

Coalville Times

Friday January 7th 1921 (1505)

Football

Leicestershire Senior Cup Matches

The matches in the third round of the Leicestershire Senior Cup Competition on Saturday produced some keen and interesting games.

Perhaps the most attractive was that at Whitwick, where the Imperial entertained Loughborough Corinthians. It is said that Loughborough made an offer to the Whitwick club to change the venue of the game, which was not accepted and evidently this decision was well justified, for not only was there a splendid "gate," on the Duke of Newcastle ground – about 2,000 – but Whitwick also nearly pulled the match off. Anyway, the Corinthians had a fright and there is no telling what the Imperial may not even yet accomplish, though they have to go to Loughborough after all, Saturday's game ending in a draw of two goals each.

Throughout, it was splendidly contested, and after Hunt, in the Whitwick goal, had made some good saves, he slipped in the mud when Needham headed in, and thus Corinthians drew first blood. This reverse stimulated the Whitwick men to stronger efforts and it was an enthusiastic and excited crowd which saw Moore equalise before the interval. Whitwick took the lead through Layton in the second half, much to the jubilation of their supporters, though it was a short-lived advantage, matters being levelled up again by Grayson. Both sides made splendid efforts for the winning goal, and many of the spectators shared the opinion that after putting up such an excellent fight the Imperial were unlucky not to win. In sharing the honours, fortune favoured the Corinthians.

The Whitwick club is doing well financially just now, records having lately been established in the matter of "gates."

Coalville League

Peggs Green won 2 – 0 against Whitwick Imperial in division one at Peggs Green on Saturday.

Whitwick Rising Star were expecting Hastings United from Albert Village, but they failed to turn up.

Whitwick Player with Burslem

Whitwick Imperial's popular outside right, Frank Needham, a Bagworth youth, who recently went to Burslem Port Vale, played for them in the match with Clapton Orient on Saturday.

Local Chit Chat

A Christmas collection was made at the Whitwick Colliery on behalf of aged and infirm workmen, and realised, together with £25 given by the directors, a total of £54/11/9, which

enabled the promoters to give a Christmas box of 15/- each to 67 persons, while nine received 6/- each and three 8/- each.

Colliery Accident

An accident happened at the Whitwick Colliery on Monday morning when a well-known Coalville resident, Mr Edward Lycett, of Highfields Street, was severely crushed by a fall of coal, and received internal injuries. After being attended to at the colliery, he was conveyed to the Leicester Royal Infirmary, his relatives being summoned, and they attended in company with the Rev. W. H. Wills, pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church. Mr Lycett, we are informed, still lies at the Infirmary in a serious condition.

Young Helper's League

The Whitwick branch of the Young Helper's League have forwarded the sum of £28/3/0 to Dr. Barnardo's Homes for the year just ended. This amount to go towards the support of their protégé, a little girl at the Girl's Village House, Barkinside. £23/15/5 was raised by the fancy fair held last June, and £4/7/7 was collected in the children's boxes, which were opened at the annual box-opening party given by the secretary, Miss C. M. Robinson, and held on December 21st in the National School. There were 40 Young Helpers present, 18 of whom were box-holders. Miss Margaret Whitmore and Miss Doris Webb were, respectively, presented with the first and second prizes for collecting the highest amounts. When the boxes had been opened, refreshments were handed round, and after that the children indulged in games, songs, and recitations, and altogether spent a very enjoyable evening. Before leaving the Young Helpers partook of fruit and sweets.

Friday January 14th 1921 (1506)

For Sale

Swede, turnips for sale. Apply, Whitwick Granite Company.

Coalville Petty Sessions

Friday – Before Mr W. Lindley (in the chair), Mr B. G. Hale, Mr W. Andrews and Mr G. J. Brooks.

Drunk and Disorderly

Absalom Smith (63), Whitwick, was summoned for an offence at Whitwick on Xmas Day. P.C. Culpin said defendant caused a disturbance in the Market Place. He had given witness a lot of trouble. He was in receipt of a pension and was a thorough nuisance when he had had a drop of drink. Fined 15/- or seven days.

Football

Leicestershire Senior Cup

Whitwick Just Beaten At Loughborough

Having made a draw in the week previous at Whitwick in the Leicestershire Senior Cup match, Imperial and Corinthians met again on Saturday, this time at Loughborough to decide the matter. Whitwick had a big following and relied on the same team, while the Corinthians made one change. Clarke appearing at outside right in place of Jackson. Nearly 2,000 spectators witnessed the game, which was very keenly fought throughout, and only produced one goal, which was scored for the Corinthians in the first half by Williamson, when play had only been in progress for about 5 minutes.

In the second half, Whitwick did a lot of pressing, and were somewhat unlucky in not scoring. Peberdy, on one occasion shot across the goal, and Price, after a splendid effort which gave him an open goal just before the close, spoilt the chance by shooting over the bar. Whitwick made strong efforts towards the close, and the Loughborough defence was taxed to the utmost in keeping them out.

Burials

Newton – At Whitwick, today, Charles Newton, aged 13 days, of Brooks Lane, New Swannington.

Young People's Effort

The young people connected with the P.M. Church made an effort on Saturday and Sunday for the reduction of the chapel debt. A tea was held on Saturday afternoon, and was largely attended and in the evening, a capital concert was given to a large and appreciative audience by the Coalville Co-Operative Mixed Choir, conducted by Mr Fred Clay. Mr J. Clarke, jnr, presided, and the following was the programme.

Piano solo, Miss Miriam Smith; part-song, "The Beleagured," Choir; song, "Asleep in the deep," Mr S. Ingall; song, "Friends of Mine," Miss E. Smith; song, "Angus Macdonald," Madame W. Aris; monologue, "On the stairs," Mr W. Reece; comic song, "I think we shall have some rain," Mr S. Massey; part song, "O Happy Eyes," Choir; song, "Roll On," Mr T. Lilley; duet, "Flow gently Deva," Messrs. W. Shaw and H. Toon; song, "Two Bright Eyes," Miss H. Holmes; song, "When I hear that far, far call," Miss G. Carter; duet, Miss Weston and Mr W. Reece; song, "My Ships," Madame Clay; comic song, "My meatless day," Mr C. Massey.

At the close a hearty vote of thanks to the choir for giving their services was accorded on the motion of Mr J. Gilberd, seconded by Mr Turner Newbury. The special preacher at the service on Sunday was Mrs Adkin, of Long Eaton, and solos were beautifully rendered by Madame Ada Hallam, of Leicester, those in the evening being "He wipes the tear from every eye," and "Home, Sweet Home." A young people's service was held in the afternoon when addresses were given by Messrs. J. Lakin, L. Shilliam and H. T. Newbury. Mr Ernest Springthorpe, of Nottingham, presided. All the services were well-attended, and the proceeds for the reduction of the chapel debt amounted to the splendid sum of £81.

Friday January 21st 1921 (1507)

Tenants Meeting at Whitwick

Formation of a Defence League

A meeting of tenants was held in the Church School, Whitwick, on Monday evening, convened by the local Federation of Tenants' Defence Leagues (Coalville, Hugglescote and Ellistown) with the object of forming a league at Whitwick.

Mr C. W. Brown, of Coalville, presided, in the absence of Mr W. Waterfield, who sent an apology for absence, as he was presiding at a friendly society meeting. Also on the platform were Messrs. E. A. Gowtage (Ellistown), E. A. Hughes, Mrs W. Clarke and Mrs J. Rose (Coalville).

The chairman said it was not his intention to go fully into the matter, as Mr Gowtage was present, and what he did not know about the Rent Act was not worth knowing. He said he (Mr Brown) did not own any property, but he had filled up a good many forms. He filled up a form for his own landlord and gave himself notice to quit. (Laughter). And moreover, he believed he put 4d more down than the landlord intended, to renewed laughter. The Whitwick tenants would do well to form an association. The landlords had a league of their own, and they knew how the forms should be filled up, but he regretted to say that they did not always abide by the provisions of the Act. If the landlords could form a League and get legal advice, it was necessary for the tenants also to combine to get their own legal information and understand the position. He did not wish to run the landlords down. The only thing was that the Rent Act was here, and the landlords should honourably carry it out. If they did that, he thought the tenants generally would be satisfied. They were in serious times as regards housing. There was a tremendous shortage of houses throughout the country today. It was estimated that one and a half million houses were wanted. That meant that houses had got to be built somehow, and while private enterprise was not doing anything to meet the shortage, the Government would have to provide the houses. In the bye-elections which were now taking place, they heard a good deal of the anti-waste candidates. He was an anti-waste man, but in his opinion, the health of the people was one of the first considerations and ought not to be stinted for money. He was sorry that these anti-waste candidates took housing into account, but they never said anything against the amount of money spent on the Army, Navy and Air Forces. If they could find 250 millions sterling a year for that, they should afford something for housing. If they could get that amount voted for houses it would go a long way towards solving the difficulty. Fear had been expressed in regard to the cost of the Coalville housing schemes. They intended, though he did not know whether they would accomplish it, to build 700 houses. That was the estimate of a Government official as being necessary to meet the housing shortage in this district, and it somewhat staggered them, as they had not thought originally of building so many. The rates were already high, and fear had been expressed that unless the Council were careful there would be no telling where the rates would stop. The burden on the district, however, so far as houses were concerned, was not to exceed a rate of 1d in the pound.

A property owner met him in Coalville the other day, and told him that when pushing the housing schemes he should consider the rates. His reply was that he considered the poor people who were living practically in pig-styes. They were the people he was thinking about. Up to the present the Council had accepted contracts for four houses, and these would cost over a thousand pounds each, but it was not the fault of the Council that building was so dear or that houses were so badly needed. He remembered that when he was elected on the Council six years ago, he succeeded on the housing ticket, as much as on any other, and it was right to say that there had been a shortage of houses in this district for the last 12 or 15 years. No one knew what the rents of the new houses would be, he should do his best

to keep them as low as possible, but when restriction was removed, the rents of the old properties would soar up to the level of the new ones, if they were not careful. That would not be fair, and it was things of that sort that the Tenants Association would watch. (Hear, hear)

Mr Gowtage said he was pleased to come to Whitwick again. He remembered coming there as a lad to the School of Arms to improve himself physically, and he was there that night to try and help them also to improve themselves physically if it was be a different method. The chairman struck the right note when he said the Tenants League was out for justice. They were not there to try and drive the poor landlord off the face of the earth. If the landlords treated them fairly, the tenants would do their part. He went on to say that had the Council built houses as they should have done years ago, there would not now have been such an acute shortage, and the Council would have saved thousands of pounds. Messrs. Brown, Waterfield and himself, had done as much as possible on urging the Council to get on with it.

They were going to build houses at Whitwick, and when they had been built, houses would still be wanted, because there were many that wanted pulling down. He went on to refer to the provisions of the Rent Act, and said there were landlords who insisted on putting up the rents 25 per cent, and yet would not do a thing. If the landlords did not do the necessary repairs, he advised the tenants not to pay the increase. Another 5 per cent could be put on to help the landlord meet the increased cost of living – they did not object to that – and then, in July another ten per cent. The danger was that eventually the landlords would try to raise the rents to the same level as the new houses. If they did not realise that danger, it was time they did. In 2 ½ years the Rent Restriction Act would be at an end, and the houses they lived in would be on the free market. The god of gold seemed to be rampant in the land, and it was time it gave place to justice. They had heard a lot about the increased rates, but the Council were having to pay a lot more for stone – not for Leicester Road – (Laughter) and for pipes, and he was pleased to say that they were paying their workmen a good wage. He was sure the tenants would wish that (hear, hear). A lot of expenditure was forced upon them, over which they had no control, and the rates were bound to go up. It was no use grumbling at the Council. The Act provided that landlords could increase the rent to meet the rates, and he advised the tenants to see that the actual amount paid in rates now and in 1914 was shown on the form, and if it was wrong they should not pay a penny. They were told by some landlords that there were dirty tenants, but his reply to that was that it was generally the children of these dirty tenants who did the cleaning for these landlords (hear, hear). He spoke at some length on what constituted healthy houses, dealing with air space, drains, sinks, ventilation, water and such matters, pointing out that the miners now had shorter hours, and every convenience should be brought into the houses to lessen the labour of the women.

Mr E. A. Hughes, (president of the Coalville Tenants Defence League) said he was pleased to be on the platform with Mr Brown and Mr Gowtage. The latter was a much maligned man. Many people seemed to be up against him, though perhaps it was because he was up against them, but he (Mr Hughes) would pay this tribute to Mr Gowtage: He, alone, throughout this district, had devoted hours and hours to the study of the Rents Act on behalf of the tenants, and had been instrumental in getting the Defence Leagues formed at Coalville, Hugglescote and Ellistown. Both landlords and tenants, he went on, were ignorant in this matter, as shown by the amount of work they had already done at Coalville. In three recent cases they took up, they succeeded in getting refunded from the landlords £2/2/3,

£1/19/8 and £1/3/5, which had been overcharged in the rents. There must be in a place like Whitwick, similar cases where more rent was being paid than ought to be paid. (A voice: Scores) – Then it was up to them to form a League.

The chairman said Whitwick usually led the way in such matters, and it was customary for Coalville and Hugglescote to follow suit, but on this occasion the order seemed to be reversed.

It was unanimously decided, on the proposition of Mr J. Sear, seconded by Mr A. Limb, to form a Tenants Defence League for Whitwick and district. Mr John Gilbert was proposed as the president, but he asked to be excused, and moved the election of Mr W. Waterfield, District Councillor, and this was carried. Mr George Hall was elected secretary, and Mr Albert Limb, treasurer.

The following were elected as the committee, with power to act: Messrs. J. Gilbert, J. Peters and J. Winters, Mrs Hallam and Mrs Sear.

Mr Peters asked whether the League would be confined to Whitwick alone, to which the chairman replied that they would include Thringstone, New Swannington and the district.

Mr Gilbert moved a vote of thanks to the chairman and speakers which was heartily accorded, and Mr Gowtage replied. He said one or two interesting cases would be coming on in the local court shortly. Mr Hughes said it was intended to form the four branches – Coalville, Hugglescote, Ellistown and Whitwick – into one Federation which would strengthen their position in regard to legal defence.

Football

Coalville Cup Matches

The fourth round of the Coalville Cup Competition was decided on Saturday when, perhaps, the most interesting match of the series was that at Mantle Lane ground, Coalville, between Stableford's Works and Whitwick Imperial. The teams had met twice previously in the Leicestershire Senior League, each claiming a victory on their own ground.

It was calculated that over 3,000 spectators were present, the gate receipts amounting to £72/12/2. The charity received £5/9/0, and after deducting tax and expenses, each club received £23/10/2.

The match was keenly fought throughout though, if anything, Whitwick had the best of matters, and were more frequently dangerous than their opponents, though the defence prevailed every time. Stableford's forced a couple of corners in the first ten minutes and then a mis-kick by Pollard let in Peberdy, who had only Ball to beat in Stableford's goal, but he hit the upright. Ball had a few hot shots to deal with after this, but he performed splendidly. In clearing one of the shots he was injured, but was able to resume in a few minutes. Oldham, on the Whitwick right, was a frequent offender of the offside rule, and this spoilt some movements by the Whitwick forwards. The second half was pretty much a repetition of the first, and the game was singularly devoid of thrills, considering the calibre of the teams, and the fact that the Coalville Cup is regarded as a great prize. The winners enter the semi-final but they have to meet again to decide the issue as the result was a goalless draw.

“Andy” Moore was back again in the Whitwick forward line, and was frequently prominent. Mr J. Knight, of Leicester, had charge of the game.

Mr Hawley At Whitwick

Successful Whist Drive and Dance

There was a large attendance at a whist drive and dance in the Whitwick Holy Cross Schools, on Wednesday night, organised by the local Women’s Unionist Association, of which Mrs H. G. W. Howe is the secretary, and Mrs Bull, the assistant secretary. Messrs. A. Pegg, L. Howe and L. Isaacs acted as the M.C.’s for whist, and Messrs. C. Peach, F. Palmer and J. McCarthy for the dance, for which Mr George Wright’s Band supplied the music. Some of the dancers were in fancy dress, prizes being offered for the best. Mrs Wilson and Mrs Dunstan, of Ibstock, were the judges, and the winners were:

1 Miss N. Knight (Dutch boy); 2 Miss Wilkins, of Hugglescote (Morning Bath); 3 Mrs Rooney (Whist); 4 Miss M. Needham (Beefeater); 5 Miss Mulrooney (Union Jack).

Prizes were also awarded to two little girls, Gwennie Broadhurst and Margaret Underwood, who were in Old English dress.

During an interval Mr A. E. Hawley addressed the gathering, remarking that he was pleased to see such a large company. It was so nice to see so many of them there enjoying themselves, and to see that in spite of the troubles and worries of life, they were keeping up their spirits so well, and not allowing any of these troubles, political or otherwise, to interfere with their capacity for a little pleasant and innocent enjoyment. They knew that troubles were always with them, more or less, and now the country was suffering from a good deal of unemployment, though, fortunately, it was not so severely felt in this district. But in many trades there was a good deal of unemployment. The Government was doing its best to provide temporary measures of relief, but they hoped that when Parliament reassembled it would go deeply down into the question of the cause of this depression in trade, and at once begin measures to try to meet them. They were told that one of the causes of the falling off in trade was the high cost of everything, which made articles beyond the reach of the purses of many people to buy them. Well, since Christmas, they had seen a considerable reduction in the prices of many things, and those who had been into the town to attend the winter sales, he hoped, had picked up some very good bargains. Though food prices were not coming down to the same extent, that also was getting a little cheaper. One cause of dearness was the very high rate of taxation, which trade has now to bear the burden of. They knew that they had a great debt upon their shoulders, because of the war, and they knew how costly all these schemes for social reform would be. Taxes and rates had gone up to such an extent that everything was dearer in consequence, but there was one thing that the Government could do, and that was to keep their promises to put an end to the dreadful waste which was still going on in so many of the Government departments. (Hear, hear), and he hoped when Parliament reassembled that the members would take warning by the object lesson of Dover, pluck up courage and speak out, and see that the Government performed, as well as promised, in the direction of economy. He said how sorry his wife was not to be able to be among them that night owing to her state of her health. She had looked forward to coming, and it was a great disappointment to her, but she asked him to assure them of her good wishes for the New Year. She knew that she could rely upon them to carry on the work of that Association while she was away, and she was looking forward to the

Spring, when she hoped to be restored to health, and be able to meet them again. (Cheers).
The successful whist players were:

Ladies: 1 Miss M. Hall; 2 Miss Challoner; 3 Miss Springthorpe.
Gents: 1 Mr B. Allen; 2 M. O. Williamson; 3 Mr W. Hurst.

A cake guessing competition was won by Mr Webster, on a cut with Mr Underwood, and the winners of the spot veleta were Miss A. Bowns and Mr H. Williamson. The prizes were given by Mrs Hawley and Mrs J. H. Robinson, and were presented to the winners by Mrs W. Adams.

Friday January 28th 1921 (1508)

Coalville Petty Sessions

Friday – Before Major Hatchett (in the chair), Sir George Beaumont, the Rev. C. T. Moore and Mr W. Andrews

Day Poaching at Whitwick

Joseph Moore (20), Albert Smith (25) and Wm. Wesley (21), colliers, Whitwick, were summoned by Wm. Pratt, gamekeeper, Shepshed, for day poaching at Whitwick, on January 11th. They all pleaded not guilty.

Pratt said he was gamekeeper to Mr de Lisle. He and P.C. Culpin saw the defendants with dogs on the rocks at Sharpley about one pm. The dogs chased a rabbit and witness saw them trying to get it out of a hole. The defendants ran away, but witness knew them all. He and the policeman were concealed at the time, and defendants came close to them. P.C. Culpin corroborated, and said he knew the defendants.

Defendants denied the charge, and simply said they went to see the hounds meet. The clerk asked whether it was usual to take dogs with them when they went to see the hounds meet. Smith replied that it was quite usual. Sometimes the huntsmen wanted a dog to get a fox out. (Laughter).

The clerk: *None of you have said anything about the dogs chasing a rabbit.*

Defendants said the dogs were never let loose. Smith suggested that the evidence for the prosecution was all made up, and that it was a dirty trick. Defendants were each fined 10s 6d or 7 days.

Football

Pegg's Green First Win

Another surprise result was the victory of Pegg's Green over Whitwick Imperial. It was the first win of the season for the Victoria and coming from such an unexpected source should put new life into the club. Whitwick were not as strongly represented as they doubtless would have been but for having to send a team to Ellistown for a Loughborough match.

Bradford scored the only goal of the match in the first half for Pegg's Green, and repeated the performance after crossing over. Oldham responded with a couple for Whitwick, and the winning goal (3 – 2) was scored for "Peggie" by Redfern from a penalty. They are naturally very pleased with this initial success, though they had hitherto drawn four of the twelve matches played.

Whitwick's Loughborough Cup Win

Whitwick Imperial sent a strong team to Ellistown on Saturday, to play the St. Christopher's in a Loughborough Cup match, but they only got through by the skin of their teeth. The only goal in a somewhat vigorous game was scored by "Andy" Moore from Peberdy's centre in the first half.

Local Chit Chat

Mr Bernard Beckworth is returning to Canada, on February 10th, when he sails on the White Star liner, "Canada". He has been on a three months' visit to his old friends at Coalville, Hugglescote and Whitwick, and he told the writer a day or two ago that he was delighted with the reception he had received, and was returning to Canada with most happy memories of his visit. Mr Beckworth was formerly a builder at Whitwick, and for many years a member of the Coalville Urban Council. He went to Canada several years ago, and, as he says, it is pleasant for anyone to renew old acquaintances after so long an absence in another country, and to find them all so kind and anxious to give him a good time. Mr Beckworth says he finds the "Coalville Times" an excellent link between him and the old country when on the other side of the Atlantic.

Friday February 4th 1921 (1509)

Organ Recital

At the Whitwick Parish Church on Sunday afternoon, the organist, Mr R. G. West gave an organ recital, Mr J. C. Norman, of Huncote, being the soloist. A collection was made for the starving children fund, and realised £3/3/2.

Whist Drive

A whist drive and dance was held in the Whitwick National School on Saturday, the proceeds being for the church choir funds and there was a similar event at the Holy Cross School on Wednesday night in aid of the Convent restoration fund.

Operetta

On Wednesday and Saturday evenings last week, the children connected with the Whitwick Primitive Methodist Sunday School gave capital performances of the operetta entitled, "A topsy-turvy Christmas" in which the following was the cast:

Grandmother, Miss Gertie Smith; Prudence, Miss Olive Sear; Pandora, Miss Gwennie Gilberd; Roy, Tom Sear; Rob, Ernest Stanley (Grandmother's Guests); Father Christmas, Mr H. Turner Newbury; Grandmother's Keepers, Dream Fairies, Educated Cats, Talking Dolls. Accompanist, Mrs J. B. Newbury.

All the parts were admirably sustained and the songs and choruses were very nicely rendered, the following being the programme:

Introduction Instrumental; chorus "Tis Christmas" Guests song and chorus, "Playing Grandmother" Prudence and guests; chorus "Curiosity" guests; chorus of fairies; chorus "Kitchen Band Parade," helpers; chorus "Topsy-Turvy House" helpers; march "Topsy-Turvy March" guests; song "When I was young" grandmother; chorus "Weaving a spell" fairies; chorus "The Educated Cats" cats; chorus "Talking Dolls" dolls; song "I've got it in my pack" Santa Claus; entrance of fairies and children; ensemble "Scrub, Puff, Laugh".

The first part of the programme was miscellaneous, the items being: Action song "Welcome, one and all" children; song "Smile, Smile, Smile" children; action song, "How'd you like to be a Baby Girl?" infants; recitation "The Visit of Santa Claus" Arnold Quemby; song "Lousiana" Edna Briers; action song "The Wonderful Fan" Miriam Smith and children; song "Mickey" Gwennie Gilberd; infants song "Lullaby" infants; humorous song "The Rag Doll Song" children.

Much credit is due to Mr and Mrs J. H. Newbury by whom the children were trained, with the assistance of willing helpers, and to all who took part. There was a crowded audience at each performance and the proceeds were for the Sunday School funds.

Whitwick Liberal Club

Shareholders' Annual Meeting

The 33rd annual meeting of the shareholders of the Whitwick Liberal Club was held at the Club, on Tuesday night, Mr A. Needham presiding over a good attendance. The annual report was as follows:

"The directors beg to present their thirty-third annual report and the balance sheet. The directors recommend that a dividend at the rate of 5 per cent be paid for the year. The year's working has been satisfactory. The directors recommend that the sum of £2/2/0 be paid for their services during the past year, and that the secretary receive £2/2/0 for his services. The retiring directors are Messrs. A. Needham, S. Perry, W. Adams and A. Beer, but they are eligible for re-election. The auditors, Messrs. A. G. Ottey and Tom Thompson also retire, but are eligible for re-election.

Anthony Needham (chairman), Thomas Kelly (secretary)."

The report and balance sheet were adopted, being considered very satisfactory. The retiring directors and auditors were all re-elected. It was stated that the members were spending between £200 and £400 on alterations and improvements to the bar, and the meeting unanimously decided to wipe out a debt of £30 for rent, which accumulated some years ago.

A vote of thanks to the secretary and chairman for their services concluded the meeting.

Local Chit Chat

There is good news for Whitwick people, and others who use the Leicester Road, in the report made to the Coalville Urban Council meeting on Tuesday night that a scheme is likely

to be adopted shortly which will remove the heavy stone traffic from that road. Anyone with an acquaintance of Leicester Road will know that for years, despite more than a fair share of attention, compared with the work on the other roads, this road and the Whitwick Market Place have been in a deplorable state, notwithstanding that it is one of the main roads of the district. It has been a problem with the Council for a long time, and everybody will be pleased at the promised solution.

Whitwick Memorial

Wesleyan Church Tablet Unveiled By Dr. Burkitt

A tablet placed in the Whitwick Wesleyan Church to the memory of eight former church workers who fell in the war, was unveiled at a special service on Saturday, the ceremony being performed by Dr. J. C. S. Burkitt, of Whitwick, late Colonel in the R.A.M.C. The tablet, in black and white marble, is inscribed as follows:

In memory of our Brave Boys, who fell in the Great War, 1914 – 1918

R. W. Berrington, M.M.

G. R. Barker

T. Bailey

A. Griffiths

E. Howe

H. S. Hurst

E. King

J. J. Morley

“Their name liveth for evermore.”

The service was conducted by the Rev. W. D. Knight, of Coalville, and was largely attended, the congregation including relatives of the deceased men. The opening hymn was “O God, our help in ages past,” and after prayer by the Rev. W. D. Knight, “Our blest Redeemer,” was sung, followed by the reading of Scripture, and another hymn, “Give me the wings of faith.”

Having unveiled the tablet, Dr. Burkitt remarked that all the lads whose memory was thus perpetuated were known to him personally, and he paid a fine tribute to those who had made the supreme sacrifice for their country and humanity. He spoke of a personal knowledge of the hardships endured by the men in the trenches, and said it was up to the people at home to show their appreciation of this to the fullest possible extent. Nothing they could do would ever repay the men for all they went through to save England.

Mr Alfred West then read the roll of honour – the *“names of those associated with our Church and Sunday School, who left their peaceful occupations to fight for freedom of our generation and all who follow.”* There were 71 names on the roll.

An address was given by the Rev. W. D. Knight, and the concluding hymn was “For all the saints.” A collection for the memorial fund realised over £6.

Burials

Moore – At Whitwick, on the 26th ult. Olive Moore, aged 5 days, of Brooks Lane.

Coalville Urban District Council

Two Strings to their bow

The Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade reported attendance on fires at the Council's property, Pares Hill, Whitwick: Mr J. J. Sharp's, White House, Whitwick, and that amounts for fireman's time had been forwarded.

The Surveyor read a letter from the Whitwick Colliery Co. stating that they hoped to commence operations for the auxiliary supply of water in a few days' time.

