

## **Friday January 2<sup>nd</sup> 1920 (1452)**

### **Conservative Club**

In connection with the reconstruction of the Whitwick Conservative Club, recently purchased by Mr A. E. Hawley, the prospective Unionist candidate for the Bosworth Division, another well-attended meeting was held at the club on Saturday night, when additions were made to the committee and a further considerable sum was applied for in shares and deposits paid. Mr W. Baldwin (agent) pointed out that while the committee welcomed the larger applications, they hoped the distribution would be spread among as large a number of shareholders as possible. Various matters of detail were discussed, and the new management will shortly take over the club.

### **Dr. Bernardo's Homes**

On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December in the National Schools, Whitwick, one of the London wardens gave a very interesting lantern lecture about the splendid work that is being done by the Homes. After the lecture, a concert was given by members of the Young Helpers' League, and was much enjoyed by all present. This was the means of adding £5 to the money already in hand. £5/16/0 was taken from the collecting boxes and Jubilee bags, which were opened on Tuesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, at the annual box opening party, at which there were about 40 Young Helpers present.

A silver badge has been presented to Miss Eileen Robinson for services rendered to the League. At the "Peace Fair," held last August, the sum of £22/6/5 was realised and £6/17/7 from the flag day in September. All expenses for "Peace Fair" and Flag Day were defrayed by proceeds of a whist drive and dance held at the Holy Cross Schools last February. Thus leaving the clear sum of £40, being the largest amount raised at Whitwick, and which has been duly forwarded to the Homes.

### **Concert**

A children's concert was very successfully given in the Whitwick Baptist Sunday School, on Friday and Saturday evenings. The programme, arranged by Mrs Aris, consisted of dances, action songs, and a fairy play, "Among the Fairies," by the smaller children. There was also a duet, in character, by Miss Gwennie Geary and Master Fred Wheeldon, and an amusing sketch by the upper boys. The singers included Miss Peggy Cooper and Fred Wheeldon, the latter's "Juliet," in character, being encored. About £10 will be realised for the piano fund.

### **Fire at Whitwick Conservative Club**

#### *A Timely Discovery*

A fire broke out at the Whitwick Conservative Club on Christmas Day, and but for a timely discovery, the building would probably have been burnt down. About four o'clock in the morning, Dr. T. R. Rolston, who lives on premises adjoining the club noticed a smell of something burning and promptly gave an alarm.

It was discovered that the bar was ablaze, and Lieutenant Bown, of the Coalville Fire Brigade, who lives near, was soon on the scene. With the help of the doctor, Messrs. Briers, Bown, junr., Robinson, senr., and junr., J. Moore and others, the officer attached the hose to the hydrant in Silver Street, and was soon playing a plentiful supply of water on the burning building. Captain Elsworth arrived from Coalville later and found that his men had accomplished excellent work. In about three hours the fire was overcome, but the bar was gutted and considerable damage done. When the firemen became masters of the situation, the flames were beginning to lick the staircase and the entrance hall, and had the fire got hold there it would doubtless have been difficult to save the building.

The damage is roughly estimated at £150 to £200.

The fire is supposed to have been caused by a lighted cigarette-end thrown down carelessly overnight on to a floor strewn with sawdust, and it had evidently been smouldering during the night till bursting into flame.

The club, it will be remembered, was recently purchased by Mr A. E. Hawley, to be reorganised and the new management are shortly to take possession.

### **Whitwick Friendly Society's Proposed War Memorial**

#### *To Ten Fallen Members*

The Marquis of Hastings Friendly Society at Whitwick, of which Mr Walter Whitmore is secretary, have set out upon a worthy object. When war broke out they had 350 members, and of these, no less than 90 joined the Forces, of whom ten were killed in action. The members are now endeavouring to raise £100 as a memorial to these fallen brothers, the sum to be invested and the interest used for relieving needy cases.

Towards this object, a very successful whist drive and fancy dress dance were held in the Whitwick Holy Cross Schools, on Wednesday night, when there was a large attendance and many of the dancers wore excellent fancy dresses for which prizes were awarded. The Whitwick Holy Cross Band played for dancing, for which the M.C.'s were Messrs. J. H. McCarthy and B. Massey, and the prize-winners were:

Ladies: 1 Miss Darby, as an Italian peasant; 2 Mrs Roulstone, a gipsy.

Gents: 1 Mr B. Hutchby, a Chinaman; 2 Mr Haywood of Coalville, as "Ole Bill."

The prizes were presented to the successful competitors by Canon O'Reilly. The M.C.'s for whist were Messrs. F. E. Needham, E. Commons and T. W. Hull, and several good prizes were awarded. It is interesting to note that four of the club's members won the Military Medal, these being Thomas Bailey, Robert C. Whitmore, Robert Berrington and Samuel William Taylor. The two latter were killed in action.

### **Honour For Whitwick Priest**

*Father O'Reilly Made a Canon of Nottingham Cathedral*

The Rev. M. J. O'Reilly, the popular Catholic priest, of Whitwick, has been made a Canon of Nottingham Cathedral, an honour which has afforded considerable pleasure and satisfaction to the members of his church and other friends at Whitwick.

The letter from the Bishop of Nottingham offering him position reached Father O'Reilly on Christmas morning, taking him quite by surprise – it was “the Bishop's Christmas-box,” as he subsequently informed our representative – and he has since written accepting the appointment.

Canon O'Reilly has been at Whitwick a good number of years, during which the new church and schools have been built, and he formerly represented the Whitwick Division on the Leicestershire County Council. He is at present a member of the Ashby Board of Guardians, on which he has served for some years. He has also served as an army chaplain, making a trip to India in that capacity for 25 years ago.

In this new honour which has been conferred upon him, he has already received many hearty congratulations.

### **War Memorial Bazaar at Whitwick**

#### *Granite Cross to be erected in the Churchyard*

A bazaar was held in the Whitwick Church of England School, on Wednesday, in aid of the fund for providing a war memorial at Whitwick. The room was nicely decorated and there was a good supply of various kinds of articles on the stalls. The opening ceremony performed by Dr. Burkitt, was well attended.

The Vicar, the Rev. T. W. Walters, presided, and in his opening remarks, said the bazaar had been organised in a short time by a very enthusiastic band of workers to assist in raising money for a memorial to Whitwick men who fell in the war, and it was their unanimous wish that Dr. Burkitt should be asked to open the bazaar. As they all knew, the doctor had been right in the thick of it in France. They had heard that when men were falling and falling fast, Dr. Burkitt, in pursuance of his duties as a medical man, had gone out under heavy shot and shell to succour the wounded and the dying. They were proud of him as a Whitwick man, knowing his many excellent qualities, and in view also of the services he rendered in France, they could not have done better than ask him to open the bazaar which was connected with the disaster of the late war.

Dr. Burkitt thanked the Vicar for his kind words, and assured them that he considered it an honour to be asked to open the bazaar. They all knew the object. It was to raise funds for a memorial to the fallen Whitwick men, who at the call of duty, risked all and gave their lives to save their country and to save the women and children from the ruthless hand of the Hun. He was sure that every resident of Whitwick appreciated the work they had done. They had given their lives for a glorious cause, not only for their own country and their own kith and kin, but for the world, because the Germans would have dominated the world but for these English heroes. That bazaar was to raise funds to commemorate their memory. There was no occasion to commemorate them in the hearts of those who knew them, but it was to show future generations what Whitwick men did in the great war; that there were Whitwick men who counted their lives nothing when called upon to fight for the honour of their country, and he thought he was voicing the sentiments of everybody in Whitwick,

irrespective of politics or creed, when he said that every man who died in France was a hero. And they were now only too glad to have the opportunity of raising some memorial. He understood that a granite cross, with the names of the fallen men from that parish inscribed on the base, was to be erected in their old Parish Churchyard. He thought there could be no more suitable place. Concluding, he said that any memorial they might erect could not be worthy of those who had died for them.

Mr W. Adams moved a vote of thanks to the doctor for opening the bazaar, and this was heartily accorded. Business was then commenced. Mrs Walters and the members of the Mothers' Union were in charge of one of the stalls, another was under the supervision of Nurse Sherratt and Mrs Aris, Mrs S. W. West and Mrs W. Adams (wives of the churchwardens) were in charge of the refreshment stall, with numerous helpers, Mrs Kelly and Mr Bakewell managed the hoopla, and there were various other side-shows, including a war museum, arranged by the ex-service men of Whitwick, which contained some very interesting relics of the war. The bazaar was well-patronised and was a great success.

### **Presentation at Whitwick**

#### *Pleasing Recognition of Mrs Kelly's Services*

An interesting event at the Whitwick National School, on Wednesday night, was a presentation by the members of the Whitwick War Decorations Committee to Mrs Kelly, late manageress of the Picture House, the gift consisting of a handsome clock, and a gold brooch.

The committee, it may be explained, was formed some three or four years ago for the purpose of raising funds to make a suitable gift to every Whitwick soldier or sailor who won honours in the war. About a dozen won this recognition and, except in the cases of those who were killed, the presentations have been made publicly, interest being increased by the fact that Mrs Kelly allowed them each time to take place at the Picture House, of which she acted as manageress, taking the place of her husband, the former manager, who joined the Forces, and was very severely wounded in France.

Mr H. T. Bastard, as secretary of the committee, made the arrangements for the presentation, at which the Vicar, the Rev. T. W. Walters (chairman of the committee) presided, and said they wished to make that recognition of how greatly they appreciated the help which Mrs Kelly gave the committee while she was manageress of the Picture House, and also to show the great respect in which she was held by them all. Mrs Kelly suitably responded.

### **Coalville Petty Sessions**

Wednesday (last week) – Before Mr J. W. West (in the chair), Mr W. Fellows, Mr L. Lovett and Mr J. W. Farmer.

#### *Bad Language*

Joseph Wardle (19), collier, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language in a street in Thringstone on December 6<sup>th</sup>. P.C. Jones said the man had had a lot to drink. Defendant, who did not appear, was fined 10/6 or seven days.

## **Sport**

### **Football**

#### *Whitwick's Encounters with Shepshed*

In the old pre-war days, matches between Whitwick Imperial and Shepshed Albion were always great Christmas events, and after five years' suspension, these popular annual fixtures were renewed this Christmastide. Whitwick were at Shepshed on Christmas Day and the crowd included many Imperial supporters who saw their favourites win a hard game. The only goal of the match was scored for Whitwick by Treadwell in the first ten minutes.

Boxing Day found the teams again doing battle on the Duke of Newcastle ground and despite the wet afternoon there was a good crowd, a special train being run for the Shepshed supporters. Another keen game was witnessed and the result was a draw of one goal each.

### **Amusements**

#### *Whitwick Picture House*

There is another grand "bill of fare" announced for next week at the above popular theatre. The chief one at the beginning of the week is "Time, Locks and Diamonds," a fine piece, featuring William Desmond. Comedy, "Rough on Husbands," very amusing. Another part of "The Lightning Raiders," etc. Week-end; "Marriages are Made," featuring Peggy Hyland. Comedy, "Her Nature Dance," etc. A splendid list throughout and well worth seeing. The entertainment is greatly enhanced by an enlarged screen, and the presence of an excellent orchestra. New operating machines have also been installed, so that everything has now been done by the management to bring everything right bang up to date, and now it is up to Whitwick picture-goers to give the theatre and the manager the support they deserve.

### **Burials**

Bakewell – At Whitwick, on December 27<sup>th</sup>, William Bakewell, aged 22 years, of Leicester Road.

Johnson – At Whitwick, on December 28<sup>th</sup>, Harry Hawthorn Johnson, aged 15 years, of Silver Street.

## **Friday January 9<sup>th</sup> 1920 (1453)**

### **Jumble Sale**

A jumble sale and tea were held in the Holy Cross School on Saturday, and were well attended. The proceeds were for the new altar fund of the Holy Cross Church.

### **Young People's Effort**

The young people connected with the P.M. Church made an effort on Saturday and Sunday. A tea on Saturday afternoon was well attended as was a concert in the evening, when a capital programme by the Coalville Ebenezer Choir was much appreciated. The special preacher at the services on Sunday was the Rev. W. S. C. Leach, of Burton, formerly of Whitwick. There were good congregations. The effort yielded the splendid sum of £42 for the debt reduction.

## **Women Unionists**

The Whitwick Women Unionists' Association held a New Year's tea, whist drive and dance in the National School, on Wednesday. The tea was for members only and over 100 attended. The whist drive and dance was also well attended. The M.C.'s were Messrs. C. W. Pegg, F. Palmer and W. Kinch (whist), C. Peach and R. Roulston (dancing), Mr George Wright, of Coalville, was the pianist. The whist prize winners were:

Ladies: 1 Mrs Hallam; 2 Miss Grewcock; 3 Miss Neath.  
Gents: 1 Mr T. Bircumshaw; 2 Mr J. Elliott; 3 Mr G. P. Bayliss.

Mr R. Roulston won a competition for a china tea service. A hare was also put up for competition, but was not claimed.

## **Sport**

### **Football**

#### *Coalville Swift's Good-Bye to the Hinckley Cup*

One of the most attractive football events at Coalville so far this season was the meeting of Coalville Swifts and Whitwick Imperial on the Fox and Goose ground on Saturday, in the semi-final for the Hinckley Cup, and but for the wretched weather – it was bitterly cold and snowing and raining all the time – there would have been a huge “gate.” As it was, there was nearly a thousand people present. The teams occupy the two top positions in the Leicestershire Senior League, being the only two unbeaten sides in that competition and a keen game was anticipated. Such proved to be the case and some good football was witnessed notwithstanding the slippery nature of the turf.

The Swifts were not able to play Phipps, who has proved himself such an acquisition to the side of late, he not being eligible for this competition and Storer and Dormer were also absentees, though there were excellent substitutes in Fred Price, Smith and Middleton. The latter, by-the-way, who appeared in the half-back line, had a brother also playing at half-back for Whitwick. The Imperial had their usual side out, except that Hunt was unable to play in goal and was substituted by Botrell, who at times seemed a bit shaky, although he brought off one or two brilliant saves. He was well supported, however, by a splendid pair of backs.

The game had a sensational opening, inasmuch as Whitwick were two up when the game had only been in progress about ten minutes, Middleton (Swifts), in trying to clear a shot from his brother, unfortunately headed through his own goal, while Andy Moore quickly followed with the second. The Swifts were by no means dismayed by this reverse and it

was not long after that Dennis scored a beautiful goal. The game was very even, both goals having narrow escapes. Treadwell, the Whitwick centre, once shot wide with only Nicholl's to beat, and at the other end Revell was applauded for saving a fine long shot from Underwood, tipping the ball over the bar for a corner which was cleared. The interval arrived with Whitwick leading 2 – 1.

Whitwick were most dangerous in the early part of the second half and the Coalville defence had some anxious moments. A good chance was missed by the Whitwick forwards when Nicholls had run out of goal, but after 15 minutes, Layton put the Imperial further ahead. The Swifts soon afterwards were awarded a free kick from which Bird scored with a hard drive and towards the close they made desperate attempts to equalise, but the defence prevailed, Whitwick proving victors by the odd goal of five.

### **Coalville Urban Council**

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

#### *Water Committee's Report*

The committee recommended that an agreement be entered into with Mr W. Utting, of Whitwick, for the site for a Fire Station for a term of 7 years, with, if possible, an option of renewal for a further period of 7 years, at an annual rent of £1 per year.

The Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade reported a fire at the Conservative Club at Whitwick, and an account for fireman's time had been forwarded.

Several applications were received for the charge for building purposes, and the committee recommended Messrs. Griffin, Farmer and Lockwood be appointed a sub-committee to settle the matter.

Mr Kelly asked when they were to change the fire station at Whitwick, because in case of fire they had no connection with the wires at present. They had a fire the other night, and had to go running about for the firemen. The surveyor said the agreement was ready, and as soon as it was signed, the new fire station would be established. The report was adopted on the motion of Mr Griffin.

#### *Whitwick Lodgers*

The surveyor reported that during December 810 people were accommodated in the Whitwick lodging houses, compared with 706 last month, and 629 in December last year. The total for last year was 7,221, including 6,900 males, 200 females (adults), 16 females between 10 and 21, 43 males under ten, and 56 females under ten. The total for 1918 was 7,408 and for 1916 the number was 7,440.

#### *Agreements*

The seal of the Council was affixed to an agreement for the purchase of land at Whitwick, and with Mr T. H. Moore, solicitor, Coalville, as to the tenancy of the Food Offices.

## **Amusements**

### *Whitwick Picture House*

First half week "star", "Real Folks," a fine Triangle drama fully of happy humour and charming sentiment; comedy, "King of the Kitchen," "Fighting Raiders," (another good part) etc.: Week-end, "The Ordeal of Rosetta" a grand film featuring Alice Brady. Comedy "Torpedoed Love," featuring Ford Sterling, "Elmo the Mighty," and numerous others, all good.

## **Friday January 16<sup>th</sup> 1920 (1454)**

### **Local Chit Chat**

P.C. Culpin, who has been stationed at Hugglescote South for 18 years, will be removed shortly to Whitwick for duty, and P.C. Jelley, stationed at Whitwick for ten years, will take up duties at Hugglescote South.

The case of the Whitwick ex-soldier who became chargeable to the funds of the Ashby Union has attained some prominence as a result of the action taken by the Whitwick Branch of the National Federation of Discharged and Demobilised Soldiers' and Sailors', and the matter was again discussed by the Guardians on Saturday, arising out of a letter from the Whitwick Branch. Anyone acquainted with the whole facts of the case is bound to admit that the stand taken by the ex-service men is the right one, and if justice is done the whole of the money which is the Guardians, have now decided to ask to be refunded by the Ministry of Pensions, will be paid. This man is now admitted by the authorities to have got into his present unfortunate conditions as the result of military service, and the military authorities should recognise their responsibilities to the full. There is more in the case than the mere repayment of £5/8/0 to the father. As Mr Briers said, a matter of principle is involved, and it is for this reason that the Whitwick ex-service men desire to see the case placed on a proper basis. We hold no brief for the Guardians, but in dealing with the case, as they did up to the point of the man being recognised as a service patient, the Board acted in a legal and proper manner, and we believe the sympathy of the majority of the members is with the ex-service men in desiring to see justice done.

### **Do You Know That**

The recent bazaar at Whitwick towards the cost of erecting a war memorial cross in the churchyard, realised over £50?

The watch given in free competition, by the Whitwick Labour Party, stopped at Hours 3, minute 1, seconds 45?

During the year 1919, there were at Whitwick Church 56 baptisms, 31 funerals and 23 marriages, and 17 members of the congregation were confirmed?

### **Whitwick Wife Unfaithful**



## *Remarkable Letter to Husband in France*

### *Coalville Police Court Proceedings*

Remarkable and unusual features were revealed in a case before the Coalville magistrates on Friday, in which Matthew E. Green (20), collier, Coalville, was summoned by Miriam Danvers, of Whitwick, in respect of the maintenance of her child.

Mr J. J. Sharp (Coalville), was for the complainant, and Mr J. F. Jesson (Ashby) for the defendant, who denied the paternity. Mr T. H. Moore (Coalville) held a watching brief for the husband.

Complainant said she lived at 64, Leicester Road, Whitwick, and was the wife of Harry Danvers, to whom she was married on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 1915, and there was one child of the marriage. The child in regard to which these proceedings were taken was born on November 29<sup>th</sup>, 1918. Up to the time her husband went for a soldier on 5<sup>th</sup> May, 1916, she lived with him at his mother's house. He went to France in the following July, and had his first leave on November 10<sup>th</sup>, 1917. She was then living with his mother, and he stayed with her there for 14 days. The next time she saw him was when he came to fetch the baby away on November 5<sup>th</sup>, 1918. From November 24<sup>th</sup>, 1917, when he returned to France, she did not see him till he fetched the baby away on November 5<sup>th</sup>, 1918, which, as far as she knew, was in consequence of a letter she had written to him. In the meantime, she had left her husband's mother, and gone to live with her own mother. Complainant then detailed acts of intimacy between her and defendant, after her husband had gone to France and said she went away with the defendant, and they lived as man and wife at Hycomb, Lincolnshire, for ten days, after which the defendant's mother fetched him away. Referring to the visit of her husband to fetch his child, complainant said she had written to him in France, telling him of her condition. When she wrote she knew the child to be born was not his. She understood that her husband was taking divorce proceedings against her. The letter she wrote to her husband in France was as follows.

*"Castle Rock Farm, Coalville. Well, dear Harry, I write these few lines to tell you that I have been unfaithful towards you and that I do not want any more to do with you, as I could not get out of what I have done. Your mother said that if there was anything wrong what you would do, so I think it my best thing to get away from the farm. If you had listened to me when you were at home instead of your mother, things might have been different. I shall take the baby with me, and I shall not want anything more from you. You were under your mother's control too much to have any love for me, and she never wanted me. So I give you your liberty to do just as you like, for I shall never make it up to you again. Miriam."*

To that letter, continued complainant, she received no reply. When the child was born, defendant was living with his mother. He had made payments of money to her on various dates.

Answering Mr Jesson, complainant said that at the time of her marriage she and her husband and the defendant lived at Castle Rock Farm with Mrs Edwards, who was her husband's mother and grandmother of the defendant. Her husband and defendant worked on the farm. It was untrue that she had been familiar with any man, except the defendant, during her husband's absence in France.

The clerk: *How old are you?*  
Complainant: *Twenty-three.*  
And the defendant? – *He is 21.*

Mary Ann West, wife of John West, Castle Street, Whitwick, sister of the complainant, also gave evidence.

Harry Danvers, the husband, deposed as to his periods of leave from France, and his visits to his wife's mother's house to fetch his child, in consequence of receiving her letter in France. When he left the house his wife told him she hoped he would be shot when he went back. That was all he got from his wife for going to do his bit. During all the time he was in France, his wife drew separation allowance, and he sent her money besides.

Mr Jesson addressed the Bench, urging that there was not sufficient evidence of corroboration and that the woman at the time was not a single woman within the meaning of the Act.

The Bench adjudged the defendant to be the father of the child, and ordered him to pay 10/- a week till it is 14 years of age, also £2/2/0 advocate's fee, and 14/6 costs.

## **Sport**

### **Football**

#### *Goals Plentiful at Coalville and Whitwick*

Some remarkable scoring took place in cup matches played at Coalville and Whitwick on Saturday.

Whitwick Imperial played their postponed match in the third round of the Coalville Cup Competition with Hastings United (Albert Village), on the Duke of Newcastle Ground, where, despite the wet weather, there was a good crowd. Hastings were no match for the Imperial, who, though they took things easily, piled up eleven goals without a response. The score would doubtless have been more had the Whitwick men so desired, for the Village team seldom had a look in. Four of the goals were scored in the first half, three by Andy Moore and one by Leyton, and Moore added four more and Treadwell three, after crossing over. Although "Andy" is a possible goal-getter, probably seven in one match stands as his record. Hastings rarely crossed the half-way line.

Imperial are at home again on Saturday, also in the Coalville Cup Competition, and though they should win, a repetition of last Saturday's game is by no means anticipated. The visitors will be Moira United.

#### *Thringstone House V Whitwick Imperial Reserves*

Considering that rain had fallen heavily throughout the morning, the turf was in a passable condition, and there was a good-sized crowd for this local match on the Charnwood ground, Thringstone. Owing to a strained wrist, Turner could not fill his position in goal, but went outside left, and White was goalie. Whitwick were strongly represented. Play was in

mid-field for some time until a misunderstanding between Musson and Moore let Toone and Jackson through until Beeson checked them in time. Smith got away on the visitors' right, but centred weakly, and Freeman drove down the field. Turner gained possession, and centred squarely, Roome trapped the ball cleverly, and after beating Musson, drove well out of Watson's reach. This was after 15 minutes. Whitwick returned to the attack, and Moore was dispossessed by J. Lees just as he was going through. At the other end, Gough, who had played consistently well, shot wide, after dribbling the ball. With the wind in their favour, the House were more frequently in the picture, Musson, Beeson and Watson defending with determination. Newell went up the field and Swain, standing in his own half, gathered the ball and sprinted through. He met no opposition, and drawing White out of goal, easily netted. After this, the House defence, who were playing finely, held the visitors' nippy forwards, and close on half-time, Rennocks drove from 25 yards' range, into the net, but Gough was apparently off-side and the goal was disallowed. Interval: House 1 goal: Imperial Reserves 1.

On resuming, play was of even character. Whitwick was busy on the right wing for a few minutes, but Trueman and Lees were in fine form. Turner and T. Lees made ground as the result of a foul brought no reward. Swain and Moore got away, but the holding state of the ground hampered shooting, though Smith tried to force a corner. The House were playing a rather more forceful game than in the first half, and for a time played the more effective football. White kicked away two feeble efforts from Swain and Newell. The House attacked, and Lees and Roome both shot wide. Ten minutes from time, from a foul on Toone, the House were awarded a free kick outside the area, and Rennocks taking the kick, scored with a remarkably fine shot, which left Watson helpless. The Imps retaliated after this reverse, but found the House trio and backs in fine form. Thringstone were attacking when the whistle blew. J. T. Harris, T. Lees and Trueman played splendidly for the House, as did Beeson, Musson and Swain for the Imperial.

Result: House 2 goals: Imperial Res. 1.

## **Amusements**

### *Whitwick Picture House*

Patrons will be pleased with next week's programme, another good one, the chief picture at the commencement of the week being "Her Excellency the Governor," featuring Wilfred Lucas and Elda Miller. It is a thrilling story of a woman who matched herself against a set of crooked politicians and won. Others are of interest. The week-end 'chief' is "Old Loves for New," featuring Margery Wilson. This is a Wild West drama with a strong heart interest and full of excitement. The pictures are screened in the same excellent manner.

## **Friday January 23<sup>rd</sup> 1920 (1455)**

### **Local Chit Chat**

For some time, the Labour Party at Whitwick, have been on the look-out for premises at Whitwick with the object of opening a workingmen's club and institute, and they were among the bidders at the recent sale of the Conservative Club, which was bought by Mr A. E. Hawley. It now transpires that the Labour Party have effected the purchase from Mr R. H. Whitford, of Belvoir Road, Coalville, of the block of premises in the Market Place,

formerly the old Beaumont Arms Inn, which on the closing of the public house was converted into shops, and the clubroom at the rear made into a cottage. The purchase price is £1,650 and a deposit was paid last week.

### **Do You Know That**

Mr S. E. Perry, of Whitwick, who held a commission in the Leicestershire Regiment during the war, has been appointed secretary of the Coalville Branch of the National Federation of Discharged and Demobilised Soldiers' and Sailors'?

### **Whist Drive and Dance**

A whist drive and dance were held in the Whitwick Holy Cross School, on Wednesday night, a good company being present. Messrs. M. Downes and F. E. Needham acted as M.C.'s for whist, and Messrs. B. Dyer and E. Revell for dancing. The proceeds were for the Holy Cross Church repairs fund.

### **Sport**

#### **Football**

##### *Whitwick's Waterloo*

The matches in the fourth round of the Coalville Cup Competition, on Saturday, had one or two surprises.

The most unexpected result, perhaps, was the defeat of the Imperial at Whitwick, by Moira United. The Whitwick club has had a remarkably successful run this season, and up to Saturday had not suffered defeat, though having made several draws, and it was hardly anticipated that the men from Moira would be the means of them meeting their Waterloo, especially in the Coalville Cup tourney. Victory on Saturday would have meant that Whitwick would have been in the semi-final, and their dismissal is a great disappointment to the team and their supporters.

#### **Amusements**

##### *Whitwick Picture House*

The pictures announced for this popular theatre next week should draw crowded audiences. The chief picture at the commencement of the week will be "Out of the Shadows" a beautiful Artcraft production, featuring Pauline Frederick. This must not be missed. Others will be of interest. For the week-end "Fires of Youth" is a drama in 5 scenes and conspicuous for the fine acting. It features Frederick Ward, and the story shows how the master of the great iron foundries treated his men, and how the tables were turned in the end. This will appeal strongly, and should be seen; along with numerous other good films.



