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Local News

Whist Drive and Dance

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

Christmas at the Clubs

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

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

Soldiers' Gifts from Whitwick

Yeomanry Major's Thanks

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

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

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

Whitwick Yeomanry's Thanks

Writing from France on December 20th, 1914, Sergt-Major Green, of C Squadron Leicestershire Yeomanry, on behalf of himself and Whitwick Troop, thanks all the kind

friends on the Charnwood Forest for their generous gifts of tobacco, cigarettes, chocolates, etc., that they have received this Christmas.

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

Local Chit Chat

A collecting box containing over a sovereign sent from the Whitwick Conservative Club to the Red Cross Society in London by the club manager, Mr George West, has apparently been lost in transit. The box was despatched from Whitwick on December 7th and not having had any acknowledgement, Mr West recently wrote to the Society and has received a reply to the effect that they have not received the box and suggesting that its delivery may have been delayed owing to the Christmas pressure with parcels. The money was collected at the club.

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

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

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

Whitwick Quarryman's Terrible Death

Whirled Round Shafting

Jury find it a Pure Accident

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

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

In opening the inquest the Coroner said there was no need for him to go into details as possibly most of them, being local men were familiar with the particulars of the accident and would hear the evidence. Their duty was to find out how the man came by his injuries, to ascertain whether responsibility rested with the deceased himself, anybody connected

with the work, or the method of the operations. The first duty was to view the body and the jury would find a brake waiting outside to convey them to the deceased's home at No. 101, Leicester Road, Whitwick.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Benjamin Laundon, millwright at the Whitwick quarry, said he heard someone shout and the signal to stop. He went to ascertain the cause. Near the hauling gear he saw Lacey who told him deceased was fast in the hauling gear. The machinery had stopped when

witness got there. He cut the belt and with the assistance of Clarke and Lacey, got the deceased out. He was alive then, but died shortly after they got him into the office.

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

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

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

A juror: *Has he stopped the machinery many times?*

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

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

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

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

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

Coalville Police Court

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

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

Day Poaching at Whitwick

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

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

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

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

Bad Language

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

Drunk and Disorderly

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

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

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

The programme for this weekend if anything, is even better. The comic element is well sustained by "The terrible two on the warpath" and "The nightmare of a special constable," while a special drama is "The reporter on the case," which shows that reporters can sometimes be of great assistance to the police in clearing up crimes. In this case, a woman is arrested and wrongly accused of a crime, but Reporter Jimmy unfolds the mystery and secures a great triumph. Another stirring drama is "Ward's Claim," a gold mining story. While working his claim one day, Old Ward strikes it rich, and just has sufficient time to tell the rest of the prospectors of his good luck when he is stricken with a fatal sickness. He entrusts his young friend John Hanson, with the task of sending for the rightful heir to the claim. Lopez, a rascally Mexican, tries to jump the claim, but is prevented by John, who proves more than a match for him. The heir arrives and proves to be a beautiful young girl, Shirley. John promptly falls in love with her and she with him. The Mexican abducts Shirley with the aid of two bad Indians, and John gives chase, effecting an exciting rescue, snatching the girl from the saddle of the villain's horse as it disappears over the edge of a cliff. There are several other interesting films including the Pathe Gazette. Particulars of another good list for next week will be found in our advertisement columns.

Sport

Football

Whitwick's "Double" on Shepshed Albion

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

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

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Burials

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

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

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Local News

Situations Vacant

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

To Let

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

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

Too Merry

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

Tea and Social

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

Drunk and Disorderly

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

Whitwick House-Breaking Case

Collier's Foolish Conduct

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

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

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

Prisoner: *Thank you, gentlemen, one and all.*

Band of Hope Social

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

Coalville Urban District Council

Diphtheria at Coalville and Whitwick

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

Water Supply

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

otherwise the Council would take the necessary steps to enforce compliance with the notice.

Whitwick Lodgers

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

The Surveyor: *More employment, or the weather conditions.*

Mr Kelly: *Good accommodation.*

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

Medical Officer's Report

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

Three Shillings Saved by Enlisting

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

Talbot Street

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

Thringstone – War Lecture

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

Miss Burkitt of Whitwick, ably contributed songs. The proceeds amounted to £3 for the Prince of Wales's National Relief Fund.

Gifts to Whitwick Yeomanry

Officers' letter of thanks

The following letters have been received by Mrs Sharp.

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

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

Market Bosworth Police Court

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

The Wrong Name

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

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

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

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

This theatre is having good "houses" again this week, and the films provided have been much enjoyed. The star film was entitled, "By the Kaiser's orders," and this was an extra good piece, in which an insight into the methods of the secret service was given. It was a

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

Sport

Football

Hugglescote beaten at Whitwick

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

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

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

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

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Local News

Whist Drive and Dance

A successful whist drive and dance were held in the Holy Cross School on Wednesday night, the proceeds being for the local Belgian Refugees and hospital funds. About a hundred were present. Messrs. J. H. McCarthy and J. Beeson were the M.C.'s for the

dance, Mr J. Cooper being the pianist. The M.C.'s for whist were Messrs. Dickens and M. Downes and the following were the prize winners:

Ladies: 1st Mrs Abell (Hugglescote), an umbrella; 2nd Mrs Smith, box and gloves; Mystery, Miss Rawson.

Gents: 1st Mr Stretton, brace of pheasants; 2nd Mr Ward (Thringstone), walking stick; Mystery, Mr Beeson.

Refreshments were provided by a ladies committee.

Ellistown Goal-keeper's Return

Experiences with the Leicestershire Yeomanry

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

Whitwick Mother's Union

Interesting Presentation

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

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

Do You Know

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

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

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

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

Coalville Police Court

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

Whitwick Collier Fined

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

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

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

Sport

Football

Whitwick's Big Win

Double Figures against Loughborough Corinthians

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

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

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

Whitwick Reserves at Castle Donington

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

Coalville League and the War

Seven Resignations

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Burials

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

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

Friday January 22nd 1915 (Issue 1194)

Local News

Pretty Pageant at Leicester

“Children Through the Centuries”

Local Performers

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

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

The scene opens with the King and the Bishop pacing up and down the stage engaged in earnest conversation. Afterwards they heat themselves at the table on which are books and a casket. Two jailers are present. After about one minute, the children enter

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

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

Whitwick Man In Hong Kong

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



Do You Know

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

Ashby County Court

Thursday – Before His Honour Judge Moore Cann.

Whitwick Collier's Debts

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

Whitwick Owner and Tennant

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

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

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

Good companies have been attending at all performances again this week, and the pictures are well worth seeing being a good lot. The "star" at the beginning of the week was "Burden Duty" a fine drama, which showed that a higher power than human intelligence, solves the riddles of crime. "When Death Rode the Engine," an Éclair drama. A desperado steals the Sheriff's baby, and makes off on a big locomotive, but, he is captured, and the Sheriff and his wife took the pleasure of seeing the outlaw dangling from

the end of a rope. Two good comics are "Winky goes to the front," and "Napoleon and the bumps." "The Slavey's Romance" drama, and "Little Mischief" a Thanouser comedy were both good. For the weekend a good film is "The Man with a Future" a Lubin drama, Ann Trevor is the daughter of a crook and is happily married to John Gray, a district attorney, who however, knows nothing of his wife's past. She is suddenly confronted with the alternative of disclosing her former dishonest life and forfeiting her husband's love, or remaining quiet and allowing her father to be convinced of crime of which he is innocent. How she eventually dares the worst and bares her entire past is strikingly portrayed in this drama and it should be seen. "Our Country Cousins" is a champion Keystone. What with the farmer's sons trying to kidnap the farmer's niece and the rough-and-tumble Keystone police, there are some lively 'doings' going on, and the matter ends up in a general scrimmage. "Bronco Billy, the Vagabond" is good, and we can always reckon on seeing something well done, when Mr G. M. Anderson's name appears (this is 'Bronco Billy'). He is a picture actor par excellence. Patrons must see this. A good trick film is "Little Lady Lafayette" a novel and dainty film of a series of startling illusions. There are several good ones, and patrons should not fail to pay a visit this weekend. Satisfaction is assured. Next week's list, a fine one, see advertisement columns. Patrons should note that there is a matinee Tuesday mornings at 10.30, when the full 'show' is given.

Sport

Football

Whitwick Still Going Strong

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

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

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

Friday January 29th 1915 (Issue 1195)

Local News

Prize Distribution

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

Patriotic Concert

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

Whitwick Soldier in Fierce Fighting

Another Big Battle Expected

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

Do You Know

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

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

Coalville Police Court

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

Whitwick Ejectment Wanted

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

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

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

Gaming At Whitwick

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

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

Bad Language

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

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

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

Sport

Football

Leicestershire Senior League

Another Win by Whitwick Imperial

Champions of the Senior League

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

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

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

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

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Burials

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

Friday February 5th 1915 (Issue 1196)

Local News

A post card from the Rev. H. K. Bros, intimating that the Rev. T. W. Walters, vicar of Whitwick, will preach at St. Peter's Church, Copt Oak, on Sunday evening next, at 6.30, reached us too late to be included in our "Preacher's Column".

Splendid assistance has been rendered to the Coalville Soldiers' Comforts Guild by a cripple. People whose business takes them in the direction of Whitwick Colliery are familiar with the figure of Charles Bradford, who is often to be seen lying in his bed carriage outside the residence of his father, Mr Charles Bradford, who keeps a small shop at the corner of Hermitage Road and Mammoth Street and works as a miner at the South Leicester Colliery. Young Bradford's is a sad case. He is only 25 years of age, but about nine years ago, when he was at work in the pit he met with an accident causing injury to

his spine. He has never walked since and is not likely to, being regarded as a cripple for life. Lying in his carriage since the ladies of the Guild got to work, he has knitted four large mufflers, two body belts and four pairs of mittens, using up 70 ounces of wool.

Citizens' Church Parade

The members of Whitwick and Thringstone Citizens' Defence Corps paraded on Sunday and marched to Thringstone Church, headed by the Holy Cross Band. An appropriate sermon was preached by the Vicar, the Rev. C. Shrewsbury.

Do You Know

That Surgeon-Major Burkitt visited Whitwick on short leave last week and returned to France on Friday?

That on a roll of honour at the Whitwick Holy Cross School, there are already the names of about 50 old boys serving with the forces?

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

Coalville Urban District Council

Mr R. Blower, J.P., presided at the monthly meeting of the Urban Council on Tuesday night, when there were also present, Messrs. T. Y. Hay (vice-chairman), M. McCarthy, S. Perry, A. Lockwood, W. Sheffield, F. Griffin, J. W. Farmer, B. G. Hale, T. Kelly, 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).

Highways Committee Report

Mr Kelly said nothing had been done to improve the footpath in North Street and Talbot Street, Whitwick, which he had mentioned at the last two meetings. It was ankle deep and scandalous. It was a waste of time to keep bringing reports if nothing was done and they might as well stop away. The surveyor said that the day after Mr Kelly made the complaint, he went over the path and for the kind of path in wet weather it was not bad. He thought Mr Kelly referred to the places where the channel had been taken up and pools of water lay and these had been filled up. As an improvement was to be carried out they did not want to incur a lot of expense. Mr Kelly said he went along the path on Sunday night and it was up to the ankles in North Street, opposite Stinson's. Mr Hay said the flagging might be done in front of Mr Burton's property. The surveyor said the whole thing would be done as soon as the question of Mr Stinson's fence was settled. Mr McCarthy said the fencing was on order. The chairman said the surveyor would attend to it as soon as possible.

Medical Officer's Report

The medical officer (Dr. R. W. Jamie) reported that during the month of January, three cases of scarletina were notified. One in Oxford Street, one in Albert Street, Coalville and one in North Street, Hugglescote. Five cases of diphtheria were reported, two in Leicester Road, one in North Street and one in Green Lane, Whitwick, and one in Club Row,

Coalville. Two cases of phthisis were also notified, one in London Road, and one at the dispensary, Bakewell Street. There was a satisfactory decline in the number of cases of both scarletina and diphtheria. Influenza had been fairly prevalent and two deaths had been attributed to this cause. During January, 25 deaths occurred, giving a death-rate of 16 per 1,000. These included two from bronchitis and three from pneumonia. During the same period 51 births were registered, giving a birth-rate of 34 per 1,000.

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

The above theatre is being well patronised again this week, and a new departure is introduced, which is much appreciated, viz., two excellent “turns” in addition to a splendid lot of films. The star picture for the first half week was “The Lost Mail Sack,” a good Kalem. Morrison, a postmaster, has been systematically robbing the mail sack, one day the sack is stolen by two tramps, and its disappearance benefits the postmaster. The detectives are soon on the track, but arrest the wrong man, but by chance they bring Morrison to bay, and he gets his deserts. “Four Minutes Late,” was a good Selig; and “Where Mountains Meet,” was a good human story.

The “turns” are Wal and Ross, the famous comedy and harmony two who have had a fine reception. The songs and patter are very smart and witty, causing much laughter. Cissie Neville, the dainty comedienne, also is good, her songs being catchy. She has been well received for her numbers. Patrons should see the above this weekend.

In addition to the above, the films to be seen for the weekend are: Star, “The Ticket of Leave Man,” one of the most famous melodramas, and is a good story showing the various perils which beset a young man in London. Patrons should see this. “White Lies,” a drama by S and A; “Laughing Gas,” a good Keystone; and many others which must be seen. Next week another good “turn” and some fine pictures.

Sport

Football

Coalville Swifts in Form

A Surprise for Whitwick

The meeting of Coalville Swifts and Whitwick Imperial in the Leicestershire Medal Competition on the Fox and Goose ground on Saturday proved to be a very interesting fixture, doubtless due to the fact that both teams are semi-finalists for the Coalville Cup, and there was a capital attendance.

In view of the heavy defeat of the Swifts at Whitwick the week before, and also the excellent record of the Imperial – whose only defeat of the season had been by the Town at Coalville – the Whitwick men were regarded as strong favourites, but there was a surprise in store for them and their supporters.

The Swifts had a stronger side and played a much better game. The players were, Nicholls; Underwood and Bott; Staley, Middleton and Bradshaw; Starkey, Lees, Price C. Price and Kirkland. Whitwick: Roadley; Waterfield and Cooke; Bird, Lockwood and J. Moore; M. Bird, Layton, Thorp, Dexter and Roach.

It will be observed that there were two new men in the Swifts' forward line – Price (centre) who formerly played for Loughborough and Hinckley, and Kirkland (outside left), who hailed from Barlestone. The Swifts are evidently building up their team in view of the coming cup struggle and on Saturday's form they have a very useful side, which will take a good deal of ousting.

The match on Saturday had a sensational opening inasmuch as after Lees and Roach had scored for their respective sides, the Swifts long before the interval arrived, had put on three more, Lees doing the needful again as well as the two Prices. Thus on crossing over they had the substantial lead of four goals to one.

As matters turned out, this was the extent of the scoring and the Swifts gained a splendid victory and no one could dispute that they thoroughly deserved it. A tremendous difference was made to the defence by Martin Bott, who was out the week before. He repeated checked the Whitwick onslaughts and kicked splendidly all through, as indeed did Underwood. Starkey was in fine form at outside right and Bradshaw, perhaps the pick of the halves, thought Staley was often prominent.

Whitwick had more of the play in their favour than the score would indicate, but their shooting and the crossing of the outside men was often at fault. The backs, too, were hardly as reliable as we have seen them sometimes. At the same time play was keen and the match was brimful of incident. Interest in local football has naturally fallen off in view of the war, and for the most part the matches have become somewhat tame, but Saturday's game was quite like old times.

Friday February 12th 1915 (Issue 1197)

Local News

Whist Drive and Dance

About 250 people were present at the annual dance and whist drive held in the Holy Cross School on Wednesday night in aid of the Leicester Royal Infirmary. The M.C.'s for the whist were Messrs. G. Greasley and W. J. Cracknall and the following were the winners:

Ladies – 1 Mrs Haywood; 2 Mrs Abell, who won on a cut with Mrs Howe, the latter being third.

Gents – 1 Mr Partridge; 2 Mr W. Musson; 3 Mr T. Morgan.

Messrs. W. Matterson, T. W. Gray (Coalville) and L. P. McCarthy were the M.C.'s for the dance, the music for which was supplied by Mr and Miss Popple. A ladies' committee looked after the refreshment department. Last year the event realised over £22 for the Infirmary, but owing to the many calls on the people through the war it was on a much smaller scale this time, though it is hoped to realise about £10.

Church Sale of Work at Whitwick

Opened by Mrs Booth

In connection with the Whitwick Church Girl's Guild a sale of work and social were held in the school on Wednesday and was well attended. In the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, who was indisposed, Mr S. W. West (Churchwarden) presided and explained that the sale was to have been held in September, but was postponed on account of the war. The object was to repay the Vicar a loan he had advanced in connection with the purchased of a piano, any balance to be donated towards the Churchyard improvement fund.

Mrs Booth, who was well received, spoke of the excellent services being rendered by women in connection with the war both in hospital and in making comforts for the soldiers and while that should claim their first attention just now, they had to keep their home institutions going and she congratulated the girls on the excellent preparations made for the sale which she was pleased to support. (Cheers). She then declared the sale open. Mrs Sharp, proposing a vote of thanks, said they were always pleased to see Mrs Booth whose worth they gladly recognised. Continuing, Mrs Sharp said she had been a president of the Guild for six or seven years and was proud of the girls, who always worked for the good of the church and parish in a splendid manner. She referred especially to Miss Adams to whose organisation the success of that event was largely due, she (the president) having been busy in matters connected with the war. When they realised that half the civilised world was at war, and most of them had relations in it, they would see that they had to make sacrifices, but she agreed that while doing all they could in that respect, it was their duty to pay their debts and keep things going at home. (Cheers)

Mrs Walters seconded the vote of thanks, which was heartily accorded. The following were the stallholders:

Fancy Stall, Misses Holt, Adams and West.
Plain Stall, Misses Rawson, Neath and Haywood.
China Stall, Misses Cresswell and Moore.
Refreshment Stall, Mesdames Adams, C. Pegg and Haynes
Toy Stall, Misses Robinson, Thorpe and Thirlby.
Bran Tub, Misses Pegg and Baker.
Hoopla, Beatie Rawson, Austin Pegg and Eric Pegg.
Cake Guessing, Misses Moore and Isaacs.

Entertainments were given by members of the Guild and Miss Adams played for dancing. The secretarial duties were ably carried out by Miss Adams with Miss Rawson as treasurer.

Coalville Police Court

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

Educational

David Boot and John W. Allen, both Whitwick colliers, were summoned for neglecting to send their children regularly to school. Jno. R. Wheelock, school attendance officer, Shepshed, gave the particulars. Fined 1s and 1s 6d costs.

In Boot's case, the defendant's wife stated that the girl would be 14 next August. Fined 2/- and 2/- costs.

Possession of Tenements Wanted

The Coalville Urban Council through the Clerk, Mr F. Jesson, made an application under the Courts (Emergency Powers) Act, 1914, for leave to proceed to recover possession of tenements from Thomas Argyle, labourer, Whitwick; William Bunce, collier, Whitwick; and John Storer, labourer, Coalville, notices to quit having been served under the Housing Act.

Mr Sharp said he appeared for Mr Jesson. Storer said he had tried to get another house and failed. The other two defendants did not appear. Leave was granted to proceed in each case and the defendants were each ordered to pay 2/6 costs.

Mr Sharp said he did not ask for the costs in the case of Argyle, who was only in receipt of an old age pension. The Chairman said it rested with the Council whether they enforced it.

Alleged Day Poaching at Whitwick

Ernest Frearson, of Swannington, and Andrew Smith, of Whitwick, both colliers, were summoned by Trevor Pratt, gamekeeper, Shepshed, for day poaching on land in the occupation of Mr E. M. P. de Lisle, at Whitwick, on January 31st. Defendants pleaded not guilty.

Pratt said he saw the defendants at a rabbit warren in Cademan Wood, where they laid 13 nets and put a ferret in the hole. They caught one rabbit. Witness produced nets and ferret, defendants having run away. Defendants denied being in the wood. Pratt said both he and his son saw the defendants in the act of setting the nets in the wood.

A. Pratt, the gamekeeper's son corroborated and said Smith took a stone from a wall and threatened to knock his father's brains out. P.C. Jones said Frearson made no reply when served with the summons but Smith's father alleged that the keeper struck his son.

Frearson, on oath, alleged that the keeper took the nets and ferret off them on the high road. He also struck Smith with a stick. They had not been in Cademan Wood at all but miles away. Smith also gave evidence.

Frearson was fined 10s 6d and 14s costs or 14 days and Smith 15s and 14s costs or 14 days. Time to pay was refused.

A Whitwick Ejectment

An application was made by Mr B. Berry, of Whitwick, to recover possession of a tenement occupied by Allen Pares, collier, at Whitwick. Mr T. H. Moore (Coalville) appeared for the applicant, to whom leave to proceed was given at the last court.

P.C. Grewcock deposed to personal service of the notice. Mr Berry said he was agent and secretary to the Forest Rock Granite Company who owned the house in question on Leicester Road. The rent was 3/9 per week. Notices had been duly served.

Replying to the clerk, witness said the defendant stated at the court that the reason he had not left the house had nothing to do with the war. The Bench made an order on the defendant to give up possession in not less than 21 days and not more than 30 days.

Court Proceeding

James Gee, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick, on February 6th.

Robert Lee, rag and bone gatherer, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick, on February 6th.

Emma Marriott, married, of Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick, on February 8th.

Thomas H. Hollick, collier, Coalville, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on February 6th.

A number of shopkeepers of Coalville and Whitwick were summoned for not exhibiting a notice as required by the Shops Act, 1912, the defendant's being:

Samuel Holmes, shopkeeper, Coalville; John Underwood, grocer, Whitwick; Arthur Beer, shopkeeper, Whitwick; Arthur Underwood, general dealer, Whitwick; William Smith, general dealer, Whitwick; John T. Ward, general dealer, Whitwick:

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

This week another good programme is provided for patrons, and, as usual, has been much appreciated by good audiences. Those at the commencement of the week were: "In the Grip of Spies," an all-British drama of topical interest in three reels. It was of special interest at this period, dealing as it did with the spy question, the reality of the enemy menace being brought home very forcibly. The disappearance of a naval code book causes much anxiety, and two famous sleuth-hounds are called to unravel the mystery, and after adopting many ruses, are successful in arresting the spies. "The Mystery of the Lost Stradivarius" was an Edison of great power and full of interest. "Inspector Pimple," caused much laughter, and by sheer 'ability' being raised from the rank of special constable to that of inspector. "Love and Salt Water," a champion Keystone, with plenty of fun and humour. Others were also very good. The "turn" this week is Jack W. Rooke, the imitable quaint comedian, a good laughter-maker, who should be seen. He has had a fine reception. For the week-end the films are: "Through the Dark," a strong drama, in which the disappearance of a necklace, causes May (who has borrowed it) to put it into her friend Anne's pocket (accidentally) for safety. Anne is arrested and sentenced to a term of imprisonment, and on her release is blackmailed by a fellow prisoner. May suffers

severally for the trouble she has brought on her friend, and the latter generously forgives her. This film should be seen. "The Sky Plot," and "On Account of the Cheese," are good comics, and "Father's Timepiece," is a rattling good Vitagraph comedy well worth seeing. – Others are very good. Next week's list, see advertisement columns.

Sport

Football

Five matches were arranged for Saturday and all but one were played. This was the one in the first division. Moira United were expected at Whitwick and intended coming but during the week one of their players, W. Summers, died from pneumonia and was buried on Saturday, several of the members of the team acting as bearers.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Death of An Old Resident

The funeral of an old resident took place yesterday afternoon in the person of Mr Arthur Hemsley, the interment at the cemetery being attended by a large number of relatives and friends. He died on Sunday afternoon after a few weeks' illness at the age of 79 years. Deceased leaves four daughters and seven sons. One of the latter is Mr J. H. Hemsley, a deputy at the Ellistown Colliery, another, Mr T. H. Hemsley, is the Ellistown postmaster, while another son, Mr W. Hemsley, is organist at the Ellistown Parish Church.

Burials

Underwood – At Whitwick, on Saturday, Horace William Underwood, aged 2 years, of Castle Street.

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Local News

Local Chit Chat

The members of the Whitwick and Thringstone Citizen Corps paraded on Sunday morning headed by Holy Cross Band and attended the Holy Cross Church, where Father O'Reilly preached.

Do You Know

That the Whitwick and Thringstone Citizen Corps has this week become affiliated to the County Association?

That the members of the Whitwick Liberal Club have their annual dinner tomorrow afternoon?

Wesleyan Chapel

Anniversary services were held at Whitwick Wesleyan Chapel on Sunday when two sermons were preached by the Rev. T. Cottam to good congregations.

Tea and Social

A meat tea was held in the Whitwick National Schools on Tuesday afternoon and well attended, the event being in connection with the Parish Church. A social followed, when a good number spent an enjoyable evening. Mr R. G. West played for dancing.

Primitive Methodist Shrovetide Effort

Whitwick Primitive Methodists made a Shrovetide effort, a visit being paid by the Rev. J. Humphries, of Halesowen, who preached to good congregations on Sunday and on Monday evening, lectures on the 'Business of Life' Mr T. Y. Hay being in the chair. The annual tea was held on Tuesday, trays being given by the members and Mr J. T. Ward, of Hugglescote, presided at the meeting which followed, at which addresses were given by the Revs. J. Humphries, T. Martin and W. H. Whiting. The effort realised over £16 for the chapel funds.

Whitwick Collier's Terrible Death

Run over by Motor 'Bus at Ellistown

Driver Exonerated from Blame

The shocking death of Ambrose Hall, a Whitwick collier who was killed on Monday by one of the Coalville motor 'buses at Ellistown, was enquired into at the South Leicester Hotel by the Deputy-Coroner, Mr J. T. Webb, and a jury on Wednesday morning. Mr E. Gough was foreman of the jury. Mr J. J. Sharp (Coalville) appeared for the Coalville Motor 'Bus and Garage Company and the British Dominions General Insurance Company, and Mr C. E. Crane (Coalville) was for the deceased's relatives. The manager of the company, Mr O. C. Trautmann, was also present.

The jury viewed the body lying in the carriage house at the hotel and on their return, the Coroner said the chief point for them to consider was whether anyone had been guilty of negligence which contributed to the cause of the sad occurrence.

Betsy Hall, of Golden Row, Talbot Street, Whitwick, said the deceased was her husband. He was 46 years of age and a collier. His health was good, also his sight and hearing. He left home about 10:30 on Monday morning to take a canary to Ellistown. He rode his son's machine, his own having gone to be repaired. He had been a cyclist for five or six years. The first she heard of her husband after he left the house was that he had been killed at Ellistown shortly after three o'clock.

By a juror: Deceased had been at work on Sunday night.

By Mr Sharp: She did not know whether he had any dinner or not.

A juror remarked that he knew deceased had some bread and cheese.

By Inspector Dobney: *Deceased got up about 9:45 on Monday morning. He did not go into the Prince of Wales's Inn.*

By a juror: *He got home from work on Monday morning about 7:40 and went to bed.*

Dr. Hamilton, of Coalville, stated that he was called to the South Leicester Hotel about 3:30 pm on Monday and he saw the body on a stretcher in the coach house. The skull was absolutely smashed up. Every bone in the head was broken and the left side of the face was also smashed, the broken bones having been pushed through. There was a mark on the left side of the nose which he thought might indicate the extent to which the wheel of the 'bus went onto the face. The only other injuries were the grazing of the knuckles. Witness attributed the injuries to the wheel of the 'bus having gone over the left side of the face and head. The wheel of the 'bus was of solid rubber, with an iron frame.

John Thomas Robinson, of 21, Brooks Lane, Whitwick, said he was the driver of the 'bus. He had driven it since October and that was the extent of his experience as a motor driver, but prior to that he was a horse driver for Messrs. Briers and Son, Whitwick. He was driving the 'bus to Bagworth on Monday afternoon, and stopped at Kendal Road, Ellistown, for someone to alight. After he had started again, he saw the deceased on a bicycle. Witness knew him by sight. When witness first saw him, the deceased was about 40 yards off and on his proper side. At that point it was a good wide road.

Inspector Dobney: *38 feet 5 inches from kerb to kerb – practically 13 yards.*

The driver, proceeding, said that the deceased nodded to him as he passed the 'bus, and the next thing he heard was the bicycle come in contact with the 'bus and then he felt a bump. He immediately applied the brakes, having at the same time received a warning from the conductor, and he pulled up within the length of the 'bus. The bicycle had been pulled away and deceased lay bleeding on the road about three yards behind the 'bus. He lay almost parallel with the road, with his legs slightly inclined towards the gutter. The man seemed to be alive then and witness at once went for the doctor. When witness first saw the deceased on his bicycle, he was coming straight, and was slightly stooping over the handle bars. He appeared to be riding easily and as if he understood what he was doing. The road was quite clear at the time, both of vehicles and people.

By the foreman: *Deceased did not wobble at all. The road was a bit greasy.*

By the Jury: *The pace the 'bus was going was about six miles an hour. Witness went on duty at 12 mid-day. He was not exactly a teetotaller, but he never had drink while on duty. The 'bus had gone about 100 yards from where it stopped at Kendal Road.*

P.C. Culpin: *The distance has been measured and it was 80 yards.*

Answering further questions, witness said that when the deceased passed the front of the 'bus he was about a yard away. He looked up and smiled and nodded. The Foreman thought that might have caused the deceased to swerve.

By Mr Sharp: *The fact that he pulled up as quickly showed that the 'bus was well under control, that the brakes were in order and the speed moderate. Between the 'bus and the kerb there was space of 18 feet for the deceased to pass.*

By Mr Crane: *There was nothing in the appearance of the deceased to cause witness, when he first saw him, to take special precautions as he passed. Witness could not say whether the deceased's bicycle skidded.*

By Inspector Dobney: *Before becoming driver of the bus he drove a motor van for the Coalville Co-operative Society, but that was since October. He saw no marks to show that the bicycle had skidded.*

Sidney Cliff, of 12, Jackson Street, Coalville, said he was the conductor of the 'bus and was riding at the back. When he first saw deceased, the latter was about a yard from the front side of the 'bus. He saw his head through the glass and then missed him all at once. Almost simultaneously he heard a crash and rang the bell and the 'bus stopped. Witness jumped off and found the deceased lying on his back on the road with his feet slightly towards the gutter. The bicycle was pointing towards the 'bus and the front wheel was on the man. Witness pulled him out and found him dead.

The bicycle, the handle bars and front wheel of which were considerably twisted, was produced, and witness lay down on the floor, placing the bicycle across him, indicating the exact position in which he found the deceased. The Foreman said it looked as if the deceased must have caught the 'bus with his handle bars and been swung around. Answering the jury, witness said he could not say whether the wheel of the 'bus went over the bicycle.

By Mr Sharp: *The man's head lay in the direction of Ellistown. Before the driver passed the deceased the 'bus swerved slightly to its proper side.*

By Mr Crane: *Near where the accident occurred there was a water hydrant in the road. It is quite likely that the front wheel of the bicycle struck the hydrant. Sometimes the paving round these hydrants projected above the road a little.*

The Rev. T. Hayhoe, Wesleyan Reform Minister, Ellistown, stated that on Monday afternoon soon after 3 o'clock, he was walking along Midland Road, Ellistown, towards Hugglescote, when he saw the 'bus stop slightly on the Ellistown side of Kendal Road, where a lady passenger alighted. A few seconds after the 'bus started, witness heard a crash, and looking round, saw a man and bicycle lying on the road near the 'bus, which stopped almost at once. Witness estimated that the 'bus had gone from 75 to 100 yards after stopping at Kendal Road. He described the position in which the man lay, which bore out the evidence of the conductor. In witness's judgement, the man was dead. He did not actually see how it happened but from what he saw concluded that the deceased's head had come into violent contact with the 'bus.

Replying to Mr Sharp, witness said he could not state the position of the hydrant. The foreman said he knew the position well, having lived close to for 30 years. The hydrant was right at the side of the road five yards from where the man lay. There was plenty of room and the hydrant would not be in the way of the cyclist. The Coroner said that the time elapsing between when the deceased left home and when the accident occurred was unaccounted for. He did not know whether the jury would take evidence on that point. The police had ascertained that the deceased spent two hours at the South Leicester Hotel.

The Foreman: *From one o'clock to three, I understand.*

A juror remarked that the man had some bread and cheese there. The Coroner said the point did not seem to be of very much importance. The evidence, he said, had been carefully listened to by the jury, all of whom knew the locality well. Mr Crane said they had no evidence of anyone who actually saw the accident. The Coroner said there was no other evidence. Proceeding, he said the position in which the man and bicycle were found did not point to the bicycle having skidded. They could not say exactly how it happened, but the driver of the 'bus and the conductor had given their evidence very fairly and were corroborated to some extent by other witnesses. It was for the jury to say whether they considered anyone was to blame, but it seemed to him to have been a pure accident.

The foreman at once stated that the jury were unanimously of the opinion that it was a pure accident and that no one was in the least to blame. The verdict was that "Deceased died from being run over by a motor 'bus through being accidentally thrown from his bicycle."

The Coroner said he would add on the deposition that the jury exonerated the driver from all blame.

The Forman: *Hear, hear.*

Mr J. J. Sharp said he desired on behalf of the Coalville Motor 'Bus and Garage Company directors to express their great regret at the sad occurrence. It was the first time they had been concerned in any accident and he desired to express sympathy with the poor widow and children who were left.

The German Cowards

Whitwick Soldier Confident of Victory

Writing to some Whitwick friends, Corpl. S. Yearby, of the R.H.A. on active service with the British Expeditionary Force in France, states that they have been having some very cold weather and he will be glad when the wet clears off so that they can let the Germans see that they mean it. "*We are not far from their lines,*" he proceeds, "*and we let them have a few thirteen pound shells just as little souvenirs. They soon made themselves scarce when they hear them whistling through the air. They won't face it as they ought to. We are here and why not stop and have it out, as we want to get it over. We mean to smash them completely, so that there will be no rising again. When they are in large numbers they will stay and show fight, but when even in numbers they are like the cow's tail – all behind. I thought they were a bit plucky from what I read of the Germans, but, bless you, they are cowards and nothing else. We have been in action now for three months and the only casualty is one Corporal killed one night last week. We have been very lucky, as few days have passed but we have had shells dropping all round our guns and horse lines.*"

Yearby then expresses thanks to his friends for asking him what he wants and says he is in need of nothing particular. He thinks they will soon be able to press forward now and will try to get a bit back for Hartlepool and Scarborough. He was glad that the navy were on the alert and had been able to get a bit back. He was only too pleased that he was fit to assist at the front. He would not have missed if for a watch as big as a frying pan. He had never been out of the firing line since he arrived out there and that was something to be

proud of, or would be in days to come, and he would have a lot to tell them when he got home again, if it was his luck not to stop one from the Germans. He should dodge them if possible. He hoped they were all in good health. He kept smiling himself and was looking forward to a victorious end. He felt sure they would win, sooner or later.

Whitwick and Ellistown Ejectments

Applications at the Ashby County Court

Applications were made at the Ashby County Court yesterday by George Frederick Burton, grocer, Whitwick, for ejectment orders against John William Allen and James Armstead, tenants of his cottages. Defendants pleaded inability to get houses. The judge said they had been given ample time and must give up possession within 14 days.

A similar application was made by James Shaw, of Ellistown, in respect of his cottage, occupied by William Hibbert, a banksman at Ellistown Colliery. Shaw said they had paid no rent for thirteen weeks and the woman had declared that she would not pay. His Honour made an order in this case also, possession to be given in 10 days.

Sequel to Whitwick Quarry Fatality

Compensation Apportionment

At the Ashby County Court yesterday, Mr J. J. Sharp (Coalville) applied on behalf of the widow of Job Fox, who was killed at the Whitwick Granite Quarry on December 22nd, for the apportionment of the compensation, £203/7/9, which has been paid into court by the company.

Mr Sharp said the applicant had two children dependant – two boys aged 14 and 12.

His Honour apportioned £133 7s 9d for the widow and £70 jointly for the two boys. He allowed a payment to her forthwith of £13 7s 9d, the balance to be invested and paid out to the widow at £3 a month - £2 from her portion and £1 from the boys.

Bicycle in the Bed

Alleged Theft from Whitwick Colliery

Before Mr J. W. West at the Coalville Police Court yesterday, Thomas Haines, collier of Shepshed, was charged with stealing a bicycle from Whitwick, on the 15th inst., the machine being the property of James Holland, collier of Griffydam.

Inspector Dobney stated that he apprehended the prisoner at his home on Shepshed on the previous day, and found the bicycle there in a bed, covered over with a counterpane. The accused was remanded to the Ashby Petty Sessions tomorrow (Saturday).

Coalville Police Court

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

Shopkeepers Summoned

A number of shopkeepers of Coalville and Whitwick were summoned for not exhibiting a notice as required by the Shops Act, 1912, the defendants being:

Samuel Holmes, shopkeeper, Coalville; John Underwood, grocer, Whitwick; Arthur Beer, shopkeeper, Whitwick; Walter Bailey, shopkeeper, Coalville; John Henry Wood, shopkeeper, Coalville; Arthur Underwood, general dealer, Whitwick; William Smith, general dealer, Whitwick; John T. Ward, general dealer, Whitwick.

The case of Arthur Underwood was taken first. Inspector Dobney deposed to going into defendant's shop in Silver Street and seeing no notice as to when the half holiday was. Defendant told him he had a notice up but thought it did not matter now. He would have some more printed. Mr E. Holmes (chief constable) said he did not press the cases, which were all similar. But the reason he had brought them forward was that there was a slackness in the matter in this district. It was important that a notice should be displayed and that shopkeepers should stick to the day they selected. They could not change about. He was willing to withdraw the case on payment of costs. The Chairman said the Bench would agree to that and hoped it would be a warning to the shopkeepers of the district. The costs were 6/6 and the defendant asked for time to pay, saying he was out of work. He was allowed ten days to pay.

Ward's was the next case and he pleaded not guilty. Inspector Dobney said he visited the shop and could see no notice. Defendant had seen him since and told him his wife could not find it at the time, but it was up now. P.C. Grewcock corroborated. Defendant said a notice had been displayed all along, but at the time the police called it was laid on one side because his daughter was cleaning the shop. The chairman said the Bench did not want to convict but they would have to if the defendant contested the point, because he admitted that the notice was not displayed when the police called. Defendant said it would be untrue to say he was guilty.

The Chairman: *Then the Bench will convict.*

Defendant was fined 1s and 12s costs. He said he would pay under protest, but it was very unjust.

William Smith admitted his offence and the case was withdrawn on payment of 6s 6d costs.

John Underwood did not appear and Inspector Dobney said that the defendant when served with the summons said, "*It is a bit off.*" As he did not appear, defendant was convicted, being fined 1s and 11s 6d costs.

Beer's wife appeared and said they had not been in business long. Inspector Dobney said P.C. Grewcock had warned the defendant a fortnight before. The case was withdrawn on payment of 6s 6d costs.

In the case of Samuel Holmes, Inspector Dobney said when he visited the shop in Margaret Street, defendant's wife told him the card had dropped behind the oil tank, but it was not forthcoming. He found defendant's wife selling things she should not. The chief

constable said that might have been a separate charge, but he hoped it would be a warning. Withdrawn on payment of 6s 6d costs.

Walter Bailey appeared and pleaded guilty and the case was withdrawn on payment of 6s 6d costs.

John Henry Wood also pleaded guilty and said he thought the Act did not apply to people who employed no one. The case was withdrawn on payment of 6s 6d costs.

Bad Language

Thomas H. Hollick, collier, Coalville, was summoned for using bad language, at Whitwick, on February 10th. He did not appear. P.C. Jelley gave the facts. Fined 2s 6d and costs 10s 6d or seven days.

Drunk and Disorderly

James Gee, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick on February 6th. P.C. Jelley said the defendant had been ejected from the Picture House. Fined 10s 6d and 10s 6d costs or 14 days.

Robert Lee, rag and bone gatherer, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick on February 6th. He did not appear. P.C. Grewcock said he received complaints from several young girls as to the defendant's filthy expressions. Fined 7s 6d and 10s 6d costs or seven days.

Emma Marriott, married, of Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick, on February 8th. P.C. Grewcock proved the case and defendant was fined 5s 5d and 10s 6d costs or seven days.

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

A splendid lot of subjects is being shown here this week and there have been good 'houses' nightly. The chief film at the beginning of the week was "Won in the Clouds," a good drama by the Bison Company. Thrill after thrill were to be seen all through, whilst a nice romantic love story was intertwined with the more violent happenings. A dirigible balloon is brought into requisition with fine effect, and this airship is the means of saving James and Grace and party from the cannibals who have been incensed to bad deeds by Portuguese Jack, who having failed in his efforts to win Grace, decides on a terrible revenge, but as stated above, it doesn't come off. As the airship flies away the occupants drop lyddite bombs on the cannibals with terrible results. The film was much enjoyed. – Others were very good. – The "turn" appearing all week is Slippere, the blind entertainer, and he is a very clever artiste, who has been accorded a hearty reception. A 'turn' well worth seeing. – For the weekend the chief film is "The Stolen Masterpiece," a film which tells of the theft of an art treasure, and its recovery. The thief, who is a friend of the owner of the painting, leaves his walking stick at the house, and returning ostensibly for it, he overcomes the footman and cuts the picture out of the frame. On reading of the robbery, Kate Halifax, the lady detective is soon on the track. She is, however, lured to a strange

house and bound hand and foot. Her partner, Dick Steele, succeeds in tracing her whereabouts and releases her. They capture the thieves and recover the picture. A clinking film. – There are several others, all good, and patrons should see them. Next week, another good list, see advertisement column.

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Local News

Buffalo Ceremony

An interesting ceremony took place at the Railway Hotel last night in connection with the Beaumanor Lodge of the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes. Three of the members, Messrs. S. Perry, S. Boot and F. Harper, were raised to the second degree and presented with primo jewels. The Grand Lodge officers of Leicester attended for the presentation.

Do You Know

That the Whitwick Liberal Club members annual dinner, which was to have been held last Saturday was postponed until tomorrow?

That E. Layton, inside right of Whitwick Imperial F.C., has been transferred to Huddersfield?

Tea and Lecture

A public tea was held in the Whitwick Wesleyan School on Saturday and well attended. The Baptist pastor, the Rev. H. C. J. Wix presided at a meeting in the evening, when the Rev. J. R. Sharpley of Ashby gave a lecture on John Bunyan. The proceeds was for the chapel funds.

In a Warm Corner

Whitwick Soldier Gets Through Safely

Mrs E. Hall, of 20, Talbot Street, Whitwick, has received a letter from her husband serving at the front saying he had received her letter and parcel safely. He got it just as he came out of the trenches and it put him all right. He states that Ted Collier is not with him, but there is one in his company he knows well – Jack Storer, who used to work for Mr Enoch Briers. He wishes to be remembered to Potter. The letter continues: *“I am all right if I could only keep a bit warmer, but, thank God, the weather is getting a bit better now. I always said I should see something, but I did not think it would be like this. But never mind, we are doing it for a good cause and we are letting them know to it now. I have been in a warm corner, but I got out all right, thank God.”*

In a subsequent letter, Hall says how he and his pals in the trenches enjoyed the cake his wife had sent him. *“We were just giving the Germans some cake with currants in at the same time. I am sorry to tell you that I have seen a few of my pals go under, but I don’t think it will last much longer.”*

In a postscript Hall adds: *"Tell my little birds that their dad will come home some day. Shall not be sorry when."*



Coalville Councillor Resigns

Over Nine Years Member for Whitwick

Many Whitwick electors will regret to learn that Mr Samuel Perry has decided to resign his seat on the Coalville Urban Council and a letter from him to this effect was sent to the clerk to be submitted to the Council at their committee meeting on Tuesday night.

Business considerations have compelled Mr Perry to take this step, as a good deal of extra work has fallen on him since his son, Mr S. Perry, jun., formerly the Whitwick Scoutmaster joined the forces.

Mr Perry was first elected in the Council for the Whitwick Ward at a bye-election on October 16th, 1905, when he was opposed by Mr W. Stinson and won by 358 votes to 140. In the triennial election in 1907, he headed the poll, this honour being accorded him again in 1913 when his total of 368 placed him eight votes above Mr M. McCarthy, the next highest, but in 1910, his experience was somewhat the reverse, as he was then the last of the four successful candidates with 282 votes. It will thus be seen that Mr Perry fought four elections and was each time successful. It will thus be seen that Mr Perry, himself a Liberal of long standing, has invariably had the support of his party. In the ordinary course of events, he would have served another 12 months on the Council. The Whitwick member to retire by rotation in April next was Mr Thomas Young Hay and since there are believed to be one or two other aspirants for the honour – Mr Perry understands that Mr Hay's seat was to have been contested – the resignation has been made in the hope that at this stage a fight will be avoided. Mr Perry has been asked to reconsider the matter, but says his decision is final. At the present time he occupies the position of chairman of the Plans Committee and his retirement will be regretted by his colleagues and the officials with whom he has served so long, amicably and well.

Mr S. Perry jun. who joined the 3rd Leicesters, has been promoted to the rank of Corporal and is eagerly anticipating removal to France in a few days' time, being stationed at present near Portsmouth. His older brother, Harry, is doing well in Canada. Both sons have followed the trade of their father, that of tailor.



Ashby Police Court

Saturday – Before Mr George Moore (in the chair) the Rev. C. T. Moore, Major Hatchett, Mr J. G. Shields, Mr George Brown, and Mr T. Dennis.

Bicycle Stolen from Whitwick Colliery

Thomas Haines (29), collier, Shepshed, was charge, on remand, with stealing a Gent's bicycle at Coalville, on February 15th, the machine, value £2 being the property of James Holland, collier, of Griffydam.

He pleaded guilty.

Inspector Dobney (Coalville) said he was informed that a bicycle had been stolen from the Whitwick Colliery on February 15th. After making enquires, he went on February 18th, to the prisoner's house at Shepshed. In an out-building he found the two bicycle wheels (produced) fitted in another bicycle frame. He went in search of the prisoner and found him in a public house. He told him he was making enquiries about a bicycle and defendant replied, "*I know nothing about a bicycle. I left my own there (Whitwick Colliery) on Monday morning and came home by train.*" Witness told him he had found the wheels of the missing bicycle fitted to another frame at his house and defendant replied, "*That frame and wheels are my own. I have had them years.*" Witness told him he should arrest him on the charge and cautioned him. Defendant again said he knew nothing about the bicycle. Witness handed prisoner over to the custody of P.C. Highton while he went to make a further search of his house and in a bedroom upstairs, he found the bicycle, minus the wheels, on a bed covered over with a counterpane. He told the prisoner of his discovery, and Haines replied, "*I might as well make a clean breast of it. That is the frame of the bicycle I took from pit and those wheels belong to it.*" He also said that he had not been to work at the pit since Sunday, and he intended taking it back and said he thought that if he did they would think he had pinched it, so he had made up his mind to stick to it. Witness then took the man to Coalville. He had since shown the bicycle to James Holland, who

identified it as his property and the one he missed on the 15th, and valued it at £2. The Inspector added that the prisoner was a single man in regular work and earned 6s a day.

Supt. Lockton said the defendant joined the Territorials but was discharged, "*his services being no longer required.*" The prisoner was sentenced to two months' imprisonment with hard labour.

Coalville Police Court

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

School Cases

George Smith, Thringstone, was summoned for neglecting to send his child regularly to school. Mr C. Hart gave the facts and defendant was fined 2s and 2s costs.

Harriett Johnson, of Whitwick, was summoned for neglecting to send her child regularly to school. Also fined 2s and 2s costs.

Court Proceeding

John White, collier, Thringstone, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on February 20th.

William Stinson, collier, Thringstone, was summoned by Lucy White, married, for assault at Thringstone, on February 17th.

William Allen, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick, on February 19th.

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

Another real good programme is to be seen at this theatre again this week including, besides the fine selection of films, two exceptionally good 'turns,' viz, John Goddard, ventriloquist, and the Living Marionettes. The 'sayings' of the doll are very witty, smart, and funny, and Mr Goddard has received a good reception. The song "Drinking" is very good and has been much applauded each night. The Living Marionettes are extra good, being an entertainment in themselves; the various caricatures are excellently portrayed, and the songs and dances of the figures have fairly "brought down the house." A first class show which should be seen. The films at the beginning of the week were: "Love and Flames," a good fire story with a nice little love romance intertwined, and the landlord got "knocked out" at the finish, although he had tried his hardest to secure the girl, by a series of underhand tricks. This film was much enjoyed. – "The Great Earthquake at Avezzanns" was a particularly interesting picture. "The Engineer's Revenge" nearly ended most disastrously but the points were turned just in time to save a terrible catastrophe. "The Man Behind the Gun" was a good Kalem comedy, and others besides the target got 'socked' well. Others were good. For the week-end in addition to the above 'turns,' the

pictures are a nice lot, and include: star, "Sheep Clothing" an Edison drama of no mean order and one which should be seen. "House of Distemperly" a good comedy in which Pimple is a great laughter maker. "Bronco Billy and the Mine Shark" a good Eleasany, "Peter scores a Bull," numerous others, all very good and making up a fine programme. – Next week a fine lot of films and 'turns,' see advertisement column.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Funeral of Mr A. Hall

The funeral of Mr Ambrose Hall, of Golden Row, Whitwick, who was killed by one of the Coalville motor 'buses at Ellistown last Monday week, took place on Friday afternoon at St. George's, Swannington. The vicar, the Rev. G. Robinson conducted the service in the church and graveyard, and Mr J. J. Sharp, attended as representative of the Coalville Motor 'Bus and Garage Company.

Burials

Burton – At Whitwick, on Thursday, Car__n Burton, aged 46 years, of Hermitage Road.

Hall – At Swannington, on Friday, Ambrose Hall, aged 46 years, of Golden Row, Whitwick.

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Local News

A Year's Sanitary Work

Inspector's Annual Report

The annual report of the Sanitary Inspector to the Coalville Urban Council on Tuesday night, stated that during the year 1 1/2 miles of sewers had been laid, 59 houses erected, 104 water closets, 41 complaints were received, 11,313 inspections of premises were made and 6,070 re-inspections, 4,327 notices for the abatement of nuisances were served and 112 houses were disinfected after infectious disease, these being only a few of a large quantity of statistics of the work done. The report proceeds:

Common Lodging Houses – the three common lodging houses at Whitwick have been maintained in a satisfactory state. There have been no cases of overcrowding or infectious disease. Twelve day inspections and two midnight inspections have been made. The houses have twice been lime-washed throughout during the year at the statutory periods. The total number of lodgers accommodated for the year was 11,337, against 10,753 for 1913, and 9,803 for 1912. The lodging houses are amply big enough and have previously accommodated considerably over 20,000 lodgers per year.

