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### **LOCAL CHIT CHAT**

As a result of a whist drive and dance on New Year's Eve, the Coalville branch of the National Federation D. S. and S. were able to pay over a good sum to the treasurer towards the purchase of the old Masonic Hall in Hotel Street, the completion of which will be made this week. It is gratifying to learn that with the help of the United Services grant the discharged men of this district are able to find £650 towards the £1100 which is being paid for the premises. Plans are being prepared with a view to altering the premises and equipping them as one of the most up-to-date institutes in the district. Much credit is due to the ex-service men on their enterprise in which they have the good wishes of a wide circle of friends. The club has a membership of about 650.

### **D. S. AND S. WHIST DRIVE AND DANCE**

The Coalville branch of the National Federation D. S. and S. held a successful whist drive and dance in the Bridge Road Council School on New Year's Eve, a large company including Major A. T. Sharp (Leicester), Capt. Hawley (president) and Capt. Davis, both of Hinckley. The whist M.C.'s were Messrs. F. E. Needham, A. E. Morris, Sid Allen, H. Maunders, A. P. Thomas and W. Saddington. Excellent prizes were awarded, and these were presented to the winners by Capt. Hawley. Mr J. Cooper played for dancing, the M.C.'s for which were Major Sharp, Messrs. Sam Allen, A. Parker and H. Williamson.

### **UNITED SERVICES FUND**

#### **GRANT TO LOCAL EX-SERVICEMEN'S INSTITUTES**

#### **EDUCATING EX-SERVICEMEN'S CHILDREN**

Since the first meeting of the local sub-committee of the United Services Fund held in June last, as reported in the "Coalville Times," several meetings of the committee have been held. The duties of the sub-committee were to receive and consider applications for grants and to send recommendations to the Midland area committee, and through them to the headquarters of the fund in London.

Among the applications received the principal were from two ex-servicemen's clubs and institutes in the urban area, and from the Coalville Memorial Committee for a grant towards the erection of a permanent memorial to the men who fell in the war. In considering the latter application, the local committee, on consulting both the County and Midland Area Committee, were reminded that the object of the "Welfare" scheme (one of five schemes to which the Navy and Army canteen profits are to be devoted) was that the money should be spent for the welfare and benefit of returned men, and were informed that *"the Central Committee would not sanction the payment of a grant to a memorial monument or window."* Under the circumstances, therefore, the committee, after going fully into the application, decided to recommend that the grant coming into the urban district should be made towards the ex-servicemen's clubs, and have been successful in obtaining £363/15/0 for the Coalville and Hugglescote D. S. and S. Club to be used towards the purchase of the Masonic Hall, the present home of the club, and give £102/5/0 for the fitting up and equipment of the D. S. and S. Club at Whitwick. These two amounts totalling £466. Representing 5/- per head for the calculated number of ex-servicemen in the urban district.

#### **U.S.F. GRANTS TOWARDS EDUCATING CHILDREN**

The secretary of the local U.S.F. committee has recently received information from headquarters that under the "welfare" scheme provision is to be made for helping ex-servicemen's children in their education. This will be in the form of grants towards the purchase of books, clothes and train fares, etc. in suitable cases, preference will be given to scholars obtaining scholarships in assisting them to continue their studies. The local committee have been asked to remain in being for the purposes of administering the scheme, and is meeting shortly to go into the details of it.

## **Friday January 14<sup>th</sup> 1921 (Issue 1506)**

**HINCKLEY TRADEGY**  
**MAN FOUND WITH THROAT CUT**  
**VICTIM OF SHELL SHOCK**

A man named Matthew Bailey, aged 45, was found dead in a pool of blood in a cellar on Saturday at his home in Factory Road, Hinckley. Deceased was a shoe hand, and, it is stated, had been unnecessarily depressed of late. The tragic discovery was made by his son, who went to the cellar to get firewood. A razor was lying by the body, and there was a large wound in the throat. Deceased, who with his sons served in war, was in the train smash near Paris. The inquest was held on Monday.

Sidney Charles Bailey, son of the deceased, said he went to the cellar to get some firewood, and saw his father lying there in a pool of blood. His father had seemed very worried of late. He had served two years in France, and was in a train smash near Paris.

The Coroner (Mr G. E. Bouskell): *Did he get knocked about in that train smash?*

Witness: *He did, a little.*

The witness added that his father served in the heavy artillery during the war, and was upset on account of the whole of his gun team, excepting himself, being killed by a shell.

The Coroner: *Don't you think he got over that?*

Witness: *No, he has not been the same man since.*

The Coroner: *What form did his depression take?*

The witness: *At times he would wake up in bed and say, "We're over, we're over." He would look round the room and go to sleep again.*

The witness added that his father did not see a doctor, he was a man who always kept his troubles to himself. Before he went to the war he was quite bright and cheerful.

Dr A. J. Stanley said the cut in the throat was a deep one. Deceased was grasping a razor in his right hand. He had not attended the man for any illness, though he was on his panel.

The Coroner: *Do you think he was suffering from shell shock?*

The Doctor: *I should think it was very likely. There was nothing else apparently to account for it.*

Mrs Mayne, a neighbour, said the deceased and his three sons were serving at the Front at the same time. The Coroner returned a verdict that Bailey committed suicide while in a state of depression as the result of shell shock.

**IBSTOCK**  
**UNVEILING OF MEMORIAL WINDOW**

A very impressive service was held in the Ibstock Parish Church, on Sunday afternoon, at the unveiling and dedication of the new memorial window recently erected to the memory of the parishioners who gave their lives in the great war. The church was crowded. The names of the 68 men who had fallen were read out by ex-Lieutenant H. \_\_\_\_\_, giving the names of all the regiments. After this, Major T. Guy Paget, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, unveiled the window. After this, the window was dedicated by the Rector, the congregation all remaining standing. The hymn, "O valiant hearts," was sung, followed by an address by Major Paget, who said, "*Our 68 sons and brothers have done the last great act in laying down their lives. Many of you have lost your loved ones, and we must now make our lives worthy of their sacrifice for us. It is not for us to say: "Why does not somebody else do something?" but for each of us to look round and say: "What can I do to make my country better?" I would like to see the mutual confidence that was shown*

*between the officers and men in the great war brought into our civil life, and the mistrust between the classes crushed on one side."*

He spoke highly of the miners as soldiers who, he said, were very hard workers, and it was sometimes difficult to make them take the ordinary precautions of safety. He would like to see more confidence shown between all, so that we could make the country worthy of the men who had died for it. The hymn, "For all thy saints," was then sung, and "The Last Post," and reveille sounded by the buglers and drummers of the Church Lads' Brigade, after which the Rector pronounced the Benediction. There was a large number of beautiful wreaths hung under the window. Collections were taken during the day on behalf of the memorial, and amounted to over £23.

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#### **IBSTOCK**

#### **WAR MEMORIAL**

The War Memorial Xmas collections received up to date amount to £61. A full list of subscribers will be exhibited in the Post Office window.

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#### **COALVILLE WAR MEMORIAL**

#### **COMMITTEE DECIDE ON MARKET PLACE SITE**

A meeting of the Coalville War Memorial Committee was held in the Council Chamber, on Thursday night, when there was a good attendance. Mr R. Blower was voted to the chair.

The hon. secretary (Mr L. L. Baldwin) gave the report of the sub-committee appointed to consider the question of sites, and they suggested for the consideration of the whole committee two sites: (1) An open space which was being acquired by the Urban Council in the Market Place; or (2) a site on the Forest, where the monument would be on an eminent position commanding a view of the whole district.