## **Births, Marriages and Deaths**

### **Whitwick Lady Married in Canada**

A Hamilton (Canada) paper contained the following:

*“A quiet wedding took place in Gospel Tabernacle, at 2.30 this afternoon, when Miss Evelyn Newbury, recently come from England, was wedded to Mr Edward Green, of this city. Rev. P. W. Philpott officiated. There were about twenty guests present, immediate family and friends and connections. The bride, wearing a dress of sand-coloured crepe de chine, and georgette, with hair to match, and carrying bridal roses, was attended by Miss Edna and Miss Gladys Halloway, both frocked in navy blue, with hats to match, and carrying shower bouquets of carnations. Mr Harry Brigden assisted as best man. After the church service, the wedding party and guests went to the home of Mrs C. Halloway, 16, Charlton Avenue, West, where a dainty wedding supper was partaken of. Mr and Mrs Green will make their home in this city.*

*The bride is a daughter of Mrs Jacob Newbury, of Whitwick Market Place, and the bridegroom is a son of Mr E. Green, of Park Road, Coalville.”*

### **Obituary**

Much sympathy will be felt for Mr and Mrs J. B. Newbury, of Silver Street, Whitwick, on the death of their little daughter, Ellen Toone, aged nearly three years, which occurred yesterday morning. Mr Newbury is choirmaster, and Mrs Newbury organist at the Whitwick P.M. Chapel.

## **Friday January 30<sup>th</sup> 1920 (1456)**

### **Local Chit Chat**

The Rev. Father Matthew Joseph O'Reilly, of Holy Cross Church, Whitwick, was on Wednesday, installed a Canon of the Nottingham Chapter, in St. Barnabas' Cathedral, Nottingham, by the Very Rev. Mgr. Croft, of Lincoln, Provost of the Chapter, who, congratulating the new Canon on his admission to the Chapter, spoke of the repute and reverence in which he was universally held, and of his thirty years of service at Whitwick.

A Chapter mass followed the installation, the music throughout being Vatican Plain Chant. The Rev. Father Hunt was the celebrant. Canon O'Reilly was ordained priest on 29<sup>th</sup> February, 1882. He went first to Leicester, and then to Quorn, and afterwards to Whitwick, where he has been for the last 31 years. The new Canon fills the vacancy caused in the Chapter by the death of the late Canon W. A. Hawkins, of Glossop.

### **Liberal Club**

The 32<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting of the shareholders of the Whitwick Liberal Club was held on Wednesday evening. The report of the directors, presented by Mr Anthony Needham (chairman) and Mr T. Kelly (secretary) stated that the year's working had been more successful than the previous year, the members' committee having discharged their rent liability, which enabled the directors to recommend a dividend of 5 per cent. The retiring

directors were Messrs. H. Allgood, F. Sheen, T. Twigg and F. Harper, all being eligible for re-election.

## **Sport**

### **Football**

Whitwick Imperial went to Pegg's Green and an interesting game produced seven goals, the odd one being in the Imperial's favour. The score at half-time was one each, though both sides had had one disallowed for off-side. Whitwick had two penalties from one of which Layton scored, but Thorpe failed to convert the other. The other scorers for Whitwick were Layton, Treadwell and Brownlow, the latter's being a beautiful goal, and it was also from one of Tommy's centres that one of the other goals came. Bradford, who had a trial with Aston Villa last week, opened the score for Pegg's Green five minutes after the start and had the distinction of scoring all three goals. The score was 4 – 2 in Whitwick's favour until the last minute of the game before Bradford scored his third goal. Whitwick had to play several reserve players, including Bottrill, the goal-keeper, who acquitted himself remarkably well.

## **Births, Marriages and Deaths**

### **Death of the Oldest Resident**

The death occurred on Tuesday, of Mr Frederick Perry, of North Street, Whitwick. He was 90 years of age, and believed to be the oldest inhabitant of the parish.

### **Monk's Death**

#### *Sub-Prior of the St. Bernard's Monastery*

The death has occurred at St. Bernard's Monastery, Whitwick, of Father Joseph, who for some years had filled the office of sub-Prior at the Abbey, and was one of the oldest monks in residence there. He suffered from heart trouble, but was able to perform his duties as usual up to Sunday. He was 57 years of age, and a Birmingham man.

The funeral took place in the burial ground at the Monastery reserved for the monks, and was in accordance with the Cistercian rites, the deceased being placed into a grave without a coffin, and attired in his habit and hood.

During the past year, death has been busy among the monks, and the number in residence at the Abbey was considerably reduced, but there have lately been some fresh arrivals, some of them coming from Ireland.

## **Friday February 6<sup>th</sup> 1920 (1457)**

## **Local News**

### **Absentee**

Before Major Hatchett, at the Coalville Police Station, on Monday, Private Jos. A. Hall, of the 1<sup>st</sup> Leicesters, a Whitwick man, was charged with being an absentee from his regiment since Friday, and was remanded to await an escort.

### **Whist Drive and Dance**

On Wednesday evening, a successful whist drive and dance were held in the Holy Cross School in aid of the funds of the Whitwick and Thringstone Child Welfare Centre, of which Miss McCarthy is the hon. secretary. The M.C.'s for whist were Messrs. T. W. Hull and F. E. Needham, and for the dance, Messrs. J. H. McCarthy and B. Revell, and Mr J. Locker's Band provided the music. About 150 were present, and the company spent an enjoyable meeting.

### **Coalville Urban Council**

#### *Aerial "Railway" at Whitwick*

Mr Brown asked whether there was anything more to report in connection with the proposed aerial "railway" at Whitwick which, it is understood, is contemplated at one of the quarries. The surveyor said he could not give any detailed information at present, but he thought progress was being made as rapidly as possible.

#### *Highway Committee's Report*

The committee recommended consideration of the proposed improvement at Pare's Hill, Whitwick, to be deferred to the next meeting of the committee for a report from the Whitwick members.

The Surveyor reported that the owners or agents of property in Vicarage Street, Whitwick, had been served with notices under Section 36 of the Public Health Act, 1875, to provide w.c. accommodation to their property, and the work had not been commenced, and the committee recommend that if the work was not in hand within 14 days, the Surveyor take the necessary steps to carry same out, and recover the costs thereof.

The Surveyor reported that Mr Carter had failed to carry out the terms of the notice served upon him to provide his property at Whitwick with an adequate supply of water, and the committee recommend the Surveyor take the necessary steps to put on the public supply and recover the cost thereof.

A letter was read from Mr Musson, of Whitwick, asking that the Council should take what land they required for improvement purposes in Silver Street, Whitwick, and the Surveyor explained that the Council purchased the site by public auction and re-sold same to Mr Musson, with the reservation that the Council should retain sufficient land to effect the improvement, and the committee recommend the matter be left in the hands of the Surveyor.

The committee recommend extra lamps be lighted on Loughborough Road and Leicester Road, Whitwick.

#### *Whitwick Lodgers*

The surveyor reported that the number of persons accommodated in the Whitwick lodging houses during January was 711, compared with 810 in December, and 599 in January last year.

#### *A Whitwick Allotment Rumour*

Mr Kelly said there was a report in Whitwick that the Council were about to take their Silver Street allotments, and that some of the allottees had received notice. The chairman said that before any notice was given it would have to come before the Council.

Mr Armson: *There is no fear of any notice being given this season.*

The chairman: *That is my opinion.*

### **Amusements**

#### *Whitwick Picture House*

"Breed of Men" will be the chief picture here for the beginning of next week, and features Wm. S. Hart. Comedy, Charlie Chaplin in "The Floorwalker," a scream. Thursday and Friday "star" picture is "Boots," a small title but a big picture, featuring Dorothy Gish. For Saturday, a great boxing drama will be shown, entitled "The Snare," featuring Violet Hopson, J. Lindsay and G. Foley. Will Evans in a good comic; and the serial, "Elmo the Mighty." etc.

### **Sport**

#### **Football**

##### *Whitwick Imperial do Well*

##### *The Hinckley Cup Final*

The cup final at Hinckley on Saturday had a great interest for supporters of the winter pastime in the colliery district, inasmuch as one of the competing teams was Whitwick Imperial. They were opposed to Hinckley United and inasmuch as the latter were playing their Birmingham combination team – so it is stated – Whitwick's performance in making a draw was regarded by the club's supporters as being very satisfactory. A big crowd included about 500 from Whitwick.

Although winning the toss, and having the advantage of the ground, Whitwick found themselves a goal behind at the interval, Shinton having scored for the United. But the second half had a sensational opening, Treadwell equalising in the first minute. This was the extent of the scoring, though both teams made some excellent attempts and both goal-keepers were several times called upon. At the same time, a good deal of the shooting was erratic, and this applied to the forwards on both sides. Mr R. T. Bradshaw of Coalville, was the referee.

It is understood that the match will be replayed at Hinckley on Easter Monday.



## **Births, Marriages and Deaths**

### **Thanks**

Mr and Mrs J. B. Newbury, Whitwick, desire to tender their sincere thanks to all friends for kind expressions of sympathy in their sad bereavement. Also for floral tributes.

### **Burials**

Perry – At Whitwick, on Saturday, Fred Perry, aged 90 years, of North Street.

Newton – At Whitwick, on Saturday, Leonard Newton, aged 3 months, of Maple Cottage, New Swannington.

## **Friday February 13<sup>th</sup> 1920 (1458)**

### **Coalville Petty Sessions**

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

### **Birch for Whitwick Schoolboy**

Walter Armstead (9), school boy, Whitwick, was charged with stealing one bar of chocolates and a bar of coconut ice, value 3 ½ d, the property of the Star Tea Co., at Whitwick, on January 27<sup>th</sup>. He admitted the offence.

Alfred Hudson, manager of the shop, said the boy came into the shop and asked for half-a-pound of treacle. Witness saw the boy put his hand in the chocolate box. He asked him what he had, and he said nothing, and when witness searched him, he found the chocolate and coconut ice in his pockets. At first the boy said he purchased them at another shop, but later admitted the offence. Witness said he was bound to report these cases, as only the week before, they missed £2/10/0 worth of goods on the counter.

P.C. Culpin said he saw the boy at the school in the presence of the schoolmaster, and he said he took the chocolate off the counter. Witness also saw the mother, who said a bit of chocolate was not much to make a fuss about. He told her it was a serious offence.

The boy's mother said her husband had been ill for several weeks, and she had seven children to keep. The boy was sorry he did it. The chairman cautioned the boy, and in ordering four strokes with the birch rod, said that would be the second time he had been birched. It was a serious offence and they hoped it would not occur again.

### **Cases Adjourned**

Martin Kenny (32), collier, Whitwick, was summoned for persistent cruelty to his wife, who applied for a separation order. Mr J. J. Sharp (Coalville) for the defendant, asked for the case to be adjourned for a fortnight in the hope that it would be settled. Mr Jesson, who was for the woman, had consented to an adjournment. The Bench agreed.

There was another case, in which Martin Kenny summoned his wife's brother, Ernest Commons (34), collier, Whitwick for assault, and this case was adjourned.

### **Whitwick Woman Assaulted**

Annie Gee (30), of Whitwick, was summoned for assaulting Harriet Johnson, another Whitwick woman, on January 31<sup>st</sup>. Mr J. J. Sharp was for the complainant, and defendant did not appear. Harriet Johnson said she was the wife of Thomas Johnson, collier, but had lived apart from him for some years. Her husband lived in Yorkshire. She lived next door to the defendant, who annoyed her by shouting and singing offensive things. Complainant shut the door, but when she went to get to some water, the defendant, who must have been waiting for her, butter at her. She threw a pudding bowl at witness, and also a large stone from the wall, which struck her on the knee. Defendant was saying now she wished she had given her the poker instead of breaking her pots. Complainant was afraid of her, and unless something was done she believed something serious would happen.

Defendant was fined £1/1/0, and 10/6 for witnesses, also an advocate's fee of £2/2/0, or one month, 14 days being allowed for payment.

### **Heavy Costs Against Pipe Hand**

Edwin Maurice Wetton, pipe-hand, Newhall, was summoned by Beatrice Burton, single, of Whitwick, respecting her child. Mr J. J. Sharp (Coalville) for the girl, said the parties met in 1914, and there had been a long courtship which it was expected would have resulted in marriage. After the confinement, the girl had a long illness. Defendant had said he would pay 12/- a week, but unable to rely on his promise, they thought it best to bring the case to Court.

Complainant said the defendant lived at Newhall, but was the son of a Coalville licensed victualler. They corresponded while defendant was in the Army, and a prisoner in Germany, and they resumed the courtship on his return. The child was born on November 22<sup>nd</sup>, and the costs of the confinement and doctor's bill in connection with her subsequent illness totalled £6/17/9. Since the summons was taken out, defendant had been and implored her to withdraw it, but she felt that she could not trust him. He had promised her marriage, but she did not wish to marry him now.

Alfred Burton, collier, brother of the complainant, also gave evidence, and other witnesses present were not called.

The Bench ordered defendant to pay 10/- a week till the child is 16, also the doctor's and nurse's bills, £6/17/9, court costs £1/4/6, and an advocate's fee of £2/2/0, the total costs being £10/4/3.

### **Amusements**

#### *Whitwick Picture House*

Here on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday will be seen the famous "Paramount" picture "Sold," featuring Pauline Frederick. A good story. Thursday and Friday, "The Narrow Path," featuring Fanny Ward. An extra fine Pathe production. Saturday's programme is an all-star

one, and includes some very fine film stories, which are sure to please. Three distinct programmes in one week is the order at the above theatre now, and patrons therefore, have plenty of choice, and should not fail to see all next week's pictures.

## **Sport**

### **Football**

#### *Leicestershire Senior League*

Whitwick Imperial had their work cut out in receiving a visit from Moira United, who are going strongly just now, but the Imperial managed to maintain their unbeaten certificate, the result being a draw of one goal each. There was a capital attendance on the Duke of Newcastle ground, and a fast and even game was witnessed. Whitwick scored the only goal of the first half, through Moore, within five minutes of the start. Moira might have equalised on one occasion when the home custodian had left his charge, but the chance was lost. Whitwick, on the other hand, made some splendid attempts, forcing several corners and only the brilliant work of the Moira goalkeeper prevented them from forging further ahead. The United opened strongly in the second half, and their efforts were ultimately rewarded with a fine goal by Woodall. Enthusiasm ran high, Moira having a good following of supporters, who freely sported their colours, and it was an exciting struggle of the supremacy. Whitwick had a penalty, but Layton hit the crossbar, and then Moira had a good opportunity. The defence on each side prevailed, and the end came with the score one each.

## **Births, Marriages and Deaths**

### **Death of Mrs Stinson**

The death occurred on Wednesday of Mrs Stinson, wife of Mr William Stinson, of Sharpley House, a well-known resident of the district.

### **Death of Mr Oliver Burton**

The death occurred on Monday of Mr Oliver Burton, boot and shoe maker, of Leicester Road, Whitwick, an old and well-known resident of the parish. He was a sidesman at the Parish Church, having for some years been an enthusiastic church worker. He was 71 years of age.

## **Friday February 20<sup>th</sup> 1920 (1459)**

### **Local News**

The following amounts of collections made at Whitwick Colliery on behalf of wives and children of service men who died during the war, and had been employed at Whitwick Colliery, has been issued by the secretary of the fund, Mr Dennis Ottey, of Castle Street, Whitwick. 1915: £185/13/11; 1916: £38/4/6; 1917: £410/4/9; 1918: £378/9/1; 1919: £367/2/1; a total of £1,728/14/4.

### **P. M. Chapel**

The Rev. T. J. Martin, of Eastwood, formerly of Coalville, was the principal speaker at a public meeting in the Whitwick P.M. Chapel, on Saturday night, when Mr J. H. Lakin presided, and the Revs. J. C. Mantripp and S. G. Cobley also spoke. Mr Martin preached on Sunday, and addressed a young people's service in the afternoon, presided over by Mr J. T. Ward, of Hugglescote. A public tea was held on Tuesday and was well attended. The series of gatherings were in connection with the annual Shrovetide effort for the chapel funds, and a good sum was realised.

### **Whitwick Divorce Case**

In the Divorce Court, on Monday, George William Turner, now of Douglas Terrace, Smethwick, and formerly of 149, Leicester Road, Whitwick, was granted a decree nisi because of the adultery of his wife with a man named Urwin.

Petitioner stated that he married the respondent in April, 1906, at the Registry Office, West Bromwich, and afterwards lived with her at Leicester Road, Whitwick. He joined the army in 1914. He came home on leave in 1916, and then found the co-respondent living with his wife. She threw their "*marriage lines*" at witness, and said she did not want to have anything to do with him. He accordingly rejoined his unit.

Mrs Ellen Grice, sister of petitioner, said that respondent said to her, "*I now have a better man than George ever knows how to be.*"

### **Do You Know That**

The Bishop of Leicester will conduct a Confirmation Service at Whitwick Church, next Wednesday night?

### **Amusements**

#### *Whitwick Picture House*

There are now three distinct programmes weekly at the theatre, and those announced for next week are another fine lot. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, "Her Father's Keeper," full of amusing comedy situations, and featuring Irene Howley; a Charlie Chaplin comedy; Thursday and Friday, a 7-part Metro production, "A Sleeping Memory," featuring Emily Stevens, and from the novel by E. Phillips, and from the novel by E. Phillips Oppenheim. Saturday, an all-star programme.

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

#### **The Late Mrs W. Stinson**

#### *Funeral at Whitwick*

The funeral took place at Whitwick Cemetery on Monday afternoon, of Mrs W. Stinson, of Sharpley House, Whitwick, who died on Wednesday, after a long illness. The deceased lady was much beloved by all who knew her, and many blinds were drawn on the route to

the Wesleyan Chapel, where the first part of the service was conducted by the Rev. W. D. Knight, of Coalville.

During the service, one of the deceased's favourite hymns, "Jesu, the very thought of Thee," was sung. The chief mourners were: Mr W. Stinson and Mrs H. R. Brown (Coalville), husband and daughter; Mr W. Stinson and Miss L. Stinson, son and daughter; Mr Edgar Stinson (Bulwell) and Miss E. G. Stinson, son and daughter; Mr Harold and Mr Horace Stinson (Whitwick), sons; Mr G. C. Stinson and Mr H. R. Brown, son and son-in-law; Mr Walford Stinson and Mr Cyril Stinson, grandsons; Mr J. Stinson and Mr C. Rossell, brothers-in-law; Mrs C. Rossell, sister-in-law; Mrs Weston and Mrs J. Stinson, sisters-in-law; and Mrs E. Stinson, cousin.

Also at the church were: Dr. J. C. Burkitt; Mr and Mrs T. Atkins (Swannington); Mr and Mrs A. West; Mrs Thompson (Woodville); Mrs Frith (Coalville), and a large number of the members of the Wesleyan Church. Messrs. H. Robinson, senr, H. Robinson, junr, J. H. Stinson and J. Baker acted as bearers.

The coffin was of unpolished oak, with brass furnishings, and bore the inscription:

*"Annie Stinson, died February 11<sup>th</sup>, 1920. Aged 75 years."*

And was lowered into a grave beautifully lined with flowers and evergreens of the deceased lady's own planting. There was a number of beautiful floral tributes, that from the family being a magnificent cross the full length of the coffin, composed of Neopolitan violets, arum lilies, white tulips, lilies of the valley, chrysanthemums, etc. "To our dearest and best with all our love."

Others bore cards as follows: In loving memory of Grandma from her grandchildren; Granny, with Bill and Enid's love; in loving memory of a dear sister (Mrs E. A. Weston); in loving memory from John and Emma ("Gone where flowers never fade"); in loving sympathy from Julia, Charles and family ("Death divides, but memory clings"); with love and sympathy from Cousin Lizzie ("Peace, perfect peace"); with loving remembrance and sympathy from Elizabeth and Arthur Battock and family (London); Mr and Mrs J. J. Sharp, with affectionate sympathy; in sorrowing remembrance from Mr Walter Brown and family; with very deep sympathy, Dr. and Mrs J. C. Burkitt; with deepest sympathy, Mrs Cash (Woodville); in affectionate remembrance, from Mr and Mrs J. W. Eagles; with very sincere sympathy, from E. Glynn; with deepest sympathy, Mr and Mrs J. H. Robinson.

Many letters of condolence were received also. Mr and Mrs Stinson celebrated their golden wedding on October 7<sup>th</sup> last.

### **Memorial Service**

On Sunday evening, a memorial service for the late Mr Oliver Burton, was held in the Whitwick Parish Church in which he has been a sidesman and earnest worker for many years. There was a large congregation, and the vicar (the Rev. T. W. Walters) made suitable reference to the deceased in his sermon, and appropriate hymns were sung, while at the close, the congregation remained standing while Mr R. G. West (organist) played the Dead March.

## **Burials**

Stinson – At Whitwick, on Monday, Annie Stinson, aged 75 years, of Sharpley House.

Boobyer – At Whitwick, yesterday, Jno. Wm. Boobyer, aged 7 years, of Leicester Road.

## **Friday February 27<sup>th</sup> 1920 (1460)**

### **Local News**

#### **Confirmation**

The Lord Bishop of Leicester (Dr. Norman Lang) conducted a confirmation at Whitwick Parish Church on Wednesday evening, when there was a large number of candidates from Whitwick, Thringstone, and adjoining parishes. There was a large congregation.

#### **Baptist Chapel**

Special services were held at the Whitwick Baptist Chapel, the Rev. W. H. Wills, of Coalville, being the preacher. Selections were rendered by the Coalville Ebenezer Male Quartette Party. There were good congregations, and the collections were for the chapel funds. On the preceding Saturday night, a public tea and social was held in the school.

#### **Ashby Guardians**

##### *The Whitwick Ex-Soldier Case*

A letter was read from the Superintendent, Pension Issue Office (Ministry of Pensions), Baker Street, London, W.1. re the case of a Whitwick ex-soldier in the Asylum, as follows:

*“Sir, - I beg to acknowledge your letter of 15<sup>th</sup> January, 1920, relative to the above named man, and to inform you that it is regretted that no further payments can be made in respect of the gratuitant, prior to his classification, the man having been admitted to the asylum, 9<sup>th</sup> June, 1916, and the Service patient scheme not being in force until 9<sup>th</sup> October, 1917. It should be noted that the man was discharged from the Army after 124 days’ service, with insanity held to be neither due to nor aggravated by his war service. It is further pointed out that the necessary form from the medical superintendent recommending the man’s classification, was not received in this office until May 1<sup>st</sup>, 1919.”*

The clerk said that bore out what he had previously told the Board. Mr Bowley and himself thrashed the case out, and tried to get the money refunded, but failed.

The chairman: *What do you recommend?*

The clerk said he could make no recommendation. It showed that the Guardians were fully justified in recovering what they did to maintain the man while he was chargeable to them. The Whitwick branch of the D.S. and S. wrote asking him to claim from the Ministry what was said by the man’s father, and also what was still due to the Guardians, but this letter showed that there was no possibility of recovering anything more from the Ministry of Pensions.

Mr Betteridge: *You think Mr Bowley was justified in receiving payment from the father?*  
The clerk: *Undoubtedly he was.*

Dr. Atkinson observed that the man was only in the forces 124 days, and the medical authorities said his insanity was not due in any way to Army service. The clerk said that against that was the fact that after much pressure, the Army authorities did recognise the man as a service patient.

Dr. Atkinson: *But not before the passing of the Act.*

It was left to the clerk to communicate the result to the Whitwick branch.

## **Sport**

### **Football**

#### *Leicestershire Senior League*

Whitwick Imperial greatly strengthened their position at the head of the Senior League chart, on Saturday, by a big win against Coalville Town. Time was when the meeting of these two teams would have created the greatest enthusiasm, but the Town have not been performing so well this season, and together with the fact that wintry conditions prevailed, the ground being covered with snow, this, perhaps, accounted for a smaller attendance than might have been expected, and was very different from what used to be seen in the "good old days."

Whitwick had matters pretty much to their own liking and scored three goals in the first half, through Moore, Thorpe and Middleton. But for the fine goalkeeping of Scrivens, it might have been considerably more. The Imperial increased the pressure in the second half and after Moore had scored the fourth goal, Treadwell put on four more in succession. There was no response from the Town, who were beaten by eight goals to none. They were quite out-played, though it should be stated for Scrivens that, despite the heavy score against him, he played finely in goal, stopping numerous hot shots in masterly style. The Whitwick goal-keeper had very little to do.

### **Coalville Police Court**

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

#### *Drunk and Disorderly*

Thomas Roberts (40), collier, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick on February 7<sup>th</sup>. P.S. Betts said the defendant used very bad language and threatened witness. He was drunk and friends had to take him home.

Fined 15/-, or seven days.

### **Amusements**

## *Whitwick Picture House*

Next week's list is another good one. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday the famous Lasky production "The Girl Dodger," simply a yell, which should not be missed. Thursday and Friday, Olga Petrova in "The Black Butterfly" a fine Metro production in five reels. Saturday, Violet Hopson in "The Ragged Messenger," supported by Basil Gill and Gerald Ames. A good Chaplin film and several others.

## **Friday March 5<sup>th</sup> 1920 (1461)**

### **Local News**

#### **38 Years Schoolmistress at Whitwick**

##### *Presentation to Miss Hunt*

An attractive combination of events at Whitwick, on Wednesday night, was a delightful concert by the infants of the Church Day Schools and a presentation to Miss Hunt by the inhabitants of the place in recognition of 38 years' valuable service as headmistress of the schools, from which position she recently retired, owing to ill health.

Dr. Burkitt presided, and the children, all prettily dressed, went through a capital programme of songs, dances, action songs, nursery rhymes, etc., in a manner which reflected the greatest credit on the children and on Miss Harding (headmistress) and teachers by whom they were trained.

The presentation to Miss Hunt consisted of a gold wristlet watch, suitably inscribed, a handsome tea service and a lady's handbag. The Vicar, the Rev. T. W. Walters, M.A., said Miss Hunt had not only been a teacher in those schools for 38 years, but she had been a mother to many of the inhabitants. Many of the mothers present and also their children had been in her care, and during all that time, Miss Hunt had showed the highest example, not only as headmistress of the school, but as superintendent of the Sunday School, an active church worker and a faithful attendant at all the church services and meetings. They more than respected her, they all loved her (Applause). They were proud that she belonged to Whitwick, having spent the greater part of her life there, and that she was still staying with them, though she had retired from the school. (Cheers).

Dr. Burkitt, in making the presentation, said he had been in Whitwick 36 years, but Miss Hunt came just before him. She had devoted her life to the rising generations of Whitwick and every inhabitant, of whatever creed or denomination, respected and loved her. (Applause). As the result of her faithful work and good teaching, they had a better Whitwick today than it was 38 years ago. (Cheers). She had served Whitwick well and in doing so had also served her country well. (Cheers). He spoke of the children's great attachment to Miss Hunt, who had been more than a mother to them. The gifts were only a small token of the great respect, love and esteem in which Miss Hunt was held by every inhabitant of Whitwick. (Cheers).

Miss Hunt, who was received with tremendous applause from a packed audience, said it was a very handsome present, but what she valued more was the kindly feeling they had shown towards her. She could not have managed the schools as she did, but for the



friendship and help of the parents. From the very first, she had always felt that she had their confidence, and that had helped her a great deal. She also took that opportunity of publically thanking the Sunday School girls for their gift of an eiderdown, and also the little ones for a brooch.

A charming little incident in the presentation of a beautiful bouquet to Miss Hunt, by Miss Marie Partridge, concluded a very interesting event, and the programme was proceeded with.

## **For Sale**

### *Eggs for Hatching*

White Leghorns, Cam 282 strain, mated by Tom Barron 278 strain. Unfertiles replaced once. 10/6 per sitting. W. Hart jnr., 69, Church Lane, Whitwick.

