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Local News

How Christmas was Spent

In Coalville and District

Fine weather favoured the Christmas holidays in the Coalville district and those who spent a good deal of time in the open, were, therefore, not inconvenienced in any way. It enabled followers of football to turn up in good force at the various matches played and on Boxing Day, Whitwick Imperial had a record "gate" for their match with Shepshed Albion, over two thousand people being present. On Christmas Eve and subsequent two or three days most of the local bands were out discoursing sweet music and there were several parties of carol singers, though these did not seem to be as numerous as on some former occasions. Many whist drives, socials, etc., were arranged in various places.

The Railways

It has been a busy time at the two local railway stations, particularly the Midland. The ordinary bookings have been exceptionally heavy right through the holiday and on Boxing Day 120 people were booked for a special to Birmingham.

Whitwick

Three bands of carol singers were out on Christmas Eve at Whitwick – Baptists, Wesleyans and Primitive Methodists. The latter subsequently collected £5 17s 6d for the chapel funds. The Christmas morning service at the parish church was well attended.

Thringstone

The parish church was bright with holly evergreens and plants kindly sent from Gracedieu Manor and the services were of a hearty character. The total number of communicants on Christmas Day was 81. The Sunday school prizes were distributed to the children on Holy Innocents' Day (Sunday) and on New Year's Eve a watch night service was held in the church conducted by the Vicar.

An interesting event on the Saturday afternoon prior to Christmas was a Christmas tree in the village hall for the children of the kindergarden Sunday School. Mrs C. Booth, Mrs George Booth, Mrs Shrewsbury and others were present. Miss Saunders, the super-intendant, gave an address of "Good King Wenceslas" and the teachers sang the carol for the children. The Vicar, the Rev. C. Shrewsbury, distributed gifts to 61 infants from the tree and after the delighted youngsters had gone home the teachers had tea and games.

Whist Drive and Dance

In connection with the Whitwick Holy Cross Church a whist drive and dance were held on boxing night and were largely attended. Mr and Mrs Popple played for dancing for which Messrs. J. H. McCarthy, J. Rewhorn and A. Dyer acted as M.C. and the M.C.'s for the whist drive were Messrs. J. O'Mara and A. Revell. The prize winners were:

Ladies: 1. Mrs O'Mara (Mansfield), 2. Miss Heighton:

Gents: 1. Mr M. P. Downes, 2. Mr J. W. Cracknell.

Much interest was created by a waltzing competition, in which the prizes were won by Mr H. Hatton and partner, 1st; Mr and Mrs Slattery, 2nd; and Mr J. Beeson and partner, 3rd. The Misses O'Reilly had charge of the refreshment table which was admirably served. Another dance was held on Saturday night under the same auspices and was fairly well attended.

Watch Night Service

A watch night service was held at the Whitwick P.M. Church on Wednesday evening conducted by Mr John T. Ward of Whitwick.

P.M. Chapel

The preacher at the Whitwick P.M. Chapel on Sunday should have been Mr Anderson of Markfield, but he was unable to attend through indisposition, and his place was taken in the morning by Mr J. Lakin (Whitwick) and in the evening the pulpit was occupied by Mr Bernard Lowe, of King's Norton, formerly a member of the Whitwick church. Good congregations were present at the services.

Whist Drive and Dance

In connection with the Holy Cross Cricket Club, a dance and whist drive were held in the Holy Cross School on New Year's Eve, over one hundred being present. The M.C.'s for the dance were Messrs. J. W. Orton and J. Rewhorn and Mr Charles Jones was the pianist. Mr J. O'Mara conducted the whist drive and the winners were:

Ladies: 1st Miss A. Needham; 2nd Miss Henson.

Gents: 1st Mr George Knight; 2nd Mr W. Griffin.

Miss Harris had charge of the refreshment department. A singing contest was also held in connection with the event and the winner was Mr Reg. Needham, with "On the banks of Allan water." The prize was a case of "Bass" given by Mr Bowley Hurst. The proceeds were for the cricket club funds.

Christmas Festivities

At the Forest Rock Hotel, on Boxing night, Mr W. James celebrated his first Christmas tenancy of this well-known hostelry, by inviting many friends and patrons to dinner. A company of about 70 accepted the invitations, and excellent preparations had been made for the guests to spend a most enjoyable time, which was fully realised. The large dining room was charmingly decorated with evergreens and fairy lamps, and the repast provided was first-rate, great satisfaction being evinced at the liberal provision. After the dinner, at which Mr H. G. W. Howe presided, a capital musical programme was gone through. The loyal toasts were heartily drunk, as was also the health and prosperity of Mr and Mrs W. James and family, the company endorsing their thanks in the good old English manner. The chairman, in giving the toast, remarked that it was his 23rd attendance at this annual gathering, and it had been his pleasure to have the friendship of five landlords during that period, and was glad to still see many familiar faces present, but had to regret the loss of many old forest friends, who formerly attended. Harmony was provided by Messrs J. Cox, S. Walton, H. Cave, J. Walker, G. Smith, Messrs. James Blankley and W. James jnr., Mrs Newton and Miss Jeffs, who were accorded a vote of thanks.

Social

A social was held in the Baptist School on New Year's Eve and was well attended. Mr T. W. Bourne presided and a good programme included songs by Misses M. Wheeldon, Hetty Smith, Gerty Mann, Carrie Goddard, Messrs. Holland and Manning, duets by Mr and Mrs Smith and Messrs. Frank Manning and W. Aris, quartets by the A.B.C. quartet party, recitation by Mrs W. Smith, and piano duets by Misses Lily Adams and Gladys Bourne, who also acted as accompanists. Refreshments were provided and a happy event terminated just before midnight.

Do you Know

That the members of the Whitwick Church Girls' Guild, under Mrs J. J. Sharp, will perform "The Forty Thieves" at the Whitwick National School on Tuesday and Wednesday next?

That the Beaumont Arms Inn, one of the oldest public houses in Whitwick, situate in the Market Place will close next Wednesday having been dealt with by the Compensation Authorities on the ground of redundancy?

That the Senghenydd Colliery Explosion Fund amounts to £112,000?

That there has been a large number of weddings this Christmastide?

That Mrs J. J. Sharp and Ashley Sharp have been spending the Christmas holidays in Switzerland?

Coalville Police Court

To-day (Friday) – Before Mr Walter Lindley (in the chair), Mr H. J. Ford, Mr B. G. Hale, Mr J. W. West, and Mr William Sheffield.

Compliments of the season

The chairman, on behalf of the Bench and himself, wished the clerk, solicitors, police and all in court, a happy and prosperous New Year.

Mr J. J. Sharp said he was sure it was reciprocated by the solicitors between whom and the Bench there had always been happy relationships, and he had no hesitation in saying that they would continue.

Mr Crane also added his appreciation.

The clerk thanked the Bench, and Superintendent Lockton replied for the Police.

Paternity Case

George Birkumshaw, collier, Whitwick, was summoned by Agnes Henson, single, Swannington, to show cause etc.

Defendant did not appear.

Mr J. J. Sharp (Coalville), appeared for the complainant and stated that the child died on Sunday last. He asked for the costs and also the expenses of the birth and the funeral. It was stated that the child was born on October 19th, and the question arose as to whether the Bench could make an order for payments during the life of the child.

The Bench decided to hear the case.

Complainant said she was 22 years of age. She gave evidence of the birth and death of the child, and said defendant had admitted being the father. Complainant's mother said defendant told her he should get married but he had nothing to get married with. The costs of the birth were £1 15s, and of the funeral £2.

The Bench ordered the defendant to pay the costs of the birth and funeral, the court costs, and £1 1s towards the advocate's fees, a total of £5 14s.

Obstruction in the Market Place

George Hincks, farmer, Whitwick, and Frederick Gardner, rag and bone dealer, Whitwick, were each summoned for obstructing the highway with a horse and cart at Coalville on December 16th.

Hincks pleaded guilty.

P.C. Robertson said the defendant left two carts opposite the Snibstone New Inn on the Ashby Road for 2 1/4 hours while he was at the sale. Witness told defendant it would be all right if he drew the horses on to the waste ground.

Defendant said he left a boy with the horses but he was longer than he thought he would be. It was his first offence. He was fined 5s and 4s costs or 7 days.

Gardner also pleaded guilty, and P.C. Chamberlain said defendant left his horse at the Market Place corner for 25 minutes unattended. There was a lot of traffic, it being the Christmas sale day. Fined 5s and 4s costs or seven days.

Bad Language

Chas. Cavendish, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on December 13th. He did not appear. P.C. Jones gave the facts and defendant was fined 2s 6d, and 12s 6d costs or seven days.

Drunk and Disorderly

John Garrity, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick, on December 29th. He did not appear – P.C. Jelley gave the facts and defendant was fined 5s 6d and 12s 6d costs or seven days.

Sport

Football

Whitwick Imperial V Hinckley United at Whitwick tomorrow in the Leicestershire Senior League. Whitwick Team: Roadley, Waterfield and Cooke; J. Moore, Bird and Lovett; Wain, Sturman, Hewitt, Wright (Captain) and W. Moore.

Whitwick Imperial Still Unbeaten

Whitwick Imperial had two stiff matches in the Leicestershire Senior League during the holidays and though they had to concede a point on Boxing Day, they managed to maintain their unbeaten league certificate. Their opponents on each occasion were Shepshed Albion, the first match being at Shepshed on Christmas Day and the return game at Whitwick on Boxing Day. They are usually very big holiday attractions and this year proved no exception to the rule. There was a big crowd at Shepshed and at Whitwick the "gate" was the best of the season so far, there being over two thousand people round the enclosure. Both were strenuous games. At Shepshed, the Imperial got the only goal of the match, while at Whitwick, honours were divided, each side scoring once.

The match at Whitwick was an interesting game and there were several thrilling incidents. The home team scored first through P. Wright, who previously had netted the ball, but was ruled offside. This gave rise to some comment among the spectators, as Wright was behind the ball when he received it, but as it was from a re-bounce from the cross bar, and not from an opponent, the referee was quite correct in his decision.

Just before the interval, an unfortunate thing for the Albion occurred. Tommy Briers injured his knee and had to be carried off. But though handicapped through being a man short, Shepshed played spiritedly afterwards and soon equalised through Witters. Whitwick made a great effort for the winning goal but could not beat Diggle, who was a magnificent custodian for Shepshed, saving very hot shots time after time. Herbert Marriott also kicked splendidly in the Shepshed defence but Whitwick were rather unfortunate in not getting all the points.

The Imperial were again at home on Saturday, when they entertained Leicester Imperial in a Rolleston Cup match, and again the supporters of the Whitwick club were treated to a well-contested game, in which Whitwick won, as it were, on the tape. Both sides scored in the first half, Moore for Whitwick and Leeson for Leicester. The latter went ahead through Harris and Sturman equalised. There was not long to go when Hewitt kicked the winning goal for the home side.

Hinckley United come to Whitwick to-morrow and as they will try hard to lower Whitwick's colours for the first time, a keen game is anticipated.

Coalville League

A good list of matches has been got through during the Christmas holidays in the Coalville League.

In the first division, Coalville Town Reserves went to Whitwick on Christmas morning and won 4 – 2 and the return match was to have been played at Coalville the next morning, but only the Whitwick goalkeeper turned up and the Coalville club lost a good holiday "gate."

On Boxing Day, the P.S.A. took a weak team to Ibstock and were beaten 9-0 by the Albion, Coalville Swifts defeated Hugglescote Wesleyans 3-2, and Hugglescote St. John's

won at Whitwick 2-1 against the Holy Cross. Two matches fixed for Saturday were postponed through teams failing to put in an appearance.

Coalville and District League

A big batch of fines

A meeting of the management committee of this League was held at the Red House Hotel, Coalville, on Monday evening, Mr J. Kirby presiding. There were also present, Messrs R. T. Bradshaw, and C. E. Marston, (hon. secretary). In the absence of a quorum, owing to the Christmas holidays, and members being otherwise engaged, it was decided to take evidence of the representatives of clubs present and defer decisions to a meeting on Tuesday night.

Mr J. Kirby presided at the meeting on Tuesday night when there were present Messrs A. E. Clay, R. T. Bradshaw, D. Marston, G. Swain and the hon. secretary, C. E. Marston.

Whitwick Holy Cross claimed 5s for bills, etc., from Ellistown, owing to the match having to be put off on account of a cup match and insufficient notice being given. The claim was allowed.

The referee reported Whitwick Amateurs for being 40 minutes late at Swannington against the Robin Hoods on December 20th. Thirty-five minutes were played each way and the match finished. The Whitwick representative said they could not get the team together in time. Whitwick were fined 1s.

The referee reported that owing to the Ashby club being late for their match with Whitwick Amateurs on December 13th, the match was stopped 28 minutes from time owing to darkness. Only five minutes were played in the second half. Ashby were fined 1s., and the match ordered to be replayed on cup-tie terms.

Hugglescote Wesleyans reported Whitwick Holy Cross for being 55 minutes late for their match at Hugglescote. The match was ten minutes short, Hugglescote leading 3-1 and the clubs asked for the match to stand. This was agreed and Whitwick were fined 1s.

Coalville Charity Cup

Hugglescote Protest Against Whitwick Imperial

A meeting of the management committee of the Coalville Charity Cup Competition was held at the Coalville Conservative Club on Wednesday night to consider a protest by Hugglescote St. John's against Whitwick Imperial.

Mr C. E. Marston presided and there were present, Messrs. H. R. Brown, R. T. Bradshaw, A. E. Clay, S. Goacher, D. Marston, K. Kirby, J. Tivey, H. Clamp, and G. Swain, with the hon. sec, Mr J. W. Farmer.

Hugglescote's protest was that Whitwick played A. Brady in the re-played cup-tie on December 20th after he had been transferred to Barnsley and played for that club against Blackburn Rovers Reserves on December 18th. Mr W. Barrett, secretary of the Hugglescote club, produced a telegram which came from Barnsley, purporting to be from

the secretary of the Barnsley club, but which was unsigned, stating that Brady was transferred before he played for Barnsley on the Thursday.

Mr W. Whitmore for the Whitwick club, gave the assurance that Brady had not been transferred and was at the present time a bona fide member of the Whitwick club. He could not say whether Brady had played for Barnsley or not. Whitwick were negotiating for the transfer, but it was not yet completed. The committee decided that for the protest to be substantiated, the Hugglescote club must produce evidence from Mr F. J. Wall, secretary of the Football Association, that the transfer had taken place prior to December 20th and the meeting was adjourned till Tuesday to give Hugglescote an opportunity of procuring such evidence.

Whitwick representatives applied for expenses of attending the meeting and the chairman said that would be decided at the adjourned meeting.

Hugglescote Protest Fails

An adjourned meeting of the Committee of the Coalville Charity Cup Competition was held at the Coalville Conservative Club, on Tuesday night to further consider the protest of Hugglescote St. John's against Whitwick Imperial for playing A. Brady in a cup-tie after his alleged transfer to Barnsley F.C.

Mr C. E. Marston presided and there were present, Messrs. A. E. Clay, R. T. Bradshaw, J. Kirby, D. Marston, H. R. Brown, G. Swain, J. W. Farmer (hon. secretary).

At the previous meeting, Hugglescote produced a telegram from Barnsley, which was unsigned, purporting to come from the Barnsley club secretary to the effect that Brady had been transferred to them before they played him.

The secretary stated that he had forwarded the telegram to Mr F. J. Wall, secretary of the English Football Association, who had returned the same and replied that A. Brady was registered for Whitwick Imperial as a professional on June 12th, and had not been transferred to the Barnsley club.

The Hugglescote secretary reported that Mr Wall had written similarly to him. The committee decided that the protest must fail and agreed to return the protest fee, 10s to the Hugglescote club.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Christmas Weddings

Miss C. Orton and Mr J. Abell

In the Whitwick Primitive Methodist Chapel on Christmas Day the marriage ceremony of Miss Catherine Orton, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs James Orton, of Leicester Road, Whitwick, and Mr John Abell, of Hugglescote, was performed by the Rev. T. J. Martin, of Coalville. The bridesmaids, (sisters of the bride) were Miss Hannah and Miss Emma Orton. The bride was given away by her father and Mr Ernest Glover acted as best man.

The bride was tastefully attired in a grey costume, with hat and veil to match. She carried a shower bouquet of orchids, lilies, and lilies of the valley. The bridesmaids, who wore pretty

blue dresses, with black velvet hats, also carried bouquets, gifts of the bridegroom. Miss S. Leech, L.L.C.M. played Mendelssohn's Wedding march. The hymn, "O love divine, and golden" was sung. The happy pair were recipients of many handsome and useful presents. The guests, numbering over 60 spent a most enjoyable time. The bridegroom is a well-known local footballer.

Miss E. Aris and Mr L. Ratcliffe

Another Whitwick wedding on Christmas Day was that at the Baptist Chapel, where was solemnised the nuptials of Miss E. Aris, eldest daughter of Mr P. Aris, of Silver Street, Whitwick and Mr Leonard Ratcliffe, second son of Mr J. C. Ratcliffe, of Bakewell Street, Coalville. The Rev. W. H. Wills, of Coalville, performed the ceremony.

The bride wore a fawn dress trimmed with Paris lace, and was given away by her father. The bridesmaids were Misses B. Aris, J. Collingham (Nottingham), E. Wood and E. Price (Coalville), and they were attired in biscuit coloured and cream dresses and hats to match. Mr H. Ratcliffe, brother, was best man. Suitable wedding music was played on the organ by Mr A. Aris. An enjoyable time was afterwards spent by the wedding party at the bride's home. They received many handsome presents.

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Local News

P. M. Chapel

The preacher on New Year's Sunday at the Primitive Methodist chapel was the Rev. T. J. Martin of Coalville, who delivered two excellent sermons to good congregations. The collections at these services were in aid of the Whitwick Nursing Association.

Death of Mrs Fern

The death occurred on Wednesday, of Mrs Fern, widow of Mr D. Fern, for many years licensee of the Hastings Arms, and the mother of Mr E. Fern, the Hathern schoolmaster, and Mr Walter Fern, captain of the Whitwick bell-ringers. The deceased was 78 years of age. The funeral takes place tomorrow.

Ashby Board of Guardians

The Whitwick Registrar Vacancy

The fortnightly meeting of the Board of Guardians was held at Ashby on Saturday, Mr W. Sheffield presiding. There were also present, Mrs Pratt, the Rev. C. T. Moore, Messrs F. Pickering, A. J. Briers, G. Bullen, T. O. Frost, W. Franks, S. Stanley, W. Gascoyne, T. Radford, F. W. Soar, A. Riley, J. W. Fowler, J. T. Bradshaw, J. Rice, T. Oakey, W. Ramsell, T. H. Brooks, T. Varnham, T. Parker, Dr. Atkinson, W. Massey and W. E. Glover, with the clerk (Mr George Farmer).

The clerk reported that he had written to the Registrar-General in reference to the resignation of Mr J. Newbury, and the Board's opposition to the suggested amalgamation of the Whitwick and Ashby registration sub-districts, and had received the following reply:

“General Registrar Office, Somerset House, London, W.C., Dec 24th Sir, I am directed by the Registrar-General to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd inst., and in reply, to state that having regard to the unanimous opposition of Guardians to his proposal to run Ashby-de-la-Zouch and Whitwick sub-districts, and to their cogent reasons for the same, he will not now press the matter further. He desires, however, to record his opinion that the permanent division of the registration district into four sub-districts is unnecessary and he will be glad if the Guardians will consider the best method of reduction, to be effected as opportunities present themselves. I am to transmit forms to enable the Guardians to submit their appointment of a duly-qualified person to the office of registrar of births and deaths for the Whitwick sub-district, and to suggest that if the notification of the Registrar General’s approval has not been received by the 5th prox., the date when it is proposed that Mr Newbury’s resignation should take effect, perhaps he will be agreeable to retaining office for a short time longer. If not, it will devolve upon his deputy, Mrs E. J. Newbury to act as interim registrar upon the 6th prox. I am to request that you will inquire as to Mr Newbury’s willingness to continue in office if required, and that you will advise the Registrar-General in due course. I am, sir, your obedient servant, A. H. Billingham, Secretary.”

The clerk added that he had ascertained that Mr Newbury was willing to continue until his successor was appointed, and had notified the Registrar-General to that effect. The reply dated Dec. 30th was as follows:

“Sir, I am directed by the Registrar-General to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th inst., notifying that Mr Newbury, registrar for births and deaths for the Whitwick sub-district is prepared to retain office until the notification of the Registrar-General’s approval of the appointment of his successor has been received. I am to advert to the Registrar-General’s letter of the 24th inst., and to say that although he will not press the amalgamation of Ashby-de-la-Zouch and Whitwick sub-districts, he is not sure that the civil parishes of Coleorton and Packington would not be more conveniently served by a registrar residing at Ashby-de-la-Zouch, than by one resident at Coalville. I am therefore to request that before the Guardians proceed to appoint a successor to Mr Newbury they will favour the Registrar-General with their observations as to the transfer of these parishes from Whitwick sub-district to the Ashby-de-la-Zouch sub-district. I am, your obedient servant, A. H. Billingham, Secretary.”

Mr Redford said he thought it would be a very good arrangement for the parishes of Coleorton and Packington to go to Ashby. Mr Massey said there was great inconvenience to the people of Oakthorpe and Donisthorpe, in having to go to Smisby.

The chairman: *That is not before us now.*

The clerk said that question could be raised when there was a vacancy in that district. If any alteration was made now, they would have to compensate the officer. Mr Massey said they could give him other parishes in any re-arrangement. The clerk said they could do nothing until there was a vacancy. The chairman said they could not consider that now. The suggestion before the Board was that Coleorton and Packington go to Ashby. Mrs Pratt said she lived for many years at Packington and knew how inconvenient it was for people there to have to go to Whitwick. It would be a great boon if it could be transferred to Ashby. The clerk said that when Mr Heafield died they took Ashby Woulds from the Ashby sub-district, and if these two parishes were now added, it would compensate Mr Bowley for that.

Mr Radford moved and Mrs Pratt seconded that Coleorton and Packington be added to Ashby sub-district and this was carried. The clerk was instructed to advertise the vacancy for the Whitwick sub-district and to stipulate that the newly appointed officer must have his chief office at Coalville. Mr Parker asked whether the remuneration was enough for a man. The clerk said the person appointed would not be required to give his whole time. The fees amounted to somewhere about £100. Mr Briers said they should not press for the man to live at Coalville.

The clerk said it was important for the registration of deaths particularly that there should be a central office. It was inconvenient for people at Bardon or Hugglescote to have to go to Whitwick. Coalville was central. It meant that a Coalville man should be appointed. Mrs Pratt said that if it was only an office at Coalville, it would mean that it would only be open certain hours. If a man lived there, a person could go at night to register a death. Mr Briers said he took it that if the man appointed lived at Coalville he would have certain office hours. The clerk said they did not find a registrar refusing to register a death out of office hours.

Coalville Urban District Council

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

Plans

At a meeting of the Plans Committee, the following plans were recommended for approval: Slaughter-house and piggeries, Whitwick, for Mrs Neath, subject to further ventilation being provided for the slaughter-house and an undertaking to lay on the public water supply thereto if the well on the property is found unsatisfactory; and two houses, Crescent Road, Coalville, for Mr W. Earle. The report was adopted on the motion of Mr Perry.

Highway Committee's Report

At a meeting of the Highways Committee the surveyor reported on the present position of matters in connection with the proposed improvement at Pare's Hill, Whitwick, and he was instructed to proceed with the negotiations.

Water Analyses

At a meeting of the Water Committee the surveyor produced tenders for the supply of circulars warning householders against allowing the waste of water, and the committee recommended the tender of Mr West, at 12s 6d for 4,000, be accepted.

The surveyor reported that he had received a reply from the Whitwick Colliery Co. agreeing to pay their share towards extending the mains to their property on Bardon Road, but no reply had been received from the other owners.

The surveyor produced the analysis results of water taken from the spring at Whitwick, which were returned as satisfactory, and the committee recommend the half-yearly analysis of the public water be made by Dr. Dyer.

The surveyor produced an application from the Whitwick Granite Co. for a special connection to their works for use in case of fire, and the committee recommend the suggestions of the surveyor therefore be carried out at the expense of the company.

Mr Fellows moved the adoption of the report and pointed out that they had arranged for their own medical officer to make the water analysis, but it had been thought fair to have one of the half-yearly analyses of the public water by Dr. Dyer, so that they would not be open to the charge any time of showing a prejudiced report.

Mr McCarthy asked who were the Bardon Road owners that had not replied to the surveyor's letter. The Whitwick Colliery Co. had replied. Mr Hale said there were three parties concerned, the Whitwick Colliery Co., Mrs Coleman and himself, though he did not know whether it was right to discuss it at that point.

Mr Fellows : *Hear, hear.*

The chairman said he did not think it was. Mr Hale said he thought at the same time that he was justified in giving their reason for not replying. Mrs Coleman said she had contributed to the rates since the inception of the water scheme, and helped to pay for many miles of main to take it to other properties, and she thought it unfair to be asked to pay a third of the £40 which it would cost to extend the main to her house. He was of the same opinion. When Walker and Sons wanted a sewer, they paid £40 without even bringing it before the Council, and now £40 was wanted for a water supply which was absolutely imperative, they wanted the owners to pay a third of the cost. It was unjust and did not show enterprise on the part of the Council. Mrs Coleman had asked him to say that sooner than pay a single shilling she would close the house and go and live somewhere else. He felt the same.

The chairman: *I think this must stop now. I have allowed considerable license.*

Mr Hale: *There is no license at all. It is a serious matter, and I shall have more to say on it presently. Mr Fellows said that it was only one side. The Council tried to deal with all alike, and that had always been his aim. The chairman said it should not go abroad that any different feeling existed.*

Mr Hale: *It does.*

Mr McCarthy wanted to speak, but the chairman ruled him out of order.

The report was adopted.

Isolation Hospital Accommodation

The Medical Officer (Dr. R. W. Jamie) reported that in the month of December there were seven cases of diphtheria, one in North Street, Hugglescote, three in Pare's Hill (in one house), one in Cademan Street, one in Church Lane, and one in Leicester Road, Whitwick. The Pare's Hill house was occupied to the point of overcrowding, and this had undoubtedly affected the cases there. In a case like this, an additional ward in hospital would have been a great service. One of the cases in Pare's Hill proved fatal. Anti-toxin was supplied and the usual precautions taken. Two cases of scarletina, both in Mammoth Street, had also been notified. The general death rate continued favourable, 14 deaths occurring in December giving a death rate of 9.3 per thousand. These included one from

diphtheria, one from rheumatic fever, two from accidental injuries, one from burns and one from a scald. During the same period 49 births were registered, giving a birth-rate of 32 per thousand.

Replying to Mr Kelly, the surveyor said the premises in Leicester Road, Whitwick, where diphtheria had occurred, had been inspected, and reported there was nothing wrong. Mr Kelly said he understood from the people who lived there that the sanitary accommodation was in a bad state. He asked whether the Council usually supplied disinfectants in such cases.

Mr Blower asked what the medical officer meant by an extra ward at the hospital. The surveyor said that the only ward they had at the present time was reserved for typhoid cases, and if they had another ward they could deal with another disease. Mr McCarthy said that in June they instructed the surveyor to prepare plans and specifications for six extra beds at the hospital, but nothing had been done. When a question was left like that it should be put on the agenda till it was completed or their valuable time was wasted.

Mr Lockwood asked whether the Council could refund the money spent by people on disinfectants, as stated by Mr Kelly. The clerk said they had better take that in committee. Mr Kelly asked if the disinfectants supplied by the Council were as good as one would get from a chemist.

The surveyor: *Absolutely.*

Mr McCarthy: *The best that money can buy.*

Mr Kelly: *They were led to think otherwise.*

Whitwick Lodgers

The surveyor reported that the number of people accommodated at the Whitwick lodging house during the month was 995, against 934 in November, and 979 in December last year. The total for the year 1913 was 10,578 compared with 9,803 for 1912 and 12,432 for 1911.

Thringstone Colliers and the Game

Prosecution at Loughborough

At the Loughborough Police Court on Wednesday, Alec White, collier, Robin Robinson, collier, Thringstone, and James Gee, collier, Whitwick, were charged with having used dogs for the taking of game, at Shepshed, on December 28th.

Mr R. S. Clifford, junr., prosecuted on behalf of Lord Crawshaw, and Mr T. E. Wright defended. Mr Clifford said that, on the information of Trevor Pratt, a keeper in the employ of Mr De Lisle, he learnt that on the day in question that three men were proceeding on the turnpike with a lurcher, which was the property of Gee, and a terrier, the property of White. When they got to a wheat field they entered it, and spread out, the lurcher being slipped at a hare in the field. The hare was coursed, and within five minutes the dog had got the hare, which was eventually seen in White's pocket.

Trevor Pratt, the gamekeeper, gave evidence bearing out his solicitor's statement, and said he had no doubt about the three men, whom he had known all their lives. With a constable, witness overtook Robinson and Gee, but White was not with them.

For the defence, Mr Wright said that Gee's dog was not a lurcher, but a whippet. When Robinson and Gee saw Trevor Pratt in the cart, Willie Pratt was not with them, but only Pratt's little son and daughter. After further cross-examination, and evidence, the Bench decided to convict. There were other convictions to take into consideration against Gee and Robinson, and White was fined 10s including costs, or five days. Robinson, 35s including costs, or a month; and Gee, £1 including costs, or ten days.

"Forty Thieves"

The third annual pantomime by the members of the Girls' Guild was given in the Whitwick Church Schools, on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Effectual assistance was given to the Guild by Mrs W. C. Tomlinson, Miss Kitty Lancaster, Miss Richter, Mr T. Davenport, and Mr A. T. Sharp. The attendance on Tuesday evening was not very encouraging, but on the following evening, the room was packed. The characters were:

Ali Baba, Mahala Knight; Selim, Nellie Rawson; Cassim Baba, Ethel Rawson; Abdullah, Hannah Robinson; Mustapha, Eliza Ottey; Fatima Baba, Mabel Williamson; Selima, Frances Kidger; Morgiana, Lily Adams; Fairy Anachronisma, Sarah Cresswell; four principal robbers, E. Moore, G. Ottey, L. Ashurst, and J. Moore. The accompanist was Miss Storey, and Mrs J. J. Sharp, stage manager. The dancing of the Misses Lancaster and Richter was a special feature which received a large share of recognition from the audiences. Mrs Tomlinson was deservedly encored for 'cello solo, and Mr Davenport was recalled for his song in Act 2. Miss Lily Adams, as Morgiana, was the recipient of a beautiful bouquet, but all the characters were well sustained, and reflect credit upon the training received at the hands of Mrs Sharp. The chorus singing was good all round. Every member of the Guild did their part well. Mr Mann, of Whitwick, manipulated the lime-light. The proceeds were for the memorial window, and Girls' Guild.

Leicestershire Constabulary

A number of changes have been made in the Leicestershire Constabulary this week which are of interest to the Coalville District. Consequent on the retirement of Inspector Hall, of Market Bosworth, Coalville loses its esteemed officer, Inspector Pegg, who is to be Mr Hall's successor at Bosworth. Inspector Pegg has been at Coalville for three years, and although he had a hard task in following an excellent police officer in the person of Inspector Robertson, then promoted to superintendent at Market Harborough, he has capably discharged the duties and deservedly won the confidence and respect of the people of this district, whose good wishes will go with him in his new sphere of labour. The new inspector at Coalville will be Mr Thomas Dobney, promoted from the rank of sergeant, and he will receive many congratulations on his elevation. Inspector Dobney has always been a zealous officer and conscientious in the discharge of his duties, and it will be generally agreed that his promotion is well deserved.

Whitwick Public house Closed

An interesting gathering

On Saturday last, at the Beaumont Arms, in the ancient parish of Whitwick, a company of about sixty were present under circumstances more of regret than pleasure. The event was to accept of the hospitality of the respected landlord, Mr T. Allen, whose tenancy at this old-established Inn was expiring, by reason of the decision of the Licensing Authority.

The preliminary of the evening was the partaking of a well-provided, and well-served dinner to which the guests did full justice. Mr H. G. W. Howe, who had had the pleasure of many years' acquaintance with Mr Allen and his family, was invited to preside and after partaking of dinner, a most enjoyable time was spent in harmony and toasts, the first toast being that of the King, Queen, and Royal family.

The toast of the Host and his family and good wishes for their future prosperity, was received with genuine enthusiasm. The chairman in giving the toast, asked for the indulgence of the company, by allowing him to refer for a few minutes to past history in connection with the premises about to be closed as a licensed house. He said that no doubt there were in the room many older residents of Whitwick than himself, but he could remember the days of an old Whitwick family named Bonnett, being tenants, also another of the name of Burgess, and more recently that very respected host, Uncle Tom, all of whom had maintained for the house an excellent reputation and the concluding tenant had done the same in every respect. He had well played the part of a man, been most genial to his patrons, and had given good value for money. At the same time, he had endeavoured his best to carry out one of the greatest difficulties of the Trade, that was obedience to the Licensing Laws. In a few days the sign of the Beaumont Arms (a name very closely connected with an old Whitwick family) would only be a remembrance of the past, but it was hoped some enterprising person of Whitwick would secure the sign and adopt it in some way to let future generations know there had been a Beaumont Arms in the parish.

Mr John Pegg and others heartily supported the remarks and hoped that Mr and Mrs Allen's future would be full of satisfaction. The Host feelingly replied and said it was with great regret there was a possibility of so many friends and himself not being able to so frequently enjoy each other's company as they had happily done for so many years, but the past to him was one of pleasant memories. He sincerely thanked all for their good fellowship and the appreciation of how he had conducted the house.

Mrs Allen also thanked the company for the kindness which she had always received, and wished the best to the many friends who had supported them in their efforts to maintain good feeling. The health of the chairman on the proposal of Mr J. Roulstone was heartily toasted, as was also a vote of thanks to those who had most ably assisted with harmony, this being proposed by Mr F. Allgood and supported by Mr Tom Quemby. Harmony was provided by Messrs A. Fern, R. Lovett, W. King, A. Wilkins, Adcock, Cook and Mrs Palmer, the latter presiding at the piano.

On Wednesday evening, the house, as licensed premises, was closed, previous to which a good company who had met to say goodbye to an old local institution, joined regretfully in singing "Auld Lang Syne", and on leaving the premises within whose walls many a hearty joke had been given, many a yarn told, and many a friendship made, the National Anthem was sung.

Burning Fatality At Whitwick

Little Girl's Sad Death

Inquest

A Whitwick burning fatality was the subject of an inquest held by Mr H. J. Deane at the offices of Messrs E. Briers and Son, of Brooks' Lane on Tuesday morning. The victim was

a little girl named Ivy Bailey, aged three years, residing with her parents at the Dumps, Whitwick. She died early on Sunday morning from burning injuries received on New Year's Day.

Mr H. Allgood was foreman of the jury, and among those present was Mr Fitzsimmons, inspector N.S.P.C.C. The Coroner said the facts of the case were short and could be related in a few words. He went on to outline the circumstances as stated in the evidence and said that unfortunately these cases were becoming of rather frequent occurrence. This was the fourth case in his district within the last few weeks all directly similar – the mother temporarily absent, the children getting on fire in some way or other and then there was an inquest. He fully recognised that accidents would happen in the best regulated families but he thought that many of the accidents which did occur were preventable by taking ordinary precautions. So the jury had to make full enquiry whether anyone was to blame for this child's death. In this district, there were generally big fires burning in collier's houses and that made it more necessary that ample precaution should be taken. Accidents, as he had said, would occur, but they must satisfy themselves that proper precautions were taken to prevent it.

Charlotte Ada Bailey, wife of John Henry Bailey, collier, of the Dumps, Whitwick, said the deceased was her daughter and was three years old. She had been a strong healthy child. About 1.30 last Thursday she went to her mother's house about three doors away, and had not been gone more than five minutes when she heard a scream. The two children were in the yard playing with some toy brushes. She left the door open not intending to be gone long. She had just made up the fire and the guard was round it. When witness heard the scream she saw the child coming towards her with a shawl burning up one side. Her mother put a rug round to put out the flames and witness went into the house and saw some burnt paper on the floor. Some paper was on the sofa. The other child, aged 5, was still in the garden. The deceased was wearing a woollen shawl. Witness nursed her and subsequently put olive oil and linseed oil on the burns and the child was given some physic. She was burnt on the arm, but she appeared to be going on well and on Friday was singing. On Saturday she did not seem so well and witness went about eleven o'clock in the morning for the doctor, who came a nine o'clock in the evening. The child seemed sleepy all day. At 12 o'clock midnight she became worse and died about 1.30 Sunday morning.

The Coroner: *When the doctor didn't come, didn't you think it necessary to send for another doctor?*

Witness: *Dr. Hamilton is our doctor and we were expecting him every minute.*

The Coroner said he was glad to know that they had provided a fire guard, but it would be a much greater precaution if her husband got some galvanised wire netting and put round the guard to prevent a child getting its hand through. He hoped she would tell her husband to do that.

Ann Walker, grandmother of the deceased, stated that her daughter came to see her at about 1.30 and had not been there five minutes before they heard the scream. Witness had been washing her son-in-law's shirt and she gave it to her daughter as soon as she had put it through the mangle. Witness put a rug around the child.

The Coroner: *A very proper thing to do.*

Witness, proceeding, said the arm was burnt and she applied olive oil and linseed oil. They did not seem to be deep wounds and witness thought the child was going on well. When the deceased was worse on Saturday witness advised that the doctor be sent for and the mother went. She went to the local surgery in Whitwick. Dr. Archibald, assistant to Dr. Hamilton, said that as a rule the Whitwick hours of attendance were 12 to one, but they could not always be there at those hours. The first he heard of this case was at the Coalville surgery in the evening. He believed a woman came up. It was about nine o'clock when he went down, immediately the surgery business was over. He found the right hand and arm rather badly burnt. The upper part of the arm was not so badly injured as the lower part, but the child was suffering from septic pneumonia when he arrived, that being a common consequence on burns. The earlier dressings were properly done and the child was wrapped up in warm blankets and having warm drinks. Everything possible that could be done seemed to have been done for the child. Death was due to pneumonia from the shock due to the burns. Had the child lived the right hand would probably have had to be amputated and possibly the forearm as well.

The Coroner: *As bad as that?*

Dr. Archibald: Yes.

The Coroner said he was glad to notice that in this case the whole of the facts seemed to point to proper precautions being taken. The parents had provided a fire guard and the mother went to her mother's to fetch the shirt while the children were out. The child took advantage of the mother's absence to play with fire as children sometimes would, and after the deceased got on fire, everything possible seemed to have been done. Then when the condition of the child gave rise for uneasiness they at once sent for the doctor. He had nothing to say on the conduct of the parents in the case except of commendation. They did all they could. The only thing that might have been done was the putting of wire netting inside the guard, but it was easy to be wise after the event.

The jury returned a verdict of death from pneumonia consequent on burning injuries accidentally received.

Do you Know

That Thringstone has 261 parliamentary electors and 305 parochial, and Whitwick 788 and 899?

That at the end of December, the amount received towards the cost of the Colliers' and Quarrymen's memorial window to be placed in Whitwick parish church was £92 15s 4d?

That in respect of the Beaumont Arms Inn, Whitwick, the Compensation Authorities have allowed the owners £1,035 and the tenant £100?

That the owners of the Royal George Inn, Whitwick, which has been closed, have been awarded £491 17s 6d as compensation with £60 to the tenant?

That one of the oldest public houses in Whitwick, the Beaumont Arms, in the Market Place, was closed on Wednesday, having been dealt with by the compensation authorities?

Sport

Football

Leicestershire Senior League

Whitwick Imperial V Ibstock Albion at Ibstock tomorrow.

Whitwick team: Roadley, Waterfield and Cooke; A. T. Sharp, Bird and Lovell; J. Moore, A. Moore, Sturman, Wright (captain) and Hewitt.

Whitwick's Flag Still Flying

Some fears were entertained that Whitwick Imperial might not be able to maintain their unbeaten record in the Leicestershire Senior League on Saturday, when they had to oppose Hinckley United on the Duke of Newcastle ground, but though they and their supporters got a fright, they just managed to keep the flag flying, and the "tin hatters" had to be content with one point when they would fain have taken a couple. So Whitwick are still in their proud position, without a defeat at the head of the chart and having conceded only two points (two draws) out of seven matches played.

There was a good attendance at Saturday's match and from the start, play was kept up at a smart pace, both ends being rapidly visited and bad shooting characterised the efforts of the forwards on both sides. Once Hinckley had an open goal and there was a miserable failure, while on the other hand, Moore, for Whitwick, missed a penalty. Osborne at length got through and Hinckley crossed over leading by a goal.

Play soon became exciting in the second half particularly when Hinckley further increased their lead. The Imperial then realised the seriousness of the situation and played splendidly. Another penalty fell to them, which Bird failed to convert, and it looked as though the home team's luck had quite deserted them. Nothing daunted, however, they kept pegging away and at last reward came in a beautiful goal by Captain Wright. The Imperial played strongly for the equalising goal and there were rousing cheers when at length it came as the result of a splendid "header" by Andy Moore. Great enthusiasm prevailed and the Whitwick lads were cheered to the echo. There for nothing succeeds like success and it looked at one time as though Whitwick would dash through again, but the end came without any further score and a consequent division of the spoils in what was a fast and interesting game. The Whitwick players have provided their supporters with some splendid exhibitions of football of late and just now the team is very popular. Saturday's performance was satisfactory considering they were without Waterfield.

Leicestershire Senior League

	p	w	d	l	f	a	p
Whitwick Imperial	7	5	2	0	12	6	12
Loughborough Corinthians	6	3	1	2	14	10	7
Shepshed Albion	7	2	3	2	13	14	7
Hinckley United	5	2	2	1	16	11	6
Ibstock Albion	5	2	1	2	11	11	5
Earl Shilton Town	6	2	0	4	16	21	4
Coalville Town	6	0	1	5	5	14	0

Division I

	p	w	d	l	f	a	p
Coalville Town Reserves	7	4	2	1	16	5	10
Ibstock Albion Reserves	7	4	0	3	26	17	8
Coalville Swifts	6	3	1	2	14	15	7
Whitwick Imperial Reserves	9	3	1	5	18	33	7
Hugglescote St. John's	3	2	1	0	8	2	5
Moira United	3	2	1	0	9	3	5
Hugglescote Wesleyans	5	2	1	2	13	10	5
Ellistown St. Christopher's	2	2	0	0	15	1	4
Coalville P.S.A.	6	2	0	4	9	24	4
Whitwick Holy Cross	8	0	1	7	9	27	1

Division II

	p	w	d	l	f	a	p
Pegg's Green Victoria	9	8	1	0	27	5	17
Swannington Robin Hood	10	8	0	2	23	11	16
Ravenstone United	9	5	3	1	26	11	13
Bagworth Town	8	5	0	3	24	14	10
Coleorton United	9	3	1	5	17	20	7
Thornborough United	7	3	1	3	8	14	7
Swannington Institute	11	3	1	7	10	35	7
Ibstock Wanderers	7	2	2	3	10	11	6
Measham United	4	3	0	1	19	19	6
Ashby Hastings	9	2	2	5	11	18	6
Whitwick Amateurs	10	2	0	8	12	29	4
Ibstock Amateurs	7	0	1	6	6	29	1

Leicestershire FA

Heavy List of Suspensions

The Consultative Committee of the Leicestershire F.A. met on Thursday evening in the Y.M.C.A. rooms. There were present Messrs H. E. Rudkin (in the chair), J. H. Linthwaite, J. Waring, A. E. Clay, A. R. Smith, and F. L. Jinks. Mr Mark Billson was unable to attend owing to a family bereavement.

On referees reports for misconduct the following decisions were given : Hurst, Gallowtree Gate Chapel: E. Akers, Leicester St. Andrews; and Bird, Coleorton United; each suspended for one month; F. Clarke, Syston St. Peter's; Burton, Whitwick Amateurs; W. Lees, Coalville L.S.A.; and Lakin, King Richard's Road Wesleyans, each suspended for one month and fined 2s 6d. G. Shepherd, Ellistown St. Christopher's, suspended for 14 days and fined 2s 6d. Cook and Frisby, Carley Street S.S.; each suspended for one month and fined 2s 6d. J. Cliff, Huncote; F. King, Earl Shilton; Victor, Storer, S. Meakin, and J. Lees, all of the Coalville P.S.A.; F. Roff, Rowley & Co.; Dean, Aylestone St. Andrew's; Faulkener, South Wigston Thursday; each fined 1s and suspended for 14 days. B. Diggle, Shepshed Albion and J. Belton, Loughborough Corinthians, each suspended for seven days, as was also W. Moore, Whitwick Imperial.

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Local News

Whitwick Boy Scouts

Successful Fancy Dress Ball and Whist Drive

Great success attended a fancy dress ball and whist drive, held in the Whitwick Holy Cross School on Wednesday night, organised by Mr and Mrs G. F. Burton, in aid of the funds of the Whitwick Boy Scouts. About 300 people were present and most of the dancers were in fancy dress. Four prizes for whist and four for the best dresses were given by Mr and Mrs G. F. Burton, Messrs B. Berry, F. Blow, G. Greasley, S. Perry and J. H. Robinson. The Belvoir Orchestra, conducted by Mr H. Williamson, played for dancing. The M.C.'s were, Messrs Justin McCarthy, A. E. Vendy and H. Weston for the dancing, and Messrs W. J. Cracknell and G. Greasley for whist.

The winners of the whist prizes were: ladies 1st Miss Conibear, of Coalville, 176; 2nd Mrs J. R. Tebbett, of Coalville, 173; gents 1st Mr J. Glynn, 186; 2nd Mr E. Weston, 183.

The awards for best dresses were as follows: Ladies sentimental, Miss Beatrice Smith of Coalville, as an Indian; Comic, Miss A. Gough, farmer's boy; Gents sentimental, Mr Cunningham, of Coalville, Mikado; Comic, Mr R. Needham, clown. The judges were Mr and Mrs G. F. Burton and Messrs P. M. Downes and J. E. Earle. The prizes were presented to the winners by Mrs J. C. S. Burkitt.

Among the most notable costumes were Mrs G. F. Burton, Amy Robsart; Miss M. McCarthy, Colleen; Miss Clark, Spanish dancer; Miss Watson, Scotch lassie; Miss Goodacre and Miss Burton, both as America; Miss F. Moul, Chocolate; Miss Perry, Italian girl; Miss Speddings, Dutch girl; Mrs J. Waldram, Whist; Messrs G. F. Burton, Earl of Leicester; A. E. Vendy, Napoleon; H. Watson, Admiral; J. Goodacre, German officer; Mr Earle, Pirate; M. Clutson, H. Smith, J. Burton, Pierrots; Mr Lock, Barnaby Rudge; R. Chell, Mephistopheles; E. Benistone, A. Carter, R. Moore, Chinamen; and T. Burton, Cricketer.

During the evening, Major E. M. Childers, District Scout Commissioner, presented on behalf of the Whitwick troop, a gold thanks badge to Mr R. Adcock, late of Whitwick, who for three years ably discharged the duties of hon. secretary to the Whitwick Boy Scouts Committee.

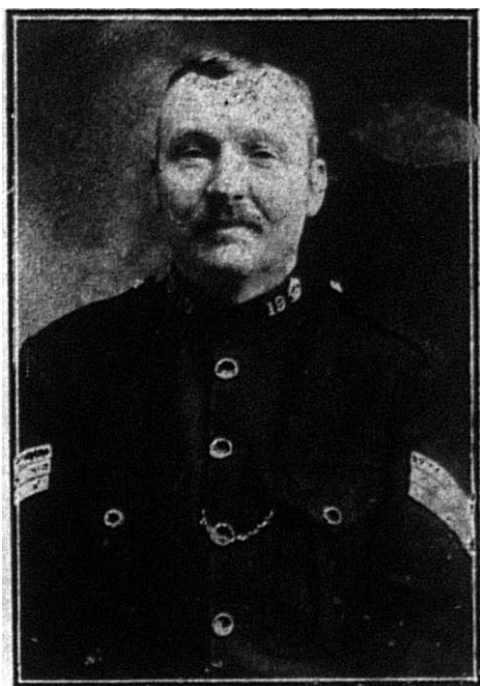
Madame Endor Hecate was kept busy nearly the whole of the evening telling fortunes and a considerable sum was added to the funds in this way. The refreshment department was capably managed by a number of charming young ladies daintily attired in black and white.

Coalville's New Police Inspector

Inspector Dobney

Inspector Thomas Dobney, of Coalville, who has been promoted from the rank of sergeant, and is to succeed Inspector Pegg here, is a native of Oakham, Rutlandshire. He joined the Leicestershire County Constabulary in February, 1891, and in March of the same year, was removed from headquarters to Hinckley, remaining there until July, 1891. He then went to Loughborough, and was promoted to first-class constable in August,

1893, on his removal from Loughborough to Ibstock, where he was promoted to merit class constable in August, 1899, and to the rank of sergeant in January, 1903. He was removed to Coalville in May 1912. On his removal from Ibstock he was presented by the inhabitants of Ibstock and neighbourhood, with a marble clock and a pair of bronzes, also an illuminated address, together with a purse of gold from the five neighbouring collieries in his district as a mark of their appreciation and esteem of his services during his 19 years' stay. During his stay in Ibstock, he took an active part in friendly society work, being a P.G. of the "Loyal Earl Howe" Lodge, M.U., and was presented by the Lodge with a P.G. emblem in an oak frame, also a centenary jewel, inscribed : "Presented to P.G. Thomas Dobney, for services rendered to the "Loyal Earl Howe" Lodge, M.U., Sept. 1910." Inspector Dobney's promotion is a popular appointment, and he has received many congratulations.



Inspector Pegg

In going from Coalville to Market Bosworth, Police Inspector Wm. Pegg, who is succeeding Inspector Hall (retired) will be amid familiar scenes, and be able to renew old acquaintances for Bosworth was one of his earliest stations as a police constable. Mr Pegg has had an interesting career. Before joining the county Constabulary, he was for nearly 2 1/2 years in the Leicester Borough Police Force, which he left to take up other duties. The life of a policeman appealed to him, however, and he joined the County Constabulary in 1882. After three weeks at headquarters, his first station was at Hinckley, but he only remained there a few months, being removed to Market Bosworth, where he remained 6 1/2 years. That he earned the respect and confidence of the people in that district was shown by the fact that when he left for Ibstock, he was presented with a handsome marble timepiece and a Malacca cane. His stay at Ibstock terminated in 1893, the year of the great coal strike. A fortnight before the strike commenced, he had gone to Sileby, but was brought back to Ibstock until after the conclusion of the strike. On leaving Ibstock, Mr Pegg was presented with a silver watch, bearing this inscription : "Presented to Police-Constable William Pegg, by the inhabitants of Ibstock and neighbourhood, on the occasion of his removal to Sileby, August, 1893." A little over four years was the extent of Mr Pegg's stay at Sileby, and on leaving there for Syston, in 1898, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant. In this capacity, he was nearly ten years at Syston, and on leaving there

for South Wigston, was promoted to the rank of inspector, and was presented by the inhabitants with an illuminated address and a purse of gold. Three and a half years ago, the inspector came to Coalville. He leaves here for Bosworth, with the good wishes of many friends.



Prize Distribution

The annual prize distribution in connection with the Church Sunday School took place in the National School last night, the vicar, the Rev. T. W. Walters, handing out a good number of books to scholars for regular attendance, etc. Games followed.

Church Tea and Social

There was a large attendance at a tea and social in the Whitwick National School on Tuesday. The vicar acted as M.C. and Mr R. West and Miss Adams played for dancing. There were songs by Miss Burkitt, Messrs Cook and Shelton and contributions by a glee party. Refreshments were served by a number of ladies. The proceeds were for the colliers' memorial window to be placed in the parish church.

Sport

Football

Ibstock Albion V Whitwick Imperial

The above match, played last Saturday at the Hastings Arms ground, commenced favourably for the visitors, who won the toss and had the best of the opening exchanges, although they did not make a goal. Bee put in a good centre which was cleverly repulsed, and the home team then had the game in their hands for a few minutes. Goddard, for Ibstock, endeavoured to shoot into an open goal after a tussle on the line, but only just caught the ball with the tip of his foot, and it failed to reach the net. Another attempt from a corner kick saw the ball rolling along the bar on to the wrong side of the net. Whitwick

broke away with the ball some time after and by excellent passing managed to get it into a favourable position for a neat centre by Sturman making the first goal in Whitwick's favour. The play, after this was rather exciting, both sides endeavouring to improve on their position, but the half time result stood at:-

Whitwick 1 goal; Ibstock, 0

Ibstock made special efforts to equalise on resuming, and it was not long before C. Price had made good by a well-placed shot in Ibstock's favour, and this was eventually repeated by Price putting in another goal, making No. 2 for the Albions. Subsequently, Morley got hold of the ball and worked it well down the left wing, centralising to Bee, who almost added another goal for Ibstock. The Imperial retaliated by a clever breakaway and long shot on the part of Sturman, which was safely netted. The play continued stiff right up to the end of the game. Result:-

Ibstock Albions 3; Whitwick 2.
Leicestershire F.A.

The Council of the Leicestershire F.A. met on Thursday evening, when there were present Messrs M. Billson (chairman), H. A. Chitham, J. A. Knight, W. W. Haw, A. W. Jennings, H. E. Rudkin, J. Tivey, R. T. Bradshaw, A. E. Clay, G. W. Goodacre, J. H. Linthwaite, A. R. Smith, H. Green, and F. L. Jinks, hon. secretary.

It was reported that Old Loughburians should have visited Castle Donington Victoria, and Whitwick Imperial Reserves gone to Swannington. Neither club turned up, and they were ruled out of the competition, Whitwick to pay 7s 6d expenses incurred. The Cup Committee will deal with the expenses in the first named tie.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Deaths

Funeral of Mrs Fern

The funeral took place at Whitwick Cemetery on Saturday of Mrs Fern, of Silver Street, widow of the late Mr Daniel Fern, for many years licensee of the Hastings Arms Inn, in Whitwick Market Place. The service was conducted by the Rev. T. W. Walters (Vicar), the first portion being held in the parish church. The mourners present were, Miss Upton and Miss Lucy Fern, daughters; Messrs Edward Fern of Hathern, Walter Fern and Albert Fern, sons; Miss D. Foster, of Whitwick, grand-daughter; Mr R. T. Bradshaw, of Coalville, son-in-law; Mrs Clegg, of London, Mrs Marston and Mrs Tyers, of Leicester, and Mrs Hames and Mrs Burrows, of Barrow, step-daughters; and Mr H. Fern, of London, step-son. Dr. Burkitt and Mr H. T. Bastard also followed. The body was enclosed in an oak coffin, with brass furniture, the breast plate bearing the inscription: "*Sophia Fern, died January 7th, 1914, aged 78 years.*" The bearers were J. Henson, J. Pegg, J. Roulstone, R. Sharp, J. Bonser, and A. Holt. Floral tributes were sent by the children (two), Doris and Cyril Foster (grand children), Mrs Speddings and Miss Owens (Coalville).

Friday January 23rd 1914 (Issue 1144)

Local News

Whitwick Baby Suffocated

Inquest

An inquest was held by Mr H. J. Deane at the offices of Messrs E. Briers and Sons, Whitwick, on Tuesday afternoon, concerning the death on Sunday morning of Harriett Hall, the three months old daughter of Herbert Hall, collier, of Talbot Street.

Counsellor S. Perry was foreman of the jury, Fanny Hall, wife of Herbert Hall, collier, 17, Talbot Street, said the deceased was her daughter and was three months old. They went to bed at 11:15 on Saturday night, and she and her husband and their two children slept in the same bed. They had two bedrooms. They had no lodgers. She fed the baby from the breast twice during the night and fell asleep with the baby on her arm. At eight o'clock, the postman knocked and witness got up. When she was getting into bed again she noticed something wrong with the child, and sent her husband for the doctor. They had only one bed.

The Coroner: *Why hadn't you a cradle or cot for the child?*

Witness: *I have not been able to afford it yet.*

Further answering the Coroner, witness said her husband worked at the new pit, and gave her so much a week. The pit was working well now. She had not realised the danger of the child sleeping with them in bed. The Coroner said it was a nice little child, and with a little care it might have been saved. He urged the mother to provide a cot in future.

The foreman said there was another point of law. When a woman got out of bed to attend to a child in a cot, there was a danger of her taking cold. The Coroner said different people had different opinions, but he was frequently having these cases, and they knew his views in the matter.

The Coroner: *I don't suggest it, but I am bound to ask you, was your husband sober when you went to bed? – Yes. Were you sober too? – Yes. Was the child insured? – No.*

Dr. Burkitt said he saw the child about eleven o'clock and found that it had been suffocated. It was a well-nourished child. The doctor added that he agreed with the Coroner as to the inadvisability of parents having young children in bed with them.

The Coroner: *Is there any danger in having a child in a cot by the bed?*

The Doctor: *Absolutely none. He added that there was no necessity for the mother to get out of bed if the cot was near. He had seen a clothes basket on a chair answer the purpose in a poor home. A child could be kept warm in a cot, and the mother need not get out of bed to feed it.*

The Coroner: *And it is much better for the health of the child to sleep in a cot? – Yes.*

The Foreman said he knew there was a danger in a child sleeping with its parents, but all bedrooms were not large enough to hold a cot. A clothes basket he agreed, might be used in such cases. Dr. Burkitt said that a room not big enough to hold a cot was not big enough for three people to sleep in. The Coroner said that in view of what the foreman said, it was

obvious that all the jury did not agree with the views he held, but probably they would if they were brought into contact every week with these cases as he was. If greater precautions were taken they would not lose 1,200 children a year in England this way. Even if the child slept in a clothes basket, it would be better for the child and better for the parents.

The Foreman said he believed they all agreed on that point, and a warning should go to the public that the danger should be avoided if possible. But there were other dangers.

The Coroner: *There always are where there are children.*

The Foreman said he thought it was a pure accident in this case, and they should not blame anyone.

The Coroner: *I don't ask you to do that.*

The Foreman: *A warning may go forth.*

The verdict of the jury was that the child was accidentally suffocated whilst in bed with its parents.

A Brahmin Marriage

On Wednesday evening at the Thringstone Wesleyan Chapel, friends from Whitwick gave an interesting representation of a Brahmin marriage, the effort being for the missionary funds. There was a good attendance. Sixteen characters in native costume were represented, and the explanation of the performance was given by the Rev. F. H. H. Labett, Mr A. Barker, of Onebarrow, being in the chair. The effort realised 28s for the missionary funds, and from a tea which preceded it, a sum of £1 was cleared, this being considered very satisfactory.

Ashby Board of Guardians

The Registration Sub-Districts

Mr William Sheffield, J.P. presided at the fortnightly meeting of the Board of Guardians held at Ashby, on Saturday, when there were also present, Mrs Pratt, Dr. Atkinson, Messrs S. P. Matterson, T. Frith, H. Pickering, W. Andrews, P. Bullen, T. O. Frost, T. Radford, W. Gascoyne, T. Parker, A. Riley, T. Varnham, J. Nicklinson, G. Sheldon, A. J. Briers, R. Lawton, J. W. Fowler, F. W. Soar, W. Ramsell, W. E. Glover, J. Rice, J. T. Bradshaw, W. Massey, and A. W. Shaw, with the clerk, Mr George Farmer.

The clerk reported the receipt of a further letter from the Registrar General stating that before applying to the Local Government Board for their sanction to the transference of the parishes of Coleorton and Packington from the Whitwick registration sub-district to the Ashby sub-district the matter should be referred to the Ashby Rural District Council for their observations thereon. The Guardians, therefore were asked to defer the appointment of a successor to Mr J. Newbury until the matter was arranged. The clerk said the Rural Council would meet that day fortnight, and till then the matter would have to remain in abeyance.

The chairman: It defers it for a fortnight before an advertisement can be issued.

House Committees Report

The House Committee, through Mr Parker, gave a favourable report on the Whitwick girl, Ada Collis, who was removed from the workhouse to an institution a few months ago. The groceries supplied had been inspected and found satisfactory. Messrs A. Hunt, Ltd, of Leicester, the builder of the oven in the workhouse wrote advising the Guardians that it was not necessary to put in new tubes as suggested and the committee decided to act upon that.

Coalville Police Court

Friday:- Before the Rev. C. T. Moore (in the chair), Mr B. G. Hale, and Mr William Sheffield.

A Whitwick Scramble

James Walton, colliery shaftsman, of Whitwick, and Ada Walton, his wife, were summoned for assaulting Elizabeth A. Wallam, married woman, at Whitwick, on January 3rd. The complainant and her husband, James Wallam, collier, Whitwick, were summoned for assaulting Ada Walton, and James Wallam was further charged with assaulting James Walton, all of Whitwick, on the same date.

