

Friday January 3rd 1919 (1400)

Local News

Mr C. G. Fox, eldest son of P. S. Fox, of Ashby, formerly of Whitwick, having passed his final examination as a wireless operator, has secured an appointment with the Marconi Company, and will be _____ at Singapore.

Social

On Saturday evening a social was held in the Wesleyan School, the proceeds being for the soldiers' and sailors' welfare and memorial fund at the chapel.

Watch-night Service

Following a social in the Baptist School on Thursday, a watch-night service was held in the chapel, conducted by the Rev. A. Dalton (pastor).

Sacred Cantata at Whitwick

Effort for the Wesleyan Missions

The sacred cantata, "Nativity," was given by a choir of 40 voices at the Whitwick Wesleyan Chapel, on Sunday afternoon. Mr W. Reece conducted, and the principals were Madam Clay, of Coalville (soprano), Miss Hewes of Ravenstone (contralto), Mr A. G. Ball of Hugglescote (tenor) and Mr A. Whitmore of Hugglescote (bass). All sang very nicely and the choruses were well-rendered. The following comprised the orchestra.

Messrs. H. Marriott, J. H. Starkey, Miss C. West and Master Thornley, violins; Mr J. Burton, viola; Mr J. W. Burton, cello; Mr W. Hemsley, bass; Mr A. Clarke, flute; Mr R. Thornley, clarinet; and Miss Bourne, organist.

There was a good congregation, and a collection for the Wesleyan Foreign Missions realised £3/3/10.

Sport

Football

Coalville Swifts were unable to raise a team to play Whitwick Imperial at Coalville on Boxing Day, and at Whitwick on Saturday last, in the Leicestershire Senior League, the matches having to be postponed. Tomorrow, Whitwick will play Stableford's on the Duke of Newcastle ground.

Coalville Police Court

Whitwick Grocer Summoned

Assault Case Dismissed

At the Coalville Police Court on Friday, Frederick Burton, 49, grocer, Whitwick, was summoned by Patrick Allen, collier, for assaulting him at Whitwick on December 14th. He pleaded not guilty.

Complainant said he asked the defendant why he ill-used his children when they went into his shop and defendant said he would not have complainant nor his children in the shop. The children were afraid of the defendant and dare not go by his shop. Defendant wanted him to work for him for 6d an hour and because he refused and asked him for 17s 6d he owed him, defendant struck him in the eye.

The clerk: *What did you do?*
I hit him back.

Further answering the clerk, complainant said Burton gave him a black eye. He hit Burton and knocked him down. He lay on the ground and complainant twice picked him up.

Burton: *You say I owe you 17s 6d?*
Yes.

Burton: *If I say you are a liar, what do you say?*
I say you are a gentleman. (laughter).

Burton: *Why haven't you sued me in the County Court?*
Because I thought you would pay.

Defendant said that whenever Allen had done any work for him he had had his groceries in advance and Allen owed him 4s or 5s. He alleged that Allen seized him by the arm before he struck him.

Martin Kelly, collier, Whitwick, stated that Burton struck the first blow and a fight ensued.

Burton: *Is it not proverbial in Whitwick that if Pat Allen gets his man down he kicks and punches him while on the ground.*

The chairman: *What is proverbial in Whitwick has nothing to do with the case.*

Absolom Smith, collier, Thringstone, also said Burton was the aggressor. Defendant said the complainant seized him by the arm as he was walking along the street to the polling booth and he defended himself.

Inspector Dobney, called by the defendant said that on a previous occasion Burton had called at the Police Station and made a complaint about the conduct of Allen, who, he said, was frequently annoying him.

The Bench dismissed the case, and Allen had to pay 6s 6d costs, (including 4s for the summons).

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Octogenarian's Death

The death occurred on Monday of one of the oldest residents of Whitwick. Mrs Martha Spencer, who had been residing with Mr Samuel Berrington, at the Hall Lane Farm. She

was 88 years of age. The funeral took place at Whitwick Cemetery on Wednesday afternoon.

Burials

Spencer – At Whitwick, on Wednesday, Martha Spencer, aged 88 years, of Hall Lane Farm.

Friday January 10th 1919 (1401)

Local News

Presentation

The Rev. A. Dalton concluded his ministry at the Whitwick Baptist Chapel on Sunday night, and at the close of the service, Mr O. Geary presented him with Treasury Notes subscribed by members of the congregation, whose good wishes he expressed for a successful future. The Rev. A. Dalton suitably replied. He has accepted the pastorate of the Kegworth Baptist Church.

P.M. Chapel

The Rev. C. Stewart Hooson, of Wigan, gave a recital in the Primitive Methodist Chapel on Saturday evening, the Rev. S. G. Cobley presiding. On Sunday, the Rev. C. S. Hooson preached morning and evening, and gave another recital in the afternoon, when Mr Albert Whitmore presided and solos were rendered by Miss Anderson, of Coalville. About £200 is being expended on repairs to the heating apparatus, and the proceeds were for this fund, amounting to £18.

Coalville Police Court

Ernest Smith (20), collier, Coalville, was summoned by Florence E. Day, single, Whitwick, to show cause etc. Defendant did not appear and P.C. Grewcock said that when served with the summons defendant replied that he should pay what was put on him. Mr J. J. Sharp for the complainant, said it was a sad case. Defendant had kept company with the girl (she was only 19), for some time and said he would marry her, but he went off and joined the Coldstream Guards. He said he wanted to see a bit more life. He wrote the girl an affectionate letter and sent her £1. He agreed afterwards to pay 5/- a week but when the agreement was drawn up he refused to sign it. The girl gave evidence, and said defendant was now working at the Whitwick colliery. Defendant was ordered to pay 5/- per week till the child is 16, £1/11/- expenses of the birth, 10/- court costs and an advocate's fee of £5/5/0, the chairman remarking that the defendant had acted very badly in the matter.

Whitwick Collier to Pay More

Summoned by the Ashby Guardians

At the Ashby Police Court on Saturday, David Boot (49), collier, Whitwick, was summoned to the Ashby Board of Guardians for refusing to contribute towards the maintenance of his mother, chargeable to the funds of the Union. He did not appear.

Arthur E. Petcher, relieving officer, said the defendant's mother had been receiving 5/- a week outdoor relief since October. His average wages for the last six weeks were £4/0/9 per week, and he had four children, two of whom were at work. The Guardians had asked him to pay 1/6 per week, but he said he could not. His brother was paying 1/- towards the 5/-.

The Bench ordered defendant to pay 2/6 a week and 13/6 costs.

Discharged Soldier's Defence

Magisterial sympathy for a discharged wounded soldier was shown in a case at the Coalville Police Court, on Friday, when John Smith (32), and George Bennett (31), colliers, Whitwick, were summoned by Trevor Pratt, gamekeeper to Mr de Lisle, for day poaching at Whitwick, on December 18th, and for wilfully damaging a stone wall at the same time. Defendants both pleaded not guilty.

Mr J. J. Sharp, who prosecuted, said he was surprised at them taking that course, as since the offence they had been to Mr de Lisle and asked him to be lenient.

Trevor Pratt said he saw the defendants and another man in Cademan Wood about 11 am. He saw one dog, and believed there were two. A rabbit ran into a stone wall and the defendants pulled the wall down to get at the rabbit, but it got away. Then they put a ferret in a rabbit hole. They went off on seeing him and he secured the ferret, which he produced in court, remarking, "It is a very good one."

P.C. Grocock said he met Bennett in Cademan Street, coming from the direction of Cademan Wood with a dog. His boots were dirty and there was green stuff on his coat.

By Bennett: *Witness would have stopped him had he thought he had a rabbit on him.*

Bennett, on oath, denied the offence, saying it was a case of mistaken identity. He was a discharged soldier, and would not be so silly as to risk losing his pension for the sake of a rabbit. When he went to see Mr de Lisle, after receiving the summons, he told him he was not guilty. He explained to the Bench that he was unable to use his left arm through it having been hit by an explosive bullet, and he produced his army papers showing that he was discharged after two years with the Leicesters in the army, during which he was an honest, sober and reliable man. Mr Sharp said Mr de Lisle did not wish to press the cause unduly.

The question arose as to whether a conviction would affect the man's pension, and the clerk said it would not, being only a summary offence. Superintendent Lockton said a man might lose his pension if sent to prison for larceny.

The chairman said the magistrates would take a lenient view as they were sorry defendant had been wounded while fighting for his country. They would serve both defendants alike,

and dismiss the cases on payment of 16/- each, costs and damage, and the chairman said he hoped it would not occur again.

Whist Drive and Dance

On Saturday night a whist drive and dance were held in the Church Schools, Mr B. Massey was M.C. for the dance, and Messrs. W. Fern and W. T. Dickens for whist. The proceeds were for the Church choir fund.

Do You Know That

Owing to the heating apparatus being under repair there were no services at the Whitwick P.M. Chapel on Sunday, which, it is believed, was the first time such a thing has happened since the chapel was built nearly a century ago?

Sport

Football

Stableford's team were to have played the Imperial at Whitwick, on Saturday in the Leicestershire Senior League, but the match had to be postponed due to the snow.

Friday January 17th 1919 (1402)

Local News

Sport

Football

Another Senior League match was to have been played at Coalville, on Saturday, on the Waggon and Horse ground, between Stableford's Works team and Whitwick Imperial, but referee Linthwaite, of Leicester, declared the ground unfit, a portion being under water. It was a great disappointment to the Whitwick men who have been ready to play on three or four occasions but have been prevented by circumstances over which they have had no control. Mr George Waterfield, the old secretary, who was seriously wounded in the war, but is now back again in civilian life, is again taking a keen interest in the team and he informs me that they have got a good side together. Roadley, the old goal-keeper, is again available; C. Bradshaw (formerly Coalville Swifts) and Swain (Swannington) are the backs; Lord (Coleorton), Nicholls (an old Coalville Town man) and Fern (Ravenstone), Brady, Roome and J. and A. Swain, forwards. Whitwick supporters will be glad to see that Brady is back again. He is a fine player and has often delighted the Whitwick crowds. When he left them, he went to Swindon and, later, the Chelsea clubs, before joining the army, and his return to civil life will be marked by his re-appearance in the Whitwick team. It will also be noticed that the team includes three Swains. They are brothers, and one of them, A. Swain, did good service for Leicester Fosse for a couple of seasons.

Whitwick are billed to play Pegg's Green on the Duke of Newcastle ground in the Leicestershire Senior League tomorrow, and they are hoping not to be disappointed this time.

Friday January 31st 1919 (1404)

Local News

Mrs M. A. Jarvis, widow, of Silver Street, Whitwick, who is 70 years of age, has been village postwoman for 30 years, and is still actively engaged in the work. During this long period she has never failed through illness or any other cause to cover her round from 7 am to 8.55 am daily.

Whitwick Colliery Workmen's Accident Club

The annual meeting of this club was held at the Hermitage Hotel on Saturday afternoon, Mr George Brooks presiding. The statement of accounts showed that in the bonus account, the expenditure was £261/3/8, and a sum of £19/15/3 was overdrawn. The balance sheet showed a total expenditure of £450/15/6, which included £332/18/2 in accident pay, £34/12/4 in disabled pay, and £33/16/6 collectors and treasurer. The worth of the club at the end of the year was £273/19/1. The Infirmary collections account showed that £125/8/2 was collected, and £105/19/3 was sent to the Leicester Royal Infirmary and £19/8/11 to the Loughborough Hospital. The balance sheet of the death fund showed that 42 collections had been made, totalling £1,152/9/9. The expenses were £31/11/6 and the amount paid to beneficiaries was £1,120/17/6. The amounts varied from £16/1/1 to £33/19/3.

It transpired that in one case of a collection for the relative of a member officially reported killed, the member was since found to be alive and a satisfactory arrangement in regard to the money was made. All the officers were re-elected, except that Mr Hy. Belcher was elected on the committee in place of Mr A. Hinds.

Parish Church

The Vicar of Whitwick (the Rev. T. W. Walters, R.D.) had the honour of preaching in Peterborough Cathedral on Sunday last. In his absence, the service in the morning was taken by Mr F. T. Bellward, and in the evening, by the Rev. E. Pillifant, vicar of Bardon Hill.

Do You Know That

The Vicar of Whitwick, the Rev. T. W. Walters, M.A. preached in the Peterborough Cathedral on Sunday night?

A whist drive, fancy dress dance and waltzing competition, are to take place at the Holy Cross Schools, Whitwick, on Wednesday, February 12th, in aid of the proposed Catholic Church at Coalville?

Coalville Petty Sessions

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

Charles Wm. Ekins (43), collier, Whitwick, was summoned for driving a carriage without a red rear light at Coalville, on January 14th. Defendant pleaded not guilty. P.C. Bursnall said

he shouted to the defendant, who refused to stop. Defendant said he had not far to go and the lamps were lighted when he started. The policeman followed him into Henson's yard and he (defendant) told him the lamp was warm, if he would feel of it, but he said he could not bother. P.C. Bursnall said the light was out at Bakewell Street. Fined 6/- or seven days.

Sport

Football

The Leicestershire Senior League has got into full swing again, and three matches were played on Saturday, though not under very agreeable conditions. The ground was frozen hard and a mixture of snow and rain, with a bitterly cold atmosphere, mitigated against good gates.

The result of the match at Whitwick came rather as a surprise, Pegg's Green beating Imperial by three goals to one. It was the first match played by both teams, but while Whitwick are old campaigners and one-time League champions, the Victoria made their debut in the League.

Friday February 7th 1919 (1405)

Local News

Whist Drive

In connection with the Labour Party, a whist drive and dance were held in the Holy Cross School on Saturday evening. The M.C.'s for whist were Messrs. P. Downes and Wilson, and for dancing Messrs. W. Grew and T. Lees. Mr George Wright's Band provided the music.

Liberal Club

The 31st Annual Meeting of the shareholders of the Whitwick Liberal Club was held on Wednesday evening last week, Mr A. Needham presiding. The report of the directors stated: *"They have decided to recommend that instead of paying a dividend this year to make improvements in the club which are badly needed for the comfort of the members. The cash in bank is £57/11/0, and it is proposed that we use some of this sum to help the members committee to carry out the improvement. The directors recommend that £2/2/- be paid for their services. The retiring directors are Messrs. Thomas Kelly, G. H. Hallam, Wallace Burton and Arthur Cooper, but are eligible for re-election. The auditors, Messrs J. T. Briers and A. G. Ottey retired, but are eligible for re-election."*

The report was adopted and the auditors were re-elected, also the retiring directors, with the exception of Mr W. Adams was elected in the place of Mr Burton.

Coalville Urban Council

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

Kelly, C. W. Brown and R. Blower, with the clerk (Mr J. F. Jesson), surveyor (Mr L. L. Baldwin), gasworks manager (Mr J. W. Eagles) and assistant surveyor (Mr G. F. Hurst)

The surveyor presented the Whitwick Lodging house returns showing that 599 persons were accommodated during the month, against 629 last month, and 635 in the corresponding month of last year. Instructions had been given for the windows to be opened more for ventilation, and with this exception, the premises were satisfactory.

Sport

Football

Three matches were played in the Leicestershire Senior League, on Saturday, when again the conditions were unfavourable, the ground being hard from frost and snow falling, so that there were not very large attendances.

The match which seemed to create the greatest interest was that on the Central Ground, Coalville, between the Workingmen's Club and Whitwick Imperial, and a capital game was witnessed in which Mr Herbert Deakin was referee. Whitwick held the advantage in the first half, during which they scored twice through W. Moore and J. Swain, and crossed over leading by two goals to one. In the second half, the Workingmen drew level, both their goals being scored by Brown, centre-forward, and the result was a draw of two goals each, which was a good indication of the merits of the teams on the day's play.

Friday February 14th 1919 (1406)

Local News

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| <p>LEICESTER ROAD, WHITWICK.</p> <p>VALUABLE FREEHOLD PROPERTY.</p> <p>To be Sold by Auction by ORCHARD & JOYCE</p> <p>at the THREE CROWNS INN, WHITWICK on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24th, 1919, at 7 p.m., subject to Conditions of Sale to be then produced.</p> <p>ALL THOSE THREE MESSUAGES, being Nos. 48, 50 and 52 LEICESTER ROAD, WHITWICK, in the occupation of Mrs. Lowe, and Messrs. F. Gardner and J. Nutt.—Public Water Supply laid on. Right of Footway to back.—Gross yearly rental, £29/5/0.</p> <p>Further particulars, apply to the Auction- eers: or to</p> <p>Messrs CRANE and MOORE, Solicitors, COALVILLE. B3749.</p> |
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WHITWICK.

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LEICESTER ROAD.

LOT 1.—ALL those SEVEN MESSUAGES, fronting the Leicester Road and the City of Dan, including the Double-fronted Shop and Dwelling-House, in the occupation of Mrs. Whitmore, No. 26, Leicester Road, and 32, City of Dan.

TWO MESSUAGES, Nos. 28 and 30, Leicester Road, in the respective occupations of Messrs J. T. Quemby and Geo. Thirlby.

FOUR COTTAGES, Nos. 24, 26, 28 and 30, in City of Dan, in the respective occupations of Messrs Beeson, Gough, Riley and Cheney.

The above Lot produces a gross yearly rental of £67/12/0.

LOT 2.—ALL that DWELLING HOUSE, No. 34, Leicester Road, now in the occupation of Mr. Albert Whitmore, Greengrocer.—This Lot produces a yearly rental of £9/15/0.

NORTH STREET.

LOT 3.—THOSE THREE substantially-built MESSUAGES fronting North St., with the Gardens, Stable, and Outbuildings belonging thereto, in the respective occupations of Messrs A. T. Bishop, W. Stanyard and Mrs. O. Parsons, producing a gross yearly rental of £5/10/0.

BROOKS' LANE.

LOT 4.—ALL that MESSAGE or Tenement, situate in Brooks' Lane, in the occupation of Mr. Glover; also ALL THAT CLOSE of VALUABLE OLD TURF LAND adjoining thereto, known as Town End Close, in the occupation of Mr. Jessop, the whole containing an area of 1 acre, 2 roods and 22 perches, or thereabouts. This Lot has a frontage of 180 yards or thereabouts to Brooks' Lane aforesaid.

For further particulars and information, apply to the Auctioneers, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Coalville and Hinckley; or to

Messrs SHARP and LANCASTER,
Solicitors,

Coalville, Ilstock and Loughborough.

Proposed New Catholic Church at Coalville

Successful Effort at Whitwick

A well-attended Victory fancy dress ball and whist drive, organised by Mr Justin McCarthy took place at the Holy Cross Schools, Whitwick, on Wednesday evening. The object was to raise funds towards the new Catholic Church at Coalville, which is to replace the temporary zinc structure or "tin tabernacle" now hopelessly inadequate for the growing congregation of St. Saviour's. The M.C.'s for the whist drive were Messrs. A. Revell and J. Briers. The dance was under the management of Messrs. B. McHugh, J. H. McCarthy, Mr

J. Bradley, Dr. Dunkin and Mr Coleman. Prizes were awarded by Father O'Reilly and Mrs Dunkin as follows:

Whist Drive: Ladies: 1 Miss Moreton; 2 Mrs Downes; 3 Mrs Wright.
Gentlemen: 1 Mr Mason; 2 Mr A. H. Colver; 3 Mr B. Needham.

Fancy Dress: Ladies: 1 Miss Molly Smith (Persian Princess); 2 Miss V. Cowan (Ration Tickets); 3 Miss M. Needham (Cigarette Pictures).
Gentlemen: 1 J. Haywood; 2 C. Jones; 3 E. Boot.

The prizes were given by Messrs. Hartopp, of Leicester, Messrs. Thomas, Son and Grant (Leicester), Messrs. Coleman and Sons, Messrs. Lands, Ltd, Messrs. Thompson and Hodgkinson, Mrs Maudling, Mrs Dunkin and W. F. Moore.

The refreshment table was well patronised and the needs of all were excellently catered for by Mrs T. McCarthy, Mrs Deacon, Mrs Baker, Mrs Roulstone, Miss G. King, Mrs B. McHugh, Miss Ellen O'Reilly, Miss M. McCarthy and Mrs Higgins.

After deducting expenses, the amount realised was £50. In addition to the ladies and gentlemen already mentioned as workers, Mr Justin McCarthy had the valuable assistance of Messrs. L. Sheffield, J. Chapman, A. King, W. Stanley, W. Wardle and W. Harrison.

Whist Drive and Dance

On Saturday evening a whist drive and dance were held in the Church School, at Whitwick, there being a good attendance. Messrs. C. V. Pegg and W. Fern were M.C.'s for whist and Mr B. Massey for dancing, the pianist being Mr R. G. West. The proceeds were for the Parish Church War Memorial Fund.

Baptist Church

A successful and well-attended conversations was held on Saturday evening last, Mr O. Geary presiding. The following programme was well rendered and much enjoyed: Piano duet, Miss and Mr W. Geary; song, Miss Johnson; monologue, Miss Newman; violin solo, Mr Marriott; humorous song, (encored), Mr W. Reece; song, Miss G. Mann; piano duet, Miss A. Gill and Mr O. Ratcliffe; duologue, Misses Newman and Johnson. The pianist was Miss May Geary.

Afterwards refreshments were served in a very dainty and cosy refreshment room, the whole arrangement being well carried out by one of the young members of the church. The proceeds were towards the purchase of a piano.

Coalville Petty Sessions

Friday – Before the Rev. C. T. Moore (chairman), Major Hatchett, Captain Deverell, R.N., Mr H. J. Ford and Mr L. Lovett.

Summonses for riding bicycles without proper lights, were dealt with as follows: Horace Whitmore (31), collier, Whitwick, 5/6, John Gamble (40), collier, Whitwick, 5/6, Albert Beeson, (20), collier, Whitwick, 5/6. (*There were 22 colliers in total listed*). None of the

defendant's appeared. Evidence was given by P.C.'s Jones, Grewcock, Jelley, Langham and Sibson, to the effect that defendants were seen about 6 am in the morning riding to and from work without lights. Supt. Lockton said there had been complaints, and he felt bound to take proceedings. There had been some accidents, through men riding five or six abreast without lights. The chairman said future cases would be more severely dealt with.

Sport

Football

Coalville Swifts went to Whitwick and a well-contested game produced four goals, two each. After 20 minutes' play, the Swifts were two up by Dennis and Humphreys. The goal-keeper made no attempt to stop the latter's shot, apparently thinking it was going outside. Tommy Nicholls (the old Coalville Town player) reduced the lead and before the interval Whitwick drew level as the result of a fine centre by J. Swain, Nicholls giving the finishing touch. There was no scoring in the second half.

Whitwick Imperial supporters will be glad to know that Ernest Layton has signed again for his old club. He is a clever forward and after leaving Whitwick, played for Huddersfield Town. Then he joined up and "did his bit" in the war, and has now been released from the Army to work in the mine. His re-appearance in the Whitwick ranks will be hailed with satisfaction.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Burials

Lakin – At Whitwick, on February 6th, ____ Lakin, aged 69 years, of Leicester Road.

Commons – At Whitwick, on February 8th, Mary Agnes Commons, aged 74 years, of Blackbrook Cottage, Shepshed.

Friday February 21st 1919 (1407)

Local News

As it was raining heavily up till eleven o'clock on Sunday night, people in the Coalville district were surprised to wake up on Monday morning and find another deep snow, and the storm – the worst experienced yet this winter – still raging. In some places there were drifts three to four feet deep. The snowfall continued till nearly midday, and in the afternoon it turned to rain, finishing up with a regular blizzard with more snow in the evening and all through the night. Traffic on the roads was considerably impeded.

Whist Drive and Dance

On Wednesday evening, a whist drive and dance were held in the Holy Cross Schools in aid of Dr. Barnado's Homes. There was a good attendance. The M.C.'s were Messrs. M. Downes (whist) and B. Revell and B. Massey (dancing). The whist prize winners being:

Ladies: 1 Miss D. Smith; 2 Miss D. O'Mara.

Gents: 1 Mr H. Hopkinson; 2 Mr S. West.

The prizes offered for the best fancy dress were won by Miss Ethel Moore (advertisement) and Miss G. Baker (Japanese lady). Miss Grace Perry and Mr Maurice King won a waltzing completion.

Coalville Co-Operative Farm

219 Applications for the post of Bailiff

For the post of bailiff of Elms Farm, Thringstone, which was recently purchased by the Coalville Co-Operative Society, there were no less than 219 applications. These were considered by the committee on Saturday night, and Mr Robert Sharp, junr., of Whitwick, was appointed.

Mr Sharp has been managing the Spring Burrow Farm, Whitwick, for Mr J. H. Green for some time, with an interval during which he served in the military forces. His father, Mr R. Sharp, is a well-known Whitwick farmer.

Whitwick Minister wins M.C.

The Rev. J. E. Eagles, chaplain to the Forces in Egypt, has been awarded the Military Cross for bravery in the field. He is the eldest son of Mr J. W. Eagles, manager of the Coalville Urban Council's gasworks at Whitwick, and has served in Egypt for three years. The Rev. J. E. Eagles is a Wesleyan minister.

Sport

Football

Ernest Layton signalled his re-appearance for Whitwick on the Duke of Newcastle ground, Whitwick, on Saturday, by scoring one of the three goals against Coalville Workingmen's Club, also in the Leicestershire Senior League. Layton played with Whitwick some years ago, and after leaving them, joined Huddersfield Town F.C., since which he has been in the Army. The other two goals in Saturday's match were scored for Whitwick by T. Lees and W. Lees scored for the Workingmen, who were beaten by three goals to one.

An application to join the Coalville League has also been received from Whitwick Swifts, but as the Divisions have been arranged, and the remainder of the season is so short, the application comes too late, but is in time for another season, when it is hoped to get the League again into something like pre-war form.

Friday February 28th 1919 (1408)

Local News

Sales by Auction

Orchard & Joyce

Are instructed by Mr S. Berrington to sell by auction, On the Premises, Church Farm, Whitwick, on Thursday, March 13th, 1919.

32 Beasts
81 Sheep
3 Half-legged horses

Pony Turnout, Spring Cart and a Quantity of Implements etc. Sale to commence at One o'clock.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Inquest

An inquest was held by Mr H. J. Deane at the Hare and Hounds Inn, on Tuesday, concerning the death of Catherine Storer, aged 46 years, wife of John Storer, collier, of the City of Three Waters, Whitwick. After hearing the evidence, the Coroner found that death was due to natural causes, viz., heart failure from bronchitis and asthma.

Death of an Old Resident

The death has occurred of Mrs Mary Ann Hardy, an old and well-known resident of the parish. Deceased, who was 86 years of age, was the widow of the late Mr George Hardy, who for many years was police sergeant at Whitwick, and she was also the mother-in-law of Mr Tompkins, a well-known Whitwick builder, who emigrated to Canada a few years ago.

Thanks

Mr E. G. Hutchins, Whitwick and Thringstone postman, who has recently arrived from service in Egypt, wishes to thank all kind friends for their sympathy with him in the loss he has sustained through the death of his wife. Also lost nine more relations in twelve months.

Burials

Hardy – At Whitwick, on Sunday, Mary Ann Hardy, aged 86 years, of Silver Street.

Friday March 7th 1919 (1409)

Local News

Church War Memorial Fund

On Tuesday evening a whist drive and dance were held in the National School in aid of the Parish Church War Memorial Fund. Mr R. G. West played for dancing, the M.C. for which was Mr G. Underwood, and the M.C.'s for the whist drive were Messrs. W. Fern and R. Gee. Refreshments were served, and the company spent an enjoyable evening.

Public Notice

Bernard V. McCarthy having been demobilised from the Army wishes to inform the inhabitants of Whitwick and District that he will re-open his butcher's shop at 1, Silver

Street, Whitwick on Thursday March 20th, 1919, and hopes for a continuance of the public patronage. All orders promptly attended to.

Sale by Auction

CHURCH FARM, WHITWICK.
ORCHARD & JOYCE
are instructed by Mr. S. Berrington (who is giving up the farm, it having been sold) to Sell by Auction, on the Premises at Church Farm, Whitwick, on **THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 1919,** The Live and Dead **FARM STOCK**, including

32 BEASTS, viz., 13 in-calf Cows and Heifers; 2 barren Cows in milk; 1 barren Heifer; 6 1½-years-old Heifers and Steers; 5 Cow Yearlings; 5 Steer Yearlings.

81 SHEEP, viz., 39 in-lamb Ewes or Theaves; 8 Wethers; 32 Lamb Hogs; 1 Shearling Shropshire Ram; 1 Hampshire Ram Lamb.

3 HORSES, viz., Valuable half-legged Chestnut Gelding, 5 years; half-legged Brown Mare, 4 years; half-legged Chestnut Mare, 5 years. All good workers.

Smart **TURNOUT**, comprising **PONY**, 13½h.h. **SOCIABLE** and **HARNESS**. Spring **CART**. **IMPLEMENTS**, etc.

SALE to commence **AT ONE O'CLOCK.**
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Successful Property Sale at Whitwick

Some Keen Bidding

A successful sale of freehold properties was conducted by Messrs. Orchard and Joyce (Coalville and Ashby) at the Three Crowns Hotel, Whitwick, Monday last week. There was a crowded room and for most of the lots there was keen competition, the bidding being brisk.

Lot 1 was seven houses, fronting Leicester Road and the City of Dan, Whitwick, including the double-fronted shop and dwelling house occupied by Mrs Whitmore, two messuages occupied by Messrs. J. T. Quemby and George Thirlby, Leicester Road, and four cottages in the City of Dan, occupied by Messrs. Beeson, Gough, Riley and Cheney. The whole lot produces an annual rental of £67/12/0, and was sold to Mrs Whitmore for £850.

Lot 2, a dwelling-house in Leicester Road, occupied by Mr Alb. Whitmore, greengrocer, at £9/15/0, was bought by the occupier for £175.

The third lot, three houses fronting North Street, occupied by Messrs. A. T. Bishop, W. Stanyard and Mrs C. Parsons, at £45/10/0 a year, was sold to Mr E. Parramore of Coalville, for £450.