10,000 Wooden Boxes

Various sizes, (1 inch timber) in lots to suit purchasers.as Apply, Albert Briers, Marine Stores, Whitwick.

### *Duck Eggs*

Sitting of 15 pure white Aylesbury Eggs (guaranteed fertile). Price 8/6. A. Vesty, 86, Hermitage Road, Whitwick.

## **Coalville Urban Council**

### *Highways Committee's Report*

The sub-committee, consisting of the Whitwick members, reported on their inspection of Pare's Hill, Whitwick, and recommended the improvement be proceeded with on the lines arranged in 1914, and application made for a loan to carry out the work, and additionally that the surveyor endeavour to arrange for the wall guarding the raised footpath opposite the chapel to be taken down and replaced with an iron fence so as to throw a further 15 inches into the highway, and the report and recommendations of the committee were received and adopted.

### *Whitwick Lodgers*

The surveyor reported that the number of persons accommodated at the Whitwick lodging houses last month was 727, compared with 711 the previous month, and 529 in the corresponding month of last year.

## **Sport**

### **Football**

#### **Leicestershire Senior League**

### *Whitwick Going Strong*

Whilst Coalville Swifts only just managed to avert a first defeat in the league on Saturday, Whitwick Imperial, the only other unbeaten club, accomplished a fine performance at Hinckley and more strongly established themselves at the head of the chart by winning 3 – 1. Whitwick scored all their goals in the first half, leading by three to none at the interval, the scorers being Moore (2) and Treadwell. Hunt missed with a penalty kick. Hinckley played strenuously in the second half, but could only once penetrate the Whitwick defence.

### *Coalville and District League*

Saturday found the Coalville League clubs busy, 22 of them being engaged in eleven matches. The present champions of Division 1, Whitwick Imperial Reserves, continued their victorious career with a good win, 4 – 1 against Ravenstone United at Whitwick, this being the best win of the afternoon in this section.

### **Amusements**

#### *Whitwick Picture House*

Next week – First half: Douglas Fairbanks in “Knickerbocker Buckaroo,” a fine picture of the first order. Charlie Chaplin in “The Count.” Thursday and Friday, Viola Dana in a splendid sea drama, “Breakers Ahead,” this should not be missed. Comedy: A fine R.K.O. entitled “A Ragtime Romance.” Saturday, entire change of programme. A splendid lot of films which will please.

### **Burials**

Hutchinson – At Whitwick, on Saturday, Bertha Hutchinson, aged 13 years, of Hermitage Road.

## **Friday March 12<sup>th</sup> 1920 (1462)**

### **Local News**

#### **Local Chit Chat**

One of the St. Bernard’s Monastery community, Mr Ivor Legge, known as Brother Peter, was found unconscious in one of the compartments of the train which arrived at Burton-on-Trent from Leicester, about six o’clock on Friday night, and was conveyed to the Burton Infirmary. He had been to Leicester for medical treatment, and was to have alighted at Coalville, where a conveyance from the Monastery awaited him.

### **Coalville Urban Council Nominations**

Nominations of candidates for the forthcoming Coalville Urban Council election, polling for which takes place on Monday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, had to be made at the Council Offices by noon yesterday.

*Whitwick Ward (one required)*

KELLY, Thomas, South Street, Whitwick, licensed victualler. Nineteen papers. Proposers and seconders:- M. McCarthy and S. Perry; M. J. O'Reilly and W. Adams; W. Briers and A. E. Beer; J. W. Berrington and T. Young; G. J. Haynes and A. Needham; Rose Perry and Rebecca A. Adams; J. A. Neale and A. P. Swift; A. Cooper and J. Burton; T. H. Edney and W. Taylor; J. H. Weston and F. Payne; R. Hind and H. Beeson; Sarah Ann Wheeldon and Clara Squire; H. Hutchinson and F. Harper; G. Underwood and F. Underwood; S. W. Beckworth and A. Isaac; T. A. Bishop and C. Peach; Caroline Hall and Mary Ann Needham; Annie V. Hemsley and Sarah Ann Boot; R. Mann and E. Hull.

TOON, James, 3, Leicester Road, Whitwick, butcher. Six papers. Proposers and seconders:- W. Stinson and E. Glynn; B. V. McCarthy and R. B. Squire; B. O'Mara and S. W. West; Chas. Beasley and H. Springthorpe; A. E. Robinson and G. H. Tugby; J. H. Underwood and A. E. West.

WATERFIELD, Charles Walter, 104, Olive Cottages, Hermitage Road, Whitwick, colliery locomotive engine driver. Five papers. Proposers and seconders:- W. Whitmore and J. W. Brooks; T. Aris and E. Beniston; G. H. Belcher and J. A. Harley; J. F. Musson and T. Middleton; T. Moore and R. A. Hallam.

### **Coalville Petty Sessions**

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

#### *Withdrawn*

Frances Perry (53), married, of Whitwick, was summoned for assaulting Wm. Cutler, at Whitwick, on February 21<sup>st</sup>. Mr T. H. Moore (Coalville), applied for the case to be withdrawn, stating that a settlement had been arranged between him and Mr Sharp. The magistrates agreed.

#### *Bad Language*

Samuel Clarke (20), collier, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick on February 20<sup>th</sup>. He did not appear, and on the evidence of P.C. Grewcock, was fined 10/6, or seven days.

Joseph Frearson, (35), collier, Swannington, and Harriet Johnson (43), married, Whitwick, were summoned for a similar offence at Whitwick, on February 27<sup>th</sup>. P.C. Culpin said the defendants were using the language to each other, and it was a frequent occurrence. Frearson was fined 15/-, or 7 days, and Johnson 10/6, or 7 days.

### **Amusements**

#### *Whitwick Picture House*

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday: Marguerite Clark in "Come out of the Kitchen," a good film. Thursday and Friday, Wallace Reid in "Too Many Millions" a story full of thrills, with

many dramatic touches, and a most unusual ending. Saturday: An entire change of programme. The pictures are a grand lot, and should not be missed.

## **Burials**

Rowell – At Whitwick, on Saturday, Edna Rowell, aged 8 months, of Brooks Lane.

## **Friday March 19<sup>th</sup> 1920 (1463)**

### **Local News**

The many friends of Mrs Haydock, of Charnwood Tower, Whitwick, will regret to learn that she has to have her left eye removed and will then be totally blind. She lost her right eye last year, and was operated on to save the left, but it has now been found necessary to remove it. Mrs Haydock, who is 82 years of age, is well-known for her many munificent acts in the Whitwick district, and sympathy with her in her affliction will be widespread. As the result of her splendid generosity, the Holy Cross Day Schools, a handsome block of buildings, at Whitwick, were erected several years ago.

### **St. Patrick's Day**

The usual whist drive and dance on St. Patrick's Day, took place on Wednesday at the Whitwick Holy Cross School, and was a very popular event. The M.C.'s for the dance were Messrs. W. Griffin and E. Revell, and for whist Messrs. F. E. Needham and M. Downes. There was a good attendance.

### **Whitwick and Thringstone Nursing Association**

#### *Annual Meeting*

The annual meeting of the Whitwick and Thringstone Nursing Association was held in the Whitwick Church Schools, on Monday night, when owing to the snowstorm, there was a small attendance. The Vicar (Rev. T. W. Walters, M.A.) presided.

The report of the committee was read as follows: *"The committee have pleasure in laying before you the report and balance sheet for the year ending December 31<sup>st</sup>, 1919. The Association still continues to do good work. Appreciation still continues to do good work. Appreciation of this has been shown by increased district collections in Whitwick and Thringstone. Our grateful thanks are tendered to the Whitwick Imperial F.C., Coalville and District Parade and Gala, "Coalville Times" Cricket Club Competition, and the Coalville and District Horticultural Society, for their kind donations. Special thanks must be given Nurse Sherratt, and all those who helped to make the entertainment given on behalf of the Association such a success. The committee again thank all subscribers, and also the district collectors for the willing help they give."*

Very general regret was expressed that Nurse Sherratt is leaving shortly, and a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded her for the splendid work she has done during her stay in Whitwick. Dr. Burkitt thought the district collectors deserved the highest praise for the way they had worked to get in the house-to-house collections. Votes of thanks to the secretary and chairman terminated a short meeting.

## **Do You Know That**

The amount subscribed towards the Whitwick Parish Church war memorial is £240/1/11?

### **Sport**

#### **Football**

##### *Leicestershire Senior Cup Semi-Final*

##### *Whitwick and Moira Draw at Coalville*

Of late the clerk of the weather has not been very kindly disposed to footballers and supporters in the Coalville district, who for some time have had to take their pleasures on a succession of wet Saturdays. Last Saturday about capped it all. It was a regular soaker and the atmosphere, moreover, was bitterly cold. Even this did not deter over a thousand stalwarts from assembling on the Fox and Goose ground to witness the Leicestershire Senior Cup semi-final between Whitwick Imperial and Moira United.

The Moira men must have become familiar with Coalville by this time inasmuch as their engagements have several times of late brought them to the colliery town. And on Saturday, as usual, they had a big following. Football enthusiasts out Moira way are enthusiasts and no mistake.

From start to finish on Saturday, rain fell heavily and referee Linthwaite, of Leicester, as well as the players and spectators must have been heartily glad when it was over. Whitwick had the advantage of playing down the field toward the entrance, with the wind behind them in the first half, though the rain was beating across the ground, and they certainly had the best of matters, but amidst all the mud-larking they were unable to score. Several good chances came their way, but in front of goal, especially, it was a veritable quagmire, and when trying to shoot, the players often found themselves rolling in the mud instead. Nevertheless, a few good shots were put in and Hambridle, in the Moira goal, brought off some clever saves. Moira were seldom really dangerous in the first half, being content to hold their opponents, in the hope that when the ground and elements were in their favour, they would comfortably do the trick. Thus it was that the interval arrived with the score sheet blank.

In the second half the "Linnets" opened the score through Harold Evans, but it was not long after that the Imperial had a penalty, from which Brownlow equalised. It was a keen struggle for supremacy, but there was no further scoring and the end came with the result a draw of one goal each.

The total taken at the gate was £49, which was considered good, but to say there would have been a £100 gate had the weather conditions been favourable, would probably be not far wide of the mark. The match is to re-played on the Bath Grounds at Ashby-de-la-Zouch tomorrow, when a keen game will no doubt be witnessed. Whitwick are out to win, if at all possible, having it in their craw that it was Moira who dismissed them from the Coalville Cup Competition, and they would dearly like to "get their own back," but Moira will take some beating.

## **Amusements**

### *Whitwick Picture House*

There will be some good subjects showing at the above theatre next week, and they must not be missed. Those for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday are "Her Final Reckoning" a fine film, featuring Pauline Frederick. "The Pawnshop" featuring Charlie Chaplin. On Thursday and Friday, the chief pictures are "The Trail of the Shadow," featuring Emmy Wehlen: "She loved him Plenty," Mack Sennett. Saturday: Change of programme.

## **Burials**

Sendles – At Whitwick, on Saturday. Thomas Albert Sendles, aged one year and 9 months, of Broom Leys Lodge.

## **Friday March 26<sup>th</sup> 1920 (1464)**

### **Situations Vacant**

Wanted – Young lady, as Milliner, 3 or 4 years' experience. Appl: T. W. Bourne, Market Place, Whitwick.

## **Local News**

A meeting in support of the candidature of Mr J. Toon was held in the National Schools, on Wednesday evening, Mr Alfred West occupying the chair. There was a good attendance of parishioners. The chairman introduced the candidate, who said he was not aspiring to honour, but he was desirous of being of service to the district. He was prepared to sacrifice the necessary time to devote himself to the work devolving upon a member of the Urban District Council. He was deeply interested in all the work necessary for the betterment of the district. Referring to the housing question, he would support and press for the election of suitable dwellings for the inhabitants. He had no feelings against the other candidates. If they thought either of them were more suitable they must exercise their judgement and vote for whom they considered most suitable for the position. He placed himself entirely in their hands. Mr A. W. Hall, Coalville, then addressed the meeting on various topics, and recommending those present to support the candidate. Mr John Ward also spoke, recommending the candidate, as a man who had courage and convictions, and one who was able to express these convictions. The chairman said that was the whole of the programme, and thanked the audience for their attention. Several questions were put to the candidate and answered. A vote of thanks to the speakers and the chairman concluded the meeting.

### **Parish Meeting at Whitwick**

#### *Payment of Overseers Advocated*

As usual, great interest was taken in the annual parish meeting at Whitwick, held in the National Schools, on Monday night. Mr A. J. Briers was voted to the chair.

The notice convening the meeting having been read, the nomination of persons to act as overseers of the parish was proceeded with and it was agreed that the first three to be placed on the list to be submitted to the Coalville Urban Council for election, should be the three old overseers, viz., Messrs. T. Kelly, George West and A. Needham.

The question of the payment of overseers was raised, and when one or two names were suggested for the office, their reply was that the work done ought to be paid for. The chairman explained that the only payment made was to the assistant overseer for preparing the voter's lists. Several of the parishioners present expressed the view that the overseers should also be paid, and this led to an interesting discussion, which culminated in Mr W. Waterfield, one of the Whitwick candidates for the Urban Council election next Monday, moving a resolution that a letter be sent to the Ministry of Health stating that in the opinion of that meeting overseers of the poor ought to be paid for their services and urging that this be put into effect. This was carried.

The same parish constables as last year were again nominated and the meeting then went on to discuss the housing question. It was pointed out that houses were badly needed at Whitwick, and on the resolution of Mr S. Perry, it was agreed that the Coalville Urban Council be written to, urging them to push on with their housing scheme. The allotment question was also discussed.

## **Sport**

### **Football**

#### *Leicestershire Senior Cup Semi-Final at Ashby*

Saturday was a great day in football circles at Ashby-de-la-Zouch, the Bath Grounds having been selected by the Leicestershire F.A. for the re-played semi-final between Whitwick Imperial and Moira United. Never has a football match raised such enthusiasm in the old "Ivanhoe" town. The attendance exceeded all expectations and the arrangements, unfortunately, were inadequate to deal with the crowd, which was so great that one of the gates was rushed and a lot of people ran on to the enclosure without paying. As it was, the takings amounted to about £100.

A capital game was witnessed in beautiful weather and Moira won by the only goal scored by Summers (centre) from a pass by Woodall (outside left), popularly known as "Dinkum" and the idol of the crowd.

Whitwick made a great effort in the second half, but were held in check by a splendid defence. The defeat is all the more disappointing to Whitwick supporters inasmuch as it was the Moira Club which dismissed them from the Coalville Cup Competition, though the Whitwick club is the only one in the Leicestershire Senior League which has not been beaten. When Moira visited Whitwick in a league match the result was a draw of one goal each and the league match between the teams at Moira has yet to be played.

In the final for the Leicestershire Senior Cup, Moira United will now have to meet Leicester City Reserves.

### **Amusements**

### *Whitwick Picture House*

Commencing this week the programme at the above theatre will be changed twice each week. The chief pictures to be shown are: "The Peril Within," featuring Dorothy Gish, a great spy drama, brim full of excitement. No. 1 "The Tiger's Trail," a good one. First National Walturdaw super production "Allimony," featuring Josephine Whitwell and Lois Wilson. The theatre will be open on Good Friday.

### **Coalville Petty Sessions**

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

### *Good Friday Pictures*

Mr T. H. Moore applied for permission to give performances at Coalville Electric, Coalville Olympia and Whitwick Picture houses on Good Friday. Supt. Lockton said the places were all well conducted and the Bench granted the application.

### *Drunk and Disorderly*

George Watret (21), collier, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick, on February 29<sup>th</sup>. P.C. Culpin proved the case. Fined 12/-.

### *Trees Cut Down at Whitwick*

Joseph Wesley (52), collier, Whitwick, was summoned by Wm. Pratt, gamekeeper, Shepshed, for stealing 10 oak trees and five beech trees at Whitwick, on March 4<sup>th</sup>. Mr J. J. Sharp (Coalville) appeared to prosecute and Mr T. H. Moore (Coalville) for the defendant, pleaded not guilty.

W. Pratt (gamekeeper) to Mr E. de Lisle, of Garendon Hall, said the trees were cut down in the wood at Parson Wood Hill and on going with Sergeant Betts to defendant's house, they saw the trunks of the trees in the garden. Then defendant admitted fetching the trees out of the wood. A good deal of this sort of thing had been going on.

*By Mr Moore: The plantation was not open to the road. He was not aware that this case had been brought to stop a practice of fetching wood, which had been going on for some time. The wood was fenced round. They found all the trees on defendant's premises and not only two used in repairing the fence.*

Sergeant Betts gave similar evidence and in reply to Mr Moore said they only brought two of the trees away, one of each kind, though defendant was charged with stealing fifteen.

P.C. Grocock said he heard defendant say he fetched the trees out of the wood. Defendant gave evidence on oath, denying his alleged admission that he fetched the trees from the wood. The two used in repairing the fence were taken from his own ground.



By Mr Sharp: *All the witnesses for the prosecution had committed perjury. He went to see Mr De Lisle after he had been charged.*

Mr Moore: *That was to explain to Mr De Lisle the circumstances under which these two trees were found in the fence? – Yes.*

Maria Wesley, defendant's wife, denied that they had fifteen trees. All they had were the two referred to and they fell on their side of the fence which joined the plantation.

Defendant was fined £2 and the value of the trees £3/15/0, or 21 days. He said he had a good mind to do the time, but on the advice of his wife, he paid the fine.

## **Friday April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1920 (1465)**

### **Local News**

At a concert in the Whitwick Church School last night, a presentation was made by the inhabitants to Nurse Sherratt, who is leaving.

### **Coalville Urban Council Election**

#### **Result of the Poll**

##### *Whitwick Ward*

Waterfield, Chas Walter	424
Kelly, Thomas	402
Toon, James	184

Majority for Mr Waterfield, 22

At Whitwick, there are 1,600 on the register, and the total votes recorded was 1,010, which was the best percentage of the three wards.

At Whitwick, the result was practically as foreseen. The introduction of a third candidate entirely new to the public life of the district – though he is to be commended on his aspirations – strengthened the position of the Labour nominee. A sufficient number of the votes given to Mr Toon would doubtless have turned the scale in favour of Mr Kelly, had it been a straight fight between him and Mr Waterfield. In some of the more important national contests, Labour has often suffered through it being a three-cornered fight, but in this case, the triangular contest was to Labour's advantage. Mr Waterfield is a good trade unionist, and no doubt his supporters will have no reason to regret their choice.

### **Coalville Urban Council**

#### **The Last Meeting**

##### *Plans*

A letter was read from Mr W. Brearley asking the committee to assent to the erection of an army hut as a dwelling house in Hall's Lane, Whitwick, and details of the sanitary

arrangements would be submitted later if the committee accepted the principle, and a long discussion ensued thereon, and ultimately the committee recommend the matter be adjourned until after the surveyor had interviewed Mr Brearley on the question.

### *Highways*

The committee recommend the offer a free supply of rubble from the Forest Rock Granite Co. Ltd., for the repair of Leicester Road, Whitwick, be accepted with thanks.

### *Appointment of Overseers*

Letters were received from the parish meetings, submitting names of suggested overseers and the Council appointed the following:

Coalville: Messrs. J. R. Bennett, A. Wilkins and J. Starkey.

Hugglescote: Messrs. W. Fellows, F. Griffin and T. R. Grundy.

Whitwick: Messrs. T. Kelly, G. West and A. Needham.

### *Whitwick Resolutions*

The Whitwick parish meeting sent a resolution urging the Council to get on with the housing scheme, and another, that overseers be paid. The chairman said they were pushing on with the housing scheme and hoped to satisfy Whitwick soon. As to paying overseers, they would have to leave that to the Ministry of Health.

## **Sport**

### **Football**

#### *Leicestershire Senior League*

Whitwick Imperial went to Sileby and gave every indication that having been dismissed from the various cup competitions, they mean to concentrate now on the league championship. They have not lost a match yet, and on Saturday maintained this record, beating the Victoria by one goal – the only one scored – by Treadwell.

## **Friday April 9<sup>th</sup> 1920 (1466)**

### **Local News**

#### **Whist Drive and Dance**

A whist drive and dance was held in the Holy Cross School on Monday night, there being a good attendance. Messrs. W. Griffin and E. Revell acted as M.C.'s for the dance and Messrs. M. Wardle and and B. Dyer for whist.

#### **P.M. Sermons**

The Whitwick Primitive Methodists held their school anniversary on Sunday, when, as for several years past, Councillor T. W. Walker, of Leicester, was the preacher. There were

large congregations. The children and choir sang nicely under the direction of Mr J. B. Newberry. Mrs Newberry officiated at the organ and an orchestra assisted. The collections realised £47.

### **Notice**

The prize drawing announced to be held on Easter Monday for the benefit of Mr E. Whale, of Whitwick, has been postponed until May.

G. Costelow, Secretary.

### **Public Notices**

#### **Coalville Urban Council Elections**

*To the electors of the Whitwick Ward*

Ladies and Gentlemen, I desire to sincerely thank all those who recorded their votes for me at the election on the 29<sup>th</sup> March, and I wish especially to thank those who worked so hard to secure any success on that day, and I may say that I will do all in my power to honour that trust. Believe me to be, yours faithfully,

C. W. Waterfield  
104, Olive Cottages  
Hermitage Road

### **Local Chit Chat**

A beautiful stained glass window which has been placed in Whitwick Parish Church, the gift of Mr J. J. Sharp and his son, Major A. T. Sharp, as a thank offering for peace, was unveiled by Mr Sharp at the service last Sunday morning and dedicated by the Vicar. Interesting reference was made to the event at the Vestry meeting on Tuesday evening, reported in another column.

### **Whitwick Vestry Meeting**

*Gift of a Stained Glass Window*

The Whitwick Vestry meeting was held on Tuesday night, the Vicar, the Rev. T. W. Walters, M.A., presiding.

The chairman said they were all pleased that peace had been declared during the year. As far as they knew, over 70 Whitwick men fell in the war, and it had been decided to place a memorial in the church and one in the churchyard. The latter would take the form of a granite cross and the suggestion in regard to the memorial to be placed in the church was that a screen be erected. Their efforts to meet the cost had been splendidly responded to, so that at present they had nearly £300 in hand. When the work was got in hand, he had no doubt subscriptions ----- in faster, though he was well satisfied with what had been done so far. During the year, an important Act – The Enabling Act – had been passed, which affected the Church. In every parish there should be a meeting of electors before

the second Sunday after Easter, failing which they might be disfranchised, so far as church matters were concerned. The meeting was being held at Whitwick next Monday, and it was important that such a meeting should be held in every parish. One object of the meeting was to elect a Church Council which would have to elect representatives to the ruri-decanal conference, instead of this being done at the Vestry meeting.

He said a window had been placed in the church by Mr J. J. Sharp, as a thank offering for peace, and this was unveiled by Mr Sharp, and dedicated by himself (the Vicar) at the service on Easter Sunday morning. Although the window was the gift of Mr Sharp and his son, he suggested that the whole parish would look upon it as an expression of thankfulness for peace, and Mr Sharp had told him that he would be delighted if the parish did regard the window in that way. The inscription on the window, continued the Vicar, read as follows:

*“This window is placed here to the glory of God, and in humble thankfulness for peace, by Mr J. J. Sharp and Major A. T. Sharp, 1920.”*

He had written to the makers for the artist’s description of the window, which was as follows:

*“The subject chosen is the mystic vision of the peerless knight, Sir Galahad, of Arthurian period, who was adjudged worthy to set out in quest of the Holy Grail. The illustration shows the knight intent on his mission, and it has been assumed that the Holy Presence of our Lord was the reward for his diligent quest. The colouring is as rich as the subject will permit – the figure of the knight being in armour does not lend itself to colour, the shield being the only portion in that light to admit of decided colour. The Mantle of our Lord has, however, been selected from choice ruby glass, and the sunset effect gives a soft richness to the whole. The pure white of the horse is very restful, and helps to give effect to all the other colours.”*

Mr J. H. Robinson, on behalf of the Vestry, and of the parishioners generally, expressed thanks to Mr Sharp for his gift, which would still further beautify their beautiful old church, of which they were all so proud. They also joined with Mr Sharp in this expression of thankfulness at the safe return of Major Sharp, after taking his part in the war. They hoped that the Major would long be spared to assist his father in the business, which they trusted would go on from generation to generation. He moved a vote of appreciation and thanks to Mr Sharp for his gift. Mr W. Adams seconded, and it was unanimously carried.

Mr S. W. West presented a financial statement, showing that last year they had a record in special collections, and they had another record this year, to total £136/6/8 being a few shillings more than last year. The collections for church expenses totalled £123/10/1, and the wardens had a balance in hand of £1/4/10, which was satisfactory, considering the increased cost of many things, and extra work which they had had to get done. The total collections in the church for all purposes was £249/13/10, which was a slight increase on last year. Particulars of a number of separate accounts were also given. Proceeding, Mr West said he regretted to say that a lot of damage was done in the churchyard by youths. It was a source of great regret that people living around the church did not regard it in the right way, but they seemed to treat the old churchyard as if it was a receptacle for their rubbish. He had collected as many as 20 old tins and pans on one visit. Broken windows in the church had been a serious item for several years. Having completed his survey of the

various church efforts during the year, Mr West said that last year the total of the balances of the various funds was £185, and this year it was £322/10/8. It was made up as follows:

War memorial £260, the ringers' war memorial £4/2/9, special window fund £12, churchwardens balance £1/4/10, churchyard £25/7/4, and day school emergency fund £18/3/10. He calculated that the total raised in the parish in connection with the church during the year was £468/13/8 against £375 last year.

Answering the Vicar, Mr West said that did not include the amount for the missionary boxes.

The Vicar: *I think you can safely say we have collected over £500.*

Mr West expressed thanks to the Vicar, church officers and everyone who had assisted him. Mr W. Adams (Vicar's warden), spoke of the excellent manner in which Mr West had discharged his duties, and what an excellent colleague he had been. The accounts were passed. Mr R. Roulston moved, and Mr G. West seconded the re-election of Mr S. W. West as parish warden, tribute being paid to his ability and usefulness to the church. Mr West said he had held the office for 12 years, and would be glad to stand aside. The re-election of Mr West was supported by Mr J. H. Robinson, and carried unanimously, and the Vicar said he was very pleased because Mr West had made an excellent warden. Mr West accepted the office.

The Vicar said that he announced at the last Vestry that while it was desirable to keep one churchwarden in office, he thought the honour in regard to the other should go round. He suggested that one warden should not remain in office more than two years and he had pleasure in asking Mr W. Adams to again be his warden to complete his two years. Mr Adams, he was pleased to say, had agreed to accept. (Hear, hear.)

Coming to the election of sidesmen, the Vicar said they had lost one the most faithful churchmen. Mr Oliver Burton, whose death, which they all very much regretted, had occurred during the year. The remainder of the sidesmen were all re-elected. The Vicar moved a general vote of thanks to all church workers, and this was heartily accorded.

## **Sport**

### **Football**

#### *Whitwick win the Hinckley Cup*

Whitwick Imperial went to Hinckley on Monday, and to the surprise of the "tin hatters" succeeded in beating the United in the final for the Hinckley Cup, which they bore home in triumph. Hinckley had their strongest side out, and though they had suffered defeat by Nuneaton in the morning, the loss of the cup was never anticipated.

Over four thousand spectators saw the game which had several remarkable features. At the interval, the United led by two goals to none, but playing with great determination in the second half, Whitwick soon drew level and astonished the crowd by increasing the number to five. Hinckley rarely had a look-in during the latter part of the game, and were beaten by 5 goals to 2. Whitwick had a good number of followers, several motor buses being

chartered for the occasion, and they were in a very jubilant mood as they passed through Coalville on the return journey in the evening. There was much rejoicing at Whitwick in the evening.