Child's Accident

A nasty accident has befallen a little girl named Lily Gee, aged about two years, daughter of Mr George Gee who lives in the Dumps. The child was playing with other children on Saturday night when by some means the end of one of her fingers was taken off.

No Fire Guard

Child Burnt to Death at Whitwick

Soldier's Wife Commended

An inquest was held yesterday (Thursday) afternoon at the office of Messrs. E. Briers and Sons, Whitwick, by Mr J. T. Webb, deputy coroner, concerning the death of Emily Allen, aged 4 1/2 years, daughter of John W. Allen, collier, of Talbot Street, Whitwick, which occurred on Tuesday night from injuries and burns.

Mr T. Irons was foreman of the jury. Inspector Fitzsimmons, of the N.S.P.C.C. was present. The Coroner remarked that it seemed to have been a life thrown away and it was for the jury to ascertain whether anyone was guilty of neglect.

Dr. W. Milligan, locum tenens for Dr. Burkitt, of Whitwick, stated that he was called to the house a little after one o'clock on Tuesday afternoon and found the child lying on the sofa suffering from extensive burns over the whole of the body, except the right side. The burns were not very deep but the whole of the skin was involved. He saw the child again in the evening when it had just died from the shock. There was no fire guard. Had there been, the child's life might have been saved. It was a well-nourished child. Witness said he would like to express appreciation of the action of the two women, Mrs Hall and Mrs Howe, who attended to the child. They cut off the clothing and applied linseed oil, which was all he could have done had he been there at the time.

Georgina Allen, the mother, stated that on Tuesday morning she left home at eleven o'clock, leaving her daughter Maria, nearly eleven years old, with the deceased. She went to Osgathorpe to enquire about a house and told the children to keep from the fire. They had not been in the habit of playing with fire. There was no fire guard. She had one now, but not at the time of the accident. She got back from Osgathorpe about a quarter to two, and found that the child had been burnt. The little one was conscious to the last and said she got on fire in trying to reach a brush off the shelf. Maria said it happened while she was sweeping the yard. Replying to a juror, witness said she had had nine children and five were now living. The child Maria was called, but was crying and could not give evidence.

Hannah Hall, wife of Ernest Hall, a soldier living next door but one, stated that she heard a girl scream in Mrs Allen's house and ran in. She saw the child all in flames under the table. Witness picked up an old shirt and put the flames out and then ran into her own house and fetched a blanket, in which she wrapped the child. When she got back, the other neighbours had run in. Witness helped to get the clothes off and dress the wounds with oil. There was not much fire in the grate. When the child was on the sofa she said, "*It wasn't Ria (Maria). My frock caught fire.*"

The Coroner said the witness acted very promptly and the opinion of the jury was that she was entitled to great credit for her conduct. Answering another question, witness said her husband was at the front.

The Coroner commented on the absence of a fire guard, for which the parents were liable and as official notice was being taken of it, no doubt they would hear of it again. The jury returned a verdict of "Accidental Death" and urged the importance of fire guards being provided in houses where there were young children.

The Coroner cautioned the parents, pointing out how serious it was not to have provided a fire guard, but for which the child's life might have been saved. The mother ought also not to have left the children so long being away from the house, on her own showing for 2 1/2 hours.

Buff Presentation

On Tuesday night, at the Gracedieu Buffalo Lodge held at the Queen's Head Inn, Thringstone, Bro. G. H. Hallam, was presented with a founders' jewel. The City Marshal, Bro. F. Harper, of Whitwick, made the presentation.

Local Chit Chat

The members of the Whitwick Citizens' Corps, some 40 or 50 strong, paraded on Sunday morning, headed by the Holy Cross Band and attended service at the Whitwick Parish Church. They afterwards had a march via New Swannington, and were accompanied by the Vicar, the Rev. T. W. Walters, who is one of the chaplains to the corps.

Officers of the Whitwick and Thringstone Citizen Corps have been elected as follows: Capt. W. E. Stevenson, company commander; Mr G. F. Burton, platoon commander; Mr B. Berry, chairman of the committee; Father O'Reilly, vice-chairman; Mr J. W. Eagles, treasurer; and Mr J. West, secretary.

Delegates from the Coalville, Hugglescote and Whitwick and Thringstone Citizen Corps attended a meeting at the Snibston New Inn club room on Monday night and elected Mr B. G. Hale (Coalville) on the Finance Committee of the Leicester County Volunteers Association and Capt. Woods (Hugglescote) a member of the Equipment Committee of the same association.

The annual election of Coalville Urban Councillors is again drawing near. Nominations have to be handed in at the Council Chamber by noon on Thursday, March 11th, and withdrawals made by noon on the following Tuesday, March 16th. In the event of contests taking place, polling will be on Monday, March 29th. Four members will retire, viz, Mr W. Sheffield in the Coalville Ward, Mr T. Y. Hay in the Whitwick Ward, and Messrs. W. Fellows and F. Griffin in the Hugglescote Ward. The resignation of Mr S. Perry creates another vacancy in the Whitwick Ward and the Liberals have agreed to nominate Mr A. J. Briers to take his place. Up to the present it looks as though all the retiring members will be returned unopposed. We have not heard of any other candidates who are likely to come forward.

Soldier's Thanks

A letter of thanks has been received by Miss Waldrum, of the National Schools, Whitwick, from Major Elliott, commanding Z Battery, Royal Horse Artillery, now on active service. He writes, *"Your gift of socks and mittens has been safely received, and I send our best*

thanks to the kind folks who have made such lovely things for us. The articles will be greatly appreciated and found most useful. Above all, we thank you for the kind thought which has prompted the gift."

Beatrice Rawson, a scholar of the above school has received a personal letter of thanks from "A soldier at the front" who was the recipient of a pair of socks which she had knitted.

Whitwick Liberal Association

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Whitwick Liberal Association was held in the Public Hall, on Wednesday night last week, Mr S. Perry presiding.

The chairman remarked that in the seriousness though which the country was passing, he considered it undesirable to advance any political thought, or raise any political questions, and the meeting unanimously endorsed this view.

The officers were re-elected as follows: President, Mr S. Perry; vice-presidents, Messrs. T. Kelly and O. Geary; secretary, Mr John Ward; treasurer, Mr L. Shilliam; and registration secretary, Mr J. W. Briers.

Mr S. Perry and Mr John Ward were nominated for the Executive Committee of the Loughborough Division Liberal Association, and the following were appointed delegates to the Loughborough Association: Messrs. J. Ward, S. Perry, L. Shilliam, T. Kelly, A. Cooper, J. W. Briers, A. Wheeldon, S. Boot, F. Harper, W. Kenny, A. Carter, A. Briers, O. Geary, W. Ward and D. Martin.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the officers for their services and a similar vote was passed to the directors of the Liberal Club for allowing the free use of the room, the resolution to be conveyed by letter.

The question of a successor to Mr S. Perry (resigned) on the Coalville Urban District Council was considered and it was understood that Mr A. J. Briers will be the candidate. A further meeting was decided upon to make the necessary arrangements in due course.

Wesleyan Home Missions

The services at the Whitwick Wesleyan Chapel on Sunday were in aid of the Home Mission Funds. The Rev. W. R. Garment, of Measham, preached in the afternoon and Mr W. A. Hall, of Coalville, in the evening, the collections being for the object named. On Tuesday evening, the Rev. J. R. Sharpley gave his lecture, "Under the British flag," Mr S. W. West presiding.

Baptist Chapel Anniversary

The Rev. R. F. Handford, of Loughborough, preached at the Whitwick Baptist Chapel on Sunday on the occasion of the Chapel anniversary. There were good congregations. On Monday a public tea was well attended, and in the evening the Rev. T. J. Martin of

Coalville lectured on "Burns as a religious teacher." The Rev. H. C. J. Wix presided. The collections were for the chapel funds.

Liberal Club Members Dinner

The members of the Whitwick Liberal Club had their annual dinner in the Public Hall on Saturday night, when an excellent meal was provided by the manager and manageress, Mr and Mrs F. Sear. About 80 members did full justice to the good fare provided. Mr T. Kelly afterwards occupied the chair and the evening was spent chiefly in harmony. Mr G. H. Hallam of Thringstone, played piano selections and acted as accompanist, songs being rendered by Messrs. A. Fern, F. Harper, J. O'Mara, T. Moore and others.

Coalville Urban Council

The monthly meeting of the Urban Council was held at Coalville, on Tuesday night, when in the absence of Mr R. Blower through illness, Mr T. Y. Hay (vice-chairman), presided. There were also present, Messrs. M. McCarthy, W. Fellows, A. Lockwood, F. Griffin, S. Armson, J. W. Farmer, B. G. Hale and T. Kelly, with the clerk (Mr F. Jesson) surveyor (Mr L. L. Baldwin) medical officer (Dr. R. W. Jamie) assistant surveyor (Mr G. F. Hurst) and gas works manager (Mr J. W. Eagles).

Highway Committee's Report

The surveyor reported that pig-styes (sic) were proposed to be erected at the Prince of Wales Hotel, at Whitwick, which came within 60 feet of the nearest part of the house, contrary to bye-laws and the Committee recommend the distance given in the bye-laws (60 feet) be adhered to and the owners of the property be given notice to this effect.

Pare's Hill Improvement

Mr McCarthy moved that application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction for a loan for the Pare's Hill improvement at Whitwick and this was carried. The amount was stated to be £500 odd.

Whitwick Member Resigns

The clerk said he wrote to Mr S. Perry asking him to reconsider his resignation and Mr Perry had replied that his decision was final. He stated that Mr Hay's seat was to have been contested and he thought that by him resigning that might be avoided.

Mr Hay: *It is very kind of him.*

Replying to Mr Lockwood, the clerk said everything was in order for the election. There would be one vacancy at Coalville, two at Hugglescote, and two at Whitwick.

Mr McCarthy: *A miniature general election.*

Mr Lockwood said that one would be elected at Whitwick for three years and one for a year only in the place of Mr Perry. In the event of a poll and Mr Hay was second on the list, who would retire in 12 month's time. The clerk said he would rather not answer the question without looking into the matter.

A Whitwick Nest Egg

On the motion of Mr McCarthy, it was decided to issue a precept on the Whitwick Overseers for £90 7s 6d, which had been lying in the bank to the account of the Whitwick Burial Board and had apparently been overlooked.

Do You Know

That two £5 prize winners in this week's "Tit-bits" are Mr F. A. Wheeldon, of Forest View, Whitwick, and Mr P. H. Moore, of Snarestone?

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

There have been good and appreciative audiences here this week, and the programme, is as usual, of an excellent standard. There are two "turns," viz., George and Nell Greatorex, court magicians, a couple of most clever and entertaining artistes, whose entertainment is a show in itself; Dorothy Owen, dainty comedienne and dancer, has also been well received for her numbers. – The star film at the beginning of the week was "For her child." Trouble arises between husband and wife over the latter providing her brother with money for gambling; there is a separation, and court proceedings as to the custody of their child. Events happen, however, which eventually bring about a happy reunion. – A good film. "The silence of John Gordon" too was a good one. John loves the Rector's daughter, but the latter prefers Tom Black, and elopes with him. The parson gets a black eye, but all ends up alright. – "Caught in the rain" was a screaming Keystone comedy of the first order. "Lily, the housekeeper" and several others were good. The week-end star is "Fruits of Vengeance" a splendid Vitagraph film which should be seen. Others are; "His Wedding Day," "Pimple beats Jack Johnson" and numerous others. – Patrons should not fail to pay a visit. – Next week's list see advertisement columns.

Sport

Football

Medal Points for Whitwick

The only Leicestershire Senior League match played on Saturday was one in the medal competition at Whitwick between the Imperial and Hugglescote St. John's.

There was a fairly good attendance and even play was witnessed in the first half. The visitors made a few strong attempts in the early part of the game, but met with a sound defence and then Palmer saved cleverly at the other end from the Whitwick forwards. The goal at each end was rapidly visited in turn, but the defence on each side held out, and the interval arrived with no score.

Whitwick got the upper hand in the second half, Lockwood putting on a couple of goals in quick succession, and this was the extent of the scoring, though Hugglescote made some commendable efforts to get on even terms against Whitwick's defence being good.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Burials

Bull – At Whitwick, on Tuesday, Frank Bull, aged 10 months, of Castle Street.

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The treasurer of the Leicester Royal Infirmary acknowledges with thanks the receipt of £11/2/8 from the Whitwick annual dance per Mr J. Justin, H. McCarthy and committee and £8/17/3 from the workmen of Messrs. Wootton Bros.

A New Coalville Councillor

Mr A. J. Briers Returned Unopposed for Whitwick

Mr A. J. Briers has been returned unopposed to take the place of Mr S. Perry (resigned) on the Coalville Urban District Council as a member for the Whitwick Ward. Although it will be Mr Briers' first time on the Council, he is not new to public life, having for two years been a member for Whitwick on the Ashby Board of Guardians. Mr Briers, who is a marine store dealer, is a popular resident of Whitwick, and will doubtless make a worthy successor of Mr Perry. He was the nominee of the Liberal Party.



Do You Know

That Whitwick Church's share this year towards the Diocesan Church Finance scheme is £17 6s 3d or nearly £3 less than last year?

That the sale of work recently held by the Whitwick Church Girls' Guild has enabled them to pay for the piano (£14) and hand over a balance of 8s to the Churchyard improvement fund?

Coalville Police Court

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

Leonard J. Baldwin, surveyor, Coalville, made application to recover possession of tenements from William Bunce, collier, and Thos. Argyle, labourer, both of Whitwick.

Edward Finch, collier, and Georgina Allen, his wife, of Whitwick, were summoned by Inspector Fitzsimmons of the N.S.P.C.C. for neglecting to protect an open fire grate in their house on March 2nd.

Good Friday Music

The manager of the Coalville Olympia theatre applied for a music license for Good Friday. He said the music would be suitable to specially selected pictures. Supt. Lockton said he went last year and it was very satisfactory. The application was allowed.

A similar application was made by manager of the Whitwick Picture House and Supt. Lockton said this was a new theatre but had been exceedingly well managed up to now. Granted.

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

Good houses have been the order here this week. The Conways have had a good reception with their original act, "On Night Duty," and should pull big houses during the week-end. The star picture at the commencement of the week was "Comedy and Tragedy" a good one and all the others were very much enjoyed. The chief picture for the week end is "Wheat and Tares," a champion drama by Vitagraph. One Stillwell, a young Southerner, incurs the hatred of an unscrupulous scoundrel named Collins who wishes to marry Stillwell's sweetheart, Edith. – Edith's father owes Collins some money, and through this he is able to induce the father to give his consent to his marrying Edith. Stillwell is accused of causing Edith's father's death and Collins testifies that he saw the fatal blow struck. However, Edith refuses to marry Collins, and hands over the plantation to him thus clearing the debt owing to him. – The real murderer eventually confesses and Stillwell is released and in disguise plays a game of cards with Collins and wins the plantation from him again. Stillwell and Edith are married and live happily ever after. – A good story. – "At the foot of the Hill" a drama by S and A is also good and should be seen. Others are; "A Fatal High C," a screaming Keystone; "Withering Roses," "Our Navy at Battle Practice," and many others. – Next week another fine programme, see advertisement columns.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Burials

Burton – At Whitwick, on Wednesday, Elsie Madge Burton, aged 9 months, of Main Street, Thringstone.

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Mr Briers, of Whitwick, and a friend, were thrown out of a trap near the Leicester Hotel, London Road, Coalville, about 10 pm on Wednesday, owing to the horse stumbling. The shafts were broken and the occupants of the trap were badly shaken, but happily not seriously hurt.

St. Patrick's Day

Several prominent residents of Whitwick, including Father O'Reilly and Mr M. McCarthy, received consignments of shamrock from Ireland, on Wednesday, St. Patrick's Day, which they distributed among the residents and the "wearing o' the green" was very popular in the parish where there is a large Irish population.

Whist Drive and Dance

There was a large attendance at the St. Patrick's annual dance and whist drive at the Holy Cross School on Wednesday night. The M.C.'s for the dancing were Messrs. J. H. McCarthy and J. Rewhorn, and for the whist, Messrs. W. T. Hull and M. Downes. The prize winners were Messrs. Musson and J. Robinson, and Misses J. Hull and Brooks. A ladies' committee provided refreshments and the event was a great success.

Liberal Club Members Meeting

At the annual meeting of the members of the Liberal Club on Tuesday night, Mr A. Needham presided and there was a good attendance. The balance sheet was passed as satisfactory and thanks were accorded the committee for the way they had conducted the business during the year. Mr H. Allgood responding. Mr T. Kelly was re-elected secretary and Mr A. Needham chairman. The following were re-elected on the committee; Messrs. A. J. Briers, A. Beers, A. Cooper and J. Wardle. Messrs. W. Burton and H. Stretton were elected in the places of Messrs. A. Carter and E. Briers.

Buff Presentation

The members of the Beaumanor Lodge of Buffaloes had an interesting gathering at their headquarters, the Railway Hotel, last night, when on the occasion of being raised to the degree of Primo Brothers, S. Perry, S. Boot and F. Harper were each presented with a jewel. A regalia visit was paid by the Stamford Lodge, Coalville, and others.

Colliery Accident

An accident happened on Monday morning to Mr Kenny, a resident of Parson Wood Hill, Whitwick, while at work at the Bagworth Colliery. He was severely crushed between a tub and a prop and Dr. Hamilton of Coalville was summoned by telephone. After Kenny had been attended, he was moved home. He is a young married man with a wife and one child.

Whitwick Parish Meeting

The Post Office Half-Holiday

The annual parish meeting was held in the Whitwick National School on Monday night, Mr M. McCarthy presiding over a good attendance.

The voting for overseers resulted as follows: Messrs. T. Kelly 45, George West 31, A. Needham 31, A. J. Briers 23 and A. Vesty 4.

The following were nominated as parish constables: Messrs. W. Briers, J. Henson, H. Beeson, F. Ducker, F. Harper and D. Martin, the latter taking the place of Mr A. Beers.

For assessors of taxes the nominations were: Messrs. George West, A. J. Briers and John Kelly, the two latter taking the places of Messrs. John Pegg and T. W. Bourne, who were absent.

Complaint was made as to the closing of the post office on Tuesday afternoons and the chairman said the Urban Council took the matter up, but nothing had been done. They did not want to prevent anyone from having a holiday but the postal authorities ought to arrange that without this inconvenience to the public.

A vote of sympathy with the family of the late Mr G. Musson, a former overseer was passed.

Local Chit Chat

Mr J. J. Sharp, of the White House, Whitwick, recently received an interesting letter from a gentleman he had hitherto not known, stating that the gentleman had received a letter from his son, an officer in the Lancashire Fusiliers, in which the latter said that while in the trenches, "somewhere in France," he had met Lieut. Aubrey Sharp, whom he recognised as the Leicestershire amateur cricketer, having met him on the field several times in England in first class cricket. As a result of this communication, a friendship has been struck up between the parents of the two officer cricketers at the front, and each has promised to write to the other on hearing from their respective sons.

Mr J. Cato, one of the nominees in the Hugglescote Ward, for the Coalville Urban Council election, withdrew his name on Tuesday, so that the two retiring members, Messrs. W. Fellows and F. Griffin, are returned unopposed. As there were also only two candidates at Whitwick, Mr T. Y. Hay being re-elected, with Mr A. J. Briers in the place of Mr S. Perry (resigned), the only ward in which there will be a contest is Coalville. Here, Messrs. C. W. Brown, jun., and A. Massey aspire to the seat vacated by Mr W. Sheffield and polling will take place on Monday, March 29th.

Do You Know

That Whitwick Imperial will play Earl Shilton Victor on the Coalville Town Ground tomorrow in the semi-final for the Coalville Cup?

Short Notice of Sale

Drybrook Farm, Whitwick

Four miles from Coalville and near the Monastery, on Wednesday next, March 24th, 1915

Kirby and Kemp

Beg to announce their instructions from Mr Terry who is giving up the farm, owing to illness, to Sell by Auction as above the live and dead farming stock and a few lots of household furniture, comprising:

10 beasts, 10 sheep, 3 horses, 30 couples of fowls, 19 Ash hurdles.

The agricultural implements and dairy utensils, 35 lots of household furniture including a large antique oak chest and antique oak box.

Catalogues on application
Sale at 2 o'clock prompt.

Another Coalville Soldier Dies from Wounds

The death is reported from wounds of Pte. John Manders, 2nd Leicesters, a Whitwick collier. Further particulars will be given in our next issue.

Golden Row at the Front

Another Whitwick Soldier in the Trenches

(Passed by Press Bureau)

Golden Row, Talbot Street, Whitwick, is well at the front in regard to the number of its residents in the fighting line. A fortnight ago we published a photo of Pte. Hall, who went from here, and this week we give one of another resident of the row who is doing his bit "somewhere in France".

This is Pte. Edgar Howe, who in recent letters to his wife, says he is going on well after a long and tiring time in the trenches. He was pleased to say that he had come through all right and was now having a rest. He has as companions two good friends in Ted Collier and G. Purple. He will be glad he says, when the weather clears up, as they are up to their ankles in mud and it is very difficult to get about. He adds: *"They could do with the Coalville County Council out here to repair the roads, or show them how to do it. Tell my son Edgar I hope he will take my advice and join the army to serve his King and Country, the same as his father has done. My God bless him and all the other children of mine. Tell Tommy Irons his cigars arrived safely and as me and my pals were smoking them we heard the Germans singing 'Auld Lang Syne.' Before we had finished smoking we started a different kind of music (rapid firing) and put their band out of action. Tell Tommy we can beat them with this sort of music. I have a very good rifle with which I am able to shoot well. Roll on, old England, the land I was born in."*

In a subsequent letter, Howe says how sorry he was to hear about Ambrose Hall (another occupant of Golden Row, killed by a Coalville motor 'bus a short time ago). Writing in lighter vein, he says his numbers not up yet; he is one of the lucky ones; and he has got

his old job out there, like he had in the pit – that of shot-firer. He says several of the men have lost their woollen helmets and it is very cold.



Whitwick Soldier Wounded

Mr Hutchins, a Whitwick postman, serving with the forces, has been wounded and is now in hospital at Runcorn, Cheshire. A letter from him and photo will appear in our next issue.

Whitwick Soldier a Prisoner

How Letters and Gifts are Appreciated

(Passed by Press Bureau)

Mrs G. Fairbrother, of 26, School Lane, Whitwick, has just received a letter from her husband, Pte. G. Fairbrother, of the 1st Leicesters, who is a prisoner of war at Gottingen, Hanover, Germany. The letter is dated February 12th and states that he is well at present and hopes they all are at home. He has received parcels but was disappointed at not having heard from them lately. He was only allowed to write one letter now and again and so he hoped his friends would write often without waiting to hear from him. He adds, "*I shall write as soon as I have a chance, you can bet. I enjoyed the cakes and mince pies very much. The little cakes were broken into bits but they went down all right*".

Continuing, he asks them to send him eatables, another good big cake, a bit of cheese and butter, and chocolate in preference to cocoa as they had no fire to make it with. They were also allowed to receive fags and he would be glad of some of these. He thanks all friends who have remembered him and hopes to hear from them every week.



Ashby County Court

Yesterday – Before His Honour, Judge Moore Cann.

A Whitwick Ejection

Robert D. Mann applied for possession of a cottage and garden at Whitwick, occupied by Walter Marriott. George H. Hewes, of Coalville, appeared as agent for the applicant. The Judge said the rule in such cases was for the plaintiff himself to appear or someone wholly in his employ. He would hear Mr Hewes this time but it must not be taken as a precedent. Mr Hewes asked whether a solicitor could apply to which His Honour replied in the affirmative.

An order for possession to be given in seven days was made.

Coalville Police Court

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

No Fire Guard

William Allen, collier and Georgina Allen, his wife, of Whitwick, were summoned by Inspector Fitzsimmons of the N.S.P.C.C. for neglecting to protect an open fire grate in their house on March 2nd.

They pleaded guilty.

Mr J. J. Sharp (Coalville) said the society regretted to have to take these proceedings. It was only the second case of its kind in this district. While the mother was out enquiring for a house, the child's clothes got on fire and it was burnt to death. He did not ask for a severe penalty, as the parents had no doubt suffered a great deal already, but the case was intended as a warning to others. Thomas John Webb, deputy-coroner, deposed to holding an inquest on the child, when the defendants were censured for their neglect in failing to provide a guard.

The male defendant said his wife was never away from the children and it would not have happened, but for the house job. The landlord had threatened to put them into the street. They had a guard now. The chairman told the defendant (Allen) he had many previous convictions and had been guilty of serious neglect in this case.

Fined 10s 6d and costs 8s 6d and the woman 5s 6d and costs 8s 6d.

Property Cases

L. L. Baldwin, surveyor, Coalville, made application to recover possession of tenements from William Bunce, collier, and Thomas Argyle, labourer, both of Whitwick. P.C. Grewcock said Bunce was a National Reservist in the Guard at Donington Hall. Defendant's wife appeared.

Mr Jesson for the Urban Council said this was in connection with Housing and Town Planning Act and was to show owners that when notices for the closing of property were served, they had to be obeyed. George F. Hurst, sanitary inspector, gave evidence as to serving notices. He said the house was in Brook's Lane, Whitwick. Mr Jesson said it was absolutely unfit for habitation.

The woman, in reply to the Bench, said she had seven children in the house. She had tried to get another house and failed. The Bench made an order for possession to be given up within 28 days.

Argyle appeared and said he could not get a house. Mr Jesson said this was a similar case. The house was on Brook's Lane and being unfit to live in, a closing order had been issued. An order to give up possession within 28 days was made.

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

Two good "turns" are appearing here this week, viz., a grand sketch, "The Belgian's Oath," a fine dramatic performance, which has had a splendid reception. Ada Wallis, comedy character vocalist, a first-class artiste who has received much applause for her numbers. Both are well worth seeing and should not be missed. The chief picture first half of the week was "A Lady of the Island." Vivian is left a fortune, with her uncle as guardian. He tries to get the money but his efforts are frustrated. "Sammy's Automaton" got 'wound up' to finish with. "The Soul of a Man" a most exciting drama, and many others. For the week-end the chief picture is "Face Value," a strong two-part drama. Pete Scarlett was grateful to Kelly for saving him from a mauling when he was caught cheating at cards, and Kelly assumed his name to obtain a fortune he claimed to belong to him. After Kelly obtains the fortune, and marries on "Face Value" his troubles begin again. This should be seen. "Mabel's Strange Predicament" is a Keystone scream. "Bronco Billy's Great Leap," a fine drama. "The Widow's Son," this is extra good, being the story of an only son going to the war. He was awarded the V.C. for bravery, but he is severely wounded. He, however, pulls through and returns home to his mother and sweetheart. Others are excellent. Next week's list, see advertisement columns.

Sport

Football

Whitwick' Last League Match

Two Points at Hugglescote

Whitwick Imperial played their last match in the Leicestershire Senior League proper on Saturday, when they were opposed to the St. John's at Hugglescote. There was a fair attendance and as the clubs each had a good side out an interesting game was witnessed. It was a very even game and the St. John's threw away several excellent chances by poor shooting.

The home team winning the toss had the wind behind them in the first half, but play had not been in progress many minutes before Lockwood dodged through and opened Whitwick's account. This was all the scoring in the first half though the St. John's came very near a time or two. Once, Higham, on the left, cleverly tricked Waterfield and got in a lovely centre which Mugglestone should easily have turned to account, but lifted the ball over from only a couple of yards range.

There was a similar incident in the second half, when only about six yards from the goal, Lees had only the custodian in front of him but sent it over the bar. Hugglescote made some good attempts to get all level and all but succeeded a time or two. Towards the close, however, they fell away somewhat, and the Imperial took advantage of this, Lockwood again scoring.

Whitwick tomorrow play Earl Shilton Victor in the semi-final for the Coalville Cup on the Coalville Town Ground and in view of the Shilton teams victory over Coalville Town in the final for the Rolleston Cup at Leicester on Saturday, it would seem as though Whitwick have no light task. The winners will meet Loughborough Corinthians in the final on Easter Tuesday.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Sudden Death

The death occurred suddenly on Monday, of Mr Samuel Price, a collier, residing in School Lane. He was 71 years of age. An inquest was not deemed necessary.

Burials

Webb – At Whitwick, on Monday, Charles Webb, aged 72 years, of the Ashby Union.

Friday March 26th 1915 (Issue 1203)

Local News

Whitwick Nursing Association

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Whitwick and Thringstone Nursing Association was held in the National School on Tuesday night, Father O'Reilly presided and a small attendance included Miss Harding, Messrs. T. W. Bourne, A. West and H. Jarvis.

Miss Harding (hon. secretary) read the committee's report as follows:

The committee have pleasure in laying before you the 16th annual report and balance sheet. The work of the Association has been very satisfactory. The nurse has attended 119 cases and paid 3,800 visits during the year. The committee wish to thank most heartily all the subscribers and take this opportunity to thank the district collectors for the time and trouble they have taken. Special thanks are due to the Coalville and District Parade and Gala Committee, and the Coalville and District Charity Football Association for their splendid donations. To the managers of the Whitwick National School the Committee tender their thanks for the use of a room for all their meetings.

The balance sheet was also submitted as follows:

Receipt: Balance in hand 1913, £41/3/1; subscriptions paid to secretary £63/15/6; Whitwick district collection £26/1/5; Thringstone district collection £5/6/0; Paid to Nurse Lilly £4/14/6; bank interest 13s; total £141 13s 7d.

Expenditure: Nurses' salary £95/2/4; Health Insurance 23s; Northern Assurance Company 10s; County Nursing Association 10s; Mr H. Stinson (new water pillows etc) £4/16/1; printing accounts £1/3/6; balance in hand £38/18/8.

The following were the district collections: Miss E. M. Henson £5/6/0; Miss L. Adams £4/9/0; Miss Bellamy £2/9/0; Miss G. Webster £3/6/6; Miss Newbury £2/18/0; Miss C. Smith £2/7/0; Miss Roulston £1/19/6; Miss Rewhorn £1/18/6; Miss Trevena £1/12/0; Miss Foster £1/9/6; Miss E. O'Reilly £1/7/6; Miss A. O'Reilly 15s and Mrs Brown 10s. Total £31/7/6.

The chairman said he hardly expected such a good balance sheet in view of the war. Miss Harding said there was only a loss of £2 on the year. Replying to Mr West she said Thringstone had done a little better this year.

On the motion of the chairman, seconded by Mr Bourne the report and balance sheet were adopted.

Mr Bourne moved a vote of thanks to Miss Harding, eulogising her good work as hon. secretary and this was seconded by Father O'Reilly and heartily accorded. Mr A. West said he would like to say a word of appreciation of the nurse. Having had her service for three months in his family during the year, he would like to testify to the courtesy she had displayed at all times and the kind and efficient manner in which she had discharged her duties (Hear, hear). The chairman said he would endorse this. The only complaint he had heard was that the nurse strongly insisted on the people keeping the places very clean and he thought that was a good sign. A vote of thanks to the nurse and the chairman concluded a brief meeting.

For Sale

Good morticing machine in good working order. For particulars, apply J. Stinson, Harvey Woods, Whitwick.

Mr Robert Sharp, of Whitwick, recently gave a home-cured ham, weighing 41 lbs, to be drawn for and the proceeds to be spent on tobacco for the Leicestershire troops at the front. The ham was won by Mr James Smith, of the Fountain Inn, Coalville. The proceeds amounted to £13 17s 6d and a wholesale firm, through Mr Walter Higgins, of Coalville, has forwarded about 30,000 cigarettes, 28 lbs of tobacco and 56 tinder lighters to be divided between the 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th battalions of the Leicestershire regiment, and the Leicestershire Yeomanry.

Whitwick Postman Wounded in the Great Battle at Neuve Chapelle

Killed Three Germans

Miss E. Hutchins, of St. John's Terrace, Whitwick, has received an interesting letter from her husband, Pte. Ernest Hutchins, who took part in the great British victory at Neuve Chapelle, but was wounded, and is now in hospital at Runcorn, Cheshire. In civil life Hutchins was engaged as a postman in Whitwick.

He writes: *"I was wounded in the early morning on March 12th. It was in the charge on the morning of the 10th, when this advance started. Before we made a step towards the charge there were 480 guns firing for 35 minutes. I killed 3 Germans on the 10th; I cannot explain to anybody what the noise was like. It was the heaviest gun-firing that has been known in history and I shall never forget it, the longest day I live. I don't want to see any more of it either. I will tell you more about it when I see you again, but I think it will be the turning point of the war. I am pleased to say that I am happy and comfortable and I don't think they will keep me in here much above a week. They usually let them have eight days leave. My wound is at the back of the neck and is not that bad. I must tell you that I am a very lucky man, but, I forgot, it was on my lucky day – Friday. I should be pleased if you would get the weekly paper for Sunday, the 14th, and save it for me till I get home."*

Hutchins goes on to say that he hopes his wife as well and he is longing to see her again. He asks for a shillingworth of stamps to be sent, saying that if he posts his letters without stamping them they are delayed. He proceeds; *"Remember me to all friends and people who know me in Whitwick. You need not trouble to send me a parcel, as I get plenty eat and drink. I had a nice clean bath and a change of clothes, but the worst of it is we are compelled to stay in bed. I think this is all the news this time. Cheer up! It seems lovely to be in good old England once more. Don't forget to send the "Coalville Times" on to me each week."*



Whitwick Man's Thrilling Experiences

Helped to Capture the Guns now at Leicester

Learning to Speak French

Interesting letters have been received by Mr Joe Kelly, of 18, North Street, Whitwick, from Pte. Thomas Roberts, also a resident of North Street now in the 3rd Leicesters at the front.

Roberts thanks Kelly for a letter he received in the trenches and hopes they are all well at Whitwick. At the time of writing, he was very well, except for his feet, which were rather bad, as they don't often have their boots off.

"We went into the trenches on Sunday, proceeds the writer, and came out on Thursday night. We have to go in and out when it is dark, so that the Germans cannot see us. It is a bit 'hot,' but we have to stick it. It is a wonder we are stricken with fever, for at some places we get to the smell is so bad from bad cattle and men which the Germans have not buried. I can tell you, Joe. I have had it warm since I came out here. I was the only one from our place that was in the charge when we took those two guns which they have got at Leicester. The others had not come out then, but they are here now. I have had eleven weeks' hard fighting so have been here long enough to know how to go on. They sent us a regiment of London Territorials to show them how to go on and we took them into the trenches for the first time on Sunday night. They fought very well. So you see we are not thought of so badly. You and I have always been good pals and if I live to come home again, we will sit toe to toe and have a pint of Tommy's best and mild, and I will tell you something that will open your eyes. I am not allowed to tell you the place we are at and the officer has to read the letters before they come. Sometimes I think I shall not see good old Whitwick again. The worst has got to come yet, when the ground gets dry, so that we can get our artillery about for a big advance. We can shift them when we like, but we are waiting for the weather to take up, and then it will be, God help them!"

In another letter Roberts writes, *"The same day that I got your letter, I was watching our artillery shelling the German trenches and I never saw anything like it in my life. They dropped shells straight into them, and as the Germans ran out we fired at them with our rifles. They must have lost heavily. All the places we get to are in ruins – blown to bits and nobody living there. It is funny to hear the French talk, and we can't tell much what they say, but I have learnt one or two words – "delay" for milk, "hufs" for eggs, "lapang" for*

bread, and "avis" for notice. I have got a ring of Rosemary beads which a poor woman gave me, as they are all Catholics out here. If I live to get home I will present them to your eldest daughter. I have carried them hundreds of miles. Will you have this letter put in the "Coalville Times"? You can depend on it all being the truth and I don't want the Coalville chaps to have it all their own way. Let them know there is somebody from Whitwick out here as well as them. Send me a copy of the paper with it in. If I live to come home I shall have nothing to be ashamed of, as I have done my duty. Remember me to Fred Sear and all enquiring friends."



Coalville Police Court

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

Bad Language

Henry W. Robinson, collier, Thringstone, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on February 27th.

He pleaded not guilty.

P.C. Jelley said the defendant used the language outside the Whitwick Picture House. Some 30 or 40 people were waiting to go in and witness told him he would have to take his turn. The defendant threatened him. P.C.'s Grewcock and Jones also gave evidence.

Defendant said the police had a spite against him.

The Clerk: *Do you suggest that all three policemen have committed perjury?*

Defendant said he did not use the language attributed to him. James Cufflin said he was going into the Picture Palace at the same time and saw P.C. Jelley ejecting defendant. Witness was interested because Robinson was in the Citizen's Corps the same as himself. He heard no bad language used.

Fined 5/6 and costs 16/6 or seven days.

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

There has been good audiences at this theatre this week, and a good show has been much appreciated by them. At the earlier part of the week, "The Silent Witness" was the chief film. Jack, down on his luck takes a job on a ranch and falls in love with the rancher's daughter. Jack takes a picture which saves his neck when a treacherous foreman accuses him of being the leader of a gang of cattle thieves. The photo gives the game away. "38 Calibre Friendship" was also good. There was a bit of trouble over Jack hiding Bill's share of gold, but Bill is ashamed of himself later. "The Way to Heaven" was a fine Vitagraph well produced, and others were extra good. Bu Val, the happy Dutchman with his concertina, is a good artiste and has had a good reception. Patrons should see this, it is worth seeing. Connie Isca, is a clinking vocal comedienne, and she will be much enjoyed. She had a good reception too. In addition to these two splendid turns, the weekend films include some fine ones, viz., "The Masked Wrestler," a fine Essanay subject. Several of the scenes depict wrestling bouts, and these are the real thing and there is some fierce gripping. Margery Winters sees the masked wrestler and she schemes to bring about a meeting at one of her receptions. M. Lefevre is a suitor for Margery's hand and insists the masked athlete which results in a duel. The wrestler is the winner and Lefevre swears revenge. During another bout the wrestler's mask is removed and Margery is overjoyed to find that he is her lover Louis. Patrons will enjoy this. Others are "The Under Sheriff," "Under Desperations Spur," "Pimple's Kissing Cup" etc. Next week a fine programme is billed and should be seen. Full particulars see advertisement columns.

Sport

Football

Coalville Cup Semi Final

Whitwick's Easy Win

Despite a heavy snowfall on Friday the Coalville Town ground was in excellent trim for the semi-final of the Coalville Cup Competition on Saturday between Whitwick Imperial and Earl Shilton Victor and a good crowd saw the game, though the attendance was down compared with some previous semi-finals.

As Earl Shilton had beaten Coalville Town in the final for the Rolleston Cup at Leicester on the previous Saturday, it made it look as if Whitwick by no means had a soft thing on hand. It was soon apparent, however, that the Imperial were easily the superior side, and the game was not many minutes old before Whitwick had found the net on two occasions only to be ruled offside, but they were not to be denied. After a corner, Dexter got a legitimate point and in about a couple of minutes, Lockwood had put on No. 2. The Shilton custodian was applauded for brilliantly saving a terrific shot by Bird (half-back), but he was beaten again by Lockwood, while before the interval Thorpe added the fourth. Shilton seldom had a look in.

The second half was very much a repetition of the first, the Whitwick forwards having a merry time. The right wing was particularly effective and I have never seen Lockwood play a greater game. Bird also did splendidly at outside right, being altogether too good for his opponent, and he got in numerous excellent centres. Lovett also played finely in the half-

back line. Lockwood put on two more goals making four to him for the afternoon, while further goals were obtained by Thorpe and Dexter. Whitwick retiring winners by the substantial margin of eight goals to none and they were full value for it all. A remark frequently heard on the ground was "*What were Coalville Town doing last Saturday to let Shilton beat them?*"

The game was in charge of Mr R. T. Bradshaw, with Mr T. Price and Mr H. Deakin on the lines and there was no unpleasantness. Shilton took their gruelling like sportsmen and everything passed off very smoothly.

The total proceeds were £12/19/5, of which the charity took £4/6/5 and after paying expenses, each side received £2 6s 9d.

Coalville Charity Cup

Arrangements for the Final

A meeting of the Coalville Charity Cup Committee was held at the Red House Hotel on Wednesday night, Mr R. T. Bradshaw presiding, and there were present Messrs. J. Kirby, H. R. Brown, A. E. Clay, H. Clamp, E. Swain, and J. W. Farmer (hon. secretary).

It was decided that the final between Whitwick Imperial and Loughborough Corinthians be played on the Fox and Goose ground on Easter Tuesday, time of kick-off to be arranged later. Mr R. T. Bradshaw was appointed referee and Messrs. J. Tivey and H. Deakin linesmen. It was decided that medals for the winners be purchased from Mr T. Lashmore, of Coalville, and for the runners-up from Mr C. Usher, of Leicester.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Burials

Price – At Whitwick, on Tuesday, Samuel Price, aged 71 years, of School Lane.

Friday April 2nd 1915 (Issue 1204)

Local News

The Vicar of Whitwick, the Rev. T. W. Walters, is this week, sending to all the men at the front he knows to have gone from his parish, a pictorial postcard emblematic of Easter, bearing his name and that of St. John the Baptist Church, Whitwick, also with these words, "At our Easter communion we are praying for you."

Sales by Auction

The Whitwick and Thringstone Conservative Club Limited

In Liquidation

Valuable Freehold Residence

Whitwick, Leicestershire

Moore and Miller are instructed to offer for Sale by Auction on the premises, on Monday, the 12th day of April, 1915, at 7 o'clock in the evening precisely, subject to conditions of sale to be then produced. All that modern and substantially brick built residence, known as "Kingcroft" with the stables and outbuildings, lawn, garden and appurtenances thereto situate in Silver Street, Whitwick, now and for some time past owned and occupied by the Whitwick and Thringstone Conservative Club Limited or their under-tenants.

The residence which occupies a central situation, contains good entrance hall, dining room, drawing room, breakfast room, kitchens, six bedrooms, good roomy attics, capital cellar, butler's pantry, bath room, w.c., and convenient domestic offices.

The premises are supplied with gas and cold and hot water service throughout. The outbuildings comprise stabling, coach-house and harness room, with loft over, w.c., etc.

The residence could, if desired, be conveniently converted into two or three separate tenements, the present lawn providing good garden. For further particulars or to view apply Mr George West, Church Lane, Whitwick, the Auctioneers, Belvoir Chambers, Coalville, or Messrs. Sharp and Lancaster, Solicitors, Coalville, Ibstock and Loughborough.

Whitwick Soldier in a Great Battle

Continued Fighting after being Wounded

Since publishing a photo of Pte. E. Howe, of Golden Row, Whitwick, and copies of letters he had sent to his wife, we have received a further communication direct from Howe in the trenches, in which he states that he is still in the land of the living. Since his last letters appeared in this journal, he says, he has been through a big battle, during which he received a small wound in his right arm, but he kept on fighting and went for the enemy "*more savagely than ever.*" He concludes, "*Roll on England! Come out here boys, and keep at it till its finished.*"

Whitwick Soldier Killed

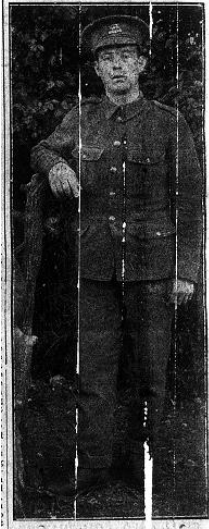
Fell in the Neuve Chapelle Battle

Official intimation was received on Tuesday morning, by Mrs Hall, of Talbot Street, Whitwick, that her husband, Pte. Ernest Hall, of the 2nd Leicestershire Regiment, was killed in action between March 10th and 13th, which was the period of the battle in which the British gained a great victory at Neuve Chapelle.

The news had been broken to Mrs Hall a few days previously, having been conveyed in letters from comrades of Hall at the front. She is left with three children, aged 9 years, 1 year and a baby in arms. Hall wrote a cheery letter to his wife only a few days before.

The deceased soldier was a son of Mr John Hall, of Thringstone, a popular figure at the Whitwick Imperial football matches. Before leaving Whitwick for the war, he worked at the Whitwick Colliery. He is believed to be the first Whitwick man to be killed in action. A younger brother of his is now in the trenches.

A memorial service will probably be held at Whitwick Church next Sunday week, attended by the members of the local Citizen Corps.



Local Chit Chat

Police Sergeant Betts, of Whitwick, who has been a drill instructor at Wigston Barracks, arrived home at Whitwick on Monday night for a few days holiday, prior to leaving today (Thursday) for York. He has been one of the drill sergeants at Wigston, who since September have trained 14,000 recruits.

The treasurer of the Leicester Royal Infirmary acknowledges with thanks the receipt of a new annual subscription of £5 5s from the Whitwick Granite Company Ltd.

Do You Know

That the Whitwick Conservative club premises are to be offered for sale?

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

There have been some good audiences here this week again, and a fine programme of pictures, and an excellent 'turn' are to be seen. Much enthusiasm has been shown. The star picture at the beginning of the week was "Dangers of the Veldt." Gretchen, a Boer maiden, loves Captain Raleigh, a British officer. Her mother forces her to marry a villainous Boer farmer. Some years afterwards the wife leaves him. On the way one of the oxen is eaten by a lion. She herself is captured by some natives, but is rescued by some English soldiers at the head of whom is the young officer. Her husband becomes victim of the lions; and in the end the girl and the young officer find happiness. A good film. Another good one was "From Antwerp to Ostend" a most interesting film considering recent events. The 'turn' all week is the Three Rollasons, and they are going fine in their sketch. "Dear Emelina's Boy" a splendid piece. Miss Thelma Rollason's dance is worthy of special mention and should not be missed. Patrons will enjoy this refined 'turn' and there should be bumping houses during the weekend. The star picture for the latter part of the week is

"The Awakening of Nora," an Hepworth drama of exceptional merit. Nora hates her husband; he has killed her father. She will not listen to his explanations that the death blow was the result of an accident, and generally takes him down and scorns him in the face of strangers. Nora awakes at last to the loyalty and love of her husband, and all is well. Patrons must see this. "Pigs is Pigs" is a good Vitagraph comedy featuring John Bunny and this is sufficient guarantee of its excellence. "A Child's Intuition," is a good subject, and a heart-stirring drama which will appeal strongly to Picture House patrons. "Sunday with the Merrypimple Family" is a ripping comic. Mr Merrypimple decides to take his wife and large family out for a happy day in the country. After wandering some way they decide to have lunch, and we see them with everything spread on the ground. Alas! A hungry dog chances to pass unobserved, snatches away half their lunch. Mr Merrypimple follows in hot pursuit, but in vain. The day instead of being a joy, begins a tragedy.

On Good Friday there is a matinee at 2pm and the usual evening performance at 7, when the full picture programme will be shown, including a fine one, "Rock of Ages." On Easter Monday also there will be a full programme at 2 o'clock.

It was decided that the final between Whitwick Imperial and Loughborough Corinthians be played on the Fox and Goose ground on Easter Tuesday, the time of the kick-off to be 4.30. Mr R. T. Bradshaw was appointed referee and Messrs. J. Tivey and H. Deakin linesmen. It was decided that medals for the winners be purchased from Mr T. Lashmore, of Coalville, and for the runners-up from Mr C. Usher, of Leicester.

Friday April 9th 1915 (Issue 1205)

Local News

Whist Drive and Dance

A dance and whist drive in aid of the Holy Cross Church funds was held on Monday night in the school and was well attended. Messrs. J. H. McCarthy and J. Rewhorn (dancing) and Messrs. T. W. Hull and M. Downes (whist) acted as M.C.'s. and the pianist was Mr A. Adcock, of Ibstock. The winners were:

Ladies: 1, Mrs Haywood; 2, Miss Griffin.

Gents: 1, Mr J. Brooks; 2, Mr T. Botterill.

Consolation prizes: Mrs Avenall and Mr O. Cresswell.

School Anniversary

The school anniversary was observed at the Primitive Methodist Chapel on Sunday, when Councillor Hill, of Leicester, preached in the absence of Mr W. H. Collett, through illness. The choir and children nicely sang special anthems and hymns conducted by Mr J. Ward. Mr J. B. Newbury officiated at the organ and there was an efficient orchestra. The collection for the school funds realised £20.

To Let

Double-fronted shop to let, Whitwick. Apply Mrs Benson, Pare's Hill.

Local Chit Chat

Mr Raymond Fern, a son of Mr Joseph Fern, formerly a plumber of Whitwick, and now of Lloydminster, Alberta, Canada, has been on a visit to Whitwick this week. He was with the Canadian troops now in England preparing for the front.

The first annual report of the Whitwick Church Women's Service and Bible Class has just been published in book form and the publication also contains the names of the officials, rules, list of sick visitors, a letter from the Vicar, list of Sunday School teachers, a summary of Dr. Milligan's recent address on hospitals, notes, a child's prayer, history of Whitwick Church and other information which makes it quite an interesting and useful little booklet. It is proposed to publish a similar book in connection with the men's service.

The following interesting information concerning Whitwick Church is culled from the book above referred to:

Tradition says that the Church is over 800 years old. It's fine, sombre-looking tower, without the usual embattled parapet, and relieved by windows of a quaint and singular character, produces a striking effect; it more resembles the larger churches of Normandy than the ordinary village churches of this country. The 11th century is not an unlikely era for such an erection. The list of rectors and vicars goes back without a break to the year 1220. A mailed effigy seven feet in length is in the Church, and is said to be that of Sir John Talbot of Swannington, who died in 1356 aged 40 years. There is no inscription to the effigy. The oldest register in the Church was commenced in 1601; it is a register of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials. Since that date similar records have been kept continuously, and they fill more than twenty large registers. There are eleven stained-glass windows in the church, three having been added in 1914.

Mr R. Sharp, of Whitwick, has received the following letter from Lieut-Col. Jones, commanding the 5th Leicestershire Regiment:

"Dear Sir, - Thank you very much for large box of cigarettes and tobacco sent to me for the men of this regiment. It is all most acceptable and much appreciated. It is good of your friends to take so much trouble. Thank you for your kindness and generosity. I am, etc."

Vestry Meeting in Whitwick

Successful Year's Church Work

The annual vestry meeting in connection with Whitwick Parish Church was held on Tuesday evening, in the National School, the Vicar (the Rev. T. W. Walters, M.A.) presiding over a moderate attendance.