Mr A. H. Timms, Swadlincote, appeared for the Waltons, and Mr T. E. Jesson, Ashby, for the Wallams. All pleaded not guilty. Elizabeth Wallam, of Hermitage Road, Whitwick, stated that just after eleven she and her husband were returning from Whitwick and in Silver Street came up with the Waltons. Mr Walton said to his wife, "Let's see which is the best man," and went for her husband. He caught him round the neck and threw him on to the ground almost immediately. She went to her husband's assistance, and Walton struck her in the mouth, knocking her down. While on the ground, she was kicked and when she was picked up Mrs Walton struck her several times. She was streaming with blood. She struck no blows herself. Complainant was in a certain condition and still felt the effects of the assault. She had been attended by Dr. Burkitt.

By Mr Timms: All she had to drink that night were two glasses of gin. They did not budge into the Waltons as they passed. They did not pass them and then wait for them at the gas works and start the bother. They lived next door to each other. There had not been any trouble about some water and they were not trying to "get their own back" in the evening. There was not a row going on at her house all night and the smashing of crockery. A window was broken by her own brother. She did not threaten them in any way. When they came to take out a summons, the clerk advised them to make it up. She went away and the Waltons did without taking a summons then, but she did not mean to make it up after being knocked about like that.

James Wallam, husband of the last witness, corroborated, and produced the coat he was wearing that night, which was very dirty and torn. He had had no previous quarrel with the Waltons.

By Mr Timms: His wife's brother was annoyed when he saw his sister's condition and he hammered the door of Walton's house and broke one of the windows.

Ernest Burton, Green Lane, Whitwick, said he saw Mr Walton run and strike Mr Wallam, throwing him down and when on the ground started "lacing" him. Mrs Wallam was also

struck. Witness picked her up partly unconscious and after that Mrs Walton struck her several times in the face.

Edwin Moulton of Alma Villas, Hermitage Road, said he saw the two men on the floor. Both Mr and Mrs Wallam were struck and kicked by the Waltons, but the Wallams struck no blows. This was the case for the Wallams.

Mr Timms said that the evidence he had to call was absolutely contradictory. It would have been much better had the parties taken the excellent advice of the magistrates' clerk and settled the matter without coming to court. Walton was then called and said the Wallams shoved his wife as they were passing. They went on but the Wallams were waiting for them near the gasworks, and till then no blows were struck. Wallam swore at his wife and struck her in the mouth. He (defendant) said he should not have that and then Wallam then said he should not have that and then Wallam then said he would give it to him. They had a set-to, and he (Walton) got the best of it. His wife was also assaulted by Mrs Wallam and her nose was bleeding. The Wallams threatened them and hammered the door after they got home.

Asked by Mr Jesson how he accounted for a sleeve being torn from Wallam's coat, defendant said they, (the Wallams) were good enough to do that.

Are they good enough to rub the dirt on it as well? – Yes.

Did you kick Wallam? – No.

Mrs Walton corroborated and said both the Wallams were the worse for drink. She (Walton) had been under the doctor herself since the assault and produced a bottle of medicine in support of this. The Bench, owing to conflicting evidence, dismissed the cases, the parties to pay their own costs, Wallams 12s and Waltons 7s 6d.

Bad Language

John Robinson, labourer, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on January 10th. He did not appear, P.C. Jelley proved the case and defendant was fined 10s 6d, and costs 12s 6d or 14 days.

Drunk and Disorderly

Samuel Brown, labourer, no fixed abode, was brought up in custody charged with being drunk and disorderly at Ravenstone, on the previous day. He had no coat on. P.C. Sibson deposed to finding the defendant lying in the road. Defendant said he was out in the cold all day and a little drink overcame him. The constable, recalled, said the man was starved as well as drunk. He had been in the ditch and was in a terrible state. He had been working with a threshing machine, and they had given him a lot of drink. Defendant, who trembled violently in the dock, said he had lodged at Whitwick. He was sentenced to one day's imprisonment. Supt. Lockton said the man had 3s on him. His coat was wet, and was having to be dried.

Fowl Stealing at Forest Rock

George Cawson, of Whitwick, and Harold Wright, of Coalville, both miners, were charged with stealing four fowls, value 16s, at Whitwick, on January 3rd. They pleaded guilty.

P.S. Betts said he received a complaint from Edward Newton and examined his fowl place. The lock was broken off, and there were feathers, blood, and footprints near the door. He made enquiries and went to Cawson's house. Cawson said he knew nothing about it. Witness asked to see the boots he was wearing on Saturday night and witness found a small feather on the bottom of one of them. They were wet. He also asked to look at the trousers and coat and found these had blood on. There were feathers on the coat. He cautioned the defendant, and told him he should charge him with stealing four fowls from Newton's place near the Forest Rock. Defendant said he could search the house, he would find no fowls. Witness arrested him, and on the way to the Police Station, defendant asked if they had the other man, and witness said someone had gone for him. At the Police Station, defendant made a statement admitting the offence, he and Wright each having two fowls. Wright was brought to the Police Station by Inspector Dobney and he also admitted the offence. The statements were to the effect that the men left the Forest Rock at eleven pm, and subsequently went to the fowl-place, breaking open the door with a poker. Defendants said they were sorry, they were in drink.

Wright, who lives in Waterworks Road, pleaded for leniency, saying he had a wife and six children. The chairman said it was a serious offence.

Defendants were each fined £5, and 11s 6d costs, or one month.

Ashby County Court

Yesterday – Before His Honour Judge Wightman Wood. Mr T. E. Jesson, on behalf of the advocates practising at the Court, welcomed the judge back again and said he hoped the improvement in his health would be maintained. His Honour expressed thanks.

Administration Order

Wm. Thos. Findall, miner, Whitwick, applied for an administration order. His debts amounted to £32 13s and debtor offered 6s a month until 10s in the pound was paid. – Granted.

Thringstone Collier and the Rabbits

John Squires, collier, of Thringstone, appeared on a judgement summons in respect of £1 due on a debt for bread supplied by James Richards, baker of Pegg's Green.

Answering Mr T. E. Jesson, who appeared for the plaintiff, defendant said he worked at the Whitwick Colliery and went there when he had time (laughter).

Mr Jesson: *You get a bit by poaching don't you?*

Defendant: *Just a bit. I have a bit of a touch now and then* (more laughter).

The Judge: *Do you sell two rabbits a week? – No sir.*

A new order of 1s 6d a month was made.

Brothers in Court

Thomas Wileman, collier, Hugglescote, sued Wm. Wileman, collier, of the Wagon and Horses Inn, Whitwick, for 10s 10d money paid by him on behalf of the defendant and for the return of certain tools or their value, 15s and 5s damages for detention.

Mr T. H. Moore was for the plaintiff, and Mr T. E. Jesson, Ashby, for the defendant.

Plaintiff stated that in 1911 he was charge-man in Coleorton Colliery and purchased tools to the value of £2 15s. Defendant, who was his brother, should have paid his share, 18s 4d the same as was paid by another man named Findall. Defendant had given him 7s 6d. They subsequently left the pit and the tools were brought out, defendant taking the tools to the Royal George at Whitwick in his trap, to remain there until they got into a stall together again. Plaintiff paid him 6d for conveying the tools and he had kept the lot. He (plaintiff) had applied for the tools but defendant's daughter said they should keep the lot. Her husband was using the tools in the Whitwick pit.

By Mr Jesson: *Findall paid his share 18s 4d and was a joint owner of the tools. The defendant had never lent him money.*

Defendant said he did not owe his brother a penny. It was true that in April 1911, they were working together at Coleorton pit and they agreed to pay 18s 4d each for the tools they used. Defendant paid 7s 6d and had lent plaintiff money at other times and on one occasion in the Royal George at Whitwick, plaintiff admitted they were square.

By Mr Moore: He paid 7s 6d leaving 10s 10d owing but they straightened that in the kitchen of the Royal George. The joint payments were for all the tools, including defendant's personal tools mentioned in the claim.

Wm. Findall, collier, Whitwick, said he worked with the two Wilemans in the Coleorton pit, and paid his share of 18s 4d for the tools. He was entitled to a share of the tools now, but he did not know where they were. He meant to get his 18s 4d back on the next court day from the man he paid it to. These tools no more belonged to the plaintiff than they did to witness, defendant, or Lydall, another man who worked with them.

Mary Ward, wife of Harry Ward, of the Wagon and Horses, Whitwick, and daughter of the defendant, said that in 1911 she lived at the Royal George and both her father and uncle lived there. She heard the conversation in the kitchen when plaintiff said that it settled everything. She knew that her father had lent the plaintiff money and she had too.

The Registrar found for the plaintiff for 10s 10d.

Sport

Football

Whitwick's Easy Task

Whitwick Imperial had no difficulty in getting into the next round for the Coalville Cup at the expense of Bagworth Town. The Imperial were unable to induce the Town to visit Whitwick and so the match was played at Bagworth on Saturday. The game had only been in progress eight minutes before the Imperial had put on a couple and these had been increased to four by the interval. The second half was a repetition, four more goals being

scored, but just before the end, Bagworth made a spurt and were allowed to get one by way of consolation.

Tomorrow the Imperial are visited by Measham United in the fourth round and they should have no difficulty in getting into the semi-final.

As Market Harborough were beaten 2 – 1 on Saturday by Loughborough Corinthians and Earl Shilton Town went under to Hinckley United 3 – 0, Whitwick's win tomorrow will leave four good teams for the semi-finals, Coalville Town, Whitwick Imperial, Loughborough Corinthians and Hinckley United. The draw on Tuesday night appears in another column.

Coalville League

Some tied scoring characterised the matches in the Coalville League on Saturday. In the three games in the first division the home teams shared 23 goals with nothing against them. Ellistown St. Christopher's and Coalville Swifts both scored ten, the defeated teams respectively being Whitwick Holy Cross and Coalville P.S.A., and Hugglescote St. John's did well to beat Moira United by three goals. Whitwick Holy Cross arrived late and with only eight men and just before the finish, one of these hurt his arm badly and had to leave the field. It was an excellent spirit which prompted the Ellistown men to start a collection on the ground for their injured opponent and this realised 12s 6d. The Ellistown scorers were Percy Underwood 3, J. Underwood, a full back 4, and Watts, Cato and Bourne, one each. Notwithstanding the big score, Stanyard made some excellent saves in the Whitwick goal. In the Swifts match the scorers were Hallam, King, Sheffield and Latham (two each), Egan and Williamson. The P.S.A. have been weak in the last two or three matches owing to some of their players being under suspension. They are hoping to do better when this is removed. Hugglescote St. John's did all their scoring in the second half through Lees and Sturman. Hugglescote Wesleyans were expecting Coalville Town Reserves, but the latter failed to turn up, this being the second time they have created disappointment.

Coalville Charity Cup

Draw for the Semi Finals

A meeting of the Management Committee of this competition was held at the Red House Hotel, Coalville, on Tuesday evening, Mr C. E. Marston presiding. There were also present, Messrs H. R. Brown, A. E. Clay, S. Goacher, D. Marston, R. T. Bradshaw, H. Clamp, G. Swain, and the hon. secretary (Mr J. W. Farmer).

The secretary reported that Measham United had agreed to play Whitwick Imperial at Whitwick in the fourth round on January 24th, as arranged by the committee, and he would like to say that he appreciated the help the Measham club had given him in the matter. The Leicestershire F.A. had ordered Measham and Hugglescote St. John's to replay their Junior Cup match January 24th, which was breaking their rule that postponed cup matches should be played on the following Saturday. The L.F.A. had stopped conference dates, and if they were to break their rule, and fix any date for replays like that, it might put the Coalville committee in a difficulty.

Mr R. T. Bradshaw (L.F.A. representative) said the decision for the Measham V Hugglescote match fixed by the L.F.A. was on or before January 24th. Mr Goacher said that as Measham were playing for the Coalville Cup they might let the matter slide.

Several members of the committee thought there should be an understanding in regard to the L.F.A.'s rule as to replays, and the secretary was instructed to write to the L.F.A. on the matter. The draws for the semi-finals and arrangements were made as follows.

Whitwick Imperial or Measham United V Hinckley United on the Coalville Town ground, on February 14th, kick-off 3.30, referee, Mr R. T. Bradshaw, Coalville; linesmen, Messrs F. S. Weaver and T. Price, Coalville.

Loughborough Corinthians V Coalville Town, to be played on the Half-way House ground on March 14th, kick-off 3.30, referee, Mr W. H. Squires, Leicester; linesmen, Messrs F. W. Smith and C. E. Marston, Coalville.

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Local News

To Let

Whitwick – To Let, Lady Day, 4 acres land, or thereabouts, Talbot Street, Apply Mrs Norman, 25 Humberstone Gate, Leicester

For Sale

Mail cart 25s; push-car 7s 6d; both in good condition. Repairs, enamelling, re-tyring and re-hooding at King and Newman's Hermitage Road.

Mr and Mrs William Bradley, of Hugglescote, celebrated their golden wedding on Tuesday. They have nine children and 21 grandchildren and are well-respected in this neighbourhood. The father has been an official at the Whitwick Colliery. Several guests were invited, including Canon Broughton, the Rev. R. P. Farrar, Mr Greensmith (under-manager of the Whitwick Colliery), and others.

On enquiry at the White House, Whitwick, yesterday, we were informed that Mr J. J. Sharp was about the same. Up till Tuesday last the patient was making satisfactory progress, but he has not been quite so well since, his temperature having risen. Mr Sharp's condition still gives rise for considerable anxiety and much sympathy has been expressed with Mr and Mrs Aubrey Sharp, with the hope that Mr Sharp may soon be fully restored again.

P. M. Church

The services at this place of worship were conducted by Mr Hardwick, of Coalville, in the morning and the Rev. John Guy, of St. Albans (a former minister) in the evening. There were good congregations and the services were much enjoyed. Collections were made on behalf of the trust funds.

Parish Church

The preacher at the Whitwick parish church on Sunday was the Rev. L. H. Pearson, of Market Bosworth, who delivered instructive and interesting sermons to good congregations. The collections were in aid of the church expenses.

Forest Rock Hotel

About 50 gentlemen were present at a supper and social evening at the Forest Rock Hotel on Saturday evening when Mr W. James provided a splendid meal to which full justice was done. Mr H. G. W. Howe presided over the after proceedings and there were songs by Messrs Walker, Bonser, Spencer, Cave, Heighton, T. Wyatt, Cooper, W. James, senr., W. James, junr., and Miss Jeffs. A vote of thanks was accorded Mr James (the host) for providing the opportunity of spending such an enjoyable evening and Mr James suitably replied.

Two Fire Alarms

Brigade called out at Coalville and Whitwick

Members of the Coalville Urban Council Fire Brigade have received two calls within the past few days, though happily in neither case was the outbreak of a serious nature. The first was at Whitwick on Saturday evening, the call being to Mr F. Perry's fried fish shop at Pare's Hill. The Whitwick members of the brigade promptly responded, but, fortunately, found that the danger had been averted by the occupants and several voluntary helpers. The frying pans used in connection with the trade got ablaze and serious consequences were at first feared, but the outbreak was successfully dealt with.

The second call was on Sunday morning as was to the premises of Messrs Thompson and Hodgkinson, drapers, of High Street. The brigade were summoned by telephone by Mr E. Parramore, of the Stamford and Warrington Hotel close by, and soon Captain Elsworth, Lieut. Moreton and Fireman Bland and Dalton were on the scene. It was found that there was a recurrence of an old trouble which had given rise to not a little anxiety and led to the services of the brigade being summoned on a previous occasion. It appears that owing to the peculiar construction of the chimney, which has several awkward bends, it cannot be properly swept, and soot is allowed to accumulate. This, as on the previous occasion, had got on fire and it was only the prompt work of the firemen which probably saved a big conflagration. By getting into the roof, the members of the brigade were able to remove some two or three barrowfuls of red hot soot and so obviate the danger, which was obvious since a good deal of wood is used in the construction of the chimney. After about an hour's work, the firemen were able to remove the cause for anxiety and in two hours left the place in a safe condition. The fire on this occasion originated from the sitting room.

Coalville Police Court

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

Bad Language

Mary A. Williamson, married woman, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on January 19th. P.C. Jelley proved the case in the woman's absence, and she was fined 3s 6d and 12s 6d costs.

Drunks

Mary Fraser, married woman, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Coalville, on January 16th. In her absence, P.C. Bond stated the facts, and said he had to take her to Whitwick. Inspector Dobney said the woman's language was disgusting. She lay down on the path and said she could go no further. He had to send Bond with her. Fined 5s 6d and costs 12s 6d or seven days.

James Gee, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick, on January 16th. P.C. Grewcock proved the case. Fined 10s 6d, and costs 12s 6d, or fourteen days.

Sport

Football

Whitwick Imperial in the Coalville Cup Semi-Final

It was not anticipated that Whitwick Imperial would have any difficulty in getting into the Coalville Cup semi-final, and this proved to be so, as Measham United provided them with easy fourth round victims on the Duke of Newcastle ground on Saturday.

Joe Moore was a late arrival, and the Imperial played for the first five minutes or so with ten men. Play was not brilliant in the first half, the home forwards missing many chances and there might have been a much bigger lead than two to none at the interval. W. Moore scored both these goals and made his total to three after crossing over, but he was beaten by Sturman, who in the course of the second half, helped himself to four, while there were further goals by Percy Wright and Bonser. The Whitwick defence had little difficulty in holding Measham men in check and the home side retired winners by the comfortable margin of nine goals to none. If the Imperial had played in the first half like they did in the second, there is no telling what the score might have been.

Bonser played in the forward line in place of Andy Moore, who has had the misfortune to break his wrist in an accident in the pit.

Will Whitwick get into the final? That is a question which is now occupying the minds of many interested in the game. They have to play Hinckley United on the Coalville Town ground on February 14th and on the form of the two clubs during the season there is no reason why the Imperial should not triumph.

Coalville Town appear to have the most favourable chance of again appearing as finalists. They have to meet Loughborough Corinthians on the Half Way House ground on March 14th. Neither club has been playing up to the form of former seasons and it is quite an open question as to which will win. Victory for the two local teams would be popular as the meeting of Coalville and Whitwick in the final on Easter Tuesday would be a very attractive holiday event.

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Local News

Whitwick Liberal Club

Annual Dinner

The Annual Dinner in connection with the Club was held in the large room on Saturday evening last, when upwards of a hundred sat down to a capital repast prepared by the manager and his wife, Mr and Mrs Sears. It goes without saying that justice was done to the good things provided. After the tables had been cleared a meeting was held presided over by Mr Anthony Needham, supported by Councillor T. Kelly (secretary), and other members of the committee. Mr S. Perry, junr., proposed a vote of thanks to all the officers of the Club for their services during the past year. They had in Councillor Kelly an indefatigable Secretary and every officer had done his best with the result that the majority of the members were perfectly satisfied. It was a difficult matter to please everybody but the efforts of the members should be divested with the help of the officials and thus bring about complete success. Referring to Councillor Kelly's term of office on the Coalville Urban District Council, the speaker hoped they would see him go back again unopposed, as he had done his work well. Mr Harper seconded the resolution. The Chairman supported the resolution and stated that he knew it was the Secretary's heart's desire to make the club a prosperous one in every sense of the word. He hoped they would all vote for him at the next election. The resolution was carried with acclamation, the whole company rising and singing "For he's a jolly good fellow," etc.

Councillor Kelly responded and expressed thanks for the many kind words said in reference to him. It had always been his endeavour to do his duty as secretary of the club. Referring to the hall in which they were then met he remarked that they used to take £12 or £14 per annum from users of the hall, but since the picture palaces had started they practically took nothing. They, however, contemplated making alterations in the near future so that they would be in a position to cater for the people of Whitwick. Referring to the remarks as to his work on the Council the speaker said his term expired in March. He thought they should endeavour to get as many working men on the Council as possible.

During the evening songs were sung by Messrs B. Johnson, Thos. Cooper, Haywood, T. Moore, F. Harper, A. Wheeldon, Millorship, etc. Mr S. Perry, junior, gave two humorous recitations which were heartily enjoyed. A vote of thanks was accorded the Host and Hostess to which Mr Sears responded. "The Press" was also given and responded to by a representative of the "Coalville Times". Mr Sturgess subsequently urged the members of the Club to stick together and become workers all the year round. He proceeded to speak of the member's lack of interest in politics, stating that they were not doing their duty and suggested dis-union. The secretary, however, dissented, saying that they had made 37 new members during the year just passed.

A vote of thanks was passed to Mr G. H. Hallam for his generous help at all times in the work of the Club, and reference was made during the evening to the illness of Councillor S. Perry, with whom a vote of sympathy was passed. The rest of the evening was spent in convivialities.

Hugglescote Man Charged with Embezzlement

Three Months Hard Labour

At the Coalville Police Court on Friday, Arthur Dakin, collier, Hugglescote, was charged by Wm. Stinson, mineral water manufacturer, of Whitwick, with embezzling the sum of 1s 4d on October 24th, 1913, 2s 8d on November 7th, 1913, and 1s 4d on December 22nd, 1913, at Whitwick, the monies of Wm. Stinson.

Mr Lancaster of Messrs Sharp and Lancaster, Coalville and Loughborough, appeared to prosecute. Defendant said he preferred to be tried by jury at the Quarter Sessions if he could have bail. The clerk said the Bench could not say they would grant bail until they had heard the case. The question was, did the defendant want the case settling that day, or did he want to go for trial after the magistrates had heard the case.

Defendant said they had better go on with it. He pleaded not guilty.

Mr Lancaster, opening the case, explained that defendant was formerly in the employ of Mr Stinson, and delivered mineral waters. The charge was in connection with monies received for his employer on his round. So far, as the prosecutor had been able to find out up to now, the total deficiency amounted to about £75. Wm. Stinson said he took the defendant in to his employ on January 15th 1912 as a waggoner and salesman at a wage of 30s per week and 2 1/2 per cent on all goods sold. The average weekly earnings of the defendant would be from £2 5s to £2 10s. His duties were to go round with the dray, soliciting orders, delivering goods and receiving payment for the same on prosecutor's account. He was supplied with receipt books with counterfoils. Counterfoils in defendant's handwriting were produced dated October 24th, November 7th and December 22nd, showing payments of 4s, 10s 8d, and 2s 8d. If defendant had acted honestly the receipts given to the purchaser would tally with these. From information received, he dismissed the defendant from his service four or five weeks ago. Prosecutor had since made enquires and found that there was a total deficiency of about £75. A man named Harry Robinson was now doing the work.

Defendant said his wagon was always checked and there was not a deficiency of 75s let alone £75. The deficiencies were only bottles he had given to customers. Defendant asked to be allowed to examine some of the books and on these being handed to him, he said he had sometimes left goods and given tickets on subsequent calls. Replying to the chairman, prosecutor said the defendant should give a ticket for every delivery. He added: *That is where he has been dodging me, but I let it go so long before I found it out.*

The chairman: *It was against your rules?*

Prosecutor: Yes

The clerk: *You expected the receipts to tally with the counterfoil? - Exactly.*

Esther Woodward, of 38 Copson Street, Ibstock, stated that on October 24th defendant delivered 8 dozen bottles of minerals at her house for which she paid him 5s 4d and received a receipt from defendant for that amount produced.

John Palmer, of the Ram Inn, Ibstock, deposed to defendant delivering 20 dozen mineral waters on November 7th for which he paid him 13s 4d and received the receipt produced.

George Arnold, retired miner, Leicester Road, Ibstock, stated that he paid defendant 4s on December 22nd for 6 dozen bottles and received the receipt produced. By the clerk: *The defendant had not left bottles on credit. Defendant elected to give evidence on oath.*

He said he should like to go through the books and he could account for everything. He may have made mistakes, as calling at numerous public houses he had so much drink he was apt to get muddled, but he had not committed any offence. He denied all intention of robbing or defrauding Mr Stinson. Since he left the prosecutor's employ he had been on the round assisting the new man all he could. Mr Stinson refused to let him look at the books after he (defendant) had the summons.

By Mr Lancaster: *He could not do trade without having drinks at the houses he called at. He did not enter up deliveries always at the time, but would do it from memory every two or three hours.*

Mr Lancaster: *Have you ever entered more than received?*

Defendant said he could not say. The book always tallied with the loads.

Mr Lancaster: *It is a strange thing that in all these mistakes, the balance is on your side.*

The Magistrates considered the case privately and found the defendant guilty. The chairman said they considered it a glaring offence. Defendant was placed in a position of trust and they must take a serious view of the case. Defendant would be sentenced to three months hard labour.

Ashby Board of Guardians

The Registration Districts

The Local Government Board asked for the Council's observations on the proposals of the Registrar-General to transfer the parishes of Coleorton and Packington from the Whitwick sub-district to the Ashby sub-district, for the registration of births and deaths.

The clerk was instructed to reply that the Council concurred in the proposed alteration.

Whitwick Baptists have appointed Pastor Wix, of Woodbridge, Suffolk, as pastor of their Church, and he will take up his ministry there on Sunday next, being expected at Whitwick on Friday. The church has for two years been without a minister, such time having elapsed since the Rev. T. A. Cooper resigned.

Collier's Meeting

The annual meeting of the Whitwick Colliery No. 1 and 2 lodges of the Leicestershire Miner's Association, was held at the Hermitage Inn, on Saturday, Mr George Thomas presiding. Certain alterations of rules were agreed to. Mr Abraham Smith resigned as secretary for the accident club, a post he had held for ten years, and had been connected with the Lodge for 18 years. It was received with regret and testimony to Mr Smith's excellent services was borne by Messrs George Brooks, J. H. Gilberd, and Geo. Thomas, Mr D. Otter was appointed secretary to the accident club in place of Mr Smith. For the No. 1 Lodge, Mr G. Boam was re-elected secretary, and Mr Thomas Moore, treasurer, and the No. 2 Lodge officers were also re-elected. Mr W. Wardle, secretary and Mr George Thomas treasurer. There were nine nominations for 4 council delegates, and the following nominees are to be balloted for: Messrs G. Brooks, T. Moore, B. O'Mara, J. Rowell, J. Hall, G. Thomas, J. Ottey, T. Young and W. Wardle.

Do You Know

That Drs. J. C. S. Burkitt, Whitwick, J. S. Hamilton, Coalville, and W. H. Wykes, Hugglescote, have been elected on the panel committee, of which Mr G. J. Harris, of Anstey is secretary?

That the Coalville Y.M.C.A. has this week been presented with a bust of Sir Walter Scott by Mr J. W. Eagles, of Whitwick?

That the Reverend Greenland Robinson, formerly Baptist minister at Hugglescote, has been inducted to the living of Swannington St. George's, Whitwick, by the Rev. H. E. Worthington, R.D. of Netherseal?

Coalville Urban District Council

The monthly meeting of the Urban Council was held on Tuesday night. Mr W. Sheffield J.P. presided, and there were also present, Messrs A. Lockwood (vice-chairman) W. Fellows, T. Kelly, T. Y. Hay, M. McCarthy, S. Armson and S. P. Matterson, with the clerk, Mr T. E. Jesson ; assistant surveyor, Mr G. F. Hurst : and gasworks manager, Mr J. W. Eagles.

Highway Committee's Report

At a meeting of the Highways Committee, the surveyor reported on the inspections made of the north high level outfall sewer. The Surveyor produced the plan of the proposed mortuary to be erected by the Council, and consideration was deferred to the next meeting of the Council for additional details. The committee recommended the surveyor prepare a rough plan of the proposed additional wards for the Isolation Hospital, and present to the next meeting of the committee. The report of the sub-committee on the inspection of houses under the Housing and Town Planning Act, was produced and read to the meeting, and the committee recommend with reference to the closing of the house in lower Main Street, Hugglescote, that same be reported on again in two month's time, and the closing order in respect of Cockney Hall, Whitwick, be confirmed, and the demolition of the houses carried out and that the remainder of the report be received and adopted.

The Water Supply

At a meeting of the Water Committee, the manager's monthly report was produced and read to the meeting, showing that in the five weeks ending January 24th, it was estimated that 5,666,000 gallons had been pumped. The manager's annual report was also produced and read to the meeting. The surveyor produced and read to the meeting the analysis of the Council's water by Dr. Dyer. The Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade reported fires at Mr Thompson's, High Street, Coalville, and at Mr F. Perry's shop at Whitwick, and that an account for firemen's time had been forwarded in each case. The chief officer of the brigade presented his annual report for the year 1913, and a copy thereof was ordered to be forwarded to each member of the Council.

High Death Rate

The medical officer (Dr R. W. Jamie) reported that during January, three cases of diphtheria were notified, one in South Street, one at Pare's Hill, Whitwick, and one in

Crescent Road, Hugglescote. Three cases of scarletina had been reported, one in Ashby Road, Hugglescote, and two in Bridge Road, Coalville. Only one case of phthisis had been reported. Influenza had been fairly prevalent complicated with diseases of the respiratory organs, and five deaths had been attributed to pneumonia and bronchitis. During the month 24 deaths were registered, giving a death rate of 16 per 1,000. These included those above referred to, and three from accidental causes – one from burns, one from scalds, and one accidentally suffocated. During the same period there were 51 births, giving a birth rate of 34 per thousand.

The Chairman said they seemed to keep getting cases of diphtheria. Mr McCarthy asked whether there was any explanation for the cases at Whitwick. Mr Hurst said he did not think there was beyond what Mr Baldwin had given. In one house it was spread through not sufficient care being taken. Mr Matterson asked about the case in the Crescent Road. Mr Hurst said that was in a comparatively new house.

Mr Matterson: *With town water, and new drains?*

Mr Hurst: *That is so.*

Mr McCarthy said it might have been caused by eating canned rubbish.

Whitwick Lodging Houses

Mr Hurst reported that the number of people accommodated at the Whitwick lodging houses during January was 987, against 995 in December, and 979 in January last year. The lodging houses continued to be maintained in a good sanitary condition.

Mr Fellows asked whether they were visited to which Mr Hurst replied in the affirmative. Mr McCarthy asked whether nocturnal visits were paid.

Mr Hurst: *We keep a register.*

Mr McCarthy said they used to have nocturnal visits. Mr Hurst said there was not the same necessity for that now as they never had more than a thousand, and the accommodation was for two thousand. But visiting was done. Mr Fellows said the Council should have a record even of routine work that they might know it was done. Mr Hurst said the lodging houses were visited every month and also half yearly when the lime washing was done.

Six defaulters in regard to the removal of night soil were reported. Mr Hurst stating that the amounts varied from 6d to 1s 6d., and they were all able to pay. On the motion of Mr McCarthy, it was decided to take the usual proceedings.

Sport

Football

Football Whist Drive and Dance

On Wednesday evening over 200 people were present at a whist drive and dance in the Whitwick Holy Cross School in aid of the funds of the Whitwick Imperial F.C. Mr W. D. McCarthy was M.C. for the dance, the music for which was supplied by Wright's Band, of Coalville. Messrs George Greasley and George Webster were the M.C.'s for whist and the winners were:

Ladies: 1st Miss Woodward 178; 2nd Miss S. Weston 176; 3rd Mrs Howe 172; 4th Miss L. Middleton 170.

Gents: 1st Mr Musson 186; 2nd Mr J. Brooks 183; 3rd Mr S. Belcher and 4th Mr G. Causer 178 each.

These positions being decided on a cut. Mr George Greasley presented the prizes. Refreshments were supplied and the company had a very enjoyable evening.

Leicestershire Senior League

Matches have been somewhat scarce in the Leicestershire Senior League of late, but three were played on Saturday. Hinckley United at home defeated Loughborough Corinthians by five goals to three and so avenged their Christmas defeat at Loughborough. Unfortunately, things did not go off quite smoothly in this match, as an incident between two of the players caused the spectators to rush on to the field. However, order was restored and play resumed after a lapse of about 15 minutes. The other matches were those in which Coalville Town and Whitwick Imperial were engaged and are reported on this page.

Whitwick Concede another Point

Whitwick Imperial were expected to bring back the points from Earl Shilton, but they found Pick, the old Hinckley goalkeeper, invincible. In the course of the match he was bombarded with shots from all angles without once letting the ball go through. Roadley had practically nothing to do at the other end and the result was that no goals were scored by either side. Though Pick did so well between the posts, the Shilton goal had some marvellous escapes and the home team were lucky to get a point out of the match. With the many opportunities they had, the Whitwick forwards ought to have succeeded, their marksmanship often being at fault, but the high wind had a lot to do with it.

Coalville Charity Cup

Draw for the Semi Finals

Whitwick Imperial or Measham United v Hinckley United, on the Coalville Town ground, on February 14th, kick-off 3:30, referee, Mr R. T. Bradshaw, Coalville; linesmen, Messrs F. S. Weaver and T. Price, Coalville.

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Ashby Annual Licensing Sessions

The Question of Publicans Keeping Books

Saturday:- Before Mr George Moore (in the chair), Major Hatchett, Mr G. D. Orchard, Mr J. H. Sutton, and Mr Geo. Brown.

Increase in Drunkenness

Police Superintendent Lockton presented his annual report to the Bench, as follows:

Police Station, Ashby-de-la-Zouch

February 7th, 1914.

“Gentlemen, I have the honour to submit my annual report for the past year, relating to the number of houses licensed for the sale of intoxicating liquors. There are 113 publican’s licenses in this division (3 of which are six days’ licences), 36 beerhouses on, 28 beerhouses off, 1 wine on, and 14 wine and spirits off, total 192; being three less than appeared in my report of last year. There are also 7 registered clubs wherein intoxicating liquors are sold, viz., 4 at Coalville, 2 at Whitwick and 1 at Ashby. The population of the division according to the 1911 census is 43,328, or an average on one licensed house to every 225 persons including women and children. Two publicans have been proceeded against during the year, and both were convicted, viz., one for keeping open during prohibited hours, and one for permitting drunkenness. They have since left their licensed premises. The total number of persons proceeded against for drunkenness, and drunkenness and disorderly conduct during the year is 130, an increase of 32 on last year, and an increase of 2 on the previous year. They were all convicted except one, the charge in that case being withdrawn. The offences were as follows, viz., Drunk and disorderly 99; simple drunkenness 19; drunk and refusing to quit licensed premises 3; drunk in charge of horse and cart 7; drunk on licensed premises 1; and drunk in charge of a child under age of 7 years 1:

I have received notice of application for one new beer off licence at Coalville. There has been no material change in the requirements of the Coalville district since the general licensing meeting of last year. The number of licenses transferred during the year is 26, viz. : 15 publicans’ licenses; 6 beer on; 3 beer off; and 2 wine and spirits off. The conduct of the licensed houses has been good, with the exception of those against whom I have had to take proceedings. Since my report of last year, compensation has been paid in respect of the “Turk’s Head”, (beerhouse) at Ashby, and the house closed. At the adjourned general annual licensing meeting of last year, the renewals of two licenses, viz., “The Beaumont Arms,” (full license) and “The Royal George” (beerhouse), both at Whitwick, were referred to the Compensation Authority, with the result that both were refused, compensation paid, and the houses closed.

I have the honour to be, gentlemen, your obedient servant, W. Lockton, Superintendent.”

The chairman said the magistrates had read the Superintendent’s report, and considered it very satisfactory. There had been an increase of drunkenness, 32 over last year, but only two over the previous year. No doubt the weather had something to do with it. Information had been received from the Home Secretary that he considered it essential that publicans and beerhouse-keepers should keep strict books of accounts.

Mr T. E. Jesson (Ashby) said the Ashby Licensed Victuallers’ Association had held a meeting to consider the matter. Apart from the question of whether the Home Secretary had the power to insist on books being kept, he took it that only a ledger and day-book would be required. The Home Secretary surely did not insist on publicans being chartered accountants.

The chairman said he supposed it meant that the usual books must be kept. The clerk said it applied chiefly to anybody who went into bankruptcy. Mr Jesson said he could not see at present that the Home Secretary had any power to insist on books being kept at all. The

clerk said that might be, but if a man had not kept books, the authorities in bankruptcy might withhold his discharge, and it would be more to the publicans' interest to keep books.

Mr Jesson: *So long as that is made clear, the publicans are much obliged to the Home Secretary.*

The Chairman: *That is how I take it.*

Transfers

On the application of Mr Jesson, the license of the Waggon and Horses Inn, Griffydam, was transferred from Mr Smith to David Else. The license of the Turk's Head, Donisthorpe, was transferred from the late tenant to Wm. Burton Walker, one of the executors.

Renewals

On the application of Supt. Lockton, all the licenses in the division were renewed for the ensuing year, and the clerk was authorised to attach the official seal of the Bench to the same. The music and singing license of the Lyric Picture Palace, Ashby, was renewed for the ensuing twelve months.

This was all the business, and the adjourned licensing sessions were fixed for Friday March 6th.

Correspondence

Sir, The period of fifteen years during which the above named committee were authorised by trust deed to administer the fund for the benefit of the widows, parents, children, or other dependants of the victims in this disaster, has expired, and it is now the duty of the committee, under the deed, to authorise the trustees to provide annuities for the surviving beneficiaries, the children having passed the age up to which the committee were to contribute to their maintenance. The general principle of distribution has been on the basis of 5s per week for each widow, with 2s 6d per week extra for each child, and the capital sum of £6,500 originally contributed has by this process been reduced to about £2,400, the interest having also been utilised therewith as earned. At the present time there are 13 widows dependant on the fund, and two young persons, male and female respectively, who are incapable of earning their own living. The full amount required to provide 5s weekly for life in each of these 15 cases is in round figures £2,6050.

Under these circumstances, the directors of the Whitwick Colliery Co. Limited, in response to an appeal by their secretary, Mr Walter Lindley, J.P., who is chairman of the committee, have generously voted an additional sum of £250 to enable the committee to fulfil to the fullest extent every obligation resting upon them. Except for this assistance, some of the claims the committee desired to recognise could not have been met. They are now able to purchase these annuities from the Sun Life Assurance Society, whose offer has been accepted, and the weekly payments will be made in advance to each of the recipients by the colliery company as hitherto, the company holding the policies as security, and in order to prevent any anticipation of alienation. It is hoped the colliery company will kindly continue the free coal hitherto supplied to the widows.

Yours faithfully,

T. H. Heward, Hon. Secretary, Coalville, February 7th, 1914.

Accident at a Colliery

Jas. Hough, son of John Hough, of Swannington, sustained a fractured leg whilst at work at the Speedwell pit of the Whitwick Colliery, on Saturday.

P.M. Choir Effort

The members of the choir connected with the P.M. church gave a tea and cantata on Saturday last. The tea, which was given by the members of the choir, was largely attended, and much enjoyed. In the evening the choir creditably rendered a cantata under the direction of Mr John T. Ward, with Miss Ursula Ward at the organ. Mrs W. G. Wheatley presided over the proceedings, which were well attended. The proceeds, amounting to nearly £7, are to be devoted to the trust and choir funds.

Proposed Licensed Victualler's Association

A meeting of the Whitwick and District publicans was held at the Three Crowns Hotel, Whitwick last night to consider the matter with reference to organising a Licensed Victuallers' Association for the Whitwick and Thringstone district. It was unanimously decided to start the Association at once, and to call it the Whitwick, Thringstone and District Licensed Victuallers' Protective Association. Fifteen publicans joined. Mr G. H. Hallam, of the Queen's Head, Thringstone, was elected secretary, and Councillor Thos. Kelly of the Railway Hotel, Whitwick, chairman. Mr T. Kelly was requested to see Mr T. Jesson, solicitor of Ashby re acting as solicitor for the Association.

Mr Sharp

We are pleased to hear that Mr J. J. Sharp is much better.

Do You Know

That rumour says that Coalville Town F.C. and Whitwick Imperial F.C. are considering the question of applying for admission to the Central Alliance next season?

That Mr Cullen, formerly of the Whitwick Roman Catholic Elementary Schools, has been appointed headmaster at the Shepshed Roman Catholic Schools in place of Mr T. Lyons, who has resigned after having held the position for 38 1/2 years?

Coalville Police Court

To-day (Friday) Before the Rev. C. T. Moore (in the chair), Major Hatchett, Mr B. G. Hale and Mr W. Sheffield.

Bad Language

Wm. Baxter, Thomas Brotherhood and Harold Burton, colliers, Whitwick, were summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on January 24th. They did not appear. P.C. Jelley gave the facts and defendants were fined 2s 6d and costs 10s or seven days.

Pugilistic Colliers

Joseph Hall, of Whitwick, and Geo. Baugh, of Swannington, both colliers, were summoned for violent conduct at Coalville, on January 30th. P.C. Roberson said the defendants were fighting and also set about another man who did not want to fight. Defendants, who did not appear, were each fined 5s 6d and 10s 6d costs or seven days.

Martin Kenney and John Wilks, colliers, Whitwick, were summoned for violent conduct at Coalville, on January 29th. They pleaded not guilty. P.C. Robertson said he saw the defendant fighting in Belvoir Road. They were struggling on the ground. Defendants both strongly denied being engaged in the conflict and Wilks asserted that it was a case of mistaken identity. The constable stated that Kennedy admitted the offence when served with the summons.

Kennedy, on oath, denied striking a blow, but said he was struck by someone he did not know, Wilks was in the Halfway House when the bother was on outside. Wilks, sworn, said that when he left the Halfway House to go home he saw Kennedy knocked down, and went and picked him up. He acted the part of the good Samaritan and was summoned for it. He had never seen the policeman in his life till he brought the summons. The man who struck the blow lived at Coalville, but they could not get to know who he was.

Supt. Lockton: *Why should Kenney give the policeman your name, if you were not the man?*

Wilks: *That's where I'm beat* (laughter).

John Jackson, collier, Cademan Street, Whitwick, said he saw Wilks pick Kenney up. The man who knocked Kenney down was a stranger to them all. Philip O'Mara and Prudence Wilks having given evidence, P.C. Robinson re-called, said he had no doubt whatever as to the identity of the men. He saw Wilks almost daily going to and from work. Defendants were each fined 5s 6d and 12s 3d costs or 7 days.

Sport

Football

Teams for tomorrow

Whitwick Imperial team to meet Hinckley United to-morrow in the Coalville Charity Cup semi-final on the Waggon and Horses enclosure, Coalville: Roadley; Waterfield and Cooke; A. T. Sharp, Bird and Joe Moore; F. Wain, Sturman, Brady, Wright (captain) and W. Moore. Reserves: E. Tugby and Andy Moore. Referee, Mr R. T. Bradshaw.

Coalville Town's New Year Record

Coalville Town are still unbeaten in the new year and can now number Whitwick Imperial among their victims. The teams met in the Leicestershire Senior League medal competition on the Waggon and Horses ground on Saturday and a strenuous game ended in a win for the Town by the odd goal of three.

Neither side was at full strength, Coalville had Ball, Howard, Nicholls, and Wright out of the team selected, which let in Ballard, at outside right, G. Smith centre-forward and J. Smith and Scoon in the half-back line. Roadley was unable to play in goal for Whitwick due to the

death of his father, and J. Moore was a spectator, not being well enough to play. Findle deputised between the posts and Andy Moore was brought into the forward line, P. Wright going half-back. It is interesting to note that had A. S. Heward turned out for the Town it would have been his first appearance since getting his leg broken last season, and the fact that he was chosen to play is, I take it, an indication that his limb is now thoroughly sound again.

Coalville played with the wind in the first half and did a lot of pressing which eventually resulted in George Smith scoring. The wind greatly helped the Town and Whitwick were seldom dangerous in the first half. Just before the interval, Coalville scored again by Wilkins and crossed over with a lead of two goals.

The game was as much in Whitwick's favour in the second half as it was for Coalville in the first half and the fact that the Town prevented the Imperial from getting through more than once was very creditable when it is remembered that they played nearly the whole of this half with ten men. Wharmby received an injury to his leg – it was understood that one of the small bones was splintered – and he had to be carried off. The game was well advanced before Whitwick scored at all, this being from a clever cross shot by Percy Wright which gave Scrivens no chance. The Imperial made a desperate effort towards the close to get level, and only the brilliant display of Scrivens, in goal, secured victory to the Town. During one attack he returned three hot shots in rapid succession and was loudly applauded.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Burials

Williamson:- At Whitwick, on Saturday, Elizabeth Jane Williamson, aged 54 years, of Vicarage Street.

Henson:- At Thringstone, on Sunday, Jabez Henson, aged 85 years, of Main Street.

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Lost

On Monday last, between Measham and Coalville, Lady's Grey Squirrel fur. Finder rewarded. H. Webster, 138, Church Lane, Whitwick.

Ballot

The ballot for delegates from the Whitwick Colliery to the council of the Leicestershire Miners' Association and examiners of abnormal stalls resulted in the election of Mr Geo. Brooks and Mr John Ottey for No. 1 (thin coal) and Mr Thomas Moore and Mr John Hall for No. 2 (thick coal). All were re-elections except Mr Ottey, who takes the place of Mr A. Smith, resigned. There were nine nominees and Mr George Brooks headed the poll.

Effort for Leicester Infirmary

The second annual dance and whist drive in aid of the funds of the Leicester Royal Infirmary was held in the Holy Cross School on Wednesday evening, and were a great success, nearly 400 people being present. Messrs L. P. McCarthy (New Swannington) and T. Gray (Coalville) were M.C.'s for the dance, the music for which was supplied by Mr and Mrs Popple (piano and violin) and Mr W. Clarke (flute). Many of the dancers were in fancy dress, and the prize winners were:

Ladies historic, Mrs G. F. Burton as Ann Robsart; sentimental, 1st, Miss D. Toone, butterfly; 2nd Miss Hooper, shuttlecock:

Gentleman, sentimental, 1st Mr S. Perry, Dutch boy; 2nd Miss Jessie Moore as a pit boy; comic, Mr J. Turner, teddy-bear.

The M.C.'s for the whist drive were Messrs George Greasley (Whitwick) and W. J. Cracknell (Coalville), and the prizes were won by the following:

Ladies, 1st Miss Heighton, 180; 2nd Miss H. G. W. Howe, 176; 3rd Miss Jessie Hull, 175. Interval prize, Mrs Glynn 92.

Gents, 1st Mr W. Musson, 183; Messrs J. Moore and H. Robinson tied for second place with 178 each, and on a cut Mr Robinson won the second prize and Mr Moore the third. Interval prize, Mr J. Briers, 94.

Refreshments were supplied by a ladies' committee. The prizes were presented to the winners by the Rev. Father O'Reilly, who expressed thanks to the company for having turned up in such large numbers to support the Infirmary. Mr J. H. McCarthy acted as secretary for the event which was arranged by a committee and it is hoped to realise a substantial sum.

Ashby-de-la-Zouch Union

Appointment of Registrar of Births and Deaths

The Guardians of this Union invite applications for the office of Registrar of Births and Deaths for the Whitwick Sub-District of the Ashby-de-la-Zouch Registration District.

The remuneration is by fees, estimated to amount to £100 a year.

Candidates must be good writers and not under 21 or over 50 years of age.

The person appointed will be required to reside and have his head office in Coalville. Applications, in the Candidates' own handwriting, stating age and present occupation, together with copies of recent testimonials, to be sent to me NOT LATER than Friday, the 27th February, instant.

(signed) George Farmer, Clerk to the Guardians, Union Offices, Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

Coalville Police Court

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

Drunk and Disorderly

James Gee, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Swannington, on January 30th. He pleaded guilty. P.C. Jones stated that he had to bring the defendant to the police station where he was detained till the following morning.

The defendant's mother said a little beer affected him and the publicans ought to be stopped from serving him. He had to keep paying and that was where all his money went. Fined 16s 6d and costs 10s 6d or 14 days.

Sport

Football

Whitwick Worthy Winners

Coalville Referees Singular Experience

The meeting of Whitwick Imperial and Hinckley United on the Waggon and Horses ground, Coalville, on Saturday last, in the Coalville Cup semi-final proved to be a very attractive event, being played, fortunately, under favourable conditions. There was a crowd of something like three thousand people and they had good value for their money, for it was undoubtedly the best local match seen this season. Such seemed to be the general opinion and it was endorsed by Mr F. L. Jinks, secretary of the Leicestershire Football Association, who was among the spectators.

From start to finish, the game was maintained at a smart pace, and until the whistle finally blew, the issue was always in doubt. Whitwick just managed to win – it was by the odd goal of five – and they thoroughly deserved it. Even Hinckley players and supporters were sportsmen enough to admit this at the close of the match. The Imperial played brilliant football, there being not a weak spot in the team, and one could hardly believe that it was practically the same side that appeared on the same ground a week before and were beaten by a weak team representing Coalville Town. The players evidently realised what was at stake in this match and to a man they rose to the occasion splendidly and are to be heartily congratulated on the result.

A word of commendation is also due to the officials having control of the match and also to those responsible for the general arrangements. Mr R. T. Bradshaw as referee, and Messrs F. S. Weaver and T. Price on the lines all discharged their duties in such a manner as to conduce to the excellent game which was witnessed. There was not the slightest unpleasantness throughout the match, which was remarkably void of anything in the semblance of rough play, a fact upon which the players themselves also are to be heartily congratulated. Soon after the match had been started, the wire down one side of the field gave way under the heavy pressure and it looked as though there might be trouble, but the

officials, with the aid of Inspector Dobney and a number of policemen were able to keep the crowd within bounds and there was no encroachment on the field of play.

Towards the close of the match, Referee Bradshaw had a peculiar experience, the like of which, perhaps, he had never had before during his lengthy football career. From a hard drive by one of the players, he received the ball full in the face and for a time to him all was oblivion. By a strange coincidence, too, in the few moments that the referee was out of action, Whitwick scored, and after coming round, Mr Bradshaw had to appeal to Mr Price for a decision as to a goal, which was disallowed, I understand, for offside. Happily, this goal did not prove to be a determining factor in the result of the match, as Whitwick were then already leading by three goals to two and so finished.

The game opened in the Imperial's favour, and the forwards caused some disappointment in missing an open goal, while there were two occasions later, when Brady might have scored but didn't, though he made amends for this by getting one eventually. This was the only goal of the first half, though the Hinckley citadel had some narrow escapes. Once Aubrey Sharp, who played a fine game at right half, just skimmed the bar with a lovely shot, which appeared to be well out of the custodian's reach.

The second half had barely opened before United forced a corner which was beautifully placed, enabling Whitehouse to equalise, but it was not long before Whitwick went ahead again. During a strong attack, one of the backs put through his own goal in trying to stop a splendid shot by Percy Wright. There was great delight when Whitwick secured a two goals lead as the result of a good effort by Brady, who was always in the thick of the fray when there was attacking to be done, but Hinckley were not done with yet, and from a corner, Osborne scored their second. There were some anxious moments after this for the Whitwick supporters, for the United were very near levelling matters up again a time or two, but Roadley was always safe and Waterfield and Cooke never at fault.

On Saturday's form Whitwick established themselves as strong favourites for the final. It was a great feat to dismiss Hinckley who are a splendid side, and whether it be Coalville Town or Loughborough Corinthians who meet the Imperial in the final on Easter Tuesday, they will have their work cut out to prevent Whitwick from realising their ambition to become the cup-holders.

The takings at Saturday's match were about £31 and each of the clubs had a little over £8 as their share after meeting expenses.

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For Sale

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

Eggs for Hatching. Pure bred Black Wyandottes, prize strain, 6s per sitting. Frederick Berrington, 78 Leicester Road, Whitwick.

Church Social

A tea and social were held in the National School on Tuesday when there was a large attendance. Musical items were contributed by the New Swannington and the Thringstone Glee Party, Master Cooke (one of the choir boys) and others and Mr R. G. West and Miss Adams played for dancing, Mr George Underwood being M.C. It is expected that about £10 will be realised for the Collier's Memorial window to be placed in the church.

Liberal Club

The annual meeting of the members was held on Saturday, Mr A. Needham presiding over a good attendance. The balance sheet showing £390 11s 11d expenditure for the year and a balance of £13 18s 2d was adopted. Mr T. Kelly was re-elected secretary and accorded a vote of thanks for the way he had carried out the duties during the year. The auditors, Messrs D. Otter and J. Rose were re-elected and the following committee were elected. Messrs S. Perry 20 votes; F. Harper 20 ; J. W. Wardle 20; A. Cooper 17; A. Briers 16; and A. Beers 10. Other nominees beaten in the voting were D. Martin 9; J. Stanyard and S. Billings 5 each and H. Lovell 3.

Liberal Association

The annual meeting of this Association for the election of officers was held in the Public Hall on Wednesday night and was well attended. Mr J. Botrill presided. Mr S. Perry was elected president, and the secretary, Mr J. T. Ward was re-elected. The 12 delegates to the Loughborough Division Liberal Council were elected as follows: Messrs T. Kelly 26 votes; S. Boot 25; A. Wheeldon 24; S. Perry sen. 23; D. Martin 23; O. Geary 23; S. Perry junr. 22; F. Harper 22; A. Briers 22; J. T. Ward 21; W. Vesty 19; and L. Shilliam 18. Other nominees were J. Briers, A. Cooper, A. Beers, J. Rose and J. Boam.

Children's Concert

The children of the Whitwick Holy Cross Day School gave a very successful concert in the School on Friday and Saturday evenings. There was a large attendance on the first night and on Saturday the central hall was packed. Father O'Reilly presided and the excellence of the programme called for numerous encores, reflecting great credit on the children and the teachers by whom they were trained. Miss O'Reilly and Mr Beech were the accompanists. Father O'Reilly congratulated the children and teachers on the success of the concert and also expressed thanks to them. The proceeds were for the Holy Cross Church funds.

P.M. Shrovetide Effort

Shrovetide is a popular season with the Whitwick Primitive Methodists who, as usual, utilised the occasion for a great effort for the chapel funds. They were fortunate in being favoured with a visit by the Rev. S. L. George of London, who was formerly a local minister before Coalville was separated from the Ashby circuit nearly twenty years ago. He preached to good congregations on Sunday morning and in the evening and afternoon addressed a meeting presided over by Mr A. J. Briers at which musical items were rendered by members of the choir. The latter on Sunday evening also sang the anthem, "The Lord is my Shepherd," in which there was a quartette by Miss Springthorpe, Mr W. Ward, Mr L. Burbank and Mr Gilberd, junr, a duet by Misses F. Shilliam and Mr A. Briers and a tenor recital by Mr J. H. Gilberd. On Monday evening, the Rev. S. L. George gave

an interesting lecture on "The exploits of a modern day Gideon," dealing with the life of an Irish evangelist. The chair was taken by Mr James Toon, of Whitwick. On Tuesday afternoon, the annual tea was held, at which tables were given by various members and there was a capital attendance. A public meeting in the evening was presided over by Mr J. T. Ward, of Hugglescote, and addresses were given by the Revs. S. L. George of London; T. J. Martin, Coalville and W. H. Whiting, Whitwick. The speakers, chairman and all who had assisted at the tea were heartily thanked at the close. The proceeds were for trust funds.

Whitwick Unionist Association

The annual meeting of the Whitwick Unionist Association was held at the Conservative Club, Whitwick, recently. Mr H. G. W. Howe presiding. The presentation and adoption of the report for 1913, also the balance sheet, was the business transacted. The report and financial statement of the reconstructed Association demonstrates that many valuable efforts have been made to encourage sound political propaganda work. Respecting finances, a balance of £1 0s 8d in hand was reported, and from this it was resolved to discharge liabilities incurred in 1912, amounting to 14s.

The secretary, Mr W. D. McCarthy, in his annual report stated : It gives me great pleasure to present the report of the above Association for the year ending December 31st 1913. The last annual meeting of the Association was held on January 30th 1913, and was followed by a meeting on March 26th, which Mr Seymour, agent of the Loughborough division attended. In the interval, several meetings had been held, and much work done in connection with the County Council and Urban District Council elections, the supported candidate for the County Council Mr M. McCarthy, being returned by a large majority. On the Urban District Council, the two Unionist candidates (former members), viz., Messrs M. McCarthy and T. Y. Hay, were re-elected and it is regretted that Messrs H. T. Bastard and G. West were unsuccessful. All these gentlemen deserve the thanks of the Association for placing their services on behalf of the Unionist party, and for the public welfare. Meetings were further held on April 16th and 21st. At the latter, Mr H. G. W. Howe was elected chairman of the Association, Mr G. F. Burton, whom the Association appointed at the annual meeting, having declined this office. Mr Howe was also elected as representative on the executive council at Loughborough. Since these meetings which were occupied in endeavours to reconstruct and bring the Association more to a standard of efficiency, over a dozen meetings have been held, and a considerable amount of work done. A smoking concert has taken place, which was addressed by a very able working-man speaker, Mr Boulton, of Lount. A members' outing on July 12th was very enjoyable, being arranged and carried out to the satisfaction of all. A large demonstration, including a public tea and sports, was held on September 6th. This entailed much time and thought and a warm recognition was accorded to the ladies and gentlemen who assisted. The president of the Association presided, and the meeting was addressed by Mr Smith-Carrington and Major J. Harland Bowden. The speeches were very instructive and of great value to Unionists. Unfortunately, many other attractions were taking place in Whitwick on the same date, and this accounted for many not being able to attend. Congratulations came from many sources on the well-arranged and proper management of details. Following on the demonstration were two whist drives and endeavours have been held on behalf of the Association funds, and here again mention of thanks must be accorded to those supporters who have so generously given prizes and other aid. The subject of registration has been strictly attended to. The register has been checked, and every effort made to secure Unionist electors, the result at the revision being highly satisfactory to our cause. Delegates have attended meetings at Rothley, Barrow and Leicester Abbey; also your

representative on the Executive Council has attended all meetings called since his appointment, and a written report to the executive has been forwarded in respect to the work of the Whitwick Association. The membership of the Association is comparatively small (34). This in proportion to the strength of the Unionist supporters in Whitwick is not satisfactory, and demands improvement. If work is to win, and union is strength, supporters should be in touch with the Association to help in procuring having Association, in justice to the efforts of Mr Smith-Carrington.

Several proposals for future organisation have been under consideration, and it is hoped that during the present year some of these will develop for the benefit of the cause. The holding of meetings, smoking concerts, etc., are included. Before closing my report, I should like to impress upon the members my thorough appreciation of the valuable assistance I have received from the chairman of the Association, Mr Howe, who has organisation work at his finger-tips, and who is always ready to give practical information, and work.

Coalville Police Court

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

The permission of the Bench was obtained for a child to appear on the stage at the Coalville Olympia.

Withdrawn

Bowley Hurst, collier, Whitwick, was summoned by Walter Briers, builder, for assault at Whitwick, on February 14th. On the application of Mr Jesson, the case was withdrawn.

Alleged Wife Desertion

Jos. Fewkes, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for wife desertion at Thringstone, on September 12th, 1913. Defendant said he was turned out.

Complainant said they had been married for 34 years, and had had 11 children, the youngest being eleven years old. She went on to allege acts of cruelty by her husband, and also drunken habits. He left her on September 12th, going to Doncaster, and had not been back again; neither had he given her any money. Her son had kept her.

Defendant accused his wife on infidelity. Complainant: Oh, you bad 'un, Joe.

Defendant said he was ill-treated and turned out by his son. In reply to the Bench complainant said she had no witnesses. The Bench dismissed the case through lack of corroboration, and the chairman advised her to consult a solicitor.

Bad Language

John W. Brealey, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on February 16th. He pleaded guilty and said he was sorry. It was through a bit of excitement. P.C. Jelley gave the facts, and defendant was fined 2s 6d and 10s 6d costs or seven days.

Herbert Hall, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick on February 21st. Defendant did not appear. Sergt. Betts proved the case, and defendant was fined 10s 6d and 12s 6d costs, or fourteen days, there being previous convictions.

Sport

Football

Coalville League

There was some tall scoring in the Coalville League on Saturday and by a peculiar coincidence, two matches in the first division had similar unusual results. Hugglescote St. John's defeated Coalville P.S.A. 7 – 1 on the Central ground, and it was by a similar score that the Swifts won against Whitwick Holy Cross on the Fox and Goose ground.

Jack Sheffield got three of the goals for the Swifts and there were two by W. Williamson and one each by Tugby and T. Williamson. Moore scored for the Holy Cross.

Another match in the first division was at Hugglescote where the Wesleyans and Whitwick Imperial Reserves made a draw of two goals each.

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Local News

Leicestershire Miners Association

New President Elected

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

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

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

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

Chapel Anniversary

The Whitwick Wesleyan Chapel Anniversary was celebrated by special services on Sunday conducted by the Rev. F. H. H. Labbett, there being good congregations. On Monday, a public tea was held and was well attended and in the evening, the Rev. Labbett

gave a lecture entitled "Life on a narrow neck of land." This was much appreciated by a good congregation, over which Mr C. H. March, of Coalville, presided. On the motion of Mr A. West, seconded by Mr J. W. Eagles, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the lecturer, chairman and ladies who had assisted at the tea. The proceeds were for the trust funds.