## **Amusements**

### **Whitwick Picture House**

The above theatre has seen some very good films lately, and next week's collection will be no exception to the rule. Mr Nicholson is very enthusiastic in his endeavours to try to please his patrons and he has succeeded in a marked degree, and next week should see some big "houses" at the Picture House. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday: A famous Lasky production, "Hard Boiled," featuring Dorothy Dalton. Thursday, Friday and Saturday: Metro production, "Haunted Pyjamas," featuring Harold Lockwood and Carmel Myers. There will be numerous others – all good.

## **Births, Marriages and Deaths**

### **Marriage**

Underwood – Darby. George Underwood, of Whitwick, and Florence Maud Darby, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Darby, of Hunstanton, Norfolk, on Monday April 5<sup>th</sup>, by the Rev. P. C. Stanley, assisted by the Rev. C. H. Seymour, at the church of St. Mary's,##

### **Burials**

Jarvis – At Whitwick, on March 30<sup>th</sup>, Edward Jarvis, aged 4 years, of Hermitage Road.

Sharp – At Whitwick, on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, Aubrey Thomas Sharp, aged 9 months, of the City of Dan.

Smith – At Whitwick, on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, Samuel Smith, aged 76 years, of the City of Dan.

Limb – At Whitwick, on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, George Roland Limb, aged 9 months of Hermitage Road.

Jarvis – At Whitwick, on April 4<sup>th</sup>, Joseph Alma Jarvis, aged 19 years, of Hermitage Road.

Moore – At Whitwick, on April 5<sup>th</sup>, Jane Moore, aged 41 years, of Waterworks Road, Coalville.

Danvers – At Whitwick, on April 8<sup>th</sup>, Miriam Danvers, aged 23 years, of Castle Street.

## **Friday April 16<sup>th</sup> 1920 (1467)**

### **Local News**

#### **Baptist Sermons**

The anniversary services in connection with the Whitwick Baptist Sunday School were held on Sunday, when the Rev. E. J. Garnham, of Barton Fabis, was the preacher, and

there were large congregations, the chapel being crowded in the evening. Under the direction of Mr O. Geary, the children nicely sang the following hymns: "Another year has passed away," (A. Clarke), "Saviour teach us," (F. W. Peace), "Forward to the battle line," (J. H. Thomas), and "Jesus, loving Saviour," (A. Clarke). The choir in the afternoon gave a good rendering of the anthem, "The Lord is my strength and shield," (C. Darnton), in which there was a quartette by Miss Mann and Mrs Aris, and Messrs. A. G. Ball and F. W. Smith. The evening anthem was "From the rising of the sun," (A. J. Jamounelu), a quartette in this being well rendered by Miss Mann and Hewes and Messrs. J. H. Gilberd and F. W. Smith. Miss May Geary was the organist, and an efficient orchestra also assisted. The collections, amounting to £28/1/9, were a record.

## **Public Notices**

Mrs Graham, nee Nurse Sherratt, desires to thank all her former patients and friends who so kindly subscribed to the handsome testimonial presented to her on the occasion of her recent marriage at Whitwick.

## **Sport**

### **Football**

#### *Leicestershire Senior League*

A surprising result, perhaps, was the splendid success of Whitwick Imperial at Moira, where they defeated the United by six goals to two. Whitwick's earlier experiences with the Moira men were not to their liking, it being the "Linnets" who dismissed the Imperial both from the Coalville and Leicestershire Senior League Cup Competitions, and when they met in the league match at Whitwick, the result was a draw. In visiting Moira on Saturday, therefore, Whitwick were up against a team they had not been able to beat this season, and which had dashed their hopes concerning the cups. Saturday's game was also important to Whitwick, inasmuch as another defeat by Moira would have damaged their chances for the Senior League championship now so favourable. The United had a strong team out but the Whitwick men gave a fine display and well deserved their win.

#### *Whitwick's First Defeat*

Considerable interest was shown in the Leicestershire Senior League match at Whitwick on Wednesday night, when the Imperial, the prospective champions of the League, had their colours lowered for the first time this season, Coalville Swifts defeating them 3 – 2. Up to this event, Whitwick were the only unbeaten team in the League. Phipps scored all three goals for the Swifts, and Brownlow, Whitwick's two.

## **Amusements**

### **Whitwick Picture House**

Patrons of this theatre should not miss next week's fine programme, which includes: First half of the week, "Poppy Girl's Husband," a grand one, featuring W. S. Hart. "Beware of the Boarders," a laughable comedy; and several others. Week-end: "To the Death," a

splendid picture, featuring Olga Petrova. "Honeymoon Troubles," another amusing comedy.

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

#### **Burials**

Simpson – At Whitwick, on Saturday, Frederick Simpson, an infant, of North Street.

### **Friday April 23<sup>rd</sup> 1920 (1468)**

#### **Local News**

##### **Organ Recital**

In the Whitwick Parish Church on Wednesday evening, Mr R. G. West (organist) gave an organ recital, Mr Baker being the soloist. The offertory was for the war memorial. One of the pieces played was of Mr West's own composition. The following was the programme: "And the glory of the Lord," ("Messiah") Handel; "Lied Ohne Works", No. 37 (Mendelssohn); Andante (Batiste); solo (213), Mr Baker; Christmas Offertorium, (Semmenta), Home Melody (Clegg); Trio in E Flat (West); solo (220), Mr Baker; Russian Patrol (Rubenstein); Andantino (Lemane); Overture (Suppe) hymn 288.

##### **Local Chit Chat**

It is interesting to note that Mrs Haydock, of Charnwood Tower, Whitwick, has made the handsome donation of £3,000 to the Nottingham Ecclesiastical Education Fund. The Roman Catholic cause has handsomely benefitted through Mrs Haydock's generosity on previous occasions, one of which was when she built the Holy Cross Schools. Mrs Haydock is in her 80<sup>th</sup> year and has, unfortunately, recently become totally blind.

The death has occurred in Loughborough of ex-Police-Sergeant H. Lockton, who was invalided out of the Leicestershire Constabulary in 1903, at which time he was stationed at Whitwick. He was 72 years of age. One son, the Rev. Wm. Lockton, B.D. has attained high rank as a liturgical scholar, and he is an examining tutor at Winchester College.



## Sales by Auction

<p>CHURCH FARM, WHITWICK.</p> <p><b>ORCHARD &amp; JOYCE</b></p> <p>are instructed by Mr. A. J. Briers to Sell by Auction on FRIDAY, APRIL 10th, 1920, <b>20 VALUABLE HORSES,</b> <b>10 BEASTS; 2 IN-PENS SOWS.</b> <b>20 CONVEYANCES,</b> and other Effects.</p> <p>SALE to commence AT ONE O'Clock. Auctioneers' Offices, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Coal- ville and Hinckley.</p>	<p>By Order of the Trustees of the Will of Mr. C. T. Church (Deceased)</p> <p><b>RAVENSTONE.</b></p> <p>To be Sold by Auction by <b>ORCHARD &amp; JOYCE</b> at the KING'S ARMS INN, RAVENSTONE, on WEDNESDAY, MAY 12th, 1920, at 5.30 p.m. precisely.</p> <p>LOT 1.—TWO MESSUAGES, situate front- ing Leicester Road, Ravensone, with Gardens and Outbuildings, now occupied by Messrs Smalley and James.</p> <p>LOT 2.—TWO Similar HOUSES, adjoining above, with Gardens and Outbuildings, occu- pied by Messrs Congreve and Saddington.</p> <p><b>WHITWICK.</b></p> <p>At the THREE CROWN HOTEL at 7.30 p.m. THE SAME EVENING.</p> <p>LOT 1.—A Well-built MESSUAGE, No. 118, CHURCH LANE, WHITWICK, with Garden and Outbuildings, occupied by Mr. West at a weekly rent of 8/3.</p> <p>LOT 2.—A Similar HOUSE, adjoining the above, with Garden and Outbuildings, occu- pied by Mr. Roberts, at 5/3 per week.</p> <p>To view, apply to the Trustees, and for fur- ther information to Mr. T. J. Bourne, Market Place, Whitwick; the Auctioneers, Ashby-de- la-Zouch, Coalville and Hinckley; or MR. WILFRED MOSS, Solicitor, LEICESTER NEIGHBORHOOD.</p>
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## Sport

### Football

*Leicestershire Senior League*

*Rapid Scoring at Whitwick*

The matches played in the Leicestershire Senior League on Saturday were noteworthy for some remarkable scoring. Moira United headed the list with 12 goals to 1 obtained by Sileby Victoria on the Moira ground, but, perhaps, even more sensational was Whitwick Imperial's three goals within as many minutes against Loughborough Brush Works on Duke of Newcastle ground at Whitwick. The teams played for half-an-hour without scoring, then Tredwell (2), and Moore, scored three within the space of three minutes, and the score remained at that to the end, Whitwick winning by three goals to none.

#### *Coalville Swifts V Whitwick Imperial*

Great interest was taken in the Leicestershire Senior League match on the Fox and Goose ground, Coalville, on Wednesday night, between Coalville Swifts and Whitwick Imperial, the match having an important bearing on the League championship. It was witnessed by a huge crowd, the 'gate' realising £47/13/0. The only goal of the match was scored by Dennis for the Swifts in the first half. It was Whitwick's last match, and Coalville Swifts only have to play Sileby Victoria at Sileby on Saturday. If they win this match the Swifts and Whitwick will have equal points and will probably play a match to decide which shall be champions.

### **Amusements**

#### **Whitwick Picture House**

Next week another fine list of films is announced. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, "The Unknown," a famous Lasky production which should not be missed. "Whose little wife are you?" comedy, and others. Week-end, "Maggie Pepper," a grand one, featuring Ethel Clayton: "A clean sweep," comedy. Last episode of "Elmo the Mighty," etc.

### **Friday April 23<sup>rd</sup> 1920 (1468)**

#### **Local News**

#### **Wesleyan Church**

The Sunday School anniversary took place in the Whitwick Wesleyan Church, on Sunday last, two sermons being preached by the Rev. W. D. Knight, of Coalville. Special singing was rendered by the children and choir. The children had been trained by Mr J. S. West, of Whitwick, and the organist was Miss Gladys Bourne, of Whitwick. The collections realised the record sum on £37/0/3.

#### **Situations Vacant**

##### *Whitwick Constitutional Club*

The Committee invited applications for one whole time manager (married) of above club. House, coal, gas provided. Applications to be received on or before May 8<sup>th</sup>, 1920, by the Hon Secretary, Mr J. T. Briers, Church Lane, Whitwick.

## **Sport**

### **Football**

Coalville Swifts and Whitwick Imperial to Play for the Championship

Right up to the last Saturday in the season the championship of the Leicestershire Senior League remains undecided, and Coalville Swifts and Whitwick Imperial are to play on Coalville Town ground tomorrow afternoon to decide the matter.

## **Amusements**

### **Whitwick Picture House**

First half of the week: "The Sheriff's Son," featuring Charles Ray, a splendid story. "The Tiger's Trail," serial, which should be followed closely, and many others. Week-end: Dorothy Dalton in "Extravagance," a film story which will appeal strongly. "Cupid's Day Out," comedy. No. 1 of the new serial "When Woman Wars," as the bill says, "What a programme – What a week!"

## **Friday May 7<sup>th</sup> 1920 (1470)**

### **Local News**

#### **Situations Vacant**

Wanted – A boy about 14 or 15 years, as apprentice to chemist. Apply, Stinson, Chemist, Whitwick.

#### **To Let**

Until the 31<sup>st</sup> December, 1920. Two Vicarage fields at Whitwick, which have not been grazed since November last. Apply Rev. T. W. Walters, Whitwick Vicarage.

**GERMAN, STEVENSON & STIMSON**  
**HOLLY HAYES WOOD, WHITWICK.**  
 1 Mile from Whitwick, and 2 miles from  
 Coalville Station, M.R. and L. and N.W.

SALE of OAK and ELM TIMBER, TREES,  
 BIRCH POLES, Posts, Fencing stuff, Fire-  
 wood, Etc.

**GERMAN, STEVENSON & STIMSON**  
 Have Received Instructions from  
 the Whitwick Granite Co., Ltd., to Sell by  
 Auction, entirely without reserve, on  
 FRIDAY, MAY 14th, 1921,  
 A Quantity of very Useful OAK and ELM  
 TIMBER TREES, BIRCH POLES, POSTS,  
 FENCING STUFF, FIREWOOD, Etc.  
 Now lying lotted in Holly Hayes Wood.  
 SALE to commence AT 1.30 O'CLOCK.  
 To meet at Lot 1, close to the road, in Holly  
 Hayes Wood.  
 The Timber may be viewed by appointment  
 with Mr. C. Peach, Holly Hayes Wood, Whit-  
 wick, Leicester.  
 Auction Offices, Ashby-de-la-Zouch  
 Notts. Tel: 66.

### **Property Sales at Whitwick and Ravenstone**

Acting on the instructions of the trustees of the late Mr C. T. Church, of Whitwick, Messrs. Orchard and Joyce (Coalville and Ashby) sold by public auction four lots of property at Whitwick, and Ravenstone, on Wednesday night.

The Whitwick sale was at the Three Crowns Hotel, and consisted of two messuages at Church Lane, Whitwick. The first, a house, occupied by Mr West, at 8/3 a week rent was sold to Inspector Dobney, of Coalville, for the Leicestershire Constabulary at £410.

The other lot was a similar house adjoining, occupied by Mr Roberts at 8/3 a week, and this was sold to Mr S. H. Perry for £405.

### **Coalville Urban Council**

#### *Medical Officer's Report*

The medical officer, in his monthly report, stated that during April, 13 cases of scarlatina – the same number as for the previous month – were notified, also four cases of diphtheria, as compared with 12 for March. Three cases of phthisis were reported, two in Leicester Road, Whitwick, and one in Mantle Lane, Coalville.

#### *Surveyor's Department*

The surveyor reported that last month the number of persons accommodated at the Whitwick lodging houses was 1,802 compared with 727 the previous month, and 569 in the corresponding month last year. The half-yearly lime-washing was now due.

### **Coalville Police Court**

## **Drunk and Disorderly**

John A. Hall, collier, Coalville, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Coalville, on April 16<sup>th</sup>. He did not appear and P.C. Sibson having stated the case, defendant was fined £1/1/0 or seven days. George Fisher, labourer, Whitwick, for a similar offence at Whitwick on April 17<sup>th</sup>. P.C. Jones said the defendant was very drunk in Whitwick Market Place and had to be taken home. Fined 12/6 or seven days.

## **Sport**

### **Football**

#### *Leicesteshire Senior League Championship*

*Whitwick Imperial beat Coalville Swifts*

#### *Extra Time Played*

The popularity of football in this district was strikingly demonstrated on Saturday when on the last day of the season, a company of about 4,000 people assembled on the Coalville Town football ground to see Coalville Swifts and Whitwick Imperial play for the championship of the Leicestershire Senior League. The clubs had tied on League points, their record being as follows:

Whitwick Imperial	18	13	3	2	56	21	29
Coalville Swifts	18	13	3	2	46	17	29

Thus a deciding match became necessary as to which of the two clubs should hold up the championship cup till next season. Each side had won a cup during the season, Coalville Swifts securing the Coalville trophy, while Whitwick had annexed the Hinckley cup.

Tremendous interest was created by the match and the money taken at the gate totalled £88/1/5. The players lined up as follows.

Swifts: Nicholls; Underwood and Brooks; Berman, Middleton and Humphries; Jordan, Toon, Phipps, Dennis and Roach.

Whitwick: Hunt, Lacey and Moyens; Thorpe, Nicholls and Johnson; Newman, Moore, Treadwell, Layton and Brownlow.

Mr J. Bailey, of Leicester, had charge of the gate, and the linesmen were Messrs. E. E. Boam (Leicester) and A. E. Morris (Ellistown).

Throughout it was a splendid game, and there was very little between the teams, who were splendidly matched. Playing up the ground, Whitwick were the first to score, Treadwell getting in a beauty soon after Brooks had stopped a dangerous rush by Moore. Whitwick had a little the best of the argument, or a time after this, but a fine kick by Underwood placed Phipps in possession and, working an opening, the Swifts' clever centre-forward made no mistake, and the teams were on even terms again. Hunt was

three or four times called on soon afterwards, and on one occasion fisted away a beautiful shot by Jordan. At the other end Layton skimmed the bar with a fine shot. Just before half-time, Dennis got his leg hurt, and had to be carried off on the ambulance stretcher. He did not return, and the Swifts had to play to the end with ten men.

When the teams crossed over, the score was one goal each, and in the second half, play slowed down a little, the pace up to this point having been very fast. There were, however, a few thrilling incidents, both goalkeepers bringing off some good saves. A particularly fine one by Nicholls was when Whitwick were awarded a penalty which was taken by Brownlow. Phipps netted once for the Swifts in the second half, but was clearly off-side. Play was spoiled somewhat hereabouts by the rain, which made the ground and the ball rather greasy. Although playing with ten men, the Swifts were often in the Whitwick territory, but Moyens and Lacey defended finely and while the other players were good, Thorpe, in particular, played a great game in the half-back line. The Swifts goal, nevertheless, had a few narrow escapes, and was defended finely by Brooks and Underwood, a splendid pair of backs. The Coalville half's were also a very capable trio, but the front line, obviously suffered by the absence of Dennis, whose accident was a great misfortune to his side.

At the end of ninety minutes, the score still remained one each, and extra time was ordered, the game being played straight on. After about 12 minutes' extra time, Layton got in a beauty, which proved to be the winning goal. Whitwick had no great difficulty in maintaining their advantage, the backs kicking strongly, and the ball being frequently sent out of play for which, it was noticed, the referee slowed time. Right to the end, however, the issue was always in doubt, the Coalville men making numerous good efforts to get level again, but the two hours' play ended in a win for Whitwick, by two goals to one.

The cup was afterwards presented to the Whitwick team by Major Clover, in the unavoidable absence of Mr W. H. Squires, the chairman of the Leicester City Club, and the Major also handed gold medals to the winners and silver medals to the Swifts as runners-up.

It transpired that a singular error had been made in the engraving on the cup shield as to the winners. For the season 1919 – 20, which, of course, in this season, Coalville Swifts were inscribed as the winners. This was really intended for last year, when the Swifts won the championship, and before Saturday's game was played supporters of the club were confident that it would save a new engraving for the present season. It turned out differently, however, and an alteration on the plate will now be necessary.

It is interesting to note that the cup winners, since the League was started are as follows:

Loughborough Corinthians, 1904; Leicester Fosse Reserves, 1905, 1906 and 1907; Coalville Town, 1908; Hinckley United, 1909 and 1910; Shepshed Albion, 1911; Holwell Works, 1912; Loughborough Corinthians, 1913; Hinckley United, 1914; Whitwick Imperial, 1915; no competition in 1916, 1917 and 1918; Coalville Swifts, 1919 and Whitwick Imperial, 1920.

## **Amusements**

### **Whitwick Picture House**

First half: "The Gypsy Trail," featuring Bryan Washburn; "The Tiger's Trail," comedy, "This is not my Room"; "Waiting at the Church," comedy; etc. Week-end, "Partners Three," featuring Enid Bennett; "When Woman Wars," serial. The members of the Whitwick Imperial F.C. by the kind invitation of Mr W. R. Nicholson, spent a most enjoyable Thursday evening at the Picture House, and besides the excellent programme provided, witnessed the screening of the new serial "When Woman Wars." The hon. sec. (Mr George Waterfield) expressed thanks for all the arrangements which had been made for their comfort. There was a large attendance.

## **Friday May 14<sup>th</sup> 1920 (1471)**

### **Local News**

Carting – Of any description undertaken – Distance no object. All orders promptly attended to. Also good sand for sale. Chas. Henson, School Lane Farm, Whitwick.

### **Amusements**

#### **Whitwick Picture House**

A fine list for next week includes: First half "Sporting Life," a great boxing and racing film, and must be seen. Comedy, Charlie Chaplin. Serial, "The Tiger's Trail," etc. Week-end: "Secret Service" featuring Robert Warwick, a stirring romance, Comedy "Lions and Ladies." Serial, "When Women Wars," etc.

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

#### **Burials**

Hutchinson – At Whitwick, on Sunday, Violet Mary Hutchinson, aged 20 years, of Hermitage Road.

## **Friday May 21<sup>st</sup> 1920 (1472)**

### **Amusements**

#### **Whitwick Picture House**

"The Heart of an Actress," featuring Mae Murray – Matinee on Monday at 2 o'clock, if wet. – "The Rosary," the beautiful production. Mr Bert Waterfield will sing each evening.

### **Coalville Petty Sessions**

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

*Adjourned*

Charles Cooper (29), collier, Whitwick, was summoned for assaulting Emma Bonser, married, of Whitwick, at that place on May 1<sup>st</sup>. On the application of Mr T. H. Moore (for Mr J. J. Sharp) the case was adjourned for a fortnight.

### *Bad Language*

Thomas Roberts (40), collier, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on May 1<sup>st</sup>. He did not appear, and P.S. Betts having proved the case, defendant was fined 15/- or seven days.

### *Octogenarian and the Port Wine*

Thomas Commons (82), labourer, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk at Coalville, on May 4<sup>th</sup>. He pleaded guilty. P.C. Bursnall said the defendant was incapable and he had to convey him to the Police Station. He had half a bottle of port wine in his pocket.

Defendant said he was described as a labourer, but he had done no work for 12 years. He was 82 years of age.

The clerk: *What had you been drinking?*

Defendant: *A drop of port wine, and a little soon affects one at my age.*

The chairman said the Bench would let him off paying 5/6 costs.

## **Friday May 28<sup>th</sup> 1920 (1473)**

### **For Sale**

Good hand press for shoe trade, also 49 knives, including 3 good sets of Sole Knives. B. West, Whitwick.

### **Amusements**

#### **Whitwick Picture House**

Another grand programme for next week includes: First half: "Early to Bed," a very good story, and a regular screamer; comedy, Charlie Chaplin; Serial, "The Tiger's Trail," etc. Week-end: "The Claws of the Hun," featuring Charles Ray, Comedy, "Never too old," serial, "When Woman Wars," etc.

## **Friday June 4<sup>th</sup> 1920 (1474)**

### **Amusements**

#### **Whitwick Picture House**

This popular theatre's list of subjects for next week are a good lot and will be worth seeing. The chief one at the commencement of the week is "That Devil Ba'teese," featuring Monroe Salisbury in a fine 5-part photo-play. First official pictures of the Prince of Wales' tour to Australia; comedy, "He's in again"; serial, "The Tiger's Trail," etc. Week-end:



“Pettigrew’s Girl,” featuring Ethel Clayton; comedy, “Rip Stitch Taylors.” Serial, “When Woman Wars,” and others.

### **Coalville Petty Sessions**

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

#### *Settled*

Henry Ward (48), publican, Whitwick, was summoned for assaulting Wm. Burdett (45), grazier, Swannington, and Burdett was summoned for assaulting Ward, while Wilfred Burdett (20), collier, Swannington, was summoned for assaulting Mrs Mary P. Ward, all at Swannington, on May 9<sup>th</sup>. Mr J. J. Sharp said he was pleased to say that the parties had settled their differences and he asked for all three summonses to be withdrawn. The Bench agreed.

#### *Saturday Night Fracas at Whitwick*

Charles Cooper (29), collier, Whitwick, was summoned for assaulting Emma Bonser, married, of Whitwick, at that place on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr T. H. Moore (Coalville) was for the complainant and Mr J. F. Jesson (Ashby) for the defendant, who pleaded not guilty.

Complainant said she was in Leicester Road when the defendant struck her in the eye. Her husband pushed him and defendant then struck her husband in the eye. There had been some words concerning a girl.

By Mr Jesson: *There was a struggle between complainant and Mrs Smith (Cooper’s sister), before defendant assaulted her, and there was a crowd round. She also struggled with Mrs Cooper, who was set on to her by her husband (the defendant). They were pulling each other’s hair. (Laughter).*

Furthering answering Mr Jesson, complainant said the defendant, Cooper, struck her first, and tried to strangle her. The football cup had been brought to Whitwick that night. She had been in a public-house for about a quarter-of-an-hour.

By Mr Moore: *She was perfectly sober.*

Jos. Hy. Bonser, bricklayer, husband of complainant, said defendant struck them both, giving them black eyes.

By Mr Jesson: *Although defendant gave him a black eye he had not summoned him. He thought one summons would do for the two.*

Harry Moore, collier, Whitwick, said he heard complaints call for help, and he saw the defendant with both his hands round her throat as if he was trying to strangle her. Witness asked him what he was doing, and defendant replied that it had nothing to do with him. Witness said it had something to do with him seeing a woman knocked about like that, and he got her away, but was struck by Cooper for doing so. When he saw the complainant the next day she had two black eyes and her neck was bruised.

Mr Jesson, addressing the Bench for the defence, said there was some excitement at Whitwick that night through the football cup having been won and the affair took place after the people had turned out of the public houses. Several people were struck, and he submitted that it was a general Saturday night fracas. It was difficult to say who was the real aggressor, and there was a doubt in the case.

Defendant said Mrs Bonser and his wife had not been on good terms for some time. It was a quarrel between the women, and he never struck a blow that night. Defendant's wife, Mary, also gave evidence, and said she did not see her husband strike anyone. Mrs Bonser got hold of witness by the hair of her head. Her husband did not interfere.

Replying to Mr Moore, who asked if her husband had a nice, kind and loving disposition, the witness said he did not look as if he would hurt anyone. She saw nothing of the fight beyond Mrs Bonser pulling her about.

The chairman, after Mr Jesson said he had other witnesses if the magistrates desired to hear them, after consultation, said, "*Well, the case is dismissed.*"

### *Stray Cows*

Albert Horrobin (50), grazier, Whitwick, was summoned for allowing three cows to stray at Whitwick, on May 20<sup>th</sup>, and in his absence was fined 5/- each cow, or 7 days.

### *Bad Language*

Edward Moore (51), collier, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick on May 15<sup>th</sup>, was fined 10/- or 7 days.

### *Drunk and Disorderly*

Wm. Upton, senr., (53), collier, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick, on May 9<sup>th</sup>. P.C. Grewcock said defendant was drunk, and using bad language near a place of worship. Witness took him home. Fined 12/6 or seven days.

## **Births, Marriages and Deaths**

### **Marriage**

Bourne – Hewson. On May 25<sup>th</sup>, at the Parish Church, Louth, Lincs. (by the Rector, Rev. C. Fenton), Donovan Eric, only son of Mr and Mrs T. W. Bourne, of the Market Place, Whitwick, to Kate, only daughter of Mr and Mrs H. Hewson, of Louth, Lincs.

## **Friday June 11<sup>th</sup> 1920 (1475)**

### **Local News**

## **Births, Marriages and Deaths**

Burials

Allen – At Whitwick, on Wednesday, Patrick James Allen, aged 3 months, of the City of Three Waters.

Smith – At Whitwick, on Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, Lily Smith, aged 6 years, of Brooks Lane.

## **Friday June 18<sup>th</sup> 1920 (1476)**

### **Sequel to a Whitwick Accident**

#### *Claim to the Ashby County Court*

Before his Honour Judge Moore Cann, at the Ashby County Court, on Thursday, John Wilkes, miner, of 76, Loughborough Road, Whitwick, sued John Williamson, miner, of 64, Cademan Street, Whitwick, for £15 damages to a pony and tub hired to the defendant, alleged to be due to the defendant's negligent driving.

The claim was made up of £3/18/0 damage to the trap and repairs, £3/17/0 veterinary surgeon's fee, 4/- for a broken lamp, £1/1/0 payment to Mr W. Briers for attending to the injured pony, and £6 for loss of hire of pony and trap from September to February at £1 a month.