The vicar said the war had affected them very seriously indeed. Many homes in Whitwick had sent their dear ones to fight out there and in the church they missed active workers who were now serving their country. He recently had a letter from Mr Henson, who had been in the trenches, also one from Dr. Burkitt. There were several of their workers either at the front, or preparing to go and he mentioned several names. Particular reference was made to Sergt. Stone, who took such an interest in the men's service. But his (the Vicar)

view was that it was a righteous war and they would have been disgraced as a nation had they stood aside. He thought they would feel it more yet and that if there were not sufficient recruits a compulsion would come. It was a serious thing, but they were engaged in a glorious cause – the freedom and honour of Europe. He did not like mentioning it, but he ought to at a vestry meeting, that was that the war had slightly affected the collections. So initially the church had had a good year. The number of communicants had doubled, there were 150 members in the Band of Hope and over a similar number in the Men's Service. He believed the Women's Service also numbered about 120 and all the other organisations were keeping up well. He believed the war was making people think more seriously. During the year they had had three stained glass windows put in the church – in September, the Bishop of Leicester dedicated the Collier's and Quarrymen's memorial window and also the Burkitt window, while in November another window was put in composed of old pieces of stained glass which had been collected. The church collections during the year amounted to £23 more than for the previous year and £42 more than for the year before that. Then Whitwick was asked last year to send £-- 4s to the church finance scheme, large though that was, they sent it. (Hear, hear). This year they were expected to send £17 and he was sure they would do it in spite of the war.

Mr S. W. West (church warden) presented the statement of accounts, first endorsing the remarks of the Vicar in regard to the war and pointing out how the war had brought unity among the people of this country. The collections for special objects amounted to £92 12s 7d, compared with £61 10s for the previous year, an increase of £31 2s 7d. (Applause). The collections for church expenses totalled £88 9s 11d, which with various other items of income was made up to £99 7s 10d. Giving the items of expenditure he said they were advised to increase the insurance of the church. Hitherto it had been insured for £5,000 and now it was insured for £9,050. When they were at the last visitation, the archdeacon found that the church was not insured at all and he told the wardens that if the church had been burnt down, they could have been sued for the value of the church.

The Vicar said one of the main reasons why they increased the insurance of the church was on account of the suffragette movement. So many churches were being burnt down that they were advised to insure the church up to the hilt.

Proceeding, Mr West said the total expenses were £103 15s 4d which left them with a deficit of £4 7s 6d. He said some of the expenses were items which were of a special nature and would not recur. Under this --- they had a total of £27, so that on the whole the position was satisfactory. The total of the church collections for the year was £178 3s 3d, against £155 19s 8d for the previous year, and altogether they had raised a sum of £250 for different church objects during the year. He thanked the vicar and church people for their splendid way they had supported during the year.

On the motion of Mr C. W. Pegg, seconded by Mr H. T. Bastard, the accounts were passed.

The vicar said he liked to have a warden for three years and for the third time he had pleasure in asking Mr J. Rolleston to accept the office. Mr Rolleston said he had been warden for four years and thought someone else should have a chance. But he had only been two years under the present vicar and it was such a delight to work with him that he again consented. (Hear, hear). Mr C. W. Pegg moved the re-election of Mr S. W. West as parish warden and it was unanimously carried.

Mr West said he had held one office or another in connection with the church, with a short interval, for the past 33 years and was willing to accept the appointment again, but he thought there were several others entitled the position. He said he would move the election of Mr Bastard, who for years had done excellent work for the church. Mr Bastard said they wanted no change and the meeting confirmed the election of Mr West.

The sidesmen were re-elected en-bloc, with the exception of Messrs. Causer and G. Webster, who resigned. It was decided the Church Council should consist of the church wardens, lay representatives and sidesmen with Messrs. J. Williamson, J. Rawson, J. Clark, R. West, W. Fern, R. T. Bradshaw and H. Roberts.

Mr J. Williamson was re-elected verger and Mr Webster auditor. The vicar mentioned a long list of church workers to whom he moved a vote of thanks. Mr C. W. Pegg seconded and it was heartily accorded.

The Vicar stated that the number of communicants on Easter day at the 6.30 a.m. service was 140, at 8 o'clock 91, after the morning service 23, and private communions 5 – a total of 259. Mr S. W. West moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding and said the splendid manner in which the church work was proceeding was due to the Christian manner which the vicar carried out his duties. They were all greatly indebted to him. Mr Rolleston seconded and it was heartily accorded.

Do You Know

That 130 men from Whitwick parish are serving in His Majesty's forces?

That two more of the Whitwick Granite Co.'s employees having enlisted this week bringing the total to 26 men who have gone from this firm?

That Dr. Birkett, of Whitwick, wrote this week from the front stating that he was in excellent health, though they are having a strenuous time?

Coalville Police Court

Today – (Friday) Before the Rev. C. T. Moore (in the chair) and Mr J. W. West.

An Absentee

Pte. John Thomas Wardle, a Whitwick man, an absentee from the 9th Battalion, South Staffs. Regiment, stationed at Folkestone, was handed over to an escort.

A Soldier's Application

Pte. Bunce, of the guard, Donington Park, made an application to the Bench to stay an order for ejection. His wife occupied a house at Whitwick and had tried to get another but had been unable to, as they had a large family.

Mr Jesson said he made the application for the Coalville Urban Council and an order for ejection was made. He did not press the matter immediately, though it had expired, if applicant would give an undertaking to get a house within a month.

He said he would try and the Bench allowed him a further month.

Alleged Assault at Whitwick

Arthur Worrall, collier, Whitwick, was summoned by Frederick Freeman, collier, for assault at Whitwick, on March 26th. He pleaded not guilty.

Complainant said he was going home about 9 o'clock when the defendant met him and said he had been saying something about him. Defendant struck him and knocked him down and hit him several times while on the ground. He had had two black eyes. Defendant's wife pulled him off. Defendant alleged that Freeman was waiting for him and struck the first blow. PC Jones said Freeman complained to him. His face was bruised.

Worrall said that when he saw the complainant, the latter said, "You're the one I have been looking for" and immediately struck him. He (defendant) retaliated.

Fined 25s or thirteen days.

Whitwick Women in Court

Elizabeth Hurst, married woman, Whitwick, was summoned by Maud Garforth, housekeeper, for assault at Whitwick, on March 30th. Mr F. Jesson (Ashby) was for the complainant and Mr J. J. Sharp (Coalville) for the defendant.

Complainant said she was house-keeper to Mr Martin and lived at Parson Wood Hill. About five o'clock in the afternoon she was going to meet Mr Martin and had to pass the defendant's door, and when five or six yards past, she received a blow across the shoulder with a brush by the defendant. The latter at the same time threatened to murder her and used an objectionable expression towards her. Defendant struck her several times with the brush, breaking it. Complainant picked up the head part of the brush (produced) and the defendant retained the other part in her hand. About a week before there had been trouble between Mr Martin and the defendant's husband. As a result of the blows complainant had been under the doctor. She gave the defendant not the slightest provocation.

By Mr Sharp: *She did not call the defendant a foul name, nor slap her on the cheek. They did not have a struggle during which the brush was broken. Complainant's bruises were not caused in a quarrel with Martin.*

PC. Grewcock deposed to Mrs Garforth complaining to him of having been assaulted by the defendant. She had a portion of a brush with which she said she had been struck. Defendant said she lived where she did for a number of years. There had been words between them before the day of the assault. On this date, complainant struck the first blow and they had a struggle for the brush which was broken.

Mr Sharp: *Did you actually strike her with the brush during the struggle?*

Defendant: *I don't think I did, but I should have done if I'd the chance.* (Laughter)

By Mr Jesson: *She had been summoned there once before for assault, but the case was dismissed.*

Ernest Hurst, son of the defendant, said he saw Mrs Garforth strike his mother after calling her a bad name. Then there was a struggle for the brush which was broken.

The Bench dismissed the case, each party having to pay 2s costs.

Court Proceeding

Thomas Dawkins, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language in a house near the street at Whitwick, on March 27th.

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

There have been some crowded houses here during the holidays and a fine programme is to be seen all this week, including two exceptional good 'turns.' These are Sid Siddons, a fine bass baritone singer. The chief feature of his entertainment is his illustrated selections, and the song, "When the Ebb Tide Flows," is finely rendered. He has had a first-class reception and is well worth hearing. The Thalias, the up-to-date comedy couple are also very good. Their humorous skit at the commencement of the week "The Porter" was most amusing; the gag about the terrible accident through the "currant" causing much laughter. They have had a fine reception, and should not be missed during the week-end. A first-class 'turn.' – The chief picture at the beginning of the week was "The Afghan Raiders," a most interesting subject, well produced and watched with evident interest. There were many others of equal merit. For the week-end "For the Secret Service" is the 'star' film and this must not be missed. The story is strong, and briefly is as follows: Bosnovia, a strong foreign power noted for its advance in aerial and navigation, succeeds in getting possession of the first model of Carlton's invention. Then Carlton, after the spies have injured the model by trying to disclose its secrets, is captured. Prior to this, Constance Chambers, United States Secret Service Agent has been assigned to the case and in carrying on her operations, she has met the young inventor and fallen in love with him. While trying to rescue Carlton, Constance is captured by the Bosnovian spies. Through threats of injury to her, Carlton is forced to give in to the demands of his captors and repairs the machine which they have broken down in endeavouring to extract its ominous secret with their lack of experience. Constance, however, escapes with the aid of the chauffeur. The exciting pursuit by the Bosnovian Secret Agents and her wild ride on a desolate country road is shown to the bound and helpless Carlton on the reflector of his invention and his prompt use of the wireless to save the girl he loves supplies plenty of exciting action and a happy ending to the drama. Others are very good, and a most instructive and interesting evenings entertainment may be spent at a very low charge. – Next week there is another good list, and patrons will find full particulars in our advertisement columns.

Sport

Football

Coalville Cup Final

Whitwick Draw with Loughborough Corinthians

A crowd roughly estimated at about four thousand witnessed a fine game on the Fox and Goose ground on Tuesday afternoon between Whitwick Imperial and Loughborough Corinthians in the final for the Coalville Cup.

Loughborough, played their Central Alliance team, except that Belton took the place of Neal, the players being: Hunt, Attenbury and Cumberland; Belton, Butler (captain) and West; Armstrong, Ravenscroft, Kirk, Williamson and Harriman.

Whitwick: Roadley, Waterfield and Cooke; Moore, J. Bird and Lovett; M. Bird, Lockwood, Thorpe, Dexter and Roach.

In the first few minutes Loughborough took the lead through Armstrong, but almost immediately Whitwick were level again, Lockwood scoring, while Dexter put them ahead, but before the interval Williamson had levelled things up again.

Nearly half an hour had gone in the second half before Lockwood again did the trick, and it looked like Whitwick's cup again – they beat Coalville Town 2 – 1 in the final last year – but Armstrong swung a beauty across, the ball hitting the upright and rebounded into the net, a similar one to the one he scored in the first half. Both goals had some narrow escapes but the result was three each.

The score was a good criterion of the merits of the teams on the form shown, neither team being able to claim any superiority. Both played splendid football, which was a treat to witness and the general opinion was that it was the best match seen in the district this year.

It was excellently refereed by Mr R. T. Bradshaw with Messrs. J. Tivey and H. Deakin on the lines, and the general arrangements reflected much credit on Mr J. W. Farmer (hon.sec.) and the committee.

As the funds of the competition are down somewhat this year, for the sake of clarity, a draw was a fortunate result. The replay was fixed for Saturday May 1st. on the same ground and with the same officials. The gate yielded £45 9s 4d and after taking £15 3s 10d for the charity and £4 11s 2d travelling and match expenses, it left £12 17s 6d for each club.

Leicestershire Senior League

The Imperial were visited by Coalville Town last Saturday and Whitwick won by two goals to none. Both were scored in the second half. Heward, unfortunately put through his own goal and Lockwood scored the other.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Deaths

Death of Mr B. Berry

Manager of the Forest Rock Granite Quarry

We regret to record the death of Mr B. Berry, the manager of the Forest Rock Granite Quarry, Whitwick, which occurred in Leicester on Friday. Mr Berry, who was 54 years of age, had not been well for some time, but his death was quite unexpected and has occasioned much regret in the Whitwick district, where he was held in the highest esteem.

The deceased gentleman took a prominent part in the formation of the Whitwick and Thringstone Citizen Corps, to the members of which he presented badges some months ago. He was of a very genial disposition and was popular with all who knew him. The funeral took place in Leicester on Monday.

Burials

Hogan – At Whitwick, on Thursday, Hugh Hogan, aged 46 years of Ashby.

Colver – At Whitwick, on Monday, Dorothy Frances Colver, aged 13 months, of Hermitage Road.

Springthorpe – At Whitwick, on Saturday, Elsie Mabel Springthorpe, aged 2 years of Skinner's Lane.

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Local News

“Citizens” at Whitwick Church

Impressive Memorial Service

Whitwick Parish Church was packed to the doors on Sunday morning on the occasion of a memorial service for Pte. E. Hall, the first Whitwick soldier to be killed in the great war, and for the late Mr B. Berry, who had taken such an interest in the Whitwick and Thringstone Citizen Corps. The members of the Coalville Corps about 50 strong, under the Commander Gutteridge, marched from their headquarters and on reaching Whitwick, were joined by the Citizens there and marched to Church headed by the Whitwick Holy Cross and Boy Scouts Bands, Capt. Stevenson being in command. The parade attracted a good deal attention and was witnessed by a large crowd of people. A good number of relatives of the deceased were at the service.

Suitable hymns and psalms were sung and an impressive sermon was delivered by the Vicar (the Rev. T. W. Walters) from the text 1 Cor 15c, 20v, “Now is Christ risen from the dead and become the first fruits of them that slept.”

All over our country in these days, said the preacher, and indeed, all over this great empire of ours there are scenes such as this this morning. The heart of the people has been touched, the whole nation has been stirred, men everywhere are rising up from thoughtlessness and you see everywhere upon their faces the serious looks of manliness, of responsibility, and of understanding. Men are becoming to know what we are engaged

in; what the nation is engaged in. But deep as the heart has been touched already, I don't believe, and I don't think that anyone in this church this morning believes, that we have been touched quite deeply enough. There must be a deeper stirring of the human mind and the human heart. We must realise in a way that we have never yet done so, the great forces that are against us. We must understand in a way that we have not done yet that the enemy we are fighting against is extremely powerful; splendidly organised, prepared after years of constant and splendid preparation, and we have to face millions of men, trained, drilled and instructed not only in the art of war, but, unfortunately in the feeling of hatred against ourselves. We have to face such a nation as that and I am afraid, almost certain in fact, that we have not yet realised in this country what we are up against.

Proceeding, he suggested that they ought to keep three, or even four lists of the men who were serving their country. First, a list of the men who are fighting, or preparing to fight; secondly a list of men who had tried to join the colours but who for no fault of their own had been rejected – and there were several such in Whitwick; thirdly, a list of the men who had joined the Citizen Corps for home defence; and the fourth list should be of the wives and children and mothers of the men in the danger zone. Oh, what a list that would be. When they thought of all these things and of the seriousness of them, it was enough to stir them to the very depths. They could not see a congregation like that without feeling the stirring force of it and without feeling that they were awakening to the responsibilities they ought to feel as a nation when facing such an enemy as they were facing in these days. They were being stirred as they read of the great battles on the Continent of Europe. In the casualty lists for last Thursday, Friday and Saturday appeared 4,011 names. Over four thousand casualties recorded in three days. In Saturday's paper they saw that the Leicesters, 75 were dead after one battle. Many of these men they knew; where were they today. Their bodies lay in graves on the battlefield far from their native land. Their wives, their children, their mothers, would never see them again. Their fathers and brothers would never take them by the hand again and give them a welcome home. They had been buried in graves with a crowd of other bodies, but was that the end of them? Was there not something else after that? If they faced such a question as that with a feeling of doubtfulness, then in the words of the lesson, they of all men were the most miserable. If that was the end of everything what would be the use of standing up and fighting for their country? They would be without hope and would indeed be the most miserable of men. When thoughts like that assailed them, let them think of the text, "Now is Christ risen from the dead and become the first fruits of them that sleep." What did that mean? Simply this: That as Christ rose from the dead so shall all men rise from the dead. There was a time coming when they would all come forth graves, a tremendous army facing their God from their graves, a great army facing God on the great resurrection day. In these days they thought far too much of the seriousness of death. It was hard to part from dear ones and they had come to think of death as a terrible thing. It was a mistake to think of it like that. Death was not the ultimate end of life but only the beginning. That was illustrated to them in the parable of the seed. The death of the seed was not the end of it but was only the beginning of a finer life which sprang from it, and so it was with every one of them. Death simply meant the passing into a higher life and that certainly ought not to be terrible. But as they lived today, so they were moulding their future life, and if they kept the doctrine of the Lord Jesus Christ they would become more like Him in the hereafter. They all sympathised very deeply with the mourners that morning, that large congregation of men had come together to express it in that way. They sympathised with the relatives of the brave young soldier whose earthly life had come to an end on the battlefield of France, and also with those who mourned the loss of the chairman of the Citizen Corps of that

district. But the time was coming when they would all be reunited, and all the sorrows of partings and misunderstandings, and the difficulties, trials and temptations which they now experienced would be nothing before them but the higher life of that bright, glorious future. They prayed that God in His mercy would look down on the sorrowing ones and bless them and help them to bear the parting and may the relatives of the young soldier be comforted by the knowledge that he died fighting for his country and for them all, that he died in glorious company in the midst of hundreds, thousands, who fell in the same fight. While they sympathised with them, they almost envied them in having a relative so brave, so noble, and so unselfish as to give up his life in that way. May God comfort and bless the mourners and give them all the consolation possible from that religion of theirs – the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ.

At the close of the service, the organist, Mr R. West, played the Dead March, the congregation standing meanwhile, and as they were leaving he played, "O rest in the Lord."

The flag was flying over the church at half mast, and before the service a muffled peal was rung on the bells.

The Citizen's marched to the School of Arms in Silver Street, where after a few exercises, the Coalville contingent continued their journey home.

Conservative Club Sold

The premises in Silver Street, lately occupied as a Conservative Club were offered for sale by auction in the presence of a good company on the premises, by Mr E. Moore, of Messrs. Moore and Miller, auctioneers, Coalville, on Monday night. The lot was knocked down at £600, the name of the purchaser not being stated. Messrs. Sharp and Lancaster, of Coalville, Ibstock and Loughborough, were the solicitors to the vendors.

Mother's Union

An interesting gathering took place at Whitwick on Thursday in connection with the Mother's Union. About 200 mothers, representing the Whitwick, Markfield, Hugglescote, Bardon, Shaw Lane and Copt Oak branches of the Union partook of tea in the school and after tea Mrs J. J. Sharp and Miss Burkitt sang solos. In the evening a service was held when the church was packed. Canon Broughton (Hugglescote) took the first part of the service, the Rev. H. K. Bros, (Copt Oak) read the Mothers' Union Litany, the Revs. H. Chambers (Markfield), and R. P. Farrow (Bardon) read the lessons and the Rev. T. W. Walters, vicar of Whitwick preached. After the service the mothers returned to the school, where refreshments were served and recitations were given by Dr. Milligan and Miss Burkitt. Canon Broughton proposed a vote of thanks to the Whitwick mothers for entertaining the visitors and this was seconded by the Rev. H. Chambers and heartily accorded, the Vicar of Whitwick responding. The visitors were then conveyed home in brakes.

Coalville Police Court

Friday – Before the Rev. C. T. Moore (in the chair) and Mr J. W. West.

"Banker" at Whitwick

Ernest Preston, Henry White, Arthur Glover, colliers, and Horace Burford, labourer, all of Coalville, were summoned for gaming with cards and copper pence on a footpath at Whitwick, on March 28th.

Defendants did not appear. P.C. Spiby said they were playing "banker" on a footpath between Coalville and Whitwick. Witness seized the cards. Defendants were each fined 7s 6d or seven days.

Bad Language

Thomas Dawkins, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language in a house near the street at Whitwick, on March 27th. He pleaded guilty. P.C. Grewcock said the defendant told him he was sorry for having used the language but he had been very upset. Defendant said he had been 12 years in the army and always had a good character. He hoped they would be lenient. Fined 5s or seven days.

Sport

Football

Leicestershire Senior League

Two matches on Saturday concluded the Leicestershire Senior League programme for this season. Both were in the medal competition and they had a particular interest inasmuch as they decided the championship. Coalville Swifts were a point in front of Whitwick and this meant that if the Swifts were beaten by Coalville Town on the Fox and Goose ground and Whitwick won their match at Hugglescote, to Whitwick would have fallen the double honour of winning the league championship as well as the medal competition. But matters panned out very nicely for the Swifts. They won their own match while Whitwick were beaten at Hugglescote, so that the Coalville club finished up with three points to the good.

The match at Hugglescote attracted only about a hundred spectators. Only one goal was scored, this being by Causer for the St. John's in the first half. Whitwick did a lot of pressing in the second half and tried hard to avert defeat but the Hugglescote defence held out. These were the only two points that the St. John's secured in the medal competition.

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

Good "houses" continue to be the order at this popular theatre, and the programme provided this week is, as usual, a first-class one. The pictures are excellently screened and much interest has been evinced. In addition to the film list there are two fine 'turns,' and both have fairly captivated the audiences. The Gipsy Soprano, in operatic numbers and ballads, has had a fine reception. A singer with a splendid voice, being repeatedly recalled. Gertie Delmore is a dainty comedienne and a nice dancer. Her numbers have also been loudly applauded. Patrons should not fail to see these during the week-end. The

pictures at the commencement of the week were a good lot, and included "The Million Dollar Mystery" the first part of a Thanouser serial entitled "The Airship in the Night." The following brief notice will serve to show how matters go. Stanley Hargreaves in his younger days was connected with a secret society called "The Black Hundred." Disapproving of their methods he disappears. After amassing a large fortune he is tracked down by Countess Olga and Braine, the heads of the secret society. He disappears again, together with one million dollars, leaving his daughter, Florence, in the care of Jones, his trusted butler. "The Black Hundred" then try to force Florence to disclose the whereabouts of the money about which the girl knows nothing. Frank Norton, a young newspaper reporter helps Florence to evade the gang. A fine series which should draw big "houses" and cause much interest. "The Peasant's Life" too, was good, as were several others. For the weekend the star picture is "Our Enemy's Spy" and this should not be missed. Captains Bainbridge and Clifford both love Marie, and this results in enmity between them. Bainbridge plots with a spy to kill Clifford and steal important papers from him. Clifford is thrown into the sea from a liner, and Bainbridge delivers the papers to his colonel in San Francisco. Clifford is picked up from the water, and returns in time to reveal the duplicity of Bainbridge, a fine picture. "Such a Hunter" is a fine one. Percival talks grandly of his achievements to Eva Spurling and little Cicero, his rival for her hand, listens in open mouthed wonder. Eva invites her two admirers to a picnic, and while washing up the dishes, a bear cub runs up behind Percival, who promptly breaks all speed records in reaching a tree on the edge of the lake. He swarms up the tree and out on to a branch hanging over the water, into which he is precipitated. After struggling ashore he tells the others a tale of an encounter with a four-footed monster. Just then a large mother bear noses up behind them. Percival does another cross-country run, compared to which his first effort was slow. Little Cicero, however, calmly takes the ribbon off Eva's candy box, and to her amazement, ties it gently round the bear's neck, and after giving it a piece of candy, bids Mother Bear to run along home. The beast trots off and Eva throws her arms round Cicero's neck. – Others are splendid pieces, and patrons can rely on getting good value for money at the Picture House. – Next week, see advertisement columns.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Burials

Needham – At Whitwick, on Thursday, James Hastings Needham, aged 81 years, of New Swannington.

Mills – At Whitwick, on Thursday, Kate Mills, aged 60, of Castle Street.

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Local News

Whitwick Soldier in Neuve Chapelle Battle

Like Playing Skittles

Pte. E. Howe, of Golden Row, Talbot Street, Whitwick, writing to Mr G. H. Hallam, of the Queen's Head, Thringstone, says he is quite safe up to date (April 7th) and wishes to thank the good men of Thringstone for gifts sent to him and his pals. As soon as the parcel was

opened and they saw the cigarettes they were all eager to get some as they were to get at the Germans at Neuve Chapelle. They all “make a charge” for it when anything comes from England.

Howe continues, “Perhaps you know how it is out here, and I am going on as well as you can expect. I keep on doing my duty and if I should go under – I hope I don’t – I can’t grumble. As the old saying goes, “I’ve had a good run for my money.” The Germans asked us to give them a chance, and we did – a dog’s chance. It was like playing skittles for a time. I can tell you it was easy enough. I have got a lot of things, but they won’t let us send them to England. The wounded can take them and that is how some people have got them in England. If I get a chance I will send you something. I think a lot more will have to come yet. I wish it was all over and I was having a pint of your good old Shardlow. But cheer up! I am not down-hearted, and don’t mean to be. Keep smiling”.

Bad For the Huns

Howe has also sent a postcard to the office of this paper which was received on Tuesday morning. He says they are having better weather in France now, which makes it better for getting about. But if it is bad for them it is also bad for the Huns. Howe holds that they are more than holding their own now and they mean to keep pegging away. He comes from the right place for that and there are several more from Whitwick besides himself. He concludes: Keep smiling.

The card is dated April 16th, and the writer says he is still alive and kicking and in the best of health.

Coalville Council’s New Chairman

Mr Thomas Young Hay will have many congratulations on his appointment to the important position of chairman of the Coalville Urban District Council. His election was no surprise since he has occupied the vice-chair during the last 12 months and, in accordance with the Council’s rule of going round the wards for a chairman, it was Whitwick’s turn this year.

This will be Mr Hay’s 12th year on the Council as a member for the Whitwick Ward, and he has proved himself a very able and useful member, having for some years been chairman of the Highways Committee, and his desire to promote the best interests of the ratepayers and district generally has always been manifest.

That Mr Hay is closely identified with the industrial progress of the district may be gathered from the fact that in August next, he will have completed 24 years as manager of the largest industrial concern in the neighbourhood – the Whitwick Colliery, which during that period has made great strides. He is a member of the Institute of Mining Engineers and of the National Association of Colliery Managers (South Midland Branch) while for some years Mr Hay has also held the important post of secretary to the Leicestershire Coalowners’ Association. Though of a genial disposition, he can be firm as occasion demands, and with his wide experience of Council work, there can be little doubt that the traditions of the chair will be worthily upheld during his term of occupancy.



Trade Notices

For Sale – Pony Trap

Suit 12 hands, good order. Also several sets second hand harness, cart tackle. Apply W. Adams, saddler, Whitwick.

Wanted

A Builder to buy or give a price to replace 4 houses. Apply Tower House, Whitwick.

Do You Know

That last Monday was the 17th anniversary of the Whitwick Colliery Disaster?

That Whitwick Imperial and Coalville Swifts will play the Leicestershire Senior League championship match at Whitwick tomorrow?

Sport

Football

Whitwick Imperial Win the Hinckley Cup

Whitwick Imperial were at Hinckley on Saturday playing Earl Shilton Victor in the final for the Hinckley Cup. Both sides were strongly represented and followers of Shilton swelled a large 'gate'. In the first half Whitwick were the superior team, but many opportunities were lost by both sets of forwards. Half-time, Whitwick Imperial 0; Earl Shilton Victor 0.

In the second half Whitwick had an off-side goal. Shilton improved, and Lee missed two fine openings. Eventually Lockwood bluffed the Shilton backs and struck the cross-bar, Thorpe netting from the rebound. Taylor, the Shilton custodian made a number of fine saves. Result, Whitwick Imperial 1; Earl Shilton Victor 0.

In the absence of Mr A. E. Hawley, the cup and medals were presented by Mr John Blakesley. This was Whitwick's second cup this season, having secured the Leicestershire

Senior League championship trophy, and they still have a chance of annexing the Coalville Cup.

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

This theatre is being well patronised this week again, and no wonder when the excellence of the programme is considered. Patrons have much enjoyed the fare provided, and have shown their pleasure by loud applause. The 'turn' appearing all the week is Gene Fields, a fine musical entertainer, who has met with a hearty reception. He should be seen during the week-end. – The star picture for the earlier part of the week was Episode 2 of "The Million Dollar Mystery" entitled "A False Friend." This was watched with much interest and evidently enjoyed. – A good drama was "The Call"; and "Pimple's Escape from Portland" caused much amusement. Others were also very good. We would especially call the attention of patrons to the excellent list for the week-end, "Daphnia" is the chief film, and this must be seen. – The story in brief is as follows: George Baxter, a United States secret service man, manages to convict John Matthews and James Goodwin for counterfeiting, through misusing the love and confidence of Matthew's daughter, Julia. Ten years pass. On their release from prison, Matthews and Goodwin are summoned to visit a gambling house in St. Louis, in Daphnia, the woman who runs it, they recognise Julia. Bitterly blaming her for the past, they denounce her and return to the southern hills. Daphnia, counting her money, finds a counterfeit bill. She finds that it has been passed by a certain George Baxter, Jun., the son of the man who was the beginning of all her unhappiness. She summons the United States inspector and when he sees his own son he is heartbroken. Julia reveals her identity, and tells him that at last the old account is squared. – "The Airmen of Italy" is a picture of topical interest, comprising flights made by Italy's chief airmen – "Dad and the Girls" is a beauty comedy of exceptional merit, and will amuse. – "The Girl and the Smuggler" is good. Charles, the lighthouse keeper, is in league with a band of smugglers. Walter loves Irene and is jealous of Charles. He tracks him, and Charles ties him to a wreck used by smugglers, and sets it alight. Vivian saves Walter, and Charles is killed in an explosion. – "The Mysterious Lodger" is a champion Vitagraph, and should not be missed. Other items are equally interesting. – Next week's list see ad columns.

Friday April 30th 1915 (Issue 1208)

Local News

Twenty-four Convictions

Before Mr B. G. Hale (in the chair) and Mr J. W. West at the Coalville Police Court on Monday, Jane Pearson, aged 66, widow, a native of Leicester, but now of no fixed abode, was charged with being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick, on Saturday night. P.C. Grewcock stated that about 7.30 on Saturday night he was on duty near the Dumps and saw the defendant lying in the middle of the road with a crowd of children round her. She was using very bad language. He assisted her on her feet and found that she was helpless and he had to get a conveyance and bring her to Coalville. She was sentenced to 14 days imprisonment. It was stated that there were 24 previous convictions.

Band of Hope Concert

In connection with the Whitwick Church Band of Hope a successful concert was held in the National Schools on Wednesday in aid of the funds. Miss Adams excellently made the arrangements and the Vicar (the Rev. T. W. Walters) who presided, expressed pleasure at progress the Band of Hope was making, there now being over 150 members. The first part of the programme was miscellaneous and the second part consisted of the Cantata, "The Band of Hope Queen," Miss Adams being the accompanist. The following were the miscellaneous items: Opening recitation, Miss Gladys West; song, "See the children gather round" children; recitation, Miss Edna Capell; song, "Mr Nobody" Master Charley Jarvis; song, "Hurrah for the British navy" Miss Gertie Baker; dialogue, "The birthday pledge"; song, "Where are you going to my pretty maid" Miss E. Moore and Master H. Moore; recitation, Miss Rosie Baker; song, "Rule Britannia" Miss E. Capell; recitation, Master Charlie Jarvis; screen song, girls; recitation, Master H. Moore, Thomas Williamson, Thomas Gilbert and Harry Moore; dialogue, "Ada's decision"; Russian and French National Anthem, Master Willie Cooke and Thomas Moore; song, "Our noble Flag"

Wesleyan School Sermons

The anniversary services in connection with the Sunday School were held at the Whitwick Wesleyan Chapel on Sunday, when the Rev. J. R. Sharpley, of Ashby, preached to good congregations. Mr J. S. West conducted the children and choir in the singing of special hymns and anthems, Mr Sharp of Hugglescote being the organist. The collections realised £15 12s 9d, which was slightly below last year.

Whitwick Eggs for Soldiers

The following is a statement as to the number of eggs collected by Mr R. Sharp, of Whitwick, and sent to the wounded soldiers in the 5th Northern General Hospital, Leicester:

Mr Robert Sharp, Whitwick – 100
Mrs Swift, Greenhill – 30
Mrs W. T. Hull – 30
Miss Bell, Castle Rock – 20
Miss Thirlby – 20
Mr G. T. Harding – 20
Mrs James, Forest Rock – 14
Mr Joseph Merriman – 14
Mrs Beale, Greenhill – 12
Mr Glyn, Whitwick – 12
Mrs Neale, Greenhill – 12
Mrs A. J. Briers – 12
Mrs Thompson – 12
Mrs Popples – 12
Mrs Black, Whitwick Waste – 10
Mrs Pepper, Greenhill – 10
Mr W. Ward, Castle Rock Cottage – 10
Mr H. Stinson – 10
Mr Downes – 10
Mr G. McCarthy – 10

Mr Thomas Kelly – 10
Mr J Tacey – 6
Mr W. Berridge – 6
Mrs Belcher – 6
Friend – 2

Total = 410

Local Chit Chat

The Whitwick Colliery employees, in connection with their Death Fund decided to exempt men who enlisted from payment during service with the forces, or until such time as the committee determined. The widow of Pte. Jack Manders, of the Leicesters, is the first to benefit by the fund. Manders was a miner employed by the Whitwick Colliery Company, and a collection taken on Friday realised just over £30 for the widow and two children. In the unfortunate event of any other soldier who was an employee at the Whitwick Colliery losing his life in the country's service the same collection will be made for the dependants and paid from the Death Fund.

Do You Know

That the Coalville Charity Cup Final between Whitwick Imperial and Loughborough Corinthians will be re-played on the Fox and Goose ground tomorrow afternoon?

Coalville Police Court

Friday – Before Mr W. Lindley (in the chair) and Mr H. J. Ford

A Whitwick Fight

Arthur Cooper and Patrick Costelow, colliers, both of Whitwick, were summoned for violent conduct on April 10th at Whitwick. They did not appear. P.C. Grewcock said he saw the defendants fighting near the Duke of Newcastle Inn. Cooper was fined 10s 6d or seven days, and Costelow 15s or seven days.

Sport

Football

Leicestershire Senior League

Championship Match at Whitwick

The Senior League champions (Whitwick Imperial) and the medal competition winners (Coalville Swifts) met on the Duke of Newcastle ground, Whitwick, on Saturday in a match for the benefit of the League funds. There was a fairly good attendance and an even and interesting game was witnessed.

The Swifts were first to score through Cliff Price, but Rosch soon equalised and Lockwood put Whitwick ahead. The Swifts pressed a good deal and had a penalty, but Underwood's

shot was saved by Roadley. From a good long shot by Bradshaw, the ball hit the cross-bar and Andy Moore, meeting it on the rebound, got in a terrific shot at close quarters, Roadley saving somewhat luckily amidst applause. The Imperial thus crossed over with a lead of two goals to one.

Whitwick did the bulk of the pressing in the second half, but Nicholls kept a good goal. Bourne, however, ought to have scored on one or two occasions and the goal had several narrow escapes. There were also some good attempts by the Swifts and during one of these, Price again scored producing a draw of two goals each.

At the close of the match Father O'Reilly, who was supported by Mr J. Kirby of Coalville, chairman of the league and other officials, presented the cup to Whitwick and medals to both teams amidst applause.

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

No. 3 of the "Million Dollar Mystery" series "A Leap in the Dark" was the chief picture here at the beginning of this week, and the story much enjoyed, was briefly as follows; The conspirators in their scheming to rob Stanley Hargreaves and make him suffer for deserting "The Black Hundred," next turn their attention to the man himself. Hargreaves, however, lands from the steamer, which rescues him without being seen by the members of the gang. Norton, who has taken upon himself the protection of Florence's interests, leads "The Black Hundred" to believe that million dollars have been deposited in the safe down at the wharf offices. Braine and a few tough characters accordingly attempt to rob the safe at night, but thanks to Norton are surprised by the police, and all but captured. The leader of the gang escapes by diving into the sea. "East Lyme in Bugville" was good, and "The Night Hawks" also. – For the week end the chief one is "The Strike" a most enthralling drama which will appeal strongly. Price began to court MacLaren's daughter Mary, and all looked forward to the time when the wedding would take place. One day, Peter Black, an agitator, arrived on the scene. MacLaren tried to persuade his fellow workmen about listening to Black. In due time, the discharged workman, urged by his wife, asked the employer to take him back. Things began to look promising for the man especially as the employer's daughter spoke on his behalf, then Black interfered and the employer refused to consider the matter. The union official called a meeting and urged a strike on the grounds that the man had been wrongfully dismissed. After a good deal of tribulation the ruin of the whole village was complete. MacLaren and his family were turned out of house and home, and Trask (the employer) was broken and shunned. Black, who had been in hiding since the explosion, was discovered by his victims and they had the satisfaction of giving him a strenuous five minutes. – "The Wife's Strategem" is good; and "Jann's Lovers" go for one another in fine form but Willie comes off 'top dog'. – Others are good. The turns are Reely and Rieland, a fine comedy couple of the highest order. Their songs and patter are up-to-date and witty, and the two should draw big houses during the week-end. They have had a fine reception. – Mark and Note, too, are a good pair. Their dancing and songs are extra and must not be missed. Patrons can be assured of value for their money by visiting the above theatre. Next week's list another good one, see advertisement columns.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Burials

Queemby – At Whitwick, on Tuesday, Dorothy Queemby, aged 18 days, of Church Lane.

Friday May 7th 1915 (Issue 1209)

Local News

Baptist Sermons

The school anniversary was observed at the Whitwick Baptist Church on Sunday last, when the Rev. W. H. Wills, of Coalville, preached two appropriate sermons to large congregations. The children, conducted by Mr O. Geary, nicely sang special hymns and the choir gave good renderings of the anthems "Praise the Lord with harp" (F. Peace) in the afternoon, and "Let the earth be glad" (C. Jessop) in the evening. Mr A. Aris officiated at the organ and an efficient orchestra also assisted. The collections realised £15 4s which is about the same as last year.

Whitwick Quarrymen at the Front

French Guns like Thunder

The following is a letter received by Mr J. H. Robinson, manager of the Whitwick stone quarry from one of his quarrymen at the front, Pte. A. Lucas, of the 5th Leicesters.

Dear Sir, - Just a few lines in answer to your letter and parcel which I received quite safe to-day. I thank you very much for the parcel you sent me, especially for the smokes, they are one of the best comforts we get out here, an English cigarette. The French fags are too strong, not one of us can smoke them. You ask if any who worked at the quarry are out here. There are Cotterill, Millward, Thorpe, E. Freer and Walker, that I know of, G. Freer and Gibson are at Luton yet. Well we have just come out of the trenches again for a day or two's rest, after being in five days. We had very few casualties in our battalion again this time, and I am sure we are all thankful for it. We were on fatigue carrying rations, wood and stuff, up to the trenches the other night when a chap who had been my mate ever since we got here was killed. We had delivered the stuff and got into comparative safety when a bullet struck him in the back and came out of his chest, and then he jumped and ran nearly 400 yards, but as soon as we got him to one of the first aid hospitals he died. These are the times when it tries us most, when our chums are getting shot down. The same bullet just missed me and then went through another chap's arm.

There was a very big attack on our left the other night, you ought to have heard the guns, the screech of the shells, and when they burst it was awful. We were a considerable distance from the guns, and it seemed like a fearful roaring, so what it would be like at the front God only knows. The French big guns are doing some grand work now. When they get going it is like a frightful thunderstorm, with peals of thunder following one another for hours. Well, Dear Sir, I must draw to a close, and hope to hear again from you soon and wishing you the best of luck.

I remain, yours faithfully.

Private A. Lucas.

P.S. You say you noticed Mr R. D. Farmer passed my last letter, he is the officer over our platoon. Lieut. Shields from Breedon is with our company now, so we have got two of the best.

'Coalville Times' Appreciated in the Trenches

Pte. Edgar Howe, of Golden Row, Whitwick, in a letter dated April 20th says that his wife sent him a "Coalville Times" and he and his mates were very pleased to read it. They were still playing the game and keeping the Germans from scoring in France. Roll on old England!

Whitwick Churchmen Serving in the Army

In an interesting little booklet published as the first annual report of the Whitwick Church Men's Service it is stated that 16 of the members including the secretary, assistant secretary, and three of the stewards, are serving in the Army. Three of them – Corpl. C. Yearby, Lance-Corpl. L. E. Brotherhood and Pte. W. Adams – were at the time the report was issued, in the thick of the fighting in Northern France and as far as can be known most of the others will also be in or near the fighting line before many weeks are past. We are proud to record the names of our soldier members says the publication, these being as follows.

Sergt. Charles Stone, 7962, 7th Seaforth Highlanders.

Corp. S.S., Charles Yearby, 1780, Z. Battery, R.H.A. Now in France.

Lce-Corp. Albert William Hanson, 2346, A. Company, 5th Leicesters. Secretary of the Men's Service Sidesman of our Church, and Secretary of the Men's Money Club.

Lce-Corp. Louis E. Brotherhood, 8503, 1st Northumberland Fusiliers. Now in France.

Pte. J. Harold Pegg, 13176, B. Company, 8th Leicesters. Sunday School teacher, Secretary of Communicant's Guild, Secretary and Vice-Captain of Bell-ringers, and Steward of the Men's Service.

Pte. Walter Adams, 11841, Leicestershire Imperial Yeomanry. Bellringer, and Steward of the Men's Service. Now in France.

Pte. Alfred Charles Pegg, Leicestershire Imperial Yeomanry. Assistant Secretary of Men's Service, Choirman and Assistant Scoutmaster.

Pte. G. Harry Webster, 10th Middlesex, Chairman.

Pte. Samuel E. Perry, 12135, G. Company, 3rd Leicesters, Scoutmaster.

Pte. Frederick W. Ducker, 1193, A. Company, 5th Leicesters.

Pte. John E. D. Ducker, 15719, D. Company, 7th Leicesters.

Pte. Edward Walton, 10328, C. Company, 6th Leicesters.

Pte. Oliver Bonser, 13125, 8th Leicesters.

Driver Harold E. West, 031437, Mechanical Transport, A.S.C.

Pte. George W. Underwood, 2456, 5th Leicesters.

Pte. Ernest Tugby, 16485, G. Company, 3rd Leicesters.



Do You Know

That the Whitwick poor rate for the ensuing half year will be the same as before – 1/6 in the £?

That there were six recruits from the meeting addressed by Mrs J. J. Sharp in Whitwick Market Place on Monday morning?

Quarryman's Strike at Whitwick

Trouble at the Forest Rock

A number of the men employed at the Forest Rock Quarry, Whitwick, came out on strike a few days ago on a question of wages. Enquiries made by our reporter at the quarry office show that the trouble arose over the request of the men for a war bonus.

The management did not feel that they could grant this seeing that all the men getting less than 25s per week were given an advance of 1/2 d per hour only in February last which was to meet the extra cost of living owing to the war. When the men persisted in their demand for a war bonus of 2s per week in addition, the manager offered to allow them to work an extra hour a day which would have meant an increased wage of 2s 5d per week, but this offer was declined. About 40 men were affected and they came out on strike about the middle of last week and still remain out.

A few men are still working in the quarry and the business is still going on, all the carters being kept going from the stocks. It is understood that three or four of the strikers have enlisted in the army.

Coalville Urban District Council

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

Severe Epidemic of Measles

The medical officer (Dr. R. W. Jamie) reported that during the month of April three cases of diphtheria were notified – one in Skinner's Lane and two in Green Lane, Whitwick. No further cases had been reported since April 6th. Four cases of scarletina had been notified – one in Ashby Road, one in Park Road, Coalville, one in Hall's Lane and one in Brook's Lane, Whitwick. Two cases of phthisis had also been reported – one in Jackson Street and one in Gutteridge Street. In the central ward there had been an outbreak of measles of a somewhat severe type, and one death had resulted from this cause. On account of the outbreak, the infant department of Bridge Road School had been closed. During the month of April, 24 deaths occurred, giving a death rate of 16 per 1000. These included one from diphtheria, two from pneumonia and one from phthisis. During the same period 51 births had been registered giving a birth-rate of 34 per 1000 – a high one.

Whitwick Lodgers

The surveyor reported that the number of persons accommodated at the Whitwick lodging houses during the month was 734, against 761 the previous month and 1130 in the corresponding month of last year. The places had been lime washed and were in a satisfactory state.

Coalville Police Court

To-day (Friday) – Before Major Hatchett (in the chair) and Mr W. Lindley.

Applications

Michael McCarthy, surveyor, New Swannington, made application for permission to proceed for the recovery of a tenement occupied by Charlotte Kenyon, married, at

Whitwick. Mr T. H. Moore was for the applicant and the order asked for was made, defendant having to pay 2s 6d costs. Defendants said they could not get houses.

Perry Williamson, fitter, Whitwick, made a similar application in respect of a cottage occupied by Isaac Lamb, collier, Whitwick. Mr T. H. Moore was for the applicant and said it was a bad case of over-crowding. Leave to proceed was given, defendant having to pay 2s 6d costs.

Court Proceeding

Nellie Broadhurst, single, of Whitwick, was summoned by Charles Williamson, factory hand, for assault at Whitwick, on April 24th.

Jane Johnson, married, of Whitwick, was summoned for assaulting Maud A. Johnson, another married woman, of Whitwick at that place on April 29th.

Window Smashing at Whitwick

Old man leniently dealt with

To save his pension

Before Mr W. Lindley (in the chair) and Mr B. G. Hale, at the Coalville Police Court on Monday, George Naylor, aged 73, a blacksmith, of no fixed abode, was charged with breaking nine panes in a window at Whitwick lodging house, the property of Mr A. J. Briers, and doing damage to the amount of 10s on Saturday night.

Defendant said he was too drunk to remember anything about it. He met some friends and did not want to drink, but they forced it on him. Clara Emma Harper, wife of Fred Harper, manager of the lodging-house, said the defendant came to her for lodgings and she refused to admit him because he had been causing some bother at another place. As soon as her back was turned he smashed the window with his stick, which he also hooked round the window frame and tried to pull that out. He was very drunk and his language was very bad.

Defendant said he did not remember even coming there. He knew he was ill-used.

Mr Lindley: *Who gave you the black eye?*

Defendant: *I could not say. Some man gave me a thump which knocked me down and then he kicked me on the head.*

Replying to the Bench, Inspector Dobney said the defendant was tramping about the country. He was about to apply for an old age pension. Mr Lindley said it would affect the pension if the man was sent to prison without the option of a fine. They would therefore fine him 10s and he must pay the 10s damage, seven days in default.

Defendant: *I am very thankful to you gentlemen, for being so lenient with me.*

Sport

Football

Coalville Cup Final

Loughborough Corinthians beat Whitwick

Having made a draw of two goals each on Easter Tuesday, Whitwick Imperial (holders) and Loughborough Corinthians met again on the Fox and Goose ground on Saturday in the final for the Coalville Cup. Fortunately, the weather, though threatening in the morning, held fine, and there was a bigger "gate" than on the previous occasion, between 3,000 and 4,000 people being present.

Loughborough made two changes from their Easter team, Spencer, playing for Belton Neal for Kirk, the players being: Hunt, Atterbury and Cumberland; Neal, Butler and West; Armstrong, Ravenscroft, Spencer, Williamson and Harriman.

Whitwick were represented by Roadley, Cooke and Waterfield; Moore, J. Bird, and Lovett; M. Bird, Lockwood, Dexter, Thorpe and Roach.

Mr R. T. Bradshaw was referee, with Messrs. J. Tivey and H. Deacon on the lines.

The Corinthians were lucky to win the toss as a strong wind was blowing straight down the ground towards the road end and they had the advantage of this in the first half. The game was mostly in the Whitwick territory, the Loughborough men, particularly Armstrong and Butler, making things very lively for the Imperial defence, but for half an hour they kept the citadel intact. Roadley was once loudly applauded for a magnificent save from Armstrong. On another occasion Lovett returned when a goal seemed inevitable. Armstrong, however, the most dangerous forward on the field, was not to be denied and ultimately he beat the custodian with a nice shot. The same player was partly responsible for the second goal, which came a few minutes later, as it was from his centre that Spencer was enabled to head into the net. The player who scored, however, undoubtedly stood in an offside position. It was clear that Whitwick were a beaten team after this and though they occasionally broke away, they never really became dangerous.

Commencing the second half two goals to the bad, the Imperial made desperate efforts to wipe out the arrears and though the game was now no more in their favour, they failed to break through the stubborn defence offered by the Corinthians, who maintained their half-time lead and they won by two goals to none.

The "gate" amounted to £60 15s 5d of which the charity took a third, £20 5s 2d, and after meeting the expenses, the clubs shared the balance, each receiving £17 14s 4 1/2d. The proceeds on Easter Tuesday amounted to £45, giving a total for the two matches of practically £106.

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

There have been some good "houses" here again this week, and the theatre is becoming more and more popular every week. The film subjects and "turns" are up to the usual high

standard of excellence and they have been much enjoyed and applauded. The screening of the pictures is excellent, and their clearness is a credit to the operator. The star film at the beginning of the week was episode four of the "Million Dollar Mystery" series, entitled "The Top Floor Flat." The conspirators entice Florence Gray to a flat on the top floor of a building in an out of the way part of the town, by means of a note which comes presumably from the girl's father. Florence is to keep silence unless she wishes to sign her father's death warrant. She discovers the ruse, however, and when the conspirators attempt to frighten her into a confession by the use of a snake, she manages to escape by a very clever ruse. "The Coward" was a good drama; and "The Man who Knew," a drama by Vitagraph, was as usual with the company's productions, excellent in every way. – Others were also good.

The "turns" are; Learto and his clever Pomeranian, a real good "show" which should draw big audiences during the week-end, Learto is good and his dog is a marvel. Both have received loud applause. – Dolly Phillis, comedienne and dancer, is a "turn" of very high order. Her dancing is something good to look on. The American wooden shoe mat dance is excellently executed, and stamps Miss Phillis as a "top-notch." – Patrons must not miss seeing the above. – For the week-end the star film is "The Poisoned Bit" an Edison drama of exceptional merit. After Tom had been in the employ of Col. Standish a short time he fell in love with the Colonel's daughter. When he is discharged he goes to England where his identity as Lord Blyncourt's grandson is established, through the aid of a locket, and the Colonel's daughter becomes his bride. – "The Proof of a Man" is another good one. Bob Carroll, a cripple, secretly loved Alma, the waitress at the café where he lunched. Alma, however, favoured the handsome but unprincipled Jim Carter, gang leader. How Bob proved his manhood saved Alma from an awful fate in an opium den, and won her love, makes a gripping tale. J. Warren Kerrigan as the cripple is immense. – "Charles Smoker" and "In the clutches of the villain" are two good comics; and "The Man who Knew" and "In Danger's Hour" are two fine dramas. These should not be missed. – Next week's list see advertisement columns.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Burials

Holt – At Whitwick, to-day, Clara Holt, aged 28 years, from the Ashby Infirmary.

