

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

### **Local News**

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

### **New Guardian Nominated**

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

### **Parish Church**

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

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

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

### **Do You Know That**

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

### **Coalville Urban District Council**

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

### *Whitwick Lodgers*

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

### *A Whitwick Improvement*

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

Mr Lockwood: On the factory?

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

### **Coalville Police Court**

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

### *Bad Language*

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

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

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

### **Round the Theatres**

#### *The Picture House, Whitwick*

No. 2 of the serial, "Exploits of Elaine," (The Twilight Sleep) was one of the chief features at the commencement of the week. It was a good piece, and was much enjoyed. Patrons should not miss the succeeding parts – they are all good. – "A Red Girl's Sacrifice" was a

good Bison two-reel drama, and up to the usual excellent standard of the company's productions. – Others were also good. – For the week-end, "Peggylynn Burglar," depicts how a girl crook found regeneration, and is a picture with a good moral. It should be seen. – Then "The Man Who Could Not Sleep" is a fine Edison drama, featuring Mare McDermott, a well-known and clever picture artist. The story briefly is: Judge Jeffer has sentenced a woman to 30 days after she, in contempt of court has answered the judge and expressed the hope that he never would be able to sleep again. The Judge soon becomes obsessed by this curse, and is unable to get sleep. The first night is one of torment. The slightest sound makes his nerves tingle. In the morning, he sees his physician who prescribes, but that evening he is again unable to sleep. The bell, in a neighbouring tower awakens his jumping nerves to further action, and the blind slamming against the house, contributes to the judge's discomfort. After he has spent three nights of horror, during which time he has been haunted by visions of the woman he sentenced, the judge appears in court, haggard and drawn for want of rest. He instructs the prosecutor to direct the probation officer to look into the case of the woman he sentenced three days before, as, in his opinion, the sentence was unjust. A woman is brought before him, with a child, for sleeping on a bench in the park. The judge looks down on her kindly, and when the court is over, goes with her to her squalid flat. He pays her rent, thereby preventing her eviction, and asks his beneficiary to pray that he might be able to sleep. An earnest prayer is said by the grateful woman and that night, Judge Jeffer, for the first time in four nights, is able to sleep. His valet enters as the clock tower tolls the hour of 12, but the Judge does not move. No word description can give an idea of the strange power of this picture. Few, indeed, could even attempt to depict the subtle, but mind-sapping torments that beset the man; and we doubt that Mare McDermott never more remarkably showed his art. – Others are good. – Large audiences have been the order, and patrons must not miss paying a visit this week-end. – Next week's programme. – Another good one. – See advertisement columns.

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

### **Local News**

#### **Memorial Service**

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

### **Round the Theatres**

#### *The Picture House, Whitwick*

Big audiences are attending this theatre this week, to witness a fine programme – Miss Nance Jacobson's 5 Kosiques, are the chief attraction. They are a troupe of charming lady artistes of a very high standard of excellence. The electrical scena, "The Enchanted Glen" featuring Mdlle. Nanette, is very fine and this talented lady has received loud applause.

The singing and dancing is splendid and the stage setting is fine, the whole "show" being worthy of highest commendation, and best patronage. Patrons must not miss this during the weekend. – "Exploits of Elaine," No. 3 (The Vanishing Jewels) was a good part, and other films were much enjoyed. – For the weekend "Four Grains of Rice" is the chief picture. It is a special Vitagraph feature in two reels. The leader of "The Sons of the Brazen Joss" one of the Tongs of Chinese social organisations is murdered by Moy Wong, cunning leader of 'The Four Grains of Rice,' a tong of higher class, and bitter enemies of the "Sons." Sworn to vengeance, the "Sons" await an opportunity to get even. A slumming party happens into Chinatown at this time and Ruth Ginnell, fiancé of Sidney Rance, insists upon exploring the interior Moy Wong's little store the beautiful display of which has attracted her attention. The leader sees her and is fascinated by her beauty. He is agreeable and quietly slips a ring of peculiar design into her bag. Next day Ruth discovers the ring, remembers the Oriental perfume on it and where it came from. She determines to take it back to its owner. Very foolishly she goes alone. She manages to escape however. Moy Wong is "sent up" for a long term, breaking the power of "The Four Grains of Rice," and leaving Ruth and her fiancé in peace. "The Wealth of the Poor" too, featuring G. M. Anderson, should not be missed. It is a good story. – Next week No. 4 "Exploits of Elaine" and a strong list of other films. Particulars, see advertisement columns.

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

### **Local News**

#### **Operetta**

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

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

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

Charnwood Forest Lodge, P.G. R. Roulston and P.G. N. Fern; Victoria, P.G. G. H. Brooks and P.G. T. N. Lord; British Oak, P.P.G.M. F. Earp, P.P.G.M. Thomas James, P.P.G.M. A. Atkins, P.G. C. Starkey, V.G. G. H. Greaves (secretary) and Tom George, P.P.G.M.

James Cliffords, J. M. Chester; Snibston Glory, P.P.G.M. J. T. Beniston and P.G. T. W. Booker; Excelsior, secretary N. Shepherd, P.P.G.M. J. A. Jones and P.G. James Archer; British Crown, P.G. Benjamin Beeched, P.G. J. N. Clarke, and P.G. Daniel Toon; Gresley Pride, P.G. N. Deakin, P. G. Thomas Betteridge, P.G. Charles Harry Boulter and G.M.G. Thomas Sharp; Board P.P.G.M. F. Baker and P.G. Edwin Clemson.

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

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

### **Do You Know That**

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

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

### **Round the Theatres**

#### *The Picture House, Whitwick*

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

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

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

#### **Burials**

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

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

#### **Advertisements**

##### **Situations Vacant**

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

##### **Tenders**

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

#### **Local News**

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

###### *An Old Lady’s Death*

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

The son stated that on Saturday evening he left his mother in her usual state of health, and went to a picture-house. When he returned she had gone to bed. Next morning he called to her, and getting no reply, went into her bedroom, where he found her lying on the

floor dead. Deceased never complained of anything but rheumatism. She had complained of the state of the stairs, and witness had known her to fall on them.

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

### **Whist Drive and Dance**

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

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

### **Local Chit Chat**

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

### **Do You Know That**

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

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

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

### **Round the Theatres**

*The Picture House, Whitwick*

The Mysterious Vallos are creating a good deal of interest here this week. They are illusionists, hypnotists, etc., of the first order, and have had a fine reception by crowded audiences. Their entertainment is very good, Madame Vallo being exceptionally clever. They must not be missed by week-end Picture House patrons. – The "star" picture at the beginning of the week was No. 5 of "The Exploits of Elaine" (The Poisoned Room), another very good part of this excellent serial, and much enjoyed. The other film subjects were also splendid. – For the week-end the chief one is "Mountain Mary," a fine one, which must be seen. Also, "A Deed of Daring," a champion drama, of which the following is a short resume: - Upon learning that a gang of smugglers are using freight cars to bring Chinamen across the border, the railroad officials order all employees to keep a strict

watch for traffic of this nature. Daniels, Helen's relief, is a member of the struggling band, and keeps in touch with his chief by means of messages concealed in oranges. Helen gets one of the fruit by mistake, and in opening it, discovers that a number of Chinamen are due to be smuggled across the border inside a freight car that morning. Daniels learning that Helen is aware of his gang's operations, reports to his chief. The smugglers descend upon the station, and bind and gag the girl before she can give the alarm. Helen escapes and pursues the smugglers on a locomotive, and eventually effects their arrest. – Others are also good. – Next week there is another splendid list. No. 6 of "The Exploits of Elaine" and for the week-end, "The Zaca Lake Mystery," a good 'Flying A' which will please. Also, Mint and Mart, the great comedy artistes, will appear. – Full particulars see our advertisement columns.

## **Friday February 4<sup>th</sup> 1916 (Issue 1248)**

### **Local News**

The Imperial team to oppose Newhall Swifts tomorrow is: A. Roadley, J. Warden and J. T. Cooke, J. Moore, F. Johnson and F. Fern. M. Bird, G. Smith, H. Williamson, J. Watson and J. Roach. Reserves, A. Needham and A. Thorpe.

### **Bishop of Leicester at the Parish Church**

On Sunday evening, the Bishop of Leicester (Dr. C. G. Lang) preached an inspiring sermon to a large congregation in the Parish Church, which included the Whitwick and Thringstone Corps, under Commander G. F. Burton. The National Anthem was sung at the close of the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. T. W. Walters).

### **Coalville Police Court**

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

#### *School Cases*

Wm. John Gibbons (46), collier, Whitwick, was summoned for neglecting to send his child regularly to school, and Annie Wright (40), of Whitwick, was similarly summoned. Weston Metcalfe, school attendance officer, Shepshed, gave the facts. Defendants were each fined 5/-.

### **Do You Know That**

Whitwick Imperial F.C. play Newhall Swifts in the Leicestershire Senior League at Whitwick tomorrow?

Whitwick's new Guardian, the Vicar, took his seat on the Board at Ashby for the first time on Saturday?

At the Coalville Town V Whitwick Imperial football match on Saturday, a collection was made among the spectators for Alf Twigg, one of the Town players, who had his leg broken in a match some weeks ago?



## **Whitwick Colliery Workmen's Accident Club**

A general meeting of the Whitwick Colliery work-people was held at the Hermitage Hotel, on Saturday last. Mr George Thomas presiding, when a fairly good number attended. The balance sheet was passed, and various officers were elected. Mr Dennis Otter was re-elected secretary with Mr Thomas Price treasurer. The collectors appointed for the Accident Club were Messrs. Ed. Lycett, J. King and E. Briers, jun., collectors for death fund, Messrs. A. Isaacs, C. Brooks and B. Johnson; treasurer Mr Thomas Middleton; governor, Leicester Royal Infirmary, Mr George Mason. Suggestions recommended by the committee and sanctioned at the general meeting were brought forward by Mr G. Brooks, and agreed upon as follows:

*“That the club give a donation of £50 to the Cottage Hospital, and make an extra collection on behalf of the Infirmaries: That widows be allowed to pay to the death fund: That a voluntary collection be made for the old and disabled and that accident pay be allowed for all scheduled diseases due to mining.”*

## **Coalville Urban District Council**

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

### *Highway Committee's Report*

The surveyor reported on the terms Mr G. F. Burton was willing to give up land in North Street, Whitwick, for the purpose of effecting an improvement to the highway, and the committee recommend the offer be not entertained.

With reference to the application of the Whitwick Colliery Co. Ltd., for permission to erect an overhead cable on the Hermitage Road, the Finance Committee recommended that the clerk write the company that they must indemnify the Council against any claims for accident in respect of such cable.

### *Surveyor's Report*

The surveyor reported that the number of persons accommodated at the Whitwick lodging houses during the month was 671 against 686 in December, and 763 in January last year. The lodging-houses continued to be kept in a satisfactory manner. A midnight surprise visit was made on January 28<sup>th</sup>, and everything was found in order. Mr Fellows jocosely remarked that the surveyor's language, 'midnight surprise visit' sounded rather ominous. (Laughter).

### *Dangerous Whitwick Stairs*

Mr T. J. Webb, Deputy-coroner, wrote that at a recent inquest, at Whitwick, the jury desired him to write calling attention to the dangerous stairs in a house there. Mr Kelly said he was on the jury. The staircase was not safe for anybody. It was very steep, and there

was no hand rail. Replying to a question, Mr Briers said the stairs were not the cause of the accident, but it was said that the old woman had fallen down them previously. The chairman said the surveyor would look into the matter.

The surveyor said it would be a big job if they were going to tackle all old staircases. The matter was referred to the surveyor.

### *Postal Facilities*

The Leicester Postmaster wrote that in consequence of the war, it had been found necessary to curtail the postal facilities at Whitwick by suspending the 6 pm delivery of letters and parcels on and from the 7<sup>th</sup> February. A further letter from the same source stated that at Coalville the following alterations were to be made from the same date.

## **Round the Theatres**

### *The Picture House, Whitwick*

Capital "houses" have been the order again here this week, and the usual excellent programme has been much enjoyed. "Exploits of Elaine" No. 6, was a fine part, and all the other pictures were good. – Mint and Mart, the great comedy artistes, have had a great reception, and must be seen during the weekend. A rattling good 'show'. – For the weekend "The Zaca Lake Mystery" should not be missed. Briefly, the story is as follows: Slippery Joe gags and binds Neil, the miner's daughter, and makes off with a bag of nuggets, her father's treasure hoard. John, the miner, and Nell, in search of the man who has robbed them, come to the cabin of Jim, a ranger. There they meet a 'Mr Bond, of San Francisco,' and Neil is struck with the resemblance between him and the outlaw. Jim explains that Bond has come into the wilderness seeking his twin brother, who, doubtless is the bandit. While Bond and Neil are canoeing on the lake the next day, a stranger staggers into the camp, weak from exhaustion, hunger and mal-treatment. He says he is 'Mr Bond, of San Francisco.' The day before, he had been attacked by an outlaw, he said, and compelled to exchange clothes with him. Now John and Ranger Jim understand Slippery Joe's scheme. They go down to the lake to arrest him. There they find Nell covering the outlaw with her revolver, while in the other hand she grasps the bag of nuggets. – Others are good. – Next week, No. 7 "Exploits of Elaine," and a good list of other excellent picture, the one for the weekend being 'A Country Lad,' an excellent Éclair. – For full particulars, see advertisement columns.

## **Sport**

### **Football**

#### *Whitwick Imperial Beat Coalville Town*

Coalville Town had Whitwick Imperial as visitors after having been idle for several weeks. The match was played in beautiful weather and in the presence of three or four hundred spectators. Both clubs had their strongest available sides, and it was a very even game all through. The only goal scored was one by Smith for Whitwick in the first half, though the Imperial missed one or two good chances by poor shooting. The Coalville forwards also missed chances so that in this respect the teams were equally unlucky. Pearson, in the

Coalville goal, and Roadley for Whitwick, both frequently brought off good returns and the defences throughout were most prominent. The forwards on both sides were somewhat weak.

## **Friday February 11<sup>th</sup> 1916 (Issue 1249)**

### **Local News**

#### **Annual Dinner**

The members of the Whitwick Liberal Club held their annual dinner on Saturday, in the Public Hall, about 80 partaking of an excellent meal. Mr A. Needham presided, and after dinner submitted the usual loyal and patriotic toasts. – Mr J. Clifford proposed the health of the committee, expressing the thanks of the members to them for providing that spread. – Mr T. Kelly (secretary) responded for the committees. The health of the shareholders was also drunk. – A musical programme was rendered, including songs by Messrs. F. O'Mara, F. Harper, A. Cooper, T. Cooper, D. Martin and others, Mr G. H. Hallam, of Thringstone, being the pianist. The chairman also recited. – on the motion of Mr J. Rose, seconded by Mr J. Gilberd, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded. Messrs. T. Kelly and G. H. Hallam for their services to the members. – As a good quantity of viands were left over, about 30 of the members held another feast on Monday night when a convivial evening was spent.

#### **Whitwick Major's Gallantry**

##### *Dr. Burkitt's Devotion to Duty under Heavy Fire*

The current issue of the "Whitwick Parish Magazine" contains the following:

*"It will interest all our parishioners to read the following letters received by Major Burkitt. The letters explain themselves.*

*'Leicestershire Yeomanry, B.E.F. France.*

*My Dear Doctor, I am only too delighted to send the enclosed for your information and retention. I fear it does not sufficiently meet what you ought to have, still, it is something in the right direction. I am pleased to have the honour of offering you the heartiest congratulations of everyone in the regiment, and to tell you how glad they are one and all to have the chance of doing so in such an honourable way. We all thoroughly appreciate the fact that you are one of the bravest and most gallant men we have had the honour of serving with, and our regret is that you are not with us still. However, in leaving your old regiment, you have left it with a most honourable memory, and have been one of the best in making the honourable name it now bears. We all wish you every good and kind wish for the future. – Yours ever.*

*Abbot Robinson.'*

*The enclosures referred to above are the following:*

*'Dear Robinson, G.O.C. Division has asked me to send round the accompanying list of officers and men of your unit whose names he has forwarded for recognition of good*

*services rendered. He thinks that the officers and men mentioned would like to know that their names have been forwarded. – Yours sincerely.*

*Ed. Chas. Newham.'*

*On the list only two officers are named, of whom Major Burkitt is one. The remarks are as follows:*

*'Major J. C. S. Burkitt, R.A.M.C. displayed great gallantry and devotion to duty in attending to wounded under heavy fire near Ypres on 13<sup>th</sup> May, 1915. Subsequently collected the wounded and took them to a place of safety.'*

*We too, heartily congratulate Major Burkitt on the fine reputation he has in the army. He was mentioned recently in Sir John French's despatches.*

*During January it has given us great pleasure to welcome at our services Sergt. A. R. Crane, R.A.M.C., Petty-Officer A. J. Wilson (Blandford), Private Harry Bonser and Private Horace Underwood, (Portsmouth). Letters were received last month from Private J. W. Brotherhood, Sergeant A. W. Hanson (France), Corporal Walter Adams (France), Mr Cecil Brown and Corporal R. P. Rice. We very heartily congratulate W. Adams on his promotion to be a full Corporal."*

### **Whitwick Memorial Service**

A memorial service for Pte. Whittaker, of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Leicesters, was held in the Holy Cross Church on Sunday evening, conducted by the Rev. M. J. O'Reilly. There was a large congregation which included the Whitwick and Thringstone boy scouts, and members of the Citizen Corps, under Commander G. F. Burton, also representatives of the Coalville Corps. The National Anthem was sung and the organist played the Dead March, while the "Last Post" was also sounded by one of the buglers of the boy scouts, the service being an impressive character.

### **Round the Theatres**

*The Picture House, Whitwick*

There is a good show here this week, the "star" picture at the beginning of the week being No. 7 of "Exploits of Elaine," another good part – Others were excellent and much enjoyed by the usual crowded audiences. "The Dental Riskits" are a fine combination. Have you ever tried to sing upside down? Not with the music upside down, or the singing upside down, but with yourself upside down?

The lady partner in the Dental Riskits does it, and quite tunefully too. But it isn't altogether the tunefulness of the voice that makes you listen to it with so much pleasure. It is a somewhat harassing sight to see an attractive young woman hanging head downward and suspended only by a strap round one ankle, the end of the leather being in the mouth of an upside-down gentleman on a trapeze high above the stage of the Picture House. It is still more harrowing to see her revolving faster and faster until her flowing hair stands out like the tail of a comet, and the free leg is flung out at right angles to her body. And so when she sings a lullaby softly, and even happily, your tenseness relaxes.

They should not be missed – a top notch “turn.” For the week-end in addition the “star” picture is “A Country Lad.” – Others are good. – Next week Episode 8 of “Exploits of Elaine,” and “Valour’s Reward.” As the title indicates, the hero has to prove his mettle before he is rewarded with the hand of the heroine, and in doing so he provides us with several scenes of tense drama. The setting of the piece is in parts very beautiful, including some delightful country views. There is, incidentally, a dance by a number of young girls at a garden party, but the drama is the main thing, and it is that which grips the attention most.

## **Sports**

### **Football**

Whitwick Imperial were expecting Newhall Swifts on Saturday, and several spectators assembled, but just before the time fixed for starting, a telegram arrived, stating that the Newhall club could not raise a team. This was the second time that the match has had to be postponed under similar circumstances.

### **Burials**

Brooks – At Whitwick, on Wednesday, Chas. George Brooks, aged 6 months, of Loughborough Road.

Allen – At Whitwick, on Saturday, Winifred Allen, aged one month, of Church Lane.

## **Friday February 18<sup>th</sup> 1916 (Issue 1250)**

### **Do You Know That**

The whist drive and dance announced to be held at Holy Cross Schools, Whitwick, on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, for the Leicester Infirmary, has been postponed on account of the Lighting Order?

### **Coalville Police Court**

Friday – Before Major Hatchett (in the chair) and Mr J. Ward.

#### *An Excusable Offence*

Marcus Crofts, colliery banksman, Shepshed, was summoned for riding a bicycle without a light at Whitwick on February 1<sup>st</sup>. He pleaded guilty. Defendant said it was the early morning following the air raid. He reduced his light and it jerked out going over a manhole. It was not very dark. A Zeppelin went over the previous night and he thought it advisable not to have a big light.

Case dismissed, defendant paying 5/6 costs.

#### *Drunk and Disorderly*

Robert Holland, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick, on January 29<sup>th</sup>. He was fined 12/- or seven days, P.C. Jelley having stated the facts in the defendant's absence.

## **Round the Theatres**

### *The Picture House, Whitwick*

The usual excellent programme is being witnessed by large audiences again this week at the Whitwick Picture House. The chief picture at the commencement of the week was "Exploits of Elaine" No. 8 (The Hidden Voice) a very good part. Other films were excellent, and have been much enjoyed. – A real good, and up-to-date musical, vocal, and comedy act is the Five Flakes. They have had a grand reception, and should not be missed during the weekend. – The "star" picture is "Valour's Reward," an interesting two-reeler, with an element of comedy in it. As the title indicates, the hero has to prove his mettle before he is rewarded with the hand of the heroine, and in doing so he provides us with several scenes of tense drama. The setting of the piece is in parts very beautiful, including some delightful country views. There is, incidentally, a dance by a number of young girls at a garden party, but the drama is the main thing, and it is that which grips the attention most. This picture will please weekend patrons. – There is a long list of other films, all good, which should be seen. – No. 9 "Exploits of Elaine" (first half) and "The Headliner" (second half). Also Albert Wamba and Mercia, comedy musicians and daring gymnasts, in a novel and versatile performance presented in an original manner. Demon handbell-ringers, saxophonists, bagpipers, etc, etc. Patrons must not miss seeing this splendid "turn" next week. – Full particulars may be seen in our advertisement columns.

## **Friday February 25<sup>th</sup> 1916 (Issue 1251)**

### **Local News**

#### **Accident to Sergeant Kirkland**

A serious accident, unfortunately, happened to Police Sergeant Kirkland, of Coalville, on Sunday night. About half-past nine, he was cycling to Whitwick, and when in Brooks Lane, his cycle skidded and he was thrown heavily to the ground, being rendered unconscious. He was carried into Mr Brier's house close by and Dr. Roulston, who was summoned by telephone, found that the sergeant was suffering from concussion. Inspector Dobney was communicated with, and he had the sergeant conveyed to his home adjoining the Coalville Police Station. We are pleased to learn that he is now making good progress.

#### **Memorial Service at Whitwick**

##### *Sermon by Father Degen*

On Sunday afternoon, at the Holy Cross Church, Whitwick, a memorial and requiem service was held in honour of the late Pte. Edward Hunt, of Victoria Road, Coalville, and formerly of Whitwick, who was recently killed in action in Mesopotamia. The first part of the service was conducted by Father O'Reilly and consisted of the penitential psalms, prayers and ceremonies customary at a Catholic funeral. The catafalque, which represented the coffin, was blessed with holy water and incensed. The Dead March in Saul was then

played and afterwards two boy scouts stepped forward and sounded "The Last Post." The Whitwick Citizen Corps presented arms before the catafalque. This was followed by the hymn, "Oh, Paradise" in which the whole congregation joined, and which formed a joyful and dramatic contrast to the earlier note of lamentation and mourning predominant in the first part of the service. The sermon was preached by the Rev. J. Degen, of St. Saviour's Church, Coalville, from the text, "It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins." (2 Maccabees xii, 46). Father Degen spoke as follows: *"We are assembled here this afternoon for a two-fold purpose. First to render public homage to the memory of Edward Henry Hunt, who, like many hundreds of other young men from all parts of the Empire, has made the supreme sacrifice of his life in the cause of honour, justice, peace, freedom and patriotism. Secondly, by our united intercessions to obtain from God the hastening of that moment when the soul of our friend shall be admitted into the joy and happiness of the Beautiful Vision. It is fitting that the avowed we make of our respectful admiration of his heroic conduct should be as public and as solemn as possible. For he is our benefactor and we are his debtors. It was for your sakes and for my sake that he left the comforts and quiet of a happy house to sacrifice his life in the very spring-time of his youth, in the bloom and blossom of his age, during just that period of human existence when everything seems to be so full of charm and of sweetness. For the world does appear fascinating and entrancing, it does indeed wear a rosy and beautiful complexion to a youth of but 19 or 20 summers. Far more so than to those of more mature years, who have experienced some of these reverses and mischances of fortune, which disillusion the mind and damp the ardour of early youth. But to a young man, on the threshold of early manhood, everything appears to be smiling and gay, his path seems smooth and easy, sunny and bright, all flowers and but few thorns, full of hope and full of promise. The surrender of life just when life tastes sweetest, enhances the merit of the sacrifice made. Edward Hunt was born in Whitwick, he was baptised here, he made his first confession and first communion here, and here it was too that he was confirmed. Nevertheless, he spent most of his life in Coalville. He was a member of the Sanctuary Guild at St. Saviour's, both under Father Quilter and myself, and later enjoined the recreation circle of St. Francis de Sales. He bore a high character among all those who knew him, being pre-eminent for his generosity and sociability. He also adhered most faithfully to his religious duties, to Sunday Mass, and monthly holy communion. He was one of those whom I looked forward to as the hope of the future for the Catholic Church in Coalville. But he has run his course, he had fulfilled his task. His death on the battlefield is one more proof that where self-sacrifice is needed by the State in the cause of national honour, rights and liberties, Catholics are among the first to come forward and surrender, if need be, their last shilling and their last drop of blood. His death is one more proof that loyalty to the Pope, as the spiritual head of the Church, in no wise weakens or diminishes our allegiance to our King, the temporal sovereign of our dominions. Edward Hunt took part in several fierce battles in Flanders and Northern France, and on many occasions saw men falling thick around him in lifeless heaps upon the ground. He himself, however, was not even wounded. After a severe attack of pneumonia, he was invalided home, and four months ago was sent out to Egypt, whence he crossed more than one desert, and at length reached Nasiriya, an Arabian village on the Euphrates in Mesopotamia. With other men of the second Leicesters, he was sent forward on an expedition along a water course, the Shat-el-Hai, which leads to Kut-el-Amara, where General Townshend is besieged, and which connects the Euphrates with the Tigris. The object of this reconnaissance was to obtain information concerning the intentions of the nomadic Arab tribes. It appears that our men received from them assurances of neutrality and peacefulness. But on their return*

*journey to give in their report, our men unsuspecting and confiding, were treacherously shot down by those same natives, who had previously pretended to be friendly.*

*To him whose memory we are honouring this afternoon we must express our unbounded indebtedness for the great sacrifice he has made in our defence of our rights and interests. Those of us who are Catholics know that we are not entirely bankrupt in the matter of rendering him some practical return for what he has done. By our prayers, communions, acts of mortification, in fact by any good notions whatsoever, we can ask Almighty God to hasten the moment when our benefactor will be admitted into everlasting bliss. We have every reason to believe that the sentence of the just has been pronounced upon him, but it may be that this sentence will be suspended, until his soul is cleansed of all the stains and imperfections which it may have contracted in its pilgrimage through this vale of tears. The words of my text are based on the principle of vicarious satisfaction. It is consoling to think that we are still united with the dead by the golden link of prayer. These waiting souls suffer patiently, sweetly and peacefully. It will also console the bereaved relatives of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Leicesters to know that the mortal remains of their beloved ones lie buried in what was the Garden of Eden. In the second chapter of Genesis, the Tigris and Euphrates are expressly mentioned as flowing through the earthly paradise of our first parents. One final topic for consolation, and I have done. Death for those who die in a state of friendship with God, who die in the fulfilment of their duty is not a matter for sighs, tears and groans. 'Tis a consummation devoutly to be wished for. Death under such circumstances can mean nothing else than the passage, sooner or later, to a happy immortality. It means the return of the soul to God, to whom it really belongs, and who alone can quench its thirst for complete and lasting happiness. Death to one who is just and righteous possesses nothing about it but what is eminently desirable. Why then this "solemn black?" Why "the fruitful river in the eye?" Why the "dejected behaviour of the visage?" Why all the "forms and moods and shows of grief," and all "the trappings and the suits of woe," when he, for whom we are praying, is not lost, but saved? If he, whom we love so dearly, is happy in the knowledge that the sentence of the just has been pronounced upon him, why should we lament and weep? Rather let us stifle our sighs and dry our tears and rejoice and be glad in the conviction that one more soul has been judged worthy by God of citizenship in the Kingdom of Heaven."*

The service closed with the Benediction. The mourners were Mr and Mrs Hunt, Mrs Williamson and family, and Mrs King and family. The church was crowded to its utmost capacity, the congregation consisting of quite as many non-Catholics as Catholics. Among the latter were noticed Mr and Mrs de Lisle from Garendon and Mr J. R. Bennett, of Coalville.

### **Young Men's Effort**

A tea was held in the Whitwick Wesleyan School, on Saturday afternoon in connection with the young men's annual effort for the church funds. There was a good attendance, and the proceeds amounted to over £5. There was to have been a lecture in the evening, by the Rev. J. Fisher Robson, of Leicester, but owing to the lighting restrictions, this was postponed. On Sunday, the services were conducted by the Rev. S. Dalzell, of Nottingham, formerly of Ashby, and there were good congregations.

### **Local Chit Chat**



Miss O'Reilly, niece of Father O'Reilly, the Whitwick Catholic Priest, is to be married on Wednesday next at the Holy Cross Church, Whitwick, to Mr John Ward, of Waterloo, Liverpool, and the occasion was marked by a happy incident on Miss O'Reilly leaving the Whitwick Holy Cross day schools, where she had been assistant mistress for some years. The children assembled in the central hall and presented Miss O'Reilly with a leather attaché case and pair of silver salt cellars. They sang "Auld Lang Syne," and other pieces finishing with musical honours to the bridegroom by the rendering of "He's a jolly good fellow."

### **Ashby Police Court**

Saturday – Before the Rev. C. T. Moore (in the chair) Mr J. German, Mr J. Hassall, Mr J. P. Adcock, Mr G. D. Orchard, Mr J. Turner and Mr George Brown.

#### *Whitwick Bricklayer Summoned*

John Bakewell (56), bricklayer, Whitwick, was summoned by the Ashby Board of Guardians for neglecting to pay 21 weeks' maintenance arrears for his wife, chargeable to the Union. He admitted the arrears.

John Wm. Bowley, relieving officer, said the defendant was ordered to pay 2/- a week, but had not done so. He could earn good money if he liked. Defendant said he was in poor form just now, the weather having been against him. He said he would pay 2/- per week, and 2/- per week off the arrears if they would allow him. The Bench gave judgement for the amount claimed, and the clerk told the defendant he would have to arrange with the Guardians. He was also ordered to pay the costs, 8/-.

Defendant said he only had 3/6 on him.

### **Round the Theatres**

#### *The Picture House, Whitwick*

This theatre has a good programme again this week and large audiences have attended, and much enjoyed the various films and the most excellent "turn." The latter is Albert Wamba and Mercia, who present their remarkable combination of comedy, instrumental music, humorous sayings, and high-class daring and sensational gymnastics. Expert campanologists, brilliant saxophonist, sensational demon bagpiper, executed with that incomparable ease and finesse which is the hall-mark of the polished artiste. Beautifully mounted, massive apparatus, all nickel-plated. Miss Mercia is the youngest lady gymnast in Vaudeville, 16 years old. Albert Wamba is a musician as well as a gymnast, and is exempt from military service. A real good, and first class "show," which has had a great reception, and must not be missed by weekend patrons. – No. 9 of "The Exploits of Elaine" was good at the commencement of the week, and others were also good. – For the weekend "The Headliner" is a good one. The manager of a vaudeville theatre at Coney Island is advised that his headline act cannot go on on the dates scheduled. In the emergency he engages Gabriel Castinara, the wonderful life guard swimmer. An Italian strolling players' troupe is also featured at the theatre. It includes the old clown Punilli, and his beautiful daughter, Beatrice. When Gabriel and Beatrice meet, they discover in one another old sweethearts – back in Italy. Suddenly, Busoni, one of the members of the strolling players'

company, flings himself upon the lifeguard with murderous intent. Then Gabriel tells the story of an ancient grudge, which has to do with the killing of his father by the father of Busoni and his own accidental killing of Busoni, the elder. He had promised Beatrice that he would not be avenged, but meeting his father's murderer unexpectedly, they had been led to quarrel and Busoni had dropped dead of heart failure. Gabriel escaped the police and made his way to America, whither he learned Beatrice had gone. Michael Busoni plots Gabriel's death. But, through his own carelessness, the theatre catches fire. Gabriel braves the smoke and flames to save the girl, and her old father. Michael loses his life. – Others are good. – See advertisement columns for next week's list.

## **Friday March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1916 (Issue 1252)**

### **Local News**

#### **Baptist Chapel**

Anniversary services were held in the Whitwick Baptist Chapel, on Sunday. A public tea was held on Monday, the proceeds being for the chapel funds.

#### **Liberal Club**

The 28<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the shareholders of the Whitwick Liberal Club was held in the public hall adjourning the club on Saturday night, Mr A. Needham presiding. The directors presented their annual reports as follows:-

“The directors regret to report that they are unable to pay a dividend this year. But it will be understood by every member that we have passed through a very trying time, through the increased heavy taxes (over £50 being paid on this item), increased charges on all consumable goods, and a shortage of hours for the sale. These have seriously contributed to reduced profits of trading consequently the members' committee are not in a position to discharge the rent liabilities. These facts are responsible for the directors not being in a position to recommend a dividend for the past year. The directors recommend that the sum of £2/2/0 be paid for their services during the past year, and that the secretary receives £1/10/0 for his services. The retiring directors are Messrs. Thomas Kelly, Samuel Jarvis, G. H. Hallam, and Geo. Jessop, but they are eligible for re-election. The auditors, Messrs. A. G. Ottey and J. T. Briers, also retire, but are eligible for re-election.”

The four members elected on the new directorate were Messrs. T. Kelly, G. H. Hallam, A. Cooper and W. Burton, and Mr Anthony Needham was re-elected chairman, and Mr Kelly secretary. Votes of thanks were passed.

#### **Coalville Tribunal**

##### *Interesting Applications*

The Coalville Urban District Tribunal met in the Council Chamber on Monday night, Mr T. Y. Hay J.P., presided, and there were present Messrs. M. McCarthy, B. B. Drewett, C. W. Brown, A. Lockwood, J. W. Fisher, B. G. Hale, J.P., and T. F. Fox, with Mr G. J. German and Mr R. Blower for the military authorities, and the clerk, Mr J. F. Jesson, and his assistant, Mr A. L. Bertenshaw.

John Corbett, waggoner and milkman on the Spring Hill Farm, Whitwick, asked for exemption, the applicant being supported by his employer, Mr Berrington. It was stated that there were 105 acres on the farm, and he was essential to carry on the farm work. Mr German said there were three men for 105 acres. It was suggested that the man or employer should have appeared in person.

*Postponed for a month.*

The Forest Rock Granite Co., Whitwick, requested total exemption for James Arthur Hull, aged 32, who attends to the stone crushing machinery. Mr Briers appeared in support of the application and said he would not like to put an older man to that class of work. They had Government orders. Mr German said the man applied on January 26<sup>th</sup> and was refused.

Mr Briers: *He applied on personal grounds then, and if I had known I should not let him have come then.*

Answering further questions, he said Hull had worked for the firm for 12 years, and had done this particular work for 8 years. One mill had been standing since last April though shortage of labour, and if this man went this mill also would have to be closed and they would be unable to finish the War Office contract for which the authorities were pressing. Mr Lockwood asked how it would be if the man was ill.

Mr Briers: *I don't know.*

Mr Lockwood: *All are being greatly inconvenienced now.*

Mr Briers: *I agree.*

The case was put back for three months.

Other applications, chiefly in reserved trades were agreed to by the Tribunal, viz., John Hy. Moseley, cowman, Hugglescote; Ernest Henry Fisher, cowman, Hugglescote; Bertie L. Williamson, ploughman and waggoner, Bardon Hill (the only man on the farm); Sam Topliss, farmer, Agar Nook Farm; Leo. P. McCarthy, farmer, Whitwick; Charles Martin, waggoner, Whitwick; Samuel Hy. Wright, manager of the Charnwood Forest Laundry Co., Coalville; Benj. White, fish and game dealer, Coalville; and E. P. Higgins, engine-driver, Seal and Co., Whitwick.

### **Do You Know That**

Whitwick Parish Church is insured for £9,050 against damage by aircraft?

Mr J. Lester, schoolmaster, Thringstone, has been appointed commander of the Whitwick and Thringstone Citizen Corps, in place of Mr G. F. Burton, who has resigned?

Mr F. H. Deacon, of Hotel Street, Coalville, supplied the bride cake for Miss O'Reilly's wedding at Whitwick, on Wednesday, and also did the catering?

### **Coalville Police Court**

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

### *School Case*

John Wardle, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for neglecting to send his child regularly to school – Charles Hart, school attendance officer, gave the facts. Defendant said the boy had been ill. He was 14 in April, and it was about time he left school.

The Clerk: *You must conform to the law.*

Mr Hart said defendant had been repeatedly warned since he was fined in July last year for the same boy.

Fined 5/- or seven days.

### *A Warrant*

John Storer, collier, Thringstone, was summoned for neglecting to pay £1/2/6 arrears on an order to contribute towards the support of his son in a Reformatory School. He did not appear, and the Bench issued a warrant for his apprehension.

## **Round the Theatres**

### *The Picture House, Whitwick*

A very fine programme is showing here this week, and good audiences have much appreciated the same. “Episodes of Elaine,” No. 10 was a good part, and the other pictures shown were up to the usual standard. – Two ‘turns’ are appearing, viz., Harry Orton and Dolly Onley, the all-comedy couple, who have kept the audiences convulsed with laughter. A real good ‘show’. – Miss Dolly Collins, in her latest success, “Somewhere in France,” a ‘turn’ well worth seeing. She has had a good reception. They should not be missed by week-end patrons. – The ‘star’ picture for the end of the week is “A Telephone Tragedy,” a real good picture. Mrs Grayson was a wealthy, but elderly woman. Her nephew and niece, however, told her housekeeper that she was not safe in Susan’s care. Late that night police received a telephone message:- “*This is Mrs Grayson, Wingate Park. I am dying, poisoned, Will Drake \_\_\_\_\_*” and then silence. Hurrying to the house the authorities were met by Susan, very excited, who led them up to Mrs Grayson’s room, where they discovered the old lady lying dead upon the floor. Skilfully, the housekeeper tells of Mrs Grayson’s quarrel with Will Drake, and casually mentions that the young man would benefit as the result of her death. At the trial the evidence given by Susan is mainly responsible for the sentence which is passed upon Drake. Eventually, however, certain facts are brought to light and Susan is taxed with the crime which she admits having committed. She never recovers from the fright and dies in half an hour. Her confession secures a pardon for Will Drake, and removes all barriers to the marriage of his sister and a young engineer, with the help of whom she has been able to establish the innocence of her brother. – This should not be missed. – Others are good. – Next week’s programme, see advertisement columns.

## **Births, Marriages and Deaths**

### **Burials**

Moore – At Coalville, on Sunday, Alice Moore, aged 58 years, of Meadow Lane, Whitwick,

### **Marriage**

#### **Miss O'Reilly's Wedding**

##### *Interesting Ceremony at Whitwick*

A good deal of public interest was created by a pretty wedding at the Whitwick Holy Cross Church, on Wednesday morning in which the contracting parties were Miss Annie O'Reilly, of Whitwick, and Mr John Ward, of Waterloo, Liverpool.

The bride, for some years worked as assistant mistress in the Holy Cross Day School, which post she recently resigned, and is a cousin of the priest at Holy Cross Church, the Rev. M. J. O'Reilly, who after 28 years at Whitwick, enjoys a large measure of popularity. There was a large congregation to witness the ceremony, which was performed by the Rev. J. M. Flynn, of Burton-on-Trent, uncle of the bridegroom.

The bride wore a dress of ivory charmeuse satin, with ninon bodice and sleeves, trimmed with Russian braid and swansdown; also a veil and orange blossoms. She carried a shower bouquet of pink and white carnations which, with a gold wristlet watch she was wearing, was the gift of the bridegroom. She was escorted to the altar by Father O'Reilly, who gave her away. The bridesmaids, Miss Helen O'Reilly (sister) and Miss Maggie Ward (sister of the bridegroom), wore saxe blue crepe de chene with lace collars, black taffeta hats lined with saxe blue, and they carried sheafs of lilies, the gift of the bridegroom.