Licensed Victuallers' Association

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

Reliable Eggs for Sitting

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

German and German

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

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

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

Ashby Board of Guardians

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

The Whitwick Registrar Vacancy

The clerk reported the receipt of a letter from the Registrar General stating that with the consent of the Local Government Board he was issuing an order to transfer the parishes of Coleorton and Packington from the Whitwick Registration Sub-District to the Ashby Sub-

District. Mr Farmer said he had advertised the Whitwick vacancy and had received 35 applications.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The chairman said the powers of this committee would be to make a recommendation to the Board.

Mr Bullen: *The final appointment will be made a fortnight today.*

The chairman: *That is so.*

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

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

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

Two Septuagenarians Dead

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

Foot Race at Whitwick

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

Coalville Urban District Council

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

Committee's Reports

The following reports of committees were adopted without comment.

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

County Medical Officer's Report

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

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

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

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

The chairman: *This is very good news.*

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

Mr Kelly: *But you have no voice in that.*

Dr. Jamie: *No.*

A member: *Nor the Council either.*

Mr Lockwood asked whether the doctor could tell them how many houses there were in the district containing two families and whether he considered the system of scavenging satisfactory. Dr. Jamie said five cases of overcrowding were dealt with during the year, but generally speaking the housing accommodation was fairly satisfactory.

Mr Lockwood: *There are no statistics as to the number of houses with two families?*

Dr. Jamie: *No, but there is a considerable number of houses with two families. It is not general but there is a fair number.*

Mr Lockwood repeated his question as to the scavenging. Mr McCarthy said they thrashed that out only the other day. They had a full dress rehearsal and it was quite fresh in their memories.

Mr Lockwood said it was in the report and he wanted an answer from the doctor.

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

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

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

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

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

Thanks were accorded Dr. Jamie for attending the meeting.

Date of Election

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

Coalville Medical Officers Annual Report

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

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

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

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

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

The most significant figures are those due to gastro-intestinal ailments and convulsions, amounting to 20: almost one third of the total infantile mortality. These ailments are largely due to improper feeding; the substitution of farinaceous food for milk, being one of the most common errors. The deaths occurred mostly in the months of August and September. I have included in this class convulsions. Convulsions is really a secondary cause and frequently due to stomach derangement.

Eight deaths were due to diseases of the respiratory organs. These, like the former, are also largely preventable by proper clothing and careful nursing. In this respect, perhaps the most common error is the use of flannelette instead of woollen clothing.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

and 12 diseases of other parts. Each case is visited, and printed and other instructions given.

Do you Know

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

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

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

Coalville Police Court

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

A Whitwick Fight

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

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

The constable, re-called, said Bunce was as bad as Hurst. They were both fighting.

Mr Jesson said Bunce could not help himself.

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

Struck Out

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

Whitwick Publican Summoned

Heavy Fine for Permitting Drunkenness

Wife charged with Assault

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

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

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

P.S. Betts deposed to visiting Parker's house, the Compass Inn, about 8pm. He saw Robinson in the tap room and noticed that he had had sufficient to drink and said to the landlord, "*Zac, if I were you I should get rid of him.*"

Defendant: *Not the first time.*

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

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

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

Mr Rowlett: *What was his condition?*

Witness: *He was drunk.*

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

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

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

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

Resuming, the defendant Parker said he had kept the Compass Inn for 5 1/2 years and for 4 1/2 years before that was at the Royal George. Robinson first came to his house that day at about half-past seven. It was untrue that he was there at 5 o'clock as stated by Miss Horne. When Sergeant Betts came to the house the first time about eight o'clock all the conversation was about Matthew Horne having lost some money. Robinson was not mentioned. The sergeant came a second time about three quarters of an hour later and then remarked to Robinson, "*Halloa Jack, I see you are here; isn't it about time you were going home.*" Robinson said that if he was doing any harm he would go and did so. Witness could not remember whether he asked Robinson to leave or not.

Mr Lindley: *You can remember other things.*

The clerk said it was rather important. Defendant said he believed Robinson got up and went straight away. He did not stagger or stumble. He was perfectly sober.

By Mr Rowlett: *Miss Horne's evidence as to Robinson being in the house at five o'clock was quite untrue and was given for spite. The police only paid two visits to the house that day and did not return at ten o'clock after taking Robinson home.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Herbert Skellington, collier, Whitwick, said he saw Robinson at the Compass Inn about 8.10 pm and he seemed sober. Michael Roach, collier, Whitwick, said he saw Robinson leave the Compass Inn and he walked as straight as a gunshot (laughter).

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

John Parker, collier, Whitwick, nephew of the defendant, also spoke as to Robinson being sober. P.C. Grewcock, re-called, said he did not go on duty that night till nine o'clock.

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

Alleged Refusing to Quit

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

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

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

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

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

The Bench dismissed the case.

The Assault Case

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

She pleaded not guilty.

Mr T. H. Moore was for the complainant, and Mr T. E. Jesson for the defendant. Complainant said she told the defendant that she was a bad cat or she would give her father his money. Defendant then struck her in the face knocking her down and rendering

her unconscious. Defendant also threatened her father. Complainant had been unwell for some time and she felt the effects of the blows the next day.

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

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

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

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

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

The case was dismissed.

Sport

Football

Loughborough Corinthians beaten at Whitwick

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

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

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

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

Leicestershire Senior League

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

Coalville League

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

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Burials

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

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

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Local News

A Year's Sanitary Work at Coalville

Inspector's Annual Report

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

Common Lodging Houses

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

Sewing Tea

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

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

Catholic Mission

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

Mr Jacob Newbury

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

Mr Richard Heath

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

Whist Drive

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

Presentation

On Saturday last, at the Hastings Arms, Whitwick, a presentation to Mr T. Allen, late tenant of the Beaumont Arms, took place, (this old established inn having been closed by order of the licensing authority). Mr and Mrs Allen had by their excellent management of the house and genial manner, made many friends, and the desire was unanimous to endorse the good feeling that had existed by the giving of a memento. The presentation took the form of a very handsome and substantial gent's writing desk, this being supplied on excellent terms by Mr W. Adams, of Pares Hill, Whitwick. Mr H. G. W. Howe, introduced the subject for which the subscribers had met, and at special request, called on Mr F. Allgood, one of Mr Allen's oldest supporters to make the presentation and with expressions of regret at parting with Mr Allen from Whitwick, and good wishes for Mr and Mrs Allen's future, he asked Mr Allen to accept the present, trusting for many years it would remind him of many friends in Whitwick. These remarks were heartily supported and Mr Allen thanked one and all for their kindness and good wishes, assuring them he much appreciated their very useful present. The subscribers numbered 37. Mr Allen is shortly leaving to take up the license of an old established inn at Heather, "The Crown", for many years ably carried on by Mr Dronfield. The following were the subscribers: Messrs F. Allgood, H. Allgood, W. Adams, B. Berry, W. Briers, J. Berrington, F. Boam, John Berrington, T. Cook, W. Colver, W. Horton, H. G. W. Howe, W. T. Hull, C. Highton, G. Jarvis, L. Johnson, T. Ladkin, F. Middleton, G. Morris, J. O'Mara, J. Pegg, C. Pegg, T. Quemby, J. Roulston, F. Stone, W. Stevenson, Sergt. Stone, I. Thorpe, G. Thirlby, J. Underwood, T. Webster, A. H. W. Waterfield, D. Williams and F. Wass.

Election

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

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

Catholic Confirmations at Coalville and Whitwick

Three Hundred and Fourteen Candidates

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

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

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

Do you Know

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

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

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

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

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

Coalville Police Court

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

Bad Language

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

The 'Drunk' List

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

Sport

Football

Leicestershire Senior League

Whitwick lose the Championship

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

Cricket

Coalville Times Cricket Cup

A Record Entry

Draw for First and Extra Rounds

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

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

Markfield Town v Coalville Baptists, G. W. Reason and T. Burton.

Heather v Bardon Hill, J. Weston and K. Black.

Whitwick Holy Cross v Coalville Town, J. Martin and J. Robinson.

Woodhouse Eaves v Bagworth United, J. Cave and S. Marper.

Hathern Old C.C. v Ravenstone, A. Smalley and W. Grimley.

Ibstock Town v Stanton-under-Bardon, J. Wragg and J. Kirchin.

Coleorton Beaumont v Hugglescote Albion, D. Otter and W. T. Hull.

Ibstock Ivanhoe v Shepshed Parish Church, W. Bradford and W. Middleton.

Byes, Gracedieu Park and Shepshed Town.

Extra round – on or before June 20th.

Hathern or Ravenstone v Shepshed Town, H. Swain and W. T. Hull.

Gracedieu v Heather v Bardon Hill, J. Kirchin and B. Smith.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

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

Friday March 20th 1914 (Issue 1152)

Local News

Whitwick Registrarship

Appointment of Mr J. Newbury's Successor

Testimonials that were not read

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

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

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

Mr Parker: *I am confident that they made a good selection.*

Mr Varnham: *No testimonials were read last week.*

The Rev. C. T. Moore: *I think in fairness to the candidates that they should be read.*

Mr Bullen: *The candidates were asked to give testimonials?*

The chairman: *Yes. The applications were read and some of the testimonials were.*

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

Mr Blakesley: *Surely the committee who made the selections last week read the testimonials of the six.*

The clerk: *No, we read the names of the persons from whom they received testimonials.*

Mr Walker: *We shall be talking about it as long as it would take us to read them.*

Mr Andrews: *Let's vote, Mr Chairman.*

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

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

Mr Parker: *Let's get on.*

Mr Andrews: *We shall be here all day.*

Mr Bullen: *To test the feeling of the Board I will move that the testimonials of the six candidates be read.*

The Rev. C. T. Moore seconded. *Only seven voted for this which was defeated by a large majority.*

Mr Parker: *I will move now that we have the candidates in at once.*

Father O'Reilly: *I will second that.*

The chairman: *We will have Mr Newbury in first and read his application and testimonial if you want them.*

Mr Andrews: *Read the application and not the testimonials. We don't want to be here all day.*

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

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

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

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

The Rev. C. T. Moore: *We don't know how they write.*

Dr. Atkinson: *We know nothing about them at all.*

Mr Parker: *You won't get much from reading them.*

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

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

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

appointed. In answer to Mr Andrews, he said he had no experience of registration work, but he had of rate collecting.

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

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

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

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

It was decided to vote by ballot.

The Rev. C. T. Moore: The Press no doubt will record this appointment and I hope they will also take notice that no applications and no testimonials have been read.

Mr Parker: Move a vote of censure on the Board (laughter).

Replying to a question, the chairman said that members could vote for one or as many as they liked. The whole six if they wished. The first vote resulted as follows:

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

Dr. Atkinson: *It would save a lot of time if someone made a proposition. We have been 40 minutes on it now.*

The Rev. C. T. Moore: *No, vote.*

Mr Andrews: *We shall have to vote openly at the finish.*

The chairman: *Yes, between the last two.*

Replying to a question on the second vote, the chairman said they could vote for one, two or three.

Mr Briers: *Vote for one.*

Mr Parker: (jocosely) *What a waste of time and money this has taken.*

Dr. Atkinson: *And waste of paper.*

The Rev. C. T. Moore: *It won't take long now.*

The chairman: *We have to do it satisfactorily.*

Mr Andrews: *It is not a matter of time, but of doing it fairly.*

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

The chairman: *We shall have to have another vote as Newbury has not a clear majority over the other two.*

Mrs Pratt: *Don't you think we might do it by show of hands now.*

Dr. Atkinson said he would propose that.

The Rev. C. T. Moore: *No, let's vote.*

The chairman: *We'll vote again. There has been a great deal of comment on this business and we will have it right.*

On the final vote, Newbury received 19 and Gutteridge 16.

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

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

Young Men's Effort

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

For Sale

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

Leicester Royal Infirmary

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

Children's Concert

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

Mr W. J. Newbury

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



Whitwick Liberal Club

Shareholder's Annual Meeting

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

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

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

Property Sale

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

St. Patrick's Day

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

Ladies: 1st Miss Highton 127; 2nd Miss Webb 123:

Gents: 1st Mr F. Harper 142; 2nd Mr J. Rewhorn 140:

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

Coalville Council Election

Nominations Yesterday

Contests in all the Wards

Twelve Candidates for Four Seats

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

WHITWICK WARD – One Required

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

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

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

Coalville's "Insult" to Whitwick

Strong protest at the Parish Meeting

An appeal to the County Council

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

A Voice (to Mr McCarthy): *We don't want anybody else when you are here.*

Mr McCarthy: *They didn't think so at Coalville* (laughter).

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

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

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

A Voice: *They knew you were there.*

Mr McCarthy: *They will before I am done.*

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

Mr West then moved: *"That this meeting respectfully requests the Coalville Urban Council, at an early date, to apply to the Leicestershire Council to hold a public inquiry with the view of restoring part of the old parish of Whitwick which was some 20 years ago, unwisely and against our wishes, transferred by the County Council to Coalville. By doing this a great cause of perennial insult offered to the inhabitants of Whitwick by certain ratepayers of Coalville parish will be removed"* (hear, hear).

Mr Anthony Needham said it was quite time Coalville people were made to know their position and Mr McCarthy was going the right way to show them. The chairman said figures had been put in the local papers showing that Coalville should have nine members. They wanted to wipe their feet on them.

A Voice: *They do now.*

The chairman: *They don't. There is not a man born who can do that on me.*

Having referred to the history of the Local Government Board going to Coalville, he pointed out that great works had been carried out – sewerage, water and gas – at a cost of something like £150,000, in addition to extensions of the gas mains, new gas holder, out of current rates at a cost of £19,000. Road improvements and widening had been carried out at a cost of several thousands of pounds out of current rates and they had lowered the price of gas 10d per thousand ft. and the undertaking was now self-supporting. Men they might expect to be best able to judge, said when they purchased the works that the price was so high that the undertaking would not be self-supporting in the life time of any of them living. Proceeding, he said that in 1902 the district roads cost £2,764 4s and in 1910, £3,320 14s 8d. In 1901, street lighting cost £496 13s 9d and in 1914 £1078 3s 11d. Notwithstanding all this money being spent out of the rates, the rates, which were 6s in the £ in 1906 had been reduced to 4s in the £ which had meant a saving to the ratepayers since 1906, to the present time of over £30,000. That was, if the rate had remained at 6s in the £ all the time, £30,000 more money would have been taken out of the pockets of the ratepayers. The difference between a 6/- rate and a 4/- rate in one year was a saving of over £5,500. Not a single complaint from any ratepayer from any local councillor of Coalville had been received that the slightest injustice had been done to Coalville during a period of over 21 years by the councillors representing Whitwick and Hugglescote. Why was a change desired by a fraction of Coalville ratepayers? Was it to save the pockets of ratepayers? Was it to enable silly demagogues to get into power and spend recklessly many thousands of pounds on wild ill-considered schemes and raise the rates to over 7/6 in the £? Was it to please the man who at Coalville Parish Meeting last month in his hearing said, “Because I live in Coalville, I think like Coalville; if I lived in Hugglescote or Whitwick I would think like the people of Hugglescote or Whitwick.” If that was the case they could very readily see that a man so accommodating in his views could by changing from parish to parish find endless work for the Leicestershire County Council, the Coalville Council and others would keep the place in a turmoil, and keep all the ratepayers at loggerheads and all for no useful purpose of any kind. He appealed to them to look after Whitwick before it was too late. He could not keep on doing it, as it was time he retired (laughter). Mr Perry said it would be an injustice to both Hugglescote and Whitwick were Coalville able to out-vote them. It would not be to the interests of the Council for Hugglescote and Whitwick to combine together to beat Coalville. There would be constant bickering. Mr Kelly agreed and said the resolution from the Coalville Parish Meeting did not meet with favour in the Council Chamber. They had worked amicably together in the Council Chamber in the past.

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

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

Mr Needham said that as ratepayers they must strongly oppose this movement at Coalville. There was no necessity for it and it would be against the interests of the other wards. Mr George West agreed and said things had gone on well and there was no need

for a change. Coalville was formerly on the grab and was on the grab again. He had always contended that Whitwick was not sufficiently represented when they considered the area. If Coalville got six members they would crow over the rest and that was what they wanted it for. He could see no other reason.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Do you Know

That the “wearing o’ the green” was freely observed at Whitwick on St. Patrick’s Day?

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

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

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

Market Bosworth Police Court

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

Adjourned

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

Ashby County Court

Whitwick Sergeant and the Poachers

Interesting Case at the Ashby County Court

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

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

Mr Wright, opening the case, explained that it arose in connection with a night poaching expedition in which King and other colliers were concerned. Shortly after midnight (Saturday), the men went on to Lord Ferrer’s estate and returned about five o’clock on the Sunday morning with a number of rabbits. After the men had been in the house some twenty minutes, the defendant and three policemen entered the house and seized a number of rabbits and nets, charging the men with poaching in the parish of Breedon.

Solely on the evidence of the gamekeeper, the men were subsequently convicted at the Ashby Police Court though they denied being near Breedon that night. He did not wish to defend poaching, which was wicked, but there was no defence whatever for the police having entered this man's house as they did.

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

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

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

Plaintiff: *Nothing.*

How much was collected? I don't know.

Answering a further question, plaintiff said his house was not a regular meeting place for poachers. Thomas Townsend, collier, Griffydham, one of the men convicted at the police court in the case, gave evidence as to the entry of the police in the house and the tussle for the bags. He was fined £2 2s at the police court.

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

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

By Mr Jesson: *He was not secretary to the appeal fund and could not say how much had been collected. There was a committee formed of which Mr Holland was chairman. They had not offered subscribers 2s on the £ on the damages they won in the case. Robin Robinson, miner, Thringstone, another of the men convicted in the case, also gave evidence. He said he was fined £1 11s 6d on this occasion.*

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

Henry White Robinson, miner, Thringstone said he was one of the men wrongly convicted at Ashby and he got a month's imprisonment. He admitted 19 convictions. He then gave his version of the affair. Harry King, 16, son of the plaintiff, said he got up at five minutes to five on the Sunday morning to let his father and five other men in. Before going back to

bed, witness put some beer for them in the back room. He heard the row afterwards and came down again. It was about 25 minutes after the return of his father and the men that the police came. The latter were struggling over the bags for about a quarter of an hour. He heard his father order Betts out of the house. His sister fainted. Eliza King, plaintiff's wife, corroborated.

By Mr Jesson: *Her daughter was usually out service, but was at home unwell. She had been at home over a fortnight suffering from anaemia, but was much better then.*

Wm. King, 22, another son of the plaintiff also gave evidence and in reply to Mr Jesson, admitted that he had been convicted of a poaching offence.

By Mr Watson Wright: *His conviction was under the Poaching Prevention Act when he tried to get a rabbit during the coal strike.*

This was the case for the plaintiff. Mr Jesson submitted that what the police did was perfectly lawful and quoted law extracts in support of his contention. They were actually in pursuit of the men when they entered the house and legally there was no trespass. Before Mr Jesson called his evidence, the Judge said there was no evidence as to special damages.

Sergeant Betts, the defendant, said he had been 23 years in the Leicestershire Constabulary. He and three policemen met gamekeeper Corbett by appointment at Stocking Lane, Breedon, on the morning of October 26th. They had just parted when they heard Corbett whistle and ran back. The gamekeeper told him he had seen six men in a field and gave them five names. They went in the direction of King's house and when about 40 yards away they saw six men come out of a field opposite the house. They had bags on their backs and ran when they saw witness. He and the police followed and chased them right into the house, entering practically at the same time. There was no tussling. The boy Harry King was not there at all.

By Mr Wright: *He had not seen the men that night until they crossed the road to enter King's house.*

Geo. Hy. Corbett, game keeper to Mr W. B. Paget, said he was with the police that night, and entering a field, the gate caught against a net which he followed up and saw six men. He recognised the two Robinsons, King, Townsend, and Platts and subsequently gave their names to the police. Later he visited King's house with Sergeant Betts and tried the door which was locked. Witness shouted to them that he should charge them with night poaching.

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

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

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

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

By Mr Wright: *It was not a concocted story.*

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

Witness: *Certainly not sir.*

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

The judge said the points for the jury were whether Corbett saw King taking game and whether the sergeant assisted in pursuing. The answer was in the affirmative and judgement was given for the defendant with costs.

Sport

Football

Coalville League

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

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

Births, Marriages and Deaths

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

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Local News

Retired Priest's Death at Whitwick

Chaplain in the Franco-Prussian War

The death occurred at Whitwick about 8 o'clock on Monday morning of the Rev. Ameli Alexander Pleyau, a retired Roman Catholic Priest. The deceased, who was 70 years of age last January, was born in France, and served as an army chaplain in the Franco-Prussian War. After the war he came to England and for 17 years was rector of Mansfield. On retiring he came to live on the Charnwood Forest, having a bungalow built not far from

the Monastery. He lived here for a number of years, but owing to failing health, he left a few months ago and went to reside with Mr R. Rooney in Church Lane, Whitwick, where he passed away after an illness which had kept him in bed for a fortnight. The body was moved to the Whitwick Holy Cross Church at six o'clock on Wednesday night, remaining in the Church all night and at ten o'clock yesterday morning, a solemn requiem mass was held. Fathers O'Reilly (Whitwick), Degan (Coalville) and other priests of the neighbourhood being present. Immediately after the mass, the body was conveyed to the St. Bernard's Monastery, where the interment took place.

Induction of the Vicar

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

Coalville Election

There were two withdrawals on Tuesday of candidates for the Coalville Urban Council election, these being Mr C. W. Brown in the Central Ward and Mr T. W. Bourne in the Whitwick Ward. This leaves ten candidates for four seats and there will be a contest in each ward. In the Coalville ward, Mr J. W. Farmer, the manager of the Belvoir Road elastic web factory, and well known as the secretary of the Coalville Charity Football Association which has done so much for the charities of the district, will make his first bid for public honours.

Whist Drive and Dance

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

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

The proceeds were for the Association funds.

Do you Know

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

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

Coalville Police Court

Monday

Coalville Brickyard Loungers

Making a Shed their Home

Two men sent to Prison

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

Sergeant Kirkland stated that about 11:30 on the previous night he went to the Whitwick Colliery Co.'s brick yard, in company with other police officers, and searched the buildings. They found the two defendants in a shed used for the drying of the bricks. A lot of bricks were stacked in the shed and a quantity of had been knocked down and broken. Defendants, who were lying on boards at the end of the shed, each had one half-penny in their possession and he brought them to the police station. Witness had received several complaints about the place being infested with these men.

Inspector Dobney said both men had pipes and matches on them. Insley said he had a lot of food there and his shirt and stockings and he had not had a chance to fetch them away. Inspector Dobney said Insley made this place his home. He was there every night. He worked in the day time, spent his money in drink and went there at night. The same with the other man. The chairman asked what sort of work they did. Inspector Dobney said it was odd jobs : getting coal in and that sort of thing. Not only was there a great danger from fire and the damage to the bricks, but these men also committed nuisances about the place which was a source of great annoyance to the men who went to work there next day.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Inspector Dobney said that on several occasions they had been to the brick yard and turned Insley out, without apprehending him, thinking that would cure him, but it was no

use. He was the biggest pest they had got. The very day he came out of prison he went to the brickyard and was there the next night.

Insley: *I was not there for three nights.*

Inspector Dobney: *I saw you go.*

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

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

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

Mr West: *When did Insley come out of prison?*

The Inspector: *About three weeks ago.*

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

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

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

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

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

Tuesday

Drunk and Disorderly

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

Friday

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

Transfer

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

Family Dispute at Whitwick

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Court proceeding

The following cases were heard after we had gone to press

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

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

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

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

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

Friday April 3rd 1914 (Issue 1152)

Local News

Coalville Motor 'Bus Service

Commenced this week

A motor 'bus service has now been inaugurated at Coalville and has created a good deal of interest. The first 'bus started running on Saturday and the second one arrived on Wednesday and the services between Coalville and the surrounding parishes, Ellistown, Bagworth, Ibstock, Whitwick etc have been well patronised. There is no doubt that the 'buses will prove a boon to the district and will supply a long felt want. For this innovation, the district is indebted to the Coalville 'Bus and Garage Co., of which Mr Aubrey T. Sharp is secretary. The company have appointed Mr C. C. Panton as manager, who informs us that the arrangements as to the daily services are not yet quite completed, but a time table is being drawn up and will be published in these columns in due course. In addition to the trips between the places named, the company are also running an early morning car to Bagworth and Ellistown for the benefit of the colliers, and a service for the Bardon and Markfield people will be included when the arrangements are completed. The two 'buses are handsome ones of the Daimler type and each has seating capacity for 28 people. They are electrically lighted, the cars making their own current, and their 40 horse power engines, being of the sleeve valve kind, with worm driving gear, ensues smooth and quiet running. Three drivers and three conductors are employed.

The garage is a commodious new building situated on the Ashby Road.

Coalville Urban District Council

Election, 1914

To the electors of the Whitwick Ward of the Coalville Urban District

Ladies and Gentlemen

On April 6th you will be called upon to elect one member to represent you upon the Urban District Council. I have had the honour of being your representative for the last four years, during which time, by regular attendance at the Council and Committee meetings I have

obtained that insight and grasped the business of the Council, which it is essential a representative of your Ward should have. During this period the Council have had under consideration and carried out various schemes of extension of the Water, Sewage and Gas mains, involving the expenditure of some thousands of pounds. Notwithstanding this expenditure, by careful consideration of the finances, the General District Rate has been maintained at 4/- in the pound.

I was on the Committee appointed to consider the question of the Workmen's Wages, and on the report of this Committee, the Council unanimously agreed to a general advance to all the workmen in its employ. Of Ward improvements I have consistently kept before the Council the Pares' Hill, Church Lane, and Gasworks corner. The Church Lane improvement has been carried out, and Pares' Hill and Gasworks corner will be taken in hand in the immediate future, and will, I submit, be of material benefit to the community. In addition to these improvements one that is of a greater boon to foot passengers is the flagging of the footpaths. This question has been fully and carefully considered during my term of office, and is now in the course of being carried out, and has my full support throughout.

I have also been an Overseer of the poor for the Parish for the last seven years, and have in this office, done my utmost for the benefit of the inhabitants. In the Coalville Ward representation has been made to the Council for increasing the number of members for that Ward, the contention being that owing to its Rateable Value and the population it is entitled to such increase.

At such times as this has been before the Council I have objected to and voted against the proposal, and shall do so when it again comes up for discussion. The resolution passed at the Whitwick Parish Meeting for an inquiry to be held for the readjustment of our boundaries will have my hearty support.

In conclusion, I can assure you that if re-elected, my utmost endeavours will be put forth for the benefit of the Whitwick Ward, as they have been for the past four years. The Polling Day is on April 6th at the National Schools, and I trust you will not fail to register your vote in my favour.

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

Thomas Kelly.

Coalville Police Court

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

Expensive Forgetfulness

Arthur Barker, farmer, Whitwick, was summoned for keeping a dog without a licence. P.C. Jelley gave the facts. Mr Lancaster, for the defendant, said it was purely an oversight. He omitted to apply for an exemption. Supt. Lockton said there were two previous convictions for a similar offence. The clerk said that in that case the Bench could not fine defendant less than 25s and anything up to £5.

Fined 25s and costs 10s 6d or 14 days.

Bad Language

Walter Marriott, labourer, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick on March 21st. In his absence P.C. Jones proved the case and defendant was fined 2s 6d and 14s costs or seven days.

Roger Mould, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick on March 21st. He did not appear. P.S. Betts said the defendant used filthy language towards his wife and there was a lot of people about. Fined 2s 6d and 12s 6d costs or seven days.

Drunk and Disorderly

John Robinson, labourer, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick, on March 18th. He did not appear. P.C. Grewcock said the defendant was refused drink at a public house and he used bad language and threatened witness and Sergt. Betts.

The chairman said the defendant had many previous convictions, two this year, and he would be sentenced to one month's hard labour.

Charles Bailey and Arthur Watson, colliers, Swannington, were summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick on March 20th. They did not appear. P.C. Jelley said the men were arm in arm, singing and shouting. Fined 5s 6d and 12s 6d costs or seven days.

Do You Know

That the Coalville Fire Brigade were called to a hay-stack fire at High Tor yesterday, and succeeded in saving a considerable portion of the stack?

That the sum of £3 9s 3d was realised from a house to house collection for Dr. Stephenson's Homes by the Wesleyan Sunday school teachers at Whitwick last week?

Deaths

Harris – On the 5th inst., at his residence, "Haslemere House", Cauldon Rd, Stoke-on-Trent, suddenly from pneumonia, John Harris, for upwards of 30 years, headmaster of Hanley R.C. School (and formerly of Whitwick), aged 60.

Deeply regretted by a large circle of friends. R.I.P.

Burials

Chambers – At Whitwick, on Thursday, Arthur Chambers, aged 5 months.

Children's Concert

On Saturday evening, a successful children's concert was held in the Whitwick Wesleyan School in connection with an effort by the young people on behalf of foreign missions.

There was a good attendance. Miss Richardson, of Coalville, presided, and the following programme was well rendered:-

Chorus, "Song of Welcome"; recitation, "Our Baby", Gladys Holmes; Morris dance, "How d'yer do sir," six girls; duet, "In dear old Georgia," Elsie Holmes and Joe Roomes; song, "Little Cooks," seven girls; recitation, "A private matter," Connie King; Morris dance, "Bean sticking," six girls; song, "Song of the season," four boys; recitation, "My teddy-bear," Ivy Beckworth; duet, "I don't want to play in your yard," Elsie Holmes and Carrie Platts; character sketch, "Urchins we," Elsie Holmes, Joe Roomes and Willie Eagles; Morris dance, "Shepherd's hey," six girls; recitation, "On sale," Connie King; song, "The Gypsies," five girls; recitation, Patty Cook; dialogue, "Changing places," characters, by Misses Broome, Gertie Clarke and Annie Hemsley, Messrs Walter Blow, Albert Roomes and Ernest Rennocks; "God save the King."

The various items were much appreciated, and the excellence of the concert reflected great credit on the children and on Miss Belcher, by whom they were trained. Miss E. Clarke was the accompanist. About £2 was realised for the mission funds.

Accidents at Whitwick Colliery

An Arm and a Leg Broken

Two accidents have occurred at the Whitwick Colliery this week. On Tuesday morning a young miner named Courts, who lives in Albert Road, was working in No. 3 pit, when a piece of coal fell on him breaking his arm. The injured man was conveyed in the colliery trap to Dr. Jamie's surgery, where the broken limb was set, and Courts was then taken to his home.

The other accident was on Monday, occurring in a somewhat similar manner. In this case a miner named George Finney, who lives at Hugglescote, and was working in the Whitwick No. 6 pit, sustained a fractured leg.

Whitwick man in Canada

Dear Sir, I am an old subscriber to your local paper which I get most weeks, and am very interested, as I like to know how things are going on at home. Well sir, I would like to draw your attention to this emigrating business as it is a shame people should leave good work to come out here at present. There are thousands tramping the country who don't know where or how to get a bite of anything to eat and I warn anybody not to come to Canada until there is a big alteration. Canada is over-stocked with workmen, and instead of shipping men into the country they want to send a few thousands out until the country gets opened out more. The old country is far better than this to-day. Hoping these few lines will escape the waste paper basket and that you will publish them in the paper for the public to see.

*Yours sincerely
Herbert Yearby, alias "Sherbo."*

Burmis, Ata, Via Crows Nest Pass, Canada, March 9th, 1914.

Lecture

The Rev. Father Parmentier, of Newhall, lectured at the Whitwick Holy Cross Church on Wednesday evening, on "Lourdes and recent Miracles."

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No Fire Guard

Child Burnt to Death at Whitwick

Parents Censured

An inquest was held at the Forester's Arms Inn, Whitwick, on Wednesday afternoon by Mr T. J. Webb, Deputy Coroner, touching the death of Frederick Albert Roome, aged two years, which resulted from injuries from burns sustained on Monday. Inspector Fitzsimmons of the N.S.P.C.C. was present.

The Coroner said it was a sad case, because as far as he could see it ought not to have occurred. It was a case which might have been prevented. Three children were left in a room, the eldest of which was only five, and as there was no guard to the fire, this happened. The facts were simple.

Laura Roome, wife of Albert Roome, quarry mill man, Whitwick, said the deceased was her son, and would have been two years old next Sunday. She left home about 3 o'clock on Monday afternoon to go to the chemist. Her brother-in-law was in bed, and three children were in the living room, Stella, Mary Agnes and the deceased. There was a small fire in the room, and no fire-guard. She gave the children a box of toys to play with, and told them not to meddle with the fire, and said she would not be long. The children had never been in the habit of playing with fire. Deceased was wearing a check dress and white pinafore, with a flannel skirt and flannelette skirt underneath. Witness met Mrs Quemby and after talking to her called to see Mrs Squire, and while she was there, Mrs Quemby's little girl came and told her the boy was smoking. It was then nearly an hour since she left home. Mrs Squire's lived at the Forester's Arms, and while witness was there she had two glasses of beer.

Replying to the Coroner, witness said she could have walked to the chemists and back in half an hour.

The Coroner: *And yet you take an hour talking to these two women, and drinking in a public house.*

Proceeding, witness said that when she got home, the child was in Mrs Pare's house. She was there when the child died about five o'clock. Some five or six weeks ago, she and her husband talked of buying a fire-guard, but nothing was done. She was going to get one this week. Her husband was in regular work, earning 23/- to 25/- a week.

The Coroner: *Then it was not because your husband could not afford a fire-guard.*
Mr George West, foreman: *It seems to have been overlooked altogether.*

Sergeant Betts said he should like to ask whether the woman had been in the habit of leaving the children. The Coroner said that was hardly a question for the jury. It was not for

them to go into the case beyond ascertaining the cause of death, and whether by accident or not. Answering the Coroner, witness said her brother-in-law was still in bed at the time and he said he heard nothing.

Dr. J. C. Burkitt (Whitwick) said he was sent for about 3:45 on Monday afternoon and saw the deceased lying on a settle naked except for boots and stockings. There were terrible burns all over the body, from the crown of the head right down to the ankles. He saw a mark on the child's chest as if the deceased had fallen on the bar of the fire grate. It was absolutely a hopeless case from the first, the child dying within half an hour of his arrival. It was a healthy, well-nourished child above the average weight. Mrs Roome, recalled, said the child was insured.

John Burton, carter, Whitwick, said he was passing the house about 3:40, and saw the little boy all in flames. He pulled his jacket off and wrapped it round the child, and carried him into Mrs Pare's house. He told them to send for the doctor. The clothing was practically all burnt away. He pulled away what bits were left on. The Coroner said Mr Burton was to be commended for acting so promptly. Unfortunately, it did not save the child's life, but he acted with great presence of mind, and did all he could.

P.C. Grewcock said the eldest girl, Stella, told him that Freddie went to the fire to throw some paper in. He caught fire, she opened the door, and he ran out on to the road. She went to tell her mother. The Coroner pointed out a provision in the Children's Act, making such cases punishable, though that was not a matter for the jury. At the same time the mother seemed to have been very careless and callous in the matter. She admitted having left these three little children in a room with no guard to the fire, and if the jury wished to make comment or add a rider to their verdict, they could do so.

The Foreman said the first thing was that there was no guard, and then the mother left the children unprotected for an unreasonably long time.

Mr A. West said there should be some expression of the jury's disapproval of the conduct of the mother in leaving the children as she did while she had two glasses of beer in a public house, and of the neglect of the parents in failing to provide a fireguard. The jury agreed to this, and returned a verdict of accidental death. The Coroner said that no doubt the parents would hear of it again.

The father and mother were called into the room, and the Coroner told them of the jury's decision. They thought the conduct of the woman was very bad, and they were very much to blame for not getting a fireguard. They had not even provided a guard to that moment. He told them that their conduct constituted an offence under the Children Act, and they would probably hear of it again.

National School Report

The Rev. F. C. Stocks, Diocesan Inspector, has issued the following excellent reports on the result of his inspection of Whitwick Church Schools, on Thursday, 12th March last.

Mixed Department: "The general results here were quite excellent. The lowest division is the only one which showed any real weakness and there has been a recent change of teacher there. Apart from that, the school did as well as any which I inspected. The impression of other inspectors quite endorse this view, and I beg to congratulate the teachers most heartily."

Infants Department: "I was more than satisfied with the groups which I saw, and the other inspectors formed a very high opinion of the work. The teaching has been most reverent and most careful in every way. The way in which the Old and New Testament are connected in the lessons is admirable."

Coalville Election

Retiring Members Re-Elected

Mr Farmer takes Mr Matterson's Seat

Result of the Poll

Polling took place on Monday, for four members on the Coalville Urban District Council. It was the first contest under the new rule of annual elections and Coalville being the first of the wards alphabetically, had two members retire, and the others one each. It will be Hugglescote's turn for two next year.

The retiring members at Coalville were:- Messrs A. Lockwood and S. P. Matterson; at Hugglescote, Mr S. Armson and at Whitwick, Mr T. Kelly, these having been the lowest of the successful candidates at the election twelve months ago.

All the retiring candidates were again nominated and in the Coalville ward there were two others, Mr J. W. Farmer, and Mr J. Goddard. At Hugglescote, there were four aspirants for the one seat, Mr Armson having as opponents, Messrs J. Cato, and J. Wollerton (who fought the last election) and D. S. Moore. The Whitwick ward had a fight between Mr T. Kelly and Mr H. T. Bastard.

Unfortunately, after the nominations had been made, and within a few days of the election, the death of Mr S. P. Matterson took place. This created a rather peculiar position in the central ward, the ballot papers having already been printed bearing Mr Matterson's name. When the returning officer (Mr T. E. Jesson) got into communication with the Local Government Board he ascertained that the position of affairs was without precedent, at least for a good number of years. An order for the printing of fresh ballot papers was obtained, and the difficulty thus overcome. Thus the number of candidates for the two seats in the central ward was reduced to three, though some people contend that in such peculiar circumstances opportunity for further nomination should be given.

All the Coalville candidates were on the warpath on Saturday night, when they made a final appeal to the electors, Mr A. Lockwood at the P.M. School, Mr John Goddard at the Unitarian Hall, and Mr J. W. Farmer at the All Saints' and National Schools. At the latter place Mr Farmer had a particularly good meeting, presided over by Mr W. Lindley, the attendance being the largest seen at any of the meetings during the election. Mr Farmer made his first appeal to the electorate as a business candidate, Mr Lockwood as the "progressive" candidate, had the support of the Liberal Party, while Mr Goddard, was the nominee of the Independent Labour Party.

No meetings were held by the Whitwick candidates, and at Hugglescote, only Mr Armson appeared before the electors, to whom he gave an account of his stewardship, in assemblies at Ellistown and Hugglescote.

The polling booths on Monday were open from 8 am to 8 pm in each of the wards. At Coalville, votes were recorded in the National School, where the presiding officers were Messrs T. E. Jesson, L. L. Baldwin, and A. L. Bertenshaw; at Hugglescote, in the National School, where Messrs A. T. Sharp and T. Grundy presided; at Ellistown, with Mr T. H. Moore as presiding officer; and at Whitwick, where Messrs J. F. Jesson and H. W. Taylor officiated.

It was roughly estimated that there are 4,300 electors in the Urban area – 1930 in the Coalville ward, 1322 at Hugglescote, and 1000 at Whitwick. Things generally were quiet, particularly at Hugglescote where many abstained from voting. In the south ward it was believed to be one of the smallest polls on record.

Immediately after the closing of the booths, the papers were conveyed to the Masonic Hall, Coalville, where the excellent arrangements enabled the returning officer and his staff to get through the counting in a little over an hour, the results being declared from the window to small groups of people below about 9:35 as follows:

Coalville Ward

<i>LOCKWOOD</i>	672
<i>FARMER</i>	638
<i>Goddard</i>	424

Hugglescote Ward

<i>ARMSON</i>	364
<i>Moore</i>	169
<i>Cato</i>	104
<i>Wollerton</i>	96

Whitwick Ward

<i>KELLY</i>	382
<i>Bastard</i>	278

There were two spoilt papers in the Coalville ward, one in the Whitwick ward, and nineteen in the Hugglescote ward, the large proportion of these being through electors making the mistake of voting for two, when there was only one to be elected.

While the poll at Hugglescote and Whitwick was not heavy it was well up to the Coalville ward. At the last election, Mr B. G. Hale headed the poll with 631 votes and Mr Lockwood was only then credited with 598. On this occasion, therefore, Mr Lockwood polled 74 more votes than he did twelve months ago and 41 more than the number which placed Mr Hale at the top. Mr Goddard did a little better than he did a year ago, when he polled 383 votes, this number being exceeded on Monday by 41. By a peculiar coincidence Mr Armson's 364 votes was exactly the same number as recorded for him in the last election, but both Mr Cato and Mr Wollerton did much worse, the former getting only 104 against 220 and Mr Wollerton 96 against 270. A reference to the figures will show how decisive was the victory of Mr Armson, who polled more than two to one against his nearest rival, Mr D. S. Moore. Mr Kelly had 123 more votes recorded in his favour than he did twelve months ago, when his total was 259, and he exceeded by 12 the figures (368) which placed Mr S. Perry at the

top at Whitwick at the last election, while Mr Bastard also did much better, his 278 making a favourable comparison with 194.

At the conclusion of the count on Monday night, Mr Lockwood moved a vote of thanks to the returning officer and his staff for the able way they had carried out their duties. He said he was sure they had done it in a very fair manner and their best thanks were due.

Mr Kelly said he had pleasure in seconding that. He also expressed satisfaction at the way the candidates had fought the election.

Mr Armson, supporting, said he thought everything had been to the satisfaction of all concerned.

The vote was carried with acclamation.

Mr Jesson said he was much obliged to them. They had only done their duty. Practice made perfect and they were getting used to elections now. (laughter)

Coalville Urban District Council

The monthly meeting of the Coalville Urban District Council was held on Tuesday evening. Mr W. Sheffield presided, and there were also present, Messrs A. Lockwood (vice-chairman), M. McCarthy, S. Perry, T. Y. Hay, R. Blower, F. Griffin, S. Armson, B. G. Hale, W. Fellows, and T. Kelly; with the clerk (Mr T. E. Jesson); surveyor (Mr L. L. Baldwin); and assistant surveyor (Mr F. G. Hurst)

Plans

The following plans were recommended for approval: wc and coal house, Whitwick, for Mr A. Utting; main hall for the Conservative Club, Hugglescote; store room, Holly Bank, Hugglescote, for Mr W. Weston; four houses, Crescent Road, Coalville, for Messrs Clay, Marriott and Rogers; house, Bakewell Street, Coalville, for Mr G. Mander; house, Meadow Lane, Whitwick, for Mr M. McCarthy; school, Ellistown, for the County Council.

In the case of the latter plan, the committee recommended that if the school is to be used for public meetings or functions, two panic doors be constructed.

At a subsequent meeting of the Plans Committee, also the following plans were recommended for approval : House, North Street, Hugglescote, for Mr J. Locker; two houses, Crescent Road, Hugglescote, for Mr W. Geary; and extension to factory, Mantle Lane, Coalville, for Messrs Walker and Sons.

Mr Perry, who moved the adoption of the report said they had no power to alter the plans of the Ellistown School, but they suggested these emergency doors. Mr Blower said the Education Committee had decided to put these doors in and the surveyor said he had had an intimation to that effect.

Whitwick Lodgers

The surveyor reported that for the month of March, 1057 people were accommodated at the Whitwick lodging houses, against 774 last month and 928 in March last year and found satisfactory.

Replying to Mr McCarthy, the surveyor said they had commenced the sewerage in Ashby Road and the Ravenstone scheme was about to commence. That may have brought more men into the district.

The chairman: *And the work of sinking the Snibston pit may bring some.*

Mr Perry said the sewerage contractor had advertised for men through the labour bureau. It was decided on the motion of Mr McCarthy to take proceedings in ten cases in Ashby Road where they had refused to pay 10d each for the removal of night soil.

Mr Lockwood observed that the list of defaulters was increasing.

Mr McCarthy: *That is the effect probably of the false hope extended to them by some people.* (laughter).

Mr Lockwood: *We will have a public enquiry on it.*

Mr McCarthy: *Move it along.*

Appointment of Overseers

The Council appointed overseers for the three wards as follows, lists having been received from the parish meetings : Coalville, Messrs James Smith, J. R. Bennett, and Jas. Starkey; Hugglescote, F. Griffin, John Taylor, and James Taylor; Whitwick, George West, T. Kelly, and G. Musson.

In the course of the appointments Mr Lockwood raised the question whether the positions were balloted for at the parish meetings. The clerk said the parish meetings could only nominate. The Council could appoint whom they liked.

Mr McCarthy said they did it by open voting at Whitwick. They did not want to dictate to the parish meetings how the business should be done.

Coalville Police Court

To-day (Friday) Before the Rev. C. T. Moore (in the chair), Major Hatchett, Mr B. G. Hale, Mr J. W. West and Mr W. Sheffield.

Drunk and Disorderly

Charles Cooper, 28, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick, on March 27th. In his absence, P.C. Grewcock gave the facts. Fined £1 1s and costs 12/6 or 21 days' hard labour, there being several previous convictions.

John Garrity, 49, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick, on March 28th. P.S. Betts said he had to take the defendant home. Fined 10/6 and 12/6 costs or 14 days, the chairman remarking that there were several convictions in this case also.

Do you Know

That the Coalville Cup Final is to be played on the Fox and Goose ground next Tuesday afternoon?

That the sum of £126 8s 6d has been subscribed for the colliers' and quarrymen's memorial window, to be erected in the Whitwick Parish Church, the fund now being practically closed?

Sport

Football

Leicestershire Senior League

Whitwick Finish Second

Two matches in the Leicestershire Senior League completed the competition for this season, save one match, that between Coalville Town and Ibstock Albion. The two matches played on Saturday were at Whitwick and Shepshed. At the former place the Imperial had Earl Shilton Town as its visitors, and by their victory finished second to Hinckley in the chart. The Imperial got a two goals lead in the first half through W. Moore and Wright, and though they were playing several reserve men they easily held the Shiltonians in check. The latter did a little better in the second half, and managed to trouble Roadley a time or two, but though Whitwick were handicapped in having Bird off injured, they looked like the winning team all through the match. The second half was unproductive and Whitwick won by two goals to none. Ibstock Albion were visitors to Shepshed, and the result there was a draw of one each.

Coalville and District Football League

A special meeting of the management committee of this league was held at the Red House Hotel on Monday evening. Mr John Kirby presided, and those also present were, Messrs D. Marston, A. E. Clay, R. T. Bradshaw, and C. E. Marston (hon. secretary).

The secretary produced a list of the teams which had played for Moira United, and the committee were satisfied that Markfield Swift's protest for playing ineligible men must fall through. Coleorton United were fined 1s for being three-quarters of an hour late for their match with Bagworth Town.

Whitwick Holy Cross reported Whitwick Imperial for breaking fixture on March 7th. The matter was adjourned till the next meeting on April 20th, for the attendance of the Holy Cross secretary, J. O'Mara, who, failing this appearance, to be reported to the L.F.A.

Markfield Swifts reported Ibstock Excelsior for breaking fixture on March 28th and claimed 12s for loss of "gate," 3/6 referee (Mr Frearson) and 1/6 ground marking. The two latter items were allowed, the "gate" claim to stand over, and Ibstock were also fined 2/6.

Ibstock Excelsior were also fined 1/- for being 40 minutes late at Moira on March 14th.

Ibstock Amateurs were fined 1/- for being late for their match with Whitwick Amateurs, at Whitwick, and the referee, Mr F. V. Baum reported that the match had to be abandoned four minutes from time owing to I. Allen, an Ibstock player, refusing to leave the field when ordered to do so, through having declined to allow Whitwick to take a penalty. The match was ordered to stand. The Ibstock player will be dealt with by the L.F.A.

Friday April 17th 1914 (Issue 1154)

Local News

Shorthand Success

Further shorthand successes in connection with the Coalville Technical School have just been notified:

Grace Weston (Hugglescote), Ada Ethel Forgham (Coalville), and Arthur Bevin (Bardon) having been awarded Pitman's second class or theory certificates, and Walter Blow, Wm. Roughton (Coalville), H. Toone (Whitwick), Ernest Layton, and Wm. Burton (Bagworth), Sidney Barnes (Thornton), James Thomas Sales (Hugglescote), and Mabel Bacon, (Ellistown) have won elementary certificates.

Do you Know?

That the Vicar of Whitwick, the Rev. T. W. Walters, was present at the Wesleyan sale of work in the parish, on Tuesday?

Burial

Jackson – At Whitwick, on Wednesday, Harold Jackson, aged 7 months, of Loughborough Road.

Sport

Football

Coalville Charity Cup

Whitwick Carry off the Trophy

Two players badly injured

Beautiful weather favoured the Coalville Cup final, played on the Fox and Goose ground on Tuesday afternoon, and the fact that two local teams, Coalville Town and Whitwick Imperial, were the combatants, made it an interesting and popular event.

There have been some big crowds on former occasions, but this was a record, there being about six thousand spectators, representing gate money amounting to just over £80. The players were:

Coalville: Scrivens; Davis and H. Smith; J. Smith; Nicolls and Scoon; Beard, Twigg, Heward, G. Smith and Shenton.

Whitwick: Roadley; Waterfield and Cooke; Sharp, Bird and J. Moore; Wain; Methven, A. Moore, Wright, and W. Moore.

Mr A. W. Jennings, of Hinckley, had charge of the game, with Messrs A. Dexter, Shepshed, and A. E. Morris, Ellistown, on the lines.

The play throughout was of a clean and even character, Whitwick, if anything having slightly the best of matters. They crossed over leading by a goal, but were very lucky to do so, since Scrivens, who usually performs so well, should easily have stopped the shot. Methven was the scorer.

Just before the interval, there was a regrettable occurrence. Cooke (Whitwick), and Twigg (Coalville) were trying to head the ball, when their heads came together in violent contact, and both were seriously injured. Each had a nasty cut on the forehead, from which blood flowed freely, and after first aid by the ambulance men, a doctor had to be sent for. Each side played the second half with ten men.

When the second moiety was fairly well advanced, Whitwick clinched matters by scoring a further goal, which was the result of a beautiful header by Andy Moore, from a corner kick. Scrivens just reached the ball, but could not prevent its progress under the bar. Things livened up a bit when Dan Beard worked an opening and scored a beautiful goal, the Town trying hard for the equaliser, but were kept in check. Wain played a fine forward game for Whitwick, with Andy Moore, and Sharp was prominent in the half-back line. Scoon was a hard worker on the Coalville side.

The Town were beaten in a good game by two goals to one, though the accidents to Twigg and Cooke had a dampening effect. The cup and medals were presented at the close by Canon Broughton, amidst cheers. The Whitwick team and supporters made a triumphant procession back to Whitwick headed by a band.

The "gate" amounted to £80 8s 9d of which £26 16s 3d went to the charity, and the clubs each received £24 10s, after paying expenses.

Friday April 24th 1914 (Issue 1155)

Local News

Concert Repeated

The concert given by the children at the Whitwick Baptist Church recently, for which they were trained by Miss Maud Wheeldon, was repeated by request on Saturday night, and was much enjoyed by a good audience.

School Sermons

The Whitwick Primitive Methodist School anniversary was observed on Sunday, when appropriate sermons were preached by Mr W. H. Collett, of Birstall, to a large congregation, the chapel being crowded in the evening. The children nicely sang special hymns, conducted by Mr J. T. Ward, and the afternoon anthem by the choir was "Not unto us O Lord," and in the evening "I will praise thee, O Lord." Mrs J. B. Newbury was the organist, assisted by an orchestra. The collections for the school funds realised £20 10s, which was about the same as last year.

Whist Drive and Dance

In connection with the Whitwick Holy Cross Church, a dance and whist drive were held in the school on Monday night. About 200 were present. The MC's for the dance were

Messrs J. McCarthy, J. Rewhorn, and A. Dyer, and Miss Pople provided the music. For whist, the MC's were Messrs W. J. Cracknell and G. Greasley and for the first ladies' prize, Mrs Hull and Mrs Slattery tied with 134. On a cut, Mrs Hull won, and Mrs Slattery took second prize. Gents: 1st Mr Glennon, of Emsworth, Yorks, 136; 2nd Mr Charles, of Nottingham, 128. Refreshments were provided by a ladies' committee.

Wedding

A pretty wedding was solemnised at Whitwick Church by the Vicar on Saturday afternoon, the contracting parties being Mr Charles Henry Watson, of Paris and Coventry, third son of the late Tom and Charlotte Watson, of Leicester and Nuneaton, and Agnes, youngest daughter of Tom and Caroline Stockley, of Whitwick. The bride, who wore a pretty dress of pale silk, was given away by her brother, Mr T. Stockley. The bridesmaids, Miss Cissy Kempson, and Miss Williamson, wore dresses of white silk. Mr Tom Watson, elder brother of the bridegroom, acted as best man. After the ceremony a reception was held in the afternoon the happy couple left for London en route for Torquay, where the honeymoon will be spent. There were many presents, both handsome and useful.

Whitwick Vestry Meeting

The Vicar (the Rev. T. W. Walters) presided at the Whitwick Church Vestry meeting on Tuesday night. The Vicar stated that 280 members made their communion on Easter Sunday and he spoke encouragingly of the progress of the church work.

The people's warden, Mr S. W. West, presented the accounts showing the receipts to have been £172 6s and there was a balance of £1 after paying off a debt of £36 for the previous year. The collections for all purposes during the year were £155 19s 8d, against £136 1s 4d last year. The Sunday School accounts showed an income of £15 10s 10d and expenses £15 6s 9d, leaving 13s 1d in hand. The collections for the colliers' and quarrymen's memorial window fund now stood at £126 11s, having been completed in two years. The children's window, put in last November was carried to success in 18 months, costing £32. Upwards of £300 had been raised during the year.

The accounts were unanimously passed.

Votes of thanks to the Church Wardens and other workers were unanimously passed and the wardens, Messrs J. P. Roulston (vicar's) and S. W. West (parish) were both re-elected. The sidesmith were re-elected and a church council was also elected and is to meet shortly to discuss the new scheme of church finance. A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded a successful meeting.

Socials

A tea and social were held at the Whitwick Baptist School on Wednesday under the auspices of the Christian Endeavour Society. Also on Wednesday, a social was held at the Church school, the proceeds being for the churchyard renovation fund.

Sale of Work

A sale of work was held at the Whitwick Wesleyan School on Tuesday afternoon in aid of the chapel renovation fund, the opening ceremony being performed by Mrs Chandler, of

Leicester, formerly of Whitwick. The Rev. F. H. H. Labbett presided and in opening referred to the necessity of renovating the premises.

Mrs Chandler spoke of her early associations with the Wesleyan Church, and school, at Whitwick. She wished the sale success and had much pleasure in declaring it open. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded her on the motion of Mr A. West, seconded by Mr S. Berrington.

The stall holders and helpers were:

Work-stall, Mrs W. Stinson, snr, Mrs J. Stinson and Mrs A. West; fancy-stall, Mrs J. H. Stinson, Mrs E. Stinson, and Miss Charity West; refreshment stall, Mrs W. Stinson, jnr, and Mrs Perry; china stall, Mr J. W. Eagles and Mr A. B. Eagles; pound stall, Mr John Stinson, jnr, and others; chocolate stall, Misses M and D. Stinson; tea department, managed by Mrs Belcher and others; bran tub, Miss E. Clarke and others; and electric battery, Mr J. Toon.

There were half-hour concerts, including items by the New Swannington Glee Party, and hat-trimming competitions for men. Miss Stinson acted as secretary for the event, and Mr Wm. Jarvis was treasurer. The sum of £37 was realised. There was a good number of visitors during the afternoon, including the vicar who was cordially welcomed.

Shop to Let

Pares Hill, Whitwick. Immediate possession may be had. For particulars of rent, etc. apply Mrs Benson, Pares Hill, Whitwick.

To be Sold or Let

Small farm and house in Cademan Street, Whitwick. Inquire Wm. Webster, Tower House

Dance

A dance was held in the Holy Cross School on Wednesday evening for the benefit of Mr J. W. Orton. Messrs J. Rewhorn and G. Waterfield were the MC's.

Do you Know?

That Sunday was the sixteenth anniversary of the Whitwick Colliery disaster?

That the new order of the Local Government Board, the title "Workhouse" has to be abolished and "Institution" substituted?

Valuable Freehold Property

To be sold at Auction by Orchard and Joyce

At the "Three Crowns" Hotel, Whitwick, on Thursday May 7th, 1914, at 6 for 7 o'clock in the evening precisely, subject to Conditions of Sale to be then produced :

All those two new newly and substantially brick-built semi-detached messuages situate in Church Lane, Whitwick, aforesaid, in the relative occupations of Messrs Laban Johnson and James Stanyard, at the weekly rental of 6/- each. Each messuage has a passaged entrance, with bay-windowed front room, living room, kitchen and scullery, three bedrooms, coal-house, w.c., and productive garden. The messuages stand back from the road, have separate, well-paved entrances and yards, and supplied with the town water. The property occupies a capital situation, is in excellent condition, and comprise an total area of 560 square yards or thereabouts.

To view, apply on the premises; and for further information to Mr W. L. Moss, Belvoir Road, Coalville; the auctioneers, Ashby-de-la-Zouch; or Messrs Sharp and Lancaster, Solicitors, Coalville and Loughborough.

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All those two well-built messuages, situate in Brooks Lane, Whitwick, numbered 21 and 23, and known as "Marguerite Cottage" and "Grace Cottage," now in the respective occupations of Messrs H. Robinson and W. Carrington, together with the outbuildings and large gardens belonging thereto. The property comprises an area of 1,000 square yards or thereabouts and has a frontage of 90ft to the road, part being suitable for building purposes. Gross yearly rental of £27 15s 0d.

To view, apply to the tenants, and for further information to the Auctioneers, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Coalville and Hinckley; or Messrs Moss and Taylor, Solicitors, Loughborough.

Also at the same time and place as above

By order of Mrs Thirlby.

Two brick and slated messuages, situate in The Hockley, Cademan Street, Whitwick, occupied by Messrs King and Harley. Gross yearly rental, £16 18s. Solicitors Messrs Dewes and Musson, Ashby-de-la-Zouch and Swadlincote.

By order of Messrs Bindley and Co.

The dwelling house, formerly "The Royal George Inn", with yard, garden, and outbuildings, situate in North Street, Whitwick. Solicitors Messrs Fisher, Jesson and Co. Ashby-de-la-Zouch and Coalville.

Two cottages with gardens and outbuildings situate in Leicester Road, Whitwick, adjoining the Forest Rock Hotel. Solicitors Messrs Fisher, Jesson and Co. Ashby-de-la-Zouch and Coalville.

(The above two adverts also ran again in the May 1st edition prior to the auction on Thursday 7th May.)

Charnwood Forest – For Sale

By order of the executor of the late Rev. S. A. Pleyan, Bungalow, near Mount St. Bernard's Abbey, containing five rooms, and out buildings, good garden. Immediate possession. Best offer – Thomas I. McCarthy, Architect, Coalville.

Coalville Police Court

To-day (Friday) – Before the Rev. C. T. Moore (in the chair), Major Hatchett, Dr. Burkitt, Mr H. J. Ford, and Mr B. G. Hale.

Sequel to Whitwick Fatality

Albert Roome, 26, quarryman, and Clara Roome, 28, his wife, both of Whitwick, were summoned for allowing a child to be in a room containing an open firegrate, and not providing a fire-guard at Whitwick, on April 6th.

Defendants pleaded not guilty.

Mr Lancaster (Messrs Sharp and Lancaster) said the prosecution was by the N.S.P.C.C. and arose out of the death of the defendant's child while the mother was out for an hour, stopping at a public house. The jury at the inquest expressed disapproval of the conduct of the defendants in not providing a fire-guard, and of the mother in leaving the children so long.

Mr T. J. Webb, deputy Coroner, bore this out, and read the depositions taken at the inquest. Defendants both said they were very sorry. The male defendant said his parents never had a guard. He had bought one now.

The defendant's were each fined £1/1/0 inclusive or seven days. The chairman said the Bench had been lenient, but as it was a very serious offence, they wished it to be known that any similar case in future would be severely dealt with. They wished it to be known throughout the district that fire-guards must be provided to protect children.

N.S.P.C.C. Prosecution

James Armstead, 33, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for cruelty to his children at Whitwick, on April 9th.

Defendant pleaded not guilty.

