she had never used such language in her life. In answer to the clerk, defendant did have a few words with her husband because he was going to his the boy, but she used no bad language.

By Supt. Lockton: *Her husband had not complained to her about neglecting her children. She had slept away from home, and the inspector of the N.S.P.C.C. had since been to the house, but that did not cause her to use bad language.*

Fined 2s 6d and 12s costs or seven days.

Ashby Police Court

Saturday:- Before Mr George Moore, in the chair, Major Hatchett, Mr J. German, Mr J. Hassall, Mr J. H. Sutton, Mr Thos. Varnham, Mr T. Dennis and Mr S. Sturgess.

Whitwick Transfer

The license of the Duke of York Inn, Whitwick, was temporarily transferred from Walter Berridge to Edward Webb.

Sports News

Cricket

At Whitwick, on Saturday. Whitwick Holy Cross on the Hermitage ground secured a creditable win against Ibstock Town 2nd, scoring 85 to 69, notwithstanding that Ibstock played a few of their first team men, and it was J. Palmer who was top scorer with 26. 'Mic' Noon at last found his old form, and contributed 22, and B. Stanyard helped considerably with 21. F. Hawkins took six wickets for 32 runs and A. Schofield four for twenty.

Friday August 8th 1913 (Issue 1120)

Local News

A number of Whitwick Scouts, about a dozen, including Scoutmaster S. Perry, and also two Coalville Scouts – C. White and J. Hussey, left on Saturday morning to join Leicester Y.M.C.A. Scouts on their way to Holland, where they are going into camp.

There is an interesting sequel to the unfortunate shot firing accident at the Ellistown Colliery a short time ago which resulted in a young Coalville miner, named Pendleton losing his life. The deceased man had only been at the Ellistown pit for about a month, having hitherto worked in the Whitwick pit. Most of the miners at Whitwick are members of the Midland Fatal Accident Relief Society, but at Ellistown they are not. Pendleton was a member while at the Whitwick Colliery, but did not continue his contributions after leaving. According to a rule of the society, however, a period of six weeks has to elapse before a member not keeping up his payments becomes out of benefit. This had been overlooked till Mr Harry Toon, a member of the Leicestershire Miners Council and a few other friends took the matter up, with the result that the Society has recognised the claim and the widow is now receiving the full benefits for herself and her child in the shape of weekly allowances.

Coalville Police Court

On Friday. Before Major Hatchett, (in the chair), Mr W. Lindley, Mr J. W. West and Mr William Sheffield.

Bad Language

Alfred J. Williams, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on July 19th. Defendant pleaded not guilty and was represented by Mr J. J. Sharp. P.C. Jelley stated the case.

By Mr Sharp: *"Trouble was caused by the neighbours. As a rule defendant was a respectable man."*

Mr Sharp said the defendant had been annoyed through the neighbours talking scandal about him and he (Mr Sharp) had had to caution them. They accused him of living with a woman to whom he was not married but he, (Mr Sharp) produced the marriage certificate. He had lived happily with his wife since their marriage in 1904 but the neighbours were always subjecting him to this annoyance.

Supt. Lockton said it was the first time and he agreed that defendant was a respectable man. The chairman said provocation did not justify bad language, but in the special circumstances of this case the Bench had agreed not to convict.

Defendant was let off on paying the cost 6s 6d.

Herbert Hall, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick on July 12th. He did not appear. P.C. Grewcock gave the facts and defendant was fined 7s 6d and 14s costs or 7 days.

John Baker, rag and bone gatherer, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on July 21st. He did not appear. P.C. Grewcock said the defendant told him he should use what language he liked. There were several females about and witness received complaints. Looking over the book of judgements, Mr Lindley said the defendant appeared to come three times a year.

Fined 10s 6d and 12s 6d costs or 14 days.

Joseph Young, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on July 21st. P.C. Jelley proved the case in the absence of the defendant, who was fined 2s 6d and costs 12s 6d or seven days.

Joseph Sharpe, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Coalville, on July 27th. He pleaded guilty. P.C. Robertson said the defendant used the language after being spoken to. Defendant said he had had a drop too much beer. He was sorry and would see that it did not occur again.

Fined 2s 6d and costs 10s 6d or seven days.

A Thringstone Fight

Albert Smith, of Thringstone, and Arthur Smith, of Whitwick, colliers, were summoned for violent conduct at Thringstone, on July 26th. P.C. Jones said the defendants were brothers and they were fighting. Albert Smith appeared and pleaded guilty, the other defendant was absent. Each defendant was fined 2s 6d and costs 8s 6d or seven days.

Sports News

Skittles

The Shepshed Liberal Club players visited Whitwick Liberal Club on Saturday and defeated the home team in a league skittle match by 8 pins.

Cricket

Whitwick Holy Cross V Hugglescote 2nd

At Hugglescote on Monday, the home team winning easily.

Hugglescote 2nd making 120 for 9 wickets and declared. Whitwick Holy Cross were all out for 37.

Whitwick Holy Cross V Mr N. W. Smith-Carrington's Team

At Whitwick on Saturday, F. Hawkins took 6 for 27. S. Briers 4 for 13.

Mr Smith-Carrington's team

N.W. Smith-Carrington		b Hawkins	3
D. McCraith		b Hawkins	3
H.P. Whitley		b Hawkins	0
F.D. Caufley	c Sharp	b Briers	57
W.L. Everard	lbw	b Hawkins	0
C. W. Wright		b Briers	21
W.J.H. Graham	c Bottrill	b Hawkins	0
D.T.L. Bryan		b Hawkins	0
T.B. Brough		b Briers	3
G.T. Lovett	not	out	0
W.S.N. Toller		b Briers	0

Extras			<u>8</u>
Total			95

Whitwick Holy Cross

J. Bottrill	c McCraith	b Toller	6
B. Stanyard	c Graham	b Toller	14
A.T. Sharp	c &	b Toller	0
W. Stanyard		b Cautley	2
A. Schofield	run	out	4
S. Briers	c Everard	b Cautley	5
J. Massey		b Tolley	0
J. W. Orton		b Cautlye	2
J. Newell		b Toller	0
J. Roach		b Cautley	1
F. Hawkins	not	out	2

Extras			<u>7</u>
Total			43

2nd Innings

A.T. Sharp	not	out	43
S. Briers	c Graham	b Wright	9
J. W. Orton	c . Smith-Carington	b Wright	2
F. Hawkins		b McCraith	7
J. Roach	c &	b Everard	3
A. Schofield	c McGrath	b Everard	6
W. Stanyard	c Noon	b McCraith	6

Extras			<u>6</u>
Total (for 6 wickets)			82

Whitwick Holy Cross V Coalville YMCA

At Whitwick on Tuesday. Whitwick scored 50 and the "Youngmen" 95, Capper 32. This was their second victory of the season.

Prize Drawing

At the cricket match on the Holy Cross ground at the Hermitage on Saturday, a prize drawing took place for the benefit of Messrs Wm. Briers and Wm. Moore, who have had a long illness. The Holy Cross band played selections and there were a good number of spectators.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Burials

Underwood: At Whitwick, on Tuesday, Mary Ann Underwood, widow, of Silver Street.

Friday August 15th 1913 (Issue 1121)

Local News

The Whitwick Boy Scouts, numbering 14, under the command of Scoutmasters S. Perry and A. ---gg, and a Coalville scout, returned from Holland, and their excursion into Belgium, on Sunday night, reaching Loughborough, Great Central at 10:30 pm and being conveyed in a brake to Whitwick. The lads encamped at Breda, about 40 miles from Rotterdam, for three days with the Dutch Scouts, the whole company numbering about 100. Leaving Breda, they visited places of interest in Holland, including Gouda, and they were taken on a trip to the docks. They were invited to factories at Gouda and brought away treasured souvenirs, most of the lads storing a Dutch cheese in their baggage for conveyance to England. The Scouts appropriately crossed the North Sea to Rotterdam in the steamship, "Leicester" and both on board and abroad met with great kindness.

Sewing Tea

The usual weekly sewing tea was held in the Primitive Methodist Schools on Tuesday afternoon last and was fairly well attended. The tea was given by the ladies, the proceeds being in aid of the debt reduction fund. A service was held in the evening at seven o'clock, when a most interesting and helpful sermon was preached by the Rev. T. John Martin, of Coalville, to a good congregation.

Prize Drawing

A prize drawing took place in the National School on Wednesday evening in aid of the Colliers and Quarrymen's memorial window to be erected in the parish church. Fifty-six prizes were offered and a large number of tickets were sold. Messrs J. J. Clarke, R. G. West and G. Webster acted as secretaries for the event.

Primitive Methodist Church.

On Sunday last, two sermons were preached in this church by the Rev W. H. Whiting, in the morning and Mr J. W. West J.P. Coalville, in the evening. There were good congregations and collections were taken on behalf of trust funds.

Ashby Police Court

Saturday – Before Mr George Moore (in the chair), the Rev. C. T. Moore, Sir William Abney, Major Hatchett, Messrs. G. German, G. Hassall, G. d. Orchard, J. H. Sutton and T. Dennis.

Transfers

The following transfers of licences were made: Duke of York, Whitwick, to Edward Webb from Walter Berridge.

Sports News

Cricket

Whitwick Holy Cross V Coleorton 2nd

At Whitwick on Saturday. Whitwick won the toss and batted first, picking up 110 for one wicket. Orton bowled well, taking eight wickets for 12 runs. Coleorton 2nd at Whitwick caught the Holy Cross in a scoring mood. J. Massey (60) and S. Briers (35 not out) took the score to 110 for the first partnership before the former was run out. Whitwick then declared and dismissed Coleorton for 43. J. W. Orton had the remarkable analysis of 8 for 12. Whitwick's other players who did not bat were M. Noon; T. Storer; J. W. Orton; B. Stanyard; J. Newell; F. Hawkins; J. Riley; T. W. Hull; and W. Stanyard.

New Football Club Formed

At a meeting at the Hermitage Hotel on Tuesday evening, it was decided to form a new football club to be called the Whitwick Holy Cross F.C. Mr M. P. Downes was elected secretary and it was decided to apply for administration to the first division of the Coalville League.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Death of an old resident.

The death occurred last week of Mr Thomas Clifford, aged 83 years of Silver Street, Whitwick. The deceased was one of the oldest residents of the place and was much respected by many inhabitants. He leaves a widow and grown-up family of sons and daughters. The funeral took place on Monday last at Whitwick Cemetery, the Rev W. H. Whiting, P.M. minister officiating.

Obituary

On August 5th was laid to rest, Mary, the widow of the late Mr William Underwood of Castle Street. The mourners were Mrs Harris, daughter; Messrs Fred and Lois Underwood, Harry and Emma. Ernest and Lizzie, Arthur and Julia, Walter and Lillie, Horace and Lizzie, Thomas and Fanny; (sons and daughters-in-law); Mrs Holt and Mrs George Underwood, Snr; and George (nephew). There were many floral tributes. The deceased lady who passed away on her 65th birthday was much respected by all who knew her.

Friday August 22nd 1913 (Issue 1122)

Coalville Police Court

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

Obstruction at Whitwick

John Grady, 19, John Orton, 20, Reuben Robinson, 19, and Michael O'Mara, 21, colliers, Whitwick, were summoned for obstructing the footpath at Whitwick on July 27th. Only Orton appeared and he pleaded guilty. P.C. Jelley said the defendants persisted in standing on the path.

Fined 2s 6d and costs 2s 3d each or 7 days.

Dangerous Driving

Wilfred Moore, 26, carter, Whitwick, was summoned for furiously driving a horse and carriage at Whitwick on July 29th. Mr T. E. Jesson appeared for the defendant who pleaded not guilty. P.C. Grewcock said he saw the defendant in the cart with a man named Bowley Hurst, who was the worse for drink and was shouting. The pace they were going was very dangerous, there being a lot of people about and witness received complaints. He was in Silver Street where the road was narrow. P.C. Jones said the pony was going as fast as it could gallop and Hurst urged defendant to make it go faster. Sergeant Betts said he also saw the defendant driving at a dangerous pace. Defendant, on oath, denied the charge, asserting that they were not going more than seven miles an hour. No one was in danger. Bowley Hurst of Whitwick, denied that he was drunk and also said they drove carefully.

Fined 18s 6d and costs 4s or seven days.

Do you know

That Police-Sergeant Garton, now stationed at Bottesford, and formerly of Whitwick, is shortly to retire on a pension?

Sports News

Imperial F.C.

The Whitwick Imperial F.C. are anticipating a successful season. The following players have been signed on:-

Andy Brady, P.W. Wright, H. Toon, F. Wain, J.T. Cooke, A. Roadley, P. Waterfield, W. Searle, F. Murdy, T. Orton, H. Rennocks, J. Underwood, H. Haywood, R. Roome, W. Moore, T. Glithero, A. Moore, E. Tugby, E. Lees, R. R. Russell, H. Swinfield, H. Hewitt, A. Bird, F. Smith, J. Abell, J. Rady, W. Glithero, G. Chantrill, J. Bird, H. M. Bottrill, L. Bradford, J. Moore, and H. Bonser. Subscriptions to the club include Messrs. Shipstone (Nottingham) £10: Mr Michael McCarthy £1 1s: and Mr A. Waterfield, £1.

Friday August 29th 1913 (Issue 1123)

Do you know

Quite a large number of residents went to Skegness on Saturday from this place and a number of them took extension tickets. An enjoyable time was spent by the briny. The trip went from Coalville station?

That the Dutch boy scouts on Wednesday visited the Whitwick Granite Quarry and were entertained to lunch by Mr J. H. Robinson, the manager?

Coalville Police Court

Friday:- Before the Rev. C. T. Moore (in the chair), and Major Hatchett.

Juvenile Thefts at Whitwick

Harry Harris, George Pares and Hy. Pares, schoolboys, Whitwick, were summoned by Thos. Aris, collier, of Whitwick, for stealing growing peas to the value of 5s at Whitwick, on August 1st. The case was taken in a juvenile court and the boys pleaded guilty.

P.C. Grewcock said the complainant made a complaint to him of the peas being taken from his garden. He saw the boys who showed him a lot of pea shells in a spinney where they had eaten the peas. Replying to the Bench, the constable said they were a special kind of peas which complainant said he was growing for show purposes. They took about two pecks of peas, and did damage on the garden.

Prosecutor said there was a basketful of the shells. He gave 1s 6d, for half a pint of seed. He did not wish to press the case but wanted it to be a warning. The Bench put the damage at 1s each, and ordered the parents to pay the costs and damage, a total of 12s in each case.

Drunk

Bertie Beadman, quarryman, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk on the highway at Coalville, on August 23rd. He did not appear.

P.C. Pearson said he saw the defendant in London Road. He was trying to ride a bicycle but fell each time.

Fined 3s 6d and 10s 6d costs or 7 days.

Sports News

Miniature Rifle Shooting

Coalville Beaumont R.C. V Whitwick R.C.

This match on the Sinope Range, Coalville, on Saturday was easily won by the home team, who were better at all points and won on the aggregate by 909 to 760. The firing was from 80 yards deliberate, 50 yards attack and 25 yards disappearing target. The Whitwick team was:

R. Allgood, A. C. Pegg, F. Wilson, J. Parker, S. E. Perry and F. Smith.

The Coalville Team consisted of:

F. W. Watts, C. Gutteridge, J. Bown, T. Lashmore, R. W. Roberts, G. A. Walker.

Cricket

Whitwick Holy Cross V Shepshed Town II

At Whitwick on Saturday, Whitwick won. Shepshed made 78 all out and Whitwick made 80 all out to win.

M. Noon 3, W. Stanyard 0, B. Stanyard 11, J. Massey 9, C. Toon 13, J. W. Orton 3, F. Hawkins 14, F. E. Needham 8, J. Newell 3, G. Harris 0, J. Riley 1.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Burials

Chapman: At Whitwick on Friday, Mary Emma Chapman, aged 47 years of Silver Street.

Accompanying Notes to the August Articles

August 1st

In the Medical Officer's Report for the Coalville Urban District Council, there were no cases of scarlatina, this is a milder version of scarlet fever, usually following a sore throat or infection and having a red rash. However, many cases proved fatal.

The Coalville Police Court case for Caroline Smith mentions the N.S.P.C.C. The forerunner was the London Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children and was created on 8 July 1884, with Lord Shaftesbury appointed as president. The Society grew and at the 1889 annual general meeting the Society changed its name to the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, with Queen Victoria being its patron.

Friday September 5th 1913 (Issue 1124)

Local News

Leicestershire Miners' Association

Annuities for Whitwick Disaster Widows

The monthly meeting of the Council of the Leicestershire Miners' Association was held at the Railway Hotel, Coalville, on Friday night, Mr A. Smith presiding.

The agent gave a report respecting the sudden death of Mr W. Turner in the Bagworth pit, and also stated that several compensation cases had been satisfactorily settled. Several out of work cases were dealt with. The agent further reported on the meetings of the lodges held in reference to the forthcoming ballot on the Trades Union Act.

The Chairman, as representative of the council on the Whitwick Colliery Disaster Relief Fund Committee reported that 15 years having now expired since the disaster occurred, the committee, according to the deeds of the fund, purposed to purchase annuities for the widows of 5s a week for life. It was pointed out that there were two young people aged 16

and 24 unable to do anything for themselves, and the committee proposed to make ample provision for them. This was considered satisfactory.

The question of non-union men at some of the pits was discussed and a resolution was received from the men at the South Leicester pits, asking to be authorised to hand in their notices unless the non-unionists joined the association. It was pointed out that the council had already passed a resolution empowering their members to refuse to work with non-unionists, and it was decided that, if necessary, steps be taken to enforce them at an early date.

Campanology

A peal of grandsire triples (Hollis' five-part), 5,040 changes was rung at the Church of St. John Baptist, Whitwick on Saturday last, August 30th 1913, in three hours. The bells were rung by J. H. Pegg (treble) W. Fern, H. Percival, G. Walker, H. Partridge, J. Rawson, J. Cadle and A. Jarvis (tenor). Mr W. Fern conducted the peal. This was the first peal by the tenor ringer.

The Whitwick Parish magazine states that *"The Children's (Nativity) Window near the north door, has been ordered to be fixed soon. The Vicar has selected an inscription for the foot of the window. Thanks to the continued efforts of the children, the Churchwardens have sufficient funds to pay on completion, and thereby earn the 5 per cent discount allowed by the makers. This will be the second beautiful window placed in our old church by the children of our congregation. The splendid success of this effort proves the great value of a continuation of small efforts. At Easter 1912 we had a balance in hand of £1 14s 4 1/2d. Since then the Churchwardens have received exactly 60 separate amounts varying between 6d and £7 12s 9 1/2d – 51 of these contributions have come direct from the children at service in church or Sunday school. In addition to these were, Sales of Work, the late Miss K. Burkitt's £5 5s, Children's Xmas Party £1 12s 9 1/2d, Children's entertainment (part proceeds) £5 etc, total £33 4s 10d."*

Towards the proposed Miners' and Quarrymen's Memorial Window in Whitwick Church estimated to cost £127 (less 5 per cent discount) the sum of £76 7s 10d has been received by the churchwardens.

Released from Isle of Man Gaol

The Rev. James Wilson Alexander Mackenzie, formerly vicar of Whitwick, who, on March 13th last, was convicted at the Isle of Man Court of General Gaol Delivery, on a charge of uttering what purported to be a promissory note for £300 from the late Miss Murray, matron of Ramsey Isolation Hospital, to himself, knowing the same to be forged, and was sentenced to 12 months' hard labour, was late on Monday night released from the Isle of Man Gaol under an order of the Lieutenant-Governor of the island. The reason for his release was ill health. He left the island early on Tuesday morning for England accompanied by his solicitor, Mr J. J. Sharp.

Damage to the Charnwood Forest Laundry

A fire broke out at the Charnwood Forest Laundry situate in Hermitage Road, Whitwick on Monday night. About 8.30, a little girl named Clarke, who lives in a house near, saw flames shooting through the roof of the building and called her mother. The latter promptly gave an alarm and a number of the neighbours were soon on the scene throwing buckets of

water on the burning building. A telephone message from the gasworks quickly brought the Whitwick section of the Coalville Urban Council Fire Brigade on the scene under Lieut. Bull, and a message conveyed by Police-Sergeant Dobney, as the result of a telephone call soon brought the Coalville contingent of the Brigade under Lieut. Moreton. As the building is composed of only one storey the Brigade were easily able to throw the water from the road main right over it, and the fire was soon got under. But for the promptitude of the Brigade said Mr H. Wright, the manager, the building would doubtless have been burnt down.

The roof is composed largely of wood and glass, and this was considerably damaged. A portion of the floor was also burnt away near the heating stove, from which the fire is supposed to have originated. The woodwork and other fixtures inside the laundry were badly damaged by the fire and water, but the machinery was uninjured, and no damage was done to the linen. A clock on the wall, all burnt away but the hands, showed that it had stopped at fourteen minutes to nine. Half an hour before then, two van-men had deposited parcels in the laundry, and noticed nothing wrong.

The total damage is roughly estimated at £100, and is covered by insurance. The wind blew the fire away from a haystack which stood in the yard. The employees were able to resume work on Tuesday morning, though it was at some inconvenience. A policeman and a fireman remained on the premises all night, to see that there was no fresh outbreak.

Dutch Scouts

End of Leicestershire Visit

The party of Dutch Boy Scouts concluded their visit to Leicestershire on Friday morning. Leaving Leicester on Tuesday morning, they walked to Bradgate, through the Park by Bardon Hill to Coalville, where as already reported they were taken down the Snibston Colliery by the manager, Mr B. T. Boam. They were much interested in the novel experience. On returning to the surface they were met by the Whitwick Troop and marched to their club room. After supper, they passed an enjoyable hour with the Whitwick Troop before retiring to bed.

On Wednesday morning they visited the Whitwick Quarry and after being taken over the same, were invited by Mr Robinson, the manager, to dinner, afterwards rambling over the rocks of Spring Hill Farm. So different is the rock country of the Charnwood Forest from what they are used to in Holland that it was difficult to get them to leave, and they did not arrive at the Hanging Rocks and Woodhouse until six o'clock instead of earlier in the afternoon as expected. After tea they marched to Woodhouse Station and took train for Rothley, where they slept in the clubroom belonging to the Rothley Troop, who had almost given them up, being so late.