A brother of the bridegroom, Mr Peter Ward, wearing the uniform of the Liverpool Scottish Regiment, acted as best man. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the Papal blessing was given.

The register having been signed, Father Flynn said the nuptial mass, Father O'Reilly assisting as master of ceremonies. The school children sang the choral part of the service, the hymns including, "The Bells of Angelus." Mrs W. Carter, the organist accompanied the hymns, and played Mendelssohn's Wedding March as the wedding party left the church.

The guests included the Revs. Father Flynn, T. Kane, D.D., (of Waterloo, Liverpool), J. Hurley and P. J. Hayes (Loughborough), M. Parmentier (Newhall), Quilter (Hassop, Derbyshire), J. Drinkwater (Burton-on-Trent), J. Degan (Coalville) and P. O'Reilly (Ratcliffe College); Mrs Ward, mother of the bridegroom, of Waterloo, Liverpool; Miss Maggie O'Reilly (Birmingham); Mr and Mrs E. M. P. de Lisle (Garendon Park), Mr, Mrs and Miss McCarthy (Coalville), Mr and Mrs C. E. McKenna (Bardon Hill), Mr J. J. Sharp (Whitwick), Captain A. T. Sharp (5<sup>th</sup> Leicesters), Miss de Lisle (Garendon Park), Miss Milnes (Leicester), Miss Brotherton (Whitwick), Miss Barrett (Whitwick), and Miss Haridock (Richmond).

The wedding breakfast was served in the hall of the Holy Cross Schools. Many handsome presents were received.

## **Friday March 10<sup>th</sup> 1916 (Issue 1253)**

### **Local News**

#### **Coalville Tribunal**

Several of the public were present at a meeting of the Coalville Urban District Tribunal in the Council Chamber on Monday night. Mr T. Y. Hay, J.P., presided, and the members present were Messrs. B. G. Hale, J.P., M. McCarthy, B. B. Drewett, A. Lockwood, C. W. Brown, J. W. Fisher, and T. F. Fox, with Capt. Stevenson, Mr G. J. German, and Mr R. Blower for the military authorities and Mr J. F. Jesson (clerk).

Arthur Herbert Vesty, 20, a munition worker and formerly florist and gardener, Whitwick, applied for exemption on conscientious grounds. His faith was such that he could not, and would not, under any circumstances, take human life. He believed his present work was of more value to the nation. The Advisory Committee suggested that applicant continue to carry shells – to the gunners at the Front.

Answering questions, he said he objected to carrying shells at the front as he might have to fire some of them.

Mr Blower: *Have you asked your employer to appeal for you? – No.*

*Where are you employed? – On the munition at the Colliery brickworks.*

*How long have you been there? – 2 ½ months.*

The Chairman: *Did you give up your work as a gardener to take up this work? – Yes, to do something for my country.*

*Didn't it occur to you that you are making bullets if not firing them? – That may be true, but it didn't appear to me that I should be really killing.*

Mr German: *Are you still willing to carry shells? – I am willing to stay where I am.*

*Do you consider your work of national importance? – I do.*

The Chairman: *I don't. – Then why did the Minister of Munitions apply for labourers and why are they there as 'starred' men?*

*You would not mind joining the R.A.M.C.? – Yes, if I can stay where I am.*

Mr Brown: *You want to do your part to help win the war? – Yes.*

*And we can only do that by killing, or they will kill us. – There are men who kill, and those on non-combat service.*

Another member: *How long have you had this conscientious objection? – Since the Bill was introduced.*

The application was not allowed.

J. S. Dodd, carpenter and contractor, Whitwick, applied for whole or partial exemption, saying that he had a lot of contract work on hand. The Advisory Committee suggested a months' grace. Applicant explained his difficulties in regard to his contracts, and Mr Jesson said he would undertake to assist him free of charge in certain eventualities.

Mr Lockwood suggested that Dodd take advantage of that offer, as lawyers did not often give much away. (Laughter). A month was allowed.

Isaac Cyril Foster, hairdresser and tobacconist, Silver Street, Whitwick, applied for total exemption. If he went he said the business would have to be closed, and his sister, who depended on him, would be without means of support. Mr McCarthy said the applicant and his sister were orphans.

Three months were allowed.

The application of Hy. Danvers, farmer and waggoner, Whitwick, adjourned from the last court, was again considered. He said he was sorry he made a mistake last time in saying he was married on September 4<sup>th</sup>. It was December 4<sup>th</sup>.

The clerk: *That is a big mistake.*

Applicant: *I didn't know I had made a mistake till I got home.*

The clerk: *You know you are married?* (Laughter) – Yes.

It was remarked that he would have to be treated as a single man, not having been married before November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Applicant said the farm would have to be given up if he went. His father worked at the pit, and did not understand farming.

Mr German: *What about your brother, aged 31? – He could not plough.*

*Why? – He has got small feet, (laughter) and could not stand the land work.*

Mr Jesson: *They are going to have ladies to plough now.* (Laughter)

The application was refused.

## **Primitive Methodism**

The quarterly meeting of the Coalville Circuit of the Primitive Methodist Church was held at Whitwick on Saturday afternoon and evening last, presided over by the Rev. T. J. Martin with the Rev. J. A. Wales as secretary. The meeting was very well attended and nearly all the societies were represented. In the Preacher's Section it was noted that one of the preachers – Mr H. T. Newbury – had been recently called up on military duties, and the greetings and good wishes of those assembled were conveyed to him. The reports of the year's work were received showing progress in nearly every department. The financial standing of the various societies revealed the interesting fact that not one had an adverse balance at the end of the year. Large increases in income were reported and this was especially true of the missionary revenue, which was over £8 in advance of preceding years. There was also an increase in the number of members. The tea was given by Mr John Ward in honour of his having completed 25 years as a local preacher on the Circuit. A large number partook of the good fare provided. Hearty congratulations to Mr Ward were proposed by Mr J. R. Bennett (circuit steward) seconded by Mr Sparrow, of Heather, and supported by several brethren, including Mr T. W. Bourne, who spoke for the local Free Church Council. The Rev. T. J. Martin was asked to stay for a fifth year as the Superintendent Minister of the Circuit. He accepted and at the same time intimated that his ministry would close then at Coalville, that is, in July, 1918.

## **Young Men's Effort**

The young men's annual effort was held at the Hugglescote Baptist Church, on Sunday, when two sermons were preached by the Rev. R. G. Gange, of Sharnbrook, a former president of the Baptist Union. Unfortunately, the evening service was spoiled by the air raid warning. A shortened service was held, at which there was a moderate attendance. At the morning service there were songs and duets by the Misses Chambers, Anderson, and Evans. The collections were for the young men's benevolent fund, and amounted to £5/12/0, which was considerably less than last year's, and might have been expected under the circumstances. To make up for this, the Rev. R. G. Gange has promised to pay another visit.

## **Do You Know That**

The Whitwick and Thringstone Licensed Victuallers' Association, held their annual banquet at the Duke of Newcastle Inn, on Wednesday?

## **Round the Theatres**

### *The Picture House, Whitwick*

A real good 'turn' is appearing here this week, viz., the Vimp Vera Trio, in a laughable sketch which has been loudly applauded by good audiences. The male impersonations are good, and the singing and dancing exceptionally smart. We advise patrons not to miss this during the week-end. A first-class 'show'. – The 'star' picture was No. 11, "Exploits of Elaine", which was good, as were others shown. – For the week-end, "A Daughter of the Jungle," must not be missed. Colonel Price is entertaining his guests at a reception and announces the engagement of his niece, Betty, to Jack Packard. Among the guests is Jim Crafton, who has left college temporarily in order to be at the reception. Crafton is Bett's former sweetheart. He asks Betty to join him in the garden. Upon reaching a little arbour with Betty, Crafton kisses her and she yields to his embraces. Jack sees Crafton kissing her and is heart-broken. He goes back to the house and returns with Betty's father. The Colonel is enraged and takes Jack into his library, where he tells Jack how Crafton's father ruined his life. Colonel Price then proceeds to tell a story and then learns to his great joy that the wild girl before him is his own daughter, who was stolen from him by a native whom he had discharged. When the party returns to the west coast, Jack and Col. Price's daughter marry.

## **Births, Marriages and Deaths**

### **Death of an Old Resident**

The funeral took place at Coalville Cemetery on Thursday of last week of one of the oldest inhabitants of the town, Mr Charles Hull Perry, who was 82 years of age and had resided for some years with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr and Mrs E. Bilson, of 125, Belvoir Road, Coalville. The deceased was a Whitwick man, but had resided in Coalville for over 50 years, being formerly employed as a sawyer at Messrs. Stableford's Works for over 40 years. He was a gentle old man and to the end possessed all his faculties to a wonderful degree and he often related interesting reminiscences of old Coalville, or Long Lane as it



was formerly known. He was a violist of some repute and in his younger days used to attend the Sunday School anniversaries in the villages for miles round, always being a very popular figure on those occasions. For over 30 years he was a member of the London Road Baptist Church. His wife died about 20 years ago and he leaves two sons and five daughters all married. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. F. Pickbourne, the first portion being in the London Road Baptist Chapel. The chief mourners were the two sons, Messrs. H. Hull Perry (Coleorton) and Albert Edwin Perry (Coalville) and their wives; the five daughters, Mrs E. Bilson (Coalville), Mrs T. Bowley (Coventry), Mrs F. Moreton (Leicester), Mrs H. Bowley (Coventry), and Mrs J. Cole (Coalville), and their husbands; Mr H. Shaw, nephew, of Coalville, Mr Harry Bowley, grandson, of Coventry, and Mrs Briers, cousin, of Whitwick. The coffin was made at Messrs. Stableford's works and the bearers were Messrs. H. Hull, T. Hull, T. Kinsey and J. Peace. Wreaths were sent by the following:

Emma and Ernest, Mary and Herbert, Clara and Tom, Mahala and Frank, Agnes and Harry, Polly and Jim, Daisy and Albert, Gerty and Percy, Mr and Mrs John Shaw and family, Mr and Mrs Ramsay and the Coalville Liberal Club.

### **In Memoriam**

In Loving Memory of my dear son, Pte. J. Wardle, aged 25, 52, Margaret Street, Coalville, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Grenadier Guards, killed in action on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 1915.

*"He sleeps not in his native land  
But 'neath some foreign skies  
And far from those that love him best  
In a hero's grave he lies"*

From his sorrowing mother, brothers and sisters.

*"Gone but not forgotten."*

### **Burials**

Holt – At Whitwick, on Monday, Josiah Holt, aged 78 years, of Hermitage Road

Cooper – At Whitwick, yesterday, Thos. Cooper, aged 40 years, of Brooks Lane.

Hollins – At Whitwick, on Wednesday, John Hollins, aged 55 years, of the Ashby Union.

## **Friday March 17<sup>th</sup> 1916 (Issue 1254)**

### **Local News**

#### **Coalville Tribunal**

##### *Whitwick Butcher's Claim*

A meeting of the Coalville Urban District Tribunal was held in the Council Chambers, on Monday night, Mr T. Y. Hay presiding. There were also present, Messrs. M. McCarthy, A. Lockwood, B. B. Drewett, C. W. Brown, B. G. Hale, J.P., L. F. Fox, and J. W. Fisher, with

Mr G. J. German and Mr R. Blower (for the military authorities), and the clerk (Mr J. F. Jesson).

Thomas Benson, 36, of Pares' Hill, Whitwick, appealed for exemption. He said he was lamp and powder-box maker and general tinsmith, working for his widowed mother. If he went the business, which had been carried on for 50 or 60 years, would have to be closed. Applicant, replying to Mr German, said he had a brother working at Stableford's, and another brother 12 years of age. Mr McCarthy said the applicant was the only tinsmith in the district.

Mr German said it was a reserved trade. Mr Drewett said it was rather important if he repaired miners' lamps. Answering further questions, applicant said he had tried to enlist once, but was sent back because of the rush, that being early in the war. He was not living at home then. Postponed for a month.

A Whitwick butcher, aged 34, who applied for total exemption, said he managed the business for his widowed mother who was an invalid. He had to keep two sisters, one to help in the shop, and one to assist his mother. Answering questions, he said he did all the slaughtering and everything himself. He worked Sundays as well.

By Mr German: *A man named Underwood used to assist him, but not for the last three months.*

Mr Lockwood: *You are so often that you kill on Sundays? – Yes, often.*

The Clerk: *You are not a conscientious objector, then? – No, I would kill anything* (Laughter)

*You are just the man we want* (renewed laughter) – *But you want something to eat besides Germans.*

*You can't eat them, you mean?* (Laughter) – *Yes.*

Conditional exemption was granted while the circumstances existed.

George Frederick Burton, grocer and baker, Whitwick, applied for the exemption of his man, Wm. P. A. Bland, 26, of Talbot Street, Whitwick. He was stated to be a married man, and the case was adjourned till the married men are dealt with.

### **Whitwick Soldier Dies from Wounds**

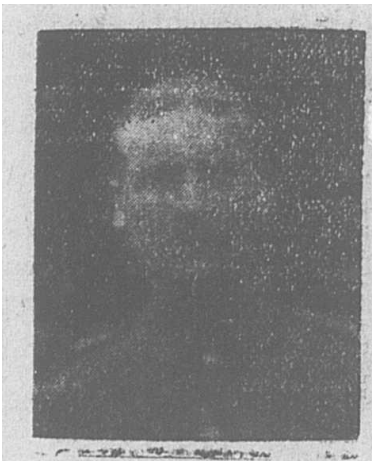
Mrs E. Howe, of 37, Talbot Street, Whitwick, has received the sad news that her husband, Private E. Howe, No. 12075, of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Leicestershire Regiment, died in hospital on February 16<sup>th</sup>, from wounds received in action at the Persian Gulf, January 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup>.

Private Howe, before the war was a Whitwick collier. As a reservist, he rejoined his regiment on the outbreak of war, and had participated in several battles. A pathetic feature is that since receiving news of his death, Mrs Howe has received a letter written by her husband from hospital a few days before he died, stating that he hoped soon to be better, and to be able to do a bit more for "Good old England." He also wrote the following lines:

*"I am the man that's always ready  
Always game and always steady,  
To shoot and fight and hammer in*

*In action always mean to win."*

The deceased soldier's letters were always written in a cheerful strain. A memorial service is to be held at St. Andrew's Church, Thringstone, on Sunday.



### **Local Chit Chat**

The ages of five old people who have recently died in the Ashby Workhouse, aggregate 414 years, an average of a little over 82 years each. They were Mary Archer, aged 92, a native of Swannington, Susan England, 89, of Ashby, Mary Ellis, 73, of Thringstone, and Jos. Sanders, 81, of Whitwick. All had been in the house for several years.

### **Coalville Police Court**

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

#### *Transfer*

The licence of the Prince of Wales Inn, Whitwick, was temporarily transferred from Thomas Irons to George Cook.

#### *Drunk*

Joseph Walker, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk at Whitwick on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. P.C. Grewcock proved the case and defendant was fined 10/- or seven days.

### **Round the Theatres**

#### *The Picture House, Whitwick*

The usual 'good' houses are the order here this week, and "Exploits of Elaine," No. 12, at the beginning of the week was good. The Flemings in a harmonising vocal scene, have had a great reception, and is an up-to-date and excellent 'turn,' well worth seeing. – For the weekend, in addition to a strong list of other films, "From the Dregs," is the outstanding feature. Leading a wild and dissolute life, Roy at length exhausts the patience of his father and is forbidden the house. In spite of his failings Roy is a great favourite of his sister, Connie, and in leaving he promises her to try and lead a better life, and if he fails she will

not hear of him again. Joining the army under an assumed name, he soon drops into trouble, and eventually gets a long term of imprisonment. After serving a year, Roy sees, at service in the prison chapel, his sister with the officer against whom he has so long desired to have revenge. Later, he sees the announcement in the paper of his sister's engagement. This causes him to abandon his hatred for Lieut. Curren, and he apologises for his past conduct. He is re-instated in the ranks, and later the regiment is sent on active service. Curren gets wounded, and Roy rescues him under heavy fire, but just as he is reaching safety he falls fatally wounded. From a locket found on Roy, the officer's wife identifies him as her long lost brother. A real good story. – Next week, another good lot, see advertisement for full particulars.

## **Friday March 24<sup>th</sup> 1916 (Issue 1255)**

### **Local News**

#### **Parish Meeting**

At the annual parish meeting in the school, on Monday night, the same persons as last year were nominated for the positions of overseers, parish constables, and assessors of taxes, and the meeting was of short duration, terminating with a vote of thanks to Mr M. McCarthy for presiding. – The present overseers are Messrs. G. West, T. Kelly and A. Needham.

#### **Unfaithful Wife**

##### *Coalville Solicitor Obtains a Divorce*

Mr Justice Herridge on Monday, granted a decree nisi to John Joseph Sharp, a solicitor, practising at Coalville, dissolving his marriage with Elenor Augusta Sharp, by reason of her adultery with Oscar Charles Trautmann.

The case was undefended, and the evidence put forward for the husband was to the effect that married in 1888, he lived with his wife at the White House, Whitwick. He had cause to complain of her conduct, but she denied that there was anything wrong, and he accepted her statement. The co-respondent was employed as an engineer at the Coalville 'Bus and Garage Co. of which the petitioner was secretary. He complained of his wife's familiarity with Trautmann, telling her that even if there was nothing wrong, she ought not to associate with him. There was one child of the marriage, a son, now 26. In October, 1915, his wife went to Brighton, and from there she wrote him that she would be stopping at a hotel in London on her way back. On November 8<sup>th</sup>, he went there, but found she had left, and on returning home, between three and four in the morning, found his wife with Trautmann. His gardener, Alpha Hutchby, came up, and there was a scene.

His Lordship pronounced a decree nisi with costs.

#### **Round the Theatres**

##### *The Picture House, Whitwick*

A good programme is to be seen here again this week and the 'Three Jewels' in a novel and artiste dancing act are having a grand reception. They are a first class trio of acrobatic, toe, Dutch and military dancers. They should not be missed during the week-end. – "Exploits of Elaine" No. 13, was good and much enjoyed, as were also the other excellent items. – For the week-end "The Offending Kiss," is the chief film, and the following is the story. A remarkable instance of bravery and self-sacrifice is shown in the story of Kate, the sister of the wife of a Western settler. Kate has learned to know and love a Captain Haynes who is stationed at a neighbouring army post. One day Kate sees Haynes kiss Milly Lee, and, misunderstanding the circumstances, she becomes heartbroken and as a distraction, decides to join in a long journey across the plains which John and his sister had to undertake. During the journey a band of marauding Indians attack the party and Kate is captured and carried away. The others carry the news to the army post, and Haynes quickly organises a rescue party which he heads. In the pursuit, Haynes gets separated from his men and is also captured. Kate saves him from the stake by threatening to drop the Indian Chief's child over the precipice. Haynes returns to his troops and brings them back to attack the Indians. They succeed in driving off the Indians who leave Kate behind, but one of the Redskins hides near the wigwam where Kate is sheltering and attempts to stab her. Haynes sees this, and just as the rascal is about to strike, pounces on him and kills him. As the party wend their way back to the fort, Haynes has the opportunity of explaining the kiss incident satisfactorily, and the lovers are joyfully reunited. – Others are good. – Next week's list, see advertisement columns.

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

#### **Burials**

Cairns – At Whitwick, on Tuesday, Margaret Cairns, aged 13 months, of Talbot Street.

Baxter – At Whitwick, on Thursday, Ellen Baxter, aged 42 years, of North Street.

### **Friday March 31<sup>st</sup> 1916 (Issue 1256)**

#### **Local News**

##### **Severe Snowstorm**

##### *A Thirty Year's Record*

The heaviest snowstorm for 30 years swept over Leicester and the county during the early hours of Tuesday morning, accompanied by hurricane winds.

Scenes in Coalville and district were quite unprecedented. In some places the snow had drifted to a depth of 6ft. People were practically snowed in their houses and to observe the order of the Urban Council to clear the snow away from the front of their premises, householders and business people had no light task, though in many cases it was cheerfully tackled. Business in every department was completely paralysed. Telegraph and telephone wires were brought down wholesale and lay in coils across the road in many parts of the district. People who wanted to telegraph or telephone were told at the Post Office and the Exchange that Coalville was completely isolated, there being no

communication with anywhere. Telegrams could not be accepted, and none were received.

Coalville people also on Tuesday morning had the unique experience of having no newspapers or letters. The rat-tat of the postman was conspicuous by its absence. It transpired that the mail van had been snowed up at Bardon Hill, and there it stuck till Wednesday. On Wednesday morning, a number of Coalville postmen were seen going in that direction with spades on their shoulders to dig the van out. In this they succeeded and Tuesday morning's letters were being delivered in Coalville about eleven o'clock on Wednesday morning.

The local train service was completely held up on Tuesday. Trains were said to have run into snowdrifts 6ft and 7ft deep, and could not get through. The Coalville and District motor bus service also had to be temporarily suspended.

The collieries also had to cease work on Tuesday, and at 3.30 in the afternoon, the sounding of Messrs. Stableford and Co.'s "buzzer" seemed ominous. But this, happily, was not to warn the people of the approach of Zeppelins. The firm could not get any slack and work had to cease at that time instead of going on till 7.15.

Very few children were found at the schools on Tuesday morning, and all the schools in the district had to be closed for the day. Housewives found themselves greatly inconvenienced. On Tuesday morning there was no milkman, no baker, and none of the tradesmen were able to make their usual rounds. Many people were seen fetching bread and other articles of food from the shops.

Unfortunately, on Tuesday night, a sharp frost set in, and this prevented the snow from going. Local butchers who usually visit the Leicester market on Wednesdays to buy stock were told that no trains were running, and it was found impossible to get by road. One of them, Mr George Henson, started off on horseback, but only got as far as the Bardon bridge where the snow covered the horse's flanks. As the usual stock sale could not be held at Coalville on Tuesday owing to the storm, some of the butchers were thus placed in a dilemma as to the week's supply of meat. Some hundreds of men were engaged in clearing the line between Coalville and Leicester and a train was able to run about midday, by which time a single line had been cleared.

## **Ashby Board of Guardians**

### *A Whitwick Funeral Incident*

#### *Lid Falls off Coffin at a Whitwick Funeral*

The Rev. T. W. Walters complained that at a funeral at Whitwick, on Thursday last, the coffin was so shoddily made that when the men attempted to lower it into the grave, the lid fell off. On examination, he found that only two small screws an inch long had been put in, these being scarcely long enough to go through the cover and grip the coffin. He thought the Guardians should take steps to prevent the recurrence of such a scandal.

The Chairman: *You are satisfied the coffin was of inferior make?*

The Rev. T. W. Walters: *Yes, I have never had anything of the sort before.*

Dr. Atkinson said they should bear this in mind when accepting a new contract. It transpired that the contracts were being considered that day, and the matter was referred to the House and Contract Committee.

Mr Parker presented the report of this committee, recommending the acceptance of the following tenders: Coal, South Leicestershire Colliery Co.; Meat, Mr Harrison; Flour, Mr Adcock; Coffins, Mr Cutter; Boots, Mr Williscroft; and Groceries divided between several firms. – The report was adopted.

### **Coalville Police Court**

Friday – Before Major Hatchett (in the chair), Mr W. Lindley and Mr L. Lovett.

#### *Affiliation Case*

Frederick Blinko (17), pony driver, Hugglescote, was summoned by Elsie P. Lakin, (17), single woman, Whitwick, to show cause etc. Mr J. J. Sharp (Coalville) appeared for the defendant, who denied the paternity. After a lengthy hearing the Bench ordered defendant to pay 3/6 per week from the date of the birth till the child is 14 years of age and 19/6 costs.

#### *Theft at Whitwick Colliery*

Geo. Ford, carter, Coalville, was charged with stealing 16 cwt of coal at Coalville, on March 21<sup>st</sup>. Mr T. H. Moore (Crane and Moore, Coalville) appeared to prosecute for the Whitwick Colliery Co. and defendant pleaded guilty.

Albert Rawlings, clerk in the employ of the Co. said the defendant was also in their employ as a carter. On the date named, witness saw him in the colliery yard with a load of coal, weighing 16 cwt, and value 9/10. Defendant said it was for the farm, and witness allowed him to take it without payment.

Liberty Clarke, also a clerk at the colliery, said he saw a load of coal tipped up outside defendant's house in Club Row. He spoke to the defendant's wife, and in consequence of what she said, he went to the office and made enquiries, after which he went to the colliery farm and saw the defendant. He asked him why he had taken a load of coal to his house, and he said he went to the colliery for a load for the farm, but took it to his home, and he was coming in the afternoon to ask witness to stop the money out of his wages. He also asked witness to say nothing about it. Defendant was entitled to a ton of workman's coal per month, at 6/8, and 1/- for drawing, but had not taken advantage of the privilege since last September. Defendant had a wife and one child, and his wages were £1/6/5 per week.

Fined 35/- and 5/- for witnesses, or one month, ten days allowed for payment. Mr Walter Lindley did not adjudicate in this case.

#### *Without a Rear Light*

Joseph Arnold, farmer, Whitwick, was summoned for neglecting to have a red rear light on his vehicle at Whitwick, on March 15<sup>th</sup>. He pleaded guilty, and on the evidence of P.C. Grewcock, was fined 10/- or 7 days.

### *Another Batch of "Light" Summonses*

There was another batch of summonses for Breach of Lights in Buildings Order, at Coalville, Whitwick and Swannington, on various dates.

Sidney Cart, grocer's manager, Whitwick, pleaded not guilty. P.C. Grewcock said he saw a light from Melia's shop in Vicarage Street, at 7.15. One light was not shaded at all, and shone on the footpath and road. Witness had previously cautioned the man several times. Defendant said the lights were so shaded as to make it impossible for the light to shine on the path. He could hardly see to give change. Fined 30/- or seven days.

## **Round the Theatres**

### *The Picture House, Whitwick*

There have been some good audiences here again this week, and much appreciation has been evinced by the excellent programmes provided. Ernest Marvon and Lily Vens, the dancing comedian and musical comedy girl in clean and refined comedy are a first-rate 'turn' and their efforts have been loudly applauded. They should not be missed. Little Sonia, the clever juvenile artiste, has also greatly pleased the audiences with her singing and dancing. – Episode 14 of the "Exploits of Elaine", was another good piece and will be much enjoyed, as will all the other subjects being screened. – Next week No. 15 of "Exploits of Elaine," and "The Toll of the Sea." Captain Nelson is in love with Virginia. He has her kidnapped and brought to the ship. There is a riot on board, and the ship is blown up in an explosion which follows Virginia's lover, on the look-out for pirates, discovers her in a hut to which she has been taken. He restores her to her father. For further particulars see our advertisement columns.

## **Friday April 7<sup>th</sup> 1916 (Issue 1257)**

### **Local News**

#### **To Let**

"Duke of Newcastle" Hotel, and some grass land, Whitwick. – Apply, Michael McCarthy, estate agent, New Swannington, Whitwick, Leicester.

#### **Coalville Tribunal**

A meeting of the Coalville Urban District Tribunal was held in the Council Chamber on Monday night. Mr T. Y. Hay presided and there were also present Messrs. B. G. Hale, A. Lockwood, B. B. Drewett, M. McCarthy, C. W. Brown, T. F. Fox and J. W. Fisher, with Mr G. J. German (military representative), Captain Stevenson, and the clerk, (Mr J. F. Jesson).



The clerk reported the resignation from the Tribunal of Mr Levi Lovett, which was accepted with regret, and it was stated that it would be reported to the Urban Council to fill the vacancy.

The Star Tea Co. applied for the total exemption of the manager of their Whitwick branch shop. A representative of the firm said this man was the only one employed at this shop. They gave every encouragement to their employees to enlist on the outbreak of war and over 600 were now serving with the forces. The man applied for was 26 years of age, and had been with the store since leaving school. Mr German remarked that the military authorities were wanting men very badly. Two months allowed.

Mr G. F. Burton, baker and confectioner, Whitwick, applied for his man, Wm. Bland, aged 26 and married, with one child. Mr Burton said he depended on this man to do the baking and through being short-handed he had already had to give up part of his trade – making pies, sausages, etc. Two months allowed.

Messrs. Seal and Co., of the Whitwick elastic web factory, applied for the total exemption of a loom-overlocker, aged 25, married, of New Swannington. A representative of the firm said they had a large export trade which they would lose if this man went, and a number of girls would be idle. They employed 120 hands, who depended on four men to alter and repair the looms. He was only appealing for this man as the others had not attested. He was a very good man, and applicant would be sorry to lose him. One man left them last week, making seven in all. Two months allowed.

Nine men were applied for by the Coalville Co-Operative Society. The first was Eustace H. Kebbler, manager of the Hugglescote butchery branch. Mr A. Lockwood (manager) said they were only appealing for departmental managers. Two had gone from the butchery this week and they were not appealed for. Kebbler was supplying 368 customers per week. He produced a roll of honour showing that 41 employees of the stores were serving in the forces and the society was paying 7/6 a week in each case to the dependants of those married. There were other butchery managers applied for – G. R. Cockerill, Bagworth branch, who was supplying over 300 customers per week; Archie Barker, Whitwick branch, 244 customers; and Walter Thornley, Ibstock branch, 368 customers. All the men were engaged in slaughtering in the early part of the week. They killed 9 beasts, 14 sheep and 20 pigs weekly.

The Chairman: *More pigs than sheep.*

Mr Lockwood: *Yes. The people in this district are very fond of pork.* (Laughter).

Mr German asked if a man or two could not be spared if the work was rearranged and the shops open, say one day less per week. Mr Lockwood was a member of the Tribunal and knew that men were wanted badly. Mr Lockwood said none of these men could really be spared. It was a regular trade. He pointed out that 41 employees had already gone. Three months were allowed in each of these cases.

## **Round the Theatres**

*The Picture House, Whitwick*

Will and Roze are appearing here this week in their novel comedy pot pourri act, "Le Café Magique". This is a top-hole 'turn' which has been most enthusiastically received, and highly spoken of by good audiences. It must be seen during the week-end. The 'show' is most enjoyable. – "Exploits of Elaine" No. 16 was good, and the other films shown also were good. – For the week-end "The Toll of the Sea" is a good picture, synopsis of which we gave last week. Others are good. – Next week there is another good list, including "In Wolf's Clothing." Carter Gordon desires to marry Daisy Brooks for her money. Gordon learns that Daisy's father has just placed a valuable package of securities in the safe, and attempts to steal it. He is discovered by the father and Dick Worth, who also loves the girl. The shock kills the old man, and Dick remains silent. But the scoundrel's despicable nature is discovered whom he is led to believe Daisy penniless on their wedding day, and Daisy, realising his base character, breaks off the engagement and attains true happiness as Dick's wife. – Further particulars, see advertisement.

## **Friday April 14<sup>th</sup> 1916 (Issue 1258)**

### **Local News**

#### **Absentee**

Before Mr B. G. Hale, at the Coalville Police Court on Thursday, Pte. John Kinton, of the Leicestershire Regiment, who had been apprehended by P.C. Grewcock at Whitwick, was charged with being an absentee from his regiment at Bulwell since April 2<sup>nd</sup>. He was remanded to await a military escort.

#### **"Our Day"**

The arrangements for "Our Day" at Whitwick, on Saturday, in aid of the Leicestershire Nursing Association were undertaken by Mrs Geo. F. Burton and Miss M. Burkitt, who were assisted by the following ladies in the sale of badges: Miss A. Roulston, Misses Allgood, Burkitt, Breslin (2), Robinson (2), Needham, Rawson, and West. They did very well, the amount realised being £5/16/-.

#### **V.T.C.**

There was a gala night at the headquarters on Tuesday night. Mr Packer (secretary to the L.V.R.) paid a visit, accompanied by a representative of Sherwin Wells, contractor to the Leicester Citizens' Training League for Uniforms. Twenty men were measured for new uniforms, which they hope to appear in the coming field day on Easter Monday. Mr Packer, on leaving, complimented the Corps on their good muster and on the enthusiasm they had shown. He ended by saying that he hoped Coalville and Hugglescote would follow suit.

### **Coalville Police Court**

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

#### *Good Friday Pictures*

Mr Kelly, manager of the Whitwick Picture House, applied for permission to show suitable pictures on Good Friday. Superintendent Lockton said a similar thing had been granted

before, and the place was always well-conducted. The people were better there than walking about the streets. The application was granted.

### *More "Light" Offences*

The first was Frederick Perry, collier, of Whitwick, for whom Mr J. J. Sharp (Sharp and Lancaster, Coalville and Loughborough), appeared and pleaded not guilty. P.C. Jelley said there was no blind at all at the window, which showed a bright light towards the road. He had cautioned the defendant previously about the lights from the fish shop. By Mr Sharp, "The defendant may have purchased a new blind a few days before, but it was not up."

P.C. Grewcock said he saw the light. He also had previously cautioned the defendant's wife. Mr Sharp said the light was only seen while the blind was changed. Defendant's wife bore this out on oath, and in reply to Supt. Lockton, she admitted that the police had cautioned her twice. Nora Perry, defendant's daughter, deposed to taking home a new green blind from Mr Bourne's where she was employed. A fine of 10/- , or seven days was imposed.

Arthur Bishop, grocer, Whitwick, pleaded guilty. P.C. Grewcock, said the blind did not fit by three or four inches and the light was not shaded. Defendant had previously been cautioned. Defendant said it was hard lines to be summoned when his lads had all gone. Fined 10/- or seven days.

### **Round the Theatres**

#### *The Picture House, Whitwick*

The Boldens top the "bill" here this week in a Western musical act, "A Camp by Night," a distinct novelty, and a very refined "show" which has had a grand reception. There are some fine instrumental selections, singing and dancing, and all through the "turn" is very entertaining and must not be missed during the week-end. "Exploits of Elaine" No. 16, was another good part, and the other pictures shown were much enjoyed. – For the week-end "In Wolf's Clothing" is a good film. Carter Gordon desires to marry Daisy Brooks for her money. Gordon learns that Daisy's father has just placed a valuable package of securities in the safe, and attempts to steal it. He is discovered by the father and Dick Worth, who also loves the girl. The shock kills the old man, and Dick remains silent. But the scoundrel's despicable nature is discovered whom he is led to believe Daisy penniless on their wedding day, and Daisy, realising his base character, breaks off the engagement and attains true happiness as Dick's wife. – Others are good. – Next week, No. 17 of "Exploits of Elaine," and "God's Witness" a powerful drama in four reels, full of beautiful human touches, and produced in the very best Thanhouser style, featuring Miss Florence Badie, the heroine of the "The Million Dollar Mystery." The story is great, and we recommend patrons not to miss it. – For full particulars see advertisement columns.

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

#### **Burials**

Smith – At Whitwick, on Monday, Ernest Smith, aged 5 years, of Brook's Lane.

## **Friday April 21<sup>st</sup> 1916 (Issue 1259)**

### **Local News**

Mr Robert Sharp, of Whitwick, has collected eggs for the wounded soldiers at Leicester, as follows: Miss Bell, 20 eggs; Miss Green 18; Miss Stinson 12; Mrs A. James 12; Mr A. Bull 7; Mrs W. D. McCarthy 10; Mr R. Sharp 12; Mr L. P. McCarthy 7; Mrs W. Bowley 7; Mrs E. Adkin 7.

### **Coalville Tribunal**

A meeting of the Coalville Urban District Tribunal was held in the Council Chamber on Friday night, Mr T. Y. Hay, presided, and there were present, Messrs. M. McCarthy, B. B. Drewett, A. J. Briers, J. W. Fisher, and T. F. Fox, with Mr G. J. German (military representative), Mr R. Blower (military secretary), and Mr J. F. Jesson (clerk).

Mr Drewett said Friday night was inconvenient for him and one or two others. The clerk said that the meeting was altered to Friday to suit the military authorities. No doubt it could be put back to Monday.

Joseph Berrington, of Spring Hill Farm, Whitwick, applied for his waggoner, aged 29. He said he was behind with his ploughing and sowing, and Corbett was the only man of any use to him on his farm of 105 acres. A temporary certificate for six months was granted.

An application was made by the secretary of the Whitwick District Manchester Unity of Oddfellows on behalf of Herbert Brewin, aged 33, of Swannington. It was stated that Brewin was confidential clerk at Whitwick Colliery and was previously appealed for by Mr Walter Lindley, secretary to the Colliery Co. He was then put back to a later group. The applicant stated that Brewin carried out the secretarial work for the Oddfellows' district in connection with State Insurance. They had 1809 voluntary members in the Whitwick district and 1520 in the State Insurance department and during 1915 they paid out £1,900. In his letter to the Tribunal, Brewin said he was getting married next week. Mr Lindley had told him that he had advertised in four papers for a successor, but in vain. Two months' allowed.

Two joiners and contractors, in partnership, Jos. S. Dodd, of Whitwick, aged 33, and Thos. C. Goddard, of Hugglescote, aged 32, both single, applied for exemption, their previous period of grace having expired. Dodd said he also assisted his mother and father, aged 74 and 73, in a newsagent's business which they had carried on for 46 years. He had a brother in the army. Goddard said he applied on business grounds. They were working on two houses now and would finish in about six weeks. This period of exemption was suggested. Mr German asked whether it was not a serious matter to give two single young men in a small way of business six weeks, which would defer their training, when men were badly wanted. It was agreed to allow one month, to be final in each case.

Harry Johnson, fruit and vegetable merchant, of Ellistown, aged 25 and married, was allowed two months: Frank Harris, farmer, of Hugglescote Grange, six months; and Wm. B. Neath, butcher, Whitwick, six months.

### **Successful Appeals**

### *Against Coalville Tribunal's Decision*

The County Appeal Tribunal of Leicestershire met at the Castle, Leicester, on Saturday, under the presidency of Mr T. Cope, J.P. There were also present: His Honour Judge Moore Cann, Messrs. L. T. Topham, G. Murray Smith, B. H. C. Fox, W. W. Coltman, J. Longwill, A. E. Hawley, J. Plant, G. J. Brooks, and C. J. Bailey. Major Wellman was the military representative, and Mr M. C. L. Freer (clerk).

The manager and chief partner in a Whitwick clothing and drapery business, attending under an appeal remitted from the Central Tribunal, said £1,000 or £1,700 worth of stock would be involved by his absence. The business would have to close down, and applicant's mother would be impoverished. By the decision of the Coalville Tribunal he had been put back six groups. Mr Crane, solicitor, of Coalville, who appeared for applicant, submitted that the case should be dealt with at Coalville, but the Court decided to proceed with it. Applicant had two brothers in the army. Exemption was granted, conditional on his remaining in the same occupation.

### **Whitwick Nursing Association**

#### *Annual Meeting*

The annual meeting of the Whitwick and Thringstone Nursing Association was held in the Whitwick Church Schools on Monday evening, the Rev. T. W. Walters (vicar) presiding over a moderate attendance. The Right Hon. Charles Booth wrote regretting inability to be present, owing to stress of work in London.

Miss Harding, (hon. secretary) read the committee's 17<sup>th</sup> annual report as follows:

*"During the year ending December 31<sup>st</sup>, 1915, the work of the Association has been very satisfactory, the nurse having paid 3,125 visits. The committee heartily thank all those who have subscribed to the Association. The splendid donation received from the Coalville and District Parade and Gala Committee has been a very great help and also the one received from the Coalville and District Charity Football Association. Special thanks are due to both these organisations. The district collectors again deserve the grateful thanks for the help they so willingly give."*

The balance sheet showed total receipts, £129/17/3 which included a balance from the previous year of £38/18/8, subscriptions paid to secretary £54/0/1, Whitwick district collection £25/1/-, Thringstone collection £4/19/6, and paid to Nurse Lilley £6/9/-. After meeting the expenses there was a balance in hand of £30/11/1. The report and balance sheet were adopted and on the motion of Mr S. W. West a vote of thanks was heartily accorded Miss Harding for her excellent services as secretary.