Mr Lancaster (of Messrs Sharp and Lancaster) prosecuting for the N.S.P.C.C., said the case was entirely through the lazy habits of the defendant who refused to work to support the children. Inspector Fitzsimmons, of the R.S.P.C.C., stationed at Loughborough, said he visited the house of defendant in October 4th last year, defendant then residing at Griffydam. The house was clean, and the children were clean, but their clothing and boots were scanty. The defendant was in prison at that time, and the woman was receiving parish pay. He spoke as to subsequent visits, defendant in the meantime moving to 81, Albert Road, Coalville. In March last, he found the children in a neglected state. The girl's head was very bad, and witness had to get the mother to cut the child's hair off. The girl, Sarah, was nine years of age. Her head was covered with sores and she had little clothing. The other children were, Doris, aged 8, Frank, aged 5, Walter, aged 4, and Florence 1 1/2, the present youngest child not then being born. Except Florence, the children were dirty,

and poorly clad. The defendant subsequently moved to Whitwick, where the sixth child was born. There was no improvement. Defendant's excuse for not going to work was that his wife was ill, and he could not afford to have anyone in the house. On one visit, witness found the man in bed at mid-day, and he admitted to witness not having been to work for three weeks. He said he would go that night. The children were fairly well-nourished.

Phoebe Armstead, defendant's wife was then called, and the clerk asked defendant whether he objected to her giving evidence.

Defendant: *She can please herself.*

The clerk asked the woman if she wanted to give evidence against her husband. Witness said defendant had promised her he would go to work. It was decided not to call the woman.

P.C. Grewcock deposed to the woman sending for him. She said she wanted to see him about her scamp of a husband. He would not go to work, and it was awful to hear the children crying for food. She added, "I am getting desperate, and something will have to be done." Witness asked the man what he had to say for himself, and he said he would go to work. He could earn good money if he liked. Defendant had since told him he was ill suffering from boils, and was unable to work. Witness told him that if he had gone to work before, he could now have gone to the doctor, and drawn 10/- a week under Lloyd George. (Laughter).

Dr. Burkitt deposed to examining the children. The eldest girl's head showed a verminous condition of long standing. The clothing was scanty. The other children were fairly well nourished, but the clothing, except of Florence, was poor. The house was dirty and poorly furnished.

Proceeding, the doctor said there was only one blanket over the bed the children slept in. The condition was such as to be likely to prejudice the health of the children. Replying to the Bench, as to whether he considered the man fit to work, the doctor replied that he had not examined him.

Defendant was sent to prison for one month with hard labour. On the application of Mr Lancaster, the Society's costs were remitted.

Ashby Police Court

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

Expensive Obstinacy

Geo. Limb (24) and Alfred Limb (28), colliers, Whitwick, were summoned by the Ashby Guardians for neglecting to pay arrears due in respect of the maintenance of their father, Isaac Limb. It was stated that Geo. Limb owed 9s 9d and Alf. Limb owed 8s 3d.

The clerk asked whether they were willing to pay without the case going on, which would save them about 6s in costs. Defendants did not reply, and Mr J. W. Bowley, relieving officer gave the facts. Defendants were ordered to pay the amounts due and 10s 6d costs each.

The clerk (to the defendants): It has cost you 10s 6d each extra for refusing to pay 9s 9d.

Sport

Football

In the second division, Swannington Institute and Thornborough United have met twice, with no score on each occasion. The two Ibstock teams – Amateurs and Wanderers, also met without scoring on Good Friday. Peggs Green have made two big wins, 10-0 against Whitwick Amateurs and 5-0 against Ashby and a draw 2-2 with Coleorton; Swannington Robin Hood and Ravenstone United have met twice, a draw 2-2 at Swannington, and a win for Ravenstone 3-2, at Ravenstone, and Whitwick Amateurs suffered four defeats, being beaten 4-0 by Ibstock Wanderers, 3-0 by Ibstock Amateurs and 2-1 by Bagworth Town, in addition to the Peggs Green result.

Leicestershire Senior League

Two matches for the Leicestershire Senior League medals were played on Saturday, the home team winning in each case. Shepshed Albion defeated Loughborough Corinthians by the odd goal of three and Ibstock Albion won 3-1 against Whitwick Imperial.

Ibstock Albions V Whitwick Imperial

The above match took place on Saturday, at Ibstock, in bright sunshine, and there was a good "gate." The Albion won the toss and had a slight advantage with the breeze behind them. Cross was soon to the fore with a score in Ibstock's favour in less than a minute from the start. Both sides put some mettle into the game as the result, and play continued brisk and even, for a time. Eventually, the home team pressed hard, and after an unsuccessful corner, Starkey landed the ball home, and made number 2 for the Albion. Another attempt at a goal saw the ball fly over the bar, and the interval score stood: Ibstock 2; Whitwick 0.

Resuming, the game proceeded steadily for a time, until Whitwick, by a neat bit of passing, and combined efforts, broke through a stout defence, and netted. Ibstock followed later with a score through Price, and there was little doing after this, the warm weather taking it out of both sides.

Result: Ibstock Albion 3 goals; Whitwick Imperial 1.

Leicestershire Senior League Table

	p	w	d	l	f	a	p
Hinckley United	12	9	2	1	43	19	20
Whitwick Imperial	12	7	3	2	17	11	17
Loughborough Corinthians	12	5	2	5	27	25	12
Ibstock Albion	12	4	4	4	27	28	12

Shepshed Albion	12	2	6	4	22	28	10
Earl Shilton Town	12	3	2	7	19	28	8
Coalville Town	12	1	3	8	14	32	5

Medal Competition

	p	w	d	l	f	a	p
Shepshed Albion	4	3	1	0	8	4	7
Coalville Town	3	2	1	0	6	3	5
Whitwick Imperial	4	1	0	3	5	7	2
Loughborough Corinthians	3	1	0	2	4	6	2
Ibstock Albion	4	1	0	3	9	8	2

Friday May 1st 1914 (Issue 1156)

Local News

Wanted

Apprentices and Improvers for Dressmaking. Apply T. W. Bourne, Market Place, Whitwick.

Shop to Let

Pares' Hill, Whitwick. Immediate possession may be had – for particulars of rent, etc, apply Mrs Benson, Pares' Hill, Whitwick.

To Be Sold or Let

Small farm and house in Cademan Street, Whitwick, March 25th. – Inquire, Wm Webster, Tower House.

Ashby Board of Guardians

The annual meeting of the Board of Guardians was held at Ashby, on Saturday, when there were present, Mrs Pratt, Mrs Sharp, the Rev. C. T. Moore, Major Hatchett, Dr. Atkinson, Messrs W. Sheffield, T. Varnam, T. Radford, F. W. Soar, J. Nicklinson, F. C. Stevenson, A. Riley, A. J. Briers, T. O. Frost, G. Bullen, S. Stanley, J. Rice, J. W. Fowler, J. Woodward, T. Parker, R. Lawton, G. Sheldon, W. Andrews, T. Frith, F. Pickering, J. T. Bradshaw, and W. Massey, with the clerk, (Mr George Farmer).

A Whitwick Guardians Question

Notice of the death in the County Asylum of Josiah Wibberley was received. The clerk said it was a Whitwick case, and the man had been in the institution for ten years.

Mr Briers asked why the man was not brought to be buried in his own parish. The clerk said it was not customary to do that.

Mr Briers: *I thought it was.*

The clerk said that if the friends chose to take responsibility for the burial, they could remove the body, but in the absence of any such arrangement, the asylum authorities carried out the burial in the parish where the patient died.

Mr Briers said the relatives could not afford to take the responsibility. The clerk said that no doubt the asylum authorities would communicate the news of the death to the relatives.

Mr Briers said that was done.

Do you Know?

That Messrs Orchard and Joyce will conduct an important property sale at the Three Crowns Hotel, Whitwick, next Thursday night?

That the Coalville motor buses commenced a Sunday afternoon service from Coalville to the Forest on Sunday last?

Coalville Police Court

Friday – Before the Rev. C. T. Moore (in the chair), Mr H. J. Ford, Dr. Burkitt, and Mr B. G. Hale.

Whitwick Cruelty Case

Tom Allen, 40, saddler, Whitwick, was summoned by his wife, Elizabeth Allen, for persistent cruelty. Defendant did not appear.

Mr T. E. Jesson (Ashby) for the woman, said the parties were married at Swadlincote, 30 years ago and there were five children, two of them being dependant. Defendant could earn good money, but was addicted to drink. Complainant asked for a separation order. She was at present, residing a married daughter at Overseal.

Complainant said her husband was living at Castle Street. Three years ago he deserted her at Overseal, coming to live at Hugglescote and she commenced proceedings, but they got together again. Two years ago they went to live at Whitwick and since then her life had been unhappy. She left him on March 30th. That night he came home drunk and when she went upstairs, she found that he had a razor under the pillow. He threatened to cut her throat and she ran out of the house with the two children. They stayed at a neighbour's house that night and she had not been back since. She and the children had been short of food and the neighbours had helped. Acts of cruelty were also mentioned, defendant once causing her a black eye, and they had been a week at a time without a fire. He had thrown a candlestick and other things at her. When married, she had £300 and the defendant had had the bulk of it. Defendant could earn 7/- or 8/- a day if he liked.

Mary Ann King, wife of John King, collier, Castle Street, Whitwick, said she lived next door to the defendant. She knew that the parties had lived very unhappily. Defendant was frequently drunk. Complainant once showed her a black eye. Witness saw the defendant run his wife with a razor. Witness had taken coal into the house that they might have a fire and had several times given the defendant's children their breakfast, or they would have gone to school without any.

An order was made on defendant to pay his wife 15/- per week, the complainant being given the custody of the two children. Defendant was also ordered to pay the costs, £1/1/6, and £1/1/0 advocate's fee.

Stray Horse

Ernest Stanley, 28, fishmonger, Whitwick, was summoned for allowing a horse to stray at Whitwick, on April 12th. He did not appear.

P.C. Grewcock gave the facts, and defendant was fined 1/- and 6/- costs, or 7 days.

Bad Language

Samuel Glover, 32, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on April 11th. He did not appear.

P.C. Henson stated the case, and defendant was fined 2/6 and 11/6 costs, or 7 days.

Thomas Florence, 44, rag and bone gatherer, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on April 15th.

P.C. Jelley proved the case in the absence of the defendant, remarking also, that Florence threatened him with a poker. Fined 5/6, and costs 12/6 or seven days.

Violent Conduct

Henry Williams, 30 and Richard Freeman, 24, colliers, Whitwick, were summoned for violent conduct at Whitwick, on April 11th. They did not appear.

P.C. Grewcock said he saw the defendants fighting with their faces covered with blood, and a crowd was round. Fined 5/6, and 10/6 costs each, or 7 days.

Drunk and Disorderly

John Bakewell, 42, labourer, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick, on April 11th.

P.C. Jelley proved the case, and the defendant, in his absence, was fined 10/6 and 12/6 costs, or seven days.

Whitwick and Thringstone Colliers and the Game

Fined at Loughborough

At the Loughborough Police Court on Wednesday, last week, Andrew Clarke and Jack Smith, colliers, Whitwick, were summoned for using dogs to take game at Belton, on the 11th inst. Albert Edward Pratt said the defendants were in Gracedieu Park with a couple of dogs, and hares and pheasants were going in all directions.

Clarke, who appeared and pleaded guilty, was fined 20/-, or seven days, and Smith 30/- of ten days. Alec White, collier, Thringstone, pleaded guilty to trespassing in search of conies on Mr Everard De Lisle's land at Shepshed, on April 12th, and was fined 15/- or 5 days.

Friday May 8th 1914 (Issue 1157)

Local News

Mother's Union

The members of the Whitwick branch of the Mother's Union were invited by the Vicar the Rev. T. W. Walters to take tea in the Vicarage Grounds on Wednesday afternoon, but owing to the unfavourable weather, the event was postponed until June.

Catholic Procession

Whitwick Catholics had their annual May procession on Sunday. It was confined to the Church grounds, and was headed by the Holy Cross Band, including the school children carrying banners, and members of the congregation. The Church was packed at the service which followed, and Father Cuthbert Bretherton, of Hawkesyard Priory, preached.

Baptist School Anniversary

The Sunday School anniversary was held at the Whitwick Baptist Chapel on Sunday when the pastor, the Rev. H. C. J. Wix, preached to good congregations, especially in the evening. The children nicely sang their hymns under the direction of Mr O. Geary. Mr A. Aris was the organist, and was assisted by an orchestra. The choir sang anthems, "Blessed be Thou" (Buckley) in the afternoon, and "Hear, O Israel" (Buckley) in the evening, solos in the latter being taken by Miss Maud Wheeldon and Mr J. B. Newbury. The collections realised £16/10/6.

Writing in the current issue of the "Whitwick Parish Magazine," the Vicar says, "I must thank the Whitwick Troop of Scouts under Scoutmaster Perry and Assistant Scoutmaster Pegg for the excellent maps and plans of Whitwick and its streets which they have so very kindly prepared and presented to me. Every house in the parish, and the name of every householder, with other particulars, appear on the plans. They are all well drawn, well coloured, and well printed and their execution which has meant many weeks of patient labour, proves not only the efficiency of the troop, but also the high standard of intelligence and educational entertainment of the members. I have had such plans in another parish before I came to Whitwick, but these are the best I have ever seen. I am sure that if the Chief Scout could see the work, he would give our troop a special word of praise, and would encourage other Troops in other parts of the country to do similar useful service."

Another paragraph runs as follows: "In the 'Whitwick Parish Magazine' for June 1900, is the following paragraph: *"Mr Joyce of Abbots Oak has very kindly presented a most interesting picture of the Church before the 1847 Restoration, also of the old North Window and Talbot Monument and the old Font" I have never seen this picture, but I am told that it hung in the Church near the vestry door until shortly after the late Vicar's resignation last year, when it suddenly disappeared. As the picture was a presentation made to the Church by Mr Joyce, no one had the slightest right to remove it, and I shall be very glad to receive information which may lead to the recovery of this lost Church property.*"

Property Sale at Whitwick

Auctioneer's Welcome to Mr J. J. Sharp

Before commencing a sale of property at the Three Crowns Hotel, Whitwick, last night. Mr G. D. Orchard, of the well-known firm of Orchard and Joyce of Coalville, Ashby and Hinckley, said he should like to welcome Mr J. J. Sharp back again amongst them (hear hear). They all regretted his illness, and were thankful to God that he had been restored to health and permitted to join them once again. No man was more missed in Whitwick than Mr J. J. Sharp (applause).

Mr Sharp thanked Mr Orchard and the company for their kind welcome. He was pleased to be with them again, and he very much appreciated their kindness. There was a good attendance.

The first lot offered was two messuages in Brook's Lane, Whitwick, known as Marguerite Cottage and Grace Cottage, occupied by Messrs Robinson and W. Carrington, at a yearly rental of £27/15/0. Bidding started at £300, and at £340 it was knocked down to Mr H. Harrison, the adjoining owner.

Messrs Moss and Taylor, Loughborough, were the vendors' solicitors.

The house in North Street, formerly known as the Royal George Inn, from which the license had recently been taken away, and which is now occupied at £15 a year by Mr John Smith, was started at £50, and withdrawn at £90, and for two messuages adjoining the Forest Rock Hotel, occupied by Messrs Foules and Heggs at £16/5/0 a year. There was no offer that the auctioneer would accept, though Mr Jepson Turner made a bid of £40. The old Royal George was afterwards sold privately to Mr Wm. Henson.

In regard to two newly built houses in Church Lane, Whitwick, which were next offered, Mr J. J. Sharp, of Messrs Sharp and Lancaster, who acted as solicitors for the vendor, Mrs W. Moss, explained that the property had been somewhat damaged through subsidence, and for this Mrs Moss had received compensation from the Colliery Co., but the houses had been put in a thorough state of repair, and should there be further damage the owner would be entitled to further compensation. The houses are occupied at weekly rents of 6/- each, by Messrs Laban Johnson and James Stanyard. Bidding started at £330 and at £395, Mr W. Adams, of Whitwick, was declared the purchaser.

The last lot was two messuages situate in the Hockley, Cademan Street, Whitwick, let by Messrs King and Harley at a total yearly rent of £16/18/0. Starting at £60, the property only reached £90, at which figure it was withdrawn. The acting solicitor in regard to this lot were Messrs Dewes and Musson, of Ashby.

Coalville Urban Council

Mr R. Blower presided at the monthly meeting of the Coalville Urban Council held on Tuesday evening when there were also present, Messrs T. Y. Hay, (vice-chairman), M. McCarthy, S. Perry, A. Lockwood, W. Sheffield, S. Armson, J. W. Farmer, B. G. Hale, W. Fellows, T. Kelly, and F. Griffin, with the clerk (Mr T. E. Jesson), surveyor (Mr L. L. Baldwin), assistant surveyor (Mr G. F. Hurst), and gasworks manager (Mr J. W. Eagles).

Loans

He now came to the loans and he hoped they were not getting tired (laughter - and Mr McCarthy : You ought to have given it when Lloyd George was giving his last night, but it is very interesting and I should like to see it printed). Mr Fellows proceeding said it was the Press he was talking to because the people who paid the rates had a right to know. They anticipated taking up new loans to the extent of £7434 chiefly for the Oak tree sewer, Coalville West improvement, Waterworks Road, and Pares' Hill, Whitwick, which he believed was getting nearer (laughter). That was a subject which had been discussed ever since he had been on the Council.

Mr McCarthy: *A brother to Waterworks Road.*

How Disease is Spread

The Council then interviewed Mrs Blunt and Mrs Wass, who had been summoned to appear, in reference to chevening work being done while scarletina was in the house. The clerk explained that on February 23rd, two cases of scarletina in Mrs Blunt's house were notified and one the following day, but in spite of this it was ascertained that she did chevening work supplied to her by Mrs Wass and which was afterwards sent to Leicester. The penalties in the Act were specifically stated because the people by such conduct ran great risk of spreading the disease. The two women were questioned at some length by the clerk.

Mrs Blunt said she had four dozen from Mrs Wass. She was in straightened circumstances, having six people ill in the house and her husband having nothing but Lloyd George pay. She did not have any for a fortnight and then took the work to enable her to pay for milk she had had on credit.

The Clerk: *Didn't you know there was risk of spreading infection.*

Mrs Blunt said she did not. She said one girl was ill a fortnight before the doctor diagnosed the case. Mrs Wass said she knew there was illness in the house but did not know what it was. The seriousness of the matter was impressed on the two women by the Council, who decided to take no further action this time, but hoped the case would act as a warning to them and others for the future.

Plans

The Plans Committee report stated that Mr Perry was appointed Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year. The following plans were recommended for approval : Two houses, Ashby Road, Coalville, for Mr Benistone, and four houses, Hermitage Road, Whitwick, for the Whitwick Colliery Co. Ltd. The following plan was referred back : Two houses, Whitehill Road, Ellistown, for Messrs T. Deacon and Son. Mr Perry returned thanks for his re-election as Chairman and moved the adoption of the report which was carried.

Medical Officer's Report

The medical officer's monthly report stated that there was a marked decline in the number of infectious cases notified, only three having been received during the month of April, viz., one case of diphtheria in Ibstock Road, Ellistown, one in Cambridge Street, Coalville and a case of phthisis in Hall Lane, Whitwick. Influenza had been prevalent, complicated with diseases of the respiratory organs and four deaths had been attributed to bronchitis and broncho pneumonia. Twenty-three deaths occurred during the month giving a death rate of 15.3, these included two from accidental burns and one from phthisis. During the same period 56 births were registered giving a birth rate of 37 per 1000.

Whitwick Lodgers

The Surveyor reported that during the month 1130 persons were accommodated at the Whitwick Lodging Houses, against 1057 in March and 802 in April last year. The half yearly lime washing of the houses had just been completed and they were in satisfactory order.

The surveyor was authorised to take proceedings against two night-soil defaulters who refused to pay 10d and 1/6. Replying to Mr Lockwood, the Surveyor said the others had paid. The defaulters were usually the same people.

The Representation of Coalville

The letter from the Whitwick parish meeting asking for a County Council inquiry to restore territory to Whitwick, and so stop a "perennial insult" to Whitwick by Coalville was next considered.

Mr McCarthy said they would be satisfied now, after the other decision, and could await developments. He moved they postpone it. Mr Kelly seconded. Mr Hale moved that Whitwick's request be sent to the County Council asking them to undo the work they unwisely did (laughter). Mr Lockwood seconded.

Only two voted for this.

Mr Hale: *It's a bit off* (laughter)

Mr Fellows said he would move that they reply to Whitwick that it could not be entertained. He would be sorry to send a resolution of that kind to the County Council. The wording of it to his mind, would not be to the credit of the Council.

Mr Griffin seconded and this was carried by four votes to three.

Do you Know?

That there are 496 entries for the English Football Cup next season including Coalville Town, Coalville Swifts and Whitwick Imperial?

That a picture theatre is to be built shortly in Silver Street, Whitwick, for the Whitwick and Thringstone Picture House Company?

Coalville Police Court

To-day (Friday) – Before Mr W. Lindley (in the chair), Mr H. J. Ford, Mr J. W. West, and Mr B. G. Hale.

No Control

Wm. H. Bennett, hawker, Worthington, was summoned for not having control of a horse and carriage on the highway at Thringstone, on April 27th. He did not appear. P.C. Jones said he saw the defendant's horse and trap standing outside the Rose and Crown Inn unattended for nearly an hour. Defendant asked him to say nothing about it, and have a drink. Fined 2/6 and 6/0 costs, or 7 days.

Bad Language

Walter Marriott, labourer, and Emma Marriott, his wife, of Whitwick, were summoned for using bad language, at Whitwick, on April 25th. They pleaded not guilty.

P.C. Grewcock said he heard the defendants using very bad language about 11:30 pm in their house, the door of which was open. When he spoke to them they said they should talk as they liked. P.C. Jones corroborated, and said the woman was the worst of the two. Defendants were each fined 2/6 and costs £1/2/6 in all for the two, or seven days.

Defendant asked for time to pay and it transpired that he not paid a fine imposed at the Court about a month ago. He said he would pay 5/- down and 5/- a week till it was paid. He was allowed a fortnight.

Leonard Buck and Horace Horrobin, colliers, Coalville, were summoned for using bad language, at Whitwick, on April 27th. They did not appear. P.C. Henson stated the facts and defendants were each fined 2/6 and costs 10/6 or seven days.

Fighting in the Market Place

Chas. Webster, of Coalville, and John Cooper, of Whitwick, both colliers, were summoned for violent conduct at Coalville, on April 24th. P.C. Sibson said defendants were fighting in High Street when the market was full of people at 8.20 pm. It was a disgraceful scene. Fined 7/6 and 10/6 costs each or seven days.

A Thringstone Fight

Arthur Haywood, of Swannington, and Ambrose Hall, of Whitwick, both colliers, were summoned for violent conduct at Thringstone on May 3rd.

P.C. Jones said he saw the defendants with their hats and coats off, on Sunday afternoon, fighting just outside a place of worship. A lot of people were about. Each defendant was fined 5/6 and 11/3 costs or seven days.

The chairman explained that in the former case there were previous convictions and that explained the difference in the fine.

Drunk

Wm. Allen, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick, on April 25th. He did not appear.

P.C. Jelley said the defendant told him that Burnley had won the cup, and he did not care for anybody. There were previous convictions, and defendant was fined 7/6 and costs 12/6 or seven days.

Edward Wesley, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly on May 1st. P.C. Grewcock said the defendant remarked to his sister, "*See me hit the copper in the mouth.*"

The chairman: *He didn't attempt to strike you, did he?*

Witness: *No, sir.*

Fined 5/6 and costs 12/6 or seven days.

John Garrity, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for drunk and disorderly at Whitwick, on May 2nd. He pleaded not guilty.

P.C. Grewcock said he saw defendant at 11.15 pm and he was so drunk that he fell down. P.S. Betts corroborated, and said the defendant was frequently drunk, and his home and children were being neglected in consequence. Defendant said he would try to do better.

The Chief Constable said he was informed that the man lost his wife a few months ago, and he had been worse since. The chairman said the Bench were sorry he had fallen away. He had a good character, and they hoped not to see him there again.

Fined 5/6 and 12/0 costs, or seven days.

Sport

Skittles

Whitwick Liberal Club V Loughborough

At Loughborough, on Saturday, Whitwick winning by two pins, 225 to 223. The Whitwick team were:

J. Frearson, G. Woodhouse, H. Stretton, J. Jessop, F. Sear, F. Smith, J. Rose, W. Burton, S. Billings, J. Beeson, J. Ottey and T. Ottey.

Coalville Cricket Notes

To Cricket Secretaries

Will secretaries please note that to ensure insertion in the week's current issue, score sheets must reach this office not later than the first post Tuesday mornings.

The Coalville Cricket League got into full swing on Saturday, 12 matches being arranged in the 3 divisions, and though the weather was somewhat colder than had been experienced during April, some interesting games were played.

Friday May 15th 1914 (Issue 1158)

Local News

Coal Prices

The price of coal has been reduced this week at both the Snibston and Whitwick pits. Best coal has gone down 10d per ton, being now 16/3, and other sorts 5d per ton.

Death of a Whitwick Worthy

Mr Jacob Newbury

It is with deep regret to-day that we record the death of Mr Jacob Newbury, which occurred at his home in Market Place, Whitwick, about 6.45 on Wednesday night. For some time, the deceased gentleman had been in very poor health and had been attended by Dr. Burkitt, lately in consultation with Dr. Astley Clarke, of Leicester, but he gradually sank and passed away as stated. He was in his 70th year.

It was only a few months ago that Mr Newbury resigned the office of registrar of births and deaths for the Whitwick sub-district which he honourably filled for 33 years, and in which he has been succeeded by his second son. Genuine and wide-spread regret will be occasioned by the death of Mr Newbury, whose exemplary life and genial presence had won for him the highest esteem of all.

The details of his interesting career are well known, having been published fully in a recent issue of this paper on his retirement from the post of registrar. He was the collector of the poor and cemetery rates for many years, treasurer to one or two sick clubs and other societies, and was once a candidate for public honours, though unsuccessful. He was best known perhaps, for his unswerving adherence to the cause of Primitive Methodism for over half a century, being one of the leading lights in the Coalville circuit. He was a circuit steward and held practically all the offices a lay man could hold at one time or another, and for many years was an active local preacher and church worker. His happy manner made his presence and companionship very enjoyable and there was no gathering which Mr Newbury attended at which he was not always very heartily welcomed.

As the parish of Whitwick loses an honoured and worthy townsman, so Primitive Methodism loses one of its greatest stalwarts, and his place will not be easily filled. Mr Newbury leaves a widow, three daughters and three sons for whom much sympathy is felt.

The funeral will take place on Saturday.

**Death of a Whitwick
Worthy.**



MR. JACOB NEWBURY.

Sport

Cricket

Whitwick Holy Cross V Coleorton

At Whitwick on Saturday.

Whitwick Holy Cross

F. Middleton	run	out	3
S. Briers		b Saddington	7
B. Stanyard	lbw	b Saddington	2
P.C. Jelley	run	out	27
J. Botterill	c Richards	b Williams	0
L. Kane	c Newell	b Williams	4
M. Noon	lbw	b Saddington	9
W. Stanyard	c Hull	b Williams	0
J. Newell	not	out	1
J. Massey	c Richards	b Williams	5
F. Hawkins	c Middleton	b Williams	0
Extras			1
Total			59

Coleorton II

H. Rowell		b Briers	3
R. Pickering		b Briers	1
W. Saddington	run	out	0

J. Blythe		b Briers	0
J. Bradford	c Kane	b P.C. Jelley	0
H. Williams	s Newell	b P.C. Jelley	1
J. Yates		b Briers	1
J. Richards	not	out	11
T. Saddington		b P.C. Jelley	0
R. Hull		b P.C. Jelley	0
Extras			3
Total			20

Skittles

Whitwick Liberal Club played Shepshed Liberal Club in the Loughborough League, at Whitwick, on Saturday, and won by 22 pins. The return match is to be played at Shepshed tomorrow and the following team has been selected to represent Whitwick: J. Frearson, G. Woodhouse, T. Kelly, W. Barker, F. Sear, F. Smith, J. Ottey, W. Burton, S. Boot, G. Jessop, S. Billings, and J. Beeson. Res. W. Wright, G. Ottey, and A. Cooper.

Friday May 22nd 1914 (Issue 1159)

Local News

Scouts

The Whitwick Boy Scouts had a "fine time" at the Vicarage on Saturday last. The troupe went up in response to the invitation of the vicar and tea was partaken of and games indulged in afterwards. Scout-master Perry was in command.

Whitwick and Thringstone Nursing Association

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Whitwick and Thringstone Nursing Association was held in the Whitwick Church Schools, on Monday evening. Dr. Burkitt presided over a small attendance, and said they must hope that the lack of attendance was an indication that everything was satisfactory, and there were no complaints. He said another year had gone by and the committee had much pleasure in laying before the meeting the 15th annual report and balance sheet. During the year ending December 31st, 1913, the work of the Association had been very satisfactory, the number of visits paid being 3,713. The committee much regretted that the balance sheet showed a considerable falling off in the district collection. They had therefore, found it necessary to make a new rule respecting non-subscribers, who might require the services of the nurse. The committee heartily thanked all the supporters of the Association and also took the opportunity to thank the district collectors for their willing and entirely voluntary services; to the managers of the Whitwick National School, the committee tender their thanks for the use of a room for all meetings connected with the Association.

The balance sheet showed an income of £143/1/5, including £57/10/0 brought forward from 1912. Subscriptions paid to the secretary amounted to £47/11/5, to the Whitwick

collectors, £30/16/0; to the Thringstone collectors, £4/14/0. After meeting expenses there was a balance in hand of £41/3/1.

The Doctor pointed out that during the year, the balance had been reduced by £16/6/11, and the committee found that in many cases the reason was because non-subscribers could have the nurse at their beck and call for the small sum of 6d. Regular subscribers naturally felt that they had a grievance, and the committee therefore altered the rate. He did not think that there was a house in Whitwick which could not afford 6d a quarter. The nurse was for the benefit of working people the higher subscribers not calling on her to any great extent. The alteration was only in fairness to the regular subscribers. Mr Booth's subscription, too, for some time, had been dropping. Mr Booth only gave £50 a year in order to keep the Association going until its benefits had become known, and then it was reduced each year until it now stood at £10 for the year, and that in itself was a very handsome sum. The nurse was away for a month at Christmas, and they had to get a substitute for that period at a cost of £7/13/7. The committee had come to the decision that the nurse should have her holidays in the summer time, when there was less sickness and they could do without a substitute. The new rule provided that in cases where non-subscribers required the services of the nurse they must contribute 6d a week until 5/- had been paid.

The report and balance sheet were adopted.

The Rev. M. J. O'Reilly and Mr Jacob Newbury were the retiring members of the committee. Father O'Reilly was re-elected. Dr. Burkitt said that the late Mr Newbury had been interested in the work and served on the committee of the Nursing Association since its formation, and he moved that their condolences be sent to the widow and family of Mr Newbury.

The chairman said the committee knew and felt that the district collectors did a very valuable and onerous and thankless job, and he felt that the general meeting should also express their appreciation. Some people they called on told them that they were paid for their work. He hoped they would not be discouraged. Their thanks were also due to Miss Harding for the excellent way in which she carried out the secretarial duties, and he moved that their thanks be accorded her. Mr Alf West seconded, and said he hoped she would long continue in the office. Mr H. T. Bastard supported, and it was unanimously accorded.

Mr West moved that the Rev. T. W. Walters be appointed a member of the committee, vice the Rev. J. W. A. Mackenzie. It was also decided that the secretary write the Primitive Methodists to nominate a successor to the late Mr Newbury. A vote of thanks to Dr. Burkitt closed the meeting.

Funeral of Mr Jacob Newbury, Whitwick

The mortal remains of the late Mr Jacob Newbury, ex-registrar, were laid to rest in the Whitwick Cemetery on Saturday last. Previous to the interment, the body was taken to the P.M. Chapel, which was crowded, where a very impressive service was held. The Rev. J. T. Martin read the lesson, after which the Rev. Whiting gave out the well-known hymn, "Thy way, not mine, O Lord." The Rev. J. T. Ecob, of Loughborough, spoke of the high esteem in which the deceased was held by all who knew him and of the attachment and love he had for that church. The Rev. J. Blayney afterwards offered up prayer, and another favourite hymn of the deceased's was sung, viz., "Jesus, still lead on." Miss Ward presided at the organ.

Among those present in the church and at the graveside were: Messrs Thomas Cater, Peters, P. W. Griffin, J. Billings, G. H. Hallam, C. Spencer, representing the Whitwick Association for the Protection of Persons and Property, of which Mr Newbury was for many years the treasurer; Messrs S. Perry, Stanley, J. T. Ward, James Smith (Coalville), T. Frith, J. R. Bennett (Coalville), C. Jackson (Coleorton), Abraham Smith, H. Allgood, Jas. Gutteridge, J. Reed (Coalville), C. H. J. Hussey (Ashby), W. Hall, J. Cooper, J. Sparrow, J. Lacey, G. H. Hudson, J. Birch, J. Eagles, and the Rev. M. J. O'Reilly.

The mourners were as follows, and were conveyed in coaches supplied by Messrs E. Briers and Sons:-

First vehicle: Mrs Newbury, widow; Mr J. B. Newbury, son; W. J. Newbury, Mrs A. Fawkes, son and daughter; Mrs Clarke and H. T. Newbury, son and daughter. 2nd vehicle: Miss E. J. Newbury, daughter, and Mr A. Clarke, son-in-law; Mr W. J. Newbury, Heanor, and Mrs J. B. Newbury. 3rd vehicle: Mrs A. G. Handley, Nottingham, Mr J. T. Ward, Hugglescote, Mrs D. Turner, niece, of Nottingham, and Mr C. E. Lager, Osgathorpe. 4th vehicle: Mr and Mrs W. Vesty, niece and nephew, Mr and Mrs T. West, niece and nephew, Leicester, Miss Peake, Spalding, and Mr H. Toon, Whitwick. 5th vehicle: Mrs Toon and Mrs Johnson, Coalville, Mrs T. Hartshorne, Coalville, and Mr C. Jackson, Coleorton: Mr J. J. Sharp, solicitor; Mr Wm. Sheffield, (chairman of the Ashby Board of Guardians), Mr George Farmer, (clerk to the Ashby Board of Guardians), and Dr. Burkitt, medical attendant brought up the rear in another coach. Mr Alfred West, and Mr Jas. Toon, representing the Wesleyan body at Whitwick; the Rev. W. H. C. Wix, Baptist minister, who also represented the Coalville Free Church Council.

Nearly 40 local preachers from the Coalville and other circuits were present; also each church in the Coalville circuit sent representatives. Mr Alfred Faulks, son-in-law, was unable to attend the funeral on account of the illness of his daughter.

The bearers were Messrs J. H. Gilberd, W. Jessop, Alma Hall, Thomas Smith, Wm. Smith and J. Clark. The registrars of the following districts were also present, viz., Messrs J. W. Bowley, Ashby; T. Blake, Measham; and C. Higgins, Woodville. The following wreaths were sent:-

"To my dearest and best, from his ever loving wife, till we meet again."

"With fondest love to our dear father, from Burgess and Annie."

"Dear father. With Lizzie and Alf's fondest love. Not good-bye, but good-night."

"With fondest love and ever tender memories, from Gertie and Albert, Evelyn and Turner."

"With fondest love to the best of fathers, from Will and Amy".

"In loving memory of dear uncle, from Will and Lizzie and family. 'Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy Cross I cling'."

"With loving sympathy, from Douglas and Fanny, Nottingham."

"With deep sympathy, from Mrs Toon and Horace."

"With deepest sympathy from Mr and Mrs Joseph Lager and family. Osgathorpe."

"With deepest sympathy from Mr and Mrs Johnson and family."

"With deepest sympathy from Mr and Mrs George Farmer, Ashby."

"With deepest sympathy and sincere regard from the registrars of the Ashby district."

"In loving memory of our dear leader, from the Monday night class."

"A token of deep and sincerest respect from C. Gadsby, Loughborough."

"With deepest sympathy from Mrs J. Street and son, Burton-on-Trent."

"With kind remembrance from Mr and Mrs Frank Middleton, Whitwick."

"From Mr and Mrs A. G. Handley, Nottingham. With deepest sympathy."

"With deepest sympathy from Mr J. T. Ward and family."

"With kindest remembrance and deepest sympathy from Mr and Mrs T. W. Bourne, and family, Whitwick."

"With deepest sympathy from the members of the Whitwick and District Association for the Protection of Persons and Property."

"With sincere regret from Mr and Mrs T. Yeomans, Ashby."

"To our dear friend, with fondest love and tender memories, from Mr and Mrs W. Gill Wheatley, Whitwick. 'And there shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away'."

"From Mr and Mrs G. F. Burton, Whitwick, 'Then shall his weary and faithful disciples all be remembered by what they have done'."

"With deepest sympathy from fellow teachers and scholars of the Primitive Methodist Sunday School, Whitwick."

"With deepest sympathy from Mr and Mrs S. Perry, Whitwick."

The service at the cemetery was a very impressive one. The hymn, "Rock of Ages" was sung. The inscription on the coffin was:- Jacob Newbury, died May 13th, 1914: aged 68 years.

(Contributed)

There were many things in the life and character of Jacob Newbury which will secure him a long and honoured remembrance. But the outstanding feature of its life was its religious activity. For practically the whole of his life he was in association with the Primitive Methodist Church and in his last days he frequently referred to the fact that his unspoken membership covered fifty-three years. In the local society of Whitwick, he has filled practically every office. Wise in his council, sympathetic by nature, genial in disposition and peaceful in spirit, he wielded a powerful influence for good. School as well as church saw his service, for very many years he trained the children for the musical part of the anniversary. His religion not only gave him something to believe but something to do.

His brethren early recognised his gifts and when he was only 21 years of age he received a "note" to take up the duties of a local preacher. That was 48 years ago, and when he died he was senior local preacher on the Coalville Circuit. In those days the present Coalville Circuit was a part of the Ashby Circuit which extended from Coalville to as far as Castle Gresley. On many occasions, Mr Newbury has done this journey afoot to and from Castle Gresley to preach. He was very popular as a local preacher and his services were in great demand. The writer has seen a copy of the hymns for Heather School Anniversary in 1868 advertising Mr Jacob Newbury as preacher for the occasion.

He was a prominent and trusted official in the old Ashby Circuit, and its Councils were frequently indebted to his sagacity. When the agitation was afoot to divide the Coalville section from the Ashby Circuit, he opposed it, for he was no believer in small circuits. Afterwards he came to see the advantage of the division and was chosen to put the case before the District Synod which sanctioned it.

On the new circuit being made in 1897 he was chosen Assistant Circuit Steward and shortly afterwards became the senior steward which office he retained till the time of his death. In the trying days of the new circuit's early life his wisdom and vision were quite a valuable asset. His brethren knew that he ever saw that which was good and would stand

for that which was right and true; thus in his leadership he was given the confidence of his brethren to an unusual degree. On very many occasions he was the circuit's delegate to the District Synod and was chosen three times to represent his district in the Annual Conference. Then too for many years he has been a member of the Nottingham District Committee. In this way he made for himself troops of friends throughout the Church of his choice. His love of his church's ministry amounted almost to a passion, and few laymen knew more ministers than he, and his home was ever open to them. His religion was one of large charity and wide service and his funeral revealed that his friends were counted among men of all creeds, and no creed at all. He was the servant more or less of all the churches and formerly was in great demand as chairman and was never more happy than when giving some good cause a helping hand. In recent years owing to failing health his service was much restricted. It was the hope of his man friends that when he resigned his public duties he might have a quiet and happy evening to his busy life but such was not to be, and when he recognised it, he with quiet resignation and cheerful courage, awaited for the call to that which is far better. His work and his worth have endeared him to all and will keep his memory green for very many years when a sketch such as this is long forgotten.

Footpaths

The flagging of the footpaths in Whitwick is proceeding apace, and is very much appreciated, but the 'Pares' Hill residents would have been glad if their "flags" had been bigger.

Re Jacob Newbury, Deceased

All persons having any claims or demands against the Estate of Jacob Newbury, late of Market Place, Whitwick, in the County of Leicester, retired Registrar of Births and Deaths, are requested to forthwith send particulars thereof to us, the undersigned, on behalf of the Executors.

And all persons indebted to the said Estate are requested to pay the amount of their respective debts to us forthwith. Dated this 21st day of May, 1914.

Sharp and Lancaster, Solicitors, Coalville.

Do You Know?

That a comet is to be seen over the Western horizon between twilight and 11 o'clock?

That the Whitwick Nursing Association balance sheet shows a balance in hand of £41 3s 1d, as against £57 10s 0d last year?

Coalville Police Court

This day:- Before Major Hatchett (in the chair), Mr B. G. Hale, and the Rev. C. T. Moore.

(Court Proceeding)

The following cases were heard after we had gone to Press:-

Joseph Copestead, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for discharging stones from a catapult on the highway, at Whitwick, on the 15th inst.

Arthur Freer, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly on the highway, at Swannington, on the 16th May.

James Gee, Arthur Bishop, Whitwick, and Edward Gee, of Thringstone, all colliers, were summoned by Albert Moore, farmer, Belton, for game trespass at Osgathorpe, on the 11th May.

Sport

Cricket

In the second division, three matches were played, all low-scoring games. Nailstone Wood, after winning their previous two matches, cut a poor show against Whitwick Holy Cross, all being out for the small total of 13. S. Briers and P.C. Jelley were the bowlers who did the damage, the former took 4 for 6, and the latter 3 for 5, two smart performances, considering Nailstone's late form. A. Miles got 7 out of the home sides total. Whitwick lost four wickets in knocking off the runs, B. Stanyard being 9 not out.

Skittles

A match was played between the Whitwick and Shepshed teams, at Shepshed, on Saturday last. Whitwick team won the game by 3 pins, the scores being as follows:-

Whitwick:- J. Frearson 18, G. Woodhouse 18, T. Kelly 20, W. Barker 18, F. Lear 16, F. Smith 16, J. Ottey 18, W. Burton 21, S. Boot 17, G. Jessop 23, S. Billings 17, H. Streeton 16: Total 218.

Shepshed:- W. Lakin 18, J. W. Wilson 15, H. Russell 18, G. Moore 18, F. Marvin 15, A. Liggin 20, G. Foster, G. H. Hayes 13, G. Lacey 23, G. W. Peberdy 21, Stanley 24, A. West 18: Total 215.

Whitwick have now won four out of five matches.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

"Notice of Deaths are inserted free unless anything of special nature is appended, such as "deeply regretted," etc., when a charge of 3s is made. "In Memoriam," Marriage and Birth Notices are charged 3s each. All such announcements must be authenticated by the Name and Address of the Sender. Postage stamps may be sent in payment."

Mrs Jacob Newbury and Family, Market Place, Whitwick, desire to express their sincere thanks for the many kind expressions of sympathy (personal, floral tributes and letters) extended to them during the period of bereavement which they have been called upon to pass through.

Will all friends please accept thanks through this medium.

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Local News

At a meeting of the Leicestershire Insurance Committee on Wednesday, it was reported that the total amount paid to doctors for the year ended 11th January 1914, was £30,674 4s 7d and the total number of prescriptions dispensed to insured persons during the year was 124,917, which cost £3,654, 1s 7d. There was allowed for drugs, etc, 1s 6d per insured person together with what is known as the "floating sixpence." At the end of the year, 11th January, 1914, the number of dispensing cases under doctors was 38,068, leaving 44,047 insured persons to obtain medicines, etc, from the chemists.

In this connection, some pointed remarks by Dr. Burkitt of Whitwick were made. He spoke of the "*infinite capacity of the British public for swallowing medicines.*" His own opinion was that there were only 3 drugs in the British Pharmacopia that were worth 2d. If the patients would only follow the advice of doctors, and drink less medicine they would do a lot better.

Coalville Urban District Council

Mr T. Y. Hay (vice-chairman) presided at the monthly meeting of this Council on Tuesday night when there were also present, Messrs M. McCarthy, S. Perry, A. Lockwood, W. Sheffield, F. Griffin, S. Armson, J. W. Farmer, B. G. Hale, T. Kelly and W. Fellows, with the clerk (Mr T. E. Jesson), surveyor (Mr L. L. Baldwin), assistant surveyor (Mr G. H. Hurst) and Gas Works Manager (Mr J. W. Eagles). Mr R. Blower, the Chairman, arrived during the meeting.

Highway Committee's Report

The Highways Committee in a report of their meeting, stated that on the proposition of Mr Sheffield, seconded by Mr Griffin, it was resolved that Mr Hay be appointed chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year. The surveyor reported on the present condition of the north high level outfall sewer. The surveyor reported on an interview with Mr and Mrs Chandler and their solicitor (Mr Sharp) with reference to the improvement at Pares Hill, Whitwick, and he was instructed to report further at the next meeting of the Committee.

Medical Officer's Report

The Medical Officer, (Dr R. W. Jamie) reported that during the month of May, eleven cases of scarletina were notified, three in Silver Street, one in the Market Place, one in North Street, one in Brooks' Lane, two in Leicester Road, and one in Pares' Hill, Whitwick, one at Whitehill, Ellistown, and one at Berrisford Street, Coalville. Six of these cases were clearly contact cases. Five cases of diphtheria were reported, four in Leicester Road, Whitwick

(three in one house) and one in Bardon Road, Coalville. He also reported a case of typhoid fever in Gutteridge Street, Coalville. At the affected house, the local sanitary conditions were satisfactory. The water supply was from a surface well and the water was in course of analysis. Two cases of tubercular disease were notified, one in Forest Road, Hugglescote, and one in Ashby Road, Coalville. In spite of the prevalence of infectious disease, the death rate continues favourable, 16 deaths having occurred during the month, giving a death rate of 10.6. These included three from phthisis. During the same period 55 births were registered, giving a birth-rate of 37 per 1000: a rate considered above the average. Mr Sheffield asked whether the typhoid case was being dealt with at home or at the hospital.

The Surveyor: *At home.*

The Chairman said he hoped they would prevent its spread.

How Disease is Spread

The Surveyor reported that on June 3rd he saw Mrs Wardle, of Whitwick, in reference to a diphtheria case in the house and ascertained that she was in the habit of taking in evening work from a Mrs Pearson. He warned her against doing this while the disease existed, but on June 4th, he found hosiery in the house which had been obtained from Mrs Hutchby. He told her it must not be sent out until disinfected, and reminded her of his warning, but she pleaded deafness and was sorry. He also saw Mrs Pearson, who said she had not given out any work to Mrs Wardle hearing of the diphtheria case.

Mr McCarthy said they could hardly take action in this trivial case, but they were grateful to the Surveyor and his staff for their alertness. The Surveyor said they could hardly call it trivial and it would not do for the public to think the Council looked upon a thing like that as trivial.

Mr McCarthy: *She did not appear to know.*

Mr Fellows said they had nothing to do with ignorance or that would always be pleaded. It was all very well for a woman to say she was deaf, but the people who handled these things and the people who eventually used them were likely to be affected and it was a serious thing. Whether the Council prosecuted or not, they should do something to let the people know that they were breaking the law and would be dealt with.

It was decided to issue 3,000 bills warning the public on this matter. The Surveyor said it was surprising, the number of houses in which this work was done. Mr McCarthy said they did not wear fancy stockings when he was young.

Pawnbroker for Whitwick and Hugglescote

The Clerk reported the receipt of an application from Mr R. H. Whitford, pawnbroker, Coalville, for a certificate authorising him to carry on the business at 166, North Street, Hugglescote, and the Market Place, Whitwick – at the Old Beaumont Arms Inn, which Mr Whitford, has purchased. Notice had then been given to the overseers of Hugglescote and Whitwick and the necessary formalities complied with, and there were no objections. Mr Whitford enclosed a testimonial from Dr Jamie, certifying as to his good character and fitness to carry on the business, having known him for 20 years.

Mr McCarthy: *We get 5/- a year each.*

The Clerk: Yes

Mr McCarthy: *I will move that we grant it. I know this young man and have no doubt that he will conduct the business in an honourable manner.*

Mr Fellows said the Clerk had remarked that no objections had been raised. How could anyone object when that was the first they had heard of it?

The Clerk said notice had to be posted on the Church doors and that had been complied with.

Mr Fellows: *On all places of worship?*

The Clerk: *No. One.*

Mr Fellows: *I am sorry, because I should have protested had I seen the notice.*

Mr Kelly said he would second that it be granted.

Mr Fellows: *Am I too late to protest now?*

The Clerk: *No, you can protest at any time.*

Mr Lockwood asked if the premises were suitable. The Clerk said that Supt. Lockton had to inspect the premises and report if they were unfit. Mr McCarthy said all formalities had been complied with and they could not object. Unfortunately, this class of business had to be carried on and it would save these poor people having to go a distance and perhaps leaving children alone at home. He added that some people higher up in life did that sort of business. He had heard of them sending diamonds to London.

Mr Blower: *Is that for the lack of religion being taught in the schools?* (Laughter).

The resolution to grant the certificates was carried and in replying to a remark by Mr Kelly that they would now have a pawnbrokers at Hugglescote and Whitwick, Mr Blower added: *It will be Ellistown yet.*

Miscellaneous

Mr Perry asked for some pressure to be brought to bear on property owners in Leicester Road, Whitwick, in reference to drainage, and the Surveyor said he was reporting on that in committee.

The number of Whitwick lodgers for May, was reported by the Surveyor to be 1152 against 1140 in the previous month and 769 in the corresponding month of last year.

Mr Lockwood stated that Mr Eagles had obtained tenders for gas coal which he would produce in committee.

The Council then went into committee.

Do you Know?

That Mr Michael McCarthy, estate agent, of New Swannington, a few days ago, sold the Scotlands, a large residence on the Forest Road, Coalville?

A new pawn broking and sale business has been opened this week in Market Place, Whitwick by Mr R. H. Whitford the well-known Coalville pawnbroker.

Midnight Scene At Whitwick

Policeman seriously injured

A Well-deserved sentence

The story of an exciting midnight struggle at Whitwick on Saturday, in which a policeman received severe injuries in arresting a prisoner, was told at the Coalville Police Court on Monday morning, before Mr B. G. Hale, (in the chair), and Mr J. W. West, when Herbert Walker (23), labourer, was charged with being drunk and disorderly and assaulting PC Grewcock while in the execution of his duty. Prisoner admitted the first offence, but denied the assault.

Grewcock was evidently suffering from the effects of the struggle, and the prisoner appeared with a swollen face and two black eyes. The constable stated that about 11.30 on Saturday night he was called to a disturbance in the City of Dan – a quarter in Whitwick where the common lodging houses are situated – and saw the prisoner on the ground struggling with another man. He was drunk and using bad language. Witness asked him to use better language and be quiet and prisoner replied, “*Oh ----- you. There is not a ---- good policeman in Leicestershire. You want to go to Peterborough; they are policemen there. I have given them plenty of trouble there and I will give you some.*” Prisoner then got up from the ground and rushed at witness and kicked and punched him. After a severe struggle, witness, with assistance, managed to handcuff the man. He said at first, “*I will go quiet,*” but added, “*No I won't. I will kill you.*” Witness sent for a horse and trap and with a lot of trouble got the man into it. He was very violent and they had to tie his legs with rope to the side of the trap. He was very violent all the way to the Police Station.

Detained. Witness said that since the occurrence he had been unable to use his right arm, a wound on which he displayed to the magistrates.

The Chairman: How did you get that?

Witness: He kicked me.

The Chairman: (Noticing another wound) What is that on your finger.

Witness: He did that as well. I have some on my shoulder and knee also. He was more like a madman than anything. I am under a doctor with it, and he says it will be some time before it is right.

Prisoner: I didn't do that. – He also denied saying anything about Peterborough, and said there was not a policeman in Peterborough or Nottingham who could give him a bad name.

The Clerk: The policeman says you kicked him on the arm and legs.

PC Grewcock: Not only once, but many times.

Prisoner: I didn't. You punched me several times on the head.

The Constable: I didn't, but I had to handle you pretty roughly. You could not expect anything else when you were punching, biting, and kicking.

Prisoner accused the policeman of causing his black eyes. PC Grewcock said he got those before he (the policeman) got there. He was struggling with on the ground with a man named Sadler, his face was bleeding and was covered with blood. The policeman also denied throwing a bucket of water over the prisoner, though he could not say what happened before he got there. He heard Sadler advise the prisoner to be quiet. There was not a quieter man in Whitwick than Sadler.

Albert John Briers, marine store dealer, Whitwick, and a member of the Ashby Board of Guardians, said he had gone to bed and was asleep when he was aroused about midnight. He was asked if he had a pony and trap to take a man to Coalville. He got up and went with the trap to the bottom of Leicester Road, where he saw the policeman and the prisoner and a man called Beeson. He assisted in handcuffing the prisoner and putting him into the trap. The man was very violent all the time, kicking and struggling like a madman. When they got to witness's house, he fetched a rope and tied the man's legs together and fastened them to the side of the cart.

The Chairman asked the prisoner whether he had any explanation to make? Prisoner said it was eleven o'clock when he went home (the lodging house), and he had a bottle of ale and some fish and chips in his pocket. He asked Mrs Sadler, the landlady, to have some chips, but Mr Sadler came up and took the bottle out of his pocket, saying he must save it till morning. Sadler then made no more to do but he hit him in the chest and dragged him outside. When the policeman came up, he also punched him, and the injury to Grewcock's hand was caused through punching the ground when one blow missed prisoner's head. While they were bringing him to Coalville they knocked him about and his body was one mass of bruises. It was the first time he had been in trouble.

PC Grewcock said he received complaints from all over the parish of the man's conduct. He also assaulted a poor lady, Mrs Sadler, who was 70 years of age. Prisoner said he hoped the Bench would let him off with a fine. He had just obtained work and didn't want to lose it.

Inspector Dobney said the prisoner had been at Whitwick for about nine weeks. He had been working at the Whitwick brickyard for three days. He had 'subbed' 3/- and had 10/- sent him on Saturday, with which he had been drinking.

The Chairman: *Where is your home?*

Prisoner: *Nottingham.*

The Chairman: *Aren't you ashamed of being in this position?*

Prisoner: *Yes, and it is the first time.*

Inspector Dobney said that the man's statement that his body was a mass of bruises was untrue. He had one bruise on the shoulder. At the Police Station on Saturday night, prisoner told witness that Sadler gave him a good hiding in the yard. The man was absolutely mad when brought to the Police Station and they could do nothing with him for some time.

The prisoner was sentenced to one months' imprisonment with hard labour, to cover the two offences, and the Chairman said he hoped it would be a warning to him.

Sport

Cricket

Whitwick Holy Cross V Coalville Town

At Whitwick, the home team surprising their neighbours by winning. Jelley took four wickets for 10 runs. Scores:

Whitwick Holy Cross

S Briers	c W. Harris	b Baxter	4
PC Jelley	c Avery	b Bott	6
B Stanyard	c Sheffield	b Hubbard	12
L Kane	c Bott	b James	0
M Noon	c Hubbard	b James	0
A Twigg	c Baxter	b Hubbard	4
J Massey		b James	6
J Newell		b Baxter	20
H Beeson		b James	0
A Massey		b Baxter	7
F Hawkins	run	out	0
Extras			8
Total			67

Coalville Town

W Harris	lbw	b Briers	1
W James	c Twigg	b Massey	7
B Bott		b Briers	6
J Robinson	c Stanyard	b Jelley	20
W E Willett		b Briers	0
W King		b Hawkins	10
C Hubbard	run	out	0
J Lees		b Jelley	0
G Sheffield		b Jelley	3
W Avery		b Jelley	1
L Baxter	not	out	3
Total			51

Friday June 19th 1914 (Issue 1163)

Local News

Band of Hope

The Band of Hope anniversary was observed at the Whitwick Wesleyan Chapel on Sunday, the Rev. W. E. Garment, of Measham, being the preacher. There was special singing by the children, led by Mr J. West. The collections for the Band of Hope funds realised £4.

Whitwick Youth Injured

On Wednesday a youth named Harold Carr, 15, blacksmith's striker, of Church Lane, Whitwick, fell from a tree on the Whitwick football ground through a bough breaking, and sustained a compound fracture of the leg. PC Jelley, and Mr W. Stanyard rendered first aid, and took the youth to Dr. Burkitt's surgery, and afterwards to his home.

Whitwick Church Bells

The Whitwick Society of Change ringers has recently been greatly improved and strengthened by the return to its ranks of several capable and well-known exponents of the art of Campanology. At the annual meeting held recently, the Vicar (the Rev. T. W. Walters) presided. Mr Henry Partridge (who may be called the father of the society) was unanimously elected captain, with Mr Harold Pegg, vice-captain and secretary, and Mr John Rawson, tower keeper. These officials will be loyally supported by several who were members prior to 1908 (the balmy days of the society), viz.,

Messrs. T. Belcher, L. Partridge, F. Middleton, F. Boam, S. W. and B. West, J. Williamson, and R. Roulston, to whom must be added several promising juniors, viz. Messrs. A. Jarvis, J. Bonser, W. Adams, and B. and A. Neath.

Evidence of the popularity of the new officials is found in the fact that every Sunday since the annual meeting, the full peel of eight bells have been rung for both morning and evening services, prominent amongst the later performances being 630 Grandsire Triples conducted by the Captain and rung in fine style. A meeting will shortly be held to frame and pass new rules for the guidance of the members. The Rev. T. Walters is President, and is keenly interested in the welfare and progress of the society. A regular practice night for members is to be arranged at an early date. Altogether there is every possibility of the Whitwick bells being well and scientifically manipulated by capable ringers. Many inhabitants of the locality will be delighted at the change for good as indicated above, there being many who like to hear the old bells well and truly rung. It may be interesting to know that the four heaviest bells have hung in the grey old tower nearly 300 years.

Death of Former Whitwick Man

Popular Insurance Supt.

Early on Monday morning at his residence Winchcombe, Bradford Road, the death took place, after a painful illness, of Mr Thomas Clifford, who for the past nine years has been superintendent at Wakefield for the Prudential Insurance Company. Deceased, who was only 48 years of age, was first of all appointed assistant superintendent at Rotherham. From Rotherham he was made superintendent of Castleford, and was then promoted to Wakefield in 1905. Altogether he has been 25 years in the service of the company. In Wakefield, Mr Clifford soon became popular, and he made a host of friends. He was a strong supporter of the Wesleyan cause, and he acted as class leader at West Parade. He was also a member of the Liberal Club. Mr Clifford held a number of local appointments, being a member of the Wakefield City Insurance Committee, and he also served on the West Riding Insurance Committee. He was also treasurer of the National Association of Insurance Managers. The funeral took place on Wednesday, and was largely attended. The first portion of the service was in West Parade Chapel, where the Rev. T. Ogden-Taylor gave a suitable address. Among those present were representatives of the Prudential Assurance Company, from London, Hull, Leicester, Bradford, Nottingham, Bristol, Sheffield, Newcastle, Keighley, Rotherham, Leeds, Castleford, etc. There were also representatives from various local bodies. Deceased has left a widow, three sons and one daughter.

Wreaths had been sent as follows: Mother and children, Sarah and Husband, Kate and Husband, Louisa and Family, Mr and Mrs Vernall, Mr and Mrs Broadhurst, Mr and Mrs Bowen, Mr and Mrs Gelder, Inspector Woods, and the Superintendents of the "C" Division, Wakefield Superintendents, the Assistants, the Agents, Mr W. L. Beattie, and Mrs H. M. Harris, Mr and Mrs T. M. Harris, Mr and Mrs John White, Mr and Mrs James A. White, Mr and Mrs Preston and Family, Mr and Mrs Herbert Wade, Mr and Mrs J Spencer and Miss Spencer, Miss Sterndale, West Parade Leader's Meeting, the Liberal Club, and West Parade Society Class.

Before going to Rotherham, Mr Clifford represented the Prudential Assurance Co. at Whitwick, and has several relatives and many friends in the locality who will deeply regret his early demise.

Do you Know?

That the Whitwick Boy Scouts led the procession in the charity parade at Loughborough on Saturday?

Coalville Police Court

To-day, (Friday) – Before Dr. Burkitt, (in the chair), Mr W Lindley, Mr H. J. Ford, Mr B. G. Hale, and Mr J. W. West.

Railway Offence at Coalville

Thomas Bailey, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for disorderly conduct on the L. and N. W. Railway Station at Whitwick on April 1st. He pleaded guilty. Mr D. G. Mullen, Euston, appeared to prosecute for the Railway Co. PC Jelley said he found defendant struggling with a plate-layer, and he used bad language. Defendant said water was thrown over him. Fined 5/6 and 18s costs.

Drunk

Herbert Hall, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Thringstone on June 15th.