The Leicester Road Traffic

In a report of the Highways Committee it was stated that:

The clerk reported on the extraordinary traffic on Leicester Road, Whitwick, but as it was reported that arrangements were in course of completion whereby the stone traffic would be conveyed by other means, the matter was deferred.

The chairman moved the adoption of the report, and referred to the traffic on Leicester Road, Whitwick. He said he had something to say about it at the last meeting, and he was pleased to inform them of what had since transpired. They had information that the Quarry Co. which largely used the road had two schemes in hand, and there was every reason to believe that one of them would ripen by which the difficulty would be overcome. (Hear, hear.)

Friday February 11th 1921 (1510)

Whitwick Brickyard Foreman Acquitted

Another Workman Heavily Fined

The Story of a Brass Transaction

The Coalville magistrates were occupied for some hours on Friday, hearing a case in which John Jowitt (60), engine driver, and William Greenhough (35), brickyard foreman, both of Coalville were charged with stealing 11 lbs of brass, value £2/5/10, the property of the Whitwick Colliery Co., at Coalville, on January 11th.

Mr R. T. G. Wright (Leicester) appeared to prosecute for the Colliery Co. and Mr J. J. Sharp (Coalville) was for Greenhough who pleaded not guilty. Jowett admitted being an accessory.

George Jackson, licensed hawker, Coalville, said he went to the Whitwick Colliery brickyard and saw the defendant, Greenhough, the foreman, and asked if he had any scrap iron to sell. Greenhough said he would have to see Mr Lindley, and told him to go again next day, which he did. Greenhough then said he had some brass he could sell him and offered him some for £2. Witness offered 35/- but had no money on him. Defendant then told him he could have the brass, and he could pay the money to Jowett. The brass was in three bags,

and Greenhough helped him put it on the dray. Witness saw Jowett, the same night, and gave him 35/- for the brass. Witness took the brass to Whitwick to Mr Briers, marine store dealer, but it was not accepted, and when he was returning with it, he was stopped by P.C. Durrands.

By Mr Sharp: *Witness had been in the trade some years, and had never been in trouble. He had known Jowett for some years, and worked under him as foremen when the yard was under the Ministry of Munitions.*

Mr Sharp: *Has Jowett ever given you anything before?*

Witness: *Yes, he gave me an old stove.*

Did you give him anything for it? – Yes, I gave him some pots.

Further answering Mr Sharp, witness said he only saw Greenhough twice, and the first time he told witness he would have to see Mr Lindley before he could sell him any scrap iron. When he went the second time, Greenhough told him he could not sell any iron, but he could have some brass.

George Jackson, 15, son of the last witness, said he was with his father on his two visits to the brickyard and saw Greenhough help load up the brass.

By Mr Sharp: *He did not actually hear the conversation between his father and Greenhough.*

P.C. Durrands deposed to meeting Jackson with the brass, and Jackson told him he bought it from Greenhough. Witness went to the brickyard and saw the foreman, who denied having sold the brass. The boy, who was present said, *“Why you (Greenhough) helped my father to load it up.”* Witness then took the brass to the police station.

By Mr Sharp: *Jackson had been with the brass to Mr Briers, who was not satisfied, and refused to take it in.*

Inspector Dobney said Jackson was brought to the police station by Durrands, and after hearing the story, witness sent for the two defendants. Jowett denied having received any money from Jackson, and Greenhough made a statement, denying having sold any brass. Later, witness saw Jowett, who said he was going to retract what he had said. He was not going to commit perjury nor see an innocent man suffer. He said Jackson did give him 35/- for the brass, and he gave Greenhough half the money. Witness told Greenhough this, and he replied that it was all a pack of lies; he knew nothing about it.

Walter Lindley, J.P. secretary to the Whitwick Colliery Co., and manager of the brickworks, said he valued the brass at £2/5/10. The defendants were servants of the company and neither of them had the power to sell brass.

By Mr Sharp: *He made enquiries about the gas stove, and Jowett admitted having given it away. Witness was satisfied that Greenhough knew nothing about that. During the time that Greenhough had been in the company’s employ, he had given entire satisfaction.*

Jowett said he had worked for the colliery company for 21 years. Greenhough was the instigator of the whole affair. Before Christmas, he suggested to witness that they might get rid of the brass, which was in the engine-house, and make a bit of money for Christmas.

Witness agreed, adding, *"I was led away by a superior force."* Witness carried the brass out of the engine-house, and Greenhough helped Jackson load it up on his cart. Witness, the same evening received 35/- from Jackson, and next morning gave 17/6 to Greenhough. He thanked witness, spat on the money, and put it in his pocket. What witness told Inspector Dobney was quite true.

By Mr Sharp: *He was foreman in the yard before Greenhough came. That had not been the cause of friction between them. He had not said Greenhough would not be there six months. They had worked amicably together. It was an act of indiscretion when he gave a gas stove away, and he was sorry for it. He had never sold anything else, either belonging to the Ministry of Munitions for whom he was foreman, of the Whitwick Colliery Co. He received the 35/- from Jackson in the Snibston New Inn. He had known Jackson for some years, but they were not old pals.*

Re-examined, Jowett said he denied it at first because Greenhough told him to do so, after the police had commenced their enquiries. The reason he retracted was that he did not want there to be a case perjury, and he did not want to see an innocent man suffer.

Mr Sharp asked the Bench not to accept Jowett's story. Greenhough had always borne an excellent character, and on Mr Sharp's suggestion, defendant handed the magistrates a gold watch and a silver cigarette case presented to him as a mark of esteem on leaving two previous situations.

Jowett (handing over a gold chain): *And here is something presented to me.*

By Mr Sharp: *I am afraid we all have more than we deserve.* (Laughter)

Mr Sharp went on to say that it was hardly likely that Greenhough would sacrifice his character and a good position, for which he was paid £7 a week, for a paltry 17/6. He asked the Bench if, on the facts, he need go into the case for the defence. The Bench retired, and decided that there was a case to answer.

Greenhough was then called, and said he was a married man with three children. He was appointed foreman of the brickyard last March. He had only seen Jackson twice, and told him that he had no power at all to sell anything; he would have to see Mr Lindley. Jackson said Mr Lindley knew him. Witness did mention the matter to Mr Lindley, and when he saw Jackson the second time told him he could not sell anything. He never saw Jackson again until January 20, when the police came with him to the yard with the brass. Witness had never seen the brass before, and what Jowett had said was absolutely untrue. It was untrue that he assisted Jackson in putting the brass on his cart, and it was untrue that he received 17/6 from Jowett.

By Mr Wright: *He thought Jowett was jealous of him going there. When he had turned the steam on for his bricks, he had heard of Jowett turning it off again on several occasions. He had not complained to Mr Lindley. Witness was an engineer, and it was the first time Jowett had had an engineer over him. He did not tell Jowett to deny the affair to the police.*

William Johnson said he had worked in the joiner's shop at the Whitwick Colliery brickyard for some years, and acted on Greenhough's instructions. He saw Jackson come into the yard with his dray, and drive away again after Greenhough had spoken to him for about two minutes.

By Mr Wright: *He had not noticed any bad feeling between Greenhough and Jowett.*

William Vesty, oddstuff maker at the brickyard, said that on many occasions, the foreman had walked home with him, and did so about the time referred to. He remembered because of special work he was on.

William Jones, kiln burner, said he had seen Jackson in the brickyard twice on a Sunday. If Jackson had been to the yard any day between 4 and 4.30, and had stuff put on his dray, witness must have seen him.

After private deliberation, the Bench found that the case against Greenhough had not been proved, and it was dismissed, but they fined Jowett £10, or one month, also 15/- witness allowance.

Local Chit Chat

Mr Harry Perry, a native of Whitwick, elder son of Mr S. Perry, of Silver Street, who emigrated to Canada a few years ago, will receive many hearty congratulations on his election as a member of the Canadian Parliament. By a majority of 353 he has been returned as the member for the Prince George Province. On two occasions, Mr Perry has also been elected Mayor. Many old friends in this district will remember him as an active member of the old Coalville Debating Society, and when taking part in the debates there, it was probably little thought that he was preparing the way to the high position he has now attained, and the news will be received with particular pleasure by his former colleagues of the old society. Mr Perry is one of Mr T. Frith's old boys of the Coalville Belvior Road School, and the honour which has been conferred upon him may also be regarded as an honour to the old school and to his native town of Whitwick.

Annual Tea

The annual Shrovetide tea in connection with Whitwick Parish Church took place in the school on Tuesday, and was well attended. In the evening a whist drive and dance was held, the M.C.'s being Messrs. H. Underwood and M. Elliott (whist) and G. Underwood and H. Roulstone (dancing). The proceeds were for Church objects.

Shrovetide Effort

The Whitwick Primitive Methodists made their usual Shrovetide effort for the church funds. A public meeting was held on Saturday night, at which addresses were given by the Rev. J. Blayney, of Gresley, formerly of the Coalville circuit, and the Rev. S. G. Cobley, and solos were rendered by Miss Astle, of Melbourne. The Rev. J. Blayney conducted the services on Sunday, and Mr A. Toon, of Swannington, presided at an afternoon meeting. Miss Astle again nicely rendered solos. There were good congregations. A public tea was held on Tuesday, and was well-attended.

Friday February 18th 1921 (1511)

For Sale

Eggs for hatching. Pure-bred Wynadottes, Frank Snowden pedigree laying strains 12/6 dozen. Duck eggs, same price; pure-bred Indian runners; fawn and white Aylesbury, pure bred, on grass runs. Runner drakes, 21/- each. Frederick Berrington, 78, Leicester Road, Whitwick.

Football

Whitwick Divide at Sileby

Whitwick Imperial went to Sileby and they were expected to secure the spoils, but the Victoria were on their mettle and leading 2 – 1 at the interval, they held the upper hand for a time. In the end, however, each side had scored three times and so divided the points.

Ashby Licensing Sessions

Whitwick Application Granted

Patrick Wm. Griffin, licensee of the Castle Inn, Whitwick, applied for a billiard license. Mr J. J. Sharp (Coalville) who appeared for applicant, said a discharged soldiers' and sailors' club was held at the house, and there was ample room for billiards.

Applicant gave evidence as to the service of notices and Mr Sharp said a copy of the notice had also appeared in the "Coalville Times." Supt. Lockton said the house was well conducted and he had no objection. The clerk asked if anyone in court objected and there was no response. The application was granted.

Friday February 25th 1921 (1512)

Ashby Board of Guardians

Whitwick Collector Resigns

Mr W. D. McCarthy wrote resigning the office of rate collector for Whitwick, as he was leaving the district to reside at Packington, and desires his appointment to terminate on March 31st. He thanked the Board for the kindness and courtesy that had been extended to him during his tenure of the district. The clerk asked for instructions as to filling the vacancy and it was decided to advertise it at the same salary, viz. £52 a year.

Football

Whitwick Easily Beat Hinckley

It was rather a coincidence that Whitwick Imperial should have been down to play Hinckley United on Saturday both for the Senior League and for the Hinckley Cup. Of course, one match cannot be made to answer for the two, and while many were under the impression that a Senior League was being played, the contest really was for the cup, and Hinckley will have to come again to fulfil the league match. There was a good "gate" and an interesting match was witnessed in which the Imperial were slightly the superior side all through. Gilbert scored for Whitwick while the game was only a few minutes old, but this was the only goal

of the first half. In the second there were further goals by Price and Middleton, and Whitwick secured the verdict by three to 0.

Coalville Cup

Whitwick Imperial and Stableford's Workmen met at Whitwick on Wednesday afternoon to replay their tie in the fourth round for the Coalville Cup, having previously made a draw at Coalville. There was a large attendance and a keen game was witnessed. The only goal of the match was scored for Whitwick by Layton, early in the second half.

Whitwick now have to meet Shepshed Albion in the semi-final on the Town ground, at Coalville tomorrow week. Yesterday (Thursday) Whitwick had another match, their replay at Whitwick with Coalville Town for the Loughborough Cup. Coalville won 1 – 0, J. Moore scoring.

Baptist Chapel

A meat tea was held in the Whitwick Baptist School, on Saturday, and in the evening a concert was held. A capital programme was given by the Coalville Orpheus Glee Party. Anniversary services were held on Sunday, Mr J. Toon, of Leicester, being the preacher.

Do You Know That

Mr T. Y. Hay informs us that he intends to stand again for the Whitwick Ward at the forthcoming Coalville Urban Council election, and Mr C. W. Brown has intimated that he will seek re-election in the Coalville Ward.

Coalville Petty Sessions

The Lightless Brigade

Thomas Bailey (28) collier, Whitwick, for having no front light, was found 10/6, or 7 days. P.C. Jelley gave the facts.

David Smith (24), collier, Whitwick, for a similar offence, was fined 10/6 or 7 days. P.C. Ogden stating that defendant had no rear lamp at all.

A Whitwick Fight

George H. Bailey (29), Cyril Wayte (19), colliers, and John Robinson (47), labourer, all of Whitwick, were summoned for violent conduct at Whitwick, on February 5th, Bailey only appeared, and pleaded not guilty.

P.C.'s Durrands and Culpin gave evidence as to the defendants creating a disturbance. Bailey said he was struck first.

Defendants were fined 10/6 each, or 7 days.

Drunk and Disorderly

Ernest Butler (30), striker, Coalville, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick, on January 29th. P.C. Harper gave the facts and defendant was fined 12/- or seven days. He did not appear.

Edward Squires (37), collier, Whitwick, was summoned for a similar offence at Whitwick, on February 12th. P.C. Durrands gave evidence and the defendant, who did not appear, was fined £1/1/0, or seven days.

Friday March 4th 1921 (1513)

Football

Whitwick Win Comfortably

For the third time within the week, Whitwick Imperial appeared on the Duke of Newcastle ground, and gave a wonderfully good display against Pegg's Green Victoria, considering the overtime they have been putting in. After a somewhat tame opening, "Andy" Moore got going, and scored for Whitwick when the game was about fifteen minutes old. Further good attempts were made, but this was the extent of the scoring in the first half. The balance of play still went in Whitwick's favour after crossing over, and further goals for Oldham and Layton gave them victory by three to none. Whitwick were without Fred Price, their usual outside left, who was having a trial with Leicester City Reserves.

Runaway Horse

On Saturday afternoon a boy named Newman, who resides in Leicester Road, was in charge of a horse and trap belonging to Mr Neath, butchers, when the animal took fright and bolted. It galloped along Church Lane to New Swannington and was stopped through colliding with the iron railings which fence off a garden round the bend of the road. The boy was thrown out and received severe injury to his head. He was carried to a house close by and attended by Dr. Rolston, after which he was conveyed home. The railing and trap were damaged, but the horse was uninjured.

Burials

Bowler – At Whitwick on Wednesday, Lois Ellen Bowler, aged 10 months, of School Lane.

Jennings – At Whitwick, on Saturday, Agnes Cecilia Jennings, aged 43 years, of Loughborough Road, Thringstone.

Vesty – At Whitwick, on Saturday, Emily Vesty, aged 86 years, of Hermitage Road.

Coalville Urban District Council

Whitwick Lodgers

The Whitwick Lodging house returns showed that 684 persons were accommodated in February, compared with 749 the previous month, and 727 in February last year.

Whitwick Conservative Club

Messrs. Goddard and Wain wrote that the work at the Whitwick Conservative Club was nearly completed, and offering to give up a strip of land for widening the path, in return for the erection of a fence by the Council.

Mr McCarthy said the old Whitwick Local Board paid £200 and built a wall to effect an improvement on the opposite side of the road. They wanted to ascertain the cost of the fence first, and the quantity of land, and see what it would come to per yard.

The matter was deferred for a week for enquiries.

Friday March 11th 1921 (1514)

Football

Coalville Charity Cup

A Record Semi-Final

For the first time probably this season, the Coalville district was without a Leicestershire Senior League match on Saturday. All three Coalville teams, Town, Swifts and Stableford's and also Hugglescote Imperial, were idle, apparently having left the date open for the Coalville Cup semi-final. This proved to be a very attractive event on the Town ground and produced a record "gate." Nearly 4,000 people were present, and the total proceeds were £140. The Charity's share came to £37/2/11, the entertainment tax accounted for £28/11/7, the expenses, including the travelling of both teams, amounted to £8/17/3, which left £32/14/2 for each club. These are the highest amounts ever recorded for a semi-final.

The competing teams were Whitwick Imperial and Shepshed Albion, and each had a large following of enthusiastic supporters, all sorts of conveyances from the humble push-bike to motor 'buses and charabancs being brought into requisition. Mr J. W. Bailey, of Leicester, had charge of the game, with Messrs. A. E. Morris (Ellistown) and T. Heath (Donisthorpe) as linesmen, and the excellent control of the game, with the satisfactory arrangements made by the committee, were such that the event passed off most successfully without a hitch anywhere, and though it was a great game, every minute of which was keenly contested, and at a fast pace, it was fought in a good spirit and without any semblance of bad feeling which, of course, is as it should be. The clubs are old rivals, and have met several times this season, Whitwick having a little the best of the encounters. They were, undoubtedly, the better side on Saturday, and deserved their success.

Right from the beginning, the play was thrilling, as only a few minutes had elapsed when Layton scored for the Imperial. But the contestants were soon on even terms once more, Kirk (the Shepshed outside right) securing the equaliser. Both goals were the signal for terrific applause. Neither side gained any advantage for a time, both ends being visited in turn. Then Peberdy, who was playing well as the Whitwick centre forward, made a pretty run and when tackled, passed out nicely to Fred Price, who was thus given an opening, though at a rather difficult angle. But this dashing young player made no mistake, and he sent the Whitwick portion of the crowd into ecstasies of delight when he banged the ball into the corner of the net as the result of a brilliant effort. Corners fell to both teams but were not

improved upon, good passing by the Shepshed forwards being repeatedly checked by the Whitwick backs, who, like Thorpe, were in great form.

The Imperial crossed over a goal to the good and the issue was placed beyond doubt when they put in the third goal. This was obtained by Peberdy, who tipped the ball nicely into the net from a pass from the right, the Shepshed backs, apparently, being caught napping for once. At any rate, it was an easy goal, the Albion defenders having staved off many a keener attack in the earlier stages of the game. The Imperial thus retired victors by three goals to one.

Whitwick now have to meet Ashby Town in the final on the Fox and Goose ground on Easter Tuesday. The kick-off has been fixed for 3.45, and the committee have honoured an old Coalville Town footballer, Charlie Catlow, by inviting him to referee the match. He is now residing at Bulwell and is a member of the Notts Referees' Association. The linesmen will be Messrs. O. Insley and F. W. Smith, both of Coalville. Both clubs will be presented with gold medals after the match.

It is the first time that an Ashby club has been in the final, but Whitwick, on the other hand, are old cup fighters, having carried off the trophy several times. They are confident in doing so again, but as Shirley Hubbard's men are equally confident, in view of the Ashby clubs' good performances this season, there is every prospect of another record final.

Local Chit Chat

Many congratulations will be extended to Mr Daniel Patrick O'Mara, son of the late Mr Philip O'Mara, of Silver Street, Whitwick, on his success as a medical student, he having recently obtained his degree as M.R.C.S. and L.R.C.P. He is at present acting as house surgeon in Guy's Hospital, London, under Sir Arthur Fripp. Mr O'Mara is only 22 years of age. As a youngster, he attended the Whitwick Holy Cross School, but at nine years of age was sent to a private school, and after a brilliant course at the Salesian College, Farnborough, he entered Guy's Hospital as a student. His father was formerly a collier working in the Whitwick pit, and his success is a remarkable instance of what a son of the working classes may attain if only afforded the opportunity.

Welfare Centre

Whitwick and Thringstone Welfare Centre held a very enjoyable "American Social" in the Primitive Methodist Schoolroom on Monday afternoon. A good programme had been arranged, and the following artistes contributed:

Mrs Aris, Mrs Robinson, Misses Taylor, Smith and Leech. Miss Bourne was the accompanist. Refreshments were provided, and served by ladies of the committee. After defraying expenses, the sum of £10 was realised.

Friday March 18th 1921 (1515)

Wesleyan Church

There was a large congregation at the Whitwick Wesleyan Church, on Saturday, on the occasion of a musical evening by the Coalville Wesleyan Church Choir who gave a good

rendering of Jamouneau's sacred cantata, "Only one Daughter." Mr J. N. Hall conducted, and Mr S. Rawlins officiated at the organ. The choruses were all well rendered, and the individual items very creditably executed. The soloists were Misses G. Johnson, Taylor and I. Anderson, and Messrs. S. W. Walker and J. Eames, and there was also a quartette by Misses Johnson and Anderson and Messrs. Stevens and Walker. The first part of the programme consisted of the songs, "Beloved, it is morn," and "A Song of Hope," by Miss Leech, and the anthems, "My peace I leave with you," (Clarke) and "The radiant morn." The singing was much enjoyed, and reflected much credit on all concerned. The proceeds were for the Centenary Fund.

Coalville and District League

In the first division, on Saturday, Stableford's Reserves won 4-0 against Coalville Town Reserves, and at Ibstock the Wanderers won 6-2 against Whitwick Imperial. Whitwick Rising Star expected Oakthorpe Albion for a second division match on Saturday, but the Albion did not turn up, and the Whitwick club are making a claim for expenses incurred.

Local Chit Chat

Contracts have now been signed by the Coalville Urban Council for the erection of ninety houses in the district. Of these, 32 will be at Whitwick, 30 at Coalville, and 28 at Ellistown.

St. Patrick's Day

The annual whist drive and dance was held in the Holy Cross School last night in celebration of St. Patrick's Day. The M.C.'s were Messrs. E. Revell and P. W. Griffin (dancing) and A. Marlow and M. Downes (whist). Mr George Wright's band supplied the music.

Burials

Johnstone – At Whitwick tomorrow, Robert Johnstone, aged 61, of Castle Hill.

Friday March 25th 1921 (1516)

Coalville Petty Sessions

Good Friday Music

Mr T. H. Moore applied on behalf of the proprietors for permission to give suitable music at the Whitwick Picture House on Good Friday. Similar applications were also made by Mr Brock and Mr Deeming for the Coalville Olympia and the Grand theatres respectively.

Sir George Beaumont: What is suitable music?

Mr Moore: Sacred, Sir George.

Supt. Lockton said the places were well conducted and he had no objection. The applications were granted. A similar application was made for the Ashby Lyric Picture House and was granted.

Warriors Day

Mr Moore also applied for a similar thing for the Coalville Olympic, Coalville Grand, and Whitwick Picture Houses in connection with Warriors Day, which is for Earl Haig's Fund for disabled soldiers. This was also granted.

In Memoriam

Underwood – In loving memory of Robert Underwood, late of Whitwick, who died in France, March 25th, 1918. Never forgotten by his loving Wife and Child.

Whitwick Parish Meeting

Payment of Overseers Declared Illegal

Labour Party Monopolise Office

The annual parish meeting at Whitwick on Monday night in the National Schools was, as usual, largely attended, and representatives of the Labour Party were present in good force, with the result that three new overseers were nominated for election by the Coalville Urban Council.

Mr Albert Briers was voted to the chair. After Mr T. Kelly (retiring overseer) had read the minutes of the last parish meeting, Mr F. Harper asked whether a letter, as resolved at that meeting was sent to the Urban Council recommending the payment of overseers. Mr Kelly said the letter was sent, and Mr Jesson (clerk) said it would be forwarded to the proper quarter. They had heard no more. Mr McCarthy said it was quite out of order. The Council had no power to pay overseers; it would be illegal.

Mr Harper: *Who has power?*

Mr McCarthy: *Send it to the MP for the district.*

Mr Waterfield said the resolution was to send the letter to the Ministry of Health.

Mr Harper: *Yes, through the Urban Council.*

The chairman said it was illegal to pay overseers.

Mr Harper: *For the Council to pay?*

The chairman: *Or anybody else.*

Mr George West said it would mean an alteration by Act of Parliament. Before nominations for overseers were made Mr McCarthy suggested that the chairman should explain the duties of the overseers. One thing they had to do was to assess all new property. The chairman said the overseers fixed the amount of the assessments, and they had to go before the Assessment Committee for approval. The overseers also had to levy the rate to meet the amount required by the Guardians, and another thing was that they had to deal with distress in cases of emergency.

Mr Rowley Hurst asked why the poor rate had gone up 125 per cent. The chairman said the county rate was responsible for that. The education rate was 2/5 in the pound last time. The

poor rate itself was only 8d in the pound. Dr Burkitt said the Guardians at Ashby always asked for a lump sum from each parish and the overseers had to levy a rate to meet that. The chairman said that was so.

Dr. Burkitt: *And in the event of the overseers not getting in the rate, they are individually and collectively responsible for the money and can be sued by the Guardians.*

The chairman: Yes.

Mr Anthony Needham (An old overseer): *The Ashby Guardians simply commandeer the rate, and the overseers have to find it by a certain date.*

Mr McCarthy said the County Council was only an administrative body, and was absolutely helpless in regard to a lot of the expenditure they were compelled by Government to undertake. The wages of the county police were nearly double now what they used to be, and nobody would grumble at that, because the police were previously shockingly underpaid and were not getting as much as a navy. The teachers' salaries had also gone up considerably, and everybody would admit that they also had been previously underpaid. When a man was thinking of a profession for his son or daughter, he naturally enquired what they were likely to earn on reaching manhood and womanhood. Consequently, there was a considerable shortage of teachers at the present time, because of the poor pay in the past. Even the roadmen were now getting £3/10 a week.

The chairman said he thought it was quite clear now what the duties of the overseers were, and if anyone who was proposed felt that he could not undertake the office, he should say so. He was pleased to tell them that for the next half-year, the county rate had been reduced from 3/1 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 2/6 $\frac{1}{4}$ in the pound, so there would be a reduction in the rate.

Mr T. Kelly said it was 15 years that night since he was first elected overseer, and he had thought of resigning. The work during the last two or three years had been a little irksome, and his only reason for standing again was because he had promised the new rate collector, Mr W. J. Newbury, to assist him all he could. He had several times been called up in the night to attend to cases, as well as during the day time, and he could assure them that he did not crave for the job.

The chairman then asked for nominations for the first overseer, and Mr George Musson received 34 votes to Mr Kelly's 28. For second overseer, Mr W. Waterfield received 36 votes to Mr George West's 20. The only nomination for third overseer was Mr R. Hallam. The three old overseers were Messrs. T. Kelly, George West and A. Needham, so that there will be three new ones – Messrs. George Musson, W. Waterfield and R. Hallam, who were all said to be representatives of the Labour Party.

It was decided also to send Mr John Ottey's name as the fourth man, with the recommendation to the Urban Council to elect the first three. Mr Waterfield said that now they had nominated three new overseers he hoped the old overseers would not be opposed to giving them a little advice on any matter, on which they might want information.

Mr Kelly: *Any afternoon you can come to my place, and I will help you all I can, and get a cup of tea for you.* (Laughter and hear, hear).

The parish constables nominated were Messrs. C. Pegg, R. Hallam, H. Beeson, T. Young, A. Limb and F. Harper, these being the same as before, except that Mr Harper takes the place of Mr J. W. Briers.

Messrs. George West and A. J. Briers were re-appointed assessors of taxes.

The chairman asked if there was any other matter any parishioner wanted to mention and after a slight pause, Mr McCarthy moved a vote of thanks to the chairman, which was carried with acclamation, and ended a brief meeting.

Whitwick Nursing Association

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Whitwick and Thringstone Nursing Association was held in the school in Monday evening. Mr T. W. Bourne presiding over a small attendance. Apologies for absence were received from the Vicar and Mr J. Ward.

The committee's report showed that good work had been done during the year by Nurse Dennison, who had attended 231 cases and paid 2,100 visits. The district collections showed a small increase but it was hoped that still more householders and others would become subscribers, so the Association could continue the good work it had been doing for the last 22 years. The Whitwick Imperial F.C. had again helped the Association very much, also the Coalville Charity F.A., "Coalville Times" Cricket Cup Competition, and the Coalville and District Horticultural Society, and the committee thanked these and all who had helped in the work of the Association, especially the district collectors.