Friday May 14th 1915 (Issue 1210)

Whist Drive and Social

A whist drive and social was held at St. Josephs, the proceeds for the benefit of the Whitwick Troop of Leicestershire Yeomanry. There was a good company present, Mr R. Webster of Shepshed acting as MC. The first prize for ladies was a handsome oil painting of flowers and fruit, given and presented by Mr T. Bayliss, of Charnwood Towers. Other prizes were given by Mr and Mrs Cockain (Loughborough), Misses Lee, Mr and Mrs Kerry, Mr Webster, Mr Heighton and Mr J. T. Rossell. Private H. Harrington of His Majesty's forces presented the prizes. The sum of £5 7s was realised.

Do you Know

That from the mixed department of the Whitwick Church Day School, the sum of £5 15s 1d has been sent to the Belgian Relief Fund and £2 to the Red Cross Fund?

That £1 1s has been sent to the British Red Cross Fund, the proceeds of badges sold by the children of the Whitwick Church of England School?

Accident at Whitwick Colliery

While working in the Whitwick Colliery on Tuesday afternoon, a miner named Arthur Birch, who resides at Coleorton, met with an accident, sustaining a fractured leg, through being struck by a prop. He was conveyed home in the colliery ambulance carriage and medically attended.

Whitwick Scouts at the Front

Interesting Letter to Former Scout-Master

Signalman F. W. Ducker, of the 5th Leicesters, writing to Mr G. F. Burton, of Whitwick, having expressed thanks for pipe and tobacco, says that the scout work he learned in the Whitwick Troop has come in very useful. He was now serving as a signaller in France and he learned a good bit as a scout. But there is not much flag work done. Three of them were working the telephones in a small dug-out just behind the sand bags. He proceeds, *"I had a good time the other night. Our officer was going out in front of our lines to learn something about an old German trench and wanted someone to go with him. It fell to my luck to be picked to go. We had to crawl up a very narrow trench containing plenty of sludge, and also climb over dead animals. I should like you to see the land out here and the farms destroyed by the Germans. All the way up to the trenches you pass a little cross here and there denoting the burial place of some hero who has fallen in reply to the call for King and Country. I am pleased to hear of nearly all the old boys who were in the scouts taking their part. You ought to feel proud of us. I hope there are not many slackers at Whitwick. All should respond to the call and help to crush the Kaiser and his men. I hope all the people who cannot take part out here will make it their duty to keep the old flag flying."*

The letter is dated May 5th and Ducker says they were going into the trenches again on Saturday night. He concludes, *"Pte. Ball gave me some of the cake you sent him. Thanks."*

Whitwick Soldier Describes Life at the Front

Interesting Narrative

A long and interesting letter, dated May 5th, has been received by Mr G. F. Burton, of Whitwick, from Lance-Corporal H. S. Burton, of the 23rd London Regiment, who gives as his address: "La Belle France – Somewhere."

He says, *"I am writing this in a little lean-to with wattled walls and corrugated zinc roof resting against the earthwork capped with sandbags which forms our second line of defence here. The floor is warmly carpeted with sheaves of unthreshed wheat brought from a neighbouring barn with battered walls. (I wonder where the peasant owners of all these ruins are and what must be their feelings). This little dug-out I am sharing with*

another, who at the present moment is struggling with a dog biscuit and cheese. A lighted candle fixed in the wattles lights up this luxurious little guard-room, for that is what it is. For the next 24 hours I am the corporal in charge of the guard of six who guard the communication trenches which concentrate near here. The remainder of the guard are in the next dug-out. This job gives one more spare time than usual. As I write, German bullets are whistling and hissing over the parapet above. Our boys and theirs are indulging in a little unfriendly fusillade from the first line of trenches on the off-chance of hitting somebody. Someone has caught a "packet," for a call for stretcher-bearers is being passed along the line.

This makes about the fifth casualty we have heard of today. An owl is just flitting by calling to its mate. I can hear it plainly during the lull. A digging party is just going by. One of them, a chap of over 6ft., has just been struck in the head with a stray shot – hence the call for stretcher bearers. A ration party is just struggling back with tomorrow's rations. I was on that job last night in the wet and slosh and slippery trenches. Each carries his rifle slung and a bandolier. One is struggling by with a tin of biscuits, another with a box of "bully," another with the mail, another with a bag of army loaves, jam, bacon, cheese, tea and sugar etc. Just here the communication trenches are very bad. They twist and wind in and out behind houses and barriers and earthworks and through open country for over half a mile to the battalion's local and temporary headquarters and stores – usually some battered building with sandbagged windows, as near the firing line as safely possible. The enemy observers like to find these spots and direct their artillery shell fire on them when possible. Digging parties are a nightly occurrence for improving communication trenches etc. We were digging in one trench the other night and raising the earthworks when the Boches turned their machine guns on – fortunately the shots were just too high. Talk about flopping down. We did it like lightning and the language was most picturesque as we lay at the bottom of the trench. It was anything but complimentary to *Monsieurs les Allemands*."

"Stand to" I can hear the order coming along the line. More later.

"Later – 11:45 pm. Something in the atmosphere tonight. Have been standing to arms for some time, but are now standing down a bit with equipment on and rifles handy. Instructions to reinforce first line (200 yards away) if necessary by communication trench here. Some idea of German attack in the air. They have been very restless lately. We hear that the first line are standing to arms (in the ordinary way only one in three at night and he is supposed to keep a sharp look-out over parapet.) Some engineers are now dashing by struggling with long poles. They say our bombardment is to start at 12:30. Our line curves around somewhat and we are subject to a lot of enfilading and have lost rather heavily through it. It has been rumoured for a long time that our line is to be straightened out by an attack on the wings and that the guns are ready for it. We are in the middle and shall not be concerned in the attack except by dodging enfilade fire. The curve of course is on a somewhat big scale. I am sure the Germans are expecting this for they are working energetically every night on their barbed wire entanglements. We heard their mallets distinctively when last in the first line of trenches near here – 75 yards from them. Our first dose was eight days excluding two nights' rest in barn at back, since then we have had four days and now again four days, two in reserve and two in on front line. As you probably know, they and we send up flares or rockets which light up the whole country from time to time. To-night as their flares go up they keep sending in a few rounds rapid at our trenches. Our boys reply in kind, so things are lively at present. The bullets plough away

into the distance with a loud swishing sound. The skeleton trees and skeleton buildings look ghostly in the artificial light. Another order of "Stand to" is coming along. Some guns are booming in the distance and the rifles are rattling and crackling like fury."

"Thursday morning – Nothing of importance happened during the night after all, except that we got a little sleep. The shelling of the reserve trenches will commence soon I expect. We had an exciting time yesterday. Seven shells dropped in our vicinity twenty or thirty yards away. It was a case of sitting tight. Then they gave us a few doses of shrapnel and one of our section got hit on the leg – not serious. Our artillery always repay them with interest. We outnumber them in guns now, I am glad to say and also in aeroplanes.

Watching shrapnel firing on aeroplanes is a daily amusement. We have seen very few Taubes here. We have experienced pretty well all the phases of trench warfare, except an attack. (an important exception n'est ce pas?) Bullets, shells, shrapnel, rifle grenades, bombs, trench mortars (nasty things) sniping all the time, sapping (both sides are busy mining), etc., etc. One lives in this atmosphere and gets used to it. The reserve trenches are more dangerous than the first line, as they rarely shell that for fear of hitting their own. When in the first line before, about a mile from here, we had nothing but clay dug-outs and waterproof sheets to lie on – not the warmest of beds. Have written at much greater length than I anticipated, but one could write a book, there is so much here to experience, to interest, to excite and to describe. After two days in the first line we go back some miles to rest and to civilisation, away from ruins and desolation. No civilians are to be seen near the firing line. When in billets (mostly barns for the men), I am the company interpreter and live with the company staff. I was given my stripe for this and am relieved at those times from guards and fatigues. The life to me is extremely interesting, and always provided I can dodge accidents, I enjoy it although it is anything but a picnic. I get the "Times" sent out direct to me so get reliable news and keep in touch with things. Must dry up they are calling for letters. We usually get them collected each day. You might let Sam Clamp see this when you can. He asked me to write him de temps en temps."

L-Corpl. Burton is a brother of Mr G. F. Burton and before the war was engaged as a schoolmaster in London. He is a native of Whitwick.

Coalville Police Court

Friday – Before Major Hatchett (in the chair), and W. F. Lindley.

Sisters-in-law Reconciled

Jane Johnson, married, of Whitwick, was summoned for assaulting Maud A. Johnson, another married woman of Whitwick at that place on April 29th. Complainant said she wanted to withdraw the case.

The Clerk: *Are you sisters-in-law?*

Complainant: Yes

The summons was withdrawn.

Bad Language

Thomas Williamson, collier, Coalville, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on April 24th. He pleaded guilty. P.C. Grewcock said the defendant was wanting to fight someone in the Market Place. Defendant alleged that he was struck by someone. Fined 10s 6d or seven days.

Right of Way Dispute at Whitwick

Police Court Sequel

Assault Case Dismissed

At the Coalville Police Court on Friday, Nellie Broadhurst, single, of Whitwick, was summoned by Charles Williamson, factory hand, for assault at Whitwick, on April 24th. Mr J. J. Sharp (Coalville) appeared to prosecute and Mr W. P. Musson (Ashby) was for the defendant, who pleaded not guilty.

Complainant stated that he occupied a garden to which access was gained over defendant's mother's premises. He paid no rent, but Mrs Spencer, who allowed him to cultivate the ground, had part of the produce. There had been trouble with the Broadhursts through him using the right of road to the garden. On the date named he was going to the garden with his son when he found the yard doors fastened and the defendant stood on the other side. She said, "*You are not coming through here today.*" He said he should and she replied that she had been to see Mr Berrington (another relative of Mrs Spencer) and he had told her to lock the door and not let him through. Complainant put his hand on the doors to pull himself up, when the defendant struck him a violent blow with a stick, which caused him to drop a small chopper he had in his hand. She was going to strike him a second blow and he let go and fell on the ground. They shouted to someone to fetch the police. He had the chopper intending to knock the lock off the doors but did not threaten to strike the defendant with it. As a result of the assault he was away from work for a week and was attended by Dr. Milligan. His left hand was swollen still and was discoloured, though the blow was received a fortnight ago. He had a perfect right to go that way to the garden.

By Mr Musson: *He had permission from Mrs Spencer. Sometime ago he was summoned at that court for assaulting Mrs Berrington at Mrs Spencer's house but the case was dismissed. He was on good terms with Mrs Spencer until two months ago.*

The Clerk: *Who is Mrs Spencer?*

Mr Sharp: *She is an aunt with a little property and that is what it is about. I shall have a surprise for my friend if he goes on with that.* (Laughter)

By Mr Musson: *He had not tried to induce Mrs Spencer to make a will in his favour. He could not say whether Mrs Spencer was now living with Mrs Berrington. It was untrue that Mrs Spencer did not wish him now to have the garden, though he would not be surprised to hear that the Berringtons had said so. On the date named he told the defendant that he should knock the lock off, but did not threaten to throw the hatchet at defendant when she dared him to break the lock. He did not throw the hatchet at her after she struck him on the knuckles.*

By Mr Sharp: *He had had no summons from the defendant.*

Charles Williamson, frame-fitter at Stableford's, son of complainant, corroborated. He said he heard the defendant allege that the chopper was thrown at her, which was untrue and she said she would swear her life away against his father.

Mr Musson, opening the case for the defence said the whole question was whether Williamson had a right of way through Broadhurst's yard. Mr Sharp produced deeds proving a right of road. Mr Musson said Mrs Spencer undoubtedly had a right, the question was whether Williamson had.

Mr Sharp said Williamson had sworn that and had cultivated the garden for two years. Mr Musson submitted that Williamson's right had not been proved and that Miss Broadhurst, therefore, was justified in taking steps to prevent trespass and damage on her mother's property. He asked the Bench whether they thought he had a case to answer. The answer of the magistrates was in the affirmative.

Defendant was then sworn and stated that the complainant lifted the hatchet up and said he would kill her with it. She thought he was going to strike her and she picked up her brother's stick and struck the complainant on the right hand which was on the gate. After that he threw the hatchet at her. She stooped and it went over her. She sent the boy (Underwood) for the policeman.

By Mr Sharp: *She did say that she would swear her life away against him. She hit him on the right hand only and could not account for his left wrist being bruised. Her sister picked the hatchet up.*

Alice Broadhurst, sister of the defendant, said she heard the complainant twice say he would kill her sister and saw him throw the hatchet at her.

Catherine Gertrude Edwards, wife of Thomas Henry Edwards, North Street, Whitwick, gave similar evidence.

The chairman said the Bench had heard enough of the case and would dismiss it. Williamson was ordered to pay the costs 3s.

Sport

Cricket

Hugglescote Albion V Whitwick Holy Cross

At Hugglescote, on Saturday, a league match was played. J. Surman and W. Rowell did the bowling for Hugglescote, the former taking 5 wickets for 13 runs, and the latter took 4 wickets for 14 runs. B. Abell making the highest score with the bat for 14 runs. A. Twigg bowled well for Whitwick taking 5 wickets for 18 runs. Hugglescote won a poor game.

Hugglescote Albion

G. H. James	lbw	b E. Bourne	2
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B. Abell	c B. Stanyard	b A. Twigg	14
J. Surman	c Newell	b A. Twigg	6
W. Rowell		b Bourne	0
Herbert Smith	c Bourne	b Twigg	3
W. E. Fisher	run	out	4
G. Howkins	run	out	0
W. Bird		b Twigg	3
H. Weston	not	out	0
J. Jackson	run	out	7
T. Causer	lbw	b Twigg	9
Extras			7
Total			45

Whitwick Holy Cross

A. Twigg		b W. Rowell	7
B. Stanyard		b J. Surman	0
E. Bourne	c and	b J. Surman	10
L. Kane		b W. Rowell	2
J. Newell		b W. Rowell	0
J. Massey	c Abell	b J. Surman	0
B. Massey	run	out	3
T. Hull		b J. Surman	2
H. Beeson		b W. Rowell	0
B. Orton	not	out	2
C. Stanyard	c Bird	b J. Surman	1
Extras			4
Total			31

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

A very good programme is to be seen here this week again – E. J. Sheldon is a good comedian and his songs and speciality whistling have been well received. At the commencement of the week the pictures were: Episode No. 5 of the “Million Dollar Mystery” vis., “At the bottom of the sea.” Jones the butler leads the gang to believe he is moving the hiding place of the million dollars, and when they follow him, gives them a merry chase on the open sea in a motor boat. The gang is about to overhaul Jones, so he throws the box they imagine contains the money into the sea, then shoots and hits the petrol tank in the boat of his pursuers. The conspirators’ boat catches fire, the occupants are forced to jump into the sea after their clothes have finally caught fire. The petrol tank explodes, sinks the boat, and Jones manages to easily escape. “A Double Error” was a good Vitagraph comedy. Brother and sister thought to be man and wife. They meet another brother and sister. The brothers fall in love with each others sister. The double joke ends in a double engagement. “The Secret of the Air” was also good, and “Made in Germany” was an extra good comedy by B and C. For the week-end the ‘star’ picture is “Brandon’s Last Ride.” Two friends, Tom Brandon and Jim Wade are in love with the same

girl. Jim is refused because of his drinking habits. Tom is accepted. Jim leaves for the West and "makes good." Tom goes astray later and in the end Alice finds happiness as the wife of faithful Jim Wade. A good subject. A comic by Keystone, "Those Happy Days" and "Fatty" eventually carries the daughter away. "The Master Hand" is a drama by Thanhouser and a good detective subject which will please. "Tilly at a Football Match" is a good Hepworth comic. The Tilly girls would go to a football match. That they got into mischief goes without saying. Their pranks attracted more attention than the game. But the missing plum cake and the football shield were blamed on to the tramp. Then Tilly came to the rescue and, of course, no magistrate could be so hard-hearted to convict the Tillys. They both got off. They always do. Others are equally good and should be seen. Next weeks list, see advertisement columns.

Considerable alterations are being made at this theatre this week-end to enable the management to cope with the ever increasing business. The seating accommodation is being re-arranged and more seats being put in. The theatre is very comfortably arranged now, but after the alterations it will be more so. The sixpenny seats are being raised and patrons in all parts of the house will be assured of a good view of the stage and screen, and the management are sparing no expense or pains to ensure that their patrons shall have every comfort, and their efforts in this direction should be upheld by increased enthusiasm and support.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Mr Jarvis and family desire to thank all kind friends for their sympathy shown in their sad bereavement. Church Lane, Whitwick

Burials

Brotherhood – At Whitwick, on Saturday, Louisa Brotherhood, aged 80 years, of Leicester Road.

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Advertisement

Fred Gardener's Pony, "Little Billy", 5 years, none better, at Stud. 50 Leicester Road, Whitwick. Moderate charges.

66, Leicester Road, Whitwick. Saturday, May 22nd, 1915. 100 lots of furniture, late the property of Mrs Brotherhood (deceased) Sale at 2 o'clock prompt. Moore and Hiller, Auctioneer.

Coalville Police Court

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

School Case

Joseph Haywood, collier, Swannington, and Harriett Johnson, of Whitwick, were summoned for not sending their children regularly to school. Mr C. Hart, school attendance

officer, Measham, gave the facts in both cases. In the first case it was stated to be the first offence and defendant was fined 5s or seven days. Johnson was fined 5s or seven days.

Sport

Cricket

Coalville Baptist V Whitwick Holy Cross

At Coalville on May 15th. Whitwick won. Twigg took 5 wickets for 11 runs and Bourne 5 for 23. C. Price had 6 for 18 and T. Price 4 for 26.

Coalville Baptist

C. Price		b Bourne	0
W. Baker	lbw	b Twigg	22
H. Ratcliffe		b Bourne	2
Rev. W. H. Wills		b Bourne	6
J. Price	c &	b Twigg	3
A. Andrews	lbw	b Bourne	5
T. Marriott		b Twigg	1
L. Ratcliffe	c &	b Twigg	0
A. Storer	c Kane	b Twigg	0
E. Veasey		b Bourne	4
T. Price	not	out	1
Extras			3
Total			47

Whitwick Holy Cross

B. Stanyard		b C. Price	0
A. Twigg	s. Ratcliffe	b T. Price	10
E. Bourne		b C. Price	0
F. Middleton		b T. Price	0
N. Hibbert	c Andrews	b T. Price	5
P. Massey		b C. Price	13
J. Newell		b C. Price	1
J. Massey	c &	b C. Price	0
L. Kane	c T. Price	b. C. Price	9
B. Orton	c. Wills	b T. Price	6
T. Hull	not	out	0
Extras			7
Total			51

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

There has been a great improvement in the seating accommodation at this theatre and, although it was very comfortable before, it is doubly so now that the alterations have taken place. Patrons should see it now that there is increased patronage. A good programme is showing this week, and during the earlier part the chief picture was Episode 6 of the "Million Dollar Mystery," another clinking part which was much enjoyed. "Have a Cigar," and "A Joke in Jerks" were two good comics, and other films were also good. For the week-end the star picture is "A Law unto Herself," a champion drama by Rex. When Edmund Roger murdered his club friend, Rupert Levine, Andrea Dubois, Levine's fiancée, made an oath to bring the criminal to justice. She did not know that her lover had betrayed Roger's sister Elsie, which led Roger to such swift reprisals. Five years pass, when Andrea meets Roger, and plans to poison herself, fixing the crime on the man. She takes the poison, tells her story, and then learns the real truth. But the maid has changed the bottles. A slice of real life drama. "The Monkey Cabaret" is also good. A variety entertainment, complete with orchestra and number changers, is carried through in its entirety by performing monkeys. A trapeze artiste, a tight-rope walker, a weight-lifter go through their turns with comical vigour and éclat. The drummer works hardest of all. A clever little novelty film. Others are "A Mother's Way," "Pimple, Spiritualist," "A Close Call" and several others. The 'turns' are: They Maynes, vaudeville artistes, a splendid combination who have gained much applause. Theirs is a first-class act and should be seen. Cora Ray is a dainty comedienne, her songs being well received. A good artiste. Full particulars of holiday arrangements and next week's programme, see advertisement columns.

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Local Chit Chat

Owing to the War Office having imposed important and additional duties upon Capt. Stevenson, he has been compelled to resign his position as commandant of the Whitwick and Thringstone Citizen Corps, to the regret of all. Lieut. G. F. Burton has been elected commandant; Rev. M. J. O'Reilly, president, and Rev. C. Shrewsbury, vice-president.

Mr R. Sharpe, of Whitwick, has previously collected 621 eggs for wounded soldiers in hospital and the following is this week's additional list: Mr Gutteridge 12, Mr Blower 6, Bag Pipe Player 2, Miss Hunt 10, Mrs Toone 20, Mrs Wheatley 10, Mrs John Hault 25, Mrs G. Greasley 24, Mr W. Middleton 5, Mr G. McCarthy 10, Mrs T. Hull 16, Mrs G. West 12, Mr C. Beasley 10, Mr A. Middleton 10, Mr W. Higgins 10 and Miss N. Broadhurst 12.

Whitwick Postman's Record

Going to the Front again

The record of Pte. E. Hutchins, a Whitwick postman is interesting. Writing from the Soldiers Club at Hull, Hutchins says, "*I was an army reserve man when the war broke out and went out to the front. I was there for three months and was wounded in the battle of Neuve Chapelle. I killed three Germans on March 10th. I rejoined the 3rd Battalion Leicestershire Regiment on May 15th and on the 16th was passed by the doctor as fit for the front and am sailing shortly. I hope the men of Coalville will rally round and come in strength to help us bring this war to a finish. Never let it be said that you would wait till you were forced to come. Join at once and do your duty*".

Hutchins' photo was published in one of our recent issues.

Whitwick Footballer's Humour

Getting ready for the final at Berlin

Pte. Lewis Wheeldon, of the 5th Leicesters, who home is at Alma Villas, Whitwick, writing to Mr T. Irons, of the Prince of Wales Inn, Whitwick, says he is in the best of health and continues, *"We have been in the trenches for four days and have now come out for a rest. I see Whitwick lost the cup, but they will have to win it next year. A match will shortly be played in Berlin between the 5th Leicester crack shots and the German snipers. For further particulars see small bills. We are about to play in the final for Calais and I dare say before the finish a few of us will be crocked, as we are playing a rough team. We want some good men to be ready as reserves, men with plenty of pluck and dash and good shots. And we don't want pressed men, but good volunteers. There will be rum at half time and medals and tobacco issued after the match. The German's don't want us to play the final in Berlin for fear of spoiling their parks, but we shall. So if you come up now you will be able to get a place in the team for the final. The way we got into this final was by charges and good shooting. All railway expenses are paid and we will find you full kit, good food, tobacco and money, so what more do you want. So any new recruits who wish to play in the final should go to the nearest recruiting officer and he will sign them on. Remember me to S. Glover, Paddy Limb and all the old friends"*.

German Aeroplane Brought Down

What a Whitwick man saw

In a letter to Whitwick friends on May 16th, Pte. E. W. Ball, of the 5th Leicesters, says: "We are still struggling on out here and shall win in the end. I hope the end is near so that we can return to England. At the time of writing we are out of the trenches for a rest, but not for long. We can stick it better now. The weather is just right for fighting now, but it was rotten at first. I saw one of our airmen race a German the other day and fetch him down. He followed him right over his own lines and the German dropped to earth like a stone. We gave our chap a good cheer as he came back; the Germans fired at him, but he got back over our lines quite safely. It cheers us up a good deal to see anything like that. I hope the war will soon be over now and that we shall be home by August. I have been here more than three months but it seems like twice that time."

In another letter he expresses thanks for a parcel, the contents being quite a luxury out there, where everything had been looted by the Germans. "As you say," continues the writer, *"there is terrible work going on along the line, and the strain can't last much longer. The weather is hot out here now, though we had a tidy lot of rain a few days ago. It made the trenches like sludge pits. It's awful when it rains, as we can't get our clothes dry. Fred Ducker told me about the offer of Mr G. F. Burton for the first one who got the V.C. I wish I could win it, but they are not won every day. There are some splendid horses out here, thousands of them, and it makes one wonder where they all come from. I hope to see you all at Whitwick soon. If the Germans will fight fair like men and not brutes, I should not mind so much."*

Leicestershire Yeomanry Recapture their Trenches

Told by a Whitwick Soldier

Pte. Storer, a Whitwick man, in the Leicestershire Yeomanry, writing on May 17th, to friends from the front, after expressing thanks for a parcel proceeds, *"I have just come out of the trenches, for which I am thankful. We went in on the 12th and about three o'clock in the morning, they started shelling us with shrapnel, which lasted for three hours. Then they sent a few "Jack Johnsons," and after that they charged and got into our trenches, but they did not half catch a cold I can tell you, for they fell in hundreds. We had to retreat or we should not have had a man left. But in the afternoon we made a counter attack. There were only 57 of the Yeomanry numbered off under the Brigadier-Major, who led, but we got our trenches back, so they caught it again. We gave them a taste of our bayonets and they ran from us like a flock of sheep being chased by shepherd dogs. But I am sorry to say that we lost five of our squad officers, the Colonel and Major Martin, also Pte. G. Barker and Tomlinson from off the Forest. I am glad Sergt. Carter was not with us. He was behind with the horses."*

Whitwick Soldier Seeing Life

Having an enjoyable time

Writing from Hull to friends at Whitwick, Pte. Ernest Clarke, of the 3rd Leicesters, says he is in good health and enjoying the life very much. He continues: *"We are billeted in an old skating rink, about 300 of us. We are well fed. We have current duff twice a week now, whereas we never had any in camp. I have been and looked through one or two boats and saw one last week that had been mine sweeping. I have been on the pier and on Hull City's football ground. Am just beginning to see life now. There are two soldiers' homes here where we can go every Sunday for tea free. We go every Sunday morning to the swimming bath and have free rides on the trams."*

Life in the Trenches

Another interesting letter from a Whitwick man

Mr G. F. Burton, of Whitwick, has just received another interesting letter from his brother, Mr H. S. Burton, at the front. He writes:

"This is our third day here in the front line trenches. We are here four days. Things have been humming all along this line, English and French, for over a week now. (The French starts next to our battalion, we are at the end of the line).

The whole area is a sight. It is one labyrinth of trenches (real trenches with sandbag parapets, dug-outs, craters, ridges, brick-heaps, debris, and barbed wire entanglements. It is the most uninteresting spot we have yet struck. The trenches are deep and pretty safe. Some of them are German made (the Germans make excellent trenches and dug-outs). They cannot be taught much in the art of war – in fact I am afraid it is very much the other way. As one of the sapping engineers here said yesterday 'They can teach us something every day.' Their determination and thoroughness, their preparations and skill I am afraid mean making this a long job, ie., if fighting pure and simple has to finish the war. Their system and organisation for some far in advance of ours. Last Sunday we were in support

trenches some distance back while a terrific bombardment was carried out on the German lines opposite the trenches we occupied when I last wrote you. The casualty lists will tell their own tale.

The French on our right as you read made excellent progress. We heard their bombardment all last Saturday. Last night we were standing to all night and giving the Germans opposite ten rounds rapid at intervals – in the nature of a demonstration. An hour before dawn our artillery started another attack on our left – about a mile away. From our parapets we could see the line of bursting shells and explosions and flashes along the German lines. This time we had the help of some French batteries of 75's which fire stronger explosives. For an hour they gave them hell and then made the attack, which I hear has been a great success. I hear that in the last attack the Germans were found to have cemented their trenches and dug-outs. Consequently they were ready for the attack which followed the bombardment and I hear from those who actually took part in the attack, that they were literally fighting for places on the parapet to get a pop at our men and absolutely laughing and jeering at them.

However, they seem to have paid for it this morning. This spot is an area of mines and counter-mines from end to end. Have had the experience of seeing three out of the four mines explode during the last two days. The Germans were short. Our sappers found themselves working under a German mine. Their digging and voices could be heard so it was promptly decided to blow them up. This was done at dawn yesterday. We retired to our reserve trenches just behind while it happened. It was for all the world like a volcano explosion. Some of the craters here are tremendous and have to be watched by both sides as they make fine shelters for bomb throwers. Bomb throwing and rifle grenades have been going on at intervals all day. Between the lines are three dead Germans – been there since February when the last scrap for the brickfields took place. I understand there are any amount of dead bodies lying about but are hidden by long grass, debris and buried by mine explosions. Germans, English and French lie rotting out all along between the lines. I went along one of our mines yesterday – almost under the German trench. We have had no casualties so far – thanks to the excellent trenches.

We have had the usual accompaniments today – shelling and shrapnelling reserve trenches, artillery duels, aeroplane flights, sniping (chiefly German) all the time. Some of the shells seem to skim just over the top of our parapet. There is a regular staff of miners here – mainly colliers. Have just heard good news from 'up the line.' I hope it is true. I can imagine it is from what I saw this morning. I hear the Guards got through with very few casualties. It is a funny sort of Sunday evening – but then there is no difference between Sunday and any other day. It is beginning to get dark. We shall stand to arms on the parapet soon and then the long watch through the night. We get our sleep by turns in the daytime here. Last Friday (resting six miles away) we were roused up at one o'clock to march off here at an hour's notice. The language!!

One must keep strict watch here on account of them creeping up with bombs. Flares are pretty freely used at night. D Co. during the night had the good fortune to capture two German prisoners. They were engineers or working party and jumped down into our trench by mistake when our fusillade started. "Stand to!" – More later.

Monday morning – Just heard our attack was a big success and that we have taken three trenches and 3,000 prisoners and a number of guns by breaking through at two points."

Whitwick Soldier a Prisoner

Two Loaves Better than One

Mrs G. Fairbrother, of 26, School Lane, Whitwick, has received a postcard dated May 14th from her husband, Pte. G. Fairbrother, of the Leicesters, who is a prisoner of the Kriegsgefangenen-Sendung Camp, Germany. He writes: *“Just a few lines hoping you are well, as it leaves me at present. I was sorry to hear about Ghent Hall and others. I have received the parcels alright and I hope you will keep on sending them. I would like two loaves instead of a bun loaf – two loaves and a cake would be better. I would like to be at home and able to go to the pictures with you. Let them know at Coalville that I am alright as we are allowed to send only one card at a time.”*

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

There have been some good audiences attending here during the holidays, and a fine programme has been much appreciated. Another of the “Million Dollar Mystery” series was very good. It was entitled “The Doom of the Auto Bandits.” Florence is captured by the conspirators while out riding horseback, and carried off to a lonely hut in the woods. The return of the riderless horse starts Norton away to investigate. He discovers the girl and has a stiff fight with her brutal keeper, managing after a hard struggle to lay him out. The two then escape by motor-car. Other members of the gang see them and follow them in pursuit. Norton fires and punctures their tyre and puts the steering wheel out of commission. The car containing the pursuers then plunges headlong into the river, and Norton and the girl are overwhelmed at the suddenness of the tragedy. Others for the beginning of the week were, “She Married for Love,” she certainly gave the old chap a few frights. “Fighting Selina.” Selina dreams, but it takes a few buckets of cold water to make her believe things are true. “The Girl in the Tenement” was a capital drama. There are two excellent ‘turns’ which have had a rousing reception, and they are well worth all the applause they have received. The Frolics are two smart cross-talkers and patter comedians, and their witticisms have fairly ‘brought down the houses.’ They should not be missed. Dorothy Pollard is a very smart comedienne, and a fine rope dancer. She has also had a splendid reception. The ‘star’ picture for the week-end is “The Girl at the Lock,” a picturesque and pathetic drama which will appeal to Whitwick patrons. Harold Bond, a young artist, was engaged to his patron’s daughter, Geraldine Fair. One day while proceeding to Bond’s residence in a motor yacht, he encounters Elaine Strange, daughter of a deaf and dumb lock-keeper, and at once becomes deeply attracted to her, believing that he has discovered in her the model for a masterpiece which he proposes to call ‘The Girl at the Lock’. Elaine falls hopelessly in love with him though she has promised to wed Steve Hart, a young boatman. Encouraged by the taunts of Jack Case, who is in love with Geraldine Fair, the jealous fiancée cuts the picture into ribbons. This results in the engagement between Harold and Geraldine being broken, and a second picture is painted and exhibited. But alas! Elaine is once more doomed to disappointment. Harold again becomes engaged to Geraldine. Just before the wedding Elaine totters faintly to the church and falls unconscious as bride and bridegroom appear at the door. She is taken to the Bond’s home, where she is found to be in a dying condition and her father is summoned. He arrives just after she has passed away, and in a frenzy of grief bears her

from the house to his boat. Others are excellent. Next week programme see advertisement columns.

Friday June 4th 1915 (Issue 1213)

Local News

Death of a Whitwick Soldier's Baby

Coroner on Child Insurance

The Deputy-Coroner, Mr T. J. Webb, held an inquest at the office of Messrs. E. Briers and Sons, Whitwick, on Tuesday morning, touching the death of a baby, named Eileen Wardle, daughter of John T. Wardle, collier, of North Street, Whitwick.

Mr T. Kelly was foreman of the jury and Inspector Fitzsimmons, of the N.S.P.C.C., stationed at Loughborough was present. Mary Wardle, wife of John Thomas Wardle, now in Kitchener's Army, said deceased was her daughter and was six months old. Witness took the child to Dr. Jamie about two months ago and the doctor had seen her three times since, the last time being a fortnight ago. She seemed to be picking up a little. Witness went to Mrs Boot's in Silver Street, on Sunday, and the child seemed quite well until they got home in the evening, just after ten o'clock. The baby started coughing and witness sent for Mrs Boot and they sat up with the deceased all night. They would have sent for the doctor only it was so late and they deferred it, intending to send in the morning. The child died at a quarter to six on Monday morning. The medicine she received on the last visit to the doctor had all gone, but witness gave the child some cough stuff. It was called chest and lung mixture and she purchased it at a shop. Two or three days before death she noticed spots on the baby, but another child with similar appearances previously having got alright, she thought the baby would. She realised now that she ought to have sent for the doctor after the development of the spots. She did not see any harm in taking the child out after ten o'clock; she thought the fresh air would do her good. The child had always been well fed.

The Coroner: *Then why is she so thin?*

Witness: *She has been wasting away the last few weeks.*

Did you call the doctors attention to that?

He said she was wasting.

How many children have you?

Two more, aged seven and eight.

By a juror: *She had lost five children previously, all boys, the eldest being 18 months, and they were all insured. This child was also insured. There had not been an inquest on any of the others.*

By the Foreman: *She had several times had the baby out after ten o'clock, but it was well wrapped up. She moistened its lips. The child was being brought up with the bottle. Dr. R. W. Jamie said it was an under-sized, feeble child, suffering from malnutrition. It was brought to him the first time about three months ago and he advised the mother as to proper feeding. He last saw the child over a fortnight ago. About ten o'clock on Monday morning, he was informed by the mother that the child was dead. The deceased was*

emaciated and very much under-sized for a child of six months. He examined the body and found chicken-pox spots about five days old. Both chicken-pox and measles predisposed children to bronchitis and probably the child would be thus affected. Taking the child out late at night would be dangerous. On Saturday night and Sunday, the deceased would be suffering from broncho-pneumonia which an observant mother would have noticed. Apart from that chicken-pox was not a dangerous disease in a healthy child.

Mr C. Pegg (a juror): *Would it not be better for even a weakly child to be out of doors than in a habitat like that?*

The Doctor: *It was a cold night on Saturday night and the child would be better indoors. Don't you think it ought to be more difficult for anybody to insure a child like that?*

Yes, certainly.

Mr S. W. West (a juror): *Do you think the mother followed your advice as to feeding? I saw no reason to doubt that.*

Do you think there was any neglect on the part of the mother?

The Coroner said that was for the jury to decide.

Further answering the Coroner, witness said death was due to broncho-pneumonia, following chicken-pox. The Coroner said they had Mrs Boot there, but he did not know whether she could throw any further light on the case. The jury thought it unnecessary to call Mrs Boot.

Mr C. Pegg said it seemed to him that the mother was not to blame. The child apparently had no chance from the first and in a habitation like that he thought even a healthy child would stand little chance. The Coroner, reviewing the evidence, mentioned the fact that the woman had lost six children, the eldest of which was only 18 months, and in regard to the insurance of young children he said this, unfortunately, was not illegal. It might be within the memory of some of the jury that the late Bishop of Peterborough, Dr. Magee, when in the House of Lords, made a determined effort to get legalisation, whereby the securing of a premium on the death of a child would be illegal but at present it was not illegal, and so the jury could not say anything about that. It was apparently a common practice, and he was afraid it was not so much the fault of the parents as of the agents who went round trying to persuade people to insure the children. It was to be regretted, but it was a legal thing to insure a child, however young. He could not advise the jury that the mother in this case had been guilty of such neglect as would amount to manslaughter, but he thought they would all agree she acted unwisely in taking the child out so late at night and in not calling a doctor when she noticed the spots.

The jury returned a verdict of death from broncho-pneumonia, following chicken-pox and considered that the conduct of the mother was blameable in not taking sufficient care of the child while it was ill, and in not obtaining medical advice.

The woman was called into the room and the Coroner informed her that the jury had come to the conclusion that she certainly was to blame. According to your own admission, said Mr Webb, you have lost 5 other children previously and yet when this child was taken ill and had spots on it, you took no trouble at all to find out whether it was dangerous or not. It would have occurred to most people that a child in that state would have been better kept in bed, but you took it out and it was not the first time that it had been out late at night. You were doing what was certainly a risky thing. The child was very thin, but the jury don't

blame you for that because the doctor says that as far as he knows you followed his advice, but undoubtedly your conduct is blameable in not taking sufficient care of the child and not obtaining medical advice instead of leaving it till morning. I should have thought that the deaths of five other children, all at an early age, would have been a warning to you to send for a doctor as soon as possible.

Whitwick Soldier's Rapid Promotion

A Young Quartermaster Sergeant

We are pleased to hear of the rapid promotion of a Whitwick soldier, Co-Quartermaster Sergt. E. Roughton, of the 8th battalion, Leicestershire Regiment, whose home is at St. Andrew's Lodge, near the Monastery. In a recent letter to his mother he announces his promotion to Quartermaster. He is still in England but is expecting to go away soon, though he hopes to pay a visit home first.



Coalville Police Court

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

An application for an ejectment order was made by Michael McCarthy, agent, of New Swannington, against Charlotte Kenton, in respect of a tenement in Talbot Street, Whitwick.

Percy Williamson, fitter, Whitwick, applied for an ejectment order against Isaac Limb, collier, of Loughborough Road, Whitwick.

Robert B. Mann, architect, Leicester, sought the permission of the Bench to proceed against Thomas Page, collier, Whitwick, for the recovery of possession of a tenement occupied by him in Diamond Row.

Philip Neal, collier, Thringstone, Edward Bradley and John Wardle, colliers, Whitwick, were summoned by Charles Hart, school attendance officer for neglecting to send their children regularly to school.

Lucy Winfield, married, of Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on May 29th.

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

There have been some big attendances here again this week and the fine programme has been much enjoyed. The 'star' picture, the first part of the week, was Episode No. 8 of the "Million Dollar Mystery" entitled "The Wiles of a Woman." The strong friendship which has been formed between Florence and Norton eventually results in their engagement. "The Black Hundred" furious at previous failures, next turn their attention to injuring Norton, owing to the fact that he has been more or less the cause of their unsuccesses in the past. A false message to the office of his newspaper brings Norton into an unfrequented part of the town. Stepping from the taxi, Norton walks right into the trap prepared for him. That night the newspapers contain an account of his death. Norton, however, after a miraculous escape arrives at Florence's home where he is joyfully received by Florence and Jones – the butler. The Countess Olga next takes a hand. Discovering the engagement she plans to spoil the happiness of the young couple and is successful. Patrons should not miss this excellent series. "An Unplanned Elopement" was a good drama. Frank Melbourne quarrels with Dorothy, and out of spite becomes engaged to Amy Carrington. The night before he is to be married he injures his friend Courtland in a friendly wrestling bout. It comes out in the newspapers that Courtland was killed, and Amy refuses to marry him until he is cleared. Frank meets Dorothy, the only girl he ever loved. She accompanies him to the steamer, he having decided to go to Europe. She lingers too long on the boat and is carried out to sea. Frank begs her to marry him as soon as they reach Paris. She consents, and when they return to New York they find Courtland waiting for them. Others were excellent, and well-screened. The turns appearing have had a rousing reception. They are 'The Great Blanchard' a Protean character actor of no mean ability. His impersonations include General Joffre, General French, Napoleon, Wolsey, etc., all very life-like. Patrons must not miss this act. Beresford Cecil, is a smart light comedian, and he has had a good reception. He is well worth hearing. The star picture for the weekend is "Red Bird Wins" a fine racing drama. A colt is born in the stable of Colonel James Dinwidty, and his daughter Fern, names it Redbird. Two years later the Colonel is in debt and decides to make his last bet, on the two year old's first race, and writes Philip Pierpont for the loan of 100,000 dollars. Pierpont sends the money. Clive Mace and Ray Connors, who have covered most of the 100,000 dollars, put doped grain into Redbird's manger. Pierpont, however has followed them and removes the grain. The next day the Colonel's jockey is hurt and unable to enter the race. Fern, who is the only person who thoroughly understands Redbird hurries into a jockey costume and rides her father's horse to victory. The Colonel offers Redbird to Pierpont who replies, "It is not Redbird I want, but your little jockey". Another fine one is "The Loan Shark King" a film which will strongly appeal to Picture House patrons and must not be missed, with several others and some good comics. Next week's list see advertisement columns.

Sport

Cricket

Coleorton Beaumont V Whitwick

At Coleorton, on May 29th. Coleorton won easily. H. Williams bowled splendidly taking 6 wickets for 7 runs. Amos Roome made a great catch in the long field.

Whitwick

E. Bourne		b H. Williams	9
N. Hibbert	c Roome	b H. Williams	8
B. Stanyard		b G. Robinson	2
A. Twigg		b H. Williams	9
P. Massey		b H. Williams	4
G. Harris	run	out	1
J. Massey	c G. Robinson	b H. Williams	0
J. Newell	c Rowell	b Charville	0
J. Boam	run	out	0
F. Irons		b H. Williams	0
H. Beeson	not	out	1
Extras			<u>7</u>
Total			42

Coleorton Beaumont

J. T. Charville		b Bourne	7
G. Robinson		b Massey	12
W. Rowell	hit	wicket	7
J. Williams	run	out	0
H. Williams	run	out	11
A. Roome	run	out	2
W. Saddington	run	out	4
J. Richards	not	out	5
Hy. Rowell, S. Smith and J. Yates	did not bat.		
Extras			<u>7</u>
Total			55

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Burials

Wardle – At Whitwick, on Wednesday, Ellen Wardle, aged six months, of North Street.

Friday June 11th 1915 (Issue 1214)

Local News

To Let

To Let and For Sale, House and Shop with store room and large garden, known as Waverley House, Whitwick. For particulars apply Bennett, 130, Catherine Street, Leicester, or Mr Isaac, Silver Street, Whitwick.

Whitwick Soldier's Resolve

Mean to Keep the Flag Flying

A Whitwick soldier, Pte. H. Findell, writing to his sister, Mrs Howe, of Golden Row, on May 30th, says he is in the best of health and eagerly awaiting the chance to have a pop at the Germans. They are all waiting to pack up, having gone through everything a soldier could go through. He encloses a photo of a group of soldiers of his company and states that they are all married men, who have left wives and children to fight for home and freedom. He adds, "*We mean to keep the flag flying.*"

Local Chit Chat

Writing in the current issue of the "Whitwick Parish Magazine," the Vicar (the Rev. T. W. Walters) pays a tribute to the Leicestershire Yeomanry for their gallantry on Ascension Day. He says, "*Those men of Leicestershire, many of them from our own neighbourhood fought and died like heroes. Our nation's story in all times, and especially in these later days, contains many a record of wonderful deeds performed with thrilling bravery, but not one of them can show a finer spirit of self-sacrifice for honour, King and for country; or a grander determination to fight as heroes than the story of those men of the Leicestershire Yeomanry. Their splendid fight has covered their own names and that of their Regiment with imperishable glory. We sympathise deeply with those of our parish and neighbourhood who are mourning after their dear ones who are now peacefully sleeping their last sleep, still in a trench on that distant battlefield, and we give thanks to Almighty God for sparing the lives of some whom we of Whitwick know well. May he continue to keep them in his safe keeping.*"

Do You Know

That a further £2 has been sent to the Red Cross fund making £4 from the children of the Whitwick Church mixed school?

That as a result of selling badges the infants of the Whitwick Church School have been able to send £1 1s to the Red Cross Fund?

Coalville Police Court

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

School Cases

Philip Neal, collier, Thringstone, Edward Bradley and John Wardle, colliers, Whitwick, were summoned by Charles Hart, school attendance officer for neglecting to send their children regularly to school. Defendants were fined 2s 6d each.

Mrs Wardle having stated that her child was unwell, the chairman remarked that the Bench hoped the authorities would show leniency in cases where the children were known to be unwell. The children should not be compelled to go to school unless they were physically fit.

Possession Wanted

Percy Williamson, fitter, Whitwick, applied for an ejectment order against Isaac Limb, collier, of Loughborough Road, Whitwick. Mr T. H. Moore (Coalville), for the applicant said it was a case of serious overcrowding. Williamson gave evidence as to serving the necessary notices.

Defendant's wife said she wanted to get away, but they had been unable to get another house. Her husband worked at the South Leicestershire Colliery. They had had one house offered them, but it was smaller than the one they were in.

The Chairman said the Bench were reluctant to make these orders, but it was not desirable that ten people should be occupying a house with only two bedrooms. They ordered defendant to give up possession in 21 days.

An application for an ejectment order was made by Michael McCarthy, agent, of New Swannington, against Charlotte Kenton, in respect of a tenement in Talbot Street, Whitwick. Neither parties appeared and Mr Moore asked for an adjournment, but the case was struck out.

Bad Language

Lucy Winfield, married, of Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick on May 29th. P.C. Grewcock gave the facts and defendant was fined 15s or seven days.

Custody of a Whitwick Boy

Rival Claimants

Application at Coalville Police Court

At the Coalville Police Court on Friday, Mr T. H. Moore (Messrs. Crane and Moore, Coalville), on behalf of Elizabeth Ottey, widow, of Silver Street, Whitwick, made application for the variance of an affiliation order made on George Limb, collier, Whitwick, in respect of the illegitimate child of Clara Holt, single woman, Whitwick.

Mr Moore stated that by an order made on May 28th, 1909, defendant was to pay 3s per week till the child is 16, the mother, Clara Holt, being given custody of the child. The mother handed the child over to the care of Mrs Ottey when it was three weeks old and it had lived with her ever since, the boy being now six years old. Clara Holt died on May 4th and the application of Mrs Ottey was she should retain possession of the boy and reserve the payment of 3s per week from the defendant.

Elizabeth Ottey, widow, said she had possession of the child almost from birth. The mother, Clara Holt died on May 4th. Witness wanted to retain possession of the boy. She

would not part with him for the world. She brought up the child's mother. The father, George Limb, took very little notice of the boy and was about nine months in arrears with his payments.

By Mr F. Jesson (for the defendant). *Clara Holt was her niece. Witness had had the baby from when it was three weeks old. Miss Holt had a second child which witness also had. She had not been told by the Workhouse master that Limb wanted possession of the child and that he should not pay if witness retained it.*

George Limb, the defendant, said he lived with his married sister, in Green Lane, Whitwick. He had paid to the child and when Miss Holt died in the Workhouse on May 4th he went to Ashby to see the Workhouse master to enquire where the child was. That was Miss Holt's first child. He was not the father of the second. He was in the army until the commencement of the year but was dismissed because of bad eyesight. He was now earning 50s a week at the South Leicester Colliery.

By Mr Moore: *He knew the child was in Whitwick, but he went to the Workhouse to claim it because the child was born there. He wanted to keep the boy himself.*

Mr Jesson held that if the mother of the child gave it into the custody of Mrs Ottey that arrangement did not hold good in law now that the mother was dead. The application must fail and if necessary he should make a further application to the Bench for the child to be restored to the father. He was willing to pay Mrs Ottey all arrears.

Mr Moore said his client had had the boy practically from birth and it was a cruel and heartless application to want to take him from her. Mrs Ottey, re-called, said there had not been a night that the child had been from under her roof.

The boy, a smart-looking little fellow, nicely dressed was brought into the court for the Bench to see. The chairman said the magistrates were satisfied that the interests of the boy had been well looked after by Mrs Ottey and they made an order giving her the custody of the child and they hoped that the defendant would pay up the arrears like a man.

The old lady, Mrs Ottey, on being informed that she was to keep the boy and the defendant pay her 3s a week, replied, "*Thank you, gentlemen.*" In tears, she added, "*It would break my heart to have him taken away.*"

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

Episode XI of the "Million Dollar Mystery" was the 'star' picture at the commencement of the week. Florence is kidnapped whilst out shopping by the conspirators, who produce forged documents to satisfy the police that the girl is insane. She is placed on board the Atlantic liner closely guarded. After being at sea for a while, the guard is relaxed and when the opportunity comes Florence dives into the sea. She is picked up by fishermen some hours later unconscious, her memory and speech gone. Florence is taken home by the toilers of the deep to a small out of the way seaside village. "The Peacemaker" was a very good piece and very amusing. By a bit of scheming old Lund brings together two lovers

who have quarrelled. Others were good. The turns are T. E. Johnstone, a high-class actor-vocalist who has had a very good reception for his splendidly rendered numbers. His song on "Waterloo" was a good one and the scenic effects excellent. Irene Loraine, comedienne and dancer, is also a good 'turn' and her songs and dances are given in a very dainty and pleasing manner. She has received much applause. Both these artistes should not be missed during the weekend. The chief picture for the weekend is "The Stolen Yacht." Carroll puts in to the Fulton's shipyard for repairs. Here his little daughter, Miriam, meets the shipbuilder's boy, Frank. Fifteen years later Frank is at technical college and Miriam is studying at a fashionable university. They meet and fall in love. Fulton calls Frank home, as Alexander, a rival, is taking away a considerable amount of his business through underhand means. Frank's hobby is motor boats, and, suspecting crooked work on the part of Alexander, he uses his boat on some detective work. He discovers that Alexander is the victim of revolutionary agents, who, to smuggle ammunition into their country, have planned to steal Carroll's yacht. Carroll refuses to heed Frank's warning, and Miriam is carried away when it is stolen. Frank pursues the conspirators in his motor boat, carrying Fulton and Carroll, and wins Carroll's approval of the match by capturing the plotters and rescuing the girl he loves. "The House of Silence"; "His Dominant Passion"; with numerous others are all good and should be seen. Next week's list see advertisement columns.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Burials

Price – At Whitwick, on Saturday, Thomas Leslie Price, aged 19 years, of Hermitage Road.

Hurst – At Whitwick, on Wednesday, Elizabeth Hurst, aged 53, of Talbot Street.