Mr J. J. Sharp (Coalville) appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr J. E. Jesson (Ashby) for the defendant. Evidence given by the plaintiff was to the effect that he hired his pony and tub to the defendant to go to Shepshed Flower Show, on Saturday, August 30<sup>th</sup>. Williamson and his wife and Mr and Mrs Moore went to Shepshed in the tub and when they returned in the evening the damage was caused by a smash alleged to be due to the negligence of the defendant driving the pony when he was drunk.

Emma Wilkes, wife of the plaintiff, said she was standing against her gate with her daughter and Williamson's son when she heard the pony coming down the road as fast as it could. Then there was a crash and she found Mrs Williamson on the floor. The Moore's had got up and the pony had gone. They were all drunk she alleged.

By Mr Jesson: *The reason she formed that opinion was because of their language. Mrs Moore said "You can send your \_\_\_\_\_ bill in, and we will pay it."*

Mr Jesson: *You don't suggest that everybody who uses bad language in Whitwick is drunk? – No.*

The Judge: *What made you think they were drunk?*

Witness: *They could not stand for nothing.*

Ellen Wright, step-daughter of the plaintiff, said she was with her mother and sweetheart (Williamson's son) at the gate, and heard a crash. The tub turned over on to the grass. When her young man went to pick his mother up, he said, *"Why, you are all drunk."* Witness added that they were drunk. She could tell that by their language and conduct.

Elizabeth Wilkes, plaintiff's daughter, said that as soon as she heard the crash, she called her father and ran out with a lamp. She saw Mr and Mrs Williamson and Mr and Mrs Moore all lying in a heap on the road. The tub was overturned, and the pony had gone.

They were all drunk, and when they got up they staggered about the road trying to hold one another up.

Agnes Wilkes (14), another daughter of the plaintiff, said she saw the Moores and Williamsons on the sports field at Shepshed, and later saw them at the Red Lion, Shepshed. A friend of hers wanted to see Williamson and he came out of the public house to see her. After witness got home by train, she saw Williamson's daughter leading him home.

By Mr Jesson: *That was after he had been thrown out of the trap.*

Walter Briers, builder and contractor, Whitwick, said the pony was brought to his stable on the night in question. It was injured, having a piece of shaft sticking in its breast. He dressed the wound. The shafts were both broken, and looked as if it had been done by a sudden jerk. If there had been a crack in one of the shafts, he thought he would have noticed the fault.

In reply to the Judge, witness said there was a gully by the side of the road near Wilke's house.

Samuel Green, wheelwright, Hugglescote, said he repaired the shaft. Except that they had been recently broken, he found no flaw in the shafts.

Patrick Griffin, publican, Whitwick, said he had frequently hired the pony, which was a good one.

Mr Jesson said it appeared that the case for the plaintiff was that defendant was drunk and the question was whether that was negligence.

The Judge: *I don't say being drunk is negligence, but it is negligent to drive a pony when drunk.*

Mr Jesson submitted that the evidence on that point was not conclusive, and suggested that the real cause of the accident was a defective shaft. Defendant said he was accustomed to horses, having owned four himself at different times. He had previously hired plaintiff's tub and hired it on this occasion to go to Shepshed Flower Show. They returned soon after ten o'clock. The party consisted of Mr and Mrs Moore and defendant and his wife. It was untrue that any of them were drunk. Just before he got to Wilke's house, when he was going at a gentle trot, he pulled the pony up because it swerved towards the gate, and the shaft snapped. The gully had nothing to do with the accident.

Bertha Williamson, wife of the defendant, said they were all sober when they returned from Shepshed about ten o'clock. She attributed the accident to the shaft breaking.

Edward Moore, collier, and his wife, Emma, gave similar evidence, and said they were going slowly when the shaft gave way. Mrs Moore added that she was bruised through being thrown out, and her six-guinea coat was torn.

John Williamson, son of the defendant, and the sweetheart of the plaintiff's daughter, said he assisted his mother up. They were all sober. Answering Mr Sharp, witness said he had

kept company with Wilkes' daughter for two years, and had always found her a truthful girl, but she was not speaking the truth when she said that he remarked when he picked his mother up, "*Why, you are all drunk.*"

Cyril and Albert Birkumshaw, colliers, Whitwick, both related to the Williamsons and the Moores, also gave evidence, and Albert, in reply to Mr Sharp, denied having said, "*that he knew nothing about the case, but they had promised to give him £4 - £2 each – if they won.*"

The Judge said there was a direct conflict of evidence, and he had to decide which he would accept. He was very favourably impressed by the manner in which the plaintiff and his daughter gave their evidence and, moreover, he had expert evidence from Mr Green, who repaired the shafts, that he found no flaw in either of them. His Honour said he accepted the evidence of the plaintiff and his witnesses, and he thought the damages claimed were reasonable. Therefore, he gave judgement for the amount claimed, and costs.

Mr Jesson enquired as to how the defendant would pay – by what instalments – and Williamson replied that he would pay the money down in a lump sum.

### **Coalville Petty Sessions**

Friday – Dr. J. C. S. Burkitt (in the chair) and Mr J. W. West

#### *Colliers and Income Tax*

Wm. Frearson (35), David Rady (31), Samuel Clarke (21), of Whitwick, and Wm. Beard (39) of Coalville, all colliers, were summoned for not paying income tax at Coalville.

Frank Goddard, tax-collector, said Rady owed 12/5, Clarke £1/4/2, Beard £9/8/11 (3 quarters) and Frearson £2/4/5. He offered to accept Beard's by instalments.

The chairman said the Bench would make the orders, and Mr Goddard could collect the money as he liked. Defendants were ordered to pay the amounts due, and 9/- each costs.

#### *School Case*

Thos. Roberts (40), collier, Whitwick, was summoned for not sending his child regularly to school. Geo. A. Gray, school attendance officer, Shepshed, gave the facts, and defendant was fined 10/-.

#### *No Lights*

Thomas Commons (82), labourer, Whitwick, was summoned for driving a horse and trap at 10.15 pm without any lights at Whitwick, on May 24<sup>th</sup>. He pleaded guilty.

P.C. Grewcock said defendant refused to stop when called to, and he nearly knocked a child down. Defendant said he did not pull up because it was a spirited horse.

Fined 10/6 or seven days.

### *Case Dismissed*

Eli Grewcock (48), servant, Whitwick, was summoned by Eliza A. Windram, single, of Bardon, in respect of the maintenance of her child.

Mr T. H. Moore (Coalville) appeared for the girl, and Mr C. E. Crane (Coalville) for the defendant, who denied the paternity.

Complainant said she was formerly in service at a farm on the Forest, and had known defendant for three years. She used to meet him on the Forest every Sunday. The case was dismissed, the chairman stating that the decision was given on medical grounds, after the evidence of Dr. Maudling, called for the defence. No costs.

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

On Sunday morning last, the Rev. S. G. Copley preached in the above place of worship and in the evening Mr J. Carlin was the preacher. At the latter service, Mr J. Harriman, of Heanor, who was visiting Whitwick, splendidly rendered two solos, which were greatly appreciated by a good congregation. Collections were made for the trust funds.

### **Prize Distribution at Coalville**

On Wednesday evening, the prizes were distributed at the Adult School Hall, to the scholars who had attended last winter's evening classes, inaugurated by the Educational Committee of the Coalville Workingmen's Co-Operative Society, Ltd. There was a good attendance, the children being brought together from the six classes which the committee had held. Mr J. H. Gilbert, of Whitwick, chairman of the committee, presided. Prof. Hall, director of education under the Co-Operative Union, Manchester, had been announced to distribute the prizes, but as he had to attend a special congress held at London to oppose the Corporation Profits Tax, he was unavoidably prevented from attending, and Mr T. G. Marson presented the prizes in his stead. Suitable books were given, in the following order of merit:

Whitwick Class: Stage 1: Constance Alice Baker, Nellie Clarke, Horace Twigger, John Henry Moore, Constance Whitmore, Doris Irene Stanyard, James Lawrence Gee, Connie Clarke, Leslie Clement Wharmby, John Andrew Wilkins. Stage 2: Gwendoline Gilbert, Annie Lerner. Stage 3: Thomas Eric Wilkins.

### **Friday June 25<sup>th</sup> 1920 (1477)**

#### **Wanted**

A useful boy, 14 to 16 years, for chemist's shop – Apply, Stinson's Chemist, Whitwick.

#### **Death of Mrs Springthorpe**

The death occurred on Sunday of Mrs Elizabeth Ann Springthorpe, aged 67 years, of Leicester Road, Whitwick, widow of the late Mr Hy. Springthorpe, one of the victims of the Whitwick Colliery disaster. There is a large family of grown-up sons and daughters. The

late Mr Springthorpe was a prominent member of the Whitwick P.M. Church and a Sunday School teacher, and the deceased had also for many years been a member of the same church. The funeral took place at Whitwick Cemetery on Tuesday.

### **Imperial F.C.**

At a meeting of the Whitwick Imperial F.C. on Wednesday evening, the balance sheet was presented, showing a very successful season from the financial point of view. The total income for the year was £414/15/6 and the balance in hand was £32/1/9, compared with a balance of £17/7/11 at the commencement of the season. The chief items of income were £186/4/6 gate money at Senior League matches, £47/19/6 Senior Cup matches, £55/14/10 Hinckley Cup matches, £29/9/8 Coalville Cup matches, and £30/11/9 Coalville League matches. On the expenditure side, the largest items were £97/8/3 professional players' wages, £73/11/3 travelling expenses, £65/9/0 amusement tax, £46/12/0 teas and refreshments for players, and £37/18/0 purchase of goods. The financial position was considered satisfactory, and the accounts were passed, and officers elected.

## **Friday July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1920 (1478)**

### **Local Chit Chat**

Whitwick Wake this week proved a big attraction, there being a large number of visitors on Monday night. The various roundabouts and "the fun of the fair" were located off North Street and the wake is said to have been one of the largest and most popular held for several years.

### **Leicestershire Yeomanry "C" Squadron**

Major W. Bonn, officer commanding "C" Squadron of the Leicestershire Yeomanry, is forming a local branch of the Old Comrades' Association, with a view to reforming of the squadron. Colonel J. C. S. Burkitt, of Whitwick, is equally anxious to assist in reforming the squadron, and recently attended a preliminary meeting.

### **Fancy Fair**

The members of the Young Helpers League connected with the Whitwick Parish Church, ably led by Miss C. Robinson, organised a fancy fair in the Whitwick Market Place on Saturday in aid of the funds of Dr. Barnardo's Homes. It is an annual event, and last year the girls achieved a record in being able to spend £40. There were six stalls well stocked with all kinds of useful and fancy goods, many of which had been made by the members of the League. The young ladies assisted at the stalls.

### **Acknowledgements**

Mr G. Williamson and family wish to thank all kind friends and neighbours for expressions of sympathy with them in the loss of their dear son.  
Green Lane, Whitwick.

### **In Memoriam**

Parker – In loving memory of our Son, William Zachariah Parker, who died June 30<sup>th</sup>, 1919, aged 24 years.

*“Christ shall link the broken chain  
When in Heaven we meet again.”*

From his sorrowing Mother, Father and Sisters.

### **Whitwick Collier Drowned**

#### *Canoe Overtured in the Soar at Normanton*

Arthur Williamson, a young collier, of Green Lane, Whitwick, was drowned on Wednesday evening in the River Soar, near Loughborough. It seems that he and his brother had taken out a canoe at Normanton, and that when near Bishop’s Meadow the craft capsized. Neither of the lads could swim, and deceased was about 19 years of age, lost his life. The body was recovered and taken to the Loughborough mortuary.

At the inquest, conducted by the District Coroner, Mr H. J. Deane, on Thursday, George Williamson (16) said after work on Wednesday he and his brother cycled over to Normanton and hired a canoe. They had been out in a canoe together twice before. Witness was at the stern and deceased in the middle, each with a paddle. They came towards Loughborough and turned up the river, and on coming to a bend deceased changed over his paddle, and they both paddled on the same side to get round a corner better. The boat turned over. Witness hung on to it, and got to the bank, where he was helped out but he did not see his brother again.

The Coroner: *Had there been any larking or fooling?*

No.

*I ask you because there were people on the bank who had their attention called to you before the accident.*

*There was no foolery between us.*

*What caused it to upset?*

*I expect we dipped a bit too deep, and both leaned that side.*

Witness added that neither he nor his poor brother could swim. Arthur James Woods, a trainee at Loughborough Technical College, said he was fishing from Bishop Meadow bank when the two young men passed in a canoe. From the little he knew about canoes he thought they were *“handling it very rough,”* considering the danger there was. A lot of larking was going on, and they seemed very merry and happy. They passed out of sight, and witness heard a splash and a shout, and running up he saw the last witness struggling in the water. Witness got across in a boat and helped him out, but he did not see anything of the deceased.

The Coroner: *What do you mean by “larking”?*

*They seemed quite happy; I suppose they were jolly and forgot the danger they were in.*

Witness further added that they were paddling on the same side as they passed him, and he thought at the time it was dangerous. Witness used to be able to swim, but could not so



well since he was wounded, and the water was so deep at that spot that it would have needed a strong swimmer to be of any use.

P.C. Adams, who arrived on the scene soon after the accident, said he recovered the body with drags about eight o'clock very near where the accident happened. The water was 12 to 14 feet deep, and there was a strong under-current. Witness tried artificial respiration for some time, but there was no sign of life.

The Coroner said this was the first, and he hoped it would be the last, fatal boating accident he had had to inquire into this year. He would impress upon all people using boats how exceedingly careful they should always be. Even an expert who did not take reasonable and proper care was running grave risk. These two young men, whose experience of canoes seemed to have been of the slightest, and probably unconscious of the danger were paddling the same side, and that was almost inviting the catastrophe which occurred. The only verdict to be returned was that deceased was accidentally drowned. He (the Coroner) expressed his sympathy with the relatives and would impress the desirability of young persons being instructed in swimming so that they could save themselves if in danger or afford help to others who might be in danger. He would particularly impress the desirability of expressing the greatest possible care in the management of boats.

### **Coalville Petty Sessions**

#### *Non Payment of Income Tax*

William Hurst (24), collier, of Whitwick, was summoned for the non-payment of income tax. Sergeant Betts said the defendant had told him he should not pay. Frank Goddard, tax collector, said defendant was a single man and his wages averaged £3/8/0 per week. He owed £2/11/2 tax. Witness believed that his father was at fault. The father said his son worked for his money and gave it all to his mother, and as he had served in the army he should be exempt from tax. Mr Goddard added that the father threatened to shoot him if he went there again. In default of payment, defendant was committed to prison for one month.

#### *Fracas At Whitwick*

William Frearson (31), Edward Moore (51), Ernest Moore (19), colliers, Emma Moore (50), and Mary J Moore (24), married, all of Whitwick, were summoned for violent conduct in a street at Whitwick, on June 12<sup>th</sup>. William Frearson was also summoned for assaulting John Wilks, another Whitwick collier, and Emma Moore was summoned for assaulting Mary E. Wright, a Whitwick hosiery hand, on the same date.

Mr J. J. Sharp appeared for the complainants, Wilks and Wright, and the assault cases were first taken. None of the defendants appeared.

Mr Sharp said the trouble arose out of an action at the last County Court at Ashby, when Wilks succeeded in a claim for damages in which the Moores were witnesses.

Mary Ellen Wright, step daughter of Wilks said she was going home when Mrs Moore ran and kicked her twice. She struck back and they had a struggle during which Mrs Moore bit her thumb. Her thigh was badly bruised. Her father came up and he was also assaulted.

John Wilks said that since the County Court case defendants had constantly been threatening him and using bad language. He heard the shouting and went to his daughter's assistance, but was in difficulties before he got there. He was "downed" by Frearson, who also got his finger in his mouth and gave it a good "tousing." The police then came up.

For the assault on Wilks, Frearson was fined £1 and 2/6 witnesses' expenses or 14 days and Mrs Moore was similarly fined for the assault on Wright.

In the violent conduct case, P.C. Culpin said there was a crowd of people there and it was a disgraceful affair. William Frearson and Edward Moore were each fined £1 or 14 days and Ernest Moore and Mary Jane Moore 12/6 each or 7 days.

### *Bad Language*

Thomas Young (65), collier, Emma Young (65), his wife, Alfred Burton (40) and Horace Horrobin (23), colliers, all of Whitwick, were summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on June 12<sup>th</sup>.

In the case of the Youngs, P.C. Groacock said it was disgraceful. It was on three or four times a week and the neighbours complained. The chairman said the Youngs had been up four times recently for a similar offence. They were each fined 30/- or 14 days.

Horrobin was fined 10/- or 7 days and Burton 12/6 or 7 days. The cases were proved by P.C. Harper and Sergeant Betts.

### *No Lights*

Harold Limb (23) and Cyril Woodhouse (22) colliers, Whitwick, were summoned for riding bicycles without lights at Thringstone, on June 7<sup>th</sup>, at 11.15 pm. They did not appear. P.C. Harper said Limb gave a wrong name and took a lot of finding. Woodhouse was fined 15/- and Limb £1/1/0 or seven days.

## **Friday July 9<sup>th</sup> 1920 (1479)**

### **Coalville Urban Council**

#### *Highway Committee's Report*

The Committee of the Constitutional Club, Whitwick, offered a strip of land one yard wide along the length of their premises in Silver Street, for improvement purposes conditionally on the Council erecting a fence and the Committee recommended the offer be accepted, the Council to pay half the cost of the fence.

#### *Medical Officer's Report*

Measles continued fairly prevalent, particularly in the Whitwick Ward.

#### *Miscellaneous*

The number of persons accommodated at the Whitwick lodging houses during the month reported the surveyor, was 748, against 724 in May and 538 in June last year.

### **Lifeboat Saturday**

The results of the effort for the National Lifeboat Institution on Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, at Whitwick, amounted to £8/7/6. Mrs T. W. Bourne had all the arrangements in hand, helped by local young ladies.

### **Child Welfare Centre**

The members of the Whitwick Child Welfare Centre, of which Miss McCarthy is the secretary, had tea on Monday in the Primitive Methodist School. The event had been arranged to take place in Mrs Crane's field, at Charnwood Dale, but had to be held in the school owing to the wet weather. There was a capital attendance and after a good tea, the mothers were addressed by Dr. Coward, assistant county medical officer, who gave some sound advice as to the rearing of children. Mrs Wheatley presided.

## **Friday July 16<sup>th</sup> 1920 (1480)**

### **For Sale**

Governess Car, as good as new, suit horse 15 hands. Seat Six comfortably. Apply Abraham Smith, King's Arms, Whitwick.

### **Local Chit Chat**

The Building and Sites Committee reported to the Leicestershire Education Authority on Friday that the Whitwick Colliery Company had offered Broom Leys and two adjoining sites for the purpose of secondary school accommodation, for the sum of £5,540. The committee recommended that £5,000 be offered, subject to approval by the Board of Education and the Ministry of Health of the adaption of the premises for secondary school purposes, and a satisfactory contract being prepared, and approved by the committee. The recommendation was adopted.

### **Wesleyan Chapel**

A special effort at the Whitwick Wesleyan Church, on Wednesday was the occasion of a visit by the Rev. J. E. Eagles, M.C., a former chaplain to H.M. Forces, and son of Mr J. W. Eagles, of Whitwick. The rev. gentleman preached in the afternoon, and in the evening gave an interesting lecture on "Jerusalem." Mrs J. H. Hall, of Coalville, presided, and there was a fairly good congregation. Solos were rendered by Miss Cowburn, of Peterborough. A tea was also held. The proceeds were for the chapel funds.

### **Coalville Petty Sessions**

*School Case*

John Wardle (43), collier, Whitwick, was summoned for not sending his child, Lily, regularly to school. He pleaded not guilty. He said the girl was old enough to leave school. Fined 7/6 or seven days.

### **Whitwick Wake**

#### *Provides Batch of Cases for Coalville Magistrates*

A batch of cases arising out of Whitwick Wake came before the Coalville magistrates on Friday, and evidence of an amusing character was given.

Ernest Saunt (19), and Albert Prior (19), colliers of Ellistown, were summoned for riding bicycles with no lights at Coalville, on June 26<sup>th</sup>. P.C. Jelley said defendants had been to Whitwick Wake, and they told him they stopped longer than expected. Fined 7/6 each or seven days.

Thomas Newton, (21), collier, Coalville, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick on June 28<sup>th</sup>. He did not appear. Sergeant Betts said the defendant gave a lot of trouble at Whitwick Wake. Twice he was found with his coat off wanting to fight anybody at the wake.

The clerk: *Did he gratify his desire?*

The Sergeant: *No, but he got his thumb knocked up on the gondolas.* (Laughter).

Fined 10/- or seven days.

William Findell (40), collier, Coalville, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick on June 26<sup>th</sup>. In his absence, P.C. Jones stated the case, this being another Whitwick Wake case. Fined 10/- or seven days.

John A. Hall (24), collier, and George Davis (21), colliery labourer, both of Coalville, were summoned for violent conduct in a public place at Whitwick, on June 26<sup>th</sup>. P.C. Culpin said defendants were at the Wake fighting. They said they had come from Coalville to the wake, and meant to have a fight before they went back. (Laughter). Their language was very bad. Each was fined £1/1/0, or seven days.

William Wardle, (25), collier, Coalville, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick, on June 26<sup>th</sup>. P.C. Grocock said the defendant was saying that he had come to the wake from Coalville, and he would turn Whitwick inside out before he went back. (Laughter). Fined £1/1/0 or seven days.

Harry Boot (31), collier, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick, on June 28<sup>th</sup>. P.C. Culpin said defendant had his coat off in the Market Place at the wake, and used bad language because of a remark made about his wife. Fined 12/6 or seven days.

John Davenport (30), labourer, Coalville, was charged with stealing 20 linen collars, value £1 at Whitwick, on June 26<sup>th</sup>. He pleaded guilty. Mr J. J. Sharp (Coalville) said the collars were taken from a Whitwick public house, but as defendant had admitted, he (Mr Sharp)

did not press the case. Sergeant Betts said defendant told him he took the collars for a joke. Witness advised him to go and see Mrs Potter and explain it.

By Supt. Lockton: *Defendant denied it at first and 17 of the collars were still missing.*

Defendant said he had lost the other collars on the wake field. He was ordered to pay £1 for the collars and costs 25/-. No conviction was recorded.

## **The Wrong Men**

*Successful Defence in a Whitwick Poaching Case.*

That the wrong men had been summoned was the defence successfully put forward at the Coalville Police Court, on Friday in a case in which Horace Parker (31), John Williamson (21), and Cyril Wayte (19), all colliers, of Whitwick, were summoned by William Pratt, gamekeeper, Shepshed, for day poaching at Whitwick, on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mr J. J. Sharp for the prosecution, said there was some doubt about Williamson being there, and he asked for the case against him to be withdrawn. Mr T. H. Moore (for the defence) said his case was that none of the defendants were there.

The case against Williamson was withdrawn and the other defendants pleaded not guilty. William Pratt, gamekeeper to Mr de Lisle, said he was in Cademan Wood about midday, when he saw three men, including the two defendants, with two dogs. He knew now who the third man was, but made a mistake in the name. He saw the three men go into the plantation and beat about; several pheasants were put up. The dogs chased a rabbit, which got into a wall, and the defendants started pulling the wall down. The rabbit came out on the side where he was secreted. He then went towards the defendants and they ran away.

By Mr Moore: *He knew these two defendants too well to have made a mistake.*

P.C. Grocock said he had seen the defendants with dogs.

By Mr Moore: *He could not say the dogs belonged to the defendants, but they would follow anyone with a ferret.* (Laughter).

Sergeant Betts said Parker had a dog, and his father had one. Witness knew the dogs well. Mr Moore called Parker, who said he lived in Castle Street, and denied being at Cademan Wood as alleged. At twelve o'clock he was at home having worked on the night shift, and then went to Mr Griffin's for a drink. The first he heard of the alleged offence was on the following Wednesday, when Sergeant Betts called on him. It was the first time he had been summoned, and did not know Mr Pratt till he saw him that day.

By Mr Sharp: *He went to see Mr de Lisle, but that was to say that a mistake had been made.*

Wayte said he also worked on the night shift, and only went out that morning to get a drink at the Compass. He denied going poaching. Mr Moore submitted that as Pratt had made a mistake in regard to Williamson, so he had made a mistake in regard to the other two. He

also pointed out that Pratt's evidence was not corroborated. The case was dismissed. Mr Moore asked for costs, but this was not granted.

## **Correspondence**

### *The Motor Ambulance*

*Dear Sir, - In your report of the Urban Council meeting last week, reference was made by a councillor to an accident to a man at Whitwick during a football match. It was stated that the ambulance car could not be sent, as the two trained drivers belonging to the St. John Ambulance Brigade were not to be found. This statement is incorrect. Both the men referred to were at home that night, and available if they had received a call. The facts are as follows:*

*A call was received at the Council Yard for the ambulance car but the Council man on duty there did not know what to do, as the hired man who had formerly driven the car was away and could not be found. The Council employee had not been instructed by the Council officials of the arrangements made with the St. John Ambulance Brigade men for the driving and upkeep of the car. As the report casts a bad reflection on the ambulance men who were not to blame. I hope you will insert this explanation of the matter.*

*I may say that the police officials have kindly consented to advise our drivers on receipt of a call on the telephone at the Police Station that the car is needed.*

Yours faithfully.

W. V. Scott  
Superintendent, Coalville Division,  
St. John Ambulance Brigade  
Station House  
Coalville  
July 13<sup>th</sup>, 1920

## **Friday July 23<sup>rd</sup> 1920 (1481)**

### **Wanted**

A good general servant, liberal wages. Apply Mrs McCarthy, New Swannington, Whitwick.

### **Flower and Egg Services**

On Sunday, flower and egg services were held at the Whitwick Baptist Church when the building was nicely decorated. The Rev. S. C. Cobley was the preacher and there were good congregations. The collections were for the chapel funds.

### **Accident**

An accident happened on Thursday of last week to Mr A. Peck, foreman engaged on the extensive buildings being added to the factory of Messrs. Seal and Co. in the Church Lane. A horse attached to a cart suddenly backed out and crushed Mr Peck against the building with the result that he sustained a fractured collar bone.

## **Do You Know That**

The Rev. J. W. A. Mackenzie, a former vicar of Whitwick, is on a visit from abroad?

## **Burials**

Wardle – At Whitwick, on Thursday, Mary Ann Wardle, aged 78 years, of 303, Hermitage Road.

## **Friday July 30<sup>th</sup> 1920 (1482)**

### **Coalville Petty Sessions**

#### *Whitwick Church Damaged*

Frederick Costelow (9), George Tompkins (10), Arthur Tompkins (8) and William Hartshorn Staniforth (10), Whitwick school boys, were summoned for wilful damage to two panes in windows of Whitwick Parish Church on July 9<sup>th</sup>. Defendants all pleaded not guilty.

Mr J. J. Sharp appeared to prosecute for the Vicar and churchwardens and said they brought the case very reluctantly, but the damage was so serious that the matter had to be taken up. Boys made a practice of throwing at the church windows on their way to and from school and on three occasions within the last two years three stained glass windows had been broken one of them taking £15 to repair. On this occasion, two memorial stained glass windows representing St. Alban and St. George were broken and through the damage was put at £5 it was really much more.

Annie Robinson, the church cleaner, said she was in the church about 12.30 pm when she heard stone throwing and a breaking of glass. She went out and saw the four defendants with stones in their hands. Nearly every day stones were thrown at the windows. Mr Sharp added that because this witness had reported the case she had been subjected to all sorts of annoyance. He suggested that the parents ought to prevent their boys from doing this sort of thing and he was surprised that they did not take steps to do so.

P.C. Grocock said he saw the boys at school and they all admitted throwing stones at the windows, but they said they did not think it would break them as the windows were covered with wire netting.