Mr Baldwin explained in regard to the first site that the Urban Council had been in communication with the Wyggeston Hospital Trustees for the purchase of land at the Market Place crossroads, and this was practically settled, subject to the sanction of the Ministry of Health. There was a street to be cut along the front of the present Y.M.C.A. and in front of that, and on this side of the Post Office, there was to be a garden, this being one of the conditions of sale. The present temporary buildings there would be removed.

In regard to the Forest site, a point of eminence at the top of the Forest Rock road was suggested. This land belonged to the Monastery, and he had seen the Superior, who said he was unable to give his consent. Application would have to be made to the local authorities, and he would be willing to support the application. Really, neither site could be said to be actually available at present, but it was probable that either would be at their disposal if it was decided upon.

Mr F. Lewin said if they were to have a garden in the centre of the town with trees planted, and a few seats there, why not put the monument there? Mr Baldwin said that was one of the suggestions of the sub-committee. Mr George Smith said that if they put it on the Forest, it would be placing a live monument in a dead place. It should be in the town where people could see it.

Mr Catlow said he represented the Whitwick D.S. and S. and they were opposed to it being in the Market Place. They preferred the Forest site. Mrs Fliches said she had spoken to several of the mothers who had lost sons, and they preferred the memorial to be in Coalville. Mr Curtis said that many of the relatives of the fallen men would go to the monument and offer a silent prayer, and that would be more fitting in the quietude

of the Forest than in the somewhat squalid surroundings of the Coalville Market Place. Mr Smith said this would help to beautify the town.

Mr C. E. Marston said that as one of the sub-committee who had viewed both sites, he favoured the erection of the monument at Coalville where the people could see it without having to go all the way on to the Forest. Mr Baldwin asked them to look a little further ahead. This was to be a memorial for all time. In fifty years' time, the monument would be regarded from a different stand point from what it was today, and he asked them not to let personal considerations weigh too heavily just now in determining the site. As the district developed, the Market Place centre would probably be like the clock tower in Leicester – the terminus for trams and buses – and he hardly thought the site as favourable as the one on the Forest, when they considered the sacredness of the memorial.

Mr Jas. Wootton said that if it was a national monument, the Forest would be most suitable, but this was a local matter, and the memorial should be erected in the town, the same as was done in other towns. Mr A. E. Clay spoke in favour of the central site, as did Mr Leech, who said the town needed beautifying, and this would be a step towards it.

The chairman mentioned Ellistown as a point in favour of the central site. He placed a little memorial by the side of the road there two or three years ago, and he had been glad to see the care taken of it. There had hardly been a day when flowers had not been placed on the memorial, and it had not been damaged in any way.

Mr Bert Morris said he took it that if the Council acquired the central site, there would be no cheap jacks allowed there. Mr Baldwin said they would have no control over the adjoining land. There might be cheap jacks opposite the monument. Mr Morris moved the monument be erected in the centre of the town. Mr Leech seconded.

Mr Baldwin moved an amendment that it be on the Forest. Mr Catlow seconded. Mr Baldwin asked whether it was wise to take a decision that night. Should it not be submitted to a town's meeting? Mr Jas Wootton said he did not consider a town's meeting necessary. The members of the committee were sent there by different organisations, it was a representative committee and that should be sufficient.

Mr Morris said that if he had been absent from the meeting, he would have had to abide by what was done, and that should apply to those who might not be at the meeting that night. Mr J. R. Bennett asked whether there was a prospect of the monument being in a noisy place if it was put in the Market Place. If so that would be annoying to him. It was a sacred thing to him, and they should look at from that point of view. If the central site was likely to be noisy, it would not be in harmony with the spirit of the memorial.

The chairman said he, personally, preferred the Forest site, because he thought it lent itself to the sacredness of the monument. Mr O. Haywood said they did not want to be divided, and he suggested an adjournment. Mr Baldwin said he would like the whole committee to view the two sites before voting. He asked them not to come to a decision that night because he was sure it would be regretted in the future. Once the step was taken, it was irrevocable.

Mr Jas Wootton said the matter was referred to a sub-committee who had given their report, and he thought there was no necessity for further delay. Mr Baldwin said the sub-committee had not come before the meeting with any definite recommendation. Mr Bell said he thought the Park would be a better site than either of these suggested.

Mr Catlow said the Whitwick ex-soldiers' desire for the Forest site was not a ward question at all. They had been through the war, and wanted to forget it, and not every time they came to Coalville to see something to remind them of it. They thought it would be much more sacred on the Forest. Mr Baldwin moved, and Mr O. Haywood seconded, that the matter be adjourned, to give the members of the committee an opportunity of viewing both sites.

This was defeated by 12 votes to 10.

Mr Baldwin then moved, and Mr Catlow seconded, the adoption of the Forest site, but only five voted for this, and a large majority against. A resolution in favour of the central site was then put and carried by a large majority. It was decided that the sub-committee previously appointed proceed with the matter, and report to a

future meeting. Mr Baldwin said he was exceedingly busy with the housing scheme, and would be glad if they could relieve him of the secretary-ship. He would be glad to assist all he could. Mr Morris said they could leave that to the sub-committee.

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### LOCAL CHIT CHAT

By a large majority, the Coalville War Memorial Committee decided that the memorial shall be erected on a site off the Market Place, though strong claims for a quieter spot on the Forest were put forward. It is interesting to learn that a great improvement is likely to be made soon near the Coalville Market Place, and this should remove some of the objections to placing the memorial there. As things are at present, one can hardly disagree with one of the supporters of the Forest site, who at the committee's meeting described the surroundings of the Market Place as squalid, but when the places which now constitute an eyesore have been removed, and the site is laid out as a garden, it can be pictured as a good place for the erection of the monument. A pretty monument at Market Bosworth stands right in the centre of the Market Square.

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### LOCAL CHIT CHAT

A relic of the war was taken to the Coalville Police Station, on Saturday, this being a Mills bomb, which had been received among articles collected on his round by a Thringstone rag and bone collector. Naturally, the man was somewhat eager to get rid of his find, but on closer examination, the bomb was found to be a "dud". It proved to be quite harmless.

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### 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.

#### **IN MEMORIAM**

Tovell – In loving memory of our dear son, Pte. A. G. Tovell, 138<sup>th</sup> M.G.B. Killed in France, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 1917.

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#### **COALVILLE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

##### **HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE**

The Surveyor produced particulars of work supplied to the Ministry of Labour Inspection at an inquiry held with the object of providing work for demobilised soldiers.

##### **THE WAR MEMORIAL**

Mr Gowtage asked whether the Council had any representatives on the War Memorial Committee, and if so, whether they had anything to report. All the information they had at present was through the newspaper report. If the Council were going to purchase the land which had been decided upon as the site, they should know something about it. Mr Smith and Mr Farmer and himself were on the committee. Mr Baldwin said he believed the Council had six representatives.

Mr McCarthy: *Two from each ward. We have not purchased the land yet.*

Mr Smith said there was nothing to report beyond what had been in the Press. The chairman said that if the Council had representatives, they should have a report from them.

Mr Hay: *Can't we have the report now?*

The chairman said it would hardly be right to spring it on them. He suggested that their representatives on the committee give a report next week on the matter as it affected the Council. This was agreed to.

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#### **IBSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL**

##### **PEACE CELEBRATION COMMITTEE**

Mr W. Dunstan wrote asking for the members of the Parish Council to meet at the Church of England Schools, on Friday next for the final clearing up of the Peace Celebration Committee.

##### **WAR MEMORIAL**

On the proposition of Mr J. T. Jacques, seconded by Mr E. Webster, Ald. W. Eggington, as the father of the Parish Council, was unanimously appointed to accept the war memorial on behalf of the Parish Council at the unveiling which will take place on February 19<sup>th</sup>.