Mr H. T. Bastard proposed a vote of thanks to the district collectors, which was also carried with acclamation. The Right Hon. Charles Booth was re-elected president, and Miss Harding was re-elected hon. secretary. The following were also re-elected on the committee: The Rev. T. W. Walters, the Rev. M. J. O'Reilly, Messrs. H. T. Bastard, T. W. Bourne, W. Waldram, J. Ward, A. West and Dr. Burkitt.

A vote of thanks to the chairman, proposed by the Rev. M. J. O'Reilly terminated a brief meeting.

### **Ashby Police Court**

Saturday – Before Mr J. German (in the chair), Mr J. Turner, Mr J. Ward and Mr Geo. Brown.

#### *Transfers*

The following transfers of licences were made: The Lamb Inn, Ashby, to Wm. Ball, from John Smith Plant; Prince of Wales Inn, Whitwick, to George Cook from Thos. Irons; and Blacksmith's Arms, Coleorton, to John Ward, from Henry Ward.

### **Round the Theatres**

#### *The Picture House, Whitwick*

"Exploits of Elaine" No. 17 was another enjoyable part of this excellent serial picture, and it has been well received by the usual good audiences. "Masks and Faces" too, was a good A.B. two-part drama – For the week-end, "God's Witness" is the star film. This is a good one and must not be missed. Ella Darington, the only child of General Darington had eloped with her music master, and instead of receiving the forgiveness expected from her father, she is disowned by him. General Darington, a typical Southern gentleman, keeps his word, and for the rest of his life refuses to make peace with his girl, who had dealt such a blow to his pride. Twenty years pass, but the old chap is still one of the same mind. – Ella is a widow with a son and a daughter. The old man is found dead, and suspicion fastens on his granddaughter, who is, however, innocent, and in the end all is rectified and the trio go back to the old home again. – It must not be missed. Others are also good. – Next week's list, see advertisement columns.

### **Friday April 28<sup>th</sup> 1916 (Issue 1260)**

This issue is missing from the archives.

### **Friday May 5<sup>th</sup> 1916 (Issue 1261)**

#### **Local News**

##### **Notice**

*Re: Mrs Mary Musson, deceased*

All persons having any claims or demands against the estate of Mrs Mary Musson, late of the Three Crowns Hotel, Whitwick, in the County of Leicester, widow, are requested to forthwith send particulars thereof to us, the undersigned, on behalf of the executors.

And all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to pay the amount of their respective debts to us forthwith. Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 1916.

Sharp and Lancaster  
Solicitors, Coalville.

### **School Anniversary**

The school anniversary was observed at the Whitwick Wesleyan Chapel on Sunday, when two excellent sermons were preached to good congregations by the Rev. J. W. Ferry, of Measham. There was also special singing by the children, conducted by Mr J. West, Mr J. Sharp, of Hugglescote, being the organist. The collections realised £18, which was between £2 and £3 more than last year.

### **Coalville Urban District Council**

Mr A. Lockwood presided at the monthly meeting of the Urban Council at Coalville, on Tuesday night, when there were also present Messrs. F. Griffin (vice-chairman), M. McCarthy, A. J. Briers, T. Y. Hay, C. W. Brown, R. Blower, S. Armson, J. W. Farmer, W. Fellows and T. Kelly, 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).

#### *Plans*

The following plan was recommended for approval: House, Meadow Lane, Whitwick, for Mr Merriman. The report was adopted on the motion of Mr Farmer.

#### *Surveyor's Report*

The surveyor reported several cases requiring the service of statutory notices, which were approved. The Whitwick lodging house returns showed 601 for April, compared with 695 last month, and 734 in April last year. The lime-washing had been carried out, and the premises were found in good order.

### **Round the Theatres**

#### *The Picture House, Whitwick*

"Exploits of Elaine" No. 19 was another good part of this excellent serial, shown during the earlier part of the week. The title was "The Saving Circles" and it was watched with much interest, as also were the other subjects, a splendid lot – The Five Hollanders in a novel Dutch vocal and dancing scena, have had a great reception. The various numbers have been loudly applauded, and altogether it is a most pleasing 'turn' which must not be missed during the week-end. – The 'star' picture for this week-end is "The Cuckoo and the Butterfly," one of the renowned Vitagraph Co.'s pieces. This company is noted for the excellence of its productions, and no doubt this one will please patrons. – Next week Miss Cissie Langley and Company will appear in a repertoire of fine dramatic sketches, there being a different play for each performance. This should prove a decided "draw." – Full particulars will be seen by reference to our advertisement columns.

## **Births, Marriages and Deaths**

### **Funeral of Mrs Musson**

The funeral took place at Whitwick Cemetery on Friday of Mrs Musson, licensee of the Three Crowns Hotel, whose death took place suddenly under circumstances reported in our last issue. A good number of relatives were present as mourners, as well as many sympathisers from Whitwick and adjoining parishes. The body was enclosed in an oak coffin with brass furniture, the breastplate bearing the inscription, "Mary Musson, died April 25<sup>th</sup>, 1916, aged 57 years. At rest." There were numerous handsome floral tributes. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr M. C. McCarthy, of 67, Belvoir Road, Coalville.

### **Burials**

Musson – At Whitwick, on Friday. Mary Musson, aged 57 years, of the Three Crowns Hotel.

## **Friday May 12<sup>th</sup> 1916 (Issue 1262)**

### **Local News**

The Bardon Hill and Whitwick stone quarry authorities wrote to the Hartshorne and Seals Council meeting on Saturday that owing to so many of their men having been taken for the army and other war conditions, they could not guarantee the delivery of stone according to contract. One of the members (Mr Parker) remarked that if they could not get stone they would have to do without.

### **School Anniversary**

Special services were held at the Whitwick Baptist Chapel on Sunday in connection with the school anniversary. The preacher was the Rev. E. J. Garnham, of Basingstoke, and there were large congregations. Mr O. Geary conducted the children, who acquitted themselves well in the singing, and the choir nicely rendered the anthems. "The Lord is my Shepherd" and "Hear O Israel" solos in the latter being taken by Miss Maud Wheeldon, and Mr Walter Fern. Mr A. Aris officiated at the organ. The collections realised £16/10/0, about £1 more than last year.

### **Advertisement**

Wanted, useful man. Regular employment. Good wages, Ineligible for army. H. Seal and Co., Whitwick.

### **Coalville Tribunal**

#### *Married Men's Appeals*

A meeting of the Coalville Urban District Tribunal was held on Wednesday night, Mr T. Y. Hay presiding. There were also present, Messrs. B. G. Hale, M. McCarthy, A. Lockwood,



B. B. Drewett, A. J. Briers, C. W. Brown, and T. F. Fox, with Mr G. J. German (military representative), and Mr J. F. Jesson (clerk).

An appeal was made for the manager of the Whitwick Picture House, Mr T. H. Moore, solicitor, Coalville, appearing for the applicant, and Mr Tebbett, of Leicester, for the company owning the place. Mr Moore said the operator was due to join the army next Saturday, and Mr Kelly would then be manager, electrical engineer, and operator. He was a married man. Mr Tebbett said they had tried to replace the manager and failed, and if he had to go it would mean closing down.

Mr German: *You think it is in the national interest that he should remain.*

Mr Tebbett: Yes.

Mr Moore said the takings were between £40 and £50 a week, which would be rather good for the amusement tax. A member asked whether the entertainments were such as would imbue the young with patriotic ideas. Mr Tebbett said he could hardly answer that. Answering further questions, he admitted that there were similar entertainments at Coalville, which was not far away. This was the only Picture Palace owned by the company, and the capital involved was £2,000. One month, (final) was allowed.

### **Coalville Police Court**

Friday – Before Major Hatchett (in the chair), Mr H. J. Ford, Mr B. G. Hale and Mr J. W. West. The Chief Constable, Mr E. Holmes, was present.

#### *Bona Fide Traveller Question*

Thomas Price, Wm. Horrobin, Thos. Kenney, Herbert Lakin, John Roach, Salue Robinson, Joseph Moore and Wm. Brearley, all Whitwick colliers, were summoned for being found on the licensed premises of David Else, at Griffydam, in the parish of Worthington during prohibited hours, on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, and Else, the publican, was summoned for opening his premises for the sale of intoxicants during prohibited hours.

Mr George Rowlett (Leicester) prosecuted for the police, and Mr J. F. Jesson (Ashby) for the publican, pleaded guilty. Inspector Dobney stated that he went to the Waggon and Horses Inn, kept by Else, at 11.15 am on the date named (Easter Sunday). Twelve men were in the house, and a young lady, whom defendant admitted, was specially engaged for holiday times, was playing on the piano a waltz, entitled "Fairyland." Witness had measured the distance, and found eight of the men lived under three miles away. Defendant told witness that he asked the men if they had come far enough, and when they said they had he thought he could serve them with ale and bread and cheese.

Mr Jesson said the lady was not playing for dancing, as there were no other ladies present, and the men would pay more attention to their beer than dance with themselves. Defendant had been the licensee of the house for two years, and he promised to be more careful in the future. Defendant was fined £5, or one month.

Of the eight men, only Kenney appeared, and he pleaded guilty. Inspector Dobney gave the distances from the houses of the defendants to the public house, and these were under three miles. Mr Rowlett pointed out that if men deliberately walked beyond three

miles for the purpose of getting drink they were not bone fide travellers, and publicans made a serious mistake in serving them. Kenney said it was the first time that he had ever been to the house.

He was fined 10/- or seven days, and the other defendants 15/- each or 14 days. The chairman said the magistrates wished him to state that the fact of men having walked three miles or over on Sunday morning did not entitle them to drink, if they had gone for that purpose.

#### *Cards or Rabbits*

Robert Hatton and John Rennox, of Thringstone, and Arthur Bishop and George A. Smith, of Whitwick, all colliers, were summoned by Trevor Pratt, gamekeeper to Mr E. M. P. de Lisle, of Garendon Hall, for game trespass on land in the occupation of Mr Jno. Holt, at Whitwick, on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Smith did not appear and Mr J. J. Sharp who defended, said Smith had been 'trapped' at the pit, and was injured. The other three pleaded not guilty.

Pratt said he saw the defendant walking a dog on the rocks near the old Turrilog School. The dog chased a hare, and the defendants urged it on. Witness's son was with him at the time, and saw them, but on Thursday last he was called up for military service.

By Mr Sharp: *He knew that colliers were fond of playing cards sometimes, but dogs did not play cards.* (Laughter)

Mr Sharp said the defendants admitted going to lie down on the rocks for a game of cards, and they had a dog with them, which was not unusual for Whitwick colliers, but they denied searching for game. Defendants bore this out on oath. Bishop said the dog was his, and formerly belonged to "Gent" Hall who had been killed in France. Defendant had it from the soldier's widow.

By Mr Pratt: *It was not an old poaching dog. It was only a poodle.* (Laughter)

Harold Hicken, collier, Thringstone, said the defendants went to play cards. Answering the gamekeeper, witness admitted that the dog was the best in Whitwick "for that purpose."

The clerk: *What purpose? – A rabbit dog.*

Mr Sharp said the witness told him a different story before coming into court.

Hatton was fined 15/- and the others 10/- each or seven days.

#### *Bad Language*

James Smith, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language, at Whitwick, on April 28<sup>th</sup>. P.C. Jelley gave the facts in the absence of the defendant, who was fined 10/- or seven days.

#### *No Rear Red Light*

James Barton, soldier, Donington Park, was summoned for riding a bicycle without a red rear light at Whitwick, on April 16<sup>th</sup>. He pleaded guilty and P.C. Jelley said the defendant rode on after being called to. Defendant said he heard Zeppelins were about and put his lights out in accordance with military orders. Fined 10/-, or seven days. He said he had no money and was allowed 14 days to pay.

Charles Broadhurst, carter, Whitwick, similarly summoned did not appear. P.C. Bursnall gave the facts, and the defendant was fined 10/-, or seven days.

### *Front Lights Out*

Patrick Slattery, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for riding a bicycle without a front white light at Whitwick, on April 19<sup>th</sup>. He did not appear, and P.C. Grewcock having stated the case a fine of 10/-, or seven days was imposed.

## **Round the Theatres**

### *The Picture House, Whitwick*

Patrons of this theatre are having a good time this week, as in addition to a good picture programme. Miss Cissie Langley and Co. are appearing in a repertoire of fine dramatic sketches. "Nurse Cavell, Martyr," on Monday night was a splendid piece, and Miss Langley as Nurse Cavell was a great success. She was supported by Mr E. Courtney as "Father Poland." Mr M. Gray as "General von Muller," and Mr Jack Laurens as "Henri." All characters were well sustained and came in for much applause. – On Tuesday "Only a Dream" was given, and Wednesday's sketch was "For King and Country" a very good one and well produced. Last night, "The Other Man" was given, and tonight patrons must see "The Golden Butterfly" as well as "The New Boy" on Saturday. This latter is a scream from start to finish. The plays have had a well-deserved reception by large audiences and Miss Langley is to be congratulated on the excellence of her productions, all of which are well dressed and staged. Patrons should see that the company is well patronised during the weekend. A tip-top combination of first-class plays by tip-top artistes. – We would draw attention to a special "Buff" performance on Tuesday night next, also the alteration in prices of admission, owing to the new tax. – For next week's list see our advertisement columns.

## **Births, Marriages and Deaths**

### **Death of Mrs Roulston**

The death occurred under painfully sudden circumstances, on Tuesday, of Mrs Eleanor Mary Roulston, wife of Mr J. Roulston, of the Market Place, Whitwick. The deceased lady, who was 58 years of age up to Monday was in her usual health, but she then had a stroke, followed by a second, and passed away the next day. Much sympathy is felt for the family. Mr Roulston, who is employed at the Whitwick quarry, and also keeps a shop in the Market Place, having for two or three years acted as Vicar's warden at the Parish Church, to which office he was again appointed at the recent Vestry meeting. The deceased lady was also connected with various church auxiliaries, being an active church worker, who will be much missed. The funeral takes place today (Friday).

## **In Memoriam**

Mr and Mrs John Massey and Family desire through this medium to thank all kind friends for the sympathy shown in the sad loss of their son, Pte. Frederick Massey, of the Northumberland Fusiliers.

## **Burials**

Belcher – At Whitwick, on Saturday. Thomas Belcher, aged 58, of Green Lane  
Roulston – At Whitwick, today, Eleanor Mary Roulston, aged 58 years, of the Market Place.

## **Friday May 19<sup>th</sup> 1916 (Issue 1263)**

### **Advertisements**

Wanted – Useful man. Regular employment. Good wages. Ineligible for Army – H. Seal and Co. Whitwick

### **Local News**

At Ashby County Court on Thursday, an action to recover possession of a cottage and garden situate at Cademan Street, Whitwick, was brought by George and Harriet Underwood, the owners, against Thomas Kent, the tenant. – George Underwood said that they had given Kent notice to quit and he refused to get out.

By Mr Jesson (defending): *Witness admitted that the rent had been paid up to 25<sup>th</sup> March (when the notice expired) and had been tendered since but not accepted. He had been tenant since 1912. When the tenant refused to quit the rent was raised to 6/6.*

Witness also admitted that he was a baker and grocer himself and that they had wanted defendant to be a “better customer” and have his groceries from them. He said he would not pay the extra rent. Reading the provisions of the new Act, Mr Jesson said that the case clearly came under it. – His Honour gave judgement for defendant.

### **Citizens' Corps Field Day**

The Citizens' Corps of Ashby, Whitwick, and Woodville had a field day in Staunton Park, four miles from Ashby, on Sunday. They attended service in the morning at the church near Staunton Hall and afterwards were engaged in various manoeuvres, under the command of Mr G. J. German, till about five o'clock, when tea was provided. Mr German expressed the thanks of the Corps to Earl Ferrers for his kind permission to use the park, and Mr Parker responded. The companies afterwards marched home.

### **Buffaloism**

The members of the Beaumanor Lodge, No. 1953, of the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes met at the Lodge headquarters, the Railway Hotel, Whitwick, on Tuesday night, together with a good number of members of other local lodges and from there proceeded

in regalia to the Whitwick Picture House, where seats had been reserved for the members and their wives for a special performance in which Bro. Gledhill (ventriloquist) and others took part. The demonstration was in celebration of the Shakespeare Tercentenary, the poet, it is understood, having been prominently associated with the brotherhood.

### **Whitwick Soldier's Letter**

Mr T. Kelly, of the Railway Hotel, Whitwick, has received an interesting letter from his nephew, Pte. T. Kelly, of the Royal Marines, who is with the Eastern Mediterranean Squadron. He says he is in the best of health, but a bit tired. They are very busy out there now, but it is not so bad as it was twelve months ago. He would never forget the landing at the Dardanelles as long as he lived and adds: *"But never mind, we got through it alright and expect going through it a lot more yet. But I shall keep doing my bit for the old country while I am able and if I die I shall die a hero the same as my brother did and I shall not disgrace the name of Kelly I can assure you. Tell my old grandmother I am in the pink and could not wish to be any better and tell her I have good faith of getting through, then I shall give you a call when it is over. I hope you are doing your share of trade and keeping the old flag flying."* He concludes by asking to be remembered to all friends.

### **Local Chit Chat**

Mr Robert Sharp, of Whitwick, has lately collected eggs for wounded soldiers as follows: Previously acknowledged: 112 eggs. Messrs. Hawthorn Bros. 25 eggs; T. W. Harris 20; G. Harding 12; C. Foster 12; J. W. Land 12; G. West 12; Croson 12; R. Sharp 12; M. Downes 8; H. Beniston 4; A. Briers 12; Mrs T. Hull 12; Mrs F. Popple 12; Mrs Broadhurst 12; Mrs Jelley 9; and Mrs H. Underwood 8.

The engagement is announced of Captain A. T. Sharp, 5<sup>th</sup> Leicestershire Regiment, the old Reptonian and Leicestershire county cricketer, and Miss Ellen May Taylor, daughter of Mr W. G. Taylor, of 'Invargarry', Knighton Grange Road, Leicester, Captain Sharp is the son of Mr J. J. Sharp, of the White House, Whitwick.

### **Round the Theatres**

#### *The Picture House, Whitwick*

Hugh McCusker, the comedian and "cheeky newsboy" is drawing good audiences here this week, and has had a great reception. His songs and patter are splendid, being smart and witty, and we recommend patrons to see him during the week-end. Doris Pearce, comedienne and dancer, is another fine artiste to be seen here, she also has been well received and loudly applauded for her numbers. She should not be missed. – Tuesday night was a special "Buff" night and there was a large attendance of "brothers," much enthusiasm prevailing. Brother H. Gledhill, of the Railway Hotel, Coalville, gave a very good ventriloquial scena, in his usual imitable manner, and he received much applause, which was well-deserved. A happy time was spent by all. No. 21 of "The Exploits of Elaine" was a good part, and was much enjoyed, as were all the other pictures shown. – For the week-end, "The Severed Hand" is one which will appeal to Whitwick patrons, and must not be missed. – There is a large and interesting selection of other pictures which will be enjoyed, and altogether the programme is a most pleasing one. – Next week, No. 22

"Exploits of Elaine" and a good list of other subjects, full particulars of which may be seen in our advertisement columns.

The new amusement tax has come into vogue this week, but it seems to have made little or no difference to the attendances at the local theatres, the 1d extra charge being, apparently paid cheerfully and, as Mr Johnson, of the Electric Theatre, Coalville, puts it, "*Every visit means a smack in the eye for the Kaiser.*"

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

The marriage of Captain C. Briggs and Doris, eldest daughter of Major Burkitt, R.A.M.C., and Mrs Burkitt, of the Old Vicarage, Whitwick, Leicestershire, will take place very quietly at Hipswell, Yorkshire, on June 1<sup>st</sup>, should the exigencies of war permit.

### **In Memoriam**

Mr J. Roulston and family desire to tender their sincere thanks for the many kind expressions of sympathy in their recent bereavement. Market Place, Whitwick, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 1916.

### **Funeral of Mrs Roulston**

The funeral took place at Whitwick Cemetery on Friday of Mrs Roulston, wife of Mr J. Roulston, of the Market Place, one of the churchwardens. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. T. W. Walters), the first part being in the Parish Church. The chief mourners present were the husband, Miss Roulston (daughter), Messrs. R. and A. Roulston (sons) and their wives, Messrs. Arthur Pegg, John Pegg and Charles Pegg (brothers) and their wives, Mr T. Roulston (brother-in-law), Mrs Preston and Mrs T. Webster (sisters-in-law), Mr and Mrs W. King, Mr M. King (nephew), Mr A. West and Miss Bakewell. The body was enclosed in a panelled elm coffin with brass furniture, the inscription being "Eleanor Mary Roulston, died May 9<sup>th</sup>, 1916, aged 58 years." The bearers were Messrs. H. Allgood, R. Sharp, B. McCarthy, S. W. West, B. West and J. Henson. There was a beautiful lot of wreaths from the family, Mr and Mrs A. Pegg, Mr and Mrs John Pegg, Mr and Mrs C. Pegg, Mr and Mrs Hanson (Coalville), Mr and Mrs T. W. Bourne, the Church council and sidesmen, the Mother's Union, Mr B. McCarthy, Mr Musson, Miss Bakewell, Miss Turnbull (London), Mr and Mrs George Underwood, Mrs W. Carter, Miss Hunt, and Miss Harding, Mr and Mrs A. West, Mr and Mrs T. Webster, Mr and Mrs King, Mr and Mrs I. Webster, Mrs Norgate (Gracedieu), Mrs Puxted, Mr and Mrs J. H. Robinson, Mr and Mrs G. F. Burton, Dr. and Mrs Burkitt, Miss Doris and Mr Cyril Foster, the Misses Ashford, Mr O. Burton, and Mr and Mrs H. Allgood. A muffled peal was rung on the church bells.

### **Ex-Colliery Deputy's Funeral**

The funeral of Mr Joseph Bird, of Club Row, took place at the London Road Cemetery, on Saturday afternoon. The deceased, who was 75 years of age, was for nine or ten years, deputy at No. 5 pit, Whitwick Colliery, and was down the mine at the time of the outbreak of the memorable fire at No. 5. He hailed from Yorkshire, coming to Coalville as a youth. He retired seven or eight years ago from the position of deputy, and at work or at "play", enjoyed a large measure of popularity in the district. In his retirement he almost daily

visited the colliery when coal was being “turned,” and was a familiar figure on Hermitage Road. The widow and several relatives attended the funeral, the first portion of the service being conducted by the Rev. F. Pickbourne who also read the committal service.

## **Friday May 26<sup>th</sup> 1916 (Issue 1264)**

### **Local News**

Previously acknowledged 306 eggs – Messrs. T. Atkins 20 eggs; Mr Carr 16; A. Whitmore 12; R. Sharp 12; T. Ottey 8; D. Ottey 8; J. Wardle 8; T. Wallam 8; J. Smith 8; T. Moore 8; T. Middleton 8; B. O’Mara 8; J. Musson 8; Sergeant Kirkland 8; W. Manning 8; J. Higgins 8; F. Wheeldon 8; B. Moore 8; G. F. Burton 8; F. Hoult 8; J. Rennocks 4; A. Skellington 4; T. Briers 4; W. Egan 4; Mrs T. Carter 20; Mrs J. Clark 9; Mrs M. Briers 8; and Mrs H. Underwood 4. Collected by Mr R. Sharp for wounded soldiers.

### **Whitwick Soldier Wounded**

Pte. C. H. Bottrill, of the Leicestershire Regiment, writing from a Birmingham hospital, states: *“I arrived here from Mesopotamia on the 11<sup>th</sup> May, being invalided from there with a fractured jaw, which I received in the Persian Gulf on the 6<sup>th</sup> January last, but thanks to good treatment in hospital, I am recovering splendidly. My home is at 23, Talbot Street, Whitwick, and I always was a regular reader of the “Coalville Times,” having it sent to me when I was out there. It passed away many a comfortable hour. I also get it in the hospital and I have noticed that a fine lot of Coalville boys have done their bit for their country. I saw in last week’s paper the report of the death of Pte. Edward Hunt, from Victoria Road, off Park Road, Coalville. He was my pal when we were out there. We went into action side by side. We were always hoping for a happy day when we should return, but that will never come now. When we were going into action his last words to me were, “Bert, if you have the good luck to get home remember me to my father and mother, and if I have the luck to get home I will see that your wife is visited by me to tell her of your friendship to me.” Well, we had not gone very far on the first day when I was struck with a rifle bullet through my face, which fractured my jaw, but I happened to be the lucky one, as not far from me he was killed nearly outright. I tried to do my best, though wounded, but he was past all aid, never speaking again to me, so it was a sad parting, I am sorry to say. We were old friends in civil life and his father knows me very well, I having worked for Mr Baker, carter, Hugglescote, and I used to take material to the Coalville Park, which he and his father used to look after. I am hoping to have the pleasure of visiting his parents when I get my furlough, which will be a long while yet, as I have had to have my teeth taken out, and be fixed in splints to set my jaw into proper place again. We had a very hard time of it out there, as the heat was in the shade. The Turks very soon took to their heels when the boys got at them. Well sir, I think if you will be so kind as to publish this letter in your next issue, I should be pleased, and I will conclude, with the best of luck, from”*

‘One of the Coalville Boys’  
(Keep smiling)

### **Fatal Accident at Whitwick Colliery**

A fatal accident occurred in the Whitwick No. 3 pit on Wednesday night, the victim being a youth named Eli Grant, aged about 17 years, who resided in Hermitage Road. He was

found under some tubs and was brought out of the pit dead about ten o'clock. In consequence of the accident the men engaged at No. 3 were not working yesterday. An inquest will be held.

### **Memorial Service**

On Sunday evening, a memorial service for the late Mr J. Holt, was conducted in the Whitwick Primitive Methodist Church by the Rev. T. Johns Martin, of Coalville. In his references to the deceased, the preacher said that for no less a time than 55 years, Mr Holt was a loyal and consistent member of the Primitive Methodist Church. When he first joined, he was unable to read or write, but by dint of perseverance he overcame these disadvantages and soon became a skilful teacher in the Sunday School. For many years he taught with profit to his scholars, and credit to himself, classes of young men at Whitwick, also at Coalville, Nottingham and Coleorton, when there resident. Testimony was borne to his interest in the work of the church and his love for God's word and also the services of the sanctuary which he attended even when he was in declining and enfeebled health. His faith was very simple, but wonderfully real, and many people who had no sympathy with his religious ideas yet recognised him as a devout disciple of Jesus Christ. – There was a large congregation and suitable hymns were sung, the service being of an impressive character.

### **Coalville Tribunal**

#### *153 Cases Waiting*

A meeting of the Coalville Urban District Tribunal was held in the Council Chamber on Wednesday night, Mr T. Y. Hay presiding. There were also present, Messrs. M. McCarthy, B. B. Drewett, B. G. Hale, A. Lockwood, A. J. Briers, T. F. Fox, J. W. Fisher, and C. W. Brown, with the military representatives, Major Welsman, and Mr G. J. German. Mr R. Blower (military secretary), Mr J. R. Champion (agricultural representative) and Mr J. F. Jesson (clerk).

The Whitwick Colliery Co. were granted conditional exemption for three married clerks. – J. B. Newbury, J. W. Horne, and H. H. Heward. Another who was appealed for, G. Ramsey, was stated to have enlisted.

A Whitwick farmer, Mr Thirlby, applied for his waggoner, aged 20, the only man on 120 acres. The Advisory Committee were against the application, saying an older man should take his place. Five months were allowed.

Five months were granted to Thos. Carter, farmer, Whitwick, for his man, aged 23; two months to David Roland Hill, aged 22, baker, employed by F. H. Deacon, Coalville, and five months to the son, aged 23, of W. S. Williamson, a Bardon Hill farmer.

### **Coalville Police Court**

Friday – Before Mr J. Ward (in the chair), Mr H. J. Ford, Mr W. Lindley, Mr J. W. West, and Mr John Whotton.

#### *Bad Language*



Patrick Costelow, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on May 18<sup>th</sup>. He did not appear. P.C. Grewcock said the defendant had been ejected from a public house. Fined 15/- or seven days.

Wm. Winfield, collier and Lucy Winfield, both of Whitwick, were summoned for using bad language in a house at Whitwick, on May 13<sup>th</sup>. They did not appear. P.C. Grewcock said the defendants were in their own house and there were little children there. The language was very bad. Each defendant was fined 12/- or 7 days.

### **Round the Theatres**

#### *The Picture House, Whitwick*

Episode 22 of "The Exploits of Elaine," was much enjoyed at the beginning of this week, as were all the subjects shown. – The Four Ginger Girls, in a singing and dancing act are a good combination, their skipping-rope and acrobatic dances being especially good. They have had a rousing reception by the usual enthusiastic audiences. They should be seen during the week-end. – For tonight and tomorrow, there are some more fine pictures, which will appeal, chief amongst them being "Chinese Vengeance" a wonderfully exciting story of the vengeance of a Chinese secret society, and how a beautiful Chinese half-caste girl was saved from slavery by a white man. The story relates how a white girl, to evade the brutal attentions of a Chinese crook, married a Chinaman and went to a living death, but at least took her place in society through the help of her daughter's sweetheart. – This should not be missed. – Next week's program, see advertisement.

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

#### **Marriage**

On May 23<sup>rd</sup>, at the Whitwick Parish Church (by license) John C. Briggs, Captain, 5<sup>th</sup> R. B. Leicestershire Regiment, eldest son of F. S. H. and E. J. Briggs, Workington, to Doris, eldest daughter of Major Burkitt, M.D., R.A.M.C. and Mrs Burkitt, of Whitwick, Leicestershire.

#### **In Memoriam**

In ever loving memory of our mother, Mrs George Burton, of London Road, who died November 25<sup>th</sup>, 1912 and also of our dear brother, Lance-Corporal S. H. Burton, killed in action, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 1915. Sorrowfully missed.

### **Friday June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1916 (Issue 1265)**

#### **Local News**

The new order issued by the Ashby magistrates on Saturday in connection with the sale of intoxicating liquor throughout the Ashby Petty Sessional Division, which was in force as from Saturday last, will settle the vexed question as to what is a bona fide traveller. It has generally been supported, hitherto, that men out for a Sunday morning walk, were entitled to a drink as soon as they had travelled three miles, and whether such men come within

the category of bona fide travellers has often been a subject of discussion among the parties concerned. In a recent prosecution at Coalville, the Chief Constable of the county asked the magistrates to express an opinion on the matter and Major Hatchett, voicing the feelings of his confreres on the Bench, intimated that a man merely out for a Sunday morning walk, could not be regarded as a bona fide traveller, even though he had gone over three miles. In some districts it is a common thing to see public houses open all day on Sundays, travellers only being supplied during prohibited hours, but so far as the Ashby Petty Sessional division is concerned in future, public houses must not be opened for the sale of drink under any pretext before 12.30 pm on Sundays.

### **Egg Collection**

Mr R. Sharp, of 106, Silver Street, Whitwick, has collected the following number of eggs for wounded soldiers. Previously acknowledged, 551 eggs. Mrs C. Illsley 25; Mrs J. Henson 20; Messrs. J. Baker, and R. Sharp 12 each; Mr J. Stinson 10. Mr R. Sharp also wishes to acknowledge the receipt of the following subscriptions for the purchase of eggs: Mr I. Thorp 6/6; late Mrs Musson 2/1; Mr A. Smith 1/9; Mrs J. C. S. Burkitt 2s; Messrs. Springthorpe, A. Isaac, J. Williamson, J. West, J. Whittle, A. Moore, and M. Concanon, 1/- each; and Mr Richard 6d.

### **Advertisement**

*Moore & Miller*

Are instructed by the executors of the late Mrs Mary Musson to offer for sale by public auction at the Three Crowns Hotel, Whitwick, on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June, 1916.

At 6 for 7 in the evening prompt, subject to Conditions of Sale to be then produced.

All that freehold messuage or dwelling house, situated on the south side of Silver Street, Whitwick, aforesaid, and known as "Ivy Cottage" in the occupation of Mr Jas. F. Musson, at the weekly rental of five shillings. The council gas and water are laid on, and there is a good supply of soft water. The house contains three upstairs and three downstairs rooms, together with the usual out-offices, and a capital kitchen garden.

For further particulars, apply at the Three Crowns Hotel on the premises; the Auctioneers' Offices, Belvoir Chambers, Coalville, or to Messrs. Sharp and Lancaster, solicitors, Coalville and Loughborough.

### **Whitwick Soldier Poet**

*A Memorable Charge*

Private J. Cato, 2285, of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Notts and Derby Regiment, 6<sup>th</sup> Infantry Base, B.E.F., writes as follows:

*"I am a native of Whitwick and am sending you a few verses which I composed while in hospital to commemorate the bravery of the good old Leicesters and the good old Sherwoods, who are in the same division. If there are two regiments who cling together they are the Leicesters and the Sherwoods. I have the pleasure of knowing a lot of them and every time we go into the trenches, we can hear someone shouting about Whitwick*

*and the surrounding places. No doubt you will hear of great things being done shortly. I hope you are all well at Coalville and Whitwick, and that there are not many conscientious objections. There are plenty of spare dugouts."*

The verses referred to are as follows:

*"On the 19<sup>th</sup> of \_\_\_\_\_ at St. \_\_\_\_\_ the Leicesters lay,  
Impatient for the signal to advance;  
And the Germans will remember the charge we made that day,  
For a finer regiment never fought in France.  
On the morning of the battle, the canons loud did roar,  
And shrapnel dealt out death on every side;  
Such terrific cannonading was never heard before,  
It was as if hell's jaws had opened wide.  
In the trenches there we stood, drenched with our comrades' blood,  
While maddening cries from wounded rent the air;  
But like tigers we did stand, bravely waiting the command,  
To drive the wily Germans from their lair.  
Hark! Now the signal comes, midst the booming of the guns.  
How we welcome that glad signal with a cheer,  
Then we charged with glittering steel, see those cowardly Germans reel.  
And we took their trenches ere the day broke clear,  
We have read about the Durhams, and the gallant Sherwoods too,  
The Warwicks and the Worcesters have done brave deeds for you;  
But give to me the Leicesters gay, there's none can with them be,  
And when they fight for Britons' right, they fight to win or die."*

We have also received some lines on the death of Nurse Cavell, composed by Private Newberry, 26429, of the R.A.M.C., 27, Casualty Clearing Station, B.E.F., France, and a further poetical effort headed "Rusty Iron and Failure." From Isaiah Chapman of the Coldstream Guards, through Mr A. Bevin, of Bardon Hill, but we regret that we are unable to find room for these.

### **Whitwick Colliery Fatality**

*Pony Driver's neck dislocated*

*Inquest*

The Coroner for North Leicestershire (Mr H. J. Deane), held an inquest at the Victoria Hotel, Coalville, on Saturday, concerning the death of Eli Grant, which occurred as the result of an accident at the Whitwick Colliery.

There were present Mr Lea, H.M. Inspector of Mines; Mr Elliot Smith, of Mansfield, for the Whitwick Colliery Co.; Mr Binns, of Derby, for the Indemnity Co.; Mr T. H. Moore, of Coalville, for the Midland Mining Officials' Association; Mr T. Y. Hay, manager of the Colliery, and Mr W. Price, under-manager. Mr Frank Goddard was the foreman of the jury.

Annie Grant, wife of Eli Grant, locomotive foreman, of 27, Hermitage Road, Coalville, said the deceased was her son, who was 18 years of age, and was employed at the Whitwick

Colliery as a pony driver. He went to work about 2.50 pm on the 24<sup>th</sup> May and he was then in his usual health, which was good. He had never suffered from fits or fainting attacks.

Dr. S. E. Dunkin, of Coalville, in partnership with Dr. Burkitt, stated that shortly after 9pm he was summoned to the Whitwick pit. He went down the pit and saw the body. Deceased was quite dead. Later at the home, witness examined the body and found dislocation of the neck. Post mortem stains on the lower part of the back also indicated internal injuries. There was a slight abrasion on the back. Witness saw the place where the accident occurred and it was explained to him how the body was found. From that he concluded it was from a sudden jerk, similar to death by hanging. He was quite satisfied that death must have been instantaneous.

Charles Clarke, pony driver, Whitwick, said he had known the deceased for about a month, having worked in the same district for that time. He seemed alright when they went down the pit at three o'clock and during the work witness passed him several times. The first part of the time deceased was driving the pony, "Jimmy," but about seven o'clock Grant changed his pony, taking "Merriman" out. Witness had worked the latter several times and it was a quiet pony and a good worker. The last time witness saw the deceased alive was just after eight o'clock. That was when he was going to his stall. Returning with his full set, he noticed another set with the front tub off the rails in front of him. On going to see what was the matter he found Grant lying on the rails and the front tub was up against the middle of the deceased's back. The pony stood there quiet. It was near a switch that the accident occurred. The first tub of the deceased's set was over the switch and the others were on it. Witness fetched the deputy. Answering the Coroner as to whether he thought the tub jumped the rails at the switch, witness said he thought it was Grant's body that knocked the tub off the line.

By the Inspector: *Deceased would have to alter the switch as he came out. Witness had never seen him ride on the limmers.*

Mr Smith: *Tell us how you think the accident happened.*

Witness: *I can't unless it was that the horse knocked him down and went over him.*

By the foreman: *They had to lift the tub to get the deceased out.*

By the Coroner: *He was lying across the rails with the tub on the top of him.*

By Mr C. H. March (a juror): *It was usual for the pony to keep going while they altered the switch.*

Herbert Allen, of Coleorton, deputy at the Whitwick Colliery, said he had known the deceased for about six months. He was a very good lad and capable at his work. Witness last saw the deceased about 8.20 when he was coming out of the stall with a full set. It was the duty of the pony drivers to alter the points according to where they wanted to go. Coming out of the stall a driver had to go a little forward to see that the switches were right and if not to put them right. He was called to the scene of the accident by Clarke, and saw deceased lying under the front part of the first tub. He showed no sign of life. Witness's idea as to how the accident happened was that the pony knocked him down as he was stooping to alter the switch. The dislocation of the neck would be from the tub running on to him. The pony was quiet. It was one of the best ponies in the pit.

By Mr Moore: *He thought the deceased did not allow himself time to alter the switch.*

By Mr Lovett: *That was only witness's opinion.*

Answering jurors, witness said the pony would not be going much more than a walking pace. Nothing had fallen to block the way and witness saw no hole in the road, or anything to cause the deceased to stumble. The Coroner said it was quite clear that death was due to an accident for which no one was to blame. There had been no breach of the rules either by the deceased himself or the officials or anyone working in the mine.

The jury found that the death was due to an accident, for which no one was to blame, and that there was no evidence to show how the deceased was knocked down.

## **Coalville Tribunal**

### *Over 30 Cases Dealt With*

A meeting of the Coalville Urban District Tribunal was held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday night, Mr T. Y. Hay presiding. There were also present Messrs. M. McCarthy, B. B. Drewett, A. Lockwood, B. G. Hale, C. W. Brown, J. W. Fisher, A. J. Briers, and T. F. Fox, with Mr G. J. German (military representative), Mr R. Blower (military secretary), and the clerk (Mr J. F. Jesson).

Mr Geo. F. Burton, baker and confectioner, Whitwick, applied for the exemption of his baker, Wm. P. A. Bland, aged 26, and married. He said he had advertised for another man unsuccessfully. He employed two bakers, the other being 55. Applicant did the bulk of the delivering himself and also attended to the horses. The time of both men was fully occupied in baking. He had three men before the war. If this man went, it would mean having to give up a lot of trade. Conditional exemption was allowed.

Four months were allowed to Wm. D. McCarthy, the Whitwick poor-rate collector, who appealed on financial grounds.

Isaac Cyril Foster, hairdresser, Whitwick, who said he supported a sister in feeble health, applied for exemption. His sister and himself depended solely on the business, his parents being dead. The Advisory Committee recommended two months, and Mr German urged this should be adhered to. Mr Briers said they were there to decide the cases, no matter what the Advisory Committee said. Three voted for two months, and five for three months, which was carried. Mr German said he agreed that the Tribunal could act exactly as they wished, but he intended to appeal against this. Mr Brown asked whether, in a case like that, if the man joined the army, and was killed, would his sister get a Government pension? Mr McCarthy said that was an important point. The chairman said he did not suppose Mr Jesson would care to answer it off-hand. The clerk said he had his own opinion, but he would rather not answer. Mr Brown said that weighed with him. They wanted questions like that answering for their guidance. The chairman said he thought nothing definite had yet been settled.