Thursday morning they marched into Leicester, and after a short time spent at the Y.M.C.A. left by the 12 train for Ullesthorpe Court, where they had been invited by Mr Hugh Goodacre, Scout Commissioner for Leicestershire.

On Friday morning they left early for to catch the 8.25 train at Lutterworth for London, to spend that day and Saturday under auspices of the Y.M.C.A. Junior Section. They left for Rotterdam on Saturday evening. The visit had been mutually agreeable to the Dutch Scouts and Leicester Scouts who have entertained them. There is no doubt that both

English and Dutch boys who have come into contact with one another will long entertain the friendly feeling to their brother scouts of another nation.

Coalville Urban District Council

The monthly meeting of the Urban Council was held at Coalville on Tuesday night, when the holiday season was apparent by the absence of four members. Mr Wm. Sheffield, JP, presided and there were present, Messrs M. McCarthy, S. Perry, S. P. Matterson, T. Kelly, W. Fellows, S. Armson and F. Griffin, with the clerk (Mr T. E. Jesson), surveyor (Mr L. L. Baldwin) assistant surveyor (Mr G. F. Hurst).

Plans

The following plans were recommended for approval:

Factory, Mantle Lane, Coalville, for Messrs Walker and Son; alterations to the Railway Hotel, Whitwick, for Messrs Eadie, Ltd; three houses, Breach Road, Hugglescote, for Mr W. Sketchley; house, Whitehill, Ellistown, for Mr J. A. Hume; and factory, Hermitage Road, Whitwick, for Mr W. Stinson, junr. The following plan was referred back: New streets, estate of the Wyggeston Hospital Trustees. The report was adopted on the motion of Mr S. Perry.

Medical Officer's Report

The medical officer, (Dr R. W. Jamie) reported that one case of scarletina, at Kendal Road, Ellistown, and one of diphtheria in Belvoir Road, Coalville, had been reported during the month. A case of typhoid fever had also occurred in North Street, Whitwick. The local conditions did not appear to have played any part in the causation of the illness. No further cases had occurred. Two cases of phthisis had been reported, one in Hotel Street, and one in Marshall's Row, Coalville. In each case the usual precautions were taken. Measles were still fairly prevalent and two deaths had been attributed to this cause. During the month of August, 20 deaths occurred, giving a death rate of 13.3. During the same period, 50 births were registered, giving a birth rate of 33 per 1,000.

Prosecutions

The surveyor reported three night-soil defaulters in Talbot Street, Whitwick. One of the men had been ill, and there was some delay in getting his insurance benefit. It was decided to let him off and prosecute the others.

Do you know

That among the clubs entered for the Hinckley Football Cup are Whitwick Imperial, Coalville P.S.A., Hugglescote St. John's, Ellistown's St. Christopher's and Ibstock Albion?

That Mr S. W. West has been elected a manager of the Whitwick Church School for the next three years?

That the Rev. T. W. Walters will be instituted Vicar of Whitwick at Peterborough on September 24th and that his induction at Whitwick will follow on a date to be announced?

Sports News

Football

Opening of the Football Season

Tomorrow football in Coalville and district will be in full swing, and for some weeks the secretaries and officials of the local clubs have been very busy in their preparations. Though Hugglescote United drop out of the list, other local teams hope to accomplish greater things and altogether the season opens with excellent prospects for a good game in the colliery centre. A few details concerning the local leagues are appended.

Coalville League

The Coalville League has reached considerable dimensions, and the season now commencing promises to be the best in its history. No less than 34 clubs are participating. A pleasing feature is the formation of a strong first division, which hitherto has been somewhat of a failure owing to restrictive rules. Alterations have been made this season, however, which will allow any amateur player to take part irrespective of any senior competitions he may have played in and this has induced several of the leading clubs in the district to join. The new clubs include Whitwick Imperial, Whitwick Holy Cross, Ibstock Albion and Hugglescote Wesleyans, while Coalville Town, who withdrew during last season owing to the difficulty created by the old rule, have rejoined. There are ten good clubs competing in division one, and the second and third divisions have twelve each. New clubs in the second division are Thornborough United and Whitwick Amateurs, and there are also two new clubs in the third division, Heather Imperial and Osgathorpe United. The latter club were anxious to join the Loughborough League, but as they are in the Coalville area, and there was a vacancy through the withdrawal of Measham Town, they were advised to come to Coalville, and acted wisely in accepting. They will have some good matches in the Coalville League third division, which was a most interesting and successful one last season. There is no change in the officials of the League.

Whitwick Imperial

A. Roadley; P. Waterfield and J. T. Cooke; H. Toon, J. Bird and P. W. Wright; F. Wain, A. Brady, J. Moore, J. Abel and W. Moore.

Whitwick Imperial Reserves

A. Hart; J. Moore and F. Smith, E. Tugby, H. Rennocks and H. Hewitt; Levi Bradford, A. Bird, E. Lees, R. Rossell and A. Croson. Res. G. Chantrill and E. Glithero.

Skittles

Colliery Clerks at Play

The clerks of the Whitwick Colliery last night played a match at skittles at the Conservative Club, and afterwards partook of dinner in the games room. Mr Brown catered excellently and an enjoyable evening was spent.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Burials

Smith: - At Whitwick, on Saturday, James Smith, aged 67 years, of Hermitage Road.

Baxter: - At Whitwick, on Tuesday, George Lohman Baxter, aged 13 months, of Cademan Street.

Frearson: - At Whitwick, on Wednesday, May Ann Frearson, aged 77 years, of James Street, Coalville.

Friday September 12th 1913 (Issue 1125)

Local News

Whitwick Boy's Sad Death

Result of a Fall

The sad death of a Whitwick boy named Samuel Horobin, aged 15 years, of Cademan Street, Whitwick, was the subject of an inquest by Mr T. J. Webb, deputy coroner, at the Marquis of Granby Inn, Whitwick, on Tuesday morning. Albert Horobin, grazier, of Cademan Street, said the deceased was his son, and he was employed in the Whitwick Colliery. Witness and deceased were at the Whitwick Conservative demonstration on Saturday, and then deceased seemed all right. Witness was told about 7.30 that he was wanted at home and left the boy in the field. A little after eight o'clock the deceased arrived home, and complained of pains in his head and said he felt poorly. He told the boy to lie down on the couch, and asked his wife to give him a seidlitz powder. Witness then went into Whitwick to do some business, and returned about 10.30. As the boy then seemed worse, he sent for Dr Burkitt. Death took place about 12.30, shortly after midnight.

Zachariah Parker, carter of Whitwick, stated that on July 31st about 7 pm witness was with the deceased in his father's field in front of the house in Cademan Street, when the boy ran and tried to get over a wall into Cademan Street. He fell backwards, and rolled over on his knees and then on his side, afterwards holding his head in his hands. Witness ran to him and called his father who was also in the field. Witness said to the latter, "*Sam is in a fit.*" He carried the boy home and laid him on the sofa. He asked him if he felt better, and he replied that he did not. Witness remained with him till about 10 pm, and his father went for Dr Burkitt. Witness thought the boy was trying to get over the wall to another boy in Cademan Street.

Dr Burkitt said he was called to see the deceased on July 31st and found him suffering from concussion. He advised the parents to keep him quiet. Witness continued in attendance for a fortnight, when the boy seemed to have recovered, except for violent headaches. He advised the parents to keep the lad quiet till all trace of the headache had disappeared. Witness was called in again at 10.45 last Saturday night, and on examining the deceased found him suffering from an apoplectic seizure. This brought on syncope which was the cause of death.

The jury returned a verdict of death from syncope, due to an apoplectic seizure as the result of a fall on July 31st. The funeral of the unfortunate boy took place at Whitwick cemetery on Tuesday afternoon, when there were many tokens of public sympathy for the deceased's parents in their sad bereavement.

For Sale

3 heavy drays, on fairground, Coalville, £7 10s each. Apply McQuire, 13 Vicarage Street, Whitwick.

Liberal Club's Annual Event

The annual open show of flowers, fruit and vegetables in connection with the Whitwick Liberal Club was held on Saturday in the Public Hall. Prizes were offered in 29 classes and there was a capital entry, some splendid produce being shown. The judges were Messrs A. Huthby (gardener to Mr J. J. Sharp, of the White House), and W. Bambridge (gardener to Mr Justice Joyce, of Abbots Oak). The secretarial duties were ably discharged by Mr Dennis Otter and Mr Thomas Kelly, and the committee responsible for the excellent arrangements were : President , Mr Anthony Needham; vice-president, Mr G. H. Hallam; committee, Messrs Sam Jarvis, Twigg, Sheen, S. Perry, J. Frearson, E. Briers, A. Cooper, A. Beers, H. Allgood, G. Jessop, H. Lovell, Joseph Kelly, Fred Harper, B. Johnson, T. Ottey, James Clifford, Fred Perry, J. Ward, Fred Sears, J. Beeson, H. Beeson, S. Billings, J. Rose, J. Wardle.

Prize List

Collection of Vegetables – 1 and special, J. W. Williamson, Whitwick; 2 Walter Brooks, Whitwick; 3 Bowley Hurst, Whitwick.

White kidney potatoes – 1 and special, J. W. Williamson; 2 John Beeson, Whitwick.

Coloured potatoes – 1 J Beeson; 2 W. Waring, Shepshed.

White round potatoes - J. W. Williamson; 2 W. Willmott, Gracedieu.

Coloured round potatoes – 1 W. Waring; 2 B. Hurst

Parsnips – 1 James Musson, Whitwick; 2 B. Hurst

Shorthorn carrots – 1 J. W. Williamson; 2 Michael Shea, Whitwick.

Intermediate carrots – 1 J. W. Williamson; 2 Michael Shea

White turnips – 1 A. Cooper, Whitwick; 2 J. Musson

White celery – 1 and special, B. Hurst; 2 J. W. Williamson; 3 A Cooper

Red celery – 1 George Corbert, Shepshed; 2 J. W. Williamson; 3 B. Hurst.

Cauliflowers – 1 W. Brooks; 2 Joe Frearson, Whitwick

Onions - 1 and special, J. W. Williamson; 2 A. Cooper 3 Walter Bradley, Thringstone.

Marrows - 1 W. Waring; 2 J. W. Williamson.

Heavy Marrows - 1 J. Beeson; 2 W. Waring.

Runner Beans - 1 and special, W. Brooks; 2 R. Wilks, Whitwick

White Cabbage – 1 J. W. Williamson; 2 W. Waring

Red Cabbage – 1 and special, J. Frearson; 2 W. Brooks

Leeks – 1 B. Hurst; 2 M. Shea

Cooking Apples – 1 B. Hurst; 2 W. Waring

Dessert Apples – 1 J. W. Williamson; 2 M. Shea

Roses – 1 and special, W. Waring; 2 Mr Green, Whitwick

Cactus Dahlias – 1 Mr Richards, Coleorton; 2 J. Beeson

Six bunches sweet peas – 1 and special, W. Waring; 2 J. Beeson; 3 M. Shea

Asters – 1 W. Waring; 2 B. Hurst

Twelve pods of peas – 1 J. W. Williamson; 2 W. Waring

Eschalots – 1 S. E. Sharp, Loughborough; 2 B. Hurst

Six heavy potatoes – 1 R. Wilkes, 8lbs 12oz; 2 B. Hurst, 8lbs 11oz

Window plants – 1 B. Hurst

Mr J. W. Williamson won a silver medal, given by Mr G. H. Hallam of Thringstone, to the exhibitor gaining the most points in the show, and he also won Messrs Greasley Bros special of 2s 6d to the most successful exhibitor residing in Whitwick. Other specials referred to in the prize list, were: Class 1, six gallons of ale, given by Mr George Herrod: Class 13, special by Mr Geo. Musson, for six best onions, green tops and untrimmed at bottom; cockerel, given by Mr Arthur Gough; special given by Mr Fred Harper; bottle of whisky given by Mr Jno. Smart; one pound of tea given by Mr Edward Hall; pork pie given by Mr W. Albrighton, value 2s; special given by Mr Wilfred Ward.

Sailing for Australia To-day

Farewell to a Whitwick Man

Interesting Presentation

A social gathering and supper were held on Saturday evening last, at Mr and Mrs Wm. Smith's, "Crown and Cushion" Inn, Silver Street, Whitwick, as a farewell to Mr Robert Sharp, who is sailing for Australia to-day. A capital spread was provided by the host and hostess. The cloth having been removed, Mr Henry Partridge was voted as the chair. He said they were there that night for making a present to one of their friends and neighbours, and to give a good farewell to Mr Robert Sharp. He (the chairman) said it was a painful duty to perform, as although Mr Sharp had not been engaged in the staple trade of this place, the coal mining industry, he never was so happy as when he was among the miners. Some people might call him eccentric in some ways, but he was a man with a very feeling heart, a very good friend to the poor and needy, and so parting with a gentleman like Mr Sharp caused them much regret, but there was also a pleasing part to the duty. They were pleased to see such a good company to wish him farewell, and the committee and secretary, Mr Joseph Cooper, had decided to make him a present of a Gladstone bag. In asking Mr Sharp to accept the gift, the chairman said the committee wished him a safe journey and good luck and prosperity for many years to come (applause).

Mr John Joseph Sharp, who next spoke, said he very much regretted that he could not stay long, owing to a previous engagement. They found in Mr Robert Sharp an Englishman, a John Bull, a man with sound principle, and he was proud of him. This was not the first time he had gone to Australia. He wished him success in his new sphere of life, and thanked the committee for their kind regard for him (applause).

Mr John Wardle said they had in Mr Sharp one of the generous Britons, and if he saw anyone of the poor in need, he would tell them to fetch what they required. He was a farmer with great experience, and he hoped he might drop on a good farm, and grow and prosper as he had done at Whitwick. He wished him good health and prosperity, and if his absence was only temporary, they would welcome him back, and be glad to see him (applause).

Mr Robert Sharp, who was deeply moved, said that he was quite surprised to receive such a present, but he had always tried to do his duty. He should keep the present as long as he lived, and every time he saw it it would remind him of the people of Silver Street. He thanked them very much for it, and he should treasure it as long as he lived. Mr Sharp then stated that the time they had farmed under the Jesson family was since 1850, but the Sharps had been connected something like 400 years with the Jesson family. His last visit

to Australia was from 1878 to 1884. He wished again to thank them very much for the present, and hoped it would not be the last time he should see them.

Songs were rendered by Messrs John Burton, H. Partridge, Arthur Pindle, Robert Sharp, Thomas Wyatt and toasts were given with musical honours to Mr R. Sharp, Mr J. J. Sharp, and the host and hostess, for their excellent catering, and a vote of thanks was also passed to the chairman for presiding, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. The names of the committee who supplied the present are Messrs Frederick Baxter, Henry Partridge, John Wardle, John Burton, Thomas Wyatt, Edward Walker, Arthur Isaacs, Jos. Cooper, Abel Hall and Wm. Smith.

Conservative Demonstration at Whitwick

Interesting speech by Mr Smith-Carrington

Major Bowden's Advice to the Colliers

A demonstration, under the auspices of the Unionist Association, was held at Whitwick, on Saturday, in the Rifle Range grounds. Over 200 partook of tea in a tent in which a meeting was afterwards held.

Mr E. M. P. de Lisle, of Garendon Hall, president of the Association, who was accompanied by Mrs de Lisle, occupied the chair, and was supported by Mr N. W. Smith-Carrington (prospective Unionist candidate for North-East Derbyshire), Dr Burkitt, Mr A. E. Seymour (agent), Mr W. Baldwin (agent Bosworth Division), Mr H. G. W. Howe (chairman of the Association), Mr W. D. McCarthy (hon secty) and others. The chairman said it gave him great pleasure to meet his Whitwick friends once again. He then called upon their 'future member' Mr Smith-Carrington (applause) to address them. Mr Smith-Carrington said he was glad to have a chance of coming to Whitwick again on the occasion of a Conservative fete. It was rather a matter for regret that it had been put off so late in the season, and that it was on the day when football started. He knew that the colliers of Whitwick were real good sports, and when the opening match was with Coalville, it was only natural that the boys should want to have a look at them. Nevertheless, he thought that meeting a most encouraging one, because if the men were not there in full force as they would like, the ladies were well in evidence, and he was convinced that the Women's Unionist Association were doing a splendid work in the Loughborough Division (applause). He had had evidence of that at two elections he had fought, and he thought it would be shown still further at the next when it came. And the sooner it came the better, for they would find then that the blot which had been on the Loughborough Division for something like 25 years would be removed, and once more they would have a Unionist representative (cheers). Not very long ago there was a big meeting at Whitwick addressed by Mr Ramsey Macdonald. That was shortly after the Leicester bye-election, and Mr Macdonald devoted a great deal of time to talking about Sir Maurice Levy, and the transaction that took place which so largely influenced the result at Leicester. It was not his place to go further into that incident, and all he wanted to say was that from the discussion it stood out clearly that it was not a question upon which one could take credit for some fine action, but it was a question as to where the discredit for a poor action should be rightly placed. Shortly after that they had the Chesterfield bye-election and commenting upon that at a recent meeting in Barrow, Sir Maurice Levy took a conciliatory tone and recommended that the Labour lamb should lie down with the Liberal lion. Sir Maurice did not say whether they were to be side by side or one inside the other (laughter), but he invited the labour people like good

boys to join the Liberals to fight the common foe of Unionism. When he spoke of the common foe of Unionism, or when any Radical spoke of it, he (the speaker) admitted that they were the common foe of those bodies which made up the Coalition Government, but they were not the common foe of the working man, or anything like it. On the contrary, if they looked through the past history of the Conservative party and their programme for the future, they would see that the Unionist party had stood and did stand for the best interests of the workers. If they considered the past they would find that it was the Unionist party which had stood for the health and safety of the workers. They passed the majority of the Factory Acts, and certainly were the pioneers in starting a new era in that direction. It was also the Unionist party which promoted the Public Health Acts and Housing Acts which made for the betterment of the conditions and sanitary arrangements under which the working class lived. To the Unionists also had to be attributed those wise measures for small holdings and allotments, while if they came more strictly to questions of organised labour, they would find that the Trade Union Act itself was a Unionist measure. Before that time, it was actually criminal for workmen to come together, and it was the Unionists who gave them the right to combine and form the trade unions to which so many now belonged (cheers). Again it was the Unionist party that passed the Truck Act. Before then, it was the custom in many works to pay men their wages with stuff made in the works, but the Unionist party put an end to that, and said the wages must be in cash. The Unionist party – and this fact would ever be associated with the name of Mr Joseph Chamberlain (cheers) – started the Workman's Compensation Act, and they also passed the first Unemployment Act. That Unemployment Act was admittedly an experimental one, on which they could enlarge in the future, but the Liberals said it was useless, and during the eight years they had been in office, had done nothing to put anything better in its place. He went on to deal with the Liberals' claim that they represented the voice of the people, and pointed out how they had guillotined measures through upon which the voice of the people had never been heard. On the other hand, it was the Unionists who gave them county and local councils, so that people who liked to have a share in the administration of local and county affairs, might have an opportunity of doing so. It was the Unionist party from A to Z that had stood for the true representation of the people and legislation by which they would have themselves governed. He would also remind them that it was the Unionist party which carried the earlier Friendly Societies' Acts, which endowed the Friendly Societies with the privileges which they enjoyed. How far those privileges had been invaded he would refer to later. With the Radical Government in power there had been few opportunities for the Opposition to bring in new measures, but a committee of the Unionist party had been sitting to consider sound social reforms, and had put forward those reforms in certain directions. They had, though in opposition, introduced a measure of small holdings, their object being to try to secure for the people of England, the same privileges that were enjoyed in Ireland – the privilege of being able to buy the land they occupied by the payment of instalments spread over a long period of years so that instead of being, as the Liberals would have them the perpetual tenants of the County Council, they would have facilities, not for mere occupation, but of becoming owners of the land they tilled. Then there was the Housing question. The Unionists had brought forward a measure to improve the housing conditions in the towns by the pulling down of slums and replacing them with better and more suitable dwellings for the working classes. When they had put forward such measures as these, how had they been met? The Liberal party had refused to have anything to do with them. They had not discarded them on their merits, but neglected them to rush on with such measures as Home Rule and Church Disestablishment, for which nobody cared at all. While speaking of land, let him refer to the land tax. They were told that Mr Lloyd-George's famous Budget was to make the rich poorer, and the poor richer, but they all knew how incorrect those prophecies were. It was not the rich man who had felt the tax, but the poor man. He cited the case of a Willesden

road-sweeper who, by the exercise of thrift was able to build himself a house at a cost of £295. Ultimately he fell on bad times, and had to sell his house, losing £55 on the transaction. One would have thought that was enough, but the Government officials came along, and said that as there had been an improvement on the site value the man must pay increment duty to the extent of £4 15s 1d ("Shame"). They all agreed that it was a shame, and yet that was how this beneficent measure so highly spoken of by Mr Lloyd-George worked in actual practice. It had come to his knowledge quite recently that even allotment-holders in Loughborough were being served with demand notices for undeveloped land tax on their allotments. The law under Mr Lloyd-George's scheme was that where land was used for agricultural purposes and was worth more than £50 an acre, they must pay duty on the difference between £50 and the value of it, with the exception that if the total value is under £500 and the land happened to be occupied by the man who actually owned it, then they let him off. But apart from that, they would see how it would bear on allotment-holders. It stood to reason that in the neighbourhood of a town allotments must be on fairly valuable land. It was almost impossible for it to be otherwise if they were to be near the town for the convenience of the holders. But under the Liberal land scheme they would find that the land, which was bound to be worth over £50 an acre would be subject, with the reservation he had named, to the payment of duty. That did not affect the rich man: it was the poor man interested in allotments and it was in that and other ways that they would see how the Liberal Government had taxed and hit the working man. Alluding to the Insurance Act, he said they had been reading lately in the papers reports of the conference of the Friendly Societies, and at most of them the Act had been denounced. Notwithstanding that Act affected millions of people and cost them an enormous sum of money, it was hurriedly carried through by the Liberal party, hounded on by Mr Redmond. He had several times pointed out that the Government had no right to compel the people to be insured unless they guaranteed the benefits. Personally, he thought it should not have been made compulsory at all. The scheme that appealed to him was the one put forward by the Manchester Unity some years ago. They were willing to take in people in a poor state of health if the Government would refund them for the loss they incurred on that class of member. He would also have been willing to see a Government grant made to the friendly societies on their other members. The cardinal principle in these matters was to help those who tried to help themselves (cheers). That would have encouraged thrift, and would have secured for ever what was best in their friendly society work. He knew that most of the men in Whitwick were members of friendly societies, and when they read the reports of the conferences, he thought they must feel alarmed. When the valuations took place three years hence, he thought they would come out very badly. Unionists who went into the Insurance Act doubted its financial soundness at the time, and they doubted it still more to-day. He concluded with an appeal for support to the Unionist party who, he said, had a constructive, and not a destructive policy, and would work for the best interests of the people (cheers).