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## **VILLAGE'S SACRIFICE**

No less than 32 men belonging to the parish of Barnack, a village near Stamford, fell in the war, and a memorial cross erected in honour of them was unveiled on Monday by Colonel the Marquis of Exeter, the dedication ceremony being performed by the Archdeacon of Oakham. Barrack is a village with which Charles Kingsley was for a time associated.

## **DEATH OF MR S. W. QUINCEY OF MARKET BOSWORTH**

### **A FORMER KIBWORTH SCHOOLMASTER**

The death occurred on Monday evening of Mr Sydney Ward Quincey, eldest son of Mr T. C. Quincey, clerk and bailiff of the Market Bosworth County Court.

The deceased, who was 37 years of age, and married, was formerly headmaster at the Kibworth Elementary School, having been a pupil teacher under Mr R. G. Graver, at Market Bosworth. His first appointment after leaving college was as assistant at South Wigston Schools, and from there he went to Kibworth as headmaster.

When war broke out in 1914, Mr Quincey joined the 2/4<sup>th</sup> Leicesters, and rose to the rank of Regimental Q.M.S. He served in Ireland and France, being at the retreat from Cambrai, and being badly gassed, was discharged after four years' service, as unfit. For a time he was able to resume as headmaster at the Kibworth School, and he was instrumental in organising an institute for the village, for which he acted as secretary, and in recognition of this, the villagers got up a public subscription and presented him with a gold watch.

Mr Quincey however, was not able to overcome the effects of his war service, and his health breaking down, he went to a sanatorium at Ashford, Kent, for a time. This proved to be of little avail, and he went to Bournemouth, being conveyed from there to his parents' home at Market Bosworth about a week before his death. His widow is at present residing at Bosworth. The funeral takes place at Bosworth today.

The deceased was the eldest of seven sons, four of whom served in the war, and the fourth son, John Stanley, was killed in action. Mr T. Quincey, the deceased's father, has been clerk at the Market Bosworth County Court for 40 years, under the oldest registrar in England, Mr A. J. Loseby, who has completed 52 years in that office.

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## **LOCAL CHIT CHAT**

Lieutenant T. A. Dobney, of the 24<sup>th</sup> Punjabis, returned to India this week, in charge of a draft of men, sailing yesterday. He is the eldest son of Police Inspector Dobney, of Coalville, and has been here on 6 months' leave. The young officer has many friends in the town and district, and takes with him their heartiest wishes for his future.

## **A VILLAGE HERO**

A handsome cross has been erected by the inhabitants of Thorpe Langton, a tiny Leicestershire village, to the memory of Gunner Palmer, the only one who was killed out of the little band of soldiers from the village who fought in France. Palmer's grandfather (who is over 90 years of age) lives in a cottage near the memorial.

## **WAR MEMORIAL**

The War Memorial Committee met at the Town Hall, Ibstock, on Monday evening. Ald. W. Egginton, J.P., presiding. The secretary reported that Mr A. Turner had commented to unveil the memorial on February 19<sup>th</sup>. Mr J. T. Jacques, J.P., gave the report of the Monument Committee, who had had the arrangements in hand relative to the opening. The Rev. A. H. Birks, M.A. gave an outline of the proposed service. Mr T. B. Wain (architect) stated that the total cost would be about £840. The amount raised up to date being about £690,

£150 is still required to complete the payments. Ways and means of raising this amount were discussed. The D.S. and S. have kindly undertaken the duty of forming a guard of honour.

## COALVILLE WAR MEMORIAL

### ALTER UNVEILED AT THE PARISH CHURCH

#### ADDRESS BY THE BISHOP OF LEICESTER

A handsome side altar which has been placed in Christ Church, Coalville, to the memory of 112 men from the parish who fell in the war, was unveiled by Major H. E. Powell, D.S.O., and dedicated by the Bishop of Leicester (Dr. Norman Lang) in the presence of a large congregation on Saturday afternoon, those present including many relatives of the deceased men, a number of discharged soldiers and a contingent of the Church Lad's Brigade, two of whom, standing with reversed rifles on either side of the altar, formed a guard of honour.

The service was conducted by the Rev. W. M. McNeile (vicar) assisted by Canon Broughton (vicar of Hugglescote), who read the lesson, and other clergy present were the Revs. T. W. Walters (vicar of Whitwick and Rural Dean), E. Pillifant (vicar of Bardon Hill), F. W. Atkins (vicar of Snibston) and J. D. C. Wallace (master of Ravenstone Hospital).

The opening hymn was "Through the night of doubt and sorrow," followed by a portion of the burial service and psalms 23 and 46. The lesson was Rev. 21c, verses 1 – 7. "They whose course on earth is o'er" was next sung and after prayers the names of the men inscribed on the memorial were read out by the vicar as follows:

S. H. Adcock, Ernest Amos, J. W. Argent, George Bailey, Wm. T. Bakewell, R. G. Bamford, E. Batho, W. Beasley, Corporal L. G. Beck, S. Beck, John Bennett, Thomas Black, Samuel Bodle, Sergeant A. C. Bradshaw, Ernest Brotherhood, Leonard D. Brown, W. J. Cecil Brown, Ambrose Brownlow, Arthur Brownlow, Ernest Brownlow, John Bullock, W. Chambers, John Clibbery, J. W. T. Collier, John F. Colver, Harry Copley, John Copley, Sergt. Horace Croft, J. F. Cracknell, L/C Albert Curtis, George Dakin, Alfred Dale, Fred Davis, Harold S. Deacon, F. Dexter, Lieut. T. Dooley, D.C.M., D. Drinkwater, J. H. Eales, L/C Jos Eaton, Albert Essex, Walter Fantom, G. T. Gadsby, Ernest Wm. Gee, Arthur Hagger, Jas H. Hall, Sergeant John Hall, Roland Hall, Victor W. Hancock, Stenson Hardy, F. W. Hart, Lieut. Robert Hay, H. Hayes, Arnold S. Heward, David Hickling, Frank Hill, J. W. Hollick, Corporal E. Holyoake, Henry Hodgetts, J. W. Hogan, Edward Hy. Hunt, Maurice E. James, Chas Wm. Dewsbury, Corporal Alb. Johnson, Arthur Johnson, Dick Keeling, H. Edwin Ketcher, Corporal W. H. Leech, Sam Line, J. J. C. Marsh, Archie Martin, F. F. Martin, Corporal Geo. Martin, Frederick Massey, J. H. Mawer, Ernest Moore, Sergt Eric Morgan, Jas W. Nicholls, C. Page, John W. Pickering, Forester Roberts, Sergt George Saddington, Clifford E. Scott, Capt. F. Scott, M.C., Corporal John D. Sheffield, Jos Sheffield, Simeon Stacey, F. E. Stafford, R. Stanley, Richard Stanley, Wm. Stanley, Fred Tivey, Thomas A. Thorpe, P. Tookey, Launcelot J. Twells, John Walker, James Wardle, Jos Wardle, Albert W. Wells, Sergt A. Wesson, Sergt G. H. Wesson, Herbert G. Wharmby, L/C Hubert R. White, George Wilkinson, Corporal John Williamson, C. C. Woodcock, F. W. Woolhouse, L/C Arthur Wright, J. W. Wright.