The Clerk: *She would be a total dependant, there is no doubt about that.*

The Forest Rock Granite Co. applied for Jas. Ar. Hull, aged 32, single, who looks after the machinery, but a letter was received from the company, stating that as they were on Government work, they were appealing in London for all their men to be starved, and pending a decision on that, they asked for the case to be adjourned. Agreed.

Conditional exemption was granted to the following, as recommended by the Advisory Committee: Jas. Toon, 28, master butcher, Whitwick; Hy. Ed. Birkbeck, 23, farm worker, Greenhill; John Thos. Briers, 29, manager of the Forest Rock Granite Co.; Ernest Handford, 30, loom-turner, employed by Messrs. J. Burgess and Son, Coalville; Thomas Wm. Thirlby, 32, farmer and cowman, Greenhill; Wm. Moseley, 25, waggoner, Hugglescote; Thomas Neville Radford, 19, cowman, of Blackberry Farm, Ibstock; and Thos. Percy Deacon, 25, baker, Ellistown.

The next meeting was fixed for Wednesday at 6.30.

### **Round the Theatres**

#### *The Picture House, Whitwick*

There have been some good 'houses' here again this week and the pictures have been very much enjoyed. – "Exploits of Elaine," No. 23 (The Tell-Tale Heart), was a good one and others were also much liked. – The Sadie Vone Trio, in a musical interlude, have had a great reception, their act being top-hole, and should not be missed during the week-end. A real good show. – Miss Victoria, the chic comedienne, has also been well received. A first-class artiste, who should be seen. – For the week-end "The Collingsby Pearls" is a good Éclair drama. John Collingsby buys his wife a wonderful string of pearls. Later in order to raise money he plans to pledge his wife's pearls unknown to her, and has a duplicate set of pearls made, substituting them for the real ones. A society thief named Dowling, plans to steal the pearls but another crook forestalls him and in a fight Dowling is injured. Mrs Collingsby sends for a doctor, and Dowling is being attended to when her husband returns home. He suspects the worst, but she tells him of the loss of the pearls. Just about this time the thief has been caught by the police, and is brought back. Mrs Collingsby takes back the supposed pearls with a cry of joy. Collingsby forgives her and surprises her by breaking the rope of pearls, and throwing them on the ground. Then he gives her the real ones, explaining what has happened, and the story ends happily. – Others are good. – See advertisement columns for next week's programme.

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

#### **In Memorium**

Mr and Mrs E. Grant and family, of 27, Hermitage Road, Coalville, desire to thank all friends for kind expressions of sympathy with them in their recent bereavement by the death of their son, Eli, accidentally killed in the Whitwick Colliery.

### **Friday June 9<sup>th</sup> 1916 (Issue 1266)**

#### **Local News**

##### **Property Sale**

At the Three Crowns Inn, on Wednesday night. Messrs. Moore and Miller (Coalville) sold the property known as "Ivy Cottage", Silver Street, Whitwick, occupied by Mr James Musson, at 5/- per week. It was brought by Mr Musson at £230. Messrs. Sharp and Lancaster were the vendor's solicitors.

## **Do You Know That**

The Rev. T. W. Walters, Vicar of Whitwick, has been appointed a surrogate for the Diocese of Peterborough which, among other duties, gives him the power to grant marriage licences?

## **Coalville Police Court**

Friday – Before Major Hatchett (in the chair), Mr J. Ward, Mr B. G. Hale, Mr J. Wootton, and Mr L. Lovett.

### *Shooting Rooks*

Jabez Poxon, platelayer, Whitwick, was summoned for discharging stones from a catapult at Coalville, on May 25<sup>th</sup>. The defendant, an elderly man, said he discharged one stone. Inspector Dobney said defendant was shooting at rooks in the trees near Broom Leys. There had been complaints of lamps being broken and he had attributed it to boys. He was surprised to see a man the defendant's age using the catapult (produced). Defendant told him he had just picked the catapult up, but there was no dust on it. Defendant also had two pebbles in his pocket. Fined 7/6 or seven days.

### *Absentee*

Jos. Ambrose Hall, aged 22, private, of Whitwick, was charged with being an absentee from the machine gun corps, Belton Park, Grantham, since May 21<sup>st</sup>. Defendant admitted it, and said he had been ill. P.C. Jones said he found the defendant at his home. He told him he had two bottles of medicine. Remanded to await an escort.

## **Escort for an Escort**

Before Major Hatchett at the Coalville Police Court on Monday, Corporal G. Roberts and Private S. Hayton, were charged with being absentees from the Machine Gun Corps at Belton Park, Grantham, since the 3<sup>rd</sup> inst. Inspector Dobney said they were sent as an escort for another absentee, remanded by the magistrates on Friday, and left the Police Station at 8.30 on Saturday morning to catch the 9 o'clock train. They went to Whitwick instead, and remained there till Sunday afternoon, when they were arrested and brought to the Police Station. The other prisoner was there as well.

P.S. Betts said he saw the escort and their prisoner in Whitwick at 5.30 pm. on Saturday, and asked them what they were doing there. They said they were returning at 8.30 that night. Witness received a complaint as to them drinking in a public house on Sunday, and later arrested them.

The Corporal said they had missed the train on Saturday morning and intended returning in the evening, but missed that train also. They intended leaving Whitwick on Sunday, but found there was no train from there. Inspector Dobney said there was a lot of trains from Coalville, between 9 in the morning and 9 at night on Saturday, but they never went to the station to see.

The escort was remanded to await an escort.

## **Round the Theatres**

*The Picture House, Whitwick*

Good 'houses' have shown much appreciation of this week's "fare". "The Exploits of Elaine" part 24, was good, and was followed with the usual enthusiastic interest. – St. Malo and Coombs, in a novel musical comedy act, "The Gipsy and the Sailor", are a very nice 'turn' and they have received loud applause for their efforts. The singing, etc, is very good and smart, and should prove a decided 'draw' this week-end. – "The Beginning of the End" is the 'star' for the week-end and this must not be missed. It is a fine drama in two reels, and is the sort of story which will please Whitwick patrons. – Next week, another good programme, see advertisement columns.

## **Friday June 16<sup>th</sup> 1916 (Issue 1267)**

### **Local News**

#### **Mr R Sharp's Egg Collection**

Previously acknowledged 763: Messrs Hawthorn Bros., 25 eggs; Mr J. Toon 12; Mr A. Barker 12; Mr R. Sharp 12; Miss J. Thompson 12; Miss M. Smith 12; Miss S. Boughton 4; P.O.D. 3; a friend 3; Mr G. Underwood 8.

Subscriptions to the fund: Mr R. Squire 4/9 ½; Conservative Club 9/-; Mr J. Burton 2/3 ½; Miss M. E. Palmer 2/-; and the following 1/- each: Messrs H. Moore, M. Larner, O. Burton, T. Bourne, B. West, T. Aris, A. Pal, anonymous, Mr C. Williamson 6d.

#### **Parish Church**

On Sunday last the evening service took the form of a memorial service in honour of Lord Kitchener, staff, officers and crew of H.M.S. Hampshire, together with our fallen heroes in the naval battle, on May 31<sup>st</sup>. The Vicar made very suitable references during his sermon, special hymns were sung, and the organist (Mr R. G. West) played most impressively the "Dead March." The new setting of the National Anthem was sung at the conclusion by a large congregation. Previous to the service, the bells were rung muffled, by Messrs T. Partridge, A. Belcher, J. Rawson, S. W. West, H. Partridge, J. Williamson, R. Roulston, J. Howston, conducted by Mr H. Partridge, captain of the Bellringer's Society.

#### **Citizen Corps' Shooting Match at Ashby**

Whitwick: Irons 88; Hull 95; Eagles 89; Blow 94; Palmer 89; Bishop 68; Holland 75; Dodds 57; Storer 96; Briers 79; Collins 89; Robinson 86; Lester 47. Total 992.

Ashby: Joyce 95; Williscroft 96; Gamble 90; Taylor 87; Collier 93; Hussey 88; Parkes 94; Simpson 68; Peck 91; Willis 93; Worrall 90; Webb 92; Redfern 83. Total 1,160.

#### **A Year's Sanitary Work at Coalville**



In his annual report to the Coalville Urban District Council, the surveyor and sanitary inspector states that during the year half a mile of new sewers were laid, 50 houses were erected, 68 w.c.'s erected, there were 9,130 inspections of premises, and 4,417 re-inspections, 4,234 notices to abate nuisances were served, 86 houses were disinfected after infectious disease, 1,444 accumulations of night soil and refuse were removed, 338 houses were inspected under the Housing and Town Planning Act, and there are numerous other details of work done.

### *Common Lodging-Houses*

I have to report that the three common lodging-houses at Whitwick have been maintained in a satisfactory manner during the year. There have been no cases of overcrowding or of infectious disease. The houses have been systematically inspected at monthly intervals, and also twice at midnight, no irregularities being however found. Limewashing has been carried out as usual according to statutory requirements. The total number of lodgers accommodated for the year was 8,029 (less than half the capacity of houses), against 11,337 for 1914, and 10,573 for 1913.

### **Local Chit Chat**

Five of the Whitwick church bellringers are now serving in the Army, viz., Mr Walter Adams who volunteered with the Leicestershire Yeomanry at the beginning of the war; Sergeant Harold Pegg, who joined one of the Leicestershire regiments shortly after, and is now in France; Alfred Neath and Joseph Bonser, are in training in England; the fifth is Mr Joseph Sharp, of Silver Street. Mr Sharp left for Australia several years back, and is now with one of the Australian contingents in France, having volunteered at the end of last year. Mr S. W. West has been pleased to receive a letter from Private Sharp recently, in which he explains that whilst in training in Melbourne, Australia, he used to ring at the Cathedral every Sunday and Wednesday when not on duty at the camp. It is noteworthy that over 20 per cent of Whitwick church ringers are now in the Army, which means that if the same percentage of men had joined all over the parish, Whitwick would have an army of 600 men.

The secretary of the Whitwick Nursing Association acknowledges with thanks the receipt of £2 from the Coalville Horticultural Society, and £1 from the workmen of Messrs Griffin Bros. Coalville.

### **Coalville Tribunal**

A meeting of the Coalville Urban District Military Tribunal was held in the Council Chamber on Wednesday night, Mr T. Y. Hay presiding. There were also present, Messrs. M. McCarthy, B. B. Drewett, A. Lockwood, T. F. Fox, A. J. Briers, C. W. Brown, and J. W. Fisher, with the clerk (Mr J. F. Jesson), military representative (Mr G. J. German), and military secretary (Mr R. Blower).

Before any appeals were heard, the chairman remarked that an article appeared in the "Coalville Times" last week, which they had carefully gone through, and which he thought he ought to mention. They considered that they regulated and managed the Tribunal in the best way they could. They tried to do the best they could for the men who appeared before them, and for the country. He would ask the clerk to read a paragraph dealing with the

matter, which appeared in the instructions from the Local Government Board. The clerk then read the following extract:

*“The regulations contemplate that cases shall generally be conducted in public, but power is reserved to the Tribunal to conduct in private, if they so desire, the whole, or any part, of their proceedings in any case. If any party to a case, or any person concerned requests that the case shall be conducted in private, the request should be conceded, if there are good reasons for it. Matters of a business or domestic nature may arise in connection with cases which it would be obviously unfair to divulge to the public, and the Tribunal should have regard in cases of this kind, to the interests of the parties or of any persons concerned. The Tribunal may confer in private respecting the decision of any case.”*

Three months were allowed to Mr W. H. Allgood, aged 31, a Whitwick painter, signwriter, etc.

Mr C. W. Pegg, a Whitwick painter, applied for two of his men, H. Webster, 33, and R. P. Roulston, 31, both married, with one child each. He asked for temporary exemption to completed contracts on hand. His own son, formerly employed in the business, had joined the Colours. The Advisory Committee recommended one month each. Webster was allowed conditional exemption, and Roulston one month (final).

A Whitwick hairdresser, Frederick Palmer, aged 34, asked for temporary exemption, stating that if granted reasonable time, he could train his son, aged 14, to the business.

Mr German: *How long would it take to teach him – two months?*

Applicant: *You can't teach a boy to cut hair and shave in two months.*

The Tribunal granted two months.

Conditional exemption was granted to the following: John Moore, 33, carting contractor and farmer, of Whitwick; R. J. Gee, 32, boot-maker, Thringstone; Walter Briers, 35, cabinet maker etc, Whitwick; John W. White, 35, horseman and ploughman, Bardon Hill; and J. H. Underwood, 31, baker and grocer, Whitwick.

### **Ashby Police Court**

Saturday – Before Mr J. P. Adcock (in the chair), Mr G. D. Orchard, and Mr C. H. Parsons.

#### *Transfers*

On the application of Mr C. E. Crane (Coalville) a beer-off license at Whitwick was transferred to Mrs Emily Belcher from her late husband, who, Mr Crane said, held the license for 35 years.

Mr J. J. Sharp, (Coalville) appeared for Reginald Bamkin Squire, in an application for the transfer of the license of the Three Crowns Inn, Whitwick, from the executors of the late Mrs Musson, and it was granted.

Other licences transferred were: Crown Inn, Heather, to Augustus Wm. Beardall, from Amelia Allen; Snibston New Inn, Coalville, to Mrs Dennis from her late husband; Griffin

Inn, Worthington, to Geo. Kilby from Geo. Edwards; and the Forester's Arms, Whitwick, to Bernard O'Mara from Reginald Bamkin Squire.

### *Whitwick Bricklayer to Pay*

John Bakewell (56), bricklayer, Whitwick, was summoned by the Ashby Board of Guardians, in respect of wife maintenance arrears. P.C. Grewcock stated that the defendant the previous night paid him £1 on account. John Wm. Bowley, relieving officer, said the man was in a position to pay, but would not do so till he was pressed. After allowing for £1, he now owed £1/2/6. He had given a lot of trouble, and witness asked for a committal order. Defendant said he could earn 30/- a week if he worked regularly, and a return from his employer showed 25/- a week for the last six weeks. Committed to prison for 14 days if the money is not paid forthwith.

### **Round the Theatres**

#### *The Picture House, Whitwick*

"Exploits of Elaine" No. 25 was an interesting part of this excellent serial during the first half of the week, and all the other pictures were also good and enjoyed by the usual large audiences.- The Six Units in a singing and dancing scena are an "excellent turn" and have been well received. Their repertoire consists of smart singing, dancing, and brilliant harmony and clean comedy, and they are a most entertaining combination of artistes who cannot fail to please. The "show" is well-staged and dressed, and we recommend patrons not to miss it during the week-end. – "Kings of the Forest" should be seen tonight or tomorrow. This is a Selig animal picture of the usual excellence of this firm's production, and is both exciting and instructive. – Others are good. – Next week an extra good programme. For further particulars see our advertisement columns.

### **Friday June 23<sup>rd</sup> 1916 (Issue 1268)**

#### **Local News**

George H. Copson, formerly of Loughborough was one of those who went down in the North Sea battle. His father lives at Oxford Street, Loughborough. Copson had lived at Whitwick where he was a miner, and joined the Navy on the outbreak of war. He was 28 years of age, and leaves a widow and two children.

#### **Mr R. Sharp's Egg Collection**

Previously acknowledged 1,006 eggs. Mr R. Sharp 12; Mrs T. Hull 12; Mrs Barker 12; Miss A. L. Grimley 7; Mr Biddle 2; Mr Noon's company 5/-; Whitwick Liberal Club 3/6; Mrs J. H. Robinson 2/6; Mrs J. Toon, Miss Hunt, Mr F. Swift, and Mr J. Moore 2/- each; 1/- each Messrs G. Limb, E. Glynn, R. Beeson, G. Boam, J. Musson, A.V.C.; B. Hurst; H. Ward and A. Yearby; 6d a friend.

#### **Whitwick and Thringstone Citizen Corps**

##### *Whitsuntide Camp*

By kind permission of the Right Hon. Chas. and Mrs Booth, the Whitwick and Thringstone Corps was enabled to go into quarters at the Thringstone House Club on the Saturday evening, and to remain there until the Monday morning. The corps paraded at headquarters, the Gymnasium, Whitwick, at 5 pm., on the Saturday and marched to Thringstone, the necessary baggage having been carted there by Mr Biddle free of charge. On arrival, the remainder of the evening was spent in preparing quarters for the night, making ready the mess-room, and in "settling in" thoroughly. After supper an enjoyable time was spent in billiards, etc., and a "sing-song" until "lights out" at 11 pm.

Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup> was a full day. Reveille at 6.30 am with parade immediately following. A march was taken via the Warren to the cricket ground at Gracedieu for drill. The ground had been placed at the disposal of the corps for the camp by the Rt. Hon. Charles Booth, as had adjoining ground by Mr R. H. Vesty. Ninety minutes was done, and a return made to quarters for breakfast. Church parade at 10.45 am was followed by a march to Thringstone Church, where an excellent discourse was given by the Rev. C. Shrewsbury (vicar), who is assistant-chaplain to the corps. On the return route a visit was paid to Mrs Booth's Convalescent Home, where the matron kindly showed the member, round the institution. This was found to be such a model that a desire at once was expressed for a "week-end". The afternoon, unfortunately, proved unpropitious from the weather point of view. An under-cover shooting range was, however, improvised, so that no time was wasted. A number of very good cards were returned. Private T. Irons heading the score with a "possible." At tea, the corps had the pleasure of entertaining Lieutenant Miss O'Reilly (of the Birmingham W.V.R.) the Rev. J. M. O'Reilly, of Whitwick (chaplain), and the Rev. C. Shrewsbury (assistant chaplain). Parade followed at 5.45 pm and the corps marched to St. George's, Swannington, to a memorial service to the late Lord Kitchener. A splendidly appropriate service was gone through, during which one lesson was read by the Commander of the Corps and the other by Private O. Geary, and a bracing sermon was preached by the vicar (the Rev. G. Robinson).

Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. Reveille at 5.30 was anticipated by some members and 6 am found a full parade, with the exception of one or two who had to return to work. A march to the drill ground by a new route followed, where all were kept hard at it until dinner time. The afternoon again found the corps busy and the drill and manoeuvring grounds. A great feature of the afternoon was the winning of a scratch shooting competition by Pte. 'Bob' Holland, who, acting as marker for all the others, himself fired last, and who amidst salvoes of cheers which greeted the result of each shot, scored the only "possible" made during the competition proper. Ptes. Blow and Williams tied for second prize, each having dropped one point only. In the shoot-off Private Williams proved the winner of second prize with a "possible." After tea, a short time was spent under the presidency of the Rev. Father O'Reilly, who had been with the corps throughout the day. A most hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Right Hon. Chas. and Mrs Booth for their great kindness, which had contributed so largely to the success of the gathering. Similar compliments were paid to Mrs Towle, the popular manageress of the club, and to Mr R. H. Vesty, who in their respective spheres had also added largely to the success attained. After the Commandant of the corps had been similarly thanked he complimented the men on their conduct and enthusiasm, and commented upon the keen spirit which had kept the corps going. He also congratulated the men upon the standard of efficiency they were reaching in drill, etc., and in conclusion thanked them all for the splendid manner in which they had always seconded his efforts.

A most enjoyable gathering was brought to a conclusion in the usual manner with general expressions of the hope for an early opportunity of "having another."

### **Coalville Police Court**

Friday – Before Mr H. J. Ford (in the chair), Mr J. W. West and Mr L. Lovett.

#### *Bus Driver Fined*

Alec Wardle, 'bus driver, Coalville, was summoned for dangerously driving a motor 'bus at Coalville, on June 9<sup>th</sup>.

Mr J. J. Sharp (Coalville) appeared for the defendant, who pleaded not guilty. Inspector Dobney said he was near the Whitwick Picture House, at 10.20 pm, when he saw a motor omnibus coming round the corner near the King's Arms at a very dangerous rate – quite twenty miles an hour. The road at this spot was only 15 foot wide, and winds like a letter 'S'. Several people were about and had to rush onto the path out of the way of the bus. It was impossible to see who was the driver owing to the speed and dust. P.C. Grewcock shouted to the driver to stop, but he took no notice, and witness sent P.C.'s Grewcock and Jelley after him to the stopping place in Whitwick Market Place, but the bus was then going up Pare's Hill. Had anyone been coming round the corner into Silver Street, there might have been an accident. He saw the defendant later the same evening and he admitted driving the 'bus at Whitwick. Witness told him he would be reported. Silver Street, Whitwick, at that corner, was one of the most dangerous spots in Leicestershire, and it was certainly not safe to driver at more than 10 miles an hour.

By Mr Sharp: *He had no independent witness. One who was to have been called up was on business.*

P.C. Grewcock corroborated, and said several people complained. Witness and P.C. Jelley had to jump out of the way.

Mr Sharp said he wondered how the 'bus got round the corners at the rate the police said he was going.

P.C. Grewcock: *He is a very good driver.*

P.C. Jelley, who also gave evidence, said that had there had been a horse and cart turning the corner, there would bound to have been an accident.

Mr Sharp said the Bench had to be satisfied that the public were endangered. If the man was driving so fast, it was remarkable that he got round these difficult corners safely, but there was no accident, and there was no evidence of the public complaining. The rules of the 'bus company were that the drivers were not to exceed twelve miles an hour, and he suggested that the police had exaggerated the speed.

Defendant said he had worked for the 'bus company two years. He had been charged twice before with driving to the danger of the public, at Wigan and Leicester. At Wigan, he had to pay the costs, the speed being only 3 miles an hour, but there was a procession passing at the time. He was then driving a motor-cycle and sidecar. At Leicester he was

driving the motor 'bus and the speed was eight to ten miles an hour. He was fined 40/-. As to the speed on this occasion, at Whitwick, he said he was not going more than 10 miles an hour. They could not get 20 miles out of the 'buses on the level ground. He did not hear the police call to him. None of the passengers or public complained.

By Supt. Lockton: *The speed did not always matter. It was a question whether it was dangerous to the public. He could pull the 'bus up in twenty yards, at 10 miles an hour. He turned into Whitwick Market Place at only about 3 miles an hour. He had never been previously cautioned by the company directors or the police as to his driving.*

Sidney Cliff, conductor of the 'bus, said there were ten or twelve passengers in the 'bus. Nobody complained. A great speed at the Market Place corner would turn the 'bus over.

By Supt. Lockton: *He did not tell Inspector Dobney the next morning that he was frightened at the speed, and was glad the police had taken it up.*

Samuel Williamson, collier, said he was riding on the front of the 'bus, and he estimated the pace at about 12 miles per hour. Defendant had the 'bus well in hand, and it did not occur to witness that the pace was too great. He heard no complaints.

Fined 30/-, or 14 days.

The Chairman said the Bench had taken a lenient view, but they cautioned the defendant to be more careful in the future, especially when going round dangerous corners.

*"Heading"*

Thomas Wright, John Williamson and Jno. King, colliers, all of Whitwick, were summoned for gaming with coins on the highway at Whitwick, on June 11<sup>th</sup>. Defendants did not appear. P.C. Jelley said he saw the defendants playing "heading".

Fined 7/6 each, or seven days.

*American's Offence*

Wm. Freer, labourer, and Robert Lee, scrap iron gatherer, both of Whitwick, were summoned for a breach of the Alien's Restriction Act, at Whitwick, on June 1<sup>st</sup>. They pleaded not guilty.

Inspector Dobney said he visited Freer's house and saw the other defendant there. He said he was American. He had not signed a form, and Freer said he had no register. Later witness saw a form signed by Lee as an Englishman. He had previously stayed at the Whitwick lodging houses for about eight years. Lee said he was American. Freer said he was ignorant of the law.

Inspector Dobney said notices had been posted about the district, and had also appeared in the "Coalville Times".

Freer was fined 5/6 and Lee 15/6, the chairman telling Lee he must properly register himself as an alien.

## **Round the Theatres**

*The Picture House, Whitwick*

Good "houses" have attended here this week and "The Exploits of Elaine" (No. 26) was another good part of this excellent serial, and "Across the Desert" was a fine Selig; others were good. For the week-end "The Outrage" is a good one featuring Henry Ainley. There are some very thrilling incidents and the piece should not be missed. – Others are good. – Next week, "The Trap that Failed" and "The Second String" with a large selection of other fine subjects.

## **Births, Marriages and Deaths**

### **Burials**

Quemby – On Saturday at Whitwick, Sarah Catherine Quemby, aged 61 years, of Leicester Road.

## **Friday June 30<sup>th</sup> 1916 (Issue 1269)**

### **Local News**

#### **Coalville Soldier on the Hampshire**

Mrs H. Heggs, widow, of Bath House, Greenhill, has received information from the Admiralty, that the name of her son, Herbert Heggs, aged 18 years on May 5<sup>th</sup> last, rated as acting ordinary on H.M.S. Hampshire does not appear in the list of survivors received by the Admiralty, and it is feared that he must be regarded as having lost his life. Mrs Heggs has also received a letter signed by the First Lord of the Admiralty stating that the King commanded him to assure the sailor's mother of the true sympathy of his Majesty and the Queen in her sorrow. The deceased joined the Navy three years ago, and before that was employed by Mr S. Berrington, farmer, Whitwick.

#### **Cycling Accident**

Mrs Potter, of the New Inn, Whitwick, while cycling at Coalville on Wednesday morning, collided with a horse and cart at the corner of Belvoir Road and the Market Place, and was thrown off her machine, but fortunately, was not seriously hurt.

#### **Mr R. Sharp's Egg Collection**

Previously acknowledged, 1,251; Messrs. Hawthorn Bros. 25 eggs; Mr R. Sharp 12; Mrs W. Stinson 10. 1/- each from Mrs C. Pegg, Mrs P. Aris, Messrs. T. Moore, D. Otter, H. Stanyard, W. Moore, H. Belcher, R. Moore, A. Isaac, W. Moss, W. Smith, J. Burton, T. Saddington; 6d each from Messrs. E. Moore, T. Wyatt, J. Berrington; 3d from Mr T. Whitwmore.

#### **The Wake**

Whitwick Wake has been observed this week, Monday being the principal day, and in the evening there was a large number of visitors, though it was a much quieter event this year than on some former occasions. Roundabouts, shows, etc., were erected on the land off Church Lane, and were an attraction chiefly for the younger portion of the community. The collier's usually take a day or two holiday for the wake, but this year, with a few exceptions, loyally complied with the request to keep at work.

### **Club Dinner**

The members of the 5/- club at the Castle Inn, had their 16<sup>th</sup> annual dinner on Saturday night, a splendid repast being served by Host and Hostess Griffin, to a company of about 70. Father O'Reilly occupied the chair, and after dinner the loyal and patriotic toasts were drunk. Songs were given by Messrs P. O'Mara, B. Revill, Parker, G. Thirlby and others. The secretary Mr W. Stanyard presented the balance sheet, which showed a heavy year for sickness, £12 having been paid out. The dividend was 5/10 per member. The club was started again, practically all the old members re-joining and nine new ones were enrolled.-

### **Five Shilling Clubs**

In accordance with the annual wake custom there has been a sharing up in the various 5/- clubs at Whitwick this week. At the Hastings Arms (Mr T. Young, secretary) a dividend of 8/6 per member was paid out; the King's Arms club, for which Mr Wm. Benistone, is secretary, paid out 5/4 to each member, while the members of the women's club at the same licence (Mrs Smith secretary) each received 12/10; at the Castle Inn, the club members received 5/10 each, and 7/- is the amount to be paid to members of the Three Crowns club on Saturday, by the secretary, Mr Jas. Howell.

### **Exciting Wake Incident**

When the wake was at its height on Saturday night, a Ravenstone visitor, Mr Frank James, furnace man at Messrs. Stableford's works, saw smoke issuing from one of the show vans. He saw flames in the van, and ascertained that the floor was alight. He promptly entered the van and rescued a little boy and, being told there was an infant in another department, James entered a second time, and saved the second child. But for his timely discovery and prompt action, the children might have lost their lives, the parents being engaged at stalls at the wake when the incident occurred. It is supposed the fire was caused by some paraffin being upset near the stove. The flames were soon extinguished.

### **Round the Theatre**

*The Picture House, Whitwick*

A good list of first-class films is to be seen here this week, and "The Exploits of Elaine" as usual, was much enjoyed at the beginning of the week. This was episode 27 (The Vanishing Man) and was up to the usual standard of excellence of the other parts of this serial. – Others were good. – For the week-end, "The Second String" is a good racing drama. Diana Nugent ensnares the younger son of an old country family, but after having made good his name for a £2,000 debt owing by her, she spurns him, and he finally does away with himself in desperation. The eldest brother resolves to avenge his wronged



brother, and learns that Diana's future depends on her horse winning a great race. He also has a horse (of the first string) running in this race, Diana resents to foul play, but is ultimately the loser and is ruined: thus the younger brother is avenged. – A good picture. – Others are also excellent. See advertisement for next week's list – another good one.

## **Friday July 7<sup>th</sup> 1916 (Issue 1270)**

### **Local News**

#### **P.M. Church**

Flower services were conducted at the Whitwick P.M. Church, on Sunday, by the Rev. T. J. Martin, of Coalville, and there were good congregations.

#### **Mr Robert Sharp's Egg Collection**

Previously acknowledged 1,406. Mr H. Morris 25; Mrs W. Butler 12; Mrs T. Hull 12; Mrs J. Houlton 12; Mr Croson 6; Mr R. Sharp 20. Subscriptions: Mr I. Thorp and company 5/9; Mrs R. B. Squire and company 5/-; Mr Bramwell and company 2/-; Mrs E. Orton 2/-; Mr T. Hay 2/-; Mrs E. Hurst 2/-;

1/- each Mrs Mulrooney, Mrs T. Church, Messrs. W. Brown, J. Wyatt, E. Holland, J. Wardle, A. Wardle and G. Williamson.

6d each Messrs R. Davenport, J. W. Burton and Mr T. Kirk. 3d Mrs E. Kirk.

#### **Advertisement**

Thatching – Wanted, an estimate for thatching two houses in Whitwick. For particulars, apply Box W, "Times" office, Coalville.

### **Local Chit Chat**

We regret to hear that two Whitwick soldiers, Private Morley and Whittaker, who were reported missing about a year ago, are now both reported killed. They formerly resided in Leicester Road.

The many friends of Private J. W. Brotherhood, of Whitwick, who is now in hospital in France, will wish him a speedy recovery and a safe return from the war. He is a popular member of the Thringstone House Club, a former well-known football referee of the district and a Wesleyan Reform local preacher.

Surgeon-Major Burkitt, of Whitwick, is to be heartily congratulated upon his promotion to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. Despite his advancing years, the gallant officer, who had previously served in the Leicestershire Yeomanry for a good period, volunteered his services on the outbreak of the war and did excellent work at the front in France in the earlier stages of the fighting. The doctor enjoys much popularity in the Coalville and Whitwick district, where his extensive practice is being carried on by assistants while he is away on military duty. We understand that Lieut. Colonel Burkitt is at present fulfilling an appointment in Ireland.

## **County Appeals**

Ald. Cope presided at the County Appeal Tribunal, held at the Castle on Saturday.

A Whitwick hairdresser and tobacconist appealed through Mr Crane. Applicant had been left with his sister entirely dependent on him. Exemption till August 30<sup>th</sup> was granted.

The military representative, Major Wellsman, appealed for the curtailment of the temporary exemption of a Whitwick collector, who also assisted his brother on a farm. Mr Crane, appearing for the man, said he had been granted an exemption until August 30<sup>th</sup>. He was granted exemption until 31<sup>st</sup> July.

## **Ashby County Court**

### *Whitwick Claim Dismissed*

Before the Registrar, John Brislin, postman, of Castle Street, Whitwick, sued Joseph Wesley, collier, Loughborough Road, Whitwick, for 8/- damages through defendant's son breaking plaintiff's window, into which he fell while riding a bicycle.

Defendant denied liability and also that the boy broke the window. Plaintiff said he saw him do it, and picked him up. It was stated that the boy was 15 years of age, and the Registrar questioned whether the father could be held liable, unless there was evidence of negligence. Defendant said plaintiff had not put the boy in the claim at all and added, "I have never broken a window in my life." The Registrar advised the parties to try and settle it.

Defendant: *I don't owe the money.*

The Registrar: *Suppose he summonses your son. Is it worth letting him be brought here for 8/-.*

Defendant: *He didn't break the window.*

Plaintiff: *I saw him do it. I picked him up and asked him if he was hurt.*

He added that he was told by a policeman that the County Court was the proper place to make his claim. The case was dismissed.

## **Coalville Police Court**

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

### *Whitwick Brother's Fight*

John Moore, Joseph Moore and Edward Moore, colliers, all of Whitwick, were summoned for violent conduct at Whitwick, on June 17<sup>th</sup>. None of them appeared. P.C. Grewcock said the defendants were fighting in Silver Street. They were three brothers and there was a dispute over family matters. Each defendant was fined 10/- or seven days.

## **Round the Theatres**

### *The Picture House, Whitwick*

At this popular picture house this week another fine programme is being screened. "The People of the Pit" (in two reels) at the beginning of the week was a good one, and was much enjoyed, as was the twenty-eighth episode of "The Exploits of Elaine", another fine part of this most enjoyable scenario. – Others were good. – For the week-end "The Milestones of Life" is the chief one, and is a four-reel Thanhouser of exceptional merit. Pauline Avon and her youthful sweetheart, Wm. Hallett, who have been devoted companions as long as they could remember. Fate, however, had a great disappointment in store for Pauline later on. To her intense dismay, her boyish sweetheart deserts her, preferring the company of a tall and graceful seventeen year old miss. The boy goes back to his first love, but Pauline, who is a bit "nettled" decides to "have him on" a bit. She never forgot the incident and its remembrance in later life caused her much suffering. The tall girl comes on the scene again just as Pauline and William are to be married, and Pauline having a mistaken idea about William's friendship for the other girl, things come to a climax. After much tribulation and misunderstandings, Pauline discovers that William is not so black as he is painted, and in the winter of their lives, the man and woman enjoy a little of the Eden of their childhood. – A real good picture, well worth seeing. – Others are good. – Next week's list, see advertisement.

## **Friday July 14<sup>th</sup> 1916 (Issue 1271)**

### **Local News**

Not having recovered from the effects of a recent colliery accident, Mr D. Otter, of Whitwick, will be unable to umpire in the cricket cup semi-final on the Coalville Town cricket ground tomorrow, and Mr R. Heward, of Bardon Hill, will take his place.

### **Whitwick Colliers' Alibi**

#### *Poaching Case Dismissed*

At the Loughborough Police Court on Wednesday, last week, George Gee, Whitwick, and John W. Gee, Thringstone, colliers, were summoned for using a dog for the purpose of taking game, at Shepshed, on June 19<sup>th</sup>. They pleaded not guilty.

Arnold Pratt, farmer, Coalville, said he saw defendants cycling along the road with a lurcher dog. They got off their machines and put the dog into the field in which there were four or five hares less than 30 yards from the road. The dog coursed one of the hares across two fields. He went to the men and charged them with coursing, but they jumped on their bicycles and rode away without saying anything.

Trevor Pratt, gamekeeper to Mr E. M. P. de Lisle, said he saw both defendants cycling near Blackbrook with their lurcher dog about 9.30 on the day in question. Both defendants said they worked in the pits at Ibstock till 4 pm and slept at home for three hours.

George Gee said he did not go two yards from his house that night after "shifting his black." His wife said he was not out of her sight for ten minutes that night after he came home. He did not go any further from the house.

John W. Gee said after he had washed he went to see the pictures at Whitwick, and was there till ten o'clock. Mrs Gee, the mother of the defendant's said her son John did not take his bicycle or the dog out on the night in question. He took his little brother to see the pictures.

Case dismissed.

### **Round the Theatres**

The Picture House, Whitwick

During the first half of the week here "The Exploits of Elaine" (Episode 29), was a good part and others, including "The Prince of Wales with Guards" were a very good lot. – For the weekend, "A little band of gold" is a special Éclair two-reeler, and "Orders" deals with the splendid devotion to duty of a policeman entrusted with the regulation of traffic in an American city. – Next week's list – see our advertisement columns.

## **Friday July 21<sup>st</sup> 1916 (Issue 1272)**

### **Local News**

#### **Mr R. Sharp's Egg Collection**

Previously acknowledged 1,673. Messrs. Hawthorn Bros. 25 eggs; Mrs F. Sear 21; Mrs W. F. Moore 14; Mrs C. Illsley 12; Miss N. Broadhurst 12; Mr J. H. Stinson 8; Mrs Pepper 7; Mrs Botham 8; a friend 3; Mr R. Sharp 12; Mr H. Croson 6; Mr B. O'Mara and company 3/0 ½; 2/- Messrs. W. Stanley and S. Parsons; 1/- each Mrs Botham, Mrs J. W. Eagles, Messrs. A. Needham, B. Rady, T. Lashmore, H. G., M. Downes, O. Burton, A. Roberts, W. Burton, J. Rose, B. Newbury, and A. Whitmore; 6d each Mrs M. Glynn, Mrs E. Adkin, Messrs. S. Broadway, G. Robinson, A. Robinson and F. Newman.

### **Do You Know That**

The Whitwick Holy Cross day schools will be closed today for the summer holidays for six weeks, the headmaster (Mr M. Downes) having offered his services during that time for local farm work?

### **Coalville Police Court**

Before the Rev. C. T. Moore (in the chair), Major Hatchett, Mr J. Ward, Mr H. J. Ford, Mr B. G. Hale and Mr Jno. Wootton.

#### *"Heading" at Whitwick*

In a Juvenile Court, Albert Robinson, Wm. Isaacs and Herbert H\_\_\_\_, pit boys, Whitwick, were summoned for gaming with copper pence on the highway at Whitwick, on July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

P.C. Grewcock said the boys were playing "heading" and he secured some of the coppers. There had been several complaints of this sort of thing on Sunday mornings.

Answering the Bench, Supt. Lockton said the ages of the boys were 13, 15 and 14. The mother of one of the boys said her boy only had 3d when he went out. He gave a penny to the Church collection, brought one penny back, and the policeman had the other. She was sorry and would take steps to see that it did not happen again.

The parents of the boys were ordered to pay 7/- in respect of each defendant.

### *Cyclists' Offences*

Wm. Jones and Hy. Cleave, colliers, Swannington, were summoned for riding a bicycle without a light at 10.40 pm at Whitwick, on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. P.C. Grewcock said the defendants told him they had been to Shepshed wake and stayed too long. Fined 10/- each or seven days.

James Richards, collier, Swannington, was summoned for riding a bicycle without a rear light at 11.20 pm at Whitwick, on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. He did not appear. P.C. Betts stated the case and defendant was fined 10/- or seven days.

### **Whitwick Club Manager Fined**

#### *Magistrates' Important Decision*

At the Coalville Police Court on Friday, George West, club manager, Whitwick, was summoned for supplying intoxicating liquor after 9 pm, at Whitwick, on June 24<sup>th</sup>. Defendant pleaded not guilty, and was represented by Mr J. J. Sharp (Messrs. Sharp and Lancaster, Coalville and Loughborough). Mr T. H. Moore (Messrs. Crane and Moore, Coalville), held a watching brief for one of the joint owners of the premises. Supt. Lockton deposed to the Order being in force, and a copy being supplied to the defendant.

Inspector Dobney stated that at 10.45 pm he visited the Whitwick and Thringstone Conservative Club in Silver Street, Whitwick, and on-going into the bar saw a number of men standing against the counter, behind which stood the defendant. Among the men were Bernard McCarthy, who had a bottle of ale (produced) in his right hand just raised to his mouth to drink. The cork was out, and the froth coming out of the top of the bottle. As soon as he saw witness he put the bottle in his coat pocket. Witness said to him, "*What have you put in your pocket?*" He replied, "*Nothing.*" Witness said he wanted to know what was in the bottle. He replied, "*What bottle?*" Witness said, "*The one in your pocket.*" He said, "*I have no bottle,*" and witness said, "*If you won't give it to me, I shall take it out of your pocket,*" and did so. He asked what it meant, and McCarthy made no reply. Witness also asked West what it meant, but he also made no reply, and witness left the club. Later he went back to the club with P.C. Jelley, and called defendant to the door, and asked him what explanation he had to give. He replied, "*McCarthy came into the club about ten minutes or a quarter-of-an-hour before you came in, and asked me for a small bottle of strong, saying he wanted it to take home with him. I supplied him with it.*" Witness asked who drew the cork, and defendant replied, "*I did.*" Witness asked him if he had been supplied with a copy of the Order suspending the sale of drink after nine o' clock, and he said he had. Witness asked if he had read it, and when he replied in the affirmative, asked

him why he supplied the beer, adding that he would have to report him as he cautioned him at ten o'clock at night only five weeks before.