Major G. Harland Bowden commenced his speech with a reference to the ladies, observing that they had a strong branch of the Women's Unionist Association in North-East Derbyshire. Having spoken of the good work Mr Smith-Carrington was doing in the Loughborough Division, the Major said he could see no reason for the slightest bitterness in politics. He was willing to shake hands most heartily with any Radical who truly believed in his principles. They might be both aiming at the same object, but each thought his own the best way of accomplishing it. Therefore, why bitterness of feeling? They must produce sound arguments and if they were in the wrong be willing to admit it. He had no patience with the man who was a Radical or Unionist simply because his father was before him. To-day, it was politics for what they were worth. Let them consider the matter seriously, and

try to come to a right conclusion. No man was right who said that politics did not concern him.

Proceeding, he said the Chancellor of the Exchequer in the House of Commons recently was deploring the great increase in our national expenditure, and the necessity for maintaining our army and navy. He was forgetting that there were still great gaps in the navy to be made up – gaps which some future Government would have to make up – and they could not have social reform unless the army and navy were in a state of efficiency to bring it about and defend it. There were plenty of people all round them willing to fight, but so long as Britain maintained the navy they not only maintained their own prosperity, but also the peace of the world (cheers). When Mr Lloyd-George was bewailing this great expenditure, he said he was blamed, but it was not his doing, as he was only the servant of the people. The people, he said, demanded reforms, and then when they got them they grumbled at the cost of them. He (the Major) said that was not so. The people had not demanded a lot of the Liberal legislation which was costing so much money. The people did not demand the land duties which had resulted in a dead loss of one million, 240 thousand pounds, they did not ask for the Insurance Act nor the payment of members of Parliament. But the responsibility for the whole of these Mr Lloyd-George would put on the electors. Mr Asquith himself had said the only way to make the working classes pay their share of the cost was by directly taxing their food. They should make a protest against this and against having the blame put on to them, by returning Mr Smith-Carrington at the next election (cheers). Mr Lloyd-George did not pay any increment duty on his Marconi shares, though he made a profit of £1,029 in three weeks.

Alluding further to the complaints as to the heavy expenditure the speaker said it all proved one thing – that our method of raising money had broken down. Free trade had broken down and Tariff Reform was to come to the rescue of the taxpayer. He stood before them as a tariff reformer out and out, and asked them not to believe that a tariff reformer was a sort of half-mad individual who wanted to put a tax on everything that came into the country: it was only proposed to tax those things which were taking away the work and the money of the working men of this country. He saw in the audience some men smoking their pipes. Were they aware that for every 1s 3d they paid for tobacco, only 2d was for the tobacco and 1s 1d was for taxes. Were the ladies aware that in every pound of tea they bought they paid 5d for duty? He contented that they should be relieved of some of this, and the duty instead of being on the tea, should be on the kettle which came from Germany to boil the water (cheers). They all knew how the cost of living had gone up, and it was the direct result of the Liberal Government. The Liberal party as they all knew, had allowed the railway companies to increase their freights. He was one of those who said that railwaymen were not yet properly paid for the dangerous work they had to perform, and he was out to help them, but when they did get concessions, the Government had no right to say the people should pay. They all knew that the price of coal had gone up by 4s or 5s per ton at the pit-head, because the colliers had had an advance of wages, but if the colliers had to pay more railway fares and more for their food they were no better off. There was one thing he wanted strongly to impress on the colliers. Mr Winston Churchill had recently made provision for several ships which were to burn no coal, but oil. To-day in many of our large towns the Corporations were using oil engines to drive their machinery: factories were doing the same. If oil, then, was going to be a foreign competitor of coal, as a means of producing power in this country, would the collier take his hat off and shout “Free trade for ever”, while oil was coming into this country free of duty and robbing the miner of his employment? That was the whole thing in a nutshell. What applied to the miner also applied to other trades suffering from foreign competition.

A Voice: The consumer reaps the benefit.

Major Bowden: *Oh, the absolute mockery of it! The absolute folly of it. Cheapness of article meant cheap labour and cheap labour meant that the people could not afford even the cheap article. He asked them to think of that. If they did that he was sure that at the next election there would be an overwhelming turnover in favour of sound legislation, and they would turn out a Government made up of minorities which kept in power on the principle of "You scratch my back, and I'll scratch yours."* (Laughter and cheers).

Dr Burkitt, moving a vote of thanks, said many colliers had been free traders because up to now it had not touched their pockets, but they were keen men, and as soon as they felt the pinch they would realise that tariff reform was to their advantage. He asked them to think over what had been said in regard to the likely foreign competition with their industry by the introduction of oil. On the same principle that workmen protected their labour in the trade unions, they should do so nationally.

The vote of thanks was heartily accorded.

The Whitwick Holy Cross Band played selections during the afternoon, and for dancing in the evening. There was also a tug-of-war, which was won by the Whitwick Granite Co's team. After the meeting a whist drive followed in the tent. Mr H. G. W. Howe being M.C. The lady's prize was won by Mrs E. Briers; and the gentlemen's by Mr Isaacs.

Do you know

That a marrow shown at Whitwick Liberal Club show on Saturday, weighed nearly 20 pounds?

Coalville Police Court

This day (Friday) Before Major Hatchett (in the chair), Mr W. Lindley, and Mr Wm. Sheffield.

Whitwick Farmer Fined

Samuel Topliss, farmer, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly, at Whitwick, on August 30th. Mr J. J. Sharp appeared for the defendant. Mr Grewcock stated the facts. Mr Sharp expressed regret on behalf of the defendant who would have been there, but for being busy with the harvest. He hoped it would not occur again. Fined 10s 6d, and costs 12s or seven days.

Cruelty to a Horse

Thomas Haywood, carter, Whitwick, was summoned by Inspector Green of R.S.P.C.A. of Loughborough, for cruelty to a horse at Whitwick on August 25th. Defendant did not appear. PC Grewcock said he saw the horse attached to a stone cart. It had a raw wound under the saddle, and also another wound. The horse was in a poor state. Defendant took the horse home when witness told him, after he had disposed of the load, being near to the station when witness saw him.

Inspector Green also gave evidence as to the wounds and the poor condition of the horse. Replying to the Clerk, witness said the Forest Rock Granite Co. were the owners of the

horse, Haywood worked two horses for the company, and took full responsibility. They were kept at the quarry. Mr Berry, the manager of the quarry, said he took no responsibility. Haywood had admitted his liability. Mr Lindley said the owners should have known the state of the horse, and should not have allowed the man to work it. The Inspector said he laid the whole facts before his chief office, and they decided to prosecute Haywood, as he undertook responsibility.

Mr Lindley: *I know Mr Berry would not let the horse be worked like that had he known about it, but at the same time somebody must be responsible for the horse being worked in that condition.*

The Bench considered it a case of gross cruelty, and fined defendant £3 3s and 13s costs or one month.

Drunk

Charles Cooper, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick, on August 30th. He pleaded guilty. PC Jones said the defendant caused a disturbance about 11 pm. He had clogs on and was threatening to kick people. He did kick one man. Witness had to bring him to the police station. The chairman said the defendant had twice this year been fined £1 1s for a similar offence, and several times last year. Defendant said he was struck first. Fined £1 1s, and costs 10s 6d or 21 days, the chairman informing him that if he came again very soon he would not have the option of a fine.

David Sanson, painter, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick, on August 30th. He did not appear. PC Grewcock gave the facts. Fined 5s 6d, and costs 12s 6d or seven days.

Frederick James Goodwin, painter, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick, on August 30th. PC Grewcock proved the case in the absence of the defendant, who was fined 5s 6d, and costs 12s 6d or seven days.

Ashby Police Court

Saturday. Before Mr George Moore (in the chair), Sir Wm. Abney, Major Hatchett, and Mr T. Dennis.

Application under the Children's Act

Mr George Farmer, clerk to the Ashby Board of Guardians, applied under the Children's Act, for a magistrates' order for the committal of Ada Ethel Johnson, otherwise Collis, late of Whitwick, and now in the Ashby Union, the St. Winifred's Home, Wolverhampton. He said the girl was an illegitimate child, and one of her parents had been convicted for an offence for which she was sent to prison. Answering the chairman, Mr Farmer said this was the girls' mother.

The Chairman: *Where is the father?*

The clerk said the woman had lived with a man who was not her husband. The man was sentenced at Coalville some time ago for neglect. Mr Farmer said the case was before the Ashby Bench some 12 months ago, the mother being charged with neglect of the child,

and aiding and abetting in immoral conduct. She was sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment. The girl was admitted to the workhouse, but it was found that she was totally unfit to associate with the other girls in the house, and arrangements were made for her to be sent to one of the homes of the Bridge of Hope Mission. Now the authorities of the latter had written asking for her to be removed. He had been in communication with the Church Penitentiary Association, and had placed all the facts before them, and they were willing to admit the girl to their St. Winifred's Home, Wolverhampton. He therefore asked for a committal order, which would give them control over the girl until she was 18 years of age. The mother would have no power to interfere with the girl. An order was made.

Ashby County Court

Yesterday before His Honour Judge Wightman Wood.

Whitwick Case Adjourned for Doctor's Report

James Wyatt, labourer, Loughborough Road, Whitwick, sought an arbitration between himself and Elijah Wolfe, of the Irish Farm, Whitwick, under the Workmen's Compensation Act. Applicant's case was that whilst carting stones from the Forest Rock Granite Quarry to Whitwick railway station, the horse stepped on his right foot, and the loaded cart went over his right arm lacerating and bruising the flesh and muscles. The accident occurred while applicant was in the employ of the respondent and his wages were 18s a week. Since the accident, applicant has been incapacitated. Respondent's filed answer stated that the applicant's particulars were incomplete in that it did not state the estimated duration of the incapacity. He also denied his liability to pay compensation on the ground that the applicant was not, and had not been since May 26th, 1913, incapacitated from work as a result of the injury.

Mr J. J. Sharp (Coalville) was for the applicant, and said the applicant was to submit to an examination by Dr Marriott, of Leicester, who would report to the next court. This case, therefore, was also adjourned.

Judgement in Whitwick Will Case

His Honour gave judgement in a Whitwick will case reserved from the last court. Some question had risen in regard to the proposed sale of property under the terms of a will made by a former resident of Whitwick, a Mr Thomas Adams, who died on July 13th, 1886, and under what was termed an equity action, application was made for the reformation of the deed under the provisions of Section 67 of the County Court Act 1888.

The applicants, for whom Messrs Simpson and Lee (Nottingham) appeared, were Fredk. John Selby, joiner, of 18 Conway Street, Nottingham, and six others, and the defendants Mary Adams, widow, of Coppice Side, Swadlincote, and five others, who were represented by Mr T. E. Jesson, of Ashby.

The Judge said the point was raised as to whether the Court had power to alter the deed and though he had not much doubt at the time, he reserved his judgement to enable him to look the matter up. He had decided that the Court had the power, and he granted the application. On the application of Mr Jesson, the Judge said the costs of both parties would come out of the estate.

Sports News

Football

Whitwick's Opening Win

Poor Start by Coalville Town

The Whitwick club secretary arranged a most attractive fixture for the opening match on the Duke of Newcastle ground, this being a visit by Coalville Town, on Saturday. It was a beautiful day, fortunately, and there was a big crowd, some fifteen hundred people lining the enclosure, which is adequately roped off, and the provision made for the spectators by the spreading of engine ashes will be found much more comfortable than standing on damp turf when the wet weather comes.

The Coalville team turned out as previously announced, but there was one alteration in the Whitwick team, Murdy, a Leicester youth, taking the place of Brady. The Imperial were loath to start without "Andy", who is looked upon as their star forward, and they dallied as long as they could – in fact, too long, for it was just thirty minutes after the advertised time when they turned out with ten men, and the Coalville players had been on the field trying their shooting powers for some time. Brady, I am told, appeared a little later, but the eleventh man had then gone on, and he was, perforce, a spectator. Mr J. E. Heath, a former Swannington schoolmaster, and now residing in Leicester, was in charge of the game, taking the place of Mr R. Gorse, of Loughborough, who found himself at the eleventh hour, unable to fulfil the appointment.

Whitwick kicked off, and almost immediately, Dexter, the Town centre, made a fine spurt which looked dangerous for the Imperial, but Waterfield came to the rescue, and the same back defended well on two other occasions early in the game. Then it was Stinson's turn to fist away from a splendid shot by Harry Toon, an old Town player who is this season wearing the black and white. There was another case, by-the-way, of a player being opposed to his old team, Starkey, late of Whitwick, appearing in the Town forward line. As the game progressed, Whitwick had slightly the best of matters, and once J. Moore missed a lovely chance right under the posts, the ball rolling past him to Jack Abell, the old Hugglescote United player, who also should easily have scored, but he shot badly. The game was kept going at a good pace, both goal-keepers called upon, but of the two, Stinson had the most to do. The old Loughborough Corinthian (Roadley), between the Whitwick sticks was not severely taxed, but was always there when called upon. There were two occasions, however, when Wilkins, on the Town left, might reasonably have been expected to score. The first time he sent the ball across the goal, and afterwards he grazed the upright, and incidentally spoiled a lady's hat who was standing at the back of the goal, the crowd being smashed in.

Resuming in the second half with still no goals scored, it was evident that the Whitwick men meant to alter this state of affairs, if possible, and the Coalville defence had an anxious time. There was no weakness however, both Smith and Davis playing well, especially the former, while Stinson made some fine saves. The Town inside forwards made some good attempts and once Twigg was loudly applauded for a fine shot which gave Roadley a teaser to deal with, but the extreme wingers, as well as the half-back line might have been better. Play continued more or less in Whitwick's favour, and fifteen minutes from time they were rewarded, Johnnie Abell having the honour of scoring the opening goal, which proved to be the only one of the match, but was sufficient to give

Whitwick the points. There was not much really to choose between the teams, but if anything the Imperial were slightly the best, and no one could say on the day's play their victory was undeserved. Cooke, the Shepshed cricketer, made a useful partner for Waterfield in the Whitwick defence.

The match was somewhat spoiled by the players (both teams) so frequently getting off-side, but this was excusable, perhaps in the first match. The teams play the return match at Coalville to-morrow, when a keen game may be anticipated in which the Town will possibly turn the tables.

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Four Whitwick teachers have recently left for College. They are Mr Ernest Needham, who was engaged at Thringstone School; Mr T. Wheeldon, who has been teaching in the Donisthorpe Council School; Mr G. H. Webster, late assistant, Whitwick National School; and Mr Eric Ottey, who has been holding a teaching appointment at Loughborough. All are natives of Whitwick, and all have gone to London colleges.

Harvest Festival

Harvest thanksgiving services were held on Sunday at the Whitwick P.M. Chapel, the preacher being the Rev. G. P. Clarke, of Loughborough. Good congregations attended and the chapel was nicely decorated. Mr J. Newberry presided at the service in the afternoon at which an address was given by the Rev. G. P. Clarke. The choir rendered the anthem "The Lord is my shepherd" and there were solos by Miss Maud Wheeldon. A tea on Monday was well attended and the fruit and vegetables were afterwards sold. The total proceeds were slightly in excess of last years.

Do you know

That the Whitwick Holy Cross F.C. players have been presented with green and white stockings by an anonymous donor?

That Mr Rice, of Burton-on-Trent, has been appointed to succeed Mr G. H. Webster as assistant master at Whitwick National School?

That Mr G. H. Webster was presented with a case of brushes, on Friday last, by the Whitwick National School teachers, on his leaving for college?

Sports News

Football

Whitwick's "Double" on the Town

Coalville Town, like Whitwick Imperial, arranged their most attractive fixture for their opening home match, the two teams having met on successive Saturday's. In the game at Coalville last Saturday, Whitwick again proved their slight superiority and have thus taken the maximum points out of the Coalville club, though it was only by a goal each time.

The first half was productive on only one goal and this was a rather simple one, as Stinson should have easily have stopped Joe Moore's shot. Moore, himself, I am told, expressed surprise afterwards that it came off, but it was one of those things that do happen on a football field sometimes. Apart from this one occasion Stinson kept a fine goal and he could not have been blamed so much had one or two other of Whitwick's shots proved successful. Of the two custodians he had the most to do. Once he cleared finely from Brady for a corner, while on another occasion the ball struck underneath the cross bar and seemed to be going in, but Stinson got it away. Brady had a lovely chance during the first half, but he struck the upright from close range. There were also occasions when the Whitwick custodian and defence had an anxious time, Waterfield especially defending well. Roadley saved a number of shots, including a particularly good one from Wharmby, and once cleared luckily from Dexter when the latter threatened danger.

Each side got through once in the second half, Murdy for Whitwick and Jim Smith for the Town. The latter tried hard for the levelling up goal, but this was denied them, although Dexter once hit the post with a good attempt.

Whitwick were undoubtedly the superior team, as on the previous Saturday, and deserved their win. It is rather a discouraging start for Coalville to be beaten twice by local rivals in the two opening matches but the Coalville team strikes one as being capable of better things. The weakest part of the team seems to be the forward line. Whitwick have an excellent side and should make good progress in the competition.

It must have gladdened the hearts of the Town committee-men on Saturday to see a dull, damp morning develop into a fine afternoon and the coffers of the club benefited to the extent of £13 10s, which was distinctly encouraging. It is to be hoped that support like this will be maintained. It is regrettable to learn from the Coalville secretary that after Saturday's match a lot of damage was done to the hedges on the field by spectators breaking through. Perhaps after this intimation, offenders will be more careful in future, otherwise the committee have decided to adopt stringent measures.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Wedding

At the P.M. Chapel, on Saturday, Miss Harriett Ann Ward, eldest daughter of Mr John T. Ward, builder, was married to Mr Herbert Webster, eldest son of Mr T. Webster of Silver Street. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. S. C. Leach, of Clay Cross, formerly of Whitwick, in the presence of a good number of friends. The bride was given away by her father. She carried a handsome bouquet; the gift of the bridegroom. The bridesmaids were Misses Ursula and Clara Ward (sisters) who were also becomingly attired, and carried pretty bouquets. Mr G. H. Webster (brother of the bridegroom) officiated as best man. The chapel had a charming appearance, having been tastefully decorated for the occasion. Mrs J. B. Newbury presided at the organ, and played suitable selections, including Mendelssohn's Wedding March. After the ceremony, a reception was held in the schoolroom, at which there were 60 or 70 guests. At the wedding breakfast, the Rev. W. S. C. Leach proposed the health of the happy couple, supported by Mr J. Newbury, wishing them much happiness in the future, and the bridegroom responded. A good number were present for supper in the evening. The school was also prettily decorated, and had a pleasing appearance. The newly married couple were the recipients of a splendid lot of presents. The bridegroom is a member of the parish church choir. Both are well known in the district, and will have the good wishes of many friends.

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Situations Vacant

Good general wanted: 3 in family, good wages – Glynn, Whitwick

Campanology

At the Church of St. John the Baptist, Whitwick, on Wednesday, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) was rung in 42 minutes, in honour of the Vicar's institution to the parish of Whitwick. The bells were rung by J. H. Pegg, treble; S. W. West, G. Walker, J. Cadle, W. Fern, B. West, C. Griffin, and J. Bonser (tenor), conducted by Mr W. Fern.

Harvest Festival

Harvest thanksgiving services were held at the Whitwick Baptist Chapel on Sunday and were well attended. The preacher was Mr E. Smith, of Loughborough. There was a good display of flowers, fruit and vegetables which were sold on Monday night. There was also a public tea on Monday which proved a very successful and enjoyable event. A good sum was realised for chapel funds.

Liberal Club

A dinner was held at the Whitwick Liberal Club on Saturday night as a winding-up to the flower show. A company of about 30 were admirably catered for by Mr F. Sear (club steward) and a pleasant evening was spent. Mr A. Needham presided and there were songs by Messrs J. Beeson, T. and J. Ottey, A. Cooper, J. Cooper and others. Mr Ben Johnson being the pianist. Mr T. Kelly made a financial statement showing a small balance in hand. A vote of thanks was passed to the secretaries (Messrs T. Kelly and D. Otter) and the committee for their services. The subscribers were also heartily thanked.

Do you know

That at both Coalville and Whitwick Liberal Clubs funds are being started with a view to parties visiting the football cup final at the Crystal Palace in April next?

That the Rev. T. W. Walters was inducted vicar of Whitwick at Peterborough on Wednesday and will read himself in on Sunday next?

Sports News

Football

Whitwick's Third Win

Three matches and three wins is the record of Whitwick Imperial so far, and the players and supporters of the club are naturally on good terms with themselves. The victory over Loughborough Corinthians on the Duke of Newcastle ground on Saturday was even more decisive than those over Coalville Town the two preceding weeks. The Infirmary Parade

materially affected the attendance, together with the rain, and there was nothing like the "gate" that Loughborough Corinthians usually draw when they visit Whitwick, but the spectators who were present were privileged to witness a good match, and some particularly smart play by members of the home side, who were clearly the best side and well deserved to win.

Whitwick included a new forward, Searle, late of Belvoir S.S. (Leicester), and he made a very successful debut. He pleased the spectators immensely and is regarded as a very useful addition to the Whitwick side, who are already strong enough to take a lot of beating by any club in the League. They played with dash on Saturday and were soon rewarded for their efforts by a goal obtained by Wain, who played finely, and since he appeared for Coalville Town, has developed into quite a clever outside right. He is a most stylish player and possesses a rare turn of speed.