The balance sheet showed a total income of £211/17/11, which included £37/4/0 from the Whitwick district collections and £13/10/9 from the Thringstone collections. The total expenditure was £155/16/3, leaving a balance in hand of £56/1/8.

The committee were re-elected as follows: The Rev. T. W. Walters, Canon O'Reilly, the Rev. S. G. Cobby, Dr. Burkitt, Messrs. H. T. Bastard, T. W. Bourne, A. West, J. Ward, W. Waldram and S. Sykes. Miss Harding was re-elected hon. secretary and the officers were thanked for their services.

Friday April 1st 1921 (1517)

Coalville Cup Final

Record Crowd Sees Whitwick Triumphant

Enormous interest was taken in the Coalville Charity Cup Final on the Fox and Goose ground on Easter Tuesday, when a crowd which beat all previous records, numbering over 6,000, witnessed a keen game between Whitwick Imperial and Ashby Town, in which the former triumphed by the only goal scored by Peberdy (centre-forward) just before the interval. It was a fine achievement for the Ashby Town club in the first year of their existence as a senior team, to reach the final stage, and they had hoped to crown a successful season by lifting the trophy, but Whitwick are old cup-fighters and the confidence of their supporters

was not misplaced. Although only one goal was scored, Whitwick never looked like losing and if they had taken all their chances the scores would have been very different.

The teams lined up in the following order:

Whitwick: Hunt, Brooks and Lacey; Thorp, Middleton and Ellen; Reynolds, Layton, Peberdy, Moore and Price.

Ashby: Wells, Morley and Essom; Blower, Hubbard and Davis; Calley, Perry, Pringle, Morley and Jordan.

Mr C. Catlow, of Bulwell, a former resident of Coalville, and a member of the Notts Referees' Association, ably controlled the game with Messrs. F. W. Smith and F. O. Insley as linesmen.

Although both sides were keen and the pace was great throughout, the game, for a cup tie, was singularly free from fouls and was fought in an excellent spirit. Wells was frequently called upon in the first half and he saved magnificently time after time, but on one occasion Layton should easily have scored from a lovely centre by Fred Price. Hunt did not handle the ball in the first half hour and then he cleared from the Ashby right. Both the Ashby backs, as well as the goalkeeper, were in fine form and cleared the goal of many a difficult situation, but the Whitwick centre-forward, Peberdy, who had several times been dangerous, was at last rewarded. He got through the defence on his own and Wells being on the ground some distance out of goal made an unsuccessful attempt to stop Peberdy with his foot, but the forward managed to get clear and had the open goal before him. The referee afterwards told me that he could have blown for a penalty against the goalkeeper when he tried to trip Peberdy but as the latter survived the attempt he let him go. Some of the spectators thought Peberdy was offside and there were, indeed only one back and the custodian between him and the goal when he received the ball, but he had run some distance after the ball was last played and was quite in order.

Ashby played strongly for the first quarter of an hour in the second half and looked like equalising, but Brooks and Lacey defended splendidly and Hunt was never in difficulties. Hereabouts Whitwick were handicapped by the loss of Layton who was twice injured and had to go off for a time and the Whitwick attack on the right was spoilt. Reynolds was not a success and with Layton crooked, the right wing was the weakest part of the Whitwick team, but all the others did well and towards the close applied considerable pressure, though the Ashby defence held out. Shirley Hubbard played a fine game at centre-half, and he, with the two backs and custodian really saved Ashby from a much heavier defeat. The Ashby forwards were well supported but they were quite overplayed by the Whitwick men and really were seldom dangerous.

The gate receipts amounted to the record total of £216/15/3. Tax absorbed £48/4/4 of this and the charity's share was £56/3/8. The expenses came to £9/8/6 which left the splendid sum of £51/9/4 for each club. The match was excellently managed in every way and reflected the highest credit on the Charity officials and committee.

Whitwick Unionists

The Bosworth Division Branch of Whitwick Women Unionists held a successful gathering of members at the New Constitutional Club, Whitwick, on Wednesday.

A substantial tea was served in the large room set apart for women members, after which the agent, Mr W. Baldwin, referred to the unavoidable absence of Mr and Mrs A. Hawley, whose thoughts were always with them, though unable to be present, He, the speaker, congratulated the Association on the splendid work they had been doing during the past year, which had done so much to keep the cause alive in Whitwick. The women having the vote now, were fast realising the importance of their power, which there was every indication of its becoming the steadying influence in future government of this county. The speaker encouraged them to work with all their might in the interest of their prospective candidate, whose great aim in life was to raise the standard of all with whom he came in contact, and apart from politics assist those who were afflicted and distressed. They in the Bosworth Division were extremely fortunate in finding such a prospective candidate and should give our supporters every encouragement to work and to make converts amongst those who were indifferent and apathetic.

The evening was given to harmony, Mr W. Reece and Mrs Robinson being greatly appreciated. Mrs Robinson and Mrs Underwood officiated at the piano. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mrs Robinson, chairman, and her committee.

“The Crucifixion”

A large congregation at the Whitwick Parish Church on Friday night greatly enjoyed the choir's excellent rendering of Stainer's "The Crucifixion." The chorus consisted of upwards of 40 voices and the soloists were Miss R. Baker (soprano), Miss C. Smith (contralto), Mr A. E. Waterfield, of Thringstone (tenor) and Mr J. C. Norman, of Huncote (bass). They also sang very creditably and Mr R. G. West ably officiated at the organ. The collection for the war memorial fund amounted to £7/11/9. The services on Easter Day were of a bright and hearty character. Two appropriate sermons were preached by the Vicar and in the evening the choir gave a good rendering of the anthem "King of Kings," Mr Hy Cooke, junr., was the soloist.

Whitwick Imperial F.C.

Whitwick played Hinckley United in the Leicestershire Senior League at Whitwick on Wednesday night and won 1 – 0, Peberdy scoring. Two of the Whitwick players, Brooks and Albert Thorpe have this week been transferred to Plymouth Argyle.

Baptist Church

Special services were held at the Whitwick Baptist Church on Monday and were well attended. The Rev. T. N. Tattersall, D.S.O., of Kettering preached in the afternoon and lectured in the evening, his subject being "The challenge." The Rev. W. H. Wills, of Coalville, presided.

Whist Drive and Dance

On Monday evening a whist drive and fancy dress dance was held in the Holy Cross School and was well attended. The M.C.'s for dancing were Messrs. E. Revell, R. Needham, J. Stanyard and E. Larnar and for whist, Messrs. F. E. Needham, A. Marlowe, A. Revell, and

J. Wardle. Good prizes were awarded for whist and the best fancy dresses. The proceeds were for the insurance of the buildings.

P.M. Sermons

Whitwick Primitive Methodists held their school anniversary on Sunday, when there were large congregations and Councillor T. W. Walker, of Leicester, was the preacher. The children and the choir sang their hymns and anthems very creditably under the direction of Mr J. B. Newbury, Mrs Newbury being the organist, assisted by an efficient orchestra. The collections for the school funds amounted to £46.

Friday April 8th 1921 (1518)

Swift's Last Minute Goal

The only match of importance in the Coalville district on Saturday was that between the Swifts and Whitwick Imperial, which drew a crowd of about 1,500 spectators in the Fox and Goose ground. Nothing was scored in the first half, and it looked as if the result would be a goalless draw, but when the Swifts attacked practically in the last minute, Lacey (Whitwick back), had the misfortune to put the ball through his own goal when trying to clear. A feature of the game was the fine play of Collington, whose runs and centres often put the Whitwick goal in danger, but the right-winger was injured and limped off the field about a quarter of an hour from time. Both goalkeepers, Shaw for the Swifts and Hunt for Whitwick, saved admirably. Whitwick played a reserve man (Hunt) as outside right, and he is a player of promise. Whitwick missed a penalty in the second half, Elton shooting high over the bar.

A collection was made among the spectators for the benefit of Arthur Sankey, one of the Swift's players, who was injured when playing against Stableford's a few weeks ago.

Whitwick Miners Meeting

The Whitwick miners had a meeting at the Hermitage Hotel on Tuesday night, when there was a large attendance. Mr G. J. Brooks, J.P., presided, and Mr Jno. Baker (president of the Miners' Association) and Mr T. Gowdrige (secretary) gave addresses. A resolution of confidence in the Miners' Council and congratulating them on their solidarity in the dispute was passed.

Concert

A children's concert took place in the Whitwick Church School, on Wednesday night, a capital programme being given to an appreciative audience. The proceeds were for the Band of Hope funds.

Coalville Urban District Council

Whitwick Lodgers

The surveyor gave the returns of the Whitwick lodging houses, showing that during March 764 persons were accommodated compared with 684 in February, and 802 in March last year.

Whitwick Vestry Meeting

A Record Church Year

The Vicar (the Rev. T. W. Walters, M.A.) presided at the Whitwick Vestry meeting on Tuesday evening. In opening the meeting, the Vicar said that would be the last Vestry, as in future the work would be done by the Church Council and a Vestry meeting would only be required to elect wardens. Referring to the war memorial, he said practically everything had been completed to place the work in the hands of the contractor. They had about £450 in the bank and the contractor had agreed to erect the memorial within four months. They hoped to have everything ready for the unveiling at August at the latest.

He also mentioned that a men's committee had been formed in connection with the Church, and they had organised a free-will offering fund which was being worked very well. This new committee joined the ladies' committee for the Shrove Tide effort, and between them made it one the most successful on record, the amount cleared being £41/10/6. The number of Easter communicants, 314, was the highest on record.

Mr S. W. West (people's warden) in presenting the accounts, said the figures he had to place before the meeting showed considerable progress in several directions, although last year was a record one, this year was even better. It was pleasing to see that the Sunday School Fund had a balance in hand of over £5. This was as it should be, seeing that the school is the church's nursery; the scholars of today will be the church-workers in the next generation. Let them be well trained, for they will have most important work to do. The quota in the finance scheme had again been paid, and a balance of over £8 was handed over to the Sunday Schools. The Churchyard Fund showed a balance of over £28 in hand.

Passing on to the War Memorial Fund, the speaker explained that over £284 had been added this year, making a total of over £444 actually received. Church collections for all purposes amounted to £267/5/7, against £249 last year. The grand total of £650 had been raised altogether during the year. The churchwardens' expenses amounted to £148/13/2, and their receipts to £144/2/11, leaving a debt of £4/10/3. Church collections for special objects amounted to £125/14/0, an increase of over £29. Amongst the items were: Hospitals £18/5/0; war memorial £15/17/11; day schools £15/9/11; Sunday Schools £12/18/10; Save the Children Fund £3/3/2; Central Church Fund £4/13/9; Easter offerings 1920-21 £28/10/10; Nursing Association £4/0/4; Peterborough Cathedral Restoration £5; Waifs and Strays £4/7/0; C.M.S. £4/18/8; National Societies £2; and S.P.G. £3/18/4.

Previous to giving his financial statement, Mr West said he had a very pleasing duty to perform, namely, to present to the Vicar the Easter offering, amounting to £16, and to convey to the Vicar their best thanks for the manner in which he had carried out his duties through another year. The Vicar replied, warmly thanking the people for their gift.

The Vicar again nominated Mr W. Adams as his warden, pointing out that this would make the third year, though it was customary for the Vicar's warden to act only for two years, but as Mr S. W. West had decided to resign as parish warden, he (the Vicar) had thought it best to retain the services of one of the old wardens. He spoke of the excellent work done by Mr S. W. West during the 13 years he had been warden. He had been a most useful warden and had assisted him (the Vicar) very much. He was sure that Mr West's services were very

highly appreciated by them all. Mr Gordon Bayliss was elected people's warden. Most of the old sidesmen were re-elected and the following five new ones were added: Messrs P. Rice, W. Moore, A. Bakewell, D. West and P. Aris.

Friday April 15th 1921 (1519)

To Let

Two vicarage fields at Whitwick. Apply, Whitwick Vicarage.

Ashby Petty Sessions

Married Last July

John Henry Lakin (27), collier, Whitwick, was summoned for deserting his wife, Ada, of Whitwick. Mr J. J. Sharp (Coalville) was for the woman, and Mr J. F. Jesson (Ashby) for the defendant.

Mr Sharp said terms had been arranged on which he asked for an adjournment. If the parents would encourage the parties in getting a house, perhaps the Bench would not be troubled with the case. While out of work defendant would pay his wife 10/- a week from March 19th, and a fresh arrangement would be made after he resumed work.

Mr Jesson said that if both parents would do their best no doubt the young people would get together again. They were only married last July. The Bench adjourned the case till June 24th at Coalville.

Swifts At Whitwick

The most attractive local match on Saturday was the meeting of Whitwick Imperial and Coalville Swifts on the Whitwick ground. The sides were evenly matched and no goals resulted in the first half, though both goalkeepers were frequently tested, and both goals had some narrow escapes.

Nearly half-way through the second half, Hunt, the Whitwick outside right, scored with a low shot and this proved to be the only goal of the match.

Whitwick Schoolboys' Cup Final

A football cup has been generously presented for competition among the schoolboys of the district, and the final was played on the Whitwick Imperial ground on Saturday morning, between Whitwick Holy Cross and Coalville All Saints. Whitwick won a good game by three goals to two, and the cup was presented to them by Canon O'Reilly, who also handed a football to the captain of the All Saints team as the runners up.

Local Chit Chat

Local arrangements for the forthcoming census are now complete. The officer responsible is the Registrar of Births and Deaths for the district (Mr W. J. Newbury) and the Coalville area comprises the parishes of Coalville, Hugglescote (including Ellistown and Donington-

le-Heath), Whitwick, Thringstone (including Pegg's Green), Swannington, Ravenstone with Snibston, and Bardon Hill. Enumerators have been appointed, and districts allotted to them, and the distribution of the schedules will be commended tomorrow (Saturday). These have to be filled in by the head of the household, and be ready when called for by the enumerators on Monday morning next, April 25th.

Baptist Sermons

The Sunday School anniversary services were held at the Whitwick Baptist Church, on Sunday, when two sermons were preached to large congregations by the Rev. W. H. Wills of Coalville. The children and choir acquitted themselves admirably in the singing of special hymns and anthems under the direction of Mr Oliver Geary. The anthem in the afternoon was "The God of Jacob is with us," and at night, "Walking with God," in which there was a solo by Miss Mann. Miss Geary was the organist, an efficient orchestra also assisting. The collections realised £25/15/0, which was about £2 below last year's.

Band of Hope Concert

The children's concert in connection with the Church Band of Hope was repeated in the National Schools on Saturday night, the Vicar (the Rev. T. W. Walters, M.A.) presiding, and a capital programme was rendered to a large and appreciative audience as follows:

Opening song, "For Temperance Strive"; recitation, "The Merry Farmers", boys; song, "Sing a Song of Temperance," girls; recitation, "Hullo," Miss C. Baker; song, "Gleaners," J. Jarvis, E. Moore and M. Houson; song, S. Jarvis; recitation, Miss R. Baker; song, "The Temperance Band," boys; recitation, "The Duel," Miss C. Whitmore; song, "The Blind Boy," Miss K. Ottey; recitation, "I'll take what father takes," J. Clarke; song, "Rose Dream," Miss R. Baker; recitation, "Good night and Good morning," small girls; part song, "The Keys of Heaven," P. Stanyard and R. Baker; recitation, "Little Pat and the parson," C. Baker; song, "The Lavender Girl," Lilian Jarvis; part song, "Two Little Girls," Misses C. Baker and C. Whitmore; recitation, "They didn't think," C. Clarke; song, "Love among the roses," Miss R. Baker; recitation, "The Dove," small girls; song, "Lullaby," girls; dialogue, "Templars Aim," C. Baker and C. Whitmore; hymn, "Go and tell Jesus"; part song, "Nay, John," C. Baker, C. Whitmore, P. Stanyard and L. Robinson; recitation, "Babes in the Wood," S. Jarvis; song, "Gone is the Winter," S. Jarvis; closing song, "For England's Sake," "God Save the King."

The children were trained by Mrs Underwood and Miss Kate Ottey, who are to be congratulated on the success of the concert.

No Grave Dug

Singular Omission at Whitwick Funeral

An unfortunate oversight led to a singular incident at a Whitwick funeral on Saturday. At three o'clock, the interment was to have taken place of the late Mr Harry Tolley, a single man, aged 54 years of Thringstone. The first part of the service was held in the Holy Cross Church, conducted by Canon M. J. O'Reilly, and on arrival at the cemetery, it was found that no preparations had been made for the burial and no grave dug.

The distressed relatives returned to the Holy Cross Church and it was arranged to leave the body in the church until Sunday, when at two o'clock in the afternoon, it was taken to the cemetery for the second time, and the internment then took place.

Interviewed in reference to the incident, Canon O'Reilly said it was the first time that such a thing had occurred in all his 40 years' experience as a priest. When he commenced the service in the church, he was under the impression that everything was in order, but *"as soon as we got to the cemetery"*, he informed our representative, *"I thought there was something wrong, because the gates were closed, and no one was about."*

A messenger was sent for the sexton, Mr George West, and it then transpired that no order had been given for a grave. *"Neither the sexton nor the burial authorities,"* said Canon O'Reilly, *"were in any way to blame. It was due to an unfortunate misunderstanding which resulted in no order for the grave being given."*

Mr George West, the sexton, informed our representative, that he had no knowledge of the funeral. He has held the position for many years, and it is the first time such an incident has occurred in his experience, though, he added, *"I once dug a grave for the internment of a body which was never brought."* This was many years ago, and referred to a funeral which took place in the Holy Cross Churchyard. Mr West had the grave all ready and was waiting for the arrival of the cortege. As this made no appearance, he enquired as to its whereabouts, and was informed that the funeral had taken place.

The Coal Crisis

Incidents in Coalville and District

The warm weather experienced last week, which was most unusual for the time of the year, took a remarkable change on Saturday, when it was bitterly cold, and there were intervals of snow and rain, which added to the inconvenience of householders who have little or no coal. At the time of writing, there are many in this unfortunate plight in the Coalville district, and their hopes were considerably raised by the good news which came through on Sunday morning. It was a message sent by Mr Frank Hodges to Mr T. Gowdridge, secretary of the Leicestershire Miners' Association, as follows:

"Conference with owners opened unconditionally. We urge all our members to abstain from all action which will interfere with the measures necessary for securing the safety of the mines or will necessitate the use of force by the Government."

The telegram only got as far as Derby and was then phoned to the Police Station at Coalville at midnight. Inspector Dobney and his men at once took steps to make it known. Mr Gowdridge was called, and the police made a tour of the various collieries, which was also communicated to several people by telephone. A notice was also placed outside the Police Station.

At one of the collieries, the police found a well-known manager with his coat off and shirt sleeves rolled up, hard at work, though it was about one o'clock in the morning, and his exclamation on hearing the news was a devout, *"Thank God!"*

Mr Gowdrige was early astir on Sunday morning spreading the news, which was announced at the Men's Adult School, and also at various chapels and churches. Everywhere it was gladly received, and the hope was freely expressed that a satisfactory settlement would be the outcome of those renewed negotiations, and that even at the 11th hour the calamity threatening the nation might be averted.

The cold and wet weather on Saturday, together with the strike, had a marked effect on the attendance at the local football matches, at some of which there was but a mere handful of spectators. It was also a bad day for the aviators giving flying exhibitions at Hugglescote, though many flights were made on Sunday when the weather had improved. A good number of passengers went up, including Mr J. Baker (president of the Leicestershire Miners' Association), and Mr H. Toon (a member of the Miners' Council).

Reservists Called Up

Notices were posted by the Police in Coalville and district on Saturday calling on all Army Reservists, and during the day many men were soon with knapsack, etc., making their way to the station. It vividly recalled the stirring events of 1914. Among the reservists are some miners.

A large number of reservists belonging to the Leicestershire Regiment, reported themselves at Glen Parva Barracks, Leicester, on Saturday, and others belonging to units outside the county drew their sustenance pay at the Post Office and proceeded to their different destinations. It is estimated that there are close upon 10,000 reservists in the city and county.

Ponies delighted at their release

All the ponies have been brought out of the Moira and Donisthorpe collieries. One of the ponies from the Rawdon Colliery was so delighted to see daylight once again, that he made his escape and dashing off, jumped gates and hedges in his mad career of joy, finally making a plunge into the canal for a swim. He had to be lassoed by a boatman.

Another one was so lively that the officials had to telephone for the man who drove the pony down the pit, to take charge of him. The Whitwick colliery ponies were noticed browsing in a field near the colliery in the early part of the week. The animals all looked well, and are evidently well-cared for below ground.

Burials

Tolley – At Whitwick, on Sunday, Igantius Henry Tolley, aged 54 years, of Thringstone

Friday April 22nd 1921 (1520)

Postponed Census

38 Million Forms Sent Out

The postponement of the census in view of the national emergency is the first time such a step has been necessary since the census was instituted in Great Britain (in 1801). The Irish

census, it may be recalled, had already been put off owing to the disturbed state of the country.

The news of the postponement came as a great surprise to the authorities at Somerset House, where the arrangements for the great count on 24th April had this week been completed. The schedules had already been dispatched to the 38,000 local enumerators, and the first distribution of forms to householders was to have begun.

Immediately following Sir Alfred Mond's announcement in the House on Thursday, telegrams cancelling all local census arrangements were directed to be sent to 40,000 local registrars and enumerators – a formidable task which kept the telegraph wires busy till a late hour.

Football

Hugglescote Beaten at Whitwick

Hugglescote Imperial were due at Whitwick on Wednesday night, according to the fixture list, but the match was taken forward to Saturday, the visitors being beaten by three goals to one. This was Hugglescote's last match in what, for them, has been a disappointing season. They have finished at the bottom of the chart, but never mind – better luck next time.

Whitwick Imperial beat Pegg's Green 4 – 1 at Whitwick, on Monday evening.

Local Chit Chat

Good progress is now being made with the Coalville housing schemes. The Urban Council have accepted contracts for the erection of ninety houses at Whitwick, Coalville and Ellistown, and the work is going ahead. Quite a busy scene is presented at Hall Lane, Whitwick, where houses are being created on each side of the road, and the roofs of some of them have been reached.

Coalville Petty Sessions

Ran Like Stag-Hounds

William Burton (40), Cyril Wyatt (19), Ernest Hurst (23) William Hurst (24), Thomas Allen (24), Joseph Moore (50), and Albert Thorpe (26), colliers, all of Whitwick, were summoned for gaming with cards and coins at Whitwick, on Sunday, March 20th. Only William Hurst appeared.

P.C. Durrands said he saw a party of 18 playing with cards and coins at 4:30 on the footpath leading from Hall Lane to the Forest Rock. He had reported those he knew. As soon as they saw him they were off "*like staghounds.*" (Laughter). He gave chase and heard one of the defendants remark, "*My word, can't that policeman run.*" He caught three of them. He watched them playing for some time.

The clerk: *Did you get any of the money?*

Witness: *Yes, I got two shillings.* (Laughter)

Hurst said he was not there, and the constable had got two or three wrong names.

The clerk: *He got a few right ones as well.* (Laughter)

William Hurst, who appeared, was fined 15/- or seven days, and the others £1 each, or 7 days.

Hurst: *I can't pay a fine when I was not there. I was in bed at the time. You ought to give me the benefit of the doubt.*

He was told that was the decision of the Court.

Adjourned

Harry Stretton (30), and George Frearson (30), colliers, Whitwick, were charged with stealing a watch and chain, and 13/- in money at Whitwick, on March 28th. The clerk said an application had been received from Mr Jesson, a solicitor in the case, for an adjournment to the Ashby Court, on Saturday, the 23rd inst. – Agreed.

Bad Language

Herbert Hall (29), Andrew Smith (24), of Thringstone, and George Frearson (30), of Swannington, all colliers, were summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on March 20th. Frearson appeared, and pleaded not guilty.

P.S. Betts said defendants used bad language in North Street. Hall was drilling the others. Frearson was a respectable man and witness was sorry to see him in such company. The sooner he gave up these companions the better it would be him.

Frearson was fined 5/-, or three days, and the others 10/- each, or seven days.

Andrew Smith (21), collier, Thringstone, one of the defendants in the last case, was summoned for a similar offence, two days later. P.C. Harper stated the facts, and defendant was fined £1/1/0, or 14 days, the latter concurrent, with the previous sentence.

Maud Glover (42), married, of Whitwick, for a similar offence, was on the evidence of P.C. Durrands, fined 10/-, or seven days.

Drunk and Disorderly

John Cooper (38), and Thomas Roberts (40), colliers, Whitwick, were summoned for being drunk and disorderly, at Whitwick, on March 29th. Neither appeared.

P.S. Betts said both men were drunk and used very bad language. Cooper was like a madman. He threw a brick at witness, and he blew his whistle. The clerk (perusing a copy of the language) said they did not appear to like the police.

The Sergeant: *They belong to a gang who don't like the police.*

Cooper was fined £1, and Roberts 15/-, or seven days. William Hurst (25), collier, Whitwick, for a similar offence, on March 28th, was fined 12/-. P.C. Harper said the defendant had his coat off, and was wanting to fight anybody who came along.

Joseph Walker, labourer, Ellistown, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Hugglescote, on April 9th. He did not appear. Police Inspector Dobney said he found the defendant near the South Leicestershire Colliery gates at 11 o'clock, drunk and using threats, but witness did not take a serious view of the threats. Fined 12/- or seven days.

Friday April 29th 1921 (1521)

Death of Mrs Price

Daughter of Mr and Mrs T. Y. Hay, of Coalville

The funeral will take place at Swepstone Church today (Friday) of Mrs Price, wife of Mr A. Price of Minorca Farm, Measham, whose death occurred on Tuesday, after a short illness from pneumonia. The deceased lady was well-known in the Coalville district as the elder daughter (Blanche), of Mr Thomas Young Hay, manager of the Whitwick Colliery and Mrs Hay of Forest Road, and much sympathy is felt for the parents, and also the husband and two little daughters. Mrs Price was only 34 years of age.

Alleged Robbery at Whitwick

A Successful Defence

A rather remarkable case which occupied the attention of the Ashby magistrates on Saturday, was one in which Henry Stretton and George Frearson, colliers, Whitwick, were charged with stealing a watch and chain, and 13/- in money, total value £2/16/0, from Arthur Hunt, at Whitwick, on March 28th. Mr J. F. Jesson (Ashby) for the defendants pleaded not guilty.

Arthur Hunt, collier, Thringstone, stated that about 10:30 pm he was walking towards home along North Street, Whitwick, and when near the Liberal Club, saw the two defendants. Stretton caught hold of him and held him against the wall, and wanted him to stop, but he refused, and struggled to get away. Then Frearson caught hold of him by the neck. Stretton asked him to go into Moore's yard, and he refused, but this defendant caught hold of his arm, and pulled him into the stable. Stretton asked him what money he had got, and they took all the money, and everything he had got. They threatened him that if he made a row they would do him in. Afterwards, they opened the stable door and let him go, and he went to find a policeman. He saw P.C. Durrands and told him, and they went back to the two men. Stretton handed over the money and the watch and chain to the policeman.

In reply to Mr Jesson, defendant denied that he was a nuisance to the district, and that he had ever made improper suggestions to anyone.

P.C. Durrands said Hunt complained to him of having been robbed, and went back with him towards the Liberal Club. He saw Stretton who said he was sorry they took the money, but he alleged that complainant made an improper suggestion to them and he deserved all he got. Stretton handed the money and articles to witness.

Mr Jesson submitted that there was no felonious intent. After the incident, they went into the Liberal Club and told the manager (Mr Sear) what had occurred, and they offered the articles and money to him, but he advised them to hand the goods over to the police, which they did almost as soon as they got out of the club. Complainant, said Mr Jesson, brought this upon himself by his own conduct, and he could call witnesses to say that it was not the first time Hunt had made improper suggestions to men. The complainant was a nuisance. The chairman said the Bench would like to hear Sear.