By Mr Sharp: *That would be out of politeness.* (Laughter)

Continuing, witness said there were no empty glasses about, but several empty bottles. McCarthy had subsequently told witness that he paid West for the ale about ten minutes to nine, when he left the club. He went in later, and had not the witness appeared he would have drunk the beer. McCarthy also asked witness whether he had brought a summons for him, saying he expected one for being there.

By Supt. Lockton: *Defendant had a towel over his shoulder, and was washing glasses at 10.45.*

P.C. Jelley corroborated as to the conversation between the inspector and defendant, when witness was present. Mr Sharp said the defendant was highly respected in Whitwick. He had held various public offices for 40 years, and had lived in the place all his life, and would be the last man to try to take any advantage by selling a bottle of ale. He (Mr Sharp), spoke as to the constitution of the club. He said there was no idea of making a profit, it never had made a profit, and the place was opened merely for a few hours in the evening for the convenience of the members. They could open all day, but there was no occasion to, and the premises were not opened until 6.30 each evening. In regard to the legal aspect of the case, Mr Sharp submitted that there was no sale of beer on the premises after nine o'clock. The beer was purchased at 8.50 pm and put on one side while McCarthy went to look at some fowls, and he went into the club later to fetch the beer to take home with him, which he had a perfect right to do.

Replying to the Bench, Mr Sharp admitted that had McCarthy consumed the beer on the premises there would have been an offence. The clerk pointed out that the cork had been drawn. The Bench retired to consider the point raised, and decided that the transactions admitted by Mr Sharp constituted an offence. Mr Sharp said that in that case he need not call evidence. If the defendant had erred it was simply a mistake, honestly made, and nothing more. It was not done for profit, and he (Mr Sharp) submitted that the case would be met by a dismissal on payment of costs. There was no doubt that it frequently happened at clubs, that members paid for beer before nine o'clock to take home with them, and the decision of the magistrates would affect what had undoubtedly become a practice at many clubs.

A fine of £5 or one month's imprisonment was imposed. Defendant asked whether he was to understand that a member could not keep a bottle of beer in his pocket till he went home, which he had purchased before nine o'clock. The chairman said the Bench could not advise him.

The clerk: *No doubt your solicitor will advise you.*

Supt. Lockton: *There have been convictions up and down the country for that very thing.*

## **Round the Theatres**

*The Picture House, Whitwick*

There have been some large audiences here this week, and a good programme is to be seen. – Next week “Exploits of Elaine” No. 31, will be a good part and must be seen. “The Moment before Death” is a splendid Lubin drama which will please Picture House patrons. Chased by the police after committing a crime, Dr. Cummings, a crazy scientist is cornered, realising the game is up he jumps to his death. In his fall through space he sees in rapid order the events which led to his crime. He was perfecting a wonderful machine of which his wife, Florence, and his assistant, Dr. Grant, knew nothing. He noticed strange glances pass between them which aroused his suspicions. He overheard his wife say, “We shall be able to leave tomorrow.” He confronts them and they plead innocence. His invention will prove whether Florence is guilty or not. She is guilty. Dr Grant escapes and he locks Florence in a cupboard at which he fires several shots and concludes she is dead. Then he finds the invention has registered wrongly, his wife is innocent. He opens the cupboard and finds his wife apparently lifeless. He sees the police, who follow him. His last glimpse of Florence shows her moving in Grant’s arms. The unhappy man becomes mercifully unconscious, the last scene showing the people running to the pavement upon which he has met his doom. – Then for the week-end “The Patriot and the Spy” is a good one. For full particulars see advertisement columns.

## **Friday July 28<sup>th</sup> 1916 (Issue 1273)**

### **Local News**

#### **Mr R. Sharpe’s Egg Collection**

Previously acknowledged 1,926. 3s Mr T. Potter and company; 2/6 Mr G. Cook and company; 1/- each, Mrs H. Crane, Mrs I. Webster, Miss Harding, Messrs. J. Boam, A. West, M. Sheen, W. King, G. Musson and J. Marriott; 6d Mrs Warrington and Mr W. Burton; 3d Mr J. Haywood, 1/- Messrs. E. G. Burton and J. Cooper; 6d Mr R. Williams; 7 eggs Mrs J. Henson; 14, Mrs T. Hull; 12, Messrs. W. T. Harding and R. Sharp, and Mrs A. Briers; 6, Mrs H. Vesty and Mrs Botham.

#### **War Savings Associations**

A war savings association has been formed at the Whitwick National Schools, with the managers as the committee, Mr H. T. Bastard, hon. treasurer, and Misses. E. Carr, and T. A. Harding, as joint hon. secretaries. Thirty-eight members have already joined and £17 10s 6d paid in has been expended on war savings certificates.

A similar association has been formed at the Whitwick Holy Cross School, with Miss Bretherton as hon. secretary, and Mr M. Downes, as hon. treasurer.

#### **Flower and Egg Service**

At the Baptist Chapel on Sunday, flower and egg services were conducted by a former pastor, the Rev. H. C. J. Wix, of Loughborough, and there were good congregations. The chapel was prettily decorated and about 150 eggs were contributed. A solo was rendered at the evening service by Miss Gertie Mann.

On Monday evening a social was held and proved to be very successful. The Rev. H. C. J. Wix presided, and a vocal and musical programme was contributed by Mr and Mrs W.

Smith, and Mr Meakin, of Coalville, Miss Smalley of Hugglescote, Mr H. Stinson, Misses. G. Mann, Gladys and Vera Bourne, and Master F. Wheeldon. There was also a dialogue by the Misses. G. and M. Mann, and Gibson.

### **Two Whitwick Soldiers Killed**

Mr Elijah Burton, a banksman at the Whitwick Colliery, who resides in Green Lane, Whitwick, has been officially notified that his son, Private Herbert Harold Burton, of the Northamptonshire Fusiliers, was killed in action on the 3<sup>rd</sup> inst.

The deceased soldier was 21 years of age, single, and before the war resided with his parents at Green Lane, being then a collier at the Whitwick pit. He enlisted last August and received his military training at Barnard Castle, having been at the front about six months. He was formerly a Sunday School scholar and chorister at the Whitwick Parish Church.

A letter has been received by Mrs Kirkby, of the Leicester Hotel, London Road, Coalville, from Private W. Needham, of the Leicestershire Regiment, stating that her cousin, Pte. Lawrence Whitmore, of the same regiment, was killed in action on the 15<sup>th</sup> inst. having been hit by a sniper. The deceased was a son of the late Mr Albert Whitmore, a Whitwick collier, and of Mrs Glover, of 101, Talbot Street, Whitwick. He was 21 years of age, and before the war worked at the Whitwick Colliery, where his father was also formerly employed.

Private Needham states that he and the deceased had been great chums, having stuck to one another through thick and thin. He was a gallant soldier and a good comrade whose death is a great blow to the writer and he misses him very much.



Private Herbert Harold Burton



Private Lawrence Whitmore

### **Round the Theatres**

*The Picture House, Whitwick*

There is a good list of pictures being screened here this week, and the usual enthusiasm reigns. Episode 31 of "Exploits of Elaine" at the beginning of the week, and "The Moment before Death" were two good pictures, and others were also much appreciated. For the



week-end "The Patriot and the Spy" must be seen. This is a Thanhouser production of exceptional merit. Next week "The Dawn of Understanding" Memories of happier days and knowledge that love is not dead re-unite a long-separated couple. After their return to the city, Oliver Weldon and Ruth, his wife, devote as much time to business on the one hand and society on the other, they gradually drift apart. Their child dies and each blames the other for neglect and causing its death. They separate and months later, an interested friend, realising they are grieving for each other, brings them together again. Oliver sees his wife looking at their child's photo and mutual sorrow reunites them. "The Dawn of Understanding" has come for them in the knowledge that love is the most precious thing in the world. "The Flying Twins" is the chief picture at the week-end; see advertisement for full particulars.

## **Friday August 4<sup>th</sup> 1916 (Issue 1274)**

### **Local News**

#### **Fatal Accident at Whitwick Colliery**

##### *Coalville Miner Killed Yesterday*

A fall of roof occurred at the Whitwick Colliery yesterday morning, and a miner named Matthew Ball was killed. He resided in Bakewell Street, Coalville. The accident has been reported to the police authorities, and an inquest will be held in due course.

Ball was a married man of about 60 years of age and was employed as a shifter. The fall occurred in the main road, and another man was slightly injured.

#### **Local Casualties**



The death in action from a shell wound of Private E. Walton, of the Leicestershire Regiment, son of Mr James Walton, a Whitwick collier, of Hermitage Road, is notified by his chum, Pte. Harry Sharpe, who says that "he died a hero, doing his duty to the last."

## Do You Know That

Mr Arthur Greensmith, under-manager at the Whitwick Colliery, has passed an examination qualifying him for the position of colliery manager?

## Coalville Police Court

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

*“Not Likely to get a House”*

George Harry Hewes, house agent, Coalville, applied for ejectment orders against James Nix of Coalville, and Thomas Commons, of Whitwick, both colliers. Mr Hewes said Commons owed £2 13s 6d rent, and was a nuisance to the other tenants. He was a miner earning good money at the Snibston pit. Defendant's wife arrived, and said she had been unable to get another house. The clerk said she was not likely to if she did not pay the rent. The woman said she could not pay it if she did not receive it.

The clerk: *But your husband is in regular work at the pit.*  
Supt. Lockton: *He also owes me some money, and we can't get it.*

The woman said she had seven children and that was why she could not get another house. Mr Hewes said he was willing to let them stay if they would pay the rent regularly, and also the arrears.

The woman: *I can't if I don't get it.*

She was told by the Bench that she could not expect to live in the house if she did not pay the rent. Mr Hewes said it was the husband's fault. Ordered to give up possession in three weeks.

In the case of Nix, Mr Hewes said the man was a regular nuisance when in drink, and he had considerably damaged the property, while £1 14s 6d was owing for rent. Witness received many complaints from the other tenants. The defendant's wife said she had three little children, and could not get another house.

The clerk: *You are not likely*

It was stated that the man was a collier getting good wages. An order to give up possession in 21 days was made, and the woman said she would try her best to get another house.

## *Drunk at Coalville*

Wm. Manyon, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk on the highway at Coalville, on July 21<sup>st</sup>. Defendant said it was the first time in his life. P.C. Haywood stated the case and a fine of 10s or seven days was imposed.

## *Illegal Football*

Richard Sheldon, of Coalville, and John Garritty, of Whitwick, pony drivers, were summoned for playing football on the highway at Hugglescote, on July 14<sup>th</sup>. They pleaded guilty, but said they only had one kick each. P.C. Langham said the defendants were kicking a salmon tin. The conduct of the pit boys in the mornings had been greatly complained of. Fined 5s each or seven days.

### **Coalville Urban District Council**

Mr A. Lockwood, J.P., presided at the monthly meeting of the Urban Council at Coalville, on Tuesday evening, when there were also present. Messrs. F. Griffin (vice-chairman) M. McCarthy, T. Y. Hay, C. W. Brown, S. Armson, J. W. Farmer, B. G. Hale, J.P., W. Fellows, A. J. Briers, and T. Kelly, 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. J. W. Jamie) reported that during July two cases of scarlatina were notified, one in Belvoir Road, Coalville, and one in Parsonwood Hill, Whitwick. Two cases of measles were also notified, and two cases of phthisis, at Whitwick, and Donington-le-Heath. In each case the usual precautions were adopted.

### **Round the Theatres**

#### *The Picture House Whitwick*

"Exploits of Elaine" number 32 was a good part, and "The Dawn of Understanding" was a strong Vitagraph, others were good. For the week-end the chief picture is the "Flying Twins". The Twins are fascinated with the circus. An acrobat who has a grudge against their father persuades them to go away with the circus in which he is performing. He and his wife train the children, and eventually they are starred as 'The Flying Twins'. In the meantime their parents are searching high and low for them. How they are finally discovered, their escape from the acrobat, and how the man got his deserts is well portrayed in the film. – See advertisement for next week's list.

## **Friday August 11<sup>th</sup> 1916 (Issue 1275)**

### **Local News**

#### **Mr R. Sharp's Egg Collection**

Previously acknowledged 2,113 eggs. Messrs. Hawthorn Bros. 20 eggs; Mrs W. Briers 18; Mr R. Sharp 12; Mrs Botham 8. Subscriptions – Mrs B. Squire's company 4/2; 1s each, Miss E. B. Jacks, Mrs West, Messrs. D. Ottey, Pickering, P. J. Riley, Coleman and Sons; 6d, Mr C. Foster. Last year eggs sent numbered 2,187; this year to date 2,235, total 4,422.

#### **Whitwick Colliery Fatality**

*One man killed and another injured*

## *Inquest*

The Deputy-Coroner for North Leicestershire, Mr J. T. Webb, held an inquest at the Fox and Goose Hotel, Coalville, on Saturday, concerning the death of Matthew Henry Ball, miner, of Bakewell Street, Coalville, who was killed whilst at work in the Whitwick Colliery on Thursday morning. Mr John Kirby was foreman of the jury.

Among those present were Mr W. H. Hepplewhite, H.M. Inspector of Mines, Mr Elroy Smith of Mansfield, for the Whitwick Colliery Co., Mr Binns of Derby, for the Indemnity Co., Mr L. Lovett (Leicestershire Miners' Association Agent) and Mr T. Y. Hay (manager of the colliery).

The Deputy-Coroner said the accident was due to a fall of roof, and another man who was injured was too ill to attend, but the jury would hear the evidence of other witnesses on which they would be able to form a conclusion. Everything appeared to be in order, as far as one could tell, but it would be for the jury to ascertain whether anyone was to blame.

Ann Ball, the widow, said the deceased was 61 years of age, and resided at Bakewell Street. He had worked for the Whitwick Colliery Co. for several years. He was a strong, healthy man, and his eyesight and hearing were good. She last saw him alive about 9.30 on Wednesday night, when he went to work and he was then as usual. He had never complained about his work.

Dr. Dunkin, of Coalville, stated that the body was brought to his house, London Road, on Thursday morning. He recognised the deceased, but could not remember having attended him for any illness. The man was quite dead, his neck being obviously broken. There were a few other marks and abrasions, but they were not serious. The broken neck would cause almost instantaneous death. Witness had also attended a miner named John Phillips at his home in Hermitage Road. He had two scalp wounds, crushing of the leg, and various abrasions, but no bones were broken. This man was at present quite incapable of attending to give evidence.

Edward Wallam, Silver Street, Whitwick, said he was a deputy in the yard seam of No. 6 Whitwick pit, and was in charge on the night in question. The deceased and Phillips and two chargemen were removing a fall which had taken place the previous night. Witness went on duty at nine o'clock, and as some of the roof had fallen he had props set under the bars. He thought that was quite sufficient and proceeded with the inspection of his district. When he returned to the place, it was about the same, and the men were clearing up. The fall broke three bars, and the props set were under good bars. The place was well timbered before he went off duty. The bars that gave way had, he thought, been up a few months. They were round bars about 11 ft long, and double-propped. He had no recollection of the bars being put up. They were put there in the ordinary course of timbering, and not in any consequence of any fall. There was no 'fault' at the place. When he went to work on the next shift three more bars were put up which covered the hole. There was a cavity of about 2 ft under the roof. There was no movement of the roof while the timber was being set. Just before he left the place about 6 o'clock a.m. on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, the work was practically finished, and they were ready for turning. He told the under-manager, Mr Smith, that the place was all right, and ready for work, and almost immediately a messenger came. It was Thomas Price who said, "*For God's sake Ted,*

*come on, all the timbers have broken out.*" Witness went and found that all the new timber but one bar had collapsed. Four of the bars were broken straight through the middle, and the deceased was under the debris. When they liberated him he was dead, and Phillips was injured. The two men were clearing up a little dirt that was left over when the fall occurred. No more stone fell after witness got there. It was a new fall.

The Inspector: *The timbers were not strong enough to hold it.*

Witness: *I can't put it any differently.*

By Mr Smith: *The timber used appeared to be good, and there was plenty of it. The two men working under him were chagemen of experience. Witness did everything that he considered was necessary.*

Thomas Shelton, of Loughborough Road, Whitwick, said he was a chageman shifter at the Whitwick pit, and the other chageman, Thomas Garratt, himself and the deceased and Phillips, were repairing the road following a fall on the night of August 1<sup>st</sup>. After the first fall witness noticed that the timber was clean broken. The stuff was cleared away and the place made as strong as they could. They built it up to 4 ft and left a cavity of 2 ft to the roof. The roof did not look good, but not an ounce fell during the work of timbering. They set bars both ways – new bars which had been sent to the place for the purpose. It was foreign fir timber and looked quite sound. He was there when the fall occurred, being under the one bar which held up. He was about 8 ft from the deceased. The other chageman was close by witness. They were removing the loose timber that lay about, and the deceased and Phillips were clearing up. The roof suddenly collapsed without warning. They had not time to shout to one another. It all seemed to come from the centre of the roof. Witness had been a chageman shifter for 26 and a half years, and he thought the work on this occasion was a thoroughly round job. The stuff which fell would weigh about 13 tons. It was a new seam being opened out. There had been no previous similar fall in that district.

Thomas Garratt, Hermitage Road, Coalville, the other chageman shifter, said he agreed with the evidence of Shelton.

By the Inspector: *Witness had been a chageman for 27 years. The timber was new and good. He heard no movement till the crash came.*

The Coroner, summing up, said the men in charge of the work were both workmen of many years' experience, and they appeared to have done all that was necessary. Nobody could suggest why the roof fell, and it was undoubtedly a pure accident.

A verdict of "accidental death" was returned, no blame attaching to anyone.

Mr Levitt said that on behalf of the Miner's Association, he would like to express sympathy with the relatives. He knew the deceased well, having been schoolmates together. Mr Hay said he desired to express the sympathy of the Colliery Co. Deceased was a very respectable man. He had worked for the Whitwick Colliery Co., between 20 and 30 years, and they were sorry to lose him. Mr Kirby, for the jury, also expressed sympathy.

### **Ashby Police Court**

Saturday – Before Mr George Moore (in the chair) the Rev. C. T. Moore, Mr O. D. Orchard, Mr J. Turner and Mr J. H. Parsons.

There was a summons against John Bakewell, (56), bricklayer, Whitwick, in respect of arrears of an order to maintain his wife. Ordered to pay £2 12s and 8s costs.

## **Round the Theatres**

### *The Picture House Whitwick*

The 'star' picture here at the beginning of the week was "The Mystery of the Throne Room" with Grace Cunard playing a dual role. It was much enjoyed. Also "Exploits of Elaine" No. 33 (The Life Chain) a splendid piece. – "When the Germans Entered Loos" was an interesting topical; and other items were good. – For the week-end "The Curtain's Secret" is the chief picture. An evil curse lies on the great old house of Atherton. Behind the curtain in the portrait hall is hidden, according to tradition, the genius for good or evil. Sir Geoffrey discovered that his son, long since dead, had secretly married, and he found he had a grandson, whom he brought to the mansion, and warned him he must never look behind the curtain. A distant relative had expected to inherit the estate, and made things rather nasty for the boy, but it turns out it was the genius for good – or evil – in this case, that lay behind the curtain. – A picture with a good moral – Others are good – See advertisement for next week's list.

## **Friday August 18<sup>th</sup> 1916 (Issue 1276)**

### **Local News**

#### **Memorial Service**

On Sunday morning a memorial service was held in the Whitwick Parish Church for five more parishioners who have recently fallen in the war. – Privates L. Whitmore, H. Burton, C. Wilson, and E. Walton, and Seaman Copson. There was a large congregation, which included the Whitwick and Thringstone Citizen Corps, under Commander J. Lester, and the local Boy Scouts, also a good number of men in khaki and relatives of the deceased. The Vicar (the Rev. T. W. Walters) preached an appropriate sermon, and suitable hymns were sung. At the close of the service, which was very impressive, one of the Boy Scouts sounded "The Last Post" and the organist, Mr R. G. West played the Dead March, the National Anthem also being sung. Peals were rung during the day with the bells muffled.

#### **Whitwick Reservist Killed**

News has been received from official sources that Private Charles Wilson, of the Leicestershire Regiment, was killed in action on July 15<sup>th</sup>. He was a married man with no family, and his wife resides at 73, North Street, Whitwick. Private Wilson had served in the army for about 17 years, and was called up as a reservist. He fought through the South African War. Only three months ago, he was at home on three days' leave from the Front. Before the war he was employed at the South Leicestershire Colliery.

## **Whitwick Soldier's Wedding**



At Holy Cross Catholic Church, Whitwick, the wedding took place of Miss Chrissie Concannon, (granddaughter of the late Mr W. Beckworth, of Whitwick), and Mr Harry Slade, late of the Northamptonshire Regiment. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr Edward Concannon, wore a lovely dress of ivory crepe de chine, trimmed with shadow lace, and orange blossom, and carried a sheaf of lilies. The bridesmaids, Misses Nellie and Lizzie Concannon, wore pretty dresses and rose pink hats, and carried roses and sweet peas. The little train-bearers, Misses Freda King and Mary Collin (nieces of the bride) wore dresses in quaint little smocked frocks, and rose pink hats. After the ceremony, the happy pair left for the Peak district.

## **Bankruptcy**

At the Burton Bankruptcy Court, on Monday, Mrs Johanna Bridget Benson, formerly carrying on business as a tinsmith and ironmonger, at Whitwick, appeared for her public examination. Debtor's statement of affairs showed liabilities £72, and the assets £20 12s, thus leaving a deficiency of £51. Debtor, in her examination, said she was a widow, the business formerly belonged to her husband, who died nine years ago. She became entitled to the business and some property, which was subject to a mortgage of £650 at 4 per cent interest. She was now 12 months in arrears with the interest. The mortgage had now obtained power to enter into possession. For a few years after her husband's death the business was fairly successful. – The examination was closed on the normal terms.

## **Local Chit Chat**

Sir Matthew Joyce, of Abbot's Oak, has presented to Whitwick Parish Church a most interesting old engraving of the Church, as it appeared many years ago, with the font, the Talbot monument and details of an old stained-glass window, which, unfortunately, have long since disappeared. It is being mounted and framed to be hung in the Church.

Sergeant S. Perry, of the Leicestershire Regiment, son of Mr Samuel Perry, of Silver Street, Whitwick, has just arrived home from Bury hospital, and is making fair progress towards convalescence. He was in a great charge which the Leicesters made on July 14<sup>th</sup>, when they achieved their objective in driving the Germans from their trenches, which they afterwards held, though, as the lists have since proved, there were numerous casualties. Sergeant Perry was hit in three places by shrapnel, receiving many wounds over the right eye and on his right arm and leg. Before the war he assisted his father in the tailoring business and was a popular resident, particular with the younger element, since for several years he was the master of the Whitwick Troop of Boy Scouts. Many friends in Whitwick will wish him a speedy and complete recovery. Sergeant Perry informed the

writer that several lads from Coalville and district were in his company when they captured the German trenches on that memorable fourteenth of July.

### **Ashby County Court**

Yesterday – Before the Registrar, Mr W. A. Musson

#### *Whitwick Rent Claim*

George Frederick Burton, grocer, Whitwick, sued James Wallam, miner, of Shepshed, for £4 5s, being 11 weeks' rent at 7s per week for the tenancy of a house at Whitwick, and certain repairs.

Mr T. H. Moore (Messrs. Crane and Moore, Coalville) appeared for the defendant, acting for Mr J. F. Jesson, and said the plaintiff raised the rent to 7s per week because defendant would not leave the house, and also that he entered 7s in the rent book when defendant only paid 6s. The "diddling" he alleged was for the purpose of justifying plaintiff's contention that defendant agreed to pay 7s.

Plaintiff: *There is no "diddling" about it. I stand by the rent book.*

Mr Moore: *Do you say that she ever paid you 7s?*

Defendant: *I don't suppose she did.*

Mr Moore said the point was, did she consent to the raising of the rent?

Plaintiff: *I don't think she did.*

It transpired that plaintiff had obtained an ejectment order at a previous court, and he defends he had vacated the property. Mrs Wallam said that although 7s appeared in the rent book she never paid more than 6s. She said her husband was receiving the minimum wage. The Registrar asked what that might be.

Witness: *Nine shillings a day.*

The Registrar said the defendant stayed in the house in defiance of the plaintiff, and he considered that the rent book showed an acceptance of the raising of the rent, and he thought it was a monstrous case, and gave judgement for the plaintiff for the amount claimed.

### **Coalville Police Court**

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

#### *Might have Killed Someone*

Wm. Twigg junr. (15), collier, Ibstock, was summoned for furiously riding a bicycle on the highway at Whitwick, on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. He pleaded guilty and said he was sorry. Sergeant Betts said the lad rode down the Forest Rock Hill from High Tor at a terrific rate on Sunday night. There were 150 people about, and it was a wonder he did not kill somebody. He did not knock down a child, which was bruised badly. The boy's father said he depended on



the lad. Defendant, who said he earned £1 per week at Nailstone Wood pit, was cautioned and fined 10s 6d.

### *Drunk and Disorderly*

George A. Botterill, (19), collier, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick, on August 7<sup>th</sup>. P.C. Jelley gave the facts and defendant, who did not appear, was fined 12s or seven days.

### *"Banker" at Whitwick*

Frederick Griffin (19), Richard Cufflin (19), John Newell (17), Charles Clarke (17), George A. Botterill (17), colliers, and Frederick Hawkins (18), carpenter, all of Whitwick, were summoned for gaming with cards and coins at Whitwick, on July 31<sup>st</sup>. None of the defendants appeared. Sergeant Betts said he saw the defendants on the foot road from Whitwick to Swannington playing "banker". This sort of thing was going on in every hole and corner in Whitwick by youths as soon as they got their money. Each defendant was fined 10s 6d or 7 days.

### *Bad Language*

Thomas Commons, (50), collier, Whitwick, were summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on August 7<sup>th</sup>. P.C. Jelley gave the facts and defendant, who did not appear, was fined 15s or fourteen days.

Ada M. Botterill (53) and Prudence Botterill (21), married, both of Whitwick, were summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on August 7<sup>th</sup>. P.C. Jelley said defendants, mother and daughter-in-law, were using the language to one another and the daughter was smashing the pots. The latter's husband was at the Front. Each defendant was fined 10s or seven days.

### *Violent Conduct*

Andrew Smith (23) and Frederick Williams (25), colliers, both of Whitwick, were summoned for violent conduct at Whitwick, on August 5<sup>th</sup>, and Smith was also summoned for a similar offence on August 7<sup>th</sup>.

P.C. Jones said the defendants had their coats off, and caused a disturbance in the Dumps. Each defendant was fined 10s or seven days. In the second case against Smith, P.C. Jelley said the defendant was challenging people to fight, and struck his mother. Fined £1 1s, or 14 days, the two sentences to be concurrent.

### *Coal Stealing at Whitwick*

Emma Perry (50), married, of Whitwick, was charged with stealing 30lbs weight of coal, value 6d, at Whitwick, on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Defendant said she took the coal, but was told she was allowed to in consideration of bits given to the pigs.

Bowley Hurst, collier, Whitwick, said he kept the coal in a shed near his house, and since last March had missed it continually, in consequence of which he complained to Sergeant Betts.

By defendant: *He was not aware that his wife had told the defendant she could fetch a lump of coal now and again. Being a relative she thought she was doing nothing wrong.*

The clerk asked what the relationship was.

Witness: *She is no relative to me.*

Defendant: *His brother married my sister. (Laughter).*

Priscilla Rowell, a Whitwick girl, said she was going on an errand when she saw the defendant coming out of Hurst's shed with a lump of coal in her apron. Elizabeth Hurst, wife of Bowley Hurst, said she had never given the defendant permission to take coal for the bits she took. If the defendant had taken any bits of bread she had paid her for them. Witness had missed a lot of coal.

Sergeant Betts said he saw the defendant, and told her that Bowley Hurst had been missing coal, and she was suspected of stealing it. Defendant said she took some bread crusts that morning and Mrs Hurst was not up. She left the bread and brought away a lump of coal. Witness ascertained that defendant's husband was allowed coal tickets at the lbstock pit, where he worked, but that the woman had sold them.

Fined 10s 6d and 10s 6d for witnesses, or 14 days.

### **Round the Theatres**

#### *The Picture House Whitwick*

Good houses have been the order here again this week, and No. 30 of "The Exploits of Elaine" was a good part at the beginning of the week. Also, "The Fisherwoman" a fine drama by Thanouser – Others were excellent. – For the week-end, "The Nightbirds of London" is a good film story. The Nightbirds' club is the haunt of gamblers and rogues. The villain wishes to compass the ruin of Eric Joyce and supplant him in the will of old Colonel Joyce. In a drunken brawl, one of the company at the club is killed, and the blame is fastened on Eric. The latter has a son, and the villain makes it his business to try and clear him out of the way. He is unsuccessful in all his vile plotting, however, and in the end the hero and heroine are re-united and the culprit arrested. – This will be enjoyed. – Others are also very good, and must be seen. – See advertisement for next week's list.

### **In Memoriam**

#### **"Thy will be done"**

In loving memory of William, eldest son of Richard and Sarah Massey, of Whitwick, killed somewhere in France, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 1915. Aged 19 years and 7 months, of the 5<sup>th</sup> Leicesters.

*Not death, but just the parting of the ways,*

*Divides us from a hero slain,  
A patriot sleeps, but with the morning's rays,  
Fond hearts awake and meet again.*

From Father, Mother and all.

## **Friday August 25<sup>th</sup> 1916 (Issue 1277)**

### **Local News**

#### **Mr Robert Sharp's Egg Collection**

Subscriptions: Lady Joyce, 2s 6d; Mr J. Gilbert 2s 6d; Mr J. Brewers 6s 8d; Greyhound Inn company 3s 2d; Mr Gledhill's company 3s 1 ½ d; Royal Oak Inn company 2s 6d; Fountain Inn company 2s 7d; 2s each Mr J. H. Land, and Captain Briggs. 1s each Miss Trevena, Mrs Roberts, Mrs W. James, Messrs. R. A. Roulston, W. Johnson, W. Middleton, H. Burton and Wilkins (carriers).

Eggs: 24 Mrs J. Green; 18 each Mrs C. McKenna and Mrs J. Thomes; 12 Mrs G. Sheffield; 10 Mrs C. Illsley; 8 each Mrs T. Hull and Mrs Botham; 6 Mrs J. Peace; 3 each Mrs Ward and Mrs W. Smith; 13 Mr R. Sharp.

#### **Colliery Accident**

An accident happened in the Whitwick Colliery on Monday, when one of the miners, J. W. Davis, a well-known local footballer, who resides in Ashby Road, Coalville, received injuries to his back by a fall of stone. He was taken to the Leicester Royal Infirmary.

#### **Local Casualties**

The following names appeared in recent official casualty lists:-

*Wounded*

#### **Leicestershire Regiment**

Perry, 12135, Sergeant S. E., Whitwick  
Brown, 16779, Private F. S., Whitwick  
Priest, 10080, Private C. G., Whitwick  
Sargent, 15581, Private F., Whitwick  
Squires, 15524, Private E., Whitwick  
Jones, 10578, Private J., Whitwick

#### **Coalville Tribunal**

Mr T. Y. Hay presided at a meeting of the Coalville Urban Tribunal in the Council Chambers on Wednesday evening, when there were also present, Messrs. A. Lockwood, B. B. Drewett, M. McCarthy, B. G. Hale, A. J. Briers, T. F. Fox, C. W. Brown, with Mr G. J. German (military representative), R. Blower (military secretary), and Mr Taylor (for the clerk).

The military representative asked whether the Tribunal would make it a condition in granting exemption that applicants must join a volunteer training corps. Mr McCarthy said that was a reasonable suggestion, and was done in many places.

Mr German: *Almost everywhere.*

The chairman said they had a corps at Coalville. Mr Drewett said it was remarked when the matter cropped up before that the Coalville Corps was “non ect” for the time being. Several Tribunals, Shepshed to wit, had been very strict in this matter.

Mr Hale moved that it be a condition in all cases where over a month was granted. Mr Drewett seconded and it was carried. The clerk said it would be for applicants who might be engaged on munition work till late at night, and finding it impossible to fulfil the condition to represent that to the Tribunal. The chairman said it would be up to the applicants to prove that. The military representative read a letter from Mr W. H. Hepplewhite, the president of the Collieries’ Recruiting Court stating that colliery managers had been warned of the consequences of taking on men who did not possess a miner’s exemption card. He also stated that if a man left a mine, it was his duty to return his certificate. Managers of collieries were not justified in taking on men who had been exempted by the Tribunals. Mr German added that the letter meant that the Tribunal could not give men exemption on the understanding that they could go to a mine as work of national importance.

Mr Lockwood: *I take it that it means the mines are well manned.*

The chairman: *Some of the mines are very badly manned.*

The Forest Rock Granite Co., Whitwick, applied for a carman and a steam lorry driver, both 40 years of age with large families. A representative of the firm said the carman was learning to drive. They were supplying stone for Government contracts. Three months were allowed in each case.

One month was allowed a Whitwick hairdresser, aged 35, married, whose boy, aged 14, assists him in the business.

A Whitwick painter and decorator, aged 32, married, with five children, was allowed two months on getting munitions work.

A Whitwick building firm, represented by Mr T. H. Moore, appealed for their foreman, it being stated that nine men out of 20 had joined the Forces, besides two of the three partners. The man applied for he had seven children and was 40 years of age. Conditional exemption was allowed.

As recommended to the Advisory Committee, the Tribunal assented to conditional exemption in the following cases: A Whitwick chemist, aged 40;

### **Do You Know That**

A lady operator commenced duties on Monday last, at the Whitwick Picture Palace?

## **Round the Theatres**

### *The Picture House Whitwick*

There is a fine list of subjects here this week and "Exploits of Elaine" number 35 was a good part – "The Path of Sorrows" was a fine two-part drama, and was much enjoyed by the usual enthusiastic audiences. – Others were good. – For the week-end "Anarchists of Monte Carlo" is the 'star' and must be seen. The Prince takes a few weeks' vacation and in the meantime his father banishes a band of anarchists. The latter plan to capture the Prince and hold him until the period of their exile is cancelled. Their plan works excellently, but a girl whom the Prince has befriended overhears their plot. The Prince, however, is carried off in a motor-boat, which is being pursued by another boat. Preferring death to being taken, the anarchists explode the petrol tank, but the Prince is saved. – Others are good. – Next week, another fine list, see advertisement.

## **Births, Marriages and Deaths**

### **Burials**

Halford – At Whitwick, today, Thos. Halford, aged 69 years, of Pares' Hill.

## **Friday September 1<sup>st</sup> 1916 (Issue 1278)**

### **Local News**

#### **Family Dispute at Whitwick**

##### *A Disgraceful Case*

At the Coalville Police Court on Friday, before Major Hatchett, (in the chair) Mr J. W. West, and Mr Levi Lovett.

Frederick Perry, collier, Whitwick, Frances Perry, his wife, and Norah Perry, his daughter, were summoned for assaulting Bowley Hurst, collier, at Whitwick, on August 11<sup>th</sup>, and Bowley Hurst and his wife, Elizabeth Hurst, were summoned for assaulting Frances Perry, on the same date. In each case there was a plea of not guilty.

Mr J. J. Sharp appeared for the Hursts, and Mr T. H. Moore for the Perrys.

The cases were taken together, Mr Sharp opening for the Hursts. He said the parties were related, Hurst and Perry being brothers-in-law, and it was an unfortunate family quarrel, but the assault on his client was so serious that he felt bound to bring it into court.

Bowley Hurst stated that he charged a relative of the Perry's at the last court with stealing coal, and she was convicted. The same night, he and his wife went to Whitwick Market Place to do some shopping. He went into the Star Tea shop, and had hardly got over the doorstep when Mrs Perry picked up a 4lb weight and threw it at him, hitting him between the eyes. He was nearly stunned, and the wound bled profusely. He produced several blood-stained garments. When he got out of the shop he saw P.C. Jelley, and handed the weight to him. The policeman advised him to go home, and he was doing so, but on the

way he had to pass the Duke of Newcastle Inn. Just as he got opposite the door, Norah Perry saw him and fetched her father out of the public house, two or three others being with them. They knocked him down, Fred Perry knelt on him and he was badly treated. Ultimately, P.C. Jelley came up, and after he had been assisted into the yard, and his face bathed, he was able to walk home. He could not account for the assault, except for the proceedings at the previous court. Mrs Perry, whom he summoned then for stealing his coal, was the wife of Fred Perry's brother.

By Mr Moore: *Some time ago, a son of his left home and had since lived with his aunt (Frances Perry), but that was not the cause of the bother. He did not strike Frances Perry before someone threw the weight. He was not of a quarrelsome nature, and had never set himself up to be the best fighter in Whitwick.*

By the clerk: *The only time he had ever been convicted was once for violent conduct.*

Elizabeth Hurst, wife of the complainant, stated that in Coalville after the case a fortnight ago, Frances Perry saw her, and told her they were a lot of rogues. The same night in Whitwick Market Place, Perry met her again and struck at her. A crowd collected, and then her husband came up. Mrs Perry then ran into the Star Tea shop. Witness's husband followed her and he came out almost immediately with the weight which had been thrown at him. His eye was "bunged up". On their way home, about half-a-dozen attacked her husband near the Duke of Newcastle, including the three Perry's, and she thought they would kill him. All three defendants punched him, and kept her from helping him. She had her baby in her arms. Fortunately, P.C. Jelley came up.

By Mr Moore: *There had been no bother over her boy having left her to go and live with the Perrys.*

Martha Moore, wife of John Moore, carter and contractor, Whitwick, said she saw a crowd outside the Duke of Newcastle, and later Hurst came into her yard. His face was covered with blood, and she got him some hot water.

P.C. Jelley said he was fetched to the row in the Market Place and Hurst handed him the 4lb weight, and made a complaint. He advised the parties to go home. In the Star Tea shop he saw that a bottle of wine and some tins of salmon had been upset. The manager said in was done in the scuffle. Later, witness went in the direction of the Duke of Newcastle, and was met by Mrs Hurst, who said, "*They are killing Bowley.*" She had a baby in a push-chair. When witness saw Hurst again his face was badly swollen, and there was no doubt he had been badly knocked about.

By Mr Moore: *When he first saw Hurst and Frances Perry in the Market Place they were striking at one another. He told them to go home, or he should report them for violent conduct. If Mrs Perry had gone home there would have been no bother near the Duke of Newcastle.*

Sergeant Betts said that in consequence of the disturbance, he and P.C. Jones had to remain on duty until midnight to prevent Perry from going to Hurst's house. The concluded the case for the Hursts.

Frances Perry said she had no feeling over the coal stealing job, as if people did wrong they should suffer for it, but the bother was about the boy living with her. Witness went shopping in Whitwick Market Place when Bowley Hurst came up and accosted her. That was outside Mr McCarthy's shop. Later, he followed her into the Star Tea shop and struck her several times. They had a struggle in the shop. She did pick up the weight, but did not throw it at him. There were a lot of people there, and if she had thrown the weight it might have hit someone. She bowled it along, and it fell at Hurst's feet. Meanwhile, Mrs Hurst had thrown a parcel at her, hitting her on the arm. She said she should not be knocked about like that and went to tell her husband at the Duke of Newcastle Inn. Her husband and Hurst then had a fight.

By Mr Sharp: *She picked up the weight in self-defence, but did not throw it at Hurst. She had not threatened Mr Hurst.*

Charles Elton Pegler, manager of the Star Tea shop, Whitwick, deposed to a struggle taking place in the shop. He did not see the weight thrown and did not miss it till afterwards.