Servers at the altar: Horace B. Baum, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut. Sydney Brown, L/C J. Oswyn Pock, L/C Arch. A. Wortley

Major H. E. Powell, D.S.O., then removed the Union Jack covering the memorial, and the dedication by the Bishop was in these words: *In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we dedicate this memorial altar, and the appurtenances thereof to the glory of God, in memory of the men of the parish of Christ Church, Coalville, who have fallen in the great war. May their example inspire us to courage in the warfare against all evil; may their memory ever burn brightly in those, who here or elsewhere, remember their deeds, and, strengthened by their fellowship, may they look forward to reunion with them in inheritance of the Saints in Light.*

Other hymns sung were; "Once, only once, and once for all," "Ten thousand times ten thousand," and "Fight the good fight."

Mr Amos Clarke, the blind organist, played the accompaniments, and other suitable music. In the course of an address, the Bishop said he felt it a very deep and real privilege to be there because of the beauty and appropriateness of the memorial which they had just dedicated. It had been carefully thought out, was



artistic, and in keeping with the building which formed their church. And it was a thing which spoke of itself – of the greatest comfort and the greatest strength that they as human beings could have on earth; an inspiration of the memorial sacrifice of their Lord Jesus Christ, who gave His life that they might live, to strengthen their love, to help them bear their sorrows and endure to the end. They linked all that up with the precious memory of those whom they were thinking of that afternoon. Their sacrifice was linked up with the great sacrifice on the Cross. On such occasions as that there was one thing that they must never forget. It was literally true that the sacrifice of these dear lives had been made for us. They would never want to forget, they could never forget, that these boys in all their youth, their strength and their simplicity, obeyed the call to do something for home and country, and all they loved best, and they died *“literally for you and me, in our place, and it is to that that we all hold most dear in our national life, in our homes, our hopes for the future that our children and children’s children may live to grow up in a better England.”* It was literally true to say that they had been redeemed with precious blood-redeemed, brought back from the menace and horrors that threatened all that they held most dear, by the precious blood of those who gave their lives on the fields of Flanders and France, in the great war. Therefore, they remembered with reverence too deep for words. And they were there that afternoon to extend in the name of the old fellowship of their church, their deepest sympathy with those who were sorrowing for the loss of those near and dear to them. He did not want to dwell upon that; it was too painful to do so; but he would like just to remind them of one picture in the Gospel, that of the Lord Jesus Christ when he met a poor mother taking her son to his grave. He did not say much, only two words, *“Weep not.”* It was His great human compassion, His brother’s heart going out to those who sorrowed. He knew that death was only a change, and He knew what was in store for those who held fast by their faith. The souls of the righteous were in God’s keeping. Of course, the comfort that these words bring depended on what they thought of God. If their thought of God was something merely conventional, just something associated with their childhood and the Sunday School, something which was like an electric force that set the machinery of the universe rattling, and left it to go on its own course, then it was not much comfort to be told that the righteous were in the hands of God. But if their whole life and future hopes were built upon God, it made all the difference.

Proceeding, his Lordship asked whether they were trying to be better men, to be worthy of the sacrifices which had been made for them. He asked them to sink all selfishness and realise their sense of responsibility to each other. Let them live disciplined lives, inspired by a vision of comradeship, such as was formed by the boys in the trenches, self-suppression for the sake of others and their well-being, inspired by a sense of responsibility. It was a call to every unit and group throughout the whole kingdom to see that they were carrying out the glorious message of the dead. By bringing these things to bear in their homes, in their workshops, in their mines, in their offices, in their shops, in the streets, in their dances, in their recreations and in their public houses – wherever human beings came together.

At the close of the service, buglers from the chancel steps sounded “The Last Post.” A collection was made for the memorial fund.

The inscription on the altar reads as follows: *“In memory of our fallen in the great war, 1914 – 1919. They loved not their lives unto death. R.I.P. (Here follow 112 names). Samuel Hoaking, vicar; Edward Ortan, Thomas Goacher, churchwardens.”*

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### **WHIST DRIVE AND DANCE**

In connection with the Hugglescote Imperial F.C. a whist drive and dance was held in the Hawley Institute, on Wednesday night. Mr A. N. Choyce and Miss Choyce were M.C.’s for dancing, for which Mr E. Armonson was the pianist, and Messrs. E. A. Pegg and H. Pegg had charge of the whist rooms.

## **Friday February 25<sup>th</sup> 1921 (Issue 1512)**

### **THE MEMORIAL**

The following placed floral tributes on the Ibstock war memorial after the unveiling on Saturday last: Laurel wreath, Nailstone Colliery Co.; teachers and scholars, Council School; teachers and scholars, Church of England School; Ibstock United Band; R. Foster, fellow workers brick and pipe works, Ibstock; ex-service

men, Ibstock; G. Riley, S. Smith, J. T. Wright, G. W. Smith, W. B. Tyers, L. Lovatt, G. P. Sharpe, H. Rose, I. Lewis, J. Rolleston, A. Dolman, H. Houghton, H. Belcher, E. Quilter, J. W. Bott, W. Pepper, T. Capers, J. Lardner, T. H. Jacques, J. Cuthbert, G. Cooper, E. Partner, G. B. Dawson, F. Gray, S. Bodle, A. B. Newman, W. Fowkes, M. Marlow, A. Ottey, G. Burton, A. Sleath, A. Allen, J. Flaherty, J. W. Benn, S. O. Preston, L. Green, J. W. Perry, R. Timmins, R. Holland, G. Sharp, W. Rolleston, W. Mason and C. M. Chamberlain.

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## **IBSTOCK WAR MEMEMORIAL**

### **IMPRESSIVE UNVEILING CEREMONY**

Fitting tribute was paid to the men of Ibstock who fell in the Great War, when the unveiling and dedication of the Parish Memorial took place, on Saturday last.

The memorial is situated in the Central Avenue, and erected in the centre of a circular open space, 100 ft in diameter, giving spacious room for traffic to pass on either side, and is built upon a foundation of a 12 ft solid bed of cement concrete, with two shaped and circular concrete platforms 21 ft 4 ½ ins long and 13 ft wide, these platforms forming the step-ways to the base of the memorial. The memorial is carried out in best faced "Whit Bed" Portland stone, and has three pedestal cases with moulded projecting plinths with sills 3 ft high and 2 ft wide stone retaining walls dividing each pedestal with plinths and sills to match. Over the centre pedestal the memorial for the fallen is built up with moulded pilastres and carved wreaths and on either side of the memorial are four 9 in square columns with moulded plinths and caps to match. A massive shaped and segmental stone cornice with blocking course covers the columns and centre block of stone, giving a stately and pleasing effect. The monument is 15 ft long, 11 ft high and 3 ft 6 in wide. A moulded and shaped canopy and slate panels with the names of the fallen are fixed on each side of the memorial, and above same the following inscriptions.

*"In Proud and Grateful Memory of the Gallant Men of Ibstock, who gave their lives in the Great War,"* also *"For God, King, and Country,"* in large size letters, is engraved on the face of the segmental stone cornice.

The whole of the memorial has been ably carried out and erected by Messrs. Wells and Co., Sculptors, Hugglescote, to the designs, and under the superintendence of the architects Messrs. Goddard and Wain, L.L.R.I.B.A. of Station Chambers, Coalville.

The D.S. and S. formed a guard of honour (under the command of Lieut. Harratt), being inspected in the Council School yard, before proceeding to the monument, where they very ably carried out their duties.