Frederick Sear, manager of the Liberal Club, said the defendants were both respectable men. The immoral tendencies of Hunt, he said, were the talk of the place. Soon after the two defendants left the club on Easter Monday night, they returned, and made a complaint to him about Hunt, and showed witness the watch and chain and money, which they said they had taken from Hunt, and that they had given him a good hiding. The Bench dismissed the case.

Wesleyan School Sermons

The Whitwick Wesleyans held their school anniversary services on Sunday, when there were large congregations. Mr David Taylor, of Hugglescote (president of the Coalville and District Free Church Council) was the preacher and he gave two very appropriate discourses. A feature of the services was the excellent singing of the hymns and anthems by the children and choir, under the direction of Mr J. West, Miss Gladys Bourne was the organist, an efficient orchestra also assisting. The collections amounted to £37/6/10, which was a little increase on last year.

Burials

Cooke – At Whitwick, on Wednesday, Evelyn May Cooke, aged 14 years, of Gracedieu Road.

Alarming Motor Smash at Whitwick

House and Shop Wrecked

Four Persons Injured and Many Narrowly Escape

Four persons were injured in a motor smash which occurred at Whitwick, about half-past two o'clock on Saturday afternoon, and others had miraculous escapes.

Thirty-two persons in a motor charabanc were being conveyed from Mesham to the football match at Whitwick – the Leicestershire Junior Cup final between Barrow Trinity and Measham Town – and when descending the steep hill at the bottom of Church Lane, the vehicle, by some means got out of control, and dashed into the shop at the bottom, on Pares Hill, owned by the Coalville Urban Council, and occupied by Mr Gideon Slattery. The front window and brick work were demolished, and the middle wall dividing the shop from the kitchen was also knocked down, the place being completely wrecked. The passengers had miraculous escapes, only four being injured, and these not seriously.

The injured were: Ernest Eason, collier, Baptist Lane, Measham, a slight cut on the right side of the head.

Donald Ross, under-manager of the Measham Colliery, of Pegg's Lane, Measham, injuries to the head and leg.

Thomas Russell Bracegirdle, of Brightwell, Rotherham, on a visit to Mr Ross, a cut on the jaw.

George Wileman, collier, Measham, a cut on the right eye.

The front wheels of the motor were buckled and the bonnet smashed, the engine also being badly damaged. Mr Slattery's baby had a marvellous escape. It was lying in the perambulator, which was pushed forward by the falling debris as the motor forced its way into the building but, luckily, the child was unhurt.

The injured persons were tended to by Dr. Rolston and the Whitwick nurse, and two of them were conveyed home. P.C. Durrands was early on the scene, and rendered valuable assistance. The driver told the constable that when passing the Black Horse, about forty yards from the corner, his brake lever shot forward, and the speed gained down the steep hill made it impossible for him to negotiate the sharp corner. He was not familiar with the district, or a better way to the ground would have been via Brooks Lane and North Street.

Many people viewed the scene of the accident in the course of the afternoon. The Coalville Urban Council have, for some time, contemplated an improvement at Pares' Hill by widening the road, but the work was held up by the war. A few years ago, the road was widened at the bottom of Church Lane, but the corner is still dangerous, at the foot of a steep hill and several accidents have occurred there.

Urban Council's New Chairman



The honour conferred upon Mr A. J. Briers by his recent election to the chair of the Coalville Urban Council is well-deserved. Mr Briers having been prominent in the public life of the district for a good number of years. For several years he has represented the Whitwick ward on the Urban Council, and also on the Board of Guardians at Ashby, and in other ways has

devoted himself to the public service. He is a popular resident of Whitwick, where he carries on the business of a marine store dealer, and he has received many congratulations on the appointment.

Friday May 6th 1921 (1522)

Football

Leicestershire Senior League

The other match on Saturday was at Ashby, where the Town team entertained the Whitwick Imperial. A good game ended in a draw of one goal each, both scored in the first half, Pringle for Ashby and Oldham for Whitwick.

Coalville Health

Medical Officer's Annual Report

In his annual report for the year 1920, to the Coalville Urban District Council, on the health of the district, Dr. R. W. Jamie (medical officer) states:

The population of the urban district in 1911 was 18,500. According to figures from Somerset House, the estimated population to the middle of 1920 is 21,959. The ward population approximately is: Coalville 10,468; Hugglescote 6,677; Whitwick 4,814.

Measles – During 1920 there were numerous cases of measles, more particularly in the Whitwick ward, and in the months of April, May and June, six deaths are attributed to this cause, all amongst children under 5 years of age.

Whooping Cough – This disease was prevalent in the Hugglescote and Whitwick wards, during March, April and May. Three deaths were caused by it. Practically no precautions are taken to arrest its spread, and its long duration and insidious beginning are but factors in spreading it.

Diphtheria – This disease has continued in lesser degree its prevalence throughout the year, more particularly in the Hugglescote and Coalville wards. 48 notifications were received, 21 being in Coalville, 25 in Hugglescote and only 2 in Whitwick.

Water Supply – The public water supply continues fairly sufficient, and of a high standard of organic purity. It is pumped from a deep well in the sandstone measures. Samples have been regularly analysed and found satisfactory. In the Whitwick ward, a few springs are still used for domestic use. These also have been analysed and found well within the limits of useable waters.

Slaughter Houses – There are 17 slaughter-houses in the urban district. They have been kept in a fairly satisfactory condition, and regular inspections of same have been made.

Bakehouses – Within the district there are 17 of these. With one exception all are supplied with water from the public mains. They have been inspected from time to time.

Common Lodging-houses – There are three of these all situated in the north ward. Monthly inspections are made, besides night and chance visits from time to time.

Housing – According to the census of 1911, there were 3,932 houses in the urban district. Since 1911, 314 houses have been erected, and 7 have been closed. There are thus 4,239 houses in the district for an estimated population of 21,959, giving a house population of 5.1, as compared with 4.7 in 1911.

Overcrowding – Within the district there are over 80 houses with more than two occupants per room; and about 200 houses now occupied by two or more families.

Sanitary Inspector's Report

Common Lodging-houses – I have again to report that the three common lodging-houses at Whitwick have been satisfactorily maintained. The number of lodgers accommodated during the year was 8,923, which is considerably above the average of the last few years, when the numbers were 7,221 for 1919; 7,070 for 1918; 7,048 for 1917; and 7,440 for 1916. No infectious disease or other sickness has been reported during the year. The houses are regularly inspected by periodical visits, and also by surprise visits.

Trap Accident

An accident which might have been attended by serious consequences occurred in the Bull Ring, at Shepshed. A pony and trap driven by Mr Jarvis, of Whitwick, and containing his brother and a little girl was proceeding through the Bull Ring, when a small dog attacked the pony about the heels, causing him to kick and prance. Ultimately the pony made a dash for the bank steps, and in attempting to pass between the steps and a street lamp the wheels of the trap struck both objects with such force that it brought the pony down. Both shafts and trappings were broken, and the occupants were thrown violently to the ground. The pony, regaining his feet, recommenced to kick, and it was only the driver's presence of mind in pulling the girl clear while he was still himself on the ground that saved the girl by injury by the pony's hoofs. All three occupants got off with a shaking and the pony was uninjured.

Friday May 13th 1921 (1523)

Primitive Methodist Church

Whitwick Primitive Methodists made a special effort during the weekend in connection with which there was a visit by Mr Harrison Slater, of Derby. At a meeting on Saturday night, at which Mr J. Bottrill presided. Mr Slater gave an elocutionary recital from the works of Charles Dickens, and he also gave a recital at a special service on Sunday afternoon. The sermons morning and evening were preached by Mr Wm. Bosworth, of Anstey, and there were good congregations. At the services both on Sunday and Saturday night, solos were beautifully rendered by Madame Ada Hallam, of Leicester.

Acknowledgements

The family of the late Mrs M. A. Whitmore, wish to thank kind friends for their numerous letters, and floral tributes received during their sad bereavement.

26, Leicester Road, Whitwick

In Memoriam

Broadhurst – In loving memory of Anne Broadhurst, late of Whitwick, who died May 12th, 1918.

Never forgotten by her loving daughters.

Haywood – In loving memory of Katie, dearly-loved daughter of Charles and Gertrude Haywood aged 9 years, who passed away May 14th, 1918.

*“The greatest sorrow of our lives
Was when God wills, who will question?”*

Parsonwood Hill, Whitwick

Hart – In loving remembrance of our dear son, Alfred Hart, who died in France, May 16th, 1918.

“For ever in our thoughts.”

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

Friday May 20th 1921 (1524)

Burials

Price – At Whitwick, on Tuesday, Frederick Price, aged 56 years, of Hermitage Road

Wedding

A pretty wedding took place at Whitwick Parish Church, on Monday afternoon between Miss Ethel Laura Shelton, of Whitwick, and Mr Harry Blunt, only son of Mr and Mrs George Blunt, of Coalville. The Vicar, the Rev. T. W. Walters, performed the ceremony in the presence of a good number of friends. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a dress of grey satin, with a wreath of orange blossoms and veil, and carried a bouquet of lilies and carnations, and also wore a gold bracelet, the gift of the bridegroom. There were four bridesmaids, Miss Alice Gee and Miss Edith Bown, who wore dresses of shell pink crepe de chine, and hats to match; and Miss Ivy Gee and Miss Beatrice Wardle, who wore dresses of shantung silk, with hats to match. All carried pretty bouquets of roses and carnations, and were all friends of the bride. Mr Herbert Shelton, brother of the bridegroom, acted as groomsmen. The bride's gift to the bridegroom was a gold tie pin. Bridegroom to bridesmaids, gold brooches. The happy couple were the recipients of many valuable and useful presents, including a silver mounted fruit dish from the teachers of Whitwick Church Sunday School; also a cheque from the bride's parents, etc. After the ceremony a large number of guests were entertained.

Friday May 27th 1921 (1525)

Burials

Concannon – At Whitwick, on Sunday, Mahala Concannon, aged 76 years, of Church Lane.

Friday June 3rd 1921 (1526)

Coalville Petty Sessions

Colliers & Rabbits

Alfred Geary (27), James Newt (25) and Horace Horrobin (25), all colliers, of Whitwick, were summoned for a breach of the Poaching Prevention Act, at Whitwick, on May 20th. They pleaded guilty. P.C. Durrands deposed to meeting the men who each had a rabbit. One of the defendants said he had a wife and child, and could not live on 6/- a week.

The clerk: *You should not go on strike.*

Mr Brooks (a magistrate): *They are not responsible for the strike.*

The clerk said it was no excuse for poaching. Defendants were each fined 5/- or 7 days. They asked for time to pay, and were allowed three weeks.

Organ Recital

An organ recital was given on Sunday afternoon at the Whitwick Parish Church by Mr R. G. West, L.V.C.M. There was a good congregation, and a collection was taken for the Leicester Institute for the Blind. Miss R. Baker was the soloist.

Whitwick Men in a Motor Smash

Returning from the Nottingham Test Match

Five Whitwick men – Messrs. Cyril Foster, J. Cade, W. Moore, R. Robinson and J. Williams – visited the England V Australia test match at Nottingham, on Monday, and returning in a motor car in the evening had an unfortunate experience.

When descending a rather steep hill at Sutton Bonnington, by some means the car overturned, and Mr Cyril Foster, a hairdresser, of Silver Street, and Mr Cade, the manager of the Whitwick Conservative Club, were pinned beneath the car and rather badly hurt. The other three got off with a few cuts and bruises and a shaking. Mr Foster sustained concussion, and was removed home and medically attended. On enquiry on Tuesday, he was stated to be going on as well as could be expected. Mr Cade was cut and bruised about the head and face, and also received injuries to his hand and arms. The car was damaged and was towed to Coalville next day.

Friday June 10th 1921 (1527)

Death of Dr. T. R. Rolston

We regret to record the death of Dr. T. R. Rolston, of Whitwick, which occurred in Guy's Hospital, London, on Tuesday night, from an affection of the throat.

The deceased gentleman had been associated with Dr. J. C. Burkitt in the practice at Whitwick for some years, and was in charge all through the war, when Dr. Burkitt was on military service.

Of a genial disposition, Dr. Rolston had many friends, and regret at his demise will be widespread. He was a popular member of the Conservative Clubs at Coalville and Whitwick, a prominent figure in the social life of the district, and enjoyed an excellent reputation as a practitioner. He was 60 years of age, and leaves a widow three sons and one daughter.

Coalville Urban Council

Whitwick Lodgers

The surveyor reported that the number of persons accommodated in the Whitwick lodging houses during the month was 488, compared with 724 in May last year.

Friday June 17th 1921 (1528)

Friday June 24th 1921 (1529)

Local Chit Chat

The census of the people in Coalville and district was successfully carried out under the superintendence of Mr W. J. Newbury, the registrar for this sub-district. The parishes dealt with were Coalville, Hugglescote, Ellistown, Whitwick, Ravenstone, Snibston, Bardon Hill, Swannington and Thringstone, with Peggs Green. The papers, which had been distributed during the preceding week, were collected by the 21 enumerators on Monday, and the enumerators generally report that they were received at the houses with the greatest courtesy, and everything passed off very smoothly.

Ashby County Court

Possession Wanted At Whitwick

Frederick Perry, of Whitwick, claimed possession of the premises, 9 Silver Street, Whitwick, occupied by Harry Vesty, fruiterer. Mr J. J. Sharp (Coalville) was for the applicant, and Mr C. E. Crane (Coalville) for the respondent.

Mr Sharp said his client carried on a fried fish business, and wanted the shop for that purpose. He had bought the shop and also the one next door, and offered that as alternative accommodation. Mrs Perry, wife of the applicant, said the premises offered were sufficient for a fruiterer's business, but not sufficient for the business they carried out.

The Judge held that the accommodation offered was not sufficient and dismissed the application. His Honour, however, informed Vesty that he had no right to the premises, except under this Act, and he ought to make every effort to get suitable premises, and give up possession of the shop to Perry as soon as possible.

Friday July 1st 1921 (1530)

Parish Church

Special services were held on Sunday at the Whitwick Parish Church in connection with the Sunday School anniversary. The Vicar (the Rev. T. W. Walters) preached morning and evening, and the Rev. E. Pillifant (vicar of Bardon) in the afternoon, all the services being well attended. The church was packed in the evening. The children, who had been trained by Mr E. West, (the organist) nicely sang special hymns, and the anthems were "Lift the banner," and "Shoulder to shoulder". The collections were for the Sunday School.

Coalville Police Court

No Lights

George Hincks (34) was summoned for riding a bicycle without lights at Whitwick, on June 6th. P.C. Durrands said he saw the defendant near the Forest Rock at 10:55 pm with no lights. Fined £1/1/0, or seven days. He did not appear.

Local Chit Chat

Whitwick Wake, which dates back for centuries, appears to have fallen on bad times. Monday last was the usual date of this annual event, and though there were several visitors, the Wake was conspicuous only by its absence. For the first time probably within the memory of any living resident, there were no stalls or roundabouts, which used to be such a popular feature of the fair in years gone by, and there were no club processions or dinners which also used to figure prominently in the Wake festivities. The dinners had to be suspended owing to the food shortage during the war, and the conditions since have not been favourable to their revival, while the coal strike this year may have had something to do with the fact that the Wake was entirely a "frost". Doubtless, it will not be allowed to die out, but will revived in all its glory when better times are the rule in the industrial world.

Friday July 8th 1921 (1531)

Whitwick Parish War Memorial

Sir, The committee for the above would like, through the aid of your paper, to inform the public and all interested that the contract for the erection of this memorial is placed with the well-known and respected firm of Messrs. Wells and Co. of Hugglescote, who have already made a satisfactory commencement. The time for completion is specified about four months from the commencement, and will be in the form of a cross and column of fine Cornish granite. Below column a panelled block, on which will be carved the object, and a larger four panelled block, both of the same material, on which will be engraved the names of the fallen. Below this will be five concrete steps of the finest material and finish, to commemorate the

five years of the war, each step to have year according engraved in. These steps are set up on a 9-inch circular base, under which is a 2ft solid concrete foundation. It is felt that the memorial will be a fitting tribute to Whitwick heroes, and a lasting honour to Whitwick parish. The site on which the memorial is being erected is in the centre of the Parish Churchyard, which was considered a most suitable and desirable place for the purpose, as, apart from it being sacred and in keeping with the object, it is also centrally situated in the parish, and easy of access. The surroundings of the site are most admirable for the purpose, and there will be surplus ground available for laying out, the whole lending itself for a beautiful composition, though entailing an extra amount apart from the contract for levelling and laying out the ground. There are, up to present, 80 names to be inscribed on the panels of the large block, and it is roughly estimated that including the contract price for erection, the engraving of the names, the levelling and laying out of the grounds will be about £800. Towards that amount there is already in the bank something over half, contributed chiefly by subscriptions and proceeds of efforts of the members and congregation of the Parish Church. Other efforts are in hand, which, unfortunately, have had to be postponed owing to the labour troubles. A grand bazaar arranged, and most strenuously worked for by the members of the Mother's Union and the Ladies Sewing Guild, was to have taken place in August, but is now postponed till Christmas, and all or any articles, either new or second-hand, will be gladly received by any member for that purpose. A most pleasing feature to the committee, after two years' work, in meetings, discussions and correspondence, is the fact that other public bodies are now taking a practical interest in the matter. The local Labour Party are making efforts and have already money in hand for the purpose. The local discharged soldiers and sailors have already expressed a desire to help, and a special work is deputed to them, that of distributing to every householder an envelope (already in hand) to be called for later. The public are asked to regard this envelope, not as a begging effort, but rather as an opportunity for everyone to subscribe who have not already done so, so that no one will be able to say when the memorial is erected, that they were not asked to subscribe, and all donations, however small, will be thankfully received. Will every member of a house kindly write their names on paper together with amount subscribed, and enclose an envelope? The committee guarantee that all money subscribed for the parish memorial will be used expressly and solely for that purpose alone, and subscribers may rest assured that the rights and privileges of every parishioner and of every denomination have, and will be, considered and guarded. It is expected the unveiling will take place during September, and between then and now, a great deal of work in arrangements and efforts are before us, and the committee most earnestly ask for the assistance of all parishioners, public bodies, clubs and societies, adult and juvenile. The unveiling day will be a red-letter day in the history of Whitwick and it is up to everyone to do his or her share on that day, or before, to show their appreciation of the great debt paid by Whitwick men on the battlefield. Subscriptions may be paid to the hon. Treasurer, Mr S. W. West, to the Whitwick War Memorial account, at the Notts. Bank. This being the only Whitwick Parish War Memorial, the committee most earnestly ask for the active co-operation of every parishioner and everybody, religious and social.

Yours truly
W. Adams
Whitwick

Notice

All bottles and cases of the following names are now the property of Massey's Botanic Brewery, Whitwick. Anyone illegally using the same after this notice will be liable to prosecution:

J. Sopps, Mexboro'; F. H. Wedgwood, Mexboro'; James M. Todd, Kirkcaldy; Mawson, Ltd, Lutterworth.
(Signed) R. Massey

Friday July 15th 1921 (1532)

Coalville Police Court

School Case

George Hincks, (34), collier, Whitwick, was summoned for neglecting to send his two children regularly to school. Fined 7/6 in each case, school attendance officer Fred Hanger (Anstey) gave the facts.

"A Fair Cop"

Joseph Birkumshaw (23), John Costello (20), Absolom Smith (36) and James Freeman (21), colliers of Whitwick, were summoned for day poaching at Whitwick, on June 30th. They did not appear. Wm. Pratt, gamekeeper, Shepshed, said he saw the defendants at Sharpley with two dogs and caught them digging at rabbit holes. They admitted that it was a fair cop. Considerable damage had been done in the neighbourhood by pulling down stone walls. Each defendant was fined £1/1/0, or seven days.

Motor Car Lights

John W. H. Warrington, (33), beerhouse keeper, Whitwick, was summoned for driving a motor car without two side lights, and for failing to produce his driving licence at Coalville on June 26th. Defendant said he had not long had the car. He had two lights and did not know others were necessary. P.C. Jesson said he stopped the defendant at 10.30 and asked him about the side lights and he said he had forgotten them. He could not produce his licence. Defendant said he forgot his licence in a hurry. He had headlights on the car, and thought that sufficient. Fined 5/6 in each case, or seven days.

Friday July 22nd 1921 (1533)

Local Chit Chat

The Whitwick police received a report on Sunday that during Saturday night, the fowl house at Abbot's Oak, the residence of Sir Matthew and Lady Joyce, was raided, and a number of pure-bred black leghorn fowls stolen. As a result of their enquiries, Sergt. Betts and P.C. Culpin arrested five Whitwick colliers on the charge, but they were subsequently liberated, to appear on a summons at the Petty Sessions at Coalville today (Friday).

Enquiries which are being made show that Whitwick suffered most severely in the war. The Vicar (the Rev. T. W. Walters) is doing his best to ascertain all the names and other details

of men from the parish who made the supreme sacrifice, in order that these may be inscribed on the memorial to be erected shortly in the churchyard, and he has already authenticated the names of no less than 81 men. These consist mainly of men killed in action, or who died of wounds. The list could doubtless be considerably extended, says the Vicar, with names of men who have died from the effects of the war since the Armistice was signed, but 81 from the flower of the manhood of a parish with a total population of only about 5,000 is indeed a heavy toll.

Whitwick Imperial F.C.

A Record Season

Many New Players Signed On

All the circumstances point to the Whitwick Imperial F.C. never having been in a more flourishing condition. At the annual meeting in the National School on Tuesday night, the enthusiasm shown was remarkable, the large room being simply packed with a company of men numbering probably between 400 and 500. The business of the meeting was equally encouraging, the report and balance sheet presented showing a record season. Mr J. Toon presided.

The secretary, Mr George Waterfield, presented his annual report as follows:- *"It gives me great pleasure to present to you my report and balance sheet for the past season 1920-21. I think you will agree it has been a very good season indeed, both from a playing and financial standpoint. To speak of the playing part, things went well until the end of October and beginning of November, when we were unfortunate in getting Andy Moore and Billy Hardy injured, and we had very great difficulty in filling their positions satisfactorily. We did not win a match during November. However, December saw us on the winning track once more, and we continued to do well until the end of the season. We had the distinction of beating every team in the league once during the season, taking three points from Shepshed Albion, the champions, and finished in the fifth position in the Leicestershire Senior League chart, having played 26 matches, winning 14, drawn 4 and losing 8: goals for 57, goals against 38. Total points 32 out of a possible 52. We also won the Coalville Charity Cup, playing six matches, scoring nine goals, and having two scored against us. We were also runners-up in the Hinckley Charity Cup Competition, in which we scored 6 against 6. The following is the list of goal scorers.*

Peberdy 24; Layton 21; A. Moore 12; F. Price 8; A. Thorpe 5; G. Oldham 5; J. Middleton 2; F. Gilbert 2; F. Newman 2; A. H. Hunt 1; and A. Elton 1. I am sorry to say the reserve team did not do very well at all, and we had difficulty at times in getting the players together. However, some of these players were of great assistance at times in helping the first eleven. The financial side is a record season for the club. We started with a balance of £32 in hand, and finished with a balance of £234, making a profit of £202 on the season's working. It is hardly necessary for me to go into all the details of the finances as you have the balance sheet before you, and I shall be pleased to answer any questions, or explain anything anyone would like to ask. In conclusion, I should like to take this opportunity of thanking the public for responding so generously to the appeal for subscriptions, and for supporting the club so well during the season. The balance sheet showed that with the balance of £32/1/9 brought forward from last season, the total income was £1,135/3/4. This included £59/19/6 subscriptions, £25 from Aston Villa, £100 from Burslem Port Vale for the transfer of Newman,

£60 from Plymouth Argyle for the transfer of Thorp and Brooks, £373/12/5 "gates" in Leicestershire Senior League matches, £57/0/5 Leicestershire Senior Cup matches, £88/17/0 English Cup matches, £183/9/6 Coalville Cup matches, £32/1/2 Hinckley Cup matches, £41/9/5 Loughborough Cup matches and £14/9/5 Coalville League matches. On the expenditure side, £166/18/5 went in entertainment tax, £137/18/8 travelling expenses, £277/15/8 professional players wages, £57/7/10 teas and refreshments for players, and £50/7/10 for protection of the factory roof near the ground (towards which Messrs. Seal and Co. gave £30). The balance in hand was £234/2/10."

Mr T. Moore (auditor) said he and his colleague went through the accounts and found everything correct. Mr F. Sear (the other auditor) said the books were in excellent condition, and a credit to all concerned. His opinion was that while they had such a secretary and committee the club would continue to prosper (cheers). Mr S. Perry moved the adoption of the balance sheet, which was unanimously carried. Mr Moore moved the re-election of the president, Mr M. McCarthy, and this was carried with acclamation. A long list of vice-presidents was read out and these were all re-elected en bloc. Mr Moore said the policy adopted last year was that all subscribers of 10/6 and upwards be vice-presidents and he suggested the same course be taken again. This was agreed to. Mr A. J. Briers moved the re-election of Mr George Waterfield as secretary, remarking that he was the right man in the right place. He did his work well, and no trouble was too great for him. The chairman said no club could have a better secretary. He made the work light and easy for the committee and nothing was too great a trouble to him if it was for the interest and welfare of the club. This was carried unanimously, and Mr Waterfield, in reply, said he would continue to do his best. Some discussion took place on the election of the committee. The present committee suggested that 12 be retained and 12 be elected, nine of whom would be eligible for re-election, with three new ones in the place of three who did not desire re-election. Some of the audience thought the whole committee should be elected that night. The chairman said it was solely in the interests of the club that the suggestion was made. They thought it was desirable to retain some of the old members who had the business of the club well in hand.

Mr Waterfield said the club had not always been in such a flourishing state. There had been times when it was not easy to get men to serve on the committee. The present committee should be given some credit for bringing the club to its present satisfactory state. The committee's suggestion was adopted by a large majority.

The twelve old members (drawn for) who stand, are J. Toon, F. Taylor, W. Roulston, B. Neath, T. Moore, W. Burton, G. H. Belcher, T. Moore, R. Smith, E. Bradley, J. Richards and H. Stretton. The twelve elected were W. Briers, J. C. Stinson, H. Waterfield, I. Thorpe, E. Moore, G. Webster, S. Billings, B. Massey (old members) J. Moore, Alb. Needham, H. Geary, and T. Mann.

The chairman said the vote showed that the meeting had the fullest confidence in the committee, the old members of which had been re-elected. The question was asked what players had been signed on for next season, and the secretary read out a list as follows.

Goalkeepers, A. Roadley (late Loughborough Brush), H. W. Wortley (late Shepshed Albion) and J. A. Roulstone; full backs, J. Lacey, W. Hardy, F. A. Squires, C. Smith and F. F. Fox (both Swannington Robin Hoods), J. Rady, H. J. Burton; half-backs, H. Elton, J. Middleton, A. Thorpe, R. Turner (late Moira United), T. W. Hawksworth (Loughborough Corinthians), T. Fox (Swannington Robin Hoods), J. Tookey, Fred Roome, Joe Roome and

E. Smith (Thringstone); forwards, H. Peberdy, G. W. Jordan (late Ashby Town), J. Roach, W. Grayston (late Loughborough Corinthians), Andy Moore, S. Clements (late Hinckley United), A. H. Hunt, F. Gilbert, G. Oldham, J. E. Moore, Jess Newman, J. Wardle (Swannington), T. A. Needham, J. Tugby, W. Aris and F. Hawkins (Thringstone).

The secretary reported that improvements to the ground were anticipated, and the committee hoped to do something before the season commenced. The chairman said he hoped they had a prosperous season before them. Mr A. J. Briers moved a vote of thanks to the chairman, secretary and committee, remarking that they had done well. Mr W. Waterfield seconded, and it was carried with applause. This concluded a very successful meeting.