For a message in Brooks Lane and a close of turf land there was no bid.

Messrs. Sharp and Lancaster (Coalville and Loughborough) were the solicitors to the vendors of the above lots.

Another property offered was three houses in Leicester Road, Whitwick, occupied by Mrs Lowe, and Messrs. F. Gardner and J. Nutt, at a rental of £29/5/0 per year, and this was sold to Mr Anthony Needham, of Whitwick, for £345. The solicitors to the vendor of this lot were Messrs. Crane and Moore, of Coalville.

Do You Know That

The Rev. J. E. Eagles, M.C., honoured by a public presentation at Whitwick on Monday night, is one of Mr T. Frith's old boys of the Coalville Belvoir Road School?

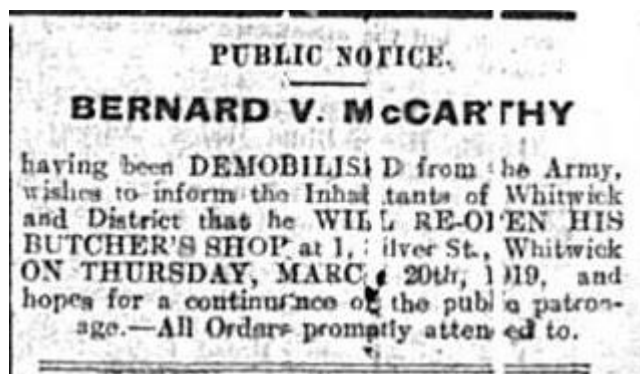
Sport

Football

A great surprise in the Leicestershire Senior League on Saturday was the defeat of Whitwick Imperial by the Victoria at Pegg's Green. The latter led 2 – 0 at the interval, and ran out winners by three goals to one. There was a good "gate," two or three hundred people going from Whitwick.

Friday March 14th 1919 (1410)

Local News



Whitwick Woman's Death

Inquest

Mr H. J. Deane (Coroner) held an inquest, without a jury, at the Three Horse Shoes Inn, Whitwick, on Friday afternoon last, concerning the death of Elizabeth Ann Howitt (45), widow, of 45, Leicester Road, Whitwick, which occurred about 6 pm on the 4th inst.

John Millership, collier, employed at Whitwick No. 6 Pit, and residing at 45, Leicester Road, Whitwick, said the deceased had acted as his housekeeper since last Christmas. She had been in very fair health. He believed her husband died in November. On February 20th, deceased went to Hucknall Torkard, where she formerly resided, to attend the funeral of her mother. She was there for eight days, and seemed alright when she came back, which was on Friday, but on the Saturday she complained of pains in the bowels, for which she took some iodine tea. On Monday she seemed worse, and before he went to work, he told her to send for a doctor, but she did not do so that day. On Tuesday morning he told her again to send for a doctor and she did so.

The Coroner: *You pass the doctor's on the way to work, don't you? – Yes
Couldn't you have called yourself? – It is rather unusual to call at six o'clock in the morning.*

The Coroner said it would have been an easy thing for the witness to have called himself when he knew the woman was ill. Millership, proceeding, said the doctor arrived on Tuesday afternoon and the deceased died about 6 pm the same day. While at Hucknall she wrote to him asking him to send her some money, saying she had not been well. She suffered from constipation.

The Coroner: *As far as you knew, there was nothing else the matter? – No.*

Further answering the Coroner, witness said the deceased vomited, and she told him she had taken a dose of salts and some pills, and that she had passed a lot of blood. The deceased's daughter was 23 years of age, and of weak intellect, but he thought she was capable of looking after her mother. So far as he knew the deceased took nothing besides pills, iodine tea and salts. She said nothing to him about having a miscarriage.

The Coroner: *What were your relations with this woman? Were you living as man and wife?*

Witness: *We were to have been married on February 22nd, but owing to her mother's death, it was postponed. Everything was arranged, and we should have been married by now, but for that.*

Daisy Birkin (23) daughter of the deceased, said she went with her mother to Hucknall. While here, deceased was ill in bed for a week. She had no doctor, but took some medicine she got from a shop in Hucknall, and she also took pills and salts.

The Coroner: *Have you any of the pills left? – I don't know.*

Sarah Lowe, widow, of 48, Leicester Road, Whitwick, said she heard the deceased groaning on Tuesday night, and went in. She was with her till she died. The deceased was not quite herself, and seemed in great pain and agony all the time. The doctor had been sent for and came while witness was there. Deceased did not speak to her. All she said was, *"The Lord help me."*

Dr. T. Rolston said there was no urgency about the call to see someone at No. 45, Leicester Road, and he went when on his afternoon round on Tuesday, arriving about

4.30. He found the deceased in a state of collapse and delirious, and she appeared to be in pain. He thought death was due to some acute bowel trouble, producing peritonitis.

The Coroner: *Was there anything that suggested abortion? – No.*

Did you examine her for that purpose? – No, she was too far gone.

Have you examined her since? – No.

Was there anything to suggest anything unlawful or unusual? – I could not say there was.

Witness added that there was old ulceration of the stomach, with perforation of the bowels, causing peritonitis.

The Coroner: *Ought not anybody to have seen that this woman was in a serious state before Tuesday morning? – She appears to have had pain since coming from Hucknall.*

Witness said it was not an urgent call. The district nurse was in the surgery at the time, and had he thought it necessary he would have asked her to call and see the woman. When he told the nurse next day what had happened, she was surprised, agreeing with him that it was not given as an urgent call.

The Coroner, summing up, said he thought there was unnecessary delay in getting medical help, and that delay was very much to be regretted, as Millership passed the doctor's on his way to and from work. He (the Coroner) was not satisfied that Millership did all he could have done under the circumstances. Neither was he satisfied that the daughter was competent to be left in charge of a person who was seriously ill. No doubt, she did her best, but she was not a competent person to be left in charge. Another point in the case was that by the time Mrs Lowe arrived on the scene the woman was obviously dying. He wanted to find out the reason for that – that was the object of the inquest – and he had to ask some searching questions of Millership. As a result of those questions, and the doctor's evidence, he was satisfied that nothing improper or illegal had taken place. He found that the deceased, who was the widow of the late Mr John Howitt, platelayer, of Hucknall Torkard, died from peritonitis, the result of perforation of the bowels.

Coalville Petty Sessions

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

Afraid of her Brother

Thomas Hall (34), collier, Whitwick, was summoned for assaulting Harriett Johnson, widow, at Whitwick, on February 21st. He did not appear. Complainant said the defendant was her brother. He came to her house, and treated her shamefully, and she was really afraid of him.

Sergeant Betts said the woman complained to him and she looked as if she had been badly knocked about. On the day witness served the summons, defendant kicked in the panels of the door of complainant's house. Fined £2 2s or one month.

Talk to her Husband

Hannah Smith (32), married, of Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on February 23rd. She did not appear. P.C. Jelley said the woman used the language to her husband. Fined 12/6 or seven days.

Three Whitwick "Drunks"

Edward Wesley (34), collier, of Whitwick, Florrie M. Needham (34), married, and Eliza A. Needham (23), single, both of Loughborough, were all summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick, on February 22nd. None of them appeared.

P.C. Grewcock said the defendants were very drunk and fell down every few yards. They had to carry the youngest woman. The women were relatives of Wesley, and one of them had only been married a few weeks. Each defendant was fined 12/- or seven days.

Adjourned

George H. Geary (22), collier, Whitwick, was summoned by his wife, Ethel Geary, of Coalville, who applied for a maintenance order. Mr J. J. Sharp, for the complainant, asked for an adjournment in the hope that the case would be settled.

Mr T. H. Moore, for the defendant, agreed, and said he hoped the Bench would not be troubled with the case again. The case was adjourned for 28 days.

Friday March 21st 1919 (1411)

Local News

The truth of the saying that "coming events cast their shadows before" was demonstrated at the Whitwick Parish meeting on Monday night, when a little election excitement was apparent. But Whitwick residents always did take a keen interest in parish matters, and we have often seen the National School crowded at these meetings, as it was on Monday night. In this respect, Whitwick affords a striking contrast to some of the other parishes, where much apathy in regard to parish affairs is usually shown. This is rather a pity. It is noteworthy that in one or two local instances there have not been sufficient nominations to fill the Parish Councils. Some of the best traditions of our country are associated with voluntary public service, and we hope the day is far distant when this spirit will fall into decay.

Labour Party

In connection with the Whitwick Labour Party, a public meeting was held in the National School on Saturday night when an address was given by Councillor Kneeshaw of Birmingham. Mr W. Waterfield presided, and there was a good attendance.

Another Whitwick M.M.

Private W. W. Stinson, M. T., B.A.S.C., 405 Siege Battery, the proprietor of Southam and Co., was awarded the Military Medal for devotion to duty under heavy shell fire, on the night of October 17th 1918. He is the elder son of Mr W. Stinson, Dumps House, Whitwick, and has served one year in England and two years in Belgium.

Coalville Urban Council Election

Nominations Handed in Yesterday

A Contest in Each Ward

Nominations for Coalville Urban District Council were received at the Council Chamber by 12 noon yesterday, and at present the prospects are that there will be a contest in each ward. Four members retire – two in Whitwick Ward (Messrs. M. McCarthy and A. J. Briers), one in Coalville Ward (Mr B. G. Hale J.P.) and one Hugglescote Ward (Mr R. Blower). Mr Hale is not seeking re-election, but the other three members are again nominated, with two new nominees at Coalville and Whitwick and one at Hugglescote. The following are the nominations.

Whitwick Ward (two required)

Albert John Briers – marine store dealer, Silver Street.

Proposers and Seconds – S. Perry and A. Beer; A. H. Needham and J. W. Stanyard; T. W. Walters and S. W. West; George Cooke and Arthur Cooper; Francis Middleton and R. B. Squire; J. W. H. Warrington and Thomas Stockley.

Michael McCarthy – surveyor and estate agent, New Swannington.

Proposers and Seconds – W. Adams and Herbert Harrison; John Higgins and Jas. F. Musson.

Michael Noon – coal miner – South Street.

Proposer and Secunder – T. Moore and G. H. Belcher.

Charles Walter Waterfield – locomotive engine driver, Hermitage Road.

Proposer and Secunder – Jeremiah Rose and Reginald A. Hallam.

Ashby Guardians' Election

Contest at Coalville

One short at Whitwick

The Coalville Urban District returns nine members on the Ashby Board of Guardians, 3 for each ward, and nominations had to be in at the Union Offices by 12 noon yesterday.

For Whitwick, there were only two nominations – the Rev. M. J. O'Reilly and Mr A. J. Briers, both old members. The other member was the Rev. T. W. Walters (Vicar).

Whitwick Parish Meeting

The State of Leicester Road

Mr M. McCarthy presided at the Whitwick annual parish meeting in the National School on Monday night, when there was a large attendance.

Mr T. Kelly read the motion of the meeting and Mr M. Noon asked how long it had been on the church and chapel doors. Mr Kelly said the notice was posted on Thursday morning. Mr Noon asked whether the notices had to be up for any certain length of time. The chairman said he could not say, but at all events he declared the meeting in order, and if there was any technical objection, he would hear it now. Mr Noon said he did not wish to raise any objection to the meeting.

Mr Rose said the notice had to be on the church and chapel doors for three days before Sunday and that had been done. Mr Kelly said that in some cases the notice boards were full, and he put the notices on the church doors. Some discussion took place as to the method of voting for overseers, Mr T. Moore objecting to the chairman's suggestions.

The chairman said he had conducted many meetings and knew how to go on, and he was not going to be dictated to. On it being put to the meeting, the chairman's ruling was accepted by a large majority. Voting was by show of hands, and Messrs. A. J. Briers and T. Moore were appointed tellers. The results were as follows: T. Kelly 44; J. Rose 31; George West 19; A. Needham 1. In the final vote for the position, the numbers were Kelly 60; Rose 30; and Mr Kelly was declared nominated as the first overseer.

The meeting then voted for second overseer and Mr George West secured 52 votes to Mr J. Rose's 38, the former being declared successful.

The chairman then asked for names for third overseer, and the only nominee being Mr Anthony Needham, he was declared third man.

The list of old parish constables was read out and Mr Martin moved their re-election en bloc. Objection was raised to this, and the names were taken singly, and voting only on those present. The chairman asked Mr C. W. Pegg (an old constable) if he was willing to stand again.

Mr Pegg (jocosely): *If I get the war bonus* (laughter).

Eventually, the following were nominated as constables: Messrs. T. Young, C. W. Pegg, H. Beesca, R. Hallam, A. Limb, J. Rose and J. W. Briers.

Mr George West and Mr A. J. Briers were elected assessors of taxes. Mr Belcher called attention to the bad state of the footpaths in Leicester Road.

The chairman said everything possible had been done to improve Leicester Road. They must remember there had been a war on, and stone had been rationed. They could get no more stone than the Controller allowed. As chairman of the Urban Council he recently signed a cheque for £200 for stone for the whole district, and of that £160 was spent on Leicester Road. He agreed that the road was a disgrace and the Council would do all they could.

Mr Belcher said a lot of damage was to the footpath through water coming from adjoining fields. The Council to attend to that. This brought a remark that the Council were a lot of dummies, and the chairman retorted that the electors would have a chance to change

them in a few days. He added, "*We know what you are working at, but we are ready for you. (Laughter). You can have a go.*"

Mr F. Harper asked whether in view of the extraordinary traffic over Leicester Road, the quarry company responsible for it should not be asked to contribute to the repair of the road. It was not fair to the ratepayers to be put to all this expense.

The chairman said the Urban Council had taken counsel's opinion on that, and were told that if the stone was brought from outside the district, the company could be made to pay, but as it was an industry within the urban district, they could not.

Mr Kelly said nobody had had more to say at the Council meetings about Leicester Road than he had. It was costing more than all the other roads of the district put together. He was glad that the question had been raised. He was always glad to take any complaints from his constituents to the Council.

Mr Belcher said that was a satisfactory answer, and he thanked Mr Kelly. He said he objected to the dictatorial attitude of the chairman. The chairman said they should not raise the dust for nothing. No member of the Council ever refused to take a complaint.

Mr Waterfield contended that Whitwick had been handicapped in not having a fair share of the Council labour. It was not only Leicester Road, but mud was ankle deep in the Market Place. They had only one or two men on the roads at Whitwick, but it was different at Coalville.

Mr Kelly: *They have ladies working on the roads there. (Laughter).*

The chairman said they had complaints from Coalville and Hugglescote as well as Whitwick which, he contended, got a fair share of labour. The same traffic which caused the mud in Leicester Road, caused it in the Market Place. "*That might be a splendid election address,*" added the chairman, "*but it won't wash.*"

Mr Waterfield: *I hope you don't think I am playing to the gallery.*

Mr Briers said they had every man employed by the Council working on Leicester Road, and all the horses and carts for a week at a time. The chairman asked whether it was fair for a prospective candidate to raise these things at that meeting.

Mr Walter Whitmore said that if the whole of the Urban Council staff was engaged on Leicester Road, they could not keep it in order. The two lorries, each weighing 10 tons, conveyed 100 to 120 tons of stone over the roads six days a week, and he had seen stone put on the road one day, and churned into mud the next.

A further reference to the forthcoming election caused Mr T. Middleton to ask the chairman whether he had got his ticket, and Mr McCarthy replied that he had had it for 24 years, and was not afraid of losing it.

A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated an interesting meeting.

Sport

Football

Leicestershire Senior League

At Whitwick, the Imperial were visited by Loughborough Brush Works team and the play on the Duke of Newcastle ground was of a rather vigorous character, the result being a draw. The visitors led one to none at the interval, but the final score was 2 – 2. Vine and Thomas were the Loughborough scorers and Moore and Layton for Whitwick.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Death of Mr Popple

Whitwick Colliery Farm Bailiff for 27 Years

The death occurred on Thursday night at his residence, the Glebe Farm, Coalville, of Mr Frederick Popple, who for nearly 27 years had filled the post of farm bailiff to the Whitwick Colliery Co., and was well-known and very popular in the agricultural circles of the county, in which he was held in high regard, alike for his ability as a keen agricultural expert, and for his kindly and genial disposition.



The cause of death was pneumonia and though it was the fifth time that he had been attacked with the disease during recent years, his last illness was of less than a week's duration. He was about his duties as usual, as late as the previous Friday.

The deceased gentleman, who was a native of Billesdon, and would have been 54 years of age next month, leaves a widow, two sons and a daughter, for whom much sympathy is felt.

The funeral took place at Whitwick Cemetery on Monday afternoon, the service, the first portion of which was held in the Parish Church, being conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. T. W. Walters.

The chief mourners were, the wife, Mr F. Popple (son), Mrs Lenton (daughter), Mr H. Popple (son), Mrs Savidge, Mrs Smith (sisters), of Mansfield Woodhouse, Mr J. Popple (brother), of Birmingham, Mrs F. Popple (daughter-in-law), Mr J. Lenton (son-in-law), Mr E. Palmer (brother-in-law), Mr and Mrs E. S. Palmer (brother-in-law and sister-in-law) of Leicester. Mr and Mrs J. E. Shaw (cousins) of Leicester, Mr M. Popple, Mr C. Cave (nephews), Miss E. Pywell (niece), Leicester. Mrs C. Webb (niece), Stanton-under-Bardon, Mr L. Fisher and Mrs Fisher of Coalville.

Also present were Mr Avery (Finedon) and son and daughter. Mr T. Y. Hay (manager), and other officials representing the Whitwick Colliery Co.

Men working on the farm acted as bearers, these being Messrs. M. Riley, W. Briers, C. Rose, T. Reeves, J. Pickering and G. Lowe. The body was enclosed in a plain oak coffin with brass fittings, the breast plate bearing the inscription

“Frederick Popple, died March 13th, 1919, aged 53 years.”

There were a good number of handsome floral tributes from the following: The wife and son, Harold; Mr and Mrs F. Popple, junr; Mr and Mrs J. T. Lenton, Brother Jonathan and Sister Annie; Mr and Mrs E. S. Palmer; Mr and Mrs Savidge and family; Mr and Mrs Shaw and Mrs Bromley; Mrs Lenton and family; Mr and Mrs Hatton and family (Thringstone), Mr and Mrs Avery and family; the directors, secretary and manager of the Whitwick Colliery Co.; Mr and Mrs T. Y. Hay; fellow officials of Whitwick Colliery; an artificial wreath and globe from the farm workers; Mrs Black and family (Ellistown); Mr and Mrs W. F. Moore (Coalville); Mr and Mrs Merriman and family (Thringstone); Mr and Mrs F. Scrivens (Coalville); Mr and Mrs R. Tebbutt (Coalville); and the officials of No. 6 Pit.

Burials

Popple – At Whitwick, on Monday, Frederick Popple, aged 53 years, of the Glebe Farm, Coalville.

Bayliss – At Whitwick, on Wednesday, Eliza Jane Bayliss, aged 54 years, of New Swannington.

Bayliss – At Whitwick, on Wednesday, Frederick John Bayliss, aged 30 years, of New Swannington.

Briers – At Whitwick, on Thursday, John Briers, aged 3 months, of Brook’s Lane.

Friday March 28th 1919 (1412)

Local News

Whitwick Influenza Tragedy

Scissors Grinder Cuts His Throat

Death in Ashby Workhouse

The death in Ashby Workhouse Infirmary on Sunday afternoon of Joseph Taylor, 46, a Whitwick scissors grinder, was the subject of an inquest, by Mr H. J. Deane (Coroner) at his Coalville office on Tuesday.

The Coroner had previously viewed the body at the Workhouse, where he took the evidence of Gertrude Mary Weston, charge nurse at the Union Infirmary. She said she saw Taylor on his admission on Saturday, when he was in a very weak condition. He had a cut on his neck which had been bound up, and his clothing was covered with blood. There was a deep cut right across the windpipe, but he could talk and was conscious. He told her his name. She sent for the medical officer, who came directly. Deceased never rallied, but gradually got worse. He seemed exhausted and died at 3 pm on Sunday.

Isabella Taylor, the widow, said she lived at 10, the City of Dan, Whitwick. Her husband was a scissors grinder, and travelled with a machine. He had bad health and was taken seriously ill a fortnight ago. The doctor saw him last Tuesday. He kept his bed and got

worse towards the end of the week. He was very low spirited, but never threatened to injure himself. He let his beard grow. He had a bad night on Friday night and on Saturday morning when she had been out for about five minutes, she found on going back that he had "*done it.*" He had reached the razor from the mantelpiece while in bed. He had not been well since his first illness seven weeks ago, when he had a cold. He had served three years and eight months in the army and was discharged to work at Woolwich, but he found he was not strong enough. He got no army gratuity. His Army papers were still at Woolwich.

Answering the Coroner, witness said they had been short of money.

Did that prey on his mind at all? – Yes, a lot.

Was he consumptive? – I could not say. He never said anything to me.

Was he always a thin man? – Yes, except just before he went into the Army.

There was no sign of his mind being affected, or that he contemplated suicide? – No.

There was no trouble between you? – No, we were on good terms.

Was anybody threatening to put you in Court for money? – We had been told about a month since that we should be turned out for the rent. Some friends gave me 6/6 on Saturday.

Had you been able to earn everything yourself? – No. I have a sick baby at home now.

Can you suggest any reason why he should do this? – No, only the trouble about not being able to pay his way.

Dr. Rolston (Whitwick) said he saw the deceased about a week ago when he had influenza, pneumonia threatening. About 9.40 on Saturday morning, Mr Moore came and told him Taylor had cut his throat. Witness found him with his throat cut right across the windpipe, but it was not severed. He put three stiches in the wound, bandaged it up, and advised the man's removal to the Workhouse Infirmary. There was nothing he saw in the deceased to indicate mental disturbance, though it was a common thing for influenza patients to become delirious, especially on the fourth or fifth day. The throat wound itself was not sufficient to cause death, which was due to influenza and pneumonia, accelerated by the wound.

The Coroner said that what he had to consider was how far the evidence given to him there and at Ashby, justified him in saying what was the cause of the unfortunate man's death, and the history of the case was reasonably plain. Deceased had had influenza and from what Mrs Taylor had told him, he gathered that their financial position recently had been none too satisfactory. The man had been very depressed, partly in consequence of shortness of money, and partly as the result of his illness, which led to him cutting his throat with a razor kept on the mantelpiece in the bedroom. The doctor had told them that the wound in itself was not sufficient to have caused death, but it had the effect of causing severe haemorrhage and shock to the system, already seriously affected by the influenza from which he was suffering. He gradually sank at the infirmary, though he was seen by a doctor there, and everything possible done for him. The injury was obviously self-inflicted and had the effect of hastening the man's death, and he (the Coroner) had to consider whether there was any evidence showing the state of the deceased's mind. He was helped in two ways as regards that – from his own knowledge that influenza was a most depressing illness, and the evidence of Mrs Taylor and the doctor. She had stated that her husband had been depressed, and the doctor said that on the fourth or fifth day there was a certain amount of delirium in influenza patients. He found that death was due to

influenza and pneumonia, and that it was accelerated by a self-inflicted wound in the neck, and that such wound was inflicted by the deceased at a time when he was not responsible for his actions on account of illness.

In reply to the Coroner, Mrs Taylor said she was not able to pay for the funeral, and the Coroner said the Workhouse master would arrange matters. The woman asked whether she could have her husband at home for an hour before he was buried.

The Coroner said she had better communicate with the Workhouse master, or the funeral would take place at Ashby. P.C. Grocock, who acted as the Coroner's officer, said Mr Albert J Briers, one of the Whitwick Guardians, had promised to phone to Ashby, and do all he could for the woman.

Property Sale

Several properties were offered for sale by Messrs. Orchard and Joyce at the Railway Hotel, Coalville, on Monday night, when there was a good attendance and some keen bidding. Two houses in Bakewell Street, known as "Coronation Cottages" occupied by Messrs. Wortley and Petcher, and owned by Mr Samuel Perry, of Whitwick, were started at £300 and there were no fewer than 16 bids, the lot being sold to Mr Wright for £540.

Coalville Petty Sessions

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

Maintenance Order Reduced

Sidney Hogg, signalman, Coalville, made an application to the reduction of a maintenance order obtained by his wife, Sarah Lucy Hogg, of Whitwick, in July of last year. The order was for a weekly payment of 25/- and applicant asked for a reduction to 15/- a week.

The clerk said the grounds of the application were that one of the children had attained the age of 16 years, and that applicant's wife's means had improved. Applicant said that since the order was made a son had returned from the war and was working as a miner at the Whitwick Colliery. The youngest lad, (13), had also started to work at Stableford's and was getting 19/3 a week. His wife was also receiving an allotment of 8/- per week in respect of a son in the Asylum.

The clerk: *Do you know what the son is getting who works at the colliery?*

Applicant: *I can't say. I went to get to know last Sunday night, but he would not tell me.*

The woman admitted that she was a little better off financially than before the order was made, but 15/- a week from her husband would not be enough. It cost more to live now and she sent a parcel every week to her son who was away. Her daughter was not getting so much now at the factory as formerly, and one of her sons was wanting to get married, so, she added, *"I look very nice."*

The Bench agreed to a reduction of 5/-, the order being varied from 25/- to 20/- per week, applicant to pay the costs.

Collier's Sunday Gambling

Cyril Birkenshaw (19), Owen Williamson (17) and Cyril Wyatt (18), colliers, Whitwick, were summoned for gambling with cards on the highway, at Whitwick, on March 9th. None of the defendants appeared.

P.C. Grocock said the defendants were playing "banker." They ran away on seeing him, leaving the cards, but he shouted to them that he knew them. A lot of complaints had been received about this gambling, as much as £20 being lost in the course of a Sunday morning. Birkenshaw and Williamson were each fined 30/- or 21 days, and Wyatt 20/-, or 7 days.

Cyclists Fined

For not having proper lights on bicycles, fines were imposed on the following:

Leonard Swanwick (16), shop assistant, Ravenstone, 7/6, or seven days; James Burton (17), butcher, Griffydam, 6/- or seven days; Joseph E. Moore, (32), collier, Whitwick, 10/- or seven days. The cases were proved by P.C.'s Drury, Langham and Jelley, the latter stating that Moore told him it would be a birthday present for him.

Bad Language at Whitwick

Walter Moore, Herbert Moore and Cecil Stopp, of Thringstone, Arthur H. Glover, Thomas Wright, William Upton and Jos. Birkenshaw, of Whitwick, all colliers, were summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on March 16th. The two Moores only appeared and they pleaded not guilty.

Evidence was given by Sergeant Betts and P.C.'s Jelley and Jones who said the language used was most disgusting. The Moores denied using the language, and the clerk asked if they would give evidence on oath, but they said they did not wish to.

The defendants were each fined 10/-, or 7 days.

Sport

Football

The match on the Fox and Goose ground where Coalville Swift's made a draw of three each with Whitwick Imperial. In the last game that they will play on the ground this season, the tenancy expiring on March 25th. Whitwick opened the scoring through Thorpe and there was another by E. Layton, so that early in the game they were leading 2 – 0, but Dennis scored for the Swifts before the interval. Resuming, Dennis got another, a beauty, and each side scored again. Starkey for the Swifts, and Layton for Whitwick, the latter's being the finest goal seen on the ground this season.

Old footballers in this district will be interested to note that Mr Michael Noon is one of the nominees in the Whitwick Ward for the ensuing Coalville Urban District Council election. Noon learnt his football with clubs in the Whitwick district and for several seasons

appeared regularly as full back for Aston Villa and he was a fine sprinter in his younger days. He is now a Whitwick licensed victualler and also works as a coal miner.

One of the most popular football officials in the Coalville and Whitwick district, Mr George Waterfield, secretary of the Whitwick Imperial F.C. for several seasons, has this week resumed his old job as a clerk in the offices of the Whitwick Granite Co. Waterfield "did his bit" in the war, in the course of which he was, unfortunately, seriously wounded, necessitating the amputation of one of his feet.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Thanks

Mr G. C. Bayliss and Family, of New Swannington, desire to thank all kind friends for their sympathy towards them in their recent sad bereavement.

Mrs F. J. Bayliss, New Swannington, wishes to thank the Whitwick Volunteers, and all friends, for their sympathy in her sad bereavement.

In Memoriam

In ever loving memory of Robert Underwood, late of Whitwick, who died in France, March 25th, 1918. Sadly missed by his loving Wife and Daughter.

Burials

Wesson – At Whitwick, on Wednesday, Leonard Edgar Wesson, aged 7 months, of Hermitage Road.

Taylor – At Whitwick, to-day, Joseph Taylor, aged 46 years, of the Ashby Union.

Friday April 4th 1919 (1413)

Coalville Urban Council

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

Whitwick Lodgers

The surveyor reported that the number of persons accommodated at the Whitwick lodging-houses during the month was 569, compared with 529 last month, and 562 last year's corresponding period.

Sport

Football

Coalville Cup Semi-Final

The Coalville Cup semi-final played on the Waggon and Horses ground last Saturday between Whitwick Imperial and Hinckley United created a good deal of enthusiasm and it was quite like old times to see a crowd of about 2,000. It was by far the biggest "gate" seen at a Coalville match this season, and, indeed, since the war interfered with the popular winter pastime over four years ago. The committee, with Mr C. E. Marston, hon. secretary, made excellent arrangements for the event which passed off very successfully. The gate money amounted to £33, of which £6/12/- went in tax, the expenses totalled £3/2/2, each club received £5/11/0 and travelling expenses and £8/16/0 went to the charity, this division of the proceeds being according to rule.

It was a strenuous game throughout and no goals were scored in the first half. Early in the second half, however, Hinckley obtained a goal through Maudley, and this proved sufficient to give them victory, being the only goal scored. Whitwick made desperate efforts towards the close to draw level, and they nearly succeeded a time or two, but the Hinckley defence prevailed.