Grace Perry (14), daughter of Frederick Perry, said she saw the struggle near the Duke of Newcastle, and Norah Perry, one of the defendants, gave her version of the affair, alleging that the Hursts were the aggressors. It was a lie that her mother threw the weight at Hurst.

Fred Perry, the other defendant, said Bowley Hurst was beastly drunk. He (Perry) tried to keep out of his way, but struck him for his assault on his wife.

Helen O'Reilly (43), of Silver Street, Whitwick, also gave evidence.

The summons against the Hursts was dismissed and Mrs Perry ordered to pay 7/6 costs.

Norah Perry was acquitted of assaulting Hurst, but her mother and father, Fred and Frances Perry, were each fined £1, and 1s 3d for witnesses, or 14 days.

The chairman said the Bench considered it a disgraceful case. The total to be paid by the Perrys was £2 10s, and Hurst had to pay 5/6 costs.

## **Ashby Board of Guardians**

### *Temporary Rate Collector for Whitwick*

Mr W. D. McCarthy, poor rate collector for Whitwick, wrote stating he had been called up to join the forces in September and asked the Board whether they would appoint his brother, Mr T. I. McCarthy, of Coalville, as deputy collector during the time he was serving in the Forces. Mr Briers asked whether they could do that.

The clerk: We should retain W. D. McCarthy as collector and appoint his brother to act temporarily during his absence.

Mr Briers then moved and Mr Andrews seconded that this be done. Dr Atkinson asked how it would be if Mr T. I. McCarthy was called up.

Mr Briers: *He has conditional exemption.*

The resolution was carried.

### **Whitwick Quarryman Dies of Wounds**

Official information has been received of the death of Private Samuel Green, Leicesters, who died in France shortly after being wounded in action. He was 34 years of age, and unmarried. Previous to joining the army last year he was employed at the Pelder Tor Granite Works, Whitwick, but resided with his parents at Charnwood Road, Shepshed, both of whom are over 70 years of age. Lieutenant J. Connoley, in a letter to Mr and Mrs Green says, "*He was brave to the last, and nobly did his duty. Our regiment has reason to be proud of such fellows.*"

### **Mr R. Sharp's Egg Collection**

Previously acknowledged 2,555 eggs. Subscriptions: Mrs W. Lindley and Mrs A. White 2/6 each; 1/- each Mrs J. Burkitt, Mrs T. Toon, Messrs. M. Larner, Thompson, H. Conniff, W. Bowley, R. Wilkes, A. Whitmore and H. Pearson; A friend 6d; anonymous 6d; Eggs: Messrs. Hawthorn Bros. 20; Mr D. Hincks 16; Mrs T. Priestley 12; Mrs Botham 5; Mr R. Sharp 10.

### **Round the Theatres**

*The Picture House, Whitwick*

Good audiences have been most interested in the various items of the splendid programme being screened here this week. The final episode of the "Exploits of Elaine" was a good one, and patrons will be sorry to see the end of this most excellent serial. "A Daughter of the Underworld" was also much enjoyed. – For the week-end, "Monsieur Lecoq, Detective" is a Thanouser production of exceptional merit, which will be much enjoyed by Picture House patrons, and must not be missed. It is in four acts, and all will be found most thrilling. – Others are good. – It is announced that the Tuesday morning matinee will be held hence forward, as previously. – Next week's list see advertisement.

## **Friday September 8<sup>th</sup> 1916 (Issue 1279)**

### **Local News**

Mr and Mrs R. Sharp, of 106, Silver Street, Whitwick, has received the following letter in connection with their egg collection:-

*"Dear Sir and Madam – Will you kindly convey my best thanks to all who have contributed from time to time to your collection of eggs for the sick and wounded soldiers in this hospital. I find that the large number of 2,187 eggs was sent last year, and 2,559 have been received up to the present this year. Many of these have been given when eggs were very scarce, and were therefore all the more welcome. The trouble you have taken, and the generosity to those who have given are highly appreciated, and I am sure that all the patients who have shared in the benefit of these gifts would wish to join in this message of thanks. Yours faithfully."*



Louis N. Harrison  
Lt.-Colonel, 1/5<sup>th</sup> Northern General Hospital  
Leicester

## **Thunderstorm at Whitwick**

### *Curious Lightning Effects*

#### *Woman's Ring torn from her Finger*

The heavy thunderstorm which passed over the district on Sunday between one and two o'clock, was particularly severe at Whitwick, where considerable damage was done and there were some peculiar happenings.

Perhaps the most remarkable of all was the experience of Mrs Richards, who resides in Brooks' Lane. She was sweeping the water through her back door when the storm was at its height, and the lightning was attracted by a gold keeper ring she was wearing on her second finger. The ring was torn off, and fell undamaged to the ground, leaving her finger cut and bleeding. For a time she suffered from shock, but when seen by our reporter on Tuesday had quite recovered except that her finger bore scars.

It was in this vicinity that most damage was done. Opposite Mrs Richards' house across a small field, a row of houses, in School Lane, owned by Messrs. E. Briers and Son, builders, were struck, the end house, occupied by Mrs Spencer, getting it the most severely. Here the chimney stack was demolished, the bricks falling with a crash into the yard and slates were torn from the edges of the roof on either side. The lightning appears to have run round these houses, as at one occupied by Mr Everard Wale, three or four doors away, a large hole was made in the rain-pipe, and the lightning then forced its way through a crevice in the wall into the pantry, where the plaster was all stripped off, and the bricks were blackened by the fire. Mrs Wale says there was a loud explosion in the kitchen, which adjoins the pantry. Fortunately, no one was hurt, though they were all very much alarmed. At Mrs Spencer's house where the chimney was struck the dinner being cooked was spoilt. In the yard adjoining, a valuable sow belonging to Messrs. Briers was killed by the lightning while in the sty, and the lightning conductor on a tall chimney stack was bent and one of the staples torn out.

But the damage was not all confined to this area. In Leicester Road, Whitwick, the best part of a mile distant, a house was also struck. This was one occupied by Mr I. Moreton, a roadman, and the only occupant at the time was Mrs Moreton, an old lady who was considerably alarmed, but not injured. Here the chimney stack was demolished and holes were made in the roof. The ceiling in the back room also collapsed, and a large picture hanging on the wall in the front bedroom was smashed.

A lad named John Bonser, 8 or 9 years of age, who lives next door, was standing on the doorstep and received what he likened to an electric shock. He was struck on the shoulder, where there were signs of burning, and he states that the shock seemed to go right through him to the tips of his toes. He was soon alright again, and appeared little the worse for his experience when our enquiries were made on Tuesday. Bonser is one of the choristers at Whitwick Parish Church.

## **Situations Vacant**

Wanted – 50 menders for hose and half-hose. Work delivered anywhere in the district. Apply 31, Cademan Street, Whitwick.

## **Coalville Tribunal**

A meeting of the Military Tribunal for the Coalville urban district was held in the Council Chamber on Wednesday evening, Mr A. Lockwood, J.P., presiding. There were also present, Messrs. M. McCarthy, B. B. Drewett, C. W. Brown, A. J. Briers, and J. W. Fisher with Mr G. J. German (military representative), Mr R. Blower (military secretary), and Mr Taylor (for the clerk).

The clerk read a copy of a circular letter to be sent to all men exempted for more than two months, pointing out that they were expected to at once join a Voluntary Training Corps. This was approved. Mr Briers asked whether the men working on munitions and in the coal mines had to do likewise.

The chairman: *I am afraid we can't make them.*

Mr Briers: *There are a lot of young colliers going about, who laugh at men in khaki, and I don't like to see it.* (Hear, hear).

A Whitwick marine store dealer who is a member of the Tribunal, appealed for his son, aged 18 years and 10 months, saying he was his right-hand man. He had seven men before the war and now only this one. He said they were supplying munition firms with scrap iron, etc. and put in several letters from such firms testifying to the importance of the supply being kept up. Applicant added that he wanted no favours as a member of the Tribunal, but asked them to treat the case on its merits. – Two months allowed.

## **Do You Know That**

Mr J. W. Davis, a well-known Coalville footballer, who received severe injury to his back while at work in the Whitwick pit, a few weeks ago, has now been discharged from the Leicester Royal Infirmary, and is making satisfactory progress.

## **Coalville Urban District Council**

The monthly meeting of the Urban Council was held at Coalville, on Tuesday evening, Mr A. Lockwood, J.P., presiding. There were also present Messrs. F. Griffin (vice-chairman), M. McCarthy, T. Y. Hay, C. W. Brown, J. W. Farmer, B. G. Hale, J.P., W. Fellows, R. Blower, A. J. Briers, T. Kelly, 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 the urban district continued unusually free from infectious disease, only one case of scarlatina in Hermitage Road, and one of measles in Cademan Street, Whitwick, being notified.

### *Whitwick Lodgers*

The number of persons accommodated at Whitwick lodging houses during the month was stated to be 655, against 653 last month and 603 in August last year. The lodging houses had been inspected and found satisfactory.

### *Broom Leys as a Soldier's Hospital*

The clerk read a reply from the public auditor, Mr Weigall, stating that there would be no objection on legal grounds to the Council allowing free water and gas to Broom Leys – It was in respect of an enquiry as to whether the Council would allow this in the event of Broom Leys being used for wounded or convalescent soldiers.

Mr Farmer said that as chairman of the Gas Committee he would like to give them a few figures before they came to any decision. Two years ago it cost the Gas Committee £30 a year. In May last the returns from the gas works were down £33 a month, June £88 and July £65. He was no pessimist and he had no doubt they would go on alright, but he thought it only right to mention that. The chairman said the figures quoted as to the previous cost at Broom Leys covered a period when there was a great deal of extravagance, and they might have been considerably reduced. Mr Farmer said the gas works manager had estimated the cost in regard to this application at £50 a year.

Mr McCarthy said he agreed that they should be cautious. He would like the resolution passed previously to be read. Mr Blower pointed out that the Daylight Saving had no doubt largely accounted for less revenue. Then with a crowd of people like they had at Broom Leys, everybody would realise that it was not an easy matter to deal with. They did not understand the language and conditions and allowances had to be made. If a body of Englishmen were got together under similar circumstances he did not know that they would be any better.

The chairman said the regulations were not kept. After the caretaker had turned the lights out on occasions they were lighted again. The clerk then read a minute called for by Mr McCarthy. It was to the effect that for two years the Belgians were in occupation and the gas consumed was 133,000 cubic feet and 150,200 cubic feet, while for the quarter ending March the consumption was 57,100 cubic feet. The Council considered that as very excessive and decided on a free allowance of 50,000 cubic feet per annum from April 1<sup>st</sup>, all over that to be paid for.

Mr Blower asked what was the normal consumption at Broom Leys when used as a private residence. Mr Eagles replied that in round figures it was £25 a year. If it was now to be used as a hospital, gas would be burning at nights and they would probably require cooking stoves. He considered it would amount to £50 per annum.

Mr Brown asked whether other hospitals had similar conditions as they were asked to gauge. Mr Eagles said he had consulted a few other managers and they had not been asked to do it. The chairman said these hospitals were allowed a certain grant from the Government and this had to be supplemented by subscriptions.

Mr Fellows moved that the Council offer to supply 100,000 cubic feet of gas per annum free. Mr Griffin seconded and it was carried. It was also unanimously agreed to allow a

free water supply. Mr McCarthy moved a vote of thanks to the Whitwick Colliery Co. directors for offering this fine residence to the Government for the use of wounded soldiers and for having allowed it to be used by the Belgian refugees. The Council were the public body of this district and should recognise acts of that sort. Mr Griffin seconded and it was carried.

## **Round the Theatres**

*The Picture House, Whitwick*

“The Golden Pavement” at the beginning of the week here was a real good Hepworth, in four reels. – “Pimple, poor but Dishonest”, a good one, with many others. – There have been the usual good audiences. For the week-end “Forgive us our Sins” is a fine drama. Marguerite and Irene live in a peaceful country home with their blind mother. Everything goes well until Irene falls in love, and elopes with, George, a gay young visitor to the village. Arriving in the city, they begin a gay life, but as usual, this sort of thing doesn’t last forever, and a day comes when the end of their resources is reached. Marguerite meanwhile marries Dr. Stanley. This gentleman, however, plays a double game which eventually leads to tragedy. In the end, however, husband and wife pledge themselves to begin a new life. – Others are good. – See advertisement for next week’s list, another excellent one.

## **Friday September 15<sup>th</sup> 1916 (Issue 1280)**

### **Local News**

#### **Mr Robert Sharp’s Egg Collection**

Previously acknowledged 2,718.

Subscriptions to the fund: Constitutional Club (Coalville) company 9s; Liberal Club (Coalville) company 6s 1 ½ d; Liberal Club (Whitwick) company 4s 2d; 2/6 Mr John Atkins; 1s each, Messrs. T. Bourne, J. Boam, H. Springthorpe, F. Blow, and “A.J.B.”; 6d, Mrs J. Eagles.

Eggs: 12, Mrs F. Pople and Mr R. Sharp; 9, Mrs T. Hull; 5, Mrs Botham.

#### **Club Dinner**

The annual dinner of the 5s sick and dividend club held at the Railway Hotel took place on Saturday afternoon, when Mr and Mrs T. Kelly excellently catered for a company of about 50. The divided of 6/3 per member was paid out. A pleasant evening was spent under the presidency of Mr T. Saddington, of Coalville, songs being contributed by Messrs. B. Johnson, J. Kelly, P. O’Mara, C. Haywood and others. Mr G. H. Hallam, of Thringstone, being pianist. The club was started again, all the old members re-joining and 14 new ones.

### **Do You Know That**

There will be a “Quiet Afternoon” in the Whitwick Parish Church tomorrow?

## Coalville Police Court

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

### *Ejectment Orders*

Application was made by Mr J. J. Sharp, solicitor, Coalville, for leave to proceed for ejectment orders and the recovery of cottages occupied by Charles Moore, marine store dealer, Whitwick, Wm. Upton, collier, Whitwick, and David Moreton, collier, Heather.

In the case of Moreton, Mr Sharp said the rent was only 2/6 a week, and the arrears were 28/-. The owner (Mr Ford), had allowed him every latitude. The man was a collier in regular work. Defendant said he could not get a house anywhere. An order to give up possession within thirty days were made, defendant to pay 2/6 costs.

The case of Moore was stated to have been settled. In reference to Upton, Mr Sharp said this was another case where the owner could not get the rent, £1 16s 3d being owing, though defendant was getting good money as a collier. This, however, was not the only thing. They were an undesirable tenant, and there were subsequent rows. Ordered to give up possession within thirty days, and to pay 2/6 costs.

### *A Thringstone Fight*

Andrew Moore, of Whitwick, and Robert Hatton, of Thringstone, both colliers, were summoned for violent conduct at Thringstone, on September 4<sup>th</sup>. They did not appear. P.C. Jones said the men were fighting in the village street. Fined 12/6 each or seven days.

### *Glad to go to Prison*

Emily Barker, of no fixed abode was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick on September 7<sup>th</sup>. Defendant said she was guilty. She had been to the Wake, and was treated. She had had no food for some time and a drop of drink took hold of her. Sergeant Betts said the woman caused a disturbance in Whitwick Market Place, and had to be conveyed to the police station. As she was removed, she remarked that it would be a rest.

## **Lance-Corporal R. W. Berrington**



Lance-Corporal Robert Wm. Berrington, of the Leicestershire Regiment, is another of the men to be honoured by his commanding officer, who in forwarding an intimation that Berrington has been awarded the military medal for gallantry in the field, offers his congratulations. Berrington joined the Army in September, 1914. He was educated at Whitwick National School and attended Whitwick Wesleyan Church, of which his late grandfather, Mr Wm. Berrington, was an esteemed member. He worked at Whitwick Granite Co.'s quarries for about 10 years, but prior to enlisting was employed at Enderby Quarry for about a year. He previously lived with his father, Mr John William Berrington, and grandmother, Mrs Wm. Berrington, at

90, Leicester Road, Whitwick, and has a good number of relatives in the neighbourhood. "Rob", as he was familiarly known locally was one of the most energetic members of the Whitwick Gymnasium, and School of Arms generously built and provided by the Right Hon. Charles Booth, of Gracedieu Manor, for the use of Whitwick and district, and the gymnastic and general training under Sergeant Stone (Seaforth Highlanders) inoculating, as it did, the spirit of discipline and quick decision in time of danger and emergency – in a well-trained mind and body – has borne good fruit on the field of battle, in the fierce struggle for the cause of right and freedom. The gallant soldier's father, it is interesting to note, was formerly in the Leicestershire Yeomanry in which he served for 21 years, retiring with the rank of senior corporal and being the possessor of an long-service medal.

### **Round the Theatres**

#### *The Picture House, Whitwick*

The pictures here this week are a very fine lot, and have been much enjoyed by the usual appreciative audiences – At the commencement of the week "The Black Orchid" was the chief film. It was a thrilling story of British garrison life in India. – Others were good, and amongst them the Kineto war man was a good feature. – For the week-end the chief one is "Reincarnation," a fine Thanhouse. The plot is of great interest. A man is being tried for assault and robbery. The judge arrives at the truth through a chance shot, inspired by the vision of a previous existence in which he had tried a similar case, where he discovers that after giving his verdict he condemned an innocent man to death. This does not happen a second time. – Next week's programme includes two excellent 'turns'. See advertisement for full particulars.

## **Friday September 22<sup>nd</sup> 1916 (Issue 1281)**

### **Local News**

#### **Quiet Afternoon**

On Saturday a quiet afternoon was held at the Whitwick Parish Church in connection with the forthcoming National Mission. There was a devotional service in the afternoon followed by tea and intercession with an address in the evening. The speaker was the Rev. F. C. Payne, M.A., vicar of St. Margaret's, Leicester.

#### **Juvenile Missionary Effort**

In connection with the annual effort by the juvenile's for the Missionary Society, special services were held at the Whitwick Wesleyan Church on Sunday last, the Rev. G. C. Main, of Manchester, and formerly of Coalville, being the preacher. There was a children's service in the afternoon. The collection realised £4 12s.

#### **Whitwick Soldier Recovers Speech**

Private A. B. Eagles, of the Leicesters, attached to the Essex Regiment, officially reported wounded, is a son of Mr J. W. Eagles, the manager of the Coalville Urban District Council's gasworks at Whitwick. He was struck by shrapnel in several places and as a

result lost his speech for a time, but this has now returned, and he is making good progress in Woolwich hospital.

### **Mr R. Sharp's Egg Collection**

Previously acknowledged 2,918 eggs.

Subscriptions: 2s each Mr J. J. Sharp, and a friend; 1s each, Mrs M. Burkitt, Miss E. M. Hunt, Miss A. S. Roulstone, Mrs T. Belcher, Messrs. H. E. Bastard, W. Aris, O. Burton, and G. Wilkins; 8 ½ d Mr J. Homer; 6d each Messrs. J. Greenwood and C. F. Regley.

Eggs: 14 Miss Bell, 9 Mrs Botham, 6 Mrs A. Briers, 10 Mr R. Sharp.

### **Coalville Tribunal**

#### *Exempted Men and Drilling*

A meeting of the Coalville Urban Military Tribunal was held in the Council Chamber on Wednesday night, Mr T. Y. Hay presiding. There were also present, Messrs. M. McCarthy, A. Lockwood, J.P., B. B. Drewett, B. G. Hale, J.P., C. W. Brown, A. J. Briers, T. F. Fox, and J. W. Fisher, with Mr G. J. German (military representative), Mr R. Blower (military secretary), and Mr Taylor (for the clerk).

Mr J. J. Sharp, solicitor, represented a Whitwick painter and decorator, in an appeal for his son, aged 31, and married. He said the business had been in the family for over 100 years, and applicant now depended on his son for carrying it on. Two months allowed.

A Whitwick man, aged 29, married, who carries on a boot-repairing business at Bagworth, was allowed one month for medical examination.

The following recommendations by the Advisory Committee were agreed to: Four months for a Coalville Co-Operative Society's motor driver, aged 30; conditional exemption for a motor driver, of Ellistown, aged 39; three months, for medical examination, for a Whitwick farm labourer, aged 38, the man having seven children; conditional exemption for a Bardon Hill cowman and shepherd, aged 27 and married; and four months for a Hugglescote man employed by the Co-Operative Society as a warehouseman.

It was stated that thirty letters had been received from men as to why they could not attend the drills of the Volunteer Training Corps and asking to be excused. Mr McCarthy suggested a special meeting to go through these because the circular sent out was most pre-emptory and domineering.

The clerk: *It was read out and you agreed to it.*

Mr McCarthy: *I don't remember. It looks bad now.*

Mr Blower: *It was read out, and you all agreed.*

The clerk: *I purposely did not send it until it had been approved by the Tribunal.*

Mr McCarthy: *It looks stronger now than it did then.*

Mr Blower said not a word had been altered or added. Mr Lockwood thought it not of significant importance to call a special meeting. The letters could be dealt with at the next meeting of the Tribunal. Mr Drewett said thirty letters took some going through.

The chairman: *We have asked them to give reasons if they can't drill, and we should consider those reasons.*

Mr Lockwood: *You can't make them go.*

The clerk: *If the reasons are not satisfactory you can withdraw the exemption.*

Mr McCarthy said a man working 12 to 14 hours a day could not be expected to drill. It was decided to consider the letters at a special meeting next Wednesday.

## **Round the Theatres**

*The Picture House, Whitwick*

"The Valkyrie" was a drama a little out of the ordinary run, at the commencement of the week, and was much enjoyed. – Others were good. – Those excellent comedians, Mark and Note, are also paying a welcome return visit, and they are having a good reception. – The comedy duo, Reely and Rieland, are appearing in a vocal, patter, and dancing act, and are very good. – The above two 'turns' must be seen during the week-end. – The 'star' picture is "The Long Arm of the Secret Service," a fine Thanhouser. There is plenty that will interest patrons in this production and it should be seen, along with other splendid films. – Next week, the theatre will be closed for cleaning, but will open again on October 2<sup>nd</sup> with something extra good.

## **Do You Know That**

A committee has been formed to arrange an effort at the Whitwick Gymnasium for Whitwick soldiers?

## **Friday September 29<sup>th</sup> 1916 (Issue 1282)**

### **Local News**

Primitive Methodists in the Coalville circuit and other friends will be interested to know that on Friday, Mrs Newbury, of Whitwick, received a letter from her son, Private H. T. Newbury, of the Leicestershire Regiment, now in Mesopotamia, stating that he was well. He says it is terribly hot out there, and perspiration rolled off him as he was writing that letter, but he was pleased to say that his health continued good. Before the war, Private Newbury was a clerk at Messrs. Burgess and Son's elastic web factory, Coalville, and was a local preacher on the P.M. plan.

### **Baptist Church**

Harvest thanksgiving services were held at the Whitwick Baptist Church on Sunday, Mr J. Lucas, of Leicester, being the preacher afternoon and evening. There were good congregations. At the evening service Miss Wheeldon sang a solo, Mrs O. Geary being the organist. The church was nicely decorated with flowers, fruit and vegetables, and these



were sold on Monday evening, following a public tea, which was well attended. A good sum was realised for the chapel funds.

### **P.M. Harvest Festival**

On Sunday, Whitwick Primitive Methodist held their harvest festival, when the services were well attended, and the Rev. W. Hughes, of Leicester, preached morning and evening to good congregations. He also gave an address at a young people's service in the afternoon which was presided over by Mr L. Shilliam, and at which there were solos by Miss Maud Wheeldon, and recitations by Miss Walker, of Shepshed. A tea was held on Monday, followed by a sale of produce of which there was a splendid collection, and the proceeds of the effort were in advance of last year.

### **Accident**

An accident happened on Whitwick railway station on Saturday afternoon to Miss Rowse, of Swannington. She arrived by a train from Loughborough, and in alighting, slipped and fell heavily onto the platform. She was rendered unconscious and was taken home. Happily, she has recovered from the effects of her mishap. On Wednesday, her aged father, Mr George Rowse was gathering apples when a bough gave way letting him fall some distance, and he was badly shaken and bruised.

### **Children Neglected at Whitwick**

#### *Lazy Man Gets Three Months' Hard Labour*

#### *Fond of Lying in Bed*

At the Coalville Police Court, before the Rev. C. T. Moore (in the chair), and other justices, on Friday, George Prickett, labourer, of Whitwick, was summoned by Wm. H. Fitzsimmons, inspector of the N.S.P.C.C., Loughborough, for cruelty to children at Whitwick, on September 14<sup>th</sup>. He pleaded not guilty.

Mr J. J. Sharp (Coalville) appeared to prosecute for the Society and said the trouble was that the man would not work. The offence was aggravated by the fact that defendant had suggested to his wife that she should get money by sacrificing her honour. Beatrice Ada Prickett, defendant's wife, said she was married in August 1913, and lived at St. Mary's Terrace, Whitwick, Since April, her husband had worked a week or two at the Whitwick Colliery, three days at Stableford's, a week at Coleorton Colliery, and seven or eight days hay-making. She seldom had more than 5s from the defendant. The neighbours gave her bits for the children and she had been helped by her mother. They had often been without food. Her husband was not ill, though he had been medically rejected for the Army. He was 34 years of age. When she called him up to go to work he would not get up. He had stopped in bed for three days at a time, and had not even got up to wash himself. For two months, she never had a hot meal, and they had lived on dry bread and sugar, and what was given them. When she had complained to her husband about having no money, defendant had told her he should not work, and told her to go on the streets. The two children had often cried for food.

Inspector Fitzsimmons said he visited defendant's house on September 1<sup>st</sup>, and saw the two children. They were quite clean and the house was clean. The children looked thin and delicate. There was nothing in the house, and witness got them food. He arranged for it to be obtained in small quantities as the wife said that if a lot of food was sent in at one time defendant would eat it. Witness called again on the 4<sup>th</sup> inst. at 9.45 and found them all in bed. Defendant's wife said they stayed in bed to keep warm as there was no fire. Witness stayed till defendant got up and he promised to go to work, witness telling him there would be serious consequences if he did not provide for his children. Defendant started at Stableford's the next morning, but when witness called on the 14<sup>th</sup> inst. he was in bed and made some excuse for not being at work. The man admitted that he was discharged from only one place. It was a case of absolute laziness.

Defendant said sometimes he felt well, and other days he could hardly crawl about. He was at work now at Stableford's and had worked overtime this week. He was willing to do what he could and provide for his wife and children. He thought he could manage the job he was at now. He was willing to submit himself to the examination of a doctor, if the Bench doubted him.

P.S. Betts stated that within the last two years defendant had received £40, £25 when his father died and £15 when his mother died. Defendant said he bought the home with that. Defendant's wife, recalled, said that when her husband had this money, he did not go to work till it had gone.

He was sent to prison for three months with hard labour, and on the application of Mr Sharp, the Bench remitted the Society's costs.

## **Whitwick Man's Journey to India**

### *An Interesting Diary*

Private L. Robinson, of the Lincolnshire Regiment, formerly of 80, Cademan Street, Whitwick, writing from Calcutta, gives an interesting account of his journey to India just before last Christmas. He says he receives a "Coalville Times" every week, and passes it on to his Whitwick and Coalville pals. They have had some right royal times since being out there, and also some hardships, but they keep smiling. He keeps a diary of the voyage, as follows:-

*Thursday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, 1915. We entrained at \_\_\_\_\_ Station at night, and had a hearty send-off by the people of that town. En route we had the misfortune to lose one of our comrades, who fell out of the train and was killed. We had refreshments given to us by the Mayor and people of \_\_\_\_\_ which were greatly appreciated by us, arriving at \_\_\_\_\_ about mid-day.*

*Friday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. We embarked on a troopship, and set sail about 7.30 pm, escorted by destroyers.*

*Saturday, November 27<sup>th</sup>. We parted from our escort and encountered a rough swell, which proved too much for several of our comrades, and the remainder of the day was occupied in getting settled down.*

*Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. There was still a heavy swell. Divine service took place, and the ship's usual routine occupied the remainder of the day.*

*Monday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. It was still cold, and the sea choppy, increasing towards night, everyone being glad to get into his hammock.*

*Tuesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. Still same routine. Sighted the Portuguese coast about noon, arriving at the Rock of Gibraltar soon after, and were ordered to enter the harbour by a patrol boat for orders; we stopped about an hour and then received orders to proceed to Malta.*

*Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. Brought on warmer weather and we could see the North coast of Africa.*

*Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. The sea was calmer and nothing occurred, only the usual ship's duties and parades, etc.*

*Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. We passed the island of Goza, and about noon we sighted Malta. Just before entering Malta, great excitement was caused by the seaman gunner firing two shells at a submarine, which caused it to disappear. Eventually, we anchored in the Grand Harbour, being cheered by the crews of several French men-of-war.*

*Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. Everyone astir early, purchasing curios etc., from the Maltese boatmen. Our staff sergeants were allowed to go on shore for a few hours and we passed the remainder of the day watching the various sights in the harbour.*

*Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. Was a repetition of Saturday, and we were pleased when we got underway for Port Said.*

*Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. The sea was very calm, and the sun getting very hot. We passed several shoals of porpoise or sea pigs. We also had the usual parades.*

*Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. Was a repetition of the previous day.*

*Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. Sea very calm, and the sun very pleasant. We sighted a lighthouse about 11.30 pm about 100 miles west of Port Said, and next morning entered a fine deep channel marked out by buoys, passing the statue of De Sesseps (the man who originated the scheme for building the Suez Canal), and anchored about 3 pm, being heartily cheered by the crews of several men-of-war. Immediately on arrival a swarm of natives started to coal, and it was impossible to keep clean.*

*Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. Still coaling, and unloading cargo.*

*Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. Sorry to relate the death of Lance-Corporal Leach, whom we buried in the cemetery at Port Said. We got the welcome news that we were going ashore for an hour or two, and after having a swim, had a look round, we found it a very interesting place and then returned to the boat.*

*Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. We set sail again about 3 pm, and passed through several lines of vessels, the crews of which gave us a parting cheer as we went slowly by. It was very*

*interesting going through the Suez Canal. We passed several outposts and encampments and arrived at Bitter Lakes where we anchored till about 9 next morning.*

*Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. Arrived at Suez Town, about 10 pm. stayed about an hour and then passed into the Gulf of Suez, being still in sight of land, the sea became rough with a strong head wind, the sun was also very powerful, giving us a taste of what we were to expect. I may as well mention here that there had been no lights allowed on board at night until we left Port Said.*

*Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. We were having a concert as we entered the Red Sea and passed several vessels homeward bound. The sea was still rough, and most of the troops retired early. Another day nearer our destination.*

*Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Sea still choppy, and wind strong. Promotions came out causing a little excitement, and congratulations among the lucky ones.*

*Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. A very rough sea, the worst day of our voyage, also very hot, all of us longing for land.*

*Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. Sea still rough, nothing unusual occurred.*

*Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. Sea still rough but we had an interesting concert in which some very promising talent was shown.*

*Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. Still windy and sea rough, and we passed more boats. Everyone tired of life on board.*

*Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. Divine service, inoculation; rough sea, strong wind.*

*Monday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. Usual ship's routine, sea going down, very hot, and strong headwind.*

*Tuesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. Passed several small boats. We got orders to see to our equipment, kits, etc. we were also watching for our first glimpse of India.*

*Wednesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. We sighted land at last, reached Bombay roadstead about 9 am, and were towed through several docks, and finally tied up having reached India at last. We marched off in parties to the R.A.T.A. rooms where we could purchase refreshments, and also change our English money for Indian, then back to the ship for our kits. We entrained for Calcutta about 7pm and during the night we passed through some very hilly country, and slept aboard the train.*

*Thursday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Still travelling in the train and passed a very pleasant day viewing the country, which was very flat. Another night in the train, not very comfortable, sixteen in a compartment, as it was very hot in the day and chilly at night.*

*Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup>. Christmas Eve, a repetition of yesterday, but not very reasonable.*

*Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup>. Christmas Day and we were all longing for our railway journey to end, but we passed another day in the train. We kept getting a bit of food now and again*

as best we could. We were three days and three nights travelling from Bombay to Calcutta, a distance of 1,400 miles.

### **Private G. Haslegrave**



Private G. Haslegrave, of the 1<sup>st</sup> Leicestershire Regiment, enlisted on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 1915, was in the Big Push, September 15<sup>th</sup> and was wounded, being shot through the shoulder and right lung, and was placed in hospital in Gloucestershire, Prior to enlisting, he worked at the Ibstock Colliery, and lived at Hermitage Road, and his present address, 52 Silver Street, Whitwick.

### **Coalville Police Court**

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

#### *Damaging a Wall*

Samuel Higgins, Joseph Higgins, and Wilfred Briars, colliers, John Turner, Arthur Cooper, junr., and Bernard Concannon, junr., pit boys, all of Whitwick, were summoned for malicious damage to a wall to the amount of 5/- at Whitwick, on July 9<sup>th</sup>. Samuel Higgins and Wilfred Briars appeared and pleaded not guilty.

P.C. Grewcock said that in consequence of complaints he was on duty in Holly Hayes Wood in plain clothes on the date named (Sunday afternoon) and saw the defendant pull stones off a wall and throw them into the wood. It was purely mischief, and a lot of damage had been done. Charles Peach estimated the damage at 5/-. He said offenders had been let off before, but prosecutor (Mrs Jesson) was bound to take action to stop the practice.

Defendants were each fined 7/6 and 1/10 each costs, and damage, or 7 days.

#### *Transfer*

The licence of the Duke of Newcastle Inn, Whitwick, was temporarily transferred to Jos. Massey from John A. Waterfield.

#### *Unshaded Lights*

The following were summoned in respect of unshaded lights in buildings on various dates:

John Garritty, collier, Whitwick, did not appear and Supt. Lockton said it was only fair to say that this was before the warning given at the last court. Chas. Wm. Pegg, special constable, said he was on duty on the night of the raid and saw a bright light from

defendant's house in Green Lane. The blind was not down. He knocked for ten minutes, but could waken no one and told neighbours who came out to see that the light was put out, while he went on his round. The light was out when he came back. Fined £3 3s or one month.

Joseph Baker, engine driver, Whitwick, pleaded not guilty. Sergeant Betts said he found the light burning after he had been and cautioned the defendant earlier the same night. P.C. Jelley corroborated. Defendant said it was a tissue of lies. After giving his version of the affair, he was fined £2 2s or 14 days.

## Round the Theatres

*The Picture House, Whitwick*

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## Births, Marriages and Deaths

### **Burials**

Cooper – At Whitwick, on Saturday. Clara Cooper, aged 39 years, of Silver Street.

## **Friday October 6<sup>th</sup> 1916 (Issue 1283)**

### **Local News**

#### **Sale of Work at Whitwick**

*For Dr. Barnardo's Homes*

A sale of work organised by The Young Helper's League, was held in the National Schools on September 30<sup>th</sup>, and the occasion was utilised for the official recognition of the Whitwick branch as a duly chartered habitation, Miss A. N. Barton, a warden of the Society, coming from Birmingham to perform the ceremony. A fair number were present in addition to the members of the League, anxious to help on the noble cause.

The Rev. T. W. Walters, vicar of the parish, who is the president of the League, introduced Miss Barton to the gathering, and commended the Homes as well worthy of their practical support. Miss Barton then gave an instructive address to the scope, work, and necessities of Dr. Barnardo's Homes and urged the importance of the preservation of the child life of the nation, and especially at this period of the country's history.

Large numbers of the boys fostered and trained at these Homes were now nobly serving the country on land and sea, and thus well repaying the charitable supporters of the society for their monetary help. Miss Barton spoke in appreciative terms of the splendid industry of the members of the League in making such a large number of useful and artistic articles and then declared the sale open, and formerly handed the sealed warrant of the League to the secretary, Miss C. M. Robinson.

A good trade was then done at the various stalls, also at the fishpond, cake and pea guessing competitions and weighing machine, and last, but not least, the tea and refreshment stalls, so generously stocked by Whitwick friends. The result of the sale, including the sums in collecting boxes, was extremely gratifying, realising about £10, this being considered exceptionally good, and reflecting great credit on the Young Leaguers' first effort.

#### **Death of Former Gasworks Manager**

The funeral took place at Whitwick cemetery yesterday afternoon, of Mr Thomas Brown, of Silver Street, who was the manager of the Whitwick gasworks, before they were purchased by the Coalville Urban Council. He was 76 years of age.

#### **Whitwick School Teacher Wounded**

News has been received that Mr R. Rice, who before the war, was one of the assistant masters in the Whitwick Church Day Schools, has been wounded in action. Mr Rice was well-known in the Whitwick district, also at Coalville, where he taught in the Evening School, and was a member of the tennis club. On September 16<sup>th</sup> he was struck on the knee with a piece of shrapnel, and after lying for some time had to crawl at nightfall for a

distance of about 500 yards to the stretcher-bearers, then being carried to the dressing station, and is now in hospital. Many friends will wish him a speedy recovery.

### **Mr R. Sharp's Egg Collection**

Previously acknowledged 3,251 eggs. Subscriptions: Mr G. Bramwell's company, Coalville 6s; Mr J. Bowers' company, Coalville, 3s 6d; Mr J. Smith's company, Coalville, 3s; Mr W. Goacher's company, Coalville 3s; Mr B. O'Mara's company, Whitwick, 3s 6 ½d; Constitutional Club Company, Whitwick 3s 4d; Mr Webb's company, Whitwick, 1s 6 ½ d; Mr J. Burton's company, Whitwick, 2s 7d; Mr A. Smith's company, Whitwick, 1s 6d; Mr T. Ottey, Whitwick, 1s; Mr G. F. Burton, Whitwick, 1s.

Eggs: Messrs. Hawthorn Bros, 20; Mr Botham 5; Mr R. Sharp 12; Mr H. Barker 11.

### **For Sale**

Good, strong sound pony, 13 hands. Apply A. Vesty, Hermitage Road, Whitwick.

### **To Let**

Ingleside, Church Lane, Whitwick. Very convenient modern villa, beautifully situated; large dining room, drawing room, 3 bedrooms, bath, h and c; large garden. Two minutes from station. Apply Wheatley, Ingleside, Whitwick.

### **Sale of Valuable Freehold Properties**

Moore and Miller have received instructions from Mr Samuel Perry to offer for Sale by Auction at the Hermitage Hotel, Coalville, on Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 1916, at 6.30 in the evening prompt, and subject to conditions of sale to be then produced and read.

#### *Lot 2 – Whitwick*

All that substantially built brick and slate block of property, comprising six-roomed house, capital shop, cowshed, storeroom, a good yard, with a 7ft covered gateway, to same, No. 50, Silver Street, Whitwick, in the occupation of Mr Jno. Vesty at the weekly rental of 7/6, together with the well-built messuage, adjoining No. 48, in the occupation of Mr George Bonser, at the weekly rental of 5/3, containing 3 bedrooms, 3 rooms downstairs, with the usual out offices, and a good garden, the whole containing an area of 545 square yards, or thereabouts. The Council water is laid on, and there is a good supply of soft water.

All the properties are in a clean and good state of repair, and form capital investments.

To view, apply to the tenants. Further information may be obtained from Mr S. Perry, Silver Street, Whitwick.

### **Do You Know That**

In the Whitwick Gymnasium tomorrow a horticultural show is to be held for the benefit of local men serving in the Forces?



## **Coalville Urban District Council**

Mr A. Lockwood, J.P., presided at the monthly meeting of the Urban Council at Coalville, on Tuesday evening, when there were also present, Messrs. F. Griffin (vice-chairman), M. McCarthy, W. Fellows, A. J. Briers, C. W. Brown, T. Y. Hay, J. W. Farmer, B. G. Hale, J.P., and T. Kelly, 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).

### *Committee's Reports*

The Water Committee recommend statutory notices be served on Mr W. Webster to put on the public supply to his houses in Loughborough Road, Whitwick.

### *Whitwick Colliery Co's. Thanks*

Mr W. Lindley wrote expressing the thanks of the Whitwick Colliery Company directors for the Council's generous concessions of water and gas to Broom Leys when it was thought the building might be utilised as a soldiers' hospital. As the Council were aware, it was not accepted, but the letter would be filed for future reference if necessary. He also wrote stating that the directors appreciated the thanks of the Council for what they (the directors) had done in this matter and for the Belgian refugees.