Baptist Church

Egg and flower services were held at the Whitwick Baptist Church on Sunday, when the Rev. J. Hayhoe, of Ellistown, was the special preacher. Gifts of eggs were contributed, and the chapel was prettily decorated. There were fairly good congregations, and the collections were for the chapel funds.

Friday July 29th 1921 (1534)

Coalville Police Court

No Lights

Albert E. Hind, weaver, Whitwick, was summoned for riding a bicycle with no front light, at Coalville, on July 10th. He pleaded guilty. P.C. Jesson said defendant told him he did not expect to meet a policeman at that time, 1.35 am. Fined 5/- or seven days.

Albert H. Chapman, plumber, Whitwick, was summoned for riding a bicycle without lights at Coalville, on July 6th. His wife appeared. Inspector Dobney said the defendant rode on after witness called to him. Fined 7/6.

Fowl Stealers Convicted At Coalville

Midnight Raid At Abbot's Oak

At the Coalville Police Court, on Friday, Thomas Garratt, Absalom Smith, John Costello, Jos. Birkumshaw, and Jas. W. Freeman, colliers, all of Whitwick, were charged with stealing seven fowls and eight chickens, value £2/17/6, the property of Sir Matthew Joyce, at Whitwick, between July 16th and 17th. They pleaded guilty.

Joseph Timson, estate man for Sir Matthew Joyce, of Greenhill, said the fowl place was safely locked up on Saturday night, and on Sunday morning he found it broken open, and the fowls and chickens (pure bred black leghorns) missing. He reported it to the police.

Smith: *The place was not broken into at all. There was a little slide door.*

The Clerk: *You are not charged with breaking into the place, but with stealing the fowls.*

Smith: *I should not have done it but for being in drink.*

Sergeant Betts said that on receiving a report, he visited Abbot's Oak, with P.C. Culpin, and found the fowl place had been entered, and there was blood and feathers about. They pursued their enquiries, and next day went to the house of Thurza Costello in Whitwick, and told her what he had about. She said she knew nothing about it. They found a lot of feathers about, and she then said, *"We cooked one yesterday, and Smith took the others."* The defendant Costello said he went with the others, but did not have any of the fowls, adding, *"I shall not tell you the names of those who did go. You must find out."* They brought Costello away, and went in search of Smith, whom they found working on the pipe track in Hall Lane. He said he had no fowls. Witness told him what he knew, and he then admitted having two fowls and two chickens. He said he killed the two chickens, and threw them into Holly Hayes Wood. On visiting Freeman's house they found him lying asleep on the sofa. He at first said he knew nothing about it, but when he saw Smith and Costello outside, he said, *"The fowls I had got away."* These three defendants were brought to the police station. They next visited Garratt's house, but he was not at home. On visiting Holly Hayes Wood they found seven dead chickens.

The Clerk: *They had killed these chickens a fortnight old? – Yes*

Continuing, the Sergeant said they went to Birkumshaw's house. He said, *"I know what you have come for. I went with them. We started at 12 o'clock at night, and broke into the fowl place. I did not have anything, but I was there."* They next saw Garratt, who said, *"I was with them. I am sorry I went. Freeman got into the place; he handed the fowls out, and I had two."* The men were all charged at the police station, and they admitted the offence.

Smith said, *"I have been to the war and I have a piece of shell in my head yet, and when I have had drink I don't know what I am doing."*

Costello said, *"I was not near the place, and handled no fowls. We had all had a lot of beer."*

Birkumshaw said, *"I was with them, but I had no fowls."*

The other two defendants said they had nothing to say. After private deliberation, the chairman said the magistrates had decided that Smith, who had a bad record, be sentenced to two months' imprisonment with hard labour. Costello was fined £2/2/0, or a month, and Freeman, Garrett and Birkumshaw £3/3/0 each, or one month, also 1/6 each witness allowance.

The chairman added that the magistrates wished him to say that if there were any more cases of that sort, they would be more severely dealt with. Defendants asked for time to pay, and Inspector Dobney said they owed fines now. The Bench allowed ten days.

Do You Know That

Mr T. Y. Hay tomorrow will have completed 30 years as manager of the Whitwick Colliery?

Whitwick Relief Fund

List of subscribers of five shillings and over

	£	s	d
Mr E Glynn	15	0	0
Mr M McCarthy	7	0	0

Mrs Haydock	5	0	0
Mr G Musson	4	0	0
Mr J McCarthy	3	10	0
Mr G. P McCarthy	3	10	0
Mr J Gilberd	3	4	6
Mrs J North	1	4	0
Mr F Middleton	1	7	6
Mr Thorpe	1	2	6
Mr T Kelly	1	2	6
Rev. T W Walters	1	1	0
Mr & Mrs S. W. West	1	0	0
Mr J Thomas		14	6
Mrs Glover		13	6
Mrs Dickens		12	6
Mrs Rooney		10	0
Mr W Briers		10	0
Mr W Egan		12	0
Mrs Jones		6	0
Mrs J West		5	0
Mrs Pratt		5	0
Mrs F West		5	0
Mrs J Bown		5	0
Mr B O'Mara		7	0
Mr A Whitmore		9	0
Miss Hunt		16	0
Miss Harding		15	6
Mr J Clarke		11	0
Mrs G Waterfield		5	0
Mr J Toon	1	15	0
Mr T Palmer	1	2	6
Mrs J Stinson		14	0
Mr R B Squires		19	0
Mr Hanson		6	0
Mr A West		14	0
Mr W Lambert		8	6
Mr D M Jones		13	6
Mr T W Bourne		7	6
Mrs T Harris		5	6
Miss F Smith		8	0
Mr H Allgood		16	0
Mr G Greasley		7	0
A Friend		5	0
Mr T Moore		8	0
Mr M Noon		10	0
Mr C Beasley		15	0
Mrs and Miss Carr		17	0
Miss M Larner	1	15	0
Mr L Wheeldon		11	6
Mr Thos McCarthy		5	0
Mr W Parrish		10	0

Mr C Wharmby		7	0
Mr J Botterill		6	0
Mr J Berrington		7	6
Mr G Shellam		7	6
Mr A Aris		15	0
Mr J Lakin		6	0
Mr Thos Hull		7	6
Mr Eagles		15	0
Mrs S Clarke		10	6
Mr E Briers		10	0
Mr M Downes	1	10	0
Mr J Goddard	1	0	0
Mr Webb		5	0
Mr C Storer		5	0
Mr E Dodd		14	0
Mr R Poynton		15	0
Mr Weston		16	6
Miss B Dodd		8	0
Messrs. Knight & Co.	1	1	0
Mr B Neath		8	6
Mr H Underwood	2	1	6
Mr P W Griffin	1	5	0
Mr R Massey	2	0	0
Mr D Martin	1	4	0
Mr Wm Griffin		17	6
Mr Biddle		5	0
Mr J Brislin		14	0
Mr A Henson		14	0
Mr G Cooke	2	5	0
Mr J Moore	1	0	0
Mr Wm Abell	1	2	6
Mr Wm Burton		15	0
Mr T Potter		10	0
Mr J Massey		12	6
Mr S E Perry	1	10	0
Mr J H Weston		5	0
All places of worship			
In Whitwick	4	11	11
Per Collecting boxes			
Whitwick Granite Co.	9	12	8
Forest Rock Granite Co.	5	9	1
Whitwick Male Choir	4	12	2
Football Match	1	19	6
Gasworks	2	7	0
Church Lane Factory	3	1	10
Top of Dumps Factory	1	10	10
Browns Boots Factory	1	7	0

Hall Lane Buildings		9	5
Directors Whitwick Granite Co.	5	5	0
Mr J H Robinson	1	1	0
Mr J J Sharp	1	1	0
Messrs. Beckworth & Co.	2	0	0
Mr F Seer		10	0
I.L.P. Whitwick	2	12	6
Mr A J Briers	4	0	0
Mr A Smith	1	0	0
Dr J C Burkitt	1	0	0
Mr B West		14	6
Mr W Smith		12	6
Mr J Bonser		12	6
Mr T H Roberts		10	0
Mr A Isaacs		10	0
Mr F Baxter		12	6
Mr H T Bastard		13	0
Mr O Foster		9	0
Mr T Wallam		9	6
Mr T W Harris		7	6
Miss A M Harris		6	0
Mr J Ward		6	0
Mr P Aris, senior		8	0
Mr W Chambers		5	0
Mr J Musson		5	0
Mr S Perry		5	0
Mr J Vesty		5	0
Mr C Pegg		5	0
Mr H Moore		5	0
Mr A Beer		6	0
Mr W Stinson, senior		15	0
Mr H Stinson		10	0
Mr J H Warrington		17	6
Mr H Hutchinson		17	6
Mrs Crane		5	6
Mr G Underwood		5	0
Subscriptions			
from all other sources		<u>23</u>	<u>7</u>
		<u>0</u>	
Total amount received	187	18	6

Balance in hand at the date of closing lists is now being distributed among those families whose fathers have not yet gone to work.

M. Downes, Hon. Secretary
A. Limb, Treasurer
J. Toon, Chairman

The Whitwick Relief Committee, at their meeting held on Saturday, July 23rd, passed the following resolution immediately.

“That the best thanks of this committee be tendered to all contributors to the funds, for their generosity, and also to the Whitwick butchers, the Co-Operative Society, and their supporters for the splendid way in which they supplied soup to the children during the weeks of strife.”

M. Downes (Hon. Secretary)
Loughborough Road, Whitwick.

Burials

Cooke – At Whitwick, on Wednesday, Alice Cooke, aged 80 years, of Green Lane.

Friday August 5th 1921 (1535)

Claim By The Coalville Urban Council

Sequel to a Whitwick smash

Damages Awarded

At the Ashby County Court on Thursday last week, the Coalville Urban District Council sued Edwin Badcock, motor and cycle repairer of High Street, Measham, for £90, damages to a house, shop and premises at Pares’ Hill, Whitwick, in the occupation of Gideon Slattery, alleged to have been caused through the negligent driving of a motor charabanc by the defendant or his servant, on April 23rd.

Mr Sinclair Johnston (instructed by Mr C. E. Crane) was for the Urban Council, and Mr Robert H. Briggs, of Tamworth, for the defendant.

Ellis Mays, photographer, Coalville, deposed to taking photographs of Church Lane and Pares’ Hill, Whitwick, where the accident occurred. Thomas I. McCarthy, architect, Coalville, explained certain plans he had drawn, and said he examined the premises after the accident. The shop front was smashed in, and also the inner wall. He estimated the damage at £81.

P.C. Durrands (Whitwick) said he went to the scene of the accident after it was reported to him, and found that the defendant’s motor lorry had run into the shop. Badcock was driving, and he said to witness, *“When near the ‘Black Horse’ the brake lever shot forward, and would not act.”*

Charles Thomas Mann, joiner, Whitwick, said he was in the ‘Black Horse’ yard when the lorry went by. He heard a crash and going out saw what he had expected to see for a long time, the lorry having run into the window.

By Mr Briggs: *It was a very dangerous corner and almost impossible for a 4-wheel conveyance to get round on its proper side. He had been nearly killed himself. There were*

no warning signs. A man who was a stranger to the district would get to the hill before he knew it was there. He estimated that £50 or £60 would repair the damage.

Henry Ward, licensee of the 'Waggon and Horses' Inn, said he saw the accident. As the motor passed by his house at a great pace he heard one of the passengers say "*Duck your heads lads, we are done.*"

Johanna Benson, widow, who lives next door to the damaged premises, said she saw the charabanc coming down the hill, and thought the driver had lost control.

By Mr Briggs: *There had been accidents there previously. Two cyclists had run into the windows.*

Gideon Slattery, miner, said he occupied the damaged house, paying the Council 5/3 a week and rates. He heard the crash, and ran to take his child out of the perambulator which was pushed round by the falling brickwork. He was satisfied with what defendant had done and was doing to replace the damaged furniture.

John W. Eagles, gasworks manager, said he saw the damaged motor after the accident, and examined it with Mr Robinson. Enoch Robinson, motor garage proprietor, Coalville, said he examined the brakes. On the near side back wheel the brake band was missing, and the drum looked as if the band had been missing some time. On the other brake, one block of the band was missing. It looked as if the brakes had had little attention since the vehicle was turned out. He did not think the brakes were in a proper condition for a vehicle carrying 32 persons.

By Mr Briggs: *It was four days after the accident that he examined the motor. The corrosion of the brake drum would not take place in four days, nor four months.*

Alwyn B Moss, builder, Coalville, said his estimate to the Council of the cost of the repairs was £90. He inspected the property about the third day after the accident. This concluded the plaintiffs' case.

Edwin Neal Badcock, garage proprietor, the defendant, said he was the owner of the charabanc and was driving it at the time of the accident. He was carrying 32 passengers. He and his man examined the brakes before they started, and found them in good order. He had the conveyance quite until control till 40 yards from the corner, then he seemed to gain speed, and turned to the left, but could not get round.

By Mr Johnston: *He was on the second gear. At the top of the hill his speed was four to five miles per hour. He had only been down the hill once previously, several years before. He bought his car from Mr Shaw, of Coalville.*

Archibald H. Corby, motor mechanic, Measham, employed by the defendant, said everything was correct when the charabanc left the garage. He and his employer examined it before the start.

Joseph Walter Viccars, fish salesman, Measham, said he was one of the passengers in the charabanc and sat in about the centre. The general speed was only a little faster than that

of an ordinary push-bicycle. Until the crash actually occurred he was unaware that anything was wrong.

Samuel Ed. Mann, builder and contractor, Tamworth, said he had examined the building, and concluded that £40 to £50 could repair the damage.

By Mr Johnston: *He would take the contract at that price.*

Mr Briggs, addressing the Judge, pointed out that it was a very dangerous corner. His Honour said it was a death-trap, but if defendant was not going more than four or five miles an hour, how did the motor force its way into the building? Mr Briggs submitted that there was no proof of negligence.

The Judge, giving his decision, said the place where the accident occurred was one of extreme danger to traffic, and there was no warning to the public. He hoped that someone in authority would see that a notice was put up warning people who used the road. The question he had to decide was whether defendant was responsible. There was apparently a flaw in the brakes, and he was satisfied that if the vehicle had been inspected carefully, it would have been found that the brakes were not in good order. He could only come to the conclusion, therefore, that the accident was caused by the negligence of the defendant. He was extremely sorry for him. Defendant and his man gave their evidence very well, and in a way in which he appreciated.

Judgement was given for £90, and costs. Mr Johnston asked for special costs, whereupon Mr Briggs said the plaintiffs were a strong Corporation and the defendant was only an uninsured man in business.

The Judge: *I am very sorry, but I can't help you.*

Costs were allowed for the plans, but the Judge declined the application for a local bar fee.

Wedding

On Tuesday, August 2nd, in the Wesleyan Church, Whitwick, a wedding took place which was of considerable local interest. The contracting parties were Mr. George Albert Jarvis, of The Farm, Whitwick, and Miss Florence May Hemsley, only child of Mrs Edwin Hemsley, of Church Lane, Whitwick. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. J. Bush, of Teddington, formerly of the Ashby Wesleyan Circuit, who conducted the service and gave a short appropriate address. The bride wore a wreath of orange blossoms and veil, and was attired in a white embroidered silk dress. The bridesmaids, Misses Lily Brewin and Nellie Wharmby wore blue crepe de chine. The bride was accompanied by her uncle, Mr Walter Hemsley, of Hugglescote, who gave her away. The bridegroom had as his best man his brother, Mr Herbert Jarvis. Mr George Hemsley, of Hugglescote, was at the organ, and rendered with much skill "The Bridal March," (Lohengrin), and Mendelssohn's "Wedding March." A large number of presents testified to the high esteem in which the bride and bridegroom are held, and included with these was a present from the Teddington Wesleyan Sunday School, in which the bride was until recently a teacher.

Marriages

Rice – Bourne – On August 3rd at the Parish Church, Whitwick, by the Rev. A. Holt and Rev. T. W. Walters, R. D Reginald Percy, younger son of Mr and Mrs W. Rice, of Stapenhill, Burton-on-Trent, to Gladys, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs W. Bourne, of Whitwick.

Friday August 12th 1921 (1536)

Football

Coalville Swifts have secured the services of Ernest Layton, who played for Whitwick Imperial last season, and was regarded as their star forward. Layton is regarded as a decided acquisition to the Swifts. They have also signed on Fairbrother, the Bretby centre-forward, who played against the Swifts last year in the F.A. Cup.

The following teams have been selected to play in the practice match on the Whitwick Imperial ground tomorrow. A Team: A. Roadley, F. A. Squires and J. Lacey; A. Thorpe, J. Middleton and H. Elton; A. H. Hunt, G. Curtis, W. Lees, A. Moore and J. Roach.

B Team: S. Peel, W. Hardy and A. H. Jordan; A. Hall, F. Fox and C. Smith; G. Jordan, C. H. Burton, H. Peberdy, S. Clements and W. P. Grayston.

Football Items

Whitwick Imperial are having a practice match on Saturday. Two good teams have been selected and a collection will be taken for local charities. The Whitwick club have generously decided to give the "gate" at their match with Stableford's to the Church War Memorial Fund, on Wednesday, August 31st.

Friday August 19th 1921 (1537)

Two Old Residents Pass Away

Whitwick has lost two old residents within the past few days – Mrs Jane Aris, of No. 5 Brooks Lane, who was 85 years of age, and Mr Frederick Jno. Allgood, of 53, Leicester Road, his age being 70 years. Both had lived in Whitwick for many years, and were well-known and highly respected. Mr Allgood was a popular member of the fishing club, and among floral tributes from the family at the funeral at Whitwick Cemetery on Wednesday, there was one from the club.

A Plucky Coalville Lad

Saves Two Boys From Drowning

Brave Rescues In Whitwick Colliery Co's Clay Pit

The plucky and commendable act of a 16 year old Coalville boy has been the means of saving two lives. The brave youth is Clarence Moore, son of Mr Joseph Moore, a miner employed at the Whitwick Colliery, and residing in Hermitage Road, Coalville.

Young Moore, on Sunday afternoon, was walking with a child across the field opposite the Whitwick Colliery, where excavations for clay are going on in connection with the brickworks, and hearing cries, and seeing clothes on the bank, went to investigate. Two boys, Leonard Jarvis, aged 14, and James Tookey, aged 11, were bathing in the water which had collected in the clay pit, which though shallow in some parts, drains into a sump in one corner where the water is over 7 foot deep. Just as Moore appeared on the scene, the two boys had apparently slipped into the sump, and disappeared from view. Without hesitation, and though only a learner at swimming, Moore gallantly jumped into the water fully dressed, and after bringing out the younger boy, jumped in a second time and succeeded in getting Jarvis to safety. Both bathers were blue in the face, and in an exhausted condition, but after a time, happily, they partially recovered, and were able to proceed to their homes in Hermitage Road, a short distance away, where all three – rescuer and rescued – reside in the same row.

The boys were evidently suffering from the effects of their immersion, and were put to bed, but have now fully recovered. Jarvis told his mother that he got into deep water trying to save Tookey. Moore spoilt his best suit in the water and clay, and also went to bed, fearing a chill, but his mother who is naturally very proud of him says he is now alright again. There can be no doubt that, but for Moore's gallant deed, both boys would have been drowned. They had gone under for a second time before he pulled them out.

The brickyard foreman said the boys had no right there, and he has given warnings repeatedly. Clarence Moore, who is not quite 17, is employed by the Whitwick Granite Co. His act was the more commendable inasmuch as he is not a good swimmer, his mother stating that he has just commenced to take swimming lessons.

Acknowledgements

Mr and Mrs Ward, Whitwick, wish to thank all kind friends for sympathy shown to them in their recent sad bereavement by the loss of their little daughter.

Burials

Aris – At Whitwick, on August 10th, Jane Aris, aged 85 years, of Brooks' Lane

Elliott – At Whitwick, on August 10th, Dorothy Elliott, aged 10 months, of North Street.

Webster – At Whitwick, on August 15th, Hilda Mary Webster, aged 11 months, of Church Lane.

Allgood – At Whitwick, on August 17th, Frederick John Allgood, aged 70 years, of Leicester Road.

Friday August 26th 1921 (1538)

Coalville Police Court

Missed the Pheasant

Isaac Holmes (23), collier, Whitwick, was summoned by Wm. Pratt, gamekeeper, Shepshed for day poaching at Thringstone on July 27th. He pleaded not guilty. Mr J. J. Sharp prosecuted for Mr. E. M. P. de Lisle.

Pratt said he saw the defendant shoot at a pheasant in Gracedieu Wood, which he missed. Witness was with P.C. Topliss, and they went to defendant and took possession of the gun. It was about 10.30 am. P.C. Topliss corroborated. Defendant denied being in the wood, and that he shot at a pheasant. The gun was in pieces in his pocket all the time, and he never left the path.

In reply to Sir George Beaumont (a magistrate) the constable said the gun went off. They saw the defendant in a crouching attitude before he fired. Defendant, on oath, said he fetched the gun from Griffydam that morning, and went to shoot a rabbit on land occupied by Mr Jacques, where he had permission, but he saw nothing, and the gun was never out of his pocket.

By Mr Sharp: *He was a considerable distance off Mr Jacques' field when he was in Gracedieu Wood.*

Defendant was fined £1/1/0 or 14 days.

A "Fair Cop"

John Sear (30) and Thomas Lardner (32), colliers, of Whitwick, were summoned for a breach of the Poaching Prevention Act, at Whitwick, on August 15th. They did not appear.

Sergeant Betts said the defendants, when served with the summons admitted that it was "a fair cop" and they did not want to lose a day's work to appear. The Sergeant added that he met the men in the Monastery Lane with a dog, and noticing that their pockets were bulky, searched them. Each defendant had a dead rabbit in his possession which was warm, and Sear also had a ferret.

Defendant's were each fined 30/-.

Death Of An Old Resident

The funeral took place at Whitwick Churchyard on Wednesday of Mrs Hannah Ward, one of the oldest residents of Whitwick. The deceased lady, who passed away on Saturday, was in her 88th year.

Acknowledgements

Mrs Allgood and Family, Leicester Road, Whitwick, wish to thank all kind friends for sympathy shown to them in their recent sad bereavement; also for floral tributes sent.

In Memoriam

Underwood – Sweetest memories of "Ede", daughter of Mrs J. Jones, of "The Chase", Malvern, died August 27th, 1919. Interred in Whitwick Cemetery, August 30th, 1919.

*“Asleep in Jesus! Far from thee
Thy kindred and their graves may be.
But thine is still a blessed sleep,
From which none ever wake to weep.”*

Ever mourned by Mother.

Burials

Ward – At Whitwick, on August 24th, Hannah Ward, aged 87 years, of Whitwick.

Opening of the Football Season

Whitwick Imperial

Whitwick Imperial open the season in the Leicestershire Senior League, on Saturday, August 27th by a journey to Measham to play the Town. The Imperial have excellent prospects. Being in a good financial position – last season was the best they have ever had – they have signed on a good lot of players, of which great things are expected. The team to oppose Measham is as follows: Roadley; Waterfield and Hardy; Thorpe, Middleton and Elton; Jordan, Burton, Peberdy, Moore and Grayston. Roadley is the old Loughborough Corinthians' custodian, and Waterfield is a Leicester youth. Hardy, the other back, is an old player. The three half-backs are the same as last season, and of the forwards, Peberdy and “Andy” Moore are also old players. Jordan comes from Ashby Town, Burton from Nuneaton United, and Grayston from Loughborough Corinthians. The players were again at practice last Saturday and the form shown was promising. At the two practice matches which have been held, a sum of £10/4/0 has been collected, and the club committee generously decided to give £2/2/0 to the Coalville St. John Ambulance Brigade, and the balance, £8/2/0 to the Whitwick Nursing Association.

Friday Friday September 2nd 1921 (1539)

Football

Whitwick Imperial Win at Measham

A large crowd assembled at Measham to witness the Town's debut in the Senior League in which they had a stiff proposition, Whitwick Imperial being their opponents. The visitors were evidently the superior side and won by four goals to none, all the scoring being in the first half. The scorers were Peberdy (twice), Burton and Moore. Samson, the Measham goalkeeper, had a hard task, and though he was beaten four times he did well. The return match is being played at Whitwick tomorrow.

Friday Friday September 9th 1921 (1540)

Football

Whitwick's Second Win Over Measham

Measham Town, one of the new clubs in the League, set themselves a hard task in meeting Whitwick Imperial for their first two matches and by a 4-1 victory on the Duke of Newcastle ground on Saturday. Whitwick have now eight goals to their credit to one for Measham. It was very apparent early in the game that Whitwick were the superior side, and barely a quarter of an hour had gone before they were two up – two beauties by Andy Moore. After crossing over, Moore got another, thus performing the hat trick and Grayston added the fourth. The home side eased off somewhat with such a substantial lead and Johnston scored for Measham, who were beaten by four goals to one. Jordan's fine centres were a feature of the Whitwick play.

Whist Drive

On Wednesday evening a whist drive and dance was held in the Holy Cross School. Mr George Wright's band played for dancing, the M.C.'s being Messrs. Griffin and Revell, and for whist, Messrs. Larnar and Revell. The proceeds were for the repair fund.

Coalville Police Court

Music and Dancing

On behalf of Mr W. Nicholson, Mr T. H. Moore (Coalville) applied for a music and dancing license at the Drill Hall, Whitwick. Supt. Dobney said the building was a suitable for the purpose, there being every accommodation for both sexes. The application was granted.

Whitwick Girls Summoned

Alice Jordan (22) and Doris Burton (20), elastic workers, Whitwick were summoned for travelling on the L. and N.W. Railway without paying fares at Coalville on June 7th. Mr J. J. Sharp appeared for the defence who pleaded guilty.

William Henry Clarke, signalman, Shepshed, said he saw the two defendants get into the train and said they were Thringstone. He told them the train did not stop at Thringstone, but they went on. He knew that had no tickets.

Joseph Peake, signalman, Coalville, said defendants told him at Coalville that they came from Whitwick and tendered the fare. Ten minutes later they returned and said they had come from Shepshed and paid.

Mr Sharp said the defendants were good girls in every way and this was the first time they had been in any trouble of this sort. When they realised their error, they went back to the station and said they had come from Shepshed. It had been a great trial to the parents and to the girls and he suggested that the case would be met by dismissing it on payment of costs. He put in a letter from the Vicar of Whitwick as to the good character of the girls.

Mr Hale (chairman) said some people seemed to think they had a right to defraud the railway company, but in the circumstances of this case, the Bench would dismiss it on payment of costs and they hoped it would not occur again.

The costs were 3/9 each. Major Hatchett did not adjudicate in this case.

Friday Friday September 16th 1921 (1541)

Football

Whitwick's Half-Dozen

Barwell United were among the strongest of the Leicestershire Senior League teams last season, but have not made a promising show so far, as after a win against Loughborough in the opening match, they have twice gone down badly. At Whitwick, on Saturday, the Imperial right from the commencement were well master of the situation and, crossing over with a lead of four clear goals, they increased these to half-a-dozen before the finish. It seems to be a weekly occurrence now for "Andy" Moore to accomplish the "last trick." He did it again on Saturday. The other scorers were Peberdy (2), and Grayston. The game was witnessed by a large number of spectators, among whom Whitwick's good form is creating much enthusiasm. It was the Imperial's third match and they have bagged all the points, and what's more, they have a team which look well able to keep it up. The return match with Barwell on the latter's ground is fixed for tomorrow.

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Whitwick Constitutional Club

Second Annual Fruit & Vegetable Show

The second annual fruit and vegetable show was held at the Whitwick Constitutional Club on Saturday and was a great success. Prizes were offered in 20 classes, and there was a capital entry, all the produce shown being of fine quality.

Mr A. E. Hawley is the president of the show, and Mr A. Isaac chairman of the committee. Mr Denis Otter ably acted as secretary for the event. The judges were Messrs. D. Wilks and E. Horton (Coalville).

Football

Whitwick Imperial F.C.