Ashurst – At Whitwick, on Wednesday, Alice Linnie Ashurst, aged 20 years, of Church Lane.

Friday June 18th 1915 (Issue 1215)

Local News

Accident

Mrs Dowell, an old lady, 78 years of age residing in North Street, had the misfortune to fall and break her leg on Wednesday night.

Whitwick Soldier Killed

Brother of Citizen Corps Commander

Official intimation from the War Office was received by Mr G. F. Burton (Commander of the Whitwick and Thringstone Citizen Corps) on Wednesday morning, that his brother, Lance-Corpl. H. S. Burton, had been killed in action. The deceased soldier had recently written some splendid letters to his brother. He was a schoolmaster in London and volunteered soon after the outbreak of war. Further particulars and a photograph will appear in our next issue.

Local Chit Chat

Miss E. M. Hunt (Whitwick) informs us that the following amounts have been received for the National Sailors' Society: Miss Edith Jarvis 8s; Miss Annie Taylor 2s 6d; Miss Beatrice Rawson 2s 4d; Miss Mary Tugby 1s 7d.

Last weekend two former residents of Whitwick, who emigrated to Canada some years ago were on a visit to their native place. They were Corpl. John Tompkins and Pte. Arthur Tompkins who have arrived from Winnipeg with the Canadian contingent now in England, and another brother, Joseph, is expected to join them shortly. They are sons of Mr Tompkins, who formerly carried on the business of a builder in Whitwick and have been working at their trade in Winnipeg. Another son of Mr Tompkins, making four now serving in the army, is Pte. George Tompkins, of the 1st Leicesters, who has been wounded at the front and is now in hospital. The men from Canada are looking extremely well, typical colonials, and they informed the writer that Canada is most loyal to the Empire and there is quite a keenness among the young fellows to enlist.

The Whitwick and Thringstone Citizen Corps paraded on Sunday morning and attended service at the Whitwick Primitive Methodist Church, where the Rev. W. H. Whiting preached an appropriate sermon.

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

Good audiences are attending this theatre again this week and a good programme is provided, including two good 'turns'; Bert Honrick, a comedian of the first order, who has had a fine reception, and Lucie Prinella, "The Minstrel Girl" in a refined act, which has been loudly applauded. Both should be seen during the weekend. The star picture for the first half week was Episode 10 of the "Million Dollar Mystery." The whereabouts of Florence becomes known to the "The Black Hundred" and Braine makes an attempt to obtain possession of the girl. At first he is unsuccessful, but finally succeeds and carries her off to sea in a yacht, which is chased by the fisher folk in vain. Eventually, the yacht catches fire, and the passengers and crew are taken off by a sailing vessel. Florence's reason is restored by unexpectedly meeting Norton. The reporter had become too troublesome over his sweetheart's disappearance, so the gang kidnap him and put him aboard the sailing vessel. When land is reached the reporter scores again, and he and Florence escape by a clever ruse. Others were good. For the weekend the chief one is "The Blood Ruby," an excellent Vitagraph featuring Maurice Costello. Sent out West to the ranch of wealthy James Warner, to make a man of himself, Hugh Barton, a reckless young fellow, sinks back into his old habits and schemes Grotz, a crooked jeweller, to secure an almost priceless blood ruby, set in a ring belonging to Warner. The crook makes a clever imitation of the stone, they get Warner intoxicated and Hugh steals the ring. He then places the imitation jewel in the coat of Bob Carr, Warner' foreman. When the imitation ring is found on Carr, he is accused of robbery, convicted and sent to prison. Dr. Von Rutter, a philanthropist, becomes interested in Carr's case, refuses to believe him guilty and takes charge of Carr's motherless child. Meanwhile, Hugh and Grotz sell the genuine ruby to Heinrich Von Rutten, a collector of precious stones not knowing the latter is a nephew of the Doctor. Grotz and Hugh then set up a fake mining promoting business in New York,

meets the Doctor who tells him the ring he is now wearing and which was found in Carr's pocket, is a false one. The case is investigated and Carr's sentence reduced for good behaviour. Heinrich, meantime, comes to visit the doctor, and there meets Carr, who has been released. Both recognise the genuine ruby on Heinrich's finger, Warner is sent for, and through Heinrich, the two rascals, Hugh and Grotz, are located and arrested. Grotz "squeals" on Hugh, signs a confession and the pair are allowed to go on condition they leave America at once. Carr is left happy in the love of his child and the steadfast friendship of those who helped him in time of trouble. Others are excellent. Next week's list see advertisement columns.

Sport

Cricket

Whitwick Holy Cross V Ibstock Ivanhoe

At Whitwick on Saturday, Holy Cross again did well securing a good win. F. Middleton batted well for 44 not out, also S. Briers, 14. J. Massey bowled well taking 4 for 19. For the visitors E. Forknall got 24 runs.

Friday June 25th 1915 (Issue 1216)

Local News

Gifts to Whitwick Yeomanry

Letter of Thanks

Mrs L. Cramp, of St. Joseph's Cottage, Coalville, has received the following letter from one of the Whitwick troop of the Leicestershire Yeomanry.

Dear Mrs Cramp, I am now writing to thank you on behalf of the Whitwick Troop for the many parcels and good things that we have received from you since we have been in France. We received the parcels on Monday, May 24th, two of us went to carry them; the sight of them made us think of the good old Forest and the kind friends that have so willingly given towards buying them. I shall be pleased when the time comes that I shall be able to thank you personally, if God spares me.

The only thing that we regret is so many of them that shared out of the parcels are not here to have their share of these. They fought nobly and died a brave death, and I don't think they shamed the name of their regiment. Should opportunity present itself, we shall only be too anxious to try and revenge their deaths. I must close, once again thanking you for the good things that we have received.

Yours sincerely

Trooper A. Page
L-Corpl. J. Wheatley
Sergt. J. H. Carter

France

Whitwick Egg Collection

Mr R. Sharp, of 106, Silver Street, Whitwick, reports the following further results of his egg collection for wounded soldiers:

Previously Acknowledged	838
Mrs J. H. Robinson	45
Mrs W. T. Hull	24
Mrs T. Carter	20
Mrs J. Green	20
Mr R. Sharp	20
Mr Dan Ottey	9
Mr Dennis Ottey	9
Miss N. Birkitt	9
Mr O. Burton	9
Mrs W. Smith	6
Mrs F. Baxter	5
Mr Hoult	5
Mr Green	5

Blaze at Temple Wood

On Sunday evening, about 5.30, a fire was discovered in the undergrowth at Temple Wood, a picturesque spot overlooking Whitwick and Gracedieu. The services of the Urban District Council Fire Brigade were requisitioned. Water was obtained from hydrants and the outbreak quelled with the assistance of many villagers. The fire is supposed to have been caused by children setting the dry fern and dead leaves alight. Fortunately there was an absence of wind and the flames were prevented reaching the firs, but a large space of undergrowth was destroyed. About 30 years ago the same wood was destroyed by fire. The beautiful retreat derives its name from the temple erected by the De Lisle family to Lieutenant De Lisle, who gained the V.C. in the Indian Mutiny.

“Call It A Draw”

A Leicestershire Ode to the Kaiser

(By a Whitwick Trooper)

The following lines were composed by Trooper L. Rollinson, of the C Squad, Leicestershire Yeomanry, whose home is at Onebarrow, Whitwick, and who before the outbreak of war, was employed at the Monastery.

*Make it a draw, Mister Kaiser, by gum,
But you have got a cheek;
Pray, what do you take us for –
A team that is fagged and weak?*

The match won't be drawn or abandoned,

*Till we've marched through the streets of Berlin,
A draw! Mister Kaiser, - now, now, mon,
Let me tell you our chaps mean to win.*

*Our team, as you know is a scratch one,
We've picked them up here and there;
But you'll find every chap that we've signed on
Knows how for the goal posts to steer*

*You've prayed for 'The Day' and you've got it:
You've boasted 'The Day' and it's here;
And you'll find when the game is all over,
That the map of your country looks queer.*

*We're playing the game that you asked for,
The winners are your team or mine;
And to call it a draw fairly caps me,
For the whistle's not yet blown half-time.*

*You kicked off before we were ready,
Your forwards kept running off-side,
We appealed when you rushed into Belgium
'Gainst foul play that we cannot abide.*

*You managed to kick towards Paris.
And no doubt you thought that you'd score;
But you found that our backs were quite ready
And your forwards were lain on the floor.*

*Now, we are dribbling, screwing and heading
And driving you back bit by bit;
Our team are now finding their stride, mon
And soon from the field you must flit.*

*"Make it a draw!" mon, you're joking
Ask the Tommies and Jacks now afloat
And they'll tell you they'll not budge an inch, mon
Or go back on the paper they wrote.*

*So buck up, and fight to a finish,
Pack your goal, if you can, in Berlin,
But you'll find when you've done all you can do
That old England is certain to win.*

*Get up from your knee, Mister Kaiser
Don't cant about kultur and God;
We've a penalty kick up against you,
For the women you've put 'neath the sod.*

We've another for children you've trod on

*And one for Termonde and Louvain;
Still one more for the foul against Belgium
And I'll bet you we shan't shoot in vain.*

*And when the game's over and done with,
And you've got a big bill to pay,
I'll bet you will earnestly wish, mon
That you'd never toasted 'The Day'.*

Former Whitwick School Teacher

Killed While Attending a Wounded Soldier

As briefly intimated in our last issue, Lance-Corporal H. S. Burton, brother of Mr G. F. Burton, commander of the Whitwick and Thringstone Citizen Corps, was killed in action on May 25th or 26th.

The official news from the War Office was received by Mr Burton on Wednesday in last week.

Prior to that a letter had been received from C.-Quartermaster Gardner, dated June 9th in which he stated: *"I am sorry to have to inform you that your friend L-Corpl. H. S. Burton was killed in action on May 25th or 26th whilst attacking the Germans. Fortunately, the trenches taken were held but the losses were heavy. Please accept my sincere sympathy."*

Another account says that the fatal shell badly wounded five or six of deceased's chums.

L.-Corpl. H. S. Burton was born at Whitwick, being the youngest son of the late Mr George Burton. He started as a monitor at the Whitwick Church School on July 5th, 1883, and commenced as a pupil teacher at the same school on November 3rd, 1891. Afterwards he held a teaching appointment at Hucknall Torkard, and he later entered King's College, Strand, of which he became an associate when he received the cap and gown. Before the war broke out he was assistant master at the Clapham School under the London County Council, a position he had held for 20 years. During this time he had served in the London volunteers and in September last he joined the first 23rd London Regiment, in which he became lance-corporal and French interpreter. He had travelled considerably in France and Germany and knew both languages well.

While in the trenches he wrote some most graphic and interesting letters to his brother, Mr G. F. Burton, some of which we were privileged to publish in these columns.

Mr F. J. Lovell, the head master of the Clapham school, writing to Mr G. F. Burton, says, *"He was a big-hearted man, who will be much missed and regretted here; a good colleague, and as unselfish as he was courageous."* His brother in London writing from information received from those who were in the same fight, and who have returned wounded says: *"Sidney stopped to bind up a wounded soldier, and was killed by shrapnel whilst in the act."*



Whitwick Soldier's Last Letter

Reported Killed After Five Weeks in France

News has, unfortunately, been received of the death of Pte. Ernest Tugby, of the D Company, 1st Battalion Leicestershire Regiment, within five weeks of his landing in France. He was 21 years of age.

A letter dated June 7th from an officer has been forwarded to Tugby's parents who reside at Leicester Road, Whitwick, stating that on that date he was killed in action by a shell. Death was quite painless and instantaneous. *"During the time he was with us,"* said the writer, *"he always did his work well, was cheerful and popular with his comrades. Please accept my deepest sympathy."*

The bereaved parents have written to the War Office for official confirmation but at the time of our inquiry this had not been received.

The last letter written by Tugby was one to his father dated May 26th. Having acknowledged a letter and gift with which he said he was very pleased, he says: *"I shall never forget receiving it. I got it in the middle of a heavy shelling. We were working in the open digging, and our artillery had been letting them have it, when they opened fire on us. One shell burst close to us, but did no damage, just catching three of our chaps but not hurting them much. My word, dad, you wouldn't believe with what a force they explode and the heat from them is terrific. The officer had just told us that they were going to bombard and that if they fell close, we were to run for cover. And we took him at his word. We were laughing and talking together and all at once we heard something come screaming through the air – (you would be surprised to hear them coming, but it's true) – and someone shouted 'Look up.' Some ran, but I took an old soldier's advice and dropped down flat, and as soon as it had gone off, I got up and ran for cover. I don't think I ever ran so fast in my life before. Taking it on the whole it is not so bad. We have 2 hours in the day and two in the night digging to make the cover more secure. The country is a sight. It is all cut up and it is that hot in the day time that you sweat doing nothing. At the back of our trench we hear a cuckoo every morning and it makes us wonder if there is a war on, till boom, then you know, because your head is between your knees very quickly. It is terrible when they start shelling. It shakes the earth. There is a village behind our lines which is often shelled and the people are still there. At the time of writing this, I am in the trenches, but we come out tonight (Tuesday) for a rest. The regiment on our right lost about 30 men*

last night. It was just like hell let loose. I shall remember Whitsuntide. Many a man turned his eyes towards England yesterday and thought of the young chaps enjoying themselves with the girls, but that's all they are fit for, not to take a man's part. Thank God I am doing my part and if I have got to go under, I shall do it with a good heart. You can take it from me that our airmen are marvellous. They earn the V.C. every time they go up; they simply know no fear. It will make a bit of difference with Italy starting, but we have not won yet. But we are going to win. The food we get in the trenches is a lot better than what we used to get at Portsmouth."

Tugby, writing to other friends in a letter dated May 6th, stated that he had arrived in France after a rough passage. He continued: *"It was a sight to see the waves. They seemed as big as the ships. There were four or five other regiments besides ours. To hear them talk here you would die of laughing. I am sure I shall never understand them as long as I live. There are some fine sights here and it is beginning to look something like a war now. It is jolly hot too, but on the whole there is nothing to grumble at. The food is not bad and there is enough of it. I don't expect I shall be here long, as we shall have to be getting a bit nearer the front. I will let you know when I have been in the firing line. I will catch one of the bombs and send you one if it won't go off. We are only allowed a letter a day, so I shall not be able to write to you every week, but I will write when I can."*



Local Chit Chat

The treasurer of the Leicester Royal Infirmary acknowledges with thanks the receipt of 10s from the Whitwick Colliery Workmen's deputation.

Do You Know

That a memorial service for local men who have fallen in the war is to be held at Whitwick Parish Church next Sunday morning?

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

There is a strong programme of pictures here this week, and good audiences are attending the theatre, showing much appreciation of the numerous subjects. The chief piece at the beginning of the week was episode eleven of the "Million Dollar Mystery."

Countess Olga is notified that Florence and Norton have escaped and coming to meet them she again pretends friendship and listens to their adventures. The train they are travellers in meets with disaster, and all three are rendered unconscious. One of the gang makes off with Florence. Norton, after recovering, helps the Countess, and then begins to search for Florence. He walks right into an ambush and the gang prepare to get rid of him for ever. Florence escapes from the hut where she has been imprisoned, and saves the reporter. They are chased by the gang, but help arrives whilst Norton is fighting desperately for his own and his sweetheart's life. Kidd Love, the American coloured artiste has had a fine reception fairly "bringing down the house." He was loudly applauded for his speciality mat dancing. He should not be missed by week-end patrons. An artiste of the highest order. The 'star' picture for the latter half of the week is "Anne of the Mines" a champion mining subject, with a strong love story running all through. Others are excellent. Next week's list see advertisement columns.

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Local News

Memorial Service at Whitwick Church

For Two Local Men Killed in Action

An Impressive Sermon

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

The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. T. W. Walters, M.A.), who preached an impressive sermon, from the text St. John 11c. 32v. "Lord, if Thou hadst been here my brother had not died." He said they had come together that morning, not for the first time, to keep in remembrance some of the men who had fallen in the war now raging on the Continent. Since they met together there before two things had happened. First of all they had witnessed the huge casualty lists published daily. At first they were small and came only rarely, but when the lists came as they had been doing during the past four or five weeks, they began to realise the greatness of the fight in which they were engaged. And part as a result of the publication of those casualty lists and as a result of the cry of the men who are fighting for us in France and in Flanders, the nation, the empire was awakening. During the past few days they had witnessed, as it were, the stirring of a mighty giant and knew that they would soon see it fully awake and using its great power to the fullest extent. Alongside this mighty empire of ours during the last 44 years, ever since the close of the last Continental war in 1871, they had witnessed growth and development

in men and in power of another great empire which had become so powerful in the centre of Europe that it had persuaded itself that it could easily master the other mighty empire that existed alongside it – the British empire. And it was more easily for it to persuade itself of that because it thought that the British Empire had fallen asleep. We never suspected that the German empire was making such preparations and were preparing such instruments of war to be levelled against us and at last the day came. The day that had been toasted and which the enemy had been praying for arrived, and war was declared. Yet we went about for weeks and months in a false sense of security. Now the nation was realising that unless something wonderful could be done in the way of supplying our men with the munitions they require, something awful would happen to this island home of ours. We were living today in the most critical days since the year 1066, the time of the Norman Conquest, when a hostile force landed near Hastings and took this island from the English. In less than ten years the Normans spread over the land and got a bull from the Pope declaring that it was illegal to place in high positions in the church of this land any man who could be proved to be an Englishman. He must be a foreigner, a man who had come with conquering armies from Normandy, and if the Germans came to England in these days – if it would be very much the same. We should lose everything and the vast majority would lose their lives also. Foreigners would fill all the leading professions, take all positions of trust, and we should be trodden underfoot and become the serfs of the land as our forefathers were the serfs of the Normans for a few centuries after the last invasion and conquest of this island. The people were beginning to realise that and so this great giant, the mighty British Empire was moving itself. Every man who was worth calling a man was saying that there was not going to be another invasion of this island, and if they could not go out to fight on the battlefield they were fighting in the great industrial army at home. When they looked at the vastness of the war they could not realise it. During the whole of the 19th century it was estimated that the wars in Europe cost four thousand million pounds, but this amount would soon be put in the shade by cost of the present war. If they went on at the present rate, in 12 months from now, this war would have cost the British people no less than one thousand, one hundred million pounds. All the wars of the 19th century only cost a little over three times that amount. This war was also taking men at a terrific rate. Already Great Britain had lost five times as many officers and seven times as many men as were lost during the whole of the Boer war, and, apparently, they were only at the beginning. They could not say how long it was going to last. They asked themselves what was the cause of it? The answer was not Christianity: not anything that is good, but the ambition – that was the sole word that could describe it – the ambition of a man, or a small class of men in Central Europe. It seemed a shame and the blackest crime in history that one man, or one man with a few supporters, should have such immense and awful power that they could plunge not only their own country but the whole world in such an awful state as this.

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So he was pleased that a large number had gone from Whitwick and more would go he felt sure. But two who were from Whitwick had gone to their long lost home. Both were well known in Whitwick. They were both scholars in the church school, and one was apprenticed to the teaching profession in their school. He was working in London when the war broke out and being touched as hundreds of thousands had been touched, he offered his services for his country, was sent out to France, and there in that glorious company of thousands who had fallen, he fell, and now lay buried in a foreign land. The other was much younger, just over 21 years of age. He landed in France on his 21st birthday. Little

did I think, continued the preacher, when I spoke to him in April last in Leicester Road, as I wished him goodbye, that that would be the last time that I should speak to him. He was a member of our men's service here and on the 28th of last month, he wrote me a very beautiful letter. I thought I would just read you a line or two from the letter I received. He said, 'I am sorry if I am wasting your time but I must say a word about the Sunday services. As there are five Sundays in this month I expect you will have a mixed one – he referred to the combined service on every fifth Sunday – When I was in civil life I used to think they were grand, but now that I am in the army and away from home I think of these services Sunday after Sunday with loving memories, and as circumstances will not permit me to be with you in person on these afternoons, I am with you in mind.' And then he goes on to ask me if I will send him a prayer book and report of the men's service. These things were being parcelled up to send to him when the news came that he had been killed. On June 7th, a Monday, a shell came and burst near him and he was killed instantaneously. And so, Ernest Tugby goes in the glorious company of thousands more buried in a foreign land, along with another brother from this parish, Lance-Corporal H. S. Burton, who was killed when doing

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Local Chit Chat

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

Singular Accident at Whitwick Station

Man Falls onto the Platform

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

Whitwick Wake

The Sharing-Up Clubs

Whitwick is one of the parishes where that ancient institution – the annual wake – is still observed, and the event has taken place as usual this week, though on account of the war

and serious times in which we are living, it was short of one or two of its usually prominent features. Time was when there was a large procession of members and friendly societies and a service at the parish church, and though these have not been held for the last two or three years, the customary feasts have been maintained, but this year the dinners were mostly dispensed with, only one being held.

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

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

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

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

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

Whitwick Brickyard to be Closed

Men Under Notice

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

The manager, Mr Walter Lindley, J.P., informs us that the works will be kept in order to be opened again as soon as the circumstances are favourable. For some months the men have been working short time and the management feel that the step they have taken will be to the interests of the men and all concerned. It is not anticipated that any of the men

will be thrown out of employment, since there is such a demand for workmen just now and most of them are being taken on in the mines.

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

Whitwick Soldier Wounded

Fought at Neuve Chapelle

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



Coalville Police Court

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

Applications

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

School Case

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

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

Sport

Cricket

Whitwick Holy Cross V Coalville Baptist

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

Coalville Baptist

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

Whitwick Holy Cross

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

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

Football

Coalville Football League

Many Members Playing the Greater Game

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

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

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Death of Mrs Hood

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

Deaths

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

Burials

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

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Ashby Board of Guardians

Whitwick Man's Accident

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Local News

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

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

Accident at Whitwick Colliery

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

Coalville Urban District Council

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

Water Supply

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

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

Medical Officer's Report

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

period 45 births were registered, consisting of 28 males and 17 females, giving a birth-rate of 29 per 1,000.

Surveyor's Department

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

A Widow's Difficulty

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

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

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

The Surveyor: *The house is distinctly dangerous.*

Mr McCarthy's resolution was carried.

Coalville Police Court

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

Banker at Whitwick

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

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

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

Bad Language

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

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

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

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

Friday July 16th 1915 (Issue 1219)

Local News

Re William Jesson Gough Deceased

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

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

Baptist Chapel

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

Imperial F.C. Dinner

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

Sport

Cricket

Whitwick Holy Cross V Bagworth

At Whitwick on Saturday. Bagworth won.

Whitwick Holy Cross

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

Bagworth

E. Bancroft	run	out	0
J. Wesson	c A. Hull	b Twigg	0
H. Percival		b Massey	0

P. Pearson	not	out	35
G. H. Ball		b Massey	2
G. Mills		b Briers	1
J. Boulton	c Harris	b Hawkins	3
J. Insley	not	out	10
Rev. Badham, J. Wallbank and H. Bancroft did not bat			
Extras			<u>9</u>
Total (for 6 wickets)			60

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

This theatre has another very good programme this week, and there have been good audiences who have shown their appreciation of the items by much applause. There are two excellent 'turns' in addition to the fine picture list; these are Dolly Lyndo, in comedy songs and impressions, a smart artiste whose songs in character and witticisms "brought down the house." She should not be missed. Bert Lund, in a novel act at the piano, is also first-class, his imitations on the instrument being very good and finely executed. Both the above should be seen during the week-end. Episode 14 of the "Million Dollar Mystery" was the chief picture at the commencement of the week and following is a short resume: A daring plan to have Florence Gray and Jones arrested as counterfeiters by the police, is on foot. Norton accidentally discovers the plot by seeing Florence Gray's name on the blotting pad in a hotel writing room. Arrangements are made with the police to allow the plan to succeed, in the hope of finally capturing the whole gang. Everything goes well until some of the conspirators discover the presence of the police officers and give the alarm. Norton calls for police reserves, and when these arrive the reporter batters to door down leading to the secret room of "The Black Hundred." Just as the police enter the last conspirator disappears through a trap door, by which means all escape. A very good part. Others were excellent. For the week-end the chief one is "The Trail Breakers" a fine drama by the Bison Co. Roselli's daughter Marie is loved by his secretary Clifford. Clifford goes to manage a rival concern of railroad builders. Roselli visits the spot and Marie follows. Hard words are spoken and the Indians are involved. There is a fight between men on a swiftly moving train and others on horseback. Reconciliation follows. This should be seen. Next week there is another good programme, full particulars of which may be seen in our advertisement columns.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Whitwick Man's Death in Canada

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

Mr Yearby was only 26 years of age and was single. He left Whitwick about five years ago and was in Nanaimo for some time with a relative he went out with, but for the last two

years he had been residing at Burmis, Alberta, where he was working at his trade as a collier. The letter from Mr C. Wilkes states he died on June 5th from pneumonia.



Friday July 23rd 1915 (Issue 1220)

Local News

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

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

Accident to a Schoolboy

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

Coalville Police Court

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

Whitwick Woman and the Hammer

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

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

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

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

Fined 15s or seven days.

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

Dangerous Driving

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

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

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

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

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

Absentee

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

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

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

Patrons are well catered for here again this week and besides a strong list of films, there is an excellent variety turn, viz., The Musical Alzenus, a clever and up-to-date show. The specialities and electrical effects are very good, and the show all through is one worthy of the best patronage. They have received quite an ovation at Whitwick. They should not be missed during the remainder of their stay. Episode 15 of the "Million Dollar Mystery" was the chief picture at the beginning of the week, and this proved to be a very interesting part, being keenly watched by those who are following this excellent serial. "A Page from Life" is also very good and is the 'star' for the week-end, and this is supported by a very strong list of other films. Next week, No. 16 of the "Million Dollar Mystery", viz "Drawn into the Quicksands" a good piece. Fred Hunt, the original comedian; and Cissie Nadene, dainty comedienne, are the "turns" announced. For the week-end "The Confession" is the chief film, and is a Hepworth film worth seeing. Full particulars may be seen in our advertisement columns.

Friday July 30th 1915 (Issue 1221)

Local News

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

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

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

Whitwick Trooper in Hospital

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

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

Do You Know

That next Wednesday is the first anniversary of the war?

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

Coalville Police Court

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

Educational

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

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

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

Bad Language

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

Court Proceeding

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

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

Absentees

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

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

There have been some good houses here this week again, and the programme is well worth seeing. The 'turns' have had a good reception and they are: Fred Hunt, the original

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

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

Friday August 6th 1915 (Issue 1222)

Local News

The Whitwick Ward has been divided into six districts and the work and distribution and collection of the papers has here been undertaken by Misses. F. West and Carr; Misses Henson and Amy Henson; Messrs. J. T. Briers and F. Ducker; J. W. Eagles and A. Pegg; John Pegg and George West, and F. E. Needham and S. Turner.

The papers will be delivered between the 9th and 14th inst., and must be filled up by the 15th, all persons between the ages of 16 to 65 years, being required to sign the forms which will be called for on the 16th to the 18th. The enumerators are sworn to secrecy and if they communicate without lawful authority any information acquired from the forms, they are liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months or a fine not exceeding £20, or both. The Coalville Urban Council have appointed a sub-committee to carry out all the necessary details, consisting of Messrs. W. Fellows and S. Armson (Hugglescote), A. Lockwood and C. W. Brown (Coalville) and M. McCarthy and T. Kelly (Whitwick).

Whitwick Boy Drowned

While Catching Fish on Sunday Afternoon

Inquest

The deputy-coroner for North Leicestershire, Mr T. J. Webb, held an inquest at the Whitwick Institute on Tuesday morning, touching the death of Harry Pares Chappell, aged 8 years, of the City of Dan, Whitwick, who was drowned in a pond on Holly Hayes Farm, on Sunday afternoon.

Emma Chappell, single, residing in the City of Dan said the deceased was her son and would have been nine next birthday. Witness sent him to school on Sunday afternoon, he came back and said there was no school. Before he went out she gave him a flag, but took it off the cane so he should not wave it as it was Sunday. He put the flag in his pocket and carried the cane in his hand. That was the last witness saw of him. He had not been in the habit of going there. She did not think he knew where it was, but was taken there by others. The boy was not subject to fits and was in good health.

John Brotherhood, aged 10, of Leicester Road, Whitwick, stated that on Sunday afternoon the deceased, two boys named Richards and Newman and himself, went to the fish pond. Chappell had a cane in his hand and he got through the wires round the pond. He lay down and leaned right over the edge of the pond facing the water and poked it with his stick. He tried to catch hold of a fish, but the fish slipped out of his hand and he fell in head first. He came up and his head came out of the water and then he went down again, backwards. Witness did not see him again. He ran and told Mr Berrington's son. Deceased was the only one inside the wire fence when he fell into the water and no one touched him.

Several jurors remarked that the boy had given his evidence very well.

The Coroner said he did not think it necessary to call another of the boys, who was only seven years old. He could not tell them any more.

John Joseph Clarke, yard foreman at the stone quarries, residing in Leicester Road, stated that he was in Holly Hayes Wood about 3.45 and heard of a boy being in the pond. He assisted in dragging and found the body at 4.35, in about 6 feet of water and about 6 feet from the side. The pond was paved around the edge with stones and was also guarded by a wire fence.

By Mr S. W. West (foreman): *There was a cart road to Mr Berrington's house but it was private and the boys would be on trespass. There were small fishes in the pond.*

The Coroner said they had Mr Berrington there, but he could only say that he was fetched and could not see anyone in the water. The jury did not think it necessary to call him.

The Coroner said there was no doubt that the boy had been in the water for over an hour when the body was recovered. Water and fishing always had an attraction for boys and as this boy seemed to be more venturesome than the rest this unfortunate accident occurred. It was a pity that there happened to be no Sunday School that afternoon or the boy might have been alive now.

The foreman said it was a sad accident and he did not think anyone was to blame. There was no doubt that he was a somewhat venturesome boy. The verdict was "Drowned by

misadventure in the fish pond on Holly Hayes Farm." P.C. Grewcock acted as the Coroner's officer.

Whitwick and Thringstone Citizen Corps

Sunday August 8th: Company drill at Headquarters at 10.30 am. Sunday Evening – Memorial Service, Company will assemble at Headquarters at 5.45 sharp and march to Thringstone Church for Memorial Service to the late Private Hall, killed in action.

Do You Know

That about 50 boy scouts from Leicester are in camp on Mr H. Hewe's farm at Whitwick?

That a great patriotic meeting is to be held at the Whitwick Picture Palace next Thursday night?

Coalville Urban District Council

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

Plans: New Factory at Whitwick

The following plans were recommended for approval; Stable and coach house, Park Road, Coalville, for Mr M. McCarthy; two cottages, Donington, for Messrs. Davenport and Parker; Factory, North Street, Whitwick, for Mr G. F. Burton; and extension to factory, Mantle Lane, Coalville, for Messrs. R. Walker and Sons.

Mr Farmer, moving the adoption of the report said they were pleased to notice the proposed extension of a Coalville factory and the building of a new factory at Whitwick, which they hoped would be for the benefit of the district generally. Mr McCarthy said they were delighted to have this new factory at Whitwick, which, with the machinery, would cost between £4,000 and £5,000, and ground was reserved to make it double the size. He was sure they were much indebted to Mr G. F. Burton, a Whitwick man, bred and born, for having financed the building. A company of very high standing were finding the machinery. Mr Burton was prepared to build another factory in Whitwick for the manufacture of boots and shoes if a firm could be found to take it up. The report was adopted.

Surveyor's Report

The Surveyor was authorised to serve a statutory notice in a Whitwick case of bad drainage. He reported Messrs. Moseley Bros. for an alleged breach of the Cowsheds Order, having reference to accumulations of manure. They had now lime washed the sheds. Mr McCarthy said plenty of farmers had accumulations of manure. The surveyor said this was a bad case. On the motion of Mr Griffin it was referred to the Highways Committee.

The surveyor reported that the Whitwick lodging house returns were 562 for last month against 631 the previous month and 801 in the corresponding month of last year. The whole of the premises were inspected on August 5th and found satisfactory.

A night soil defaulter at Whitwick reported and the usual proceedings were ordered. Tenders were received for oil etc., for the street lamps and were referred to committee.

A Dangerous House at Whitwick

The clerk reported that a tenant of a house at Pares' Hill, Whitwick, owned by the Council, who was under notice to leave and was given an extra month, was still in occupation. The Council were not drawing rent. The house was in a dangerous state and it was a question whether the Council would compel the woman to leave or let her stay a bit longer. She had had notice that the Council would not be responsible in case of an accident. The surveyor said the house was getting worse and the children had had to be moved from one bedroom. It was agreed to insist on the woman leaving. The Council then went into committee.

Coalville Police Court

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

Drunk and Disorderly

Robert Lee, rag and bone gatherer, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick, on July 24th. P.C. Jelley proved the case and defendant, who did not appear, was fined 15s or seven days.

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George Limb, collier, Whitwick, was summoned by Elizabeth Ottey, widow, of the same place, for the non-payment of £1 1s arrears under an affiliation order. When the case was called on, Inspector Dobney stated that the money had been paid.

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

There have been extra big "houses" here during the holidays, and a rare good programme was provided. The chief film at the beginning of the week was No. 17 of the "Million Dollar Mystery," entitled "The Battle of Wits." Norton receives a note asking him to meet Florence at the house of a certain General Aspinwall, whose wife, the note states has invited her to tea. The reporter finding everything is apparently in order, goes to the address given and is invited to drink a glass of wine with the old general. He smilingly assents. Something about the servant who hands him the wine makes him hesitate and raise the glass in the air before him as his white-haired host proposes the toast. Norton sees in the wine the mirage of an old enemy at his back, about to strike with a heavy stick. With great presence of mind, Norton dashes the contents of the glass over his shoulder. Then a desperate struggle follows. Assistance comes to Norton when most needed, and the conspirators are locked in the iron-walled vault in the cellar, intended as a death room for Norton. When the

police arrive, however, the birds have flown, thanks to the scheming Countess. – Others were excellent. The “turn” is “The Seven Elysian Boys and Girls” in a novel vocal and dancing scena. This troupe has had a fine reception, their “show” being A1. Patrons should see them during the week-end. Amongst an excellent list of films for the week-end is one, “The Convict’s Bride,” a good one. A number of prisoners, including Donati, Francisco and Diago, escape from where they are incarcerated, and land on an uninhabited isle. A girl is washed ashore and the men draw lots for her. She falls to Francisco, who already is in love with her. This creates trouble with Diago, who fires the forest. Francisco and the girl survive the conflagration, and when they are rescued it is to look forward to a life of happiness. – Patrons will enjoy this. – Full particulars of next week’s excellent list see advertisement columns.

Friday August 13th 1915 (Issue 1223)

Local News

A gift to the Whitwick Parish Church is acknowledged in the current issue of the Parish Magazine, as follows:

We have great pleasure in accepting from the Misses. Pyemont, daughters of the Rev. Samuel Pyemont, a former Vicar of Whitwick, an excellent engraved portrait of the Rev. Francis Mereweather, M.A., Rector of Coleorton and Vicar of Whitwick from 1819 to 1864, a period of 45 years. We are exceedingly thankful to the Misses. Pyemont for their kind gift; it makes a good picture and has been hung in the Vestry. The same ladies have also promised to give us a portrait of their father as soon as it is ready.

We are able to publish further particulars this week concerning Whitwick’s new industry of which mention was made in this column a few weeks ago. The building of the new factory has been undertaken by Mr G. F. Burton, who has entered into an agreement to let it on a long lease to Messrs. Hanford and Miller, a well-known firm of hosiery manufacturers, of Derby Road, Loughborough. The factory is being built in North Street, Whitwick, the contract having been let to Messrs. W. Moss and Son, of Coalville, and the work has been commenced this week. It is expected that work will be found for about 70 girls at the start and the building is being so arranged that it can be extended to double its size should it be considered expedient to do so at some future time.

The architect of the building is Mr T. J. McCarthy, of Coalville, who has played a prominent part in the development of the scheme. We understand that Messrs. Hanford and Miller intimated to Mr McCarthy some time ago that they were prepared to start a factory in the district providing the building was established. This appeared no easy matter at the start, but in Mr G. F. Burton, Mr McCarthy found his man. Mr Burton is to be highly complimented not only on his enterprise but also on his patriotism, for his public-spirited action amounts to patriotism at this time in one of its best forms. In the first of a series of articles which we publish today on “How to Save” it is pointed out that when a man builds a house he provides labour, but when a man builds a factory he provides not only the labour necessary for the building, but also labour in making the goods which the factory produces, the tendency of which is to cheapen that particular commodity to the benefit of the general public. And in equally favourable circumstances, Mr Burton will not stop at this. He has informed us that he is prepared to build a factory for the manufacture of boots and shoes on land he occupies in Talbot Street, providing some reliable boot and shoe firm

can be found to take up the scheme. Here's a chance for the Coalville Trades Extension Society to get a move on. We have not heard of them lately.

Advertisement

Wanted – Smart youth to the Butcher. Apply J. Toon, Leicester Road, Whitwick.

To Let – House and Shop, for particulars, apply Mrs Benson, Whitwick.

For Sale – 3 Spring Carts, 1 Heavy Cart, 2 Drays, 5 Sets of harness. Apply W. Stinson and Son, Whitwick.

Whitwick and Thringstone Citizen Corps

A public meeting was held in the Whitwick Picture Palace last night presided over by the Rev. M. J. O'Reilly. There was a good attendance. The chairman regretted that Whitwick had not responded enthusiastically to the opportunity of joining the corps. He hoped the men present who were not eligible for the army would join the local corps and put their heart and soul into it.

Major Stanhope Rolleston (Commandant of Leicester V.T.C.) addressed the meeting at some length on the value of the Citizen Corps and Major Burkitt, M.D., made a stirring appeal for recruits. A vote of thanks to Major Rolleston was heartily accorded. Previous to the addresses being given the proprietors of the Picture House gave a good show of pictures and the star artistes engaged gave a special turn which was much enjoyed. At the conclusion the members of the Citizen Corps appeared on the stage and led the singing of the National Anthem.

Do You Know

That the Whitwick Church Sunday School has been closed for four Sundays and will be reopened on the 29th inst?

That the Rev. E. Pillifant, of Madeley, Shropshire, is officiating for the Vicar of Whitwick, (the Rev. T. W. Walters) while the latter is on his holidays?

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

There is a fine lot of films showing here this week, and good audiences have attended. A very good 'turn' is also to be seen. This is Wray and White, the premier comedy couple, in song and story, and they have made a decided "hit" receiving much applause – No. 18 of the "Million Dollar Mystery" was the chief film at the beginning of the week, viz., "Trapped by the Flames." The society columns of the daily newspapers announce the fact that Princess Parlova is about to give a masked ball. Being an inactive member of "The Black Hundred," Braine, through the Countess, forces the Princess to extend invitations to Norton and Florence and supply four blank invitations to be used by members of the gang. The Countess learns in what disguise Florence and Norton plan to go to the ball, and she and Braine immediately secure costumes similar. By this means, Florence is lured away

by Braine, believing him to be Norton, and finds herself in the hands of the gang. They bind her to a chair and threaten to explode a clockwork bomb beneath her unless she discloses where the million dollars are hidden. The absence of Florence causes Norton and Jones to follow up the matter. Just before they arrive on the scene the bomb explodes prematurely, which partially shatters and sets the house on fire. Norton dashes in, discovers Florence and drags her to the window, and by means of a rope lowers the girl to Jones, who is waiting below. The reporter then attempts to descend by the rope, but the flames burn it through and the plucky young fellow falls with a sickly thud to the ground. – A very interesting part. – Others were good. – For the week-end “Surgeon Warren’s Ward” is an excellent production, and must be seen. Army Surgeon Warren is in love with his ward, Alice Barth but has a rival in Captain Gordon. The captain proposes to her, but is refused. She loves Warren and when he asks her to become his wife, accepts. Their betrothal is announced at a military ball. Gordon is jealous of his successful rival, and bribes a girl of the underworld to go to the ball and charge Warren with betraying her. Despite Warren’s denial, the girl’s story is believed. He is court-martialed and dismissed from the service. He goes to a lumber camp in the North-West. Gordon woos and finally weds Alice. But the sweetheart of the girl of the underworld is jealous of Gordon. He accuses her of perfidy. She repents of her action, and the two go to the army headquarters where the girl confesses. An investigation is started, Gordon, fearing disgrace, deserts, taking his wife with him. He tells her he has leave of absence and they are going on their honeymoon. They wander from place to place until their money is gone. Finally they reach the forests where Warren is working. Gordon, facing starvation steals from the lumber camp. He is caught, shot and wounded. Warren then saves the captain from the wrath of the lumbermen. He asks about Miss Barth, and Gordon tells him she is dead. Warren is suspicious, and trails Gordon to the shack, where he finds Alice nearly dead from starvation and the hardships she has undergone. A message from the army post arrives, and tells of Gordon’s perfidy and Warren’s reinstatement. Gordon sees he is trapped and ends his life. Alice never really has ceased to love Warren and gladly goes back to the post with him. – Next week’s list, see advertisement columns.

Sport

Football

Whitwick Imperial F.C.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Whitwick Imperial Football Club was held at the Duke of Newcastle Inn, on Monday night, Mr W. Brooks presiding. The secretary, Mr Geo. Waterfield, in his annual report, stated they had started the season with £6 0s 2d in hand and finished £1 10s 7d in debt, so that there was a loss of £7 10s 9d on the season’s working. The receipts were £115 compared with £171 the previous season. From a playing point of view, the club was very successful, winning the championship of Leicestershire Senior League for the first time, also the Hinckley Cup and were runners-up for the Coalville Cup. In all they played 26 matches, of which 19 were won, 2 drawn and 5 lost, and they scored 86 goals against 39. In the English Cup Competition they made profit of £3 7s 6d, and in the Coalville Cup competition a profit of £21 14s 7d, while on the Loughborough Cup they lost 11s 6d and the Hinckley Cup £5 5s 7d.

Six players had joined the colours and the club had to resign from the Coalville League before the season had ended. The report and balance sheet were adopted.

It was decided to ask all officers and committee to remain in office for the present, it being stated that fresh arrangements would have to be made in regard to the secretary-ship after Mr Waterfield, who has enlisted, was removed from the district. It was decided to join the Leicestershire Senior League Combination for the coming season.

Friday August 20th 1915 (Issue 1224)

Local News

During the past two weeks, Mrs J. J. Sharp, has received 29 packets of cigarettes from Mr W. Higgins' box, and 16 packets, 13 loose, and 4d from Coalville Liberal Club box, which have been sent to the 5th Leicesters at the front. Letters of thanks have been received from Major Toller and Capt. Sharp, as well as from many of the soldiers. Up to date, 851 packets and 173 loose have been sent out.

Eggs for Wounded Soldiers

Collected by Mr R. Sharp, Whitwick.

Previously acknowledged: 1315

Mr A. Morris	20
Mr T. Hay	14
Mr W. Brown	14
Messrs. Coleman and Sons	14
Mr R. Sharp	12
Mrs S. Butler	10
Mrs H. Ward	10
Mr Wilkins	10
Mrs H. Underwood	8
Mrs J. Henson	8
Mr W. T. Moss	7
Mr J. Glyn	7
Mr P. Aris	7
Mrs F. Burton	7
Mr F. Sear	7
Mr T. Cooper	7
Mr J. Moore	6
Mr B. Holland	4

Whitwick Quarryman in the Trenches

Interesting Letter

The manager of the Whitwick Granite Co., Mr J. H. Robinson, has received an interesting letter from one of the quarrymen, Pte. E. Freer, now at the front. He is a Shepshed man,

one of four brothers serving in the army, two of whom have been wounded. One of the latter, George, is also employed at the Whitwick quarry. The letter is as follows:

“Dear Sir, - Just a few lines hoping it finds you quite well as it leaves me at present. I wish to thank you for the parcel and letter which I received quite safe. I am sure it will give you much pleasure to know I got it at the right time. It was fairly a livener for not one of us had a cigarette, and we could not get any. We are in the trenches and have been in 16 days. We don't know when we shall get out. I am sorry to say it was my brother that got wounded and I was talking to him at the time. When the shell burst over us there were nine or ten wounded with it. So we are not having it all honey, as a good many in England think. We shall soon have had six months of it now. I think it will not last much longer, as we are getting plenty of shells for them now. We have not been in a charge yet, but we have held some good positions. We are holding one of the most important parts in the line now. I think we shall soon be getting a rest; its about time. We have had a rough six months of it.

We have found one D.C.M. hero in the 5th Battalion, a chap from Measham, named Starbuck, and he was worth it. They found a German mine under our trench ready for blowing up, and they got over a thousand pounds of stuff out which was a risky job but it saved many a man's life as I think it would have soon gone up. It is terrible when they blow the trench up. I helped dig that other poor lot of chaps out the last time they blew us up. There were Melton and Coalville chaps in it.

I think this is all I can tell you at present, hoping to more good news for you next time.”

Whitwick Deed Case

Before His Honour, Judge Moore Cann at the Ashby County Court yesterday (Thursday), Martha Spencer, widow, of Hall's Lane, Whitwick, sued Albert Clarence Spencer Williamson, an infant, and Charles Williamson, factory hand, both of Whitwick, for the delivery up of a deed and damages for detention, and for cancellation of a deed.

Mr H. H. Joy instructed by Messrs. Crane and Moore, Coalville, was for plaintiff and Mr Marriott, instructed by Messrs. Sharp and Lancaster, Coalville, for the defendants.

At three o'clock the court was still occupied with other cases, and Mr Marriott suggested that as they could not possibly finish in that day the case be adjourned. He understood that His Honour was willing to take it on a special day at Coalville. The Judge said that was so if they could find him a proper place to sit.

Mr Sharp said that could be arranged. His Honour asked whether it was a case that could be finished in a day.

Mr Marriott: *I think so.*

It was suggested that the case be heard at Coalville on Saturday (tomorrow) at ten o'clock.

The Drink

John Birkinshaw, labourer, Whitwick, was summoned at Loughborough on Wednesday for being drunk and disorderly at Shepshed, on August 18th. P.C. Highton said the man was

using bad language to some children. Defendant said he was sorry he had too much beer. They were late at work on the day. Fined 5s or five days.

Coalville Police Court

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

Affiliation

Joseph Hall, collier, Whitwick, was summoned by Bertha M. Hurst, single, to show cause, etc. Defendant admitted the paternity and was ordered to pay 3s per week to date from birth until the child is 14 years of age and 16s costs.

No Light

Thomas Kenney, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for riding a bicycle without a light at Swannington, on August 6th. He did not appear. P.C. Sibson gave the facts and defendant was fined 7s 6d or seven days.

Bad Language

Joseph Horrobin, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Coalville, on August 2nd. P.C. Bursnall said the defendant used the language in Ashby Road, saying they had his wife in a house and he wanted to take her home. Fined 16s or seven days.

Violent Conduct

Walter Jakeman, collier, Whitwick, and Arthur Hunt, banksman, Thringstone, were summoned for violent conduct at Whitwick, on August 3rd. Jakeman appeared and was informed that the case would be adjourned for a fortnight, owing to P.C. Jelley's illness. A fresh summons against Hunt was allowed.

Drunk and Disorderly

William Howe, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick on July 31st and for being drunk and disorderly on August 7th. P.C. Grewcock gave the facts as to the offence on August 7th and defendant was fined 12s or seven days. His mother paid. In the first case in which P.C. Jelley is to give evidence, it was decided to issue a fresh summons.

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

There have been good audiences here during this week, and another fine programme is to be seen during the week-end. There are two excellent "turns," viz., Will Titman, the Anglo-Continental eccentric and patter comedian. He is a descriptive vocalist of a very high order and his patter is a speciality. He has been accorded a fine reception, and patrons should see him during the week-end. – Crayford, the Kentish mystic, has also been well received and should not be missed. – The "star" for the first half of the week was No. 19 of the

“Million Dollar Mystery.” Some time after the incidents in the last episode, a note is put into the hands of the Countess in mistake as she leaves the Hargreaves’ Mansion by a man who whispers, “It will put an end to the persecution of your father Stanley Hargreaves.” The envelope contains a blank sheet of paper and fearing a plot, the Countess hurries to one of the meeting places of the gang – a secret cave, in the wood. Florence, who was out when the Countess called, happens to catch sight of her entering, and out of curiosity, finds the entrance and follows her in. She overhears the story of the blank sheet of paper, which the Countess tells the conspirators, and watching her opportunity, manages to obtain possession of it. The conspirators depart, but return for the missing paper. Florence escapes by means of an underground river, in which she is later on discovered, half drowned, by Braine. He takes her into his motor boat, but threatens to throw her into the river again unless she tells him all he wishes to know. A series of incidents brings Norton on the scene. The men fight, both fall out of the boat into the river. Florence saves the day by running down with the motor boat another boat containing the conspirators who come to assist Braine. – A very good part. – For the week-end (in addition to the above “turns” and a further splendid list of films). The “star” picture is “Woman’s Debt.” Thelma Morrison is engaged to Bob Cameron, but marries her employer to save her father and mother from poverty. Years after, Thelma becomes a social butterfly, and gambles whilst her child dies. Thrilling scenes follow, in which she locks her former lover in a vault and realises the true love of her husband. A real good picture. – Others are good. – Next week’s list, see advertisement columns.

Friday August 27th 1915 (Issue 1225)

Local News

There will be very little football in Coalville and District this winter, it being realised that there is a sterner task for the young men to perform. The Coalville League has been abandoned for the season and there will be no cup or medal competitions. The Leicestershire Senior League is being continued as a combination, with six clubs, two of which are in Coalville (Town and Swifts) and one at Whitwick, and these will afford a little relaxation for those whose duties are at home and others who are too old for military service. There are, of course, many young men in this district who are rendering their country good service in the coal mines and other necessary works, and there can be no harm whatever in these indulging in a game of football on Saturday afternoons, providing a little recreation for themselves and some diversion for spectators who during the week and engaged in a matter which helps to keep the old flag flying.

Absentee

Michael Roach, of Whitwick, was brought before Mr B. G. Hale, at the Coalville Police Court on Saturday, charge with being an absentee from the Royal Naval Reserves, stationed at the Crystal Palace, London. He had been apprehended by Inspector Dobney, at Whitwick, on the previous day. The magistrate ordered him to be handed over to the custody of the naval authorities.

Whitwick Quarrymen in the Forces

The following is a list of employees serving with the colours from the Whitwick Granite Co., Ltd., Whitwick.