Mr George Swain, of Coalville, who several years ago, was one of Leicestershire's most popular referees, and is still a member of the Coalville Cup Committee, and of the Coalville League Committee, was an interested spectator of Saturday's semi-final, inasmuch as he had three nephews and a son-in-law playing in the Whitwick team. They were Oliver, Joe and Aaron Swain, and Frederick Johnson, and they all played a very good game.

Protest by Whitwick Imperial

Whitwick Imperial F.C. have forwarded to Mr C. E. Marston, hon. secretary of the Coalville Charity Cup Competition, a protest against their match with Hinckley last Saturday, alleging that the ground was unfit. It is stated that soon after the match started one of Whitwick's players was injured through getting his foot in a hole – resembling a rabbit hole. The protest will be decided after the match tomorrow.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Burials

Taylor – At Whitwick, on March 28th, Joseph Taylor, aged 46 years, of the Ashby Union.

Billings – At Whitwick, on April 1st, Esther May Billings, aged 30 years, of Brooks' Lane.

Hill – At Whitwick, on March 31st, Annie Hill, aged 69 years, of the City of Dan.

Richmond – At Whitwick, on April 3rd, Samuel Richmond, aged 80 years of the Ashby Union.

Friday April 11th 1919 (1414)

Local News

Among names of ladies and gentlemen brought by the chairman of the Red Cross Society to the notice of the Secretary of State for War for valuable services rendered in connection with the Auxiliary Hospital, is that of Mr Walter Lindley, J.P., of Coalville. Mr Lindley is the chairman of the committee of the Broom Leys V.A.D. Hospital, in the inauguration of which he played a prominent part, and throughout has taken a great interest in the management of the hospital. As the secretary and commercial manager for the Whitwick Colliery Co., Mr Lindley is well-known and popular in the district, and will receive many congratulations on this further recognition in high quarters of his excellent services. It will be remembered that he was recently honoured by His Majesty the King by being made a member of the Order of the British Empire for his work in organising and acting as the head of the special constables in this Division, and he had the honour of receiving the emblem of the Order at the hands of the King at Buckingham Palace.

Miscellaneous

10S Reward. – Lost on March 30th, between the Dumps and the Warren, Gracedieu, a Gold Brooch (Regimental Leicestershire Crest). Anyone finding the same and returning to 64, Brooks Lane, Whitwick, will receive the above reward.

Coalville Petty Sessions

Friday – Before Major Hatchett (in the chair), Mr W. Lindley and Captain Deverell, R.N.

Summons Granted

Amelia Hurst, married woman, Whitwick, applied for permission to take out a summons against David Else, single man, for an increase in the amount of an affiliation order.

Answering the clerk, applicant said that when she obtained the order against Else to pay 3/6 per week, she was single, her maiden name being Amelia Fewkes. The man was employed at the Snibstone Colliery, and she produced a letter from his employers showing that his average earnings for several weeks were 68/3 per week. The magistrates granted leave for a summons.

The Law as to School Attendance

Willam Tubbey, farm labourer, Hugglescote, and Jos. Newton, collier, Whitwick, were summoned for neglecting to send their children regularly to school. In Tubbey's case, Mr Freeman, school attendance officer, said the lad, aged 12 ½ had made one attendance, out of a possible 105. Tubbey said his boy was sent to school but played truant. The lad had promised to go to school, and he (defendant) asked the Bench to be light with him.

Mr Freeman said the policeman had taken the lad to school more than once. The managers did not want the man fined if they could get the lad to school. It was stated that the lad was in Standard 5, and was a good scholar. Case dismissed on payment of 5/- costs.

Newton pleaded not guilty. George E. Gray, school attendance officer, of Shepshed, said the defendant refused point blank to send the girl to school because she had turned 13, but the girl had not made the necessary attendances, and had to go till she was 14.

Defendant said the girl had made all possible attendances, except when she was ill. The law of the land was that a child must go to school till 13. The clerk told defendant that the law was against him. They could only leave at 13 if they made the attendances. Defendant said the girl was in Standard 5. Some could leave at 13 and others not. He was ordered to pay 5/- costs, no conviction being recorded. Defendant said he had six little children to keep.

The chairman: *You can keep them out of your wages.*

Defendant: *It takes me all my time. You don't get children's boots and clothes for nothing nowadays.*

The clerk: *What are your earnings?*

Defendant: *It varies.*

When told that he must send the girl to school, defendant replied, *"How long must I send her; till she is 20?"*

The chairman: *You know that is not a question you should ask.*

No Rear Lights

James Cox, collier, Whitwick, similarly summoned, did not appear. P.C. Robertson said the defendant had no lamp at the back at all and no bracket for one. Fined 10/- or 7 days.

Settled

George H. Geary (22), collier, Whitwick, was summoned by his wife, Ethel Geary, of Coalville, who applied for a maintenance order. Mr J. J. Sharp said the case, happily, had been settled. It was adjourned for a month for that purpose, and it had been accomplished. The case was struck out.

Sport

Football

Whitwick's Protest

At the conclusion of the match, the Cup Committee met and dealt with Whitwick Imperial's protest against their semi-final with Hinckley United on the previous Saturday, on account of a player having injured his foot by getting it in a hole on the playing field – Coalville Town's ground. As all the protests against the ground, however, have to be made before the match is played, the Committee had no hesitation in ruling out the protest and Whitwick were ordered to forfeit the fee of 10s.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Deaths

Two Deaths in One Family

We regret to record the deaths this week of Mrs Bottrill, a well-known resident of Whitwick, and Mrs Stretton, her daughter, both occurring within a few days. Mrs Stretton was the widow of the late Mr Jos. Stretton, for many years foreman baker for the Coalville Co-Operative Society, who died a few months ago. The deceased lady was a well-known vocalist, and often assisted at concerts in the district, particularly those connected with the Coalville Ebenezer Baptist Church, of which she had been for many years a member. Much sympathy is felt for the daughter in her great loss. The funeral of Mrs Bottrill took place on Wednesday, conducted by the Rev. W. H. Wills (Ebenezer Baptist pastor), and the internment of Mrs Stretton is to take place tomorrow.

Burials

Hall – Mary Hall, of 6, Leicester Road. Aged 87 years.

Whetton – On Monday, April 7th, John Whetton, of the Ashby Union. Aged 77 years.

Bottrill – On Wednesday, Sarah Ann Bottrill, aged 71 years.

Mouseley – On Thursday, April 10th, Mary Elizabeth Mouseley, of Ashby. Aged 57 years.

Chappell – On Thursday, April 10th, William Chappell, of Ashby Union, aged 25 years.

Underwood – Tomorrow, Ethel Underwood, of Leicester Road, Whitwick. Aged 8 months.

Parker – Tomorrow, Amelia Parker, of Thornborough. Aged 7 months.

Friday April 18th 1919 (1415)

Local News

Writing in the current number of the Whitwick Parish Magazine, the Vicar (the Rev. T. W. Walters) says, *“A movement has been started for founding a Cottage Hospital as a War Memorial for the whole district. A well-equipped and well served hospital would be a great blessing in an industrial centre like the Coalville Urban District, and judging from the reports which have appeared in the papers Broom Leys would be an admirable and cheap site. I believe that if the scheme is adopted the whole district will work as a whole to make it an accomplished fact. But this need not interfere with parochial memorials. Whitwick has set its heart on seeing a monument in its midst to commemorate the men it loved, and who will not return. Whitwick is going to erect its monument for the same reasons that nine out of ten people would, if they could, place memorials over the graves of their loved ones in churchyards and cemeteries. This is done all the world over. But those same people have helped in the past, and are willing to help again such splendid Christian constitutions as our hospitals, and especially wish they do so when one is placed in their midst.”*

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Successful at the Polls

Mr A. J. Briers



Mr. A. J. Briers.

Mr Albert J. Briers had the honour of being placed at the head of the poll by a splendid majority in the Whitwick Ward, and thus comes back for another term to the Urban Council on which he has served for a good number of years. Few men in the Whitwick district enjoy greater popularity than Mr Briers, and such recognition of his public services is well-deserved. He is not a man of many words, either in the Council Chamber or at Ashby, where he sits as a Guardian, but what he says is always to the point, and is characterised by fairness and sound common sense. Though a busy man in connection with his business as a marine store dealer, Mr Briers manages to give up a lot of his valuable time to the public service, and the work of the local Tribunal and Food Committee has of late years frequently brought him to Coalville. In these matters as well as those appertaining to the Urban Council and Board of Guardians, his work is much appreciated by the public.

Mr M. McCarthy



One of the best-known public men of the district, Mr Michael McCarthy, the late chairman, has served on the Coalville Urban Council continuously since its formation in 1894, and before that was a member of the old Whitwick Local Board, which became defunct when Whitwick was merged into the Coalville urban district. Mr McCarthy has also represented the Whitwick Division on the Leicestershire County Council for several years, being returned unopposed to that position in the recent election. For many years he also represented Whitwick on the Ashby Board of Guardians. He has figured in many election contests connected with the public life of this district during the last 30 years, and has never been defeated. On several occasions he has headed the poll. Mr McCarthy is a prominent Roman Catholic and well-known in commercial circles as a land agent. A sound business man, his wide experience has often been used to the public advantage in matters which have from time to time had to be dealt with by the local governing bodies of which he is

a member.

Baptist Sermons

The school anniversary services were held at the Whitwick Baptist Church on Sunday, when the Rev. H. C. J. Wix, of Loughborough a former pastor, preached to large congregations. The children nicely sang their hymns under the direction of Mr O. Geary, and the choir ably rendered the anthems, "My heart is fixed," in the afternoon, and "From the rising of the sun," in the evening. Solo and quartette parts were taken by Misses Mann, Newman and Hewes, and Messrs A. G. Ball, S. Walker and Gilbert. Miss May Geary was the organist. The collections realised the splendid sum of £26, which was a record.

Do You Know That

The amount raised for the proposed war memorial in Whitwick Parish Church is now well over £100?

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Burials

Cresswell – At Whitwick, on Thursday, Mary Martha Annie Cresswell, aged 64 years, of New Swannington.

Friday April 25th 1919 (1416)

Advertisements

For Sale

Several gents cycles; in good condition, from £3. Hull and Son, Cademan Street, Whitwick.

For Sale

Milk round, doing 18 to 19 gallons daily. Whitwick district. Box 4183 "Times" office.

For Sale

Freehold Grass Field, Sharpley, Whitwick; also 3 to 9 acres near Oaks Church. McCarthy, New Swannington, Whitwick.

Local News

Vestry Meeting at Whitwick

Gift of a Stained Glass Window

The Annual Parish Church Vestry meeting was held at Whitwick, on Tuesday night, the Vicar (the Rev. T. W. Walters) presiding over a fairly good attendance. The Vicar said they were all pleased that the awful war was over. This time last year, the great German push was on, and the enemy were taking everything before them, but a great change came. Now, they were on the threshold of peace, and their hearts were full of gratitude that peace was not only actually in sight, but on the point of being declared. He had been wondering how Whitwick would keep Peace Day. If something was arranged for the whole district, they at Whitwick would be pleased to join in. They would probably do something at Whitwick themselves, though they did not wish to clash with anything which might be arranged for the urban areas. He had not heard of anything yet officially, but no doubt something would be arranged. He regretted to say that no less than 60 Whitwick men had been killed in the war, and they were taking steps to erect a memorial in the Parish Church for which he was pleased to say they had already over £100 in hand. That was altogether apart from any permanent memorial which might be decided upon for the whole district. They would all be glad to hear that Mr J. J. Sharp had told him that he wished to place upon another stained glass window in the church as a war memorial. They had already in their beautiful old church, eleven stained-glass windows, and there were only two – both in the chancel – not of stained glass, and it was one of these which Mr Sharp proposed to put in (applause). Proceeding, he said it was not for him to say anything about the finances, but he was glad to know that the report was satisfactory. The number of Easter communicants was 274, which was a few more than last year, and he thanked them for the Easter offering, which was the largest he had ever received in Whitwick (hear, hear).

Mr Storer W. West (parish warden), presenting the accounts said the total received for special objects was £136/3/3, which was the highest amount he had ever known. Last year it was £93/4/11. The churchwardens' accounts showed an income of £111/15/0, there having been collections on 34 Sundays. He gave in detail the various items of expenditure, and said there remained a balance in hand of £13/0/5, compared with £20/0/4 last year,

and he said he regarded this as very satisfactory. Giving particulars of various funds, he said the income of the Sunday School was £17/6/9, and the expenditure £12/0/6, leaving a balance of £5/6/3; for the churchyard fund they had in hand £30/18/6; war memorial fund, £120, of which £100 had been added during the year (applause); the oak chest purchased at a cost of £20 for keeping records, was paid for out of the churchwardens' accounts; and for the ringers' memorial they had £4 in hand. Altogether the balances in these various funds amounted to £185/5/2. The total of the church collections for the year was £244/17/3, which was about £50 more than last year, and the total income for the year for all sources was £375. He said there was a time when the churchwardens considered they did well if the collections on a Sunday realised £3, but that was now the rule rather than the exception. On forty Sundays last year, the collections were over £3 (cheers). He thanked all the churchwardens for their help, and also the Vicar, to whose good work he attributed much of the success achieved.

Mr C. W. Pegg moved, and Mr G. Webster seconded, the adoption of the accounts, and in putting this, the Vicar said there was no doubt that the affairs of the church were carried out in a business-like manner (cheers). The accounts were passed.

On the motion of Mr C. Pegg, seconded by Mr R. Roulstone, the re-election of Mr S. W. West as parish warden was unanimously carried, and Mr West thanked the Vestry for its renewal of confidence.

The Vicar said he was pleased that Mr West had been re-elected, as Mr Roulstone had decided definitely to retire from the office of Vicar's warden. Both had done their work excellently, and he was sorry to see the partnership dissolved. Proceeding, the Vicar said he thought one churchwarden should be in office for a good number of years, but one might be changed every two or three years, so that the honour could go round. For this year, he nominated with great pleasure, Mr W. Adams as his warden.

Mr Adams said he appreciated the honour very much, and would endeavour to give satisfaction. He had the greatest confidence in the Vicar whose example, he said, was a great encouragement to any church worker (cheers). The Vicar paid a tribute to the work of Mr Roulstone, and again thanked him for his service. Mr West also spoke of what a loyal colleague he had had in Mr Roulstone. The latter expressed his appreciation of the kind things said about him, and assured them that he should still do his best for their fine old church. The sidesmen were re-elected.

Proposed War Memorial at Whitwick

Parish Meeting

A meeting was held in the National Schools on Wednesday evening, when the attendance was moderate. Mr A. J. Briers was voted to the chair, and Mr Thos. Kelly was asked to act as secretary. He read a letter received by the overseers from the clerk to the Urban District Council asking the overseers to call a meeting to ascertain the views of the parishioners as to whether they were in favour of a war memorial for Whitwick, or a joint memorial for the whole of the area.

The chairman, having read the notice convening the meeting, said they should have a memorial of some kind, but what form or course it should take was for them to consider.

The Council had not moved in the matter but were waiting for the views of the local parishes, but whatever was done would be by voluntary subscriptions.

A question was asked as to the proposed memorial hospital at Coalville, and if the Council had not the power to build a hospital if necessary.

The chairman replied in the negative. Ultimately, after a long discussion, Mr George Knight proposed, and Mr George West seconded, a resolution that a war memorial be obtained for Whitwick parish. Mr Chas. Pegg, Mr S. Perry and others supported the resolution, which was carried unanimously, and it was left to the overseers to convene the next meeting. A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting.

Baptist Chapel

On Tuesday, a public tea was held in the Whitwick Baptist School, and was well-attended. A social evening followed.

Parish Church

On Good Friday evening, a choir of about 40 voices gave a good rendering of Stainer's "Crucifixion" in the Parish Church. Messrs. A. E. Waterfield (tenor) and T. Belcher (bass) were the soloists, and Mr R. G. West, the organist. There was a good congregation, and a collection for the Church was memorial fund realised nearly £6.

Record "Sermons" Collections

The Sunday School anniversary services were held at the Whitwick Primitive Methodist Chapel on Sunday, when, as for several years past, Councillor J. W. Walker, of Leicester, was the preacher, and there were crowded congregations. The children and choir, conducted by Mr J. B. Newbury, nicely sang special hymns and anthems, the afternoon anthem being "The Lord is my Light," and in the evening, "O everyone that thirsteth." In the latter a quartette was well taken by Misses Button (Shepshed), Anderson (Coalville) and Misses J. H. Gilberd and A. Springthorpe. Also in the hymns, four little girls, Misses Limb, Sear, Gilberd and Quemby, sweetly sang solos. Mrs J. B. Newbury was the organist, assisted by an efficient orchestra. The collections established a record, the total being £50.

Do You Know That

Mr J. W. Briers, of Leicester Road, Whitwick, has been presented by the Grand United Order of Oddfellows with a gold medal in recognition of his services as Master of the Coalville District?

Coalville Petty Sessions

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

Good Friday Pictures

Mr T. H. Moore applied for permission to give appropriate music and pictures at the Coalville Olympia and Electric and Whitwick Picture Houses on Good Friday. Supt.

Lockton said the places were well-conducted and it was a good thing to take the people off the streets on Good Friday, when they were not at work. The application was granted.

Bicycles Without Lights

Arthur Swift (30), farmer, Whitwick, and George Clarke (22), boot repairer, Coalville, were summoned for riding bicycles without lights and were each fined 7/6 or 7 days.

Theft At Whitwick

Siah Chambers (41), collier, Whitwick, was charged with stealing three oak rails, value 6/9 at Whitwick, on March 26th. He pleaded not guilty.

Thos. Hy. Roberts, farmer, Loughborough, said he also had a farm at Green Lane, Whitwick. He purchased some rails at a Coalville sale, and put them in a cowshed on his Whitwick farm. In consequence of a telephone message, he later went to the shed and missed three of the rails. He identified three rails produced in his court as his property. His name was marked on one of them.

Inspector Dobney said he found the three rails (produced) in a shed at the back of defendant's house. Defendant said a man on the farm gave them to him for assisting with some fencing. When charged later with stealing the rails, defendant said he found them in the hedge bottom.

Asked whether he wished to give evidence on oath, defendant said he would let the case go on. He called Absolom Smith, collier, Whitwick, employed at the same colliery as defendant (South Leicestershire) who said he saw the three rails for three mornings lying in the dyke in Green Lane. Chambers took them home.

By the clerk: *He could not understand why defendant should tell Inspector Dobney that the farmer gave him the rails.*

Answering Supt. Lockton, witness said he could not say which three mornings he saw the rails.

Supt. Lockton: *They were not fetched from the station till March 26th, and were found on defendant's premises on the 27th.*

Defendant, replying to the clerk said he earned £4/10/0, sometimes £5 a week, at the South Leicestershire Colliery, but he had a wife and four children to keep.

Fined £3/3/0, and 9/6 costs, or one month.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Wedding

The wedding took place at Whitwick Parish Church on Monday, of Miss Evelyn West, daughter of Mr S. W. West, one of the churchwardens, and Mr Albert Bakewell, of Coalville. The Vicar (the Rev. T. W. Walters) performed the ceremony. The bride was

given away by her father, and was accompanied by Miss Mabel West, her sister, as bridesmaid. Mr L. Bakewell, brother of the bridegroom, acted as best man. Mr R. G. West officiated at the organ and played suitable selections, and after the service a merry peal was rung on the church's fine old bells, the bride's father having been one of the leading ringers for some years. After the wedding breakfast at the bride's house, the happy couple left for Matlock on their honeymoon. They were the recipients of a splendid lot of presents.

Burials

Hutchinson – At Whitwick, on Saturday, Edwin William Hutchinson, aged 6 months, of Pares Hill.

Friday May 2nd 1919 (1417)

Situations Vacant

Wanted – Strong girl as general – Mrs Stinson, The Brackens, Sharpley, Whitwick.

Successful Concert at Whitwick

For Nursing Association and War Memorial

The Whitwick Picture House was packed on Wednesday night, on the occasion of a concert in aid of the funds of the Whitwick and Thringstone Nursing Association and the Church War Memorial.

An excellent programme had been arranged by Nurse Sherratt, assisted by the members of the Church Girls' Guild, and it was admirably presented, reflecting much credit on all concerned. Despite the fact that there were 25 items in all, several encores were demanded, testifying to the appreciation of the audience, and their great enjoyment of the efforts of the performers. The children in the dances acquitted themselves splendidly, and many of the items were novel, as well as interesting, and the pretty dresses with the excellent lime-light effects, greatly enhanced the performance. The following was the programme:

Opening chorus, "Welcome one and all"; quartette, "Comrades' Song of Hope," Glee Party; duet, "Better late than never," Misses Baker; song and chorus, "Bring back my daddy to me," Peggy Cooper; boat song, Miss Baker and girls; sketch, "Deaf as a post," in which the characters were ably taken by Misses A. Jordan, B. Harris and D. West, and Messrs. G. Hollis, R. Roome, F. Wheeldon and K. Wheeldon; Dutch quartette, Misses Robinson and Harris, Masters Bonser and Cooke; flower song and chorus; Miss R. Baker and girls; song, "Mr Darling Doll," Miss C. Baker; Morris dance, children; song, "Tit for Tat," Miss C. Smith; song and chorus, "Arizona," Miss E. Capell and girls; duet, "Go away Mr Moon," Nurse Sherratt and Mr R. West; chorus, "You're in Style," Miss A. Jordan and girls; duet, "Would you believe it?" Mr and Miss Baker; quartette, "The happiest land," Glee party; song and chorus, "Model girls," girls; song, "Two bright eyes," Peggy Cooper; chorus, "Our night out," girls; duet, "Till we meet again," Misses Adams and Thorpe; song, "Rose of No Man's Land," Miss G. Baker; song and chorus, "Jolly good luck," Miss E. Adams and girls; song, "Memories, gardens, land," Miss C. Smith; quartette, "Cold and frosty morning," Misses

Robinson and Harris and Masters Tugby and Bonser; tableaux, "Should Auld Acquaintance be Forgot,"; National Anthem.

Mr R. G. West was the accompanist. At the close of the concert, the Rev. T. W. Walters (Vicar), who presided, moved a vote of thanks to the performers, to Nurse Sherratt for training the children and the girls, and to Mr and Mrs Kelly for the use of the Picture House, and this was carried with acclamation.

Do You Know That

Myatt and Co, the well-known firm of Motor and Cycle Makers and Repairers, have arranged with the "Daily Mail", London, for news of the Great TransAtlantic Air Race to be wired to their premises, and that all telegrams received will be posted promptly amongst out window display? Their many friends of Whitwick will see these telegrams in the Whitwick branch, 9, Belvoir Road, Coalville and Market Place, Whitwick.

Sport

Football

Leicestershire Senior League

Also in the Leicestershire Senior League, at Whitwick, on Wednesday night, the Imperial beat Stableford's Workmen, 9 -0.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Funeral of Bell Ringer

The funeral took place at the Holy Cross Church, Whitwick, of Henry Brooks, aged 60, bell ringer for many years at this church. In the absence of the Rev. M. J. O'Reilly, the service was conducted by Father Degen, of Coalville.

Burials

Brooks – At Whitwick, on Monday, Hy. Brooks, aged 60 years, of Hillside Cottage.

Friday May 9th 1919 (1418)

Advertisement



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Local News

Volunteer's Dinner

On Saturday evening the No. 8 Platoon, "B" Company, 2nd Battalion, Leicestershire Volunteer Regiment, had a dinner at the Three Crowns Hotel, Whitwick, when about forty of the members (past and present) attended. Amongst those present were Captain S. Turner, Lieut. J. Lester, officers of the "B" Company, also ex-Sergeant-Major Peach and Private T. C. Bishop, both South African campaigners. An apology from the chaplain of the No. 8 Platoon, the Rev. Dean O'Reilly was received, who said his religious duties prevented his attendance. After dinner, Captain Turner addressed the gathering, and complimented the officers and men for the manner in which they had carried on; also the host and hostess (Mr and Mrs R. B. Squire) for the excellent catering. Lieut. Lester suitably replied. An enjoyable evening followed during which there was some excellent harmony.

Volunteer Whist Drive

In connection with the Whitwick and Thringstone Company of the Leicestershire Volunteer Regiment, a whist drive and dance were held in the Holy Cross Schools on Wednesday night for the benefit of the widow and children of the late Private F. J. Bayliss, a former member of the Company, of New Swannington. Lieut. J. Lester and T. Hull were the M.C.'s for whist, and Messrs. J. McCarthy and J. Bradley for dancing, and there was a good attendance.

TOWER HOUSE, LOUGHBOROUGH ROAD,
WHITWICK

On MONDAY, MAY 12th, 1910,
P. L. KIRBY

begs to announce his instructions from Mr. W. J. Webster, who is leaving the district, to Sell by Auction ON THE PREMISES, as above

4 Home-bred Beasts, including a very good Dairy Cow, 9 milk, and due to calve Sept. 1st. 1 1/2-year-old Heifer. 2 Yearling Steers. Ten Couples Fowls. A few Lots of Agricultural Implements, including Wheelbarrow, an Ladder, Rick Sheet, Corn Bin, Quantity of Boards, Window Frames, and Doors. About 700 new Blue Roofing Tiles and 30 LOTS of Surplus Household Furniture.

SALE AT 2.30 O'CL' CK, PROMPT.

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Coalville Petty Sessions

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

Transfer

A protection order was granted to Thos. H. Hedley in respect of the license of the Forest Rock Hotel, Whitwick, which he is taking over from Frederick Sutton.

"Banker" At Swannington

Arthur Haywood (28), John White (25) of Swannington, James Freeman (23), of Whitwick, Walter Tugby (20), Robert Hatton (21), and Arthur Bishop (29), of Thringstone, all colliers, were summoned for gaming with cards and coins at "banker" at Swannington, on April 12th. None of them appeared. P.C. Jones said he saw them about 4 pm sitting by the side of Redhills Road and money passed between them. Each defendant was fined 7/6 or seven days.

Coalville Urban Council

The monthly meeting of the Urban Council was held at Coalville on Tuesday evening, Mr J. W. Farmer presiding, there being also present, Messrs. S. Armson (vice-chairman), M. McCarthy, T. Y. Hay, C. W. Brown, F. Griffin, R. Blower, J. Smith, T. Kelly, W. Fellows and A. Lockwood, 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).

Whitwick Lodgers

The report of the surveyor showed that the number of persons accommodated in the Whitwick lodging-houses during the past month was 558, against 569 last month, and 413 in the corresponding month of last year. The lime-washing had been carried out in a satisfactory manner.

Wife's Application Granted

Charles Wm. Ekins (43), labourer, Whitwick, was summoned by his wife, Jane Elizabeth Ekins, of Hugglescote, who applied for a maintenance order. Defendant was absent when the case was called, it being stated that he had been to the court and gone away again.

Complainant said she was now living at Ellistown. She was married to defendant at the Ashby Registry Office 13 years last February and had three children, aged 12, 9 and 7. She said her husband had neglected her and the children and had not given her anything for months. They had to live on bread and margarine, without fires in the house. She believed he was now unemployed.

Supt. Lockton said he saw defendant driving a vehicle only the other day. Sergeant Betts said he had received many complaints about defendant's conduct. The neighbours had kept the children. Before joining the army, Ekins was a shifter at the South Leicestershire Colliery and he was able to work now if he would. It was stated that defendant was receiving a pension of 10/5 per week.

Mr Lindley said the man as a shifter could earn over £3 a week. The Bench made an order for the payment of 30/- per week, and 8/6 costs, the woman being given the custody of the three children.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

In Memoriam

In ever-loving memory of our dear mother, Anne Broadhurst, late of Whitwick who died May 12th, 1918. From her loving Sons and Daughters.

Friday May 16th 1919 (1419)

Local News

Fatal Accident at Whitwick Colliery

Youth Crushed by Tub

The death occurred during Wednesday night of William Hardy, aged 17, of 57, Leicester Road, Whitwick, from injuries received about 5.45 pm on Wednesday, by being crushed by a tub containing stone when working in the Whitwick No. 5 pit.

Farmer Fined

At Loughborough Petty Sessions on Wednesday, George Hincks, farmer, Whitwick, was fined 40/- and costs for cruelty to a mare which he drove to Loughborough market on May 5th, and which was found with bleeding wounds on the shoulder. He said the scabs had been rubbed off by the collar.

Alleged Perjury at Coalville

Whitwick Collier Charged

Before Mr J. W. Farmer at the Coalville Police Court on Wednesday, Absalom Smith, collier, Whitwick, was brought up on a warrant charged with perjury when giving evidence as a witness in a case at Coalville Petty Sessions on April 17th.

Inspector Dobney gave evidence of arrest, and said that when charged, prisoner replied, "*It looks like time for me.*" Supt. Lockton asked for a remand to the Coalville Sessions today and the magistrate remanded the prisoner accordingly.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Wedding

Married in Canada

The wedding took place on March 9th at the Baptist Church at Bassano, Alberta, Canada, of Miss Bessie Johnston and Mr A. E. Henson, son of Mr J. Henson, of Whitwick, formerly for many years one of the Whitwick Parish Church churchwardens. The bridegroom is well-known at Whitwick, leaving there some years ago for Canada, where he is doing well.

Death of Mrs George West

The first funeral to take place from the Cemetery House since it was built over 30 years ago, was that on Sunday afternoon of Mrs Fanny West, wife of Mr George West, the Cemetery caretaker, manager of the Whitwick Conservative Club, and one of the overseers of the poor of the parish. The deceased lady, who was sixty years of age, had not been well for some time, but had a very genial disposition, and much sympathy is felt for Mr West and the family in their bereavement. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. T. W. Walters, the first portion being in the Parish Church.

The chief mourners were: Mr G. West (husband), two daughters, Ethel and Frances, two sons, Frank and Frederick, Mr and Mrs A. West, Mr and Mrs S. W. West and Mr and Mrs B. West (brothers-in-law and wives), Mr and Mrs Broughton (cousins, of Leicester), Mrs Collier and Mrs Beasley (nieces, of Ravenstone). There was a large number of beautiful floral tributes.