Murdy put them further ahead and a lead of two goals at the interval put that confidence in the players which is a great factor in achieving success. Loughborough improved for a time after crossing over and Belton opened their account but the superiority of the Imperial was again shown when Moore got a third for Whitwick. This was the extent of the scoring although Whitwick missed many chances through poor shooting, and it looked as if the home team were in for another when a penalty was awarded, but Brady failed with the kick. The two goal-keepers, Billingham (Loughborough) and Roadley (Whitwick) both gave good displays, the visiting custodian having the most to do.

Owing to their being so few clubs in the Leicestershire Senior League this season, a medal competition has been arranged for the league clubs and this match was the first of the medal series. This victory therefore, does not count to the credit of the Whitwick club in the ordinary League Chart, but gives them two points in the medal competition.

Coalville League

The opening Saturday saw seven matches decided in the Coalville and District League. These interesting games were played in the first division, the home team winning in each case, and all were old clubs playing against new ones. Both the new Whitwick teams came a cropper. The Holy Cross played Hugglescote St. John's on the Crescent Rd ground and were beaten 5 – 0, while it was also by five goals that Whitwick Imperial Res. lost to the St. Christopher's at Ellistown, the result being 6 – 1.

Coalville Football League

A meeting of the management committee of the Coalville League was held at the Red House Hotel, on Monday night, Mr J. Kirby presiding. There were also present, Messrs G. Swain, D. Marston, J. Tivey, R. T. Bradshaw and C. E. Marston (hon sec).

The secretary produced copies of the handbook just completed. He said its publication had been delayed somewhat through him having to arrange all Osgathorpe fixtures and a change in the Ashby Hastings F.C. secretary. The latter club had not yet fixed up with the Bardon Hill club and the books had been printed without these.

A letter was received from Hugglescote St. John's stating that Mr J. E. Lowe was a member of their committee and was eligible to act as auditor, as appointed at their annual meeting. As the committee had received a letter from Coalville P.S.A. at the meeting stating that Mr Lowe had ceased his connections with their club they appointed Mr J.

Draycott in place of Mr Lowe, and notice was now given to rescind this minute and the re-appointment of Mr Lowe in accordance with the resolution of the annual meeting.

Mr W. Burton (Whitwick Amateurs) reported Ibstock Wanderers for non-fulfilment of fixture on September 13th and claimed 2s for marking ground and 10s loss of "gate." Mr T. Cheney (referee) wrote claiming 2s 6d, his fee, for the same match. Mr Adcock (Ibstock Wanderers) attended the meeting and stated that he tried to get the match postponed. They were unable to raise a team that day owing to it being the Infirmary parade at Ibstock. Owing to the extenuating circumstances, it was decided to let Ibstock off on paying the referee's fee, the match to be rearranged within 14 days. Whitwick's claim for loss of "gate" was not entertained.

The Secretary reported Mr Dennis (referee) for failing to take the Moira United Reserves V Nailstone All Saints' match and Mr Dennis wrote stating that he made a mistake in reading the list. He had no notification of the match from the Moira secretary, however, the secretary said Mr Rhodes (Moira secretary) had written stating that he did notify Mr Dennis. The matter was adjourned for further particulars.

It was reported that the following clubs had not paid all monies due to the league for the current season:

Whitwick Holy Cross, Thornborough United, Bagworth Town, Ravenstone United, Ibstock Excelsior and Nailstone All Saints, and it was decided that all amounts due must be paid within seven days or a fine of 2s 6d would be imposed.

Skittles

Whitwick Liberal Club V Barrow Liberal Club

At Whitwick on Saturday, the home team winning by two pins, 196 to 194. The Whitwick team were:

J. Ottey, H. Lovell, G. Woodhouse, G. Jessop, A. Stretton, J. Stretton, F. Richards, T. Cooper, J. Beeson, S. Billings, W. Burton, J. Frearson.

Accompanying Notes to the September Articles

September 5th

Grandsire Triples – The Grandsire is a method of change ringing of church or hand bells using a mathematical permutation. The Grandsire method is usually rung on an odd number of bells, Grandsire Doubles is rung on five working bells, while Grandsire Triples is rung on seven.

The Belfry in the church has eight bells – Tenor 11 cwts 3 qts. Treble to fourth dated 1891 and fifth to tenor dated 1628. The other bells were dated 1891 when the framework was repaired.

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In the Council's medical officer's report there is a case of scarlatina. This is a milder version of scarlet fever, usually following a sore throat or infection and having a red rash. However, many cases proved fatal.

In the Coalville Police Court case involving a horse, the R.S.P.C.A. gave evidence. The original organisation was the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (S.P.C.A.) and was founded in a London coffee shop in 1824. There was royal patronage in 1837 and Queen Victoria gave her permission for the 'Royal' to be added in 1840.

September 12th

In the article about the death of Samuel Horrobin, the cause of death mentions 'syncope'. This is the medical term for fainting and the loss of consciousness

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Local News

Motor Car Fatality

Whitwick Chauffeur Exonerated From Blame

Verdict of Accidental Death

The inquest on the body of Arthur Holt, the four year old son of Alfred Stanley Holt, electrician, of Earl Shilton, who was killed by a motor car on Saturday afternoon, was held in the Skating Rink, Earl Shilton, on Monday afternoon, by the Deputy Coroner, Mr F. Bouskell.

John Stafford, the chauffeur, employed by Mr H. Watters, C.C. of Newbold Unthank Grange, said he lived at Whitwick. On Saturday he took Mrs Watters and two daughters out for a ride. In making the bend connecting the Hollow with Station Road, Earl Shilton, he sounded the horn, and again a few yards further on, where some children were playing in the road. As his attention was being directed towards them, the deceased suddenly appeared from an entry right in front of the car. Witness immediately threw over the clutch and applied the brakes, doing all that was humanely possible to do, but the wheels passed over the child's body.

Asked by the Deputy Coroner what speed he was travelling and his experience, witness said the car was going from eight to ten miles per hour, and he had been driving for ten months. Leonard Harvey, an accountant, of Barwell, stated that he met the car, which he calculated to be travelling about 12 miles an hour. He heard the driver sound the horn, and on turning round saw the child beneath the wheels. The car was stopped very suddenly, and he assisted the driver in conveying the injured boy to Dr. Garrett. In his opinion the accident was quite unavoidable.

Dr. P. G. Garrett said the child expired a few minutes after arrival at witness's house. The cause of death was shock and internal injuries, consequent of being run over by a motor car. The jury were unanimous in returning a verdict of 'Accidental Death,' in accordance with the doctor's evidence, the driver being exonerated from any blame whatever.

Harvest Festival

Harvest thanksgiving services were held at the Whitwick Wesleyan chapel on Sunday, Mr G. Chester, of Woodville, being the preacher. There was a capital arrangement of flowers, fruits and vegetables and the services were well attended. The collections with a sale of produce on Monday night were for the trust funds.

Whist Drive

In connection with the Whitwick Unionist Association a very successful whist drive was held at the Conservative Club on Wednesday evening. Prizes were given by Miss McCarthy, Mr John Shields, junr, Mr Robinson, Charnwood View, Mr Higgins, Coalville : the winners being:

Ladies: 1st Miss A. Needham, 2nd Mrs N. Haywood.

Gentlemen: 1st a tie between Messrs J. Holt and H. Robinson, Mr Robinson was the winner on cut, Mr Holt taking the second prize.

Mr Justin McCarthy acted as M.C. and Mrs H. G. W. Howe presented the prizes. The thanks of the Association are heartily given to the ladies who made the arrangements, and contributed to a very enjoyable evening: also to the donors of the prizes.

Whitwick Revision Court

The revising barrister in the Loughborough Division, Mr C. E. Dyer, held a Court at the Whitwick Holy Cross School yesterday, (Thursday) for the purpose of revising the voter's lists for the parishes of Bardon Hill (portion), Coalville (portion), Osgathorpe, Thringstone and Whitwick. Mr Lloyd James (Liberal Agent) and Mr A. E. Seymour (Conservative Agent) watched the interests of their parties.

The Bardon list was got through in two to three minutes and the same applied to Osgathorpe. On the completion of the Thringstone list, also speedily got through, the Barrister, remarked to Mr Waldrum, the assistant overseer: It is a very good list and does you credit.

In the Coalville list, Mr James objected to the name of Wm. Baldwin, who is the Conservative agent for the Bosworth division, contending that Mr Baldwin was not the rated occupier of the Conservative offices in Hotel Street. Mr Seymour admitted that it was a good objection and the name was struck off. In the case of Wm. H. T. Blower, of 42, Park Road, Coalville, the Liberal objection failed. Mr James held that Mrs Blower was the owner and occupier. Mr Seymour produced documentary evidence to the contrary, and said Mr Blower complained that the person who had made the objection had not taken the trouble to make proper enquires. He was rather sore about it.

Mr James: *He needn't be. I don't want to get the man off if he is entitled. I don't press it.*

The name was allowed to stand.

All the old Coalville lodger claims were allowed. A new lodger claim by Arthur James Curtis was objected to by Mr Seymour, who said claimant's mother told him that he paid her 12s a week for board and lodging and that was not sufficient to allow for 5s a week for a separate room. Mr James said it was the case of a son living at home with his parents

who might not charge him as much as they would an ordinary lodger. The Barrister said that if the parents came and told him that they were of a generous disposition he would consider it, but sometimes the boot was on the other leg and sons paid more to support their parents. – Disallowed.

Mr Seymour objected to the lodger claim on the Coalville list of Wm. Prentice, stating that claimant was living with his wife's parents and paid 15s a week for board and lodging of himself and wife. Unless the claimant appeared before the courtroom to give further evidence in support of the claim, the Barrister said it would be struck out.

The Liberals objected to the name of Aubrey T. Sharp on the Whitwick old lodger list on the ground that he had been away at Halifax during the qualifying period studying for his final law examination. Mr Seymour said Mr Sharp was continually backwards and forwards and his room was reserved for him at his father's house. The Barrister asked whether Mr Sharp was articled to a Halifax solicitor.

Mr Seymour: No, he served his articles with his father, who is a solicitor at Coalville and in partnership with Mr Lancaster, of Loughborough. I got this information from Mr Lancaster.

It was also stated that Mr A. T. Sharp was playing for Leicestershire during part of the cricket season. Mr James held that Mr Sharp was in Halifax the whole year. Mr H. G. W. Howe said Mr Sharp was at home most weekends and came over to assist during his father's illness. The Barrister said that if Mr Sharp had been articled, which to a certain extent, would prevent freedom of movement, it would have made a difference. He had no evidence of that and the name must stand.

Colliers' trip by Motor Car to Burton

A motor trip took place on Saturday, September 20th, from Mr George Musson's, the Three Crowns Hotel, Market Place, Whitwick, to Messrs Truman, Hanbury and Buxton's brewery. The route taken was via Coalville, Ashby and Woodville, arriving at Burton at 1 pm. The party, which numbered about 27, were shown around the brewery by Mr Mee and other officials, and afterwards entertained to an excellent dinner provided for by Mr Webb, the agent, who through special business arrangements, was unable to be present. The cloth having been removed, Mr Henry Partridge was voted to the chair. He said he wished, on behalf of those present, to thank the officials of the brewery for their excellent entertainment and also for being shown through the works. It was very interesting, and he also wished to thank Mr Mee for so ably explaining the many works of the brewery. As their trip that day had now become an annual affair, it would make it more popular and he also hoped the good feeling which existed between the officers of the brewery, the landlord (Mr Musson) and the company present would continue for many years to come (applause). Mr Thomas Moore, who seconded, said they very much regretted the absence of Mr Webb, but he wished to thank him and Mr Mee, and hoped they would live to meet for many years to come (applause). Mr Jack Haywood also expressed his thanks, and Mr Mee, responding, said it always gave Mr Webb and himself pleasure to make their trips as enjoyable as possible, and they were always welcome to come. If Mr Webb was not with them, his heart was with them. The party left the brewery about 4.30 and the route back was through Willington, Melbourne and Belton, arriving back about 8.30, all being highly delighted with the outing. Thanks were expressed to Mr and Mrs Musson for their generous arrangement with the brewery company, and great credit was due to the chauffeur for his excellent driving.

Do you know

That a Canine Society has been organised for Whitwick, Thringstone and Coalville, with Mr G. H. Hallam, hon. secretary?

That Whitwick Imperial F.C. play Sneinton near Boston at Whitwick, in the next round of the English Cup Competition?

That Mr A. T. Sharp who played last season for Halifax, has signed for Whitwick Imperial F.C.?

Sports News

North Leicestershire Rifle Association

A league match was fired on Saturday last at Loughborough between Whitwick R. C. and the Falcon R. C., the latter being easy winners with a score of 1084 against 748.

Football

Coalville Football League

Good progress was made in the Coalville League on Saturday. Except for the Ellistown match with Hugglescote Wesleyans in division one being postponed owing to Ellistown's Hinckley Cup match, all the other games arranged in the league, twelve in number, were played. Coalville Swifts made a poor start, losing 5 – 1 to the Imperial Res. at Whitwick.

The biggest win in the second division was 6 – 1 by Whitwick Amateurs against Bagworth Town.

Whitwick Imperial were also competing in the English Cup Competition, having to go to Leicester to play the Imperial who, in an earlier round, had beaten Eastwood Rangers. In a typical cup-tie game they came out victors and were heartily congratulated on going a step further into the competition.

At the commencement Whitwick looked like taking an early lead, Wells being tested to the utmost. Imperial only occasionally broke away, but when they did, the Whitwick backs had rather a warm time, Roadley especially distinguishing himself. Reynold's put in some nice centres but Cooke and Waterfield were such a worrying pair that advantage could not be taken of them. They were really the best men on the side, for the forwards were too anxious to score, and as a consequence failed in front of goal, time after time. Towards the finish of the first half both sides began to tire a bit but Leicester Imperial deserved to score, the forwards combining better than in the earlier part of the game.

The second portion was practically a replica of the first – plenty of kick and rush. Hubbard went to centre-forward, but opinions differed as to the wisdom of this change. There was every indication that the match would end in a draw, but five or ten minutes from time Whitwick made a combined run, and rushing the defence, Brady was enabled to put the ball into the net, Wells not having the slightest chance to clear. Leicester made a big effort to get on level terms, but without success, and retired beaten by the only goal scored.

Whitwick Imperial team to meet Hugglescote St. John's in the Coalville Cup competition tomorrow at Whitwick: Roadley, Waterfield and Cooke, Toone, Hird and P. W. Wright (captain), Wain, Brady, J. Moore, Murdy and Searle. Referee Mr J. Tivey of Coalville.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Burials

Irons – At Whitwick, yesterday, Margaret Irons, aged 13 months, of Talbot Street.

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Local News

Accident

While working at the Whitwick Granite Co.'s quarries, a Shepshed man, John West, was struck in the eye by a piece of stone. He was taken to the Loughborough Hospital and detained.

Miners Meeting

Mr Abraham Smith, president of the Leicestershire Miners Association, conducted a meeting of workmen employed at Whitwick Colliery, No. 2, 5 and 6 pits on Wednesday afternoon to receive the resignation of Mr Thomas Clay, checkweigher at No. 6 pit, through illness, after 25 years' service. The men agreed that a meeting be held at the Hermitage Hotel on Wednesday, October 15th at 6.30 pm. to receive nominations in writing for the vacant position. Nominations to be confined to men working at No. 2, 5 and 6 pits, and that a deputation of four be elected at the said meeting to issue and count the Ballot. Every person to receive and sign his own card.

Swine Fever

Several cases of swine fever have been discovered at Whitwick and stringent measures taken to stamp out the disease. Last week, three animals belonging to Mr Elliott, of Brooks Lane, were reported by the police to the Board of Agriculture as suspected of the disease. An inspector of the Board confirmed this and the animals were destroyed. Since then others owned by Messrs E. Briers and Sons have been suspected and the whole of the animals on the premises were condemned.

Benefit Dance and Social

For the benefit of Mr J. Smith, of Silver Street, Whitwick, who has been unable to follow his employment for twenty-two weeks, a dance and social provided by his friends, at High Tor Farm, on Saturday, afforded pleasure to a large company.

Do you Know

That the directors of the Whitwick Granite Co., on Wednesday met the railway directors at Coalville East Station to discuss proposed developments in the sidings?

That 38 students have been enrolled in the Whitwick evening school?

Coalville Urban District Council

Signs of the approaching Election

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

Plans

At a meeting of the Plans Committee, the following plans were recommended for approval: Two houses, Highfield St. Coalville, for Mr Slater; and two houses, Whitehill Road, Ellistown, for Mr W. Mason. – With reference to the plan for two houses for Mr Slater, the committee carefully considered the plan, and having regard to all the circumstances of the case, sanction the erection on the site as shown. – At a subsequent meeting the committee recommended for approval, a plan of a house, Crescent Road, Hugglescote for Mr A. Thomas. – The following plans were referred back, Motor Garage, Ashby Road, Coalville, for Messrs Coleman and Sons, and alterations, Holly Hayes Cottage, for the Whitwick Granite Co., Ltd.

Mr S. Perry moved the adoption of the report which was carried.

Highway Committee's Report

The Highways Committee recommended the consideration of laying a sewer in Meadow Lane be deferred for twelve months. – That the clerk write the trustees of the estate of the late Mr C. Burton, of Whitwick, as to the Council acquiring a small piece of ground at the corner of Silver Street and the Market Place, Whitwick, for road improvement purposes. – The surveyor said he had nothing further to report with reference to the foot-bridge to Bridge Road, and he was instructed to bring the matter forward on the first Tuesday evening possible. – The surveyor reported that the cost of the Church Lane improvement was £95 19s 5d, with the addition of £63 3s for land and fees. A letter was read from Mrs Chandler that the fence around the garden was not completed, and the committee recommend the surveyor meet Mrs Chandler and her architect on the site, and report to the committee what was required. – The lodging-house returns were produced and read to the meeting.

Telegraph Line

The postal authorities wrote for permission to erect an over head telegraph line along the Brooks Lane, Whitwick, from Charnwood House to North Street. Mr McCarthy moved that it be allowed subject to the approval of the surveyor. Mr Fellows suggested referring it to the Highways Committee, but the resolution was carried.

Coalville Police Court

To-day (Friday) Before the Rev. C. T. Moore (in the chair) Major Hatchett, and Mr Wm. Sheffield.

Cases Withdrawn

Mark Bradley, collier, Whitwick, was summoned by the Coalville Urban Council for allowing a nuisance to exist on his premises at Whitwick on July 1st. Mr T. E. Jesson, for the Council, stated that the nuisance had been abated, and the costs paid. He asked for the case to be withdrawn. The Bench agreed.

Alleged Assault at Whitwick

Sophia Bradley, wife of Mark Bradley, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for assaulting Annie Findell, wife of Wm. Thomas Findell, collier, at Whitwick, on September 27th. She pleaded not guilty. Complainant said her husband put the defendant in court for some money owing, and defendant had been on to her ever since. A distress was issued, and defendant's sewing machine was seized. Complainant kept a shop and the defendant came to the shop on the date named for some tomatoes and candles. She did not pay and complainant went for the money. Defendant then "clouted" her three times and threw a bucket of water over her. Defendant denied striking the woman, and said she had no bucket. She had had two stolen from her back door, and now had to borrow one when she wanted one. Kate Howe, wife of Edgar Howe, collier, of Golden Row, Talbot St, Whitwick, said she heard the defendant make use of an offensive expression to the complainant. She was on her way to Coalville, and did not stop to see.

By the clerk: *She did not actually see any assault, but heard a splash of water, and she heard complainant say, "You have struck me once, and I shall make you pay for it."*

Defendant said she was doing her little girl's hair and never got up from the chair. She did not strike a blow. Winifred Marriott, married woman, of Whitwick, said she heard complaining "using dirty talk." Witness was with Mrs Howe at the time. She saw no blow struck by the defendant.

By complainant: *She was there when it started and no water was thrown.*

The Bench decided to dismiss the case and complainant had to pay 7s 6d costs.

Sports News

Football

Whitwick Imperial's Narrow Escape

Whitwick Imperial almost made a fatal mistake in regarding their draw at home against Hugglescote St. John's too lightly. When the game was drawing to a close, Hugglescote were actually leading, and it was only by a supreme effort that the Imperial drew level and thus established the right to fight again. Next time they will probably set about their business in a more serious fashion, profiting by Saturday's experience.

The game started all right for Whitwick, as in the first few minutes, Moore scored with a splendid shot from a free which gave Adams no chance and this confirmed the idea of some of the players and supporters of the club that they were in for a soft thing. For the first twenty minutes, Whitwick were almost continually pressing, but their shooting was very indifferent. Then Brown broke away and scored what many of the spectators seemed to think was an offside goal but Referee Tivey allowed the point. Thence forward to the interval, play was even, and just before the whistle blew, Brown put the St. John's ahead in a rather unexpected manner. The ball hit the upright and to the surprise of Roadley went into the net. Thus the visitors crossed over with a lead of two to one.

Play continued even for a time in the second half and the St. John's played hard for further success, but found the defence impregnable. Then as time was passing, the Whitwick men realised the seriousness of the situation and buckled to, but their shooting was very erratic. About ten minutes from time, Waterfield (back) made a splendid run on his own, nearly the length of the field and then passed nicely to Wain, who centred beautifully enabling Brady to score the equalising goal and so send up a sigh of relief from many of the Whitwick supporters. The Imperial forwards missed many chances of taking the lead in the next few minutes. The end came with the score two goals each. It was a narrow escape. At the same time the St. John's are to be heartily congratulated on their good display and giving their powerful opponents such a fright.

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Local News

P.M. Missions

Services in aid of foreign missions were held at the Whitwick P.M. church on Sunday, conducted by the Revs. T. Johns Martin and W. H. Whiting. There were fairly good congregations. The annual missionary meeting was presided over by Mr J. Newbury on Tuesday when an illustrated lecture on "Our work in Southern Nigeria" was listened to with much interest. The collections were for the mission funds.

Parish Church

The harvest festival was held at the Whitwick Parish Church on Sunday. The Vicar, the Rev. T. W. Walters, conducting all the services. There were large congregations, many being unable to obtain admission in the evening. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers, fruit, corn etc. Anthems suitable to the occasion were nicely rendered by the choir. The collections were for the hospitals.