The service commenced with the singing of "O God, our help in ages past," after which portions of the burial service were read by the Rev. A. H. Birks, M.A. (Rector), and the Rev. H. Cowling (Baptist minister), Mr J. J. Sparrow reading the lesson, Thos. 4 13-18. Lieutenant Harratt then read the names of the 80 men who had fallen, as follows:

T. Allen, H. C. Badcock, H. Belcher, J. Benn, G. S. Bott, J. W. Bott, L. Bacon, F. Callier, R. Foster, B. Farmer, J. W. Gray, F. Gray, A. Hammersley, A. Houghton, L. Lovatt, A. Marlow, A. Mattley, J. Martin, W. Mason, A. Ottey, S. O. Preston, A. Price, H. Partner, A. E. Quilter, G. Riley, J. Rollestone, S. Robson, S. Smith, J. W. Steel, J. T. Sharpe, G. Sharpe, J. Satchwell, A. Sleith, J. Slater, R. J. Timmins, J. H. Wright, L. Green, E. Overton, B. T. Wright, W. T. Wright, R. Ashby, G. M. Chamberlain, L. Lewis, J. Lester, T. E. Capers, J. W. Perry, T. H. Jacques, A. B. Newman, C. E. Briers, S. Sharpe, W. Timmins, A. Allen, G. Cooper, W. Fowkes, B. Redshaw, H. Rose, G. W. Smith, S. Bodle, R. Holland, W. B. Tyers, A. Dolman, W. Rollestone, G. Burton, S. W. Richards, B. Dawson, J. W. Cuthbert, R. Holland, N. V. Lane, K. C. Thomson, S. P. D. Thomson, J. Lardner, J. C. Cox, A. Duniccliffe, C. Partner, C. P. Sharpe, J. W. Naylor, F. W. Pepper, C. Adcock, J. H. Storer and J. Flaherty.

Immediately afterwards, Mr A. Turner unveiled the memorial *"To the Glory of God, and in proud and loving memory of the men of the parish of Ibstock who fell in the Great War."*

The dedication by the Rector then followed, after which silence was kept for a brief space. The hymn, "O valiant hearts," was next sung, and during the singing of same, the relatives and friends of the fallen placed wreaths on the steps of the monument.

Mr A. Turner said he hoped the rising generation, when looking on the memorial, would be led to think of the noble sacrifice made by those to whose honour the memorial had been erected. The war was not won altogether by gallant deeds, but largely by the dogged perseverance at all times of our boys. Let the loyalty and comradeship shown by them be exhibited in our daily lives. He hoped the relatives when passing by would look on the memorial with pride, and reminded of all the boys had done.

The hymn, "For all the saints," was then sung during which a collection was taken on behalf of the war memorial fund. Mr W. Dunstan said those whose names were thereon had been faithful unto death. They had given their lives for us, and in the words of our Master, "*Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.*" He was once told by a Belgian lawyer, "*You English are splendid in sorrow.*" He would like the memorial to be a symbol to the young and rising generation. The war memorial committee had had a difficult task, but they could now look on the result of their labours with satisfaction. On behalf of them all, he handed over the memorial to the care of the Parish Council.

Alderman W. Eggington, J.P., in accepting on behalf of the Parish Council, said he sincerely hoped they would always with great fidelity look after it. The lads had bravely answered the call when it came to them; verily, they had done their duty; let us ever remember them, and make our lives worthy of their great sacrifice.

The "Last Post" and "Reveille" was then sounded by members of the Church Lads Brigade and the Rector pronounced the Benediction.

A muffled peal was rung on the Parish Church bells after the service, at the time the "Last Post" was being sounded. The referee (in the football match Ibstock Wanderers V Ibstock Amateurs) stopped the play, and all the players stood to attention.

On Sunday morning, the United Band marched to the memorial and, after playing two selections placed wreaths thereon. All day on Sunday a great many people from all parts of the district inspected the monument. There were about sixty most beautiful wreaths and crosses laid on the memorial.

The collection taken at the memorial service realised over £50. Saturday's proceedings were filmed, and it is understood the picture will be screened shortly at the Picture Palace.

## **COALVILLE PETTY SESSIONS**

### **A BARDON EJECTMENT**

Messrs. Ellis and Everard, quarry owners, Bardon Hill, applied for an ejectment order against Harold Beeney (40), groom, of Bardon Hill.

Mr H. J. Deane, (Loughborough) appeared for the applicants, and Mr C. E. Crane (Coalville) for the respondent. Mr Deane said Beeney was formerly in the firm's employ, and a condition of tenancy was that if he ceased to work for Messrs. Ellis and Everard he was to give up the cottage, which was one of forty, known as The Crescent.

After the respondent returned from the war, he was attracted by the wages paid at the pit, and left the quarry to work at the Whitwick Colliery. The house was required for two other men at the quarry. The firm were overwhelmed with orders for road material, but not since the war had the output been more than 50 per cent of the normal capacity. The machinery could only be worked at half its capacity, because the firm could not get the necessary labour. They could employ another 120 men today if they could get houses for them.

Robert Bennett Grant, quarry foreman, said he had the letting of the houses. Respondent worked at the quarry since 1903, and the house was let to him in 1906. The previous tenant was evicted because he left the works. The houses were built for the workmen. Beeney joined the army in 1916, and his wife and children occupied the cottage till he returned in 1919. A few months later he left the quarry saying he was going to get more money. They were short of 124 men and could not get houses for them. Two men would go into this house. They were fully qualified quarrymen who had come from the South of England. The firm had 1919 orders not yet executed. They had demands for four times the amount of the stuff they were turning out, because they had not the labour and houses for the men. They were trying to get expert

quarrymen from different parts of the country, and then they could set on more labourers. Up to March 1916, no less than 119 men left the quarry to go to the coal mines to escape war service. Now the colliers were getting more money, it would be difficult to get them back again. The rent of the house was 5/8 a week.

Replying to Mr Crane, witness said the rent had been raised since the notice was served, but notice of that was given previously. Witness was not aware that before leaving the army, Beeney was in hospital for some months. When he resumed work at the quarry after the war, he complained of the work being too heavy for him, but not during the latter part of the time. He was working in the mine as a horse keeper. He did not ask witness for a lighter job. It was absolutely untrue that he was offered a job at 6d an hour. The lowest wage paid to labourers at the quarry was 1/4 ½ per hour, and now 10 per cent on the top of that. Respondent had a wife and six children, and witness did not know of another house. There was no ill-feeling in the matter, but applicants were hard pushed. They had 19 men in one lodging house now.

Mr Crane submitted that the increase of rent had created a new tenancy. The clerk said it was straining at a gnat, because it would only mean the serving of a new notice, and put it off for a fortnight. Mr Crane said that a fortnight was valuable to his client. The clerk said it would be better to go into the merits of the case.

Mr Crane then pointed out the hardship if the respondent with a wife and six children were turned out with nowhere to go. He served his country, and was six months in hospital, and returning to the quarry found he was not able to do such heavy work. Beeney bore this out. He worked for the applicants for 17 years. In the army he was operated upon for appendicitis. After he had gone back to the quarry, he asked Mr Grant for a lighter job, and was given the choice of three at 6d, 7d and 8d an hour. That was no use to a man with a wife and six children. As horse keeper at Whitwick Colliery, he was getting £5/8/11 per week. He had tried everywhere for a house without success, and when he asked for rooms, they told him he wanted a house, not rooms, with a family like that.

Answering Mr Deane he said Ellis and Everard always paid him the standard rate. He got just over £3 a week at his last job at the quarry. The magistrates made the usual order, Beeney to give up possession of the house within thirty days.

#### **WARNING TO EX-SOLDIER**

Richard Hollick (32), labourer, Coalville, was summoned for using bad language at Coalville on January 30<sup>th</sup>. He pleaded not guilty. P.C. Bursnall said the defendant, after using the language said, "*I am sorry, I did not know you were there. I meant it for the other one,*" (meaning another constable).

Defendant, a one-legged man, who appeared in the dock on crutches, and wearing the 1914-15 Star, strongly denied using the language. P.C. Jesson corroborated the other constable's evidence.