### *Leicester Road*

Mr Kelly called attention to the bad state of Leicester Road, Whitwick, and the surveyor promised to attend to it.

## **Sport**

### **Football**

The Thringstone House F.C. played two matches on Saturday. At Thringstone the first team were beaten 8 – 1 by Whitwick; and at Shepshed the second eleven drew with St. Winifred's three goals each.

## **Round the Theatres**

### *The Picture House, Whitwick*

"His Wife" at the beginning of the week was a good picture, and No. 1 of the grand new serial "Stingaree" was good. – Others were excellent, and were much enjoyed by good audiences. – For the week-end, "Two Little Vagabonds" is a fine picture and must be seen. George Thornton has discovered correspondence which points to the fact that his wife, Marion, is unfaithful to him, and that their child, Dick, is not really their son. George enlists the services of The Gaffer, a scoundrelly gipsy, to be avenged on Marion, and the gipsy takes away Dick. In the gipsy's van, Dick finds poor consumptive little Wally, and they become fast friends. – Dick eventually runs away. – For seven long years Marion mourns the loss of her little son. Wally is substituted for Dick by The Gaffer, and the Thornton's are terribly upset at the condition of the kid. Dick, however, turns up, and is recognised. The

two lads rescue George Thornton from The Gaffer's hovel, Dick has brought the household to the rescue, but all this has been too much for Wally, who expires. – Others are good. – See advertisement for next week's list and "turns."

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

In loving memory of John Clark, who died September 29<sup>th</sup>, 1915, at Whitwick, aged 55 years.

*"Yet again we hope to meet thee,  
When the day of life is fled,  
Then in heaven we hope to greet thee,  
Where no farewell tears are shed."*

From his loving wife and sisters.

## **Friday October 13<sup>th</sup> 1916 (Issue 1284)**

### **Local News**

#### **Wesleyan Harvest Festival**

On Sunday, the harvest thanksgiving services were held at Whitwick Wesleyan Church, the Rev. S. Dalyell, of Nottingham, formerly of Ashby, being the preacher. There was a good display of flowers, fruit and vegetables. The collections realised nearly £4 for the trust funds. A public tea was held on Monday and the sale of fruit, etc., afterwards realised over £3 for the Leicester Infirmary.

#### **Parish Church**

Harvest thanksgiving services were held in Whitwick Parish Church on Sunday, when the Vicar preached in the morning and the Rev. R. P. Farrow, of Bardon Hill, in the evening. The church was nicely decorated and there were large congregations. The collections were for local hospitals and the flowers, fruit and vegetables were sent to the Leicester Military Hospital.

#### **Whitwick Military Medallist Killed**

News has come through a reliable source that Sergeant R. W. (Bob) Berrington, has been killed in action. He was in the Leicesters and was awarded the Military Medal for gallantry in the field in the July fighting on the Somme. He was employed by the Enderby and Stoney Stanton Granite Co. before enlisting, and was a steady and thoroughly trustworthy workman. Formerly, the deceased, who was 24 years of age, worked at the Whitwick Granite Quarry, and his relatives reside at Leicester Road, Whitwick. We recently published the details in connection with Berrington being awarded the military medal.



### **Coalville Tribunal**

Mr B. G. Hale, J.P., presided at a meeting of the Coalville Military Tribunal in the Council Chamber on Wednesday night, when there were also present, Messrs. A. Lockwood, J.P., A. J. Briers, M. McCarthy, C. W. Brown, T. F. Fox and J. W. Fisher with Mr G. J. German (military representative), Mr R. Blower (military secretary), and Mr J. F. Jesson (clerk).

A Whitwick hairdresser, aged 35, married, with one child, made his third appeal for exemption stating that the people of Whitwick required attention in regard to shaving and hairdressing.

Mr German: *They can shave themselves.*

Applicant: *That may be, but they can't get the mothers to put basins on now when they want their hair cut.* (Laughter).

Answering questions, he said he was willing to do other work in the day time. He had passed for general service. One month allowed.

A grocery firm applied for the manager of their Whitwick branch shop, who was stated to be 35 years of age, and in a certified trade. Three months allowed.

The chairman said that in all cases official examination should be recommended to the applicants, as it would facilitate matters before the Tribunal, and this was agreed to.

Three months were allowed to a Whitwick tobacconist and hair-dresser, aged 39, who is working at Stableford's.

Conditional exemption was allowed a Whitwick waggoner and cowman aged 36, and married.

### **Whitwick P.M. Church**

The young people gave a tea at this place of worship on Saturday, and on Sunday the services were conducted by the Rev. W. S. C. Leach, at Clay Cross, formerly of Whitwick. Madam Clay, of Coalville, contributed solos. The effort realised over £10 for the new heating apparatus.

## **Citizens' Church Parade**

Members of the Whitwick and Thringstone Citizen Corps to the number of about 50, attended service at Thringstone Church on Sunday morning. The Vicar preached and the lessons were read by Commandant J. Lester and Private O. Geary. After the service, outside the church, the men were briefly addressed by the Right Hon. Charles Booth, who complimented them on their smart appearance.

## **Absentee**

Private J. Wyatt, of the King's Own Light Infantry, as an absentee, was remanded by Major Hatchett at the Police Court to await an escort. He belongs to Whitwick, and was arrested there by P.C. Jelley.

## **Whitwick Show**

### *Effort for Local Soldiers and Sailors*

A successful effort was made for local soldiers and sailors, as Whitwick on Saturday last, by a flower show and sale held in the Gymnasium. The arrangements were made by a committee of which Mr M. Downes was chairman and Mr J. J. Clark and Mr J. T. Briers, hon. secretaries, and their efforts were splendidly supported by the public both in regard to contributions of flowers, fruit and vegetables, and as to patronage of the event, about 500 people being present. The opening ceremony was performed by the Vicar and Mrs Walters, who commended the object and congratulated the promoters on having such a good show. Mr J. H. Robinson moved, and Mr H. T. Bastard seconded, a vote of thanks to the Rev. T. W. and Mrs Walters, which was heartily accorded.

Various competitions took place, including hoop-la, skittles, guessing, etc. and these all added their quota to the funds. The produce contributed was of a very fine quality, and this was sold during the evening, and made good prices. Award cards were given out, no money prizes. Great enthusiasm was displayed, and well over £30 will be realised.

In connection with the same event, a prize drawing for a wheelbarrow, given by the committee, took place in the Whitwick Picture House last night.

## **Do You Know That**

The Whitwick and Thringstone Citizen Corps is now 72 strong?

Well over £30 will be realised for presents for Whitwick soldiers as a result of the flower show last Saturday?

The Rev. S. Dalzell, of Nottingham, formerly of Ashby, who preached Whitwick Wesleyan harvest festival sermons last Sunday is nearly eighty years of age?

## **Coalville Police Court**

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

## *Military Absentee*

George Birkumshaw (24), farm labourer of Whitwick, was brought up as a military absentee. Defendant said he was bad. He was under a doctor, but had no certificate. He worked at Onebarrow Lodge. P.C. Jelley deposed to arresting the man at Whitwick. He could give witness no explanation why he was not in the army. He admitted not having been attended by a doctor for twelve months. Fined £2, and remanded to await an escort.

## **Round the Theatres**

### *The Picture House, Whitwick*

Patrons of this theatre have a "good bill of fare" again this week. "The Mystic Saxby Trio" are appearing in their great illusory act, and both they, and Wallus, the famous comedy ventriloquist, have had a fine reception. Both are first-class "shows" and must be seen during the week-end. – The "star" picture at the commencement of the week was "A Voice in the Wilderness" the second episode of that grand new serial, "Stingaree". This is proving a most attractive feature, and next week's part must not be missed. – Others were good. – For the week-end "The Buried Treasure of Cobre" is a Blue Diamond film in three reels. Many surprises are sprung on one in this picture, and people turn out quite the opposite to what we expect them, and the subject is one that deserves to be seen to be appreciated. – Others are good. – Full particulars of next week's programme see advertisement.

## **Friday October 20<sup>th</sup> 1916 (Issue 1285)**

### **Local News**

#### **Property Sale**

Mr E. Moore, of Messrs. Moore and Miller, Coalville, conducted a property sale at the Hermitage Hotel, Whitwick, on Monday night, on the instructions of Mr Samuel Perry. There was a good attendance. The first lot offered was two messuages in Bakewell Street, Coalville, occupied by Messrs. Wortley and Petcher at a weekly rental of 6/6 each, and was withdrawn at £495. The second lot, a block of property in Silver Street, Whitwick, comprising a house and shop with outbuildings, in the occupation of Mr John Vesty, at 7/6 per week, and the messuage adjoining, occupied by Mr George Bonser, at 5/3 per week, was sold to Mr A. Whitmore, of Whitwick, for £445. Messrs. Crane and Moore, of Coalville, were the vendor's solicitors.

#### **Correspondence from Canada**

Mr Edward Parramore, of the Stamford and Warrington Hotel, Coalville, has recently received a very interesting letter from Mr W. B. Beckworth, of Ottawa, who was formerly a well-known and respected inhabitant of Whitwick and one that rendered considerable service for the welfare of the Coalville district. The writer states it is over 11 years since he left for Canada, which country he has formed a good opinion of, but still thinks much of old England, and it is a great pleasure for him now to read in the "Coalville Times" which he regularly receives, events that remind him of many associations of the past. Speaking on the war, he remarks how splendid has been the rally of the Canadians, and the willingness of the country to continue that help. Mr Beckworth regrets to read of so many lads of the

Coalville district who have fallen, a number of whom were well-known to him. He also wishes a kind remembrance to all former friends and acquaintances.

### **Whitwick Soldier Wounded**

Mr and Mrs F. Perry, of Vicarage Street, Whitwick, have been officially notified that their son, Corporal Fred Perry, of the Leicestershire Regiment, has been wounded in action and is in Cambridge Hospital. He has been shot in the left arm. Corporal Perry is 24 years of age, single, and before the war worked at the Snibstone Colliery. He had spent two birthdays in the trenches.

### **Another Whitwick Military Medallist**

A well-known Whitwick man, Private A. W. Concannon, of the Notts. and Derby Regiment, has been awarded the military medal for bravery on the field. It is understood that the particular act of heroism which has won him this distinction was the saving of a wounded officer under fire, and at great risk to himself, though this was only one of several brave acts which Concannon has performed. Originally a Whitwick collier, he joined the army two or three years before war broke out, and had spent some of his time in India, where he won several distinctions as an athlete. Being a fine exponent of the "noble art" he won the 9-stone boxing championship of his Battalion, and entering the Army Boxing Tournament, he reached the semi-final, when he was defeated by Sergeant Singleton, the welter-weight champion. Great enthusiasm was created by this contest, which was considered the best in the tournament, and Concannon's meritorious performance was recognised by a special prize as the best loser. He also brought off many events as a sprinter. He came to England on the way to France with the first Indian Expeditionary Force in October, 1914, and visited his old home in company with two of his greatest pals, the brothers Wesson, of Margaret Street, Coalville, sergeants in the same regiment, who have both since been killed in action. The three were photographed together before going to the Front. In September last year Concannon came over on leave, and was married to Miss H. Perry, who since his return to the Front, has been residing with her parents, Mr and Mrs F. Perry, of No. 2, Vicarage Street, Whitwick. Concannon will be heartily congratulated on his brave act, and the honour which has been conferred upon him.

### **Whitwick Grocer and "Co-Op" Tenant**

#### *Publication in the Ashby County Court*

At the Ashby County Court, before His Honour, Judge Moore Cann, on Thursday, a case was mentioned in which George Frederick Burton, grocer, Whitwick, sought to recover possession of a cottage from Herbert Skellington, miner, of Alma Villas, Whitwick.

The applicant did not appear, and the clerk said he had written, stating that an arrangement had been made. Mr Edwards, solicitor, Leicester, who appeared for the defendant, said no arrangement had been made, but his client was going out of the house, and he asked for costs. The defendant had been tenant of plaintiff's house for six years during which time plaintiff had supplied him with bread, but recently Burton got to know that defendant was getting his groceries, apart from bread, from the Coalville Co-Operative Society, and as soon as he knew that he went to see defendant, and told him that he must clear out of the house as he was not going to have any Stores customers in his houses.

He refused to supply bread, and gave Skellington notice to quit, but he continued to accept the rent up to Monday last, October 16<sup>th</sup>. He (Mr Edwards) submitted that it was not a case which could be proceeded with under the new Act, and asked for costs. The Judge said that on the solicitor's statement it was a monstrous case.

Mr Edwards: *It is done for spite. He is a grocer, and it is because they would not have their groceries from him.*

The Judge: *You are going out?*

Mr Edwards: *Yes*

The Judge: *I should think you will be glad to leave?*

Mr Edwards replied in the affirmative.

His Honour: *I suppose it comes within the Tenement Act?*

Mr Edwards: *Yes. The rent is 4s a week.*

Judgement was given for defendant, with costs.

### **Ashby Police Court**

Saturday – Before Mr J. German (in the chair), Mr J. Hassall, Mr G. D. Orchard, Mr J. H. Sutton, and Mr C. H. Parsons.

#### *Transfers*

The following transfers of licences were made. – Three Tuns, Thringstone, to James Shelton, from the late Mary Wilson; Duke of Newcastle, Whitwick, to James Massey, from James A. Waterfield; and the Lime Kiln, Breedon, to Horace Richards from Thomas Thompson.

### **Round the Theatres**

#### *The Picture House, Whitwick*

The usual good "houses" are the order here again this week, and a fine programme is to be seen. – "The McGilvray Trio" are appearing all the week in vocal solos and duets, instrumental trios, with some splendid concertina playing and dancing. The latter on an illuminated pedestal is extra good and should be seen. It is a very clean and smart act, and has received much applause. A first class act and well worth the admission money. – No. 3 of "Stingaree" was good, as also were others shown. – The chief picture for the week-end is "The Price of her Silence" a real good four-act drama, of the right type, with a story that will please Whitwick patrons, and it must be seen. – Others are good, and include a good Chaplin film "Easy Money". – Next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, "The Battle of the Somme." – Full particulars see advertisement.

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

#### **Burials**

Burton – At Whitwick, on Saturday, William Burton, aged 77 years, of Green Lane.

## **Friday October 27<sup>th</sup> 1916 (Issue 1286)**

### **Local News**

It is interesting to note that the generous offer of the Whitwick Colliery Co. to allow the free use of Broom Leys as a hospital for wounded soldiers has now been accepted by the military authorities, and fifty patients will be sent there as soon as the place can be equipped, and made ready. It was stated by Mr W. Lindley at a meeting on Saturday night the Government will allow 3s per soldier per day, and this will almost, if not quite, meet the cost of maintenance, but to equip the hospital a sum of £600 is wanted, besides about £200 as a reserve fund to meet contingencies, and an appeal is shortly to be made to the public.

### **Coalville Tribunal**

Mr A. Lockwood, J.P., presided at a meeting of the Military Tribunal for the Coalville Urban district, held in the Council Chamber on Wednesday night, when there were also present, Messrs. M. McCarthy, B. B. Drewett, A. J. Briers, T. F. Fox, J. W. Fisher, B. G. Hale, and C. W. Brown, Mr G. J. German (military representative), Mr R. Blower (military secretary), and Mr J. F. Jesson (clerk).

The clerk stated for the information of the applicants that in second or subsequent appeals, the grounds should be fully stated each time. It was not sufficient to say that the grounds of appeal were the same as before, as that involved a lot of work in looking up old records.

Mr J. J. Sharp, solicitor, represented a Whitwick butcher, in an appeal for further exemption. The man was 33 years of age, and married, with four children, and his former partner in the business was now serving in France. Two months allowed, the man to be medically examined in the meanwhile.

A Whitwick publican, now working as a riveter at Stableford's works, aged 37, and married, appealed for exemption, and his case was adjourned to be considered with others from Stableford's. Mr Hale said they had a large amount of work on hand, and the Government were constantly urging them to get on with it, but they could not do that if the men were taken.

A Whitwick butcher, aged 23, married, with no children, who also manages his mother's business – which a member said he had known for 45 years – was allowed two months to be medically examined. It was stated the man had lost the sight of one eye. During the discussion on this case, the military representative said young men were badly wanted, and they were sending none from Coalville. Mr McCarthy said Coalville had done as well for the Army as any place in England. It showed a large number went voluntarily, and those left behind were hard cases.

Mr Briers: *We have 300 soldiers who have gone from Whitwick.*



A Whitwick baker, appealed for his baker (his cousin), aged 29, and who was married last February. The business had been established about 70 years. One month allowed for medical examination.

A lady farmer from the Forest Rock appealed for her man, aged 18, single, who attended to the cows, and had a milk round, besides working on the farm. He was in bed at present, following an operation, and she produced a letter from Dr Hamilton to this effect. Two months allowed for medical examination.

The Forest Rock Granite Co. appealed for a single man, aged 32, who looks after the machinery and does repairs. A representative of the firm said the man had volunteered for the quarryman's battalion for France but had heard no more about it. Before the war, they had 70 men, and now 38, and 5 boys. He believed two or three of their men had gone to the coal pits. – The appeal was not assented to.

A Coalville building firm for their waggoner, a Whitwick hairdresser working at Stableford's in the daytime and a Bardon farmer, were excused from drilling in the V.T.C. and the application of a Coalville insurance assistant superintendent to be similarly excused was refused. The latter stated he would be shortly joining the Royal Engineers.

### **Local Casualties**

News has been received that Private Reg. Needham, of the Grenadier Guards, has been seriously wounded, and is in hospital at Liverpool. He has a broken arm, and was shot in the neck. Before the war, he worked at the Whitwick Colliery, and is a son of Mr and Mrs Frank Needham, of Church Lane, Whitwick.

### **Round the Theatres**

*The Picture House, Whitwick*

Much enthusiasm has been shown here over the 'Battle of the Somme' film, and large audiences have attended to see it. It was a most realistic film, and to see the big guns at work, prisoners coming in, etc, was intensely interesting. – Others were good, and No. 4 of "Stingeree" was an excellent part of this fine serial. – For the week-end, "Diamonds are Trumps" is the "star" picture. This is a splendid detective drama, and an extra good Blue Diamond feature. – Others are good. – Next week, another good list, see advertisement.

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

#### **Marriage**

#### **Marriage of Captain A. T. Sharp**

The marriage took place at St. John's Church, Knighton, on Saturday, of Captain A. T. Sharp, Machine Gun Corps, only son of Mr J. J. Sharp, White House, Whitwick, and Miss Ellen May Taylor, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs W. G. Taylor, of Invergarry, Knighton Grange Road, Leicester. Captain Sharp, who was wounded in the earlier stages of the war while serving with the Leicestershire Regiment, is the well-known old Reptonian and Leicestershire County cricketer.

The officiating clergyman was the Rev. Mr Farquharson. The bride wore a fawn costume, trimmed with blue, and hat to match. The bridesmaid was Miss Phyllis Taylor, (sister of the bride), who was attired in a brown costume, while Mrs Taylor, the bride's mother was dressed in brown velvet.

## **Whitwick Young Woman's Sad Death**

### *Burned on her Wedding Day*

The Deputy Coroner for North Leicestershire, Mr J. T. Webb, held an inquest at the Prince of Wales Inn, Whitwick, on Wednesday, concerning the death of Annie Newell, aged 22, single woman, daughter of James Newell, miner, of Talbot Street. Deceased was to have been married on Saturday, but the same morning received burning injuries from which she died on Monday.

Bridget Cairns, widow of James Cairns, of Talbot Street, Whitwick, said the deceased was her sister, and they lived in the same house. Deceased was 22 years of age, and kept house for her father, James Newell, a collier. On Friday night, she waited up for her sister till about one o'clock, and then went to bed. She heard her sister come in soon afterwards, and called her up to bed, and then witness fell asleep. Deceased was not in the habit of staying up late, but did that night to get ready for the wedding on Saturday. About 5.15 on Saturday morning witness heard screams, and running down found her sister in flames. Witness called for help and got a shawl and put round her. Deceased said that after doing her hair she fell asleep and woke up to find herself in flames. They generally put a raker on to keep the fire in all night, to prepare for the father going to work in the early morning. Her dress was burnt at the knees and she had a thin blouse on, which was also burnt. There was no candle.

A juror suggested that it may have been caused by a spark.

Bridget Thompson, of 107, North Street, Whitwick, wife of Thomas Thompson, caretaker, said she was a certified midwife. On Saturday morning she was fetched to the house at 5.50 and found the deceased had been burnt. She dressed the wounds and then afterwards the doctor arrived and said it was a case for the hospital. Deceased was taken to Loughborough Hospital, and returned in the evening, when witness again saw her. At 2.30 on Sunday morning deceased gave birth to a stillborn child. Witness stayed till 5.30 and went again at 11 am and 4 pm on Sunday, and deceased appeared to be going on nicely. Witness went again on Monday morning and found the deceased asleep, and she did not wake her. Shortly after noon on Monday, she went again in response to a message that deceased was worse, and stayed with her till she died at 4.40. Deceased told witness she was so tired after walking from Coalville on Friday night that she could not get to bed. She was too tired to do so. Witness did not notice how the fire was when she first went into the house, and she did not see the deceased's clothes, as they had been removed.

Dr. Roulston, locum tenens for Dr. Burkitt, Whitwick, said he was called about 5 o'clock on Saturday morning to see the deceased and found her burnt on the upper part of the body, both back and front, and also the face and neck. He did the best he could for her and recommended her removal to the Infirmary. He saw her again about 6.30 in the evening when she had been sent back from the Infirmary. She then seemed more comfortable. He

was called again about 4 o'clock on Sunday morning to see the child, but he was satisfied that it was still-born.

The Coroner said in that case it was not necessary to hold an inquest on the child. The doctor said he saw the deceased again about midday on Sunday and did not like the look of her. When he called on Monday she was suffering from shock and collapse. He saw her once more about 2.30 on Monday, and she was dying. The cause of death was shock from burns. The birth of the child would pull her down, though she got over that fairly well. The Foreman (Mr Kelly) asked whether it might have saved the woman's life had she been detained at the Loughborough Hospital. The doctor said he would say nothing about that except that had he been in charge he would not have discharged the woman.

The Coroner said it was a general hospital and did not deal with maternity cases. Witness, answering the Coroner, said he did not first telephone to the hospital, but had he done so he would merely have spoken as to the state of the burns, as the birth was not expected for another month, and the child was prematurely born.

The Coroner said it was singular that only the upper part of the body was burnt, but it was doubtless due to a spark setting fire to her thin blouse. The jury returned a verdict of death from shock from burns accidentally received.

### **Burials**

Baxter – At Whitwick, yesterday, Bertha Baxter, of the Dumps, who died in Loughborough Hospital.

Newell – At Whitwick, yesterday, Annie Newell, aged 22 years, of Talbot Street.

## **Friday November 3<sup>rd</sup> 1916 (Issue 1287)**

### **Local News**

By the alterations which are being carried out to the old Beaumont Arms Inn, Whitwick Market Place, an interesting landmark disappears. The inn was a low building with thatched roof, and is understood to have existed for at least 800 years. It is now being converted into a house and shop with a more modern appearance.

### **COALVILLE AND DISTRICT**

#### **ROLL OF HONOUR**

#### **LOCAL MEN WHO HAVE DIED FOR THEIR COUNTRY**

*“Greater love hath no man than this: that a man lay down his life for his friends.”*

### **WHITWICK**

#### **Ernest Hall (12041)**

Private, of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Leicesters, killed at Neuve Chapelle, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 1915. His wife and three children reside at Whitwick, where he worked as a collier.

**Harold Sidney Burton (2895)**

Lance-Corporal, of the 23<sup>rd</sup> London Regiment, killed in action on May 26<sup>th</sup>, 1915. A Whitwick man.

**Ernest Tugby (16485)**

Private, of the 1<sup>st</sup> Leicesters, killed in action on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1915. He resided in Leicester Road, Whitwick.

**Arthur Charles Johnstone (12135)**

Private, of the 8<sup>th</sup> Leicesters, died September 1<sup>st</sup>, 1915, from wounds received in action the previous day. A collier of Castle Hill, Whitwick.

**Herbert Smith Hurst**

Private, of the 8<sup>th</sup> Leicesters, killed in action, August 31<sup>st</sup>, 1915. He was a collier, formerly residing at Parsonwood Hill, Whitwick.

**James Cairns (3026)**

Private in the Connaught Rangers, killed in action in the Dardanelles, on August 21<sup>st</sup>, 1915. Formerly a Whitwick collier who leaves a widow and three children.

**Frank Underwood (14949)**

Private of the 8<sup>th</sup> Leicesters, killed in action in October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1915. Son of Mr John Underwood, of Pare's Hill, Whitwick, and a former employee of the Forest Rock Granite Company.

**Bernard Whittaker (14993)**

Private, of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Leicesters, killed in action September 25<sup>th</sup>, 1915. He formerly lived in Leicester Road, Whitwick, and worked at the South Leicestershire Colliery.

**Edward Jarvis (18965)**

Private of the 1<sup>st</sup> Grenadier Guards, killed in action, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 1915. He formerly resided at 88, Hermitage Road, Whitwick, and worked at the Snibston Colliery.

**Joseph Amithae Hall (16075)**

Lance-Corporal in the 9<sup>th</sup> Leicesters, killed in action in France, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 1915. He was a Whitwick collier, aged 22 years, and his wife and child reside at the Dumps.

**George Harold Barker (2511)**

Trooper, Leicestershire Yeomanry, killed in action, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 1915. A young farmer of Onebarrow, Whitwick.

**Edgar Howe (12075)**

Private, 2<sup>nd</sup> Leicesters, died February 16<sup>th</sup> of wounds received in action at the Persian Gulf, January 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup>, 1916. A former Whitwick collier, of Talbot Street, Whitwick.

**Herbert Kelly (7318)**

Sergeant of the Sherwood Foresters, aged 25, killed in action, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 1916. Late of Markfield, a native of Whitwick and nephew of Mr T. Kelly, of the Railway Hotel.

**George Henry Copson (225838)**

Signaller of the Navy, died in the North Sea battle off Jutland on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 1916, serving on HMS "Sparrowhawk". Aged 28, formerly a Whitwick miner.

**Private John Joseph Morley (2509)**

Of the Leicestershire Regiment, after being reported missing over a year, reported killed, June 1916. Formerly resided at Leicester Road, Whitwick.

**Herbert Harold Burton (26136)**

Private of Northumberland Fusiliers, killed in action, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1916. Former Whitwick collier, aged 24, of Green Lane, Whitwick.

**Lawrence Albert Whitmore (10388)**

Private of the Leicestershire Regiment, killed by a sniper, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 1916. Former Whitwick collier, aged 21, of Talbot Street, Whitwick.

**Edward Walton (10328)**

Private of the Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, July 17<sup>th</sup>, 1916. Aged 20 years, formerly worked at Whitwick Colliery and resided at 311, Hermitage Road.

**Charles Wilson (26381)**

Private of the Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 1916. Formerly worked at the South Leicestershire Colliery, married, and resided at 73, North Street, Whitwick.

**Robert William Berrington (14032)**

Lance-Corporal, Leicestershire Regiment, military medallist, killed in action, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 1916. Aged 24 years, a Whitwick man, formerly engaged at the Whitwick Granite Quarry.

Will the relatives and friends of all Whitwick Lads serving with the Colours forward their home and regimental address to the Secretary, J. J. Clarke, 138, Leicester Road, Whitwick.

**Round the Theatres**

*The Picture House*

"A Bushranger at Bay" (No. 5 "Stingaree") was the 'star' picture at the beginning of the week, and it was a good one; as were also the others shown. – The 7 McGarry's are a fine combination of vocalists and dancers, and their "show" leaves nothing to be desired. Every item is splendidly given, and they stamp themselves as first-class artistes. They have had a great reception, and must not be missed. – "A Man's Courage" for the week-end must be seen. It is a Nestor of fine quality - Others are good, and will be enjoyed. – See advertisement for full particulars of next week's programme.

**Friday November 10<sup>th</sup> 1916 (Issue 1288)**

**Local News**

**Whitwick Pony's Death Blow**

At the Coalville Police Court on Friday, Bernard Johnson (17), pony driver, Whitwick, was charged with cruelly ill-treating a pony in the Whitwick Colliery, on October 10<sup>th</sup>, and he was further charged with causing damage to the pony.

Mr J. J. Sharp (Coalville) prosecuted for the Whitwick Colliery Co. and Mr T. H. Moore (Coalville) for the defendant, pleaded not guilty.

Thomas Young Hay, manager of the colliery said he knew the pony, which was good-tempered, and a good worker. The boy admitted to witness that he struck the pony with an iron drag and killed it. The pony died a few seconds after it was hit. Suitable ponies for the pit were difficult to obtain now, and were very expensive. The boy's wages for the last six weeks averaged £1 18s 4d per week.

By Mr Moore: *There was no viciousness about the pony. Defendant did not tell him that the pony knocked him over, that the lamp was out, and that he struck out in the dark. Witness had no previous complaints against the defendant.*

Cyril Chambers (16) of Whitwick, at No. 6 Whitwick pit, said he saw the defendant strike to pony on the head with the locker. It immediately fell and died "*instantaneously in three or four minutes*" (laughter) after kicking once.

By Mr Moore: *The pony had previously knocked Johnson down and his lamp was out. Defendant seemed very distressed when he knew he had killed the animal. He was usually a kind-hearted lad.*

Mr Moore submitted that if the pony was killed instantly, it did not amount to cruelty in law. The clerk said the witness had said it kicked after it was struck and died in three or four minutes. The Bench ruled against Mr Moore's contention.

Defendant, on oath, said it was an old pony, and he had only driven it three days. It was vicious at times. The pony knocked him down and jerked his lamp out, and commenced rearing as he lay on the ground. He had a locker in his hand, and struck out in the darkness to protect himself. He was greatly distressed when he knew the pony was dead. He had never injured a pony before.

By Mr Sharp: *He told Mr Hay that he struck the pony because he thought it was going to harm him, and that it was done in the dark.*

The Bench decided to convict, but postponed sentence until having heard the claim for damages. Mr Hay said it would cost £30 to replace the pony. It took £25 to purchase a pony now, and then it had to be kept three months' before going into the pit.

The clerk: *The maximum claim is £10 that you can claim under this Act, is well covered then.*

Witness: Yes.

Mr Moore urged that the punishment would be sufficient without the boy having to pay for the pony. Defendant was fined £3 3s, and costs, or 1 month for the cruelty, and he was

also ordered to pay the £10, to be recovered by distress, 2 months' imprisonment in default, the sentence to be consecutive.

The total was £13 13s 6d and Mr Moore applied for time for his client to pay. The Bench allowed three months.

Defendant's mother then rose in the court and said, "*I'll stick to you, my lad,*" and handed over fourteen £1 notes to the police in payment of the fine.

### **Coalville Tribunal**

Nineteen cases were dealt with by the Coalville Tribunal at a meeting in the Council Chamber on Thursday night, when Mr T. Y. Hay presided, and there were also present, Messrs. M. McCarthy, T. F. Fox, A. Lockwood, B. G. Hale, and A. J. Briers, with Mr German (military representative), Mr R. Blower (military secretary), and Mr J. F. Jesson (clerk).

A boot and shoe repairer, aged 29, and married, who resides at Whitwick, and carries on business at Bagworth, stated that his chief work was repairing miner's boots. One month allowed for medical examination.

### **Former Whitwick Solider Killed**

Mr J. T. Ward, manager of the Ellistown brickworks, who resides at North Street, Hugglescote, has received news that his grandson, Jos. Lowe, has been killed in action. Deceased was the son of Mr B. Lowe, of King's Norton, who formerly resided at Leicester Road, Whitwick.

### **Local Casualties**

Further official lists of wounded contained the names of the following men of the Leicestershire Regiment:

Corporal W. Revell, L-Corporals F. Parker and G. H. Wildgoose, Private W. M. Fern, all of Coalville. Privates J. W. Kinton and P. Whittaker, of Whitwick, Private W. Wright, Thringstone, and Private F. Towersly, Ellistown.

### **Coalville Police Court**

Friday – Before Major Hatchett (in the chair), Mr W. Lindley, Mr J. W. West, Mr John Wootton, and Mr Levi Lovett.

#### *Whitwick to Coalville – 18/9*

Valentine Billings (17), moulder, and Albert Burton (20), collier, both of Whitwick, were summoned for not paying their fare from Whitwick to Coalville, on the L. and N.W. Railway, on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Mr C. S. Bigg, of Leicester, appeared to prosecute for the Railway Co. – Billings pleaded not guilty, and Burton did not appear.

Sergeant Betts said Burton had told him he was guilty, but could not leave work. Mr Bigg said the case was that defendant's took a market ticket from Whitwick to Loughborough and travelled to Coalville on the return journey. It was a mean offence, the fare only being 1 ½ d, but it was frequently done he was afraid, in the crush at the station, where, owing to the war, the stall was shorthanded. When the delinquents were caught, they should be made an example of.

Leslie F. Waite, porter-signalman at Coalville East Station, said he was collecting tickets from passengers by the train arriving at 8.45 pm. There was a large number of passengers. Defendant Billings gave up a return half ticket, Loughborough to Whitwick and passed the barrier. Witness noticed the ticket and ran after him. Defendant said he had the money in his hand to pay, but he did not offer it to witness until he went after him. Witness asked him to wait, and defendant offered him the money but it was not accepted. He found another Whitwick ticket among those collected.

Thomas Goode, railway detective-inspector, Rugby, said that when he saw Billings, defendant replied that he offered to pay the excess fare, and they would not take it.

Wm. Thomas Dicken, stationmaster at Whitwick said he saw Burton, who admitted the offence. He said he went on to Coalville and was in a hurry to catch a train to Coalville Midland Station. He only had a one pound note and could not stop to change it. He offered witness 1 ½ d, but he said he could not accept it. Defendants were each fined 15s, and 3s each witness fees, or seven days.

## **Whitwick Man and Wife**

### *Sad Story in the Police Court*

#### *Separation Order Granted*

At the Coalville Police Court on Friday, Henry Moore (24), collier, Whitwick, was summoned for persistent cruelty to his wife. Mr T. H. Moore (Coalville) was for the complainant, and Mr J. J. Sharp (Coalville) for the defendant, who pleaded not guilty.

Complainant said they formerly lived in Silver Street, Whitwick, and she was now living with her friends. They were married at the Ashby Registry Office in June, 1913, and had two children. She was 23 years of age. Their married life had never been happy. She left her husband on October 11<sup>th</sup> because on the previous Saturday she had pawned his clothes to pay the rent, of which she told him and it caused a bother. He only gave her 10s that week and never gave her more than £1. On that particular day he thrashed her "all over the body" and this conduct was repeated on subsequent dates. When she went to her sisters at Sutton-in-Ashfield, on the Wednesday, she returned on the Friday, and found the door locked. She went to her husband's parents' house, and they put her into the street. She asked the defendant what he meant to do and he said he should do nothing, she could take her clothes and go. He had since been up the home and took the furniture to his mother's. Asked whether there were other specific occasions on which he had thrashed her, complainant replied that defendant repeatedly assaulted her. He had frequently thrown the dinner at her, and beaten her and the children. Her husband drank a good deal, and there had been trouble between them over another woman. Defendant and his friends had the two children and, she added in tears, they had cried after her in the



street, but they would not let them come to her. Her husband was a chargeman in the pit, and earned good money. She asked for a substantial order, and the custody of the children.

By Mr Sharp: *She had not been in the habit of going to public houses. There was money owing, but defendant knew about it. She could not pay when she had not the money to pay with. Her husband had not allowed £1 1s a week, and 3s a week to pay off £2 16s 6d worth of furniture on the hire system. He used to give her £1 on Friday nights for the rent and household expenses. His mother told her she never had more than £1 a week, and she (complainant) must make it do, as she had done. She had never pawned her wedding ring. She was wearing it now. It was not a cheap imitation.*

At the request of the clerk, she handed the ring over for the inspection of the magistrates, remarking that it was 22 carat. The clerk remarked that it was a gold ring. Mr Sharp said it was not the wedding ring. Answering further questions by Mr Sharp she denied that she had spent £20 her husband had saved. He had lost a lot of money in drink and gambling. He had lost £4 in one day at Thringstone. She had always kept the children clean.

In reply to Mr Lindley (a magistrate) she said that out of the £1 a week her husband allowed her, she paid the rent, and for groceries and other necessities, and sometime as much as 2s 6d per week for milk for the baby.

Elizabeth Grindlay, a neighbour, said the defendant's wife had frequently complained to her and showed her bruises which she alleged were caused by her husband. Witness had also heard rows and the smashing of pots and had seen defendant turn his wife out.

By Mr Sharp: *She had never heard of the complainant going to public houses.*

Mary Ann Star, wife of a collier, of Sutton-in-Ashfield, said that when the complainant, her sister, came to her house, she had a black eye. Answering Mr Sharp, she said her sister told her she pawned her ring, among other things, but she had to get food.

Sergeant Betts deposed to the woman complaining to him about her husband's treatment. He saw the man knock her about before they were married. He had seen them both frequently come out of public houses.

By Mr West (a magistrate): *They were not always together. He had seen the woman in different public houses, but the one she used most was the Waggon and Horses, where she was formerly in service. He had never seen either the man or the woman drunk.*

Mr Sharp, having addressed the Bench for the defendant, said in reply to Mr Lindley, that defendant admitted earning 50s a week, and giving his wife only 20s, but he allowed 3s per week to be paid on the furniture besides, in addition to which there were insurances, etc. He submitted that there was not sufficient corroboration of the wife's story. The man was willing to have his wife back, and provide her with a good home, if she would break off from her associates and do right. But when the man found himself being run into debt, his clothes pawned, and even his wife's wedding ring pawned, he was likely to be annoyed.

Defendant, on oath, denied being cruel to his wife. He had only struck her once when she threw a bill for groceries on the fire, so he should not see it. After deductions at the pit, he

usually brought home 48s to 50s. He allowed his wife £1 1s a week for food, and 5s to pay on his clothes and the furniture. His payments to clubs and for insurances amounted to 10s or 11s per week, and he saved the receipts. He had about £20 saved just before his wife went. It was in a drawer upstairs, and when he missed it, she told him that was all right. When he missed the money, it had all gone. It was mostly in notes loose in a drawer, which was not locked. He spoke as to the pawning of his clothes, and the wedding ring, and alleged that his wife neglected him and the children and the home through drink.

Defendant was cross-examined by Mr Moore at some length as to the allowance to his wife, and he contended that a guinea a week to his wife to buy food and pay the rent was fair, though he was getting 50s a week.

P.C. Jelley said he was sent for to defendant's house on October 9<sup>th</sup>, and the defendant made complaints to him in his wife's presence of pawning things, and £20 being missing. The woman said she had spent it on things for the house. He had seen both parties in public houses on numerous occasions.

Doris Moore, defendant's sister, gave evidence as to the complainant's children being neglected, dirty and verminous. Wm. Moore, defendant's brother, stallman at the Whitwick Colliery, said his brother's married life had been unhappy. There had been no comfort for him at all. Witness had the youngest child now, and when he took it, it was in a filthy state. Only on the previous Saturday night, he saw the complainant and her sister "doing a jig" in a public house.

The Bench granted a separation order, the defendant to pay his wife, 18s per week, she to have custody of the children, defendant also to pay £1 5s 4d costs, and £2 2s advocate's fee.

## **Round the Theatres**

### *The Picture House*

There is a very strong programme of pictures and "turns" here this week and the usual good audiences have attended and shown much interest in and appreciation of the "fare" – No. 6 of "Stingaree" was an excellent part of the serial and others were good. Learto and his musical Pomeranian are very fine in their musical act, and they have had a good reception as also has Alice Douglas, the mill girl contralto vocalist. She possesses a rich voice and must not be missed. – "In the Name of the Law" is the chief picture for the week-end, and this is Thanouser, in three reels, and a very fine subject that will appeal strongly. – Others are good. – See advertisement for particulars for next week.

## **Births, Marriages and Deaths**

### **Burials**

Charley – At Whitwick, on Saturday, William Charley, aged 13 months, of Leicester Road.  
Doyle – At Whitwick, on Saturday, Margaret Doyle, aged 75 years, of North Street.  
Vesty – At Whitwick, on Sunday, George Ernest Vesty, aged 30 years, of Silver Street.