Whitwick Carter's Compensation

Case settled at Ashby

At the Ashby County Court before His Honour Judge Wightman Wood, yesterday. Mr T. H. Moore of Coalville, representing Mr J. J. Sharp of Messrs Sharp and Lancaster, of Coalville and Loughborough, asked for the Judge's award in a workman's compensation case which was adjourned from the last Court, a settlement having been arrived at in the meantime. The parties in the case were James Wyatt, labourer, of Loughborough Road,

Whitwick, and Elijah Wolfe, farmer, of the Irish Farm, Whitwick. Wyatt formerly worked for Wolfe as a carter and when carting stone on March 3rd, 1911, the horse stepped on his right toe, causing him to fall and the cart wheel went over his right arm, causing laceration and bruising of the flesh and muscles. Since then, 2 1/2 years, he had not been able to work. His wages at the time of the accident were 18s a week and the respondent paid him 9s until May 26th 1913. In the interim, applicant was twice in the Leicester Infirmary. He had a wife and four children dependant. The respondent offered the applicant a light job, but Wyatt said he was unable to do it. The question originally raised by the respondent was whether Wyatt was now wholly or partially incapacitated as a result of the accident and the case was adjourned from the last Court to enable him to be examined by a medical referee. Mr Moore said the report of the referee was in the applicant's favour and respondent had agreed to pay 9s a week. The application therefore, was for His Honour to make an award accordingly. Mr Moore also asked for the costs of the medical witnesses who had reported on the case. Dr. Marriott, of Leicester, was the medical referee, and there were reports by Dr. Blakesley, of Leicester and Dr. Burkitt, of Whitwick. His Honour made an award for 9s a week, and allowed costs on scale B, also the two doctor's fees for their report and a special qual – *(the final line is missing)*.

Cycling Accident

A girl named Yeomans, aged 13, of Hermitage Road, on Saturday night whilst carrying her baby brother, aged two years, was knocked down by an Ibstock cyclist, who was on a visit to the locality. The girl sustained a cut on her arm, but the infant was not harmed in any way, although pitched out of its sister's arms.

Mr H. Underwood run over by his Bread Cart

A well-known Whitwick tradesman, Mr Horace Underwood, who carries on the business of a baker in Castle Street, had an unfortunate experience on Tuesday. About mid-day he was loading up his bread cart in the yard, preparatory to starting on his round, when he slipped off the step of the cart, and fell to the ground. This caused the horse to start on, and the wheel of the cart went over Mr Underwood's back. He was rather badly hurt, and Dr. Burkitt, who was sent for, has since been in attendance, though we understand Mr Underwood is recovering.

Do you Know

That at the Coalville football cup draw on Tuesday night, Whitwick Imperial were last out of the hat?

That Whitwick Imperial have been drawn against Grantham Avenue at Grantham in the next round?

Coalville Police Court

Friday – Before the Rev. C. T. Moore (in the chair), Major Hackett and Mr William Sheffield.

Pup stolen at Whitwick

Thomas Wileman, labourer, Measham, was charged with stealing a dog, value 10s at Whitwick, on September 20th. He pleaded guilty. Wm. Stocks, miner, Green Lane,

Whitwick, said the defendant came to him and asked him if he would sell him a bull terrier pup for 5s. Complainant told him he wanted 10s for it. When he got home he missed the pup and he subsequently reported it to the police. He identified the pup at Ashby Police Station. P.C. Holmes said that when he saw the defendant he denied having the pup but, after being cautioned, said it was at the house of a man named Parsons. He added that he would make it warm for the prosecutor if he summoned him. Defendant also told him prosecutor had promised him a pup. He took it and sold it to Parsons for 2s 6d. Fined 10s 6d and costs 17s or 14 days hard labour.

Drunk

Frederick Bryan, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick on September 9th. He did not appear. P.C. Jelley said the defendant used bad language towards the neighbours for some time. He was very drunk. Fined 7s 6d and 14s costs or 7 days.

Patrick Allen, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick on September 28th. P.C. Grewcock said the defendant had a lot of people around him in the City of Three Waters. He was drunk and using bad language. It was Sunday night. Defendant who did not appear, was fined 5s 6d and costs 12s 6d or seven days.

Loughborough Police Court

At the Loughborough Police Court on Wednesday, James Gee, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for using a dog to take game at Belton on Sunday October 5th. Trevor Pratt and his son said defendant was with a dog after hares. Defendant denied the charge and said he never got off his bicycle. Fined 30s including costs or 21 days.

Sports News

Football

Whitwick Progress in the Premier Competition

Boston Town, against whom Whitwick Imperial were drawn in the English Cup Competition at Whitwick, on Saturday, were a sort of "dark horse." Very little was known about them in the colliery district, but the fact that they had beaten Sneinton in the previous round won for them a certain amount of respect among the Imperial supporters. The uncertainty added a spice to the match and there was a good crowd. That Whitwick would give the Lincolnshire men a good run for their money whatever their calibre was freely anticipated, but the easy victory which the home team gained came as quite a surprise. Not that it was undeserved, for it was apparent on the day's play that the Imperial were vastly the superior side.

The issue of the match was practically settled in the first half, when Whitwick gained a lead of four goals. The scorers were Bird, Hewitt (2), and Moore. The Imperial, who the bulk of the play in their favour, were also awarded a penalty, with which Roadley, the goal-keeper, was entrusted, but he shot the ball straight at his confrere, who made a safe return. Whitwick continued to monopolise the play after crossing over, but the Boston forwards once got away and their inside right obtained their only goal. The home team again got to

work and before the end came Joe Moore and Murdy put on further goals, giving Whitwick victory by six goals to one.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Whitwick Councillor Bereaved

Death of Mr T. Kelly's Father

An old and well-known resident of Whitwick, Mr John Kelly, of Brook's Lane, has passed away during the week, and was interred at the Whitwick Cemetery on Tuesday afternoon. He was 75 years of age and leaves an aged widow, who is, unfortunately, blind, and five sons, one of whom is Thos. Kelly, of the Railway Hotel, Whitwick, and one of the Whitwick members on the Coalville Urban Council. Deceased formerly worked as a miner at the Whitwick pit, and later at South Leicester, giving up work there about 16 years ago on account of his age. He enjoyed fairly good health up to a week last Sunday, when he had a stroke, and thence up to his death, kept his bed. Only a fortnight today he visited Coalville market, walking both ways, and when his son Tom asked him why he did not go in the brake, he scouted the idea and said he felt as young as ever he was. Both Mr Kelly and his wife were old age pensioners. He had lived in Whitwick for over 40 years and of the party with whom he originally came over from Ireland and settled in Whitwick, only four now remain – Mrs O'Mara, aged 84, Mrs Noon, Mrs Doyle and Mrs Kelly. Deceased was a genial old man, popular with all acquaintances who all regret his death.

The funeral service on Tuesday was conducted by the Rev. M. J. O'Reilly. The mourners present were the widow, Mr and Mrs P. Kelly, Mr John Kelly, junr., Mr and Mrs T. Kelly, Mr and Mrs John Kelly with grandsons and daughters, Mr and Mrs P. Griffin, Mr M. Concannon, Mr W. Carter, and Mr M. Shea. The bearers were Messrs Martin Noon, Michael Noon, T. Cooper and P. Riley. Wreaths were sent by Mr John Smith (a friend), Joe and Agnes and children, Mr and Mrs Griffin and family, Mrs Noon, Mrs Stafford and Mrs Slattery and there were others bearing no cards.

Burials

Ward – At Whitwick, on Monday, Hamel Elizabeth Ward, aged 16 years of North Street.

Kelly – At Whitwick on Tuesday, John Kelly, aged 75 years of Brook's Lane.

Friday October 24th 1913 (Issue 1131)

Local News

Extensive Property Sale At Coalville

Land Company to be wound up

One of the most extensive property and land sales held in Coalville for some years was conducted at the Half-Way House Hotel, on Monday evening, by Mr Edward Moore, of Messrs Moore and Miller, in the presence of a large and representative company.

..... Land at Whitwick was next offered, viz, two closes of building or accommodation pasture and arable land, known as "Holly Hayes Closes", having a frontage of 330 yds, or thereabouts to Forest Road, and adjoining Holly Hayes Wood in the rear, and containing a total area of 10a. 3r. 30p. or thereabouts, in the occupation of Mr S. Berrington, on a Lady Day tenancy at a rental of £22 10s per annum. There is no tithe nor land tax and the minerals are also included in this lot. The main sewer and Coalville water pipes are laid nearly the whole length of the frontage. For this lot there was no bid.

The last lot was an enclosure of accommodation pasture land, situate adjoining the main street, Whitwick, formerly two closes known as "The Croft" and "Moore's Close" containing an area of 6a. 0r. 28p. or thereabouts in the occupation of Dr J. C. S. Burkitt, on a Lady Day tenancy, at a rental of £14 per annum. There is no tithe or land tax and the minerals are included in the sale of this lot. Owing to this plot having 210 ft or thereabouts frontage to Silver Street, it forms a capital building site. Bidding started at £200 and stopped at £300 the lot being withdrawn.

The vendors solicitors for these lots were Messrs Fisher, Jesson and Co., of Ashby and Coalville.

Young People's Day

Sunday was observed as "Young People's Day" at the Whitwick P.M. Chapel. The preacher was Mr W. Frearson, of Coalville, and there were good congregations. A children's service was held in the afternoon. Mr A. J. Briers presiding, and addresses were given by Mrs W. G. Wheatley and Mr W. Frearson. Solos, duets, etc were rendered by the scholars.

Parish Church

In his sermon at the Whitwick Parish Church on Sunday night, the vicar, the Rev. T. W. Walters, made suitable reference to the terrible disasters of the week and especially to the Welsh Colliery explosion. The vicar is a native of the district where this disaster occurred. At the close of the service, Mr R. West, organist played the Dead March, the congregation standing meanwhile.

Victories of the Cross

Whitwick Baptists were on Tuesday favoured with a visit by the Rev. E. A. Carter, of London, president of the pioneer British, Continental and Russian Mission, who gave an interesting lecture on "Victories of the Cross." Mr T. W. Bourne presided and there was a fairly good attendance. Votes of thanks were accorded on the motion of Mr H. Mann and Mr A. Aris.

For Sale

Excellent Villa Residence, "The Laurels", Hermitage Road, Whitwick – Also, six well built cottages adjoining. This property is highly recommended as a sound and profitable investment. Gross annual rentals, £113, 15s. Apply to Mr John Ward, builder, Silver Street, Whitwick; to Mr Philip Greasley, Belvoir Road, Coalville, or to Mr C. E. Crane, Solicitor, Coalville.

Whist Drive and Dance

A whist drive and dance were held in the Holy Cross School on Wednesday night in aid of the funds of the Holy Cross Church. About 150 were present. Mr and Mrs Popple (piano and violin) played for dancing and the M.C.'s were Messrs John Rewhorn and A. Dyer. The M.C. for whist was Mr J. O'Mara and the prize winners were:

Gents: 1st, Mr G. Harding; 2nd, Mr J. Fox
Ladies: 1st, Miss A. Needham; 2nd, Miss Weston

Refreshments were served by a ladies' committee.

Property Sale

At the Three Crowns Hotel on Tuesday night, Messrs Orchard and Joyce offered for sale by public auction the two newly and substantial brick built semi-detached messuages situate in Church Lane, Whitwick, in the occupation of Messrs Laban Johnson and James Stanyard at weekly rentals of 6s each. Each messuage has a passaged entrance with bay windowed front room, living room, kitchen and scullery, three bedrooms, coalhouse, w.c., and garden. The total area of the site was 560 yards. The bidding went up to £405 at which point the lot was withdrawn. Messrs Sharp and Lancaster, of Coalville and Loughborough, were the vendor's solicitors.

Do you Know

That over 400 people were booked at Whitwick Station for Loughborough on Saturday for the Corinthians V Imperial football match?

That the collecting at the Whitwick Parish Church next Sunday will be for the Lord Mayor of London's fund for the relief of the widows and orphans of the victims in the Welsh Colliery Disaster?

That Mr John Ward of Whitwick, presided at a concert in Shepshed on Saturday night in connection with the new P. M. Chapel?

Coalville Police Court

To-day (Friday), before the Rev. C. T. Moore (in the chair), Major Hatchett, Mr H. J. Ford, Mr J. W. West and Mr B. G. Hale.

Refusing to Quit

Frederick Newson, collier, Whitwick was summoned by Thomas Irons, publican, for being disorderly and refusing to quit his licensed premises, the Prince of Wales Inn, at Whitwick, on October 20th. Defendant pleaded guilty. Mr T. E. Jesson, of Ashby, appeared to prosecute. Complainant said the defendant threatened to strike a man named Brownlow in the house. Witness asked him to leave, but he refused and witness had to put him out. When he got outside, defendant put his hand through the window. He had paid for the

pane of glass being broken. Defendant, who appeared with his arm bandaged having cut it on the glass, said he could remember nothing about it. Fined 10s 6d and 13s costs or 14 days.

Helpless

Jacob Webster, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk at Whitwick, on October 19th. He did not appear. P.C. Jelley said he found the defendant quite helpless and had to take him home. Fined 2s 6d and costs 11s 6d or seven days.

Sports News

Football

The only match in the first division was at Whitwick, where Ibstock Albion Reserves received a check. They had played three games previously and won them all, but the Imperial Reserves defeated them 4 – 2 on this occasion.

Whitwick's Fine Recovery at Loughborough

Whitwick Imperial did remarkably well to draw with the Corinthians at Loughborough in a Hinckley cup match on Saturday, especially when it is considered that they played a good portion of the match with only ten men, Bird, their centre half, being off injured.

The match aroused a good deal of interest, and there was a big crowd. The Imperial at once made the pace and were soon one up as the result of a good shot by Brady, but before the interval arrived the Corinthians had equalised. Things looked bad for Whitwick when Bird had to retire and Loughborough had forged ahead to the extent of 3 – 1, but the Imperial made a splendid recovery and a couple of goals by Moore put them on even terms again, and the end came with the score three goals each. After this experience, the Imperial are hoping to pull off the event in the replay at Whitwick tomorrow, when a big "gate" and another fine game is expected.

It is interesting to note that Mr Aubrey T. Sharp made his first appearance for Whitwick on Saturday and played an excellent game at right half. He fed the forwards in a pretty and stylish manner repeatedly and proved to be a good acquisition to the side. Whitwick now have a nicely balanced lot of players who should continue to give a good account of themselves as the season advances.

The Whitwick Imperial team to meet the Loughborough Corinthians in a re-play Hinckley Cup tie at Whitwick on Saturday:

Roadley, Waterfield and Cooke, A. T. Sharp, Bird, and Joe Moore, Wain, Brady, Murdy, Wright (captain) and W. Moore.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Co-Operative Shop Manager's Bereavement

We regret to report the death of Mrs Sarah Ann Latham, wife of Mr Stephen Latham, manager of the Coalville Central Stores and late of the Whitwick branch. The deceased

lady, who was 41 years of age, had been ill for some time, and the sad event took place on Saturday, shortly after her removal to Leicester Infirmary. She was a member of a well-known Coalville family, being a daughter of Mr Thos. Chambers, formerly miner's agent, and much sympathy is felt for the husband, who is left with three boys. The funeral took place at Coalville Cemetery on Wednesday, the body being first taken to the Whitwick Primitive Methodist Church, to which the deceased was formerly attached. The first part of the service was conducted there by the Rev. W. H. Whiting. The chief mourners were the husband and three sons – Stephen, William and Cecil; Mr and Mrs T. Chambers, father and mother; Mrs E. Hunt, Mrs A. Hunt, and Mrs Wild of Sileby, sisters, with their husbands; Miss Rose Chambers, sister; Mr Wm. Chambers, brother; and two sisters-in-law and a niece and nephew. Also present were Mr and Mrs Sharp, Hugglescote; Mr and Mrs Ed. Wallam, Whitwick; Mr W. Brooks, Mr A. Churah, and other employees of the Co-Operative Society. The bearers were Messrs G. Bishop, B. Henson, A. J. Briers and J. Gilberd. There were several beautiful wreaths, including one from the Co-Operative Society employees, one from the Co-Operative Women's Guild, and one from the Ladies' sewing meeting at the Whitwick P.M. church.

Burials

Latham – At Coalville, on Wednesday. Sarah Ann Latham, aged 41 years, of Whitwick

King – At Coaville, on Wednesday, Winifred Jeanette King, aged 7 months, of Hermitage Road

Geary – At Whitwick, on Wednesday, Joseph Geary, aged 55 years, of Leicester Road.

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Local News

Memorial Service

The Rev. W. H. Whiting on Sunday evening, at the Whitwick P.M. Church preached a funeral sermon on the late Mrs Latham, wife of Mr S. Latham, manager of the Coalville Central Stores. The deceased lady was an active worker for the church when her health permitted, and suitable references were made by the preacher. There was also appropriate music by Mrs J. B. Newbury (organist) and hymns. There was a large congregation.

Whist Drive

A whist drive arranged by the Whitwick Unionist Association was held at the Conservative Club on Wednesday evening, when excellent prizes were given by Messrs McCarthy, C. E. Crane, W. Houlton, T. Irons, W. Musson and J. H. Robinson (of Charnwood View) and the following were the winners:

Ladies: 1st Miss A. Needham; 2nd Miss E. Middleton; 3rd Miss N. Haywood.

Gents: 1st Mr W. D. McCarthy; 2nd Mr J. Houlton; 3rd Mr W. Moore.

Mr W. D. McCarthy acted as M.C. The committee wish to thank the donors of the prizes and the ladies who gave and helped with the refreshments.

Change Ringing

A peal of grandsire triples (5,040 changes) was rung at St. John the Baptist Church, Whitwick, on Wednesday in 2 hours 46 minutes. The bells were rung by Messrs S. W. West, J. H. Swinfield, Burton; W. C. Wolsey, Burton; W. W. Worthington, Netherseal; J. Paget, Derby; A. P. G. Stone, Burton; A. Stonely, Stoke Golding; A. Wagg, Netherseal. Conductor, Mr J. Paget.

Do you Know

That the collections at Whitwick Parish Church on Sunday raised £5 14s for the Welsh Colliery Disaster relief fund?

That Mr A. Webster of Swannington, has been appointed check-weigher at the Whitwick Colliery in place of Mr T. Clay?

Sports News

Football

Loughborough Corinthians Lucky at Whitwick

Loughborough Corinthians can thank their lucky stars that they managed to pull off their re-played Hinckley Cup match at Whitwick on Saturday. The game produced only one goal and the Imperial had a good deal the best of the argument, and ought to have scored three or four, but luck seemed to be altogether against them. They were often peppering away at the Loughborough goal, and only the splendid defence of the Corinthians saved them. Considering the pressure that was applied, great credit was due to Wooton, the Loughborough goal-keeper, and the backs, Brown and Cumberland for their successful efforts in preventing Whitwick from scoring.

The home side, unfortunately, were without Brady and Bird, and this brought Springthorpe into the centre line, and Abell among the forwards. The goal which gave Loughborough victory was scored by Belton in the first half immediately after Roadley had returned a splendid shot from Pilkington. Several good opportunities were missed by the Whitwick forwards, particularly in the second half, and there were one or two occasions when the spectators thought penalties should have been awarded but these incidents passed unnoticed by Referee Heath. During practically the whole of the second half, Whitwick played like a winning team and that they would succeed seemed almost a certainty seeing the miraculous escapes which the Loughborough goal repeatedly had. Brady was greatly missed. Had he been there one could hardly conceive him missing some of the openings that presented themselves. Joe Moore nearly did the trick once, Wooton having to deal with a high drive, but the custodian was invincible, and when the end came it was a keen disappointment to the Whitwick players and supporters, considering the trend of the game, to find the team a goal behind.

Whitwick are engaged in another strenuous match to-morrow, being due at Grantham to play the Avenue for the English Cup.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Burials

Lycett – At Coalville, on Monday, George Wm. Lycett, aged 22 months, of Hermitage Road.

Accompanying Notes to the October Articles

Friday October 24th – Extensive Property Sale

Mention is made of a 'Lady Day tenancy'.

Since the Middle Ages the 'quarter days' were four dates each year when rents became due and servants were hired. They were roughly three months apart and made sure that debts were not allowed to linger on, as accounts and reckoning had to be made and publicly recorded on the quarter days.

The English quarter days are:

Lady Day	(25 th March)
Misummer Day	(24 th June)
Michaelmas	(29 th September)
Christmas	(25 th December)

The British tax year still starts on 'Old' Lady Day (6th April under the Gregorian calendar and corresponded to 25th March under the Julian calendar.

The Sengenhydd Explosion

This report comes from the Coalville Times for 17th October and gives an upbeat message about the situation at the colliery.

Welsh Colliery Disaster

Pitiable Scenes at the Pit Head

A terrible disaster occurred on Tuesday morning at the Universal Colliery, at Sengenhydd, a mining village, near Cardiff, and resulted in a great loss of life. At about 8 o'clock there was an explosion, and this was unfortunately followed by a fire, and which cut off the escape of hundreds of poor fellows.

At an early hour on Wednesday morning the position was as follows:

Descended the pit, 935; brought up alive, 500; still below ground, 409; total known dead, sixteen.

When the explosion occurred the pithead gear was practically destroyed, and the banksman, named Mongridge, had his head blown from his body. The neighbourhood was shaken by the report, and in a very short time there were large crowds of men, women and children at the pithead anxiously making enquiries.

Officials of the colliery and rescue parties consisting of managers from other collieries in the vicinity were quickly on the scene, and went down the shafts. They reported that everything was all right in the east pit, but that things were very bad in the west pit, where the fire was raging.

Bands of rescuers worked heroically, but could not get near the vicinity of the explosion owing to the foul air. They came across several dead bodies, and directed their operations for the removal of the injured, who on being brought to the surface were conveyed to a Salvation Army Barracks, close to the pit head.

Sad sights were witnessed around the colliery. Aged women and young girls were bemoaning together the absence of news of their beloved ones, and here and there strong men, and women fell upon the necks of those dear to them as they came up from the depths below.

A telegram at midnight stated that it was officially reported that the fire in Lancaster Pit was being successfully fought, and the rescue parties had increased hope of being able shortly to make an entrance to the workings where the entombed men are.