Sport

Cricket

Whitwick Holy Cross maintained their unbeaten record in the second division by a good win over Coalville Town 2nd on the Hermitage Ground, the scores being 81 and 63. For this they were mainly indebted to S. Briers, who did excellent both with bat and ball. He scored 32 not out and took 6 wickets for 9. A. Massey had 4 for 11. PC Durrands (21) and D. Egan (20) did well for the Town juniors.

Whitwick Holy Cross V Coalville Town 2nd.

At Whitwick, on Saturday, June 13th. Holy Cross winning:

Holy Cross

S Briers	not	out	32
J Massey		b T Bradshaw	11
J Newell	lbw	b Bradshaw	10
B Stanyard		b Egan	3
L Kane	c Lees	b Bradshaw	0
A Twigg	c Walton	b Egan	10
M Noon		b Clarke	0
A Massey	run	out	6
H Beeson	lbw	b Lees	0
F Hawkins	c	and b C Bradshaw	0
T Parrish		b Bradshaw	1
Extras			8
Total			81

Coalville Town 2nd

E Burton		b J Massey	0
D Egan		b Briers	20
J Lees	c	and b Briers	4
F Clarke	c Stanyard	b Briers	0
W Durrant	c Massey	b Briers	21
H Harris		b Massey	1
T Bradshaw		b Briers	2
C Bradshaw	st Briers	b Massey	0
J Walton	not	out	1
C Bradshaw		b Briers	0
C Walton		b Massey	4
Extras			10
Total			63

Friday June 26th 1914 (Issue 1164)

Local News

Congratulations are offered to Mr George P. Hay, son of Mr Thomas Young Hay, of Coalville, manager of the Whitwick Colliery on his success as a mining student in the examinations held in connection with the Nottingham University. Mr Hay was placed at the top of the list for the third year mining course, gaining 97 per cent marks for electricity applied to mining, and 95 per cent in practical mining. This has secured for him the prize for being at the head of the University's third year students. Whilst attending the University classes last session, Mr Hay also obtained a deputy's and fireman's certificate, as required by the Coal Mines Act, 1911.

Whitwick Registrar Married

The marriage took place on Saturday last at the Parish Church, Spalding, of Miss Amy K Peake, daughter of Mr and Mrs W. H. Peake, of the Red House, Spalding, and Mr William Jacob Newbury, second son of Mrs Newbury, and the late Mr Jacob Newbury, of Whitwick.

The bridegroom was recently appointed registrar of births and deaths for the district in succession to his father, and the bride has been a teacher in the Whitwick Church Day School. Owing to the recent death of Mr Newbury, the event took place very quietly. The Rev. T. H. Tardrew officiated. The bride was given away by her father and was attended by her sister, Miss Annie Peake, as bridesmaid. Mr W. C. Peake acted as best man. A number of friends were entertained by the bride's parents, and the happy couple left for Hunstanton on their honeymoon. They were the recipients of a splendid and useful lot of presents.

Sudden Death At Whitwick

Colliers Wife Expires at the Breakfast Table

The death occurred very suddenly on Sunday morning of Mrs Davenport, wife of Mr Robert Davenport, a collier, residing in Hermitage Road, Whitwick. The deceased lady was having breakfast apparently in her usual health and had just been laughing, when she suddenly fell back in her chair and expired almost immediately. The facts were reported to the Coroner by PC Jelley, but as the woman had been attended by Dr. Jamie some time previously, for heart trouble, an inquest was not deemed necessary.

Children's Tea

A tea was given at the Whitwick Baptist School on Wednesday, to the children who took part in the recent concert and the youngsters had a happy time.

Whitwick and Swannington Estate in the Market

Sale at Coalville

At the Masonic Hall, Coalville, yesterday (Thursday), Messrs. Orchard and Joyce, auctioneers of Ashby, Coalville, Market Bosworth and Hinckley, offered for sale an estate situate at Swannington and Whitwick and comprising 123a 2 roods. There was a good attendance.

Lot 1: A close of old turf accommodation land, 4a 1r 27p, in the parish of Swannington, fronting the road from New Swannington to Coalville, occupied by Messrs. Briers and Son, at £15 a year, was withdrawn at £275.

Lot 2: A cottage and garden in Brook's Lane, Swannington, and a close of accommodation land of 7a 0r 10p, occupied by Messrs Briers and Son, at £19 a year, was withdrawn at £425.

Lot 3: A small holding of 17a 2r 35p approached from School Lane, Whitwick, occupied by Messrs. Briers and Son at £35 a year, was withdrawn at £675.

Lot 4: Two closes of accommodation land, 14a 3r 2p, adjoining Talbot Lane, occupied by Messrs C. Henson and L. C. Etchells at £24 a year, was withdrawn at £375.

Lot 5: The Red Hill Farm, Swannington, 64a 1r 27p, occupied by Mr A. J. Gough at a yearly remittal of £126, started at £1500 and at £1900 was withdrawn.

Lot 6: 4a 0r 33p of land adjoining the road leading from Talbot Lane to Swannington, occupied by Mr James Fewkes, at £11 a year, was withdrawn at £175.

Lot 7: was sold to Mr Hbt. Brewin, Swannington £27 10s, this being a plot of land 1r 18p approached from the Main Street of Swannington, and occupied by Mr W. H. Chester at 15/- a year.

Lot 8: Two acres of land approached from the Main Street, Swannington, occupied at £5 a year by Mr W. H. Chester, who bought it for £120.

Lot 9: 3a 0r 21p of turf land, in the same locality, occupied by Mr Chester, at £2 5s a year, was sold to Mr Richards for £70.

Lot 10: 2a 2r 5p of turf land adjoining the road from Talbot Lane to Swannington, in the tenancy of Mr J. Toon, at £5 a year, was withdrawn at £140.

Lot 11: An acre of building land at St. George's Hill, Swannington, fronting the main roads from Ashby to Loughborough and Melbourne to Hinckley, let at £1 a year to Mr H. Rowell, and was sold to Mr T. Atkins of Swannington, for £176.

Lot 12: The last lot, was a small holding of 4a 0r 17p and a house at Swannington Common, occupied by Mr H. Rowell at £17 a year. This was sold to Mr Toon for £340.

Do you Know?

That Whitwick Wake will be held next Monday?

That Bill Warrington has taken over the Compass Inn and keeps good stock of Alton's Noted Ales and Stout and will be pleased with the patronage of old friends and new – Cademan Street, Whitwick.

Coalville Police Court

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

Herbert Hall, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Thringstone on June 15th. He did not appear. PC Betts said defendant used bad language to people coming from Belton Fair. Fined 10/6 and 12/0 costs or seven days.

Sport

Cricket

Whitwick Holy Cross continued their all conquering career by a good win over Nailstone All Saints' at Whitwick. Through the good bowling of PC Jelley (4 for 17), and S. Briers (5 for 23), the visitors were all out for 58 and Whitwick totalled 93 for 7 wickets, in which there was a contribution of 36 by Alf. Twigg.

Whitwick Holy Cross V Nailstone All Saints

At Whitwick, on Saturday June 20th. Holy Cross still hold to a winning team and played well on Saturday. Twigg batted well for the home side. Scores:

Whitwick Holy Cross

S Briers	c Marriott	b Robotham	15
F Middleton		b Jones	0
PC Jelley		b Jones	18
L Kane	c Jones	b Robotham	2
M Noon		b Robotham	5
A Twigg		b Clamp	36
J Newall	not	out	2
G Harris		b Jones	6
B Stanyard, A. Massey and F. Hawkins did not bat			
Extras			16
Total (for 7 wickets)			99

Nailstone All Saints

H Clamp	c and	b Briers	0
T Robotham	run	out	1
W Jones		b Briers	3
J Marriott		b Briers	2
T Jones		b Jelley	6
A Boulstridge		b Jelley	0
L Burdett	c Kane	b Briers	5
J Moore		b Jelley	8
A Lowe	c Noon	b Jelley	18
G Marriott	c Hawkins	b Briers	1
T Lowe	not	out	4
Extras			10
Total			58

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Local News

At a Coalville house of business a few days ago three "long service men" met by coincidence in their occupations, and their combined service in the labour world totalled one hundred years. Mr Fred Brown, of New Swannington, delivering mineral water, had 35 years service; Mr Thomas Harding, of Whitwick, also in the mineral water trade, 30 years, and Mr William Satchwell, of Coalville 35 years in the employ of the Midland Railway. The men had not met before in the circumstances.

For Sale or To Let

Villa residence, "The Laurels", Hermitage Road, Whitwick, rent inclusive £26.
Apply Philip Greasley, Tobacconist; Crane and Moore Solicitors, Coalville; John Ward, Builder, Silver Street, Whitwick.

There was a large exodus of people from Coalville on Saturday, trips arranged by Messrs. Stableford's workmen and the Whitwick Colliery Company's employees journeying to Blackpool. The former started as early as 3.30 in the morning. The trippers were favoured with fine weather and had a good 'day'. Many took extension tickets and are still staying by the briny. Stableford's works being closed this week for the annual stock-taking.

Runaway

Through a bolt giving way, the shafts of a wagon belonging to a Swannington resident became detached in Brook's Lane, Whitwick, on Wednesday morning, and the horse taking fright, bolted with the shafts in the direction of Swannington. Fortunately no one was injured.

Lad's Arm Broken

A Whitwick lad named Henry Edmund Cooke who is a chorister at the Parish Church, has had an unfortunate experience this week. On Saturday he went to Blackpool with the trip and had a good time but on Monday he was climbing a tree, when he fell and amongst other injuries sustained a fractured arm. He is a son of Mr Thomas Cooke of Leicester Road.

Parish Church

The festival of the Dedication of the Church was kept on Sunday last, it being the first Sunday after St. John the Baptist Day. The ringers were early astir, the bells being rung previous to the early celebration at 8 a.m., also for morning service 10.30, the full peal was rung in changes for 25 minutes conducted by Mr H. Pegg. The principle ringing during the day was for evensong when a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples containing 1,260 changes ably conducted by Mr H. Partridge was rung in 43 minutes by Messrs. Alfred Neath, S. W. West, Thomas Belcher, jun., Harold Pegg, H. Partridge, J. Rawson, Levi Partridge, and J. Bonser. This is one of the quickest quarter peals rung on these bells, the time generally being from 45 to 48 minutes. The Whitwick and Thringstone Scouts paraded to Church in the morning under the direction of Scout Masters T. Perry and A. Pegg, special seats being reserved for them by the Churchwardens.

Coalville Man Married in Canada

An interesting ceremony took place at the residence of Mr Owen Watson, of Reist, Alberta, Canada, late of Whitwick, on the occasion of the marriage of his second daughter, Ruth, to Albert Johnson, a resident of Wilhelmina, Alberta, late of Coalville. The ceremony took place on June 10th at 2 p.m., the officiating minister being the Rev. A. J. Law, of Youngstown, Alberta, assisted by Mr Young. The bride who was given away by her father, was becomingly gowned in pale blue cripe de chine draped with shadow lace, and touches of messaline silk, and was attended by her sister Ethel, and Ruthie Goacher, the former in a gown of saxe blue eoliene, draped with shadow lace, and the latter looking very pretty in white silk, carrying a bouquet of pink roses.

Mr Edwards of Calgary, acted as best man. Mrs Jack Goacher assisted her mother to entertain a number of friends. The happy couple were the recipients of a large number of beautiful and useful presents from friends in the old land, and those among whom they

have resided for a number of years. After the ceremony the happy couple left for their home, Meadow View, Wilhelmina, Alberta.

Whitwick Wake

Incidents of a Popular Event

Though "wakes" are an old institution, and the glory of many has faded, the popularity of the annual event at Whitwick is fully maintained and this week has been held with as much gusto as ever.

The shows roundabouts, etc., were pitched on land by the side of Church Lane and were more numerous than usual, the wake in fact, being the largest held for some years. Monday was the principal day, and in the evening there was a large influx of visitors from neighbouring parishes all round.

One pleasing feature of the wake this year is that though it was the largest known for some years, it was also the most quiet and orderly. With many of the colliers and others taking a holiday for the event and the facilities for obtaining refreshment as plentiful at Whitwick, perhaps, as at any place for its size in the county, there has usually been "wake aftermath" in the local police court in the form of a list of "drunks," but we are informed by the police, and are pleased to be able to state the fact that cases of drunkenness this week have been practically nil. This is as it should be and is a circumstance upon which the Whitwick people and visitors to the wake are to heartily congratulate.

There used to be associated with the event, club walks and dinners and attendance at divine service at the Parish Church, but this, as in other places in the locality has been considerably curtailed of late years. The only dinner held during the wake was one in connection with the Old Coalfield Lodge of Oddfellows, which took place at the King's Arms Inn, on Saturday, when a company of about 45 were admirably catered for by Mr and Mrs Abraham Smith. Mr A. Limb occupied the chair and was supported by Mr A. Wheeldon, representing the State Insurance side. Several letters of apology for non-attendance were read and a toast list was gone through, while songs were given by Messrs John Ottey, Fred Hull, F. W. Hall, J. Chambers and others, Mr B. Johnson being the pianist.

Also at the King's Arms Inn, on Monday, the annual meeting of the 5/- sick and dividend club was held, the secretary, Mr W. Benistone presiding. He presented a financial statement and paid out the dividend, which amounted to 3/6 per member. The club was again started.

Another event at the King's Arms was the women's annual tea on Tuesday at which 35 were present. The dividend amounted to 1s 10d each after paying for the tea, and this was afterwards paid out by the secretary, Mrs Smith and the club again started.

The members of 5/- sick and dividend club held at the Crown and Cushion Inn, having in previous years held a dinner, but this was dispensed with this year owing to the heavy calls on the club for sickness. Mr Partridge presided at the annual meeting on Saturday night and the Secretary, Mr Cooper, paid out the dividend, which only amounted to 10d per member. The officers were re-elected and the club again started.

The members of the women's 5/- club held at the Three Crowns Hotel had their annual tea on Tuesday, a good meal being served by the landlord to a company numbering 42. After paying for the tea each member received a dividend of 10/9 and the club was formed again.

The Whitwick Holy Cross Band made their first public appearance under their new conductor, Mr J. Locker, and the improvement in their playing was much marked and was freely commented upon. On Sunday night, by kind permission of Mr Frank Middleton, they gave a concert at the White Horse yard which was attentively listened to by a large and appreciative crowd. On Monday and Tuesday evenings they played for dancing on the Institute lawn and were largely patronised, the number of dancers on Monday night being about 200, and 50 or more on Tuesday.

On Saturday a rifle shooting match took place on the Whitwick range between the Whitwick Club and Falcon Works, Loughborough, the latter winning easily. They totalled 1010 points to 587 by Whitwick.

There were one or two outings, the Irish church choir having a trip to Blackpool, and the school children had a holiday for the week.

Do you Know?

That Police-Sergt. Betts, of Whitwick, is changing his place of residence next week from Hermitage Road to Brook's Lane?

Coalville Police Court

To-day (Friday) – Before Major Hatchett (in the chair), Mr W. Lindley, and Mr J. W. West.

Settled

Enoch Briers, builder, Whitwick, was summoned by his wife for persistent cruelty. Mr T. E. Jesson was for complainant and Mr T. H. Moore for the defendant. Mr Moore said the complainant had seen him and told him she was willing to go back to her husband.

The case was struck out.

No Light

Henry Hall, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for driving a vehicle without a light at Whitwick on June 28th. He did not appear. P.C. Jelley proved the case.

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

Bad Language

Mary A. Robinson, married, of Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick on June 28th. Defendant did not appear. P.C. Grewcock gave the facts.

Fined 7s 6d and 12s 6d or seven days.

Sport

Cricket

Whitwick Holy Cross V Ibstock 2nd

At Whitwick on June 27th. Whitwick Holy Cross won easily.

Holy Cross

S. Briers	c Adcock	b Edwards	0
F. Needham	c Satchwell	b Warren	2
P.C. Jelley	c Edwards	b Edwards	1
F. Middleton		b Atkins	33
B. Stanyard		b Warren	15
J. Massey		b Edwards	3
A. Twigg		b Edwards	17
L. Kane		b Edwards	2
M. Noon	not	out	12
T. McCarthy	not	out	3
P. Massey did not bat			
Extras			25
Total (for 8 wickets)			113

Ibstock 2nd

L. Bourne		b Jelley	2
W. Satchwell		b Briers	0
W. Warren		b Massey	10
A. Wileman		b Massey	0
E. Edwards	hit wicket	b Jelley	9
J. Atkins		b Massey	5
C. Adcock	c Twigg	b Jelley	0
R. Preston		b Massey	0
H. Lane	c Middleton	b Briers	23
W. Mason	c Briers	b Massey	8
W. Edward	not	out	1
Extras			10
Total			68

Whitwick Holy Cross still kept their flag flying and it has to be lowered yet for the first time. It was regarded as a stiff task in being visited by the second team in the chart – Ibstock Town 2nd – but the visitors were found to be easier victims than had been anticipated. Thanks to the excellent score of 33 by Frank Middleton and 25 extras, also a good innings by A. Twigg, B. Stanyard and M. Noon, the home side scored 113 for 8 and boldly declared, but it proved to be a justifiable policy since Ibstock were got rid of for 68. The bowling was judiciously changed with excellent effect, S. Briers taking two for 6, PC Jelley 3 for 19, and J. Massey 5 for 29. For Ibstock, W. Edwards took 5 for 26.

“Coalville Times” Cricket Cup

Draw for the Second Round

Hugglescote Albion v Heather. W. Thorneycroft (Markfield) and R. Black (Ibstock)
Whitwick Holy Cross v Ibstock Town. J. Martin (Shepshed) and J. Weston (Hugglescote)
Shepshed Town v Ibstock Ivanhoe. W. T. Hull (Whitwick) and J. Robinson (Coleorton)
Markfield Town v Woodhouse. J. Wragg (Heather) and J. Burton (Coalville)

To be played on the ground of the first named on Saturday, July 4th.

Friday July 10th 1914 (Issue 1166)

Local News

P.M. Chapel

Flower services were held in the Whitwick P.M. Chapel on Sunday, conducted by the Rev. W. H. Whiting. There was a nice display of flowers and the services were of a bright and hearty character, being well attended. Collections were made for the chapel funds.

Five Shilling Club

The club at the Castle Inn held their annual dinner on Saturday evening last, when about 50 sat down to a capital repast, well served by the Host and Hostess Griffin. On removal of the cloths, the Rev. J. O'Reilly presided. The balance sheet was read by the chairman and showed that there were 50 members and total receipts £37 / 12 / 6. The expenditure amounted to £18 / 3 / 2 and a dividend of 7 / 9 per member was declared. The secretarial duties of the year has been satisfactorily preformed by Mr G. H. Stanyard and the auditors of the accounts were Messrs E. Rewhorn and R. Poynton. The dividend having been paid out, it was announced that 59 members had enrolled for the ensuing year. The following officers were appointed:

President, Mr T. Kenney; Secretary, Mr G. H. Stanyard; Treasurer, Mr P. W. Griffin; and Committee, Messrs J. Thirlby, S. Burton, T. W. Harris, B. O'Mara, J. Lakin, T. Larner, and J. Kelly.

Mr McCarthy and Mr J. J. Sharp wrote regretting their 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 the Navy” was also well received, after which Mr Kelly proposed “Success to the ‘Castle’ Inn Five Shilling Club.” “The Host and Hostess” was put from the chair, Mr Griffin responding. The musical part of the programme was provided by Mr Warden, Hugglescote, violinist, Mr B. O'Mara, Mr T. Wilson, Mr P. O'Mara, Mr T. Walker, Mr A. Revell, and Mr P. Allen, the latter giving a clever step dance. Mr T. Kenney also gave several step dances. “God save the King” brought an enjoyable evening to a close.

Nurse Thrown Through a Window

A serious cycling accident happened at Whitwick about half past one on Tuesday afternoon. Nurse Warren, of Cossington, a middle-aged lady, who is employed by the Leicestershire County Council as health visitor, was cycling down Church Lane, when for

some reason the bicycle got out of control and dashed with terrific force down the very steep hill towards the Church. The cyclist tried to turn up Pares Hill but the great pace prevented her from negotiating the corner and the machine in coming into contact with the kerb, the rider was thrown head first through the window of a sweet shop occupied by Miss Leech, formerly a chemist's shop kept by Mr Harold Stinson. The large sheet of plate glass was smashed and the nurse received severe injuries to her head, an artery being severed by which she lost a great quantity of blood. Fortunately, Dr Hamilton, of Coalville, happened to be passing, and promptly rendered assistance, stopping the bleeding and stitching up the wounds.

The injured woman was subsequently moved to the house of Mr H. T. Bastard, schoolmaster, where after resting for an hour or two, she was able to partake of tea, and later, accompanied by Mrs Bastard, proceeded to Coalville for Leicester.

Considering the nature of the accident the nurse had a miraculous escape from more serious injury which might have proved fatal. Blood and hair were left on the broken glass of the window and the scene at the shop indicated the serious nature of the occurrence. The bicycle was badly damaged, the rim of the front wheel being rammed in.

Choir Outing

The Whitwick Parish Church choir recently had a very enjoyable outing to Blackpool. They arrived there at 8.15 am and spent the morning among the amusements on the South Shore. The afternoon was given up to the boys, who indulged in paddling, donkey rides, etc. the co-operative exhibition and various amusements were visited in the evening. The trip returned at 11.10 pm after a very enjoyable day by the briny.

The lack of postal facilities in Coalville and district has lately become very apparent. There have been many complaints about the Whitwick Post Office being closed on Tuesday afternoons, which is causing much public inconvenience. Last Tuesday afternoon the telephone was required in connection with the serious cycling accident which happened at Whitwick, but it was not available through the office being closed. This is only one of several instances that might be quoted and Whitwick people are very dissatisfied. The post mistress and her assistants, are, of course, entitled to a weekly holiday, but surely in a large organisation like the post office this could be easily arranged without the public being inconvenienced by the closing of the office.

Coalville Urban District Council

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

Plans

The following plans were recommended for approval; Picture Theatre, Silver Street, Whitwick, for Mr W. A. Jennings; two houses, Ellistown, for Mr T. Percival; alterations, North Street, Hugglescote, for Mr G. Pickering; piggeries, Ravenstone Lane, Coalville, for Co-Operative Society; and four cottages, Wilkins Lane, Hugglescote, for Co-Operative Society.

Mr Parry moved the adoption of the report which was carried.

Highways Committee's Report

The report of the Highways Committee contained the following:

The Surveyor reported that no alteration had taken place in the north high level outfall sewer.

The Surveyor reported on the proposed improvement at Pare's Hill, Whitwick, and that his estimate of the cost thereof including the purchase of the property was £629 / 18 / 7, and the Committee recommended the same be approved.

Mr C.E. Crane, representing several owners, and Mr W. Lindley, representing the Whitwick Colliery Company, Ltd, attended the meeting to ask the consideration of the Council to laying a sewer in Meadow Lane, and after hearing their statement thereon, the Committee decided to defer the matter until after the Council had visited the site in the course of their annual works visit, which it was resolved should take place on the 24th inst.

The Surveyor reported on interviews with Mr Rawlins as to the exchange of lands on Hermitage Road for carrying out the improvement there, and the Committee recommended that his offer to purchase be not accepted, but that the surveyor offer to exchange part of the land with Mr Rawlins, and that if Mr Rawlins did not accept that offer, the Council proceed with their application to the Local Government Board for a loan.

The Surveyor read a letter from Mr E. Parramore with reference to a small piece of land required for effecting an improvement in Talbot Street, Whitwick, and the Committee recommended no further steps to be taken in the matter.

A report was read to the meeting of the failure to properly isolate cases of scarlet fever in Silver Street, Whitwick, and the Committee recommend consideration thereof be deferred pending a report from the Medical Officer thereon.

The engineer for post office telephones wrote asking permission to erect telephone wires in Church Lane, Whitwick, and the Committee recommend same be acceded to, the posts to be placed to the satisfaction of the surveyor.

Mr Hay moving the adoption of the report said they hoped now to soon have the Pare's Hill improvement completed.

Mr Kelly said some stone slabs were taken to Whitwick for paving North Street and had been fetched away again. He considered it a waste of public money. Mr Hale suggested it was exercise for the horse.

Mr McCarthy said the explanation probably was that the slabs were moved because they might get broken by mischievous boys. They had arranged to take a piece of fence in there from Mr Stinson and that would take time. Mr Kelly said the slabs were put out of the way in the yard of the Old Royal George. He considered it a waste of money to take the stuff there and then fetch it away again.

The Chairman said Mr Baldwin was away and would probably have a satisfactory answer when he returned.

Medical Officer's Report

The medical officer (Dr. R. W. Jamie) reported that during the month of June, eight cases of scarletina had been notified – two in School Lane, one at the Dumps, three in Silver Street, one at Abbey Lane, Whitwick and one in Ashby Road, Hugglescote. Three cases of diphtheria had been reported, one in North Street, and one in Leicester Road, Whitwick, and one in Ravenstone Road, Coalville. Two cases of typhoid fever – both in children – had occurred, one in Gutteridge Street, Coalville, and one in Talbot Street, Whitwick. The analysis of the water supply in Gutteridge Street gave evidence of pollution. The local conditions in Talbot Street were fairly satisfactory. Five cases of tubercular disease were notified, three of the lungs and two of other parts. The death-rate continued favourable, eleven deaths having occurred during the month, giving a death rate of 7.3. These included three from tubercular disease. During the same period 52 births were registered, giving a birth-rate of 34 per 1000.

Pawnbroker's Licences

Pawnbroker's licences were renewed to Messrs R. H. Whitford and W. H. Parker of Coalville, and Mr H. Whitford, for Whitwick and Hugglescote, the seal of the Council being affixed.

A Whitwick Closing Order

It was stated that Mr Webster, an aged Whitwick resident, wished to see the Council in reference to having been served with an order to close three houses in Loughborough Road, Whitwick, said to be unfit for human habitation. Mr Hurst said the houses were reported to be in such a state that an order for demolition was the only course and that was served on May 30th.

Mr Kelly asked whether any improvements had since been carried out. Mr Hurst replied in the affirmative and said that might make it risky to proceed with the demolition order though repairs were only temporary and he thought the houses would be as bad again in six months' time. They were not really habitable.

Mr Kelly said one of the tenants had told him that he had been looking for another house for three months and could not get one. Mr Lockwood said one of the houses used to be empty, but now it was occupied and that made it look as though the owner was going in the face of the Council.

Mr Hurst said the houses three months ago structurally called for demolition, but some work had been done since then. But from a sanitary point of view the houses were not fit for habitation now.

Mr Sheffield: *We were told that they were structurally dangerous.*

The Chairman: *Something has been done to partly remedy that.*

Mr Webster was then called into the room and asked by the Chairman why he had not closed the houses.

Mr Webster: *I want to know your reason for wanting them to be closed:*

He added that he had spent £12 or £14 in repairing them. He was willing to close nine out of sixteen, but he did not want to have to go to the Ashby Union.

The Chairman: *We don't want you to go there. We would sooner you had an old age pension.*

Mr Webster: *I am here to know what you want, and if possible, I will carry it out.*

Mr McCarthy: *And if you find it doesn't pay you will close the houses?*

Mr Webster: Yes. – He added that he reckoned that he had lost over £1500. Instead of receiving £2 a week he had only 4/- a week during the last 12 months and that was rather hard on an old man.

The Chairman: *We can't have people living under conditions which are insanitary.*

Mr Webster: *I am with you in that entirely.*

The Chairman: *I am glad you realise it, and you will do your best when we let some one meet you on the site to show you what is required to be done.*

Mr Webster said he would and then left the room.

Mr Hay: *He is a decent old chap.*

Mr McCarthy: *He is over 80 years of age.*

Mr Fellows said it should be made clear in a case of this kind what was the work required to be done. The reading of the section of the Act knocked a man over at once. He would move that the Chairman and surveyor meet Mr Webster on the spot and explain to him. Mr McCarthy seconded.

Mr Griffin said a member of the Housing sub-committee should go too and this was agreed to. Mr Lockwood being included. The Chairman said that in the future it would be well for everything to be pointed out quite clearly before issuing a closing order. Mr Griffin said that was usual. Mr McCarthy said this case had been on a long time and no doubt the details had gone over and over again.

Surveyor's Report

Mr Hurst gave the Whitwick lodging house returns for the month as 898 against 1152 in May and 761 in June last year.

He recommended the council accept the offer of Mr S. Berrington to rent the Council a tip for £5 at Whitwick, the same as they paid to the late tenant, Mr Sharp, and this was agreed to.

Do you Know?

That a Leicester lady urged the cause of women's suffrage in the Coalville Market Place on Sunday morning?

That the work in connection with the erection of a picture palace in Silver Street, Whitwick, for the Whitwick and Thringstone Picture Palace Company has been commenced this week?

Coalville Police Court

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

Like a Madman

William Winfield, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick on June 27th. He did not appear. P.S. Betts said he found the defendant in Talbot Street acting like a madman. He smashed a window at the house next door. Fined 5/6 and 12/6 costs or seven days.

Drunk in Charge

Joseph Walker, waggoner, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk whilst in charge of a horse and carriage on the highway at Ravenstone, on June 22nd. He pleaded guilty. P.C. Sibson said he met the defendant near Ravenstone Church. In that state he was a danger to the public. He was a quiet civil man as a rule and a good workman. Defendant said it was the first time and he had been in the district 21 years. Fined 5/6 and 10/6 costs or seven days.

Family Dispute at Whitwick

Charles Williamson, factory hand, Whitwick, was summoned by Emma Berrington, married of Whitwick, for assault at that place on June 22nd.

Mr T. H. Moore (Coalville) was for the complainant and Mr J. J. Sharp (Coalville) for the defendant, who pleaded not guilty.

Complainant said she was the wife of Samuel Berrington, farmer, Whitwick. On the morning in question she went to the house of Mrs Spencer, her aunt, who was aged, and whom she assisted. Defendant was there and also Mr Williams, manager of the London City and Midland Bank at Coalville. Defendant told her to leave and she said she should not. Defendant then forcibly put her out, dragging her into the street. She was badly bruised. Mrs Spencer had not told him to ask her to leave. She got back into the house and went to Mrs Spencer. The police were sent for. Complainant had gone daily for years to look after Mrs Spencer. The defendant married a niece of Mrs Spencer, but he was now a widower.

By Mr Sharp: Her aunt had an account with the London City and Midland Bank which they were discussing. She refused to go out because she thought she had a right there having gone practically every day.

By Mr Moore: Defendant was not satisfied in getting her out of the room, but dragged her out of the house.

William Thomas Williams, manager of the London City and Midland Bank, Coalville, deposed to complying with a request to visit Mrs Spencer's house. He was there when the complainant came and he saw the defendant push her out. Mrs Spencer had not asked Mrs Berrington to leave. She (Mrs Spencer) was 90 years of age.

Annie Broadhurst, widow, Whitwick, said she saw the defendant eject complainant from the house. Her hair was all down and there was blood on her forehead. The defendant practically "chucked" her out. The defendant said it was at Mrs Spencer's request that he saw Mr Williams, the bank manager, as she was aged and infirm and wanted to know how

her affairs stood at the bank. They were discussing the business when Mrs Berrington came in. He asked her to leave and she refused. He then pushed her out. That was all that took place.

By Mr Moore: *He could not say that he had a right to put Mrs Berrington out. He had not told Mrs Spencer that Mrs Berrington had spent all her money. Mr Williams said some money had been withdrawn but there was a bit left. He (defendant) had not tried to get Mrs Spencer to sign a paper transferring the money to him. He could not say whether the amount was £500.*

By the Bench: *He acted on his own initiative in turning the complainant out of the house. Mrs Spencer had not asked him to do so.*

Mr Sharp submitted that there was no assault. It was a trivial family matter and never ought to have been brought to court. The Bench dismissed the case and the complainant had to pay 9/- costs.

Sport

Cricket

Whitwick Holy Cross v Ibstock Town

At Whitwick, the defeat of Ibstock being the surprise of the day. P.C. Jelley took 3 wickets for 7 runs, S. Briers 3 for 15, J. Massey, 2 for 2 and D. Egan 1 for none. J. Palmer bowled well for Ibstock, taking 6 for 31, but himself was bowled first ball and the rest of the team collapsed.

Whitwick Holy Cross

S. Briers		b Palmer	0
B. Stanyard		b Palmer	14
P. C. Jelley		b Foster	17
F. Middleton		b Foster	1
D. Egan	c and	b Palmer	4
F. E. Needham		b Palmer	0
M. Noon		b Palmer	6
J. Massey	c Palmer	b Foster	7
A. Twigg	not	out	9
J. Newell		b Foster	2
L. Kane		b Palmer	1
Extras			9
Total			70

Ibstock Town

F. W. Stevens	run	out	10
J. Palmer		b Briers	0
C. Foster		b Jelley	1
W. Warren	c Twigg	b Jelley	0
G. Harold	c Briers	b Jelley	0

J. Satchwell		b Briers	3
C. Springett	c Egan	b Massey	6
J. Jacques		b Massey	0
Dr. Agnew		b Egan	1
B. Foster		b Briers	0
R. Cartwright	not	out	4
Extras			1
Total			26

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Burials

Johnson – At Whitwick, on Wednesday, Mrs Johnson, aged 21 years, of the City of Three Waters.

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This issue does not exist on microfiche copies at Coalville Library or Leicester Records Office.

Friday July 24th 1914 (Issue 1168)

Local News

Wesleyan Men's Effort

On Saturday an effort was made by the men connected with the Whitwick Wesleyan Chapel. A public fruit tea was held and well attended. In the evening, Mr T. Jones, of Mansfield, gave a lecture, his subject being, "A good woman." Mr W. C. Wright, of Coalville, presided. Mr Jones preached at the services on Sunday, and good collections were realised for the trust funds.

Parish Church

The preacher at the Whitwick Parish Church on Sunday was the Right Rev. Bishop Clayton, and there were large congregations. There was special singing by the choir, Mr R. G. West being the organist. The collections were for the Church's new scheme of finance, and realised £15/1/2. Whitwick's contribution under the new scheme will be £21 a year.

Trap Accident at Whitwick

Thringstone Lady Injured

Owing to a horse taking fright, caused by the breaking of a breach-strap, a trap accident occurred in Green Lane, Whitwick, on Saturday. Mr C. Henson, butcher, Thringstone, was driving with Mrs Henson, and both were thrown out of the trap. Mr Henson was unhurt, but

Mrs Henson received injuries to her hand, in consequence of which her wedding ring had to be filed off. She was also much shaken.

The trap collided with an iron lamp column which was broken, and the vehicle was also much damaged. The horse escaped injury.

Shocking Fatality at Whitwick

Little Girl Killed by Motor Lorry

Inquest

Another sad street fatality – the second within a week at Whitwick – occurred in North Street, on Tuesday night, a little girl named Dorothy Mann, daughter of Mr Harry Mann, photographer, being instantly killed near her home by a brewer's motor lorry, when she was running across the road. Mr Mann is a well-known and highly-respected resident of Whitwick, and great sympathy is felt for him and other members of the family in their great bereavement.

The inquest was held by Mr H. J. Deane, at the Duke of Newcastle Inn, on Wednesday night, Mr S. Perry being foreman of the jury.

Mr Fisher Jesson, of Ashby, appeared for Messrs. Shipstone, brewers, of Nottingham, the owners of the lorry, and for the driver. Police-Inspector Dobney was also present. The Coroner, opening the inquiry, said the first thing he desired to say was that he very much regretted having to call a jury together after so short an interval, to enquire into another fatality at Whitwick. He then briefly outlined how the accident happened and said that having heard the evidence of the witnesses who would be called, the jury would have to decide whether the child's death was caused by the negligence of the motor driver. They had to enquire whether any blame was attached to anyone, and if so, the extent of the blame.

Harry Mann, photographer, said he carried on business in North Street, Whitwick. The deceased was his daughter, who was three years and four months old, and the last time he saw her alive was a few minutes before the accident, when she stood against the table in the house. He did not see her go out.

Wm. Brooks, bricklayer's labourer, of Silver Street, Whitwick, stated that about 6.30 p.m. on Tuesday, he was in North Street, and saw a motor wagon coming from the direction of the railway station and going towards Thringstone. He knew it was Shipstone's wagon. His attention was attracted by hearing the horn blow. The wagon was then about 50 yards from Mr Mann's house, near to which witness stood.

The Coroner: *What pace was it coming?*

Witness: *About the ordinary trotting pace of a horse.*

Were there a lot of children about? – No.

Did the horn blow more than once? – Yes, it kept blowing up to the time of the accident.

Proceeding, witness said children were playing inside the Liberal Club gates. The deceased ran into the road and tried to run back, but she could not reach the causeway again. The driver made an attempt to avoid the child, but she was caught, he believed, by one of the lamp brackets.

The Coroner: *How soon did the lorry pull up? – In about 12 or 15 yards.*

You picked the child up? – Yes.

And she was dead? – Yes.

As far as you saw, do you think the driver could have avoided the accident? – No, not unless he came to a sudden stop.

Stopped dead? – Yes.

Do you think he had time to stop dead? – I don't think he had.

I understand you to say the child started across the road, then turned back, and made a dash? – Yes.

Mr Jesson: *You saw the lorry fifty yards away? – Yes.*

And you heard the horn and shouting up to the time of the accident? – Yes.

How far would the lorry be from the child when she started to run across the road? – About seven yards, I should say.

Did he put the brakes on and stop the engine? – I don't know.

Did he do all he could to avoid the accident? – Yes, as far as I could see.

By Inspector Dobney: *The car was in the middle of the road at first and then went to the left side. The child was on the off side.*

The Coroner: *You were the nearest person when the accident happened? – Yes.*

Mr Briers (a juror): *Did the witness say the car could not be stopped within 15 yds after striking the child.*

The Coroner: *That is what he says.*

Mr Jesson: *He says the car went 12 or 15 yards.*

Mr Briers said fifteen yards seemed a lot.

Elizabeth Bakewell, wife of Leonard Bakewell, collier, Whitwick, said she was standing at her door next to Mr Mann's about 6.30 on Tuesday night, when her attention was called to a motor lorry coming from the direction of Whitwick Market Place. It was going slowly. She heard the motor horn sounded once. The child was then on the other side near the Liberal Club and she started to run across the road. Witness was quite close when the accident happened.

The Coroner: *Do you think the driver was taking proper care? – Yes, I do.*

Do you think he could have avoided the accident? – I don't.

He could if he had stopped, couldn't he? – He could not stop.

Did you see the motor lorry swerve? – Yes.

And that was to get out of the way of the child? – Yes.

Mr Jesson: *It was a pure accident? – Yes.*

Nobody was to blame? – No.

How far did the car go beyond the child? – About 25 yards.

Mary Ellen Bishop, wife of Arthur Thos. Bishop, collier, North Street, Whitwick, stated that about 6.30 she was standing on her mother's doorstep about 40 yards from the scene of the accident. She saw the motor lorry coming, and heard the man shout and sound his hooter. She saw the child run from home across to the Liberal Club about three minutes before the accident. She ran back again straight in front of the motor. She ran into the road, then turned back, but was not in time. The motor was only about three yards away when the child started to run across the road.

The Coroner: *Do you think the driver could with reasonable care, have avoided the child?*
– *No, I don't see how he could.*
Had he time to pull up? – *No.*

By Mr Jesson: *The child was playing on the other side of the road with Mrs Waterfield's girl. The lorry was almost on the top of the child and it was impossible to avoid the accident.*

By the Foreman: *Waterfield's girl was about 12 years old, as near as she could say.*

By Inspector Dobney: *There were no other vehicles in the road at the time.*

Police-Sergeant Betts, of Whitwick, stated that he heard of the accident at 6.40 p.m. He examined the lorry which was loaded with empty barrels and mineral water bottles. It bore the name of Shipstone's brewers, Nottingham, and the number was AC1001. The lorry, he was told, had not been moved. It was about twenty-five yards from the scene of the accident. The road was 19 ft wide, and the car from wheel to wheel 4 ft 1 in.

The Coroner: *You spoke to the driver?* – *Yes.*

Was he under the influence of drink? – *No, he seemed dazed; he was very much put about.*

Dazed from fright and shock? – *Yes.*

There was no suggestion that he had taken too much to drink? – *No.*

Mr Jesson: *You think it was an accident?* – *I do.*

Answering another question, the Sergeant said the weight of the lorry was about two tons, and there was about a ton weight on it.

Inspector Dobney: *You had every opportunity on noticing whether the man was under the influence of drink?* – *Yes.*

You were with him from 6.40 till 9 o'clock? – *Yes.*

And there was nothing to suggest he was drunk? – *No.*

Mr S. W. West (a juror): *Have you any idea of the distance a car like that could be pulled up in?* – *I have not. It was three tons altogether and I think he did very well.*

By Inspector Dobney: *The car was only geared up to 13 miles an hour, top speed.*

Dr. J. C. S. Burkitt, of Whitwick, said he saw the child and found an extended fracture of the skull. Death would be practically instantaneous. He examined the lorry carefully, and could find no blood or hair on the wheel, but from the position of the mark of the wheel on the road, and the position of the blood on the road, he concluded that it was the driving chain which carried the skull away.

Mr Jesson: *Did you have a word with the driver?* – *Yes. He seemed dazed.*

There is no suggestion of him being under the influence of drink? – *No, I don't think so.*

Wm. Edwin Shaw, 36 Silverdale Road, New Basford, Nottingham, said he was a motor lorry driver, and on Tuesday was driving a motor lorry through Whitwick. About 6.30 he was passing through North Street. He started about 2.30 from Nottingham. Beeston was his first call, and then he went on to Long Eaton, then to the "Duke of Newcastle" at Whitwick. He had nothing to drink at Beeston or Long Eaton. He and his man had a drink of beer at the "Duke of Newcastle" Inn. Then he went to the Victoria Inn, Hermitage Road, where he had a pint of beer. That was all he had to drink that day – a pint and a half of beer. As he was returning through Whitwick, the child seemed to run straight across the

road in front of the motor. He shut his engine off and put on the hand and foot brakes hard, at the same time swerving to the side of the road. He thought the radiator caught the child. He pulled up in about the length of the lorry.

The Coroner: *It has been measured and it is 25 yards. Do you still say you made every effort to pull up?* – Yes.

How long have you been driving this wagon? – About six weeks.

What is your experience as a motor driver? – About five years.

In a position of difficulty like this, does it always take 25 yards to pull up. Have you ever had to pull up like that before? – No.

A lot can happen in 25 yards? – Yes.

But you tried to stop at once? – Yes.

Mr Jesson: *You have driven cars for five years, and this is your first accident?* – Yes.

Where the accident happened there is a gradient in the road? – Yes.

And the car would be two tons in weight besides about a ton load? – Yes.

And it would carry a little after you had jammed on the brakes? – Yes.

Inspector Dobney: *You have had five years experience as a motor driver?* – Yes.

Previously you have driven for the Huddersfield Car Co. and the Mansfield Garage Co.? – Yes.

The Foreman said he would like the point cleared up as to the distance the car went after the accident. The Sergeant said the distance was 25 yards, but the witness said he pulled up within the length of his trolley. Witness said that was his impression. He jammed the brakes on hard.

Mr S. West (a juror): *And you think 25 yards was as short a distance in which you could pull up?* – I pulled up as quickly as I could.

By a juror: *When the child ran across the road the motor was about six yards off.*

Wm. Metheringham, of Radford Road, New Basford, Nottingham, in the employ of Messrs Shipstone, brewers, Nottingham, corroborated as to the calling places that day, and the amount of beer they had to drink. At the time of the accident, the lorry was going about seven miles an hour. The child ran straight in front. Witness had been travelling with the lorry nine or ten months. He was satisfied that nothing could have been done to avoid the accident.

The Coroner: *Could not he have stopped?* – No.

Mr Jesson: *You have been out with him before?* – Yes.

And he is a careful driver? – Yes.

He had not had too much to drink? – No, I have never seen him the worse for drink.

The accident, in your opinion, was quite unavoidable? – Yes.

The Coroner said it had, unfortunately, been his lot to hold several inquests on people knocked down by motors in this county, but never known one in which there was greater unanimity in the evidence that it was an unavoidable accident, and most of the witnesses were people who would not be favourable to motor cars. At the same time, he pointed out the distance the car went, and in the interests of the public, and the men driving the car, a car like that should be attended to so as to be able to be pulled up in a less distance than 30 yards (hear, hear). He thought the jury would agree that the evidence showed the men in charge of the lorry were in no way to blame.

The jury agreed that it was a pure accident and that the driver of the lorry was in no way to blame. On behalf of Messrs Shipstone, the owners of the lorry, Mr F. Jesson said he desired to express regret at the accident and sympathy with the relatives, and the suggestion of the Coroner in regard to the brakes of the lorry would be attended to.

The Coroner remarked that he thought it would be a good thing if teachers in elementary schools would impress on the children the danger of suddenly running across a road without looking, also of throwing their caps under motors and standing in the road until the cars were almost on them. Things like that caused a lot of trouble and anxiety to drivers, and were often the cause of considerable expense. One often had to pull up very suddenly in order to avoid children who in their foolhardiness, daily and hourly endangered their lives. He did not know that that applied particularly to Whitwick, except that there were a lot of children there. Anyone driving through Whitwick had to drive with the greatest possible care because of these dangers, and teachers should warn the children against doing these things. (Hear, hear).

Coalville Police Court

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

Bad Language

John Robinson, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on June 7th. P.C. Henson proved the case in the absence of the defendant who was fined 10/6 and costs 12/6 or fourteen days.

William Allen, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on July 11th. He did not appear. Sergt. Betts gave the facts and the defendant was fined 7/6 and costs 12/6 or seven days.

Violent Conduct

Patrick Costelow, the elder, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for violent conduct at Whitwick, on July 4th. He did not appear. P.C. Jones said he found the defendant in the Dumps with his coat off. He had been fighting and his face was bleeding. Fined 5/6 and 12/6 costs or seven days.

John Baker and Robert Lee, rag and bone gatherers, Whitwick, were summoned for violent conduct at Whitwick, on July 4th. Sergt. Betts said he had a complaint and found the defendants fighting in Leicester Road with a crowd round. Both had had drink. Fined 5/6 and 10/6 costs each or seven days.

Drunk

John Costelow, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick on July 3rd. He did not appear. Sergt. Betts proved the case and defendant was fined 5/6 and 12/6 costs or seven days.

Herbert Hall, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick, on July 4th. P.C. Grewcock said the defendant got off the late train from Loughborough. He

was very drunk and used bad language. Defendant, who did not appear, was fined 10/6 and costs 12/6 or seven days.

Scene at Whitwick

Police Sergeant's struggle with Rag and Bone Man

At the Coalville Police Court Monday morning, before Major Hatchett (in the chair) and Mr J. W. West, a Whitwick rag and bone gatherer named John Baker, was brought up in custody charged with being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick on Friday.

Sergt. Betts said that in consequence of a complaint, he went to Silver Street about 4.15 p.m. and found the defendant very drunk with about 50 children round him. He was using filthy language to Mr Briers and threatened to smash the window with a brick. Witness got him into Briers marine store yard and the defendant then said he would give him some trouble. He kicked at witness and in a struggle, tried to trip him several times. They closed and fell to the ground together. With considerable difficulty witness got a horse and trap and brought him to Coalville. He did not lose his hold on the defendant in the cart and Baker was very violent and swearing all the way. Witness had never seen the man so bad before. He was like a madman.

Defendant asked leniency saying he had been in India where he had sunstroke and it affected him sometimes.

The Chairman: *He didn't actually kick you?*

Sergt. Betts: *No, I dodged him, or I should have had it.*

The Clerk remarked that only on Friday last, the same day as the offence, the defendant was convicted of violent conduct on a summons at the Coalville Police Court, when he did not appear. The defendant was sentenced to 14 days' imprisonment with hard labour.

Sport

Skittles

Loughborough Division Liberal Clubs Skittle League

Last Weeks Matches

Results in brief:

Shepshed 228, Barrow 209: Hathern 225, Whitwick 214: Sileby 218, Loughborough 217.

Saturday was a bad day for the three leading clubs in the league, each of them losing their respective matches. Barrow were the greatest losers by 20 pins to Shepshed. Whitwick by very weak play in the third section lost a chance of strengthening their hold on the championship this year. The league is in a very interesting position for the three clubs. Whitwick, who have only two more matches to play are going very strong. These two matches are at home, with the two clubs who are running them a neck and neck race for the championship, viz: Loughborough and Barrow, so things promise to be exciting towards the finish. Loughborough had very hard lines to get beaten at Sileby by only one pin. After half way was past when Sileby was leading by ten pins the game became very

exciting and it looked any odds on Loughborough winning, but this they failed to do however, and lost a chance thereby of making themselves safe for the championship.

The following is the chart up to date:

	P	W	L	For	Agst	Pts
Whitwick	10	7	3	2210	2124	14
Loughborough	7	5	2	1583	1555	10
Barrow	6	4	2	1362	1344	8
Shepshed	9	4	5	1966	1973	8
Sileby	8	3	5	1759	1800	6
Hathern	5	2	3	1106	1114	4
Coalville	5	0	5	1000	1076	0

Whitwick Liberal Club v Hathern Liberal Club

At Whitwick, on Saturday, the visitors winning.

Whitwick

T. Kelly	8	6	9
F. Sear	9	9	7
H. Stretton	3	7	5
W. Burton	7	8	7
C. Meakin	7	7	6
S. Boot	8	5	5
S. Billings	3	5	5
A. Cooper	5	3	5
B. Hurst	1	6	6
J. Frearson	2	5	7
G. Jessop	7	4	5
G. Woodhouse	7	7	8

Total 214

Hathern

W. Mitchell	8	5	7
J. Moody	5	6	7
M. Watts	6	4	6
H. Kellam	6	6	8
H. Monk	6	8	5
F. Barker	8	5	6
H. Spence	5	7	7
J. Price	6	5	7
H. Bowley	7	8	2
H. Gamble	4	7	6
A. Moody	7	3	9
J. Spencer	8	7	6

Total 223

Cricket

“Coalville Times” Cup

Arrangements for the Semi-Finals and Final

Whitwick Holy Cross v Markfield Town, at Coalville, on Saturday, August 1st, commencing at 2.30 prompt. Umpires, Messrs. J. Baxter (Coalville) and J. Weston (Donington).

Shepshed Town v Hugglescote Albion, at Coalville, on Bank Holiday Monday, August 3rd, commencing at 11 a.m. Umpires, Messrs. W. Bradford (Coalville) and R. Black (Ibstock).

Both matches to be played on the Fox and Goose ground. It was also decided to play the final on the Coalville Town ground on Saturday, August 15th, commencing at 2.15. Umpires, Messrs. J. Burton (Coalville) and J. Robinson (Coleorton).

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Funeral of Former Whitwick Bandmaster

The Late Mr A. B. Needham

The funeral took place at Whitwick on Saturday afternoon of Mr Arthur Bernard Needham, of Hermitage Road, who died on Wednesday morning after being injured in a cycling accident the previous night.

The deceased was 68 years of age, was a banksman at the Whitwick Colliery, and resided with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr and Mrs Colver, Hermitage Road. Formerly, Mr Needham kept the Whitwick Post Office, when it was located about two doors away from the present office, relinquishing this post from about 25 years ago, and he was also master of the old Whitwick Holy Cross Band. That was when Father V Parwell was priest at Whitwick. The deceased was a musician of some merit and had rendered assistance to the newly formed Holy Cross Band.

The members of the band attended as a last mark of respect for the deceased and walked at the head of the funeral procession playing the Dead March.

The chief mourners were the widow, Mr John Needham and Mrs Bernard Needham (sons), Mrs Meakin and Mrs Colver (daughters). Mr Frank Needham (brother), Mr George Colver and Mr Fred Meakin (sons-in-law), Mrs Perkins of Swannington, Mrs Ridout of Tunstall, Staffs; Mrs Clarke and Mrs James Needham (sisters-in-law) and Mrs Baugh (niece). The Rev. Father O'Reilly conducted the service in the Holy Cross Church and at the graveside in the cemetery. Six nephews of the deceased acted as bearers, these being Messrs. Anthony Needham, Frank Needham, John Clarke, Alfred Revill, Bernard Revill and William Baugh.

There were wreaths from the widow and children, Mr and Mrs Perkins, Mrs Ridout and Mrs Clarke, Mr and Mrs James Needham, Mr and Mrs Anthony Needham, and others bearing no cards, also an artificial wreath and globe from the members of the Whitwick Holy Cross Band,

Burials

Needham – At Whitwick, on Saturday, Arthur Bernard Needham, aged 68 years, of Hermitage Road.

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Local News

The secretary of the Whitwick Nursing Association (Miss Harding) acknowledges with grateful thanks, the receipt of £10 from the Coalville Urban District Charity Parade Committee, and £2 from the Coalville and District Horticultural Society.

Whitwick County Councillor

At a meeting of the Leicester County Council on Wednesday, the member for the Whitwick Division, Mr M. McCarthy moved that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman be empowered to appoint a locum tenens in the absence of Dr. Robinson.

Alderman Dalglish: You cannot; you have not given notice.

Mr McCarthy: Then what is the use of general business? (Laughter).

School Treat

Yesterday the Whitwick Church school children had their annual treat. Tea was partaken of in the school, and the scholars then marched to Mrs Crane's field, headed by the Holy Cross Band, the evening being spent in games, etc.

Coalville Urban District Council

Mr R. Blower, J.P., C.C., presided at the monthly meeting of the Urban Council at Coalville on Tuesday night, when there were also present, Messrs. M. McCarthy, S. Perry, A. Lockwood, W. Sheffield, F. Griffin, S. Armson, J. W. Farmer, B. G. Hale, T. Kelly, and W. Fellows, with the clerk (Mr T. E. Jesson), surveyor (Mr L. L. Baldwin), and assistant surveyor (Mr G. F. Hurst).

Highways Committee's Report

At a meeting of the Highways Committee the surveyor reported that Mr Rawlins could not see his way to agree an exchange of land with the Council on the Hermitage Road. The surveyor produced the plan of the proposed improvement near the gasworks, and that the estimated cost of carrying out the work would be £78 / 12 / 6, and the committee recommend the work be carried out, and the Finance Committee asked to arrange for the amount required.

The surveyor reported on the proposed improvement in North Street, Whitwick, and the committee recommend that fronting Mr Stinson's land at an estimated cost of £80 be proceeded with.

Infectious Disease

Dr. J. W. Jamie (medical officer) reported that during the last four weeks, 13 cases of scarletina had been notified, three in Silver Street, one in Green Lane, Whitwick, one in Ashby Road, Hugglescote, five in Whitehill Road, one in Midland Road, Ellistown, one in London Road and one in Cambridge Street, Coalville. Five cases of diphtheria had been reported – two in Talbot Street, Whitwick, and three in Waterworks Road, Coalville. In each case the usual precautions were taken. Four of the scarletina cases occurred in one house. Thus far no fatality had occurred from infectious disease. No further cases of tuberculosis had been notified. The usual statistical returns for the complete month were not yet available.

Do you Know?

That during the past quarter there was an increase in the membership of the Midland Miners' Fatal Accident Relief Society of 80 at Snibston Colliery, 25 at South Leicestershire Colliery, and 20 at Whitwick Colliery?

That the Semi-finals for the "Coalville Times" Cricket Cup – Whitwick Holy Cross v Markfield Town and Hugglescote Albion v Shepshed Town – are to be played on the Fox and Goose ground, Coalville, respectively to-morrow afternoon and Monday morning?

Coalville Police Court

To-day (Friday) – Before Major Hatchett (in the chair), Mr W. Lindley, and Mr B. G. Hale.

Whitwick Colliers Fined

Andrew Clarke and John Smith, colliers, Whitwick, were summoned by Trevor Pratt, gamekeeper, Shepshed, for wilful damage to a stone wall to the amount of 5/- at Whitwick, on July 26 and also for day poaching. Defendants did not appear, but P.S. Betts said Smith had been to see him and asked him to plead guilty as he did not wish to lose a days work.

Albert Ed. Pratt, son of Trevor Pratt, stated that between 4 and 5 o'clock on Sunday morning, he was on the Monastery Road, and saw defendants, with dogs, beating a fence. He saw them partly pull a wall down to get a rabbit out. The wall belonged to Mr De Lisle and the damage done amounted to 5/-.

Each defendant was fined 10/6 and costs 10/3 in each case, and to pay the damage, or fourteen days.

Woman Sent to Prison

Mary Ann O'Kelly, married woman, of no fixed abode, was charged with stealing a rain-proof coat, value £3/3/-, at Whitwick, on July 27th.

She pleaded guilty. P.S. Betts stated that about 1 p.m. on the date named, he received information of the offence, and after making enquiries, he saw the prisoner near the Fox and Goose Hotel, Coalville. She was wearing the coat (produced). He told her that it answered the description of a coat which had been stolen from the National School passage at Whitwick, and that it belonged to Miss Harding, schoolmistress. Prisoner replied that she had never been to Whitwick in her life. She had bought the coat, she said, and it was hers. He told her that he should arrest her on suspicion, and he took her to the police station, and also took possession of the coat, which he showed to Miss Harding, who identified it as her property.

Defendant said she had had a drop of drink or it would not have occurred. She was sorry and she would sign the pledge. Supt. Lockton said that when the prisoner was sober the next day he asked her whether she had been in trouble before, and she said she had not. He had her finger prints taken and sent them to Scotland Yard, and he would show them the result. The Superintendent then produced a book showing previous convictions.

The Chairman told the woman she had been convicted a great many times, three times last year, and the Bench had decided that she must go to prison for three months.

Swannington Girl Leniently Dealt With

Lily Haywood, single woman, Swannington, was charged with stealing a pair of men's shoes, value 5/-, at Swannington, on July 14. She pleaded guilty. P.S. Betts said that having received information of the offence, he made enquires and found that a pair of shoes answering the description of the stolen pair had been pawned at Whitwick. He took possession of them and showed them Eliza Freeman, and she identified them as the pair missing from her house. The shoes were her son's. Witness saw defendant who lived next door to Mrs Freeman, and she admitted taking the shoes. She said she had pawned them for 3/9 and bought a pair for herself from Mr West for 2/11. He saw Mr West who said he had sold defendant a pair of shoes for 1/-.

Defendant said she took the shoes for spite against Mrs Freeman, who, she alleged, had a spade and brush belonging to her parents. Supt. Lockton said the pawnbroker had brought him a watch chain which the girl had also pawned and she told witness it belonged to her uncle. Be he would say no more about that, as it was her first offence.

The Chairman said that as it was the defendant's first offence the Bench did not wish to record a conviction, but she must behave herself in future. She was bound over in the sum of £5 to be of good behaviour for six months. The costs £1/5/6, were remitted.

Sport

Cricket

Whitwick Holy Cross still kept their flag flying and have yet to sustain their first defeat in the 2nd division. They were at Coleorton on Saturday, and after dismissing the home team for 40, scored 45 for the loss of five wickets. P.C. Jelley distinguished himself both with bat and ball, being top scorer with 15, while he took four wickets for 15 runs. J. Massey, however, went one better than this, having four wickets for five runs.

Whitwick Holy Cross v Coleorton 2nd

At Coleorton, on Saturday, Whitwick won. Scores:

Whitwick Holy Cross

B. Stanyard	c Ward	b Saddington	6
T. Briers		b Charville	11
J. Massey	c Ward	b Charville	4
A. Twigg	c Holt	b Charville	9
P.C. Jelley	not	out	15
E. Needham		b Charville	0
M. Noon	not	out	0
Total (for 5 wickets)			45

L. Kane, W. Stanyard, J. Newell, and H. Beeson did not bat

Coleorton 2nd

W. Saddington		b Briers	0
H. Rowell	c Stanyard	b Jelley	0
J. Charville	c Kane	b Jelley	4

W. Bird		b Briers	12
M. Bird	c Twigg	b Jelley	16
A. Holt	c Kane	b Massey	1
J. Richards		b Jelley	0
R. Stewart	st Sewell	b Massey	3
T. Saddington	c Jelley	b Massey	0
J. Yates		b Massey	0
R. Ward	not	out	0
Extras			4
Total			40

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Funeral

The funeral of Dorothy Mann, the little girl who met with a fatal accident, took place at the Whitwick Cemetery on Thursday in last week, amid many manifestations of sorrow for the bereaved parents. The first part of the service was held in the Baptist Chapel, and was conducted by the Rev. H. C. J. Wix. Besides the parents and relatives there were also present, Mr T. W. Bourne, representing the Whitwick Baptist Church; Mr O'Geary, representing the Sunday School; and the deceased's Sunday School teacher, Miss Maud Wheeldon. The coffin bore the inscription: "Dorothy Mann, died July 21st, 1914, aged three years and four months. Our darling Dolly with Jesus."