## **Friday November 17<sup>th</sup> 1916 (Issue 1289)**

## **Local News**

### **Accident**

An alarming mishap befell Mr J. Smith and Miss Nellie Costello, when returning from their wedding at Ashby, on Saturday. The spoke of the vehicle broke as they were descending Coleorton Hill, and the whole of the bridal party were thrown out and badly shaken, the bride and bridegroom receiving injury to the foot and leg, and the bridesmaid's brother to the arm. Another conveyance was procured for the remainder of the journey.

### **Coalville War Hospital**

#### *Colliers' Meeting*

A meeting of the colliers at the Desford No. 1 and No. 2 pits was held on Thursday afternoon last to consider the recommendation of the council of the Leicestershire Miners' Association to contribute 6d per man, and boys under 16, and banksman, 3d, for two weeks towards the proposed war hospital at Coalville. It was unanimously agreed to do so.

At a meeting of the Whitwick miners on Friday, the recommendation of the council to pay the hospital contributions was unanimously agreed to.

Meetings at South Leicestershire No. 1 and No. 2 and Ibstock and Bagworth Collieries also passed similar resolutions.

### **Whist Drive**

A very successful whist drive and dance was held in the Holy Cross Schools on Wednesday evening in connection with the Whitwick and Thringstone V.T.C., the proceeds being for the cost of blinds to darken the Holy Cross Schools where the drills are now held. About 250 people were present, Messrs. J. Stevenson, and B. V. McCarthy were the M.C.'s for dancing, Mr J. Cooper being the pianist, and the M.C.'s for whist were Messrs. A. Dickens, and J. W. Eagles. The following were the prize winners in 20 games played.

Ladies: 1. Miss E. N. Winfield, 141; 2. Miss J. M. Hull, 130; mystery, Miss Hadley, who won on a cut with Mrs Beckworth.

Gents: 1. Mr F. Sear, 151; 2. Mr B. Belcher, 150; mystery, Mr G. Miller.

Refreshments were provided, Mr H. Underwood being the caterer.

### **Whitwick Soldier Killed**

Mr and Mrs Wm. Parish, of 82, Hermitage Road, Whitwick, have been officially notified of the death of their son, Private Harold Parish, of the Leicestershire Regiment. A letter from a comrade stated that on October 20<sup>th</sup>, the deceased soldier had a leg severely injured by a German shell, and another letter from the hospital stated that it had been necessary to amputate the limb. The official communication states that he succumbed to his injuries on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Private H. Parish, was 21 years of age, and enlisted about 20 months ago. He was in Ireland up to about five weeks ago. Before the war he worked at the Whitwick Colliery, and was well known in Whitwick, being a member of the Whitwick Baptist Bible Class and a former scholar of the Baptist Sunday School.

Mr W. Parish, the father, who is a Whitwick collier, had four sons at one time in the Army. One of them, Private Thomas Parish is in the R.A.M.C. and was at Salonica until recently, but is now in hospital at Malta, suffering from malarial fever. He will be twenty-five years of age on Christmas Day. John Parish, aged 26, who is married, and resides at Bakewell Street, Coalville, also a collier, was in the Leicesters, but was discharged through an injury to his shoulder. The youngest son, Bernard Parish, also joined the Leicesters, but was sent home for three months on account of his age. He is only just over 18, and has received notice to re-join his regiment on Monday next. A photo of Harold will appear in our next issue.

### **For Sale**

A bargain, one good house, Church Lane, Whitwick, seventy-five pounds down. One house, Coalville, cash down, one hundred pounds, an exceptional chance for a man to buy home for himself. Ask your sons and daughters who are at work to help you. Apply Justin McCarthy, New Swannington, Whitwick.

### **Round the Theatres**

#### *The Picture House*

There have been good audiences here this week, and the programme, as usual, is excellent. – Kloof and Waylett, the eccentric comedy couple are a good 'turn', and have had a good reception. The novelties, singing and dancing are 'extra' and must be seen. – The 'star' picture was No. 7 of "Stingeree" (The Honour of the Road) and it was much enjoyed. – Others were good. – For the week-end, an exceptionally fine list includes "The Old Watchman," a very fine Lubin, and produced in the usual excellent manner of this company, the good acting and photography being a feature. – "Take my Picture" features Charlie Chaplin, and shows him at his best. A real good one. – Others are good, and patrons must not miss this splendid programme during the end of the week. – Next week, an extra good list, and a "special turn." See advertisement column for full particulars.

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

#### **Death of Mrs Stevens**

The death occurred on Saturday, of Mrs Stevens, widow of the late Mr John Stevens, a former Whitwick draper. For some years after her husband's death the deceased lady carried on the business at Whitwick, and later, for a considerable period, had a similar shop in High Street, Coalville. Deceased belonged to a well-known Whitwick Wesleyan family, and was held in the highest esteem. Since giving up her Coalville business, she had been residing with Mrs Glynn, of Whitwick. The funeral took place at Whitwick Cemetery on Tuesday afternoon. The service was conducted by the Rev. T. Coltham, of Coalville, the first portion being in the Wesleyan Church. Two of the deceased's favourite

hymns, "O, breath of God, breathe on us now," and "O God, our help in ages past," were sung. The principal mourners present were, Mrs Glynn (Whitwick), Mr J. H. Stevens (Northampton), Mr and Mrs H. C. Stevens (Swadlincote), Mr and Mrs T. Jackson (Cartister Farm, Bardon), Mr E. Glynn, Miss N. Glynn, Mr and Mrs T. Frith, Mr T. Stinson (Coalville), Miss Weston, Mrs J. Stinson, Miss Neath, Mrs J. T. Glynn, Mrs Burton (Shepshed), and Nurse Rossell.

The inscription on the coffin was: "Sarah Harley Stevens, aged 76 years". The bearers were: Messrs. A. West, J. Stinson, W. Jarvis, S. Berrington, W. Stinson and G. Piper. Wreaths were sent by Mrs Glynn, Mr and Mrs J. H. Stevens (Northampton), Mr and Mrs H. C. Stevens (Swadlincote), Mr and Mrs T. K. Jackson (Bardon), Miss Glynn and Miss Weston, Mr and Mrs J. T. Glynn (Coalville), Mr and Mrs G. A. Gutteridge (Coalville), Mr and Mrs G. Piper (Coalville), Mrs Harris and Mary, Mr and Mrs Stinson (Coalville), Mr and Mrs John Stinson (Hervey Woods), Mr and Mrs W. Stinson (Sharpley House), the Misses Annie and Dorothy West, Misses Neath and Phillips, and Mr and Mrs J. Burton (Shepshed).

### **Burials**

Stevens – At Whitwick, on Tuesday, Sarah Harley Stevens, aged 76, of Whitwick

## **Friday November 24<sup>th</sup> 1916 (Issue 1290)**

### **Local News**

Mr T. F. McCarthy, son of Mr M. McCarthy, C.C., of New Swannington, has been given a commission in the army, having been gazetted 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in the Royal North Lancashire Regiment. He enlisted in the Artist's Rifles in December last year, and has been in training at Oswestry. Mr M. McCarthy, who is the County Councillor for the Whitwick Division, and a member of the Coalville Tribunal, has four sons serving in the army.

### **Wesleyan Missions**

The anniversary service for the Wesleyan Foreign Missions were held in the Whitwick Wesleyan Chapel on Sunday, when the preachers were, the Rev. T. Cottam, and Mr F. H. Perkins, of Coalville. The collections for the mission funds amounted to £2 3s 4d – The annual public meeting was held in the chapel on Tuesday night, when missionary addresses were given by the Revs. J. R. Sharpley and T. Cottam. A collection was made for the same object.

### **Baptist Chapel**

Anniversary services were conducted at the Whitwick Baptist Chapel, on Sunday by the Rev. R. Dalton, of Wigston, and there were good congregations. In the evening, solos were nicely rendered by Miss Watson, of Hugglescote. – A public tea on Monday was well-attended and in the evening, the Rev. H. Cowling, of Ibstock, gave an interesting lecture on 'Life in the Royal Navy'. Mr W. Newbold, of Ibstock, presided. A solo was well rendered by Miss G. Mann. The proceeds were for the Trust funds.

## **Tea and Lecture**

A public sandwich tea was held in the Whitwick P.M. Chapel on Saturday, and was fairly well attended in the evening, the Rev. Jacob Walton of Ilkeston, delivered an interesting lecture on 'A Nineteenth Century Saint'. Mr J. Ward presided – On Sunday, the Rev. J. Walton preached at the morning and evening services, and in the afternoon gave an address, Mr J. H. Lakin presiding. The proceedings were in connection with the chapel anniversary, and the proceeds were for the Trust funds.

## **Coalville Tribunal**

A meeting of this Tribunal was held in the Coalville Council Chamber on Wednesday night, when 25 cases were dealt with. Mr T. Y. Hay presided, and there were present, Messrs. A. Lockwood, M. McCarthy, B. G. Hale, J. W. Fisher, B. B. Drewett, A. J. Briers, C. W. Brown, and T. F. Fox, with Mr J. G. German (military representative), Captain Stevenson (recruiting officer), Mr R. Blower (military secretary), and Mr J. F. Jesson (clerk).

The Tribunal discussed the new regulations just issued, and passed resolutions adopting the same. Mr Brown asked whether any arrangements that had been made as promised by Colonel Thorold, for men to be medically examined locally. Captain Stevenson said he had heard nothing yet but understood medical boards would go round to the different districts for that purpose, as the circumstances called for it. He said some men had refused to be examined and such men must be treated as belonging to Class A.

A Whitwick hairdresser, aged 36, married, in asking for further time said he was teaching his son the business, but the lad could not do it yet. Another Whitwick hairdressing business had closed, and recently many customers had to go away unattended at closing time. Applicant had been passed for general service. He was prepared to do work of national importance in the day-time if he could have the evenings to keep his business together, and had arranged to go to Loughborough to learn turning, if the Tribunal allowed. It was not assented to.

A Whitwick butcher, aged 35, said he was the mainstay of the family. His mother had been an invalid for 3 years, and had been confined to her bed for the last 14 weeks. She was 70 years of age. One month allowed for medical examination.

A Whitwick baker, aged 30, who was appealed against, said he had been passed for general services. Allowed till December 31<sup>st</sup>, or till a substitute is found.

A man employed at the Whitwick Granite Quarry and living at Shepshed, was excused from drilling with the V.T.C. as also was the manager of a Coalville music store, who is working at Stableford's. Another applicant was similarly excused on producing a medical certificate of unfitness to the military authorities.

## **Do You Know That**

In connection with Whitwick Swifts F.C. Mr C. Storer's team will play Mr A. Moore's team on the Vicarage Ground tomorrow, the proceeds to be spent on presents for Whitwick soldiers and sailors?

## **Coalville Police Court**

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

### *Woman's Language*

Pearl G. Horrobin (43), married woman of Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language, at Whitwick, on November 19<sup>th</sup>. She did not appear. P.C. Jelley gave the facts and defendant was fined 10s or seven days.

### *Affiliation*

Wm. Gee, junr. (23), collier, Thringstone, was summoned by Annie Freeman, single woman, of Whitwick, to show cause, etc.

Mr J. F. Jesson (Ashby) was for the complainant, and Mr H. G. Bennett (Leicester), for the defendant, who denied the paternity. Evidence was given by the complainant, her mother, Mrs Eliza Freeman, of Hermitage Road, and her sister, Mrs Jessie Sykes, of Thringstone.

Most of their statements were denied by the defendant, on oath, and he also denied buying the girl a new coat to be married in. In the course of severe cross-examination by Mr Jesson, defendant said that if he had given a wrong answer it was because he was confused, adding, "*I wish you would speak to me a bit more gentle.*" (Laughter). He said he worked on the colliery bank, and earned 27s a week and 3s a week war bonus.

Mr Bennett pointed out that there was no independent evidence, the witnesses all being relatives. After a lengthy hearing, the Bench made an order for the payment of 3/6 a week from the date of the birth till the child is 14, defendant also to pay 17s costs, and two guineas, advocate's fee.

## **Sport**

### **Football**

#### *Whitwick Soldiers' and Sailors' Benefit Football Match*

The teams selected for the match in aid of the above on the Vicarage Ground, Whitwick on November, 25<sup>th</sup> are as follows:

#### *Mr Charles Storer's XI*

Goal, R. Nicholls, full backs, G. Draycott and G. Underwood; half-backs, S. Storer, C. Storer, C. Bradshaw; forwards, A. Starkey, W. Bird, P. Underwood, C. Price, and T. Brownlow.

#### *Mr Andrew Moore's XI*

Goal, A. Roadley; full-backs, T. Cumberland and Joe Cook; half-backs, C. Grain, Leeson, Joe Moore; forwards, A. Beckitt, A. Moore, T. Belton, F. Johnson and A. Roach.

## **Round the Theatres**

### *The Picture House*

There is a fine "turn" appearing here all this week, viz., Madame Sarah Rees, the great Welsh soprano, and her baritone. She possesses a fine voice, and the various numbers have called forth much applause. This "special" must not be missed during the week-end. – No. 8 of "Stingeree" was a good part, and other pictures shown were excellent. – For the week-end "The Light on the Reef" is a good film story, and is one of the Thanouser Big Productions, which fact is sufficient guarantee of the excellence of this picture. The story is of a woman with a past, and a jealous husband, who requires a brave deed to convince him of his wife's genuineness. How this is brought about must be seen to patrons. – Others are good. – Next week, an extra special programme. Full particulars, see advertisement.

## **Births, Marriages and Deaths**

In loving memory of James Ottey, who died at Whitwick, November 26<sup>th</sup>, 1914. Interred at Bardon Park Chapel.

*Yet again we hope to meet thee  
When the day of life is fled  
Then in heaven we hope to greet thee  
Where no farewell tears are shed*

From his loving wife and children.

## **Friday December 1<sup>st</sup> 1916 (Issue 1291)**

### **Local News**

A successful dance and whist drive for the funds of the Coalville and District Soldiers' and Sailors' Comforts Guild was held in the Whitwick Holy Cross Schools on Wednesday night, when about 200 people were present. The M.C.'s were Messrs. J. H. McCarthy and G. Underwood (for dancing) and M. Downes and W. Dickens (for whist). The whist prize winners were:

Ladies: 1, Mrs Stevenson; 2, Miss Turner; 3, Mrs Morgan; mystery, Mrs Ballam (Thringstone).

Gents: 1, Mr Mawby; 2, Mr J. Stevenson; 3, Mr W. Musson; mystery, Mr T. Hull.

The winner of a prize-drawing for a pig, given by Mr Geo. F. Burton, was Miss C. Weston. Refreshments were supplied under the supervision of Mrs Burton, Mrs Stinson, Mrs Bourne, Mrs Eagles, and Mrs Eagles.

### **Coalville Tribunal**

Mr T. Y. Hay presided at a meeting of the Coalville Tribunal on Wednesday night, when there were also present, Messrs. A. Lockwood, B. B. Drewett, B. G. Hale, M. McCarthy, T.



F. Fox, J. W. Fisher, A. J. Briers, and C. W. Brown, with Mr G. J. German (military representative), Mr R. Blower (military secretary), and Mr J. F. Jesson (clerk).

A Whitwick painter was represented by Mr J. J. Sharp in an application for further exemption for his son, aged 31, married, with one child. He said applicant was 65 years of age and depended on his son to carry on the business which was 100 years old. The young man came from Australia just after the war broke out, to assist his father, because the latter's other son had joined the army. The young man was passed C2. – Three months allowed.

### **Quarry Accident**

Jabez West, a machine-man, employed by the Forest Rock Granite Company, on Saturday morning met with an accident by which his leg was broken, in consequence of a brake not acting. He was pinned against a feeding hopper by a wagon, and his leg was fractured above the knee. After first-aid at the works, and Dr. Rolston's attention, he was removed to Loughborough General Hospital in an ambulance carriage, this being promptly provided from the Loughborough Fire Station, at the request of the quarry manager, Mr J. T. Briers.

### **Whitwick Soldier on Leave**

Private Wm. Beasley, of the Leicestershire Regiment, son of Mr and Mrs Chas. Beasley, of the Hermitage Hotel, Whitwick, has arrived home on ten days' leave – the first he has had since going to France 16 months ago.

The young soldier, who is only 20 years of age, having enlisted when he was 18, is looking remarkably well, in excellent health, and is wonderfully cheerful, though he has had some thrilling experiences. It will be remembered that a few months ago he was reported as having been killed in action. The report originated through a statement to that effect being made in a letter from another Whitwick soldier, a pal of Beasley's who was under a wrong impression. Beasley was out on patrol duty, and was lost from his regiment for two days – hence the report – but he turned up again smiling.

During his 16 months at the Front, Beasley has been in seven or eight charges, and has come through them all unscathed. He was joined in the trenches by Private H. Parish, whose parents live only a few doors away from the Hotel in Hermitage Road, and saw Parish fatally shot in the first charge in which he participated. These two Whitwick lads shook hands and wished each other luck just before jumping over the parapet.

Beasley is returning to France on Monday, and will take with him the wishes of many friends that the good luck which has so far attended him may remain with him to the end. He is wonderfully optimistic and, as a friend remarked to the writer, about the most cheerful soldier one could meet, who has returned from the Somme.

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## Round the Theatres

*The Picture House, Whitwick*

A good show and good audiences here again this week. T. E. Johnson, the actor-vocalist, makes a return visit, and, if anything has had a greater reception than he had before. He is a good 'turn' and his 'special' ("Wellington") is very good. – The films are a capital lot and the one for the week-end is an extra good one, "No. 13, Westbound". This must be seen. – Prices here now are 3d, 4d, and 6d. – The proprietors having decided to pay the entertainments tax. – Next week's list, see advertisement.

## Births, Marriages and Deaths

### **Old Cricketer's Death**

The death occurred on Wednesday in last week, at his home, Alma Villas, Hermitage Road, of Mr Joseph Middleton. He was 63 years of age, and in his younger days was a well-known member of the Coalville Town Cricket Club, when that club was at its zenith. He was a mighty hitter, and had quickly compiled a big score on many occasions to the delight of the Coalville spectators. He was also a good bowler and it was his proud boast that he bowled the late Arthur Shrewsbury, the famous Notts cricketer on one occasion when he brought a Notts team to Coalville. He leaves a widow, five daughters and two sons, both the latter being formerly well-known footballers, particularly Frank, who went from Whitwick White Cross to Leicester Fosse and then to Derby County. He is now the licensee of the White Horse Inn, Whitwick. The late Mr Middleton was always a man of

cheerful disposition. He was a miner by trade but for some time had been unwell. His brother, John, of Albert Street, Coalville, died only a few weeks ago.

## **Burials**

Middleton – At Whitwick, on Monday, Joseph Middleton, aged 63, of Hermitage Road.

Booth – At Thringstone, on Sunday, the Right Hon. Charles Booth, aged 76 years, of Gracedieu Manor.

## **Friday December 8<sup>th</sup> 1916 (Issue 1292)**

### **Local News**

#### **Volunteers' Field Day**

The Volunteer Contingents of Ashby, Woodville, Moira and Shackerstone marched to Staunton Park, on Sunday for drill. The Mounted Section from Whitwick also took part, and there were a considerable number of exempted men present.

#### **Whitwick Golden Wedding**

Mr and Mrs J. W. Weston, of 55, Talbot Street, Whitwick, have just celebrated their golden wedding, having been married on November 27<sup>th</sup>, 1866 at the Wesleyan Chapel, Soane Terrace, Chelsea, London, by the Rev. Wm. Shaw, ex-president of the Wesleyan Conference.

Mr Weston is a native of Swannington, and Mrs Weston a member of an old Whitwick family, being a daughter of the late Mr Wm. Stinson, of the Dumps House, Whitwick. Both are now in their 79<sup>th</sup> year. A number of friends were entertained at their home on Monday in celebration of the happy event.

It is interesting to note that Mr Weston has two sisters who have both celebrated their golden weddings, and were present at the gathering last week. The ages of the three combined give a total of 226 years.

During his residence in Coalville, Mr Weston witnessed many changes. When he commenced business in 1882 he took over the stock and premises in High Street for many years as a draper by Mr Christopher Newton (now in the occupation of Mrs Emerton). In 1884, he built and removed to the premises now occupied by the Star Tea Co., carrying on business there till 1887, when he built and removed to his present home. When Mr Weston first went to reside in High Street, there was no building between Mr J. Gutteridge's shop and the Mill, and in Hugglescote Lane (now Belvoir Road), with the exception of White Lees Farm, there was no house between Mr W. Stretton's, adjoining the Snibston New Inn, and Hugglescote, while on the other side of the road there was no house between the Engineer's Arms and Hugglescote.

As mentioned above, he has been a life-long Methodist, and in 1882, with Messrs. G. Smith and J. Forman, commenced a Wesleyan Sunday School in the Wesleyan Chapel (now part of the Public Hall), and was for some years the superintendent. He also took a great interest in the building of the Wesleyan Church and schools in Belvoir Road, and for

a time acted as the official correspondent. For some years he was a member of the old Burial Board at Coalville, and on the death of Mr Robinson, succeeded him as chairman.

(Photographs of Mr and Mrs Weston accompanied the article)

### **Soldiers' and Sailors' Comforts Guild**

A whist drive and dance was held in the Holy Cross Schools, Whitwick, on Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, when a good company mustered. The proceeds, after paying all expenses, realised £15 7s 5d which amount has been handed over to the above Guild, which has distributed the following to Whitwick soldiers and sailors since the war started: 81 belts; 432 mufflers; 103 pairs of mittens; 590 pairs of socks; 49 helmets; 81 boxes ointment and powder; 1 packet cigarettes enclosed in each parcel; 44 shirts; 2 singlets; 3 vests; 3 sets of gloves for driving; 9 boxes of cigarettes.

### **Colliery Accident**

A miner named Arthur Illsley, who resides at Ravenstone, was injured while at work in the Whitwick Colliery, on Wednesday, through stone falling on him. His shoulder was dislocated, and an arm broken, and he was conveyed to the Leicester Royal Infirmary.

### **Girl's Alleged Theft**

Before Mr J. W. West at Police Court on Wednesday, Gertrude Barker, aged 16, factory hand, of Stockingford, was charged with stealing a purse containing 18/3, a lady's wrist watch, lady's gold ring, and flash light, the property of Mrs Mary Ellen Gill, at Whitwick, on the 5<sup>th</sup> inst. Inspector Dobney said he received information of the theft at 6.15 the previous night and at 6.30 met accused in High Street, Coalville, in the company of two soldiers. He told her he should arrest her on suspicion, and she denied all knowledge of the offence. At the Police Station, witness found the watch and a 5/- piece concealed in the lining of the prisoner's muff, the purse and money, and the ring were in one of her pockets, and the flashlight concealed in the bosom part of her dress. She was remanded to the Ashby Petty Sessions on Saturday.

### **Memorial Service**

A memorial service was held at the Whitwick Wesleyan Church on Sunday evening for Corporal William Boobyer, recently killed in action, whose wife resides in Leicester Road. The Whitwick and Thringstone Citizen Corps, under Commander J. Lester, attended, also the Boy Scouts and there was a large congregation. Mr W. E. Mawby, of Leicester, was the preacher, and suitable hymns were sung. The Dead March was played at the close by Mr Aris, and Scout Richards sounded the Last Post.

### **Local Casualties**

Private F. H. Platts, of Whitwick, is officially reported as missing. He was in the Lancashire Fusiliers.

Mrs Hobson, of Pare's Hill, Whitwick, has been notified that her husband, Private Andrew Charles Hobson, of the Leicestershire Regiment, has been killed in action. Before the war he was employed as a carter. Mrs Hobson is left with two children.

### **Coalville Urban District Council**

The monthly meeting of the Urban Council was held at Coalville, on Tuesday evening, Mr A. Lockwood, J.P., presiding. There were also present, Messrs. F. Griffin (vice-chairman), M. McCarthy, A. J. Briers, T. Y. Hay, C. W. Brown, S. Armson, J. W. Farmer, W. Fellows, and R. Blower; 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).

#### *Plans*

The following plans were recommended for approval: Two houses, Ashby Road, Hugglescote, for Messrs. Reed and Rogers; extension to United Methodist Chapel, London Road, Coalville; two houses, Crescent Road, Hugglescote, for Mr W. Geary; pigsty, Ashby Road, Coalville; and extension to factory at Whitwick for Messrs. Seal and Co.

On the motion of Mr Brown, the report was adopted.

#### *More Boys than Girls*

The medical officer (Dr. R. W. Jamie) reported that during November, eight cases of scarlatina were reported – one in Talbot Street, one in Green Lane, Whitwick; one in Margaret Street, one in Albert Street, one in Owen Street and two in Belvoir Road, Coalville and one in Breach Road, Hugglescote. During the same period 56 births – 35 boys and 20 girls were registered, giving a birth rate of 35 per 1,000.

#### *Surveyor's Department*

The number of lodgers accommodated at the Whitwick lodging houses during the month, reported the surveyor, was 624, compared with 619 last month, and 701 last year. The premises had been inspected and were in a satisfactory state.

#### *Coal to be Got*

The solicitors to the Whitwick Colliery Co. wrote giving notice of the company's intention to get coal up to within 40 yards of the gasworks.

The Chairman: *Is that the usual thing.*

The Clerk: Yes.

### **Coalville Police Court**

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

#### *Colliers Lamps on Bicycles*

John Warrington (36), collier, Whitwick, was summoned for riding a bicycle without a light at Coalville, on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. P.C. Bursnall said this was a similar case to the last. Fined 7s 6d, or seven days.

### *Acetylene Lights*

The following, who are all colliers, were summoned for failing to obscure the glass of bicycle lamps at Hugglescote, on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, viz., William Massey (40), Josiah Chambers (33), John Rady (21) and Zachariah Parker (40), of Whitwick, Geo. Carter (21), William Warden (37), and Herbert Straw (36) of Hugglescote, and George Hill (27) of Coalville. None of the men appeared.

P.C. Langham said it was 6.15 am and all defendants had bright acetylene lights on their bicycles. One collier, who was covered with mud, complained of having been dazzled by the lights and was knocked down by a cyclist who had no light. The defendants were each fined 5/6, or seven days.

The chairman said that as these were the first cases under the new Act, the Bench had taken a lenient view, but future cases would be more severely dealt with.

### *Affiliation Case*

John E. Higgins (26), grocer's assistant, Whitwick, was summoned by Annie Smith, single woman, Whitwick, to show good cause, etc. Mr J. J. Sharp (Coalville) appeared for the complainant, and Mr T. H. Moore (Coalville) for the defendant, denied the paternity.

Mr Sharp said the girl, who was only 18 years of age at the time, went to assist at the grocer's shop of which defendant was then the manager. She was a well-educated girl, having learnt shorthand at the evening school, and belonged to a very respectable family. He had never known a more sad case. Evidence was given by the complainant, (who said she was now 19 years of age), her mother, Sarah Ann Smith, wife of William Smith, and two girl friends.

Defendant, sworn, said he was now a grocer's assistant at Sheffield. He formerly managed a shop at Whitwick. He denied complainant's story absolutely.

John Thomas Briers, manager of the Forest Rock Granite Co., Whitwick, and cousin of the defendant, said he had seen the complainant with another man at the Picture Palace. Albert Edward Wallam (14), of Whitwick, grocer's boy, and John William Briers (13), nephew of the defendant, also gave evidence.

The Bench made an order for the payment of 3/6 a week to date from the birth of the child till it is 16 years of age, also £1 13s 6d costs and £2 2s advocate's fee. The clerk said the total required now was £3 15s 6d, and asked defendant whether he intended to pay. Defendant referred the clerk to his solicitor. Mr Moore said he had been instructed to appeal, so the question of payment would stand over for the time being.

### **Round the Theatres**

*The Picture House, Whitwick*

The usual good list of films, etc, are to be seen here again this week. There is Paul West, a very fine trapeze artiste, who has received loud applause for his various feats. – A splendid Thanhouser film in the first half of the week was “The Woman in White”, founded on the novel by H. Rider Haggard. This was much enjoyed. – Also No. 10 of “Stingeree” was excellent. – Others were good. – For the week-end, “The Man Within” must be seen. This is a 3-reeler, chock full of exciting incidents and dramatic happenings, and has sufficient story to keep the interest sustained, and “The Man Within” is a good example of the Western type of drama. – See advertisement for next week’s programme.

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

#### **Burials**

Moore – At Whitwick, yesterday, Mary Ann Moore, aged 84 years, of Silver Street.

### **Friday December 15<sup>th</sup> 1916 (Issue 1293)**

#### **Local News**

#### **Fatality at Snibston Colliery**

##### *Inquest at Whitwick*

An inquest was held at the Duke of Newcastle Inn, Whitwick, by Mr T. J. Webb yesterday (Thursday) morning, concerning the death of Samuel Hurst, an aged miner, of Whitwick, who was killed while at work in the Snibston No.2 pit, Coalville, on Tuesday morning.

There were present, Captain C H.M. Inspector of Mines, Mr J. J. Sharp (Coalville) for the widow and family, Mr C. E. Crane (Coalville) for the Midland Mining Officials’ Association, Mr J. F. Jesson (Ashby) for the South Leicestershire Colliery Co., Mr G. J. Binns (Derby) for the Indemnity Co., Mr Levi Lovett (Leicestershire miners agent), and Mr S. T. Boam, manager of the Snibston Colliery.

Julia Hurst, the widow, of 18, City of Three Waters, Whitwick said the deceased was a chargeman at the Colliery, and was 62 years of age. He had worked at the Snibston pit for about 30 years. He was quite well when he went to work on Monday night, and was brought home dead about four o’clock next morning.

Dr. J. W. Jamie (Coalville) said he was called to the colliery about 3.30 on Tuesday morning. The man had then been dead about three hours. There was a compound fracture of the skull, on the right side, which would cause almost instantaneous death, and the right arm and some of the ribs on the right side were also fractured. It was consistent with a heavy weight having fallen upon him.

Thomas Toon, of Ashby Road, Coalville, pony driver, said he was filling tubs in No. 11 gate road, about 12.30 on Tuesday morning, when he heard a fall, and shouted “Sam”. There was no reply. A few minutes before, witness had seen the deceased taking a bar out. The fall occurred suddenly, and buried the deceased, except his arm.

Thomas Petcher, 45, Bakewell Street, Coalville, said he had been a chargeman shifter, 27 years. He was working in the pit at the time, and was called to the scene of the accident by a boy named Caurah. He helped to get the deceased out.

By the Inspector: *Witness saw that deceased had timbered the place properly before he started to work. He also noticed that deceased was using the timber-drawer and two chains in a proper manner. As far as witness could see the man had gone about his work in a careful and wise manner. He was dead when witness got to him. The stone which fell on the deceased would weigh 25 or 26 cwt.*

By Mr Crane: *Deceased was a chargeman-shifter, and was responsible for his own work. He was a very competent man.*

By the foreman (Mr S. W. West): *He was not aware that deceased had anyone helping him.*

The lad, Toon, recalled, said he was filling stuff got down by the deceased into the tubs. Answering Mr Levett, Petcher said the chargeman's duty was to get stuff down and no one had anything to do with that unless ordered.

Thomas Richards, of Hough Hill, Swannington, deputy at the pit for the last six years, said he examined the place before the work of that shift commenced. It was safe then, and he instructed deceased to remove a low bar just inside the gate. He sent Cyril Caurah and Toon with the deceased, and they were to assist him until Joseph Hodgetts arrived.

By the Coroner: *He tested the roof by tapping it, at 10.15 pm. There was a slip on the left side, but that could not be seen till the bar was out.*

By Mr Sharp: *Witness had known the deceased for forty years, Hurst having been a miner all his life, and was a most practical man. Everything the deceased did, as far as witness could see, was quite in order.*

The Coroner said everything seemed to have been done as it should be. The jury found it was a pure accident for which no one was to blame, and that there was no neglect on the part of anyone. The foreman expressed the jury's sympathy with the widow. Mr Jesson, Mr Crane, and Mr Lovett also expressed sympathy, and Mr Sharp said he would convey that to the widow. He had known the family, he said, for 30 years, and they were very respectable people.

Mr Jesson said the company were sorry to lose so old and valued a servant – one who was held in the highest esteem alike by employers, officials and fellow workmen.

### **Local Casualties**

A Whitwick soldier, Private J. A. Carter, of the Leicestershire Regiment, is reported wounded and missing.

### **Do You Know That**



A committee has been formed at Whitwick with Mr George F. Burton hon. secretary, and Mr H. T. Bastard, hon. treasurer, to receive funds to show the appreciation of the townsmen for soldiers or sailors gaining honours in the war?

### **Girl's Theft at Whitwick**

#### *Stolen Money Spent on Soldiers*

At the Ashby Police Court on Saturday, Gertrude Barker (16), single, of Stockingford, Warwickshire, on remand from Coalville, was charged with stealing a purse containing 18/3 in money, a lady's wrist watch, a gold ring and a flash lamp, the articles being of the total value of 30s, the property of Mrs Mary Ellen Gill, at Whitwick, on December 5<sup>th</sup>.

Inspector Dobney (Coalville) stated that he received information of the offence at 6.15 pm and at 6.30 pm he met the girl in High Street, Coalville, arm in arm with two soldiers. He told her he suspected her and should take her to the Police Station. She denied all knowledge of the offence and at the Police Station witness found the watch and a 5s piece in the lining of her muff. The purse and some money, and the ring, she produced from her pocket, and the flashlight was concealed in the bosom of her dress. She then admitted the offence, and said her mother turned her out because she stayed out late at night with soldiers. Mrs Gill had befriended her. They met in the waiting room at Nuneaton Station on Tuesday morning, Mrs Gill having travelled from Ireland the previous night. In the course of the conversation, Mrs Gill said she was Irish, and the girl also said she was Irish. They travelled by the same train, and on the way, the defendant told Mrs Gill that her mother was dead, and asked her if she could accommodate her for the night. Mrs Gill took the girl to her home and gave her breakfast and dinner. After dinner she missed her purse. Defendant said, *"I hope you will find it before I go, or you will think I have got it."* She left the house at 4.30 to go to Leicester, and later, Mrs Gill missed the other articles.

The clerk: *That is how the defendant rewarded her kindness. – Yes.*

Proceeding, the inspector said the articles stolen were valued at 30s. Witness recovered 8/10 from the girl. She said she had spent the rest on teas and cigarettes for soldiers. Mr Hallas (the Court Missioner) said he had talked to the girl's parents who seemed to have no control over her. Her mother told him that she had to tell the girl that if she would stay out at night, she would have to go. He thought it would be best for the girl to go to a home.

Defendant was bound over in the sum of £5, in her own recognisances, to come up for judgement if called upon, on condition that she went into a home to be taken care of for two years. She agreed.

### **Ashby Police Court**

Saturday – Before the Rev. C. T. Moore (in the chair), Mr J. German and Mr J. Hassall.

Plans of proposed alterations at the Railway Hotel, Whitwick, for Messrs. Eadie and Co., were approved.

### **Round the Theatres**

*The Picture House, Whitwick*

“Stingeree” No. 11 at the beginning of the week was a good part, and others were also enjoyed. – D. W. Watson, the clever coronet soloist, etc., has had a good reception, and must be seen during the latter half of the week. Also, Phillis May, juvenile male impersonator, will please. – For the week-end “A Change of Heart” is a Lubin drama worth seeing, and others are good. – See advertisement for next week’s list.

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

#### **For His Country’s Sake**

*A devoted pal, faithful pal,  
One of the best that God could lend,  
He bravely answered duty’s call,  
His life he gave for one and all.  
But the unknown grave is the bitterest blow,  
None but an aching heart can know.*

*The midnight star shines o’er the grave,  
Of a dear pal, and soldier brave,  
How dear, how brave, we shall understand,  
When we meet again in the Better Land.*

From 10207, Corporal H. Sharp, Leicester Regt, B.E.F. France.

In loving remembrance of Private Walton, son of Mr and Mrs Walton, Hermitage Road, Whitwick.

#### **Burials**

Mould – At Whitwick, on Tuesday, Matilda Mould, aged 27 years, of North Street.

### **Friday December 22<sup>nd</sup> 1916 (Issue 1294)**

#### **Coalville Police Court**

Friday – Before Mr B. G. Hale and Mr J. W. West.

#### *Educational*

John Wardle (39), collier, Whitwick, was summoned for not sending his child regularly to school. Mr C. Hart, school attendance officer, Measham, gave the facts, and said it was a very troublesome case. The mother said her girl was ill. Fined 4/-.

#### *Dog out at Night*

Thomas Hurst, junr. (23), collier, Whitwick, pleaded not guilty to failing to keep his dog under control at night, at Whitwick, on December 7<sup>th</sup>. He pleaded not guilty. P.C.’s Jelley

and Jones gave the facts, and defendant said a girl loosed the dog. He was not there. Fined 5/6, or seven days.

### *Helplessly Drunk*

David Boot (45), collier, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk at Coalville, on November 27<sup>th</sup>. His wife appeared. P.C. Jones said he found the man lying helpless in Mantle Lane, and sent him home on the bus. Fined 10s, or seven days.

### *Whitwick Collier Fined*

Joseph Tugby (46), collier, Whitwick, was summoned for indecent conduct at Whitwick on November 24<sup>th</sup>. In his absence, P.C. Jelley gave the facts, and defendant was fined 15s, or 14 days.

## **Round the Theatres**

### *The Picture House, Whitwick*

The "star" picture at the beginning of the week was, "The Heart never Grows Old," a fine Ambrosio picture, much enjoyed. The final episode of Stingaree was also good, as also were all the others shown. For the week-end "Wives of the Rich" is a good society drama which should not be missed, and "True to his Oath" is a special Christmas film, which will be must enjoyed. Next week's, including a fine holiday programme, see advertisement.

## **Friday December 29<sup>th</sup> 1916 (Issue 1295)**

### **Local News**

An old-fashioned Christmas has been the order in Coalville and district this year. Snow fell heavily all day on Saturday, and covered the ground to a considerable depth, and though there was a thaw on Sunday, it was followed in the evening by a sharp frost, and Christmas morning found Mother Earth weaving her snowy mantle, and there was a delightful crispness about the atmosphere. It was in every respect a quiet Christmas. There were no "waits" or carol-singers out on Christmas Eve, this having been prohibited by the police, and though a few bands were out on Christmas and Boxing Days, there was less music than on former occasions when the grim realities of war did not prevent one from entering into the spirit of Christmas.

The local cinemas were open on Christmas Day, and on Boxing Day, were extensively patronised. The colliers had but two days' holiday, which following Sunday, gave them a well-earned respite, and Messrs Stableford's employees were also back at work on Wednesday morning.

### **Local Chit Chat**

A visitor to Whitwick this Christmastide was Gunner J. C. Stinson, who will be remembered by local footballers as a former popular goalkeeper, first for the Whitwick Imperial and then for Coalville Town. He is now a gunner in the R.G.A. and has been for some months in

France, returning there on Wednesday. He spent Christmas with his parents, Mr and Mrs W. Stinson, of Sharpley, Whitwick.

### **Round the Theatres**

#### *The Picture House, Whitwick*

Whitwick Picture House has been extensively patronised this week, and a real good programme of pictures is being shown all the week. "The Girl and the Crook" was a powerful Thanouser at the commencement of the week, and was enjoyed, as was "Helen's Babies," a two-reel comedy, and "The Road to Fame" too, was exceptionally good. – For the week-end "A Social Deception" is a Blue Diamond film and is in three parts, a very fine story. Also Charlie Chaplin as the perfect lover will make you laugh. – Others are good. – See advertisement.

### **Patriotic Football Match**

A match between Whitwick Imperial and Mr C. Storer's team took place on Boxing Day on the Duke of Newcastle ground. It was in connection with the effort of Whitwick people to secure funds for sending parcels to Whitwick men serving in the Forces.

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

#### **Marriage**

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> inst., at Higher Ardwick Church, Manchester, John Joseph Sharp, of Whitwick, Leicestershire, to Kate, daughter of the late Wm. Frank Milnes, of Eccleshall, Yorkshire.

#### **Burials**

Fielding – At Whitwick, on Tuesday, Isabella Fielding, aged 53 years, of Meadow Lane Farm, Whitwick.