Rescuers say a providential diversion of the air current caused by the explosion saved the men in York Pit. The blast reversed the ventilation, turning Lancaster Pit from the downcast to the upcast shaft. Dr Atkinson, Chief Inspector of Mines, Professor Redmayne, Cardiff, and Mr Morgan, the miner's agent, were amongst the members of the rescue shift who came up shortly before midnight. Dr Atkinson held there was a faint hope. The fire was well in hand, it had been short-circuited, and the fire-fighters were in advance of it.

The Coroner formally opened the inquest in the afternoon, and adjourned the enquiry indefinitely, after taking evidence of identification, so that the burials might proceed. One of the injured men brought up earlier in the day, died on the way to hospital.

Mr Clement Edwards, M.P. after going down the mine with several officials, stated that some little distance from the pit bottom there had been a huge fall of roof, and the fire there had been extinguished. The question of whether there were any survivors could not be ascertained until it was known whether the doorways had been blown away beyond the point where the fire was burning in the return airways.

With unremitting effort the rescue parties persevered with their dangerous task and shortly after two o'clock on Wednesday morning news came to hand that 21 of the entombed miners had been found alive.

The following report printed a week later on 24th October has no good news about those still in the mine.

Welsh Colliery Disaster

Search Parties Difficulties

Relief Funds Growing

During Tuesday the Lord Mayor of Cardiff visited the Universal Colliery, and conferred with Lord Merthyr, as to the payment of increased grants to the widow and dependants. Arrangements were made to distribute these grants on Friday.

Lord Merthyr handed the Lord Mayor a personal cheque for a thousand guineas, which is in addition to the thousand given by the company through Lord Merthyr. A cheque for one hundred guineas was also received from the Welsh Rugby Football Union. These contributions bring the total of the Cardiff Lord Mayor's fund to over £18,000. The Lord Mayor of London's fund on Tuesday night, exceeded £11,000.

As showing the sympathetic and human side of the catastrophe, two letters were on Tuesday morning, received by the police superintendent, one containing an offer from a collier at Madeley Market, Salop, to adopt an orphan girl whose father had perished in the mine, and another from Penally, enclosing a cheque for £1 as a special donation to the most deserving case. The police have given this to Mrs Baker, the mother of 11 children, whose husband and son, the sole support of the family, are entombed.

Five bodies were seen by the explorers during Tuesday, leaving 367 still to be accounted for. The exploration has proceeded unceasingly, in face of almost insurmountable difficulties. Every part of the colliery is permeated with noxious fumes, and the rescue party have repeatedly to retrace their steps on the warning conveyed by the collapsing of the canary carried by the Inspector.

The party have now got to within 400 yards of the face of the workings where about one hundred of the men are entombed. Fresh air is now being pumped through to enable the exploration to be carried further. One of the bodies passed on Tuesday was practically nude showing the terrific force of the explosion.

This report comes from the Coalville Times of Friday 14th November

Welsh Colliery Disaster

Experiences of Exploration Party

Two more bodies were brought to the surface at Senghenydd Colliery on Tuesday, leaving 270 still in the mine. An early morning exploring party penetrated far into the Pretoria district, and came across 30 bodies. According to one of the exploration party, these men had evidently made an attempt to get out of the mine after the explosion. They were found in various positions, some lying on their backs, others on their faces, and some were on their knees. One man was found with a boy still clinging to him. He was apparently carrying the lad when both were overtaken by afterdamp.

And in the Coalville Times of Friday 9th January 1914

Welsh Colliery Disaster

Jury inspect the Pit

The coroner's jury who are investigating the circumstances of the Senghenydd Colliery disaster, on Sunday made an inspection of the fatal pit. A number of the jury are experienced colliery workmen, but there are several who are not so well acquainted with colliery workings, and it was thought desirable that the whole of the jury, 20 in number, should go down the pit so as to get acquainted with several important points which have arisen during the inquiry.

The jury were accompanied by Mr Edward Shaw, the general manager, Mr Hubert Jenkins, the miners' agent, and a number of colliery officials. They descended at 9.30 am and returned to the bank about 1.30. The jurymen said the inspection proved very interesting, and they had gained considerable information by the visit.

Sadly, this would turn out to be the worst mining disaster in the United Kingdom with 439 miners losing their lives. The probable cause was a firedamp (methane) explosion, possibly from an electrical source such as that from an electric bell signalling gear. The explosion and shock wave raised coal dust from the floor, ignited it and then continued like this throughout the workings. Those miners not killed initially by the explosion, would have died by carbon monoxide poisoning or suffocation from lack of oxygen.

Four memorials to the disaster are located in Senghenydd: At Nant-y-parc Primary School, built on the site of the mine, at St. Cenydd School there is a list of the names of those who died and a coal truck as a memorial and the local pub, the Green Pint, also carries a memorial. A new memorial garden next to the primary school, is due to be opened this October 2013, on the centenary of the disaster.

Local groups, churches and individuals in the Coalville and surrounding area raised funds for the victims' families and these appeared weekly in the 'Coalville Times'.

Friday November 7th 1913 (Issue 1133)

Local News

Public Notices

Samuel W. Billings, of 65 Leicester Road, Whitwick, do hereby give notice that I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by my wife, Bertha Billings, in Whitwick, or surrounding villages after this date:

November 4th 1913 (signed) Samuel W. Billings.

Stack Fire near Coalville

Shortly after ten o'clock on Wednesday night, the Coalville Fire Brigade received a call to a stack fire off Pickering Wood Lane, in the parish of Whitwick. Captain Elsworth and his men promptly responded and it was found that a large stack, containing 14 or 15 tons of hay belonging to Mr S. Topliss, was well alight. Some difficulty was experienced in getting a water supply, the hose having to be taken across fields, but the efforts of the brigade were successful in saving a good part of the stack. The brigade were engaged until about half past nine yesterday morning.

Boy's Death

The death occurred somewhat suddenly on Tuesday morning about 7.30 of George Arthur Parker, aged 4 years and six months, the son of Chas. Hy. Parker, a carter, of Leicester Road, Whitwick. He had not been well for a day or two, but his death was quite unexpected. The facts were reported to the Mr H. J. Deane, Coroner, who did not deem it necessary to hold an inquest.

Whitwick Protection Association

The annual dinner of the Whitwick and District Association for the Protection of Persons and Property, one of the oldest institutions in the district, having been formed nearly 70 years ago, was held on Monday at the Duke of Newcastle Inn, Whitwick. A company of 75 gentlemen partook of the excellent fare provided by Mr J. A. Waterfield. After dinner, the chair was occupied by the president, Dr. J. S. Hamilton, of Coalville, who submitted the usual loyal toast, which was well received.

Mr J. W. Peters of Thringstone, the secretary presented the balance sheet, showing that after meeting all liabilities, the Association had a balance in hand of a little over £12. Several new members were enrolled. Dr. Hamilton was unanimously re-elected president, as was the vice-president, Mr T. Carter, of Thringstone, and the secretary Mr J. W. Peters, and treasurer, Mr W. T. Williams, of the Coalville branch of the London City and Midland Bars, were also re-elected. The re-election of Mr J. J. Sharp as solicitor to the Association, was also unanimous.

A committee of twelve gentlemen representative of the area covered by the Association was elected as follows: Messrs J. Gutteridge, E. Parramore, G. Bramwell, Coalville; C. Spencer, Thornborough; A. J. Gough, Swannington; H. G. W. Howe, E. Hull, P. W. Griffin, Whitwick; J. Billings, Osgathorpe; W. Walker, Ibstock; G. H. Hallam, Thringstone; and F. Griffin, Hugglescote. Other toasts included "Success to the Association", and "The Chairman". Songs were given by various members of the company, and an enjoyable time was spent.

Whitwick Widows Accident

Fall downstairs with lighted lamp

Residents in Talbot Street, Whitwick, were alarmed on Saturday night, shortly before 9 o'clock, by shrieks proceeding from a house occupied by a widow named Mrs Slattery. On a neighbour entering the house, she was then found in her kitchen in flames, having fallen down the stairs whilst carrying a lighted lamp, and this had set the poor woman's clothing alight. The neighbour's prompt action in beating out the flames with his cap undoubtedly saved the woman's life. P.C.'s Grewcock and Jelley rendered first aid, and Dr. Vaughan subsequently attended the injured woman, who is 64 years of age. Her left arm from fingers to shoulder was badly burned, as was the right forearm and left side of the body.

Do you know

That Mr T. W. Bourne of Whitwick, has been elected vice-president of the Loughborough and District Baptist Union?

That the Whitwick Protection Association propose to hold their annual dinner next year at the Fox and Goose Hotel, at 4 o'clock instead of 1.30 pm as hitherto?

Coalville Urban District Council

Mr William Sheffield, J.P., presided at the monthly meeting of the Urban District Council held at Coalville, on Tuesday night, when there were also present, Messrs A. Lockwood, (vice-chairman), M. McCarthy, S. Perry, T. Y. Hay, F. Griffin, S. Armson, S. P. Matterson, B. J. Hale, J.P., with the clerk Mr T. E. Jesson; surveyor, Mr G. F. Hurst; and gas works manager, Mr J. W. Eagles; and three or four ratepayers.

Plans

The report of a meeting of the Plans Committee stated that the following plans were recommended for approval; Motor Garage, Ashby Road, Coalville, for Messrs Coleman and Sons; alteration to cottage, Holly Hayes, for Whitwick Granite Co. Ltd, workshop and stores, Ellistown, for Mr H. Blythe; and store room, Crescent Road, Coalville, for Mr G. Rogers. Mr George Henson of Belvoir Road, Coalville, was reported to have erected a wooden building and failed to present plans after repeated application therefore, and the committee recommend he be given seven days in which to show cause why legal proceedings should not be taken against him. At a subsequent meeting of the committee the following plans were recommended for approval, Bank Buildings, Belvoir Road, Coalville, for the Nottingham and Notts Bank Ltd., and houses, Meadow Lane, Whitwick, for Mr J. H. Adkin. (Mr Perry moved the adoption of the report which was carried).

Highway Committee Report

The Surveyor produced the plans of the proposed improvement at Pares Hill, Whitwick, and after consideration thereof, the Committee recommend the Whitwick members report thereon at the next meeting of the committee. – The clerk read correspondence with the owners of property at the corner of Silver Street and Market Place, Whitwick, with reference to the acquiring by the Council of a strip of land for improvement purposes, and the Committee recommended the Clerk write and ascertain what terms they would allow the Council to construct a dwarf wall and place thereon palisades. The Committee considered the question of the erection of a convenience at the Dumps, Whitwick, and recommended the clerk write Mr J. Clarke of Leicester Road, and enquire on what terms and for what period he would lease the Council a site therefore.

Coalville Police Court

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

Colliery Official Assaulted

Edward Walker, 36, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for assaulting Edward Wallam, a colliery deputy, at Whitwick, on November 1st. Mr C. E. Crane (Coalville) appeared to prosecute and Mr T. E. Jesson (Ashby) was for the defendant, who pleaded not guilty. Mr H. J. Deane (Loughborough) held a watching brief for the Leicestershire Miners Association. Mr Crane said the defendant worked in the same district in the Whitwick pit over which complainant had charge, and the assault arose out of the complainant having to report the defendant to the manager for a breach of the colliery rules.

Complainant, who had a black eye, said he lived at Whitwick and was employed as deputy at No. 6 Whitwick pit on night duty. On the night of October 24th, he had occasion to speak to the defendant as to not properly doing his duty and defendant was to have appeared before the manager on the following day, but he did not attend. He was before the manager with complainant, however on November 1st. When he had left the office and was near the colliery gate, defendant called him and said, "You are a ---- little rogue" and complainant replied, "I expect I am." Defendant then said, "I have a ---- good mind to give you a punch in the mouth," and thereupon struck him a blow in the eye. They closed and there was a struggle. No one else was present till two coal-drawers came out of the pit yard a few minutes later. Proceeding, complainant said he told the defendant he should make him pay for it. He had to be attended by Dr. Vaughan. He had previously had trouble with the defendant who on former occasions had threatened him. Mr Jesson objected to this evidence. Mr Crane submitted that evidence as to threats preceding an assault was permissible. Mr Jesson said there should be a separate summons for threats. The Bench ruled that the evidence could be given as it led up to the assault.

Complainant said that some weeks ago he had occasion to send a man back and the defendant said that if he had him on the top he would make a good lad of him. He had threatened him on other occasions. By Mr Jesson: He went once to Dr. Vaughan. He was not off work at all through the assault. He got a few blows in after he was struck. He had no bad feeling against the defendant whatsoever. He was not excitable. On no occasion had he called the defendant an 'idle d---'. Orders were sometimes written down and complainant could not read, but they were read out to him by his mates. The defendant had not helped him in that way. Furthering answering Mr Jesson, complainant said he told the manager defendant had no catch prop set and defendant replied that he had to set a bar. Complainant told the manager that defendant came to his work each night drunk and could not get on with his mates. It was his duty to report the defendant if he knew he was drunk. He did not know that defendant had worked at the Whitwick pit for seven years. He was not aware that defendant gave in his notice because he could not work under a man like him (complainant). He was not waiting for the defendant when the assault took place. Defendant said something to him about the Bible and speaking the truth, but complainant did not strike him first. He was not aware that defendant had been a teetotaler for five months.

By Mr Crane: *This was not the only occasion that he had sent the defendant before the manager.*

Mr Crane asked that in view of what had been suggested took place at interview with the manager, the Bench would adjourn the case for an hour to allow him to send for Mr Hay. The Bench did not consider this necessary.

James Smith, carter, Swannington, said he saw Wallam and Walker hugging one another in the hedge bottom. He heard Wallam say, "Loose me." Witness watched the fight to the finish. Walker was the biggest and had the longest reach and he got the best of it. Wallam said he should make him pay for it and Walker replied, "You ought to have had it before."

By Mr Jesson: *They went at it hard and fast for a few minutes.*

George Thomas Smythe, of Club Row, an on-setter at the Whitwick Colliery, said that some six or eight weeks ago he remembered trouble between the parties. He was at the pit bottom and heard Walker threaten Wallam because he had sent him back. Walker said

if he had Wallam at the top he would make a good lad of him. Witness had worked at the pit for five years.

By Mr Jesson: *Wallam approached him on Wednesday night, as to giving evidence and witness had had no occasion to recall the incident apart from that.*

This was the case for the prosecution.

Mr Jesson said that from the way that Mr Crane had opened the case they might have imagined it was a charge of murder, but he submitted that it was only a miserable squabble between two workmen. Defendant had worked at the pit for seven years and had an excellent character. Defendant alleged that he was struck first and it was a case of oath and oath, and he (Mr Jesson) thought he was justified in asking the Bench for a dismissal.

The defendant Walker said he had been engaged in pit work for 16 years and at Whitwick seven years. He had never been summoned before. About three months ago when he went to work one night he was given certain instructions by Wallam which he found were wrong. He went on with other work, and when Wallam came he started on him. Wallam produced his paper of instructions and defendant read it and told him he was doing what was right. Wallam said he could not read and witness told him he ought not to hold that job then. Complainant had had it in for him ever since. Wallam told the manager he (defendant) went to his work every night drunk, which was untrue, it was also untrue he could not get on with his mates. The manager gave him the option of resuming work, but he said he could not work under Wallam. He alleged that complainant struck him first because he told him to go home and read the Bible and then tell Mr Hay the truth on Monday morning. He (defendant) retaliated when he was struck.

By Mr Crane: *He had not had trouble with the day deputy.*

The under-manager, Smith, told him he could have his liberty at once or 14 days notice. It was his duty to obey the deputy, if possible.

Mr Crane: *Is it for you to question his orders?*

Defendant: *Yes, if I think it can't be done to be safe.*

Mr Crane: *Then if you don't agree with the orders, you don't carry them out?*

The chairman said that had nothing to do with the assault.

By Mr Jesson: *A stallman was responsible for the safety of his stall.*

The Bench considered the evidence so conflicting that they gave the defendant the benefit of the doubt and dismissed the case.

(The article originally appeared in two parts, with the second half being printed the following week – it appears here in its entirety for clarity)

Summons

Thomas Price, 35, collier, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick on October 24th.

John Baker, 51, rag and bone gatherer, of Whitwick, was charged with stealing an iron trough, value 2s 6d at Thringstone on October 14th.

Charles Cooper, 27, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on October 21st.

James Gee, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick on October 31st.

Thomas Cooper, 34, John Cooper, 32 and Thomas Edwards, 38, colliers, Whitwick, were charged with stealing six half-pint bottles containing ale, value one shilling, the property of Henry Ward, at Whitwick, on October 29th.

John Brotherhood, 49, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on October 25th.

Sports News

Football

Coalville League

Whitwick Imperial, though at home, were quite unequal to the task of meeting Ellistown St. Christopher's, who scored nine goals to none and thus registering the biggest win of the day.

Whitwick's Goodbye to the English Cup

Whitwick Imperial had made good progress in the English Cup Competition, winning their matches with Leicester Imperial and Boston Town, but even the most sanguine of their supporters hardly expected them to succeed at Grantham on Saturday where they had to turn out against a team which is figuring well in the Central Alliance.

The Avenue won by four goals to none and though it was a fairly substantial margin the Whitwick club was by no means disgraced. From all accounts, the score was hardly a correct representation of the game, the Imperial making their opponents go all the way. The match was played in beautiful weather before a thousand spectators and for some time play was confined to mid-field, neither side displaying any particularly good form. The Whitwick forwards, possibly trying to make amends for their shortcomings of the previous week, were very energetic, but one or two good movements were spoiled by offside, Grantham also being penalised in a similar way. The first goal came through a miskick by one of the Whitwick backs, letting in Sharp, but almost directly afterwards, the Imperial should have got even again, Murdy having a lovely chance, which however, he failed to utilise. Both sides had exciting corners and just on the interval Caunt put through again for the Avenue.

After about ten minutes in the second half had elapsed, Caunt centred for Wadsley to head Grantham's third goal and two minutes later Sharp again did the trick. Whitwick made some good efforts, but were up against a strong defence which they failed to penetrate.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Deaths

Death of Mrs Bonser

The death has occurred of Mrs Bonser, late licensee of the Forester's Arms Inn, Leicester Road, who was staying with her son at Burton-on-Trent. The deceased lady is the sister of Councillor S. Perry.

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Local News

Whist Drive

A successful whist drive and dance were held at the Holy Cross School on Wednesday evening. Mr W. McCarthy was the M.C. for the dance, and Mr Geo. Greasley, assisted by Father O'Reilly, for the whist drive. The winners respectively were:

Ladies: Miss Needham, Mrs G. Greasley and Miss Farrell (mystery).

Gents: Messrs Tebbett, Hardy and W. J. Cracknell (mystery).

Colliery Accident

An accident happened on Saturday to Mr C. W. Watts, of Thringstone, while engaged at his work on the bank at Whitwick new pit. He was engaged with the wagons under the screen when he was caught by a moving wagon, and appears to have had a miraculous escape. As it was he was rather badly hurt about the head and shoulders.

Coalville Police Court

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

Bad Language

John Brotherhood, 49, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on October 25th. P.C. Grewcock stated the case in the defendant's absence. Fined 2s 6d and costs 12s 6d or 7 days.

Charles Cooper, 27, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on November 1st. Mr T. E. Jesson (Ashby) appeared for the defendant, who pleaded not guilty. P.C. Grewcock said he saw the defendant urging two dogs to fight and he was using very bad language. By Mr Jesson: A football match between Whitwick and Ellistown was proceeding in the next field, and Ellistown were winning. He always supported Whitwick and got a bit excited. He did not use the bad language attributed to him, and was not watching a dog fight in the next field. The chairman said the defendant had been fined three times this year. He was now fined 10s 6d and 12s costs or 14 days. Mr Jesson asked for time to pay. Defendant: I am a good customer. (Laughter). A week was allowed.

Drunk and Disorderly

Thomas Price, 35, collier, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick on October 24th. He did not appear and the case was proved by P.C. Jelley, who said the man fell down several times as he was taking him home. Fined 7s 6d and costs 12s 6d or 7 days.

James Gee, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick on October 31st. No appearance. On the evidence of P.C. Jones a fine of 5s 6d, and costs 12s 6d or seven days was imposed.

Whitwick Collier's Foolish Conduct

Thomas Cooper, 34, John Cooper, 32, and Thomas Edwards, 38, colliers, Whitwick, were charged with stealing six half-pint bottles containing ale, value one shilling, the property of Henry Ward, at Whitwick, on October 29th. Mr T. H. Jesson (Ashby) for the defendant's pleaded not guilty.

Rose Kate Ward, widow, of the Royal George Inn, Whitwick, stated that she went out about 1 o'clock to do some shopping. She locked the front door and left the back door on the drop latch. She returned between three and four o'clock, and found the back door open. Things were all upset in the bar and six small ale bottles were empty and two half empty. She reported the matter to Hy. Ward, the landlord.

By Mr Jesson: *The bottles were not hidden at all. She was at the house by herself and had to go out shopping sometimes. On this occasion she was away three hours. The defendant Cooper had not helped as waiter.*

Rebecca Griffin, widow, residing next door to the Royal George, stated that about 3pm she saw the defendant's go into the house. P.C. Grewcock said he saw the men the following day and cautioned them. Thomas Cooper made a statement to the effect that having gone to the back of the premises to the convenience, and noticing the back door open, they went in. Nobody was there and they took six bottles of ale from the back of the counter and drank them. When he saw John Cooper, he told witness he had been expecting him. Thomas Cooper and Edwards were in the George when he saw them and they said they had come to pay.

Mr Jesson said the facts were admitted, but the defence was that there was no felonious intent. Defendants were regular customers at the house and were there for half an hour. There was no secrecy. They may have acted foolishly, but not feloniously. Mrs Ward, recalled, said that when the defendants came to the house next morning, they had not then been seen by the police. They seemed to treat it as a joke.

The chairman said the Bench did not think there was felonious intent, though defendants acted foolishly and impudently. No conviction was recorded, and defendants were ordered to pay 10s costs, the case being dismissed.

Three weeks for Theft

John Baker, 51, rag and bone gatherer, of Whitwick, was charged with stealing an iron trough, value 2s 6d at Thringstone on October 14th. Defendant pleaded not guilty. Chas.

Henson, butcher, deposed to missing an iron pig trough from his premises. He reported it to Sergeant Betts, and later saw the trough at Briers' marine stores.