There were several beautiful floral tributes, sent by the parents, the Baptist Sunday School, Mrs Griffin, Mr and Mrs Bourne, Mrs Bishop, Mrs and Ivy Sears, Mrs Smith, Mrs Winters, Misses Ashurst, Clarke and Stacey, and also little friends of deceased – Doris and Tom Sears, Maud Garratt, Alice Moore, Doris Waterfield and Gwendoline Geary.

In loving and affectionate memory of Dorothy, the beloved daughter of Harry and Sarah Elizabeth Mann, who died July 21st, 1914. Aged 3 years, and 4 months.

"Thy will be done."

We wish to take this opportunity of thanking the numerous friends for their kind sympathy in the sad loss of our darling girl.

Yours sincerely, H. and S. E. Mann.

NOTES

It is considered that one of causes for the First World War was the assassination of the Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria.

This news was printed in the 3rd July edition of the Coalville Times on page 3, obviously with no knowledge of the events that would unfold in the following weeks. The article is as follows:

Austrian Royalties Assassinated

HEIR TO THRONE AND CONSORT FATALLY SHOT

AFTER ESCAPING BOMB

By the hand of the assassin the deplorable sequence of tragedies that marks the modern history of the Austrian Royal Family has been still further augmented. On Sunday at Sarajevo, Bosnia, the Archduke Francis Ferdinand, nephew of the Emperor and heir to the throne, and his Consort, the Duchess of Hohenberg, were assassinated.

They were driving through the streets during the morning to a civic function, when a young compositor hurled a bomb at the Royal car. One account says the Archduke warded it off with his arm, while another states that the aim was not true. There was an explosion however, resulting in several persons being injured but the Archduke and his wife escaped and the perpetrator, after jumping into the river, was arrested.

It was on the return from the civic function that the assassination took place. A young student of Servian nationality suddenly rushed forward and fired two shots and each took effect, for within a few moments both the Archduke and his Consort were dead. The assassin was speedily captured, and narrowly escaped a lynching at the hands of the infuriated crowd.

The tragedy will occasion no more profound impression than in England. Only last November the Archduke and his wife visited the King and Queen at Windsor, and subsequently were the guests for several days of the Duke and Duchess of Portland at Welbeck Abbey.

Friday August 7th 1914 (Issue 1170)

Local News

A Coalville Wedding

On Monday last at St. Saviour's Catholic Church, Highfields, Coalville, the marriage was celebrated of Mr J. A. Revell, second son of Mr and Mrs J. Revell, of Brook Side Cottage, Whitwick, and Miss Annie E. Harrison, of Crescent Road, Hugglescote. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father O'Reilly, of Whitwick, and Nuptial Mass was said by Father Degan, of Coalville. The bride, who was given away by her father, was daintily attired in white duchesse mouseline silk, and wore a gold brooch, the gift of the bridegroom. She also wore a wreath of orange blossom and tulle veil, and carried a bouquet of lilies and carnations, also the gift of the bridegroom. Mr Bernard Revell, was best man and there were eight bridesmaids: Misses Beatrice Harrison, Louise Revell, Nellie Massey, and Kate McHugh, who wore pretty dresses of lime duchesse mouseline silk and black picture hats with pink roses, and carried Prayer Books, the gift of the bridegroom; and the little girls: Gertie Toon, Agnes Revell, Hettie Revell, and Sissie Spedding, wore white needlework dresses, and hats with pale blue streamers, and carried bouquets of white marguerites. A reception was afterwards held at the bride's home, and the happy couple were the recipients of a lovely lot of presents. There were about 70 guests present.

Another Window Smashed

A youth named Tugby, riding a bicycle on Wednesday evening ran into the shop window of Mr Commons at the bottom of the Church Lane hill. The window was smashed and the cyclist injured.

Sport

“Coalville Times” Cricket Cup

Semi Finals

Whitwick Holy Cross V Markfield Town

On the Fox and Goose ground, Coalville, on Saturday, before a good attendance, the gate yielding £6/17/3. Interest in the game was enhanced by reason of the fact that neither team had yet been beaten in the second division of the Coalville and District League. Markfield had the advantage of batting first and ran up the huge score of 168. This was mainly due to a fine partnership between F. Bott (43) and R. Swain (37) who carried the total from 28 to 117 for the fifth wicket. Markfield's last wicket put on 25 runs. For having to face such a big score, Whitwick, to a great extent, had themselves to blame, for at least a half-a-dozen chances – some of them ridiculously easy ones – were missed, while the bowling seemed to lack sting. Dan Egan did the best with 5 for 33. Massey took 3 for 36 and Twigg one for 23. The Holy Cross players, however, were not dismayed by the magnitude of their task and made an excellent start, scoring 74 for the loss of one wicket. Unfortunately rain then stopped play. Twigg (8) was the player dismissed and the batsmen in possession were S. Briers (26) and P.C. Jelley (29). Under the rules of the competition, the match had to be continued from where it was left off.

The match was resumed on Wednesday before a good attendance which at a reduced charge yielded a “gate” of £2 14s 6d. The policeman continued to bat splendidly and when Whitwick had 127 for three, the odds were on them winning. The other batsmen collapsed, however, and Markfield won by 28 runs. Seal took six wickets for 32 runs and Bailey 4 for 33.

Markfield

Dr. Haynes		b Egan	19
R. Anderson		b Egan	7
J. Sparrow	c Twigg	b Massey	9
T. Bott	run	out	2
F. Bott	c Stanyard	b Twigg	43
R. Swain		b Massey	37
I. Anderson	c Briers	b Egan	1
H. Mee		b Egan	18
J. Bailey	not	out	5
F. Seal		b Massey	0
J. Hargreaves	c Middleton	b Egan	15
Extras			12
Total			168

Whitwick Holy Cross

S. Briers	s Anderson	b Seal	32
A. Twigg		b Seal	8
PC. Jelley		b Bailey	61
D. Egan	lbw	b Bailey	10
B. Stanyard		b Bailey	0
M. Noon	c Haywood	b Seal	2
F. Middleton	c &	b Seal	0
F. E. Needham		b Seal	1
J. Massey	c Anderson	b Seal	2
J. Newell		b Bailey	0
J. W. Stanyard	not	out	2
Extras			23
Total			141

Friday August 14th 1914 (Issue 1171)

Local News

The Boy Scouts of the district have had a busy time in Coalville, Hugglescote, Whitwick, and Ellistown this week in collecting articles which have been given for equipping of a county hospital in connection with the war. Ladies first went round taking promises and the boys collected the articles with drays and other conveyances which were kindly lent for the occasion by various tradesmen. There was an extremely generous response all over the district, the articles contributed varying from fully equipped beds down to a few pieces of linen, while money was also freely given in subscriptions ranging from £3 3s to one penny. In addition to the many articles about £17 was subscribed in Whitwick and a similar amount at Coalville, while Hugglescote and Ellistown also did well, nearly £20 being obtained at the latter place. Mrs J. J. Sharp had charge of the arrangements at Whitwick, Mrs H. R. Brown at Coalville, Mrs Meredith and Mrs Fellows at Hugglescote and Mrs R. Blower at Ellistown.

Whitwick and the Hospital

Letter of Thanks from the Major

Mrs J. J. Sharp this morning informs us that she has received the following letter from Major Harrison:

5th Northern General Hospital, Victoria Road, Leicester.
Aug 13th.

Dear Mrs Sharp,

I should like to thank you, and through you, the inhabitants of Whitwick and the district, for the most prompt and generous response that you and they have made to my appeal on behalf of the Base Hospital. The assistance received from you and indeed from all quarters has greatly facilitated the equipment of the hospital, and will render it available for the reception of the wounded at an earlier date than would have been otherwise possible. Believe me.

Yours Sincerely

Louis K. Harrison,
O.C. 5th Northern General Hospital

Mrs Sharp adds that she wishes to thank most heartily all who have worked so magnificently and so promptly in getting these goods together. The number of articles sent was upwards of 5,000 from Belton, Bagworth, Ellistown, Hugglescote, Ibstock, Osgathorpe, and Whitwick, and there will be another large consignment from Coalville, including contributions from Coleorton, Ravenstone and Swannington.

Sick and Dividend Club

The members of the 5/- sick and dividend club held at the Duke of York Inn recently held their annual supper, after paying for which, each received a dividend of 6/-. The club is again being started.

Coalville Police Court

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

Whitwick Poacher Fined

Andrew Smith, collier, Whitwick, was summoned by Albert E. Pratt, game keeper, Shepshed, for day poaching at Whitwick, on July 25th and further for doing malicious damage to stone wall to the amount of 1/8.

Defendant did not appear by P.C. Betts said that when served with the summons, Smith admitted the offence. Pratt said defendant was with two others, who were convicted at the last court. They partly pulled a stone wall down to get a rabbit out. Defendant gave a wrong name. Fined 10/6 and 10/6 costs in each case (£2 2s in all) and the damage, 1/8 or 14 days.

Bad Language

Lucy Springthorpe, widow, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on August 1st. P.C. Grewcock proved the case in the absence of the defendant, who was fined 2/6 and 12/6 costs, or 7 days.

Minnie Aston, married, of Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on July 27th. Supt. Lockton said the constable who would prove the case was a reservist in the Coldstream Guards and had had to rejoin his regiment. The case was withdrawn.

Ashby Police Court

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

Transfers

The following transfers were made: Old George Inn, Ashby, to Mrs Emily Wileman, from her late husband; Compass Inn, Whitwick, to John William Henry Warbington from Zachariah Parker; and the Cricketers' Inn, Albert Village, to Henry Handley from Joseph Topliss.

Prosecutions by the Guardians

William Cooke (56), colliery banksman, Whitwick, was summoned by the Ashby Board of Guardians for refusing to maintain his wife in the County Asylum and chargeable to the funds of the Union. He did not appear. John William Bowley, relieving officer, said the woman was costing the Guardians 10/9 per week. The man worked at the Whitwick Colliery and his wages from January 7th to July 22nd averaged 19/0 1/2 per week. He had no children dependant. The woman was sent to the asylum on October 28th 1910, and as defendant then had dependants no order was made. In October 1912, the Guardians made an order for the payment of 2/- per week and arrears under this order were written off and the amount reduced to 1/- per week. He had not paid that until the last four weeks when he knew that these proceedings were pending. The Chairman ascertained from Mr Bowley that the Guardians left it to the Bench as to the amount of the order.

The Bench made an order for the payment of 1/- per week and 12/- costs.

John Bakewell (57), bricklayer, Whitwick, was summoned by the Ashby Board of Guardians for refusing to pay 21 1/2 weeks' arrears in respect of the maintenance of his wife in the asylum. He did not appear. Mr Bowley said the amount of the arrears was £2 3s under an order to pay 2s per week. He asked for an order payment. It was the second time witness had had to apply for such an order.

The Chairman: *Did he pay last time?*

Mr Bowley: Yes

An order was made for payment of the amount due and costs 12s.

Loughborough Police Court

Collier Fined

Ernest Brooks, collier, Whitwick, was summoned at Loughborough on Wednesday, for cruelty to a horse at Nanpantan, on August 3rd. Inspector Parry, of the R.S.P.C.A., stated that the horse was very lame on all four feet and could only hobble along. Defendant whipped the horse up, and drove towards Loughborough, thrashing the animal unmercifully. J. R. Green, veterinary surgeon, Nottingham, said the horse's feet were badly diseased, and it was not fit to do any work on the road. Defendant was fined 30s and costs or 14 days.

Sport

Cricket

Whitwick Holy Cross were due at Nailstone to play the All Saints' but did not go through the bad weather, which also affected other second division matches.

Friday August 21st 1914 (Issue 1172)

Local News

The directors of Whitwick Colliery Co., at a meeting yesterday afternoon, decided to make allowances of 10/- per week to the wives of all their workmen who had been called to serve their country and 2/- a week for each child under 14 years of age, with coals free.

Whitwick Man Returns from Australia

An Eventful Voyage

Chased by German Warships

Mr H. Allgood, son of Mr H. Allgood, painter and decorator, of Whitwick, arrived home on Monday night from Australia, and has since been seen by a representative of the paper to whom he related some interesting and exciting incidents of the voyage.

Mr Allgood sailed from Sydney on July 6th, on the R.M.S. Osterley, of the Oriental Line. The first they heard of the war was when they reached the Red Sea, a message to that effect then being received by wireless and posted on the notice board in the mess room, subsequent messages being conveyed to the passengers in a similar manner.

But the first actual sign of war was observed when the ship reached Port Said, where some 30 or 40 German and Austrian ships were being detained. All these ships had been compelled to take down their wireless apparatus. Two days after leaving Port Said, said Mr Allgood, their vessel received a call by wireless which the skipper suspected as coming from a German ship and he refused to answer. The call was repeated, being in the nature of an inquiry as to who they were and where they were. No answer was given, but it was subsequently ascertained that the enquiry was from a German warship which was now giving chase to the liner. *"It was a most exciting time,"* said Mr Allgood.

"They followed and got to within 20 miles of us, when we ran into Malta, instead of going to Taranto or Naples, having gone 60 miles out of our course."

The vessel reached Gibraltar safely, though Mr Allgood said that for three nights they steamed without lights, passengers not being allowed even to strike a match, and for the rest of the journey home they only carried mast head lights and lights in the cabin, no deck light being allowed.

Continuing his narrative, Mr Allgood said that after the liner left Malta, the Germans again took up the chase, and there was great cheering, and dipping of flags when they met ships of the French fleet which drove off their pursuers, who got away to the Dardenelles. At Gibraltar they observed some 60 or 70 German and Austrian liners which were being held up as prizes. One of the naval officers told him that one of the German merchant ships, the night before, had tried to get through the straits, but were discovered by the search-lights, it then being found that the vessel was flying a white flag and had its funnels painted a different colour. The captain was ordered to heave to but kept going, and a torpedo boat

gave chase. The latter was fired on, but secured its prize and when brought back to Gibraltar, the body of the ship was found to be loaded with shells. The "Osterley" stayed at Gibraltar about 14 hours during which time she had to take down her wireless apparatus, for what reason, Mr Allgood did not know, but it was installed again before leaving for England. After leaving Gibraltar they frequently saw French and English warships, which several times bore down upon the liner making close scrutiny, and after being satisfied that it was a British ship the men of war saluted and passed on – an indication that Britain has her watch-dogs on the seas. The same thing happened as they proceeded along the channel, search-lights being frequently thrown upon them. Along the south coast numerous military camps were noticed and there was one at the mouth of the Thames.

The liner berthed at Tilbury docks on Monday and Mr Allgood at once proceeded to his home at Whitwick. He is a married man, and with his wife, a niece of Mr Oliver Burton, of Leicester Road, he left Whitwick for Australia three years last Easter. All the time he has worked in Sydney as a painter and decorator.

Asked whether he liked Colonial life and whether he intended to return, Mr Allgood said he liked it very much, but as to returning he was at present undecided.

Ashby Board of Guardians

Dr. Burkitt with the Yeomanry

Dr. Burkitt (Whitwick), wrote asking the Board to accept Dr. Vaughan as his deputy while he was away with the Yeomanry. He might be away for some time. This was agreed to and the Chairman said he hoped the doctor would not be away long.

Sport

Cricket

Whitwick Holy Cross though having lost the "Coalville Times" cup, look like winning the second division league cup. They secured 2 more points on Saturday with an easy win over Stanton at Whitwick. The visitors were all out for 39 and the Holy Cross got 44 for 6 wickets. A. Twigg took four wickets for as many runs.

Whitwick Holy Cross v Stanton

At Whitwick, on Saturday, August 15th, Holy Cross won.

Holy Cross

S. Briers	c	and	b Smith	6
W. Stanyard			b Smith	0
P.C. Jelley	not		out	7
A. Twigg	c Thompson		b Smith	0
J. Boam			b Smith	0
B. Stanyard	c Richardson		b Smith	12
F. Middleton	c	and	b Gregory	1
M. Noon	not		out	14

J. Massey, J. Newell, J. Redly did not bat	
Extras	4
Total	44

Stanton

J. Thompson		b Briers	1
W. Hill		b Jelley	2
J. Gregory		b Briers	3
G. Hill		b Twigg	5
T. Richardson	run	out	13
F. Gregory	c Twigg	b Jelley	0
S. Smith		b Twigg	3
W. Brown		b Twigg	1
F. Siddons	run	out	4
J. Loyde		b Twigg	1
J. Darker	not	out	2
Extras			2
Total			39

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Burials

Orton – At Whitwick, on Tuesday, Elizabeth Ann Orton, aged 38 years, of Brook's Lane

Friday August 28th 1914 (Issue 1173)

Do you Know?

That 44 men have joined the army from Whitwick and Thringstone?

That the four recruiting sergeants in Coalville and District have obtained nearly one hundred men for Lord Kitchener's new army?

Coalville Police Court

To-day (Friday) – Before Major Hatchett (in the chair), Messrs W. Lindley, and J. W. West.

Thringstone Wake

All the licensed victuallers of Thringstone applied for an extension of one hour, 10 to 11, on three nights in connection with the annual wake.

Supt. Lockton said there was one house really in Thringstone, but in Whitwick parish, and would keep open until 11.

The Chairman asked whether there would be a likelihood of more drink being consumed by the application being granted. Supt. Lockton said he thought not. They would get drink at other houses open until 11, and it would be better for all to close together. The chairman said they would grant the application under the circumstances, but the Bench felt that at this time, when there was the necessity for saving all the money they could, no public houses should be open after ten o'clock.

Bad Language

Samuel Smith, blacksmith, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on August 22nd. P.C. Jelley proved the case, and defendant was fined 5/6 and 12/6 costs or seven days.

The Drink

Thomas Price, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick, on August 15th. In his absence, P.C. Grewcock gave the facts and defendant was fined 7/6 and 12/ 6 costs or seven days.

Sport

Cricket

The championship of the second division still lies between Whitwick Holy Cross and Markfield Town, neither of whom have been beaten and they won again on Saturday, Whitwick's task against the Town 2nd at Coalville was a very easy one. Briers and Jelley were in such good form with the ball that the Town juniors were all out for 33 and Whitwick made 70 without losing a batsman, F. Middleton (37) and S. Briers (27) getting the runs. Markfield entertained Nailstone All Saint's, whom they dismissed for 55 and responded with 103 for 5 wickets. T. Bott made 32, L. Anderson 26 and H. Mee 23 not out.

Coalville Town 2nd v Whitwick Holy Cross

At Coalville on Saturday, Whitwick winning easily.

Coalville 2nd

C. Bradshaw		b Briers	8
H. M. Harris		b Briers	0
W. Deakin		b Briers	3
C. T. Walton	c and	b Briers	0
F. Middleton		b Jelley	6
J. A. Walton	not	out	8
F. Scott		b Jelley	0
E. Taberner		b Jelley	1
C. Bradshaw		b Jelley	7
W. Gimson		b Jelley	0
T. Stacey		b Massey	0
Total			33

Whitwick Holy Cross

S. Briers	not	out	26
F. Middleton	not	out	37

P.C. Jelley, M. Noon, B. Stanyard, J. Newell, J. Beeson, W. Stanyard, H. Beeson, T. H. Hull and J. Massey did not bat.

Extras			7
Total (for no wickets)			70

Football

Whitwick Imperial played a practice match on Saturday on the Duke of Newcastle ground and will be similarly employed to-morrow. Their opening match will be with Coalville Swifts at Whitwick, a good game is anticipated. The Whitwick players and officials are looking forward to a successful season.

W. Moore and A. Moore of Whitwick Imperial, were given a trial with Notts. County Football Club on Saturday.

Mr A. Brady, late of Whitwick Imperial has made an excellent impression in the Chelsea trial matches.

Mr A. Roadley, who kept goal for Whitwick Imperial last season and P. Wright, who was the Imperial captain are both to play for Loughborough Corinthians next season.

Referee Changes

There are a few changes in Coalville and District referees this season. Messrs. A. Kinsey (Coleorton), S. Brown (Ashby), T. Cheney and D. Hart (Coalville) and D. Ottey (Whitwick) fall out of the list and the additions are F. Stacey (Griffydham) transferred from Lincolnshire and G. Robey (Ashby) and H. Marson (Coalville) who passed an examination at Coalville on Tuesday night. G. Robey is the hon. secretary of the Ashby Hastings F.C. and H. Marson is the hon. secretary of the Coalville S.S. League.

Friday September 4th 1914 (Issue 1174)

Local News

The treasurer of the Leicester Royal Infirmary acknowledges with thanks the receipt of £1 15s 6d from the Groby Granite Cricket Club, proceeds of the annual match; £2 from Mr G. F. Burton, Whitwick, and £10, (making £15 8s 1d) from the Ellistown Church parade, per Mr G. B. Lagoe.

Mrs J. J. Sharp, of the White House, Whitwick, desires to acknowledge the receipt for the 5th Northern General Hospital, Leicester, of 100 sheets, and 100 bed jackets from the parishes of Hugglescote, Ibstock, Ravenstone, and Whitwick, and also 100 sheets from Whitwick for the Leicester Red Cross Society, who require 200 more sheets. The 5th Battalion Leicestershire Regiment are urgently asking for shirts and socks, the sizes of the shirt collars to be 15, 16 and 16 1/2.

Brickyard Accident

A workman in the employ of the Whitwick Colliery Co. named Hillyard, was injured by a fall of clay in the clay-pit on Wednesday and was removed to Leicester Infirmary. He is progressing favourably.

Do You Know

That a public meeting is to be held Whitwick National School for recruiting purposes next Monday night?

Coalville Urban District Council

Employees at the War

The monthly meeting of this Council was held on Tuesday night. Mr R. Blower, J.P., presided and there were also present Messrs T. Y. Hay (vice-chairman), M. McCarthy, S. Perry, A. Lockwood, W. Sheffield, F. Griffin, S. Armson, J. W. Farmer, T. Kelly, W. Fellows, with the clerk (Mr T. E. Jesson), surveyor (Mr L. L. Baldwin), assistant surveyor (Mr G. F. Hurst), and gas works manager (Mr J. W. Eagles).

The National Relief Fund

The clerk reported the receipt of a circular showing what was being done for the National Relief Fund by the Manchester Corporation employees with the suggestion that it might be useful to the Council. At Manchester, the Corporation employees receiving up to 10s per week were paying 1d per week; up to 20s, 3d per week; up to 30s, 6d per week; up to 40s, 9d per week, up to 50s, 1s per week, and up to 60s, 1s 3d per week. In regard to the officials weekly contributions were up to £200 per year, 2 3/4 per cent, up to £400, 3 per cent. The employees had signed a document agreeing to have these amounts deducted from their wages.

The Surveyor said this was being done also at Coalville. Collections were being made weekly and the first amount would be paid into the bank the next day. The figures were practically the same as at Manchester. When it was put to them every man immediately held his hand up in favour of it. Mr Kelly which fund the money was to be paid into.

The Surveyor: *The Prince of Wales's*.

Mr Kelly said there was some misunderstanding on the matter. The Surveyor said that as one of the secretaries to the Central Committee he could say that if anyone had any doubt they should pay that money into Lloyd's Bank at Coalville and the Coalville district would then get the credit for it. If it was paid to the Mayor of Leicester's Fund the town of Leicester would have the credit of it and if it was sent direct to Buckingham Palace the Coalville district would not have the credit for it.

Mr McCarthy said it was explained by the Chairman at the public meeting in the Adult School Hall a fortnight ago. As far as Whitwick was concerned every householder was to be visited systematically every week. Probably the same would be done at Hugglescote, Coalville, Ravenstone, Bardon and Swannington, which were in the district allotted to them. The Clerk said there was also a letter from Middlesborough stating that the Town

Council there proposed to arrange a monster demonstration of the friendly societies, also a collection among public school children and choirs singing in the park at which collections would be made.

Mr McCarthy said that if people were going to be called upon at their houses every week they could not give in every other way. The Chairman said these suggestions should be sent to the Relief Committee and this was agreed to.

Finance Committee

At a meeting of the Finance Committee the statement of the Council's treasurer's accounts was produced and read to the meeting. A list of accounts for payment were produced to the meeting and the Committee recommend cheques be drawn and signed in payment thereof. The collector's statement was produced and read to the meeting.

Mr Burton wrote offering land for improvement purposes at North Street, Whitwick, where the wall had fallen down, for the sum of £20, and the committee recommend the offer be declined.

The Whitwick Granite Co. wrote that they desired the sanction of the Council to move their level crossing in Hall Lane a few yard's nearer to Whitwick in order to facilitate the working of their line, and the Committee recommend the Company be asked for a plan and section of the new crossing. The report was adopted on the motion of Mr Fellows.

Whitwick Complaints

Mr Kelly said there were numerous complaints as to the footpath in North Street, where there was no flagging or kerb and channel. The Chairman said it might be necessary to do several works in the district which have been hanging fire.

Sport

Football

Whitwick Imperial

For their opening match on the Duke on Newcastle ground tomorrow, against Coalville Swifts, Whitwick Imperial have selected:-

Ball; Waterfield and Cooke; J. Moore, Lockwood and Lovett; Bird, A. Moore, Heath, Dexter and Roach. Ball is from Holwell Works, Lockwood from Quorn, Heath from Leicester and Bird from Peggs Green, the others being old players.

Friday September 11th 1914 (Issue 1175)

Local News

Flower Show at Whitwick

The fourth annual open show of flowers, fruits and vegetables was held in the public hall, Whitwick, on Saturday when prizes were offered in 27 classes and the entries were well up to the average, while the quality of the produce in some instances was amazing, indicating a splendid season. A special prize offered to the most successful exhibitor in the show was won by Mr A. Cooper of Whitwick, included among whose prize exhibits were six onions which weighed 16 1/2 lbs. Mr H. Jinks, of Swannington, showed six potatoes which turned the scales at 7 1/2 lbs.

The secretarial duties were ably carried out by Messrs. T. Kelly, D. Otter, and S. Boot and the judges were Messrs H. Wilson, (gardener to Mrs F. Abel-Smith of Coleorton Hall) and Mr T. Hutchby, (gardener to Mr J. J. Sharp, of the White House, Whitwick).

The following were the awards:

Collection of Vegetables, six varieties:- 1 and special A. Cooper, Whitwick; 2 J. Clifford, Whitwick; 3 C. Kirby, Shepshed.
White Round Potatoes:- 1 Paul Lakin, Thornborough; 2 S. Billings, Whitwick.
White Kidney Potatoes:- 1 Quinton Cresswell; 2 A. Cooper.
Red Round Potatoes:- 1 J. Frearson, New Swannington; 2 A. Cooper.
Six Heavy Potatoes:- 1 Hy. Jinks, Swannington, 7 1/2 lbs; 2 A. Cooper, 6 3/4 lbs.
Coloured Round Potatoes:- 2 F. Sear, Whitwick.
Six Parsnips:- 1 J. T. Quemby, Whitwick; 2 A. Cooper
Six Shorthorn Carrots:- 2 (equal) S. Billing and C. Kirby.
Six White Turnips:- 1 J. T. Quemby; 2 A. Cooper
Two sticks of White Celery:- 1 J. T. Quemby; 2 J. Frearson; 3 C. Kirby
Two sticks of Red Celery:- 1 and special, T. Hewett, Shepshed; 2 C. Kirby; 3 J. Frearson
Two Cauliflowers:- 1 J. Frearson; 2 A. Cooper
Six Onions (untrimmed):- 1 and special A. Cooper, 16 1/2 lbs; 2 J. J. Clark, Whitwick, 15 1/2 lbs; 3 J. T. Quemby, 14 lbs.
Two Marrows:- 1 and 2 E. Kirby, Shepshed
Heavy Marrow:- 1 and 2 E. Kirby.
Twelve Runner Beans:- 1 and special A. Cooper; 2 J. T. Quemby.
Two White Cabbages:- 1 T. Annable, Osgathorpe; 2 A. Cooper.
Two Red Cabbages:- 1 and special A. Cooper; 2 Michael Shee, Whitwick.
Six Leeks:- 1 J. Clifford; 2 A. Cooper.
Six Cooking Apples:- 1 J. Clifford; 2 C. Kirby
Six Desert Apples:- 1 C. Kirby; 2 J. T. Quemby.
Six Roses, not less than three varieties:- 1 and special, J. Clifford, 2 J. T. Quemby, 3 Edward Briers Jnr. Whitwick.
Six Cactus Dahlias, three colours:- 1 J. T. Quemby
Six Asters, not less than three distinct colours:- 1 T. Hewett, 2 J. Clifford.
Six pompom Dahlias, three varieties:- 1 T. Hewett, 2 J. T. Quemby.

Local Chit Chat

15 of the employees of the Whitwick Granite Co., have joined the colours and the company are paying 10/- per week each to their wives and 1/- a week for each dependant child. The employees of the firm are working one hour per week for the Prince of Wales's Relief Fund.

Whitwick Relief Committee

List of Collectors

The Whitwick collectors are getting to work this week and will report the result to a meeting of the committee next Monday night. Mr T. W. Bourne has been elected chairman of the committee, Mr H. T. Bastard, vice-chairman and Messrs. J. W. Eagles and J. S. West, joint hon. secretaries.

The following are the districts and the collectors appointed:

Hermitage Road and Green Lane, Miss Burkitt and Miss O'Reilly.

Silver Street, Miss Carr and Miss A. Henson.

Vicarage Street, Leicester Road and City of Dan, Mrs Toon and Mrs Bourne.

Upper Leicester Road, Mrs Walters, Mrs Adams and Mrs J. H. Robinson.

Castle Street, Parsonwood Hill, Hockley and Skinner's Lane, Mr H. T. Bastard and Mr Rice.

Cademan Street, Mr Downs and Mr T. Hull.

Loughborough Road, City of Three Waters and The Dumps, Miss Fletcher and Miss Bellamy.

Talbot Street and Whitwick Wood, Miss Waldrum and Miss A. Allgood.

Brooks Lane and School Lane, Mr W. G. Wheatley and Mr T. Ward.

North Street, Misses L. and G. Henson

Pares Hill, Church Lane, and Market Place, Mrs Dickens and Mrs H. Stinson.

Meetings of the Colliers

A meeting of the employees of the Whitwick Colliery was held on Tuesday afternoon in the colliery yard, to consider recommendations of the Council of Leicestershire Miners' Association as to the workers' contributions towards the National Relief Fund. Mr T. Y. Hay, manager of the colliery, presided, and was supported by Mr Walter Lindley, secretary and Mr George Brooks.

Mr Hay said that whether the war was long or short duration, the British had to win. They were not to be done down by the Germans. He believed the Leicestershire collieries would respond with contributions equal to the rest. Mr Lindley said it was going to be a severe war, but he was confident we were going to come out on top. Having stated the decision of the Whitwick Colliery Company to place Broomleys at disposal for the sick and wounded, and mentioned the company's weekly allowance of coal, he said he hoped they would be able to keep at work at the colliery. They were asked to give a subscription week by week to the fund and he appealed to them to do their duty as Britishers.

Mr George Brooks, said the coalowners had met the men's representatives with every help and sympathy in the matter. The undertaking of the Whitwick Colliery Company to collect the employees' contributions would save a lot of money. In the event of distress amongst miners through lack of timer or other cases, they would be asked to sacrifice their trade union funds first. He invited those not in the Miner's Union to help towards forwarding a good sum. The meeting agreed to the proposals.

A meeting was also held at the South Leicester Colliery on Tuesday afternoon and was addressed by Mr W. Hurst, Mr W. Eames, and others. The recommendations of the Council as to weekly contributions were agreed. At other pits meetings were also held and the proposal was agreed to.

Coalville Police Court

Drunk and Disorderly

At the Coalville Police Court before Messrs. B. G. Hale and J. W. West on Wednesday morning, Chas. Thom, fettle, of no fixed abode, was charged with being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick on Tuesday, and on the evidence of P.C. Grewcock was sentenced to seven days hard labour.

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

Settled

Samuel Williamson, collier, Whitwick, was summoned by Hubert Beeson, collier, Whitwick, for assault at Whitwick on September 6th. There was no answer when the case was called on, and it was stated that they had settled it. The case was struck out, and it was stated the Beeson had to pay 9/- costs.

The following cases were heard after we had gone to Press:-

William Taylor, quarryman, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on August 29th.

William Allen, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick on August 28th.

George Birkumshaw, collier, Whitwick, was summoned by Agnes Henson, single of Swannington, in respect of £5 10s arrears under an affiliation order.

Sport

Cricket

With the cricket season practically over and football commencing on Saturday, there were not many Coalville Cricket League games and it looks as though some of the clubs will not finish their fixtures.

Whitwick Holy Cross were beaten for the first time this season last Saturday week, the match being missed last week. The victors were Nailstone All Saints and it seems as though this may rob the Holy Cross of the championship of the 2nd division at Markfield Town have managed to maintain their unbeaten certificate. Whitwick's defeat at Nailstone was by 76 to 56, S. Jones taking 4 wickets for 17 runs. On the other side, P.C. Jelley did better than this for 4 for 12.

Nailstone All Saints V Whitwick Holy Cross

At Nailstone, on Saturday, August 29th. Nailstone All Saints won.

Nailstone All Saints

L. Burdett		b Massey	16
J. Moore	c Middleton	b Briers	0
S. Jones		b Jelley	9
A. Boulstridge	c Middleton	b Jelley	3
J. Marriott	c Noon	b Briers	15
A. Lowe	c Stanyard	b Massey	0
R. Jacques		b Briers	3
T. Jacques	c Briers	b Massey	8
T. Robotham	c Massey	b Jelley	8
W. Jones	c Beeson	b Jelley	2
G. Marriott	not	out	3
Extras			9
Total			76

Whitwick Holy Cross

S. Briers		b Jones	7
F. Middleton		b Jones	9
P.C. Jelley		b Jones	8
M. Noon	c and	b Jones	9
B. Stanyard		b Robotham	1
J. Massey	c and	b Robotham	8
J. Newell	c Jones	b Marriott	11
P. Massey	c Moore	b Lowe	5
H. Beeson	run	out	1
J. Beeson	c Jacques	b Lowe	0
T. Parish	not	out	0
Extras			6
Total			56

Skittles

Whitwick V Loughborough

This match was played at Whitwick Liberal Club on Saturday and ended in an easy win for Loughborough. Whitwick were going strongly for the championship of the League until a week or so ago, but are now out of it.

Whitwick

H. Stretton	5	6	7
F. Sear	7	3	7
G. Jessop	8	9	7
F. Smith	4	6	6
S. Boot	5	4	5
J. Frearson	2	3	6
S. Billings	5	2	5
C. Meakin	6	7	8
J. Ottey	6	8	5
W. Burton	7	9	6

J. Beeson	6	5	8
T. Kelly	8	7	8
Total	216		

Loughborough

J. Mowbray	7	6	7
H. Payne	6	6	5
A. Greasley	9	6	5
T. Onions	4	5	5
G. Lloyd James	8	5	7
W. Orton	7	9	8
F. Bray	8	8	6
H. Cook	8	6	5
G. Goodman	9	8	5
S. Young	8	3	8
J. James	7	6	6
H. Barker	5	3	7
Total	244		

Football

Whitwick's Opening Win

Whitwick Imperial had Coalville Swifts as visitors to the Duke of Newcastle ground and there was a large crowd to witness what proved to be a very even battle.

Both sides had chosen "Andy" Moore to play for them, but he figured in the Swifts' ranks and was substituted by Layton, a Bagworth youth. The only other change by the Imperial from the team selected was that Findall appeared in goal in place of Ball, the Holwell man, who was stated to have joined the colours.

The Swifts had to play one of their chosen reserves, Clarke appearing in the forward line at inside right and Andy Moore taking the place of the absentee, C. Price at inside left. With W. Moore also playing, and Bonser, the Whitwick club had three of their last season's players against them.

The game was in favour of the Swifts at the start and after an exciting scrimmage in the goal mouth had passed, W. Moore opened their account with a good shot. Before the interval however, Heath had done likewise, and the sides crossed over with the score 1 each. Play in the second half was a little more in Whitwick's favour and the Swifts' custodian, Nicholls, late of Hugglescote Wesleyans, made a splendid impression. He is not very big for a goal keeper, but what he lacked in inches, he made up in alertness and but for his remarkably fine saves on at least three or four occasions, the citadel would have fallen. On the other hand, the Whitwick goal had one or two narrow escapes. Altogether it was a promising start for both clubs and an indication that both have got a useful side together.

Tomorrow's teams

Whitwick Imperial team to meet the Swifts at Coalville tomorrow: W. T. Wright (a new man from Moira); Waterfield and Cooke, J. Moore, Lockwood and Lovett; Bird, Layton, Heath, Dexter and Roach.

Whitwick Imperial Reserves v Coalville Swifts Reserves (Coalville League) at Whitwick: Imperial: Findall, Lakin and Rady; Bird, Tugby and R. Needham; Cooper, Kendrick and Thorpe, A. Needham and Bakewell.

Friday September 18th 1914 (Issue 1176)

Local News

Primitive Methodist Chapel

Harvest thanksgiving services were held on Sunday at the Whitwick Primitive Methodist Chapel when there was a nice display of flowers, fruits and vegetables and good congregations. The preacher was Mr G. Tucker, of Loughborough. A tea was held on Monday and in the evening the produce was sold. The proceeds were for the chapel funds.

Colliery Accident

Mr George Richards met with an accident while at work in the Whitwick new pit on Sunday night. He was engaged in 'holing' when the large stone fell on his hand, badly crushing it and he is now at home under medical treatment.

Beyond Control

At Loughborough on Wednesday, Thomas Moore, butcher, Whitwick, was summoned for not being in control of a horse and cart of which he was driver, at Belton, on the 11th. P.C. Payne said defendant left his horse unattended while he was playing skittles for twenty minutes. Defendant said he left a young man in charge. Ordered to pay the costs.

Local Chit Chat

Mrs Louisa Pearson, of Brooklands, Leam Terrace, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, who died on the 28th July last, aged 82 years, widow of the Rev. Frederick Thorpe Pearson, M.A. of St. George's Vicarage, Whitwick, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, left estate of the gross value of £2,889/5/4, of which £2,815/8/0 is net personalty, and probate of her will has been granted to Mr William Simpson, of Rearsby, Shirley Road, Leicester, solicitor, and Mr Lionel Ernest Pearson, of Charnwood Lome Road, Birkenhead.

Do you Know

That the Whitwick house to house collection of £18/11/2 for the Prince of Wales's Relief Fund included £5 from Mr J. H. Robinson?

That the handsome new stained glass window erected in Whitwick Parish Church to the memory of colliers and quarrymen who have lost their lives at the local works, is to be dedicated by the Bishop of Leicester at the service next Sunday night?

Coalville Police Court

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

Bad Language

William Allen, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick on August 26th. He did not appear. P.C. Grewcock said the defendant used the language to his own wife. Fined 10/6 and 12/6 costs or 14 days.

William Taylor, quarryman, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on August 29th. In his absence, P.C. Grewcock proved the case and defendant was fined 2/6 and 11/6 costs or seven days.

Sport

Cricket

Four matches in the Coalville Cricket League were down for decision on Saturday, but the sudden change last week to cold and wet weather made it impossible for any of them to be played and it seems unlikely now that any of the divisions will be quite finished. Markfield Town came to play Whitwick and this match would have decided the championship of the second division, as both the clubs have 18 points, and Markfield have a match in hand. The unfinished matches do not affect the championship in the other divisions. Ibstock Town are the only club to have completed their list in the first division and are well at the top, while the honours in the third division easily go to Ellistown Free Church.

Football

Whitwick's Double on Coalville Swifts

It was rather a coincidence that Whitwick Imperial should have beaten Coalville Swifts on the Fox and Goose ground on Saturday by exactly the same score as on the opening match at Whitwick on the previous Saturday, two goals to one.

The first appearance of the Swifts at home attracted a fairly good number of spectators, but there would no doubt have been considerably more had the weather been more favourable. The play, as on the previous Saturday, was very even all the way though and the Swifts may be said to have been unfortunate in losing both matches by the odd goal only. If anything Whitwick had slightly the best of the opening exchanges and there was good play by Roach for Whitwick at outside left. He put in several good runs and centres from which the goal had some narrow escapes. The only goal of the first half however, came from the Whitwick right. Bird made a good run and from his pass Layton bundled the ball into the net.

Play in the second half continued even and good work was done by the two Moores in the Swift forward line against their old club. Another player, Price, who formerly played with Hinckley United, also appeared in the Swifts front line and should be an acquisition. The team gives promise of some interesting displays when they settle down to their work. Each side got through once and the result, as stated, was two to one in favour of the Imperial.

Coalville League

The only match fixed for the first division in the Coalville League on Saturday was between Whitwick Imperial Reserves and Coalville Swifts Reserves at Whitwick. The result was a win for Whitwick by six goals to three.

Both matches in the second division were postponed, Whitwick Amateurs being unable to get a team to go to Ibstock to play the Amateurs there, and Thornborough United and Moira United were both playing in the Coalville Cup competition.

Friday September 25th 1914 (Issue 1177)

Local News

Mrs J. J. Sharp, of Whitwick, has collected 100 flannel shirts and 150 pairs of socks from the parishes of Hugglescote, Ibstock, Ravenstone and Whitwick, and they have been forwarded to the 5th Battalion Leicestershire Regiment. More shirts are required and may be addressed to the officer commanding the battalion at Luton.

It is interesting to note that one of the Sisters in the Whitwick Convent has five brothers serving in the regular army, and there were formerly six, but one died in South Africa. All six went through the South African War and five are engaged in the present European campaign.

Presentation to Mrs J. Newbury of Whitwick

In memory of her husband.

At a special meeting of the members of the Whitwick Primitive Methodist Church on Tuesday evening last, the Rev. T. J. Martin presiding, Mrs Newbury, of Whitwick, was presented with a memorial of her husband, the late Mr Jacob Newbury, in the form of a handsomely framed resolution passed at the quarterly meeting testifying to Mr Newbury's splendid services to the Primitive Methodist cause in the district over a great number of years. The memorial contained an excellent portrait of Mr Newbury, opposite to which were the words:

*"In Loving Memory of Jacob Newbury, who fell asleep, May 13th, 1914, aged 69 years"
"He giveth His beloved sleep"*

The resolution was as follows:

"Primitive Methodist Church, Coalville Circuit. Resolution passed unanimously at the quarterly meeting held at Ellistown on June 6th, 1914. Proposed by Mr J. R. Bennett; seconded by Mr John T. Ward.

That this meeting places on record the great loss our circuit has sustained by the death of Mr Jacob Newbury, of Whitwick, on May 13th, last; the circuit further records its gratitude to God for being so ably served during the whole of its existence by so distinguished a servant of His. For practically the whole of his life our late brother was associated with our

church, for the long period of 53 years he held unbroken membership with the Whitwick Society, for the past 48 years he has been a most acceptable local preacher, for many years he has held the stewardship of the Circuit, the highest office his brethren could bestow, he has frequently been our delegate to the District Synod, and on three occasions represented the Nottingham District at the Annual Conference. We pay our tribute today to a holy and devout personality, who has rendered a splendid service to Christ and His Church, a service adorned by a spiritual wisdom, a generous charity and a genial spirit. We express our gratitude God for having so graciously sustained Mrs Newbury in the trying ordeal of bereavement and pray her at this time to accept the circuit's sympathy and condolence with herself and family."

Signed on behalf of the meeting, Rev. T. Johns Martin, chairman; William H. Whiting, secretary; J. Rushton Bennett, steward. The memorial is quite a work of art, being a beautiful design and handsomely framed in black ebony.

In the unavoidable absence of Mr J. R. Bennett, the presentation was made by Rev. T. Johns Martin, who referred appropriately to the deceased, and a few remarks were also made by the Rev. W. H. Whiting, Mr John Ward and others. Mr Turner Newbury responded on behalf of his mother and other members of the family.

Memorial Window in Whitwick Church

Dedication by the Bishop of Leicester

There was a large congregation at the Whitwick Parish Church on Sunday evening when the handsome new stained-glass window, erected in the church as a memorial to the men of the parish who had lost their lives at the Whitwick colliery and quarries, and another memorial window were dedicated by the Bishop of Leicester.

The window which represents the crucifixion is fixed at the east end of the north aisle and is the second largest window in the church. It is of beautiful design and workmanship. The cost was £126 which has been defrayed by a series of special collections and various parish efforts.

The second window in the north aisle, a smaller one, which adjoins the Children's window, has been provided by Dr. Burkitt, in memory of his daughter Kathleen, who died on Good Friday, 1913.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. T. W. Walters, M.A., and the Bishop of Leicester dedicated the windows and subsequently preached an eloquent sermon in which he made reference to the windows and what they stood for and then proceeded to refer to the great war in Europe. The choir nicely rendered the anthem "Conquering Kings," in which a treble solo was excellently taken by Master E. Cook, and a bass solo by Mr Walter Fern.

The window removed to make room for the colliers' and quarrymen's memorial, was, in the main, of clear glass, but there was a portion of coloured glass, very old and bearing testimony to the association of the De Verdon family with Whitwick, for it bore their coat of arms. This glass has been carefully preserved and will be used by the firm which supplied the windows dedicated on Sunday in re-glassing one of the clear story windows, there are now only two windows in the church of clear glass. It is proposed to restore the nave window at some future date the representation to be "The Resurrection."

Trap Accident at Whitwick

Licensed Victualler and Wife Injured

A rather serious trap accident occurred about six o'clock on Wednesday evening not far from the Whitwick railway station resulting in injuries to Mr Musson, landlord of the Three Crowns Inn, Whitwick, and his wife. Mr and Mrs Musson had been to Coalville and were driving home from the direction of the church. The road is somewhat narrow and just before passing the Railway Hotel a collision occurred between the trap and another owned by Mr Stinson of Whitwick. Musson's vehicle was overturned and the three occupants, Mr and Mrs Musson and a little girl were thrown out. The little girl escaped with slight injury to her hand but both Mr and Mrs Musson received injuries to the head and Mr Musson was also hurt about the ribs, some of which were said to be broken.

They were moved into the Railway Hotel, where Mr and Mrs T. Kelly and others rendered all possible assistance until the arrival of Dr. Burkitt, who quickly responded to the summons. The district nurse was also in attendance.

Mr and Mrs Musson were afterwards removed home and on enquiry yesterday morning we were informed that they were making good progress.

Coalville Police Court

To-day (Friday) – Before the Rev. C. T. Moore (in the chair), Major Hatchett, Mr J. Ward, Mr H. J. Ford and Mr J. W. West.

"German Fighter" at Whitwick

Rob't Sharpe, farmer, Whitwick, was summoned for violent conduct at Whitwick, on September 8th. Defendant said he was guilty to the charge but "had great cause."

P.C. Grewcock said he saw defendant with his coat off fighting another man, who defendant said was a German. Witness had to lock the other man up. Defendant said the man told him he as a German fighter and had come to blow up Silver Street. He was a stranger. He threatened witness, calling him a dirty English cur, and then he (defendant) dropped the first "bomb" and the man knew it. "I defended my own property," he said, "and I defended Whitwick as well."

The chairman: *Was the man a German?*

Defendant: *He said he was a German fighter.*

Arthur Isaacs, of Whitwick, said he heard the man threaten to blow up Silver Street, and also called witness an English cur.

Fined 5/6 and 12/6 costs or 7 days.

Defendant said it would mean that much short for the Prince of Wales' Fund. He hoped if the man came again that he would blow the place up. (Laughter).

Sport

Coalville Cricket League

All outstanding fixtures abandoned

A meeting of the representatives of clubs in the Coalville Cricket League was held at the Fox and Goose Hotel, Coalville, on Friday night, Mr W. Fellows presiding.

The secretary, (Mr William Wotton) said he had called the meeting to decide what should be done as to playing off the outstanding fixtures in view of the present crisis. The chairman said that Ibstock Town were champions of Division I whatever happened and it was decided that Division I be considered wound up for the season. Mr Fellows also remarked that Ellistown Free Church were champions of the Third Division and a similar course was adopted.

The chairman said that with regard to Division II, Markfield Town and Whitwick Holy Cross tied with 18 points. Markfield Town claimed two points from Coleorton for non-fulfilment of fixture and these were awarded to Markfield. This gave Markfield two points over Whitwick with the same number of matches played. Neither had finished their fixtures.

The question of finishing the matches was discussed and Mr Hull (Whitwick) moved that the division be wound up for the season and this was seconded by Mr F. W. Smith and carried.

The Coleorton secretary wrote that they would have to withdraw from the first division as they were unable to raise a team. The chairman said that was a matter for next season. Ibstock Town were awarded two points in the match with Nailstone Wood, the latter having failed to fulfil the fixture.

The annual general meeting was fixed for Wednesday, October 14th.

It was decided that the sub-committee appointed to purchase the silver cup for the champions of Division II, offered by Mr A. E. Hawley, be purchased in the meantime and presented at the general meeting.

Football

Whitwick's Third Win

A surprise for Coalville Town

Three matches and three wins. This is Whitwick Imperial's very encouraging record up to now and it has given them a splendid start in the Leicestershire Senior League competition, in which they finished second last season.

The vanquished on Saturday were Coalville Town and the defeat of these old rivals to the extent of five goals to one was greatly relished by the Whitwick portion of the crowd which surrounded the Duke of Newcastle enclosure. Whitwick's previous two victories had been against Coalville Swifts and only by a goal in each case. Saturday's result, therefore, will give a piquancy to the meeting of the two Coalville teams, as some followers of the game are asking themselves the question, "If Whitwick can beat the Swifts by only a goal, and

can defeat the Town by four, how much better are the Swifts than the Town?" The only reply to this must be "wait and see."

Whitwick gave a good display on Saturday and there could be no denying that they were the better team. It was a great day for Roach, who obtained three of the goals, Lockwood and Layton getting the other two. Roach, by-the-way, is showing greatly improved form this season and is becoming a really clever and fast outside left. His form on Saturday only strengthens the excellent impression made by his display against the Swifts on both occasions.

It was evidently an "off" day for Coalville, who have a side capable of much better things as evidenced by their creditable display against Loughborough Corinthians on the previous Saturday and they will eagerly anticipate the visit of Whitwick to Coalville a fortnight tomorrow, when they will make a big struggle to turn the tables.

Coalville and District League

A meeting of the management committee of this league was held at the Red House Hotel, Coalville, on Monday night. Mr J. Kirby presided and there were also present, Messrs. G. Swain, J. Tivey, R. T. Bradshaw, D. Marston, J. H. Lowe, F. W. Smith, and the hon. secretary (C. E. Marston).

Ibstock Amateurs reported Whitwick Amateurs for non-fulfilment of fixture at Ibstock on September 12th and claimed 3/3 referee's fee, 1/6 for ground marking and 30/- loss of "gate."

The Whitwick representative stated that they had only 12 players registered and four of those had enlisted and one had been injured in the pit. He was trying to get other players. The committee decided that Whitwick pay the referee's fee and the remainder of the claim was adjourned.

Replying to a question, the secretary said he had heard nothing from Whitwick Holy Cross. They had not resigned, but had attended no meetings and no fixtures had been arranged.

The committee unanimously decided to give £2 2s from the League funds to the Prince of Wales' Relief Fund.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Burials

Hill – At Whitwick, on Wednesday, Ada Amy Hill, aged 10 months, of Leicester Road.

Knight – At Whitwick, on Wednesday, Eileen Knight, aged 10 months, of 73, Freeth Street, Ladywood, Birmingham.

Notes to the September Editions

Friday September 25th

The stained glass windows in Whitwick Parish Church have the following inscriptions at their base.

The Colliery and Quarrymen's window.



“To the glory of God and in memory of the men who have lost their lives in the coal pits & quarries of Whitwick this window is placed here by the congregation worshipping in Whitwick Parish Church & by other sympathising friends September 1914.”

The window provided by Dr. Burkitt.



“To the honour and glory of God & in ever loving memory of Kathleen Burkitt who fell asleep on Good Friday March 21st 1913 aged 13 years. He called a little child unto him.”

Friday October 2nd 1914 (Issue 1178)

Local News

Inquest at Onebarrow

London Builder Drowned in the Reservoir

The Deputy-Coroner for North Leicestershire, Mr T. J. Webb, held an inquest on Friday afternoon at Onebarrow Lodge, concerning the death of William Thomas Ballard, aged 54, whose body was taken from the Blackbrook reservoir the previous day, deceased having been missing since Saturday.

Mr D. I. Edmonds, solicitor, of St. Albans, appeared for the relatives. The Deputy-Coroner opening the case, said the points for the jury were whether the deceased came into the water by accident or design. In case of the latter, they would have to consider the state of the man's mind, or if they thought the evidence was insufficient to satisfy them on that point they could say so.

Percy Montague Ballard, an auditor, of 42, Gladsmuir Road, London, N, said the deceased was his father, and had resided at 8, Woodlands Gardens, Muswell Hill, London. He was a retired builder. He had not been in perfect health lately, but he had been able to get about and transact business. Witness did not consider that deceased's health was such as to be likely to prey upon his mind at all. The doctor told him that he ought to go away for a rest and that that place (Onebarrow) would be a good place for him to come. The last time witness saw him alive was that day fortnight, the night before he came. Deceased had not undergone an operation lately to his knowledge. He had a little gathering in his ear. Witness had never heard or seen his father say or do anything which led him to suppose that he might commit suicide.

The Coroner: *Do you know anything in regard to his financial affairs to cause him worry? – No, I have no knowledge of anything of that kind and I have been his confidant in such matters.*

Arthur Barker, farmer, Onebarrow Lodge, Whitwick, said deceased had been staying there since the 12th instant. On the previous Saturday witness went away on business leaving the deceased in that room. He was not there when witness returned the same evening. Witness had known the deceased for twenty years and they had been great friends all that time. He came to Onebarrow for a rest. He complained of pain in his head. Witness understood that he had been operated upon for abscess or something of the kind in the head. His constitution seemed about as usual and deceased ate his food well. He did not seem to be afraid of getting worse. He was one of the jolliest and brightest men he ever knew and one of the best. Witness had not the slightest idea that deceased was likely to do away with himself. He was just as usual when witness left him. Deceased was not in the habit of going away from the house by himself, but had often accompanied witness in various parts of the district. He believed the deceased sometimes suffered from giddiness. Witness had not known the deceased to go for a walk on the banks of the reservoir. He would have to go through two gates to get to the reservoir. Witness had not heard the deceased say that he was aware that the Loughborough Corporation had ceased to grant

permits for anyone to go by the reservoir, though he may have seen the notices to that effect which were posted up about the district.

By the foreman (Mr J. W. Eagles): *The two gates referred to would both have to be opened by the deceased. He had been to Onebarrow to stay a few days almost every year and witness had never known him to sit on the bridge over the reservoir.*

By a juror (Mr F. Harper): *When witness came home he had no idea of the deceased being in the water. His only fear was that being giddy deceased may have fallen down in the ground somewhere or may have lost his memory and forgotten where he was. That made witness search everywhere for him.*

The Coroner said Mrs Ballard, deceased's wife was prepared to give evidence, but it would be painful for her and he did not think she could say any more than the son had done. The jury agreed that it was not necessary to call her.

John William Parkinson, caretaker of the Blackbrook reservoir, in the employ of the Loughborough Corporation, stated that in consequence of what he was told he commenced dragging operations in the reservoir on Thursday and about 8 o'clock in the morning, found the body. He did not know the deceased, but the body he recovered was the same one which the jury had seen. He recovered it from a part of the reservoir which was in Whitwick parish and it was at a place near to which there was no public thoroughfare. Previously on two occasions, witness had seen the deceased up the drive. No one had ever been allowed to go by the reservoir without a permit and even that had been stopped now for about three weeks, notices having been posted up warning people against trespassing.

By the foreman: *The body was found close to Onebarrow bridge.*

By Mr T. Kelly (a juror): *It would be easy for anyone walking by the reservoir to slip in. The ground sloped down to the water on both sides.*

By another juror: *There was a public road over the bridge. The coping on the bridge was about 3 feet wide and the wall was 4 feet high. He found the body after dragging for about half an hour. He started dragging at the shallowest end and found the body in about 8 feet of water. Altogether the reservoir covered 100 acres and in some places was 65 feet deep.*

Mr Edmonds: *If the deceased had been sitting on the wall of the bridge with his back to the water and had become giddy and fallen in, would that be consistent with where you found him?*

Witness: *It would be the exact place sir.*

The Coroner said P.C. Grewcock searched the body and found money and other articles, nothing unusual. He proceeded to review the evidence, recalling Mr Barker's statement that the deceased was one of the brightest and most cheerful men that he knew and that he was subject to attacks of giddiness. On the other hand they had the evidence that the deceased had to open two gates and had no right to go down by the reservoir. If the jury were not satisfied they could return a verdict of "Found drowned," and that there was no evidence to show how the deceased got into the water.

Mr Edmonds said he had acted as solicitor for the deceased for 20 years and transacted business with him on August 27th when he was quite as usual and not the least sign of any mental deficiency. The foreman said it was quite feasible that deceased may have fallen through giddiness.

The jury returned a verdict of "Found drowned, and there was no evidence to show how the deceased got into the water."

Baptist Harvest Festival

Harvest thanksgiving sermons were held in the Whitwick Baptist Chapel on Sunday and were well attended. The Pastor, the Rev. H. C. J. Wix preached and there were selections by a quartette party – the Rev. H. C. J. Wix, Messrs. A. Aris, O. Geary and A. Mann. The chapel was nicely decorated. The collections amounted to £3 4s. On Monday a public tea was held and a good number sat down. The produce was sold afterwards and realised nearly £2.

Singular Fatality at Whitwick

Blind Girl's Sad Death

The Deputy-Coroner, (Mr T. J. Webb) held an inquiry on Monday evening at the Compass Inn, Whitwick, into the death of Sarah Egan, aged 17 years, daughter of William Egan, coalminer, of Whitwick, which occurred on Sunday morning, under somewhat remarkable circumstances.

Winifred Egan, sister of the deceased, said she was in the same room with her on Sunday morning about ten o'clock, and had been downstairs about two minutes when she heard a noise. Going upstairs, she saw deceased lying on the floor and thought she was in a fit, to which she was subject, but seeing blood on the floor, summoned her mother and a neighbour.

Dr. Milligan, assistant to Dr. Burkitt, on being sworn, was about to kiss the Testament when the Coroner reminded him that he need not do so as the practice had been abolished owing to the representations of medical men.

The Doctor: *Yes, I know, but I always look for a clean page.* (Laughter)

Continuing, the doctor said he was called about ten o'clock on Sunday morning, and saw the girl lying on the bedroom floor. She was dead, but death had not taken place many minutes. There was an enormous quantity of blood on the floor. There was a large-sized broken utensil near her left shoulder, a large piece of it being nearer to the body than the rest. He found a large incised wound on the left side of the neck, and the arteries had evidently been severed. The wound was a clean cut. It appeared to him as though the deceased had stumbled, or had a fit, and the accident would readily occur. He, however, saw no marks of blood on the fragments of the utensil, which he believed the deceased must have fallen on and broken, one of the pieces causing the cut in the neck. He had been told the deceased was subject to epileptic fits. He did not think the wound could possibly have been self-inflicted.

The mother of the deceased said her daughter had been blind since she was seven years old, and subject to fits for the past 12 months or more. Dr. Burkitt had told her they were

epileptic fits. Deceased required assistance when she moved about the house and someone was always close to her to guide her.

The jury returned a verdict that deceased died as a result of a wound in the throat accidentally caused by falling on a piece of earthenware whilst in an epileptic fit.

Whitwick Revision Court

Barrister congratulates assistant overseers on the excellent lists

Liberal agent and the Whitwick overseer.

The Revising Barrister for the Loughborough Division, Mr C. E. Dyer, attended the Holy Cross School, Whitwick, yesterday (Thursday) afternoon for the purpose of going through the voters' lists for the parishes of Bardon, Coalville (portion), Osgathorpe, Thringstone and Whitwick.

The two political agents, Mr G. Lloyd James (Liberal) and Mr A. E. Seymour (Conservative) attended in the interests of their respective parties.

The Barrister said he was very glad indeed to find that the work had been done so well again in this division. With one or two exceptions they were all excellent lists and he would like to congratulate the overseers on showing such intelligence and producing such an excellent result.

Mr W. Baker (Coaville): *Thank you, sir.*

In the Whitwick new lodger claims was one by Patrick Barker. Mr Seymour said he did not think there was any such name. The Barrister said that was how the claim was signed.

It transpired that the man's name was George Ernest, but he was known as Pat, and the question arose as to whether he had occupied the room long enough.

Mr George West, (Whitwick Overseer) said the room had been occupied by the claimant's brother Timothy, who had married and left home.

Mr Lloyd James said he objected to the overseer giving the result of his enquiries in these cases. The Barrister said he was exceedingly obliged to overseers for information.