Whitwick Imperial players performed so well on Saturday, that the same eleven has been chosen for the Senior League match at Barwell next Saturday (September 17th) and also for the match with Leicester City Reserves at Whitwick next Wednesday evening. This is in connection with the transfer of F. Price.

The team is Roadley; Lacey and Hardy; Thorpe, Middleton and Elton; Jordan, Burton, Peberdy, Moore and Grayston. On September 24th, Whitwick have to go to Rugby for an English Cup match.

Friday Friday September 23rd 1921 (1542)

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subject to Conditions of Sale to be then pro-
duced, and in the following or such Lots as
may then be decided upon.

Leicester Road and City of Dan.
ALL those SEVEN MESSUAGES,
fronting the Leicester Road and City of Dan,
including the Double-fronted SHOP and
Dwelling House, in the occupation of Miss
Whitmore, being No. 26, Leicester Road, and
No. 32, City of Dan.

— TWO MESSUAGES —
Nos. 28 and 30, Leicester Road, in the respec-
tive occupations of Messrs T. J. Quemby and
George Thirlby.

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

The Property produces a Gross Yearly Rental
of £96/4/0: the town water is laid on: and
VACANT POSSESSION of the Messuage and
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Football

A Whitwick Surprise

After Whitwick Imperial had won 6-0 against Barwell United at Whitwick the Saturday previous, the defeat of the Imps in the return match at Barwell came as a great surprise. United, however, had been busy in the interim setting their house in order and Saturday's team included several new players, making it a much stronger side. They had a new goal keeper in Lord, the Leicestershire county cricketer, who played remarkably well. The defence was also strengthened by Adcock, and Shaw, Foster and Locke made a good half-back line, while there was a new outside left from Atherstone Town. Whitwick had the best of the game in the first half, but nothing was scored by either side. Longland scored twice for Barwell in the second half, and after Burton had reduced the lead, the Imperial made a strong effort to save the game, but the Barwell defence held out gamely, the result being 2-1 in their favour.

Baptist Harvest Festival

Mr J. Toon of Leicester, preached at the Whitwick Baptist Chapel, on Sunday, on the occasion of the harvest festival. The services were well attended and the chapel was nicely decorated. Solos were rendered by Mrs Dunkley. There was a sale of flowers, fruit and vegetables on Monday, the proceeds being for the chapel funds.

P. M. Chapel

Harvest thanksgiving services were held at the Whitwick P.M. Chapel on Sunday, the new minister, the Rev. H. Booth being the preacher. A service of song, entitled "Amongst the Corn," was given by the choir and friends in the afternoon, the Rev. H. Booth giving the connective readings. There was a tea and sale of produce on Monday, the proceeds being for the chapel funds amounting to over £16.

Property Sale

There was a large attendance at a property sale held by Messrs. Orchard and Joyce at the Three Crowns Hotel, Whitwick on Tuesday evening. The first lot offered was the residence at Thringstone, near the station, known as "Forest Side," occupied by the Misses Grimley (who are giving up possession), together with 3a. 0r. 39p of old turf land. Starting at £700, the lot was knocked down to Mr Bert Ward, at £920.

Two messuages in Gracedieu Road, known as "Rose Cottages" were withdrawn at £450, and a little over an acre of land, fronting Talbot Street, Whitwick, was withdrawn at £130. Six houses in Leicester Road, Whitwick, were also offered, but were not sold. Mr C. E. Crane (Coalville) was the vendor's solicitor.

Football

Leicester City At Whitwick

Leicester City took a strong team to Whitwick on Wednesday night to play the Imperial in a friendly match in consideration of the transfer of F. Price. There was a large attendance. The City were, of course, the superior side, and won by 8 goals to 1. The scorers were King (4), Patterson (2), E. C. Price and Richmond. Thorpe scored for Whitwick from a penalty. City scored seven goals in the first half. The second part of the game was more even.

Friday Friday September 30th 1921 (1543)

Whist Drive and Dance

A whist drive and dance were held in the Whitwick Holy Cross School, on Wednesday evening in aid of the Church repairs fund. The M.C.'s were Messrs. Griffin and Revell (dancing) and Larner and Revell (whist). Mr. Geo. Wright's band provided the music.

Property Sale

At the Three Crowns Inn, Whitwick, on Tuesday evening, Messrs. Orchard and Joyce offered for sale seven messuages fronting Leicester Road and the City of Dan, including the double fronted shop and dwelling house in the occupation of Miss Whitmore, two messuages 28 and 30 Leicester Road, and four cottages, 24, 26, 28 and 30, the City of Dan, the whole producing a yearly rent of £96/4/0. It was offered in one lot, and Messrs. A. and W. Whitmore were the purchasers at £790. Messrs. J. J. Sharp and Son (Coalville) were the solicitors to the vendors.

Football

Whitwick's Fine Performance

Whitwick Imperial had a doubtful task in opposing the Town at Rugby, but came through with flying colours. They started well, "Andy" Moore scoring in the first five minutes and another by Peberdy from a pretty pass by Burton gave the Imps a two goal lead at the interval. Rugby were hard pressed at times, and the goal had some narrow escapes. Rugby improved in the second half, and got a goal through Ireland, which was from a penalty. This was the extent of the scoring, Whitwick winning by two to one. In the next round, Whitwick have to play the Corinthians at Loughborough.

Friday Friday October 7th 1921 (1544)

Whist Drive

A whist drive was held in the Whitwick National School on Wednesday evening, the proceeds being in aid of the Whitwick War Memorial Fund. Messrs. S. Perry and H. Underwood were the M.C.'s

Football

Whitwick Player's Useful "Hat Trick"

It is not too much to say that Whitwick Imperial and their supporters had a fright on Saturday. Hugglescote Imperial are not doing very well so far this season, and their visit to the Duke of Newcastle ground on Saturday was not regarded as a serious proposition by the Whitwick stalwarts. Imagine their concern, then, on finding the visitors a goal ahead at the interval, with another added for Hugglescote after crossing over, Bancroft and Grice being the scorers. Whitwick had made some determined attacks on the goal to no purpose, including a penalty taken by Thorpe. Things were getting desperate, when, at last, the Whitwick men

asserted themselves and their star forward, Burton, delighted the crowd by accomplishing the "hat trick", giving the home side a sensational victory by the odd goal of five. It was a fine performance and a great triumph for the Whitwick player. The Imperial have a big job on tomorrow when they go to Loughborough to play the Corinthians in an English Cup match.

Coalville Urban District Council

Proposed Improvements

A minute was also confirmed as to making enquiries re loans for carrying out Pares' Hill, the Market Place and other improvements, and in regard to the Market Place, Mr McCarthy suggested that they should let the County Council know what they were doing, so that the Council authority should pay their share towards the cost of the improvement.

The Surveyor said that was put to the County Council last March, and the reply was that they could not entertain it in the financial year ending March 1922.

Mr McCarthy: *But since receiving their letter, we have passed a minute applying for a loan. We ought to explain the altered circumstances. A great number of people are unemployed and we want to push it forward as soon as the time is ripe.*

Mr Blower said they might inform the County Council that as the Government were urging upon local bodies to push on schemes they (the Coalville Council) were going on with this.

Mr McCarthy: *If the clerk will do that, it will be sufficient.*

This was agreed to. The Surveyor said they were making all the progress they could with the Pares' Hill and Meadow Lane schemes. Plans had gone asking for wayleaves required for the Meadow Lane sewer, and he had taken up negotiations in regard to Pares' Hill, where they were dropped in 1914, and to get ahead, he had asked Messrs. McCarthy & Co. to assist him in the detail drawings.

Friday Friday October 14th 1921 (1545)

Football

Whitwick Unluckily at Loughborough

To beat Loughborough Corinthians on their own ground was almost more than Whitwick Imperial could have hoped for, but they were fully content of being able at least to give the Corinthians a close game, and in this they succeeded. There was a big "gate" estimated at about 5,000, and Whitwick's share amounted to over £70.

Nothing was scored in the first half, which was very fast and exciting. Loughborough took the lead in the second half. Saunders heading through, but it was not long before Whitwick had equalised through Jordan, and it was nearly time when Derrick scored the winning goal for Loughborough. It was a close thing, and the Imperial were unlucky to lose. One of the Whitwick players, Thorpe, was rather badly hurt in the course of the game, which at times

was very vigorous. Whitwick visit Coalville tomorrow for a Senior League match with the Swift's reserves.

Local Chit Chat

The handsome memorial which is being erected in honour of Whitwick men who fell in the great war is now nearing completion, and it will be one of the finest memorials yet placed in the district. It is a beautiful stone cross, the column being over 20 foot high, and at the base there are panels bearing the names of over 80 men from the parish who made the supreme sacrifice, and five circular steps representing the five years of war. It occupies central position in the churchyard. Maj. Gen. Sir Reginald Hoskins, K.C.B., C.M.G., general officer, commanding the Northern Midland area, has consented to perform the unveiling ceremony, which will take place on Saturday, November 5th.

Harvest Festival

Whitwick Wesleyans held their harvest festival on Sunday, when the chapel was beautifully decorated, and there were good congregations. The preacher was the newly appointed circuit minister, the Rev. R. E. Parker, of Coalville. A tea on Monday was followed by the sale of the produce. The proceeds were for the Loughborough and Leicester Hospitals.

Infirmary Whist Drive and Dance

An effort was made at Whitwick on Wednesday evening, in the form of whist drive and dance in the Holy Cross School, to assist the Leicester Royal Infirmary in connection with the 150th anniversary celebrations. There was a good attendance, and the event was a great success. Mr George Wright's band supplied the music, and the M.C.'s were Messrs. F. Needham, Griffin and Reed (dancing) and Messrs. Revill, Larner and Marlowe (whist). Some good prizes were awarded.

Did You Know That

The poor rate at Whitwick for the ensuing half-year will be 4/- in the pound, the same as last time?

Burials

Jarvis – At Whitwick, on Saturday, Amos Jarvis, aged 87 years of North Street

Underwood – At Whitwick, on Monday, George Raymond Noel Underwood, aged 4 years of Cademan Street.

Friday Friday October 21st 1921 (1546)

WHITWICK, Leicestershire.

Particulars, Plans, and Conditions of Sale of
VALUABLE FREEHOLD PROPERTIES
forming part of the Whitwick Glebe to be
offered for Sale by Auction with the sanction
of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners of
England by

GERMAN, STEVENSON & STIMSON

At the THREE CROWNS HOTEL, Whitwick
on TUESDAY, the 1st NOVEMBER, 1921, at
6.30 O'Clock in the Evening precisely, in the
following, or such other lots as may be declar-
ed by the Auctioneers at the time of Sale, and
subject to the annexed Conditions.

The properties are all situate in the Parish
of Whitwick, and comprise:—

The Vicarage Farm.

Two capital Pasture Fields in Green Lane.

Two Closes of Arable and Pasture Land in
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A valuable Allotment Field in Loughboro'
Road.

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Ten Valuable Building Sites in Leicester Rd.

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plication to the Auctioneers, Ashby-de-la-
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S.W.; Solicitors to the Ecclesiastical Commis-
sioners; or to

Messrs J. J. SHARP and SON,
of Coalville,

C3196

Solicitors to the Vendor.

Whitwick Family Affair

Coalville Magistrates Dismiss Assault Case

At the Coalville Police Court, on Friday, Luther Hall (20), Charles Hall (15), and John Beeson (52) all colliers of Whitwick, were summoned by Thomas H. Crisp, another Whitwick collier, for assault, on October 2nd. Mr Bray (Leicester) appeared for the complainant, and the defendants pleaded not guilty.

Harold Moore, collier, 31, Margaret Street, Coalville, said he was engaged to Grace Hall, who lived near Crisp. Beeson was engaged to her mother, Mrs Hall, and the other defendants were Mrs Hall's sons. Witness was with his fiancée at Crisp's house on the night in question. Defendants came and enquired for Miss Hall, who was in bed with Mrs Crisp. Then the brothers started. The two younger defendants held Crisp down while Beeson struck him. In the struggle, Crisp also had his ear bitten.

Questioned by the defendants, witness admitted that they came to Crisp's house and asked for the girl, but he denied that she was there without the consent of her mother. Crisp did not push Mrs Hall on one side and then rush at Beeson and strike the first blow. When the three of them were on to Crisp, witness remonstrated, saying "One dog, one bone." (Laughter).

Thomas Hy. Crisp, the complainant, said Luther Hall and Beeson were both under the influence of drink when they came to his house. Grace Hall was in bed, and they said she had to come home. He called to the girl, and she said she was afraid to go. She was at his

house with the consent of her mother. His eye was bruised, and his hand and lip were cut as the result of the assault. He did not strike Beeson first.

P.C. Durrands said he had lived at Mrs. Hall's for six years. Mrs Hall was upset at her daughter, Grace, who was only 17, being at Crisp's with Moore, and he (Beeson) thought he was acting a father's part in going to fetch her away. Crisp struck him first, cutting his eye.

Luther Hall gave similar evidence, and the defendants then called Mrs Hall, widow, who said her name was Elizabeth Betsy.

The Clerk: *I thought Betsy was short for Elizabeth* (laughter)

Mr Brooks: (A magistrate) *Then you've learnt a wrinkle now*

Continuing, Mrs Hall said her daughter was at Crisp's house without her consent and witness thought her place was at home. She alleged that Crisp struck Beeson when he went for the girl, and then the two men had a fight. Mrs Pearl Smith also gave evidence.

The Bench dismissed the case and Crisp had to pay 9/- costs.

Football

Whitwick Win at Coalville

Whitwick, as usual, had a good following, and the match on the Fox and Goose ground, probably had as big a crowd of spectators as any of the series, about 1,500 being present. The beautiful weather still continued and the game took place under ideal conditions. Whitwick had to make two changes in the team which put up a good fight at Loughborough on the previous Saturday. Hardy (back) and Elton (half-back), both on the injured list, and were replaced by Waterfield and Turner. The latter, a Moira youth, played for the second time this season. The Swifts, who earlier in the week had been undecided about their goalkeeper, played Ingram, a Leicester youth, in that position.

The game was fast at the start and went in Whitwick's favour. After about a quarter of an hour they scored through "Andy" Moore, who five minutes later headed another fine goal. The Swifts seemed unable to make much headway for a time, but did better towards the interval, when Brotherhood hit the crossbar and Sheffield narrowly missed. The attack was renewed and Hanson scored just before the whistle blew.

Matters looked none too rosy for the Swift's when early in the second half, Whitwick scored again, and were not long before they were leading by four goals to one, Burton having scored two of them after crossing over. As the end approached, the Swifts rallied, and Sheffield reduced the arrears. Just before time, the same player made a fine run and completely beat Roadley with a fine shot. This left only a margin of one goal between the combatants, and the Swift's tried hard in the last few minutes to get on even terms, but the defence prevailed. The Swift's team again failed to come up to expectations and on the form shown, Whitwick deserved their win.

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and Parr's Bank, Limited.**

WHITWICK SUB-OFFICE.

On and after the 1st November next, the control of the above business will be transferred to Coalville Branch.

Customers are requested to bring in their cheque books on that date for alteration of the name of branch.

In future, commencing with the above date, the Office Hours will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Saturdays excepted). C3182.

Parish Church

There were large congregations at Whitwick Parish Church on Sunday, on the occasion of the harvest festival. The church was beautifully decorated, and the services were of a bright and hearty character. Canon Broughton (Vicar of Hugglescote) preached at the morning service, the Rev. W. M. McNeile, (Vicar of Coalville), in the afternoon, and the Rev. G. W. Briggs (Rector of Loughborough) in the evening. The collections were for local hospitals.

Coalville Police Court

Damage at Whitwick

Carver Bishop (18), quarryman, Thomas Moore (17), Frank Moore (15), William Wibberley (15), Jacob Johnson (14), Ernest Wardle (15), Thomas Cufflin (14), Edward Squires (14), pit boys, all of Whitwick, were summoned by George A. Dowler, railway detective inspector, Rugby, for malicious damage to a platelayer's cabin, to the amount of £1/15/0, at Whitwick, on September 11th.

The father of Winfield said his boy was there, but did no damage. P.C. Durrands said that in consequence of damage done, he secreted himself in the L. and N.W.R. goods yard, and saw the boys throwing stones at the cabin, breaking a chimney pot and skylight.

Joseph Liggins, foreman platelayer, Whitwick, said the damage amounted to 35/-.

Dr. Burkitt (a magistrate): *I understand a lot of damage has been done there lately.*

Witness: *Yes, damage has been done, and stones put on the rails.*

Dr. Burkitt: *The goods yard adjoins the children's recreation ground at Whitwick?*

Yes.

P.C. Culpin said he was with Durrands and saw all the boys throwing stones. The chairman (Dr. Burkitt) said the Bench had decided to convict, but would differentiate between the defendants on account of their ages. The boys over 14 were each fined 5/- and 5/- costs, and 1/- witness allowance, and those 14 and under were fined 2/6 and 3/6 costs and damage.

Wife Desertion At Whitwick

Edward Wood (35), carpenter, South Bank, Yorkshire, was summoned by his wife, Cecilia Wood, for desertion at Whitwick, since April 20th last. Complainant said she was married to defendant at Holy Cross Church, Whitwick, in February 1908, and had three children, aged 13, 10 and 5. She said that after being "demobbed" her husband went to Yorkshire to work, and for a time sent her 30/- a week. She did not know his address, but had to write to the firm. Alice Concannon, sister of the complainant, of Whitwick, corroborated as to the desertion.

The Bench made an order for £2/5/0 a week and 16/6 costs.

A "Fair Cop"

Thomas Chambers (20), Herbert Hault (19), Harold Smith (19), David Boot (17), Lawrence Perry (16), colliers, John Cowley (15), William Middleton (15), Frank Middleton (14) and Albert Cook (14), pit boys, all of Whitwick, were summoned for gaming with cards and coins at Whitwick on September 30th.

P.C. Durrands said he saw the youths in the recreation ground, and they admitted it was "a fair cop." The chairman said gambling was very prevalent, and they wished to stop it.

Boot, the only one who appeared, was fined 15/-, and the others £1 each.

Colliers' Income Tax

There were summonses against eleven colliers, one fitter, two labourers and one foundry hand, for not paying income tax. Mr. F. Goddard, tax collector, Coalville, said all had paid but eight, and orders were made in these cases, the defendants and amounts owing being:

Robert McGuinness, labourer, 19/6; George Henney, £2/8/9; John _____, £1/2/6, colliers, Coalville; Albert _____, £1/1/9; Samuel Cresswell £2/8/9; William Frearson £1/11/6; William Lacey 18/9; and William Beasley 14/3, all colliers of Whitwick. Defendant's were also each ordered to pay 8/6 costs.

Friday Friday October 28th 1921 (1547)

Football

Double Figures At Whitwick

When Coalville Swift's supporters heard the result of the Senior League match at Whitwick between the Reserves and Imperial, it was almost unbelievable. Eleven goals to one! The weather, perhaps, had something to do with it, the players being drenched long before the match was over, but whatever it was, there was no doubt that Whitwick were practically all over their opponents. The game was well fought in the first half. Coalville were the first to score through Bunyan. Goals by Peberdy and Thorpe gave Whitwick the lead before the interval. After this, the Swifts had to face the wind and the rain, and the defence were quite unequal to the Whitwick onslaughts. It was an undignified debut for Reuben Nicholls in the Swift's goal. Having left Coalville Town, it was Reuben's first appearance for the Swifts, but he was not to blame for his side's sorry display. He stopped many good shots, but the bombardment was terrific, and in these extraordinary circumstances, the goal might easily

have fallen even more than eleven times. It was a day out for Peberdy, who though a prolific goal getter, has probably never registered more than half-a-dozen in one match, as he did on Saturday. Other scorers were Grayston, Moore, Turner and Jordan, so that the whole of Whitwick's quintette were "in the doings." The Swifts' team were not quite as selected. Sheffield had to stay with the first team at Coalville, and Briscoe, one of the new men, was unable to get. Their places were taken by Brotherhood and Bunyan.

Local Chit Chat

An important sale of valuable freehold properties forming part of the Whitwick glebe is to be held by Messrs. German, Stevenson and Stimson, at the Three Crowns Hotel, Whitwick, at 6.30 next Tuesday night. Included are Vicarage Farm and several lots of land.

Police-Sergeant Eli Betts, of Whitwick, having served 30 years in the Leicestershire Constabulary, is to retire on pension at the end of the present week, (October 30th). As a young constable, he started at Loughborough where he was stationed for 2 ½ years, then he went to Broughton Astley for six years, after which he spent three years at Ullesthorpe, seven years at Shepshed, and he has been 12 years at Whitwick, where he was promoted to sergeant in 1913. Sergeant Betts has always been a painstaking officer, who has enjoyed the fullest confidence of the public, and Whitwick people will wish him well in his retirement. During the war he acted as instructor in Kitchener's Army, and trained many men, including his own son.

P. M. Missions

Missionary services were held on Sunday at the Whitwick P.M. Church when there were good congregations, and the preacher morning and evening was the Rev. E. W. Pape, of Coalville. The collections were for the mission funds, and for the same object the annual meeting was held on Tuesday night, the speakers being the Revs. E. W. Pape and H. Booth.

Friday Friday November 4th 1921 (1548)

Football

Whitwick's Attractive Displays

Whitwick Imperial are doing so well that their matches are attracting representatives of the big clubs on the lookout for new young talent. Derby County, Bradford City, and Plymouth Argyle are said to have eyes on some of the Whitwick players, and it is quite likely that we may be hearing some interesting transfers before very long. Following their sensational win against Coalville Swifts, the Imps put another Coalville team through the mill on Saturday, defeating Coalville Town by seven goals to one. There was not so much between the teams in the first half, when Whitwick led by three to one. Four more were put in after crossing over. Peberdy was once again amongst the goals, four of them being to his credit. This makes ten goals to the same player in successive matches. Evidently he knows how to shoot. The other scorers were Moore, Turner and Jordan. Coalville's goal was obtained by Dennis. An unfortunate incident in the second half, resulted in West, one of the Coalville players, being ordered off.

Accident

As the result of an accident at Stableford's Works on Thursday, Ernest Wheeldon, furnaceman, aged 22, of Hermitage Road, Whitwick, was taken to Leicester Royal Infirmary. He was struck in the chest by an iron bar while at work. First aid was rendered by J. Peters and Wheeldon was removed to Leicester after being attended by Dr. Jamie.

Arcadia, Whitwick

Patrons of this popular dancing hall, are requested to take note of several alterations made to commence next Monday. The hall should be well supported: it is well heated and comfortable, and every consideration is given by Mr Nicholson, the genial proprietor.

Wesleyan Church

The Rev. A Price Hughes, of Leicester, preached at the Whitwick Wesleyan Church, on Wednesday afternoon, and lectured in the evening on "Playing the Game." Mr A. Barker, of Onebarrow, presided and the collection was for the Centenary Fund.

Death of an old resident

A well-known Whitwick resident, Mrs Bridget Thompson, has passed away, and the funeral was conducted by Canon O'Reilly at the Holy Cross Church on Monday, the internment taking place in the churchyard. Deceased, who was 68 years of age, had for some time acted as a maternity nurse, in which connection her services were highly appreciated. Her husband has for many years been the caretaker of the Holy Cross School.

Sale of Glebe Land

Portions of the Whitwick Glebe land were sold by Messrs. German, Stevenson and Stimson, at the Three Crowns Hotel, Whitwick, on Tuesday evening, when there was a large attendance, and a very successful sale, the proceeds totalling £3,740. Mr B. Neath, of Whitwick, bought two fields in Green Lane, Just over six and seven acres respectively for £300 and £380. The Vicarage Farm, of 37a 1d. 29p, with modern house and buildings, was sold to Mr Eldridge, of the Forest Rock Granite Company for £2,000, and the same company bought the allotment field, 9a. 1d. 15p for £350 and two closes adjoining, 4a. 0r. 29p for £270. Mr S. Billings bought a building site of 860 square yards, with a frontage of 36 feet to Leicester Road, for £140 and eight other plots were sold to the Forest Rock Granite Company for £800. Messrs. J. J. Sharp and Son (Coalville) were the solicitors to the vendors, and Messrs. Milles, Jennings, White and Foster (Westminster) acted in a similar capacity for the Ecclesiastical Commissioners.

Burials

Thompson – At Whitwick Holy Cross Churchyard, on Monday. Bridget Thompson, aged 68 years of North Street.

Coalville Urban District Council

Whitwick Lodgers

The Surveyor gave the Whitwick lodging-house returns as 636 for October, compared with 764 in October last year.

Whitwick Memorial

The Council accepted the invitation of the Rev. T. W. Walters to attend the unveiling and dedication of the Whitwick war memorial tomorrow (Saturday afternoon).

A Photographer's Charges

The clerk read a letter from Mr C. E. Crane in reference to the County Court case relative to the Whitwick motor accident, stating that he had received a bill for £6/6/0 from the photographer, who took photographs of the scene. Mr Crane stated that he offered £4/4/0, but that was refused, and he asked if he was to pay the £6/6/0.

Mr Hay said that if the man was employed and those were his terms they would have to pay.

Mr Smith: *Was he a week on it?*

Mr Farmer said they were not likely to engage him again. Mr Gowtage said they should not pass these remarks without knowing what they were talking about. The man was at a lot of trouble and had to attend the court. He should be paid.

The Chairman: *He will be paid.*

Friday Friday November 11th 1921 (1549)

Football

Whitwick Forwards "Hat Trick"

The match at Coalville proved to be a very interesting event, despite counter attractions, and there was a good "gate." Another of the Whitwick forwards, Burton, this time, accomplished the "hat trick" which is becoming quite a common thing with Whitwick players, and if the club honours all these events, it looks as if they will have a good number of caps to purchase before the season is over. The Imperial held the advantage both ways, scoring two goals in each half, Grayston got the first, and Burton the next three. The Town made some good attempts but were up against a strong defence. Peberdy, the famous goal-getter, was out of the Whitwick attack owing to injury, and his place at centre was taken by Roach.

Local Chit Chat

The bellringers of Whitwick propose to place a memorial in the church to one of the ringers who fell in the war. It is a beautiful embossed plate-glass tablet in a frame of English oak, and bears the inscription, "*To the glory of God, and in memory of Robert Underwood, killed in France, March 25th, 1918. This tablet was placed here as a token of respect by his fellow ringers, 1921.*"

Ringling

On Saturday last, the Whitwick Church bells were half muffled for the unveiling of the war memorial, when 504 changes of Grandsire Triples were rung before the service. In the evening 4,500 changes of Grandsire Triples were also rung.

Whitwick War Memorial

Unveiled by General Sir Reginald Hoskins

Impressive Scene

Bishop of Peterborough on the next war

Whitwick's memorial, one of the finest yet erected in the county, in honour of the men from the parish who fell in the great war, was unveiled on Saturday, in the presence of a vast concourse of people, including many ex-servicemen, who fought side by side with their fallen comrades, and relatives of the deceased men. The unveiling by General Sir Reginald Hoskins, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., the general officer commanding the North Midland area, and the subsequent dedication by the Lord Bishop of Peterborough, made an impressive scene, which will probably never be forgotten by those present.

Erected in a picturesque position in the centre of the churchyard within the shadow of Whitwick's fine old church, the memorial consists of a finely axed Cornish granite cross of Celtic design, rising from an octagonal granite base. The panels on four sides of the base are sunk and specially prepared to receive the whole of the names of the Whitwick men who fell in the great war. The height of the cross and base is sixteen feet, and stands upon five octagonal granolithic concrete steps, each eight inches high, and these are built upon a circular foundation, eighteen feet in diameter and eight inches high, making the total height of the memorial twenty feet. The octagonal steps have inscribed thereon the dates 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917 and 1918, each step representing one year of the great war.

On the panel on two sides of the memorial immediately under the cross shaft, are inscribed the words:

"In proud and loving memory of the men of Whitwick, who gave their lives in the Great War, 1914 – 1918."