In Memoriam

In ever loving memory of Lance Corporal E. A. Hart, 1/6th North Staffords, who gave his life in France, May 16th, 1918. Aged 26 years.

"To-day recalls sad memories."

"Loved too much in life to be forgotten in Death."

From his sorrowing Dad and Mother.
Roy House, Church Lane, Whitwick.

In affectionate remembrance of "Katie" the beloved daughter of Charles and Gertrude Haywood, of Whitwick, who died May 14th, 1918. Aged 9 years.

*"Tis lonely here without you, dear,
And sad the weary way;
Nor is the world the same to us,
Since you were called away."*

From her sorrowing Mamma and Dad.

Burials

West – At Whitwick, on Sunday, Fanny West, aged 60 years, of Church Lane.

Friday May 23rd 1919 (1420)

Local News

Whitwick Ex-Sergeant Mentioned in Dispatches

Ex-Staff-Sergeant H. T. Newbury, R.E., who served for nearly three years in Mesopotamia, has received an intimation from the War Office that in dispatches by Lt.-General W. R. Marshall, on February 1st, 1919, he was mentioned for meritorious service.

Mr Newbury, who was recently demobilised, is a son of Mrs Newbury, and of the late Mr Jacob Newbury, of Market Place, Whitwick, and is engaged as a clerk at Messrs. Burgess and Son's factory, Belvoir Road, Coalville.

Serious Charges Against Whitwick Colliers

Alleged Perjury

Cases sent to the Assizes

At the Coalville Police Court, on Friday, Absalom Smith (27), collier, Whitwick, was charged with committing perjury at Coalville, on April 17th.

Mr J. J. Sharp (Coalville) appeared to prosecute for the police, and after outlining the case, said defendant had expressed his regret, and it was only fair to say that the man had served his country, and had been wounded twice.

Mr E. A. Mammatt, clerk to the justices of the Ashby Petty Sessional Division, said he was present at the Coalville Petty Sessions on April 17th last, during the hearing of a charge of simple larceny against a man named Josiah Chambers. The latter called the prisoner as a witness on his behalf. Prisoner was duly sworn and witness produced the depositions of the evidence given in the case, which was to the effect that Chambers was charged with stealing three oak rails belonging to Mr T. Roberts, of Loughborough, from his farm at Green Lane, Whitwick. The oak rails were found by Inspector Dobney on Chambers' premises, and he said he had had them several days, the farmer having given them to him. Later, he said he found them in a hedge bottom, and the prisoner, Smith, giving evidence for Chambers, said he saw the rails lying in the ditch for three mornings before they were taken. Chambers was convicted of stealing the rails.

Thomas Henry Roberts, farmer, Loughborough, said he had heard the deposition read by the last witness of the evidence he gave in the previous case, and it was correct.

Inspector Dobney said he had made enquiries as to the veracity of Smith's evidence, and saw the accused on April 30th, at Whitwick. He asked the prisoner if he could remember the three mornings he saw the rails in the ditch, and he replied, "*The three mornings before you fetched them away.*" Witness said that would be the 24th, 25th, and 26th of March, and Smith said "Yes." Witness asked accused to show him the spot, and with P.C. Jelley accompanied him up Green Lane, where he pointed out a position in the ditch. Witness produced a plan of the place with the spot marked. Witness drew prisoner's attention to water in the ditch, and that the rails were dry when he found them on Chamber's premises. Witness also told him that Chambers said he found them on the other side of the road, 30 yards away. Prisoner replied, "*I have seen them where I have told you. They were lying on these thorns where the hedge has been cut.*" Witness said a lot of people travelled along the lane to and from work, and asked accused if he could give the name of any other man who had seen the rails. Prisoner replied that he knew one man who had, but could not give his name. He met the man in a public house and they were talking about the case after it had been heard at the court. Witness arrested the prisoner on a warrant on Tuesday last, and in reply to the charge, he said, "*It looks like time for me.*"

At Coalville Police Station next morning, prisoner said he wished to make a statement and, after being cautioned, he said Chambers saw him and asked him to go to court and say he had seen the rails in the ditch; it would do him a good turn and might help him to win the case. He (accused) was sorry now that he said it, and wished he had had nothing to do with the case. *"I hope,"* he continued, *"you will take into consideration that I have fought for my country, and was twice wounded, and I should not like to lose my pension of 8/3 per week."*

Accused was committed for trial at the Leicestershire Assizes.

Josiah Chambers (38), collier, Whitwick, was then charged with suborning a witness to commit perjury at Coalville on April 17th. Similar evidence was given by Mr Mammatt and Mr Farmer.

The latter, in reply to the defendant, said he did not see him on the ground at the time of the sale. He did not know him to speak to till the day afterwards. Inspector Dobney said he apprehended the prisoner on the allotments at Whitwick the previous night. He said, *"I thought I had done with that case: I have paid for it."* At Coalville Police Station, witness confronted prisoner with Absalom Smith, and read both the warrants over. He also read to prisoner the statement made by Smith, implicating him, and prisoner replied, *"I have nothing to say. I never asked Smith to come as a witness. He volunteered."* Smith said, *"You know asked me to come and say you found the rails in the ditch?"* Prisoner replied, *"Go on, I will stand the lash."*

In the cells that morning, witness saw the prisoner and he said he wished to make a statement. After being cautioned, he made a statement, which he signed, in which he admitted taking the rails from a heap of timber in the station yard. Smith offered to come and say they saw the rails in the ditch.

Superintendent Lockton said *he was in court when the prisoner was charged with stealing the rails, and heard him say, "I did not steal the rails; I found them in the ditch near Belcher's house, and I have a witness here to prove it."* The clerk asked who the witness was, and said it was Absalom Smith, who was called and gave evidence.

The prisoner, Smith, also said his statement, that he did not see the rails in the ditch, but was asked by prisoner, Chambers, to say that he did, was correct. Accused was committed for trial at the Leicestershire Assizes. Bail was allowed, each prisoner in £50 and one surety of £50 or two of £20 each.

Whitwick Colliery Fatality

Youth Crushed by a Tub

A fatal accident at the Whitwick Colliery on Wednesday last week, was the subject of an adjourned inquest on Tuesday afternoon by Mr H. J. Deane (North Leicestershire Coroner) and a jury at the Forester's Arms Inn, Whitwick, the deceased being William Henry Hardy, aged 17, who was employed at the Whitwick No. 5 pit as a pony driver.

Mr J. J. Sharp (Coalville) appeared for the Colliery Co. Mr T. H. Moore (Messrs. Crane and Moore) represented the Midland Mining Officials' Association. Mr Levi Lovett, the Leicestershire Miners' Association, and Mr H. Yates (Hugglescote), the National Deputies' Association. Mr T. Y. Hay (manager of the colliery) and Mr W. Rowell (under-manager) were also present.

William Hardy, quarryman, 57, Leicester Road, Whitwick, said the deceased was his grandson and resided with him. Deceased was brought home about 8.30 and died at 9.30. He never spoke.

Dr. Rolston said the deceased was brought to the surgery about 7.30 pm, and witness found him suffering from fracture of the base of the skull. Deceased was unconscious. He was bleeding from both ears, but there were no external marks. He was almost dead then and died about three-quarters of an hour after. The cause of death was fracture of the base of the skull. Witness did not hear how it occurred, but it was probably caused by a blow.

By the Coroner: *He was not told anything about the accident.*

The Coroner said it was hardly fair to a doctor to send a patient without anyone to describe what had happened. Mr T. Kelly said it was usual in the case of a colliery accident to send someone with the person who could describe to the doctor what had happened. Mr T. Y. Hay said two capable men were sent out of the pit with the boy. Dr. Rolston said the two men told him they knew nothing about the accident.

Albert Parrish, filler, 82, Hermitage Road, Coalville, stated that on Wednesday afternoon last week he was working at Whitwick No. 5 pit with Hardy. His shift was 3 till 11. They were cleaning a "gate" out up 68 bank, and everything went on alright till about 5.45. At that time they were pushing a tub full of dirt from the "gate" to the bank. There were two lockers in the tub. They had gone about 20 yards when the tub stopped against a piece of stone, and Hardy went from the back to the front of the tub to remove the stone. The tub then moved on and Hardy said, "*Hold back.*" He slipped and fell under the tub. They both had an oil lamp, and could see what they were doing. Witness called to the chargeman, Billings, who came and got the deceased out. His head was underneath the buffer, having been caught by it. The deceased slipped in trying to dodge the tub when it moved on. The road was slippery on account of the solid stone and a good deal of traffic on it. The stone which blocked the tub came from the side, and was about a foot long.

By Mr Sharp: *This was the fourth tub load that they had taken that afternoon.*

Answering Mr Lovett, witness said both he and deceased had instructions to keep behind the tub because the road was steep. They were pushing the tub with two lockers in, but one locker broke, letting the tub go on after the stone was removed. They did not take a locker out.

By Mr Kelly: *There was not room for the tub to pass the deceased.*

In reply to the Coroner, witness said that after the stone was moved by Hardy, the tub had only one locker in. A juror asked witness whether he thought the accident would have happened had the tub been drawn by a horse, and he answered "*No.*" Mr Kelly said they

would have to get the stone out just the same, and that might have made it more dangerous.

Isaac Billings, of New Swannington, chageman shifter at the pit, said the deceased and Parrish were working under him. Witness was opening up a new gateway, and filling the tubs, and the two youths were taking the stuff away. Witness saw two lockers put in the tub, which locked all four wheels. The road was slippery in places, and if the tub was smashing against him it would be easy for the deceased to slip. The first witness knew of the accident was when he heard a shout from Parrish. Witness found the deceased lying at the junction and had to lift the tub to get him out, his head being under the axle. He found there was only one locker in, the other being broken four or five yards away.

The Coroner: *Would it have been possible to have used a pony for this tramming.*

Witness: *We have used ponies.*

If a pony had been used, it would not have lessened the danger? – No.

Mr Sharp: *Deceased might have slipped on the rails? – Yes.*

Mr Moore: *Everything was done in a proper way? – Yes.*

By Mr Lovett: *If a pony had been used it might have started, and made it more dangerous.*

Answering Mr Kelly, witness said there were iron lockers, but they were very awkward. Further answering Mr Lovett, witness said there was room for the tub to pass deceased. It was remarked that there must have been room or the deceased could not have gone from the back to the front of the tub to remove the stone.

The Coroner, summing up, referred to the medical evidence, remarking that it was not fair for an injured man to be taken to the doctor without someone capable of explaining what had happened. He accepted what Mr Hay said that two men were sent, but for some reason the doctor had no account given to him. If a doctor was given the history of a case it considerably facilitated his examination. He went on to review the evidence, and said all the circumstances pointed to it being a pure accident. Accidents could happen, and this appeared to have been one of those which no amount of foresight could have prevented.

The jury, of which Mr T. Kelly was foreman, found that it was a pure accident, and no one was to blame. Mr Hay, for himself and the Colliery Co. expressed regret to the occurrence, and sympathy with the relatives, and similar expressions were voiced by Mr Moore for the officials, Mr Kelly for the jury, Mr Lovett for the Miners' Association, of which deceased was a member, and Mr Yates for the deputies. The latter said the words of the particular deputy in this case was that "*deceased was the best lad he had ever had working under him,*" and Mr Lovett remarked that the lad's father lived in Cumberland. Deceased came to live with his grandparents, and it was sad that he should have met with his death in this way.

One of the jurors, Mr S. W. West, who is also parish church warden, said he would like to associate the church officials with the sympathy expressed as the deceased was a member of the church choir, most regular in his attendance, and a splendid young fellow in every way.

Do You Know That

Whitwick Rising Star and Thornborough Football clubs have applied for admission to the Coalville League for next season?

In Leicestershire's first County Cricket match, which opened against Notts. on Wednesday, Major A. T. Sharp contributed 62 in the 1st innings?

The Theatres

Patrons of the various theatres have another grand lot of programmes provided next week, and no doubt they will be appreciated by a large audience in each case. Picture House, Whitwick: First half, "Scandal" an adaption of Cosmo Hamilton's serio-humorous novel; "Mystery of the Double Cross," No. 2; and others. Second half of week: "Captain Kid, Junr." featuring Mary Pickford; a grand piece that should be seen. No. 6, "Brass Bullet" and many others are excellent.

Sport

Football

Coalville Football Officials

An interesting meeting of football referees and others interested in the popular winter pastime was held at the Fox and Goose Hotel, Coalville, on Saturday evening, and was well-attended. Mr R. T. Bradshaw, of Coalville, the well-known English League referee, presided, and the chief speaker was Mr F. L. Jinks, secretary of the Leicestershire Football Association.

The chairman, referring to the season just ended, said they took up the game most enthusiastically in this district after the enforced suspension of football during the war, and they had been pleased with the results. They were glad to welcome back again some of their old football officials, and among those he mentioned Mr George Waterfield, hon. secretary of the Whitwick Imperial F.C. whom they were glad to see present (hear, hear).

Mr Waterfield, (who has lost a foot through being wounded in the war), had, he said, done his bit, and they wished him much success in his future career, both as regards business and sport (cheers).

Friday May 30th 1919 (1421)

Local News

Whitwick Carter's Fatal Accident

An Employee of the Coalville Urban Council

At the Three Horse Shoes Inn, Whitwick, on Friday evening, Mr H. J. Deane (Coroner) held an inquest concerning the death of Henry Neale, aged 58, who lived in the City of Dan, Whitwick, and was a carter at the Gas Works in the employ of the Coalville Urban Council.

The evidence of Mr J. W. Eagles, gasworks manager, was to the effect that Neale on the previous Friday was engaged in carting coke from the works to the premises of the Co-

Operative Society. He backed the cart into the gateway and after tipping up the coke, the horse, usually a quiet one, gave a jump. Deceased tried to get to the animal's head, but fell and the cart wheel went over his chest. He was medically attended and seemed to be making good progress, but death took place about nine o'clock on Thursday night. After the accident, deceased told Mr Eagles that he saw some children throw stones at the horse's head and he thought that startled it.

Dr. Rolston gave evidence as to the injuries, which, he said, were consistent with deceased having been run over by a cart. A verdict of "accidental death" was returned.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Burials

Neale – At Whitwick, on Saturday, Henry Neale, aged 58 years, of the City of Dan.

Friday June 6th 1919 (1422)

Do You Know That

Thirteen chickens hatched by a hen which died, are being "mothered" by the cock bird, belonging to Mr George Knight, of Silver Street, Whitwick?

Messrs. E. Hagger of Victoria Road, Coalville, and J. W. Briers, of Whitwick, will represent the Coalville District at the Grand United Order of Oddfellows' annual moveable conference at Derby next week?

Coalville Urban Council

Mr J. W. Farmer, J.P., presided at the monthly meeting of the Coalville Urban Council on Tuesday evening, when there were also present, Messrs. S. Armson (vice-chairman), M. McCarthy, A. J. Briers, F. Griffin, R. Blower, J. Smith, T. Kelly, W. Fellows, A. Lockwood and C. W. Brown, with the clerk (Mr J. F. Jesson), surveyor (Mr L. L. Baldwin), assistant surveyor (Mr G. F. Hurst), gasworks manager (Mr J. W. Eagles).

Highway Committee's Report

In reply to a letter from the Surveyor for the free supply of stone for the repair of Leicester Road, Whitwick, the Forest Rock Granite Co. wrote that if the road was properly made and drained, they would be prepared to give a quantity of stone for the purpose. The committee recommend the clerk report as to a case of extraordinary traffic on this road.

Medical Officer's Report

The medical officer (Dr. R. W. Jamie) reported a marked decline during May in the number of notifiable infectious diseases, only one case of diphtheria at Hugglescote being reported, and three of scarlatina, two in one house at Whitwick, and one at Hugglescote.

Surveyor's Department

The surveyor reported that the number of persons accommodated in the Whitwick lodging houses during the month was 566, against 558 last month and 574 in the corresponding month of last year. The premises were satisfactory. In a few cases lime washing notices were served and they had been complied with. He asked for instructions as to purchasing disinfectants and other materials for disinfecting the schools of the district during the summer holidays. The cost of the materials would be about £50 and the labour would bring the total to nearly £100.

Mr Fellows said no doubt it was a very good thing and it was money well spent. They had the highest average school attendances in this district and no doubt that had something to do with it. He moved that it be done. Mr McCarthy asked whether they got anything from the County Council, to which the surveyor replied in the negative. The resolution was carried.

Coalville Petty Sessions

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

Bad Language

Edward Squires (35), collier, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick on May 18th. In his absence, P.C. Grocock said the defendant used very bad language because Mr C. W. Pegg (parish constable) and himself were taking the names of some youths in a previous case. Fined 10/6 and 7/- witness allowance, or seven days.

Lighting Cases

Matthew Thurman (34), collier, Whitwick, was summoned for riding a bicycle with no rear light at Whitwick, on May 12th. P.C. Jones said he called to the defendant to stop, but he took no notice. He also ignored a call by Sergeant Betts to stop. Fined 10/6 or 7 days.

Cruelty

Harry Boot (29), 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, pleaded not guilty. After evidence had been heard, the Bench decided to dismiss the case.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Wedding

At the Parish Church yesterday afternoon, the marriage was solemnised by the Vicar (the Rev. T. W. Walters, M.A.) of Mr Gordon Perry Bayliss, eldest son of Mr and Mrs F. J. Bayliss of London Road, Coalville, and Miss Mary Gertrude Henson, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Jos. Henson, of Whitwick. Miss Louise Bayliss (sister of the bridegroom) acted as bridesmaid, and Lieut. Edmond Brown, of Coalville, accompanied the bridegroom as best man. The happy couple received the good wishes of many friends.

Friday June 13th 1919 (1423)

SALES BY AUCTION.

BY ORDER OF THE EXECUTOR OF THE
LATE MR. CHAS. NEWHAM, Deceased.

WHITWICK and SWANNINGTON.

VALUABLE FREEHOLD PROPERTY.

To be Sold by

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At the THREE CROWNS INN, WHITWICK
on TUESDAY, JUN 24th, 1919, at 6.30 p.m.
subject to Conditions of Sale to be then read.

LOT 1.—TWO HOUSES, with Large Gardens, in Talbot Lane, Swannington, occupied by Messrs Ratcliffe and Needham. Gross yearly rental £23/2/0.

LOT 2.—FOUR HOUSES, Nos. 93, 95, 97 and 99, Talbot Street, Whitwick, occupied by Messrs Abel, Wardle, Dutton and Moore. Gross yearly rental £36/8/0.

LOT 3.—FOUR HOUSES, Nos. 101, 103, 105 and 107, Talbot St., Whitwick, occupied by Messrs Chambers, Limb, Black and Mann. Gross yearly rental £30.

LOT 4.—TWO HOUSES (one with Shop), numbered 64 and 66, Silver St., Whitwick, occupied by Messrs Underwood and Haywood. Gross yearly rental £27/6/0.

LOT 5.—PLOT of BUILDING GROUND, with a frontage of 60 feet to Silver Street and containing 1,088 square yards adjoining the last lot, with Block of SHEDDING thereon.

LOT 6.—HOUSE No. 257, Hermitage Rd., Whitwick. VACANT POSSESSION OF THIS LOT CAN BE GIVEN.

LOT 7.—TWO HOUSES, Nos. 253 and 255, Hermitage Road, occupied by Messrs Blow and Smith. Gross yearly rental £26.

LOT 8.—THREE HOUSES, Nos. 247, 249 and 251, Hermitage Road, occupied by Messrs Meakin, Gascoigne and Stone. Gross yearly rental £30.

LOT 9.—HOUSE and SHOP, No. 245, Hermitage Road occupied by Mr. A. H. Chapman, with large WAREHOUSE OR WORKSHOP, and other buildings at the rear. Gross yearly rental of this Lot £33/10/0.

To view the Lots, apply to the Tenants, and for further information to the Auctioneers; or to—

Messrs CRANE AND MOORE,
Solicitors, Coalville.

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Local News

Efforts are being made to revive the Whitwick Holy Cross Brass Band. Before the war it was in a flourishing state, but had to be suspended owing to members being called up, some of them having made the great sacrifice, but thirteen of the old members have got together again and hope soon to have the Band once more on a good footing.

Concerts

The members of the Girls' Guild connected with the Whitwick Holy Cross Church gave two good concerts in the school on Saturday and Tuesday evenings, both being well-attended. The proceeds were for a new altar for the church.

Skittles Cup Competition

Playing against Stoney Stanton in the Coalville West End Skittles Cup Competition, the Coalville West End Club won by three legs to none, and in the same competition, the Manchester (Leicester) Club defeated Whitwick Liberal Club at Newfoundpool, by 8 – 0.

Ashby Petty Sessions

Saturday – Before the Rev. C. T. Moore (in the chair), Mr J. H. Sutton and Mr W. M. Slater.

Paternity Case

Walter Noon (28), foundry labourer, Hugglescote, was summoned by Rose H. Bull, single, of Whitwick, to show good cause, etc. He admitted the paternity.

Mr J. J. Sharp (Coalville) said the defendant, who had been in the army, had acted in a very straightforward manner. He had offered to pay 7/- a week, and the expenses. In reply to the chairman, defendant said he had been in the army five years, having joined in 1913.

The Bench made an order for 7/- a week to date from the birth till the child is 16, also £2/2/0 advocate's fee, 15/- court costs, and £1/10/6 expenses of the birth, total £5/8/6.

Friday June 20th 1919 (1424)

Sale of Freehold Property

To be sold by auction by Messrs. Orchard and Joyce at the Three Crowns Inn, Whitwick, on Tuesday, 24th June, 1919, at 6.30 o'clock in the evening.

Whitwick

All those three valuable and substantially built shops and dwelling houses situate in Leicester Road, Whitwick, close to Vicarage Street and the Market Place, and occupying a first-class business situation, together with an excellent Bakehouse and Stabling.

The property is let to Messrs. Weston, Poynton and Eking, and produces a gross yearly rental of £71/10/0.

Near Talbot Street, Whitwick

All those two cottages with large gardens, approached from Talbot Street, Whitwick, and bounded by properties belonging to Mrs Stacey and Mrs Begbie's trustees. The area of this plot is 1 rood and 21 perches, or thereabouts.

Solicitors – Messrs. Crane and Moore, Coalville.

Local News

At the Loughborough Police Court on Wednesday, Joseph Edward Moore, Luther Hull, Joseph Birkinshaw and William Upton, colliers, Whitwick, were summoned for using indecent language in Shepshed, on the 18th inst. P.C. Wells proved the case. Defendants did not appear. Birkinshaw was fined 20/- and the other three 10/- each.

Coalville Perjury Case

Whitwick Colliers Sent to Prison

At the Leicestershire Assizes last Friday, Absalom Smith (27), collier, pleaded guilty to an indictment charging him with giving evidence on oath, which he knew to be false, in the police court at Coalville in connection with a charge against Josiah Chambers (38), collier, of stealing some oak rails at Whitwick, and Chambers was now indicted for suborning him to commit perjury.

Chambers pleaded not guilty and was defended by Mr Powers.

Sir Byland Adkins prosecuted, and said Chambers, when charged with stealing three oak rails, told the magistrates he found them in a ditch. He called Smith, who said he saw the rails in the ditch. Later, Smith confessed that he never saw them, and declared that Chambers had asked him to give that evidence. This statement was borne out Mr E. A. Mammatt, clerk to the Coalville justices, and Superintendent Lockton and Inspector Dobney. Smith, also called, said Chambers came to see him on the gardens, and asked him to give evidence, saying it would do him a good turn.

Mr G. W. Powers (defending Chambers) sought to show in cross-examining the witnesses that Smith volunteered his evidence, and when Chambers was put in the witness box, his examination-in-chief was directed on that end.

His Lordship elicited from Mr Powers that he intended to submit that if the man offered to give evidence, and Chambers called him, that was not subornation; thereupon the Judge said that at the proper time, he should rule against him, and direct the jury on those lines.

Mr Powers contended that subornation of necessity meant instigation. *“If Chambers did not instigate the evidence, he was not guilty of subornation.”*

His Lordship said he should rule that it made no difference so long as Chambers put him forward as a witness. If Mr Powers was not satisfied, he could go to a higher authority. The jury returned a verdict of guilty.

Superintendent Lockton said Smith had twice served in the Army, and he had left a wife and two children in Antrim. When arrested, he was living in Whitwick with a widow who had six children. He was a native of Billesdon. Chambers was a very respectable man, living with his family. He had nothing against him till the theft of the rails.

His Lordship said he must put a stop to the commission of perjury, and Chambers would have to go to prison for six weeks in the 2nd division, and Smith to three weeks.

Friday June 27th 1919 (1425)

Do You Know That

There have no burials at Whitwick for the last fortnight?

The amount realised by the property sale at the "Three Crowns", Whitwick, on Tuesday last realised £4,000?

An organ recital will be given in the Whitwick Parish Church, on Sunday, June 29th, at 3pm? Organist, Mr R. G. West, L.V.C.M. Silver collection for war memorial.

Loughborough Sessions

At the Loughborough Sessions, on Wednesday, Joseph Barton, of Whitwick, and Leonard Martin, of Shepshed, were summoned for fighting "*to the great terror of his Majesty's subjects*" at Shepshed. P.C. Childs said he parted the fighters once, but they started again further up the street. Burton pleaded not guilty and said only one blow was struck, and that by Martin. Both men were bound over to keep the peace, and had to pay the Court fees.

Property Sale

Mr Orchard, of the firm of Orchard and Joyce, Ashby and Coalville, offered some valuable freehold property for sale at the "Three Crowns Inn" on Tuesday evening. The saleroom was packed to overflowing. The first lot offered was two messuages in Talbot Lane, in the parish of Swannington, producing a gross rental of £22/2/0 and the purchaser was declared to be Mr T. Hicken, Thringstone.

Lot 2 consisted of four cottages, situate in Talbot Street, Whitwick, producing a gross yearly rental of £36/8/0, and these were subsequently purchased by Mr Kingham, of Leicester, for the sum of £355.

Lot 3, four messuages also in Talbot Street, fell to Mr A. Briers, at £420. The gross yearly rental of the lot being £39.

Lot 4 consisted of two dwelling houses in Silver Street, Whitwick, producing a yearly rent of £27/6/0. This lot was purchased by Mr Underwood, Whitwick, for £560.

A plot of building land, consisting of 1,088 yards, in Silver Street, and tenanted by Mr A. Underwood, Whitwick, at a yearly rent of £5/4/0 was bought by Mr F. Goddard for £190.

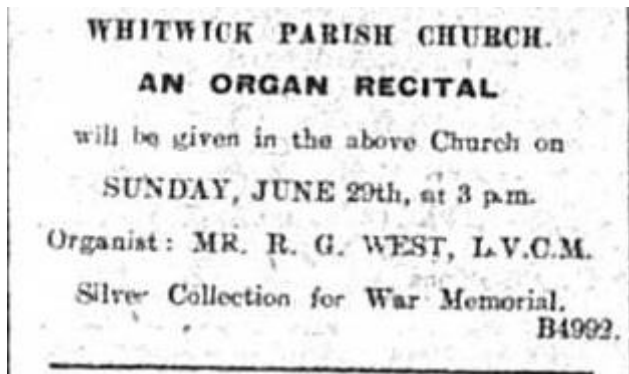
The villa residence in Hermitage Road, formerly occupied by Mr Chas. Needham, was next offered, the purchaser being declared to be Mr Jesse Newman, Whitwick, at £470.

Lot 7, two messuages in Hermitage Road and known as "Woodbine Cottages" producing a rental of £26, fetched £500. Mr J. Musson, Whitwick, being the purchaser.

Lot 8, adjoining the last lot, consisted of three cottages, bringing in a gross yearly rental of £39, and these were knocked down to Mr Kingham, Leicester, for £710.

The dwelling house and shop and outbuildings in Hermitage Road, in the occupation of Mr A. H. Chapman, and producing a yearly rental of 33/16/0, was sold to Mr A. Briers for £555.

Messrs. Crane and Moore were the solicitors for the vendors.



Friday July 4th 1919 (1426)

Collier Fined

Going back into the Red Lion at Shepshed in a drunken state, Alfred Renton, collier, Whitwick, was refused drink and became very abusive. He was yesterday summoned at Loughborough for refusing to quit, but did not appear. A fine of 40s and costs was imposed.

Day Poaching at Whitwick

Novel Defence

"Poachers are Sportsmen"

At the Coalville Police Court on Friday, George Bennett (32), William Hurst (33), Wilfred Black (20), of Whitwick, and John Allen (21), of Thringstone, all colliers, were summoned for day poaching at Whitwick, on June 14th.

Mr J. J. Sharp (Coalville) for the prosecution asked for a fortnight's adjournment owing to the illness of a witness.

Mr R. Clifford (Loughborough) for the defendants, opposed the application, saying he was prepared to proceed. The magistrates declined an adjournment. Defendants all pleaded not guilty.

Trevor Pratt, game keeper to Mr De Lisle, stated that about 9 am he saw the four men and three dogs at Sharpley corner. He knew the defendants, who did not see then. He saw Bennett go through the Sharpley Rough gate and the others stood near the gate. The dogs put up a hare in the bracken and chased it. He shouted and as soon as defendants saw

him they bolted. He had known the men all their lives and had no doubt as to their identity. A friend was with him who came from Yorkshire to a wedding and he promised to come as a witness, but was ill.

By Mr Clifford: *He did not make random charges and this was not all imagination.*

Mr Clifford: *I suggest that if colliers are poachers they are sportsmen, and would not go after game at this time of the year.*

Pratt: *They go at any time.*

The defendant Bennett said he had served in the army nearly three years, and was discharged in consequence of wounds.