By Defendant: *Witness had known him for many years, and had often sold him things.*
By Supt. Lockton: *He had not sold him that pig trough.*

Alec White, collier, Thringstone, living next door, said the defendant called and bought some rags from him. He went up the garden when he left, and asked witness whose that piece of iron was. Witness told him he knew nothing about it. Defendant put it on his cart and took it away. Defendant said he gave the last witness a shilling which included the purchase of the iron.

Albert John Briers, marine store dealer, of Whitwick, said he gave defendant half-a-crown for the trough and some scrap. P.C. Betts deposed to seeing the prisoner and cautioning him, and he replied that he bought the trough from a man named White at Thringstone, giving him 1s for it. Defendant said he had been in Whitwick for nine years and had never stolen a thing.

He called Mr Briers to give him a character. Mr Briers said he could not say whether the man stole the trough or not. He did things when in beer. Witness did not employ him, but had bought things off him for the last seven or eight years. Defendant was sentenced to 21 days hard labour.

Sports News

Football

A report was received from C. H. Insley (referee) that Whitwick Imperial played a man short against Ibstock Albion on October 18th and Ibstock were 40 minutes late. Whitwick were fined 1s and Ibstock 2s.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Burials

On Saturday, November 8th, at Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts, William Twigg, aged 40 years, of Green Lane, Whitwick.

Friday November 21st 1913 (Issue 1135)

Local News

Tailor Summoned

At the Loughborough Police Court on Wednesday, Samuel Haywood, tailor, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk in charge of a horse and cart at Shepshed on November 11th. P.C. Wardle, who proved the case, said the defendant drove along Charnwood Road at a furious pace. Three children had narrow escapes. When he pulled up he fell out of the cart, and was unable to stand. Fined 20s or seven days.

Whist Drive

A whist drive took place in the National School on Wednesday night under the auspices of the Whitwick Troop of Boy Scouts. There was a good attendance. Scoutmaster S. Perry was M.C., and the prize-winners were:

Ladies : 1st Mrs Haywood, New Swannington; 2nd Miss D. Foster, Whitwick; 3rd Miss Woodward, Packington.

Gents : 1st Mr Harper, Whitwick; 2nd Sergeant Stone, Whitwick; 3rd Mr Ward, Thringstone. Refreshments were provided.

Memorial Tablet unveiled at Whitwick

On Tuesday evening, at a special service in the Whitwick P.M. Church, the unveiling took place of a tablet erected in the church to the memory of the late Mr and Mrs James Whittaker. Mrs Whittaker having left a small legacy to the church conditionally upon this being done. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. H. Whiting, who gave an address and a tribute was also paid by Mr J. Newbury, who had known both the deceased for many years. Mrs Whittaker had been a member of the class with Mr Newbury for 48 years, 30 years of which Mr Newbury has acted as leader.

Fatal Diphtheria at Whitwick

Sad Death of two Schoolmates

Diphtheria of a severe type has broken out at Whitwick within the last few days and has had a sad sequel in the deaths of two schoolboys, who were constant mates and attended the same school – the National School – at Whitwick.

They were George Hy. Lovell, aged nine years, and Walter Waterfield, aged 10 years, both residing in Leicester Road. The funeral of Lovell took place at Whitwick Cemetery on Saturday, and the boy Waterfield was buried there on Wednesday. Other cases in the same locality have been notified to the medical officer to the Coalville Urban District Council, Dr. R. W. Jamie, and the officers of the Council are trying to ascertain the cause of the outbreak and to arrest its spread.

Various rumours as to the cause of the disease are being circulated in the district, one being that the two unfortunate little boys caught the infection through playing with the decomposed body of a dog which they had found in a brook at Whitwick.

Do you know

That the Children's window in Whitwick Parish Church is to be dedicated on Sunday afternoon?

Coalville Police Court

Today (Friday) – Before Major Hatchett, (in the chair) Mr H. J. Ford, Mr W. Lindley and Dr. J. C. S. Burkitt.

Unlicensed Dog

Herbert Hall, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for keeping a dog without a licence. P.C. Jelley proved the case. Fined 7s 6d and 12s 6d costs or seven days.

No Light

Albert Muggleston, collier, Belton, was summoned for riding a bicycle without a light at Whitwick, on November 1st. P.C. Grewcock gave the facts and defendant was fined 1s and 12s 6d costs or seven days.

Bad Language

Joseph Wesley and Edward Wesley, colliers, Whitwick, were summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on November 8th. Joseph Wesley pleaded not guilty, and the other defendant did not appear. P.C. Grewcock said Joseph Wesley threatened to dash his brains out with a bottle when he spoke to him about his language. Defendant, giving evidence on oath, denied using the language.

By Supt. Lockton: *He and his brother were sober. There was no bother and no bottle smashing.*

He had never been summoned before and did not know the way to the court that morning (laughter).

Previous convictions were proved. Defendants were each fined 2s 6d and costs 9s 3d or seven days with a good will.

Levi Robinson, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on November 8th. He did not appear and P.C. Grewcock stated the case. Fined 5s 6d and costs 12s 6d or seven days.

Sports News

Football

Whitwick's fine win

Whitwick Imperial had a red in pickle, for Loughborough Corinthians and used it to advantage on their visit to the neighbouring town on "fair" day. Though playing a Loughborough Cup match also, the Imperial Committee pitted the strongest side against the Corinthians, and it is interesting to note that the new men included Sturman, late of Hugglescote United; Norton, a former Coalville Town player; and O. Lovett, of Quorn Havelock. Aubrey Sharp was called in at the last minute and also had a good hand in the victory.

Whitwick made the pace from the start but at the interval the score was one each. It looked as though the score was to remain at this, but in the last five minutes, Percy Wright – who played splendidly all through – dashed away and the cheers were deafening as he registered the winning goal with a terrific shot, for the big crowd included many Whitwick

supporters to whom the fair, as well as the football match was an attraction. It was a great match and Whitwick are to be congratulated on their fine win.

Whitwick Beaten at Shepshed

The other Whitwick eleven was at Shepshed are were beaten by the Albion in a Loughborough Cup match, though it was only by the odd goal of five. The Albion opened the score through Simpkin and W. Moore equalised, while good play on the part of the Imperialists enabled them to cross over with a lead, having placed another goal to their credit.

In the second half, Simpkin did the trick again and Matts kicked the winner. Shepshed's second goal came from a penalty.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Death of former Whitwick V.C.'s Widow

We regret to hear of the death of Mrs Ashford, of Skinner's Lane, Whitwick, which occurred yesterday (Thursday) morning at her home. Mrs Ashford was the widow of the late Mr Thomas Ashford, the only postman V.C. in the country who was buried with military honours at Whitwick about a year ago. Mrs Ashford leaves two grown-up daughters. At the time of Mr Ashford's death there were rumours circulated that the widow had been offered fabulous sums for the Victoria Cross, but these reports were untrue.

Burials

Lovell – At Whitwick, on Saturday, George Hy. Lovell, aged 9 years, of Leicester Road, Whitwick.

Waterfield – At Whitwick, on Wednesday, Walter Waterfield, aged 10 years, of Leicester Road.

Friday November 28th 1913 (Issue 1136)

Local News

Mr Alma Hall, formerly of Alma Villas, Hermitage Road, Whitwick, who went to Canada about two years ago, returned to Whitwick on Friday last owing to the severity of the Canadian winter. He has been working in Toronto in the building trade, with his son-in-law, Mr John McCarthy, son of Mr M. McCarthy, of New Swannington.

Property

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

Rummage Sale

A rummage sale was held in the Wesleyan School on Saturday, organised by Mrs John Stinson. Over £2 was realised for the Wesleyan Foreign Missions.

Holy Cross Band

In connection with this band, a tea was held in the Holy Cross School on Saturday afternoon, over 150 being present. This number was doubled at a dance in the evening. The band was assisted by Shepshed friends and played for dancing. The proceeds were for the new instrument fund.

Social

On Wednesday evening a social was held in the Whitwick National School organised by the members of the Church Girl's Guild. Mr R. G. West played for dancing which was much enjoyed. The proceeds were for the colliers' and quarrymen's memorial window proposed to be erected in the parish church.

At the church of St. John Baptist, Whitwick on Saturday last, November 22nd, a peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original) 5040 changes was rung in 2 hours and 46 minutes. The bells were rung by Messrs. J. Harold Pegg, J. Cadle, E. Rands, P. Hadfield, H. Partridge, J. Rawson, G. Griffin and W. Fern. Conducted by Mr E. Rands. This peal was rung at fast pace, and the striking was excellent.

Chapel Anniversary

In connection with the Baptist chapel anniversary, special services were held on Sunday, when the preacher was the Rev. T. Adamson, of Castle Donington, and there were good congregations. A baptismal service was held in the evening. Miss Maud Wheeldon nicely sang the solo, "Rock of Ages". A tea was held on Monday and in the evening a public meeting presided over by Mr A. West and addresses were given by the Revs. J. W. Campbell, of Ibstock, who spoke on "Communion with God", and the Rev. W. H. Wills, of Coalville, on "They that know their God shall be strong and do exploits." Votes of thanks were passed on the motion of Mr O. Geary, seconded by Mr A. Aris. The proceeds were for the trust funds.

The Children's Window

Dedication at Whitwick Parish Church

Interest in the anniversary services in aid of the Sunday School at the Whitwick Parish Church on Sunday last was enhanced by the fact that the children's window, recently erected in the North aisle was unveiled and dedicated.

The ceremony was performed in the afternoon in the presence of a crowded congregation by the Rural Dean, the Rev. Canon H. E. Broughton, M.A., vicar of Hugglescote, who also conducted the service and gave an impressive address to the children. The lessons were read by the newly appointed Vicar, the Rev. T. W. Walters, and suitable music was rendered. The choir, under the direction of Mr John Clark, capably sang the 23rd Psalm ("The Lord is my Shepherd"), and the hymns were, "O God, our help in ages past," and "There's a friend for little children," Mr R. G. West officiating at the organ. The Vicar preached at the morning and evening services and the collections realised nearly £6.

It is a handsome stained-glass window, depicting "The Nativity," and it is hoped that the memorial window to the miners and quarrymen in the same aisle will be completed shortly, leaving only one window in the aisle without a stained-glass subject. The window dedicated on Sunday has been entirely paid for by the contributions of the children, and the proceeds of various efforts they have made for the object.

Accident at Whitwick Colliery

Youth seriously injured

A serious accident happened on Friday to a youth named Wm. Smith, aged about 16 years while at work in the Whitwick Colliery. He had one of his legs broken and severe injuries to his head and back and was conveyed in a critical condition to the Leicester Royal Infirmary. Recent enquiries elicited the fact that the lad, fortunately, is going on as well as can be expected. He had only just started work after recovering from a former accident. Smith is the son of John Smith, a collier, of Silver Street, Whitwick, who is employed at the South Leicester Colliery, but has been off work for nine months owing to illness.

Do you know

That four young men were baptised at the Baptist Church, Whitwick last Sunday night?

Sports News

Football

Coalville Cup Match at Hugglescote

Having drawn in the second round for the Coalville Cup some weeks ago at Whitwick, Hugglescote St. John's and Whitwick Imperial again met on Saturday and after a hard game the issue still remained undecided, the result being another draw of two goals each. Whitwick have considerably strengthened their team since the previous match, but players not qualified for the original match could not take part in the re-play on Saturday and the Imperial, therefore, were not at full strength.

The game opened at a smart pace and had not been long in progress before Tom Lees, who played a good game at inside right, scored for Hugglescote, this being due to a mis-kick by Cooke. The Imperial improved and W. Moore made matters level after a fine run and shot, but after this period up to the interval, the Hugglescote forwards were prominent and the Whitwick defenders had an anxious time. Waterfield kicking finely.

The visitors started in the second half in a determined manner and after a quarter of an hour, it fell to W. Moore again to do the needful, the Imperial thus taking the lead. An unfortunate incident occurred shortly afterwards, the same player, W. Moore, who had been doing so well, being ordered off the field by Referee Tivey for a bad charge on Adams, the Hugglescote goalkeeper, when clearing. The decision was resented by many of the Whitwick spectators, the crowd rushed on the field, and it looked for a time as though the match would have to be abandoned, but Mr Tivey was able to restore order, and play was resumed. The Imperial were handicapped somewhat with only ten men and the Saints made most of their opportunities, Brown eventually levelling up the scores again. Just before the close, the St. John's netted again, but the whistle had just gone for a

foul and the point was not allowed. There was not much to choose between the teams on the day's play and a draw, perhaps, was a fair representation of the merits of the players. In view of the great struggle between the clubs to get into the next round, their third meeting will be anticipated with not a little interest.

Coalville Charity Cup

A meeting of the Management Committee of this Competition was held at the Red House Hotel, Coalville, on Tuesday night. Mr C. E. Marston presided, and there were present Messrs H. R. Brown, J. Tivey, J. Kirby, D. Marston, H. Clamp, G. Swain, S. Goacher, R. T. Bradshaw and A. E. Clay, with the hon. secretary, Mr J. W. Farmer.

The secretary reported that the match Hugglescote St. John v Whitwick Imperial on Saturday again resulted in a draw. It was decided that according to rule the match would have to be played again at Whitwick, on or before December 13th. As Mr Tivey, the referee, had another appointment, Mr R. T. Bradshaw, of Coalville, was appointed referee, and it was decided to send neutral linesmen – Messrs J. Edwards (Snibston), and C. E. Marston (Coalville) being appointed, the fee to be 2s 6d each and travelling expenses. It was decided that the kick-off be at 2.30 prompt, extra time to be played if necessary.

It was decided that the draw on Saturday between Earl Shilton Town and Earl Shilton Victor be played again on December 13th. Mr T. Price of Coalville was appointed referee.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

The Misses Ashford, of Whitwick wish to thank all friends for the kind expressions of sympathy shown in their recent sad bereavement.

Burials

Ashford – At Whitwick, on Tuesday, Betsy Ann Ashford, aged 51 years, of Skinner's Lane.

Accompanying Notes to the November Articles

Friday November 7th

In the Coalville Court, George Thomas Smythe is the on-setter at the pit. The on-setter was a person who worked at the shaft bottom and put men and coal tubs on and off the cage that went between the pit bottom and pit head. The man at the top of the shaft was known as the Banksman.

Edward Wallam was a Colliery Deputy. This is a workman, who deputises for the manager with regard to the health and safety in a particular part of the mine or district. He would be responsible for checking the levels of dangerous gasses by using his Davy lamp, and several times during his shift, he would have to check the workings to ensure props and beams are set at the correct distances to prevent roof falls. In confined spaces, the timbers used to support the roof would make working restrictive and some miners may be tempted to take risks by leaving greater space between props than allowed. In later times, Deputies also were responsible for the firing of explosive 'shots'.

Friday November 28th

The Children's Window in the church is in two panes showing the nativity scene with Mary and the baby in the left panel and Joseph in the right panel. The wording below says "This window was given by the Church children of Whitwick 1913. Suffer the little children to come unto me."



Friday December 5th 1913 (Issue 1137)

Local News

The children's window recently unveiled in Whitwick Parish Church cost £32 6s, which sum has been paid and a balance of £1 4s 2d, handed to the Colliers' and Quarrymen's memorial window fund.

Sequel to collision at Whitwick

Damages awarded at Ashby

Before the Registrar, Mr W. A. Musson at the Ashby County Court, yesterday, Isaac Hall, pony driver, of Thringstone sued Bert Harrison, baker, Whitwick, for £32 18s 6d damages for injuries and damage to a bicycle alleged to be due to the negligent driving or management of a horse by the plaintiff's servant, on September 13th last at Whitwick. Mr T. E. Jesson (Ashby) was for the plaintiff and Mr J. J. Sharp (Coalville) for the defendant.

Plaintiff said he was 18 years of age and he worked in the Whitwick pit. On the date named he was riding a bicycle on his way from work with two others named Bird and Haywood. Before approaching the Brook's Lane corner he kept on the left side of the road and rang his bell, but at the corner he was run into by a horse and knocked off his machine. A youth named Joseph Roulstone was riding the horse, which was galloping. Complainant had since been under the doctor. He was a member of an approved society, but had not yet received any benefit. The bicycle was badly damaged and he did not think it was worth repairing. His wages averaged 24s per week. Roulstone had been in the defendant's employ about 18 months.

The Registrar said it was monstrous that the boy had received no payment from the Insurance Company. Mr Jesson said the boy was entitled to 6s per week, but suggested that the company were awaiting the result of these proceedings.

By Mr Sharp: *There were only three of them and they were not riding three abreast and occupying the whole of the road. There was a football match between Coalville and Whitwick, at Whitwick that day, but they were not excited. It was not a racing bicycle with low handle bars and he was not riding fast with his head down.*

Plans of the locality were put in and explained by Mr F. Goddard for the plaintiff, and Mr W. D. McCarthy for the defendant. Arthur Bird, of Thringstone, who was riding with the plaintiff, said they were not going more than four or five miles an hour. The horse had no bridle on and the boy riding it was thrown off.

Wm. Lacey, collier, Thringstone, said he heard the plaintiff ring his bell on approaching the corner and he was not doing more than four or five miles an hour. The pony was galloping at a rapid rate. James Baden Cufflin, aged 13, of Talbot Street, Whitwick, also gave evidence and in reply to Mr Sharp, said he did not see a boy throw a stone at the pony when it came out of School Lane.

John Hall, father of the plaintiff, said he used to live in School Lane and saw the boy fetch the pony on this occasion. There was no bridle on. Dr. J. C. S. Burkitt, Whitwick, said the plaintiff was brought to his surgery with a severe wound on his right knee. Witness had to put in 13 stitches. The Registrar said it was a wonderful recovery. The boy might have lost his knee cap. Replying to Mr Sharp, the doctor said he could not charge for attending the boy, but was entitled to charge for giving certificates. The boy was entitled to weekly pay from the Insurance Co. until such time as it was proved to be an accident for which some one was responsible.

The Registrar said it was disgraceful that the boy should have been on his back for 3 months, in poor circumstances, and not to have received a penny. Was that one of the blessings of the Insurance Act?

Dr Burkitt: *No. It is a matter for his approved society. He is entitled to 10s per week.*

The Registrar: *He ought to have been paid but probably it is his own fault.*

Mr Sharp said it was an unfortunate accident for both parties, but he submitted that there was contributory negligence on the part of the plaintiff.

Joseph Roulstone, aged 12, said he had been in the habit of fetching the pony for Mr Harrison. On this occasion, he had a riding bridle and was trotting, when someone threw at the pony and made it jump. The collision occurred immediately after. There were four or

five cyclists riding all abreast. He was thrown off and injured his knee. Mrs Utting stopped the pony and the bridle was still on. Before the accident he heard no bell ring.

By Mr Jesson: *He had worked for Mr Harrison for about a year. He had been warned not to ride the pony. On this occasion he had not lost control of the pony.*

Ellen Griffin, of Whitwick, said she saw the plaintiff ride past her house in North Street at a dangerous pace. Agnes Utting said she saw the plaintiff ride past her house in North Street at a good pace. She believed there were six cyclists. After the collision, she stopped the pony which had a riding bridle on.

By Mr Jesson: *She was related to the defendant by marriage. She stopped the pony with a brush, as it galloped towards her.*

Arthur Haywood, miner, Thringstone, said he was riding with the plaintiff and there were five of them. They were going at a tidy pace because they wanted to get back to see the football match.

In reply to the Registrar, witness admitted that he was going at a dangerous pace, and Mr Musson told him he ought to be ashamed of himself. John Oliver Howe, employed by Mr Harrison, said the boy always took the bridle and did on this occasion. The pony had the bridle on when it was brought home.

The Registrar said the evidence as to the bridle was very conflicting but apart from that he held that there was negligence on the part of the defendant in trusting a boy of 12 with a pony 13 hands and six years old. He gave judgement for the plaintiff for £20 5s.

Dance

On Saturday evening a dance was held at Holy Cross School, when about 120 were present. The M.C.'s were Messrs A. Dyer, J. H. McCarthy, and J. Rewhorn, and Miss Popple (piano) and Mr Popple (violin) played for dancing. Miss McCarthy and Miss Harris had charge of the refreshments. A prize drawing also took place, Mr W. D. McCarthy acting as secretary. The proceeds were for the Holy Cross church funds.

Wesleyan Missions

Missionary services were held at the Whitwick Wesleyan chapel on Sunday, the preacher being the Rev. F. H. H. Labbett and there were good congregations. On Tuesday evening the annual missionary meeting was held presided over by Mr Thos. Frith, of Coalville, and the Rev. F. H. H. Labbett gave an address on mission work with the exhibition of a series of coloured pictures illustrating "Races to be won." Various native curios were also shown. The collections were for the mission funds.

Do you Know

That the Lord Mayor's fund for the relief of the distress caused by the recent Senghenydd Colliery disaster amounts to £41,000?

That Miss L. Adams was the pianist at the Whitwick Church Girls' dance, and not Mr R. G. West, as stated in a paragraph last week?

That the total amount received towards the colliers' and quarrymen's' memorial window to be erected in Whitwick Parish Church, was, at the end of November, £89 5s 5d?

Coalville Police Court

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

Bad Language

For using bad language at Whitwick, Levi Robinson, and John Robinson, colliers, were fined 7s 6d each and costs, Levi's costs being 12s 6d, and John's 10s 6d.

Drunk and Disorderly

For being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick, James Gee, collier, was fined 7s 6d, and 12s 6d costs: and for a like offence at Coalville, Jas. Draycott, collier, was fined 7s 6d and 11s 6d costs.

Sport

Football

Whitwick still at the Top

By their creditable win over Ibstock Albion on the Duke of Newcastle ground on Saturday, Whitwick Imperial maintained their position at the head of the Senior League chart.

The start was delayed by Ibstock's late arrival and there was a big crowd to greet the teams when they turned out. Play was fast at the commencement and during an attack by the Imperial, Brady missed an open goal, but soon afterwards Percy Wright scored a brilliant goal. Ibstock improved, and Warden a former Whitwick and Coalville player, who was in the Albion forward line (centre) had a good chance to equalise, but failed to take it. Whitwick also missed several good chances and Wright's was the only goal up to the interval.