The clerk: *Did this man lose a leg in the war?*

Defendant: *Yes, sir.*

Superintendent Lockton said he was sorry to bring the man there, but there had been numerous complaints against him, and what was he (the Superintendent) to do? The chairman said the Bench would let him off.

Supt. Lockton: *I am quite satisfied if the magistrates speak to him.*

Mr E. Holmes (Chief Constable) said he was told before he went to the war defendant was a very respectable man, but he was not only an offender now himself but tried to incite others. Unless he behaved himself he would have to be brought there again, and he asked the Bench to say they would deal more severely with him.

Hollick was warned that he must behave himself in future. He said, in reply to the clerk, that he was a pensioner, and had no other income. The case was dismissed, and defendant ordered to pay 4/- costs.

#### **Friday March 4<sup>th</sup> 1921 (Issue 1513)**

The War Office states that increasing difficulty is being experienced in the distribution of war medals and other military decorations owing to the failure of demobilised and discharged warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and men to keep record offices informed of changes of address. For this reason medals are being returned through the post practically every day.

A novel effort was made on Saturday for the Loughborough War Memorial Fund, in the endeavour to collect a mile of pennies. It was not possible to mark out a continuous mile in the streets, and a number of pitches were therefore arranged in likely positions the lengths of which totalled up to the required distance. These were in charge of collectors, and the pennies given were placed along the kerb. Fortunately fine weather prevailed, and being market day the town was busy and response to the appeal was freely given. The result achieved, however, fell a long way short of the mile, the total sum realised being £75, which in pennies represents a length of about 900 yards.

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### **DO YOU KNOW THAT**

The war-period special constables of Shepshed had an enjoyable reunion dinner at the Crown Hotel there, on Wednesday evening?

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### **COALVILLE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

#### **THE BARDON HILL EJECTMENT**

A letter was read from the Coalville Tenants' Defence League, calling attention to the case of Mr H. Beeney, of Bardon Hill, against whom an ejectment order had been granted. It was pointed out that Beeney was an ex-soldier, who formerly worked at Bardon Quarry, but after leaving the army he had to get a lighter job, and the quarry owners wanted the house for another employee. Beeney had a wife and six children, and the request of the League was that the Council should allow him to become tenant of one of the houses they were building in Highfields Street to prevent him being turned into the street. If the Council could provide the house, the present tenancy would possibly be extended till the house was ready.

The chairman said the application would come before them with others.

Mr Gowtage: *But this man is under notice and likely to be ejected within 30 days. The Council had passed a resolution.*

He went on, that ex-soldiers would have preference when the houses were ready and they might stretch a point in this case and promise Beeney the house. None of them wanted to see this man, his wife, and six little children, turned into the street.

The chairman said he did not think he could accept the resolution because the Council had not yet decided on what principle they would let the houses. It was a big subject which they had yet to consider. Apparently, this was not a Coalville man, though he was now working in the district, but there were natives who had lived in Coalville all their lives whose cases were as bad as this one.

Mr Morris said it was being taken up by three or four bodies, and there was to be an appeal. Mr McCarthy said it was a pity, as the man was an ex-soldier, and the application might be put on the list. He said the Council had not fixed the rent as yet, and he would like to contradict a statement recently made to him that the rents were to be 16/6 a week. The final word on that rested with the Government representative, because the Government were finding nearly all the money for the houses, the Council only being responsible for a 1d rate.

Mr Brown then moved that the letter be filed for reference when the applications were considered. Mr Morris said he had just heard that counsel's opinion had been received that day, and there was no chance for an appeal in the case to succeed. Mr Gowtage said that made it all the more urgent why the Council should

stretch a point and promise Beeney one of the houses. The resolution to file the letter was carried. Mr Gowtage asked whether he should bring up the case again a fortnight hence.

The chairman: *You can give notice.*

Mr Blower moved that they have a meeting next week to fix the rents, and select tenants. Then they could let Messrs. Ellis and Everard know. He also moved that a letter be sent to them, and expressing the hope that they would hold it over for a time.

Mr McCarthy seconding, said he had known Messrs. Ellis and Everard for 50 years, and he did not think they would turn out an ex-soldier with a big family. Knowing what Messrs. Ellis and Everard had done for the district in various ways, his conscientious opinion of them was that they would rather give a man a house free than throw him out. Perhaps the Council had not heard the whole story. Mr Hay said he thought they had not heard the whole of the evidence.

Mr McCarthy: *They are very generous people, and the last people in the world to do an injustice to anyone, let alone, an ex-soldier.*

Mr Morris: *There are two others living in their houses who are not ex-soldiers, and why did they take this case up?*

The chairman: *We can't go into that.*

It was decided to hold a meeting next week to go into the letting of the houses and fixing the rents, and that a letter be sent to Messrs. Ellis and Everard, informing them of this, as suggested by Mr Blower.

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#### **FROM THE SOLDIERS' WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF IBSTOCK**

*Dear Sir, Will you kindly allow a short space in your paper for us to express our heartfelt gratitude to the War Memorial Committee; the Ibstock Council for the splendid Memorial; the Rector, church-wardens, and church members, for the beautiful window; and all who kindly contributed to the same; also the D.S. and S. Federation, and the Ladies Patriotic Committee, for so kindly remembering us and our children at Christmas.*

*There are times, sir, when words cannot express the gratitude we all feel for the kindness and sympathy shown, and we shall endeavour to bring our children up to remember what was done for us and them, and we just say, "Thank you," to one and all.*

Thanking you, sir, in anticipation.

We remain humbly yours

The Ibstock Soldiers' Widows and Orphans.

#### **H. BEENEY, BARDON HILL**

*Dear Sir, Last week you kindly permitted me the use of your columns to issue an appeal for accommodation for the above man and family, together with an appeal for funds for the purpose of appealing against the local magistrates' eviction order.*

*Acting on the advice of learned counsel the case is not now being taken to the Appeal Court, and I have already refunded monies received in response to the appeal. I wish to thank the friends who generously came forward with help in the case, and to again emphasise the fact that in about 14 days from this letter appearing in print, Mr Beeney, his wife and six children will be turned into the street, unless other accommodation can be found for them.*

*Our League is in communication with the local Council re the possibility of obtaining one of the houses now in course of erection in Highfields, but I would urge that if anyone can assist with information of a house to be shortly let, that they give me details as soon as possible.*

*With regard to the merits of the case, I know only too well the promises made to ex-Service men, and cases like this of Mr Beeney, reveal the hollow mockery of them.*

*The tied-house system seems to me to be a grafting of the feudal on to the industrial system, and is equally as obnoxious now as it was 800 years ago. Thanking you for inserting this letter, and for your reporting of the case when before the local court.*

Yours faithfully,  
E. A. Hughes  
(President Coalville Tenants' Defence League)

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#### **"A BIT OF BLIGHTY IN PICARDY"**

A large company assembled in the concert hall at the Coalville Y.M.C.A. on Friday night, to witness a special show of "Flanders and Picardy" a scenic entertainment, in aid of the Y.M.C.A. campaign fund. Mr J. W. Eagles preside. The programme was in the capable hands of Mr H. P. Sitters, O.B.E. and Mrs Sitters, of the National Council, London, and was of a novel and interesting character. One of the scenes represented the famous Cloth Hall, of Ypres, now a mass of ruins, and the history of the hall, and how it came to be demolished during the fierce fighting around Ypres, was described in a most interesting manner by Mrs Sitters.