Thomas Crowson, Leicestershire Yeomanry.
Lakin Manderfield, 8th Leicesters.
Fred Harrington, 5th Leicesters.
George Freer, 5th Leicesters.
William Thorpe, 5th Leicesters.
George Walker, jun., 5th Leicesters.
Charles Stanford, 5th Leicesters.
Ernest Laundon, Royal Marine Artillery.
F. Spurr.
W. Hurst, 5th Leicesters.
L. Martin, 5th Leicesters.
Allen Lucas, 5th Leicesters.
Charles Milward, 1st Leicesters.
Ernest W. Hicklin, 5th Leicesters.
Allen Rose, 8th Leicesters.
James Hickling, 8th Leicesters.
John Rodgers, 8th Leicesters.
George Walker, sen., 5th Leicesters.
Ernest Freer, 5th Leicesters.
William Gibson, 5th Leicesters.
James Cotterill, 5th Leicesters.
S. Unwin, 5th Leicesters.
G. Harry Bexon, 5th Leicesters.
George H. Clarke, Army Service Corps.
A. Bowley, 5th Leicesters.
John Heighton, Royal Naval Division.
Harry Chapman, 10th Leicesters.
J. Waterfield, 5th Leicesters.
Percy Whittaker, 5th Leicesters.
J. Bramley, 10th Leicesters.
G. J. Hudson, Royal Navy.

Hugglescote and Whitwick Lads at the Front

Interesting Letter from the Trenches

We have received the following letter, addressed to the Editor, dated August 14th:

“Dear Sir, - I now take the pleasure of writing these few lines to you to let the people of the Coalville district know how we are getting on at the front. We are now out for a little rest after three weeks in the trenches, but it was pretty easy all but for one place, and they sent three bombs before we had been there five minutes. We had the luck to have our August holidays in the trenches, but did not mind because we hardly thought of it until we got out into the billets. During the first week we had three casualties by one of their bombs, the sort of bombs they call sausage bombs. They look about three feet long and turn over and over in the air until they reach the ground and then they make a noise like the bursting of a big shell. I expect we shall soon be back in the trenches again and we are ready after having a bath and change of clothing. I am pleased to say that there is a good many men from Coalville and roundabout answered the call of the country and although there is a lot

gone west, there is still some left to share the fighting against the Huns. We have seen a few sights out here, some that we should not like to see in England. We will now bring our short letter to a close with best respects to all in Coalville and District.”

J. B. (Hugglescote)

W. H. B. (Whitwick)

Do You Know

That the Whitwick property dispute action is to be resumed at the Ashby County Court on Monday next?

Whitwick Family Dispute

Alleged Gift of a House

Judge Sits at Coalville

A Remarkable Case

At a special court at Coalville, before His Honour, Judge Moore Cann, on Saturday, a case adjourned from the Ashby County Court was heard in which Martha Spencer, widow, of Hall's Lane, Whitwick, sued Albert Clarence Spencer Williamson, an infant, and Charles Williamson, factory hand, both of Whitwick, for the delivery up of a deed and damages for detention, and for the cancellation of a deed of gift of a messuage and premises at Pares' Hill, Whitwick.

Mr H. H. Joy instructed by Messrs. Crane and Moore, Coalville, was for plaintiff, and Mr Marriott, instructed by Messrs. Sharp and Lancaster, Coalville, for the defendants.

Mr Joy, opening the case, said the plaintiff was an old lady, 86 years of age. The action was for the return of a deed dated 1884 relating to property owned by the plaintiff at Pares' Hill, Whitwick, and for a declaration that a certain document dated 2nd February, 1914, which was a deed of gift to the younger defendant should be set aside on the ground either that the plaintiff never signed it at all, or if she did, she did not understand what it was she was signing, and the signature was obtained by the elder defendant under circumstances which should not be allowed to stand. What plaintiff said was that she never signed it, at any rate, that she had no knowledge of signing it, and never intended to sign it.

The Judge: *Is it a suggestion of forgery?*

Mr Joy said he could hardly say that.

Proceeding, counsel said that plaintiff was married in 1852 at the age of 23 to Mr Warrington. There were no children of the marriage, and Mr Warrington having died, plaintiff was married again in 1894 to Mr Edward Spence, who had children by his first wife and one of these was Mrs Williamson, wife of the elder defendant. Mr Spencer died in 1904 and during her widowhood, the plaintiff seemed to have been very industrious and accumulated a sum of money. Spencer also had some property in Leicester Road,

Whitwick, and that property he left to the plaintiff as tenant for life and then to Mrs Williamson, his daughter by his first wife, and her sister, Mrs Whitmore. From that period up to 1915, the old lady apparently lived by herself at Pares' Hill, Whitwick, at the property adjoining the Wesleyan Chapel, bought by her in 1884. She had five nieces – Emma Berrington, Elizabeth Williamson, and three others – up to 1913, and during that period of her widowhood Emma Berrington and her husband acted practically as son and daughter to the old lady and looked after her in every way. Mr Berrington practically managed things for her during the whole of that time, though in regard to her property affairs, she was usually advised by Mr West and Mr Stinson, members of the Wesleyan Chapel. On September 4th, 1908, plaintiff made a will, which was prepared by Mr Crane of Coalville, and he produced this for His Honour to see the plaintiff's signature, also that to a codicil executed on July 8th, 1912. About the end of 1912, plaintiff had a severe illness, lasting about 26 weeks, which did not improve her mental condition. Early in February 1914, Mrs Williamson, wife of the elder defendant, died. Williamson became very assiduous in his attentions to the old lady. He used to go to see her practically daily and apparently he had some arrangement with her whereby he attended to the garden and shared the produce with her, but Mr West and others were often there, and there was never any indication that plaintiff took Williamson into her confidence in regard to her property. In 1913, Dr. Hamilton, of Coalville, received a message from the defendant Williamson to go and see the plaintiff. He was not her usual doctor and was rather puzzled, but he went. He (the doctor) would tell the court that he found the plaintiff partly deaf and partially blind and her mental powers very dull, and it was clear that her mind was a blank. She said she could not remember having sent for him and addressed him as Dr. Burkitt. Dr. Hamilton saw the plaintiff again this August and he would say that in his opinion the plaintiff at the beginning of 1914 would certainly not be fit to appreciate and execute a deed relating to her property. Early in 1914, a curious thing happened. Apparently, Mr Williamson was very anxious to know how matters stood as regard the old lady's money, because his wife having died, the property which was going to her after the tenancy for life of the old lady did not go to him, but to some other lady. He made enquiries at the London City and Midland Bank, Coalville, but the manager declined to give him any information as to the old lady's financial affairs. Later, defendant called at the bank with a solicitor and told Mr Williams (the manager) that the old lady wished him to go to her to talk over her affairs. Mr Williams went, but could not make the old lady understand anything. All he could get from her was, *'I am very ill, I have had a stroke.'* Mr Williams would tell them that from what he saw, he would not honour cheques signed by the plaintiff without ascertaining the circumstances under which they were signed. At the time of his visit, Mrs Berrington was there too and there was some disturbance between her and Williamson, when Sergt. Betts came on the scene. He would be another independent witness who would say what he thought of the old lady. Coming to the early part of 1915, counsel said the old lady left her lonely habitation at Pares' Hill and went to live with the Berringtons, leaving the next door neighbour, Mrs Broadhurst, to look after the Pares' Hill property. In April 1915, the defendant Williamson appeared at the property claiming a right of way to the garden and when this was disputed by Miss Broadhurst, an assault took place resulting in police court proceedings. During these proceedings, Williamson produced a deed, dated 1884, as a vindication of his right to go there. Enquiries were set on foot as to how defendant became in possession of the deed. The plaintiff had kept all her papers in a bundle at the property at Pares' Hill. On May 14th, 1915, Messrs. Crane and Moore, who had been consulted, wrote to the defendant asking for the delivery of the deed which was produced in the police court, stating that their client (the plaintiff) was at a loss to understand how it came into defendant's possession and that if it was not returned proceedings would be taken for its recovery. On May 17th, Messrs.

Sharp and Lancaster replied for the defendant, stating that the plaintiff knew the circumstances under which the deed came into his possession. Plaintiff's solicitors wrote that defendant had no right to the document, and that they had instructions to proceed. Messrs. Sharp and Lancaster replied that in November, 1913, they were seen by Williamson and asked to prepare a deed of gift. They told him they would require the deed of conveyance and when the engrossment was prepared it was handed to Williamson to obtain the signature, he having stated that he did not wish them to call on plaintiff in order not to excite comment from members of the family. It was a curious circumstance, continued counsel, that a document should have been sent to an old lady, 86 years of age, for her to sign without any steps being taken to see that she understood it or knew what she was doing. The deed was dated February 7th, 1914, and what he would like to draw His Honour attention to was the signature. On every other document to which they had access, the signature was 'Martha Spencer.' In this particular case it was 'M. Spencer,' which was certainly something unusual. Though Mr Berrington, Mr West, and other friends had been continually seeing her, none of them knew about this deed of gift. For some reason or other, it was apparently carried out with the greatest secrecy. Counsel suggested that it was clearly a case where the old lady did not knowingly execute the deed, or, if His Honour thought that she had sufficient mental capacity, the circumstance under which the signature was secured were such that it should be set aside.

The old lady was then called and Counsel explained some difficulty in getting her to answer the questions. She said that she had lived at Whitwick all her life.

"Did you ever give your house away to anyone?" asked Mr Joy.

"No, I never have," she replied. *"If he has put it on, he has done it on his own account."*

Mr Marriott: *You are quite friendly with Charles Williamson. – Yes, but not friendly enough for him to take my writings.* (Laughter)

The Judge said there must be silence in court.

At the suggestion of the Judge, Mr A. West, with whom the plaintiff was familiar, acted as interpreter to the questions put by counsel for the defendants. When Mr West asked the plaintiff whether she knew him, she replied, *"Yes, it's Master West. The Lord bless you."*

Replying to these questions, plaintiff said she was fond of the boy Clarence, but could not strip herself for him. She gave him some shares in the Whitwick Liberal Club, but did not remember saying that she would make some provision for him. She could not make herself destitute for him. His father had some property and could see to him as well as her.

Did you say to Charlie that you would like to give the blind boy a house and garden? – That would not justify Charlie coming to my house and taking my papers.

Did you say you would give Clarence a house and garden? – No, I should never strip myself like that.

You have other property bringing you in about 30s a week? – Nothing of the sort; it doesn't make £1 and then there are rates and everything to pay.

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Asked whether he had any question to put to the witness, prisoner made no reply.

Supt. Lockton asked for a remand to the Coalville Petty Sessions on Friday and the accused was accordingly remanded in custody.

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

Patrons are well provided for here again this week. There is a strong list of films and a most excellent "turn," Miss Margaret Tueskie and Co., presenting a splendid dramatic repertoire. "The Ace of Hearts," and "Adonis in Kilts" were the two pieces presented nightly at the commencement of the week, and these were very much enjoyed. The acting of Miss Tueskie leaves nothing to be desired, she is well supported by first-class actors. The whole "show" is splendidly staged, and should not be missed. They have received loud applause for their efforts. The company will give during the week-end two extra good pieces, viz., "The German Spy," and "A year after." Patrons must see these. – The star picture was No. 20 of "Million Dollar Mystery", ("The Secret Warning"). It is discovered that the piece of paper mentioned in the last episode contains a message, written in invisible ink, from a high Russian official who seeks to have Braine and the Countess deported for offences committed in their native country. The paper is given to Norton for safe keeping and this action is witnessed by a spy of "The Black Hundred." The knowledge that Norton has the paper is made known to Braine, who, with other members of the gang, follow Norton after leaving Hargraves' house, and when a favourable opportunity occurs, makes a desperate attempt to secure it. The reporter puts up an excellent fight, is knocked unconscious, recovers and makes another attempt to defend himself. The butler saves the situation by shooting at the conspirators from a window in the mansion. The conspirators then run away, without having found the valuable paper, owing to the fact that Norton has changed the hiding place. The spy saw the paper put into Norton's cap, but later it was concealed in the reporter's necktie. – For the week-end the "star" is "Charlie in the Park." Charlie takes entirely too much interest in a spooning couple on a park bench and is thrown off the bench. He flees, and in his flight he runs into a tramp who has 'lifted' the pocket-book of the girl "spooning." Bricks are thrown and both the giant and the tramp are knocked out. The girl finds her pocket-book gone and accuses her sweetheart. She then jilts him. He goes to the river to commit suicide, but has not the courage to jump in. Chaplin finds him, and after taking the man's watch and money, helps him to carry out his

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Local News

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Special services were conducted by Mr A. Lacey, Loughborough, at the Whitwick Primitive Methodist Church on Sunday morning and evening when there were good congregations. A musical service was held in the afternoon which the children sang their anniversary hymns, and there were solos by Miss E. Webb (Leicester), Miss L. Anderson (Coalville) and Mr J. B. Newbury (Whitwick). The proceeds were for the trust funds.

Local Chit Chat

Mr Ernest Aris, of Silver Street, Whitwick, and Mr John Henry Taylor, of Standard Hill, Coalville, have both succeeded in passing the Associates' examination of the Incorporated Secretaries' Association, London. The holding of this diploma gives them the privilege of becoming Associates of the Association.

Mr Walter Brownlow, late of 'The Laurels,' Whitwick, has received an intimation from the War Office that his youngest son, George Harry Toon Brownlow, of the 7th Battalion Royal Munster Fusiliers, was twice wounded in actions at the Dardanelles on August 9th and was removed to the Base Hospital, Alexandria, Egypt, where he is going on as favourably as can be expected. The injuries are to his side and under his arm and it is not stated whether they are severe or otherwise dangerous.

Mrs J. J. Sharp reports having received for the 5th Leicesters at the front during the past fortnight, 64 packets of cigarettes and 241 loose from Mr Tyler's box, Engineer's Arms, Coalville; 28 packets and 11 1/2d cash from Mr W. Higgins' box; 35 packets, 5 loose and 5 1/2d from the Coalville Liberal Club box; 15 packets, 4 loose and 3d from the Coalville West End Club box; and 45 packets, 40 loose and 1d from the Whitwick Liberal Club box.

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At a special court at Coalville, before His Honour, Judge Moore Cann, on Saturday, August 21st, a case adjourned from the Ashby County Court was heard in which Martha Spencer, widow, of Hall's Lane, Whitwick, sued Albert Clarence Spencer Williamson, an infant, and Charles Williamson, factory hand, both of Whitwick, for the delivery up of a deed and damages for detention, and for the cancellation of a deed of gift of a messuage and premises at Pares' Hill, Whitwick.

Mr H. H. Joy instructed by Messrs. Crane and Moore, Coalville, was for plaintiff, and Mr Marriott, instructed by Messrs. Sharp and Lancaster, Coalville, for the defendants.

Mr Joy, opening the case, said the plaintiff was an old lady, 86 years of age. The action was for the return of a deed dated 1884 relating to property owned by the plaintiff at Pares' Hill, Whitwick, and for a declaration that a certain document dated 2nd February, 1914, which was a deed of gift to the younger defendant should be set aside on the ground either that the plaintiff never signed it at all, or if she did, she did not understand what it was she was signing, and the signature was obtained by the elder defendant under circumstances which should not be allowed to stand. What plaintiff said was that she never signed it, at any rate, that she had no knowledge of signing it, and never intended to sign it.

The Judge: *Is it a suggestion of forgery?*

Mr Joy said he could hardly say that.

Proceeding, counsel said that plaintiff was married in 1852 at the age of 23 to Mr Warrington. There were no children of the marriage, and Mr Warrington having died, plaintiff was married again in 1894 to Mr Edward Spence, who had children by his first wife and one of these was Mrs Williamson, wife of the elder defendant. Mr Spencer died in 1904 and during her widowhood, the plaintiff seemed to have been very industrious and accumulated a sum of money. Spencer also had some property in Leicester Road, Whitwick, and that property he left to the plaintiff as tenant for life and then to Mrs Williamson, his daughter by his first wife, and her sister, Mrs Whitmore. From that period up to 1915, the old lady apparently lived by herself at Pares' Hill, Whitwick, at the property adjoining the Wesleyan Chapel, bought by her in 1884. She had five nieces – Emma Berrington, Elizabeth Williamson, and three others – up to 1913, and during that period of her widowhood Emma Berrington and her husband acted practically as son and daughter to the old lady and looked after her in every way. Mr Berrington practically managed things for her during the whole of that time, though in regard to her property affairs, she was usually advised by Mr West and Mr Stinson, members of the Wesleyan Chapel. On September 4th, 1908, plaintiff made a will, which was prepared by Mr Crane of Coalville, and he produced this for His Honour to see the plaintiff's signature, also that to a codicil executed on July 8th, 1912. About the end of 1912, plaintiff had a severe illness, lasting about 26 weeks, which did not improve her mental condition. Early in February 1914, Mrs Williamson, wife of the elder defendant, died. Williamson became very assiduous in his attentions to the old lady. He used to go to see her practically daily and apparently he had some arrangement with her whereby he attended to the garden and shared the produce with her, but Mr West and others were often there, and there was never any indication that plaintiff took Williamson into her confidence in regard to her property. In 1913, Dr. Hamilton, of Coalville, received a message from the defendant Williamson to go and see the plaintiff. He was not her usual doctor and was rather puzzled, but he went. He (the

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Witness was cross-examined by Mr Joy at some length as to dates of stamping and executing the deed and explained that some delay occurred owing to his illness. The Judge said deeds must be stamped within 30 days of the execution, failing which the law provided for a penalty. Witness said that was so.

The Judge: *What puzzles me is that you say no penalty was required in regard to this stamp.*

Witness: *I handed the deed to my son and he took it to Leicester. No date had been inserted and they would date it to come within 30 days.*

Mr Joy: *You mean they would do that in your office? – Yes.*

It seemed that Williamson took a few weeks' to get the old lady's signature? – Yes, it is open to that.

Do you agree that in a deed of gift you should get instructions from the donor? – I don't agree, taking the whole of the circumstances into consideration.

You knew she was an old lady getting on in years? – Yes.

And partly deaf? – Yes.

And you say you knew that there was considerable jealousy between branches of her relations? – Yes.

And in spite of that you didn't consider it your duty to get the old lady's instructions? – I did not.

Did you know that Mr Crane had made her will? – I did not.

Then you did not know whether she had made a will or not? – I did not.

Didn't you think it right to enquire whether a lady of her age had made a will? – I said to Williamson, "Why doesn't she do it by will?"

What was the answer? – His answer was that she wanted to give the house to the boy.

By Mr Marriott: *He knew the parties and trusted Williamson, relying on his request for secrecy.*

Do you know the property? – I have known it for 30 or 40 years.

What is its condition? – Practically uninhabitable. It was very old when it was bought.

Mr Joy said that was irrelevant.

Mr Marriott: *I only want to show that it is not a palace.*

Mr Joy: *I have never suggested it was a palace.*

Replying to the Judge, Mr Sharp said Williamson told him that plaintiff expressed a desire to live in the house as long as she wished, but he did not put that in the deed.

The Judge: *The effect of the deed was that the boy could have turned her out next day? – Yes.*

When the deed was handed back to you, you were told that was Mrs Spencer's intention? – Yes.

Didn't it occur to you that it did not carry out her intention? – No, sir. I thought that was an afterthought on her part. That is how it struck me. If it had been mentioned to me before there would have been a trustee appointed. Williamson handed over the deed and said the old lady wanted to live there as long as she desired and on that understanding she gave him the deeds. I said, "You will act accordingly." – Witness added that the boy was an infant.

The Judge: *But he could have brought an action for possession.*

His Honour then asked why it was that the stamping authorities were not informed that a penalty was payable. He could not conceive them stamping the deed if they knew it was more than 30 days after execution.

Mr Sharp said he did not think the person who took the deed to the stamp office would know when it was executed. Had he not been ill he would have attended to the matter himself. The Judge said the authorities should have known that a penalty was liable to be paid. Mr Sharp said it was not usual to take an isolated document for stamping. Probably

they would go once or twice a fortnight with half a dozen at a time and it was usual to leave the date open till they were stamped.

Albert Clarence Spencer Williamson, the younger defendant, said he was the son of Charles Williamson, and was 17 years of age. He was blind in the right eye and could not see much out of the other and he was now a student at a music college for the blind at Upper Norwood. Formerly he was for five years at a blind school at Sheffield. Occasionally he had visited his parents at Whitwick and the plaintiff took an interest in him and enquired how he was getting on. She was very friendly towards him and told him she would like to do something for him. In the summer of 1913, when he was visiting Whitwick, she told him she had left him some shares in the Liberal Club at Whitwick and that if she could she would do something else too. He did not come at Christmas, 1913, owing to his mother's illness, but he came in January, 1914, and stayed till after his mother died on February 11th, 1914, and during that time plaintiff made enquiries as to his progress and told him of her intention to give him the house.

By Mr Joy: He was led to understand that when plaintiff had finished with the house it belonged to him and plaintiff told him to keep it to himself as people might not like it.

Maria Hill, wife of Willoughby Hill, retired licensed victualler, of Leicester, said she was a niece of the plaintiff and it had been her habit to go to Whitwick once a quarter to receive rents. She always called to see Mrs Spencer on these visits, sometimes staying with her for two or three nights, before she was seriously ill. The only night she had stayed at Williamson's house was when his wife was ill, but she called to see him when she was over as he collected the rents. Witness had been to Whitwick regularly every quarter for some years up to the beginning of this year. The plaintiff had very much improved of late in her mental condition. Witness did not know she was a legatee under the plaintiff's will. Plaintiff had often spoken to her about Clarence and said she felt sorry for the boy. She told witness she should leave him 10 shares in the Whitwick Liberal Club and that she should do something more for him. Later she told witness of the deed of gift to the boy and said Mr Sharp was preparing the papers. Witness told her she was very pleased. Plaintiff seemed quite capable of managing her affairs at that time and spoke quite rationally about it. She told witness to keep it a secret as she said the Berringtons would be so jealous if they got to know.

By Mr Joy: She did not go to Mr West and ask him whether plaintiff had made a will. The plaintiff was much the same now as she had been for the last two years.

By Mr Marriott: Plaintiff saw her at the Ashby Court on Thursday week and recognised her and conversed with her, but when she saw her at the Coalville Police Court she did not appear to know her. Witness thought that was in consequence of something she had been told in the meantime.

George West, cemetery caretaker, Whitwick, said he had known the parties for many years. Witness for many years had collected the fees of Dr. Burkitt's club patients, one of whom was the plaintiff. She paid him herself up to the March quarter, 1913, and when he called in June, she told him Mrs Berrington had the card and she would pay. He had seen the plaintiff frequently. She seemed all right up to her illness in October, 1912, and though she was somewhat feeble afterwards, she seemed fairly well. He noticed no decline in her mental powers. He had read letters to her from a nephew abroad and she appeared to

follow him with interest. He did not think she was the sort of person who would sign a document that she did not understand, or did not approve of.

Mr Marriott: *Was she the sort of person who could be overborne by anyone? – Not in regard to money matters I don't think she could.* (Laughter).

Mr Joy: *Then she is not the sort of person to give much away in her life-time? – She was very careful.*

And strong minded? – Yes.

So strong minded that if she gave anything away she would not care about anyone knowing anything about it? – I don't think so.

Walter Briers, builder and cabinet maker, Whitwick, stated that in 1911 and 1912 he carried out some repairs to the Leicester Road property for Mrs Spencer. She discussed it with him and said she wanted a good job made as cheaply as possible. He had seen her and talked with her many times since then. He had known her all his life and had not noticed much change in her of late years. She was not a person, in his opinion, who would sign anything that she did not approve or understand, especially if it was giving something away. He thought her quite capable of understanding things. He did business with her in February this year and she explained what she wanted doing. He had known Williamson all his life and had business relations with him.

Mr Marriott: *What do you say as to his character for honesty? – No one could be straighter.*

Mr Joy: *Are you related to him? – Yes.*

Are you his nephew? – Yes.

Then would it not have been straighter on your part to have told us? – I was not asked.

Oliver Burton, of Whitwick, said he had known the defendant for some years and regarded him as a straightforward, honest man.

“Are you related to him?” asked Mr Marriott amidst laughter. *“No”* said Mr Burton.

Proceeding, witness said he had also known the plaintiff for some years and she always talked rationally and sensibly. He thought she would want to understand what any document was before she signed it.

William T. Williams, manager of the London City and Midland Bank, Coalville, was recalled as to what took place at the interview between witness and the plaintiff, and the judge said there was a discrepancy between his evidence and that of defendant. Answering His Honour, witness said he adhered to his former statement at Coalville, that he could make nothing out of her.

By Mr Marriott: *He could not remember Mrs Berrington saying in the police court proceedings at Coalville for assault that they were discussing the plaintiff's affairs at the time and that she (Mrs Berrington) refused to leave the house as she thought she had a right there.*

Mr Marriott said that was reported in the “Coalville Times,” which paper had also been used by Mr Joy for the purpose of the case. The Judge said all that Mr Williams said was that he did not remember it.

Father O'Reilly was called but had left the court, and Mr Marriott said that closed the evidence for the defence.

Addressing His Honour, Mr Marriott said it had never been suggested that plaintiff signed the deed under a mishapprehension or that any coercion was brought to bear on her by defendant. He submitted that she was quite capable of dealing with such matters and said he might recall questions he put to her as instancing that she had a clear mind. She was now living under the wing of the Berringtons, and when he put the question to her as to whether she had given any money to the Berringtons she denied having done so. According to the bank book, however, £300 was paid from her account to Samuel Berrington in January, 1913. If that was a gift, the consideration given by the old lady was much greater than she had given to this lad.

The Judge: *It may be open to attack.*

Mr Marriott, continuing, said it was a very serious and material circumstance in consideration of this case, because the value of this property in the 1884 deed was taken as £74 and in the later deed as £90. They might assume that the latter figure was the outside value, because they had been told that the place was dilapidated. In view of this £300 having been paid, the Berringtons would hardly wish to say that the plaintiff was incapable of understanding transactions in January, 1913. Supposing the £300 was not a gift, but only a loan, some security must have been given. They did not know, but later £24 was paid into the account by Berrington, which may have been interest or a payment on her account. But in any case the plaintiff had made a valuable gift or an advance to this man.

Counsel went on to review the evidence, questing the payment of rates by the plaintiff and other incidents sworn to as indications that the old lady was capable of dealing with her affairs. Alluding to the police court proceedings for assault, he said it came out there that Williamson was in possession of deeds and then it was that the Berringtons instituted these proceedings.

At this point there was an interruption by Mr Berrington from the court and Mr Marriott retorted: *If you can't be quiet you had better go out. I am not accustomed to be told my duty by members in the crowd.*

As soon as the Berringtons got wind of this, continued Counsel, they communicated with Messrs. Crane and Moore, acting, no doubt, on the instructions of the plaintiff, who was living under their wing, and those proceedings were commenced.

The Judge said it did not seem to him to be very important who instigated the proceedings. Mr Marriott said he only wanted to point out that if this deed of gift became invalid, the property would go to Mrs Berrington. Proceeding, he submitted that the evidence showed that the plaintiff knew what she had done and approved of what she had done.

Resuming after lunch, Mr Joy was about to address the Judge for the plaintiff when His Honour observed that it would perhaps affect what Counsel had to say if he informed them that the view he took at present was that the plaintiff, owing to her infirmity, did not understand the effect of the deed.

Mr Joy said it was obvious that within a very short time of her having put her name to it, it was found to be very different from what she intended to convey. He went on to quote legal cases in support of his contention that the deed should be set aside. Concluding, Counsel said the plaintiff could not have understood what the signature meant, and he was content to leave the case there.

The Judgement

His Honour, in giving judgement, said he accepted the evidence afforded by the marriage certificate that plaintiff was now 86 years of age. He had seen the lady and she certainly was a woman of very advanced years. It was extremely difficult to make her understand anything and he thought she had a fairly strong will, but the difficulty in dealing with her was to make her understand for the moment. She had a life interest in property at Leicester Road, Whitwick, and owned the Pares' Hill property, and she was surrounded by nieces, or rather step-nieces. He was not going to say anything to the discredit of one or the other, but it did seem to him that there had been something of the nature of rivalry, not disconnected with possible future benefits which might come to them, and it may have accounted for some of the trouble which had arisen. But what he had to say was whether, on the facts before him according to the evidence, this lady did execute a deed by whom she was bound. The deed in question was a voluntary deed of conveyance executed on 2nd February, 1913, or purported to be executed on that date – as a matter of fact he found that it was executed in December – and the person who benefited under the deed was Clarence Williamson, son of the defendant. There was no pretence that Clarence Williamson was a party to any imposition or undue influence at the time, but the law was that no person could benefit under any deed which might have been improperly obtained by a third person, and so Clarence Williamson must stand or fall by the circumstances under which this deed was obtained. One should consider the effect of the deed, as executed. It was to convey absolutely and immediately to a boy of 17, the home in which plaintiff lived. He could immediately have turned the plaintiff out of the house and driven her to live as best she could on 17s per week which, His Honour was told, was the income derived from her other property. *“Here is a woman of 86 years,”* continued the Judge, *“who, it is said, voluntarily and deliberately gave to a boy of 17, her own home, with the possibility of his immediately turning her out, if he thought fit to do so. In law, there would be no answer to him if he determined to do it. That seems to me an extremely improvident action. The Courts of Equity, as I have said, do not relieve foolish people from their natural consequences of their deeds, if they have done those deeds without knowing properly what they were doing, or under the effect of some improper influence exercised by some other person. Therefore I have to consider whether this old woman meant and understood what she was doing; if she did not understand, was it because of her incapacity or was influence exercised over her by some third person.”* His Honour repeated that he had seen her in court and found that it was extremely difficult to make her understand anything. That was also corroborated by medical evidence. Having referred to the conflict between the evidence of the defendant and that of the bank manager as to what took place at the interview, His Honour said he thought the defendant was mistaken and he accepted the evidence of Mr Williams. Reference was also made by the Judge to the evidence of Mr Crane, who said he had difficulty in making the plaintiff understand the terms of a codicil to her will, and as against that His Honour said he was not very much impressed by the fact that plaintiff had signed her name to various receipts. The receipts were written by someone else and she had signed her name. She had trusted Mr Berrington and had sometimes signed her name without any trouble at all, but that did not show that she was

capable of executing this deed. He had come to the conclusion that on the date of the deed she was not capable of understanding it except under the most detailed, re-iterated, fullest and most complete explanation by someone who had set his mind to tell her the whole effect, the disadvantages of it and put her in completed possession of every detail which a person in her position should have considered. Unless that was driven into her by constant repetition, he was positive that she did not on that date, understand what she was doing. Beyond that he had evidence of what might have been the plaintiff's intention. Witnesses had stated that subsequent to the execution of the deed they had heard the plaintiff refer to having left the property to the boy. But when people of that class talked of leaving property they meant it to take effect after their death. Williamson's own evidence was to the same effect because he said that plaintiff told him that in giving the house and garden to the boy it would be a benefit to him in time to come. That pointed to the gift being intended to take effect at some future date. But this deed of gift entitled to immediate possession. It was very different from a gift by will, because not only did a gift by will take effect at the death of the testator, but it was recoverable at any time. What were the circumstances under which this deed was executed? The old lady was to strip and destitute herself of her home. The only person whom she communicated with was Charles Williamson, the father of the person to whom she proposed to give it. He did not go to the solicitor who prepared Mrs Spencer's will and codicil, but went to another solicitor in the town. He was most properly asked by that solicitor whether he (the solicitor) should go to see the lady, "No," said Charles Williamson. He had no written instructions. The solicitor did not consider the plaintiff as his client and he took no steps for her protection as he would have been obliged to do if she had been his client. The deed was prepared and engrossed and was taken for Mrs Spencer's signature. Williamson said he explained it to her. Did he explain it to her so that she understood it was a gift of the house to take immediate effect with the possibility of her being turned out the next day, deprived of her home, and to live on 17s per week? He (the Judge) was positive such was not the case and Williamson's own act seemed to confirm that view. When he went back to the solicitor he told him that the plaintiff wanted to stay in the house as long as she liked. Charles Williamson took on himself to explain the deed to the plaintiff so that she understood it and His Honour found that he failed to do that, so he could only decide the case one way. He must direct that the deed be delivered up to be cancelled and he also directed that the defendant hand over to the plaintiff the deed of 1884. He assumed that no damages were asked for.

Mr Joy: *No.*

The Judge: And I must direct the defendants pay the cost of the action.

Question of Costs

Mr Marriott, on the question of costs, said the action had been launched on three grounds. The first was that plaintiff never executed the deed, and it was quite clear that on that the plaintiff had failed. The second ground was that the deed was obtained after undue influence by the defendants or some person on their behalf, and the third was that it was obtained under circumstances which rendered it void and of no effect. Those three issues had been contested and he asked that the ordinary rule should be followed in this case, that where charges involving separate issues were made and the plaintiff failed on these issues, while they might be entitled to the costs of the action, the costs on those issues should be for the defendants. That was the usual practice. The matter certainly appeared in the correspondence to have involved a charge of forgery. It was said that plaintiff denied

any knowledge of signing the deed until he (Counsel) got it from Mr Williams, the bank manager, that it was her signature. He submitted, therefore, that he was entitled to costs on that. Then as regards the second point, undue influence, no attempt had been made to prove that. All the evidence in the case went to show that she was a person who could not be coerced. On both these issues he submitted that defendants were entitled to costs. He made his request for the costs because the allegations were of a serious nature. They were allegations of fraud or dishonesty on the part of the defendant, and he (Counsel) did not think that His Honour – certainly not by anything that he had said – thought that the defendant had acted dishonestly.

The Judge: I am always very chary of making that sort of remark if I can avoid it. Under the circumstances I don't think I ought to accede to your request. If I thought that any considerable expense had been incurred by the defendants in respect of those points which have not been contested before me, I might make some order to that effect, but I don't think that is the case and my original direction must stand, defendants to pay the cost of the action.

Mr Marriott: I ask your Honour to grant stay of execution in this case until we have had time to consider your judgement.

The Judge: I have taken rather a strong view about the facts of this case and I don't think I ought to interfere. I don't like this case. If you wish me to say more, I will.

Replying to Mr Sharp, the Judge said that the costs of a former application for plaintiff's evidence to be taken on commission, which was dismissed, would be set off against the costs of the action.

Whitwick Deed Case. The House.



'Times' Photo.

Coalville Police Court

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

Bad Language

Robert Gamble, collier, Ibstock, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on August 7th, the case having been adjourned from the last court.

He pleaded not guilty.

P.C. Jelley said he was on duty near the Whitwick Picture Palace and saw the defendant with a man named Howe. He used very bad language and when witness spoke to him he said he was on the Council, while Howe also shouted, “*Yes, he’s a magistrate and sits at Bosworth.*” P.C. Grewcock corroborated.

Richard Kelly, manager of the Whitwick Picture House, said he heard Gamble use a lot of bad language. Defendant strongly denied it.

The Clerk: *Three witnesses have sworn that you did use bad language.*

The defendant was fined 5s 6d and 3s 6d for witness' fees, the chairman remarking that the fine would have been 10s but they reduced it in consideration of him having to attend the last court when the case was adjourned owing to P.C. Jelley's illness.

William Howe, collier, Coalville, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on July 31st and also for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick on August 2nd.

He did not appear.

P.C. Jelley proved the case and a fine of 10s or seven days was imposed.

Thomas Hall, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language on July 31st and also for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick on August 2nd.

He did not appear.

P.C. Jelley said the defendant used the language as wounded soldiers were passing in motor cars from Coleorton Hall. Jelley also gave evidence as to the offence on Bank Holiday.

In the first case defendant was fined 10s or seven days and in the second 12s or seven days, the sentences to run concurrently.

A Whitwick Fight

Walter Jakeman, collier, Whitwick, and Arthur Hunt, banksman, Thringstone, were summoned for violent conduct at Whitwick, on August 3rd. P.C. Jelley said the men were fighting.

Defendants who did not appear, were each fined 10s or seven days.

Drunk and Disorderly

William Hopkins, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick, on August 15th.

He did not appear.

P.C. Grewcock proved the case and defendant was fined 12s or seven days and 2s 6d witness fees.

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

There have been good audiences here again this week to witness another excellent programme of films, and an extra good 'turn', Lever Bros. comedians, splendid artistes, whose funniosities have kept the audiences in a continual state of laughter. The impersonator of Charlie Chaplin is a good one, and is "he to the T." Patrons should not miss this during the week-end. – Episode 21 of the "Million Dollar Mystery" was the chief

film at the beginning of the week, and as usual was received with enthusiasm. As a result of the mission of the high Russian official, Norton visits Washington and interviews the authorities in order to secure the deportation of the Countess and Braine, and other members of the gang. In the meantime there is a visitor to the well, into which, in an earlier episode mysterious hands lowered the box, apparently containing the treasure. The box is opened and an official looking document is taken out. It is addressed to Henri Servan, the Russian official. The box is sealed and lowered into the well again. Mysterious hands from behind a curtain give the document to Braine and the Countess as they sit at dinner in a fashionable restaurant. Florence, later on, gets hold of this document, and, in order to recover it, Braine visits the Hargreaves' mansion. In the garden he sees Jones and the Russian official closely examining the papers he so much desires. Jones goes into the house, and Braine, with assistance, attacks the Russian, ties him to a bench and makes off with the papers. A series of incidents result in Jones following Braine and engaging in a desperate struggle. Norton comes on the scene just as Jones is getting the worst of it, and Braine escapes by leaping from a bridge into the river forty feet below. But Jones and Norton have regained the precious papers. – Others were good. – For the week-end a fine film, in addition to an excellent collection, is "The Millionaire Engineer." The millionaire engineer gives a reception in honour of his engagement. The employees call on the millionaire and demand a rise in wages. He will not treat with them, and his fiancée breaks the engagement. One day the forest catches fire and the millionaire takes the train through the fire and rescues children and others. The strikers are appeased and the lovers are reconciled. – Next week's 'bill' see our advertisement columns.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Burials

Colledge – At Whitwick, yesterday, Dorrien French Colledge, aged seven months, of Church Lane.

Friday September 10th 1915 (Issue 1227)

Local News

We regret to hear that Capt. A. T. Sharp, son of Mr and Mrs J. J. Sharp, of the White House, Whitwick, has been injured at the front and is now in hospital in France. Happily the last letter received stated that he was progressing satisfactorily.

Last month in acknowledging the gift of a portrait of the Rev. Francis Mereweather, M.A. says the 'Whitwick Parish Magazine', it was stated that he had been Vicar of Whitwick for the long period of 45 years. It is not generally known that his predecessor, the Rev. Francis Harris, B.A., was Vicar of Whitwick for 52 years, and that Whitwick had only two vicars from the year 1767 to 1864, a period only three years short of a century. Also Mr Harris's predecessor, the Rev. Charles Frank M.A., was Vicar here for 32 years, from 1735 to 1767. It is not very often that this record has been surpassed in the Church of England.

From the 'Whitwick Parish Magazine'

“Our bell ringers have just shown their love for their grand old Church by presenting an addition to its furniture in the form of a very beautiful and very chastely designed polished brass font ewer. The ewer cost £3 15s and the inscription on it 6s 11d, making a total of £4 1s 11d. This gift is not only useful but also very timely, as the old painted ewer had seen long service, had been repaired several times, and was lately in a leaky condition. We are therefore exceedingly thankful to our kind friends for so splendidly supplying what was really a need.”

Coalville Urban District Council

The monthly meeting of this Council was held in the Masonic Hall, Coalville, on Tuesday night, Mr A. Lockwood presiding. There were also present Messrs. W. Fellows, M. McCarthy, R. Blower, T. Kelly, C. W. Brown, A. J. Briers and F. Griffin, with the clerk (Mr T. F. Jesson), surveyor (Mr L. L. Baldwin), assistant surveyor (Mr Hurst).

A Satisfactory Ending

The clerk said he had taken legal proceedings for the eviction of a tenant of dangerous property at Pares' Hill, Whitwick, and the case was to have come on at the Coalville Police Court on Friday, but he understood that the woman had now left the house and he was very glad.

Plans

The following plans were recommended for approval: House, Meadow Lane, Whitwick, for Mr T. Coadwell; mixing house, Meadow Lane Farm, Whitwick, for Mr M. McCarthy; and extension of factory for the Coalville Highfields Weaving Company.

The report was adopted on the motion of Mr Kelly.

Whitwick Lodgers

The surveyor reported that the number accommodated at the Whitwick lodging houses during the month was 603, against 562 the previous month and 934 in the corresponding month of last year. A surprise visit and also an inspection of the premises found them to be clean and satisfactory.

A Whitwick Notice

The surveyor reported that a statutory notice as to an ashpit nuisance at Whitwick had not been complied with. Mr McCarthy said the man had only been in the house a week or two and it was rather hard. He suggested that it stand over for a bit.

The surveyor said that would be creating a dangerous precedent. If a nuisance was there it had to be dealt with.

Mr Fellows: *Where is the man who left the house?*

The Surveyor: *I don't know.*

Replying to Mr McCarthy, the surveyor said he could not say whether a preliminary notice was first served. Mr Fellows said he should object to being served with a notice if he had only just gone into the house. The clerk said the present tenant of the house was the only man against whom they could proceed. The question was whether the man had had sufficient notice.

Mr McCarthy: *Let it go for a month or two.*

The Surveyor: *Oh no. We can't allow an overflowing ashpit to remain.*

Mr McCarthy: *I am pleased to hear that. Sometimes I have had to send postcards to the office to tell them of ashpit overflowing notwithstanding all the inspectors we have going round.*

Eventually the matter was left in the hands of the clerk.

Coalville Police Court

Harry Springthorpe, collier, Whitwick, was charged with unlawfully unramming the explosives in a charged hole at the Whitwick colliery on August 26th.

James Gee, John W. Gee and James Smith, colliers, all of Thringstone, were summoned by Trevor Pratt, gamekeeper, Shepshed, for day poaching at Whitwick on September 1st.

Ernest Smith, of Whitwick, William Rawlings and Tom E. Newton, both of Coalville, Thomas King, Frederick Blinko and Samuel Gent, jun., of Hugglescote, all pony drivers, were summoned by Richard Massey, mineral water manufacturer, of Hugglescote, for maliciously destroying a wall, on September 2nd.

Joseph Horrobin, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language in a house at Whitwick, on August 29th.

Frederick Griffin, John Newell, Oliver Rushton and Arthur Botterill, colliers, all of Whitwick, were summoned for gaming with cards and coins at Whitwick, on August 29th.

Patrick Costello, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for indecency at Thringstone, on September 4th.

Ashby Police Court

Saturday – Before the Rev. C. T. Moore (in the chair) Sir William Abney, Major Hatchett, Mr J. Turner, Mr J. P. Adcock and Mr T. Dennis.

Whitwick Shoehand to Support his Mother

John Doyle (43), shoehand, Whitwick, was summoned by the Ashby Board of Guardians for refusing to maintain his mother, chargeable to the union. Defendant said he was unable to pay.

John William Bowley, relieving officer, said the defendant's mother was an old age pensioner. She was admitted to the Union, with a fractured thigh on June 16th. The Guardians made an order for the payment of 2s 6d per week, but nothing had been paid.

Defendant was a single man employed at Messrs. Brown and Sons' boot factory, and his average wages for the past 16 weeks were 19s 2d per week. Defendant said that included overtime.

The Clerk: *They say you only worked 4 1/2 days a week.*

The Bench made an order on defendant for 2s 6d per week, and 12s 6d costs.

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

There have been large audiences this week, and a fine programme is showing all the week. The 'turns' are good and are: The Andersons (Will and Laura) in a vocal comedy and burlesque entertainment. "She would be an Actress" is a good 'take-off' and causes roars of laughter. This should be seen – Miss Laura Louise, in illustrated songs, is a good artiste, and a very pleasing vocalist. She has had a great reception. – The 'star' picture during the early part of the week was Episode 22 of the "Million Dollar Mystery" viz., "The Menacing Past." In this episode, all the scattered threads of the story are gathered together. Events take place which point to speedy action by the authorities against the conspirators, who are well aware of the threatened danger. A plot to capture Norton results in the police, headed by the reporter, surrounding the secret cave and arresting a large number of the conspirators. To their disgust Braine and the Countess are not among them. Jones makes frequent visits abroad and is one day seen returning with a stranger, whose clean cut features closely resemble those of the butler. The Countess accordingly forces her way into the house and insists on seeing Stanley Hargreaves, who, she claims, is in the house. Florence, taking a revolver from the drawer, orders her from the room. She fires, but the bullet strikes down Braine, who is climbing through the window to her assistance. In desperation, the Countess escapes up the stairs. In the confusion, Norton and Susan enter. Florence throws her arms about the mysterious stranger's neck, who later on tells the secret of "The Million Dollar Mystery." – Others were good. – For the week-end "Father's Three" is the chief one. Three bachelors read of a poor woman who wishes somebody to adopt her little daughter. They take the child and bring her up. All three offer her marriage, and she answers that the one who will bring her the most appropriate present for her eighteenth birthday will stand highest in her affections. Robert brings her a gown, Henry a diamond necklace, but Vincent decided to find her mother. This he does, and later he and the girl are married. – Others should be seen. – Next week in addition to a good film list, there are three good 'turns,' so that patrons will be having a nice time next week, and should see that the management is well supported by bumping 'houses'. Full particulars see our advertisement columns.

Friday September 17th 1915 (Issue 1228)

Local News

Accident to Mr T. Y. Hay

An accident happened on Friday to the chairman of the Coalville Urban Council, Mr T. Y. Hay. He was walking to the Whitwick Colliery, of which he is the manager, and when

crossing the line at Coalville East, tripped against an obstacle on the line and fell rather heavily, dislocating his shoulder. We are pleased to hear that he is making good progress.

Soldier's Wedding at Whitwick

A military wedding was solemnised at Whitwick Roman Catholic Church on Saturday by the Rev. M. J. O'Reilly. The contracting parties were Arthur Concannon, 1st Sherwood Foresters and Miss H. Perry. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a very pretty dress of voile, with wreath and veil and carried a bouquet of white sweet peas. The bridesmaids were the Misses Chrissie and Nellie Concannon, in pale blue crepe de chene, and Miss E. Perry and Miss L. Concannon in pale pink crepe de chene and the little trainbearer, Miss Mary Collin (niece of the bridegroom) wore a pretty dress of pale mauve crepe de chene and carried a basket of mauve sweet peas. The bridesmaids carried bouquets of sweet peas and roses, the gift of the bridegroom. Mr Joseph Concannon was best man. After the ceremony the happy pair left by motor for their short honeymoon, as the bridegroom is only home from 'Somewhere in France' on 7 days' leave. He is to be congratulated on passing through 10 months of warfare as a bomb-thrower and his many friends will wish him a safe and speedy return home.



Harvest Thanksgiving

The harvest festival was observed at the Whitwick Primitive Methodist Chapel, on Sunday, the preacher being the Rev. J. A. Wales. The chapel was nicely decorated and the sermons and singing were appropriate to the occasion, the services being well attended. A public tea was held on Monday, followed by a sale of the fruit and vegetables, the proceeds being for the trust funds.

Local Chit Chat

We are pleased to hear that Capt. A. T. Sharp, who is now in hospital in London, is making good progress.

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

Three excellent 'turns' besides some fine pictures, are proving very attractive at the Whitwick Picture House this week and numerous encores testify to the heartiness with which the performances have been appreciated. At the top of the bill is Lilian Farrar, very aptly described as the daintiest of comedienues and dancers, in her charming song scenes, "Bubbles" and "Our Lady of the Lamp." Charles Kay, in his latest songs, "The Vicar," "The Curate" and others, gives some clever impersonations, while The Trents, comedy entertainers, in their screaming burlesque, "The Modern Detective," have caused boundless mirth. The star picture for the first half of the week was another instalment of "The Million Dollar Mystery," which has thoroughly gripped patrons of the theatre and the unfolding of the story is looked forward to with much interest week by week. Showing tonight and tomorrow night is a capital list, the chief of which is "Her Husband's Son," which is a powerful drama and occupies 2,182 ft of film. Robert Willard, after promising his wife on her deathbed that he will never marry again, falls in love with a girl not much older than his son and marries her. To the son this is sacrilege in the broken promise and he refuses to accept the girl-wife, Dorothy, as his mother. At college, the son is seized with the gambling fever, and writes home for extra funds, but his father eventually becomes exasperated and informs his son that he can stand it no longer. The girl-wife has seen the boy's appealing letter and promises to send him the money. She obtains a large sum from her husband, but his suspicions are aroused. At a ball given in her honour, a note sent to her is lost, and the husband finding it, thinks his wife is unfaithful and that she is secretly meeting a lover. He steals out and shoots at the form he sees embracing his wife. Later he is horrified at having shot his own son, but the wife forgiving of heart, finally unites the three in a happy family. Others include "The Angels," a screaming Keystone comedy and "A Gentleman of Nerve," featuring Sid Chaplin, brother of the famous Charlie of that ilk. Another excellent programme for next week.

Coalville Police Court

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

Serious Offence at Whitwick Colliery

Harry Springthorpe, collier, Whitwick, was charged with unlawfully unramming the explosives in a charged hole at the Whitwick Colliery on August 26th.

He pleaded guilty.

Mr J. J. Sharp prosecuting for the Whitwick Colliery Company, said it was a serious charge, another man being injured through the defendant throwing the powder onto the gob. The prosecutors, however, did not wish to press the case, defendant having pleaded guilty.

Thomas Young Hay, manager of the Whitwick Colliery, said the defendant was a stallman. The defendant attempted to extract a charge which had not been fired. It was dangerous and a serious breach of the rules. Defendant had worked at the mine for some years and this was the first complaint against him. The powder ignited and another man was rather badly burnt. That had to be reported to H.M. Inspector of Mines, who thought it was a case for prosecution. He (witness) did not wish to unduly press the case.

Defendant said he was very sorry and it should not occur again. The chairman said the Bench considered it a very serious offence, but they would take notice of what Mr Hay had said. Defendant would be fined £2 2s or 14 days. That did not really represent fit punishment for the offence, but they hoped it would be a warning to the defendant not to again endanger his own life and the lives of others.

"Banker" at Whitwick

Frederick Griffin, John Newell, Oliver Bishop and Arthur Botterill, colliers, all of Whitwick, were summoned for gaming with cards and coins at Whitwick, on August 29th. They did not appear.

P.C. Grewcock said Sunday card playing was getting a nuisance and he had received several complaints. He surprised the defendants in Church Lane and secured a number of cards and 1s 4d in money.

Each defendant was fined 6s.

Bad Language

Joseph Horrobin, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language in a house at Whitwick, on August 29th. P.C. Grewcock proved the case in defendant's absence and a fine of 10s or seven days was imposed.

Whitwick Collier's Offence

Patrick Costello, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for indecency at Thringstone, on September 4th. P.C. Bursnall said he was on duty at Thringstone wake and saw the defendant commit the offence near a stall.

Fined 10s or seven days.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Burials

Cheney – At Whitwick, on Monday, Charles William Cheney, aged ___ months, of Leicester Road.

Commons – At Whitwick, yesterday, James Commons, aged 72 years, of Church Lane.