Play was warmly contested in the second half, and after 20 minutes, Brady, who was playing finely, put on Whitwick's second goal. Almost immediately, the Ibstock forwards dashed away and Morley opened their account. The Imperial got going again, and a splendid movement among the forwards resulted in Sturman putting them further ahead. Both sides made some strong attempts to get through, but the defence prevailed to the end, and Whitwick retired winners by three goals to one, a win which was thoroughly deserved, though the Albion were by no means disgraced, playing a good game.

Whitwick Imperial team in the Senior Cup Competition versus Leicester Imperial on the Whitwick ground on Saturday is: Roadley; Cook and Waterfield; J. Moore; Bird and Wright (captain); Wain, Brady, Sturman, Norton and W. Moore. Referee, Mr W. W. Haw.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Burials

Shelton - At Whitwick, on Monday, Eric Shelton, aged 23 months, of Castle Street.

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Local News

Ashby Board of Guardians

Resignation of the Whitwick Registrar

Mr Jacob Newbury, of Whitwick, wrote resigning the office of registrar of births and deaths for the Whitwick sub-district, on account of his health. He said he had held the office for 33 years. He asked for arrangements to be made for the payment of the superannuation to which he was entitled. Mr Briers moved that the resignation be accepted with regret and that the clerk deal with the question of superannuation. Mr Newbury, he said, had been a thorough gentleman in every way and had excellently discharged the duties during his long term of office (hear, hear). He (Mr Briers) hoped the Board would bear in mind that Mr Newbury's son was applying for the post.

The resignation was accepted with regret and the clerk said he would arrange for the payment of the superannuation. The resignation would first have to be reported to the Registrar General before steps were taken to fill the vacancy.

The reports of the delegates to the Poor Law Conference were held over till next Board day.

P. M. Church

Mr J. Kirk of Bagworth, should have been the preacher at this place of worship on Sunday, but he was unable to attend, having met with an accident, and his place was taken by Mr George Forman, of Ibstock, who preached at the morning and evening services and also addressed the Sunday School in the afternoon.

Registrar for 33 Years

Retirement of Mr Jacob Newbury

After having held the appointment of registrar of births and deaths for the Whitwick sub-district for over 33 years, Mr Jacob Newbury, on account of failing health, has tendered his resignation which is to take effect on January 5th. The resignation has been accepted with regret by the Ashby Board of Guardians, and in acknowledging the same, the Registrar General also expresses appreciation of the excellent services rendered by Mr Newbury during his long term of office.

Mr Newbury, who was 68 years of age on Wednesday last, has had an interesting career, in the course of which he has held several public offices. He was born at Selston, Notts., but was taken to Whitwick by his widowed mother when only a month old, so that he has lived at Whitwick practically all his life. He was educated at the Harley Grammar School,

Osgathorpe (now closed) and really started in life as an office boy at Bardon Hill station, though for a very brief period he worked at the Whitwick Colliery, a situation he obtained when only 9 1/2 years of age entirely unknown to his mother. Legislation in regard to the employment of boys in mines in those days was nothing like what it is now. After leaving Bardon Hill station, he was for ten years an agent of the Prudential Assurance Co. and was appointed registrar in succession to the late Mr T. Davenport, on August 31st, 1880. On four occasions, Mr Newbury has taken the census in his district, which comprises the three wards of the Coalville urban area and the parishes of Bardon Hill, Ravenstone, Packington, Coleorton, Swannington and Thringstone. From 1883 to the time of its dissolution in 1892, Mr Newbury was rate collector for the Whitwick Local Board and continued as such for the Whitwick portion under the Coalville Local Board. He was, for many years, collector of the poor rate for Whitwick parish and was 28 1/2 years clerk to the Whitwick Burial Board, an office he resigned two years ago. He is treasurer for the Whitwick Amalgamated Funeral Fund Friendly Society, a post he has held for over 40 years and for a great number of years held in similar office for the Whitwick and District Association for the Protection of Persons and Property. His association with Oddfellowship also goes back many years.

Another interesting fact is that Mr Newbury has been a member of the Whitwick Primitive Methodist Church since 1865 and it was in 1866 that he first became a local preacher. A resolution "*authorising Bro. Newbury to accompany Bro. Bonser and assist him in his services*" was passed at the quarterly meeting on March 26th, 1866, a copy of which, signed by the Rev. Robert Parks (the then superintendent minister), Mr Newbury retains to the present day. His name is still appearing on the plan. He has held practically all the offices in the Primitive Methodist Connexion that it is possible for a layman to hold, being at the present time senior circuit steward, and has three times represented the circuit at the annual conference.

The only occasion upon which Mr Newbury has sought the suffrages of the electors for membership on a public body was at the Whitwick Local Board election in 1894, as an independent Candidate, but he was not successful. During his long residence at Whitwick, Mr Newbury has seen many changes. He remembers when the population of the parish was less than 1,000 and now it is nearly 5,000. The growth is due, no doubt, to the industrial development in which Mr Newbury has played a part. He helped in the formation of the Whitwick Granite Co. in which he was one of the first shareholders. He witnessed the making of the railway at Whitwick and the opening of the gas works, having a vivid recollection of the first night on which the town was lighted with gas. There also used to be a large market at Whitwick on Wednesdays and Saturdays, this being before the Coalville market had come into being.

In the course of his duties Mr Newbury has to call on the duties of the clergy in the nine parishes for the marriage returns and in every case but one there has been a change of incumbent, in some cases, several times. The exception is Hugglescote.

In 1866, Mrs Newbury was appointed as deputy registrar to her husband and was the first lady in the country to receive such an appointment, though there have been several since. Already Mr Newbury has received several nice letters from friends and many readers will join with them in wishing him and Mrs Newbury many happy returns in their well-earned retirement.



Do you Know

That W. Moore, outside left forward of Whitwick Imperial F.C. is to be given a trial with Notts. Forest tomorrow?

That a dog show is to be held in Whitwick tomorrow?

That Whitwick Imperials are playing Hugglescote St. John's at Whitwick, in the Coalville league tomorrow instead of for the cup, as advertised?

Sport

Football

Rival Imps at Whitwick

As Whitwick Imperial had been able to give the Imperial of Leicester their quietus from the English Cup Competition at Leicester, they were confident of being able to repeat the dose at Whitwick on Saturday, when they met for the Senior Cup. A keen game, however, ended in a division of the spoils and the match has to be fought again at Leicester.

A good crowd witnessed the match which opened at a fast pace which was maintained to the end. Whitwick missed several openings in the first half, though on the whole the play was fairly even and Leicester having netted once, crossed over with a lead.

Wain was not long levelling matters up and things looked all right for Whitwick when Moore gave them the lead, but Leicester were not to be denied and Bromage equalised. It was a

hard battle to the end in which the defences prevailed, the result being a draw of two goals each. Brady was very prominent for Whitwick.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Death

Emerson – On November 22nd, 1913, Catherine Charlotte, the beloved wife of Joshua Emerson, of Lloydminster, Canada, (formerly of Whitwick), and daughter of William and Sophia Williamson, of Bardon Hill, died at Montreal Hospital on her way home; aged 39. Interred at Montreal. Friends please accept this the only intimation.

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Local News

Dog Show at Whitwick

New Canine Society's First Annual Event

The Whitwick and District Canine Society having been re-organised, the first annual show of the new society was held in the Whitwick Public Hall, on Saturday, and was very successful. The show was confined to a radius of 20 miles, and there was a very satisfactory entry, though doubtless the number would have been greater but for the strict requirements of the Kennel Club, under whose rules the show was held, which necessitated every dog being registered. Some splendid animals were shown, and the show aroused great interest among lovers of the canine tribe, and is likely to become very popular as time goes on.

The president of the new Society is the Rt. Hon. Charles Booth, of Gracedieu Manor, with Sir Maurice Levy, M.P., as vice-president. The duties of secretary and treasurer were ably discharged by Mr G. H. Hallam, of the Queen's Head Inn, Thringstone, and the general arrangements were well carried out by a committee of which Mr H. Domoney, of Gracedieu, was chairman, and Mr W. Watts, of Thringstone, vice-chairman. These two gentlemen with the secretary, stood as guarantors to the Kennel Club. Mr J. W. Sutton, of Derby, was the judge, and the following were his awards:

Airedale terrier dog or bitch : 1st Mrs P. W. Cullese, Loughborough; 2nd J. Hubbard, Hugglescote; 3rd T. Knight, Ibstock.

Fox terrier, wire hair, dog or bitch : 1st F. Daniels, Long Eaton; 2nd F. Agar, Loughborough; 3rd H. Tindall, Leicester; res, H. Young, Kegworth; vhc, T. Irons, Whitwick; hc, H. Lowther Hay, Loughborough.

Fox terrier, smooth hair, dog or bitch : 1st F. Agar; 2nd J. H. Bower, Derby; 3rd W. H. Harvey, Loughborough.

Fox terrier, dog or bitch, novice : 1st F. Agar; 2nd J. H. Bower; 3rd H. Young; res, Tom Irons; vhc, H. Lowther Hay; T. Williamson, Coalville; W. H. Harvey, H. Young and A. Reynolds, Coalville.

Any variety dog or bitch, sporting : 1st H Lowther Hay; 2nd J. Shields jun, Isley Walton; 3rd F. Daniels; res, F. Agar, vhc, H. Findall; hc, J. Shields jnr.

Any variety dog or bitch, non sporting : 1st and 3rd Mrs A. E. King, Leicester; 2nd A. Boyall, jun, Leicester; res and vhc H. H. Gibbs, Shepshed.

Any variety dog or bitch, toy : 1st and 3rd Mrs A. E. King; 2nd A. Boyall, jun., res and vhc, H. H. Gibbs.

Children's Class, any variety, dog or bitch : 1st W. Concannon, Whitwick; 2nd J. Smart, Hugglescote; 3rd Miss H. Jones, Thringstone; reserve E. Miller, Ravenstone.

Most of the first prizes also received specials and a special of 2s 6d by the committee for best entry in classes 3 and 7 was won by Mrs A. E. King of Leicester.

Rummage Sale

A rummage sale was held in the Primitive Methodist School on Saturday night and was well attended, a brisk trade being done. The sale was preceded by a public tea at which a good number sat down. The proceeds of both the sale and tea amounted to nearly £5, which was considered very satisfactory, this amount being in aid of the reduction of the debt on the minister's house.

To Let or For Sale

Substantial residence, "The Laurels", Hermitage Road, Whitwick. Apply Mr John T. Ward, builder, Whitwick.

Coalville and Whitwick Women Unionists

Successful Children's Entertainment

Great interest was taken in a children's concert at the Coalville Adult School Hall, on Monday night, given under the auspices of the Coalville and Whitwick Women Unionists' Association (Loughborough Division). About 80 children took part and their singing, dancing, tableaux, etc., met with hearty applause from a crowded audience. The youngsters went through the performance admirably reflecting great credit on themselves and on Mrs J. J. Sharp (Whitwick), and Mrs Wiggins (Coalville), by whom they were trained. The platform was tastefully decorated with flowers and flags and this, with the pretty dresses of the children gave a charming effect. Dr. Burkitt, J.P., of Whitwick, presided, and was supported by the president of the Association, Mrs C. Booth of Gracedieu Manor. The following was the programme: Pianoforte and violin solo, Mr and Miss Popple; sketch, "Our Washing Day" Misses Kelham, Fryer, Orton, Brown, Morris, Lowe and Allt; song, Miss Atkins; recitation, "Meddlesome Matty" Alice Peck; song, Miss Hawthorn; dance, (Lancers), Misses Orton, Brown, Watts, Land, Masters Weston, Popple, Pickering and Scott; dialogue, "Mr Gardner's Tea" Master R. Sibson, Miss Bakewell, Miss E. Hall; song, the Whitwick Children's prize choir; Chinese and Japanese Tableaux, Whitwick Girls' Guild; pianoforte duet, Mr N. Jones and Master E. Wiggins; song "At Eventide" Miss Vendy; sketch, "Our at 'ome Day" Misses Pearce, Clay and Peck; song, "Three blind mice", Masters Brown, College, Smith, Fryer, Scott and Lowe; song, Miss Atkins; instructive sketch, "The Little Dairymaid" the Misses Palmer, Wright, Jelly, Broughton, Bramley and Emerton; temperance song, "Farmyard Voices" by Misses Lowe and Gill and Masters Wilson and Harris; song, Miss Hawthorn; song (comic), "John Bull" Master S. Tyler; (a) Swiss dance; (b) Sir Roger de Coverley, Misses H. Pickering, F. Stephenson, M. Tyler, E. Land, W. Jelley, V. Pickering and Masters N. Weston, J. Harris,

E. Wiggins, C. Pickering, H. Popple and C. Wilson; Britannia Tableaux, Misses D. Broughton, Moore, E. Broughton, Popple, Hart, with the children in the above dances, National Anthem.

Owing to the length of the programme, encores could not be allowed, but the hearty applause repeatedly given showed how thoroughly the audience enjoyed the children's efforts. Dr. Burkitt received an urgent call and had to leave before the end of the performance. Mrs Booth officiated to the end and at the close moved a vote of thanks to the children, to Mrs Sharp and Mrs Wiggins, and all who had in any way assisted in making the event so successful. She also complimented the parents of the children on having provided them with such pretty dresses.

The vote of thanks was heartily accorded.

Fatal Diphtheria

Another fatal case of diphtheria has unfortunately occurred at Whitwick, the funeral taking place yesterday of a little girl named Annie Roome, of Pares Hill, whose death is attributed to this cause. The child was at school last week. Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved parents.

Do you Know

That the Coalville Times will be published at midday on Wednesday next week?

That there will be no newspapers on Christmas Day?

That Mr Robert Sharp, late of Whitwick, who left for Australia in September last is now on his way home again and is expected to land on January 3rd?

Coalville Police Court

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

Thringstone Widow Summoned

Clara Robinson, widow, Thringstone, was summoned for acting as a pedlar without a certificate at Whitwick, on December 13th. She pleaded not guilty. Sergeant Betts stated the facts. Defendant said she did not have a farthing from anybody and tried to earn an honest living. The chairman enquired the cost of a licence and Supt. Lockton said it was 5s. The chairman told the defendant she must have a licence. The woman promised to do this and was let off on paying half the costs, 5s.

Bad Language

Margaret Hart, married, of Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick on December 7th. On the evidence of P.C. Grewcock, defendant who did not appear, was fined 5s 6d and 12s 6d costs or 7 days.

Frederick Haywood, collier, Swannington, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on December 13th. He pleaded not guilty. P.S. Betts stated the case, defendant being fined 5s 6d and 10s 6d costs or 7 days.

Drunk and Disorderly

Frederick Bryan, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick on December 14th. P.C. Jelley stated the case, and defendant was fined 10s 6d and costs 10s 6d or fourteen days.

Sport

Football

Whitwick Collapse at Leicester

Having drawn with Leicester Imperial at Whitwick on the previous Saturday, in the second round for the Leicestershire Senior Cup, the Imperialists of Whitwick had to journey to Leicester on Saturday to re-play the game, under a new rule of the L.F.A. although they should have been playing last Saturday for the Coalville Cup. The many draws which the Whitwick club has made in cup matches is throwing them somewhat behind, and it was hoped the visit to Leicester would settle this round. It did, though in a way little anticipated by the Whitwick club and their supporters.

Possibly, Leicester Imperial had in mind the fact that it was their Whitwick rivals who on the Martin Street ground earlier in the season dismissed them from the English Cup competition. In that case they had their revenge. It was a most peculiar match, for Whitwick started in promising fashion and were the first to score, but after this the Leicester club ran simply away with the game and retired winners by the margin of seven goals to one. The Whitwick players fell away in a most unaccountable manner and things were bordering on the sensational when the home team had increased their number of goals to half a dozen before the interval arrived.

The visitors' defence improved somewhat afterwards and one goal only was the product of the second half. The passing of the Whitwick forwards was at fault, Moore, who shaped well at outside left, being idle a good deal of the time because he was not fed sufficiently. Brady played a fairly good game, but there was no doubt about the Whitwick men being up against a better side. Four of Leicester's goals were scored by Leeson.

Coalville and District Amateur Football League

A meeting of the management committee of the Coalville and District Amateur Football League was held at the Red House Hotel, Coalville, on Monday evening, Mr J. Kirby presiding. There were present Messrs J. Tivey, A. E. Clay, D. Marston, G. Swain, R. T. Bradshaw, and the hon. sec., C. E. Marston.

Whitwick Holy Cross reported Coalville Town for playing ten men, and the Town secretary was asked for his explanation of sending in eleven names. Mr Earp said he was not at the match, and he was under a wrong impression. This explanation was also accepted, and the hope expressed that Mr Earp would be more careful in the future. The Town club was fined 1s for playing ten men.

Whitwick Holy Cross were reported by Mr A. Dennis (referee) for being 70 minutes late at Moira, on December 6th the match being 18 minutes short, Moira leading 5-0. Whitwick were fined 1s and the match ordered to be re-played on cup tie terms, to be re-arranged within seven days.

Coalville Charity Cup

Draw for the Fourth Round

A meeting of the management committee of the Coalville Cup Committee was held at the Conservative Club on Tuesday night. Mr C. E. Marston presided, and there were present, Messrs A. E. Clay, G. Swain, S. Goacher, R. T. Bradshaw, J. Kirby, H. Clamp, J. Tivey, and D. Marston, with the secretary (Mr J. W. Farmer).

The re-play between Whitwick Imperial and Hugglescote St. John's fixed for December 13th, and postponed on account of Whitwick being drawn in the Leicestershire Senior Cup Competition was considered. It was pointed out that all Senior cup competitions had preference over Charity Cup matches. The representatives of Whitwick and Hugglescote clubs were present and it was agreed that the match be re-played on Saturday next, December 20th, to be played to a finish if at all possible. It was pointed out that the winners have to meet Bagworth Town on or before January 17th. The arrangements for this match were left to the secretary to fix after next Saturday. For the Whitwick Imperial V Hugglescote St. John's match, Mr C. E. Marston was appointed referee, with Messrs J. Edwards and H. Deakin as linesmen.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Burials

Garrity – At Whitwick, on Tuesday, Annie Garrity, aged 42 years of Green Lane

Roome – At Whitwick, yesterday, Annie Roome, aged 5 years of Pares Hill.

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Local News

Public Notices

I, James White, of Talbot Street, Whitwick, hereby express my deep regret of the slanderous statements I have uttered concerning Mr William Burton and the way he conducts his House at Whitwick. The statements I made were entirely untrue and I humbly apologise to him and his family for any inconvenience I may have caused them.

Dated this 20th Day of December, 1913.

(Signed) James White.

Witness, Thos. E. Jesson, Solicitor, Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

Sleeping in a Brickyard

Prosecutions by the Whitwick Colliery Company

At the Coalville Police Court on Friday before Major Hatchett and other justices, Francis Insley and Wm. Rowland, labourers, of no fixed abode, were charged with sleeping out in a shed at Coalville, on December 18th. Insley said he was not guilty. He had 5d on him and food to last him several days. Sergeant Dobney, deposed to finding the defendants at the Whitwick Colliery brickyard. They were smoking and a lot of spent matches were about. There was a danger from fire and witness had received several complaints. Insley had 5d on him and Rowland one half penny.

Insley said he had permission. Thomas Robinson, brickyard foreman, denied giving permission. These men were a nuisance and damage from £50 to £100 a year was done. Damage to the amount of £10 had been done that week-end and he instructed the police to make a raid last night when they found five men. The men climbed over the boilers and did a lot of damage. They also left a lot of filth behind them which the firm's men had to clean up. Replying to the Bench, witness said he had not given permission to anyone to sleep there at any time.

Insley said a model lodging house ought to have been built at Coalville 30 years ago. There was no accommodation for anybody and the Whitwick lodging houses were full. Insley was sentenced to two months' hard labour, the chairman remarking that there were many previous convictions. Rowland, who had also been previously convicted, was sentenced to 21 days hard labour.

John Smith, labourer, no fixed abode, was summoned for wilful damage to some unburnt bricks to the amount of 15s, the property of the Whitwick Colliery Co. at Coalville, on December 18th. He pleaded not guilty. Sergeant Dobney said he found the prisoner in one of the drying sheds asleep at 11:45 p.m. He had disturbed a lot of bricks to make his bed and several of the bricks were broken.

Defendant said he went to the Whitwick lodging houses, but could not get in. The sergeant added that on a previous occasion when the defendant was found on the premises, he had 11s on him. Thomas Robinson gave evidence as to the damage done. Defendant denied damaging the bricks and said he had only just got there when the sergeant arrived. Sentenced to one month's hard labour.

Two other men found on the premises at the same time, were let off with a caution. One of these, however, George Foster, together with Arthur Simpson, were charged before Major Hatchett and Mr J. W. West at the Police Court on Monday with the same offence on Sunday. Sergeant Dobney gave the facts and Foster was sentenced to 14 days hard labour and Simpson to 7 days hard labour.

Do you Know

That Leicester Imperial are bringing their Central Alliance team to Whitwick on Saturday?

Sport

Football

Coalville League

Re-played cup ties disarranged three of the four matches fixed for the first division of this league on Saturday and the only match played was that on the Central ground, Coalville, where the P.S.A. entertained Whitwick Imperial Reserves. Johnson scored twice for Whitwick in the first half while Bonser missed a penalty. Bird put Whitwick further in front after crossing over and Batho scored for the Pleasants who were beaten 3 – 1.

In the Second division Swannington Institute at home re-played the match with Coleorton which was abandoned a week or so ago owing to a player getting his leg broken, and the Institute did well to win by four goals to none. The other Swannington team also won, Robin Hoods beating Whitwick Amateurs by 3 – 0.

Coalville and Rolleston Cup Matches

At the third time of asking, Whitwick Imperial made no mistake in their Coalville Cup match with Hugglescote St. John's at Whitwick on Saturday. The teams had twice previously made draws, but Whitwick had the measure of their opponents this time and scoring twice in each half ran out winners by the comfortable margin of four goals to none.

There was no doubt as to which was the superior team, though the John's are to be complimented on having given their seniors such an anxious time concerning this cup tie. P. Wright scored both Whitwick's goals in the first half and the subsequent scorers were Wain and Hewitt. The Hugglescote goal had many narrow escapes besides, notwithstanding that it was well defended by Adams.