Another scene was the Mole at Zeebrugge, the daring and successful attack on which the British Navy was vividly described by Mr Sitters. But the item of the evening was "A Bit of Blighty in Picardy," which was a representation of a Y.M.C.A. hut and how the soldiers fared there as they came out of the trenches. The two principal characters were Mr Sitters as the Y.M.C.A. secretary, and Mrs Sitters as the lady in charge of the hut, and several men in khaki took part, helping to give a living presentation of how Tommy's life was spent in France during the war. Other items included songs by Mr P. Greenfield, and instrumental quartettes by Miss Winnie Thornley and Mr W. Lowe (violins), Mr A. Clarke (flute) and Mr J. Reed (cello). "Bringing up the ammunition," was in the form of a silver collection, which realised a good sum for the campaign fund.

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#### **WAR MEMORIAL**

The secretary of the Ibstock War Memorial Committee has forwarded a letter to Mr Briden, secretary Ibstock D.S. and S. as follows:

*"The War Memorial Committee desire me to convey their hearty thanks for the attendance and services rendered by the officers and men who formed the Guard of Honour at the unveiling ceremony on the 19<sup>th</sup> inst. The interest shown by the D.S. and S. and the willing support they have given, have been much appreciated."*

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#### **PARISH CHURCH WAR MEMORIAL**

At the Barlestone Parish Church on Tuesday evening, Archdeacon Macnutt, of Leicester, unveiled a war memorial, which is in the form of a figure of St. George attached to the pulpit, with a tablet bearing the names of seven men from the parish who fell in the war. The Vicar, the Rev. Mr Thomas, and Canon Bowers (rector of Market Bosworth) took part in the service, and there was a large congregation.

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#### **COALVILLE TRADES COUNCIL**

#### **APPEAL ABANDONED**

Reference was made to the proposed appeal against the eviction of Mr H. Beeney, of Bardon Hill. Mr Scaysbrook remarking that the Tenants' Defence League had taken counsel's opinion on the matter, and decided not to go on with the appeal.

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#### **LOCAL CHIT CHAT**

For the purpose of assisting poor relatives who desire to visit graves in France or Flanders, a grant of £25,000 is to be made to the Salvation Army. This will enable the Army to continue the good work that was inaugurated last year, and will make it possible to provide up to half the expense of visitors whose circumstances are proved to be necessitous. One of the conditions laid down by the Army Council in making the grant is that not more than two persons shall be aided to visit any one grave.

War medals are being distributed at the rate of about 70,000 a week, but many of them are not reaching their recipients owing to the failure of non-commissioned officers and men to keep their record offices informed of changes of address. Even the coveted 1914 Star, the 1914-15 Star and Distinguished Conduct, Military, Meritorious and Long Service medals are being returned through the post. Ex-servicemen who have not received decorations to which they are entitled should apply in writing to their record offices, giving their former regimental numbers, units and corps.

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#### **IN MEMORIAM**

Stinchcombe – In loving memory of our dear son, Private E. Stinchcombe, who was killed in action, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 1917.

*"Dearer to memory than words can tell  
Are thoughts of him we loved so well;  
His loving smile, his willing face,  
And still there is the vacant place."*

From his Father, Mother, Brothers and Sister

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#### **COALVILLE WAR MEMORIAL**

##### **AN APPEAL TO RESIDENTS OF THE URBAN AREA**

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

Mr T. I. McCarthy was appointed hon. secretary to the committee, in place of Mr L. L. Baldwin, who remains a member of the committee, and Mr Walter Lindley and Mr Bellamy (Ellistown) were also elected on the committee. The chief business was to arrange for a house-to-house distribution of envelopes for contributors to the memorial.

The chairman said he would like to remind the committee that this was not intended to be a begging job. It was simply to ask the people of the district to give voluntarily what they could towards a memorial for the boys of this district, and when the envelope was taken to the houses, it would be sufficient to ask that it be handed to the head of the family and that it would be called for. They did not want it repeated to the committee as was the case in connection with the "welcome home," when some people said things which would have been better left unsaid. He pointed out that the committee already had some money, and more was promised, and the public could definitely take it that a memorial would be erected. The memorial would be in accordance with the money received and they were hoping it would be such as would be worthy of the sacrifice the boys had made. Whatever the response was, it would represent not one part, but the whole of the urban area.



The central ward was then divided into districts, and members of the committee were appointed to each district to make the distribution and collection of the envelopes. The question of the distribution and collection of the envelopes in the Hugglescote and Whitwick wards was also discussed, and in the absence of a sufficient number of members from these areas, it was left to another meeting to be held shortly.

It was remarked that whether the Whitwick and Hugglescote representatives were enthusiastic about the matter or not, it would be a memorial for the whole urban area, the same appeal would be made to the whole of the residents in the area, and the names of the fallen from Ellistown, Hugglescote and Whitwick, as well as Coalville, would appear on the memorial.

## **Friday March 25<sup>th</sup> 1921 (Issue 1516)**

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### **IN MEMORIAM**

Kellam – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Thomas Tertius Kellam, killed in action, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 1918.

*“Three years have passed since that sad day,  
When one we loved was called away.  
God took him home, it was His will.  
But in our hearts we mourn him still.”*

From his loving Mother, Father, Brothers and Sisters

Partner – In loving memory of my dear son and brother, Able-Seaman (R.N.D.) George Harry Partner, who died March 25<sup>th</sup>, 1918.

*“Sleep on, beloved sleep and take thy rest.”*

From Mother, Sisters and Brothers. Shaw Lane.

Johnson – In ever loving memory of Corporal Arthur Edward Johnson, who died from wounds in France, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 1918.

*“Ever in our thoughts.”*

From his loving Mother, Father, Sister and Brothers.  
16, Jackson Street, Coalville.

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

Leech – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, William Henry Leech, who was killed somewhere in France, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1918.

*“Days of sadness still come o’er us.  
Tears of sorrow often flow;  
Memory keeps our loved one near us,  
Whom God called three years ago.”*

From his loving Mother, Brothers and Sister-in-Law.

Lewis – In fondest memory of our two dear boys, Pte. Harry Lewis, Notts and Derby Regt, killed in action, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 1918. – Sergeant Walter Lewis, M.M. and Bar, Machine Gun Corps, died of wounds in France, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 1918.

From Father, Mother, Sisters and Brother-in-Law.

Finsbury House, Vaughan Street, Coalville.

Riley – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, L/Corpl. George Riley, who fell in action, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 1918.

*‘Tis sweet to know we’ll meet again,  
Where partings are no more;  
And that the one we loved so dear,  
Has only gone before.”*

From Father and Mother, Brothers and Sisters.

Buckingham – In ever loving memory of Sergt. S. Buckingham, killed in action, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1918.

*“Gone from our home, but not from our hearts.”*

From his loving Wife and Daughter (Betty).

### **Friday April 1<sup>st</sup> 1921 (Issue 1517)**

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#### **IBSTOCK WAR MEMORIAL**

A sacred concert was given by the Ibstock Town Band on Easter Sunday afternoon near the Monument. Mr J. Cooper conducted and the following programme was rendered:

March, “G \_\_, \_\_\_\_ Heroes,”; Selection “O God our help in ages past,”; Chorus “The Heavens are Telling,” paraphrase, “Sun of My Soul”; Kyrie and Gloria; “Mozart’s 12<sup>th</sup> Mass”, hymn “O Valiant Hearts”; Hallelujah Chorus.

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#### **LOCAL CHIT CHAT**

Captain B. H. Sisson, an old Ashby boy, whose parents resided in Packington Road, Ashby, is to be congratulated on his recent appointment as assistant educational adviser to the Royal Air Force. He was educated at Emanuel College, Cambridge, obtaining his B.A. degree. He has been mathematical science master at Haileybury College, and he has held various appointments at home and abroad. During the war he was a flight commander in the R.N.A.S. and was a balloon officer to the first battle cruiser squadron, serving with H.M.S. Lion. He was several times mentioned in despatches. He has been engaged as a staff officer on educational duties at the Air Ministry for the past year.