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Local News

Juvenile Missionary Effort

The annual juvenile missionary effort was held at the Whitwick Wesleyan Chapel on Saturday and Sunday. On Saturday evening a public meeting was held at which Mr C. March presided and addresses were given by the Rev. G. C. Main, of Manchester, formerly of the circuit, and the Rev. T. Cottam, of Coalville. The services on Sunday were conducted by the Rev. G. C. Main and there were good congregations. The collections for the missionary society amounted to £5.

Hayfield Fatality at Whitwick

An Old Man's Fall

Jury and a War Bonus

An inquest was held by the Deputy Coroner for North Leicestershire (Mr T. J. Webb) at the Wagon and Horses Inn, Whitwick, on Monday afternoon, concerning the death of James Lane Nutt, aged 71, of Church Lane, Whitwick, which occurred on Saturday.

Mr T. Kelly was foreman of the jury. One of the jurors, Mr W. Briers, arrived a little late and the Deputy Coroner informed him that in another minute he would have been fined 10/-. He said Mr Briers might have control over his own time, but he had no right to waste other people's time. Mr Briers said he was summoned for 1:45. Mr Webb said he had kept thirteen people waiting for five minutes and he had only just escaped being fined.

Beatrice Rawson, wife of John Rawson, 23, Church Lane, Whitwick, said the deceased was her father and lived with her. He was 71 last August. Up to three years ago he worked as a collier and had since done odd jobs. His health was good and he had good sight and hearing for his age. He was not subject to giddiness. On Wednesday, the 15th inst., he went out at 8 o'clock in the morning to work in the hayfield for Mr Hull and he was brought home at 3.55 in the afternoon by Mr Hull in a motor car. He said he had fallen. He died at 5.45 am on Saturday morning.

Dr J. Webster, locum tenens, for Dr. Burkitt, Whitwick, said he was sent for about 4 o'clock in the afternoon on Wednesday, the 15th inst., and saw the deceased on the sofa. He had just been brought in. He was conscious but was suffering in a minor degree from shock. His mind was sufficiently clear for him to answer questions. There was no external

evidence of injury, except bruising, and deceased recovered from the shock, but on the 17th he showed signs of suffering from severe congestion of the lungs, probably due to him having to lie in a flat position. That was common in elderly people in such circumstances. The cause of death was congestion of the lungs.

By the Foreman: *The only complaint made by the man was of pain between his shoulders.*

Mr S. W. West: *It was the accident he met with in falling off the hay cart that caused his death?*

The Doctor: *The primary cause was congestion of the lungs.*

Mr West: *But the accident produced that?*

Witness said that was so. Answering another juror, the doctor said he could not say from what height he fell.

William Smith, baker, of Cademan Street, Whitwick, said he was working in Messrs. Hull and Son's hayfield, in Cademan Street, on the 15th inst. He was throwing up the hay and deceased was on the cart. Witness told him he ought not be up there, but deceased insisted on it. Before starting the horse, witness shouted, "*Hold you,*" and he replied, "*Go on, I am alright.*" It was a two wheeled cart. Soon after the horse started someone called out and witness saw Nutt on the ground by the side of the cart. It looked as if deceased had rolled off the cart with a forkful of hay, but witness did not actually see him fall. Deceased did not say anything.

Patrick Wm. Griffin, beerhouse keeper, Whitwick, said he was on the stack in the next field at the time. He saw the cart start for the stack, Smith leading the horse with the deceased on the top. It was a small load and the height from the ground would not be more than 7ft. When the cart had gone about half a dozen yards, witness saw Nutt tumble off. He seemed to slip sideways and some hay went with him. The horse was going quietly and as far as witness could see there was nothing to cause the deceased to fall, except that deceased had got the hay in the cart a little rounded. Witness could not say whether the man had done that kind of work before.

By the Foreman: *They were not hurrying at all.*

By Mr West: *Deceased seemed to prefer to go on the cart. Witness told him not to go on the cart, but he would go on and said he could manage it. A juror remarked that the deceased was experienced in farm work.*

By Mr West: *They were using a suitable cart. Witness had used a similar cart hundreds of times. The fields were on a slope.*

The Deputy Coroner said the facts appeared to be simple. The deceased was warned that it was risky for a man his age to do that kind of work, but he said he could manage it alright. The medical evidence was clear as to the cause of death.

The jury returned a verdict of death from congestion of the lungs induced by an accidental fall from a load of hay and that no one was to blame.

The Foreman jocosely asked whether there was any increase in the jurors' fees on account of the war.

A juror: *A war bonus.*

Mr West: *We had better send a request from the jury. I am sure it would be unanimous.*

The Deputy Coroner said he was afraid it would not be much use. He added: *"You are supposed to do this for the good of the country. The shilling is not intended as remuneration, but is only to meet any little expense."*

The Foreman: *I had spent a shilling before the inquest began.* (Laughter)

Mr Briers: *Where would my 10/- fine have gone?*

The Deputy Coroner: *The county would have collected that.*

Mr West: *We should have wanted to spend it among the jurors.*

Parish Church

The special preacher at the Whitwick Parish Church on Sunday was the Rev. F. Clarke, of Hitchen, the collections being for the S.P.G.

Drunk and Disorderly

At the Coalville Police Court, before Major Hatchett (in the chair), and Mr J. W. West on Monday. John Sheen, an elderly man, who described himself as a slater of no fixed abode, was charged with being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick, the previous day.

P.C. Grewcock stated that about 9 o'clock on Sunday night he was in the Market Place and saw the defendant who was very drunk, accosting people and asking them for money. When they declined to give him anything he was very abusive towards them. Witness asked him where he wanted to go and directed him to the lodging house, but he came back and continued his conduct, witness having to bring him to Coalville. There was a lot of blood on the man's face and clothes.

Defendant was sent to prison for seven days with hard labour.

Whitwick and Thringstone Citizen Corps

Shooting Match

An interesting shooting match was held on the range at Whitwick, on Saturday, between teams representing the above corps and the Hugglescote and Ellistown Citizen Corps. Ten rounds at deliberate and ten at rapid firing was the test at 25 yards N.R.A. target. Hugglescote by some very good shooting proved the better in each section scoring 222 and 175 to their opponents 213 and 156.

Mr Blow, of Whitwick, was the top scorer with 68, followed closely by Mr Woods, of Hugglescote, with 66. Following are details of the scoring:

Whitwick

	Deliberate	Rapid	Total
Mr Burton	28	17	45
Mr Millership	2	27	29
Mr Hull	29	23	52
Mr Storer	17	17	34
Mr Blow	32	36	68
Mr Pegg	21	29	50
Mr Geary	12	28	40
Mr Irons	15	36	51
	156	213	369

Hugglescote

Mr Woods	31	35	66
Mr Millership	2	27	29
Mr Dixon	28	29	57
Mr Canner	16	10	26
Mr Langley	18	36	54
Mr T. Weston	15	23	38
Mr Lander	26	36	62
Mr W. Weston	28	27	55
	175	222	397

Two Whitwick Soldier's Killed

The Result of an Accident

Hand Grenade Prematurely Explodes

We regret to report this week the deaths of two Whitwick soldiers, at the front, as a result of an accident. They were Private H. Smith Hurst, No 13172, whose parents, Mr and Mrs Bowley Hurst, reside at Parsonwood Hill, and Pte. Arthur Charles Johnstone, No. 12435, whose home was at Castle Hill, his father being Mr Robert Johnstone, who is employed at Messrs. Brown and Sons' boot factory in Whitwick. Both men were in the 'B' company of the 8th Leicesters and the official notice received by their parents from the military authorities state that on August 31st, Pte. Hurst was accidentally killed by the exploding of a hand grenade and from the same cause Pte. Johnstone received wounds to which he succumbed the next day, September 1st. Hurst had gained a good reputation as a bomb-thrower and from letters received from other sources, it was learned that he was preparing to throw the grenade towards the German lines when it prematurely exploded.

Wesleyan Chaplain's Sympathy

Mr and Mrs Hurst, a few days ago, received the following letter:

“Dear Mrs Hurst, - I expect by this time that the sad news of the death of your son has reached you and I hasten to assure you of my sincere sympathy in this time of trial and loss. As Wesleyan Chaplain, it was my duty to perform the last solemn rites. Side by side with the other brave comrades we laid him to rest in the corner of a quiet cemetery confident that by his willingness to die for the cause of right, he has proved his title to that unending life where eternal mercy shall arise and shadows end. Again, assuring you of my sympathy and prayers, I remain, yours sincerely.”

S. Morgan
Wesleyan Chaplain

Best Bomb-Thrower in the Regiment

The Chaplain of Hurst's company wrote as follows:

“Dear Madam, - Please accept on behalf of myself and my brother officers of the 'B' Co., our deepest sympathy in the great loss you have had. I cannot speak too highly of your boy, who had shown himself to be so full of pluck and grit as to have earned the reputation of being the best bomb-thrower in our brigade. Always cheerful and conscientious, he will be sadly missed by all ranks. Had he been spared, I feel sure he would have added to his already well-earned reputation. He met his death by doing his duty and that is the consolation I can offer you in your great trouble and the knowledge that it is the grandest way of passing into the happier life. – Believe me, yours in all sincerity.”

H. L. Beardsley, Captain.

Pte. Hurst was 23 years of age and single. Before the war, he worked, like his father, at the South Leicestershire Colliery. He enlisted in August, 1914, but had only been at the front about five weeks. He was at Whitwick at the wake on leave.

Private Johnstone's Last Letter

In his last letter to his mother and father, written only about two days before he died, Johnstone said he was quite well and hoped they were all were at home. *“I will send M_____ a soldier's button to make a hat pin of and also one for F_____ and some other souvenirs if possible. I have got a ring made out of the aluminium nose-piece of a German shell. While I am writing this letter shells are bursting about a hundred yards away. W. Wright has had a letter asking if it right that I have been killed. I don't know who circulated the news, but you can tell them from me that I am as much alive as any of them. They wanted to know if 'Rabbit' had gone under, but he wishes them to know that he is very much alive yet.”*

Old Playmates

Asked by the writer to whom 'Rabbit' referred, Mrs Johnstone, the deceased soldier's mother, said it was Pte. Hurst who used to go to school with her boy and they were playmates together. Hurst was known by the nickname of 'Rabbit' and her boy as 'Bunny'.

Pte. A. C. Johnstone was only 21 years of age and was a widower. His wife died about a month before he enlisted in August last year. He went to the front on July 30th, last, so had only been there a few weeks.

Officer's Tributes

Mr and Mrs Johnstone have received letters both from the captain and lieutenant of the deceased's soldier's company, in which they both testify to Johnstone's excellent character as a soldier and a man. The lieutenant said he was one of the finest men in his platoon, a conscientious worker and always willing and the men all miss him very much.

Royal Sympathy

To the parents of both soldiers, Lord Kitchener has forwarded a letter as follows:

"The King commands me to assure you of the true sympathy of His Majesty and the Queen in your sorrow."

Memorial Services

On Sunday evening a memorial service for Pte. Johnstone was held in the Whitwick Holy Cross Church, being impressively conducted by the Rev. M. J. O'Reilly. There was a large congregation. The priest read extracts from the officer's letters testifying to the deceased's worth and spoke of the righteousness of the cause in which he had died.

A memorial service for Pte. Hurst is to be held at the Whitwick Wesleyan Church next Sunday.

Whitwick Soldier Wounded

Present at his brother's memorial service

Pte. George Johnstone, of the 1/5th Leicestershire Regiment, brother of the deceased soldier above referred to, was admitted to the Cambridge Hospital, Aldershot, on August 10th last, suffering from a severe gunshot wound in his right thigh. Happily, this soldier is now convalescent and is assisting in recruiting at Loughborough. He visited Whitwick on Sunday and attended his brother's memorial service in the evening at the Holy Cross Church.



PTE H. S. HURST.



PTE. A. C. JOHNSTONE.

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

A fine Vitagraph drama, "The Under-Study" was the star film at the Whitwick Picture House on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, and was greatly appreciated. It was a pretty love story dealing with stage life. Last night was put on the screen and will be repeated tonight and tomorrow night, "The Red Blood of Courage," a realistic and gripping Oriental drama, proving the charity of love. Professor Duane, an ethnologist and his assistant, Roscoe Harding, plan a journey into the wilds of Hindostan. Harding is in love with Lydia, the beautiful daughter of Professor Duane, and they are engaged to be married. Lieut. Tavish, a British army officer, is fascinated by the loveliness of Lydia, and plans to take her away from Harding by fair means or foul, for he believes that everything is fair in love and war. Tavish plans to ruin Harding by making him appear to be guilty of crime, feeling sure that in such case, Lydia will renounce him, and then he can advance his suit with her. For the time being the plot succeeds. With the help of a wild Hindu prince, Gunga Din, Harding is disgraced, but the Prince then falls in love with the girl and endeavours to carry her to his harem. She is rescued by Harding, after some thrilling incidents, and Tavish, having confessed his part in the plot, they shake hands and become friends again and Harding claims the fair Lydia as his bride. The film contains some beautiful settings and a succession of spectacular surprises. The "turns" appearing all week are "Fred Zarinella" in his eccentric juggling and acrobatic comedy acts, and the nimble Scot, Dave Abbott, comedian and eccentric dancer. Both are very good. The star

picture for the first three nights next week will be "A Raid of Human Tigers," a thrilling drama by the Bison Co., and for the second half, a splendid film by the Million Dollar Co., entitled, "Fingerprints of Fate," well produced. Two good turns next week will be James Bendon, a whistling and singer newsboy, and Renee Logan, comedienne and dancer.

Sport

Football

Leicestershire Senior League

Good Start by Coalville Swifts

The disbanding of some football clubs owing to the war has been the means of strengthening some of those which are continuing, inasmuch as it has led to a migration of players. This was demonstrated at Coalville on Saturday when the Swifts opened their Leicestershire Senior League fixtures with a match against Whitwick Imperial on the Fox and Goose ground. The Swifts have a capital team. The defence is the same as last year – Nicholls, in goal, and Underwood and Brett backs, - but Sid Storer, an Ibstock man, who was last season with the Long Eaton Rangers, is a good addition to the halfback line, and appearing at centre, with Bradshaw and Staley on the wings. The only old players in the forward line are Starkey and Cliff Price, the new men being Charlie Storer, late of Bradford City, Percy Underwood from Ellistown St. Christopher's and Wilkins from Coalville Town. It was particularly noticeable in Saturday's game that in the brothers Storer, the Swifts management have made a good capture. They were both very energetic all through the game and contributed in no small degree to the success achieved. The Whitwick team included three new players, all in the forward line. They were G. Smith, late of Ellistown, A. Lakin, from Loughborough Corinthians – who was chosen reserve and substituted Lockwood – and Lee, formerly of Hugglescote St. John's. The extreme wingers were M. Bird (right) and Keach (left) as last year. Dexter, Wright and Lovett formed the halfback line, Cooke and Waterfield backs, with Roadley in goal. Thus it will be seen that Whitwick have as good a team as that which won the league championship last year and the fact that the Swifts easily triumphed over them on Saturday, is an indication of the extent in which the Coalville club has improved. It is the more striking when it is borne in mind that soon after the start on Saturday, Staley hurt his knee and had to go off, the Swifts playing practically throughout the game with ten men.

The football displayed was good and a fairly large crowd watched with much interest. Roadley had plenty to do in the first half and about halfway through he was well beaten by C. Price with a good shot after that player had spoiled a lovely centre by Starkey by kicking high over the bar. Soon after this Lakin got away on his own and looked like equalising but Nicholls judiciously ran out and got the ball away just as the ex-Loughborough man was about to shoot. Roadley cleared other good shots, but was again beaten, this time by P.C. Underwood, before the interval arrived.

Whitwick were seen to better advantage early in the second half and Lakin succeeded in reducing the arrears, but the Swifts again forced matters. After Roadley had partially cleared a nice shot by C. Price, Starkey dashed up and netted while another by C. Price, who played a fine game, gave the Swifts a 4 – 1 victory.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Burials

Nutt – At Whitwick, on Tuesday, James Lane Nutt, aged 71 years, of Church Lane.

Stanyard – At Whitwick, on Tuesday, Enid Mary Louvain Stanyard, aged nine months, of Silver Street.

Meakin – At Whitwick, on Sunday, Austin Aubrey Meakin, aged 15 months, of Hermitage Road.

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Local News

The Pastor of the Whitwick Baptist Church, Rev. H. C. J. Wix, is leaving Whitwick shortly, having been offered and accepted the pastorate of the King Street Baptist Church, Loughborough. He concludes his ministry at Whitwick, on Sunday, October 16th. Mr Wix has been at Whitwick a little under two years and he went there from Woodbridge in Suffolk. His successor at Whitwick has not yet been appointed.

At the inspection of the Coalville, Hugglescote and Whitwick Citizen Corps by Lord Ranksborough and Col. Bruxner Randle on the Fox and Goose Ground, Coalville, next Sunday afternoon, a collection will be made and the proceeds divided between the fund for sending Christmas parcels to Leicesters at the front, and the Coalville and District Soldier's Comforts Guild.

Fire At Whitwick Colliery

Saw Mills Ablaze

The Coalville Fire Brigade received a call about 4.30 on Tuesday morning to a fire at the Whitwick Colliery. The alarm was given by a man named Thirsk, who saw flames coming from the saw mill in the Colliery Company's timber yard. Capt. Elsworth and a number of firemen were quickly on the scene and found the saw mill ablaze. Some of the colliery workmen were trying to extinguish the flames with water from hydrants on the colliery premises. The brigade soon had three powerful jets playing on the burning structure, there being a plentiful supply of water from the hydrant attached to 12 inch main in Hermitage Road, and with the valuable assistance of the colliery workmen, succeeded in getting the flames under in less than two hours. The mill, however, was completely gutted and some valuable machinery badly damaged.

By 6.30 the place was considered safe and the Brigade left, leaving Mr Smith in charge, and when Capt. Elsworth paid another visit at 9.30, there had been no further outbreak. The damage is estimated at nearly £200. The property was insured.

The mill was locked up at the time of the outbreak and it is not quite clear how the fire originated, though one explanation is that it may have been due to the fusing of some electrical wires.

Baptist Harvest Festival

Harvest thanksgiving services were held on Sunday in the Whitwick Baptist Church when the pastor, the Rev. H. C. J. Wix preached to good congregations, afternoon and evening. There was a good display of fruit, etc., which was sold on Monday, when there was also a public tea which was well attended. The proceeds for the chapel funds amounted to nearly £5.

Whitwick and Thringstone Citizen Corps

Shooting Handicap

A shooting handicap of the above Corps took place on the Whitwick range on Saturday, September 25th, 1915. The conditions consisted of ten rounds at both deliberate and rapid. The following were the results:

	Del.	Rapid	Handi	Total
Mr Blow	92	86	Ser	178
Mr Hull	82	81	8	171
Mr Robinson	90	60	8	151
Mr Burton	60	79	8	147
Mr Lester	78	56	9	143
Mr Pegg	76	47	5	128
Mr Harris	63	42	10	115
Mr Millership	84	17	3	104
Mr Dodd	27	10	10	47
Mr Holland	26	0	13	39
Mr Hawkins	8	0	13	21

1st Prize, Mr Blow, 2nd Mr Hull, 3rd, Mr Robinson.

Coalville Police Court

Friday – Before Major Hatchett (in the chair) and Mr W. Lindley.

Coalville Bus Conductor Assaulted

Frederick Harper, lodging-house keeper, Whitwick, was summoned by Henry A. Hart, bus conductor, Coalville, for assault at Whitwick on September 18th.

Defendant pleaded not guilty.

Mr J. J. Sharp appeared for the complainant and said it was a most unwarrantable assault on the boy in the discharge of his duties on the bus. Complainant stated that defendant got on the bus at the Halfway House, Coalville, for Whitwick at 9.30 on Saturday night. When they got to Whitwick the bus stopped at the Dumps and witness announced the fact defendant wanted to go to the Liberal Club. Witness asked him to get out as they could not

stop there all night and then defendant struck him a violent blow on the eye, numbing it. Robinson, the driver, came up and defendant threatened him.

By defendant: *Witness did not push him.*

Thomas Robinson, driver of the bus said he saw the defendant strike the lad and thought his head was going through the window. He jumped off and asked Harper what he meant and Harper threatened him. Witness told him if he did not get off there (near Harrison's) he would have to go on to the Market Place. Witness added that they had certain stopping places. When they got to the Market Place, witness told a policeman. The defendant admitted assaulting the boy and wanted to shake hands.

Thomas Hutchinson, a cleaner at the Coalville Garage, said he was in the bus at the time and he corroborated as to the assault. He thought the defendant had had a lot of drink.

By the witness: *There was no provocation. He did not see the conductor push the defendant.*

P.C. Grewcock said he received a complaint from Hart and Robinson. The former's eye was swollen. Defendant said he wanted to get off at the Liberal Club. He had never been informed that the buses only stopped at certain places. He had always tried to conduct himself well and did no more on this occasion than an ordinary person would have done on similar circumstances.

Defendant called Arthur Pearson, who said he was going to get off the bus near the Liberal Club and it pulled up, but made a sudden lurch, making him afraid to jump off. He saw the conductor give the defendant Harrison a push, and but for a man named Moore would have fallen. Harper asked the boy his name and he replied that it was John Henry. He did not see the defendant strike the complainant.

By the clerk: *He could not explain how the boy got a swollen eye.*

Charles Moore, of Whitwick, said he considered the conductor was very rude. Defendant fell against him when pushed by the complainant. Harper threatened the boy, but witness saw no assault. The boy went towards the defendant in a threatening manner and in stopping him Harper did no more than he (witness) would have done.

The Chairman: *You saw everything? – Yes. And you did not seem him strike the boy? – No.*

Complainant, recalled said he did not report to his manager that he was struck on the car. Defendant admitted pushing the boy, but denied striking him.

A fine of 10s was imposed and 7s witness' fees, seven days in default.

Bad Language

Thomas Hall, collier, Fanny Hall and Harriet Johnson, unmarried women, all of Whitwick, were summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on September 18th. They did not appear.

P.C. Grewcock said the defendants used the language after coming out of the Picture House. The two women were each fined 10s and the man 15s, or seven days.

Alleged Perjury in a Whitwick Case

Wm. Hopkins, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick on September 18th. Mr T. H. Moore (Coalville) was for the defendant who pleaded not guilty.

George Bull, roadman, Whitwick, said he lived near the defendant and when in the best room heard him come home and used the language complained of. Witness had been called as a witness by the police in a previous case and this accounted for defendant's language.

By Mr Moore: *Witness had nothing against the defendant. He (witness) was not friendly with his neighbours. He was the informant in this case and the chief witness in the last case against the defendant.*

By Supt. Lockton: *He (the Superintendent) instituted the proceedings and decided what witnesses to call.*

Mr Moore complained that the superintendent was putting leading questions to the witness and should himself go into the witness box or desist. Supt. Lockton said he was ascertaining the truth. The clerk remarked that the superintendent had a perfect right to do what he was doing.

William Cook, caretaker of the Whitwick Church Schools, said he heard the language of the defendant towards Bull. It was a frequent occurrence. Defendant, on oath, denied using the language and said it was all due to malice. His girl used to go and help Cook clean the schools and Cook did not like it because he stopped her. Bull's child now assisted.

By the clerk: *His child was nine years of age.*

Do you seriously ask the magistrates to believe that Bull and Cook have concocted this and committed perjury to get you convicted? – I do.

Mary Ann West, wife of John William West, Castle Street, Whitwick, said she was there and did not hear the defendant say a bad word. A written statement by Cook as to the alleged language used was described by the witness as a lot of rot.

By the clerk: *She was the defendant's sister-in-law.*

John William West, collier, husband of the last witness, and Geo. Edward Shelton, boot-maker, Castle Street, Whitwick, also gave evidence for the defendant.

A fine of 5s 6d was imposed with 7s witnesses' fees or seven days.

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

This theatre has been well patronised this week and a good programme is to be seen. James Bendon, the whistling and singing newsboy is good; and Renee Logan, the up-to-date chorus comedienne and dancer also. Both have had a good reception. Patrons should not miss these during the weekend. The chief picture at the beginning of the week was "The Band of Human Tigers" a very good 101 Film, which was much enjoyed. – Others were good. – For the weekend, in addition to the above "turns" the pictures are a good lot and the "star" picture is "Finger Prints of Fate," a real good one. Flo was the secretary to wealthy old Mr Gray and Jack, his nephew, was secretly engaged to her. Harry, the old gentleman's dissolute nephew, when on a visit to his uncle, discovered the engagement and wrote an anonymous letter informing Mr Gray. As a result, both Flo and Jack were ordered from the house. Jack, on coming downstairs, discovered his uncle lying dead in the chair. The safe in the corner of the room, had been opened and all the money taken. Then the police came and arrested Jack for the crime. Flo decided in her own mind that Harry was the criminal. Accordingly, she accepted the post of secretary to Henry. Her suspicions about the crime deepened when she discovered Henry searching the room recently occupied by Jack. Underneath a picture in a secret panel in the room a large sum of money was found. On the back of one of the notes was the distinct impression of a thumb. Whilst Henry telephoned for the police the girl hid the marked note about her person. The authorities came and an impression of everyone's thumb was taken. Then the butler, shivering with fright, made a confession of the crime as soon as he discovered the game was up. Detection was much easier because the safe had been freshly painted, and the impression on the bank note stood out plain and clear. The mystery of the quick arrival of the police was cleared up by the butler's confession, and Flo was happy now that her lover's name had been cleared, except for the fact that she had suspected the wrong man. This should be seen. – There are numerous others, all good. – Particulars of next week's list may be seen in our advertisement columns.

Sport

Tomorrow's Football

Whitwick Imperial v Coalville Swifts (Senior League) at Whitwick tomorrow.

Imperial Team: A. Roadley; J. Warden and J. T. Cooke; A. Dexter, G. Lockwood and O. Lovett; M. Bird, G. H. Smith, H. Williamson, P. Wright and J. Roach.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Wedding

On Saturday last the marriage took place at the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Charnwood Road, Shepshed, of Mr Alfred Springthorpe, of Whitwick, and Miss Mabel C. Button, daughter of Mr G. Button, of King's Road. The bride was accompanied to the altar by her father, who gave her away. She was attended by her sister, the bridegroom's sister, and four little nieces as bridesmaids. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. T. Ecob, of Loughborough, and at the conclusion a reception was held in the Primitive Methodist Schoolroom, at which about 100 guests were present. The bride and bridegroom were the recipients of a large number of presents.

Burials

Harris – At Whitwick, on Tuesday, John Edwin Harris, aged 31, of Colliery Farm, Hermitage Road, Coalville.

Cato – At Whitwick, yesterday, William Cato, aged 53 years, of Park Road, Coalville.

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Local News

Wesleyan Harvest Festival

Harvest thanksgiving services were held at the Whitwick Wesleyan Chapel on Sunday, the preacher being the Rev. J. Wilson Ferry, of Measham. The chapel was nicely decorated and there were good congregations. The collections realised over £4. A tea was held on Monday, moderately attended, and a sale of fruit, etc., afterwards realised £2 18s 9d for the Leicester Royal Infirmary.

Did You Know

That there are now 151 men from Whitwick serving in His Majesty's Forces?

That the Coalville and District Roll of Honour – local men who have given their lives for their country has now reached the total of 71?

Coalville Urban District Council

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

Highway Committee's Report

The surveyor reported that statutory notices served upon Mr G. H. Hewes, agent for property, situate 21 and 23, Silver Street, Whitwick, for remedying defective drainage had not been carried out, and the Committee recommend the clerk take legal proceedings to enforce the notices. Also that legal proceedings to be taken against the owner of houses in Golden Row, Whitwick, to remedy defective drains and privies, the terms of the statutory notices served not having been complied with.

The surveyor reported that Mr T. Commons, of Talbot Street, Whitwick, had failed to comply with the clerk's letter and statutory notice to abate a nightsoil nuisance, and the work had been carried out by the Council at a cost of 1s 3d, and the Committee recommend the clerk take legal proceedings to cover that amount.

Mr J. Berrington, the Council's paviour, applied for an increase of wages, according to the trades union rate for the district, and the Committee recommend he be given the

alternative of being paid the union rate for time actually worked or continue at his present standing wage.

Whitwick Lodgers

The surveyor reported that 600 people were accommodated in the Whitwick lodging houses during September, compared with 603 in August and 912 in September last year. On inspection, the lodging houses were found satisfactory. Notice had been given for the half-yearly lime or colour washing due in October.

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

Patrons are well catered for here again this week. John Brown, the Lancashire collier and his trained terriers has been well received and it is a first-class 'turn'. It should not be missed during the weekend. "Robin Hood and Maid Marion" was an exceptionally finely produced film in four reels. It has been much enjoyed by large appreciative audiences. Others were good. – For the weekend the 'star' is "Smouldering Fires" and this should be seen. The boy obtains a post as porter in a saloon. The bully and his men terrify the town. The boy seeks refuge with the mother of the girl who sings at the saloon. One night the bully attempts to kiss the singer, and she flees home to her mother. The smouldering spark of manhood flames up within the boy, and he returns to the saloon and makes short work of the bully and his friends. Others are excellent. – Episode 1 of "The Zadora Mystery" will be shown next week and the following is a short resume of the part. Zadora is an orphan. Her father, a prospector, dies as the result of an explosion in the mine fields; the shock caused by the news also brings about the death of Zadora's mother a few weeks later. The girl then finds a home with a Mrs Ramsey, a friend of her mother's. In looking through an old trunk, Zadora one day discovers a half burnt scrap of paper which she recognises as the remains of a letter from her father to her mother. In it mention is made of the discovery of diamond mines in South America. Zadora shows the letter to John Storm, her lover, and acting on his advice, the matter is put into the hands of Tom Hunt, a detective, who, with friend, Jim Baird, a newspaper reporter, is engaged in tracking down a gang of diamond smugglers. At the time they were awaiting the arrival of a man named Bruce who was on his way across the Atlantic with a consignment of precious stones. On landing, however, no trace of the diamonds is found in his belongings or on the person of the man, and accordingly Hunt lets him go. Jim Baird, the reporter, follows the man, however, is led into a trap and is made prisoner at the headquarters of the gang, of which Bruce is a member and of which Madame du Val and a certain Captain Radcliffe are the heads. Madame du Val poses as friend of Zadora's, but whilst the orphan and John Storm are dining with Madame and the Captain, Zadora's rooms are entered and the half-burnt scrap of paper disappears. A few days later, Zadora receives a message stating that John Storm has been injured. She enters the waiting taxi-cab and hurries away only to be made a prisoner when arriving at her destination. Tom Hunt, searching for his friend the reporter, stumbles on the plot with John Storm, and hurrying away, recues Zadora after a terrific fight with her captors. In an inner room they discover the reporter tied to a post and half dead. – For full particulars see advertisement columns.

Sport

Football

Coalville Swifts Still Winning

A Double on Whitwick

Coalville Swifts on Saturday obtained their third successive win in the Leicestershire Senior League, and the second win over Whitwick Imperial. It was the return match with the Imperial and was played on the Duke of Newcastle ground, being the Whitwick club's first appearance at home. Unfortunately, it was a wet day and this led to a smaller attendance than probably would have been the case under better conditions, the spectators numbering about three or four hundred.

The Swifts played exactly the same team as that which triumphed over Coalville Town the week before and Whitwick made one or two alterations from the team which was beaten when they visited the Swifts at Coalville. J. Warden appeared with Cooke at back in place of Waterfield and Lockwood was in his place at centre-half.

Though the grass had been mown, it was rather lengthy in one corner of the playing pitch especially and somewhat hampered the movements of the players. But despite this and the miserable atmospheric conditions, some splendid football was witnessed. It is fully recognised that Coalville Swifts have never had a strong team and occasionally one heard the sarcastic cry from the Whitwick spectators, "Play up Bradford City," or "Play up Notts County!" this alluring to Storer and Bird, but the Whitwick men played their opponents an excellent game, and taking the match all through, there was very little to choose between them. In fact, Whitwick may be said to have been somewhat unfortunate in losing. The first goal to the Swifts was quite a lucky one and it was only by a margin of one that the Coalville club triumphed.

In the first half there was no score, although the Swifts had slightly the best of matters and Roadley, in the Whitwick goal, was most frequently called upon. But he defended well and the many brilliant saves he made more than atoned for his miss which led to Percy Underwood opening the score after crossing over, though as matters turned out, this proved to cost the Imperial the match. Starkey was responsible for the second goal which he obtained with a pretty oblique shot after tricking two or three players, but the neatest goal of the match was that obtained by Whitwick a few minutes later. It was beautifully headed in by Percy Wright from a perfectly placed corner by Moses Bird. Play was rather vigorous at times and there was a good number of fouls.

In the previous match at Coalville, the Swifts won 4 – 1.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Burials

Clarke – At Whitwick, on Saturday, John Clarke of Leicester Road.

Neath – At Whitwick, on Monday, William Harold Neath, aged 8 months, of Leicester Road.

Newell – At Whitwick, on Wednesday, Ellen Newell, aged 19 years, of Talbot Street.

Brownlow – At Whitwick, yesterday, Walter Brownlow, aged 62 years, of Stoke-on-Trent.

Friday October 15th 1915 (Issue 1232)

Local News

The splendid relations existing between the officials and workmen of the Whitwick Colliery were demonstrated to a remarkable degree by the interesting little function which took place at the Fox and Goose Hotel on Saturday night, when a presentation was made to Mr Walter Lindley, J.P., in recognition of his services for twenty years as commercial manager and secretary of the company. That there should be such an affectionate bond of union between them, after the experience of twenty years, as shown by the proceedings on Saturday night must be very gratifying to all concerned, and as was stated at the presentation, this has doubtless contributed in a large degree to the great success which the company has enjoyed in recent years. This success, of course, means the success of all the employees of the firm, whether officials or men, and to a great extent, the success of Coalville and district, since the Whitwick Colliery Company are now the largest employers of labour in the locality, and it is to be hoped that the present happy state of things may long continue.

The Rev. M. J. O'Reilly, the esteemed priest of the Whitwick Holy Cross Church, has, unfortunately, not been enjoying good health of late, and has been advised by his medical attendant to take a rest. Accordingly, he left Whitwick yesterday for a month at Bexhill-on-Sea. Many friends will hope that he will come back fully restored.

Sequel to a Coalville Collision

Damages Against a Whitwick Collier

At the Ashby County Court, yesterday (Thursday) before the Registrar, Mr W. A. Musson, a case was heard in which Reginald Brooks, of the Colony, Coalville, sued John Beeson, collier, Whitwick, for £3 8s 6d, damages for injuries to plaintiff's infant alleged to have been caused by the neglect and furious driving of a horse and float by the defendant at Coalville on July 3rd.

Mr J. E. Jesson (Ashby) was for the plaintiff, whose wife said she was near the yard of the Railway Hotel, Coalville, when defendant arriving with four or five other men tried to get in between herself and Mr Gutteridge's shop. The perambulator with the child was knocked over the horse kicked at the carriage.

Mary Ann Stanfield said the defendant told her he was willing to pay for any damage done.

Reginald Brooks gave similar evidence but said the defendant told him also that if he was summoned by the police for furious driving he should not pay at both ends and the plaintiff could do as he liked.

Judgement was given for plaintiff of £2 9s 6d.

Presentation to Mr J. Lindley, J.P.

Twenty Years at the Whitwick Colliery

An Interesting Event

An interesting event took place at the Fox and Goose Hotel, Coalville, on Saturday night, when Mr Walter Lindley, J.P. was honoured by the officials and workmen of the Whitwick Colliery in recognition of him having completed twenty years' service as commercial manager and secretary of the company.

A tea was first held, at which a good number sat down, and at the subsequent proceedings, Mr J. R. Bennett, (cashier) presided, and was supported by Messrs. T. Y. Hay (manager), W. Colver, L. Clarke, T. Goacher, J. Brewin, J. Smith and others.

The Chairman proposed the health of "The King" and also "The Forces of the British Empire," which were enthusiastically received, the company singing the National Anthem.

Coming to the business of the evening, the Chairman said they all knew the object of the gathering. Mr Lindley, their esteemed secretary, had been with them for twenty years, which was a big slice in a man's life, and to hold the position of secretary to a company like the Whitwick Colliery Co. so long was exceptional. It was thought by the office staff that something should be done to show their recognition and express their good feelings towards Mr Lindley on that occasion, and when he mentioned it to Mr Hay's staff they heartily joined with them. (Hear, hear) The result was that there had been a splendid response, such as in his opinion did them all credit. They decided it would be the proper thing to ask Mr Hay to make the presentation, and he now had pleasure in asking him to do so. (Cheers)

Mr Hay said it gave him the greatest pleasure to make that presentation. He had known Mr Lindley longer than any man present. In fact, they were in their teens together in Yorkshire and he knew all the family – and a good family they were. (Cheers) The father of Mr Lindley was a personal friend of his and a finer and better man never put a pair of boots on. (Cheers). Twenty years was a long time for a man to serve one company. It was a long time to look back upon, but it was a long time to look back upon, but it was a longer time to look forward to. Where would they be in another twenty years? This European war would have dwindled down and died, and he hoped they would be looking better twenty years hence than today. (Hear, hear). He hoped that Christian feeling and sympathy between man and man would have ripened and that they would be living more like brothers than they were today. (Cheers). They were living now in a world upset, a world in which they were at each other's throats with the knife. It was not as it should be. There was something wrong, but he could not tell them what it was. But he hoped it would be rectified speedily and that soon they would be living in times of peace and prosperity, when all men would love and serve their Maker. (Applause). Proceeding, he said that when Mr Lindley did a thing, he did it well, and that was most important in commerce. He had done well for the company and he (Mr Hay) hoped that he would live for many years to enjoy his position. The presentation which the officials and workmen were making him was a very nice one, and he hoped Mr Lindley would have health and enjoy it for many years yet to come. What was life without health? Some men would say what was life without wealth, but if he had his choice he would rather have health than wealth, though he admitted that it was very

nice to something to go to the market with. (Laughter) He had very great pleasure in presenting Mr Lindley with a cheque for £25 from the directors of the company, and a gold watch and handsome case of cutlery from the officials and workmen, and he hoped that Mr Lindley and his family would have health and strength to enjoy them for many years to come. (Loud applause)

The gold watch and cutlery case both bore the inscription "Presented to Walter Lindley, J.P., by the officials and workmen of the Whitwick Collieries on his completion of 20 years as Secretary, August 1915.

Mr Jno. Moore, of Leicester, one of the firm's representatives, said he could heartily endorse what had been said about Mr Lindley. Some nice things had been said, and nicely said, but not too nicely. He was sure, that those who worked under Mr Lindley in the commercial department felt that he was not only their superior officer, but also their colleague and friend. (Hear, hear). His readiness to help everyone must appeal to all who knew him, and the fact that he had been placed on the Commission of the Peace for the county showed that his qualities also appealed to others outside their own circle. He hoped Mr Lindley would long been spared to continue in his office. They knew they were working with some one whom they could and did appreciate. He (the speaker) had been working under Mr Lindley all the time that he had been there, and hoped to have many more years with him yet. (Cheers).

Mr Jas. Smith (enginewright) said he had been at the Whitwick Colliery for more than forty years, and so knew something about it. He remembered both Mr Hay and Mr Lindley when they first arrived, and he could speak highly of them both. It was a very interesting meeting they had when they made Mr Hay a presentation after twenty years as manager, and it gave him great pleasure to be associated with the occasion that night. If all lived as straight a life as these two gentlemen had lived, they would have no need to fear the future. Mr Lindley was a man of sterling worth. He had the spirit of the bulldog breed – a proper Englishman. He had a bark, but did not bite, except in very extreme cases. They took great delight in honouring him that night, and he (Mr Smith) joined with the previous speakers in wishing that Mr Lindley might long be spared to enjoy those presents. At all times he was approachable and he had a big, sympathetic heart and could seldom say "No" to anyone in need of help. Since Mr Lindley had been made a Justice of the Peace, he (Mr Smith) had frequently seen people going to the office for him to sign certificates and one thing or another, and he was always willing. That was why people outside the works appreciated him. That he and his wife and family would be blessed with perfect health for many years to come was their earnest wish. (Applause).

Mr John Brewin said everyone in the room had come with the intention to do honour to one whom it was due. Their gathering showed the greatest respect in which Mr Lindley was held by the workmen. (Cheers). He heartily endorsed all the good wishes which had been expressed.

Mr T. Robinson, brickworks manager, remarked that it had been said that if a man loved a woman he should tell her so. He did not see why that should apply to a woman only. If they honoured a man, tell him. He was not a believer in allowing a man to go from amongst them without letting him know what they thought of him, and so the proceedings that night were very much in place. Speaking of his department, the brickworks, he said the feeling was very much in harmony with that of the rest of the colliery. When they

considered that his men were under notice to leave through the brickworks temporarily closing, and that not a single man refused to contribute to the present, they would agree that it spoke volumes for the esteem in which Mr Lindley was held by the workmen. (Cheers).

Mr A. G. Greensmith, speaking for the underground men, referred to the ready and willing assistance Mr Lindley had always given when appealed to in connection with ambulance work at the colliery. Mr Wm. Glover, a workman, also spoke and joined in the good wishes to Mr Lindley and his family.

Mr Geo. Brooks, another workman said Mr Lindley had been a good friend to the Field Club. In fact, if they went to him for any good cause they were never refused. Mr Lindley was a thorough business man. When he and Mr Hay came to the district, the Whitwick Colliery was in a terrible state. It was on the verge of bankruptcy and they were working short time all round. But after they had been there a bit, things began to improve, and it soon became a recognised thing among the mining community that to get on at Whitwick meant regular work. That had been an advantage to the district, because a concern like Whitwick Colliery could not prosper without the district prospering at the same time. (Hear, hear). Mr Lindley had also associated himself with public work in the district, and served nine years on the Urban Council at a very critical time, when all the big schemes in regard to water, gas, and sewerage were on hand, but in the hands of men like Mr Lindley they had confidence that these things would be a success. He also referred to Mr Lindley's work on the Leicestershire County Council and his interest in the Coalville Hospital scheme. He had heard a good many people say that Coalville was sure to have a hospital now, because Mr Lindley did not know what failure meant. (Hear, hear.) Then when the war broke out and the question of payment to the Prince of Wales' Fund was under consideration, there was some demur at a graduated scale because of the trouble it would cause the clerks, but Mr Lindley settled the matter by saying that whatever scheme the men decided upon themselves should be carried out. (Applause) That impressed him (Mr Brooks) more than anything else in Mr Lindley's favour. It was done, and he was pleased to say, gave satisfaction.

The Chairman added, in connection with the war, that no man had been more loyal or sympathetic in dealing with the question of allowances to the dependants of men fighting for their country. (Cheers).

Mr Lindley, who was warmly greeted on rising to reply, said it was very difficult to find words to adequately express his appreciation of their kindness. In the first place, he would like to say how grateful he was to Mr Hay for his kindly remembrances of his (Mr Lindley's) dear father. He would liked to have seen him there, but he was proud to see his eldest son there. (Cheers). As they had been told, twenty years had elapsed since his first appearance on the Leicestershire platform. Prior to that he did not think he had ever visited any part of Leicestershire Mr Hay and himself had known each other for a long time – too long a time. It was nearly forty years since they first came together in business, and they knew what that meant. They would not be together for another forty years. Unfortunately, in this life they just began to know their way about the world when they received notice to quit. But that was not their fault. They did not make that arrangement, nor could they upset it. It only meant that the greatest satisfaction that one could get in life was a consciousness of having done one's duty. (Applause). He was exceedingly obliged and gratified, in the first place, to feel and know that his Board of Directors appreciated his

services, but he was more pleased to feel that he had the respect and esteem of his fellow man. There was nothing that he appreciated more than the knowledge that during the twenty years he had been in Coalville, hundreds of men, some of them whom he had never seen before, had been to him to ask his advice on one subject or another. Why, he did not know, because while he realised that he had a bark he was glad to say that his fellow men appreciated the fact that he had not much bite. (Hear, hear). He hardly knew how to thank them for their kindness that night. What he had done to deserve it all he did not know. As far as his inner conscience was concerned he had done nothing but what had been his duty. He would say this, that he was not conscious, during all his working career, of having done a wrong turn knowingly to any man. (Hear, hear). He did not say it was every man's duty to do what he could to mitigate the untoward circumstances which might be pressing on a man less favourably placed than himself. (Cheers). He was gratified to feel that not only his staff honoured him and had perfect confidence in him, but also that the men below ground and the men on the top, who were not in his department, had such a good opinion of him. He appreciated the gifts very much, and would always value them most highly. He did not expect to live to wear the watch out, but he would pass it on to his children, and it would be a token to them, at any rate, that at one time of his career their father had the esteem of his brethren. (Cheers). Mr Brooks had very tersely and appropriately said that the success of the Whitwick Colliery was of the utmost interest to them all and to the district. It was very satisfactory to Mr Hay and himself to know that during the last twenty years the business of the company had increased threefold. (Applause). They did not want to claim all the credit for that, because they knew the organist was no good without the blower. They of themselves could not have accomplished that unless their efforts had been seconded by the employees of the company. It was an unfortunate thing at one time that the company was in liquidation, but they were proud to feel that times were different now. (Cheers) The company was not the same financially now as it was twenty years ago, nor were the men who worked for the company in the same financial position as they were then. It was a source of satisfaction to any official to know that those under him were doing well, because when that was so, it was better for him and also for his employer. He was glad this was so and to find such good relations existing between them. He was sorry that his friend, Mr Gravestock, who lived at Northampton, and who for forty years had been their representative from Market Harborough to Kentish Town, was unable to be with them, but wisely and properly he said he had an appointment which he must keep. He had been and paid his respectful duties to the meeting, having been at the trouble to come from Northampton to do so, but he had to leave by the 6.20 train. He was pleased to see his friend Mr Moore there. Mr Moore was two years his senior in the service of the company. His friend, Mr Gray, their London agent, unfortunately, could not be with them, but it was a very pleasant thing, after twenty years' association with the gentlemen who were in such close contact with him in the vending of the mineral in the interests of the company, to know that he had never written an unkind letter to any one of them during that period. (Cheers). That fact, together with the feeling which had been expressed that night, represented the success of the company, and would of any company. If they got officials squabbling one with another and officials squabbling with the employees, a company could not prosper. At the Whitwick Colliery they all tried to do their duty, and he was proud to say that they had succeeded. They honoured his friend Mr Hay in a similar manner four years ago, and it was a great satisfaction to both of them to know that they were still there, that they were still friends, and that they had the friendship of the men who worked under them. (Cheers). Concluding, Mr Lindley recalled an amusing incident at one of his meetings in Whitwick in 1898, when he first put up for the Urban Council. Someone kept interrupting, as they

would on these occasions, when another man shouted, “*Shut up, he’s a good man for selling slack.*” (Loud laughter). He knew enough about the working of a colliery to appreciate what that meant, and he nearly fell back in his chair trying to suppress his laughter, but they had sold a lot of slack since then and he expected they would sell a lot more. (Cheers). He thanked them most heartily for the presents, not so much for their intrinsic value but for the good feeling they represented. He hoped he would live many more years yet and that he would be at Whitwick Colliery the whole of the time, but none of them knew. Unfortunately, a few years ago he was under the impression that his race had been run, but owing to the kindness of Almighty God, that crisis passed over and he was still able and willing and still desirous of continuing to do his duty, not only at the colliery as a faithful servant of the company, but as a humble member of the public of Coalville. (Applause).

During the evening, excellent musical sketches were given by Mr J. E. Heath (Leicester), and there were also songs by Mr Jno. Moore (Leicester) and others, Mr W. Gimson being the accompanist.

The arrangements for the presentation were carried out by the following committee: Messrs. J. R. Bennett (Chairman), L. Clarke, Jas Smith, Jno. Brewin, T. Goacher, A. G. Greensmith, W. Price, P. Beard, Fred Smith, P. Popple, and Walter Colver (secretary).



Two Whitwick Soldiers Killed

Memorial Service at Holy Cross Church

To the roll of honour has to be added the names of two more Whitwick soldiers – Ptes. Frank Underwood and James Cairns.

Underwood is the son of Mr Jno. Underwood, of Pare’s Hill, Whitwick, and news that he has been killed in action in France was received in letters received a day or so ago from his lieutenant and the chaplain who officiated at the funeral service. The deceased soldier was in the 8th Leicesters, having joined Kitchener’s Army soon after the outbreak of war. He was a single man, and formerly worked at the Forest Rock Quarry, Whitwick. His brother Jack is also in the army serving in France.

Pte. Cairns was in the Connaught Rangers, and was killed in action in the Dardanelles on August 21st, though the news was only recently to hand. He left Whitwick before the war broke out to reside in Yorkshire, where he had obtained work. He was 27 years of age, a native of Whitwick, and as a boy attended the Holy Cross School, later working at the Whitwick Colliery. He leaves a widow, a Whitwick woman (nee Newell), and three children, and he has two brothers doing their bit 'somewhere in France'.

A memorial service for Cairns was held at the Whitwick Holy Cross Church on Sunday evening, when there was a large congregation. The requiem service was conducted by the Rev. M. J. O'Reilly and Father Commons, professor of Ratcliffe College, preached an impressive sermon and gave the benediction. The members of the Whitwick and Thringstone Citizen Corps were present and also the Whitwick Boy Scouts. Four soldiers, with reversed arms, were guards of the catafalque. After the requiem service, the organist, Mrs Carter, played the Dead March, and one of the Boy Scout buglers sounded the "Last Post." The service concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.

A memorial service for Pte. Underwood is to be held at the Whitwick Parish Church on Sunday next.



Social and Whist Drive

On Saturday evening a social and whist drive were held at St. Joseph's in aid of the Whitwick Yeomanry Troop. The prizes were presented by Sergt. Major Snelling of the Garrison Camp to Misses. E. A. and H. Partridge, Mrs Wilson (Loughborough), Mrs Hooper, Messrs. J. T. Russell, A. Laundon and H. Kerry. The sum realised was £8 12s which will be divided between 38 boys.

Social

A social and dance was held in the Whitwick National School on Wednesday evening arranged by members of the Young Helpers' League in connection with the Parish Church. There were songs and recitations by Miss Burkitt and Miss N. Burkitt and the company spent an enjoyable evening. The proceeds were for Dr. Bernado's Homes.

Do You Know

That the Rev. H. C. J. Wix finished his pastorate at the Whitwick Baptist Church on Sunday?