Mr James: *But when he does it for one party, it is not fair. If he did it for both sides in an impartial manner I should say nothing. I have brought the matter up before.*

Mr Seymour: *I don't think this sort of thing should be brought in because in some parishes overseers act as agents or sub-agents for Mr James. Mountsorrel is a notorious case, but I said nothing about it.*

The Barrister said his view was that an overseer or assistant should be impartial and it was a pity for them to identify themselves with either party. If they were impartial and enquired into lodger claims irrespective of party he would welcome their assistance, because lodger claims were notoriously difficult to adjudicate upon.

Mr Seymour: *We strongly opposed the claim of Timothy last year and the information we got from Mrs Stanyard was very unsatisfactory but he got through.*

The Barrister: *I am dealing with Patrick now, and I have something on which I must act unless it is repudiated.*

The claim was allowed.

Whitwick Man Eager to Cut the Kaiser's Moustache

Former Whitwick Scout-Master Writes Contradicting a Rumour

Private S. E. Perry, of the G Company of the Leicester Regiment, S.R. Purbrook, Fort Camp, near Portsmouth writing to his father, Councillor S. Perry, of Silver Street, Whitwick, says:

"I was surprised to learn that bad reports respecting the food, etc., at this camp had been going about in Whitwick. Let me say at once that there is absolutely no truth in the statements. There is plenty of good food issued out here every day and the officers look to it that every man gets his fair share. We are not by any means over worked and are practically free every night at five o'clock. We get bacon for breakfast every other morning (bread and butter and cheese other days), meat and potatoes every day for dinner, bread and butter and jam every day for tea and we always have plenty left for supper. Considering that we came up here prepared to suffer any hardships, or even death, for the sake of our King and country it is really surprising that we are treated so well. We each have two blankets, and despite the bitterly cold nights, manage to keep warm and to sleep well. The only grumbling which I hear in this camp is because we are not rushed off to Berlin to "cut the Kaiser's moustache." Hope you will contradict the untruthful reports if you hear anyone talking of them."

Whitwick Man in Hong Kong

German Ships Sunk and Captured

A letter indicating how the German warships fared at Hong Kong has been received by Mr A. Huchby, gardener to Mr J. J. Sharp, of the White House, Whitwick, from his son, Gunner G. L. Hutchby of the 88th Company R.G.A. stationed at Hong Kong.

He says he is in the best of health and expects they are having a lively time in England through the war with Germany. The letter proceeds: *"We are also having a lively time out here in China. We did not hear anything about the war until August 4th, and then could hardly believe it, thinking it was only intended to see how long it would take us to get ready if war did break out. But on August 5th, the German fleet invaded Hong Kong about four o'clock in the morning. We sunk one battleship and captured two more. That was not so bad for a start, was it? And it was before the British fleet arrived here. But our battleships came into the harbour yesterday morning, so we are all right. I am on guard at the present moment on one of the German battleships that we captured, to see that none of them escape or try to kill themselves, as some of them have tried to jump overboard. I have just come off guard to have four hours' sleep and thought I would write a letter home as perhaps I shall not have the chance again for a few weeks, as I am expecting to be sent on to a British man-of-war to go to sea. Our regiment is trained to fight on battleships as well as on land and there is a rumour that the Germans are going to make another attack*

on Hong Kong. Of course, we shall be ready for them, and will make them sorry when they do come. There will be no German fleet when we have finished with them, at least round China way. I can not explain to you how we all felt in the battle when we captured the German ships. We were all very excited and eager to get at them. We have not heard much yet about the war, but are expecting news from England every day. Fred Swift is on one of the scout ships here. His ship is on guard about 20 miles outside the harbour, watching for more German ships.”

He concludes by saying that he had not had any sleep for three days and three nights and he was glad now of the chance. He was anxious for papers to be sent out, which would be forwarded to his ship.



Coalville Territorials and their Instructor

Presentation to Sergt. Stone

An interesting little function took place at the Whitwick gymnasium on Monday night when Sergt-Instructor Stone, who has been instructing the Coalville Territorials, over a hundred strong, was presented with a handsome dressing case.

Pte. Bernard Hatter made the presentation on behalf of the company, and said how sorry they were to know, that Sergt-Instructor Stone was to leave them shortly. The recruits highly appreciated his services and extended their best wishes to him as to his future career.

Sergt-Instructor Stone, who was quite taken by surprise, expressed his thanks and congratulated the men on the splendid progress they had made in such a short time. He had heard many people remark how smart they looked and he agreed and assured them that any regiment would be proud of them.

The Sergeant is returning to his regiment, the Seaforth Highlanders, on orders from the War Office and expected to leave Whitwick to-day (Friday). As is well known, Sergeant-Instructor Stone has for the last few years been in charge at the Whitwick and District Gymnasium and School of Arms, founded by the Right Hon. Charles Booth.

Do You Know

That the Whitwick Conservative Club premises are likely to be offered for sale shortly?

That J. W. Davis, who played so well at outside right for Sutton Junction at Whitwick, last Saturday, formerly played with Bloomer on the Derby County right wing?

Sport

Football

The Imperial team to oppose Mount Pleasant in a Coalville cup match at Whitwick tomorrow will be:

Wright; Waterfield and Cooke, Moore Lockwood and Lovett; Cooper, Layton, Thorpe, Dexter and Roach. Reserves Bird and Needham.

English Cup Matches

Whitwick Imperial Beaten on the Tape

Three senior clubs in the Coalville district were engaged on Saturday in the preliminary round for the English Cup. Whitwick Imperial were lucky in being drawn at home, whereas Coalville Town and Coalville Swifts were both away. The visitors to Whitwick were Sutton Junction, a team which is fourth on the chart of the Central Alliance and an interesting match was witnessed by a crowd of about fifteen hundred people.

Sutton were certainly the more polished players the passing of their forwards at times being brilliant, but the Whitwick men put plenty of heart into their play and managed to hold them in check, while several times the Sutton goal had narrow escapes.

Cooke, Waterfield and Lovett were all prominent in the Whitwick defence, and the custodian, Wright, also covered himself with glory. Lockwood played a good half back game as did Joe Moore. The forwards were less prominent. Roach troubled the goal keeper a time or two and once grazed the upright with a fine shot. Another occasion, Keeling (Sutton's goalkeeper) had difficulty in dealing with a fine shot from Lovett.

The Whitwick custodian was severely tested in the first half, but kept his goal intact. He made several brilliant saves. Sutton had a fine right wing, two brothers named Davis and a lot of trouble to the Whitwick defence came from them. Although Sutton's play was the most stylish, taken all through Whitwick had the game as much in their favour as did the Junction until the last few minutes. They were 'beaten on the tape' as it were. Only three minutes from time, Brooks, the Sutton centre, worked an opening and put in a terrific drive in the top left hand corner of the net. Wright reached the ball but it had passed just under the bar and the referee promptly pointed to the centre. Another goal followed almost immediately. Whitwick thus losing by two goals to none, but they were by no means disgraced.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Death of Mrs Waterfield

The death occurred somewhat suddenly on Tuesday morning of Mrs Waterfield of Church Lane, mother of Mr George Waterfield, secretary of the Whitwick Imperial Football Club. She had a seizure on Monday night.

Burials

Egan – At Whitwick, on Wednesday, Sarah Egan, aged 17 years, of Loughborough Road.

Lacey – At Whitwick, on Thursday, Elizabeth Lacey, aged 55 years, of Church Lane.

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Local News

The Coalville Urban Council are believed to have established a record in brevity at their monthly meeting on Tuesday night, the business only lasting a quarter of an hour. An interesting item in one of the reports was the excellent result of the analysis of the public water, which now, as always, is declared to be of good quality. It would seem too, that progress is being made in regard to the improvement at Pare's Hill, Whitwick, which has been before the Council for years.

Burglary at a Whitwick Public House

Money and Spirits Stolen

During the early hours of Sunday morning, thieves got into the Duke of Newcastle Inn, kept by Mr G. A. Waterfield, of Whitwick, and stole three bottles of special whiskey and one of brandy and also the contents of the till, some seven or eight shillings.

An entry was gained through a small window at the rear of the premises leading into the passage, which gave the intruders access to the bar. If they had thought of finding Saturday's takings, they were disappointed because Mr Waterfield had carefully removed the bulk of the money.

Several valuables, including the Coalville Charity Cup, on a shelf in the bar, were left intact as also was a large sum of money in another place. There were no marks showing how the thieves had entered except that the window was found open and it had apparently been inadvertently left unfastened.

The intruders are believed to have been men who knew the house well and who also knew the dog, which was in the kitchen, since the occupants heard no sound from the animal. All the whiskey and brandy left on the shelves was taken as well as all the money in the till.

The matter has been reported to the police.

Wesleyan Chapel

Harvest thanksgiving services were held on Sunday at the Whitwick Wesleyan Chapel, conducted by Mr W. F. Newell, of Nottingham. There were good congregations. A tea was

held on Monday and very well attended and in the evening the gifts of fruit, flowers and vegetables were sold, realising £2 11s for Leicester Infirmary.

Smart Coalville Pawnbroker

Alleged theft of a bicycle at Whitwick

At the Ashby Police Court on Saturday

Frederick Smith, labourer, late of Whitwick was charged with stealing a bicycle and lamp value £8, the property of John Hall, at Whitwick, on October 2nd. He was brought up in custody.

Inspector Dobney stated that about 8 o'clock on Friday night he saw the prisoner at Coalville Police Station detained by P.C. Brewin. He told defendant he would be charged with stealing a bicycle from some place then unknown. Defendant commenced to make a statement and witness cautioned him and said he should take down in writing what he said. Defendant then said he borrowed the bicycle that night from a man named Hall he lodged with at Whitwick, to ride to Coalville to purchase some clothes and he was to return it a 7 o'clock. When he got to Coalville he thought he would sell it and clear off to Birmingham with the money. He rode up to Belvoir Road pawn shop and asked two men who stood outside whether they wanted to buy a bicycle. One of them said he would and went into the shop with him. The pawnbroker asked him where he lived and he told him he lived in a wagon at Loughborough. The man asked him if the bicycle was his and whether he had receipt for it. Defendant replied that it was his and he had left the receipt in his wagon at Loughborough. The man asked him how much he wanted for it and he (defendant) asked him to name a price. The man said he would make enquiries and detained him in the shop while he sent for the police.

The Inspector added that he afterwards ascertained that the bicycle belonged to John Hall, of Whitwick, and that the defendant had been lodging there for a week. Supt. Lockton said he wanted to make further enquiries about the defendant and asked for a remand.

Defendant had nothing to say and was remanded in custody to the Coalville Petty Sessions to-day (Friday).

Coalville Urban District Council

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

Plans

The following plans were recommended for approval: Van and cart sheds, North Street, Hugglescote, for Mr W. J. Windebank and a house, Crescent Road, Hugglescote, for Mr G. Rogers. The following plan was referred back: Line of railway for the Whitwick Granite Company, Ltd.

The report was adopted on the motion of Mr Perry.

Highway Committee's Report

The Highways Committee recommended that in the case of Council men going on active service the difference between the amount they receive from the War Office and their usual wages be paid by the Council to their dependants.

The Surveyor reported that there was no change in the north high level outfall sewer.

The Surveyor read a letter from the Trustees of the Baptist Chapel, Pare's Hill, Whitwick, that the wall of their property could be removed as desired as part of the proposed improvement and the cost would be about £8, and the Committee recommended that the Finance Committee be asked to make arrangements for the amount required to carry out the whole improvement at Pare's Hill.

The Surveyor produced the plans and section of the proposed sewer in Meadow Lane and reported that the estimated cost would be £2000, and he was instructed to report further at the next meeting of the committee.

The Surveyor read a report from the National Boiler Insurance Co. that an internal and external examination had been made of the Steam Roller and the same was found in order.

A plan was produced from the Whitwick Granite Co. showing the sections of the proposed alterations of their level crossing in Hall Lane, and the Committee recommended that they be asked to submit plans and sections of the whole alteration of their line of railway.

Mr Sheffield moved the adoption of the report which was carried.

Christmas Dinner in Berlin

Coalville Soldier's Optimism

Local men from India for the front

Four soldiers who have just arrived from India reached Coalville on Monday morning on four days' leave of absence, prior to rejoining their regiment which has orders for the front. They were Lance-Corpl. A. Wesson and Lance-Corpl. C. H. Wesson, brothers, sons of Mr Wesson, a Midland Railway fitter, residing in Margaret Street, Coalville. Pte. A. Concannon of Church Lane, Whitwick, and Pte. Hartshorne of Swannington. All are in the Notts and Derbyshire Regiment (Sherwood Foresters), who since arriving in this country have been encamped at Hursley Park, on Sir J. Cooper's estate near Winchester. The four named have all been in the army for some years.

In an interview with Lance-Corpl. A. Wesson, a representative of this paper learned that the whole regiment are in high spirits at the prospect of going to the front and are eager for the fray.

They left Bombay on September 3rd and landed at Plymouth on October 1st, the whole regiment comprising about 1100. These were all brought over in one transport, and came part of the way with Indian troops which were landed at Marseilles. In all, there were 26 troopships, and, escorted by the battleships, Wesson said it was a fine sight. The Indian

troops are splendid, he said, and would strike terror into the hearts of the Germans. The Gourkhas, in particular, he considered a fine body of men and splendid fighters.

Wesson, who looked bronzed, said he had been two years at Bombay where it was very hot. He would have finished his time in the army next June, but was now continuing in the service. *"You are fond of army life?"* queried our reporter, *"Oh, yes,"* was the response, *"and we are all looking forward to getting to the front."*

Questioned as to whether there had been any exciting incidents in Bombay, Wesson replied that the enemy had not made his appearance there but English vessels had brought in numerous German ships which had been captured and the British Tommies had been guarding them. His regiment, he went on to say, had been abroad for 16 years and went through the South African war. As far as they knew they were to leave England for the front sometime this month, and he believed that about 70,000 troops were leaving for the war.

"Kitchener means business," he added enthusiastically, *"and we have all been saying in our regiment that we shall have our Christmas dinner in Berlin. I'll send you a bit of pudding."*

Referring again to the journey from India, Wesson said ten of the transports sailed from Bombay and the others joined them at Port Said. They sighted no hostile craft on the way but had the unique experience of witnessing a wreck. They saw a vessel disappear beneath the waves, but, happily, all the crew were saved. Apart from this, it was an uneventful journey. The dusky soldiers who had gone to the front were, he said, the flower of the Indian Army and would give a good account of themselves. It was pleasing to hear Wesson say how well the white soldiers got on with the dark men in the service of India. The Indian soldiers, he affirmed, would readily lay down their lives for the English soldiers.

Wesson is an old Coalville Athletic footballer, and has gained a good reputation at the game while in Bombay, having won several medals. Had things gone on in a normal way he would have completed his seven years in the army next June and intended playing for Coalville Town next season. He finds the English climate very chilly after Bombay, but said the army provided them with good warm clothing.

Before leaving Wesson, I assured him that readers of the "Coalville Times" wished him and his pals the best of luck, and that I should look out for that bit of pudding.

The four men left Coalville yesterday to rejoin their regiment at Winchester.

Coalville Footballer's Bravery

Rescued wounded French soldier

Private W. Commons, familiarly known in Coalville and district as "Merry Commons," and who is serving in the Royal Army Medical Corps with the Expeditionary Force, writing to Mr John Sykes, of Hotel Street, said he was pleased to hear that Mr Sykes had a good time at Thringstone Wake. He (Commons) was at a different wake, where the shells were flying night and day. He continues: *"Well, I have had my name sent for bravery. There was a Frenchman hit by a shell, so me and "Smosh" got a stretcher and ran out, and fetched him to safety, and the shells were bursting all around us. But we have been lucky enough to miss them up to now. It isn't war out here; its murder."*

Commons adds: *"It's like asking for gold out here to ask for a piece of writing-paper. You can get 5d a packet for Woodbines here. There's one thing, they are sending plenty of tobacco out for the troops. But I say 'Roll on England'."*

Commons, who lived at Club Row, Coalville, has figured in different football clubs, amongst them Whitwick Imperial and Coalville Swifts.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Burials

Berkin – At Whitwick, on Saturday, Samuel Harry Berkin, of South Street, aged 8 months.

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Local News

Whitwick Publican Death

Sequel to Trap Accident

Inquest

An inquest was held yesterday afternoon by Mr P. J. Webb (Deputy-Coroner) at the Whitwick Conservative Club concerning the death of Mr William George Musson, landlord of the Three Crowns Hotel, Whitwick, who died on the previous day as a result of injuries sustained in a trap accident a few weeks ago.

Mr S. Perry was foreman of the jury and Mr Jesson (Ashby) attended for the relatives. The Coroner said the medical evidence was that deceased died from bronchitis, or some injury to the lungs, but as this was caused by broken ribs sustained in a trap accident on September 23rd, an inquest was necessary. The party had to find whether anyone was criminally responsible. The evidence, he said, somewhat contradictory, but the jury had nothing to do with any proceedings which might follow in a civil court.

Mrs Musson, deceased's wife, said her husband was 56 years of age. On September 23rd they went to Coalville and returned to Whitwick via Brook's Lane, which leads into North Street, shortly after six o'clock. A horse and cart stood opposite Mr Stinson's shop, and the man in charge had the reins between his knees as he was lighting a cigarette. As they passed, the horse moved and the driver instead of taking hold of the right rein pulled the wrong one and there was a crash. She shouted out, "The Lord help us" and remembered nothing more until the next day. The other cart caught theirs and took the cap clean off the wheel. Their trap was overturned and they were thrown out. Just before the collision their cart was on the same side as the Railway Hotel and the deceased pulled right on to the causeway to escape the other vehicle.

Mr Jesson: *What pace was your husband driving?*

Witness: *Nothing, no more than a gentle trot. We left Dr. Hamilton's at a quarter to six and it was then about a quarter past.*

Answering further questions, witness said that anyone in the cart near Stinson's shop would be able to see them coming. The driver pulled the wrong rein pulling the horse right in front of them. Their pony's feet were on the footpath. The same night, Leslie Payne, the driver of the other horse came to the house, but she could not say whether he saw the deceased. He came again the next day and saw the deceased in company with witness's daughter. Apart from this accident deceased had had good health. They had been to Dr. Hamilton for a bottle of medicine for herself.

By the Coroner: *The deceased was not short sighted or deaf?*

Mr Jesson: *And the pony was easy to manage?*

Yes, it is 16 or 17 years old.

By the foreman: *They went straight to Coalville and back and were only away from home about an hour.*

By Mr T. Kelly (a juror): *Just before the collision deceased shouted to the youth in the other trap, "What are you doing?"*

Dr. Milligan, locum tenens for Dr. Burkitt, Whitwick, said he was sent for about half-past six and saw the deceased at the Railway Hotel. With assistance he was got home to bed where witness examined him. He found abrasions on the face, especially on the left side. Two ribs were broken on the left side and the right ankle was badly sprained. He was suffering from shock and the heart's action was weak. The latter was a permanent thing and he warned relatives of what might happen. The deceased seemed to progress for a time, but later his breathing was difficult and indicated bronchitis. On Saturday they had deceased out of bed, and he seemed better. Witness was away until Monday. Dr. Vaughan, visiting deceased on Sunday. When witness saw deceased on Monday his breathing had become again difficult and the heart's action feeble. He died on Wednesday morning from bronchitis pneumonia, which was no doubt connected with the shock from the accident. The bruises indicated that the deceased might have been thrown out of the trap on the left side, but he could not say positively.

Mr Jesson: *But for the accident Mr Musson might have been alive today.*

The Doctor: *Oh, certainly.*

By the Coroner: *There was no organic mischief to account for the weak action of the heart. It was just the over-worked heart of a hard working man of his age.*

Mr Jesson: *We have all got that.* (Laughter)

The doctor said that sometimes medical men were blamed for not giving certificates in such cases, but when there had been an accident they could not according to law. The Coroner said that the jury understood that.

Arthur James Gough, farmer, Redhill Farm, Swannington, stated that he was near Whitwick Station, when he heard a crash about twenty yards away. He went up and saw Mr Musson lying in the gutter between Moore's shop and the Railway Hotel. The deceased's trap was upside down close to the causeway. Witness assisted in getting the deceased into the Railway Hotel. He heard no shouting just before the crash. The road was rather narrow there. The other trap was a little to the rear of the overturned one and on the other side.

By Mr Jesson: *When he got to the scene of the accident, Musson's pony was standing up. The other cart had probably been backed, though he did not see it, and would not say definitely.*

By Mr Harper (a juror): *The other horse was facing Pare's Hill and was nearly opposite Mr Noon's yard gate.*

Henry Birkumshaw, fitter's labourer, Church Lane, Whitwick, stated that on September 23rd he was near Whitwick Church about a quarter past six and saw the deceased pass in a trap towards the Market Place. Another trap was near Noon's facing up the hill just on the move. Both carts were going straight and on their proper side. The wheel of Musson's cart struck the wheel of the other cart and deceased's trap turned over, with Mr and Mrs Musson underneath, and he helped get them out. After the collision each trap was in the gutter on the proper side. He heard no shout. He noticed nothing particular about the driver of Stinson's cart. He was simply driving the horse.

By Mr Jesson: *He had told the policeman what he saw but had not talked to Mr Stinson about it or anyone on Mr Stinson's behalf. At the time of the collision the lad in Stinson's cart was not smoking. There was a man with him. In Musson's cart were the deceased, Mrs Musson and a little girl. Witness could not say how the wheels caught.*

Leslie Payne, of Gracedieu Road, Whitwick, said he was a mineral water salesman. About 6.15 p.m. on September 23rd he was driving along South Street towards Pare's Hill when he said Mr Musson's trap turned out of Church Lane. Witness was on his left hand side with the wheel right in the gutter. Musson approached him in the middle of the road, and pulled a little to his left but not enough to miss the hub of witness's cart. Neither of them called out. Witness had the reins in his hand. He was smoking at the time but was not lighting a cigarette when the collision occurred. Musson's trap went on about six yards and then turned over. Witness got out and went to the assistance of Mr Musson.

By Mr Jesson: *He was employed by Mr Stinson, who owned the horse and cart. Witness was accustomed to driving and had not had an accident before. He was 18 years of age. He did not call at Mr Stinson's chemist's shop that day. He lit his cigarette in Market Place and did not drop the reins to do so. The accident would have been averted had deceased pulled a little more to the left. Witness could not have pulled any more himself without going on to the kerb.*

By the foreman: *His horse was not standing near Noon's before the accident.*

Enoch Horridge, collier, residing in the City of Three Waters, who was in the cart with Payne, gave similar evidence.

By Mr Jesson: *He was not related to Payne.*

The Coroner said there did not appear to anything in the evidence which would show anybody to be guilty of criminal negligence. The jury agreed and returned a verdict of accidental death. The Foreman, and the jury desired that the attention of the Urban Council be called to the narrowness of the road at that point, it being a source of danger.

Coalville Pawnbroker Commended

Exciting Struggle with Would-be Bicycle Thief

At the Coalville Police Court on Friday, Ernest Elson, labourer, Leicester, who gave the name of Frederick Smith, was charged with attempting to steal a bicycle and lamp value £8, at Coalville on October 2nd. Defendant said he was guilty and was sorry for what he had done.

John Hall, pony driver, Leicester Road, Whitwick, identified the bicycle in court and said it was worth £8. The defendant lodged at his father's house and asked witness to lend him the bicycle. He said he was going to Coalville to purchase some clothes and he would be back by seven o'clock. Inspector Dobney said the defendant was brought to the police station with the bicycle and witness told him he would be detained on a charge of stealing it from some place unknown. Defendant, after being cautioned made a statement admitting that he borrowed the bicycle and tried to sell it at Coalville to a pawnbroker, who detained him while he sent for the police.

William Henry Parker, pawnbroker, Belvoir Road, Coalville, said he heard the defendant offer to sell the bicycle to two youths near his shop and witness told him he would buy it. He took the bicycle into the shop and asked the prisoner what he wanted for it and defendant replied, "*What will you give me?*" Witness asked him if he had a receipt and he replied that he had left it in his wagon at Loughborough. Witness said he would have to make enquiries to see whether the bicycle was paid for and that defendant would be detained. Prisoner then put himself into a fighting attitude and said he could soon get out of the shop. They had a struggle and fell to the floor, but witness managed to hold him while the boy went for a policeman. Supt. Lockton said he was delighted with the way Mr Parker acted and he was sure every honest man in Coalville would be. He had acted splendidly.

The Chairman said the Magistrates desired to join in that and to express their appreciation of the way Mr Parker managed to detain the man, who would otherwise have perhaps got away with the bicycle. The Magistrates thought Mr Parker acted very wisely. Supt. Lockton said there was nothing known against the defendant, who however, caused them a lot of trouble by saying he came from Cambridgeshire and gave a wrong name. His home was in Mellor Street, Belgrave, Leicester. Mr C. A. Northway, police court commissioner, said the defendant was only 18 years of age, and it would be a pity to send him to prison. His mother was here and would take him back and he (Mr Northway) suggested he be bound over and he would look after him.

The Bench agreed to that course, defendant being bound over for 12 months. Mrs Elson said the boy had a good home and a new bicycle of his own. She could not understand why he would do such a thing.

Local Chit Chat

Prominent among the spectators at the Coalville Town and Whitwick match last Saturday were two blind "onlookers" – 'Mic,' a strong Town supporter, and Brown, who likes to "see" Whitwick win. The latter is an old soldier and was wearing several medals. Although totally blind, both men evidently followed the game with great enthusiasm.

The treasurer of the Leicester Royal Infirmary acknowledges with thanks the receipt of £12/1/8 from Market Bosworth Church, £5/5/4 Bardon Hill Church, £4/7/6 Barlestone

Church, £2/2/0 Whitwick Wesleyan Church, £1/16/6 Bagworth Parish Church, £50 from the employees of the Ellistown Collieries Ltd., and £12/1/10 from the employees of the Cliff Hill Granite Quarry, Markfield.

Do You Know

That 110 men from the Whitwick Colliery have joined the forces?

Coalville Police Court

Friday – Before Major Hatchett and Mr W. Lindley.

No Light

John Biddle, baker, Whitwick, was summoned for driving a horse and cart without lights at Thringstone, on September 29th. P.C. Collis stated the case.

The Bench dismissed the case on payment of 6/6 costs, no conviction being recorded.

Sport

Football

Coalville Town's Defence Strengthened

When Coalville Town went to Whitwick a few weeks ago to play the Imperial in a Leicestershire Senior League match they were quite outclassed and beaten by 5 goals to 1, but they had a sweet revenge on Saturday. Since the first encounter, the weak places in the Town ranks have been strengthened and it was a very capable side which took the field on Saturday. Whitwick again gave a good display, but were beaten on their merits.

Coalville hitherto lacked in defence, but an old Town and Imperial player – “Shinty” Warden – having been released by the disbanding of Hinckley United, has come back to Coalville, along with Pick, Hinckley's goal-keeper, who has long enjoyed a great reputation locally as a custodian, and with “Japper” Smith in the half-back line, Coalville had some stubborn defenders. As constituted on Saturday, the Town have a team which should render a good account during the rest of the season. 'Twas a pity they could not have played at Moira the previous week as they did on Saturday.

The players were, Pick, Warden and Pallett, H. Smith, Nicholls and Webster, Marshall, Barratt, Evans, G. Smith and Wilkins.

Whitwick also made one or two changes in their side, Cooke and Heath were out, and Bourne and another Bird were brought in, the position of the players being somewhat re-arranged, as the following will show:

Wright; Waterfield and Dexter, W. Bird, Lockwood and Lovett; J. Moore, Layton, J. Bird, Bourne and Roach.

This was the only match in the district on Saturday and the Town committee, therefore, were gladdened by a splendid "gate." The attendance must have been nearly two thousand.

The game started in Whitwick's favour and had not been long in progress before they were one up through J. Bird. Coalville did a lot of pressing and eventually Barratt made matters level. Pick was applauded for saving a difficult shot from one of the Whitwick halves and later for returning a beauty from Joe Moore. Whitwick took the lead again just before the interval in rather an easy manner. Warden stumbled when about to clear and Bourne had a good opening with which he made no mistake.

Resuming Barratt scored again almost immediately and Coalville had decidedly the best of matters at the close. Two more goals were scored by Evans, but Wright might have saved the first of these. The ball bounced over his hand when trying to punch it whereas he might easily have adopted the safer plan of gathering the leather. Wright seemed a bit shaky in goal on other occasions. Evan's second goal was a beauty. It came from a tremendous volley and Wright would have done well had he stopped that. It was an interesting game throughout.

Friday October 23rd 1914 (Issue 1181)

Local News

Whitwick Licensed Victualler's Funeral

The Late Mr W. G. Musson

The funeral took place at Whitwick on Saturday, amid many manifestations of public esteem, of William George Musson, landlord of the Three Crowns Hotel, whose death occurred from injuries sustained in a trap accident under circumstances narrated at the inquest reported in our last issue.

The chief mourners present were the widow and son Will, Mr J. Musson (son) and Mrs Stanyard (daughter), Mr George Musson and Miss L. Musson (son and daughter), Mr R. Musson (son) and Mrs Benistone (sister), Mr Stanyard (son-in-law) and Mrs Perkins (cousin) and Mr George Brooks and Mrs Clarke (cousins).

Also present were Messrs. H. Allgood, S. Perry, A. Briers, B. West, G. West and other prominent townsmen including most of the members of the Whitwick and Thringstone Licensed Victuallers Association. The service, the first portion of which was held in the parish church, was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. T. W. Walters. The bearers were Messrs. Mason, T. Moore, W. Moore, T. Middleton, T. Wyatt, F. Perry, J. Haywood and J. King and the body was enclosed in a polished oak coffin with brass furniture, bearing the inscription: "*William George Musson, died October 14th, 1914, aged 56 years.*"

There were about thirty beautiful floral tributes which bore cards from His Wife, May and Herbert, James and Mary Ann, Hannah and Harry, Reg and Lizzie, his sons, Mr and Mrs A. E. West and family, Mr and Mrs Roulston, Mr and Mrs W. Moore, Mr Frank Smith, Mr and Mrs Middleton, Mr and Mrs Ben West, members of the Women's Club, Whitwick and District Licensed Victuallers Association, Mr and Mrs A. Waterfield, Mr and Mrs S. Perry, Mr and Mrs William Smith and family, Mr and Mrs Thorpe, Mr and Mrs Ward and M. E. Wileman, Mr and Mrs B. V. McCarthy, Mr and Mrs Smith and family, Mr and Mrs James

Robinson, Mr and Mrs Preer, Alfred and John Moore and Mrs Hoult, Mr and Mrs Fred Sear, Mr and Mrs Wyatt, Messrs. Frank West, John Reynolds and Justin McCarthy.

Mr C. McCarthy of Belvoir Road, Coalville, carried out the funeral arrangements.

Parish Church Harvest Festival

The harvest festival was held at Whitwick Parish Church on Sunday, when the church was prettily decorated and the services were largely attended. The Rev. C. Shrewsbury (vicar of Thringstone) preached in the morning and the Rev. T. W. Walters (vicar) in the evening. Anthems were well rendered by the choir. Mr R. G. West being the organist. In the afternoon a service for men was addressed by Dr. Milligan, locum tenens for Dr. Burkitt, on "Our Hospitals." The collections realised £9 3s which was for the local hospitals. The fruit was sent to the 5th Northern Hospital for the wounded soldiers and the remainder of the produce distributed among the poor of the parish.

Do you Know

That Whitwick and District Licensed Victuallers' Association have decided to hold a dinner?

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Burials

Musson:- At Whitwick, on Saturday, William George Musson, aged 56 years, of the Three Crowns Hotel.

Friday October 30th 1914 (Issue 1182)

Local News

Mr Neville Smith-Carrington has made a present of tobacco to every man in the 5th Battalion Leicestershire Regt. at Luton including ambulance and machine gun sections and the signallers. The presentation consists of a neat box of tobacco and pasted inside the lid is a label. "Good Luck!" from Neville Smith-Carrington, Ashby Folville, Melton Mowbray. The tobacco was supplied by the tobacconists from Loughborough, Barrow, Castle Donington, Mountsorrel, Shepshed, and Whitwick. Mr Smith-Carrington has been unable to leave London for a month, his firm being so busily engaged in making munitions for war that seven days a week and three shifts of eight hours each are worked continuously.

The treasurer of the Leicester Royal Infirmary acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the following amounts:- £19 Ibstock Free Church parade per Mr W. Eggington, J.P.; £4/7/5 Whitwick Parish Church per the Vicar; £4/7/0 Odstone Mission Room per the Rev. W. H. Neap; £4/6 Nailstone Church; £3/3 Ashby Primitive Methodist Church per the Rev. J. Blayney; £2/2 Coalville Ebenezer Baptist Church per the Rev. W. H. Wills; £2/2 Ibstock Wesleyan Church per Mr W. Eggington, J.P.; £1/17 Bagworth Baptist Church per Mr W. Bland; £1/15/8 Swannington Wesleyan Church per Mr Rouse; £1/14 Stanton-under-Bardon Parish Church per the Rev. H. R. Cooper; £1 Coalville Standard Hill Wesleyan Church per Mr E. Geary; 15/2 H. Tresise; 13/- Ravenstone Wesleyan Coalville United

Methodist Church per Mr E. Church per Mr W. Saddington; £8 Workmen of the Whitwick Granite Company; and £7 Coalville Co-Operative Society employees per Mr H. Gray.

Whitwick Baby's Death

Inquest

The deputy-coroner of North Leicestershire, (Mr T. J. Webb) held an inquest at Mr Briers' office on Monday into the circumstances attending the death of the infant son of Bernard Slattery, a collier, City of Three Waters.

The child's mother said he was five and a half weeks old. On October 23rd she and her husband went to bed with the child between them; and early next morning she found the baby dead. Dr. Milligan, locum tenens for Dr. Burkett, said the child died from suffocation from being over-lain.

The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the medical evidence, and expressed the opinion that it was dangerous to have an infant between parents in bed.

Coalville's Effort for Distressed Belgians

Urgent Appeal for Funds

Successful Public Meetings in the District

Considerable progress has been made during the week in connection with the scheme to provide for 100 Belgian Refugees at Broom Leys, Coalville. The committee have got to work and have received many excellent promises of support. The greatest task they have to face is the raising of the money, estimated at £30 to £35 per week, to maintain their guests after the house had been furnished, and a comfortable home provided for them, but judging by the enthusiasm displayed at several meetings held in the district during the past few days, it looks as though the money will be readily forthcoming. Appended are particulars of the meetings held.

Good Response at Ravenstone

There was a good attendance at a meeting in the Ravenstone School on Monday night at which Major Hatchett, J.P., presided and Miss Hawthorn attended from the Central Committee. The Major and Mr J. W. West, J.P., spoke of the great sacrifices made by the Belgian people and the claims they had on the people of this country. Promises were made in the meeting amounting to £2 per week.

It was explained that a Belgian and his wife and two children were already living in Ravenstone at a house kindly offered by Miss Cresswell.

Meeting at Swannington

A meeting was held at Swannington on Saturday night and was fairly well attended. Mr T. Atkins presided and was supported by Mr B. G. Hale and Mr Edgar Hawthorn, hon. sec to the Central Committee. The Chairman and Mr Hale gave addresses to what was evidently a sympathetic audience and it was intimated that collectors would come round.

Stirring Addresses at Whitwick

On Monday evening a well-attended meeting was held in the Church Schools, Whitwick. The Rev. T. W. Walters, M.A. Vicar, presided and he was supported by the Right Hon. Charles Booth, Mr W. Lindley, J.P., and Mr M. McCarthy, Mr T. W. Bourne, Mr J. Eagles, Mr M. Downes, Mr F. Burton, Mr J. S. West etc.

The Chairman said that a few months ago the little country of Belgium was one of the most prosperous on the Continent and had flourishing populous towns and cities. Suddenly war broke out and the Germans demanded a passage through the country. Belgium knew if they said "yes" it would probably mean an end to their independence, and so they said "no." The result of that was the Germans set their war machine in action, and to-day old world towns that had been a joy to travellers were blackened ruins; ancient monuments and architecture were in ruins, and the people had been crushed as well. The people in thousands had fled to France, to Holland and to this country. To-day the Belgians looked upon the people of this country as their best friends and the people of this country looked upon the Belgians as a grand and noble people. But for the stand they made at Liege, France would have been devastated, and the resistance they offered enabled France and England to prepare to meet Germany. At the same time Belgium was a desert. Some of their friends here had already done something to provide hospitality for some of these heroic people, but a committee representing the district was organising means for accommodating more of the unfortunate people. Considering what the Belgian resistance had meant for this country, they ought to do all they could in return.

Mr McCarthy said they knew pretty well what had happened, and the cruelties that had been enacted. He had received a letter from Father Parmenier, of Newhall, a Belgian, whose two brothers were in a large way of business and had lost everything. Before the war, Belgium had 7 1/2 million of prosperous people. He did not know how many would be left when the war was over. The Germans had been preparing for years. The war came to them in England like a thunderclap and they ought to thank God that they had gone on thus far so well. He felt that God was working for them in this fight for freedom and Christianity.

Mr Walter Lindley said that was one of the saddest occasions which he had had to come before a Whitwick audience. Belgian refugees, rich and poor alike were needing succour. There were 200,000 Belgian refugees in Holland who would be only too glad to come over to England if they could be accommodated. The most awful atrocities which the Germans had perpetrated were a scandal to the 20th century. Even barbarians had never perpetrated such atrocities. A gentleman had told him that he had seen two women without hands, and another gentleman had told him that a nurse he had known for 15 years had come back with both her hands cut off. The one nation the German Emperor wanted to crush was England. Proceeding, Mr Lindley said he believed that the German Emperor had climbed and climbed to the top of the ladder, and fallen over the other side. They must not minimise the task before them. It would probably take them till this time next year to overcome Germany. They must wait until they had driven the Germans off French and Belgian territory, and razed Krupps works at Essen to the ground. Then they could begin to talk about some reduction of armaments. The Coalville District Committee were hoping to get sufficient support to enable them to place one hundred refugees at Broom Leys. It was their duty and privilege and he believed it would be their pleasure to help them. They appealed for gifts or loans of furniture and household requisites, in addition to vegetables etc., and weekly contributions towards the maintenance of these people. The collieries had already contributed £124, and unless they received gifts of furniture, etc., it

would take at least £230 more to furnish the place. On the top of this there was the cost of maintenance, and in his opinion these refugees would require help for at least twelve months.

The Hon. Charles Booth said he had in the past been regarded as an alarmist, but he was happy to have on his side Lord Roberts. He heard from time to time of the careful and thorough preparation made by the Germans for the invasion of England, and many people believed that these preparations were simply academic, but he for one did not take that view, but that they looked to "the day," as their favourite toast implied, when they would invade this country. Although the war had not gone so favourably for the Germans as the Germans had hoped, they still believed they would be able to invade England. The present fighting was said to be the greatest fight of the war, and the Germans were making strenuous efforts to get to Calais. They believed that by an invasion of this country by Zeppelins it would make them shake in their shoes, that they would be frightened and give in. Of course the Germans did not know us as a people. The Belgians had done much more than he had ever hoped they could have done, and they should do all they could to help these people who had lost their all. He was trying a little experiment, and was expecting 6 Belgians at his place.

The Chairman said that Pte. Samuel Perry had written home that he had seen a Belgian Refugee landed at Portsmouth minus both arms, legs and one ear.

Mr T. W. Bourne moved a vote of thanks to the speakers and the Chairman and Mr Eagles seconded. Both made an eloquent appeal for support in the effort to support the Belgian Refugees. The vote was heartily accorded and the chairman and Mr Booth responded.

The chairman said that 23 volunteers were required to collect in that part of the district. Mr Lindley said it was important that the offers of furniture etc., should be to hand by the Central Committee at Coalville by Saturday as the Central Committee were meeting next week to decide what furniture it was necessary to purchase.

The singing of the National Anthem closed the proceedings.

Home Defence Meeting at Whitwick

Citizen Corps Formed

With a view to forming a Citizen Corps for home defence in Whitwick and Thringstone, a meeting was held at the Three Crowns Hotel, Whitwick, on Tuesday evening. Mr B. Berry presided and was supported by Capt. Stevenson, Lieut. Jamie, Mr S. Perry etc.

Mr Berry said they were all sorry to hear of the death of the landlord of that establishment (Mr Musson), and he asked the company to stand as a mark of sympathy.

This having been done, the Chairman said these were very serious days, more serious than some of them realised. They had to face a madman and his huge army. This madman had intended to capture Brussels, Calais and Paris. They had taken Brussels but had got little further. The Germans wanted to capture Calais and invade this country, so that they could serve us as they had done the people of Belgium.

Capt. Stevenson having explained why he was prevented from taking active service, stated that before the war he formed the Ashby and Coalville Corps of the National

Reserve. He congratulated Whitwick district on the many lads sent to fight for their country. The Chairman had referred to the German madman; he called him the German Assassin – (A voice: The Belgian Butcher) – hear, hear. They had read of the horrors which the Belgian people had had to suffer. The people of this country would have to suffer more if ever the Germans got into this country. We thought that our fine navy was invincible and could not be defeated, Germany thought the same of their navy. They had been building it up against “The Day” which they had toasted and looked and prepared for in years gone by and it was wise that they should be prepared for all contingencies. He referred to the heroic behaviour of British troops in the war, and to the pluck and courage of men who kept the Union Jack flying. If they had followed the advice of Lord Roberts six years ago this war would never have taken place, because they would have had four million trained men. It rested with the men of Whitwick to help to protect this country. They wanted to form a Citizen’s Corps for home defence, and they wanted the young men to join Kitchener’s army. If the men did not come forward readily, then there would be conscription. When Lord Kitchener got his million men, he would ask for another million. This war would not be over this Christmas or the Christmas after. It would be a long affair. They had got to drive Germany out of France, out of Belgium, and right to Berlin. They had got to make it that the Germans would not be able to molest them again. They not only wanted men for Kitchener’s army, but also for the Territorial Reserve. It was a great honour to the Coalville Company and they had been called on to supply a draft of 60 to strengthen the 5th Battalion at Luton. They had with them that night, Mr Jamie, an officer of the Coalville Company, and it was many years since Coalville had supplied an officer for the Territorials. When the National Reserve was first formed it was not recognised by the War Office, but in the hour of England’s need, many of its members had gone again to serve their country. The same applied to the home defence corps. They wanted to be prepared for emergencies. At Coalville on Sunday 109 paraded for drill, and on Monday evening 88 presented themselves. There was a large employer of labour standing shoulder to shoulder with men in his employ. He regretted that there were men with strong sons who had not sent any to join the forces, although they could easily spare at least two. He explained in passing that the Citizen’s Corps was not a back door for those who had not the grit to join Kitchener’s army or the Territorials. Proceeding, he said that some women had trouble over their separation allowances. If any who had difficulty came to see him any morning between 9 and 12 at the Labour Exchange he should be only too pleased to do all he could to put the matter right.

Mr H. G. W. Howe said that England expects every man to do his duty and that motto should be engrafted in the minds of everyone young and old, and in spite of his advancing years he was prepared to do all he could. The war was not yet before them, and peace would not be declared until they reach Berlin.

It was decided those who had given in their names should meet on Thursday evening to form a committee.

Lieut. Jamie proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman, which was accorded and Mr Berry replied.

Do you Know

That in the membership of the Midland Miners’ Fatal Accident Relief Society for the past quarter shows an increase of 20 at Coleorton Colliery and 39 at Snibston, with a decrease of 48 at South Leicester and 19 at Whitwick pits?

Coalville Police Court

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

Bad Language

Robert Cooke, collier, and Lily Cooke, married, both of Whitwick, were summoned for using bad language at Whitwick on October 10th. Defendants were stated to be man and wife. The woman appeared and P.C. Grewcock said the defendant's caused a disturbance in Whitwick Market Place, shortly after 11 pm. and he had to escort them away.

Sergt. Kirkland corroborated. The woman said she was as innocent as newly-born babe. Defendants were each fined 2s and costs 10s or seven days.

Hannah Young, married woman, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on October 17th. She pleaded not guilty. P.C. Jelley proved the case and was corroborated by P.C. Grewcock. Defendant was fined 2/6 and costs 12s or seven days.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Newsagent's Death

The death occurred on Wednesday at the age of 54 years, of Mr John Bailey, a well-known newsagent of Whitwick.

Burials

Slattery – At Whitwick, on Tuesday, Bernard Slattery, aged 5 weeks, of the City of Three Waters.

Friday November 6th 1914 (Issue 1183)

Local News

Annual Dinner

The annual dinner of the Whitwick and District Association of the Protection of Property was held at the Fox and Goose Hotel on Monday, about 65 being present. Dr. Hamilton presided and after dinner the officers were re-elected except Mr E. Hull takes the place of Mr T. Carter as vice-chairman.

Tea and Lecture

A meeting was held at the Whitwick Primitive Methodist Chapel on Saturday and was well attended, and in the evening, the Rev. J. Gorton, of Melton Mowbray, gave a lecture on

"The demand of the times." Mr J. Ward presided. The rev. gentleman preached at the services on Sunday. The collections were for the trust funds.

Citizen's Corps

The following officers of this corps have been appointed: Captain: Capt. W. E. Stevenson; Chairman of Committee: Mr B. Berry; Secretary: Mr H. G. W. Howe; Drill Instructors: Messrs. E. Hanson, and G. H. Hallam. A meeting is to be held at the Whitwick Gymnasium on Monday morning at 10.30.

Gruesome Discovery at Whitwick

Man's Body Found Hanging in a Wood

Missing for Nearly Six Weeks

Sister's Remarkable Dream

The story of a tragic discovery in a Whitwick Wood was told at an inquest held by Mr T. J. Webb, deputy-coroner for North Leicestershire, held at Mr Briers' office, Whitwick on Monday afternoon.

The deceased was Samuel Roome, a Whitwick collier, whose decomposed body was found hanging from a tree in Cademan Wood on Sunday afternoon, having been there for five or six weeks. The Coroner said that as far as he knew the evidence was very scanty. Deceased went away at a certain period and only one person who knew him saw him afterwards, as far as they knew.

Albert Roome, quarry engine-driver, Leicester Road, Whitwick, said the deceased was his brother, who was single, aged 36 and employed as a collier at the Whitwick pit. He lodged with witness. On Friday, September 25th, witness saw him last. He was then in bed. He afterwards went to draw his money at the Whitwick Colliery.

The Coroner: *Do you know whether he drew his money.*

Witness: *I don't.*

P.C. Grewcock said he did. Witness said he left the door open on Friday and Saturday nights, but the deceased did not return. On the Monday witness told his wife to report it to the police. Witness had a sister at Loughborough and he thought the deceased may have gone there. He heard that his brother was at Loughborough on Sunday, September 27th, and witness went to see his sister on the following Saturday and she said he had been there, but he told her nothing. Witness heard no more of him till the previous night. Deceased was a quiet, reserved sort of man, but witness did not think he would commit suicide. He had never said anything to make witness think he would. As far as witness knew there was no insanity in the family.

P.C. Grewcock suggested that the impression deceased's friends had was that he had enlisted. Witness said that was so.

The Coroner: *Had he talked of enlisting*

Witness: *Yes, in a joking way.*

The Coroner: *You didn't make enquiries at any of the recruiting depots*

Witness: *No.*

Agnes Simmons, wife of Mr Jack Simmons, Ashby Square, Loughborough, a labourer at the Falcon Works, stated that the deceased was her brother. She last saw him alive on Sunday, September 27th when he called at her house about 11 in the morning and stayed till three in the afternoon. He gave no particular reason for coming, but seemed somewhat quieter than usual. He was rather a quiet man as a rule. She asked him whether he was out of work and he said he had not been to the pit since the previous Wednesday. She did not ask him why he had not been to work since then. When he left her house at three o'clock to walk home he said he should be at Whitwick by five. He went up Ashby Road. She did not know whether Cademan Wood where the body was found was on the way from Loughborough to Whitwick. He looked a bit rough. He wanted a shave badly and she gave him some money for that purpose. She believed he had a drink instead of getting a shave.

One of the jurors remarked that deceased would have to cross two fields to get to the wood.

Replying to the Coroner, witness said deceased took drink at times. She had never heard him say anything that would lead her to suppose he would commit suicide.

The Coroner: *Did you think he had.*

Witness: *Yes, I thought he had. I dreamt it one night.*

The Coroner: *There is no insanity in your family and no suicide previously.*

Witness: *No.*

By the Foreman: (Mr T. Irons) *The reason she thought her brother had committed suicide was because of her dream. She had no other reason for thinking so.*

Albert Roome recalled, in reply to the Coroner, said he supposed the reason deceased had no money when he called at his sister although having drawn his wages at the pit on Friday, was that he spent it on drink. He was accustomed to taking drink and he was also in debt.

The Coroner: *Had anyone put him in the Court.*

Witness: *Yes, I believe one person, but that was some time ago.*

Further questioned witness said he had made enquiries of the colliers and others as to whether anyone had seen the deceased after he left the colliery, but could not hear of anyone having seen him but his sister.

Dr. Milligan, locum tenens to Dr. Burkitt, Whitwick, stated that he was called at a quarter to eight on Sunday evening to see the body in a shed on Mr Briers' premises. It was in an advanced stage of decomposition, and he formed the opinion that death had taken place between five and six weeks, certainly not less than one month. The features were absolutely gone and he could not recognise the man. He could not remember him either from the name. He had no knowledge of seeing the man before.

John Howe, baker, residing at Thringstone, stated that on Sunday afternoon about half past three he was in Cademan Wood, when he saw a man hanging from a bough of a tree. Witness fetched P.C. Grewcock. He did not know who the deceased was at the time. He knew Roome during his lifetime, but on Sunday could not recognise the body. He had not jumped off anything but hung himself by letting his legs go from under him. The bough was

only a little above his head, about 6 feet from the ground. His knees were bent under him and his toes just touched the ground.

P.C. Grewcock stated that about 4 pm he saw Howe and accompanied him to Cademan Wood and saw the body of the deceased hanging from a tree near the Monument. He was hanging from a low bough, which would be not more than 4 feet from the ground. He saw a Coalville reporter produce a knife from his pocket and cut a silk neckerchief from which the deceased was suspended from the bough. The knees were bent and the toes were touching the ground. The body was in an awful state. After removing the body to Mr Briers' premises, witness searched clothes and found two club cards bearing the deceased's name and that helped in identifying the man. He had made enquiries and could not hear of anyone having seen the deceased after he left his sister's house at Loughborough. Witness had ascertained that the man drew his wages at the colliery on the Friday.

Replying to the Foreman, witness said the deceased had evidently put all his weight on his neck by bending his knees. He was a man about 5ft 3in or 4in high.

The Foreman said the deceased would be strangled.

The Coroner said it showed great determination and it was clearly a case of suicide. It was for the jury to say whether it was a case of *felo de se*, or whether the man was insane at the time. A third course the jury might take was to say there was not sufficient evidence to show the state of the man's mind. It looked as if drink may have had a lot to do with it as the man drew his wages on Friday and he had not the price of a shave on Sunday. P.C. Grewcock said that on the day after the man went away, Mrs Roome, where he lodged, told witness he owed her a lot of money and she would like to know where he was. She thought he had gone to enlist.

The Foreman said he had known the deceased thirty years and he was always a very quiet man.

The question was asked whether the constable knew the amount of money deceased drew from the colliery.

P.C. Grewcock said he did not know but he understood that the man did not do much work that week.

The jury returned a verdict of suicide by hanging, and that there was not sufficient evidence to show the state of his mind at the time.

Accident to a Collier

Thomas Young, working as a holer in the Speedwell new pit of the Whitwick Colliery, is on the injured list with a broken leg, sustained whilst at work. Dr. Milligan, assistant surgeon to the colliery company, set the limb, being assisted by Albert Sparke, a friend of the injured man.

Coalville Urban District Council

The monthly meeting of the Urban Council was held at Coalville on Tuesday night, Mr R. Blowe, J.P., presiding. There were also present Messrs. T. Y. Hay (vice-chairman), Mr M.

McCarthy, S. Perry, A. Lockwood, W. Sheffield, F. Griffin, S. Armson, J. W. Farmer, T. Kelly, and W. Fellows, with the clerk (Mr F. Jesson), surveyor (Mr L. L. Baldwin) assistant surveyor (Mr G. F. Hurst) and gas works manager (Mr J. W. Eagles).

Plans

The following plans were recommended for approval: Four houses, Crescent Road, Coalville, for Mr W. Geary, and new stables and motor garage, Coalville, for Co-Operative Society. The following plan was referred back, house, Meadow Lane, Whitwick, for Mr L. Parker. The report was adopted on the motion of Mr S. Perry.

Highway Committee's Report

The plan was produced to the Committee of the proposed diversion of the line of railway from the works of the Whitwick Granite Co. to the L. and N. W. Railway, and also a letter read from Messrs. Owston, Dickinson and Co. of Leicester, requesting on behalf of owners of adjoining land that the council refuse to approve of the plan, and the Committee recommend that the company be informed that the committee does not feel it can give any consent with the particulars before it and they be asked to supply a full section of the line so as to see the possibility of crossing in Hall Lane being either by subway or bridge and the matter brought before the next meeting of the committee.

Mr Hay moved the adoption of the report which was carried. Mr Perry voting against it, intimating that he was against the Committee in regard to the Whitwick Granite Company's railway.

The Committee recommend the Council find labour in laying a pavement in front of Mr Mann's property at Whitwick.

Finance

The Committee recommend the surveyor erect huts for storage of gravel in Hugglescote and Whitwick wards for spreading on the roads in frosty weather.

The Committee recommend that Mr T. Barker, of Messrs. Barker and Sons of Loughborough, be placed on the list of registered plumbers for work at the Picture Palace, Whitwick.

A Good Health Bill

The medical officer, (Dr. R. W. Jamie) reported a marked decline in the number of infectious disease during the month of October, only three cases of diphtheria had been notified – two in one family in Ravenstone Road, Coalville, and one in Silver Street, Whitwick.

Public Mortuary

The surveyor reported that the plans of the proposed public mortuary were now ready and tenders for its erection might be advertised for. This was agreed to. Mr Kelly said they had a case at Whitwick this week which showed how necessary the provision of such a building was.

Local Chit Chat

The Coalville Territorial recruits were joined by members of the Citizens' Corps for the church parade on Sunday morning. They met in Marlborough Square and marched to Whitwick Church, the Territorials being headed by the Hugglescote and Ellistown Band, and the Citizens' by the Coalville Boy Scouts Band. Before dispersing them in Marlborough Square on their return, Capt. Stevenson highly complimented them on their marching and general appearance.

The need of a public mortuary for the Coalville district has often been urged, and it was emphasised by the tragic discovery made in a Whitwick wood this week. It is interesting to note therefore, that the Urban Council have the matter so far in hand that plans have been prepared and tenders for the erection of the building has more than once been the subject of strong comment by the District Coroner.

Though the Coalville Council meeting on Tuesday night was a short one, several interesting matters were dealt with, not the least prominent among which was the decision to supply water and gas free to Broom Leys while the Belgian refugees are in residence there. In this the Council will have the support of ratepayers who are themselves responding liberally to the appeal which is being made. Thanks to the liberality of the Whitwick Colliery Company and the Council, the refugees are now assured of a home with fire, light and water free, which form a considerable item. The furnishing is well in hand and there is no doubt that the necessary funds for the maintenance of the refugees will be forthcoming. On enquiry of the hon. secretary, Mr E. Hawthorn, yesterday, we were informed that it is not yet definitely known when Coalville's guests would arrive as the house was not quite in readiness.

Do You Know

That there have been two inquests at Whitwick within a week and five within the last two months?

That Dr. Vaughan, of London Road, Coaville, who for 10 years has been assistant to Dr. J. C. Burkitt, of Whitwick, is leaving shortly for Lincolnshire?

That the Whitwick poor rate for the ensuing half-year will be 1/6 in the £, an increase of 2d?

Sport

Football

Coalville and District League

In all ten matches were played in the Coalville League on Saturday. In the first division, Whitwick Imperial Reserves distinguished themselves by a 6-0 victory over Measham United.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Burials

Bailey – At Whitwick, on Saturday, John Bailey, aged 54 years, of Leicester Road.
Ward – At Whitwick, on Tuesday, Sarah Ward, of 89 Hartopp Street, Leicester.
Roome – At Whitwick, on Tuesday, Samuel Roome, aged 36 years, of Leicester Road.

Friday November 13th 1914 (Issue 1184)

Local News

Whitwick Citizens' Corps

With the object of obtaining additions to the Whitwick and Thringstone Citizens' Corps, a public meeting was held in the Whitwick Gymnasium on Monday. Mr B. Berry presided and gave a patriotic address and Capt. Stevenson also made an appeal for men over 35 to join the corps and at the close of the meeting 16 more responded. Last night a similar meeting was held at Thringstone in the village hall, with a view to getting Thringstone men to join.

Notice

I, William Waterfield, of 88, Leicester Road, Whitwick, beg to give notice that I will not be responsible for any debt or debts contract by my wife, Martha Waterfield, from this date.

November 13th, 1914

Signed, William Waterfield

Coalville Police Court

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

Fowl Stealing at Whitwick

George Bennox, labourer, no fixed abode, was charged with stealing two tame fowls value 8s 6d, the property of Thomas Belcher, at Whitwick, on November 6th. Asked whether he elected to be dealt with that day or go to the Quarter Sessions, he said he did not care how it was. He was guilty.

Inspector Dobney stated that about a quarter to nine that morning he went to the Victoria Hotel and found the prisoner in the vaults. He had a cockerel (produced) in his possession and was trying to sell it. Witness asked him whether it was his and he said it was and he then asked the defendant how he came in possession of it. The reply was, “_____ well find out. I shall tell you nothing.” Witness then arrested him on suspicion. At the police station witness cautioned and charged prisoner who replied, “Last night I slept in a haystack belonging to Tom Belcher in Green Lane, Whitwick, and when I woke this morning, I caught a cockerel and killed it. I took it to Bramall's (Victoria Hotel) and tried to sell it, but Bramall would not have it. Witness asked him what about the pullet he sold to Bramall on Wednesday night and prisoner replied, “I had that from the same place, it belonged to Belcher. I took it out of the fowl pen about seven o'clock on Wednesday night.” Mrs Belcher identified the fowls. Supt. Lockton said the man was a thorough ne'er-do-well. He had been away from the district for some time.

Inspector Dobney said the man had two children whom he was dragging about with him sleeping in haystacks or anywhere. Prisoner was sentenced to two months' hard labour.

Ashby Board of Guardians

Dr. Burkitt's Deputy

Dr. Wilson, of Ibstock, wrote intimating that Dr Burkitt, of Whitwick, who was serving with the forces, had asked him to request the Board to accept Dr. Milligan as his locum tenens in place of Dr. Vaughan, who was leaving the district. He knew Dr. Milligan personally and could vouch that any work he undertook would be to the satisfaction of the Guardians and the patients. The Board approved.

Whitwick Holy Cross Church

Letter from the Bishop

At the Whitwick Holy Cross Church services on Sunday, Father O'Reilly read the following letter which had been addressed to the churches throughout the diocese:

Cathedral, Nottingham
November 5th, 1914

To Our People, the Clergy and the Laity of the Diocese, We appeal with confidence for sympathy and for the eternal manifestation of it by our prayers on behalf of his Majesty, Albert King of the Belgians. Sunday next, November 15th, is his "name-day," a day which is kept amongst them as a feast of special gladness.

One little year ago, his people were chanting his praises through city, town and hamlet. A thousand belfries carried the chant along the dales and up the slopes to the highest hills, while from every little convent, parish church, and stately cathedral the countless voices rose like an echo "God save the King!"

And now, my dear children in Christ, the King of the Belgians has drunk of the waters of bitterness and wears only a crown of sorrow! It is then for us, it is for all those children of the Catholic Church, whose lives are cast in the "pathway of peace" to let our prayers go up to the highest Heaven, in earnest hope that this time of tribulation may pass away, and that peace may once again rule the world, to the glory of God and the salvation of souls.

We propose, with the concurrence of the representatives of Belgium and England, that the High Mass on that day in all the Churches of the Diocese, be celebrated for His Majesty King Albert and for his devoted and much loved people. Also we suggest that in every church, when the usual prayer for own king has been said or sung at the principal mass, the prayers sent herewith should be sung or recited for this intention.

Wishing you every blessing

Robert, Bishop of Nottingham
By command of my Lord Bishop
Leo Moens. Sec.