The number of Whitwick men who made the supreme sacrifice is 82, and their names are inscribed on the memorial, as follows:

R. Allgood, South Staffs Regiment
T. Bailey, Royal Scots Regiment
W. Bakewell, Leicester Regiment
G. H. Barker, Leicester Yeomanry
A. Beeson, Leicester Regiment
R. W. Berrington, Leicester Regiment
W. Bensley, Leicester Regiment
T. Benson, South Wales Borderers
O. Bishop, Northampton Regiment
W. Boobyer, Worcester Regiment
W. Bradley, Notts and Derby Regiment

H. Briers, Royal Engineers
W. J. G. Brown, King's Royal Rifles
L. E. Brotherhood, Northumberland Fusiliers
E. Brotherhood, South Staffs Regiment
H. S. Burton, London Regiment
H. H. Burton, Northumberland Fusiliers
N. Burrell, Leicester Regiment
J. Cairns, Connaught Rangers
J. A. Carter, Leicester Regiment
C. Cavendish, Leicester Regiment
W. H. Cooke, Leicester Regiment
A. Concannon, Sherwood Foresters
G. H. Copson, Royal Navy
J. E. D. Ducker, Leicester Regiment
H. Freeman, Leicester Regiment
R. Freeman, Leicester Regiment
A. Griffiths, Royal Navy
E. Hall, Leicester Regiment
J. A. Hall, Leicester Regiment
J. H. Hall, Leicester Regiment
A. Harley, Leicester Regiment
E. A. Hart, North Staffs Regiment
L. Haywood, Scottish Rifles
J. B. Haynes, Leicester Regiment
J. Heighton, Royal Naval Division
C. E. Heighton, Machine Gun Corps
J. H. Heggs, Royal Navy
L. Henson, Coldstream Guards
A. C. Hobson, Leicester Regiment
H. S. Hurst, Leicester Regiment
E. Howe, Leicester Regiment
E. Jarvis, Grenadier Guards
A. C. Johnstone, Leicester Regiment
E. Knight, Royal Engineers
H. E. Ketcher, Northumberland Fusiliers
E. King, Sherwood Foresters
H. Lakin, Leicester Regiment
A. Laundon, Devon Regiment
T. F. McCarthy, Loyal North Lancs.
W. Massey, Leicester Regiment
J. J. Morley, Leicester Yeomanry
J. A. Moul, Leicester Regiment
B. W. Morley, Leicester Regiment
E. Morris, Leicester Regiment
F. F. Myatt, Machine Gun Corps
C. Myers, Black Watch
A. E. Moreton, A. S. C.
W. Z. Parker, Cheshire Regiment
W. Partridge, South Staffs Regiment
H. Parish, Leicester Regiment

W. Parsons, Leicester Regiment
T. Price, Machine Gun Corps
S. Richards, Leicester Regiment
E. Roome, Leicester Regiment
S. W. Taylor, Leicester Regiment
P. Tookey, Leicester Regiment
E. Tugby, Leicester Regiment
C. Turner, Norfolk Regiment
R. Underwood, Royal Naval Division
F. Underwood, Leicester Regiment
G. W. Underwood, Leicester Regiment
E. Walton, Leicester Regiment
G. Wesley, Royal Marines
A. J. Wilson, Royal Naval Division
B. Whittaker, Leicester Regiment
C. Wilson, Leicester Regiment
L. Whitmore, Leicester Regiment
A. Worrall, Leicester Regiment
G. Wright, Leicester Regiment
J. H. Wyatt, Leicester Regiment

At the foot appear the words

“Their name liveth for evermore”

The memorial committee aimed at obtaining an artistic monumental design, constructed of suitable and lasting materials, and in this they appear to have admirably succeeded. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Wells and Co. of Hugglescote, under the direction of the memorial committee. Prior to the ceremony, a peal was rung with the bells half muffled.

Whitwick ex-Servicemen, with a contingent from Coalville, formed up in the Market Place at two o'clock, under Lieutenant S. E. Perry, and marched to the church, led by two of their number carrying floral tributes which were afterwards placed on the memorial. A number of men from 'D' Company of the 5th Leicestershire Regiment, with Lieutenant Parker in command, formed a guard of honour, being lined up on either side of the entrance to the church with shouldered rifles and fixed bayonets. Four men of the regiment with bowed heads, and leaning on their reversed rifles round the memorial added to the impressiveness of the scene.

The service in the church was held first, many being unable to gain admission, and the ex-Servicemen had in the meantime taken up their positions forming a circle around the memorial. The two churchwardens, Mr W. Adams and Mr Gordon Bayliss, with their staffs, led a procession of the choir and clergy, from the school to the church, which included General Hoskins and the Bishop, Lieutenant-Colonel J. C. S. Burkitt, the Rev. T. W. Walters, R.D. (Vicar), Canon Broughton (Vicar of Hugglescote), the Rev. C. Shrewsbury (Vicar of Thringstone), the Rev. H. Chambers (Rector of Markfield), the Rev. E. Pillifant (Vicar of Bardon), the Rev. R. Pratt (Vicar of Bagworth), the Rev. J. Arnold (curate in charge of Thornton), the Rev. H. Booth (Primitive Methodist minister) and the Rev. R. E. Parker (Wesleyan minister). Also present were Mrs Booth (Gracedieu Manor), Mr J. J. Sharp, Ex-Sergt. Betts, who trained several of the fallen men, and the following members and officials

of the Coalville Urban District Council, Messrs. A. J. Briers, J.P. (chairman), T. Y. Hay, J. W. Farmer, A. E. Morris, Jas Smith, W. Waterfield and R. Blower, L. L. Baldwin (surveyor), G. F. Hurst (assistant surveyor), J. W. Eagles (gasworks manager), and J. Pegg (collector).

Supt. Dobney (Ashby) and Inspector Maddocks (Coalville), rendered valuable assistance in regulating the crowd. The opening hymn was "Stand up, Stand up for Jesus," and the Vicar conducted the service during which other hymns sung were: "Ten thousand times, ten thousand," and "For all the saints." The Rev. H. Booth (Primitive Methodist minister) read the lesson.

The Bishop's Sermon

The sermon was preached by the Bishop of Peterborough, who said, "I take as the watchword for our service today the words of St. Paul in the first Epistle of Timothy, sixth chapter and 20th verse; "Keep that which is committed to thy charge." We are gathered together this afternoon, my friends of Whitwick, for a very solemn service – to celebrate the devotion, and to thank God, for the service and sacrifice of men who kept a great trust and fulfilled a great charge. In the providence of God, there has been laid upon this country and this empire a great charge. We have tried to stand, not always successfully, and not without faltering sometimes, but as we look back over our long history, we as a nation have tried to stand for righteousness, for liberty, for fellowship. It was the sense of this charge laid upon us that brought us into the war in August, 1914. We felt that righteousness was challenged. One nation at least, proposed to break its written compact, and go back on its pledged word, and Britons have long had the instinct, however dim it may have been, that civilisation depends upon international righteousness, and that if that righteousness is challenged we must stand in its defence. And we did stand. And we are going out in a few moments to unveil a monument to the men of Whitwick who stood to the challenge and responded to the call; who made it plain that Britain might still be relied upon to take up arms, if need be, and to use all her influence for righteousness between nations. And not only righteousness, but liberty. It is quite certain that we should never have gone into war if we had not believed that not only righteousness, but liberty, was threatened as, perhaps, it has never been threatened before. Britons have always tried not only to be free themselves, but to make it possible for others to be free. We look back over our long history, just at the time, or shortly after the time when the great Mother Church at Peterborough was complete. There was King John signing the famous document of Runnymede. Englishmen were standing for their liberties, and securing their liberties from the man who, if left alone, would have destroyed them. Later on, we gave birth to that great nation across the Atlantic, who in its turn, when it at least realised that the world's liberties were threatened, came in and stood by us. I say the gallant men whose names are inscribed on the cross in your churchyard are the men who tried to keep the trust committed to their charge – of righteousness, of liberty, of fellowship. Again, I say without hesitation that we Britons have tried to make fellowship between nations. In the providence of God, there have been committed to our charge peoples in various parts of the world, with whom, in one sense, we have no connection. That mighty continent of India, for instance, has been committed to our charge. We have tried in the long run to maintain in India, justice, righteousness, liberty and fellowship between us and them and we now stand precisely for these great and glorious possessions of mankind. And I give to you as a motto for this solemn day in the history of Whitwick, the word of command of St. Paul, "Keep that which is committed to thy charge." They kept it. Every name on that cross will bring heart stirrings and memories of love and affection in some hearts, at least, in this place. There must be many here today who look back to that moment

when the call came, and they went to the recruiting office, it may have been, to offer themselves and their allegiance to the great cause. And you remember how they were willing, thousands upon thousands of them, to turn their backs on home and business and take on a new life to which they had never been accustomed, and never dreamt they would have to face, wear a new uniform, learn a new drill, go through new training and go forth, many of them, to a new land and a terrible new experience. They all did that, did these men whose names are mentioned there, and others who in God's mercy have come back, and many of whom no doubt are with us this afternoon. It means they kept the trust committed to their charge. It meant to them, first of all, the leaving of home and neighbourhood and friends, it meant this utterly new and awful experience, and it meant in the last resort for them – death, grim black death. And I think I can imagine that they are with us this afternoon, and I think I can imagine that in that unseen world they look to us, and they would say to us what St. Paul said to his young friend, what Britain has said to all her sons – they would say to us, and I can imagine myself as their spokesman as I say it – “Keep that which is committed to thy charge.” They have bequeathed to us this legacy, and we have got to keep that trust from them to us in after years, in this time after the war. In these days of difficulty when we are faced with problems, certainly as difficult and as searching as any which Britain has ever had to face, there comes to us this ringing call from them, “Keep that which is committed to thy charge.” What was it they kept? What is it we must keep? First of all, righteousness. There will be no peace in the world without righteousness. There will be no fellowship between nations unless there is straight dealing, integrity and honesty between them. There will be no new Britain such as the King referred to in that speech he made the day after the Armistice was concluded, unless there is this national righteousness. And it is no new term. It means righteousness in politics, it means righteousness in industry, it means righteousness in our social life. The Prime Minister told us during the war that worse than Germany, Turkey, Austria and the rest of them were those enemies of our national righteousness which lifted their ugly faces in those days, and which lift their ugly faces today – immorality, intemperance, dishonesty, to name only three. These are enemies, among others, that we are up against today, and I say without hesitation, than no man here is worthy of those whose names are on that cross who is not prepared to take the field so far as his own influence is concerned. They died that we might do better. Are we doing better? Can anyone, looking at Britain and Europe today, suppose for a moment that we are doing better? I believe there is a wistful longing in the hearts of multitudes that we should do better. I believe that below the glamour of parties and policies there is a great unspoken yearning for better things, and if that is so we must use every weapon we can command, public and private. That is part of the trust committed to our charge. I would press this home to you, my friends. You have erected a memorial in the shape which is always the most appropriate – in the form of a cross – and you have placed the names of your gallant dead thereon. But remember that cross will be a trysting place. It will be a pledge that they kept the charge and it will be a pledge that you keep the charge committed to you. I have spoken of righteousness and liberty. That is a very large term. It is not only a matter of the relationships of nations, it is our dealings in business, our own tempers and what is in our own hearts, for the memorial to the Whitwick men will not only be that cross, but the way you behave and what you think and do in the days to come. But not only righteousness – fellowship. Let me say a word about that. We are standing on the eve of a great international effort on behalf of friendship. Our delegates, or some of them, have already left these shores to take part in that conference which has been summoned at Washington, and upon which so much depends. Do you realise that even at the present time Anglo-Saxon nations are spending the larger part of their resources in preparations for war? Do you realise that of the American national income, 90 per cent is being spent in that direction, and of our national income 64 per cent,

is being so spent; that 4/- out of every £1 of income tax goes in preparations for war? Do you realise what the next war is likely to be like? How that the American chemist in charge of the chemical department of the American Army has publicly stated there has now been discovered a liquid, three drops of which are enough to kill a man. It is not difficult to imagine that the next war will not be an affair of armies, but aeroplanes; black fleets of aeroplanes will drop this ghastly liquid on unoffending populations. That is no imaginary picture, and they are going to gather round the table at Washington to see if that can't be blotted out. I am not sure we are alive to the importance of the issues involved. They are in the United States. There the Press has been running with it, schools are being mobilised to teach the children to think of it, in the churches they are circularising thousands of pamphlets and every kind of publicity is being given to the issues involved in order to get the people to sympathise with every effort for peace. I would use this opportunity, as others, to ask you to be alive and alert to what there will go forth and in the next few weeks to pray earnestly that the Prince of Peace may, by His spirit of wisdom, inspire, guide and direct the deliberations around that Council table. It is no mere matter of opinion. You cannot, my friends, say, after all we must let the world go its own way, and we can't trouble about these international questions. Remember, from this day forth, there will be looking at you, so to speak, that cross, and every time you see that cross there will ring in your ears; "Keep that which is committed to thy charge" – righteousness, peace, fellowship between nations, between man and man.

Concluding, his Lordship reminded them that the cross was a pledge and symbol that the Most High kept what was committed to His charge. His charge was the human race, the destiny of the world, the salvation of souls, and he kept it, as these Whitwick men had done, even unto death. God, who gave his only Son, called to them, to be followers, and as they thought of the world's needs today he appealed to them to respond to the call, "Keep that which is committed to thy charge."

The Unveiling

The clergy and congregation then proceeded to the Memorial, around which a place of prominence was given to the bereaved relatives. Having removed the Union Jack from the Monument, General Hoskins said:

"In proud and loving memory of the men of the parish of Whitwick who gave their lives in the great war, I unveil this memorial."

For an impressive moment, the General stood at attention, after which the Bishop offered the dedicatory prayer and the Blessing. Buglers then sounded the "Last Post," and a memorable scene ended with the singing of the National Anthem. Scores of beautiful floral tributes were afterwards placed upon the memorial by relatives of the deceased men.

Votes of Thanks

Tea was subsequently provided in the school for the Guard of Honour and others from a distance, the committee also inviting the members and officials of the Coalville Urban Council. After tea, the Vicar said they could not allow that memorable day to pass without thanking General Hoskins and the Bishop. General Hoskins, to them, represented the British Army which they believed to be the finest in the world. He instanced how they stopped the first onrush of the Germans by which they saved England, Europe and the rest of the world.

General Hoskins represented that Army, and they were exceedingly proud to have him there. The Bishop of Peterborough they all knew, and whenever it was known that he was coming to Whitwick, a thrill of expectancy always went through the place. The Bishop was one of the church's big men – big mentally, big spiritually and, he added – big physically (laughter and applause). They were exceedingly proud to have two such men at Whitwick for that occasion, and it had given great satisfaction to the relatives of the deceased soldiers. He went on to refer to the memorial of which he said they were proud, though not boastful. If it had been ever so much grander than it was, it would have fallen far short of what they realised the honour to the memory of those 82 men should be. They had done their duty in erecting the memorial, and they regarded it not only as a graceful and splendid monument, but it was made of material that would last. Their old church tower had weathered the storms for eight centuries, and it looked as if that monument would also weather as many centuries. It would last as long as Whitwick, and perhaps longer. With regard to the site, he was glad to say that the people of Whitwick generally were pleased with it. It was not only the most sacred spot in the district, but it was also one of the most picturesque spots. There was the old church on one side, and it was surrounded by beautiful trees, while the spot was hallowed by the ashes of many generations of Whitwick people. It was in the very heart of the district and in the centre of the ancient township of Whitwick, and was really the most suitable spot on which such a memorial could be placed (cheers). The Vicar also referred to the unity among the people in providing the memorial. As the men fought together in France, so had the people of Whitwick united in honouring their dead. He hoped the memorial would be the foundation of that reunion of Christian people which they hoped to see extended, when the churches of this country, instead of being suspicious of each other and looking upon each other with a certain amount of jealousy, the churches would be reunited in the bonds of the love of God. (Cheers).

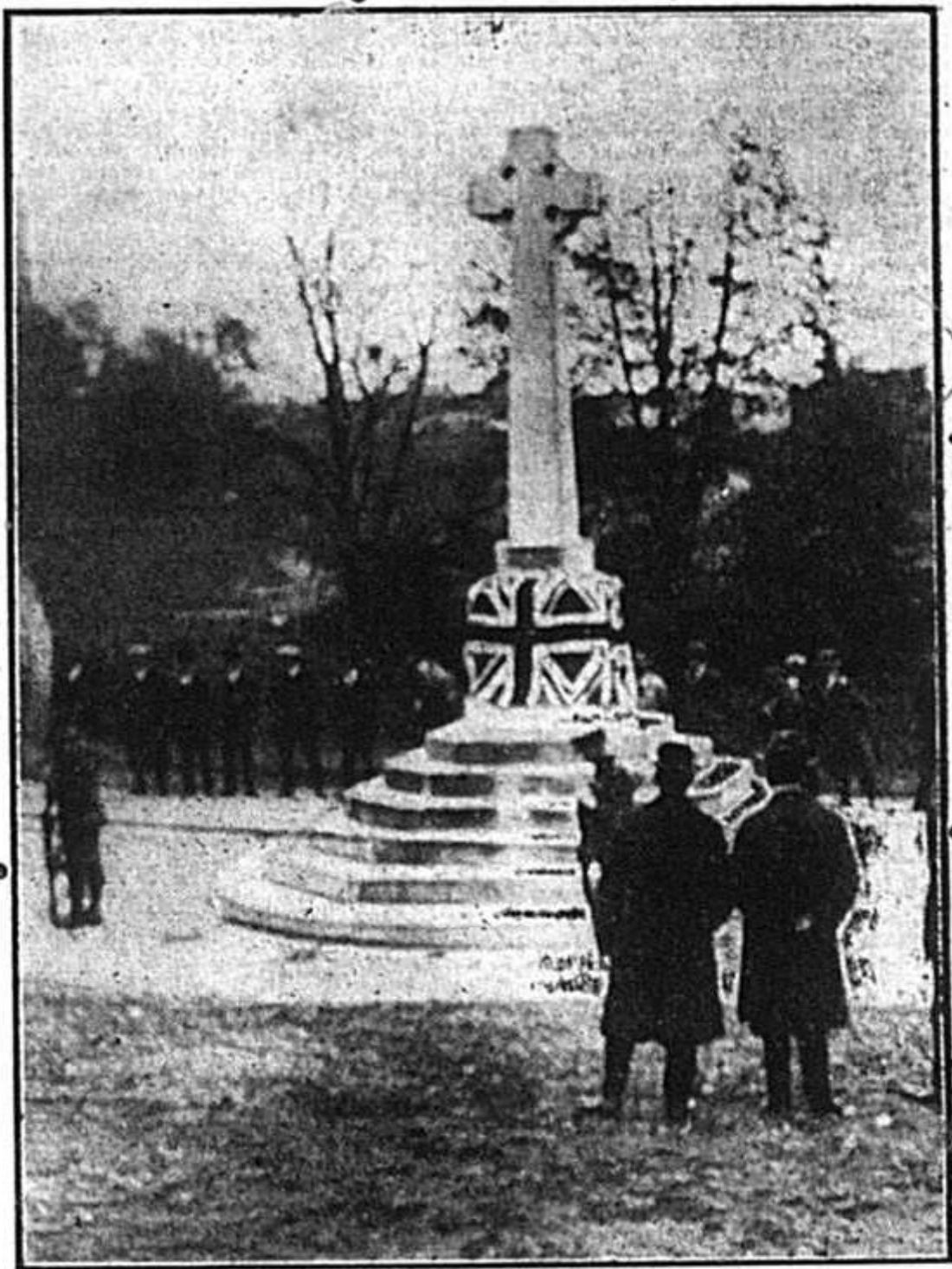
Lieutenant-Colonel Burkitt, seconding the resolution, said it was a red-letter day in the history of Whitwick, the recollection of which would never fade from their minds. The vote was carried with acclamation.

The General's Reply

General Hoskins, in reply, said it was a high honour and great privilege to him to come. When he attended ceremonies like that his mind went back to the worst days in France when they were having their worst time, and he remembered that it was the spirit of these men which brought success. They played as a team. It enabled them to stiffen the upper lip and pulled them through till the better times came. *"If we had not been good pals,"* said the General, *"we should never have done it. We should have gone under."* This memorial, he went on, would stand for many a hundred years, but in itself, it was not enough. The real memorial was what they did themselves in their daily lives. They must play the game, live rightly, do right to their neighbours and see that nations did the same. Then they would have a proper memorial, and no other was worthy of these men. (Loud applause).

The Bishop also responded, remarking that one of the joys of a Bishop's life was to come among the people in the great family circle of the diocese. He had been very glad to hear that the whole of Whitwick without distinction of church or politics, had united on that occasion, and the fact that one of the ministers of the town read the lesson was an outward and visible sign of that unity which they desired to see extended (applause). He said he would long remember that day in the history of Whitwick.

The Vicar also expressed thanks to all who had in any way contributed to the success of the proceedings, especially mentioning the Territorials and ex-service men.



Friday Friday November 18th 1921 (1550)

Whitwick Trainer Injured

Footballers in the Whitwick district will regret to learn of a serious accident which has befallen Mr E. Taylor, of New Swannington, while following his employment in the Coleorton Colliery. A day or so ago, his right hand was crushed by a "fall" in the mine, and on being removed to Leicester Royal Infirmary, it was found necessary to amputate portions of the third and fourth fingers of his right hand, the second finger also being injured.

Mr Taylor is a member of the Whitwick Imperial F.C. committee, and has been trainer of the team ever since they have been in the Leicestershire Senior League. He is progressing as well as can be expected, but it will be some time before he is able to resume his duties which have made him a popular figure on the Whitwick football field and wherever the team play.

P. M. November Effort

Whitwick Primitive Methodists made their November effort for the church funds on Sunday and Monday. The services on Sunday were conducted by the Rev. J. Holmes, who addressed a young people's service in the afternoon. A public tea was held on Monday, and was well attended, after which a social was held, a large company being present. Mrs Jacob Newbury presided. The total proceeds of the effort amounted to nearly £17.

Whitwick Campanology

On Saturday November 12th a peal of 5,184 changes of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung in 3 hours 7 minutes by the following ringers of the Midland Counties' Association:

P. Harrison (Leicester) treble; J. H. Swinfield (Burton) 2nd; H. Poole (Leicester) 3rd; J. Oldham (Loughborough) 4th; H. Broughton (Leicester) 5th; E. Rands (Hugglescote) 6th; E. Morris (Leicester) 7th; F. H. Dexter (Leicester) tenor. Conducted by F. H. Dexter. This is the first peal of the above method rung on these bells.

Aged Miner's Death At Thringstone

Accident in Whitwick Colliery 3 ½ Years Ago Recalled

Inquest and Verdict

The accident which occurred to an aged Thringstone miner in the Whitwick Colliery on June 6th, 1918, was recalled on Tuesday afternoon in an inquest held by Mr R. Lancaster (Deputy Coroner) at the house of P.C. Topliss at Thringstone, concerning the death of Zeph Morley, aged 70 years, which occurred at his home in John Street, Thringstone on Friday after a very short illness.

Mr Eliot Smith, of Mansfield, appeared for the Whitwick Colliery Co. the manager of the mine, Mr T. Y. Hay, also being present, and Mr T. Gowdrige, secretary of the Leicestershire Miners' Association, attended in the interests of the deceased's relatives, whilst Dr. Moir, of Newhall, was in a similar capacity for the Indemnity Co.

Harriet Morley, the widow, said her husband formerly worked at the Whitwick Colliery. He had an accident at the mine on June 6th, 1918, and had not worked since, having received compensation. He was taken ill on the 5th inst. and died on the 11th.

Dr. H. T. Prys-Jones, assistant to Dr. Burkitt, of Whitwick, said he was called to see the deceased on the evening of the fifth, and found him suffering from cerebral haemorrhage. He attended him until the 11th. The cause of death was cerebral haemorrhage, and was in no way attributable to the colliery accident which caused injury to the deceased's ribs.

Mr Gowdrige asked whether the doctor was quite clear that the accident had nothing to do with the death. The doctor said that he understood that the injury was to the ribs. The Coroner read a statement as to the accident, which was stated to be due to tubs running into the deceased and crushing him. His ribs and arm were broken, and he was attended by the late Dr. Rolston and Dr. Dunkin.

The Coroner: *You are satisfied there was no connection between the death and the accident?*

Witness: Yes.

Mr Gowdrige asked what caused the haemorrhage. The doctor said it was due to arterial sclerosis. The Coroner said that they were not all acquainted with medical terms. Mr Smith said it was often said that a man was as old as his arteries. When they were worn out, something burst. The Coroner said the only other evidence was as to the accident.

Mr Smith said that the Coroner could take it that there was an accident, and that up to last Friday, deceased was receiving compensation from the Whitwick Colliery Co. The Coroner recorded a verdict that death was due to cerebral haemorrhage.

Friday Friday November 25th 1921 (1551)

Situations Vacant

Young, General or Day Girl, must have good character. Good wages. Mrs George Underwood, Whitwick

Sales By Auction

WHITWICK, Leicestershire.

VALUABLE FREEHOLD PROPERTY

to be Sold by Auction by
ORCHARD & JOYCE

at the RAILWAY INN, WHITWICK,
on TUESDAY, the 29th day of NOVEMBER,
at SEVEN O'CLOCK in the Evening precisely,
subject to Conditions of Sale to be then read,
and in the following, or such other Lots as
may be determined upon at the time of Sale.

LOT 1.—ALL THAT well-built and Conven-
ient MESSUAGE, situate in Brooks' Lane,
Whitwick, No. 155, now in the occupation of
Mr. G. Waterfield, comprising Front Passage
Entrance, Front Sitting Room with bay win-
dow, Living Room, Kitchen, Four Bedrooms,
Pantry, Coalhouse, Water Closet, and Yard.
The Public Water Supply is laid on, and there
is a good Soft Water Cistern with Pump in
Kitchen.—ALSO, ALL THAT PLOT OF
BUILDING LAND adjoining the above Lot,
now used as Garden Ground, in the occupa-
tion of Mr. Waterfield, having a frontage of
17ft. to Brooks' Lane, and containing an
area of 140 square yards, or thereabouts.

Gross yearly rental, £24/14/0.

LOT 2.—ALL THAT similar MESSUAGE,
adjoining Lot 1, numbered 153, now in the
occupation of Mr. Arthur Wilkins.

Gross yearly rental, £22/6/4.

LOT 3.—ALL THAT similar MESSUAGE,
No. 149, Brooks' Lane, now in the occupation
of Mr. Wm. Lagan.

Gross yearly rental, £20/3/0.

The houses stand back from the road, with
front entrance, gate, and side road to the
back of each. All are in excellent condition,
and well drained.

To view, apply to the tenants, and for fur-
ther particulars to Messrs Briers and Sons,
Whitwick; the Auctioneers, Ashby, Coalville,
Hinckley, and Leicester; or to

Messrs J. J. SHARP and Son,
Solicitors, Coalville.

WHITWICK, Leicestershire.

VALUABLE FREEHOLD PROPERTIES
comprising an Attractive SMALL HOLDING
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GERMAN, STEVENSON & STIMSON

have received instructions to offer for Sale
by Auction on
MONDAY, the 5th DECEMBER, 1921,
at the "THREE CROWNS" HOTEL, WHIT-
WICK, at 6.30 o'clock in the Evening, subject
to Conditions of Sale to be then produced, in
the following or such other Lots as may be
then determined:

LOT 1.—AN ATTRACTIVE SMALL HOLD-
ING, fronting to Cademan Street, Whitwick,
consisting of a Small Residence, Buildings,
Orchard and Garden, and THREE ENCLOS-
URES OF GOOD OLD PASTURE LAND, the
whole covering an area of 2a. 3r. 3p., or there-
abouts, now occupied by Mr. A. Horrobin at
an annual net rental of £27.—This Lot has a
Valuable Building Frontage to Cademan St.,
aforesaid, of 200 feet.