Storer West said both windows were broken and the damage, £5, was a moderate estimate. The churchwardens desired to stop this continual damage to the church. During his seven years of office the stained glass windows had been broken 4 times – 3 times in the last two years, and in addition there was frequent damage done to the fences and trees. The parents of the children alleged that only one window was broken that day and that the defendants did not do it.

The chairman said the magistrates had no wish to register a conviction against the boys but if they came again, they would be severely dealt with. The parents were ordered to pay the costs, damage and an advocate's fee, the total amounting to £2/3/6 for each boy.

## **Wesleyan Chapel**

Special services were held on Sunday, when the Rev. Jos. Scott, formerly of Coalville, preached to good congregations. The collections were for the trust funds.

## **Friday August 6<sup>th</sup> 1920 (1483)**

### **Situations Vacant**

Club Secretary – The Whitwick Constitutional Club Co. invite applications for the position of secretary (part-time). Applications to be addressed, accompanied by two testimonials, to the Chairman, Whitwick Constitutional Club Co. Whitwick.

### **Wedding**

The marriage took place at the Coalville Primitive Methodist Church on Saturday, of Miss Mabel Annie Marston, only daughter of Mr Chas E. Marston, of "Sheperton", Highfields, Coalville, and Mr Jos. Thomas Boam, son of Mr Walter Boam, Green Lane, Whitwick. The Rev. S. G. Cobby performed the ceremony. The bride, who was given away by her father, was becomingly attired in a dress of white satin, with veil and wreath of orange blossom, and carried a pretty white bouquet of carnations, lilies and Scotch heather. She also wore a gold chain and pendant, the gift of the bridegroom. The bridesmaids were Miss H. A. Boam (sister of the bridegroom) who was dressed in mauve voile, and Miss E. Bridgland, attired in a white silk eiolene dress, both of carnations and wore gold broches, the gifts of the bridegroom. Mr A. Storer officiated as best man. The happy couple left later in the day for Caister-on-Sea, where the honeymoon is being spent. They were the recipients of many beautiful presents.

### **Local Chit Chat**

The Whitwick Colliery workmen have made a voluntary collection for the Save the Children Fund, amounting to £17/5/0, which has been sent through the Leicestershire Miners' Association to the Miners' Association of Great Britain for the Central European Fund.

## **Friday August 13<sup>th</sup> 1920 (1484)**

### **Burials**

Williamson – At Whitwick, on Thursday, Sidney Williamson, aged 11 years, of Loughborough Road.

### **Acknowledgements**

Mr and Mrs P. Williamson, Loughborough Road, Whitwick, desire through this medium, to thank all friends for sympathy in their sad bereavement.

### **Coalville Petty Sessions**

*A Nuisance to the Neighbours*



Thomas Young (64), collier, Whitwick, was the respondent in an application by Sarah H. Allgood, of Whitwick, for an ejectment order. Young did not appear. Mrs Allgood said she was agent for Mr J. H. Burton and had served respondent with notice to quit, which had expired. Her reason for wanting to get the man out was that he was a nuisance to the neighbours, who had complained.

The clerk: *Do the police know anything about it.*  
Supt. Lockton: *I should think they do.*

P.C. Grocock said the conduct of Young and his wife was disgraceful, and it was almost a daily occurrence. The language, both of Young and his wife, was very bad and the neighbours frequently complained. They would have left had they been able to get another house. Young and his wife were summoned at the court that day.

Supt. Lockton said the man had been summoned and convicted five times within 12 months. The Bench granted the order, possession to be given up within 30 days.

#### *Playing "Nap" on a Gravestone*

John Roberts and Alfred Underwood, colliers, both of Whitwick, were summoned for gaming with cards at Whitwick, on July 30<sup>th</sup>. They did not appear.

P.C. Grocock said he was in the churchyard at 8.50 and saw the defendants playing "nap" on a gravestone. He took possession of the cards after seeing money pass. Witness had had complaints of this sort of thing from the Vicar and churchwardens. Each defendant was fined 12/6 or 7 days.

#### *Bad Language*

Harry Stretton (30), collier, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Coalville, on July 24<sup>th</sup>. He did not appear.

Sergeant Kirkland said the defendant used the language to the police because they were bringing his companion to the Police Station. Fined 10/- or seven days.

Thomas Young (64), collier, and Emma Young (56), his wife, of Whitwick, were summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on July 29<sup>th</sup>. – They did not appear.

P.C. Culpin said the language of both defendants was disgraceful. The clerk said they were the people against whom the Bench had made an ejectment order in a previous case. The chairman said both defendants had been convicted many times for a similar offence, and the last time they were each fined 30/-. They would have to pay the same again, 7 days in default. The woman was allowed 10 days to pay.

#### *Spectators Enjoyed It*

George Costelow (29), collier, Whitwick, and Joseph Farn (25), quarryman, Ellistown, were summoned for violent conduct at Coalville, on July 24<sup>th</sup>. Only Farn appeared, and he pleaded not guilty.

P.C. Culpin said Costelow told him he should not lose a day's work for that bit of a thing. P.C. Bursnall said he saw the defendants fighting in the Market Place about 10.15 pm. Inspector Dobney corroborated.

Farn said he was struck, and he only defended himself. Inspector Dobney said it was a good fight. They had four or five rounds, and the people who were watching said they were sorry that the police parted them, as it was about the best fight they had seen. Defendant said he could only use one arm.

The Inspector: *Then you used it well.*

Defendant, who had two wound stripes, said he had a bullet wound in one arm. He saw Costelow on to a lad and told him to fight someone bigger; then Costelow struck him.

Costelow was fined 12/6 or seven days; and Farn 7/6 or seven days.

### *Drunk at Thringstone*

William Winfield (48), collier, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Thringstone, on July 24<sup>th</sup>. He did not appear. P.C. Jones said he cautioned the defendant and told him to use better language, but he refused. He was eventually taken home by his wife.

Fined 12/6 or seven days.

## **Coalville Urban Council**

### *Whitwick Lodgers*

The surveyor reported that the number of persons accommodated at the Whitwick lodging houses during the month was 730, against 748 the previous month, and 579 in the corresponding month of last year.

## **Friday August 20<sup>th</sup> 1920 (1485)**

### **Labour Meeting**

An open-air meeting under the auspices of the Whitwick Labour Party was held in the Market Place on Saturday night and was well attended. Mr W. Waterfield presided and addresses were given by Mr C. Bundock, of Leicester (the prospective Labour candidate for the Bosworth Division) and Messrs. Tom Marson of Coalville, and A. E. Gowtage, of Ellistown.

### **Burials**

Platts – At Whitwick, on Tuesday, Sarah Ann Sabina Platts, aged 76 years, of South Street.

Hall – At Whitwick, on Tuesday, Edith Hall, aged 17 years, of New Swannington.

## **The Coming Football Season**

### *Coalville and District Clubs Getting Ready*

The near approach of the football season finds most of the Coalville district clubs almost ready for the fray, and they are anticipating a good time. Within the urban area there will be no less than five clubs competing this season in the Leicestershire Senior League, these being Coalville Town, Coalville Swifts, Stableford and Co., Whitwick Imperial and Hugglescote Imperial. There are several migrations of players.

### *Whitwick Imperial*

Last season's champions of the Senior League anticipate having even a better team in the coming season than last. A notable capture is Lieut. Cade, who has come to manage the Whitwick Conservative Club. He used to captain Cambridge Town club, and will doubtless prove a great acquisition to the Whitwick eleven. They have also secured the signatures of Hardy, a full-back from Loughborough Brush, Brooks, full-back, from Coalville Swifts, and Lee, half-back, of Leicester City, while new forwards include Peberdy, of Loughborough Corinthians, Hogg, of Leicester City, and Jones and Barrs, both of Leicester. The president of the club is Mr M. McCarthy, and chairman of the committee, Mr J. Toon. Mr George Waterfield will again act as secretary, and the club will play as usual on the Duke of Newcastle ground.

It is interesting to note that having been drawn to play against Nuneaton Town in the first of the qualifying rounds for the English Cup, Whitwick Imperial have sacrificed their choice of ground, and agreed to play the match at Nuneaton, that club having offered them a guarantee of £75. If half of the gate proceeds come to more than that Whitwick will benefit accordingly. Arrangements have been completed for the running of a special train from Whitwick to Nuneaton for this event.

**Friday August 27<sup>th</sup> 1920 (1486)**

**GERMAN, STEVENSON & STIMSON**

**WHITWICK & THRINGSTONE.**  
Leicestershire

**SALE OF VALUABLE FREEHOLD  
PROPERTIES.**

To be offered for Sale by Auction by—

**GERMAN, STEVENSON & STIMSON**

(By Order of the Trustees of the late Mr.  
John Emmersol).

At the "ROSE AND CROWN" INN,  
THRINGSTONE, on TUESDAY, AUGUST  
31st, 1920, at SIX O'CLOCK in the Evening.  
The following Valuable Freehold Properties:

AT WHITWICK.

LOTS 1, 2 and 3.—A SHOP and DWEL-  
LING HOUSE and TWO MESSUAGES ad-  
joining, Nos. 25, 23 and 21, Silver St., Whit-  
wick, occupied by Messrs J. B. Cufflin, N.  
Ward and I. H. Hault.

LOT 4.—A Block of NINE Brick and Tile-  
built COTTAGES known as the Golden Row,  
situate in Talbot Street, Whitwick, on the  
Gardens and necessary Offices in the rear,  
occupied by Messrs Horobin, Kiff, Eames.  
Price and others.

AT THRINGSTONE.

LOTS 5, 6 and 7.—TWO COTTAGES, and  
capital Gardens, with necessary Offices, situ-  
ate adjoining Barrack Yard occupied by A.  
Smith, and E. Gee.

TWO COTTAGES, etc., occupied by T.  
Twigger and T. Wright.

ONE COTTAGE, etc., occupied by Mrs.  
Wardle.

Plan at place of Sale, and at Auctioneers'  
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C1266.

## Coalville Petty Sessions

### *Bad Language*

Richard Cuffling (25), collier, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. He did not appear. P.S. Betts said the defendant was in The Dumps about 11.30 pm and caused a disturbance – a regular thing with him on Saturday nights. Fined 10/6 or 7 days.

Absolum Smith (32), collier, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on August 4<sup>th</sup>. He pleaded not guilty. P.C. Grocock said the defendant used the language to another man in South Street, soon after 10 pm.

Defendant, shown a sample of his language in writing, said he had never used such expressions in his life, but had often corrected other people he had heard use such language.

Fred Gardner, bricklayer, Whitwick, corroborated, and said the defendant also struck him. In reply to Smith, he denied setting a bull-dog on him. Fined 10/6 and 10/- witness allowance, or seven days.

### *Drunkenness*

John Garritty (57), collier, Whitwick, was summoned for a similar offence at Whitwick the same day. P.C. Grocock said the defendant gave a lot of trouble. Fined 12/6, or 14 days.

### *Gambling At Whitwick*

George A. Bottrill (25), carter, Ernest Hurst (25), Luther Hall (19), James Costelow (19) and John Roberts (19), colliers, all of Whitwick, were summoned for gambling with cards at Whitwick, on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

P.C. Culpin said he was in The Dumps, and saw defendants playing "nap." Their language was also very bad. Defendants, who did not appear, were each fined 15/-, or seven days.

Harry Wileman (19), soldier, John Roberts (19), Thos. Roberts (17), Samuel Clarke (18), James Costelow (19), Thomas Costelow (15), and John William Boot (15), colliers, all of Whitwick, were summoned for gaming with cards at "All Fours" at Whitwick, on August 1<sup>st</sup>. Jos. Hutchinson (15), labourer, Whitwick, was summoned for aiding and abetting.

P.C. Culpin said he caught the defendants playing in North Street. Hutchinson was watching, and gave a warning as soon as he saw witness. It was four o'clock on a Sunday afternoon.

Wileman was found 30/- or 14 days, Roberts and Costelow, £1/1/0 or 14 days, and the other defendants 15/- each or seven days.

## **Friday September 3<sup>rd</sup> 1920 (1487)**

### **Presentation to Dr. Burkitt**

An interesting presentation was made at a meeting of the Leicestershire Insurance Committee on Wednesday afternoon, when Mr F. Holiday (chairman), on behalf of the committee, handed a suitably inscribed autograph album to Dr. J. C. S. Burkitt (vice-chairman) in appreciation of the valuable services he rendered as lecturer during the health campaign in the county. The album bore the imprint of the committee.

Dr. Burkitt, in replying, hoped that before long the subject of health would be introduced into the schoolroom. He felt that all children should know the elementals of health. (Applause).

The cost of the album was defrayed by the Ministry of Health, in recognition of Dr. Burkitt's services.

## How Leicestershire Miners Voted

### *Majority for Strike at every Pit*

The returns of the Leicestershire miners' ballot on the demands for an increase of wages and reduction in the price of domestic coal were received at the Miners' Office, Coalville, on Saturday, and showed a majority of 2,199 for a strike, the figures being 3,957 for and 1,758 against. As there are about 8,000 members of the Association who might have voted, it will be seen that there were 2,285 abstentions, the total votes recorded being 5,705. Boys of 16 and over, being full members of the Association were allowed to vote. There was a majority for a strike at every pit, the following being the details:

	<b>For Strike</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Majority for Strike</b>
Ellistown No. 1	237	107	130
Ellistown No. 2	154	100	54
Bagworth No. 1	147	89	56
Bagworth No. 2	141	64	77
Nailstone Nos. 1 and 2	441	151	290
Ilstock Nos. 1 and 2	408	290	118
South Leicester No. 1	268	135	133
South Leicester No. 2	285	83	202
Snibston, No. 2	331	242	89
Whitwick Nos. 1 and 2	503	140	363
Whitwick No. 3	364	105	259
Coleorton	186	44	142
Desford No. 1	270	134	136
Desford No. 2	222	74	148
Totals	3957	1759	2199

## **Friday September 10<sup>th</sup> 1920 (1488)**

### **Coalville Urban Council**

#### *The Housing Schemes*

From the reading of the minutes of special meetings of the Council, it transpired that the Council are about to advertise for tenders for the first lot of houses to be built in the district – four in Highfields Street, and 32 at Whitwick.

#### *Plans*

The following plans were recommended for approval: Converted Army Hut, Hall's Lane, Whitwick, for Mr W. Brearley. The Committee recommend the surveyor meet Mr Brearley on the site as to the position of the cesspool.

#### *Highway Committee's Report*

The report stated: The surveyor reported he had seen Messrs. Briers and Moore, who were willing to present to the Council the land required for effecting an improvement in Hall Lane, Whitwick.

Mr W. Stanley, of North Street, Whitwick, wrote that a house that had been closed in this street by order of the Council, was being thoroughly renovated and put in habitable order and asking for a certificate for same to be occupied and the Committee recommend same be granted.

The Committee recommend a short length of kerbing and paving in front of new property in Silver Street, Whitwick, to be laid.

## **Coalville Police Court**

### *Whitwick Landlord and Tenant*

William A. Utting (45), shop-keeper of Whitwick, was summoned for assaulting George T. Kent, elastic web weaver, at Whitwick, on August 18<sup>th</sup>.

Mr W. P. Musson (Ashby) appeared for complainant, and Mr C. E. Crane (Coalville), for the defendant, who pleaded not guilty.

Complainant said he was employed at Seal's factory, and lived at Parsonwood Hill, being a tenant of the defendant. When he went home to dinner on the date named, defendant was in the yard, and said, "*What about that frame,*" referring to a window frame which had been in his cellar for three years and ten months – ever since witness had been in the house. He told defendant to get it as he had to get back to work, and defendant said he would make it hot for him if he did not fetch it. That led to words and the defendant struck him in the mouth, knocking him down. Complainant went to the doctor, and defendant followed him saying, "*If you make a case against me, I will turn you out.*"

By Mr Crane: *Up to this period they had been on good terms. He had only asked for the window frame once before on the previous Friday, and told him to get it. He had not refused to let defendant have the frame, and did not threaten to "chuck him out." He did not strike the defendant. Utting only struck him once.*

Sarah Kent, wife of the complainant, said she heard words, and tried to part them. After defendant struck her husband, the latter's mouth was covered in blood.

Catherine Haywood, wife of Samuel Haywood, also gave evidence, and in reply to Mr Crane, said she heard complainant threaten Utting with a brick.

Defendant said he kept a shop, and worked at Stableford's Engineering Works, Coalville. He put the window frame in the cellar for safety. Several times he asked complainant for it, but he would not fetch it. Before any blows were struck, complainant buttoned up his coat, and said, "Come on." Kent hit him under the jaw first and he (defendant) followed that up with a blow to the mouth, which finished it. (Laughter). Complainant struck the first blow, and threatened to bash his brains out with a brick. He had been a good friend to the complainant and let him have a house when he badly needed one.

Mr Musson: *You have a reputation as a bit of a boxer, haven't you?*

Defendant: *No, that is the first time I have ever struck a man.*

Mr Crane: *He is a good cricketer.*

Furthering answering Mr Musson, Utting said he had not threatened a witness to turn her out of the house if she gave evidence against him. P.C. Culpin said both parties complained to him of having been assaulted. Kent had a cut lip, and defendant had a bruise on the left jaw. Complainant admitted that they did a bit of "squaring up," but said Utting need not have hit him like that. The case was dismissed.

### *Bad Language*

Absolom Smith (32), scissors grinder, T. Costelow (39), married, and John Costelow (19), collier, all of Whitwick, were summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on August 29<sup>th</sup>. They did not appear.

P.C. Culpin said defendants were using the language to one another, and Smith who had had a lot of drink, was very violent. Smith was fined 15/-, or seven days, and the other two defendants were fined 10/6 each, or seven days, and 5/- witness allowance in each case.

### **Football**

#### *Whitwick Open at Home with a Win*

Whitwick Imperial made their debut on the Duke of Newcastle ground in the presence of a good crowd and just managed to capture the points against Barwell, though in this they were a trifle lucky. Barwell got the only goal of the first half, and soon after crossing over, Thorpe equalised after a tame clearance by Pick, the old Hinckley custodian, who is appearing this season in the Barwell ranks. By a singular coincidence a similar thing happened a few moments later, Pick only half clearing the ball, thus enabling Thorpe to dash through for the second and winning goal. Pick tried to make amends by some good clearances when Whitwick attacked at later stages, and though the Imperial did not further increase their lead, Barwell were kept out, and the result was the odd goal of three in the home team's favour. One or two other old Hinckley players, besides Pick, were noticed in the Barwell team. Whitwick apparently having a good side and great things are hoped and expected of them. They have a strong and enthusiastic body of supporters to cheer them onto victory.

## **Friday September 17<sup>th</sup> 1920 (1489)**

### **Sales By Auction**



By Order of the Mortgagees.

WHITWICK.

**ORCHARD & JOYCE**

Are instructed to Sell by Auction at the RAILWAY INN, WHITWICK, on THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23rd, 1920, at 7 p.m.

FOUR MESSUAGES and SHOP, with Garden and Extensive Outbuildings, Nos. 2, 4, 6 and 8, Pares Hill, Whitwick, in the respective occupations of Mrs. Benson, Mrs. Slattery, Mr. G. H. Cooke and Mr. F. Roomer.

For descriptive particulars, apply to Mr. T. W. Bourne, Market Place, Whitwick; the Auctioneers, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Coalville, Hinckley; and 53, Friar Lane, Leicester; or to

MR. OWEN J. TAYLOR,

Solicitor,

C1346.

Loughborough.

WHITWICK.

**ORCHARD & JOYCE**

Are instructed to Sell by Auction at the RAILWAY INN, WHITWICK, on THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1920 at 7 p.m.

The Valuable Centrally-situated BUSINESS PREMISES and DWELLING HOUSES situate fronting Silver Street and Hall's Lane, Whitwick, being Nos. 1 and 3, Silver Street, in the occupation of Mr. B. V. McCarthy and Mr. A. Beer.

A FREEHOLD MESSUAGE, No. 12, Castle Street, Whitwick with large Garden and Outbuildings, now in the occupation of Mr. T. Kelly and Mr. B. V. McCarthy.

A PLOT OF LAND, with the buildings thereon, adjoining the Forest Rock Hotel, occupied by Mr. T. Kelly.

THREE COTTAGES, with large Gardens and Outbuildings, Nos. 24, 26 and 28, Pares Hill, Whitwick, occupied by Messrs A. Tindall, J. King and J. Kendrick.

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

Messrs FISHER, JESSON and Co.,  
Solicitors,

C1347.

Ashby-de-la-Zouch and Coalville

## Football

### *A Big Attraction at the Coalville West End*

On Saturday, when Whitwick Imperial visited Coalville Town, it was quite like old times. It was the Town's first appearance at home this season and the revived interest in the club, with Whitwick's many followers made it quite a local "Derby," and there would probably be 2,000 spectators round the enclosures.

Both sides included several new men, compared with last season. For Coalville, Reuben Nicholls appeared in goal and made a brilliant debut. Evidently, what is Coalville Swifts' loss is the Town's gain. The backs were Spacey and Smith, the latter an old footballer

popularly known as “Japper,” and though he has been at the game a good number of years now, Saturday’s display proved that he has a lot of football energy left in him yet for he repeatedly checked the onslaughts of the Whitwick forwards in inimitable style. Holman, of Hugglescote, was a towering figure at centre-half and he had Wharmby and Clark as companions in the centre line. The forwards were Carr, Edwards, Evans (last season’s Working Men’s Club star), Edwards and Adcock, the last named being a useful outside left from Ibstock.

The Whitwick side included two men who figured prominently in the Coalville Swift’s team last season – Brooks (right back) and Fred Price (outside left) – and both distinguished themselves in Saturday’s display. Brooks had Harry as a partner with Hunt in goal, and three old and well-tried half-backs were Thorpe, Middleton and Lacey, while a splendid front line was composed of Newman, Layton, Peberdy, Moore and Price.

The game opened sensationally, as after Whitwick, who won the toss, had made a brief attack on the top goal, the Town forwards got away and Evans scored when only about three minutes had elapsed, while within five minutes, Whitwick had also scored, Andy Moore heading through beautifully from a corner. Play was even for a time, both goal-keepers being called upon and on one occasion, after Hunt had fisted out, Measures shot over the bar. Adcock did some useful work on the left wing forcing Brooks to concede a corner, which was cleared, and then Moore made a fine run, eventually passing to Peberdy, enabling him to put Whitwick ahead; this being after 30 minutes’ play. Another good item was a lovely save by Nicholls from a high and difficult shot by Price, but Reuben was beaten again by Layton just before the interval, when Whitwick led 3-1.

For a few minutes, Holman had been off owing to an accident with his knickers, and when Coalville resumed in the second half they were further handicapped by the absence of Wharmby, who was said to have met with some injury. After about a quarter of an hour, Evans also had to be carried off through an injury to his knee, and until he returned ten minutes or so later, the Town had only nine men. But they more than held their own for a time and looked like reducing the lead against them, but towards the close, Whitwick, once more asserted themselves and the Coalville defence had a warm time. Peberdy scored from a lovely centre by Fred Price and Newman added the fifth, Whitwick winning by five goals to one.

The score against the Town would doubtless have been greater but for the fine goal-keeping of Nicholls, who brought off some masterly saves and was loudly applauded time after time. Whitwick, undoubtedly, were the superior side and deserved their win, but it is pleasing to note that there is a decided improvement in the Coalville team compared with last season. There are one or two weak spots which the committee will doubtless have observed, and with these remedied, I see no reason why the old Coalville club should not figure well in the completion.

### **Whitwick Youth’s Theft of Bicycle**

#### *A Deserter From the Army*

At the Leicester City Police Court on Monday, William Henry Ward, aged 18, said to be a collier, of 34, Cademan Street, Whitwick, denied that last Thursday he stole a bicycle worth £8, belonging to George Sarson, of 196, Beaumanor Road, Leicester.

Mr Sarson said he went to Cossington Street baths on September 9<sup>th</sup>, and left his bicycle outside. When he came out the bicycle had gone. He reported his loss to the police. Detective R. Parkin said he received the defendant from Derbyshire police at Ilkeston on Saturday, along with the bicycle. Witness told him that the machine was like the one stolen from outside the Cossington Street baths at Leicester, and he replied: "Yes, *that's right. My pal was with me when it was taken.*" He charged the youth with stealing it, and then he replied, "Yes, *that's right; I'm sorry.*"

It was stated that Ward was a soldier in the Leicestershire Regiment, now at Ross Common, but had deserted, and a further charge in respect to that was now before the court. The Bench sentenced Ward to hard labour for a month and at the request of Inspector Choyce, the chairman stated that they would take into consideration in passing that sentence, another similar offence in the county. At the end of the period, defendant would be handed over to an escort.

## **What Readers Think**

### *A Miner's Notice*

*Dear Mr Editor, I, being a constant reader of your valuable paper, feel justified in asking you to allow me through your columns to contradict certain false rumours that are being spread about me re my strike notice, saying I did not give my notice in. Now, sir, I must admit that the management have given myself and others notice. They gave ours in at the No. 6 pit cabin, while we ought to have given them in at the No. 5 pit.*

*Now, sir, I being a lover of trade unionism, feel the necessity of explaining the facts, as such rumours as these serve as good propaganda for those people who do not believe in trade unionism.*

*Thanking you in anticipation for insertion.  
Yours truly.*

Reg Hallam  
3 Castle Hill, Whitwick.

## **Friday September 24<sup>th</sup> 1920 (1490)**

### **For Sale**

4 H.P. Champion Motor Cycle for sale. New tyres and tubes; lamps and Klaxton and tools. Quick sale. Apply A. H. Glover, 104, Hermitage Road, Whitwick.

### **Football**

#### *Whitwick's Fine Win*

There was a large attendance at the Duke of Newcastle ground, Whitwick, to witness the match between the Imperial and Sibley Victoria, who defeated Coalville Swifts 2-0 in their opening match of the season. Imperial played Lacey at full back in place of Brooks, who

was playing in the county charity match against Leicester City Reserves, apart from which both sides were at full strength.

Whitwick had much the best of matters in the opening stages, but it was not till after twenty minutes that Layton scored with a fine shot, after Newman had missed by inches only. The game continued fast and a quarter-of-an-hour later, the Sileby centre forward headed the equaliser. Fred Price, who again played a good game, nearly put Whitwick ahead just before the interval, when the score was one each.

A big change came over the game in the second half, four goals being scored by Whitwick in less than twenty minutes. They were obtained by Layton, Peberdy, Moore and Price, the latter from a penalty. Whitwick was all over their opponents in this half, and won easily by five goals to one.

### **Local Chit Chat**

Police-Constable Grocock, of Whitwick, is retiring on November 13<sup>th</sup> next, after 26 years in the Leicestershire Force. His first year was at Ashby, then he had five years at Loughborough, followed by 12 years at Kibworth, and he has been eight years at Whitwick. A conscientious and painstaking officer, he has always held the respect of the inhabitants in the places where he has been stationed, and will have the good wishes of many friends in his retirement.

### **Did You Know**

Mr F. Perry, of Whitwick, exhibited 6 onions (with green tops) weighing 13 ½ lbs, at the Coalville West End show on Saturday?

### **Whitwick Woman's Fatal Fall**

#### *Fractured Arm Causes Old Lady's Death*

#### *Inquest*

An inquest was held by Mr H. J. Deane (North Leicestershire Coroner) at the Hermitage Hotel, Whitwick, on Tuesday afternoon, concerning the death of Mary Phillips, an elderly resident of Hermitage Road, who died on Monday from the effects of a fall.

Thomas Phillips, retired coal miner, 235, Hermitage Road, said the deceased was his wife, who was 70 years of age. Last month she had a fall, but witness was not in the house at the time; he was told of it when he got home. He was informed that she caught her foot in a mat. She had a fall two or three years ago, and put her shoulder out. That was through catching her foot on the doorstep. She was not very good on her feet, and was a stout, heavy woman. She died at six o'clock on Monday morning.