Mr Sharp: *We had all this in another case not long ago.*

Proceeding, defendant said he worked at the Whitwick Colliery, and went for a walk after leaving work that morning, with Hurst. At the Sharpley corner they saw the other two and they sat talking. They had no dogs and never went into Sharpley Rough. They never saw Pratt and did not run away. He had a little mongrel dog which belonged to his little boy. The other three defendants gave similar evidence, all denying that they ever left the road. Mr Clifford said the defendants all bore a good character and in view of that and the service they had rendered their country in the war, he asked the Bench not to convict them on the uncorroborated evidence of Pratt. Defendants were each fined 12/6 or 14 days.

Coalville Urban Council

The monthly meeting of the Urban Council was held at Coalville on Tuesday evening, Mr J. W. Farmer, J.P., presiding. There were also present, Messrs. S. Armson (vice-chairman), M. McCarthy, A. J. Briers, C. W. Brown, W. Fellows, A. Lockwood, J. Smith and F. Griffin, with the clerk (Mr J. F. Jesson), surveyor (Mr L. L. Baldwin) gasworks manager (Mr J. W. Eagles) and the medical officer (Dr. R. W. Jamie).

Plans

The following plans were recommended for approval: House and shop, Silver Street, Whitwick, for Mr B. West. Additions to shop, Vicarage Street, Whitwick, for Messrs. Glynn Bros.

Highway Committee's Report

The clerk reported on his consideration of a case of extraordinary traffic on Leicester Road, Whitwick, and the matter was adjourned to the next meeting of the committee.

The surveyor reported on a sale of land in Silver Street, Whitwick, and the advisability of acquiring a site for improvement purposes, and the committee recommend it be left in his hands to arrange.

Surveyor's Report

The surveyor reported that during the month the number of persons accommodated at the Whitwick lodging houses was 530 and the houses continued to be kept in a satisfactory state.

Coalville Petty Sessions

Friday – Before Major Hatchett (in the chair) Mr J. W. West and Mr J. W. Farmer

Bracken Fire on the Forest

In a juvenile court, Leslie Marriott (14), Wilfred Barker (13) and Ronald Barker (11), school boys, Hugglescote, were summoned for wilful damage to bracken and heather at Whitwick, on June 16th. They pleaded guilty.

Joseph Berrington, farmer, Spring Hill, Whitwick, said he had a complaint of boys setting fire to the bracken. There had previously been a serious fire, causing much damage. He sent his men, who brought the defendants to the farm.

P.C. Grewcock said he saw the defendants at Hugglescote next day and they accused one another of setting fire to the bracken. They said they struck some matches and threw them among the bracken.

Mr J. J. Sharp (Coalville), who appeared for Marriott, said the boys were engaged in a game known as “blowing up the tunnel.” The lighted paper blew among the bracken and set it on fire. It was not intentional and the boys tried to put the flames out. The parents of the boys were very respectable and were sorry it had occurred.

The clerk: *How could they blow up a tunnel with paper?*

Mr Sharp said he did not understand the game. Berrington, recalled, said more than a £1 worth of damage was done. A man had to watch the bracken all night and witness was put to a lot of trouble.

The chairman said the Bench were satisfied the boys did not intend to cause the fire, but they should be careful about the use of matches in the future. No conviction would be recorded, but the parents must pay the costs and damage, a total of 13/8 in each of two cases, and 13/4 in the other.

Lodgers Not Registered

Samuel Edwards (50), boarding house keeper, Whitwick, was summoned for failing to registers lodgers on June 4th, in contravention of the Aliens Act. He pleaded guilty.

Inspector Dobney said he called at the house, St. Joseph's, and asked to see the registration forms. Defendant produced over a hundred forms, but they were all old ones. He said there were 42 people in the house and witness asked for the forms respecting these, but he could not produce them. Witness was enquiring about a man who came from Luxemburgh. He had been in the house three days and defendant said he thought he was an Irishman. Defendant said all the people who came to the house were recommended by friends, and he was sorry he omitted to keep the register.

Answering the Bench, the inspector said the man referred to had lived in this country 35 years. Defendant was fined 10/6 or 14 days.

Without Lights

George Williamson (44), collier, Whitwick, was summoned for driving a trap without two front lights at 10.40 pm at Whitwick, on June 4th. Fined 10/6 or seven days.

Drunk and Disorderly

Jessie Watret (50), married, of Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick, on June 14th. P.C. Jelley proving the case, said defendant told him she had paid one fine and could pay another.

Fined 12/- or seven days.

Value of a Good Character

John W. M. Moore (20), and Cecil Kirby (18), colliers, Thringstone, were summoned for stealing pea sticks at Whitwick, on June 18th. Mr J. J. Sharp (Coalville) appeared to prosecute, and Mr T. H. Moore (Coalville) for the defendants pleaded not guilty.

P.C. Jones said he saw defendants in a plantation and they said they fetched sticks because other people did. They said it was the first time. The sticks were the property of Mr E. M. P. De Lisle, of Garendon Hall, and witness was there in consequence of complaints.

Mr Moore said the defendants both had good characters and as it was a practice to take these sticks, they thought they were doing no wrong. He suggested that the case would be met by payment of costs.

Defendants were bound over in the sum of £5 each to be of good behaviour and were ordered to pay costs, 10/- each.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Burials

Parker – At Whitwick, on Thursday, William Z. Parker, aged 23 years, of Cademan Street.

Friday July 11th 1919 (1427)

Peace Celebrations at Whitwick

Committee Formed

A public meeting of parishioners, convened by the overseers, was held on Monday night at the Whitwick National Schools to consider what form the peace celebrations should take in the parish. The Vicar, the Rev. T. W. Walters, Rural Dean, presided.

It was agreed to make a house-to-house collection, to ascertain the amount available, so that a committee could decide on the form of celebration, which, it was suggested, should be a tea to the children, old people and soldiers and sailors.

Dr. Burkitt said for Coronation celebrations a grant from the rates was made by the Coalville Urban District Council, which provided £50 for the Whitwick Ward. He believed it was proposed to do so again. It was the fairest way, as it was a national rejoicing. Some people would not give, and the only way was to make them pay through the rates. He moved that, according to precedent, the Council be asked to make a grant from the rates. Mr Samuel Perry seconded, and the resolution was agreed to.

Messrs. Kelly and Briers, the ward councillors, were asked to convey the request to the urban authority. Dr. Burkitt intimated that the contribution from the rates would be additional to the collections. The meeting proceeded to elect a Finance and General Committee, and discussed other matters.

Local Chit Chat

Dr. J. C. S. Burkitt, of Whitwick, who has been on active service with the Leicestershire Yeomanry, has been demobilised. Dr. Burkitt has seen about two years' service in France, being promoted Lieut.-Colonel (R.A.M.C.) and in command of a medical unit, and afterwards did duty in Ireland with his unit. His military service dates from the commencement of the war, though previously he had a long connection with the Yeomanry.

Deaths of Two Soldiers

News has been received of the deaths of two Whitwick soldiers – Private Charles Turner and Private Reginald Allgood. Pte. Turner was a brother of Mrs F. James, formerly residing in Church Lane, Whitwick, and he was in the 7th Norfolk Regiment. The official information states that he died on October 10th, 1918, in a field hospital while a prisoner of the Germans, and was buried in the local cemetery at Laudrecies. Pte. Turner enlisted in August, 1914, went to France in 1915 and was taken prisoner in March, 1918.

Private Allgood is the son of Mr and Mrs F. J. Allgood, of 53, Leicester Road, Whitwick, and was in the South Staffs Regiment. He had been missing since March 21st, 1918, and is now presumed to have been killed in France on that date, or since. He joined up in August, 1916, and was 22 years of age. He was an old scholar of the Whitwick Church schools.

Whist Drive

On Saturday evening a whist drive and dance were held in the Whitwick National School, there being a good attendance. Mr R. G. West played for dancing and the M.C.'s were Messrs. W. Fern, W. Gee and A. C. Pegg. The proceeds were for the choir outing fund.

Peace Celebrations

The committees appointed at the public meeting on Monday night were as follows: Chairman, Rev. T. W. Walters, vicar of Whitwick; secretary, Mr Ernest Aris, "Forest View," Whitwick; treasurer, Dr. J. C. S. Burkitt, the Old Vicarage, Whitwick.

Finance Committee: Rev. T. W. Walters, Father O'Reilly, Messrs. J. W. Eagles, H. T. Bastard, T. W. Bourne, W. Downes, the secretary and treasurer.

Decorations Committee: Messrs. T. W. Bourne, S. Perry, senr., A. Needham, A. Briers, W. Downes, John Ward, Joseph West and the secretary.

Sports Committee: Mr S. Perry, junr., Mr Jos. West, Mr Catlow, all the teachers in the district, and the secretary.

Catering Committee: Rev. T. W. Walters, Father O'Reilly, Messrs. A. West, H. T. Bastard, John Ward, W. Downes, T. Kelly, T. W. Bourne, the secretary, and all the ladies of the Tea Committees belonging to the different churches.

Do You Know That

The amount received so far, towards the War Memorial window proposed to be erected in Whitwick Parish Church is £155/16/5?

Friday July 18th 1919 (1428)



Do You Know That

In the draw for the first round of the English Football Cup Competition, Coalville Swifts have to meet Ashbourne Town at Coalville, Coalville Town meet Gresley Rovers at Coalville, and Whitwick Imperial have to go to Hinckley to play the United?

Local News

The names of Annie Mulrooney and Gerard Hagan, both the Whitwick Holy Cross School, were inadvertently omitted from the list of county scholarship winners, published in our last issue.

Infant School

The following is the report of H.M. Inspector on the Whitwick Church Infant School: *“This department continues to do satisfactory work. The teachers are capable and anxious to give of their best, and the increased alertness and intelligence of the children show proof of the success of their efforts to make the work interesting and suited to varying powers of attainment.”*

Peace Rejoicings

Whitwick's Programme

At Whitwick the children are to meet in the Market Place, and after a short procession they will march to the Range Field off Silver Street, where tea will be served. A capital programme of sports, etc., is also being arranged. The old people over 65 and ex-service men will have a meat tea in the schools, and afterwards assemble in the Range Field for various games and competitions, including hat trimming for the soldiers, etc. The committee are offering prizes for the best house and street decorations.

Whitwick Girl's False Pretences

Gave Wrong Age

To Obtain Out-Of-Work Dole

At the Coalville Police Court, on Friday, Rose White (17), single, of Whitwick, was summoned for obtaining £2/7/11 by false pretences at Coalville, on divers dates. She pleaded guilty.

Marian Fox, single woman, Coalville, said in March last she was a clerk at the Coalville Labour Exchange, and the defendant applied for out-of-work pay. She said she was 18 years of age, and was born in 1900. She was entered for 25/- a week. At 17 years of age she was only entitled to 12/6 per week.

Winifred Mary Cooper, clerk at the Labour Exchange, deposed to taking steps to verify defendant's age, and requested the production of a birth certificate. Witness noticed that a figure 1 on the certificate had been altered to a 0, and called the managers' attention to it. The pay was suspended, and defendant called upon for an explanation. She denied it at first, but later said the alteration was made by a lodger at their house for another purpose.

Mr Price, manager of the Labour Exchange said that by the fraud defendant received double the amount of out-of-work pay that she could legally have obtained.

Inspector Dobney stated: *On Friday the 4th inst., about 10.30 am, I saw Rose White in the street at Whitwick, and told her that I was making enquiries respecting some alterations that had been made to a birth certificate. I showed her the certificate and asked if it related*

to her. She replied, "Yes." I then said to her: Can you tell me who has altered the date of it? She replied, "Frederick Hutchinson." I then cautioned her, and told her whatever she said I should take down in writing, and it might be given in evidence. She then made the following statement. "In 1915, I and my mother were living with Frederick Hutchinson, at Thringstone. I tried several times to get employment, but could not because I was only 15. Where I went they asked to see my birth certificate. I told Hutchinson this, and he said he would alter my birth certificate. I then went out and when I came back he told me he had altered my certificate and that I should find it in a box on the dresser. I looked at it and found he had altered the 1 into a 0, making it 1900. He also had written my name over again, and the date when I was registered. I asked my mother what he had done it for, and she replied, "He wants to get you out of the road because he is tired of working for you." I said, I shall look well if I get found out. Hutchinson replied, "Never mind, if you do get found out, I will stand the consequences." I then obtained work at Messrs. Harriman's, Shepshed, hosiery manufacturers, and worked there about 12 months. I left there, and went to R. Walker's, Shepshed, and worked there until April this year. After I had been out of work a week, I went to the Labour Exchange, Coalville, for out-of-work pay. Miss Fox asked me my age. I told her 18 last November. I drew three weeks' pay at 25/- a week. They then asked me at the Exchange to produce my birth certificate. I told my mother I had got to take it. She replied, "You know it has been altered," and I said "Well, I shall have to take it whether it has been altered or not." I took the certificate and they kept it, and told me it had been altered. I told my mother about it, and she said, "You are looking well now." Hutchinson died in 1915. I gave my mother £1 each week of the money I drew and she knew I was keeping 5/- for myself. If I had not told them my age was 18, I should have got 12/6 a week."

After the girl had made this statement, proceeded Inspector Dobney, I then went to her home, and in the girl's presence, I read her statement to her mother and asked her if it was true. She replied, "Yes," and commenced to make a statement. The woman's statement bore out what the girl had said. The defendant said she was sorry. She did it for the sake of her mother, who had no one behind her.

Inspector Dobney, recalled, said the girl used to work for Messrs. R. Walker and Sons. He was not aware of the altered certificate having been produced to an employer. It looked as if the certificate had been recently altered. The man who was alleged to have altered the certificate died in 1915.

The chairman said the Bench thought some pressure was brought to bear on the girl by the person who altered the certificate, and they would not convict her. She would be placed on probation for 12 months, and ordered to pay 25/- costs. She was bound over in the sum of £5, to be of good behaviour for 12 months.

A Whitwick Wake Incident

Griffydam Girl and Coalville Collier

The Coalville magistrates were occupied for some hours on Friday, hearing a case in which John Brown (23), collier, Coalville, was summoned by Frances E. Bartram, single, Griffydam, in respect of the maintenance of her illegitimate child.

Mr J. J. Sharp (Coalville) appeared for the complainant, and Mr J. F. Jesson (Ashby) for the defendant, who denied being the father of the child.

Complainant, a girl of 20, said she had only once been with the defendant, who was a chance acquaintance at Whitwick Wake. A girl friend introduced her to him and a soldier, and the latter went with her friend and she went with the defendant, in the direction of her home at St. George's Hill. He arranged to meet her on the following Saturday night in High Street, Coalville, and she went, but he was not there. Some time afterwards she went to Loughborough and did not see the defendant again till about Christmas-time, when she went to see him with her mother. He said he did not know her and had never spoken to her. He said he was paying to one, and should not pay to any more.

By Mr Jesson: Apart from this trouble, she had been a pattern of what an English girl should be. She went to the Sunday School and had always borne a good character. The defendant was hitherto a stranger to her, and the only two occasions on which she had spoken to him were on Whitwick Wake Monday night, and when she saw him with her mother at Xmas-time. When her friend introduced her, she rather took to the soldier, and thought she was going with him, but her friend went off with the soldier, and she (complainant), was rather disappointed. She did not know the soldier's name, and had not seen him since. Defendant told her his name while he was with her.

Several witnesses gave evidence as to seeing the couple leaving the Whitwick Wake field together, also complainant's friend and the soldier.

The girl-friend, now married to a Leicester ironworker, said Brown was the man who went with the complainant. Witness had known the defendant for some time.

Questioned by Mr Jesson, witness said he did not know the name of the soldier she was with. He was an artillery man. Mr Jesson said the girl's story was most extraordinary, and he submitted that there was no corroboration, and the Bench should not make an order.

Defendant said he had never seen the complainant, or spoken to her, till he was accused of being the author of her condition. It was a big mistake. He went to Whitwick Wake with Annie Sleath, who, at that time, was his young lady, and he was with her all evening from 6.30 till returning home. When complainant and her mother came to his house in January and accused him, it was a great surprise.

By Mr Sharp: *She was not keeping company with him now. She gave him up for someone else she liked better. She had told Inspector Dobney that she knew nothing about the case.*

After the luncheon adjournment, Inspector Dobney said Miss Sleath saw him at the Police Station on Wednesday night, and asked if she was obliged to come. She said she knew nothing about the case, and that defendant had taken out a witness summons against her to discredit her in the eyes of her young man.

Annie Sleath, recalled in reply to Mr Sharp, denied having told someone outside the court that she was not with defendant on Whitwick Wake night, and had only come to court to help him.

Defendant was adjudged to be the father of the child, and was ordered to pay 6/- a week till it is 14, also an advocate's fee of £2/2/0, court costs £2/2/6, and £1/1/0 expenses of the birth.

Friday July 25th 1919 (1429)

Local Festivities

How Coalville and District Celebrated "Peace Day"

By a tour of the district made by a representative of this paper on Saturday, it was evident that Coalville and the surrounding villages entered most heartily into the celebrations. Signs of the strain which weighed so heavily upon the populace during the last four years had disappeared, and everywhere was to be witnessed scenes of hopefulness in the knowledge that the war is at last over, and that this country and her allies have gained a victorious peace. It was principally a children's day, there being in almost every case a parade of "young Britain" though the old people and men who have returned from the war were not forgotten, these having a big share in the festivities.

Whitwick

"Peace Day" was celebrated here in true Whitwick style. Not for many a long day have the fine old bells rang out from the ancient church tower as they did during Saturday afternoon. A full peal of 5,040 was rung in 2 hours 55 minutes, the ringers being Messrs. F. Middleton, W. Fern (conductor), S. W. West, J. Cadle, T. Belcher, J. Rawson, J. A. Mould and F. Boam. The decorations were very effective. The first prize went to Messrs. Briers and Bonser (Leicester Road), the second to Mr Squires (Three Crowns Hotel), and the third to Mr George West (Conservative Club).

Suitable mottoes were displayed at numerous points and there were many flags flying. From one of the houses in Silver Street hung an effigy of the Kaiser with a card attached, "Lost, 1914." The judges were: Mrs Burkitt, Mrs Aris, Mr E. Aris (secretary to the committee) and Mr J. W. Eagles. The procession of ex-servicemen, children and Scouts was marshalled by Dr. Burkitt and led by the Whitwick Holy Cross Band. At the head was carried a laurel wreath round the words, "Lest we forget," as a tribute to the fallen. The tea for the children took place in the Range Field off Silver Street, and the old people, discharged and demobilised soldiers and sailors, Scouts, bell-ringers, and the Band had their tea in the National School. In the evening when the sports prizes were presented by the Rev. T. W. Walters (chairman of the committee) and Father O'Reilly, there was also a presentation of a gold chain, on behalf of the residents of Whitwick, to Mr Walford Stinson (son of Mr Wm. Stinson, of the Dumps) in recognition of him having won the Military Medal. There was a capital response to the appeal for funds, the cost of the proceedings being met by voluntary contributions.

Baptist Church

Flower services were held on Sunday last when the preacher was the Rev. W. H. Wills, of Coalville. In the evening, the rev. gentleman dwelt on the future of the church, and the part that the present members must play in conjunction with the teachers of the Sunday

School, if the Church is to fulfil its proper function. In the afternoon, a musical service was given by the Coalville Orpheus Party and was much enjoyed by those present.

Alleged False Pretences at Whitwick

Grocer's Cheque for £116

Accused Remanded in Custody

Described as a provision specialist of 16, Poleworth Gardens, Glasgow, Charles Cutting, a grey-bearded and respectably dressed man, 74 years of age, appeared before Major Hatchett at the Coalville Police Court on Monday charged with obtaining by false pretences from Geo. Frederick Burton, Pinehurst, Heathfield, Sussex, late a grocer of Whitwick, a cheque and banker's order for £116/1/9, with intent to defraud, at Whitwick, in January last.

Mr C. E. Crane, who appeared for the prosecution, said he understood that prisoner was arrested at Rothbury, near Morpeth, Northumberland. The charge was a serious one, involving a large sum of money, and as the prosecutor, Mr Burton was at present residing in Sussex, it was impossible for him to get there that day. He (Mr Crane) therefore, proposed to offer only formal evidence, and ask for a remand to the Coalville Petty Sessions on Friday.

The Magistrate: *Then you will have the prosecutor here?*

Mr Crane: *Yes, and the witnesses.*

Supt. Lockton stated that on May 29th, he received a warrant for the apprehension of the prisoner. He sent out a description of the man to places all over the country, and last week received information that he had been arrested at Rothbury, Northumberland. He sent Inspector Dobney to fetch the prisoner, and it took from Thursday till Sunday to get him to Coalville in consequence of the railway strike. They could not try the case that day, and as the witnesses were so far apart, he asked for a remand till Friday.

Prisoner: *Will you allow me to remain here instead of going to Leicester?*

Supt. Lockton: *We are not allowed to keep anybody over three days in these cells.*

Prisoner said he suffered from lung and heart trouble, and would have preferred to stay at Coalville, but if it was not allowed he would, of course, have to go to Leicester.

The clerk: *Have you anything to say why you should not be remanded?*

Prisoner: *No, except to make that request.*

He was accordingly remanded to Leicester Prison till Friday.



Friday August 1st 1919 (1430)

Important Notice

Coalville Urban Council

Gas Department

The following notice has been received by the above department from the Coal Supplies Committee:

Yorkshire Coal Strike

“In consequences of this strike, it is not possible for Yorkshire Collieries to supply coal to your Works. We are directed by the Government to request you to immediately consider your position with a view to cutting down lighting, power, etc. and thus economising fuel.”

We earnestly request, therefore, that every economy should be used in the consumption of gas. The Gas Department, having only a limited supply of coal, are anxious to retain as much as possible, because what is now used from stock will be hard to replace before required for this winter's consumption.

(Signed) A. Lockwood, Chairman.
J. W. Eagles, Engineer and Manager.

Whitwick War Widow's Hasty Marriage

Magistrates Refuse a Separation Order

A Remarkable Letter

Some remarkable features were disclosed in a case before the Coalville magistrates on Friday, when Frederick Saunders (40), striker, late of Coalville, was summoned for the desertion of his wife, Catherine Saunders, of Whitwick, who applied for a maintenance order. Mr C. E. Crane (Coalville) appeared for the defendant.

Complainant said she was married to defendant on December 4th last, her previous husband having been killed in the war at the Persian Gulf. On December 9th, defendant returned to the Army, and she had separation allowance. He was demobilised in May, and in consequence of tales put about by his sisters, which were untrue, he had not returned to her. She had four children by her previous marriage and had worked hard to keep them.

By Mr Crane: *She was married by the late Vicar at Coalville Church by special license within 48 hours of meeting defendant. It was a quick marriage. She took him out of pity that he might have a home to come to. She admitted writing the following letter to him while he was in France:*

“No. 20, Talbot Street, Whitwick, Leicestershire. – Fred – I am writing to tell you I have done with you. Cast me off your mind, as I can never live happy with you. Come home to get a divorce as soon as possible, as our marriage is a failure. I could not see my children

turn from me for a man like you. So let me know where I can send your things to, as I don't require them. I know I shall not get my pay back, but I can see my comfort with my children. So, Fred, you can draw your Government pay in as soon as possible, as I can fall on my children's. I have enquired of a good many and there is not one out of 20 that speaks well of you, and my children have turned against you. I think you would be best single again, as you do not understand keeping children, and I will keep to my children for the dear man that give his life up for them. I could not live happy with you as you are too drunken, and I am not going to have my mind upset on drink. So, Fred, do your best, and turn from us, as it will all be for the best. – I remain, Kate. Keep this letter for a purpose."

Mr Crane submitted that in the face of that letter, he had no case to answer. The Bench agreed and dismissed the case.

Mother of 18 Children

Complains of Assault at Whitwick

At the Coalville Police Court on Friday, Edward Wesley (32), collier, Whitwick, was summoned for assaulting Maria Wesley, his sister-in-law, at Whitwick, on July 6th. Mr J. J. Sharp (Coalville) was for the complainant, who said that when her husband had gone to work, defendant, who lived next door, smashed the window and burst open the door. She tried to get away from him, but he struck her three or four times. Defendant next tried to get in at the front door, and because he could not, he smashed the windows there. She sent to the Whitwick Colliery for her husband to come from work, and she also sent for the police.

By Mr Moore: (for the defence): *She did not first throw a bucket of water over the defendant.*

Complainant's little son said he heard the defendant, his uncle, call his mother names, and later broke the windows, burst the door open, and punched his mother. He tried to get between them and his uncle Ted then threatened him.

Edward Wesley (21), another son of the complainant, gave corroborative evidence. In reply to Mr Moore, witness said his uncle had complained of witness's father and mother keeping his bicycle.

Jos. Wesley, complainant's husband, said he was sent for when he had been at the pit about two hours, and when he got home he found the windows smashed, and his house all in confusion, his wife also being much upset. The floor was covered with broken pots and glass. His wife was in a certain condition, and he thought he would have to send for the doctor that night.

Mr Sharp: *How many children has your wife had?*

Witness: *Eighteen, sir.*

Answering the clerk, witness said his wife was now 46. She had her first child when she was between 17 and 18.

Mr Sharp: *And the mother of 18 children is subjected to conduct like this?*

Witness: Yes.

Mr Moore submitted that it was a family squabble, and the case should be dismissed. Defendant said he served four years in the Army and was discharged in February with a good character. He had just returned from Loughborough on the night in question, and the complainant threw a bucket of water over him. He lost his temper and in his excitement smashed the windows, but they had been replaced at his expense. He denied any assault.

Sarah Parker, wife of Zachariah Parker, collier, said the defendant, her brother, lived with her. Complainant threw a bucket of dirty water over his Sunday suit, for which he paid six guineas. She heard the complainant abuse him. The case was dismissed, complainant having to pay 3/6 costs.

Whitwick Peace Celebrations

Balance Sheet

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| July | Subscriptions, etc. | 122 | 9 | 6 |
| | Sale of provisions | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| | | £129 | 18 | 3 |
| | Catering | 64 | 12 | 0 |
| | Decorations | 8 | 6 | 0 |
| | Sports prizes | 11 | 10 | 8 |
| | Printing | 1 | 19 | 6 |
| | Caretaker | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| | Band | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| | Bellringers | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| | Secretary's expenses | | 12 | 7 |
| | Balance in bank | 27 | 7 | 6 |
| | | £129 | 18 | 3 |

Audited and found correct, J. W. Eagles, T. W. Bourne, Members of Committee
Ernest Aris, secretary.

Notice

At a meeting of subscribers on Tuesday last, it was unanimously decided to dispose of the balance in hand by purchasing various articles for the War Widows and Children, and a special committee was formed to carry out this business.

It was also decided to tender to all the helpers at the celebrations the heartiest thanks for their generous services. The hearty response to the invitation for helpers was most gratifying, and the committee feel that they cannot close the celebrations without first extending their best thanks to all those who helped to make the Peace Celebrations at Whitwick, such a glorious success. On behalf of the above committee.

Ernest Aris, Secretary.

Do You Know That

Hanging on the Whitwick Parish Church door is a list of vicars who have held the living since 1220, the number of incumbents in seven hundred years being 38?

Whitwick Grocer's Cheese Transaction

Hotel Acquaintance Obtains £116 by False Pretences

The story of how a Whitwick tradesman was defrauded by a plausible stranger whom he met at a hotel in the South of England, was told at the Coalville Police Court on Friday, when Charles Cutting (74), provision specialist, Glasgow, on remand in custody, was charged with obtaining a cheque for £116/1/9, by false pretences, from George Frederick Burton, grocer, late of Whitwick, on January 19th last. He pleaded guilty.

Mr C. E. Crane (Coalville) appeared to prosecute. Prosecutor said he was at present residing at Pinehurst, Heathfield, Sussex. In January last year, he was staying at the Pier Hotel, Clevedon, Somerset, and met the defendant there. As they were both in the provision trade, conversation turned to business. Defendant told him he could get him 20 American cheeses from a customer at Glasgow, in exchange for Irish Caerphilly cheese. They went together to Weston-Super-Mare, and stayed at the Atlantic Hotel. Later, he had correspondence with the defendant in reference to the cheese, and on January 16th sent him a cheque for £116/1/9 drawn on the London, City and Midland Bank. Defendant wrote acknowledging receipt of the cheque, and said that the cheese would follow. In February, defendant visited him at Whitwick, and stayed a few days. Witness asked him where the cheese was, and defendant said it was on the road, and could not understand why it had not arrived. They also discussed bacon, but witness gave no cheque for bacon, as he wanted to get the cheese first.

By defendant: *He purchased some goods from prosecutor while at Whitwick, and gave a cheque for £6, which was honoured.*

Inspector Dobney stated: *On the 16th inst. I received a warrant for the arrest of prisoner, and on that date proceeded to Rothbury, Northumberland, arriving there on the 17th inst., and found the prisoner detained at the Police Station, Rothbury, at 7.30 pm. I told him I was a police inspector, and that I was going to take him in custody on the warrant, which I then read over to him and cautioned him. Prisoner replied, "I can explain everything, but it will perhaps prejudice my case at this point." I told him he need not say anything without he liked, but what he did say would be given in evidence. Prisoner replied, "I admit having the cheque from Mr Burton, and I should have sent him the cheese if it had not been for the Food Controller." I said to the prisoner, "You could have returned the money to Mr Burton." He replied, "Yes, but unfortunately, I spent it." On searching him, I found in his possession five Bank pass-books. On examining them, I found an entry in one of them relating to a sum of £116/1/9, paid in on the 20th January, 1919. I drew prisoner's attention to this, and he stated that was the cheque he paid that he had received from Mr Burton. I also drew his attention that on the 17th January his account was overdrawn to the extent of £13/18/5. His account on the Munster and Leinster Bank was overdrawn to the amount of £5/10/8 on 17th February, 1919. Prisoner also had in his possession two cheque books, one on the Provisional Bank of Ireland, and one on the Leinster and Munster Bank. On*

examining them, I found prisoner had given cheques on the Provincial Bank of Ireland since 11th May last to the amount of £63/2/0, also on the Leinster and Munster Bank cheques to the amount of £39/17/6, since the 9th April, 1919. Prisoner stated that he knew at the time he issued the cheques that he had no funds but expected some any day.