"A Grand Life"

Whitwick Man's Cheery Letter

A Whitwick man who enlisted and is now with the 9th Battalion of the Leicestershire Regiment at Aldershot, writing to his former employer at Whitwick, says his company has got a good name already for smartness. *"We are all trying to keep the old regiment's name up. Our officers are very good to us. They want us to try and be ready as soon as we can. They don't want us to be left behind. I am sorry to say there are only two of us from Whitwick in our company. I think people would wonder what was the matter if the Germans got into England. Then they would blame us and say we were not doing our best. But if we do go to the front you can trust me to do my best for King and country. We are having plenty of food, a good bed at night, and yet some of the men are always grumbling. They do not think of the poor beggars at the front. It is a grand life. They can do with more men. I should be pleased to hear all the young men from the old place had enlisted. It appears some would sooner see the country go down than come. They ought to be made to come."*

Whitwick Quarrymen at the Front

Thrilling Experiences in the Trenches

Splendid patriotism has been shown by the employees of the Whitwick Granite Company. Out of 200 workmen, 19 up to now have joined the colours, and one of them, Pte. Charles Milward, of the 1st Leicesters, after a warm time in the trenches, has unfortunately been wounded. In letters written to the quarry manager, Mr J. H. Robinson, Milward states:

"I am pleased to say my cut is going on well, it was a nasty wound: the doctor said if it had been a little deeper I should not have been here. It cut me down the middle of the head and knocked me unconscious. I lost a lot of blood. I shall never forget that Sunday, the 25th October. It was a terrible sight and a hard day's fighting, the busiest I had been in. The Germans started about 5 o'clock in the morning and came up in thousands; they had been trying to break our line for 3 days but we held them at bay, though we lost heavily, about all our officers were killed and wounded, our trenches were full. The dead lay all over the place in hundreds.

The enemy kept blowing our trenches up with the big guns, and when the shells hit the ground you could bury a horse and cart in the hole made. They were shelling us for 3 days. I thought every minute my last had come. Every time the big shells came we had to get under the ground we had dug out for the purpose. I am pleased to get out of it for a while. I shall be glad when the war is over. We had a pretty good time at the battle of the Aisne: we were busier in the last battle. We had some very hard times in the trenches. I am sorry that parcel will not reach me as we long for a smoke and anything in that line, someone will make a fuss of them.

The French people are a good natured lot; they would give us anything. We were well supplied with tobacco and cigarettes that was something to be thankful for. We fared pretty well for food seeing we were at war. We left Cambridge Hospital on Wednesday afternoon for Bedford. When we arrived at the station there were motor cars waiting for us, taking us to our new destination. We enjoyed the 10 miles ride very much. We have gone to be guests of Lord Lucas. It is a lovely place and a very large estate. We are living on the best of everything. If you want anything you only have to ask for it, they are all very kind to you. I think it is very kind of him to have us here, we get plenty to eat and drink and smoke and we can go for nice long walks in the Park. There is fishing, boating and every game you can think of to amuse yourself. I never thought I should come to a place like this in my

time: it is better than being in the trenches. We are going for a motor ride on Saturday to Luton to see a football match. We are to have plenty of rides in Lord Lucas's motors. I could not say how long we are staying here, if we stay long we shall get quite strong again. Remember me to foreman and mates."

Local Chit Chat

The treasurers of the seven local nursing associations – Coalville, Hugglescote, Whitwick, Markfield, Swannington, Shepshed and Ravenstone – all acknowledge with thanks the receipt of 15s from the "Coalville Times" Cricket Cup Competition per Mr D. Marston.

The Belgian Refugees at Whitwick who are being accommodated in a house at Forest Side lent by Mr G. F. Burton, and whom Mrs Glynn is also helping, are Naxarie Amand and his wife Anna with one child and Mathelda Derde (whose husband is in the war) and two children. All come from Alost. Those at Thringstone, whom the Right Hon. Charles Booth is helping, are Frans De Mailly and his wife Josephine and one child. Auguste Alenhant (15), and Gustaf Scheive and Marcel De Smet, from Ghent. The two latter do not know where their wives and children are.

Sport

Football

Whitwick's Big Win

Whitwick Imperial were at home on Saturday in a Hinckley Cup match and they had no difficulty in disposing of Kibworth Town. There were about a thousand spectators. The first goal was credited to Whitwick after five minutes' play through Layton, who scored again 30 minutes later, fed by excellent passing from Bird. Whitwick held the lead with remarkable combination in all departments, and maintained a splendid defence from the opening, as well as forward play. Dexter put in a third goal with ease. Kibworth were very shabby in defence.

More goals were soon forthcoming in the second half, Layton putting two through in quick succession, followed by Dexter, Lockwood and Heath. Kibworth were quite outclassed, but were allowed to get one by way of consolation, and eventually the Imperial ran out worthy winners by nine goals to one.

Coalville and District League

Neither of the matches fixed in the first division took place on Saturday. Coalville Swifts Reserves were to have played Whitwick Imperial Reserves on the Fox and Goose ground but were unable to raise a team through players having joined the colours during the week.

The management committee of this league met at the Red House Hotel, Coalville, on Monday night. Mr J. Kirby presided and there were present Messrs. R. T. Bradshaw, G. Swain, D. Marston, A. E. Clay, F. W. Smith and C. E. Marston (hon. secretary).

Whitwick Amateurs were reported as not having paid a fine of 3s 3d it being ordered at the last meeting that if the money was not paid within 14 days, a further fine of 1s would be imposed. It was decided that this fine be now enforced.

Snarestone reported Whitwick for Amateurs for being late at Snarestone and claimed 12s loss of gate and expenses. The Whitwick explanation was that the driver of the brake lost his way. It was decided that the match be replayed.

Whitwick Imperial asked to postpone a match with Coalville P.S.A. on November 14th to which the P.S.A. did not agree. It was left to the clubs to try and arrange.

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Local News

War Lecture

On Wednesday evening another of the series of war lectures was given in the village hall. The Vicar (the Rev. C. Shrewsbury), presided and the Right Hon. Charles Booth gave the lecture, the subject which was "How British pluck won in France." It was illustrated by some excellent slides. Messrs. H. Upton and Walter Watts managing the lantern. Miss Burkitt, of Whitwick, nicely sang two solos. The proceeds amounted to £3 4s for the Prince of Wales's National Relief Fund.

"Chance of a Lifetime"

Whitwick Lad's Cheery Note from the Front

The Editor of this paper has received the following interesting post card:

From somewhere in France, November 1st, 1914.

Buck Up, Coalville

Dear Editor, Please allow me a few lines. How are the "bhoys" of Coalville rolling up to the flag? I hope they are going strong. If you are out of work "bhoys," try and come out here, and see mustard for mustard. The woolly backs out here have given them socks, I can tell you. So let's hear of a hundred or two from Coalville getting ready to carry the gun, and a few from Whitwick also; every little helps. It's a chance of a lifetime now, so just go and do the trick. In other words, take the shilling. It's quite all right when get used to it – the get out and get under business. And the sights one sees will live for ever. The "Jack Johnsons" and "Black Marias" are only sent as souvenirs for our "bhoys" because we are just "Little Devils," as our friend Kaiser Bill calls us. We are getting quite used to all these pet names which they try to make in Germany. Well, buck up, Coalville, and K and K as much as you can.

Yours truly

F. A. C.

One from Whitwick.

Local Chit Chat

Sunday being the "name day" of the King of the Belgians, the Roman Catholics in Great Britain joined with their co-religionists of Belgium in special prayers on behalf of King

Albert and his suffering subjects. Throughout the Nottingham diocese which includes Ashby, Coalville and Whitwick, the High Mass was celebrated for the Belgian monarch and people, and the prayers were recited for this special intention.

Scout Master Eagles, of Whitwick, informs us that the Whitwick boy scouts propose to go round to houses in the Whitwick and Thringstone district fortnightly collecting waste paper, which is to be sold and the proceeds donated to the local Belgian Refugees Relief Fund. Households are asked to save up their waste paper.

Do You Know

That there are now 61 in the Whitwick and Thringstone Citizens' Corps?

Coalville Police Court

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

Assault at Whitwick

Frederick Gardner, general dealer, Whitwick, was summoned by William Hardy, quarryman, an old man, for common assault at Whitwick, on November 7th. He pleaded guilty.

Complainant said defendant accused him of being “*nothing but a policeman's man*” and threatened what he would do at him. Complainant told he must not, but the defendant struck him on the mouth, knocking some of his teeth out and cutting his lip. He had to pay the doctor 5s for stitching his lip.

Fined 10s 6d and costs £1 6s or 14 days hard labour.

Warrant for a Whitwick Woman

Emma Chappel, single woman, Whitwick, was summoned for neglecting her three children on November 3rd at Whitwick. She did not appear. PC Grewcock proved service of the summons on the woman. Mr Lancaster, of Messrs. Sharp and Lancaster, Coalville and Loughborough, appeared for the N.S.P.C.C. and asked for a warrant for her arrest, which was granted.

Whitwick and Thringstone Licensed Victualler's Association

First Annual Banquet

The New Beer Tax

The first annual banquet of the Whitwick, Thringstone and District Licensed Victualler's, Beerhouse-keepers and Off-license holders' Protection Association was held on Wednesday at the Queen's Head Hotel, Thringstone, when a company of about forty were splendidly catered for by Mr and Mrs Hallam. The following was the menu:

Fish

Cod and Oyster Sauce

Removes

Roast and Boiled Legs of Mutton
Roast Veal
Roast Pork
Roast Turkey and Sausages
Roast and Boiled Chicken

Game

Roast Pheasant and Jugged Hare

Sweets

Lemon Puddings and Plum Puddings
Cheese and Celery

Dessert

Dr. J. S. Hamilton, of Coalville, presided, and was supported by Mr T. Kelly, of Whitwick, president of the Association in the vice-chair. Those present included Messrs. T. Saddington, F. Bramwell (Coalville); W. James (Forest Rock), E. Briers, E. Hull, M. Noon, T. Irons, F. Middleton, A. Smith, S. Jarvis, R. B. Squire, J. Smith, F. Sear, George West, G. A. Waterfield, H. Allgood (Whitwick), R. Massey (Hugglescote) and others.

Proposing the loyal toast, the chairman spoke of the efforts of the King and Queen in providing comforts for our soldiers and sailors and their activity in going to the various camps in the country and encouraging the recruits. They were all familiar with what the Prince of Wales had done in organising a national relief fund, though he (the doctor) thought it was a disgrace that in such a wealthy country the fund should scarcely have reached four millions. It should have been nearer four hundred millions. Four millions was a nice sum, he knew, but in the wealthiest country in the world it was not nearly as much as it should be. He also mentioned the efforts of the Princess in getting Christmas gifts for the men at the front. Every man at the front was have a gift of some description and he thought that was a fund which they would be glad to help. (Cheers).

The secretary, Mr G. H. Hallam then announced the receipt of a telegram from Mr T. E. Jesson (Ashby), solicitor, to the Association regretting that owing to military orders he was unable to attend the banquet. He wished them every success.

Father O'Reilly wrote that he was sorry not to be able to be present owing to having to go unexpectedly to Bedfordshire. He had been looking forward to the event and was much disappointed. A letter from Messrs. Offler's Brewery stated that owing to the war they regretted they could not take any tickets; Messrs. Hartopp Ltd, Leicester, wrote that they had taken tickets from the Coalville Association, with which they thought Whitwick was amalgamated, and they could not extend their list; Mr Dick Batho, of Leith, wrote enclosing the price of four tickets for gentlemen he named, and expressed regret at the death of Mr George Musson, late of the Three Crowns Hotel, Whitwick; Messrs Shipstons and Co., Nottingham, wrote sending six tickets; Mr M. McCarthy, of New Swannington, in his letter, wished the company an enjoyable time and enclose ten shillings for the funds; Mr A. Gledhill, of Shepshed, and the Vicar of Thringstone (the Rev. C. Shrewsbury) wrote regretting that they were not able to accept the invitations; the Vicar of Whitwick (the Rev. T. W. Walters) expressed in a letter thanks for the invitation which he regretted he could not accept having to go to Leicester; a letter from Messrs. James Eadie and Co., four

tickets; Mr E. Parramore, of Coalville, wrote that a previous engagement prevented him from accepting the invitation; and Messrs. Marston, Thompson and Co., wrote regretting that they could not see their way to taking tickets.

Mr E. Hull proposed "Success to the Association," remarking that he wished them much prosperity. (Cheers). Mr T. Kelly, responding, said this was their first year as an association and they had no history as some associations had, but they had formed themselves into a nice little body. They had had several meetings and from what was in the papers that day it was suggested that they ought to have another very soon. (Laughter). He was glad to say that all the licensed victuallers in the district, with one or two exceptions, were in the Association, and as they all knew, unity was strength. The object of the Association was to secure unity among the local representatives of the trade and fix prices in regard to which they could all be unanimous. They would get on very well when they understood one another. Hitherto, one had sold an article at one price and another at a different price, but if they understood each other and worked unanimously, he thought the Association would continue to prosper and grow. (Cheers).

Mr H. G. W. Howe proposing "The County and Local Authorities," said he had very little sympathy with the Leicestershire County Council, whose object seemed to be how high they could make the rate. He gave figures showing how enormously the county rates had advanced of recent years and much of it was due to extravagance in the building of schools and in officialdom.

A Voice: Mr McCarthy ought be here.

Mr Howe: I wish he was.

Proceeding Mr Howe said he did not think the ratepayers in the Coalville Urban area had much to grumble about, considering that the district was of mushroom growth. They had some good officials though he had no doubt that they were well paid, judging by the way the salaries had been advanced. At similar gatherings to that remarks had often been made about the local magistrates, and in his opinion, a lot said that was not true. He thought that instead of being lenient, magistrates were very severe on representatives of the trade. He went on to allude to a "grand authority" motive which had just been circulated by the police to the effect that soldiers and territorials were not to be supplied with refreshment during certain hours. He regarded this and the earlier closing order as unnecessary restriction on the liberties of their gallant soldiers. A good drink, occasionally, he urged, would be a godsend to men in the trenches. Alluding again to the Urban District Council he said he had heard many complaints on the absence of a public convenience at Whitwick. He hoped their public bodies in the future would do their level best to improve on their past misdeeds.

Mr T. Kelly, responding, agreed that the county rates had greatly increased, though if they had their County Councillor there he could perhaps tell them how it was. They had to be careful in what they said about magistrates and it was not for them to dictate to the Bench what their duties were. In regard to the serving of soldiers, he said they might consider it a nuisance that they should have to drink up at two o'clock and clear out, but this was a military order, and at times like these they should try to help, rather than criticise the authorities. It was no doubt intended to apply more to the large towns than the country districts, but they all had to be included. Alluding to the work of the Urban District Council he said they tried to carry out the work as well and as economically as possible. During the time he had been on the council the rate had not gone up, and though he did not claim all the credit for that, he claimed a share. (Hear, hear). The Whitwick members had tried their

best to remedy the complaints as to the absence of a public convenience in the parish, and two or three sites had been chosen, but objection was raised by people living near in each case and that had delayed the matter.

At this stage Dr. Hamilton had to leave, and Mr A. Smith proposed a vote of thanks to him remarking that it was the first time he had met the doctor on an occasion of that sort and he hoped it would not be the last. They were pleased to meet a man like the doctor, because he evidently liked to come among the people of the district and make himself popular. (Hear, hear). Mr F. Middleton seconded the vote and it was carried with musical honours. Dr Hamilton responding. Mr T. Kelly presided for the remainder of the evening.

Mr F. Harper proposed "The navy and army" and said that in spirit of the glorious deeds of the past he believed our defenders today in both branches of the service were as good and brave as ever they were. (Cheers). The way the navy was bottling up the German fleet, enabling our food supplies to come in as usual was a great achievement. He believed that in the future, people would be able to read of Admiral Jellicoe as another Nelson. (Cheers). In regard to the army he pointed out that they were all volunteers and one volunteer was worth two or three conscripts. Our men had joined and in joining, did it with the sole object of serving their country and seeing it through this great crisis.

Mr Howe replied and paid a tribute to the late Lord Roberts, a toast in whose memory was silently drunk. Mr Howe said he was proud to respond to the toast which he was able to do as a military man. (Cheers). Though 67 years of age he was going through the drills in the Whitwick Citizens' Corps and he felt already that it had put 27 years back on his life. (Cheers).

Mr Kelly made a statement in reference to the beer tax announced that day, remarking that he did not think they should increase the price until it had been raised to them. As soon as that was done they would call a meeting of the Association because they wanted to act uniformly in this matter and the people should know that it was the Government and not the publicans who had raised the price of beer in order to help the Chancellor in finding the money which he had to obtain to pay for the war. The Chancellor had to tax someone and as publicans he (Mr Kelly) thought they should not be the first to grumble. It would fall largely on the consumer, but he did not think the people would grumble. Everybody would know what it was for and that it was not for the benefit either of the brewer or the publican. They would call a meeting and have a proper understanding about it in due course.

Mr M. Noon said he hoped none would sell under price, but that all would be unanimous about it. Mr A. Smith said he was under the impression that the brewers would fix a price to them and they must wait for that. Some of them lived in tied houses and were largely in the hands of the brewers, but he hoped they would all be able to act in concert. (Hear, hear).

Mr Noon proposed the health of their president remarking that he had known Mr Kelly all his life and had always found him true. Whatever he did was with a good heart. They all wished him long life and prosperity. (Cheers). Mr Hallam supported this and the toast was drunk with musical honours. Mr Kelly replying, thanked the members for their kindness and said he should always try to faithfully discharge any duties entrusted to him. Mr Smith gave the toast of the host and hostess, complimenting Mr and Mrs Hallam on their excellent catering. This was also recorded musical honours, and Mr Hallam replied.

The Chairman proposed the health of Mr D. Marston ("Coalville Times" representative) and Mr Noon supported Mr Marston responding.

During the evening there were songs by Messrs. R. T. Bradshaw, A. Fern, T. Ottey, M. Noon, A. Smith, I. Thorpe, F. Middleton and others. Mr Hallam accompanying. The patriotic songs of Mr R. T. Bradshaw, of Coalville, were very much appreciated.

Sport

Football

Another Big Win for Whitwick Imperial

Coalville Swifts Out-Classed

Whitwick Imperial were at home in a Loughborough Cup match with Coalville Swifts who were beaten by 8 goals to none. Whitwick are going great guns lately. The week before they won 9-0. Seventeen goals to nothing in two successive matches is not bad.

There was not such a big crowd on the Duke of Newcastle ground on Saturday as one might have expected, seeing that the teams are local rivals. Whitwick went off with a dash and were one up through Thorpe in the first five minutes. There was no holding the forwards, who were in fine form, and delighted the spectators, with four further goals from Needham, Dexter, Layton and Payton. This gave them a lead of 5-0 at the interval.

The second half was very similar. Thorpe distinguished himself by putting on two more goals and Payton scored the eighth. The Swifts made desperate efforts towards the close, but never looked like scoring. They were handicapped in having ten men and the side was far from being at full strength. Davis, one of their regular backs, was a spectator at the Coalville Town match. The Whitwick forwards were very smart. Bird and Layton were particularly good on the right wing and Thorpe proved himself a capable centre.

Hinckley Cup

A meeting of the Charity Cup Association was held at the Union Hotel, Hinckley, on Wednesday evening, for the purpose of drawing for the semi-final. The draw was as follows:

Whitwick Imperial V Enderby Town (Referee, A. W. Jennings). To be played at Hinckley
Shepshed Albion V Earl Shilton Victor (Referee J. Gibson). To be played on the Fox and Goose ground, Coalville, November 21st.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Death of Mrs Newham

The death occurred on Tuesday of Mrs Newham, at her home in Hermitage Road. The deceased lady was the wife of Mr Charles Newham, a retired publican, who formerly kept the Three Crowns Hotel, at Whitwick, and a sister of Mr G. H. Hallam, and the late Mr S. Hallam, of Thringstone. She was 69 years of age and had suffered for some time from heart trouble, though the end was quite sudden and unexpected.

Burials

Johnson – At Whitwick, on Thursday, John Johnson, aged 31 years, of Alma Villas.

Friday November 27th 1914 (Issue 1186)

Local News

Whist Drive

On Saturday, a whist drive was held at St. Joseph's Cottage, from which about £11 was realised to send a Christmas hamper to the Whitwick and Coalville troops of the Leicestershire Yeomanry. It is requested that relatives will forward their names of any of these soldiers to any of the following addresses:

Mrs F. Cramp, St. Joseph's Cottage, near Monastery, Coalville; W. G. Thurman, Freehold Street, Shepshed; or J. Rowell, jun., Iveshead Road, Shepshed.

Friday December 4th 1914 (Issue 1187)

Local News

A patriotic concert is to be held in the Whitwick Holy Cross Schools next Sunday afternoon and the proceeds of the silver collection will be for the C Squad of the Leicestershire Yeomanry. Mr E. M. P. de Lisle will preside and local artistes will be assisted by the Belgian Refugees.

Surgeon-Major Burkitt in Whitwick

Experiences in the Trenches

The Regiment's Loss

Surgeon-Major J. C. S. Burkitt, of Whitwick, serving with the Leicestershire Yeomanry in France, obtained 72 hours leave to visit England in connection with his private practice in Whitwick and Coalville and was warmly welcomed.

Major Burkitt, who came direct from the trenches, confirms the reports that the Leicestershire Yeomanry are brigaded with the Life Guards and relates that he had not seen a live German up to the time he left, but plenty of dead ones. So far the Leicestershire Yeomanry had lost but one killed, Captain W. S. B. Blakett who died of wounds. Another of the regiment named Toone, of Coleorton, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, is missing. It is probable he is a prisoner of war.

Major Burkitt relates how he temporarily occupied the centre house of three and those on either side were blown to pieces. The Leicestershire Yeomanry were fighting as infantrymen and their horses were four miles to the rear of the trenches. Sergt. Green, of Onebarrow Lodge, Whitwick, contrary to rumour, was all right when the Major left the trenches, and the regiment was cheerful. The weather is piercingly cold. Major Burkitt who appeared in modest health, left Coalville on Monday morning on a visit to Leicester.

Did You Know

That practically the whole of the Belgian refugees at Broom Leys, Coalville, attended service at the Whitwick Catholic Church, last Sunday morning?

That gifts of vegetables have been given to Broom Leys by the school children of Stanton-under-Bardon National School, Coalville National School, Whitwick National School, Hugglescote; Holy Cross School, Whitwick; and National Schools Bardon Hill for which the Belgian Refugees Committee is grateful?

Coalville Police Court

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

A Whitwick Tenancy

Richard Poynton, butcher, Whitwick, was the defendant in an application by Albert W. Tunbridge, meat purveyor, Atherstone, to be allowed to proceed for an ejectment order. Mr T. H. Moore (Coalville) said that under the new law he had to obtain the consent of the Bench before he could proceed and he asked the Bench for their consent.

Mr Lancaster (Loughborough) for the defendant said the application was being made out of sheer vindictiveness. It could be of no effect, because defendant had taken the premises and would himself become tenant on December 25th.

Mr Moore said the present tenancy expired on that date, but his client had the option of renewal. Leonard Hammond, butcher, in the employ of the applicant, gave evidence as to the tenancy. The Clerk asked whether the defendant not leaving the premises had anything to do with the war. Witness said he did not think it had.

The application was granted and defendant had to pay 2s 6d costs.

Coalville Urban District Council

The monthly meeting of the Urban Council was held at Coalville on Tuesday night, Mr R. Blower, J.P., presiding. There were also present, Messrs. T. Y. Hay (vice-chairman), S. Perry, A. Lockwood, W. Sheffield, J. W. Farmer, W. Fellows, T. Kelly, S. Armson and F. Griffin, with the clerk (Mr Jesson), surveyor (Mr L. L. Baldwin) and assistant surveyor (Mr F. G. Hurst).

Plans

The following plans were recommended for approval: Additions to factory, Mantle Lane, Coalville, for Messrs. R. Walker and Sons; two houses and shops, Ashby Road, Coalville, for Mrs Hammond; two w.c.'s, Talbot Inn, Whitwick, for Messrs. Ind Coope and Co; and house, Park Road, Coalville, for Mr E. Gough.

Mr Farmer moving the adoption of the report said he was glad to see signs of the development of an important industry in the district.

Highway Committee's Report

The Deputy Coroner wrote that at an inquest held at Whitwick concerning the fatal accident to Mr Musson in South Street, he had been requested by the jury to call the attention of the Council to the narrowness of that street, and the Committee recommend to be informed that the matter would receive the attention of the Council.

Gas Extensions

An application was received for the extension of the main on Leicester Road, Whitwick, the estimated cost thereof being £40, and the Committee recommend the work be carried out.

Coalville and Whitwick Complaints

Mr Kelly complained of the kerb and channel at the top of the Dumps, Whitwick, having been taken up and not replaced. One could hardly tell the road from the footpath now. The Surveyor said that after the work of flagging there was commenced, the question cropped up of as to Burton's and Stinson's improvements. It would be attended to as soon as he could get the men there.

Mr Kelly: *It is disgraceful as it is.*

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Burials

Chadwell – At Whitwick, on Tuesday, Ethel Maud Chadwell, aged one month, of Meadow Lane.

Friday December 11th 1914 (Issue 1188)

Local News

Wesleyan Missions

The missionary anniversary was observed at the Thringstone Wesleyan Chapel on Sunday, when the Rev. T. Cottam preached in the afternoon, and Mr A. B. Eagles, of Whitwick, in the evening. The annual meeting was held on Wednesday evening – the Chairman being Mr J. W. Eagles, of Whitwick, and the speaker the Rev. T. Cottam. The collections were for the missionary funds.

War Lecture

Another of the series of war lectures was given in the Village Hall on Monday evening by the Vicar, the Rev. C. Shrewsbury, the subject being "How the British soldier fights." Mr Ritchie presided and there was a large attendance. It was a most interesting lecture and was illustrated by some excellent slides, the lantern being ably managed by Messrs. H. Upton and W. Watts. Miss Maud Wheeldon, of Whitwick, nicely sang "England mine," and "Your King and country need you" for which she was encored. The chairman expressed thanks to the Vicar for the lecture. Nearly £3 was realised for the Prince of Wales's Fund.

Presentation of “Citizen” Badges at Thringstone

Rousing speech by Lady Beaumont

An interesting event took place in the billiard room at the Thringstone House Club on Saturday night, when the members of the Whitwick and Thringstone Citizens Corps, through the kindness of Commander B. Berry, were presented with nice badges by Lady Beaumont.

Capt. W. H. Stevenson presided and in opening the proceedings said he regarded that as a most historic evening for the Whitwick and Thringstone district. He went on to allude to the customs in olden times when the Barons living in their big castles used to have their bodyguards, but since those days no private person had been allowed to raise bodies of men for the purpose of taking up arms, and he ventured to say that had he ten or a dozen years ago, raised over 250 men in a Citizen's Corps as he had in that locality just lately, he would have been liable to a term of imprisonment. But the times were altered now. They were at war with a savage foe at whose head was a made emperor (hear, hear) and these citizens corps had been raised for two purposes. First to defend the old flag if needs be and secondly to defend their hearths and homes. At the present time no vessel was allowed to go through the Straits of Dover, or North of Yarmouth, without a Government pilot, which showed that the authorities thought an invasion of this country might be attempted. But before that was accomplished the enemy had to get past the thin British line which had never been broken. (Cheers) If invasion did come he ventured to say that the Citizen's Corps would give a good account of themselves, as the National Reserves were now doing. On August 7th he had instructions to call up the National Reserves and form them into two classes. Of the first class 88 from that district had rejoined their old regiments and over 100 of the second class were waiting to be called upon. He had no doubt that the Citizen Corps would prove a very useful body. Before many weeks were over they would have 400 German officers as prisoners not very far from there. The camp would be surrounded by a wire fence and would have to be guarded night and day and he ventured to say that some of the Citizen Corps would be used for that purpose. He went on to draw a picture of the signing of the peace treaty which would take place in the emperor's palace in Berlin, in which he imagined the Kaiser as protesting against the conditions imposed by Lord Kitchener and other representatives of the Allies. They would insist in their terms, however, and it was to enforce these that Lord Kitchener still wanted a huge army ready after the fighting was over. In the Whitwick and Thringstone Citizen Corps he believed there were at present 58 members, and no doubt the numbers would go on increasing. He then asked Lady Beaumont to distribute the badges.

Lady Beaumont said that when Mr Howe asked her to distribute the badges she replied that she would be most pleased to do so. She felt very deeply that every one of them had a responsibility at this time. Women also could give of their best. She had only one son and she was sending him. (Applause) Some of them would not return and some would – that was as God wills it – but the great thing they had to be careful about was to see that they carried out the traditions of Englishmen and proved themselves worthy of their country. (Cheers) Our army and territorials were doing well but there were thousands and thousands who were not realising their duty. Every man in Germany was fighting, or ready to fight and so was every man in France and Russia, but it was not so in England. There were hundreds of thousands in this country ready enough to sing “Rule Britannia,” but were not ready enough to carry out what those words meant. If Englishmen everywhere were not determined to do their best there was not the slightest reason why we should not

be conquered. Those who did not do their duty were not worthy of being called Englishmen. She was glad that the men before her were not of that type. Age had prevented them from joining the army, but they meant to do what they could, and try to persuade the younger men who had not gone to awaken to a sense of their duty. In most villages, Swannington included, there were many young men who ought to respond to their country's call and had not done so. She was recently talking to one young man who told her that he should not go till he was fetched. She hardly knew what to say and all she could say was "*I am glad I am not your mother.*" (Cheers and laughter) She felt grieved. It showed that some did not care and had not realised the danger the country was in. It was simply stupid not to realise it. It was quite possible that England would be invaded. They knew that their navy was guarding them to the uttermost but they must be prepared for any eventuality. She thought it was splendid that so many had come forward for service in that corps. Unless men were enrolled and trained they were non-combatants and could not stir a finger because it would be against international law. She urged them to try and swell their numbers by each trying to induce another to join. If the country had listened to that fine old soldier, Lord Roberts (cheers) the position would have been very different. She was glad that she had always worked for the National Service League – Lord Robert's scheme – as much as she possibly could. (Cheers) Lord Roberts always said that the country would listen to him if it was allowed, but these in power said he was only a panic-monger, and an old woman, and that there was no danger, but had we been prepared it was doubtful whether Germany would have brought on this war. All they could do now was to try to make up for their carelessness and stupidity in ostrich-like hiding their heads in the sand before the approaching storm. Germany knew our weakness and thought England was no longer the country she formerly was; that Englishmen were no longer the men they used to be. They could say that Germany was mistaken, but still they had the responsibility for giving Germany cause to say that, and they would best discharge that responsibility by doing their duty now. (Cheers) She explained that Mr Berry had really given the badges and she was sure they would thank him most heartily and would be proud to wear the badges which showed they were prepared to do their duty in their country's defence. (Cheers)

Commander Berry, seconding, said they had the finest King on earth (hear, hear), they had got the finest country under the sun (applause) and without any flattery to himself he thought they were the finest people out of Heaven. (Laughter and cheers). If those three things were not worth fighting for, well the sooner they were wiped off the face of the earth the better. But he was sure that all Britons would do their duty. On behalf of the Corps he had pleasure in asking Lady Beaumont to accept one of the badges as a memento of the occasion and as a token of their good wishes towards her. (Cheers) The vote of thanks was carried with acclamation.

Lady Beaumont thanked them very much. She said she had not a buttonhole, but would have a little hole made so that she could wear the badge. She was pleased to see on the badge the Union Jack for which many brave men had died. She pointed out that there was a right way and a wrong way to hang the Union Jack. The broad white stripes should always be uppermost. If the thin white stripes were at the top it signalled defeat, and was how an enemy would hang the flag when he had captured it. She was told that by a sailor.

The Vicar, (the Rev. C. Shrewsbury), said there were advantages in having Citizen Corps It showed that while they could not join the regular army they were prepared to do their little bit. He mentioned that the Thringstone schoolmaster had joined the Durham Light Infantry and in a letter said he found sleeping on the floor rather hard at first, but he liked it now and hoped the war would not be over before he got a chance of going to the front. He

knew that some Whitwick and Thringstone men were at the front – Private West of Whitwick, Private Thomas Gee, of Thringstone, and others. He had in his magazine a list of all the men from the parish who had responded to their country's call and said all could do something to help those who were left behind. (Cheers)

Private A. H. Chapman, proposing a vote of thanks to Capt. Stevenson for presiding, said he would much rather have that little badge than all the iron crosses the Kaiser had ever made. (Laughter and Cheers) Private Blow seconded and the vote was heartily accorded, Capt. Stevenson responding. During the proceedings, Private West sang "Rule Britannia," Private Dickens gave "Hearts of Oak," and there were other contributions, Mr G. H. Hallam being the accompanist.

The National Anthem was sung at the close and three cheers given for Lady Beaumont. Her Ladyship said she had made many new friends that night and she hoped she would keep them all.

For Sale

Strong 2-wheeled trolley, on springs with side boards, or exchange something smaller. Tivey, Forest Side, Whitwick.

Owing to the kindness of Mrs Haydock, of Charnwood Towers, the children of the Whitwick Holy Cross Schools have an annual Christmas treat, but this year they have generously decided to forego the treat that the money, £10, may be spent in comforts for the Leicestershire Yeomanry and the Belgian refugees.

Whist Drive

A whist drive was held in the National School on Wednesday night to provide comforts for wounded soldiers in hospital. About 70 were present. Mr T. W. Bourne was M.C. The winners were:

Ladies: 1st Miss L. Middleton; 2nd Mrs Greasley; 3rd Miss N. Glynn:

Gents: 1st Mr B. Ward; 2nd Mr H. Hicken; 3rd Mr A. Smith: and mystery, Mr J. King.

The Picture House, Whitwick

As will be seen from our advertisement columns, the above picture and variety theatre will be opened on Monday next. The total proceeds of the opening night will be divided between the Prince of Wales's Fund, and the local Belgian Relief Fund. The times of commencing are: From Monday to Friday 7 to 10 p.m. continuous performance; and Saturday evenings there will be two performances at 7 and 9. Popular prices 3d, 4d and 6d. Picture-goers should see that the theatre has a good send-off.

Alleged House-Breaking at Whitwick

Collier Remanded in Custody

Before Major Hatchett at the Coalville Police Court on Monday, James Wallam, collier, residing at Gracedieu Road, Whitwick, was charged with breaking and entering the dwelling house of Mary Harris, with intent to steal money therein, on Sunday night, December 6th. The prosecutrix keeps a grocer's shop opposite the Picture Palace in Silver

Street. Inspector Dobney stated that about 10:30 p.m. on Sunday night, he received a complaint from P.C. Grewcock of the house having been broken into. On going there he found one of the windows broken, near the catch, which had been forced back, entrance to the house having been gained through the window. There were traces of blood on the floor and a piece of candlestick lay there. The drawers in the room upstairs and down had been ransacked and on all the drawers there were blood marks, as well as on the stairs. In one drawer was £11 in money covered over with a cloth which had blood on it; the money remained intact apparently having been overlooked. At 11 o'clock the same night, witness accompanied P.C. Grewcock to the house of the prisoner who was in bed. He told Wallam he was suspected of the offence and cautioned him. Prisoner replied, "I know nothing about it." On examining his hands witness found on his right hand an incised wound about a quarter of an inch long and one-eighth of an inch deep; there was also a clean cut wound on the finger. Prisoner said the wounds were caused by while he was at work in the pit on Friday night, but witness pointed out that they were fresh and had fresh blood upon them. He told prisoner he should arrest him and he conveyed him to the Police Station. On Monday morning prisoner made a statement to witness admitting the offence.

Accused was remanded to Leicester prison until the Ashby Petty Sessions on Saturday (tomorrow).

Whitwick's New Theatre

Silver Street

To be Opened on Monday Next

The erection of a new picture theatre for the Whitwick and Thringstone District Picture Palace Company has now been completed and the building is being opened next Monday night.

It is a thoroughly up-to-date structure and has been built on the east side of Silver Street, near the Old Vicarage from the designs of Mr T. J. McCarthy, architect, Belvoir Road, Coalville, by Messrs. T. Barker and Sons of Loughborough, the contract price, exclusive of fittings, being £1550.

The building is of red Whitwick bricks with stone dressings and has a frontage of 64 feet to Silver Street. The main hall is 77 feet long and 46 feet wide, and seating accommodation will be found for 820 people. The floor slopes, giving the whole audience a chance of seeing the pictures, and the arrangements generally are such as to conduce the comfort and enjoyment of patrons. The best seats are plush covered and the whole of the floor is covered with lino. The proscenium is tastefully arranged and decorated and the finish generally inside the building gives it a pleasing and cosy appearance. The lighting is by electricity and the heating by the hot water low pressure system, while the place is well ventilated, the foul air being extracted at the highest point of the roof. Elaborate precautions against fire have been taken. Hose pipes and hand grenades are conveniently placed for use in case of a possible outbreak and as far as possible, fire proof materials have been used in the construction of the theatre. There are four emergency exits. The operating box is a brick structure and contains two machines.

The proceeds of the opening night are to be given to the local patriotic funds.



Coalville Police Court

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

Whitwick Woman Sent to Prison

Emma Chappell, single woman, Whitwick, who failed to appear at the last court, was brought up on a warrant, charged with neglecting her three children. Mr Lancaster, of Messrs. Sharp and Lancaster, Coalville and Loughborough, appeared to prosecute for the N.S.P.C.C.

Defendant pleaded not guilty, saying she had been ill in bed.

Inspector Fitzsimmons, of the N.S.P.C.C., stationed in Loughborough, stated that he visited the house on October 8th. The three children, George (12), Maud (9), and Harry (8) were poorly clothed and their boots in holes and the house was very dirty. He warned the woman and she said she had been ill. He called again on subsequent dates but found no improvement. The house smelt badly. Dr. Milligan, locum tenens for Dr. Burkitt, deposed to examining the children on November 3rd. They were fairly well nourished and fairly clean, and they were not verminous, though there were nits in the girl's hair. The children were badly clothed and the house was filthy. The condition of the house was such that he had no hesitation in saying that it was prejudicial to the health of the occupants.

Allan Pares, collier, Whitwick, said he had cohabited with the defendant for many years. He earned from 20s to 28s a week and regularly gave the woman a pound a week. She had plenty of money but was fond of bottles of stout. He knew she had been ill, but since she was well she had been at the old game again.

Allan Pares Chappell, (19), son of the defendant, a collier, said he earned 28s a week and paid his mother 10s a week, but he often had to go without his dinner and he could not get his clothes washed. His mother spent the money in drink. He had been to Aldershot, but was not accepted for the army because he was not big enough. He denied ill-using his mother. When witness was sworn he said he could not read.

Replying to the clerk, he said he attended Whitwick Holy Cross School and was in the fourth standard when he left. P.C. Grewcock said the woman was addicted to drink. Pares was a man who attended to his work regularly.

The Chairman said the Bench regarded it as a bad case and the woman would have to go to prison for three months. Turning to Pares and her son as she left the court, she said, "Farewell and good luck to you."

Drunk and Disorderly

William Allen, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick on November 21st. He did not appear. P.C. Jelley gave the facts and defendant was fined 10s 6d and 10s 6d costs, or 14 days.

William Upton, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly on November 28th. He did not appear. P.C. Grewcock proved the case and defendant was fined 5s 6d and costs 10s 6d or seven days.

Affiliation Arrears

George Birkumshaw, collier, Whitwick, was summoned by Agnes Henson, single woman, Whitwick, in respect of arrears under an affiliation order. Neither appeared. P.C. Grewcock said he understood that defendant paid the complainant 30s last week. The case was struck out.

Sport

Football

Whitwick's Safe Journey

Despite the fact that Moira United who acted as hosts to Whitwick Imperial, were defeated by three goals to one, they nevertheless put up a good game. Moreover, they were quite good enough for another goal, but they could not turn to advantage one or two favourable openings. It may also be said that Whitwick failed on several occasions especially in the second half, when they forced several corners in succession. In the first portion of the game, Summers scored for Moira, and Layton and Thorpe were responsible for the goals which gave the Imperial the lead, which they never showed any signs of surrendering. Thorpe made victory more certain by registering a further goal in the first minute after crossing over. Bird, one of the Whitwick team, sustained an injury and had to retire from the game, while Cook, also of the visiting team, was temporarily disabled. Whitwick are to be congratulated on the result seeing that it was Moira who vanquished Coalville Town from the competition and have also beaten Hugglescote St. John's at Moira this season.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Death of Mr J. T. Quemby

Quarry Foreman for 21 Years

The funeral took place on Monday of the late Mr J. T. Quemby, of Leicester Road, Whitwick, who passed away on Thursday last. Deceased, who was 63 years of age, had been in the employ of the Whitwick Granite Company, Ltd, since the quarries were opened 21 years ago and for the last 16 years had been head foreman, and was held in great esteem by directors and manager on account of his great practical ability and faithful service. In addition to about 40 relatives, there were present, the Manager and Mrs Robinson, the Office Staff and about 100 of the workmen from the quarries, who also had great regard for the deceased. The latter headed the procession and lined each side of the pathway leading to the Church, as the cortege passed in, the Rev. T. W. Walters, Vicar of Whitwick, conducted the funeral service at the Parish Church and graveside.

The Rev. H. C. J. Wix, Baptist Minister, Dr. Milligan and a large number of local sympathisers were also present. The bearers were friends of the deceased being Messrs. Joseph Berrington, W. King, Walter Waterfield, John Berrington, L. Thorpe, R. Williams, W. Quemby and J. Quemby.

Wreaths were sent by the following: Mother and Family; Ernest and Lizzie; John, Wife and Family; Sarah, George and Walter; Bill and Lisa; Sister and Family; W. Quemby and Family (Clay Cross); Grandchildren at Shepshed; Brother Amos and Family; Mr and Mrs J. H. Robinson; Connie, Eileen and Audrey; Directors of the Whitwick Granite Company, Ltd; Office Staff of Whitwick Granite Company, Ltd; Employees of Whitwick Granite Company, Ltd; Mr and Mrs Walter Waterfield; Mr and Mrs Thorpe; "Pals"; and large artificial globe from Employees of Whitwick Granite Company, Ltd.

Burials

Quemby – At Whitwick, on Monday, Joseph Thomas Quemby, aged 63 years, of Leicester Road.

Friday December 18th 1914 (Issue 1189)

Local News

For Sale

Good cockerels and pullets for sale. February, March and April hatched. All perfectly healthy. Apply Frederick Berrington, Leicester Road, Whitwick.

Do You Know

That arrangements are being made for a big patriotic concert in the Whitwick Picture Theatre on Christmas night?

Whitwick House-breaking Case

Tell-tale Blood Marks

Accused committed for Trial

At Ashby Police Court on Saturday, James Wallam, collier, Whitwick, was charged with house breaking at Whitwick, on December 6th. Mr Watson Wright (Loughborough) appeared for the defendant.

Mary Harris, single woman, carrying on a grocer's business at No. 4, Silver Street, Whitwick, stated that she resided in the house attached to the shop. On Sunday evening, December 6th she went to church, leaving home about 6.25. Before going, she put her mother, who was 92 years of age, to bed. She placed a candle and matches on a table near the door, which she locked. The windows and other doors of the house were all fastened. She got home about a quarter to eight, unlocked the back door and went into the kitchen. When she got into the living room she found all the dresser drawers open and things in drawers were in confusion. On the drawers were finger marks in blood and she also saw spots of blood on the stairs and in the bedroom, where the drawers were also open. Her mother told her there had been a man in the house. There were four bedrooms and it was in the room that witness occupied where the things were all disarranged. There was a sum of money in one of the drawers in this room, but that was still there and witness did not miss anything. On going downstairs again she went into the store room and saw the window was half way open. A pane of glass near to the catch was broken. The candle which she left on the back kitchen table was on the floor near the store room window. There was some blood on the candlestick. Witness then sent for the police.

By Mr Wright: *There was more than £11 in a satchel in one of the drawers, which was open and that was intact. On a cloth partly covering the satchel there was some blood. There was a shilling left on the dresser but she had said nothing about that. She had stated that she missed nothing. Her brother made the complaint to the police. She made a statement to the police, but she did not remember signing it.*

By Inspector Dobney: *There were several small linen articles in the drawer where the money was and these had been disturbed. P.C. Grewcock (Whitwick) stated that about 8 pm on Sunday, December 6th, he received a complaint that the house of the last witness had been broken into, between 6.30 and 7.45 pm.*

He examined the premises and found that in a window in a room on the ground floor at the side of the house a pane of glass had been broken near the catch, which had been pushed back. The lower part of the window was open. In the living room he found the drawers of the dresser all open and from the appearance of the things inside, looked as if they had been thoroughly ransacked. There were spots of blood on the drawers and on the articles therein. In one of the bedrooms all the drawers were open and the things inside disturbed. There were several spots of blood on the floor near the door of Mrs Harris's room, but nothing there was disturbed. Going downstairs, he saw spots of blood on the staircase and wall. He also saw blood on the window which was broken. About 10.30 the same night he reported the matter to Inspector Dobney and about 11 pm accompanied the inspector to the house of the prisoner at Gracedieu Road, Whitwick. Prisoner was in bed, Inspector Dobney said to him, "*Wallam, I suspect you of having broken into the house of Mary Harris, grocer, No. 4, Silver Street, Whitwick, between 6.30 and 7.45 tonight.*" Wallam replied, "*I know nothing about it.*" Inspector Dobney then arrested the prisoner and conveyed him to the police station at Coalville. About 6.45 that night, witness was in Silver Street, in plain clothes near to Miss Harris's shop when he was walking up and down. Witness kept him under observation for some little time, but some people came along and witness missed him all at once.

By Inspector Dobney: *The drawers in the sitting room upstairs had also been disturbed and a bookcase and cupboard were open, all having blood marks on them.*

By Mr Wright: *Silver Street was part of the main road leading from Whitwick to Coalville.*

Inspector Dobney (Coalville) stated that on receiving information of the offence from the last witness, he accompanied him to prisoner's house and found Wallam in bed. When told he was suspected of the offence, prisoner said he knew nothing about it. Witness examined his hands and on the back of the right hand he found a clean incised wound about an eighth of an inch deep and a quarter of an inch long. He asked prisoner how he got that and he replied that it was done in the pit on Friday. On the left hand there was a clean cut wound about half an inch long on the first joint of the little finger. He asked him how he did that and he said he pricked it a fortnight ago and it gathered. Witness pointed out to him that both wounds were fresh. In his pocket was a handkerchief with wet blood upon it and prisoner said that it came from his nose bled at nine o'clock that morning. His wife then came into the room and witness asked her what time her husband's nose bled that day and she replied, *"It was not his nose that bled, but the boy's."* Witness cautioned him and told him he should arrest him and he again stated that he knew nothing about it. At the Coalville Police Station, prisoner was seen by Doctor Hamilton, who examined his hands and nose. Witness searched the prisoner and found in his pocket five keys (produced). He said they belonged to the drawers in his house. Witness tried them and found that only one of the five keys would fit any drawer or cupboard in his house. The next morning witness visited the prisoner in his cell and he said, *"I did it."* Witness told him that whatever he said, he would take it down in writing and ask him to sign it and told him it might be used in evidence against him. The prisoner could not write and he put his mark to a statement in the presence of Sgt. Kirkland and witness. The statement was then read by the witness in which Wallam admitted the offence. While he was upstairs, Wallam, in his statement said the old lady called out, *"Is that you Polly?"* He admitted cutting his hand in opening the window and said he did not know what made him do it. He went there for money. Mr Wright asked whether witness went into the cell on purpose to get a statement from the prisoner.

The Inspector: *No, we don't do business like that.*

Mr. Wright: *I don't know. It is a funny thing that he should admit it then.*

The Inspector: *He was in a very depressed condition and was glad to get it off his mind. We would not let him have his braces for fear he should commit suicide.*

Mr Wright: *Did you tell him it would be the worse for him if he did not confess.*

The Inspector: *Certainly not.*

Did you tell him he had better not have a solicitor? – I did not.

Didn't you go into the cell purposely to get this statement? – No.

Did you say anything to his wife about a solicitor? – She said she had two good fat pigs in the sty and should sell them to get a solicitor. I told her she had better keep the money to support the children.

Mr Wright said he disputed this statement, which was entirely false.

The Chairman: *You must not say that.*

Inspector Dobney said he could bring another witness (Mr Wilton) who heard the prisoner make the admission in the presence of his wife. Mr Wright said that he did not deny that the prisoner made the statement.

Supt. Lockton: *That's what you said.*

Mr Wright: *My point is that the statement was got from the prisoner unfairly.*

The Chairman: *Did you put any pressure on the prisoner to make the statement?*

The Inspector: *None whatever sir.*

The Clerk: *Perhaps you would like to call other evidence on that.*

The Inspector: *Yes sir.*

William Wilton, clerk in the employ of Mr Mammatt, magistrates clerk, Ashby, said he was at Coalville Police Station on the 7th inst., when prisoner's wife called and asked to see him. Prisoner was brought in. The woman said to him, "*Well Jim, what have you been doing and what have you told them.*" He replied that he had done the Harris's job and had told them of that, He had not done anything else. He said he did not know what made him do it. He repeated that several times. No pressure was put on the prisoner. He said it in ordinary conversation.

Mr Wright applied for bail pointing out the prisoner had eight little children. He had an excellent character from Mr Hay, the manager of the Whitwick Colliery, where he had worked for 25 years and earned good money. Hitherto there had only been two cases against him.

Supt. Lockton said that only in April last prisoner was found on enclosed premises and had been under suspicion since. Several things had been done in Whitwick since then and on this occasion they went straight to the man's house with the result that this charge was brought.

The clerk asked whether Mr Wright could offer bail. Mr Wright said it would have to be some of prisoner's workmates. He applied on behalf of the children. Supt. Lockton said he would want notice to enable him to satisfy himself that the sureties were substantial.

The Chairman said that the Quarter Sessions would be held on January 5th. Bail was allowed, prisoner in his own surety of £30 and two others of £20 each, 48 hours' notice to be given to the police. Prisoner was then committed for trial at the Quarter Sessions.

Ashby Police Court

Saturday – Before Mr George Moore (in the chair) Major Hatchett, Mr J. German, Mr J. Turner and Mr T. Dennis.

Applications

Mr J. J. Sharp on behalf of Mrs Musson applied for the transfer to her from her deceased husband of the license of the Three Crowns Hotel, Whitwick, and this was granted.

Mr F. Jesson applied on behalf of Mr Wm. Archibald Jennings, for a music and singing licence to the new picture theatre at Whitwick and this was agreed.

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

This commodious and comfortable picture palace was opened on Monday night and had a very hearty send-off by a crowded audience. A first class list of films was shown and the various received continuous applause. The pictures during the commencement of the

week were a fine lot, and the screening of them left nothing to be desired. The star film was "England's Menace" a fine picture, and peculiarly appropriate to this week's war happenings. The story was of how two youngsters thwarted, by means of an amateur wireless installation the bombardment of the English shores by a foreign power. "Maria's Sacrifice" was also fine, and as usual, Wm. Humphrey in one of the leading characters was fine. "Love, Roses and Trousers" was a most amusing picture, and a general mix-up of presents, etc., caused some stirring scenes. "Pimples Great Fire of London" caused roars of laughter. "The Daring Young Person" was a splendid production and was much enjoyed and as a matter of fact, the whole performance was a most commendable one and worth seeing.

During the week-end the "star" film is "Warfare in the skies." We can thoroughly recommend this as a real good and thrilling film and patrons should not miss seeing it. there are numerous others, all good. It should be borne in mind that there are two performances on Saturday night at 7 and 9.

Next week another splendid list is provided. Full particulars see our advertisement columns. The proceeds of the opening night for patriotic purposes amounted to £12 4s.

Sport

Football

Coalville and District League

The monthly meeting of the Coalville and District League Committee was held at the Red House Hotel, Coalville, on Monday evening. Mr J. Kirby presided and there were present Messrs. F. W. Smith, D. Marston, J. Tivey, R. T. Bradshaw, and C. E. Marston (hon. secretary).

Ibstock Amateurs reported Whitwick Amateurs for breaking fixture on November 28th, this being the second time, the match having been once re-arranged. Whitwick wrote that it was owing to three more of their men joining the colours. Ibstock claimed 5s loss of "gate" and 1s 6d for printing. It was decided that the Whitwick club pay Ibstock the 1s 6d and be fined 2s 6d for breaking the fixture. Whitwick were also ordered to pay all monies due to the league by Jan 1st, failing which the club be suspended and reported to the Leicestershire Football Association.

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Local News

Patriotic Concert

At the patriotic concert held in the Holy Cross Schools, Whitwick, on Sunday, December 5th, the following is the amount of the collection, and also the contributions received by the Treasurer, Mr F. Burton: Collections £10/10/0; Mr and Mrs Burton £2; Holy Cross School children £1; Mr B. Berry £1; Mr Robinson £1/1/0; Colonel de Lisle £1; per Miss Burkitt £1/1/0. After expenses were deducted the treasurer sent a cheque to Colonel Froke for £17/7/0, ear-marked "For the C. Squadron of the Leicestershire Yeomanry."

Shocking Fatality at Whitwick Quarry

Man drawn into machinery

A sad fatality occurred at the Whitwick Granite Quarry about two o'clock on Tuesday afternoon. A workman named Job Fox was at work near some machinery when his coat was caught and he was drawn in, being fatally injured.

The manager telephoned for an ambulance motor car with a view to removing the man to Leicester Infirmary but he died about an hour later just as the ambulance motor reached the quarry. He lived at 104 Leicester Road, Whitwick, and leaves a widow and two children.

Deceased who was 39 years of age had been employed at the quarry for 21 years and some years ago he had his hand injured at the same quarry losing some of his fingers.

Coalville Police Court

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

Theatrical Licences

Mr Moore asked for permission for suitable music at the Olympia on Christmas night, in accompaniment to the pictures. There were no religious services he said in Coalville on Christmas night. Mr Kirkham said it was orchestral music only. The application was granted.

A similar application for Christmas night was made by the manager of the Whitwick Picture Theatre and was allowed.

A Whitwick Application

Albert W. Tunbridge, of Atherstone, applied for a warrant of ejectment against Richard Poynton, butcher, Whitwick.

Mr T. H. Moore was for the applicant, who said defendant was formerly his manager, but he closed the shop on account of the war and defendant had remained there as tenant. By Mr Lancaster (for the defendant): He put on a high rent more than the house was worth on purpose to get him out. He closed the shop because it was not paying. The rent at first was 5s per week. He had no personal feeling towards the defendant. Mr Lancaster asked the Bench to allow the extreme period for getting out. He had taken other premises and would leave as soon as he could but did not want to be turned into the street.

The Bench ordered defendant to give up possession in not less than 21 days and not more than 30 days. Mr Moore asked for costs but the chairman said the parties must pay their own.

Drunk and Disorderly

Levi Robinson, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick, on December 4th. He did not appear. P.C. Grewcock gave the facts and defendant was fined 5/6 and 10/6 costs or seven days.

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

The people of Whitwick and District are showing their appreciation of the new picture house by attending in good numbers and the general opinion is that the fare provided is quite in keeping with the excellence of the general arrangements.

One of the star films in the early part of the week was "The heart rebellious," a stirring drama of the East, in which some of the scenes were very fine. "Mabel's busy day" a Keystone comedy, and "The car of death" were also good numbers in an enjoyable programme.

During the week-end are showing "The Brand," and "Pals," two good dramas. In the latter, Joe, a poor pavement artist, has a great friend in Kitty, a flower girl, who proves a great pal to him when he is wrongly suspected of crime and they become greater pals than ever afterwards. The comic element is well sustained by "A gambling rube." A countryman and his wife come to town for a few days holiday. The countryman makes friends with a charming damsel; he is not aware, though, that she is an adventuress. However, as she believes that he has money she invites him to a card party. In the meantime she has warned her guests that she is bringing home a "flat" and they prepare the cards accordingly. But even the best plans fail at times, and quite by accident our friend gets knowledge of their plans, and instead of being fleeced makes a good haul for himself. "Mr Meek's Missus" is another comic by Hepworth, which causes roars of laughter and there is a good moral. These are only a few in a splendid list.

Particulars of another good lot for next week will be found in our advertisement columns.

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

Week Commencing December 28th.
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday,
The House on the Hill

Drama.

Alinky's Stratagem, comic; Such a Business, comic; The Terrible Lesson; Winky's Fireworks comic; Broncho Billy and the Gambler, drama.

Pathe Gazette.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday,
THE DERELICTS

Drama.

Nightmare of Special Constable, comic; White Hand Society, comic; The Ward's Claims, drama; The Reporter on the Case, drama; Mabel's Married Life, (K).

Pathe Gazette.

7 MONDAY TO FRIDAY 10
Continuous Performance

Doors open at 6-45. Commence at 7.

Matinee on Tuesday Morning at 10-30.

Saturday Matinee 2-30, Children 2d. and 3d.

7 SATURDAYS 9
TWICE NIGHTLY

Entire change of Programme Mondays and Thursdays.

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

Book your Seats early, Reserved and Numbered 8d. Box Office open daily. Early Doors Saturday, 6 p.m., 4d., 6d. & 8d. Children under 12 half-price to 4d. and 6d. Seats can be booked in advance.

Sport

Football

Whitwick win easily at Loughborough

Whitwick Imperial took their strongest team to Loughborough on Saturday to play the Corinthians in a Senior League match.

For twenty minutes the home side were one man short. Lakin slipped when a golden opportunity presented itself, and after this Layton netted the ball for Whitwick, an appeal

for offside being unheeded. At the other end Spencer shot into the visiting custodian's hands and after this Roadley had to clear from Lakin. A mistake between the home backs let Roach in, and with a fine oblique shot he improved Whitwick's score. Layton afterwards tried a flying shot, but the home custodian stopped it in fine style. In another attack on the home goal, Thorpe scored for Whitwick, and following this Dexter added a fourth with a fine shot. Interval: Whitwick 4, Corinthians 0.

Shortly after restarting Layton put the ball into the net, and after a brilliant bit of individual work, Spencer beat Roadley in fine style. The Corinthians improved and after making several onslaughts Wright beat Roadley. Towards the close Roach scored again for Whitwick.

Result: Whitwick Imperial 6, Corinthians Res. 2

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The Picture House, Whitwick

As will be seen from our advertisement columns the above picture and variety theatre will be opened on December 14th next. The total proceeds of the opening night will be divided between the Prince of Wales's Fund and the local Belgian Relief Fund. The times of commencing are: From Monday to Friday 7 to 10 pm, continuous performances; and Saturday evenings there will be two performances at 7 and 9. Popular prices 3d, 4d, and

6d. Picture-goers should see that the theatre has a good send-off. Further particulars, programme etc., will be announced shortly.

Sport

Football

Whitwick Imperial Reserves created a record on Saturday in scoring sixteen goals in their match against Coaville P.S.A. at Whitwick. The visitors being allowed to get only one by way of consolation. This was the only match in the first division.

Hinckley Cup

Whitwick Imperial's Excellent Chances

Whitwick Imperial stand an excellent chance of winning the Hinckley Hospital Cup. They easily defeated Enderby Town in the semi-final at Hinckley on Saturday and have to meet either Earl Shilton Victor or Shepshed Albion who made a draw at Coalville, also on Saturday. On the form shown on the Fox and Goose ground, either of these teams seem likely to stand little chance of success against Whitwick in the final. The Whitwick Imperial and Enderby match took place on the Holywell ground and attracted only a poor attendance. The opening exchanges were extremely scrappy, though within five minutes, Heath shot a soft goal for Whitwick. Subsequent play was featureless, the work of both sides being half-hearted. Lowe missed a glorious opportunity from West's centre, shooting wide with the goal at his mercy. Spence twice saved magnificently.

Half-time: Whitwick 1; Enderby 0.

Enderby gave a much improved display on resuming, and pressed heavily for some time. Lowe once skimming the bar with a grand shot. Whitwick retaliated but the Enderby backs defended splendidly, frequently saving the situation. Spence's custodianship was also noteworthy. Eventually Dexter scored the second goal for Whitwick, Layton afterwards added the third.

Result: Whitwick 3; Enderby 0.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Funeral of Mrs Newham

The funeral of the late Mrs Newham, the wife of Mr Charles Newham, of the Hermitage Road, Whitwick, took place on Friday, the 20th inst., at Holy Cross Church, Father O'Reilly officiating. Miss Harris (the organist) played the "Miserere" as the cortege entered the Church. After the church portion of service was concluded the children of Holy Cross School sang "Turn to Jesus Mother turn." The corpse was then borne to the Holy Cross Churchyard where Father O'Reilly officiated at the concluding service. The deceased lady who was 60 years of age was the daughter of the late Mr William Hallam, of Thringstone, and sister of Mr G. H. Hallam of the Queen's Head Hotel, Thringstone. She was in her younger days nurse to Merry Del Val family and had then the charge of the present Cardinal Merry Del Val, Secretary of State to the late Pope Pious the tenth.