LOT 2.—A SMALL DETACHED MES-
SUAGE, situate in Cademan St., Whitwick,
aforesaid, known as "Holly Cottage," standing
back from the road with a protecting wall
and shrubbery in front, paved yard in the
side and rear, and a Capital Garden adjoining,
together with the usual Outbuildings, in the
occupation of Mr. James Green, producing a
gross yearly rental of £26.

LOT 3.—A VERY PLEASANTLY SITUA-
TED COTTAGE, known as "Holly Cottage,"
in Cademan Street, Whitwick, with
the Garden and Outbuildings belonging,
in the occupation of Mr. John Hull, pro-
ducing a gross yearly rental of £13.

Further particulars may be had, and a Plan
of the property seen at the place of Sale; the
Auctioneers' Offices, Ashby-de-la-Zouch; or
Messrs J. J. SHARP and SON,
Solicitors, Coalville.

Football

Whitwick Still At The Top

Whitwick Imperial were visited by Loughborough Corinthians, usually an attractive event at Whitwick, and there was a good crowd. The Imperial had little difficulty in maintaining their position at the head of the chart, though it was not a big score, one goal in their favour at each half. The scorers were Jordan and Burton. Lennox played well in the Loughborough goal. This was Whitwick's tenth match and they have won then all but one – a fine record which they will do well to keep up.

Baptist Chapel

Anniversary services were held at the Whitwick Baptist Chapel on Sunday, the special preacher being the Rev. R. F. Handford, of Loughborough, and there were good congregations. In connection with the same effort, a public tea was held on Wednesday when there was also a service conducted by the Rev. E. J. Garnham, of Barton Fabis.

Whist Drive and Dance

On Wednesday evening, a whist drive and dance were held in the Holy Cross School and was well attended. Mr George Wright's Band played for dancing, the M.C.'s for which were

Messrs. Needham, Revell and Griffin. In charge of the whist rooms were Messrs. Revell, Larner and Wardle. The proceeds were for the repairs fund.

Friday Friday December 2nd 1921 (1552)

Property Sale

At the Railway Inn, Whitwick, on Tuesday night, Messrs. Orchard and Joyce sold several lots of property. The house, 155 Brooks Lane, occupied by Mr G. Waterfield, with a plot of building land adjoining, was sold to Mr A. Hibbert for £355. No. 153, adjoining was withdrawn at £300, and No. 149 was sold to Mr J. Williamson for £310. Messrs. J. J. Sharp and Son were the vendors solicitors.

Whist Drive & Dance

The member of the Whitwick branch of the British Legion held their annual whist drive and dance in the Holy Cross School, on Wednesday night, when there was a large attendance. Mr George Wright played for dancing, the M.C.'s for which were Messrs. S. Allen, R. Needham, R. Whitmore, and E. Revell. Good prizes were awarded for whist, the "drive" being supervised by Messrs. G. Bayliss, A. Cade, E. Lendon, M. Downes, F. E. Needham, B. Morris, C. A. Pegg and S. E. Perry.

P.M. Churchsh

Whitwick Primitive Methodists had a musical treat on Saturday and Sunday when they were visited by the Heanor Quartette Party, consisting of Mrs George Stokes (soprano), Miss Clarence Birkin (contralto), Mr Arthur Harriman (tenor) and Mr George H. Birkin (bass), with Mr George Stokes as accompanist, and Mrs J. O. Jennings of Hugglescote, elocutionist. They gave a capital concert to a crowded audience in the school on Saturday night, under the presidency of the Rev. H. Booth. The latter conducted the services on Sunday, and in the afternoon the Quartette Party and choir gave a good rendering of the cantata "Jesus at Bethany". Mr J. B. Newbury, (choirmaster) conducted, and Mrs Newbury was the organist. The principals also sang at the evening service. There were large congregations, and the collections were for the chapel funds.

Coalville Police Court

Licensing

A protection order was granted to Jerimiah Rose, in respect of the license of the Marquis of Granby Inn, Whitwick, which he is taking over from Henry Hutchinson.

Adjourned

John Jones, collier, Whitwick, applied for an ejectment order against Thomas Hall, another Whitwick collier, and on the application of Mr T. H. Moore (Coalville), the case was adjourned for a month.

There was a similar application by Jones against Joseph Frearson, a Whitwick collier, but this was withdrawn, Mr Moore stating that Frearson had left.

Poaching At Whitwick

Thomas Hall (39), collier, Whitwick, was summoned for an offence under the Poaching Prevention Act, at Swannington, on November 21st. Defendant did not appear.

P.C. Harper said he met the defendant on a footpath, and noticing his pockets bulky, stopped him and found three purse nets which were wet, having been recently used. Other nets were subsequently found over rabbit holes in a field. There had been a lot of this sort of thing and considerable damage done to fences.

Fined £2/2/0 or one month, the nets to be forfeited.

Bad Language

Henry James Finney (21), collier, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick on November 11th. He pleaded guilty.

P.C. Culpin said defendant had turned his wife out and used very bad language.
Fined 15/- or seven days.

Young Couples Differences

Henry Jas. Finney (21), collier, Coalville, was summoned by his wife, Gladys E. Finney, for deserting her at Whitwick, on November 11th. He denied it.

Complainant said she was 20 years of age, and was married on November 8th, 1919 at Whitwick Church, and had two children, aged one year and nine months, and seven weeks. She had not been happy with her husband because he was always drinking and ill-using her. They had been living in lodgings at St. Saviour's Road, Coalville, but went back to her mother. On the night on November 11th defendant came home the worse for drink, and she had to escape to a neighbour's house. A fortnight after her baby was born he gave her two black eyes and turned her out. Since November 11th, defendant had been living with his mother and had not given her any money.

The Clerk: *You are both very young, can't you make it up?*

Complainant: *No, he is not worth living with. He has threatened what he will do if he gets me by myself.*

Mr. Brooks (A magistrate): *Can't you young people get together again?*

Complainant said she was afraid of him.

The Clerk: *Are you fonder of some other man?*

Complainant: *No sir. I have been a good wife, but he won't pull the same road as me.*

Defendant in reply to the chairman denied going home drunk two or three nights a week. Supt. Dobney said he knew the parties, and drink was the cause. They seemed a loving couple when the man was sober.

The Chairman: *What did you promise this girl when you married her?*

Defendant: *To love and honour her.*

The Chairman: *Have you done it?*

Defendant: *I have tried to.*

Complainant: *No you haven't, you have been a brute.*

The parties were referred to the Court missionary, after the chairman had given them a bit of advice, and the case was adjourned for a month.

Hair-Pulling At Whitwick

Married Women Fight In Silver Street

Police Court Sequel At Coalville

At the Coalville Police Court, on Friday, Mary O'Mara (44), married, of Whitwick, was summoned for assaulting Mary Ann Mason, another Whitwick married woman, at Whitwick on November 12th.

Mr T. H. Moore (Coalville) appeared for the defendant, who pleaded not guilty.

Complainant said she was talking to a friend in Silver Street about ten o'clock, when the defendant made an insulting remark. Witness asked her not to "slear" her, and Mrs O'Mara then struck her. The blow was repeated, and then witness stood in her own defence and they both went down together. Defendant pulled a lot of her hair out, and with her hand on her throat threatened to kill her. She had marks on her throat afterwards. She was glad to get away.

"Are you afraid of Mrs O'Mara?" asked Mr Moore.

Complainant: (emphatically) *No, and I have never been.*

She denied first putting her fists in the defendant's face. She did not knock defendant down, but she admitted that when they fell, she (complainant) was on top. *"How do you account for that?"* was Mr Moore's next question.

Complainant: *Because she had had more than I had.*

Selina Squires, wife of a Whitwick collier, was next called, and when taking the oath said she could not read.

The Clerk: *How old are you? – Thirty*

Did you go to school? – Yes

Which school? – The Catholic school, but like a good many more, I did not go half my time.

Continuing, witness said she saw the two women on the ground, and parted them. Mrs O'Mara had her hand on Mrs Mason's throat, and pulled handfuls of hair from the complainant's head. Replying to Mr Moore, witness said that the complainant was calling out for help.

Mr Moore: *Though you say she was being strangled.*

Witness: *She would have been if they had been left much longer.*

Defendant, on oath, said the complainant first insulted her as she passed with her husband. Mrs Mason came up after they had gone some distance and struck the first blow. Then they both fell to the ground, and the complainant *“did not half scratch and pinch her.”* The scratches left marks down her face and she was bruised all over the body. They both had hold of each other’s hair, and each pulled some out.

Answering the complainant, defendant said she did not remark at the time that she was half Irish and good enough for her. Nationality had nothing to do with it. Philip O’Mara, collier, Whitwick, husband of the defendant, said Mrs Mason struck the first blow. Then they both fell down into the gutter, and went at it *“hammer and tongs.”* He looked on, thinking the two women could be left to themselves. *“They had a rare good set to,”* he went on, *“and looked alright when they had finished. Both had their hats off, and both had their hair down.”* (Laughter).

The Bench intimated that they did not wish to hear any more of the case, which was dismissed.

Football

Whitwick Whack Waggoners

The exception in which the scoring bordered on the sensational, was the match at Mantle Lane, where Stableford’s Workmen entertained Whitwick Imperial, the present champions of the League. This was probably the most attractive game of the series, there being over a thousand spectators. The first half was a good one, there being only a goal between the teams when they crossed over, Grayston and Burton having scored for Whitwick, and Winterton for the Workmen.

On resuming, however, the Waggoners fell away unaccountably, and despite the fact that the Imperial for a good portion of the game only had nine men, they did pretty well as they liked, and goals were scored by Burton, Thorpe, Moore and Jordan, which gave Whitwick the victory by six goals to one. The players who were off for a time injured were Grayston, who fell and hurt his knee, Burton, who came to grief in a collision, and Branson who appeared to strain himself. The latter was a new centre forward from Loughborough, whom Whitwick were giving a trial for the first time. The Imperial are playing finely this season and some enthusiasts are saying they would like them to meet Coalville Swifts’ Central Alliance team. The chance may come yet.

Local Chit Chat

An important sale of property is to be held by Messrs. German, Stevenson and Stimson, at the Three Crowns Hotel, Whitwick at 6:30 next Monday night. The lots to be offered include an attractive small holding and two cottages, all situated in Cademan Street, Whitwick. The latter are known as “Folly Cottage”, and “Rock Cottage”.

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Situations Vacant

Wanted immediately, a person experienced with children as temporary mother's help, or working housekeeper; a daily maid kept. – Apply, Mrs Walters, Whitwick Vicarage.

For Sale

Motor Shed, in sections – Windows, floor and felt roof. As new – Mr Mann, c/o "Black Horse", Whitwick.

Football

The Biggest Score

The biggest win of the day was at Whitwick, where the Imperial entertained Oakthorpe Albion. The Coalville League team, were of course, no match for the Senior League champions, and Whitwick prevented Oakthorpe from scoring and were themselves content with half-a-dozen goals. The Albion put up a good fight to the interval, when Whitwick had only scored one goal, but the visitors were quite out-played afterwards. The scorers were Grayston (2), Peberdy (2), Thorpe and Middleton.

Oakthorpe Coming to Whitwick Again

Oakthorpe Albion were drawn with Whitwick Imperial both for the Coalville Cup and the Leicestershire Senior Cup. In both cases they had choice of ground, but last Saturday visited Whitwick in the Coalville Cup competition, and they have decided to visit Whitwick again next Saturday for the Senior Cup, the Whitwick club having made them a substantial guarantee.

Local Chit Chat

The contract for Whitwick's beautiful monument was £510, but there are engraving and other expenses to be met. The subscriptions total £578/5/8, and more money is still required to make a settlement. A bazaar is to be held in the Whitwick Church School for this object during the Christmas holidays.

Property Sale

At the Three Crowns Hotel on Monday night, Messrs. German, Stevenson and Stinson sold a small holding consisting of three enclosures of land, 2a. 3r. 3p. off Cademan Street to Mr George West for £400, on behalf of the tenant, Mr. A. Horrobin, to whom the land is let at £27 a year. "Holly Cottage" in Cademan Street, was sold to Mr George Underwood for £300, and "Rock Cottage" in the same street was withdrawn at £140. Messrs. J. J. Sharp and Son (Coalville) were the vendors solicitors.

Coalville Urban District Council

Whitwick Lodgers

The Surveyor reported that the number of persons accommodated at the Whitwick lodging houses during November was 704, against 636 in October and 768 in November last year.

Pare's Hill

Mr Morris again raised the question of the Pare's Hill improvement at Whitwick, and related a personal experience of a narrow escape when passing there recently in a 'bus. The surveyor said he had been in communication with Messrs. Shipstone, who had requested a plan. The plan had been forwarded and he was awaiting their reply. Mr Hay said they had been at this so long that at last the Coalville members were getting annoyed at it (laughter). He suggested that the road might be widened by the removal of a lot of stuff straightaway. The surveyor said it would be more dangerous still to make a dead end.

Mr Hay: *I am used to taking off dead ends. (Laughter). It is worth doing.*

The council then went into committee.

Friday Friday December 16th 1921 (1554)

Coalville Police Court

Music and Dancing Licences

Mr. T. H. Moore (Coalville) applied for the renewal of the music, singing and dancing licences of the Grand Theatre, Coalville, and Picture House, Whitwick, and Mr T. F. Macdonald made a similar application for the Coalville Olympia.

Supt. Dobney said the places had all been well conducted, and the applications were granted.

"Not a Crippen Case"

Ernest Stanley (42), fish dealer, Whitwick, was summoned for not having lights on a dray at Whitwick on December 2nd. P.C. Durrands gave the facts in the absence of the defendant. He said when he stopped Stanley and told him he should report him, he replied, "*Oh, don't do that; it is not a Crippen case. Come and have a pint of the best.*" (Laughter).
Fined £1 or seven days.

Arrears

William Gee, the younger, colliery banksman, Thringstone, was summoned by Annie Jones, formerly Freeman, married, of Whitwick, for being £7/10/0 in arrears under an affiliation order for 7/- a week. Defendant said he couldn't pay. His wages on the Whitwick colliery bank were £1/18/4.

The clerk: *And you can't pay this girl 7/- a week? – No.*
Are you single? – No, I married a widow with four children.
The clerk: *Oh, you have taken on new liabilities.*

Defendant offered to pay 2/6 a week off the arrears, and said he should apply for the order to be reduced. The Bench adjourned the case for 4 weeks to give the defendant time to pay.

Whitwick Case

Horace Cooper (25), collier, Whitwick, was summoned by Louisa Jarvis, single, also of Whitwick, in respect of the maintenance of her child.

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

Complainant said she was a factory hand, 27 years of age, and had known defendant all her life. They went to the same school. She and a girl friend met the defendant and his friend several times on Friday nights at a Coalville public house, and the defendant took her home.

Evidence on behalf of the girl was given by her mother, her friend, Annie Slattery, and George Jessop, of Whitwick. Defendant, on oath, said he had walked home with the complainant only on two occasions, and that was in November last year. He denied that any impropriety had ever taken place, and said he had been engaged to another girl for some years. His mother and fiancé, Miss Moore, of Hugglescote, also gave evidence.

After a two hour hearing, the Bench made an order for 7/6 per week, from the birth until the child is 16 years of age, defendant also to pay £1/14/0 costs, 30/- costs of the birth, and £2/2/0 advocate's fee, a total of £5/6/0.

Football

Oakthorpe Again Outed At Whitwick

Oakthorpe Albion were another team which had choice of ground, but accepted the Imperial's guarantee to visit Whitwick, where they were dismissed from the Coalville Cup on the previous Saturday. Whitwick had the game well in hand from the start, and leading by three to none at the interval, ran out winners by five goals to one. The goals in the first half were scored by Peberdy, Thorpe and Middleton, and Andy Moore scored twice after crossing over. Woodward obtained Oakthorpe's only goal. The Albion missed a penalty. Whitwick monopolised the bulk of the play, and ought to have scored several more.

Children's Concert at Holy Cross

A highly successful concert in aid of the Repairs Fund was given by the children of the Whitwick Holy Cross mixed and infants schools, on December 7th, 8th and 10th. The programme was very extensive, containing thirty items, but the interest of the audience was sustained from the moment of raising the curtain till its final drop. The graceful manner in which the children did their parts won the admiration of the audiences and reflected the highest credit on the teaching staff of both schools. A good sum of money has been realised by the concert. The Rev. Canon O'Reilly was chairman each evening, and there was a large audience on each occasion.

Fancy Dress Dance and Whist Drive

Notwithstanding that it was a cold wet night, there was a very large attendance at Whitwick Holy Cross School on Wednesday evening on the occasion of the annual fancy dress dance and whist drive in aid of the Coalville Catholic Church building fund. The rooms were packed

and, with many of the dancers in very effective fancy dresses, presented a pretty and animated scene. Prizes were awarded for the best dresses, some of which were very original. Some of the dancers wore cretonne dresses, special prizes being offered for the best blend of colours in this material. The judges were Dr. and Mrs Dunkin, Mr and Mrs T. I. McCarthy, Dr. and Mrs de Sousa and Mr and Mrs Cox of Coalville. Mr G. Wright's band played for dancing, the M.C.'s for which were Messrs. F. and F. Bradley, J. McCarthy, B. McHugh, and Jas. McHugh. The M.C.'s for whist were Messrs. Downes, Ducksbury, Needham and Stafford. Eight prizes were awarded. The event was a great success in every way. The following were the prize winners.

Whist: Ladies: 1 Miss D. Sear; 2 Mrs L. Moore; 3 Miss Kirkland and Miss Derwin; 4 Miss K. Riley. Gents: 1 Mr H. Hopkinson; 2 Mr Fox 3 Mr T. Roome 4 Mr Woodward.

Fancy Dress: 1 Snow Queen, Mrs Lambert 2 Saxon lady, Mrs Sargent; 3 Night, Miss Archer; 4 Jazz Dyes, Mrs Roulston, and Order of the Bath, Miss E. Ward. Gents: 1 Sir Walter Raleigh, Mr G. Lycett; 2 The Twin Yellow Perils, Mr A. King; 3 Greek Scholar, Mr W. Lock; 4 Road to Ruin, Mr Griffin.

Much interest was aroused in two topical subjects, Landru, the French bluebeard with saws, chopper, calcined bones etc. also in the Yellow Peril at home (income tax papers) and abroad (yellow races).

Whitwick Butcher In Collision

Motor Smash At Ashby

A motor smash occurred at the top of Market Street, Ashby, shortly after five o'clock on Monday night. Mr. J. Toon, butcher, of Whitwick, with his brother, Mr. A. Toon, of Swannington, and Mr. S. Berrington, of Whitwick, were driving in a horse and trap from the Ashby sale and at the corner a collision occurred with a large taxi-cab belonging to a Leamington firm and which was being driven into Ashby from the direction of Coalville. Both shafts of the trap were broken off near the footboard and all three occupants were thrown into the road. Luckily they escaped serious injury, though being much shaken and bruised. The horse had a wonderful escape, apparently being uninjured. The right-hand side lamp of the motor was smashed. The accident caused some commotion, a crowd gathering on the scene soon after it occurred. Supt. Dobney and two policemen were also early on the spot and rendered good service in conducting the traffic, which was great at the time, until the wreckage had been cleared away.

Friday Friday December 23rd 1921 (1555)

Local Chit Chat

In connection with the Whitwick Workmen's Christmas Fund, 95 old and deserving people have received gifts up to 13/9 each. The Whitwick Colliery Co. generously contributed £25 to the fund.

Ex-Sergeant Eli Betts is to be succeeded at Whitwick, by P.C. Holmes, of Measham, who has been promoted to the rank of sergeant. P.C. Bursnall, of Coalville, will take the place of P.C. Holmes at Measham, but the changes are being delayed owing to a housing difficulty.

P.C. Drury has left Coleorton for Stoke Golding, and is succeeded at Coleorton by P.C. Ford of Loughborough.

Coalville War Memorial

Meeting of the Committee

A meeting of the Coalville War Memorial Committee was held in the Council Chamber on Wednesday evening, Mr. J. W. Farmer presiding over a good attendance.

The chairman explained the delay in calling a meeting. He said it was never intended to let the matter fall through, but difficulties had had to be overcome, and the committee wanted something definite to place before the meeting as to the site and other matters. He hoped the delay would only make people more enthusiastic in the scheme, and so enable them to raise a super-structure which would be a fitting monument to the men whose memory they desired to perpetuate. The explanation was accepted as satisfactory.

The chairman said the machinery was all ready to put in motion. The envelopes were printed, and it was for the meeting to arrange the date of the collection. Several members thought it would be best to get the Christmas holidays well over. It was decided to distribute the envelopes on February 4th, and collect them on February 11th. Mr. Drewett suggested an appeal in the "Coalville Times" for four weeks, which was agreed to, and it was also decided to issue posters.

Mr Leech said it should be stated on the posters where the memorial was going to be erected. The chairman said it stated on the envelopes that the memorial would be erected in the proposed new square in Coalville, the centre of the urban district.

The arrangements for distribution and collection of the envelopes was discussed, and it transpired that there was no Whitwick representative present. This raised the question as to Whitwick being included in the scheme, seeing that they had their memorial.

Mr. Noah Bennett said they decided to include Whitwick, whether they contributed or not. Mr Hagger said he did not think it was much use going to Whitwick, where they were still appealing for funds for their own memorial. The chairman said they could not go back on what was previously decided, and that was to make this a memorial for the whole of the men from the urban area who fell in the war. Mr. Drewett said he would not like to leave Whitwick out. He was sure Whitwick people who had lost sons in the war would not wish them to be left out, and would, he was sure, like to contribute.

The chairman said Canon O'Reilly attended their first meeting, when he told them that though he could not promise to attend the meetings regularly, owing to his age, the scheme for the whole urban area had his fullest support. They must include Whitwick representatives at different meetings in the committee.

It was agreed that the chairman, secretary, Messrs. W. Lindley, F. Griffin, B. B. Drewett and C. Leech, be a committee to meet representatives of Whitwick to deal with the collection there. The arrangements were made for the collection in other wards.

Mr. Hagger asked whether any idea could be given of the form the memorial would take. The chairman said that would depend on the amount of money which came in. Whatever happened, there would be a memorial, but the more money they got the better it would be. The design would be chosen by the committee. Replying to Mr. Lindley, the chairman said they had not decided on any amount to appeal for.

Mr. George Clay asked if there were any promises. The chairman said there were several. There was the money left over from the "Welcome Home" and gifts promised by the Comforts Guild, Charity F.A., Operative and Dramatic Society and the Co-Operative Women's Guild. Mr. George Clay said it was £50 from the Operatic and Dramatic Society. Mr. Brown said they already then had the nucleus of £500.

The chairman, "*More than that, but a full statement will be made to the next meeting of the committee on the third Wednesday in January.*"

Friday Friday December 30th 1921 (1556)

Coalville Police Court

Ejectment Order Granted

Caroline Stockley, married, Whitwick, applied for an ejectment order against Ernest Varnham (41), collier, Whitwick. Mr. C. E. Crane (Coalville) was for the applicant and Mr. T. H. Moore (Coalville) for the respondent.

Mrs Stockley said her house in Cademan Street was let to Varnham at 5/6 a week. She wanted the house for her daughter who lived in South Street. Her daughter had six children and with the mother and father there were 8 people and only two bedrooms. She was willing to let Varnham have the South Street house.

By Mr. Moore: *The South Street house was in good condition, but there was no garden.*

Answering the clerk, applicant said Varnham had no children. Mr. Moore said he had been under the impression that Mrs. Stockley had become owner of the house since 1917. As that was not the case, he was bound to consent to an order, but he hoped Mrs. Stockley would keep her promise to let Varnham have the other house. Mrs. Stockley said she would keep her promise.

An order was made for possession to be given up within 28 days.

Married a Woman with Four Children

Annie Jones (25), married, of Whitwick, was the respondent in an application by Wm. Gee. jnr, collier, Thringstone, for the reduction of an affiliation order.

Mr. T. H. Moore (Coalville) appeared for the applicant, and said the original order was for 3/6 a week, and was later increased to 7/-. At the time the order was made, both parties were single, but had since married. The applicant married a widow with four children, who were hitherto receiving parish assistance, so he relieved the ratepayers by his marriage. There was a baby now and the man had a wife and five children to keep, and his average

wage was £1/18/2 a week. He offered £2/10/0 if the woman would take it to pay off £7 arrears, and would try to pay 3/- a week. If the Bench did not agree, the man would have to go to prison and the woman would get nothing, while a woman and five children would again be on the parish.

Respondent said her mother had the child, and 3/- a week would not keep it. Gee said that at the time he married the widow, he was getting £2/10/0 a week, and he paid 7/- regularly, but got £7 in arrears during the strike. He worked at Whitwick Colliery, and was now only getting £1/18/2 a week, which was working five days. A full week would be £2/2/0. His rent was 6/6.

Replying to the clerk, Gee said that when the order for 3/6 was made at the end of 1916, he was earning about £2/10/0 a week.

The clerk: *When you married this widow with four children, you had your eyes open? – Yes. You knew of your liability? – Yes. And yet you sling a widow and four children round your neck and then ask that this poor girl should go to the wall.*

Mr. Fellows said they would not consider the marriage with the widow at all. If the man had chosen to bring punishment on himself that was his own fault, but a reduction of the order would only be fair in view of the reduced wages.

Replying to the Bench, the girl said she would accept 5/-. The Bench reduced the order to 5/- a week. Gee had been committed to prison at a previous court, the committal being suspended to enable him to make the application. The committal was now discharged, £2/10/0 being paid in discharge of the arrears.

Football

Whitwick's Bid for the Championship

Whitwick Imperial strengthened their position at the head of the chart by some good holiday wins, and on present form, look like making a strong bid for the championship. On Saturday they were visited by Ibstock Colliery, whom they defeated by three goals to none, the scorers being Thorpe, Burton and Peberdy, and then on Monday they went to Shepshed and defeated the Albion by a precisely similar score. This was a popular annual fixture, and a special train carried many Whitwick enthusiasts to Shepshed, every compartment being packed.

Bosworth Division Unionists

Tea and Meeting At The Whitwick Club

The Bosworth Division Unionists have made the most of the Christmas holiday season for rallying their members together. The clubs have provided the usual Boxing Day fare which was greatly enjoyed by the members. Mr and Mrs Hawley's greetings and good wishes, in their absence, were conveyed to all by the chairman, agent, and local secretaries, in the various parishes, and most heartily reciprocated.

The new Constitutional Club at Whitwick was especially active. In addition to an excellent gathering of men on Monday, the members' wives and members of the Women's Unionist Association held a tea and social on Tuesday at the club, and the resources of the committee were fully tested in providing so ably for the large number present.

The tea was followed by songs, recitals, games, competitions, etc. contributed by Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. J. W. Briers, Mrs. Bishop, etc. Mrs. Robinson, the local Association chairman, in extending a hearty welcome to all, said they were sorry Mr. and Mrs. Hawley could not be present to see their strength and enthusiasm that day; they fully appreciated their kind message conveyed through the agent, and which they as members of the Whitwick Association wished to reciprocate (cheers).

The agent gave an interesting outline showing why the Association existed, and how each member, however humble, could render some little help in achieving the great object for which they were striving, viz., by sending to Parliament the best man in their opinion to represent them in the House of Commons, and they all felt that they had in their prospective candidate the ideal of what a democratic representative should be, a local man, one of themselves, always accessible, and knowing their wants. With these qualifications any Association could work with confidence and pride.

The prize-winners were: Singing competition: Mrs J. W. Briers. Cake guessing: Mrs. T. Lovett. Musical arms and musical chairs: Miss Moore and Mrs. T. Broadhurst. Guessing peas: Mrs. Ketcher.

A hearty vote of thanks to the committee and workers concluded a most enjoyable gathering.

Burials

Costelow – At Whitwick, on Tuesday 27th December, Margaret Matilda Costelow, aged 22 years, of North Street, Whitwick.