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

A very good programme is to be seen here again this week and Episode 1 of the "Zudora" mystery was much enjoyed. – Mlle Delene, the Parisian Wonder, is a very fine toe dancer and she is well worth seeing. She has had a good reception. – For the week end "The Strength of the Weak" is a good one, and patrons should not miss it. David Fleming is addicted to morphine. He promises his mother to fight the habit for her sake and that of his sweetheart Lalia Featon. However, Fleming is unable to conquer his desire. Finally, his mother dies. Broken hearted he tells his sweetheart of his failure. She begs him to go away and fight it out. He leaves for a cabin in the mountains where the drug is inaccessible. Stanford Black proposes to Lalia and is rejected. He offers her a beautiful jewel in a plush box, but she refuses to accept it. Black learns that Fleming is making a successful fight against the drug. He sends morphine to his rival in the box which contained the jewel he offered Lalia. Fleming is almost overpowered by the temptation. He rushes from his cabin to fight off the craving. The night before Lalia had dreamed she saw her sweetheart in trouble and persuades her mother to go with her to the mountain cabin. They reach the cabin just after Fleming has rushed out. There she finds the plush box and understands Black's villainy. She finds Fleming kneeling, fighting his temptation. He wins the battle and the girl. – Others are good. – Next week's list see advertisement columns.

Sport

Football

"Hat Trick" Against Whitwick At Moira

Whitwick Imperial went to Moira and engaged the United, one of the new clubs admitted to the Senior League, and as they triumphed by three goals to none, they may be said to have made a very successful debut. There was no score at half-time and it looked as though this was to be the result, but in the last 15 minutes, Eames did the 'hat-trick' for Moira.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Belton Wedding

The wedding took place at St. John Baptist's Church, on Saturday of Mr Albert Rose Peach, son of Mr C. Peach, of Holly Hayes, Whitwick, and Miss I. Cox, Belton. The Vicar, Rev. H. C. Deane, officiated. The bride was attended by Miss Matilda Wainwright, of Old Besford, and Miss Elizabeth Corah. She was given away by the bridegroom's father, Mr T. Wainwright acting as best man. The Wedding March was played by Mr Herbert Smith, organist, and hymn 351, "How welcome was the cold" was sung. There were many beautiful presents including cheques from Mrs Jesson (Ashby) and Mr and Mrs Kirk

(London). The Church being decorated for the occasion had a very pleasing effect. A reception was held in the school afterwards when about fifty guests attended.

Burials

Yelnit – At Whitwick, on Monday, Henry Yelnit, from the Ashby Union.

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Local News

Presentation to Whitwick Baptist Minister

On leaving for Loughborough

A tea and social gathering were held in the Whitwick Baptist School on Wednesday in last week to say farewell to the pastor, the Rev. H. C. J. Wix, who has accepted the pastorate of the King Street Baptist Church, Loughborough. The rev. gentleman has been at Whitwick for 20 months and finished his ministry there on the previous Sunday, when he preached farewell sermons.

Mr T. W. Bourne, president at the social, and on behalf of the members of the Church and congregation, presented Mr Wix with a gold watch and purses of gold (£4 10s), expressing the general good wishes of the members. He said they appreciated very much the good work that Mr Wix had done during the too short time he had been among them and they felt his departure very much.

On behalf of the members of the Christian Endeavour Society, Mr W. George also presented the pastor with a fountain pen, with the good wishes of the members of the Society, who he said, very much appreciated Mr Wix's work for the Society and the great interest he had taken in it.

The Rev. H. C. J. Wix suitably replied. There were about 150 at the tea and during the evening. A musical programme was contributed to by Miss Smalley (Hugglescote), Miss Gertie Mann (Whitwick), Mr and Mrs W. Smith (Coalville), the Rev. H. C. J. Wix and others. Master K. Wheeldon gave a recital.

Whitwick Soldier Reported Killed

Pte. Bernard Whittaker, who formerly belonged to the C. Company of the 2nd Leicestershires, and was a sapper attached to the Royal Engineers, is reported to have been killed in action on the 25th or 26th September.

The news was conveyed in a letter from a comrade of the deceased soldier to Whittaker's father and mother who reside near the Forest Rock Granite Quarry in Leicester Road, Whitwick. Accompanying the letter were several of the deceased's personal belongings which the writer says Whittaker gave him to keep for him before going into the great battle.

The deceased was 33 years of age and unmarried. He enlisted just before Christmas and up to then had been working as a miner at the South Leicestershire Colliery. His father, Mr

William Whittaker, who has been in poor health for the last four years, was formerly kitchen gardener at the Mount St. Bernard's Monastery. The parents of the deceased, up to Tuesday, had received no official confirmation of the death, and Mrs Whittaker has forwarded the particulars, with an enquiry to the War Office.

Buffalo "Smoker" at Whitwick

Jewels Presented

The members of Beaumanor Lodge, Whitwick, spent a most enjoyable evening, on Thursday, on the occasion of a smoking concert, four regalia visits, and presentations of four jewels to members of the Lodge. Over 70 brothers, including the visitors were present.

The W.P., Bro. Hallam, C.P., P.G.N.M., extended, on behalf of the Lodge, a hearty welcome to all the visitors. Supporting him were Bro. A. Cockerill, C.P., P.G.L. delegate, and brother Cracknell, C.P., P.G.L.T. Among the visitors were the brethren of the Castle Lodge, Coalville; the Gracedieu Lodge, Thringstone; the Belvoir Lodge, Coalville; and the Magnet Lodge, Ibstock, all in regalia, while the Ellistown and Ashby Lodges also sent representatives. Among Leicester brethren who had travelled by motor were: Bro. F. Milner, K.O.M., P.G.A.B.; Bro. E. Ford, representing the Harmonic Lodge; and Bro. C. Croxson, of the W. Tallis Lodge, and two other visitors, also Bro. John Walshaw, K.O.M., P.G.P., of Leeds.

At the invitation of the host and hostess, Bro. T. and Mrs Kelly, the party were entertained to a substantial repast.

After ordinary business, Bro. F. Milner was voted to the chair, and referred to the four brothers about to receive their reward for the hard work put in for their Lodge in particular, and the Order in general. He hoped their career in Buffaloism would be one continued success, and that in turn would set a good example to the younger members of the Order.

The Grand Provisional Primo of Leeds made the presentations, and upon occupying the chair, received applause. Bro. Walshaw, in an able speech, gave details of Buffaloism and its advancement. Coming to the Beaumanor Lodge he was delighted to see the excellent progress so manifest in a young lodge (opened in July 1914). That was a red-letter day in the annuals of Buffaloism in Whitwick.

The recipients were: Bros. Cracknell, C.P., founders' jewel; S. Boot, M. Brown and D. Harper, attendance jewels; and in suitably responding they thanked the Lodge and the visitors. The Lodge W.P. then took back the chair and the rest of the evening was devoted to harmony, Bros. O'Mara, W. Adcock, Wardle, H. Webster, and K. Ford. Bro. A. J. Adcock (piano) contributed thereto.

Two of the oldest brothers in the district, Bro. Baxter (74), and Bro. Howe (67) were present, also Bro. F. Middleton, formerly of Derby County F.C. Hearty thanks were accorded Bro. T. Kelly for his gift of yet another jewel, and the Lodge was duly closed with the National Anthem and a grand link of 57.

Patriotic Social and Whist Drive

A tea social and whist drive were held in the Whitwick National School, (kindly lent) on Wednesday, in aid of the funds of the local Soldiers' and Sailors' Comforts Guild, the arrangements being carried out by the Whitwick ladies committee consisting of Mrs Eagles, Mrs Bourne, Mrs Dickens, Mrs Stinson and Mrs Burton. The following ladies rendered valuable assistance. Mrs Roulstone, Mrs Bastard, Mrs Pegg, Mrs Perry, Mrs Middleton, Mrs Needham and Mrs Rawson. Most of the tea was given by friends and about 120 sat down. In addition, a sum of £4 16s 9d was given in subscriptions. Mr George Underwood acted as M.C. at the social and songs were given by the Misses Burkitt, Bourne and Adams. Mr H. Stinson gave recitations, and there was a quartette by Messrs. Gee, Baker, Waterfield and West. Miss Bourne, Mrs Adams and Mr R. G. West acted as the accompanists. The winners of the whist prizes were:

Ladies: 1. Miss Harding, 181; 2. Miss Griffin, 174
Gents: 1. Mr Higgins 180; 2. Mr Griffin, 170.

Miss Stacey and Mr Baker respectively won the mystery prizes. Messrs. Downes and Dickens were the M.C.'s. Messrs. J. W. Eagles and M. Stinson assisted as door-keepers. It was hoped to realise about £12 from the effort.

Notifications

Moore and Miller

As instructed by the Trustees of the late Webster Brownlow, deceased, to offer for sale at the Hermitage Hotel, Whitwick, on

Monday, November 8th, 1915 at 7 pm.

The valuable Freehold Properties comprising the Villa Residence called "The Laurels" and the six Messuages known as "Kimberley Cottages" situate in the Hermitage Road, Whitwick. Further particulars next week.

Vendors solicitors:- Messrs. Crane and Moore, Coalville.

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

There have been good audiences here again this week to witness the fine programme provided. Gino the British boy instrumentalist is an extra good 'show' to be seen all this week, and up to now he has a splendid reception. The selections on various instruments are given in a manner which stamps Gino as a tip-top artiste and one well worth seeing. Patrons must not miss this. – Number 2 of the "Zudora Mystery" proved a good part, and patrons are, (as was the case in the 'Million Dollary' Mystery) becoming quite interested in and enthusiastic with the story. – The other films were all good. – For the weekend, "A Tragedy of the Rails" will be much enjoyed. Belle a telegraph operator at a small railway station, notices an announcement of a coming masquerade. She decides to attend the affair with Bob Hillman, an engineer. She takes her brother's clothes. Bob dresses as a monk and they attend the ball together. Arrayed in man's clothes and a long black mask, Belle is dared by other girls to go into the men's smoking room. The men laugh at the frail

physique, wondering who it is. Someone pushes a cigar into her mouth and she puffs vigorously at it. She soon becomes ill and collapses. The mask is withdrawn and Bob sees who it is. He reproaches her, and snubs her the rest of the evening, and she goes off with Tony Malone, later in the evening giving an exhibition of dancing to her. She leaves the hall with him, while Bob, who really loves her, waits in the hall. The next day, Tony, who accompanied her home, enters her station and makes advances to her. She repels him and after a scuffle he tells her he will tell Bob that Belle is unfaithful to him and that she permitted a practical stranger to kiss and embrace her. He mounts the engine which Bob is preparing to take out and tells him exactly as he threatened. Bob is enraged by his statements and there is a battle which results in Bob being thrown senseless to the floor of the car. The engine is started by the victor who is fatally wounded, however, by a cocked revolver going off in his pocket during the struggle. Belle gets a message that Engine No. 33 is running wild towards a flat express. Realising that something must be done immediately, Belle boards a gasoline hand car, starts it down the track parallel to the runaway engine. She lets it overtake her and with a flying leap, boards the engine finding Rob on the floor. The huge superheater is brought to a stop as quickly as possible. Bob is revived and the lovers are reunited. A genuine thrill is furnished when Miss McCoy leaps from the hand car to the engine, which is rushing along madly at a speed of fifty-seven miles an hour. The performance of the dangerous feat was done by Miss McCoy without any regard of the horrible results which undoubtedly would have followed a mishap. An idea of the speed of the engine can be gained by noticing how the landscape blurs. Others are good – There is a good programme of pictures and turns for next week and patrons should see that the management get the support which they deserve. Full particulars see advertisement columns.

Sport

Football

Close Game at Whitwick

It was a much closer game at Whitwick, where Burton Workers' Union were visitors. The representatives of Beeropolis did well in the first half, getting a lead of three goals to one, and they were certainly worth it, since they displayed much the best football. Their first goal was obtained in the first minute by J. Higgs (inside left) and Ronde (centre) got the next two, one being from a penalty. Whitwick's goal was also scored from a penalty, taken by their goalkeeper. Roadley. The Imperial were seen to much better advantage in the second half, but luck seemed to be all against them. They did a lot of pressing and Harris kept a good goal for Burton, but eventually he was beaten by Roach. Whitwick tried hard for the equaliser, but in vain, and were beaten by the odd goal of five.

It should be stated that they had two good men out in Cooke and Lockwood. Lovett went back in place of the former, and the centre line was made up by Kendrick and Percy Wright, Williamson coming into the forward line for the latter. The reason for Cooke's absence was that his wife died on the previous Thursday, and in his bereavement he has the sincere sympathy of many sporting friends and admirers.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Burials

Turner – At Hugglescote, on Tuesday, Mary Turner, aged 40 years, of the Chase, Whitwick.

Friday October 29th 1915 (Issue 1234)

Notice

By order of the Trustees of the late Walter Brownlow deceased.

To be sold by auction by Messrs. Moore and Miller at the Hermitage Hotel, Whitwick, on Monday, the 8th Day of November, 1915. At 7 o'clock in the evening precisely, subject to conditions of sale to be then produced and in the following or such other lots as may be determined upon at the time of sale.

Lot 1

All that desirable semi-detached villa residence known as "The Laurels," Hermitage Road, Whitwick, comprising entrance hall, front sitting room, dining room, kitchen scullery, pantry, conservatory, three large bedrooms, bath room and w.c. wash house and outhouse with closet and ashpit in garden. This property is occupied by Mr W. Carr and is of recent construction. It has a frontage of 30 feet to Hermitage Road and comprises an area of 500 square yards or thereabouts.

Lot 2

All those six brick and slated Messuages or Dwellinghouses situate and being numbers 82, 84, 86, 88, 90 and 92 Hermitage Road, Whitwick, and known as "Kimberley Cottages" in the respective occupations of Messrs. Vesty, Cooke, Jelley, Jarvis, Bennistone and Wardle, together with the yards, commodious outbuildings and gardens at the back thereof. This lot has a frontage of 90 feet to the Hermitage Road and comprises an area of 1,500 square yards or thereabouts.

The attention of investors is especially directed to this lot. The property is very substantially built in a good state of repair, and is an excellent example of the best class of cottage property. The annual rental produced by this lot is £88 8s.

Council water and gas are laid on all the properties and there is a plentiful supply of soft water to each house.

The properties may be viewed on application to the tenants. For further information apply to the Auctioneers, Belvoir Road, Coalville, Mr Philip Greasley, Belvoir Road, Coalville, Mr J. Ward, Silver Street, Whitwick, or to Messrs. Crane and Moore, Solicitors, Coalville.

Local News

The Red Cross collection at Whitwick realised £6 13s which has been forwarded. The following ladies assisted: Misses Breslin (2), West (2), Rolleston, Smith, Beere, Robinson (2), Thorpe and Foster. In the evening, Miss Burkitt sang at the Picture Palace and Mr Kelly (manager) kindly made a collection in the audience.

Whitwick Non-Commissioned Officer on Conscription

Interesting Letter from Sergt. S. E. Perry

Sergt. S. E. Perry, of the 8th Leicesters, in France, writing to his father, Mr S. Perry, of Silver Street, Whitwick, on October 18th says:

“We have to be very careful indeed as to what we put in our letters. Of course, it is necessary, all this precaution; but really, I think the censorship is carried a bit too far. Don’t you?”

No doubt the good people of my native town are terribly grieved at the death in action of some of its brave young soldier heroes. The people at home no doubt feel it more than we do out here. A soldier who is daily facing death soon loses all trace of sympathetic feelings. I think ours will be a different world after this war. Men will have a different outlook on life – a broader view. Husbands who have left their wives and children to fight for them – will go back to their homes, some day, with loving feelings in their hearts never there before. Sons will adore their parents and the military training they have received will make them obedient and submissive to their betters.

I’m happy to think that you favour conscription. I manage to get a fairly good idea of events happening in England and it seems to me that the present method of recruiting is nothing more than a resort to the old system of Press Gangs; only in these modern days the weapons used to press men into service are slightly different from those in the old days. Men are urgently needed; but if men will not voluntarily come forward why press them to become volunteers. It would be far better in my opinion, to make them real conscripts than force them to become moral conscripts, which is exactly what is happening. Men are not joining now because of their desire to fight, but because they are ashamed of what may be said, if they don’t. Moral conscripts!

I hardly believe that my former comrades who have failed to join the colours are cowards. I cannot imagine any Englishman not wanting to fight for his country and yet that is the conclusion which everyone will come to if the ‘slackers’ are not very quick in deciding.

We are fighting against a nation who are evidently as brave and as clever as ourselves, and what is more – they seem to be united. Do not worry for me, dear dad, I shall pull through this alright and who knows? I may reach my cherished ambition, prove myself a great soldier in which case the war will have proved a boon instead of the reverse. I refuse to look on the other side of the possible. I am out to win. I am heart and soul in my work and endeavour to instill some of my regular training into the men of this new army. I have great cause to bless my instructor, Sergt. Stone at the School of Arms. The training had there has proved invaluable.

Remember me kindly to all my friends. I often think of the old days and wonder if everything is just as of old. It seems a long time since I was living at home and the future looks even further away, but I am quite confident that all will end well for you and me and although thousands of men have died fighting and thousands of homes have been wrecked through this horrible war, I feel convinced that I shall return in safety and our

home will be just as I left it, many, many days ago. Goodbye, dearest dad, your deserved boy."

S. E. Perry

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

There have been good 'houses' here this week again to witness an excellent programme. Miss Lill's "stars" are appearing all the week, in songs and dances. They are a fine combination of juvenile performers who are a great credit to themselves and their tutor. They are dancers of no mean order, and the songs are given in a pleasing manner. The whole are well dressed and should be seen during the week-end. They have had a very good reception. The chief film at the beginning of the week was No. 3 of the "Zudora" Mystery, viz., "A Bag of Diamonds," and this was much enjoyed, as were the other film items. – For the week-end "One Flight Up," is the 'star' and this should not be missed. The editor of the 'Herald' offers a big bonus for the best coup of the month, and Helen Reed thinks she would like to get it. While sharpening a pencil she cuts her finger rather badly and is sent to Dr. Trine. On the night previous to her accident some gentleman crooks have been surprised by the police in the act of burgling a house. They manage to escape in a motor to their rendezvous, and as medical attention was necessary for a wounded man, the chief of the gang went to Dr. Trine and forced him at the point of a revolver to enter the closed motor car which was waiting outside. Helen, scenting a story, jumps in a car and follows them. She is in the act of listening at the door when she is discovered by another member of the gang. Helen, however, has contrived to get her hand on the prescription and she changes the formula so that the crooks will be drugged. Helen escapes from the back of the house and telephones to the police. The gang return, not discovering the fact that Helen has been out, and soon the noise of smashing blows on the front door announces the arrival of the police. The crooks endeavour to escape through the window carrying their wounded pal, but Helen holds them up with a revolver until the police come in and secure them. A big coup is thus secured for Helen's newspaper, and she wins the bonus. – Others are good. –Next week No. 4 of the "Zadora" Mystery, Zadora and Howard, the mine superintendent again mysteriously disappear, soon after Jim Baird departs for South Africa to follow up a clue relating to Zadora's property. Bruce arrives at the mine soon after the reporter, who then watches every movement of this suave member of the gang. A diamond of the best type is discovered, and Bruce makes arrangements to personally convey the "find" to headquarters. The reporter, however, obtains possession of the stone and leaves for home, followed by Bruce. In New York, Bruce manages to get the stone back again, but is hotly pursued by Baird, Hunt and Storm. A taxi-cab race finishes outside the private sanatorium mentioned in the preceding episode. Bruce escapes but on forcing an entrance into the sanatorium his pursuers discover Zadora and Howard, the mine superintendent. The latter however, dies just as he is about to disclose his suspicions of Madame du Val and her gang.

Sport

Football

Whitwick Lose at Gresley

Whitwick Imperial went to Gresley and this was the closest match of the lot. Fifteen minutes from the start Gee scored for the Rovers and this proved to be the only goal of the match. Whitwick made some splendid attempts to equalise in the second half and were very unlucky at times in not being able to do so. It was Whitwick's fifth match and they are still without a point.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Burials

Kendrick – At Whitwick, on Saturday, Elizabeth Kendrick, aged 3 months, of Pare's Hill.

Eggleton – At Whitwick, on Saturday, Nora Eggleton, aged 6 months, of Hermitage Road.

Friday November 5th 1915 (Issue 1235)

Sales By Auction

Cademan Street, Whitwick

Freehold Detached Cottage

To be sold by auction by Messrs. Moore and Miller, at the Hermitage Hotel, Whitwick, on Monday, November 8th, 1915.

At 6 for 7 o'clock, in the evening precisely, subject to conditions of sale to be then produced. All that pleasantly situated freehold detached messuage or cottage situate in Cademan Road, Whitwick, known as "Rock Cottage" with the garden, outbuildings and appurtenances thereto belonging formerly in the occupation of Mr Jonathan Goddard and now of Mr J. Ward, at the weekly rental of 3s 8d.

For further particulars apply to the auctioneers or to Messrs. Sharp and Lancaster, solicitors, Coalville and Ashby.

Local News

Parish Church

A small polished brass tablet has been placed on the wall at the west end of the church, to the memory of Private Ernest Tugby, who was killed in action June 7th, 1915. The inscription is as follows:

"In loving memory of Private Ernest Tugby, of the 1st Leicestershire Regiment, who was killed in action in France, June 7th, 1915. Greater love hath no man than this."

The tablet has been made and engraved by Mr R. E. Swinfen of Nottingham, an old Whitwick resident, the expense being defrayed by the members of the Men's and Women's Service at the above church of which the deceased soldier was a highly respected member. At both morning and afternoon service on Sunday last the Vicar made

most appropriate reference to the tablet and the hero soldier in whose memory it has been erected.

A handsomely arranged and massively framed Roll of Honour has also been hung in the Whitwick Church during the past week. It contains the names, etc., of over 160 Whitwick men who are now serving the country either at home or abroad. Another list in is the course of preparation which will contain the names, etc., of all Whitwick men who have made the supreme sacrifice (their lives) for their King and Country.

Whitwick Soldier Dies from Wounds

Letters from Chaplain and Officer

Mr Underwood, of Pare's Hill, Whitwick, has received a letter from Lord Kitchener expressing the sympathy of the King and Queen with him on the death of his son, Lance-Corpl. F. Underwood, of the 9th Leicesters, resulting from wounds received in action.

The chaplain, R. N. Shelton, writes that he buried the deceased who died from wounds received in the trenches. He adds, *"I did my best to comfort and cheer him in his last moments. Everything was done for him that could be done and he passed peacefully away on Sunday evening (October 3rd) at 9 pm. My sincere love and sympathy is with you in your trouble and bereavement. May God comfort and bless you."*

Another letter received is from 2nd Lieut. H. S. Rosen, who says, *"It is with the utmost regret that I have to inform you that your son was killed in action on October 3rd. He was on duty in the trenches when a shrapnel shell suddenly burst near him, inflicting a severe wound in his head, which resulted in his death shortly after reaching his dressing station. I feel his loss very keenly, and he was not only a thoroughly good soldier but an excellent worker and he had recently been mentioned in the company commander's report to the Colonel for especially good work in helping to repair a trench destroyed by an enemy trench mortar bomb, in which he showed exceptional coolness and energy. He will be sadly missed, not only by myself and my platoon, but also by the regiment as a whole. I should like to convey to you the heart-felt sympathy of the company officers and your son's comrades in your sad bereavement."*

An impressive memorial service was held at the Whitwick Parish Church on Sunday for Lance-Corpl. Frank Underwood, of Pare's Hill, Whitwick, recently killed in action. The Vicar (the Rev. T. W. Walters, M.A.) preached to a good congregation which included the members of the Whitwick and Thringstone Citizen Corps under Commander G. F. Burton, and the Boy Scouts. The organist (Mr R. West) played Chopin's Funeral March at the commencement and the Dead March at the close, when the National Anthem was also sung and Scout Richards (bugler) sounded the "Last Post." Muffled peals were rung on the bells.

A photo of Underwood appears next week.

Dance and Whist Drive

On Wednesday evening about 130 people were present at a dance and whist drive in the Holy Cross School, the proceeds of which were for the Holy Cross Church altar fund. Mr A.

Adcock played for dancing and Messrs. Beesley and J.H. McCarthy were M.C.'s while in the capacity for whist, Messrs. M. Bownes and T. Hull officiated. Refreshments were provided and served by a ladies' committee.

Fire at Whitwick Factory

A Timely Discover

The Coalville Fire Brigade received a call early on Thursday morning to Messrs. Seal and Co's hosiery factory in Church Lane, Whitwick, and Capt. Elsworth and a number of firemen promptly responded. Luckily, their services were not required as a number of helpers had succeeded in getting over the danger. The fire originated in some beams near the chimney and, happily, was discovered before it had made much headway. The damage done was slight.

Do You Know

That the Whitwick and District Association for the Protection of Persons and Property was formed as far back as 1847?

Coalville Urban District Council

The monthly meeting of the Urban Council was held at Coalville on Tuesday night, Mr A. Lockwood presiding. There were also present, Messrs. M. McCarthy, A. J. Briers, C. W. Brown, F. Griffin, J. W. Farmer, B. G. Hale, T. Kelly, and W. Fellows, with the clerk (Mr J. F. Jesson), surveyor (Mr L. L. Baldwin), assistant surveyor (Mr G. F. Hurst) and gasworks manager (Mr J. W. Eagles).

Medical Officer's Report

The medical officer (Dr. R. W. Jamie) reported that during the month of October 3 cases of scarlatina were notified – one in Park Road, one in Oxford Street, and one in Belvoir Road. One case also of diphtheria had been reported at Talbot Street, Whitwick. In each case the usual precautions were taken. Several cases of measles and whooping cough had occurred in one Whitwick ward and one death had been attributed to each of these diseases. During the month, 22 deaths occurred, giving a death-rate of 13.6 per 1,000. These included three from bronchitis and one from phthisis. During the same period 50 births were registered giving a birth-rate of 32 per 1,000.

Whitwick Lodging Houses

The surveyor reported that the number of Whitwick lodgers for the month was 650 against 800 last month and 963 for October last year. The lodging houses had been inspected and found clean and satisfactory.

Ashby Police Court

Saturday. – Before the Rev. C. T. Moore (in the chair), Major Hatchett, Mr G. D. Orchard, Mr J. Hassall, Mr G. Brown and Mr T. Varnham.

Whitwick Man and the Guardians

John Bakewell, bricklayer, Whitwick, was the defendant in an application by John William Bowley, relieving officer, Ashby, to enforce judgement under the Emergency Powers Act. Mr Bowley said that on August 8th, 1914, judgement was obtained for £2 3s and 12s costs and defendant had paid £1 since then. His wife was in the asylum and defendant had none but himself to keep. His average wage for the last five weeks was £1 2s 3d.

Defendant said he was getting an old man and was often ill. He had a son at the war who ought to be doing him a bit of good now. He had to pay someone to look after him and could not really afford to pay. He said he had been steady, and for years was a chorister in the Ashby and Whitwick Parish churches. Mr Bowley said the Guardians were of the opinion that the man could pay if he would, but apparently preferred to put them to all the trouble he could.

The Bench granted the application to proceed to recover the amount and ordered defendant to pay 2s 6d costs.

Round the Theatres

The Picture House

“Zudora” No. 4 was the chief film here at the commencement of the week-end was much enjoyed, along with the other list of excellent pictures screened. – Ellis Barrieton, the popular specialite vocalist is appearing all the week. He is certainly a fine artiste and Whitwick patrons have not been slow to show their appreciation. Mr Barrieton’s repertoire of refined and catchy songs are tendered in a manner which cannot but please and patrons who have not already heard him should not fail to pay a visit during this weekend. – “The Phantom Thief” is a good piece for tonight and tomorrow. Among the many artists in the making of the studio of M. Rafael in Paris, are Kenneth Turner and Ralph Cameron. Rafael, the master, passes from one to the other, criticising the work of his pupils. It is evident that he is displeased with the work of Cameron while he holds up Turner’s drawing as a model for the class. This causes jealousy. Turner is in his studio painting, using his model, Nana. It is very obvious that she is infatuated with Turner. As Lady Sylvia with her parents, the Earl of Hawkesley and the Countess, are announced by his valet, Turner dismisses Nana for the day. Subsequently the portrait of Lady Sylvia is completed, a masterpiece. Angered at the frequent visits of Lady Sylvia to Turner’s studio, Nana, the model, leaves and obtains a position as model in Cameron’s studio. Whilst there she reads of the rumour of a romance between Turner and Lady Sylvia. Nana and Cameron concoct a scheme to get revenge. Nana goes to a tenement district and borrows a baby, which she carries to Lady Sylvia, telling her that the baby is Turner’s. Sylvia is horrified, and sends a curt note to Turner. This leads to a misunderstanding and going against Sylvia’s wishes, he exhibits her portrait, which is stolen. As Nana is crossing the street she is knocked down by Sylvia’s car. She is carried into Sylvia’s home, where she tells she lied out of jealousy. At the same time Sylvia receives her portrait with a note from Turner to the effect that his masterpiece is hers to do anything she pleases with it, as he has broken his promises to her. Sylvia is overjoyed, and sends out Turner. They then come to an understanding – No. 5 of the Zudora Mystery next week.

Sport

Football

The Imperial Football Club team to meet Gresley Rovers on the Duke of Newcastle ground tomorrow is: Roadley; Dexter and Warden; Moore, Bird and Williamson; M. Bird, Smith, Watson, Needham and Roach. Reserves, Kendrick, Lees and Richards.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Mr and Mrs G. Fletcher and family desire to tender their sincere thanks for the many kind expressions of sympathy extended to them on the occasion of the death of their son, Pte. George Fletcher, killed in action, October 13th, 1915.

9 Ibstock Road, Ellistown

Burials

Shelton – At Whitwick, on Thursday, Walter Shelton, aged 13 months, of Castle Street.
Lager – At Whitwick, on Saturday, Thomas Lager, aged 76 years, of Ashby Union.

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Sales By Auction

German and German have received instructions from the Executors of the late Mrs A. E. Hood to sell by auction on Tuesday, November 23rd, 1915.

At the Three Crowns Hotel, Whitwick, at 6.30 o'clock in the evening, and subject to conditions of sale to be there and then read. All those four brick and slate built cottages situate on the Loughborough Road, and being Nos. 163, 165, 167 and 169, now in the respective occupations of Stephen Birkenshaw, Josiah Brooks, John Sear and Charles Ekins, together with a field of old turf land and the brick stable standing therein also in the occupation of Stephen Birkenshaw.

There is a garden to each cottage and a wash house with town water laid on common to the four. Further particulars may be had at the place of sale, the auctioneers at Ashby-de-la-Zouch or from Messrs. Dewes and Musson, solicitors, Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

Property Sale

Mr E. Moore of Messrs. Moore and Miller (Coalville) conducted a successful property sale at the Hermitage Hotel on Monday night, when seven houses in Hermitage Road, were disposed of on the order of the trustees of the late Mr Walter Brownlow. The residence known as 'The Laurels,' formerly occupied by Mr Brownlow and now tenanted by Mr W. Carr, at an annual rent of £26, was started at £250 and knocked down at £400 to Mr T. Tathern, the manager of the Ibstock Colliery. The six cottages adjoining The Laurels, producing £88 8s a year, were bought by Mr O. Burton, of Whitwick, for £1,100, the bidding having advanced from £800. The solicitors to the vendors of these lots were Messrs. Crane and Moore, of Coalville. Another property offered was that known as 'Rock

Cottage' in Cademan Street, let at 3s 8d per week. Bidding started at £50 and at £75, Mr F. Hull, of Whitwick, was declared the purchaser. In this case Messrs. Sharp and Lancaster were the acting solicitors.

Ashby Board of Guardians

A Reply from the Whitwick Overseers

The Clerk said he wrote to the Whitwick overseers as requested, calling their attention to an order having been given for the admission of a Whitwick man to the workhouse, which was not considered by the Guardians to be an urgent case.

Mr T. Kelly (overseer) wrote in reply as follows: *"I was specially called to this case and when I arrived the man was vomiting blood freely and appeared to me to be very ill. The doctor had been. I saw the doctor and he told me it was a case for the infirmary. (I enclose certificate for same). The old woman whom he lodged with had no means to provide anything for him or anyone to look after him, the home being in a destitute condition. Under the circumstances we gave an order for the house although you state what the Guardians wish to point out re urgent cases. All due respect to them, when the doctor says it is an urgent case and the Guardians say it is not, we leave it to their discretion as to whether they know more about the people who reside here than the overseers. I shall be pleased if you will read this openly as there has been a lot of talk."*

The letter was also signed by Mr George West, another of the overseers. The doctor's certificate was read as follows: *"October 26th, 1915. I saw Wm. Freer, of Silver Street, Whitwick. He was suffering from repeated attacks of epistaxis. As he was in a destitute condition, I advised the overseer that he should be removed to the Infirmary. – S. E. Dunkin, M.R.C.S., Eng., L.R.C.P., Lon., etc."*

The chairman said that was satisfactory. Mr Briers said he would like to ask why the House Committee suggested writing to the Whitwick overseers. Mr Parker said it was not decided by the House Committee. They brought it before the whole Board and the Board decided that the letter be sent.

Mr Briers: It was on the representation of the House Committee.

Dr Atkinson: Had the House Committee the facts of the case before them when considering it?

Mr Parker said they went on the master's report. Mr Riley reported to them that the man was admitted on an overseer's order as an urgent case and that had to be placed in the infirmary, although it was not really a case for the House. The man was not there very long before he took his discharge. The House Committee thought it would not be a very urgent case for the infirmary when the man took his discharge two or three days' later. Mr Briers held that the overseers were quite right in what they did.

Mr Parker said they only had the facts given to them by the master. The Committee had no letter from the overseers explaining things. Dr. Atkinson said it did not matter so much in this case, but they had similar representations from the House Committee several times.

The Chairman: *No harm has been done.*

Mr Briers: *But it is a slight on the Whitwick overseers.*

Major Hatchett said it was easy to make a mistake and easy to be wise after the event. It was quite clear from the letter that there was the appearance of great urgency in the case. It turned out that it was not so, and while they agreed that the man need not have been sent, he did not think they could blame anyone for not having done so. (Hear, hear).

Mr Parker pointed out that under the new regulation, all admissions to the workhouse had to come before the House Committee and they were supposed to know all about them, and if they did not take notice of cases they would be very remiss.

Fallen Whitwick Soldiers

Lance-Corporal F. Underwood. He was in the 9th Leicesters, and as stated in our last issue, died on October 3rd, of wounds received in action a day or so earlier. His home was at Pare's Hill, Whitwick.

Another Whitwick soldier who has made the supreme sacrifice is Pte. Edward Jarvis, of the 1st Grenadier Guards, whose parents live at 88, Hermitage Road. His father, Mr Thomas Jarvis, is a collier at the Whitwick pit, but for about 12 months has been at home ill. The deceased soldier formerly worked at the Snibston Colliery and was a single man, 27 years of age. He joined the army about 13 months ago and had been four months at the front.

The official news of his death was received from the War Office on Thursday, this stating that he was killed in action on October 17th. The bereaved relatives had been prepared for this by a letter dated October 20th, received from Pte. B. Barker, of the same regiment, who wrote:

"Dear Friend – It is with deep regret that I have to write this letter to you. I am writing on behalf of myself and the section to let you know that Ted Jarvis was killed in action last Sunday morning in an attack we made. Dear friend, believe me, you have the deepest respect of the whole platoon. Poor chap, he was liked by us all, but you all have one consolation, he died like a true Englishman fighting for his country. Will you please inform his parents of this painful fact. I don't know your name, but I think this will find you. Will you let me know if this reaches you. – Believe me, yours sincerely."

B. Barker

The letter was addressed to 'Harry, 155, Brooks Lane, Whitwick, Leicestershire,' this being the address of a friend of the deceased which his comrade apparently found upon him.



Lance-Corpl. F. Underwood.
1st Bn. Leicestershire Regt.



Private Edward Jarvis.

Whitwick Soldier Erroneously Reported Killed

Parents Receive a Welcome Letter

Happily, a report that Pte. William Beasley, of the 1st Battalion Leicestershire Regiment, had been killed in action has proved to be untrue. It originated from a statement by a man who said he had seen it in a letter from a soldier at the front that Beasley fell in the recent fighting. The news came to the knowledge of his parents, Mr and Mrs Beasley, of the Hermitage Hotel, Whitwick, who were naturally much distressed.

Their joy on receiving a letter which disproved the rumour can be better imagined than described. The letter is dated November 8th, several days after that on which the soldier was said to have been killed, and in it the writer says he is in the front line of trenches and had had a very near shave, but came through all right. He had had a big shock, but was all right now and doing well. This is Pte. Beasley's second time at the front. After being in France for a time, he was invalided home with rheumatic fever and having recovered is now back again in the trenches.



Do You Know

That at a Whitwick property sale on Monday night, there were no less than 27 bids for the late Mr W. Brownlow's house, the Laurels, in Hermitage Road?

Coalville Police Court

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

School Cases

Isaac Swift, banksman, Whitwick, was summoned for neglecting to send his child regularly to school. Evidence was given by Frederick Hanger, school attendance officer, and a fine of 2s 6d was imposed.

Bad Language

Thomas Price, and Joseph Horrobin, colliers, Whitwick, were summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on October 23rd. P.C. Jelley gave the facts and Price was fined 10s or seven days and Horrobin 12s 6d or seven days.

Round the Theatres

The Picture House

Good 'houses' are the order here again this week, and a rattling fine programme is to be seen. The Lancers, in a novel singing, patter, and dancing act are good, and Edna Burton, the lady baritone, is well worth hearing. Both have had a good reception, and should not be missed during the week-end. – The chief picture at the beginning of the week was "Zudora" No. 5 (The Missing Millions), and this, with the other excellent items were much enjoyed – For the week-end in addition to the above mentioned first class 'turns' and a strong list of films, the chief one will appeal strongly, viz., "Countess Veschi's Jewels." It is a strong mystery drama by the popular Essarmy Co., the excellence of whose productions is well known. Alfred Tisdale, on the way to spend a week-end at the Soper house, meets a man named Rawdin. Their suitcases become mixed. A thief steals one which Rawdin supposes to be his. When Tisdale is dressing for dinner he finds the suitcase he has belongs to Rawdin. Having found a black mask in the suitcase he decides to keep quiet

and watch Rawdin. That night the jewels of Countess Veschi, a guest, are stolen. Tisdale is suspected and locked in his room. Ruth Ridgebury helps him to escape. They flee to her auto, pursued by the others. The auto is wrecked, and they take refuge in a barn. There they find the real thieves and learn that the family butler is in league with them. Rawdin complains that the mask was for a masquerade ball. Tisdale, has however won the love of Ruth. – Next week “Zudora” No. 6 (The Robbery of the Ruby Coronet) and the following is a short resume of the story. Madame du Val, always on the look-out for a coup, fills in the interval between her next attack on Zudora by planning to rob fashionable Mrs Copeland of her jewels and especially her latest gem – a ruby coronet. A well-laid plan is upset because the victim’s butler assisted by the maid, makes off with the jewels. Members of the gang follow him and he runs right into the arms of Bruce. Tom Hunt and Baird work on the case and finally recover part of the jewels, but the butler escapes with a daring leap from the second storey window. Bruce has secured the ruby coronet, however, in the meantime, Zudora again falls victim to Madame du Val’s machinations. In her captivity, however, she discovers the hiding place of the ruby coronet, and watching her opportunity, obtains possession of it, and escapes assisted by Tom Hunt and Baird, who have traced Bruce to the house – Patrons must see this part.

Sport

Football

Draw at Whitwick

Whitwick Imperial made one or two changes in the team selected to oppose Gresley Rovers on the Duke of Newcastle ground. Cook re-appeared at back for Dexter and Richards was substituted for J. Bird at half-back. J. Watson, a Ravenstone man, appeared in the forward line. The Rovers’ team included Draycott (back) and Tremelling (half-back), who but for the war would have been figuring in first-class football, and it was noticed what an excellent game they played. Whitwick displayed improved form and fully deserved the point they obtained. No goals were scored, and this was a fair representation of the merits of the teams on the day’s play. Both goal-keepers, Beard for Greasley and Roadley for Whitwick, had a fair share of work to do, but got through it very well. Some doubt was shown as to whether Beard had not been over the line in effecting one of his clearances, but the claim for a goal was ignored by the referee. Altogether it was an interesting game and was played in delightful weather, considering which the number of spectators – some 380 – was rather small.

Tomorrow’s Football

Whitwick Imperial V Moira United (Leicestershire League) at Whitwick tomorrow. Whitwick team: Roadley, Warden and Cooke; Moore, Williamson and Fern; Bird, Lees, Watson, Smith and Roach. Reserves, Ball Kendrick and Needham.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Burials

Coulton – At Whitwick, on Saturday, Cyril Alvin Coulton, aged 14 months, of Hermitage Road.

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Miscellaneous

Lost on Friday night, near Dr. Wykes', Hugglescote, Fur Necklet. Finder rewarded. Mrs H. Stinson, Market Place, Whitwick.

Local News

Whist Drive and Dance

A very successful whist drive and dance were held in Whitwick's new factory on Wednesday night, when about 300 people were present. The factory, which is being built by Mr G. F. Burton, for a Loughborough hosiery firm, is practically ready for the reception of the machinery and it made an excellent long dancing room, the part for whist was cut off by a drop scene kindly lent from the Coalville Olympia, and this and the flag decorations gave it a charming appearance. The Belvoir Orchestra (Coalville) played for dancing and the M.C.'s were Messrs. T. I. McCarthy (the architect) and A. B. Moss (the builder), both of Coalville. The M.C.'s for whist were Messrs. J. Lester (Thringstone) and T. W. Hull (Whitwick) and handsome prizes were given, these being presented by Mrs G. F. Burton. By a peculiar coincidence all the prizes were won by gentlemen, several of whom played as ladies, since the male sex predominated at the whist tables. The winners were Messrs. Russell and Musson (firsts) and Unwin and Brooks (seconds). Mrs Burton had charge of the refreshments were admirably served by a number of ladies. The proceeds were for the funds of the Whitwick and Thringstone Citizen Corps and the Whitwick Troop of Boy Scouts.

Motors in Collision

An accident happened at the Sharpley Corner on Sunday, when two motor cars came into collision. One belonging to Mr W. E. Coup, hosiery manager, Shepshed, and the other to Mr E. Walton, of the Rose and Crown Hotel, Derby, driven by Mr A. Pipes. The off-front wheel of one of the cars caught the off-hind wheel of the other and some damage was done, but luckily no one was injured.

Tea and Lecture

A public tea was held in the Whitwick Primitive Methodist School on Saturday afternoon when a good number sat down. In the evening, the Rev. T. J. Martin, of Coalville, gave an interesting lecture on "The War's Revelations." Mr J. H. Gilberd presiding over a good company. Anniversary services were held on Sunday when the preacher was Mr W. Bosworth, of Anstey, who also addressed a young people's meeting in the afternoon, at which Mr W. J. Newbury, of Coalville, presided. The effort yielded over £12 for the trust funds.

Baptist Church

In connection with the anniversary of the Whitwick Baptist Church, special services were held on Sunday, conducted by the late pastor, the Rev. H. C. J. Wix, of Loughborough. At

the evening service a solo was nicely rendered by Miss Mann and there was a good congregation. – A tea was held on Monday, which was well attended and in the evening the Rev. H. C. J. Wix presided at a public meeting at which an excellent address on the Christian life and work was given by the Rev. W. A. Richards, A. T. S. of Derby, president of the East Midland Baptist Association. The Rev. G. C. Croome, of Nottingham, was also expected to speak but was prevented from fulfilling the engagement. The proceeds were for the chapel funds.

Do You Know

That the Whitwick poor rate for the ensuing half year will be 1s 6d in the £ as before?

That Father O'Reilly, the esteemed priest at the Holy Cross Catholic Church, Whitwick, has recently returned to duty, very much improved in health, after a month's rest at Bexhill-on-Sea?

Round the Theatres

The Picture House

Patrons of this popular theatre are having another good programme this week. The chief attraction is Daisy and her Eight Stars, a splendid and clever troupe of juveniles with excellent voices. The songs and dances are A1, and patrons have not been slow to show their appreciation of the various items. We have no hesitation whatever in recommending this as a show of the best and it must not be missed during the week-end. – Week-end 'star' picture "A Barefoot Maiden." The tiny child of Madame d'Alvarez, a widow is lost. Fifteen years pass, during which time the widow marries Roland, an artist. The latter discovers a girl he believed to be the lost child. His intimacy with the girl arouses Pascal, a fisherman, who writes to Roland's wife denouncing the artist's relations with the 'barefoot' maiden. Tragedy is narrowly averted but in the end the family is happily reunited. – With many other excellent ones. – Next week 'Zudora' No. 7, Captain Radcliffe enters Zudora's residence whilst she and Stern are out skating, and discovers a false bottom in the old trunk in which reposes a map made by Zudora's father, showing the location of rich deposits in the South African diamond fields. Radcliffe joyfully takes his 'find' to Madame du Val. Tom Hunt, disguised as an artist, gains entrance to Madame du Val's salon and makes important discoveries. Jim Baird, trying to keep in touch with Hunt gets into the underground passages leading to the salon and has a stiff fight with some of the gang which brings them out into the open. Baird, with a conspirator in close grip falls over a high bridge into the water beneath, where the fight continues. Storm and Zudora however, come on the scene and render assistance, which gives Baird the advantage. – For particulars, see advertisement columns.

Sport

Football

Whitwick's First Win

The team which secured such a decisive victory was Whitwick Imperial, who were visited by Moira United, whose first year it is in this combination. Though it was Whitwick's

seventh match, it was their first win for the season and it also enabled them to avenge the defeat at Moira a few weeks ago. On that occasion, the Imperial travelled with a rather weak side, but managed to keep their opponents out till the last quarter of an hour, during which, however, one of the Moira men, Yates, did the 'hat-trick' and Whitwick were beaten by three goals to none.

It was a bitterly cold day on Saturday and there were very few spectators. Whitwick had practically all the play, scoring three times in each half. The first goal of the match was obtained from a penalty by Joe Moore, and Lees and Watson scored the former from a brilliant centre by Moses Bird, while Watson, the Ravenstone man, got his goal, after Wright, the Moira custodian, had dealt with a terrific shot from him.

In the second half, it was nearly a continual bombardment of the Moira goal the attackers being helped by a strong wind. Further goals were obtained by Smith, Williamson and Cooke (back). Considering the pressure, it was a wonder that more than the half dozen were not obtained. The Whitwick custodian, Roadley, during most of the second half, left his charge and was among the forwards having a pop at goal. By reason of this fact, Moira should have scored once, the forwards getting away and having an open goal before them, but the ball was sent outside.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Burials

Bown – At Whitwick Holy Cross Churchyard. Saturday, Fanny Bown, aged 71 years, of Cademan Street.

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Local News

All the school teachers of military age in Whitwick, four in number, have joined the forces. Mr M. Downes, the head master of the Holy Cross School, is expecting to be called up after Christmas and Mr E. Needham, one of the assistant teachers of the same school, left for Wigston on Tuesday. The other two who have enlisted are H. Gilliver and Mr R. P. Rice, both assistants at the National School.

The Property Market

At the Three Crowns Hotel, on Tuesday night, Mr F. C. Stevenson, of the firm of German and German (Ashby) offered for sale by auction, on the instructions of the executors of late Mr A. E. Hood, four cottages, Nos. 163, 165, 167 and 169, Loughborough Road, now in the respective occupations of Messrs. S. Birkenshaw, J. Brooks, J. Sear and E. Ekins, together with a field of old turf land and brick stable, occupied also by Mr S. Birkenshaw. The total area of the property is 1a, 0r, 30p, or thereabouts and the total rental, £44 17s. Bidding commenced at £300 and at £340 the lot was withdrawn. Messrs. Hewes and Musson (Ashby) were the vendor's solicitors.

National and Belgian Relief Funds

On Monday evening a public meeting was held in the Church School in connection with these funds. The Vicar (the Rev. T. W. Walters) presided and those present included Messrs. R. Blower, C.C.(Ellistown), J. Husband (Coalville, treasurer), E. Hawthorn (secretary Belgian Fund), Mrs Walters, Mr and Mrs T. W. Bourne, Mrs J. Stinson and Miss Howson. Mr R. Blower was the speaker and he urged the need for the public contributions – which had fallen off considerably in the locality – to be continued. Reports, which were recently published in this paper dealing with the position of the two funds locally, were given, and it was explained that the weekly expenditure at Broom Leys was now exceeding the income and would soon absorb the balance. It was decided to arrange a lantern lecture giving views of devastated Belgium, with the object of reviving public interest in the matter.

The Bells

On Saturday afternoon, at St. John the Baptist Church, a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, consisting of 5,656 changes, was rung in 3 hours, 1 minute by the following members of the Midland Counties Association: William H. Humberstone (1), F. H. Dexter (2), H. Broughton (3), J. Oldham (4), J. Morris (5), E. Morris (6), E. W. Rands (7), E. Reader (8). Composed and conducted by E. Morris. Rung with bells half-muffled in memory of the Leicestershire men who have fallen in the war.

Round the Theatres

The Picture House

Another good programme is to be seen here again this week, including two good “turns,” viz., The Welcomes, the American Black and White comedy duo, and Will Lazard, the great child mimic and impersonator. Both are very good and have had a great reception. They should not be missed during the week-end. The “Zudora” Mystery No.7 was a good part and much enjoyed. – Others were very good. – For the week-end “The War of the Wild” will please. William Wallace and his daughter Marie are hunting wild animals in Africa. Larson, one of the party, is infatuated with Marie, who resents his intentions. Later, Larson bribes a party of Arab slave traders to attack the camp. The Arabs attack successfully, and Larson is just about to carry off Marie when an elephant, to which she has been kind, seizes Larson in its trunk and throws him over a cliff. – With many others. – Next week an extra strong list of pictures and “turns” including “Zudora” No. 8, “The Island of Mystery.” Zudora finds portions of her father’s diary in the old trunk which Captain Radcliffe in his haste had overlooked. It tells of diamonds close to the original Zudora mine in South Africa. Tom Hunt and Baird set off to investigate. Captain Radcliffe and Bruce, learning of their plans also depart for South Africa to watch Zudora’s friends. Zudora is waylaid by Madame du Val and invited to go motoring. Stern feels dissatisfied with the arrangement, but allows his sweetheart to go. The result is Zudora is captured, and hurried off in a motor boat to an island, where an old hag takes care of her at Madame du Val’s instructions. In South Africa, Hunt and Baird clash with the conspirators and a fight takes place on top of a moving goods train, which meets with an accident. Captain Radcliffe is picked up unconscious, but Baird escapes serious injury. A hurried call from New York takes Hunt and Baird home again, Radcliffe and Bruce are also recalled, but the former’s injuries prevent him from sailing for a few days. – Full particulars, see advertisement columns.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Burials

Wallbank – At Whitwick, on Wednesday, Leonard Wallbank, aged 3 weeks, of the City of Three Waters.