Defendant said it was through the action of the Food Controller that he was unable to send the cheese, in which he had previously done a large trade. As soon as the control was removed, and he could get the cheese, he would keep his bargain with the prosecutor. He was exceedingly sorry if he had done wrong. He was 74 years of age, had suffered from heart trouble, having been in three or four air raids, and he placed himself on the mercy of the Court.

The Bench decided to convict, and Inspector Dobney said he took the fingerprints of the prisoner, and ascertained from Scotland Yard that he had previously been convicted four times, one of them being in respect of thirteen charges. The prisoner was wanted in various parts of the country for passing false cheques. He went about the country, staying at the best hotels, from which he did his correspondence. When arrested, he was staying in a large hotel with 80 rooms. Prisoner was sentenced to six months' imprisonment, with hard labour.

Coalville Petty Sessions

Friday – Before Major Hatchett (in the chair), Captain Deverill, R.N., and Mr B. G. Hale.

Whitwick Assault Case

Emma Moore (49), married, of Whitwick, was summoned for assaulting Alice Birkenshaw, another Whitwick married woman, on July 14th. Mr J. J. Sharp (Coalville) appeared for the complainant, and the defendant pleaded guilty. She said complainant said disgusting things about her two daughters, adding, "And I hit her gentlemen; shouldn't you?"

Complainant, the wife of Stephen Birkenshaw, said the defendant struck her, pulled her hair and knocked her down. Defendant's husband also came and struck her, and bumped her head against the wall. Jane Birkenshaw said she saw two blows struck.

Defendant said both her daughters were respectable, and when complainant said what she did, she (defendant) replied, "Here goes," and gave her what she deserved. It was a poor woman who would not stick up for her own children. She had twelve, and the complainant had had none, and did not know what the love of children was.

The case was dismissed, and defendant was ordered to pay the court costs, 9/-, the chairman stating that the evidence was conflicting.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Wedding

On Saturday afternoon, at Christ Church, Coalville, the wedding took place of Miss Daisy Freeman, second daughter of Mr Hy. Freeman, school attendance officer, and Mr Wm. George, of Loughborough Road, Whitwick. The Vicar of Whitwick, the Rev. T. W. Walters,

officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a cream satin dress and wreath of orange blossom and veil, and carried a bouquet of white lilies. The bridesmaids were Miss Florrie Freeman (sister of the bride) and Miss Doris Gimson. They were dressed in white silk, with pale blue hats, and carried bouquets of white roses and pink carnations. Mr Hy. George (brother of the bridegroom) acted as best man. A number of friends were afterwards entertained by the bride's parents. The happy couple were the recipients of a splendid lot of presents.

Friday August 8th 1919 (1431)

Fancy Fair

The annual fancy fair in aid of Dr Barnardo's homes was held in Whitwick Market Place on Saturday. Excellent arrangements were made by the Misses Robinson, members of the Girls' Guild and ladies connected with the Parish Church and it was a successful event.

Club Dinner and Procession at Whitwick

Memorial Service for Ten Members Killed in the War.

The members of the Marquis of Hastings Lodge on Monday held a Memorial Procession and attended a memorial service at the Whitwick Parish Church in honour of the ten members of the Society who were killed in the war. The procession, accompanied by the Volunteer Corps, Thringstone Boy Scouts, and the Whitwick Holy Cross Band, paraded from the Society's headquarters to the Vicarage, where they were joined by the Vicar and Choir in their robes. During the procession the Whitwick Society of Bellringers rang a Quarter Peal with bells muffled. Service was conducted in church by the Vicar, who preached an eloquent sermon from the text, "*Greater love hath no man than this - that a man lay down his life for his friends.*"

The Holy Cross Band accompanied the hymn "*O God our help in ages past,*" the "*Dead March in Saul,*" was played by the organist (Mr R. G. West) and Mr D. Martin played the "*Last Post,*" bringing to a close a most impressive service.

After service, the procession, accompanied by the Holy Cross Band, embarked on a "Victory Parade," in honour of the members of the Society who joined the Forces, and who were spared to return home again. En route, the members paid a visit to Bro. Michael McCarthy (Senior Trustee) and there partook of refreshments. After parading the principal streets in Whitwick and Thringstone, the members returned to their headquarters and partook of a capital dinner, provided by Mr J. Massey, the proprietor.

After dinner, a high-class musical programme arranged by the Whitwick Quartette Party was given. Bro. M. McCarthy was in the chair, supported by the Vicar, Father O'Reilly and Mr J. W. Eagles.

The toasts of the King, and Ministers of all Christian Churches, were given from the chair and enthusiastically received. Musical honours were accorded the Rev. T. W. Walters and the Rev. M. J. O'Reilly on rising to reply.

Father O'Reilly unveiled the Society's Roll of Honour, and paid an eloquent tribute to the deeds of valour of the Army and Navy, especially mentioning the three Military Medallists of the Society, Bros. R. Berrington, R. C. Whitmore and T. Bailey.

The chairman proposed the best thanks of the Society be accorded to Mr J. W. Eagles, for writing the Roll of Honour, free of cost, to the Society, and on rising to reply, Mr Eagles was accorded musical honours.

The toast of the Marquis of Hastings Lodge was submitted by Mr Eagles. The Secretary replying gave the history of the Society from 1872, showing how the Society had grown and flourished, observing that when Bro. Michael McCarthy joined in 1882, the membership was 17, and the capital under £5, whereas at the present time, the membership was 440 and the funds available, £3,300. The secretary mentioned that the turning point in the Society's career, was undoubtedly due to the interest and business abilities that Bro. M. McCarthy brought to bear on the Society when he became a member.

Bro. Walter Waterfield, in proposing the vote of thanks to the chairman, said it was undoubtedly due to the fact that Bro. McCarthy being a member of the Society, that it had made such progress. The toast to the Host and Hostess, and the singing of the National Anthem, brought to a close, a day to be remembered by the Society.

Ashby Petty Sessions

Saturday – Before the Rev. C. T. Moore (in the chair), Captain Deverell, R.N., Mr J. G. Shields, Mr J. Hassall, Mr J. P. Adcock, Mr W. M. Slater, Mr T. Varnham and Mr D. Jones.

Transfers

Mr Massey of the Duke of Newcastle Inn, Whitwick, an occasional license for a club dinner.

Friday August 15th 1919 (1432)

Whitwick Colliers Fined

Violent Conduct at Shepshed

William Upton, collier, Whitwick, was at Loughborough on Wednesday fined 40/- for assaulting Edith Violet Dexter at Shepshed. Whilst talking to a person outside her house, the defendant walked up and after remarking that he was going to kill someone, he struck her a violent blow across the eyes, and rendered her unconscious.

Defendant said he had courted the Prosecutrix about four years and he had seen her with other fellows. He struck at one of these men but hit both of them.

Defendant and a companion named Joseph Birkinshaw were each fined 40/- and 5/- damages for breaking the door of the house in which the Prosecutrix lived.

Friday August 22nd 1919 (1433)

Local Chit Chat

Some question having recently been raised as to the ownership of certain land in Whitwick Market Place, the following note by the Vicar, in the current issue of the Whitwick Parish Magazine, is of interest: *"It may be well to mention here that the strip of land in the Market Place between the school playground and the road belongs to our Church School trustees. It was brought by them in 1837 from Sir George Beaumont. The deeds are now in my possession, and on one of them is a plan showing the school land coming down to the street, and in line with the land upon which Mr Bourne's shop is built. In those days what is now called Market Place was known as Church Street. Some time later, the trustees agreed to lease the strip of land in question to the old Whitwick Local Board for a number of years, and instead of paying rent for it, the Board was to keep the wall and iron railing in proper repair. This has always been done. The last time the repairs were carried out, the Coalville Urban District Council, which body had taken over, by the Act of Parliament, the obligations of the Local Board. The land was required for the greater convenience of the absent market which had been granted to Whitwick in 1293 by Edward I, King of England. After having been long obsolete, this market was revived in 1838, and was held every Saturday, though the original Charter mentioned Tuesday as the market day. Now it is obsolete again, and has been for some years, and the strip of land which belongs to the school playground is no longer used for the purpose of a market."*

Church Schools

The following is a copy of the report of H.M. Inspector on the mixed department of Whitwick National Schools.

"In spite of limitation and alteration of staff during the war this department has continued to maintain the good features described in previous reports. For this, the headmaster's energy, his care for neatness of person and physical well-being in his scholars, his interest in modern developments of education are mainly responsible, and his leading in these matters is followed by most of his staff. As before, the upper part of the school, from a variety of causes, is relatively more proficient than the lower, but the energy and capacity of the present teachers of Standards 1 and 3 should help to right this."

Friday August 22nd 1919 (1433)

Tragic Occurrence at Whitwick

Lady's Death at a Meeting

While Singing the National Anthem

The death occurred under tragic circumstances at Whitwick, about six o'clock on Wednesday night, of Mrs Underwood, wife of Mr George Underwood, baker, of Cademan Street. The deceased lady had attended a meeting to inaugurate the Women's Unionist Association for Whitwick, which has recently been added to the Bosworth Division, and the

sad event occurred at the close of what would otherwise have been a very happy and successful meeting.

A company of over 100 was present, including Lady Beaumont, and Mrs A. E. Hawley (wife of the prospective candidate) who had addressed the meeting. The election of officers had also taken place, followed by a tea.

The tea had finished, and the company were singing the National Anthem, when Mrs Underwood was noticed to sink into her seat, with her head forward as if in a faint. Dr. Burkitt was sent for and did everything possible, but the deceased had passed away, apparently from heart failure.

Many of the people had left the building before the sad event became known, it being thought that Mrs Underwood had swooned and would be brought round. She was 32 years of age and leaves four children, for whom, and the husband, much sympathy will be felt. It is understood that two deaths have previously taken place in the family very suddenly from heart failure.

Labour Meeting

In connection with the local Labour Party, a meeting was held in the Whitwick Market Place, on Sunday evening, the chief speaker being Mr Lees Smith, of Northampton. Mr J. Waterfield presided and there was a large attendance.

Coalville Petty Sessions

Friday – Before the Rev. C. T. Moore (in the chair), Major Hatchett, Captain Deverell, R.N., and Mr J. W. West.

Affiliation Order Doubled

Annie Freeman single woman, Whitwick, applied for an increase in the amount payable under an order made on William Gee (25), collier, Thringstone, in respect of the maintenance of her child. Defendant said he was willing to pay a little more according to his earnings. He worked on the bank, and was getting £3, out of which he kept an invalid father and paid a woman to attend to the house. His father was working at the time the order was made.

Mr Jesson, for the applicant, said the order was made for 3/6 per week in November, 1916, and, as they all knew, miners were getting more now. No girl could keep a child on 3/6 a week. Defendant wrote offering 7/- a week, but had since withdrawn the offer. Mr Jesson said it would have to be left to the Bench.

Complainant said she understood defendant earned £4 a week. He had a brother at work. Defendant, on oath, said his wages were only £3/0/9 a week. His brother was also living at home, but he (defendant) was the mainstay of the house. He denied making an offer of 7/- a week. He offered 6/-.

The clerk: *Do you pay income tax?*

Defendant: *No.*

An order was made for 7/- per week, and costs 8/-.

"A Most Rude Remark"

Emma Young, (59), married, of Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on August 15th. She did not appear. P.C. Haywood said the woman made a most rude remark to her husband. Her language was disgusting. Fined 10/6, or seven days.

Friday September 5th 1919 (1435)

Moore & Miller

Saturday September 13th, 1919

By order of Mr Brotherhood, 66, Brooks Lane, a large quantity of good-class furniture. Sale at two o'clock. By order of Mrs F. Popple, Whitwick Colliery Farm, the surplus of superior furniture. Date and time shortly.

Moore and Miller. Auctioneers.

Whitwick Man Killed on the Railway

Inquest at Shepshed

An inquest was held at Shepshed, on Tuesday, on William Henry Wesson (40), a quarry driller, of 39, Hermitage Road, Whitwick. It was stated that after visiting Shepshed Flower Show, on Saturday, the deceased went to catch the last train home, and since then nothing was seen of him till Sunday morning, when a signalman-porter found his body by the side of the rails. The upper part of the skull had been cut away, and was lying in the permanent way.

The widow said that her husband, who was of a very jolly temperament, only drank beer at week-ends – never during the rest of the week.

Dr. Griffin expressed the opinion that Wesson lay down by the rails, not knowing where he was, and fell asleep. There was no evidence of suicide, as the man was too close to the platform. The foreman suggested that the man might have stumbled down the platform and fallen against the rails, but against this was pointed out by Sergeant Kirkland that there was no sign of a fall or stumble, and a basket of tomatoes was close to the body, lying as if it had been carefully put down to prevent the contents from spilling.

The jury returned a verdict of "Accidental Death," and recommended the railway company to place a barrier at that end of the platform and have it lighted.

Whitwick Women Unionists

Successful Inaugural Meeting

The first general meeting of the Whitwick Women Unionists' Association, since Whitwick has been included in the Bosworth Division, was held in the National School on Wednesday last week, when an enjoyable and instructive afternoon was spent. The women unionists of Whitwick have set about their organisation in a most thorough fashion, and they anticipate the accomplishment of much useful work.

The committee had provided the members numbering over a hundred with an excellent tea, followed by an interval, when songs and duets were rendered by Mrs Palmer and Mrs Beckworth.

Mrs A. E. Hawley was asked to preside, and was introduced by the agent, Mr William Baldwin. Mrs Hawley said it was the greatest pleasure to her to see such a large gathering and felt sure that good results would follow. The women in the past had been quite content to leave politics with their men folk, but with the new Franchise Act women had been brought into the arena of politics, and a responsibility rested on their shoulders, which in the best interests of their country, it was their duty to faithfully discharge. She thought the State could be greatly assisted by women when dealing with health, housing, child welfare, and similar subjects which came within a woman's experience. Child welfare, which she took a special interest in on the Hinckley side of the Division and which, she believed, had good branches on this side of the Division, would be greatly benefitted by the exchange of ideas, and she hoped that arrangements would be made for members to visit other centres. She again thanked them for their hearty welcome and said the next item on the agenda was to select officers for the year.

The following were unanimously elected: President, Mrs J. H. Robinson; chairman, Mrs Storer West; vice-chairman, Mrs W. Adams; treasurer, Mrs R. Underwood; secretary, Mrs Howe (Whitwick); assistant-secretary, Mrs Bull (Forest district). Committee: Mrs Burkitt, Mrs T. Whitmore, Mrs Peach, Mrs Bayliss, Mrs J. Pegg, Mrs J. Henson, Miss Broadhurst, Mrs Revell, Mrs Haywood, Mrs A. Whitmore, Mrs J. T. Briers, Mrs Cotton, Mrs Bunce, Miss Hull and Mrs Jordan.

Mr H. G. W. Howe gave an interesting address, especially alluding to the Conservative and Unionist programme before the war, and said that had the advice and principles of the party they were representing that day been followed, he felt no war would have taken place as our strength on sea and land, with our Colonist federation, would have made Germany, or any other nation, afraid to assail us. The future policy of their party would be framed to protect and benefit, not one section, but all.

Hearty votes of thanks were given to Mrs Hawley, Mr Howe and the committee, and especially to Mrs Howe, who had spent considerable time and energy in organising the new branch with such excellent arrangements. The proceedings closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

A Whitwick Wedding

Mr J. C. Foster and Miss P. M. Briers

An interesting wedding was solemnised at the Whitwick Primitive Methodist Chapel on Monday, in which the contracting parties were Miss Phoebe May Briers, second daughter of Councillor and Mrs A. J. Briers, and J. Cyril Foster, only son of the late Mr Isaac Foster of Whitwick.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a white silk dress and carried a pretty shower bouquet. The chief bridesmaid was Miss Doris Foster, and there were two little maids, Misses Ursula Fern and Margaret Boam. All were attired in white voile dresses, and carried handsome bouquets. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. S. G. Copley, and Mr Frank Capell officiated as best man.

The bride's parents afterwards held a reception at which a good number of friends were present, and the happy couple left later for Wales, on the honeymoon. They received many valuable presents.

Whitwick Lady's Sad Death

Collapsed at a Tea Party

Inquest

The inquest on Mrs Edith Elsie Underwood, whose death occurred suddenly while at a tea party, was held by Mr H. J. Deane, at the Marquis of Granby Inn, Whitwick, on Friday evening.

Ada Bonser Haynes, wife of Alfred Haynes, labourer, Drybrook, Whitwick, stated that on Wednesday, she attended a meeting of the Whitwick Women's Unionists' Association in the National School at which the deceased was also present. After addresses had been given by Mrs Hawley and Mr H. G. W. Howe, they had tea, witness sat near to the deceased. The latter seemed quite normal, and remarking how nice the cake was, passed it to witness to take some. After tea they were talking, and it was announced that before dispersing the National Anthem would be sung. The chord was struck, and they were just starting to sing, when the deceased's feet seemed suddenly to go from under her, and her body plunged forward. Witness attended to her, but found not the slightest sign of consciousness. She did not move a muscle, and there was no sign of breathing.

The Coroner: *One moment she was laughing and joking, and the next moment she collapsed: - Yes.*

Witness added that she believed the deceased died immediately as she fell to the floor. Answering the Coroner, witness said there had been no dancing.

The Coroner: *It was a sad ending of the meeting.*

Witness: *Yes*

George Underwood, grocer, Cademan Street, Whitwick, said the deceased was his wife and was 31 years of age. They had been married 9 ½ years and had four children. The baby was two years old. His wife was in a certain condition, and at these times she had fainting attacks. Otherwise, she enjoyed good health. She had complained of her heart. She was not well on Tuesday, but seemed better on Wednesday, and rested in the

afternoon before going to the meeting. He would have gone with her, but he thought it was a meeting for women only.

Answering Dr. Burkitt, witness said his wife had influenza in March last. One day he had been hunting, and on returning had found her lying on the hearth. He sent for Dr. Rolleston, who attended her.

Dr. Burkitt said he received an urgent message to attend the National Schools about 6.30 on Wednesday evening, and he went at once, with the messenger. He found deceased lying on the floor and she was quite dead. In his opinion, death was due to valvular disease of the heart. He saw her on Monday, and she then appeared as usual.

Dr. Burkitt was congratulated by the Coroner on his return to civil life after having served through the war, and the doctor replied that he was demobilised on July 16th. He added that this was the first inquest he had ever attended which had been held by the Coroner without a jury.

Burials

Underwood – At Whitwick, on Saturday, Edith Else Underwood, aged 31 years, of Cademan Street.

Friday September 12th 1919 (1436)

Sadly, this issue is missing from the archives

Friday September 19th 1919 (1437)

Situations Vacant

Wanted – A thoroughly experienced general. Assistance given. Apply, Mrs Burkitt, The Old Vicarage, Whitwick.

For Sale

Pram – As good as new; been in use about half a dozen times. Cost 8 guineas. Will take £4 cash. Write or apply, 49, Silver Street, Whitwick.

Local News

Whitwick Collier and his Girl

Singular Case at Whitwick

Unusual circumstances were related by Ald. Clifford, in a case at Loughborough Police Court, on Wednesday, when a Whitwick collier, Joseph Birkenshaw, was charged with common assault on a Shepshed Urban District Councillor, William Martin, on September 13th.

Defendant, he said, had been keeping company with complainant's daughter, Ivy, aged 20, and this was objected to by the father on account of Birkenshaw's drunken habits. He promised to reform, but there was no improvement. Defendant took the daughter away, but the father got her home. There were other promises to reform, and defendant got the girl to leave her home. One night, Mr Martin was awakened, and heard a woman cry out. Looking out of the window, he saw Birkenshaw knock the daughter down in the street. There had been threats before, and these were renewed when the daughter was taken back home.

Defendant met P.C. Childs on the evening of September 13th, and said he had had a row with Ivy Martin, and was going to murder Mr Martin. Defendant went up to complainant's house, knocked him down in the road, and struck him several times. He was very drunk at the time. Evidence was given in support of this statement, and defendant, who did not appear, was fined £3, or 25 days. Defendant was also fined 20/- or 13 days, for being drunk and disorderly. The Bench said they would expect the police to collect the fines or let the law take its course.

Sport

Football

Leicestershire Senior League

No matches were arranged originally in the Leicestershire Senior League for Saturday last which was the date of the first round for the Coalville Cup, and most of the clubs had entered. But as several of them received byes, two league games were fixed up.

Hugglescote Imperial and Whitwick Imperial had arranged their return match at Hugglescote for September 20th, and the cup byes enabled them to bring this forward a week, thus serving a useful purpose, as in all probability the match would have been postponed tomorrow owing to the "Welcome Home" at Coalville, to sixteen hundred ex-service men.

Whitwick secured another win, and so take four points at Hugglescote's expense on successive Saturdays, but the score on the Crescent Road ground was not so heavy as on the Whitwick heights, when the home team ran up half-a-dozen to the visitor's two. Saturday's game was of a much more even character, Whitwick winning by two goals to none.

The Cinema

Films to be seen next week at the local picture theatres.

First half of the week "Coils of Fate," will be shown here. It is a Bluebird production featuring Dorothy Phillips. Episode 4, "Hands Up." The week-end programme also includes a grand one entitled "The Ocean Waif," with Carlyle Blackwell and Doris Kenyon in the leading roles. It is a stirring combination of drama and comedy. "Circus King" No. 5 and many other good ones.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Death of Mr R. Sharp

The death occurred on Wednesday afternoon of Robert Sharp, of Silver Street, Whitwick, for many years a well-known farmer in the parish.

Friday September 26th 1919 (1438)

W H I T W I C K.

VALUABLE FREEHOLD PROPERTY

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Local News

Whitwick Baptist Chapel

Harvest thanksgiving services were held at the Whitwick Baptist Chapel on Sunday, Mr W. Baker, of Coalville being the preacher, and there were good congregations. A public tea on Monday was well-attended, and in the evening, the produce was sold for the chapel funds.

Coalville Petty Sessions

Friday – Before the Rev. C. T. Moore (in the chair), Major Hatchett, Captain Deverell, R.N., Mr W. Lindley, Mr L. Lovett, Mr B. G. Hale and Mr W. Fellows.

Birch for Whitwick Boys

Frank Armstead (11), and Walter Armstead (9), schoolboys, Whitwick, were charged with stealing chocolate, value 4/6, at Whitwick, on September 9th. They did not appear, and P.C. Jelley having proved service of the summons, Supt. Lockton applied for a warrant, which was granted.

At the end of the court it was stated that the boys were present, and the case was taken. They pleaded guilty.

P.C. Jelley said he received a complaint from the manager of the Star Tea shop, at Whitwick, that chocolate had been stolen. He found some of the chocolate hidden behind some bricks at the passage. Witness subsequently saw the boys at school, and they admitted taking the chocolate when going to the shop for cheese.

The chairman cautioned the boys, who were each ordered three strokes with the birch rod, the parents to pay 17/6 costs.

Women's Language

Maud Moore (18), single, Coalville, was summoned for using bad language at Thringstone, on September 6th. She pleaded guilty. P.C. Drury gave evidence and defendant was fined 5/6.

Hannah Smith (32), married, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick on August 30th. In her absence, Sergeant Betts said the woman upset the neighbourhood till one o'clock in the morning. She was using the language towards her husband. Fined 21/-, or seven days.

At Thringstone Wake

Frank Wheeldon (22), driller, Whitwick, was summoned for violent conduct at Thringstone, on September 6th. He did not appear. P.C. Jones said the defendant caused an altercation with a woman at a stall at Thringstone Wake over a nut. Fined 10/6, or seven days.

The Cinema

A very interesting programme is billed for this popular picture house next week. It includes for the first half, George Beban in "One more American," a fine Italian life study. No. 5 of "Hands Up" (The Runaway Bride). Also many other of interest which should not be missed. For the week-end, there is a Phillips' 5-part drama, viz. "The Model's Confession" featuring Kenneth Harlan and Mary Maclaren. Episode 6 "Circus King" (The Aerial Disaster). Many others will be equally enjoyed.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Burials

Sharp – At Whitwick, on Saturday, Robert Sharp, aged 61 years, of Silver Street.

Preston – At Whitwick, on Tuesday, George Preston, aged 78 years, of Ashby.

Rowell – At Whitwick, to-day, Samuel Rowell, aged 79 years, of Ashby.

Friday October 3rd 1919 (1439)

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SALE to commence AT TWO O'Clock.

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Boy Scouts

Boy Scouts from various parishes in the Coalville and Ashby district attended a special service at Whitwick Church, on Sunday afternoon, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. T. W. Walters. There was also on inspection of the scouts, by Mr A. G. Wedgwood, of Coalville, the assistant commissioner. Tea was provided for the boys in the school.

Presentation

At a meeting of the Committee responsible for the Peace Celebrations at Whitwick, Mr Aris was presented with an ink stand in recognition of his services as secretary to the Committee. The Vicar, the Rev. T. W. Walters (chairman of the Committee) made the presentation, congratulating Mr Aris on the excellent manner in which he carried out the duties and Mr Aris suitably replied.

Friday October 10th 1919 (1440)

GERMAN, STEVENSON & STIMSON
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VALUABLE FREEHOLD PROPERTY.

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At the **THREE CROWNS INN, WHITWICK**, on **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1919**, at **SEVEN O'Clock** in the Evening, and subject to Conditions of Sale to be then produced and read: The following Valuable Freehold Properties:—

LOT 1—AMERICAN COTTAGE, a small residence or Bungalow, situate adjoining Parson Wood Hill, in the occupation of Mr. Daniel Martin, and a small **FIELD OF OLD PASTURE LAND** adjoining, also fronting to Parson Wood Hill, now in the occupation of Mr. P. Griffin, containing 1a. 1r. 3p., or thereabouts.

LOT 2.—A well-built MESSUAGE or TENEMENT, which has been converted into two Cottages, with a charming south aspect, situate adjoining the Gracedieu Road, being now in the occupation of Mr. J. Wardle and Mr. H. Davenport.

LOT 3.—A FIELD of valuable OLD PASTURE LAND, with the buildings standing thereon, situate on the Gracedieu Road, adjoining Lot 2, containing altogether 3a. 1r. 28p or thereabouts, now in the occupation of Mr. Hull.

A Plan of the Lots may be seen at the place of Sale, the Auctioneers' and Solicitors' Offices, and any further information may be had on application to the Auctioneers, Ashby-de-la-Zouch; or to

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Sport

Football

Hugglescote Imperial had an easy journey into the third round by winning 6 – 0 against Whitwick Rising Star on the Crescent Road ground.

Harvest Thanksgiving

Whitwick Primitive Methodists held very successful harvest thanksgiving services on Sunday. Mr A. Lacey, of Loughborough, preached morning and evening, and in the afternoon there was a service of song entitled, "Gleanings from the harvest fields," Mrs W. G. Wheatley giving the readings. All the services were well attended, and the collections

realised £8 for the chapel funds. A public tea was held on Monday, and the flowers, fruit and vegetables were afterwards sold for the same object.

Sale of a Small Holding

At the Three Crowns Hotel, on Wednesday night, Messrs. Orchard and Joyce sold a small holding of 8a, 3r, 16p, with house and buildings, fronting Church Lane. It was brought by the tenant, Mr Jas. Thomas, for £1,185. Mr R. Fielders, of Atherstone, was the vendor's solicitors.

Coalville Petty Sessions

Ejectment Order Granted

An application was made by Jane Hull, of Whitwick, for an ejectment order against Frederick Harper (63), drayman, Whitwick. Mr J. J. Sharp (Coalville) appeared for the applicant, and Mr T. H. Moore (Coalville) for the respondent, opposed the application.

It was explained by Mr Sharp that the house was let at 4/- per week, and Mrs Hull required it for her son, who assisted her in her business of baker, and was having to live at Coalville, over two miles away. The house was purchased by applicant in January, 1916, and so he had not to show alternative accommodation, as required by the recent Act, because it was purchased before the Act was passed.

Mr Moore said that at the time the notice was served on respondent, applicant's son was not in her employ. He (Mr Moore) submitted that the application was not because Mrs Hull wanted the house for her son, who was comfortably housed at Coalville, but it was due to spite against the respondent, because of a dispute between the parties in regard to trading.

Edward Hull, husband of the applicant, said the house was required for his son, who was the master baker and had to be there every morning at six o'clock.

By Mr Moore: His son was living in Bakewell Street, Coalville, and used to work at the Whitwick Colliery, but since applicant purchased Mr Burton's business, her son had worked for her, and she bought the house solely for his occupation. Witness had not offered to withdraw the notice if respondent would trade with them. He did not want Harper to trade with him, and that was the first he had heard of this.

Mr Moore suggested that the Bench should not turn Mr Harper into the street unless they were satisfied that he had somewhere to go. Mr Sharp pointed out that the notice was first served in March, 1918, so that Harper had already had 18 months' grace.

Harper said he had tried to get a house and it would be a great pleasure to him to leave. He alleged that the whole reason for the application was because he did not trade with Hull.

The clerk asked why Harper could not go into the house now occupied by Hull's son – Harper said he heard Hull's son say that the owner of the house had promised it to a newly-married couple as soon as he left.

An order was made for possession to be given up within 30 days.

Settled

Patrick Allen (35), collier, Whitwick, was summoned for assaulting Philip Bartholominci, ice cream vendor, Loughborough, at Whitwick, on September 13th. Mr T. H. Moore was for the complainant, and Mr J. J. Sharp for the defendant.

Mr Moore said the case had been settled, defendant paying costs, and he asked for it to be withdrawn. The Bench agreed.

Burials

Underwood – At Whitwick, on Friday, Harry Augustus Underwood, aged 48 years, of Silver Street.

Boy's Sad Death at the Forest Rock

Scalded with Milk

An inquest was held at St Helen's Cottage, Forest Road, Whitwick, by Mr H. J. Deane (Coroner), on Saturday, concerning the death of Arthur Eric Phelps Bull, aged 6 ½ years, only son of Mr Arthur Bull, farmer.