Evelyn Mary Henson Wright, daughter of H. Wright, said she was the adopted daughter of the deceased and lived with her. Witness was at home when the deceased had a fall on August 28<sup>th</sup>, when her mother was going from the living room to the wash-house and heard her cry out. She found her lying on the wash-house floor. They got her up and

seeing that she was ill, sent for a doctor. She said she caught her foot on the mat. She had had rheumatism for 7 years, and was bad on her feet.

Dr. S. E. Dunkin (Coalville) said he saw the deceased on September 8<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Rolston having attended her while he was on holiday. She seemed fairly comfortable on September 8<sup>th</sup>, but was suffering from shock. A few days later she developed a temperature from a cough, and he found signs of pneumonia. A few days afterwards the temperature became normal and there was a slight attack of diarrhoea. Deceased had every attention from her relatives, but gradually sank, death being due to exhaustion and shock following the accident. She had a fractured right arm and injury to the knee with bruises. There were no apparent injuries to the head. The fall would have a great effect on her being a heavy woman. Her age also had a lot to do with it.

The Coroner recorded a verdict of death from shock due to an accidental fall. The doctor added that the relatives were very devoted to the old lady, and anything they could do, they did.

The Coroner: *I am glad to hear that.*

It was remarked that the deceased's husband was nearly 80 years of age, and looked remarkably well. The Coroner said it did not look as if coal mining had done him much harm.

P.C. Grocock said the old gentleman had done no work for some time, through having met with an accident.

## **Coalville Petty Sessions**

### *Collier's Income Tax*

There were 18 summonses for the non-payment of income tax, 17 of them being colliers of Whitwick, Coalville and Hugglescote, and the other was a Whitwick farm hand. It was stated that all but six had paid out of court.

The cases dealt with by the magistrates were as follows:- George A. Bottrill, farm hand, who owed £1/2/6; Thomas Young, collier, Whitwick, £1/3/7; David Rady, collier, Whitwick, 19/2; Thomas Hicken, collier, Whitwick, £1/17/8; Albert Tookey, collier, Whitwick, 18/-; William Hurst, collier, Whitwick, £1/7/9. Judgement was given for payments of the amounts due, and 8/6 costs in each case. Mr Frank Goddard, tax collector, gave the facts.

### *School Cases*

For failing to send their children regularly to school, fines were imposed as follows:- Thomas Roberts (41), collier, Whitwick, 10/-; Joseph Newton (35), collier, Whitwick, 5/-; Herbert Redfern (44), collier, Thringstone, 5/- and Joseph Haywood (51), collier, Swannington, 5/-.

In the case of Roberts, George A Gray, school attendance officer, Shepshed, said the boy, aged 8, played truant. His parents had no control over him. He had been locked in a room and then got out.

Mrs Newton contended that her boy, 13, was old enough to leave. The attendance officer said sufficient attendance had not been made. Mrs Newton said her husband had done no work for 12 weeks, and it was time the boy earned a bit to help them. Her husband was ill. She had not got 5/- to pay. A fortnight was allowed for payment.

### *Drunk and Disorderly*

William Henry Winfield (50), collier, Whitwick, was fined £1/1/0, or 14 days, for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick, on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Sgt. Betts proved the case.

### **Whitwick Woman Assaulted**

#### *Waylaid by her Husband*

#### *An Unhappy Second Marriage*

At the Coalville Police Court, on Friday, Andrew Smith (24), collier, and Sarah Bird (47), married, both of Thringstone, were summoned for assaulting Hannah Smith, married, of Whitwick, at Thringstone, on September 6<sup>th</sup>. Mrs Bird said she was Andrew Smith's aunt, and Smith was the husband of the complainant.

Mrs Smith said she was married two years last March, and lived with her three children in Talbot Street. Her husband left her nine weeks ago, and was living with his aunt. She was going home with a woman friend on the night in question after "turning-out time", when she was suddenly attacked by her husband, and she was covered with bruises. Instead of helping her, Sarah Bird said to him, "*Kill her.*" After she got away, Bird also struck her. England was a free place, she said, and she only wanted her liberty. She produced her blouse, coat and other articles bearing blood stains. She had been to Thringstone Wake, enjoying herself, but did not wish him to interfere. Defendant Smith was her second husband, and she was working at the factory to keep herself and her three children, for whom she had an allowance. They were by a former husband (killed in the war) and she had none by her present husband.

The clerk: *How did you get home after being assaulted like that?*

Complainant: *I don't know. Somebody put me over a wall out of his way.*

Smith alleged infidelity on the part of his wife, which she denied. Mrs Bird denied striking the complainant, and said the reason she had been summoned was because Smith was living at her house. Complainant turned him out, and she (defendant) would not see him turned out and nowhere to go. May Hurst, single, Whitwick, said she went to a Thringstone public house with the complainant.

The clerk: *Any men with you?*

Witness: *No.*

The clerk: *Who paid for the drinks?*

Witness: *We paid between us.*

She added that as they were walking home, Smith jumped out of the hedge and struck his wife. It was very dark, and she went on. She saw Mrs Bird there, but did not see her do anything.

Replying to the defendant, Smith, witness said they were dancing in the public house. P.S. Betts said Mrs Smith complained to him, and her head was cut, and there was blood on her. She was not in beer. She was a hard-working woman and Smith was also a hard-working man, but they both had violent tempers and could not agree. They had a separation order, but got together again, and now they had fallen out once more.

Smith alleged that his wife went out with other men, and came into public houses where he was, and tried to annoy him by singing, "*He won't come back some day.*" He denied assaulting her.

Asked how he accounted for his wife's injuries, he said they were caused by the "*man she is standing in with,*" because she had taken his money. He saw this man assault his wife, who was drunk at the time. Mrs Bird was not with him and he did not see her till he got home.

The defendant Sarah Bird, said she was not there, and Smith went to Shepshed that night to fetch some onions for pickling.

The clerk: *But he says he saw his wife quarrelling with the man she stands in with.*

Mrs Bird said it was all due to jealousy, because Smith was living with her and had good lodgings. If he offered to pay for a drink for her, Mrs Smith was jealous, and said, "*He can treat you, but he won't treat me.*"

The clerk: *Have you heard her sing, "He won't be back some day"?*

Defendant: *Yes, many a time.*

*Does she sing nicely? (Laughter) – I don't know about that. (Renewed laughter).*

The chairman said Andrew Smith had been several times convicted of assault, and he would now be fined £5, or one month. The case against Mrs Bird was dismissed. Smith asked for time to pay.

Mr Lindley (a magistrate): *What time do you want; you are a single man.*

Defendant: *I'm married.*

Mr Lindley: *But you are paying nothing to your wife. You are practically single.*

He was allowed 10 days to pay, and warned that if he came there again for assault, he would most likely be sent to prison.

## **Disgraceful Scenes at Thringstone**

*Woman Knocks Man Down with a Poker*

*Public Worship Disturbed*

Disgraceful scenes at Thringstone on Sunday afternoon last week, led to a batch of cases before the Coalville magistrates on Friday.

Charlotte Black (40), married, of Whitwick, was summoned by Joseph Freeman, collier, Thringstone, for assault at Thringstone, on September 12<sup>th</sup>. The woman, who had a black eye, pleaded guilty. Complainant, on taking the oath, said he was unable to read.

The clerk: *How old are you? – Thirty-three.*

*Thirty-three and you can't read. Didn't you go to school? – I was at work when I was 12.*

Continuing his evidence, Freeman said there had been a row, and he went to see what was the matter, when the defendant drew a poker from under her apron and struck him twice on the head, knocking him down. The clerk remarked that someone had been giving it the woman, (referring to her black eye).

Complainant: *It was not me.*

Defendant said they were told that her son was being killed, and went to see.

The clerk: *You armed yourself with the poker first? – Yes.*

*To be fore-warned was to be fore-armed? – Yes.*

She alleged that she was struck in the eye first, and that her son was also assaulted first. Mary Ellen Bishop, married, said she saw the defendant knock Freeman down with the poker.

The clerk: *How did she get her black eye?*

Witness said a woman did that. P.C. Jones said Freeman complained to him of having been struck with a poker, and his head was bleeding. The defendant Black fought with another woman, who caused her black eye. Mrs Black had never given him any trouble before.

Defendant called her son, who said his mother used the poker to defend herself and him. He had previously had a quarrel with Freeman's younger brother, but only struck in self-defence. Complainant met him and knocked him off his bicycle, and also struck his mother before she retaliated with the poker.

Defendant was fined £1/1/0, and 5/- witness allowance, or 14 days.

#### *Fighting Near the Wesleyan Chapel*

James Freeman (21), Wilfred Black (24), both of Whitwick, Radford Gee (20), and Thomas Hallam Jnr, (26), colliers, and Rebecca Hallam (45), married, all of Thringstone, were summoned for violent conduct at Thringstone, on September 12<sup>th</sup>. Gee and Hallam did not appear. Freeman, Black and Mrs Hallam pleaded not guilty.

P.C. Jones said defendants were fighting near the Wesleyan Chapel when a service was on about three o'clock on Sunday afternoon. Their language was very bad, and was



overheard in the chapel, considerably annoying those at the service. The woman was urging them on, and it was a most disgraceful scene.

Freeman and Black in the dock accused one another, and both said they only defended themselves. Mrs Hallam said she tried to act the part of the peace maker. Defendants were each fined 10/- or 7 days. Freeman was allowed time to pay, saying he had just paid £2 for income tax.

### *Who Caused the Black Eye?*

Mary Allen (28), and Charlotte Black (40), both married, of Whitwick, were summoned for violent conduct at Thringstone, on September 12<sup>th</sup>. They pleaded guilty.

P.C. Jones said he saw the woman fighting on this Sunday afternoon. They were taken home by their husbands.

The clerk: *Who caused Mrs Black's black eye?*

P.C. Jones: *Mrs Allen.*

The clerk: *Then she got one good one in?*

The policeman: *She did.*

Mrs Allen: *Yes, I meant to.* (Laughter)

The clerk: *You seem rather proud of it.*

Mrs Allen: *She was proud when she struck me.*

Mrs Black said it was not Mrs Allen who blacked her eye.

Mrs Allen (emphatically): *I did.* (Laughter)

Fined 10/- each, or seven days.

### **Harvest Festival**

On Sunday, the harvest festival was observed at the Whitwick P.M. Church, Mr D. Clarke, of Heanor, being the preacher. The chapel was nicely decorated and there were good congregations. The produce was sold on Monday, the proceeds, with Sunday's collections, being for the trust funds.

### **Friday October 1<sup>st</sup> 1920 (1491)**

#### **Whitwick Lose, But Swell Their Coffers**

Saturday was a day of cup-ties, most of the local clubs engaged in the various competitions from the English Cup down to some of the junior trophies.

Whitwick Imperial were drawn at home against Nuneaton Town for the English Cup, but accepted a guarantee of £75, or half "gate" if more, to play the match at Nuneaton. The event aroused considerable interest among the supporters of the Whitwick club, for whom a special train was chartered and altogether about 500 people accompanied the team to cheer them on.

Nuneaton won the match by the substantial margin of four goals to none, though it was by no means a one-sided game. Only one goal was scored in the first half and it was not until the close that the home side were able to assert themselves and put on three more goals in a short time. Whitwick were then handicapped in playing only ten men, Hunt, the goalkeeper, having gone off injured. Lacey (half-back) took his place in goal and was not to be blamed for being beaten as he was by the Nuneaton forwards. Whitwick were also unable to play Peberdy, their star centre forward, through an injury he received in a previous match, and Barrs was brought in to fill the vacancy.

But though Whitwick were beaten they did well out of the match financially and brought away with them the satisfactory sum of £89. Nuneaton have an expensive professional side so the Imperial did not do so badly after all. With a little luck on their side there might have been a very different result.

### **Parish Church**

Special services were held at the Parish Church on Sunday in connection with the Sunday Schools. The Vicar (the Rev. T. W. Walters) preached to good congregations, and there was special singing by the children. The collections, realising a satisfactory sum, £12/3/0, were for the school funds.

### **Baptist Chapel**

The harvest festival was observed at Whitwick Baptist Chapel on Sunday, when there were good congregations, and Mr W. E. Hall, of Chesterfield, was the preacher. The chapel was nicely decorated. The fruit and vegetables were sold on Monday, when a public tea was also held and was well attended.

### **Cheap Houses**

On Thursday evening at the Railway Inn, Whitwick, Messrs. Orchard and Joyce sold several lots of property by public auction. Four messuages and a shop at Pare's Hill, Nos. 2, 4, 6 and 8, were bought by Mr McCarthy for £500. The solicitor to the vendor of this lot was Mr Owen J. Taylor, of Loughborough. Mr McCarthy also bought the business premises and dwelling houses, Nos. 1 and 3 Silver Street for £750. A freehold messuage, No. 12 Castle Street, was sold to Mr Jarvis for £80, a plot of land adjoining the Forest Rock Hotel, was secured by Mr Bull for £80, and three cottages with large gardens and outbuildings, Nos. 24, 26 and 28 Pare's Hill, were sold to Mr A. J. Briers, for £175. Messrs. Fisher, Jesson and Co. (Ashby) were the solicitors to the vendors of these lots.

## **Friday October 8<sup>th</sup> 1920 (1492)**

### **For Sale**

H.P. Champion Motor Cycle for sale. New tyres and tubes, lamps and Klaxton tool. Quick sale. Apply A. H. Storer, 104 Hermitage Road, Whitwick.

### **Swifts Beaten at Whitwick.**

The weeding out process in connection with the Coalville Cup Competition continued on Saturday, and some notable clubs, who have figured prominently in semi-finals and finals in previous years, and who have occasionally lifted the trophy, have fallen by the way.

Prominent among these are Coalville Swifts, who were beaten by the odd goal of three by Whitwick Imperial in a keen game, on the Duke of Newcastle ground. Both clubs had a good side out, and the match was probably the most attractive of the whole series, which comprised 16 matches. The total gate proceeds were £52/8/8, of which £5/4/11 went to a charity.

Whitwick got the advantage in the first half, at the end of which they were leading by two goals to none. The Swifts had the best of matters for the first twenty minutes and then Whitwick asserted themselves, Thorpe beating Scrivens with a high shot. Five minutes later, Moore headed a beauty from Newman's centre. Just before the whistle blew, Coalville had a lovely chance which was thrown away by bad shooting. In the second half, Phipps scored for the Swifts after a good run, and they tried hard for the equaliser, but the Whitwick defence was superb, and held out to the end. The Imperial have an apparently simple task in the next round, on December 4<sup>th</sup>, when they have to play the Town at Bagworth.

### **Wesleyan Chapel**

Harvest thanksgiving services were held at the Whitwick Wesleyan Chapel on Sunday, Mr E. W. Mawby, of Leicester, being the preacher. The chapel was nicely decorated and there were good congregations. A public tea was held on Monday, and was well attended, and the produce was sold in the evening, the proceeds being for the chapel funds.

### **Whist Drive**

A whist drive was held in the Whitwick National School on Saturday evening, the M.C.'s being Messrs. J. Elliott and H. Underwood. The proceeds were for the Whitwick Memorial Fund.

### **Coalville Petty Sessions**

#### *Children Said to be Starving*

Joseph Newton (35), collier, Whitwick, was summoned for not sending his child regularly to school. He pleaded not guilty.

George A. Gray, school attendance officer, Shepshed, said it was a case of defiance. The father contended that as the child was 13, he was entitled to leave. Defendant was summoned a fortnight ago for the same child.

The clerk (to defendant): *Have you anything to say?*

Defendant: *I have a lot to say.*

The clerk: *Then start on it.*

Defendant said he wanted to abide by the regulations. The boy was entitled to leave school. Fined £1. The maximum.

Defendant: *It's scandalous. I have been ill and out of work for 12 weeks, and can't buy food or clothes for my children, and they are starving.*

### *No Lights*

Charles Clarke (22), collier, Whitwick, was summoned for riding a bicycle without front or rear lights at Thringstone, on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. He did not appear, and P.C. Jones having stated the facts, a fine of 15/- was imposed, seven days in default.

### *Drunk at 83*

Thomas Commons (83), labourer, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk whilst in charge of a horse at Hugglescote, on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. He pleaded not guilty.

P.C. Langham said he met the man at 9.35 pm leading a horse. He was drunk and had dirt on his clothes. He became violent, and tried to kick witness, who took the horse from him by force and stabled the animal. He had to take defendant to the Police Station afterwards.

Defendant said he was 83 and had done no work for 30 years. He went to fetch the horse for the owner. He was not drunk. Langham said the man was mad drunk. It took witness fully five minutes to get the horse away from him, and he had to wrench his arms away.

Sergeant Kirkland said the defendant was drunk and wild and excited, when brought to the Police Station. Witness told a constable to get a trap and take him home. He would not lock him up on account of his great age.

Fined £1/1/0 or 14 days.

## **Coalville Urban Council**

### *New Houses*

The minutes were confirmed of a special meeting at which it was agreed to proceed with the erection of 76 houses at Whitwick, 80 at Coalville and 82 at Ellistown.

### *Plans*

The following plans were referred back: Workingmen's Club, Whitwick; house, Meadow Lane, Whitwick, for Mr C. Smith. The surveyor to interview Mr Smith as to arrangements for disposal of sewerage.

At the second meeting the following plans were recommended for approval: Additions, Constitutional Club, Whitwick; converted army hut, Greenhill Lane, for Mr P. Greasley.

### *Whitwick Lodgers*

The surveyor reported that the number of persons accommodated at the Whitwick lodging houses during the month was 756, against 638 last month, and 564 in September last year.

## **Friday October 15<sup>th</sup> 1920 (1493)**

### **Ashby Town Beaten At Whitwick**

Although Ashby Town suffered defeat by Coalville Swifts for the English Cup, the Ashby club had not been beaten in the Leicestershire Senior League Competition up to Saturday, when they were at Whitwick. They started well against the Imperial on the Duke of Newcastle ground, and were first to score through their inside right after about 6 minutes, but they did not get on very well after this. After fine forward play, Whitwick were awarded a penalty from which Price scored, and there were further goals by Thorpe and Layton, which gave Whitwick a 3 – 1 lead at the interval.

This proved to be the extent of the scoring. In the second half, Ashby had the misfortune to have two men injured, and though one of them came on again, they were playing at one period of the game with nine men. They rarely had a look-in during the greater part of the game after the interval, and but for a brilliant defence and some fine goal-keeping the score against them must have been much heavier.

### **Local Chit Chat**

The Whitwick overseers met on Tuesday night to consider the rate for the next half-year. Owing to the excessive call of the Ashby Union, chiefly for county purposes, it was thought at first that the rate would have to be doubled – from 2/6 to 5/-. After going into the matter carefully, however, the overseers decided to levy a rate of 4/8; the same as at Coalville, and to circularise the ratepayers, asking them to pay promptly, as otherwise, the overseers would be unable to meet the calls by the dates given – the first call is due on November 6<sup>th</sup> – and it was only in anticipation of a good response to this appeal that the rate was not further increased, there being no balances in hand to draw upon. With a general district rate of 4/-, this will bring the total of the Whitwick rates to 8/8 in the pound for the half-year only.

### **Do You Know That**

At the dance and whist drive at Holy Cross Schools, Whitwick, on Wednesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> the prizes will include a cuckoo striking clock (value 70/-) and two golden sovereigns?

### **Burials**

Quemby – At Whitwick, on Saturday, George Thomas Quemby, aged 4 years, of Leicester Road.

Hall – At Whitwick, on Saturday, Joseph Arimathea Hall, aged 4 years, of Silver Street.

Hutchinson – At Whitwick, on Sunday, Ernest Hutchinson, aged 24 days, of Pare's Hill.

### **Whitwick Drive and Dance**

A whist drive and dance were held in the Holy Cross School on Wednesday evening. Mr George Wright's Band supplied the music, and Messrs. W. Johnson and P. Rady were the M.C.'s.

### **Parish Church Harvest Festival**

Harvest thanksgiving services were held in the Whitwick Parish Church, on Sunday, and were largely attended. The Vicar (the Rev. T. W. Walters, M.A.) preached in the morning, the Rev. E. Pillifant (vicar of Bardon) in the afternoon, and the Rev. M. Llewellyn (vicar designate of Shepshed) in the evening. The festival was continued on Monday, the Rev. E. Pillifant preaching in the evening. The church was beautifully decorated, and the collections for the Leicester and Loughborough Infirmaries amounted to £18/5/0, which was £4 more than last year. The fruits, vegetables etc., were sent to the Leicester Infirmary on Monday, a splendid lot filling two hampers and nine bags.

For the evening service on Sunday, a special quarter peal of 1,260 changes were rung on the fine old bells, the ringers being Messrs. A. Wallam, A. Underwood, A. Neath, S. W. West, W. Fern (conductor), W. Adams, junr., J. Howson and F. Boam.

### **Friday October 22<sup>nd</sup> 1920 (1494)**

#### **Whitwick Win At Loughborough**

Loughborough Brush Works should have played Coalville Swifts in the Leicestershire Senior League, but as the Swifts were engaged in the Hinckley Cup Competition, Whitwick Imperial made the journey to Loughborough, and easily secured the points, winning by 4 goals to 1. The Imperial made the issue pretty safe in the first half, when they scored 3 to 0, though a remarkable fact is that all were obtained in the space of a few minutes just before the interval whistle blew. Peberdy got a couple and Moore another. The game was even in the second half, each side scoring once.

#### **Burials**

Clifford – At Whitwick, on Tuesday, Sarah Ann Clifford, aged 85 years, of Park Road, Coalville.

#### **Coalville Petty Sessions**

##### *School Cases*

John William Massey (47), collier, Whitwick, was summoned for not sending his child regularly to school. The mother said the child had been ill. She was 14 years old next month. The case was adjourned for a fortnight for the production of a medical certificate.

Joseph Newton (36), collier, Whitwick, was similarly summoned. Mr Gray, school attendance officer, said there was a case of defiance and it was the third time at successive courts that the man had been summoned. The boy, aged 13, had not attended school at all since the last court. Fined £1 or 14 days.

##### *Theft of Coal at Whitwick*

Joseph Boot (42), labourer, Whitwick, was charged with stealing coal value 1/3 at Whitwick, on September 26<sup>th</sup>. He pleaded not guilty. John Moore, contractor, Whitwick, said he left a dray laden with coal in his yard and missed some next morning. He accused Boot who said he would fetch it back again, which he did. It weighed about half a cwt.

P.C. Grewcock said the defendant admitted to him that he took the coal from a dray in Moore's yard.

Boot: *Did you see me fetch it?*

The clerk: *That doesn't matter.*

Answering the Bench, defendant said he was a labourer, and got a job where he could. He was married. Defendant was fined 10/6 and £1 witness allowance, or 14 days. He was allowed a fortnight to pay.

### **Assaulted By Her Mother-In-Law**

#### *Whitwick Women In Court*

Two women of the same name figured as complainant and defendant in a case at the Coalville Police Court, on Friday, when Annie Smith (60), widow, Whitwick, was summoned by another Whitwick woman, also named Annie Smith, married, for assault, at Whitwick, on October 9<sup>th</sup>. She pleaded not guilty.

Complainant said the defendant was her mother-in-law, and was under a wrong impression that she had been talking about her to a neighbour. Defendant made serious allegations against her, which she resented, and her mother-in-law then took hold of hair and pulled a lot out. She produced a quantity, which she said was pulled out of her head. Her scalp was not injured, but she was bruised about her body, and had the "trade mark" down her face. She said both the defendant and her daughter, aged 24, attacked her, and Sergeant Betts came to her assistance.

The clerk: *Why didn't you summons the daughter?*

Complainant: *I thought one would be enough.*

Replying further to the clerk, complainant said the hair (produced) was not combings. Defendant said she was left a widow and there was no one to defend her children. She alleged that complainant had struck one of the children. She could show hair which the complainant pulled out of her head.

Sergeant Betts said he saw the defendant strike the first blow, and they both got hold of each other's hair.

The clerk: *Which won?*

The Sergeant: *I didn't let them finish it.*

He added that the complainant and her husband used to live with the defendant, and there had been trouble since they left.

By the clerk: *He knew nothing against the complainant's character, as had been alleged.*

Defendant produced a parcel containing hair, which she alleged was pulled out of her head by her daughter-in-law.

A fine of 7/6 and 2/6 for witness allowance, or seven days, was imposed, and she said she should not pay.

The clerk: *Has she any goods?*

Defendant: *No, I have sold them for food.*

The clerk: *You go downstairs and sit down and reflect a bit, and perhaps you will think better of it.*

## **Friday October 29<sup>th</sup> 1920 (1495)**

### **For Sale**

Heap last winter's manure. What offers? Thos. H. Roberts, Green Lane, Whitwick.

### **Whitwick Beat The Unconquered**

Nuneaton United went to Whitwick as the only team unbeaten in the League, but they are not the first club to meet their Waterloo on the Duke of Newcastle heights. Ashby, to wit, among others, had a similar experience. There was not much in it, however, on Saturday, and Whitwick only just managed to the trick. Nothing was scored in the first half, during which the Nuneaton goalkeeper brought off many brilliant saves, and it looked as if he, himself would be largely responsible for staving off defeat, but during the second half, he was beaten by Peberdy, this being the only goal of the match.

It was gratifying to see Hardy (back) once more in the Whitwick team. He has been absent for a few weeks owing to an injury sustained in the match against Coalville Swifts. There are persistent rumours that Aston Villa are after Newman, one of Whitwick's clever forwards, but at the time of writing, neither the player himself, nor the club officials had received any intimation of this from the Villa club, so that apparently, at present, "*it's only a rumour*".

## **Friday November 5<sup>th</sup> 1920 (1496)**

### **Whitwick Imperial Caught Napping**

Judging by the positions of the teams in the chart, Whitwick Imperial were expected to easily account for Stableford's Workmen, when they visited the Mantle Lane ground on Saturday, in the Leicestershire Senior League, but the waggon-builders had a surprise in store for their neighbours. Both sides played their usual strength, and at the interval Whitwick led by the odd goal of three, Moore and Peberdy having scored for them, and Longland for Stableford's.

The latter player levelled matters up soon after crossing over and then Stableford's simply ran away with the game, three further goals being put on by Bottrill, Longland and Jones.



Whitwick made a final spurt, and got through again by Layton, but they were well beaten by five goals to three.

On the day's play, Stableford's well deserved their win. It was evidently one of those "off" days for the Imperial which football clubs do experience sometimes, and they were unfortunate in having "Andy" Moore off injured during the greater part of the second half. This seemed to disorganise the forward line.

Stableford's had their biggest "gate" of the season for this match, there being about 2,000 people on the ground. The takings were over £47.

It turns out that rumour is not always "a lying jade." As reported last week, it was rumoured that Aston Villa were after Newman, Whitwick Imperial's clever outside right, and this proves to be correct. The player and the Whitwick club have been approached by the great club at Birmingham, and Newman is going there for a trial with the Villa Reserves against Crewe Alexandra tomorrow.

### **Coalville Petty Sessions**

#### *Educational*

George Hincks (34), collier, Whitwick, was summoned for failing to send his two children regularly to school. Mr F. Hanger, school attendance officer of Anstey gave the facts and defendant was fined 5/- in each case, or seven days.

John H. Massey (47), collier, Whitwick, was similarly summoned. This was stated to be an adjourned case, and as the attendance officer, Mr A. Gray asked for the summons to be withdrawn, to which the Bench agreed.

### **Whitwick Miner's Meeting**

A meeting of the miners employed at the Nos. 1, 2 and 3 pits of the Whitwick Colliery met on Monday, and discussed the settlement terms. No resolution was passed, however, Mr G. J. Brooks, who presided, congratulated the men on their conduct during the strike, and it was decided to accept with thanks, the offer of the use of the cinema for meetings. It was decided to request that strike pay should be issued on Friday as well as Tuesday, to support the local Council's opposition for unemployment, and to suggest a superannuation scheme for members of the Association.