Gladys Emily Bull, the boy's mother, stated that on Friday night, September 19th, the deceased came in and said he was cold. She thought he had a cold, and prepared him some hot milk. After the milk had boiled, she placed the saucepan on the hob, and as she turned to get a cup, she heard the ball call out, "Oh, Mamma," and saw him falling from a low chair on which he had been standing. As he fell, by some means he touched the saucepan handle and upset it, the milk going over him and scalding him on the shoulders and the back. She dressed the affected parts and put him to bed. Next morning she sent for a doctor, who came at once. There was no fireguard, which was removed some months ago. She thought the deceased became giddy while standing on the chair. He had sometimes fainted, but she could not say why.

Dr. W. H. Wykes, of Hugglescote, said he found the boy suffering from shock. He recovered from that, and improved during the first two days, but his temperature rose, and it became evident that he was suffering from blood poisoning, which he traced to the scalds. It was impracticable to secure complete cleaning of the scalded parts of the surface, but a mild antiseptic bath at the moment would probably have reduced the danger. The mother applied the first homely remedies available. Death was due to general septicaemia.

The Coroner said it was not quite clear what caused the child to fall, but there was no doubt it was accidental, and he was satisfied that the mother did everything possible for the boy. The verdict recorded was that death was due to general septicaemia, contracted as the result of infection of wounds caused by scalds through the accidental upsetting of a saucepan of boiling milk.

Friday October 17th 1919 (1441)

Harvest Festival

At the Whitwick Parish Church on Sunday, the harvest festival was continued. The Vicar (the Rev. T. W. Walters) preached in the morning, and the Rev. G. Robinson (Vicar of Swannington), in the evening. There were large contributions. The collections were for the local hospital.

Amusements

Whitwick Picture House

First half of the week, "The Spirit of Romance," a romantic drama, featuring Vivian Martin, and a picture which will please. "Hands Up," No. 8; and several other interesting subjects. Week-end "Lost in Transit," a fine human story, featuring George Behan, full of real heart interest. "Circus King," No. 9, etc.

Death of an Old Resident

The death occurred on Monday of Mr James Benistone, an old and well-known resident of the district. He was 87 years of age, and formerly was landlord of the King's Arms Inn, Whitwick, for many years, besides working at the pit as a deputy. Of late years he had been residing with a married daughter, Mrs Williamson, of Belvoir Road, Coalville. He was a genial old man, and had many interesting reminiscences of the district before Coalville was formed – when it was known as Long Lane. He was buried at Coalville Cemetery on Wednesday.

Death of Mr Trevor Pratt

Well-Known Whitwick Game-Keeper

The death occurred on Wednesday, of Mr Trevor Pratt, of the Drybrook Farm, Whitwick, who for many years had been game-keeper to Mr E. M. P. de Lisle, of Garendon Hall. He was well-known and highly-respected throughout the Forest district, and his death will be regretted alike by many friends as well as members of the poaching fraternity, with whom he had often been in conflict, inasmuch as he always acted in a fair manner, and rarely brought cases to Court without just cause. Even among poachers, a good sporting spirit prevails, and in the witness box or in the dock at the local courts, they have on more than one occasion testified to a "fair cop." The deceased gentleman had had a rather severe illness. He is succeeded in the position of game-keeper by his son.

Friday October 24th 1919 (1442)

A Whitwick Sale

Messrs. German, Stevenson and Stinson, of Ashby, held a sale at the Three Crowns Inn, Whitwick, on Tuesday night.

Lot 1 was the small residence or bungalow known as "American Cottage" adjoining Parson Wood Hill, with a small field of pasture land, 1a, 1r, 3p; which was sold to Mr J. J. Sharp, of Whitwick, for £170. The other two lots were a messuage in Gracedieu Road, converted into two tenements, occupied by Messrs. J. Wardle and H. Davenport, and a field of pasture land 3a, 1r, 28p; adjoining, and these were both sold to Mr J. Biddle, respectively, for £315 and £310.

Messrs. Fisher, Jesson and Co. were the vendor's solicitors.

Whist Drive

In connection with the G.R.C. a whist drive and dance were held in the Whitwick Holy Cross School, on Wednesday evening. Messrs. P. Downes and T. W. Hull were M.C.'s for whist, and Messrs. B. Revell and R. Needham acted in a similar capacity for dancing, for which Mr Geo. Wright's Coalville Band supplied the music.

The Late Mr Trevor Pratt

The funeral of Mr Trevor Pratt who died last week at the age of 54, took place at Shepshed Cemetery on Saturday. The deceased, who was well-known and respected in the Whitwick district, had been a game-keeper under Mr E. M. P. de Lisle, of Garendon Park, and Mr and Mrs de Lisle were among the mourners. The Rev. J. Martin (Charley Hall) officiated.

Amusements

Whitwick Picture House

The pictures announced at the above picture house for next week are another good lot, and will, no doubt, be much appreciated. First half "Stranded" a Triangle drama, featuring De Wolf Hopper and Bessie Love. This must not be missed. "Hands Up," No. 9; and several others equally good. – Week-end "Under False Colours" an Imperial screen novel, featuring Jeanne Eagles and Robert Vaughan; a grand story. "Circus King" No. 10; and several others.

Women's Quarrel at Whitwick

Over a Neighbour's Five Weeks in "Clink"

At the Coalville Police Court on Friday, Clara Isaac (27), married, of Whitwick, was summoned for assaulting Fanny Massey, another Whitwick married woman, on October 8th. She pleaded not guilty.

Complainant said defendant accused her of giving information to the police about a neighbour. She said complainant had been the means of getting a man five weeks in "clink" and wanted to get the poor – another five weeks. Witness told the defendant that she was an awful liar, and then defendant slapped her in the face, kicked her in the stomach, and hit her with the dustpan, once on the arm and once on the head.

The clerk: *She set about you well? – Yes*

What did you do? – I didn't give her anything back again. I went for a policeman and showed him what she had done.

Complainant added: *But I don't mind the blows. I want the other thing settled up.*

Defendant: *Didn't you scratch me, and hit me, and knock me across the causeway?*

Complainant: *No, I didn't.*

Defendant: *You ought to be ashamed of yourself to bring me here in a condition like I am.*

Giving evidence on oath, defendant alleged that not only the complainant, but also her husband, William Massey, struck her.

Complainant: *God forbid, Clara.*

Defendant: *I told you and Mr Massey that you had taken the law into your own hands, and I should summon you.*

The clerk: *Why didn't you summon him?*

Defendant: *I started for the Police Court, and got into Hermitage Road, but could get no further. – She said the complainant rushed out and jumped upon her.*

The clerk said that must have been very serious, because the complainant was a big, heavy woman. Defendant said that when complainant assaulted her she defended herself, but it was too much when Mr Massey struck her as well.

Complainant denied these assaults, and repeated that she did not mind the defendant's blows so much as her talk. She wanted that putting a stop to.

The clerk: *It looks more like a slander action and we have nothing to do with that.*

The Bench dismissed the case. Mrs Isaac asked whether she could take out a summons against Mr Massey for punching her.

The clerk: *You can if you like.*

Defendant left the court declaring that she should.

Coalville Police Court

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

No Price Lists

Percy Danvers (19), fruiterer, Shepshed, was summoned by Arthur Ottey, Food Officer, Coalville, for failing to display price lists of potatoes and apples at Whitwick, on September 2nd. He pleaded guilty.

Mr J. F. Jesson (Ashby), prosecuting, said it was unfair to the tradesmen in the district when outsiders came in and did not observe the regulations. P.C. Haywood deposed to seeing defendant with his dray, without price lists, which, Danvers said, at first, had blown away, but later he admitted having no lists. Defendant said his father had put him on that job because he had been in France and was not strong.

Fined 11/- in all, or seven days.

John Blackwell, fruiterer, Diseworth, was summoned for failing to display price lists of apples at Whitwick, on September 2nd. P.C. Haywood gave the facts in this case also, which the defendant admitted.

Fined 10/6 and an advocate's fee of 10/6, or seven days.

Adjourned

Andrew Smith (23) and Thomas Hall (34), colliers, Whitwick, were summoned by William Pratt, gamekeeper, Shepshed, for day poaching at Whitwick, on October 5th.

As Mr Trevor Pratt, father of the complainant, was being buried that day, having died somewhat suddenly, Mr J. J. Sharp, for the prosecution, asked for an adjournment for a fortnight. He had warned the defendants of his intention to make the application. The case was accordingly adjourned.

Bad Language

Thomas Young (65), collier, and Emma Young (56), his wife, were summoned for using bad language at Whitwick on September 29th. In their absence, P.C. Grewcock gave the facts, stating that three times they came out and continued the language after he had spoken to them. Defendants were each fined 15/6 or seven days.

Friday October 31st 1919 (1443)

Death of an Old Resident

The death occurred on Saturday of Mrs Bradshaw, wife of the late Mr Wm. Bradshaw, of Oxford Street, Coalville, who lost his life in the Whitwick Colliery disaster, in 1898. She was 80 years of age.

Fancy Dress Ball

A fancy dress ball was held in the Whitwick Holy Cross School, on Wednesday evening, in aid of the building fund of the proposed new Catholic Church at Coalville, and despite the very wet night, it was a great success, about 400 people being present. The amount at present in hand towards the new building is £424, and it was hoped to increase this to £500 as a result of this effort. Mr J. Locker's Band played for dancing, and Messrs. J. McCarthy, B. and J. McHugh, Bradley, L. Haywood and W. Harrison were M.C.'s.

Prizes were offered for the best fancy dress, Dr. and Mrs Dunkin, Miss McCarthy and Mr T. L. McCarthy being the judges, and the following were the prize-winners.

Ladies: 1 Miss Robinson; 2 Miss Stanyard; 3 Miss Williamson; consolation, Miss Knight.
Gents: 1 Mr C. Jones; 2 Mr White and two little girls; 3 Miss Eames, Messrs. White and Mee; 4 Mr Varnham.

There were various competitions. Miss Cox, of Coalville, won the cake. Father O'Reilly distributed the prizes. Useful and fancy articles were sold from a stall, Messrs. S. Jordan,

C. Hunt, A. King and W. Wardle being the stallholders, and a party of ladies had charge of the refreshment department. The dance was much enjoyed and will doubtless realise the object stated.

N.F.D.D.S.S.

The newly formed branch of the Federation of Discharged and Demobilised Sailors and Soldiers is making excellent progress, several ex-servicemen joining at the monthly meeting, when Lieut.-Colonel J. C. S. Burkitt was unanimously elected president. The following were nominated vice-presidents: Major A. T. Sharp, Mr J. H. Robinson, Rev. T. W. Walters (Vicar of Whitwick), and the Hon. Malcolm Macnaughton, with power to add. Mr S. E. Perry is chairman of the committee, and Mr F. E. Needham, secretary.

Amusements

The "star" picture at the commencement of next week at the above theatre is "Beauty in Chains," featuring Ruby Lafayette. It is a grand story, and should not be missed. No. 10 of "Hands Up," too, is a splendid part of this interesting serial. Many others are of interest. During the week-end "As Men Love" is the chief film. This is a powerful society drama, with a story that grips, and featuring House Peters. No. 11 of "The Circus King" (The Dagger) will please, also many others.

Friday November 7th 1919 (1444)

For Sale

Store pigs for sale – Apply Hull and Son, Whitwick

Coalville Police Court

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

"A Fair Cop"

Andrew Smith (23) and Thomas Hall (34), colliers, Whitwick, were summoned by William Pratt, gamekeeper, Shepshed, for day poaching at Whitwick, on October 5th. Defendants did not appear, and Mr J. J. Sharp, of Coalville, appeared to prosecute for Mr E. M. P. de Lisle, of Garendon Hall.

The keeper said he saw the defendants with ferrets in Cademan Wood, Whitwick, and they admitted that it was a "fair cop." Witness produced seven purse nets he took from the defendants. He was unable to get a ferret, which was in a hole.

Smith was fined £1 and 2/6 witness allowance, or seven days, and Hall was fined £2 and 2/6 witness allowance, or 14 days, Hall having been fined four times previously for a similar offence.

Bad Language

Thomas Young (65), collier, and Emma Young (56), his wife, of Whitwick, were summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on October 17th. P.C. Grewcock said it was a regular weekly occurrence with the defendants. The chairman said the defendants had been up three times recently, and they must pay £1/1/0 each, or 14 days.

Albert Benson, collier, Whitwick, also summoned for using bad language, was fined 10/-, or seven days. P.C. Jelley said the defendant had his coat off in the Whitwick Market Place, and was wanting to fight.

Fighting

Fred Danvers (18), collier, Coalville, and Walter Massey (18), drayman, Whitwick, were summoned for violent conduct at Coalville on October 19th. P.C. Bursnall said he saw the defendants fighting in Hermitage Road. Massey said Danvers hit him first, and he only acted in self-defence. Massey was fined 5/6 and Danvers 10/-, or seven days.

Drunk and Disorderly

William H. Winfield (47), collier, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick on October 25th. P.C. Haywood said the defendant told him he should go home when he liked. His language was very bad. Eventually, he was taken home by friends. Fined 12/-, or seven days.

Sport

Football

Leicestershire Senior League

Whitwick Imperial, with Coalville Swifts, share the honour of being the only unbeaten teams in the Leicestershire Senior League, although the Imperial have made one draw in their five matches played. They secured a good win on the Duke of Newcastle ground on Saturday at the expense of the Discharged Soldiers and Sailors from Loughborough, though the latter gave a good display and made Whitwick go all the way. Two goals were scored by the Imperial in the first half and one in the second, and Pringle, the popular player from Ashby, had the honour and distinction of scoring them all. He deserves a cap. Whitwick thus won by three goals to none. They made one or two changes in the team which seem to have answered very well. Lacey, a Shepshed man, residing at Leicester, was given a trial at right back and shaped very well. Another new man was Rose from Shepshed, who was tried at left half. Thorpe (the captain) going to outside left, so that the experiment might be made. Apparently, Thorpe would have been happier in his old position. It is interesting to note, however, what a useful lot of players are now at the command of the Whitwick club and they are able to place a very formidable side in the field. Speculation is already rife as to whether Coalville Swifts will again win the League championship, or whether the honour will be Whitwick's this year. A keen fight for the supremacy between these two clubs is anticipated.

Mr and Mrs Hawley at Whitwick

Successful Effort by the Women Unionists

The newly-formed Women Unionists' Association at Whitwick, of which Mrs J. H. Robinson is president, Mrs Storer West chairman, Mrs R. Underwood treasurer, and Mrs H. G. W. Howe secretary, held a successful whist drive and dance in the Whitwick Church School on Wednesday evening – the first event of its kind, since Whitwick was added to the Bosworth Division. There was a large attendance, including the prospective Unionist candidate, Mr A. E. Hawley, and Mrs Hawley.

Mr R. G. West played for dancing and Mr J. H. Weston and Mr A. Swift were M.C.'s, Messrs. W. Adams and R. Roulstone acting in a similar capacity for whist. During the evening, Mrs Storer West, in a neat little speech, introduced Mr and Mrs Hawley, who were well received.

Mr Hawley expressed pleasure in meeting new friends at Whitwick, and congratulated them on the strides their Association had made, and the large number of members they had enrolled. He said politics had been in the melting pot, but now this great war had been won, and the sacrifices made placed a duty upon all to see that the best use was made of the victory achieved. He could assure them that their position would have been very different today had the Germans been victorious. It left much to be done. They had the health of the nation to consider, education, good housing and protection for the workers. He believed in short hours and good wages, providing that every ounce of effort was put into the work during the hours they were employed. The health of the nation was of vital importance, as our future depended upon our physical fitness and we could not hold our own if we lapsed into a Grade 3 nation. The vast expenditure must be very carefully watched, and curtailed where possible. The colossal millions now talked about by the Chancellor of the Exchequer were enough to frighten the people, but they had to be faced manfully and provided until we got into normal times. Economies could be effected in Government departments. He for one, was delighted to think that the small army of the future would receive double the pay to formally. It was our army and navy that had brought us triumphantly through, and every consideration must be given to the brave men who had fought and to the families who had made the sacrifice, by paying adequate pensions and satisfying the men who were still willing to enlist to protect us. (Cheers)

Mrs Hawley also addressed the meeting, observing that since the last time Mr Hawley addressed them in that room on the eve of the last general election, they had suffered a great disappointment. Their candidate stood down, at the strong request of their leaders, but the strength of their association showed that they were not discouraged, and now the women had the vote, she felt that they would apply it at the next election in support of the candidate they wished to see returned. Many matters now before Parliament were of special interest to women – housing, health and child welfare in which she had taken an active part for some years. She thanked them very much for the hearty welcome extended to them.

Mr C. Peach moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mr and Mrs Hawley, which was carried with acclamation.

Amusements

Whitwick Picture House

There is a most excellent collection of pictures announced for next week, and the chief film at the commencement of the week will be "Fuel of Life," an exceptional Triangle drama, which must not be missed. "Hands Up," No. 11, and many others. Week-end a grand one entitled "Call of the Cumberlands," featuring Dustin Farnum, with a story from the book and play of Charles Neville Buck. "Circus King," No. 12 and many others.

Coalville Urban Council

Whitwick Lodgers

The surveyor presented the Whitwick lodging-house returns, showing that 662 persons were accommodated during the month, and 610 in the corresponding month of last year.

The Profiteering Tribunal

The clerk reported that Mrs Toon, of Whitwick, had declined appointment on the Profiteering Tribunal, and Mrs Wheatley, of Whitwick, was appointed. Mr Fellows said people were wondering when the Tribunal would meet, and what it was going to do. Could the clerk dole out the method of procedure?

Mr Jesson said the committee would meet as soon as a complaint of profiteering was brought to their notice. Mr Hay asked to whom the complaints had to be addressed. It was decided that they be sent to the clerk, addressed to the Council Chamber.

Mr Jas. Toon (Whitwick) wrote asking for the Coalville and Ashby Butchers' Association to be allowed to nominate a representative on the Tribunal, and there was a similar letter from Mr Barrett for the Coalville Bakers' and Grocers' Association.

The chairman said he thought it was laid down in the instructions that no tradesmen should be appointed on the Profiteering Committee. Mr Lockwood and Mr Brown, as representing the Co-Operative Society, were ruled out on that account. So they could not elect tradesmen. Mr Fellows said the clerk could answer, giving the law on the matter.

P.M. Chapel

Missionary services were held in the Whitwick P.M. Chapel, on Sunday, the preacher being the Rev. S. G. Cobley. There were good congregations, and the collections were for the Missionary Society in connection with which a public meeting was also held on Tuesday evening, the Revs. J. C. Mantripp and S. G. Cobley being the speakers.

Soldiers' Welcome Home

The members of the Whitwick Baptist Church gave a hearty welcome on Saturday to the returned soldiers and sailors connected with the church. A capital tea was served in the school and this was followed by a concert in the evening at which Mr O. Geary presided, and the contributors to an excellent programme included Madam Clay, Mr and Mrs W. Smith (Coalville), Miss E. M. Hewes (Ravenstone), Mrs Aris (Whitwick), Messrs. Carter and Massey (humorous) who all gave songs, and there were violin solos by Master Willie Lowe. Mr Cyril Hewes, of Ravenstone, and Miss May Geary, of Whitwick, were the pianists. The company spent a very enjoyable evening.

Friday November 14th 1919 (1445)

Ashby County Court

Thursday – Before His Honour, Judge Moore Cann.

Question of Notice

Frederick Perry, collier, Whitwick, sought to recover possession of a house and shop in Silver Street, Whitwick, occupied by Harry Vesty, fruiterer. Mr J. J. Sharp (Coalville) was for the applicant and Mr C. E. Crane (Coalville) for the respondent.

Mr Sharp said that besides being a miner, Perry carried on a fried fish business in the premises he at present occupied and he bought Vesty's shop with the object of going there to carry on his business.

Mr Crane raised a question as to the legality of the notice, the question being as to whether it was a yearly or quarterly tenancy. Mr Sharp submitted that it was a quarterly tenancy and the rent, £5 was paid every quarter.

There was some legal argument between the Judge and the solicitors respecting the sale of the property and eventually His Honour non suited the applicant on the question of the legality of the notice.

Claim for Rent

Jane Hull, grocer and baker, Whitwick, sued Frederick Harper, drayman, Whitwick, for £4/11/8 arrears of rent, and Harper counter claimed £5 for loss of the use of the garden during his tenancy. Mr J. J. Sharp (Coalville) was for the plaintiff, and said that an ejectment order was granted by the Coalville magistrates.

Defendant, in reply to the Judge, admitted that the rent was due, and said he had tendered the money, but was insulted. The Judge said defendant could have paid the money into court.

His Honour gave judgement for £4/7/4 and said there was now the question of the counter-claim for being disturbed in possession. Defendant said that in April, when he was under notice to leave, Mr Hull told him that if he put a spade in the garden he should throw him out. The garden was about 200 yards, and in consequence of the threat, he did not cultivate it.

By Mr Sharp: *He was afraid that Hull would really carry out his threat and thrown him out, with assistance of course.*

Plaintiff said the defendant had had the fruit – apples, etc. – from the garden. He made an offer of £1. The Judge said he was going to suggest £1. He made an order accordingly, plaintiff therefore getting judgement for £3/7/4.

In reply to His Honour, as to means, Harper said he was receiving £2/8/0 a week. He had a wife, but no children, and was now in lodgings. He was ordered to pay at the rate of 6/- per month.

Amusements

Whitwick Picture House

This popular Whitwick picture palace has a very strong programme for next week, and patrons should see the films provided. At the commencement of the week "The Two Soul Woman," is a Phillips photoplay, with a good story, featuring Priscilla Dean. – No. 12 of "Hands Up," (The Silver Book); and many other interesting subjects. – For the week-end, Virginia Preston appears in "The Liar," another fine story. No. 13 "Circus King" (The Plunge for Life), and a special feature is that the new Chaplain film "Sunnyside," will be shown all the week. This is "extra" and must not be missed.

Whist Drive and Dance

On Saturday evening a whist drive and dance were held at the National School in aid of the funds of the Whitwick Imperial F.C. The M.C.'s were Messrs. J. Bradley and B. Massey for dancing, and Messrs. J. Clarke, J. W. Brotherhood and W. Burton for whist.

Whist Drive

In connection with the R.A.O.B. a whist drive and dance were held in the Whitwick Holy Cross School on Wednesday night. Messrs. J. H. McCarthy and J. Bradley were M.C.'s for dancing, and Messrs. J. Stretton and F. Harper for whist. Mr J. Cooper's band played for dancing.

A Sad Anniversary

The funeral took place in Whitwick Cemetery on Sunday afternoon of Mrs Annie Lomax Carter, aged 30 years, wife of Mr John Carter, and fourth daughter of Mr and Mrs H. Allgood, of Whitwick. A sad circumstance was that deceased passed away on the first anniversary of her wedding day, and her husband is left with a baby daughter a fortnight old. He is the son of Mr Thomas Carter, of Moor Farm, Whitwick, and was a Sergeant-Major in the Leicestershire Imperial Yeomanry during the war. Much sympathy is felt for him and the family in their bereavement. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. E. Crane of Birmingham, acting for the Vicar (who is ill), and the first portion was conducted in the Parish Church. The internment at the Cemetery was witnessed by a large number of parishioners. Members of the two families and several friends were present as mourners, and there was a good number of floral tributes.

Burials

Carter – At Whitwick, on Sunday, Annie Lomas Carter, aged 30 years of Whitwick.

Friday November 21st 1919 (1446)

Local News

A bazaar is to be held at Whitwick during the Christmas holidays in support of the fund for erecting a monument in Whitwick Churchyard in memory of Whitwick men who fell in the war.

Many will learn with the deepest regret, says the "Whitwick Parish Magazine," that through ill-health, Miss Hunt has been compelled to send in her resignation as head teacher of the Infant's Department of our Church School. The doctor has absolutely forbidden her to carry on her duties after Christmas, therefore the last day of this year will also be the last day of Miss Hunt's official connection with the school. The whole parish and district must feel this, because she has been head of the Infant's School for 38 years, and during that time very many of the men and women of Whitwick in their childhood have been in her care. She has worked very hard all through that long period. The day school, the Sunday School and the Church have had the benefit of her energy and devotion to duty. She has been, in fact, a careful mother to the parish, and her hundreds of children everywhere look to her with affection, and learn with regret that the splendid usefulness of her life in school is rapidly drawing to a close. We shall have more to say about this on another occasion. But at present, we can pray that her health may improve, and that God will grant her many years again of life which will certainly be useful and helpful. It will give general satisfaction to know that the managers have appointed Miss Harding to succeed Miss Hunt, and that the Leicester Education Authority have approved the appointment. Miss Harding knows Whitwick very well, and has already worked very conscientiously here. We feel sure that the excellent reputation of the school will be upheld, because she has endeared herself to the people, and proved herself to be a very capable teacher.

P.M. Chapel

A public tea was held in the Whitwick P.M. School, on Saturday, and in the evening Mr F. Harrison Slater, of Derby, gave recital on "Nicholas Nickleby" (Dickens), Mrs E. Aris was the soloist.

Amusements

Whitwick Picture House

A splendid programme of pictures is to be seen next week again at the above popular Whitwick Theatre, and during the first half of the week Gaumont's beautiful production "Her Only Way," will be shown. It is a grand story, featuring Norma Talmage, and should not be missed. "Hands Up," No. 13, and several others, all of interest. – The week-end programme includes "Bonnie Annie Laurie," something entirely new. It is a Fox film which is quite sufficient guarantee of excellence. "Circus King," No. 14, etc.

Football

Whitwick Imperial for Second Round

The Duke of Newcastle ground at Whitwick occupies an elevated position, and the elements swept the field in unchecked fury. The players and referee (Mr J. Edwards) stuck it, however, as did a small knot of spectators, who saw Whitwick win 6 – 1 against the Y.M.C.A. from Loughborough. The latter had choice of ground, but agreed to visit

Whitwick, seeing that the Corinthians were at home. The Imperial made the position pretty safe in the first half, crossing over with a lead of four goals to none. Layton registered the first, Middleton the second from a penalty, while Pringle, the popular Ashby player, put on a couple. As he also did the "hat trick" in the last match, Pringle must be at the top of the Whitwick list of scorers.

The second half was more even, and the Y.M.C.A. scored their only goal. But Whitwick had another penalty from which Hunt (the goalkeeper) scored, and Layton got another, Whitwick winning 6 – 1.

Loughborough Cup Match at Ravenstone

A match in the Loughborough Cup Competition at Ravenstone, on Saturday, between the United and Whitwick Imperial Reserves, resulted in Ravenstone's favour by four goals to none. The scorers were Beasley (2), Brooks and Hodgetts.

The Old Love and the New

Whitwick Servant Girl's Remarkable Story

Young Collier Loses his Sweetheart

A remarkable story was told at the Coalville Police Court on Friday, by Hilda Wardle, domestic servant of Whitwick, who summoned her old lover Leonard Fairy (21), collier, Whitwick, for assault.

Complainant said she was in the service of Mrs Bourne, of Whitwick Market Place, and on Sunday evening, November 2nd, she started out for chapel, but got too late. She met a young gentleman friend whom she had not seen for some time, and when he asked her to go for a walk she consented. When they were returning along Silver Street, about nine o'clock, they met the defendant. He told the other young man to "clear off," which he did. (Laughter). And then he caught hold of complainant saying he would either kill or strangle her. He dragged her for about 100 yards, and she struggled with him till she had no strength left, and when she fell her head went bang on the pavement. For four hours afterwards she was unconscious.

The clerk: *Did you know the defendant before? – Yes.*

Hadn't you used to keep company? – Yes.

And you had no quarrel? – No, but he came down during the railway strike, and said what he should do if he caught me with anyone else.

Had you started to keep company with the other young man you walked out with? – No.

In other words, it is a case of jealousy? – Yes sir.

Mr Sharp: *He had taken you to Leicester on the previous Saturday? – Yes.*

And he had been taking you out for six or seven months? – No, three months.

And on the Saturday night previous to this Sunday, he had been out with you? – Yes.

And you told him you would not be allowed out on the Sunday night, but if you were you would meet him? – I said I did not know whether I should be out on Sunday or not. He said, "Well, if you do get out, you know where I live, and if you come you will find me in bed. (Laughter).

Complainant added in an indignant tone, *“Do you think I was going to a young man’s house to find him in bed?”* (More laughter).

But you promised to go to his house? – No, I did not.

Isn’t it a case of being on with the new love before you are off with the old? – He had no right to treat me as he did.

Mr Sharp, addressing the magistrates, said they would see what the case was. Defendant was bound to plead guilty to a technical offence but it was committed under great provocation. The girl admitted that she had been keeping company with Fairey for three months, and that they had met frequently, as often as she could get out. Only on the previous Saturday they went to Leicester, and on the Saturday night prior to this Sunday they were out together. The defendant was a good, straightforward, honest lad, and was very fond of the girl. When she said she was doubtful about getting out, he asked her to go down to his house if she did get out. But he went to Whitwick, and waited about for something like half-an-hour, and, supposing her to be kept in by her mistress, he was returning when he met her in an affectionate attitude, arm in arm, with another young man. The magistrates could imagine that this young lover felt it very keenly. He told the other chap to clear off and they nearly had a row, but he went, and then, perhaps, the defendant did more to the girl than he should have done, but he was smarting under jealousy. He had been absolutely deceived, and was naturally very angry. Only the night before, he thought the girl cared for him, as he did for her. *“The provocation was very excessive,”* continued Mr Sharp, *“and I suggest that you should not convict this boy. He is a very good lad, his conduct has always been good, and he was earnest in his intentions towards this girl and desired to keep her as his sweetheart. I suggest that the case will be met if you order him to pay the costs, and I submit that with great confidence.”*

When Mr Sharp mentioned that the defendant was desirous of keeping the girl for his sweetheart, the complainant exclaimed from the court, *“I don’t want him any longer.”*

Mr Sharp then admitted to the Bench that having lost his sweetheart was sufficient punishment to the young man. The chairman said the Bench had decided not to convict. The defendant had no right to treat the girl as he did, but they agreed that he had great provocation. He would have to pay 10/- witness allowance, and 5/6 costs.