## **Friday November 12<sup>th</sup> 1920 (1497)**

### **Situations Vacant**

Wanted – Young general. Good wages given; day girl not objected to. Mrs George Underwood, Whitwick.

### **Ashby Petty Sessions**

#### *Licensing Applications*

A protection order in respect of the licence of the Railway Hotel, Coalville, was granted to Arthur William Parker, who has taken the house over from Ernest John Bailey.

A similar order was granted to John Brown in respect of the licence of the Forest Rock Hotel, Whitwick, which he has taken over from Thomas Henry Headley.

### **Whist Drive**

A whist drive and dance was held in the Holy Cross Church School on Wednesday night of aid of the new alter fund. The M.C.'s were Messrs. M. Downes and F. E. Needham (whist) and W. Johnson and P. Rady (dancing), Mr Wright's band supplying the music.

### **Wesleyan Chapel**

The Rev. J. G. Harrington, chairman of the district, preached at the Whitwick Wesleyan Chapel, on Wednesday afternoon, and lectured in the evening. Mr A. Barker, of Onebarrow, presided. A tea was also held, the event being in connection with the ladies' annual effort for the chapel funds.

### **Burials**

Garrett – At Whitwick, on Saturday, Albert Garrett, aged 8 months, of Green Lane.

Straw – At Whitwick, on Tuesday, Arthur Straw, aged two years, of Silver Street.

## **Friday November 19<sup>th</sup> 1920 (1498)**

### **Wesleyan Church**

On Sunday special services were held in the Whitwick Wesleyan Church in connection with an effort by the ladies. The preacher was the Rev. J. A. Goodman of Handsworth College, and there were good congregations. The annual missionary meeting was held on Tuesday night, when Mr T. Frith, of Coalville, presided, and addresses were given on foreign mission work by the Rev. F. J. Brewer, from South Africa and the Rev. W. D. Knight, of Coalville.

### **Whitwick Beaten At Moira**

With nearly all the clubs playing in the County Senior Cup Competition, there was only one match in the Leicestershire Senior League on Saturday, when Whitwick Imperial visited Moira and fared rather badly.

The game was rather vigorous at times, and some of the Whitwick men were in the wars, three of their players – Thorpe, Middleton and Lee – being injured in the course of the match.

Moira were two up at the interval, and as the game progressed they increased their lead to five goals, the scorers being Harold Evans (2), Summers, Tebbett and Lord, and Whitwick's only goal – they were beaten 5 – 1 was scored by Fred Price just before the close. Mr J. W. Bailey, of Leicester, had charge of the game. Moira were without their captain, A. Evans, who was on the sick list, and Whitwick's team did not include the usual goalkeeper, Hunt, for whom Smith deputised.

### **Parish Church**

A special service was held in Whitwick Parish Church, on the evening of Armistice Day, and it was impressively conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. T. W. Walters, M.A., in the presence of a large congregation. The names of Whitwick men who fell in the war were read out during the service at the close of which Mr R. West (organist) played the Dead March. A collection was made for the war memorial fund.

### **Burials**

Vesty – At Whitwick, on Saturday, Mary Ann Vesty, aged 53 years, of Silver Street.

## **Friday November 26<sup>th</sup> 1920 (1499)**

### **Coalville Town Beat Whitwick**

There was much jubilation in Coalville West End football circles on Saturday, when it became known that the Town had triumphed over Whitwick Imperial on the Duke of Newcastle field. According to the position of teams in the chart, a win by Whitwick was naturally expected, but the Town are not such a bad team as their record would indicate. They have had a lot of bad luck and it's a long lane which has no turning. The Town reached the turn on Saturday and secured a meritorious victory, which was, in every way, well deserved.

Coalville made little re-arrangement in their side, and it worked well. Staley was again in the team, with Herbert Smith at back, and Evans, who usually plays forward, went half-back in place of Carr, the forward line being; Baker, Clarke, Moore, Edwards and Adcock. Whitwick had two reserves playing – Smith, at back, and Eames in the centre line. "Andy" Moore, who was injured a few weeks ago, was still unable to play and Border took his place at inside right, the rest of the team being as usual. The fog somewhat spoiled the pleasure of the spectators, who were not a large body. The teams crossed over on equal terms – one each – Peberdy (Whitwick) and Moore (Coalville) being the scorers.

Up to this point Whitwick had had the best of matters, and only the brilliant goal-keeping of Nicholls saved the Town. In the second half, however, Coalville made the pace, and subjected the Whitwick defenders to a good deal of pressure. During one of several strong attacks, Brooks accidentally put the ball through his own goal, and this gave the Town victory by the odd goal of three.

### **Coalville and District League**

At Coalville, the Town Reserves won 3-2 against Whitwick Imperial Reserves, so that Coalville did a double on Whitwick, both of whose elevens were beaten by the Town's two teams.

### **Burials**

Middleton – At Whitwick, on Wednesday, Agnes Selina Middleton, aged 8 years, of Silver Street.

### **Wesleyan Chapel**

The annual missionary services were held on Sunday at the Whitwick Wesleyan Chapel, the Rev. W. D. Knight, of Coalville, presiding. There were good congregations and the collections were for the Missionary Society.

### **Primitive Methodist Chapel**

The annual November effort was made on Sunday, when Mr A. E. Cook, of Coalville, and Mr M. Bourne, of Moira, preached to good congregations. In the afternoon, Mr Bourne gave an address and Mr T. W. Bourne, Whitwick, presided. Miss E. Smalley, of Hugglescote, nicely rendered solos. At the evening service the choir rendered an anthem, Mr J. B. Newbury presiding.

### **D.S. and S. Whist Drive and Dance**

The annual whist drive and dance presented by the Whitwick D.S. and S. was held in the Holy Cross Schools on Wednesday night and was a huge success, there being a record attendance. The whist M.C.'s were Col. Burkitt, Messrs. T. Harris, T. Catlow, S.E. Perry, M. Downes and F. E. Needham. Mr J. H. Robinson presented the prizes to the winners as follows:

Gents 1 Mr J. Bonser; 2 Mr George Musson; 3 Mr J. Wayte:

Ladies 1 Mrs A. Riley; 2 Miss N. Knight; 3 Mrs Hallam.

Mr George Wright's band played for dancing and the M.C.'s were Major A. T. Sharp, Messrs. R. Needham, H. Underwood, and E. Revell. The winners of the spot veleta were two ladies, Miss K. Riley and Mrs A. Riley (who also won first whist prize).

## **Friday December 3<sup>rd</sup> 1920 (1500)**

### **Situations Vacant**

Strong general. Age 17 – 20. Reference required. Apply Mrs G. H. Stinson, The Brackens, Sharpley, Whitwick.

### **Burials**

Smith – At Whitwick, yesterday, Gladys May Smith, aged 15 years, of Brooks' Lane.

Moseley – At Whitwick, on Wednesday, Leah Moseley, aged 15 years, of the City of Dan.

Fletcher – At Whitwick, on Tuesday, Emma Fletcher, aged 67 years, of North Street, Hugglescote.

### **Whitwick School Case**

Joseph Newton (38), engine driver, Whitwick, was summoned by George Gray, school attendance officer, Shepshed, for not sending his child regularly to school. The officer said the boy, aged 13 years and 5 months, had not attended school at all since last July. The defendant had been fined several times. It was a case of defiance.

Defendant said he had six children, and they were starving. He was unable to fully follow his occupation due to ill health. Defendant was fined £1. He said, "*It's a scandalous shame. The boy ought to have been at work six months ago.*" It was stated that defendant owed three fines, and Inspector Dobney said there was a commitment against the man if he did not pay.

### **Colliers and Income Tax**

There were eighteen summonses, seventeen of them against Coalville and Whitwick colliers, for not paying income tax. It was stated that twelve of them had paid. Mr F. Goddard, tax collector, Coalville, stated that it in the case of Albert Tookey (24), Coalville, judgement had been obtained at a previous court. In default of payment the man was committed for 16 days.

Similarly, William Hurst, collier, Whitwick, was committed for 21 days in default of payment. In other cases orders were made for payments of the amounts due, and 8/6 costs each, the defendants being Samuel Clarke jnr, Whitwick, £1/14/0; Jos. Bircumshaw, Whitwick, £2/3/10; Luther Hall, Whitwick, 13/6; William Frearson, Whitwick, £2/14/0; William Hurst, Whitwick, £1/12/0 (the commitment against this defendant was in respect of a previous quarter).

## **Potato Wart Disease At Whitwick**

### *Prosecution By The Board of Agriculture*

An interesting case before the Coalville magistrates on Friday, was one in which Jane Hull (71), married, of Whitwick, was summoned by Jonathan Webb, horticultural inspector, for failing to plant an immune variety of potatoes, and also for failing to report wart disease of potatoes at Whitwick.

Mr J. J. Sharp (Coalville) appeared for the defendant, whose husband was also present. Mr Sharp admitted both offences. Mr Webb, Inspector of the Board of Agriculture, said it was of the utmost importance that the regulations should be complied with to prevent the spread of the disease. In this case, King Edward potatoes were planted, and they were a very susceptible variety. When Mr Woolley (an inspector) went to the field, he found wart disease prevalent to a considerable extent. The Ministry viewed a double contravention of the regulations like this quite seriously.

P.C. Culpin said he visited the field in the Loughborough Road, Whitwick, and pulled up several roots, all of which had the disease very badly. He saw Mrs Hull, who said her husband dealt with the potatoes, and she was not aware of it. Bills had been posted about the district stating that only immune varieties should be planted.

James H. Woolley, inspector of the Board of Agriculture, of Leicester, said on receiving a report from the police, he examined the potatoes on the Loughborough Road, and found that King Edward, Arran Chief and Up-to-Date had been planted, and they had the disease very badly. When he saw the defendant's husband, he said he did not know what kinds were planted, but later said he thought there were some King Edward. He produced in a bottle some of the growth on the potatoes, and said it was generally eaten by rats, mice and birds, and wherever they went, the disease was thus spread. If left on the ground, the growth went into a black liquid full of germs, and sunk into the soil. The field was scheduled as an affected area in 1915, and notice to that effect was served on the defendant. Later, the whole district was declared an infected area.

By Mr Sharp: *In 1916 the field was sown with oats, 1917 with wheat, and 1918 and 1919 with clover.*

Mr Sharp said that when notices were posted, the public were supposed to see them, but Mrs Hull was not aware of it, and Mr Hull said he did not know, though that was no excuse. The field was planted with 7 cwt of Great Scot potatoes (which was an immune variety), 3 cwt of Arran Chief, and the rest King Edward. Defendant had suffered a loss already of something like £50 in labour, and the poor crop of potatoes, and he asked the Bench to consider that and make the penalty as lenient as possible.

Mr Woolley, recalled, said anyone walking on the affected soil and then walking on other soil would carry the disease. Great Scot was an immune variety, but these were not Great Scot. Mr Hull said they were – 7 cwt, and he ordered all Great Scot. Mr Woolley said they may have been bought for Great Scot, but they were not that variety.

Defendant was fined £5 in each case, or one month; the sentences to run concurrently. An application for part of the fine to go to the Ministry was refused.

The Rev. C. T. Moore: *The Government don't want more money to waste, do they?*

Mr Webb said that no doubt according to the Government's view they did the best with the money.

### **Whitwick Women's Unionist Association**

#### *Annual Tea, Meeting and Whist Drive*

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### **Friday December 10<sup>th</sup> 1920 (1501)**

#### **For Sale**

4 H.P. motor cycle for sale, 1917, Jap engine; all accessories, £46. Good running order. A. H. Glover, 194, Hermitage Road, Whitwick.

#### **Coalville Cup Matches**

At Bagworth, Whitwick Imperial were opposed to the Town, and after no score at the interval, won 2 – 0.

#### **Coalville League**

The only match in the first division was at Whitwick, where Oakthorpe Albion beat Imperial Reserves 2 – 1. Oakthorpe are the only club so far which has not bitten the dust.

### **Do You Know That**

The total amount received so far, towards the Whitwick Parish Church War Memorial Fund is £380/10/7?

### **Workingmen's Club and Institute**

The Whitwick Workingmen's Club and Institute which, the secretary (Mr Jerry Rose) states, has no connection with the Independent Labour Party, was opened on Saturday night, when there was an enjoyable gathering presided over by Mr Reginald Hallam (president) and it was stated that over 230 members had been registered. A good musical programme included songs by Messrs. B. Waterfield, T. Bailey, R. Hallam, R. Holland and others.

### **Ashby Petty Sessions**

#### *Transfers*

The licences of the Forest Rock Hotel and Bull's Head, Whitwick, were transferred respectively to John Brown and George Moore, temporary authority having been given.

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The chairman said they also regretted the absence of one of their joint secretaries, Mrs Howe, who worked hard for the Association, but was not able to be with them that night owing to illness.



Mrs Bull (who acts as secretary jointly with Mrs Howe), then read the annual report as follows:

During the year under review, the Women's Association of Whitwick has done a large amount of work. A number of events have been held of a social nature, which, undoubtedly have brought new members, and given our prospective candidate and his wife the opportunity to make many friends. In addition to local efforts, this Association undertook to cater for the Divisional Fete held at Gracedieu, which was attended by about 1,000 supporters from various parishes, and in spite of heavy rains during the afternoon, both politically and financially this fete could be considered a success. The thanks of the Central Association and Mr and Mrs Hawley were given to the workers of the Whitwick Association who helped on that occasion. Arrangements are being made to give accommodation to the women members of the Association at the Constitutional Club now undergoing alterations, and it is felt this will give better convenience for our meetings, and is at the same time, a recognition of the importance of the women's electoral power. The financial position of the Association is sound, as will be seen from the balance sheet, which has been audited by the agent. The deepest thanks are due to the Mr and Mrs Hawley for their help and consideration throughout the year, both for prizes, attendance and general interest taken in our work. The Central Office has on all occasions given assistance in many details during the year for which the members' thanks are due. Having now firmly established the Association, we feel confident in making further substantial progress during the coming year.

This was considered very satisfactory, and on the motion of Mrs Jordan, seconded by Mrs Haynes, was adopted. The balance sheet, copies of which had been circulated among the members, showed a total income of £50/0/6, made up mainly of members' subscriptions, and the proceeds of three whist drives and dances. After meeting various expenses, there remained a balance in the bank of £5/19/4.

The financial position was regarded as satisfactory, and on the motion of Mrs Bull, seconded by Mrs West, the balance sheet was adopted. Mrs Moore proposed that Mrs Burkitt be the president of the Association for the ensuing year, and this was seconded by Mrs Smith, and unanimously carried.

Mrs J. H. Robinson was unanimously elected "chairman," on the proposition of Mrs Bull, seconded by Mrs Moore. Mrs Underwood moved and Mrs Jordan seconded the re-election of Mrs W. Adams as "vice-chairman," which was also carried with acclamation, and the re-election of Mrs Howe and Mrs Bull as the secretaries, was likewise the unanimous decision of the meeting.

The old committee were re-elected en bloc, and the following were added: Mrs H. Ward, Mrs Haynes, Mrs Webster, Mrs Thorpe, Mrs J. Moore, Mrs Isaacs, Mrs C. Pegg and Mrs R. Sharp.

Mrs Robinson said she hoped that they were all satisfied with what had been done, and that the coming year would be a successful one for the Association. As Mrs Pacey was anxious to leave now, she was sure they would all wish to accord her a very hearty vote of thanks for coming to see them, and they desired her to convey their best wishes to her mother and the hope that she would soon be well enough to meet with them again. (Cheers).

Mrs Pacey said she thanked them very much indeed. She had enjoyed being with them that afternoon, and was sorry to have to leave them so soon, but it was very foggy and they had a long way to go.

A successful meeting was terminated with the singing of the National Anthem. Later in the evening, a whist drive was held, at which Messrs. Kinch and Underwood acted as M.C.'s and excellent prizes were awarded.

## **Friday December 17<sup>th</sup> 1920 (1502)**

### **Whitwick's Fine Recovery**

Whitwick Imperial, up to Saturday, were a point below Moira United in the Senior League chart, but as the result of a splendid performance, now go one above them. The United were visitors to the Duke of Newcastle enclosure and were soundly beaten by three clear goals. The result was very gratifying to Whitwick supporters, because the team had not been doing quite so well during the last few weeks and had caused some anxiety. Saturday's result, however, will brighten things up a bit. Whitwick had much the best of the argument in the first half, although facing the snow and wind, and they had a lead of one goal on crossing over, Peberdy being the scorer.

The same player added Whitwick's second early in the second half, and Layton scored the third. Moira made some good spurts, "Dinkum," often being in the picture, but the Whitwick defence was strong, Brooks and Lacey being prominent. The Whitwick side included Elton, formerly of Gresley Rovers, at left half, and a new inside left from Melbourne Town.

### **Coalville League**

While the first elevens of Whitwick Imperial and Moira United were playing in the Senior League at Whitwick, the second teams were at Moira in the first division of the Coalville League and a coincidence was that the score was the same 3 – 0, except that it was in Moira's favour at Moira, while Whitwick won at Whitwick.

Whitwick Rising Star went to Albert Village to play Hastings United in the second division, but they arrived late and the match was not played.

### **Local Chit Chat**

Many of the older residents of Whitwick, Coalville and district will be interested to learn that Mr Bernard Beckworth, who left Whitwick 15 years ago for Canada, is back in England again on a three months' visit, and is staying with relatives in Hugglescote, though on Wednesday he went to Wigan for a few days to visit some friends there. Mr Beckworth, a Whitwick man, formerly carried on business here as a builder, and at one time kept the Stamford and Warrington Hotel at Coalville. He was a member of the old Whitwick Local Board and for several years on the Coalville Urban Council. One or two interesting fights for the County Council were also made by Mr Beckworth, who on one occasion made a tie with Canon O'Reilly, and in the subsequent election was beaten by the Canon by seven votes. Mr Beckworth succeeded the third time, beating the late Mr C. T. Church by 97

votes, and served on the county authority for a few years. He is now holding a Government appointment at Ottawa. Mr Beckworth is pleased to renew the acquaintance of many old friends and, though he is in a good position in Canada, and is doing well, candidly admits that he likes old England the best.

### **Coalville Petty Sessions**

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

#### *Theatre Licences*

Mr T. H. Moore (Coalville) applied for the renewal of the music and singing licences to the Whitwick Picture House and the Coalville Grand, also the theatrical license to the latter, and Mr C. E. Crane (Coalville) applied for the renewal of the music, singing and theatrical licences to the Coalville Olympia. Supt. Lockton said he had no objection. All the places were well conducted. The applications were all granted.

Mr Moore for the Whitwick theatre and the Coalville Grand, and Mr Crane for the Coalville Olympia, also applied for permission to give suitable performances on Christmas Day, between the hours of 2 and 10 pm. Supt. Lockton said it was a very good thing, as it took the young people off the streets. The applications were granted.

#### *Father and Sons Summoned*

Bowley Hurst (50), Wm. Hurst (24), and Ernest Hurst (22), colliers, Whitwick, were summoned for using bad language in a street at Whitwick, on December 4<sup>th</sup>. The defendants did not appear.

P.S. Betts said the defendants father and two sons, used the language towards him and threatened him. It was because a constable had occasionally to take an income tax summons to one of the sons. The father acted like a madman every time, and was making his sons as bad.

The clerk: *They are poor colliers, I suppose?*

The Sergeant: *They are getting plenty of money.*

Fined £1/1/0 each.

### **Friday December 24<sup>th</sup> 1920 (1503)**

#### **Football**

##### *Half-a-dozen against Stableford's*

When Whitwick Imperial visited Mantle Lane, Coalville, on October 30<sup>th</sup>, Stableford's Workmen had a surprise in store for them, the Imperial, who up to that point had been doing well, being beaten by five goals to three. Hence they had a rod in pickle for the "waggoners," and they used in unmercifully on the Duke of Newcastle ground, on

Saturday. Whitwick had fallen away for a few weeks, but they have been setting their house in order, and had a good team out for this engagement, which attracted a big crowd.

The Imperial opened well and came near scoring in the first few minutes. Then Stableford's had a penalty which was taken by Longland, but amidst applause, Hunt effected a brilliant save at the expense of a corner, which was cleared. The home forwards went off with a rush and Peberdy drew first blood. Burder, the Whitwick outside right, playing in place of Newman (who has gone to Burslem Port Vale), made some capital runs and centres, but there were no further goals before the interval.

A remarkable change came over the game in the second half, the visitors in the last 20 minutes being overwhelmed. Peberdy again found the net on two occasions and even when Layton had put on two more, the end was not yet, for towards the close, Fred Price, Whitwick's popular young outside left, from a penalty kick, made up the half-dozen. There was no response from Stableford's in the matter of goals, though towards the close they made some good attempts to reduce the heavy arrears. Whitwick thus secured one of their most decisive wins of the season by six goals to none.

Up to the Christmas holidays, Shepshed Albion find themselves in a splendid position in the Leicestershire Senior League. They have 20 points out of a possible 22, having won ten of the eleven matches played. By their big win over Stableford's, Whitwick Imperial come second in the chart, having a better goal average than Nuneaton, though with the same number of points. According to the usual custom for years, Whitwick and Shepshed play their match during the holidays – at Shepshed on Christmas Day and at Whitwick on Boxing Day.

### **Successful Jumble Sale**

Canon O'Reilly opened a very successful jumble sale held in the Holy Cross Church Schools, on Saturday in aid of the new alter fund. Numerous stalls were well laden with all sorts of articles and they found a ready sale among the large number of visitors. Mr M. Downes (headmaster of the Holy Cross Day Schools) worked hard for the event in the capacity of hon. sec, in which he was assisted by Mr F. E. Needham, and prominent among the numerous helpers were Mrs Baines, Mr Cullen (Shepshed), Misses Griffin, Rewhorn and other ladies of the congregation. A refreshment department was admirably managed by a committee of ladies, and there were various attractions. The splendid enthusiasm of all the workers had a magnificent result, as we understand that about £100 was realised.

### **R.A.O.B. Whist Drive and Dance**

#### *Popular Event At Whitwick*

A popular event at Whitwick, on Wednesday night, was a whist drive and dance in the Holy Cross Schools under the auspices of the R.A.O.B. A large company was present, numbering about 400. Mr George Wright's (Coalville) band played for dancing, for which the M.C.'s were Messrs. T. Bradley and J. McCarthy, and Messrs. M. Downes, F. Harper and G. Greasley were the M.C.'s for whist. The following were the prize winners:

Ladies: 1 Miss O'Reilly; 2 Miss Donaldson; Mrs H. G. W. Howe.

Gents: 1 Mr A. Thorpe; 2 Mr R. S. Warren; 3 Mr Williams.

The prize winners in a spot veleta competition were: 1 Mr and Mrs Whitmore; 2 Mr H. Williamson and Miss Boam. There was also a guessing competition in which the winning numbers were 64489 and 04061. Excellent prizes were awarded, and these were presented to the successful competitors by Mr T. Saddington of Coalville. Refreshments were nicely served by a ladies' committee, and a very enjoyable event passed off most successfully.

## **Burials**

Roe – At Whitwick, on Monday, Edith Ellen Roe, aged 9 months, of Green Lane.

Commons – At Whitwick, on Sunday, Peter Commons, aged 41 years, Silver Street.

Parker – At Whitwick, yesterday, Mary Parker, aged 57 years, of Cademan Street.

Webb – At Whitwick, on Tuesday, Veronica Lucy Webb, aged 16 years, of Glebe Farm, Whitwick.

McHugh – At Whitwick, on Tuesday, Michael McHugh, aged 69 years, of Ashby.

## **Friday December 31<sup>st</sup> 1920 (1504)**

### **Football**

#### *Holiday Football*

#### *Record Crowd at Whitwick*

A full holiday programme in the Leicestershire Senior League was much appreciated in the Coalville district. The league list comprised six matches on Christmas Day, and similar number on Boxing Day, and all the local clubs were engaged.

Great interest was centred in the meetings of the two top clubs, Shepshed Albion and Whitwick Imperial, who played at Shepshed on Christmas Day, and at Whitwick on Monday. As a result of these two games, Whitwick bagged three points, and are now only a point behind Shepshed, though the latter have a match in hand. The match at Shepshed on Christmas Day produced a keen game which was witnessed by a big crowd, and, playing splendid football, the Imperial ran out winners by three goals to one. At Whitwick, on Monday, a still keener contest was waged. Shepshed made praiseworthy efforts to get quits, and the Imperial were also on their mettle, the result of a fine game being a goalless draw. It was one of the best displays seen on the Duke of Newcastle ground this season, and was greatly enjoyed by a huge crowd. The gate receipts, I understand, exceeded £100, which is believed to be a record in the history of the Leicestershire Senior League for an ordinary League game.

#### *Re-played Cup Matches*

Whitwick Imperial went to Ellistown on Tuesday to re-play the St. Christopher's in the Loughborough Cup Competition, having previously drawn at Whitwick, and the match was abandoned 30 minutes from time owing to a storm bursting over the ground, Whitwick then leading 3 – 1.

### **Sudden Death**

The death occurred suddenly on Tuesday morning, of Jno. Thos. Price, aged 43, single, who resided with his mother, at Golden Row, Talbot Street. The facts were reported to the Coroner, who did not deem it necessary to hold an inquest. Deceased was a colliery onsetter.

### **Whist Drive and Dance**

The annual whist drive and dance in connection with the Holy Cross Church took place in the school on Monday night, and proved to be a very successful event, being much enjoyed by a large company. Mr Geo. Wright played for dancing, the M.C.'s for which were Messrs. W. Revell and W. Griffin, and Messrs. M. Downes and F. E. Needham acted in a similar capacity for whist.

### **Golden Wedding**

Mr and Mrs Edward Briers, of 102 Silver Street, Whitwick, celebrated their golden wedding on Boxing Day. They have 12 children of whom 11 are living and 34 grand-children. Mr Briers has reached the age of 71, and his wife 69, and both enjoy fairly good health. Mr A. J. Briers, the eldest son (vice-chairman of the Coalville Council) proposing the health of the aged couple, at a family gathering, referred to their long associations with Whitwick, and the respect in which they were held be residents.

### **Coalville Petty Sessions**

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

#### *Bad Language*

Edward Squires (38), collier, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on December 15<sup>th</sup>. In his absence, P.C. Durrands stated the facts, and defendant was fined 15/- or seven days.

Charles Cooper (33), collier, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on December 11<sup>th</sup>, and did not appear. P.C. Durrands proved the case, and a fine of 12/6 or seven days was imposed.

#### *Drunk and Disorderly*

Martin Allen (21), collier, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick on December 19<sup>th</sup>. He did not appear. Evidence was given by P.C. Culpin, and defendant was fined 12/-, or seven days.

Mary Louisa Gough, married, of Whitwick, late of Coalville, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick, on December 23<sup>rd</sup>. She pleaded not guilty. P.C. Culpin deposed to finding the defendant drunk in the street, and said he received complaints.

The chairman said the magistrates were sorry to see the woman in that position, and advised her to mend her ways. Taking all the circumstances into consideration, they would deal leniently with the case, and let defendant off on paying 4/- costs. She promised to do better in the future.

### **Miners' Meeting At Whitwick**

A mass meeting of miners was held in the Picture House, Whitwick (by kind permission of Mr W. R. Nicholson) on Tuesday morning. Mr John Baker (president of the Leicestershire Miners' Association) occupied the chair, and the meeting was well attended. The chief speakers were Mr Levi Lovett, J.P. (the agent) and Mr T. Gowtridge (secretary to the Association).

Mr Lovett dealt with the wages question, the departmental committee's report on compensation, and the Mining Industry Act, 1920. He also referred to the Unemployment Insurance Act.

The latter was dealt with more fully by Mr Gowtridge in the course of his speech, and he also spoke on the financial and general position of the Leicestershire Miners' Association. Several questions were answered.

A vote of thanks was passed to the speakers at the close, and several pictures were afterwards shown.