Lady Leaves for Canada

Miss Evelyn J. Newbury, youngest daughter of Mrs Newbury, and the late Mr Jacob Newbury, of Market Place, Whitwick, sailed for Canada in the liner, “Empress of France,” on Friday morning last. She is proceeding to Hamilton, Ontario, where she is to be married to Mr Green, son of Mr E. Green (sergeant in the Ambulance Brigade) of Park Road, Coalville. A good number of friends assembled at Whitwick Station and gave her a heart-felt send off.

Coalville Petty Sessions

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

A Whitwick Collier’s Dog

John Smith (28), collier, Whitwick, was summoned by William Pratt, game-keeper, Shepshed, for day poaching at Whitwick, on November 9th. He pleaded not guilty.

The keeper said he was at the Sharpley crossroads about 7 am and saw the defendant go into a plantation with a dog, which put up several rabbits. Defendant said it was only a pup.

Witness: *The dog can catch anything.*

Defendant: *It is a Yorkshire terrier, and it is downstairs for the Bench to see.*

P.C. Jones said he was with the keeper and they concealed themselves. They saw the defendant beating the plantation and urging the dog on. It was a cross-bred dog, about nine months old.

Defendant: *It is only four months old.*

Witness: *It's got a good nose, John.*

Fined 10/6, or seven days.

An Unusual Prosecution

Arthur Bishop (55), and Joseph Cooper (71), both shopkeepers, of Whitwick, were summoned for a breach of the Shops Act, at Whitwick, on October 29th, by not displaying a notice stating on which day the shops closed for the half-holiday. P.C. Percival deposed to visiting the shops and finding no notice.

Answering the Bench, he said neither of the defendants employed assistants. Witness had received complaints from shopkeepers whose shops were closed, of sales being effected at shops which should be closed. Cooper said he had a notice, but it was not up. He had done no work for six years. He was sorry for the omission. Defendants were each fined 2/6.

A Bakehouse Error

John Biddle (45), baker, Whitwick, was summoned for selling bread which was short weight at Coalville, on November 4th. He pleaded guilty and said it was due to an error in the heating of the oven.

P.C. Percival said he met defendant's cart, and weighed 12 loaves. One was a quarter-of-an-ounce over-weight, and all the other 11 were short, the total shortage being 11 ozs.

Fined £1/1/0, or seven days.

Lighting Offences

George Hincks (33), farmer, Whitwick, was summoned for driving a float without two front lights at Coalville on October 28th. P.C. Bursnall gave the facts, and defendant was fined 10/- or seven days.

Bad Language

Thomas Young (65), collier, and Emma Young (58) his wife, of Whitwick, were summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on November 7th. They did not appear. P.C. Grewcock said it was a weekly occurrence with the parties, and there were repeated complaints from the neighbours.

Each defendant was fined £1/1/0, or 14 days.

Market Bosworth Petty Sessions

Wednesday – Before Mr R. A. Oswald Brown (in the chair), Mr R. Hanmer, Mr F. Green, Mr W. C. Kirkman and Mr J. T. Jacques.

Bad Language

Frederick Hall, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for using obscene language at Bagworth, and did not appear. P.C. Screamton said the defendant was playing in a football match at Bagworth at the time. Fined 40/-, or 14 days.

Friday November 28th 1919 (1447)

Local News

Miss Evelyn Newbury, daughter of Mrs J. Newbury, of the Market Place, Whitwick, who has gone to Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, to be married to Mr Green, formerly of Coalville, was in the “Empress of France,” boat train when it was wrecked through collision with another train a few miles from Montreal, but a cablegram was received yesterday stating that she had arrived safely at Hamilton.

“At Home”

A public tea was held in the Baptist School on Saturday, followed by an “At Home,” an enjoyable evening being spent.

Whist Drive and Dance

On Saturday evening the Whitwick branch of the Bosworth Division Labour Party held a whist drive and dance in the National School. Messrs. J. Wilson and D. Otter were the M.C.'s for whist and Messrs. H. Davenport and A. Burton for the dance, for which Mr George Wright, of Coalville, provided the music. There was a good number for whist, but not many for the dance.

Sport

Football

Leicestershire Senior League

Old Rivals at Coalville West

The meeting of the old rivals, Coalville Town and Whitwick Imperial brought the biggest crowd of the season on the Waggon and Horses ground, Coalville, and a splendid match was witnessed. Coalville tried a new forward, Swift, of Thornborough, who appeared at outside left for the first-time, and Whitwick also had a new outside left, Tommy Brownlow, who is a native of Coalville, but has been playing with Gresley Rovers. Though beaten by two goals to none – Whitwick scored once in each half – the Town showed greatly improved form compared with some of their earlier matches, and it is quite evident that they are on the way to regaining their old position. Whitwick supporters anticipated a much bigger win on Saturday, but the game was not nearly as one-sided as they evidently thought it would be.

The goal of the first half was scored by Layton, after Scrivens had made a fine save from Brownlow, and soon after this the Town came near scoring, Hunt, fisting away, from a group of players. The second goal was scored by Andy Moore. It was a capital game, quite like old times, and the spectators got good value for their money. Scrivens again gave a fine display in the Town goal, and Harold Staley was in his best form at back. The Whitwick forwards were very smart and showed excellent combination, but Staley and Billings checked many promising movements, while the Town were also well served by Kendrick, Osborne and Wharmby at half-back. Whitwick have not yet lost a match in the League, and are at the head of the chart.

Amusements

Whitwick Picture House

The programme here for next week contains a good variety of picture subjects, and patrons should note: Continuous performances, Monday to Friday inclusive from 7 to 10pm; Saturday 6 to 10pm. Matinees, Tuesday and Friday 10 am. The chief film at the commencement of the week is "Maria Rosa," featuring Geraldine Farrar; No. 14 "Hands Up;" "The Fortune of Corinne," comedy; and several others. Week-end; "Until I come back to You," another specially good one, featuring Bryant Washburn. This must not be missed. "Tugboat Romeo," comedy; No. 15 "Circus King," etc.

Ex-Soldiers' Whist Drive and Dance

A successful whist drive and dance, promoted by the Whitwick branch of the D.D.S. and S. Federation was held in the Holy Cross School on Wednesday night, there being a large attendance. Lieut. S. Perry, Messrs. M. Downes and Harris were M.C.'s for whist, and Messrs. R. Needham, H. Underwood and R. Whitmore for dancing, for which Mr George Wright's band played. Major A. T. Sharp presented the prizes. Mr F. E. Needham acted as secretary for the event.

Ashby Petty Sessions

Saturday – Before the Rev. C. T. Moore (in the chair), Mr J. Turner, Mr J. German, Mr J. G. Shields, Mr J. H. Sutton, Mr W. M. Slater and Mr D. Jones.

Maintenance Arrears

John Bakewell, bricklayer, Whitwick, was summoned by the Ashby Board of Guardians for £4 maintenance arrears respecting his wife. Defendant said he had not been well, adding, "and I never shall be again."

John William Bowley, relieving officer, said it was the fifth time the man had been summoned. He had had 16 months to pay. He had no dependants, and was in lodgings. Sergeant Betts, in reply to the Bench, said the defendant was one of the most handy men in Whitwick, and could get any amount of work, but his health was not good in the winter. Defendant was committed to prison for one month, but it was suspended for a month to give him a chance to pay.

Burials

Fairbrother – At Whitwick, on Saturday, Frederick Fairbrother, aged 13 days, of School Lane.

Friday December 5th 1919 (1448)

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The residence occupies a central situation; contains good Entrance Hall, Dining Room, Drawing Room, Breakfast Room, Kitchens, Six Bedrooms, good roomy Attics, capital Cellar, Butler's Pantry, Bath-room, w.c., and convenient domestic offices.

The premises are supplied with gas, hot and cold water service throughout, and exclusive of the part at present unoccupied, produces an annual rent of £51.

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Coalville Urban Council

Plans

The following plans were recommended for approval: Extension to factory, Church Lane, Whitwick, for Messrs. Seal and Co. The report was adopted and Mr M McCarthy observed that a start had been made on a large extension at the Whitwick factory.

Highways

Miss Stacey, of Whitwick, made application to erect a fence to the frontage of 89 and 91 Talbot Street, Whitwick, and the committee recommend the Whitwick members view the site and report thereon.

Mrs Belcher, of Green Lane, Whitwick, made application for the last lamp in that lane to be lighted for business purposes, and the committee recommend she be informed that the gas main was broken, and the application could not, therefore, be acceded to.

Water Committee's Report

The Whitwick members reported on a new site for the Fire Station at Whitwick, on land belonging to Mr Utting, and it was left to the clerk and surveyor to obtain the best terms possible.

Whitwick Lodgers

The surveyor reported that the number of persons accommodated in the Whitwick lodging houses during the past month was 706, against 662 last month, and 625 in the corresponding month of last year. The houses were kept in a satisfactory state.

A Whitwick Application

The application of Mr J. Bonser, of Whitwick, for a game licence was granted.

Amusements

Whitwick Picture House

The programme for next week here is another good one, and for the first part of the week includes "The Strange Woman," a fine Fox production, featuring Gladys Brookwell. A story of a crippled soul cured by love. – "Hands Up," No. 15 – "I want to be a Lady," comedy (in two reels) and many others. – During the week-end "Mary Lawson's Secret" is the chief one. This is the story of a great mistake, and the effect it had on its victim in after life. "Teddy at the Throttle," comedy. – "Circus King," No. 16 and others.

Large Factory Extension at Whitwick

Work has been commenced this week on extensive additions to Messrs. Seal and Co.'s factory, at Whitwick, which on completion will find work for many more hands. The extent of the additions will be gathered from the fact that the building contract amounts to over

£17,000 and has been let to a Loughborough firm. The work is being carried out from plans and specifications prepared by Mr T. I. McCarthy, architect, Belvoir Road, Coalville, and the following is the list of tenders.

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| Messrs. Lowe and Sons, Burton | £18,900 |
| Messrs Orton and Co. Coalville | £18,690 |
| Messrs Maule and Co. Nottingham | £17,995 |
| Messrs Griffin Bros. Hugglescote | £17,890 |
| Messrs Moss and Son, Coalville | £17,750 |
| Messrs W. Corah and Sons, Loughborough | £17,261 |

The latter was accepted.

Friday December 12th 1919 (1449)

Wanted

A good general. – Apply, Mrs T. W. Bourne, Market Place, Whitwick.

P.M. Chapel

At the Whitwick Primitive Methodist Chapel, on Sunday, the preacher in the morning was the Rev. S. G. Cobley, and in the afternoon the choir rendered the sacred cantata, "Jesus of Bethany," which was much enjoyed by a large congregation. The principals were, Miss L. Evans (soprano), Miss I. Anderson (contralto), both of Coalville, Mr A. Harriman (tenor), and Mr A. H. Birkin (bass), both of Heanor; Mr J. B. Newbury conducted, and in the unavoidable absence of Mrs Newbury, Miss Gladys Bourne kindly officiated at the organ and also acted as accompanist in the evening, when Messrs. Harriman and Birkin sang solos. Mr I. Anderson, of Markfield, conducted the evening service. There were large congregations and the collections were for the chapel funds.

Whitwick Collier's Death

Due to Natural Causes

An inquest was held at the Leicester Royal Infirmary on Monday evening, by Mr E. G. B. Fowler, touching the death of Thomas Rowell (59), collier, of School Lane, Whitwick. Representing the South Leicestershire Colliery Company was Mr E. Smith, while Mr H. J. Deane was for the widow, and Mr T. Gowdridge, secretary of the Leicestershire Miners' Federation, was also present.

Dr. F. C. Gladstone, house physician at the Royal Infirmary, said deceased was admitted on November 1st, suffering from a disease of the chest, and died three days later. A post mortem examination revealed a highly malignant cancerous humour on the lung, with secondary growths on the lungs and liver. There was no evidence of any injury such as might have been sustained by an accident some months previously. In his opinion, death was due to natural causes.

In reply to Mr Deane, the witness said to speak of the cause of cancer was to speak of something of which very little is known.

Charles William Rowell, miner, New Swannington, Whitwick, a brother of deceased, said deceased had not suffered with his chest until June of this year, when he told witness that he had had an accident in the mine. He had been struck in the chest, he said, by a pit prop. He could do no work after that, and attended the Royal Infirmary as an out-patient of that institution. He had been paid compensation. Witness knew of no previous case of cancer in the family.

The Coroner returned a verdict of death from natural causes, pointing out, in reply to a question by Mr Deane, that he was only concerned with what happened in that court, and his verdict was in view of the evidence as to the post-mortem examination.

Charge of Theft

Thomas Perry (40), rag and bone gatherer, Whitwick, was remanded by Mr J. W. Farmer at the Coalville Petty Sessions today, on a charge of stealing a quantity of lead piping, value £1, from Broom Leys, the property of the Whitwick Colliery Co. – Sergt. Kirkland deposed to arresting the prisoner in a Whitwick lodging house.

Whitwick Brothers in Court

Judge on Christmas Goodwill

Among a number of judgement summonses at the Ashby County Court, on Thursday (yesterday) was one in which Joseph Wesley and his brother, Ed. Wesley, both colliers, of Whitwick, were concerned. The amount due on an order obtained in October was £1/18/6.

In reply to the Judge, plaintiff said his brother was a single man earning £4/10/0 a week.

The Judge: *How is it these two brothers have fallen out?*

Addressing the plaintiff, His Honour said: *Is not Christmas-time the time to put it right?*

Plaintiff: *I should say so.*

The Judge: *Won't you try?*

Plaintiff made no response, and the Judge said he was entitled to an order, but he hoped they would try to arrange matters.

The clerk: *The defendant has already paid 10/0.*

Amusements

Whitwick Picture House

First Half: Bessie Love in "Polly Ann," a grand Triangle Drama – No.1 of a grand new serial, "The Lightning Raider," featuring Pearl White; and others. – Week-end: Pathe Gold Rooster play, "The First Law," a fine story, featuring Mrs Vernon Castle; "His Busted Trust" comedy, and several other good ones, which should all be seen.

Sport

Football

Leicestershire Senior Cup Replay at Whitwick

Having played short time when they met on a former occasion in a Leicestershire Senior Cup match, Whitwick Imperial and Loughborough Y.M.C.A. were ordered to replay on the "Duke of Newcastle" ground, on Saturday and the match took place before a good "gate." Whitwick were not at full strength, but secured a comfortable win of 4 – 2, after leading 3 – 2 at the interval. All four goals were scored by Thorpe, the captain, playing centre forward, though most of them came from centres by Newman, who played finely at outside right.

Burials

Harding – At Whitwick, on Saturday, Thomas Harding, aged 74 years, of Castle Street.

Bloxam – At Whitwick, on Monday, Richard Bloxam, of Ashby, aged 74 years.

Friday December 19th 1919 (1450)

Wesleyan Chapel

The services at the Whitwick Wesleyan Chapel, on Sunday, were in connection with the Juvenile Anniversary effort for Foreign Missions. The Rev. M. B. Taylor, of Handsworth College, was the preacher and there was special singing by the children. The collections were for the Mission funds.

R.A.O.B. Dinner and Presentation

In connection with a prize-drawing and special effort on behalf of Bro. Moore, one of the members of the R.A.O.B. Beaumanor (Whitwick) Lodge, an interesting event took place at the Railway Hotel on Saturday night, when the members of the committee and friends to the number of about 30, sat down to a capital dinner nicely served by Host T. Kelly. Mr T. Saddington, of Coalville, presided, and during the proceedings, Mr O. Cresswell (the chairman of the committee) and the effort had yielded the splendid sum of £120/5/3, and it gave him great pleasure to hand over a cheque for that amount to Bro. Moore. (Applause). He said the committee had worked well, and he congratulated them on the result. The recipient suitably responded, thanking the chairman, Mr O. Cresswell, treasurer, Mr T. Kelly, secretary, Mr Sam Boot, and members of the committee for the way they had worked on his behalf.

The evening was most enjoyably spent, several toasts being submitted and there were songs by Messrs. B. Johnson, T. Kelly, F. Harper, A. Boot, F. Parker, J. Millership and P. O'Mara.

Property Sale at Whitwick

Conservative Club Bought for Mr A. E. Hawley

Interest was great in a property sale by Mr Ed. Moore, of Messrs. Moore and Miller, Coalville, at the Three Crowns Hotel, Whitwick, on Monday night, and there was a good attendance.

The principal lot was the property in Silver Street, known as "Kingcroft" and occupied as the Conservative Club, and it was sold for £1,105 to Mr Ed. Orton, of Coalville, as agent for Mr A. E. Hawley, of Leicester Grange, Hinckley, the prospective Unionist candidate for the Bosworth Division.

Two houses, Nos. 5 and 7, Green Lane, Whitwick, let at 4/- per week, were sold to Mr Charles Wilkes for £450.

Messrs. Sharp and Lancaster (Coalville) were the solicitors for the vendors of these lots.

Two houses, Nos. 247 and 249, Hermitage Road, Coalville, producing a gross rent of £26 a year were withdrawn. The solicitor for this lot was Mr C. E. Crane of Coalville.

Whitwick Matrimonial Case

War Widow's Unhappy Second Venture

Separation Order Granted

At the Coalville Police Court, on Friday, Andrew Smith (23), collier, Whitwick, was summoned for deserting his wife, and also for assaulting her. He pleaded guilty to the assault, and not guilty to the desertion. Mr J. J. Sharp (Coalville) appears for the complainant, who, he said, married the defendant a year last March, her former husband having been killed in the war in France. By the marriage, complainant forfeited his pension.

Complainant said her first husband was killed in 1915, and she was left with three little girls, for whom she went out to work, but her health had been so affected by the defendant's treatment that she could not work. He left her six weeks' ago, and she had not received a penny from him since. She and the children were afraid of him. He struck her in the mouth on one occasion, and she had not seen her false teeth since. Defendant earned over £4 a week, and he used to give her 50/- a week to keep house.

Answering defendant, complainant said that odd weeks he had given her £3, but the usual amount was 50/- a week. It was untrue that another man had been to the house. She had backed horses.

The chairman: *Backing horses has nothing to do with it.*

Defendant made other allegations against his wife, which she strongly denied. Kate Hall, complainant's little daughter, also gave evidence.

Defendant, on oath, in the witness box, accused his wife of immorality, and keeping a bad house, and said he should not pay her anything while she did that. He earned £3/15/0 a week, and gave his wife £3 a week, in addition to which she received 23/6 a week Government money for the children.

By Mr Sharp: *He caught a man in the house, and saw the man pay his wife 2/-, which she said was for a bet on a horse. She said she had put a shilling on a horse at two-to-one and backed a winner.*

Sergeant Betts, called by the defendant, said he went to the house to collect some money from the defendant, and saw Smith and another man in the house. Defendant made no complaint as to the presence of the other man in the house, and they appeared to be quite friendly.

For the assault, defendant was fined £3/3/0 or one month.

Replying to the Bench, complainant said she was receiving 23/6 weekly from the Government for the three children. A separation order was made, defendant to pay his wife 35/- per week, 14/6 costs, and an advocate's fee of £2/2/0.

Defendant: *What does it amount to altogether?*

The clerk: *Do you mean the fines and costs?*

Defendant: *Yes, apart from what I have got to pay her. I shall pay her nothing.*

The total in these two cases was £5/19/6 but it was pointed out that there was another case against the defendant.

This was for an offence under the Poaching Prevention Act to which he pleaded guilty. P.C. Jones said he met the defendant at 12 am last Sunday, with a wild rabbit in his possession, and a dog.

Defendant: *Who fetched it off the land?*

The clerk: *You have pleaded guilty.*

Defendant: *I might as well own to it.*

A fine of 10/6 was imposed. Defendant asked for time to pay, saying they had been on short time. Inspector Dobney said the last five or six days they had not worked a full day at the Whitwick Colliery, owing to a shortage of waggons.

He was ordered to pay 30/- that day, and the balance of £5 within 21 days.

Coalville Petty Sessions

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

Theatre Licences

The music and singing licence of the Whitwick Picture House was also renewed on the application of Mr Moore.

Colliers' Income Tax

Albert Tookey, collier, William Beasley, carter, and John Tookey, stoker, all of Coalville, and Walter Jakeman and Edward Squires, colliers, Whitwick, were summoned by Mr

Frank Goddard, collector, Coalville, for the non-payment of income tax. In all there were eighteen summonses, but it was stated that the other defendants had paid.

Mr Goddard proved the cases, stating that the tax was in respect of the quarter ending 5th April, 1919. He said the amounts owing were: John Tookey, 13/9; Walter Jakeman, £1/11/6; Albert Tookey, £1/9/3; William Beasley, £1/16/6; and Edward Squires, £1/1/4.

None of the defendants appeared, and the Bench made orders for payment of the amounts due and 9/- costs in each case.

Swannington Farmer's Loss of Turnips

Thomas Hall (34), collier, Whitwick, was summoned by Charles Illsley, farmer, Swannington, for stealing nine turnips, value 1/-, at Swannington, on November 26th. He pleaded not guilty.

Mr J. J. Sharp was for the Whitwick Association for the Protection of Persons and Property, and said he could not understand the defendant pleading not guilty, as he had since been to prosecutor and asked him to overlook it. Mr Illsley had lost over a ton of turnips in a year by these thefts.

Sergeant Betts said he met the defendant and a woman and, being suspicious, stopped them. They had nine turnips on them. The defendant asked him to say nothing, and he would make it right with him. The turnips weighed 24lbs, and the defendant had them in his coat pockets.

Charles Illsley, farmer, Talbot Farm, Swannington, said the defendant came to his house and asked him to let him off. Last year witness lost from one to two tons of turnips. There were footpaths through his fields, and he was continually having things taken and damage done to his corn. Defendant said he picked the turnips up on the public footpath. He had four children and asked for leniency.

Fined 15/- and 7/- for witness allowance, or seven days.

Poaching Offence

John Smith (28), collier, Whitwick, was summoned for an offence under the Poaching Prevention Act, at Whitwick, on December 7th. He pleaded not guilty. P.C. Haywood said he met the defendant on the Warren Road, Thringstone, and on searching him, found a catapult and stones in his pockets. He was with his brother (convicted in a previous case) who had a rabbit.

Fined 15/- or seven days.

Alleged Theft at Broom Leys

Thomas Perry (40), rag and bone gatherer, Whitwick, was charged with stealing lead piping, value 20/-, the property of the Whitwick Colliery Co. at Coalville on December 9th.

Sergeant Kirkland said he received information of lead piping being stolen from Broom Leys. He found the piping at a marine store, and arrested prisoner at a Whitwick lodging house. Supt. Lockton said the defendant was a stranger, and he wanted to make enquiries by taking his finger prints. He asked for a remand.

Inspector Dobney said the man had no fixed abode, but lived in lodging houses. Defendant, who said he had never offended before, was remanded to the Ashby Petty Sessions.

Amusements

Whitwick Picture House

Patrons of this theatre will be well catered for next week, and there should be big audiences. The new manager is leaving no stone unturned to satisfy Whitwick picture-goers, and he should be well-supported. At the commencement of the week: "The Savage Woman," No. 2 "Lightning Raiders." For the week-end: The great boxing contest between Jimmy Wilde and Joe Conn, the greatest fight film of the century; "Ora Pro Nobis," "A Daughter of the West," etc. Christmas Day: Two extra good star subjects. See bills for special times.

Friday December 26th 1919 (1451)

Whitwick Conservative Club

A Re-Construction Scheme

Now that Whitwick has been added to the Bosworth Division for Parliamentary purposes there are signs of Unionist activity. The old Conservative Club premises were recently purchased by Mr A. E. Hawley, the prospective Unionist candidate, and a meeting of his supporters was held at the Club on Monday night to take steps for the re-construction of the club under new management. Dr. Burkitt presided, and there was a fairly good attendance.

Mr W. Baldwin (agent), explained that this was a preliminary meeting to appoint a special committee to frame the course of procedure to be submitted to the new Management Committee, for the appointment of which another meeting would be held next Saturday. He outlined the progress made by the Hawley Institute in Hugglescote, pointing out that that building was purchased – and had since been formed into one of the most successful clubs of the district, and he urged them at Whitwick to work on similar lines. He assured them that they would receive every support from him as agent, and the party generally in making the club a success. (Cheers). He went on to submit rules, etc, which had been adopted at the Hugglescote club, and the following were appointed as a committee to make the preliminary arrangements: Messrs. F. Blow, G. Thirlby, A. Isaacs, W. Briers, S. W. Beckworth, S. Haywood, J. West, C. W. Pegg, L. Dexter, T. Broadhurst, Hanson, T. Bailey, Dr. T. R. Rolston, E. Hull, C. Peach, B. Higgins and B. Neath, with Mr J. Briers as the temporary secretary.

It was reported that applications for over 300 shares had already been made. Mr Baldwin said they were indebted to Mr Briers for taking on the secretaryship pro. tem; it would give them a good start, which meant a great deal.

Replying to Mr C. W. Pegg, Mr S. T. Shaw, of the Hugglescote Club, said he would be willing to render all the assistance he could. The chairman said that a resolution ought to go from that general meeting to the committee recommending the purchase of the fixtures from the present owners before the end of the year, and this was agreed to.

Mr Baldwin said the new committee should arrange to take over the management of the club by January 1st. The chairman said that would not allow much time, but according to the rules, members of the old club would remain members until March and no subscriptions for 1920 would be received by the old management.

After further matters of detail had been discussed, Mr Baldwin suggested that their thanks were due to Dr. Burkitt, as representing the old management, for meeting them as he had done, and also to Mr Shaw for his advice, based on his experience at the Hugglescote Club. If they followed that advice, it would be to the benefit of all concerned.

Mr Isaacs moved a vote of thanks to the two gentlemen named, and it was heartily accorded.

Santa Claus in the Coalville Schools

Whitwick

On Friday afternoon, the children attending the Whitwick Church of England Infants' School were entertained by Miss Hunt, the head mistress, who to the very general regret is retiring. The party partook of the nature of a breaking up and a farewell party. Songs, dances, games, etc, were followed by a splendid tea, to which the children did full justice, and which was most thoroughly enjoyed. To add to the pleasure and delight of the children, Mrs J. H. Robinson very kindly gave selections on the gramophone. After tea, Miss Hunt was presented with a gold brooch from the children and staff as a slight token of the love and esteem in which she is held, with many good wishes and the hope that she may enjoy many years of well-earned rest. On behalf of the children and visitors, the Rev. T. W. Walters thanked Miss Hunt for the very enjoyable time they had all spent. Miss Hunt suitably replied, and also in thanking the children and staff for their lovely present, said she should value it highly, and in using it she would be reminded of the many happy hours she had spent amongst them.

Mrs Walters kindly gave them some apples for the children, and before going home, Miss Hunt gave each child a Christmas stocking off the Christmas tree. With hearty cheers and good wishes for Miss Hunt, a very pleasant party, and one which will long be remembered by the children, was brought to a close.

Sports

Football

Another Win for Whitwick

Whitwick Imperial, for the second Saturday in succession, had Pegg's Green as visitors to the Duke of Newcastle's ground and found them easy victims. On the previous Saturday, Whitwick won 9 – 2 in a Senior Cup match and though last Saturday's win 6 -1 was hardly as great, it was a sufficient indication of the great superiority of the home club, for whom poor "Peggy" is evidently no match. There was a capital attendance and the first half some good football was witnessed. The only goal was scored by Layton, from a good centre by Brownlow, though the Victoria missed one or two good chances. The visitors fell off, however, in the second half and were quite outplayed. There were further goals for Whitwick by Treadwell (2), Brownlow, Layton and Middleton and Bird scored the only point for Pegg's Green. Whitwick had a penalty, but it was missed by Lacey. It was Whitwick's seventh league match and their sixth win, the other having been drawn. Like Coalville Swifts, the Imperial are still unbeaten in the Senior League.

It is understood that Roadley, the Loughborough Corinthians goal-keeper, is likely to return to Whitwick Imperial, with whom he used to play formerly. Whitwick have given notice to the Loughborough club of their wish to enter into negotiations with Roadley, who plays as an amateur and declines to sign a professional form.

Amusements

Whitwick Picture House

For next week the programme "billed" is another grand one, and contain some "extra specials." The one at the beginning of the week is by special request, viz., "Panthea," a magnificent drama, well-acted, featuring Norma Talmadge. Comedy, "Corrine, come home," "Lightning Raider," etc. – Week-end: "His Parisian Wife," a splendid 'Artcraft' Production, featuring Elsie Ferguson. This should not be missed. – First episode of a grand new serial, "Elmo the Mighty," and many others of interest.

Ashby Petty Sessions

Saturday – Before Mr J. Hassall (in the chair), Mr J. P. Adcock, Mr W. M. Slater, Mr G. D. Orchard and Mr D. Hines.

What the Finger Prints Revealed

Thomas Perry, rag gatherer, Whitwick, was charged with stealing a piece of lead piping, value £1, the property of the Whitwick Colliery Co., from Broom Leys, on December 9th. He pleaded guilty.

Sergeant Kirkland stated that he found the piping at a marine store at Whitwick. Mr Briers said he had not bought the lead, but it had been left there by a man. Witness arrested the man at a lodging house, and he denied stealing the lead, saying he bought it from the Co-Operative Society. He was locked up and later admitted the theft.

William Walker, plumber, Coalville, said he visited Broom Leys in company with the Sergeant, and missed the lead. He was plumber in the employ of the Whitwick Colliery Co., and saw the lead there a day or two before.

Supt. Lockton said that when before the Bench at Coalville, defendant said he had never been summoned before, but witness did not believe him and had his finger prints taken, as a result of which he was able to produce the record of several previous convictions.

Prisoner was sentenced to three months imprisonment with hard labour.