#### **IN MEMORIAM**

Cracknall – In loving memory of J. F. Cracknall, killed in action on 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 1916.

*EVER IN OUR THOUGHTS*

From his loving Father, Mother, Brothers and Sisters.

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#### **BARDON HILL**

#### **WAR MEMORIAL FUND**

The concert given on Saturday evening by the Girls' Friendly Society in aid of the above fund was a great success, the schoolroom being crowded. The chair was occupied by Mr F. T. Bellward. A pianoforte solo by Miss Kitty Cook, and Miss Mary Bailey opened each part, and the girls gave the choruses. "Laugh and the world laughs," "Knitting Jumpers" and "Old Songs" which were well sung. They also contributed, with the help of a few friends three amusing sketches entitled "A screw loose," (by six girls), "The Tea Party," and "A Quiet Family." There was an old English dance by six girls. Miss E. Bayliss gave a recitation and songs were sung by Miss Florrie Martin, Miss E. Lock and Mr W. Lock, who also joined Miss Martin in two duets, "The Convent Bells," and "Gypsy Countess." Misses H. Grant and Bennett gave vocal duets and Mr V. Grant also sang. There were several encores. The accompaniments were played by Miss Cook, Miss Wilde and Mr A. White. Mrs Pillifant stage managed the affair, and the various items were much enjoyed.

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#### **IN MEMORIAM**

Baum – In ever loving memory of Horace Bradshaw Baum, who fell in action April 10<sup>th</sup>, 1918.

*"Ever in our thoughts"*

From his loving Mother, Father, Brothers and Sisters-in-law.

Baum – In loving memory of Horace Bradshaw Baum, Durham Light Infantry, killed in action in France, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 1918. Still remembered by his loving Aunties and Uncles.

#### **Friday April 15<sup>th</sup> 1921 (Issue 1519)**

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#### **GROTESQUE**

##### **NO FIGHTING IN OCCUPIED AREA OF GERMANY**

There is absolutely no truth in a report that has gained circulation that fighting has broken out in the occupied area of Germany, and that wounded have already arrived in London, via Dover.

The War Office describe the report as grotesque propaganda for the consumption of intending recruits in the Defence Corps. *"As far as I am aware there is no German rising, and British troops on the Rhine have not come into any conflict with the Germans"* says Sir Worthington Evans (Minister for War).

A prominent officer who has just returned from the Rhine area, stated that matters were exceedingly quiet in the occupied area, and he had not heard of any collision between Germans and British since the Armistice.

#### **THE VICIOUS CIRCLE**

##### **CURIOUS HOUSING DILEMMA AT HINCKLEY**

At Hinckley County Court, on Monday, James Mason, clerk, of Hinckley, made an application for possession of a house, 107, London Road, Hinckley, occupied by J. E. Matkin, hosiery worker.

Mason, an ex-serviceman, said he had bought the house Matkin lived in, and was willing to allow him to occupy part of the house. Matkin said he had already given up one house for an ex-serviceman. The Judge said he was sorry for the plaintiff, but in this case he did not think the accommodation was sufficient and refused the application. His Honour added that he hoped Matkin, who said he had bought a house, would be able to get his tenant to leave, so as to give applicant possession.

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#### **FOR EARL HAIG'S FUND**

##### **SUCCESSFUL CONCERT GIVEN AT LOUGHBOROUGH**

A concert was given at the Theatre Royal, Loughborough, in aid of Earl Haig's fund for ex-service men and officers. At the interval, Mr Jos. Deakin, on behalf of the committee, thanked the patrons and observed that the whole of proceeds were to be given to the fund. Two-thirds of the money would be devoted to the men and one-third to the officers. The committee desired to thank all artistes and the lessees and manager of the theatre.

The programme was contributed to by the 5<sup>th</sup> Leicester Quartette Party, under the conductorship of Bandmaster Lovett, M.C., D.C.M. Madame Dorothy Carter, Miss Tanner, Mr Owen Parry, Mr Hammond, and Mr W. H. Deacon. The accompanists were Miss Dorothy Thompson and Mr A. Bennett.

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### **LOCAL CHIT CHAT**

The Minister for War stated in the Commons on Tuesday night that when reservists were called up, marriage allowance was issued to their wives and families at the following weekly rates:

Wife 9/6; wife and one child 19/-; two children 24/6; three children 29/6; four children 33/6; five children 37/6; six children 41/-; seven children 44/6; with 3/- for every child beyond that figure. Arrangements had been made which would, he hoped, enable the payment to be made without delay.

Many people in Coalville were seen yesterday bringing away in cart loads and on wheelbarrows little wooden boxes from the Mantle Lane Brickyard, used during the war as an ammunition store. There were thousands of these little boxes, and when it became known that they could be had for firewood, the place was besieged by people who are short of fuel.

### **Friday April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1921 (Issue 1520)**

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### **LAND SETTLEMENT**

#### **48,580 EX-SERVICE MEN APPLY FOR 830,486 ACRES**

The Ministry of Agriculture on Saturday night issued a statement showing the position as regards land settlement in each county in England and Wales. The total number of applications received on or before December 1<sup>st</sup>, 1920, from ex-Servicemen in the whole country was 48,580 for 830,486 acres. Ex-Servicemen to the number of 13,975 had been rejected as unsuitable, their applications covering 237,921 acres, while the total of applications awaiting interview or standing over was 6,791 for 113,337 acres.

There was a total of 16,741 ex-Service applicants approved after interview, but their holdings, 267,339 acres, had not yet been provided. The number of applicants (ex-Service and civilian) provided with holdings since December 1918, was 12,658, the acreage being 179,064; and there had been acquired for small holdings all together since that date a total acreage of 249,194 with the Minister's approval. County Councils, in exercise of compulsory powers, propose to acquire 7,793 acres.

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### **LOCAL CHIT CHAT**

Excellent progress is being made by the ex-soldiers' Institute at Ashby, of which Mr A. V. Smith is the hon. secretary. When the club was started, it was with the idea that it should become a real memorial to Ashby men who fell in the war, and it was agreed that any profits should be placed into a fund for the purpose of helping needy cases among ex-servicemen, and orphans and dependants of deceased soldiers. The club had been so successful as to be able to provide a good surplus for this fund, and the committee are now in a position to help any deserving cases brought to their notice.

**IN MEMORIAM**

Surman – In loving memory of Pte. J. S. Surman, killed in France, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 1917.

*“We do not forget him, no do we intend,  
But think of him daily, and will to the end.”*

51, Breach Road, Hugglescote

Surman – In loving memory of Pte. J. T. Surman, killed in France, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 1917.

*“Ever in our thoughts.”*

From Uncle and Aunt, and Brothers

**Friday April 29<sup>th</sup> 1921 (Issue 1521)**

**IN MEMORIAM**

Farren – In loving memory of our dear son, Sapper Joseph Collinton Farren, who died April 30<sup>th</sup>, 1918, in France.

*“Days of sadness still come o’er us,  
Tears of sorrow often flow,  
Memory keeps our loved one near us,  
Whom God called three years ago.”*

From his loving Father and Mother, Brothers and Sisters and Kitty.  
Carlton.

Smith – In loving memory of Sergt. G. W. Smith, killed in action, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 1918.

*“Let the winds of Heaven blow gently,  
O’er the sweet and sacred spot  
Although you are far away, dear son,  
You are not forgot.”*

From his loving Father, Mother, Brothers and Sisters

**Friday May 6<sup>th</sup> 1921 (Issue 1522)**

**Friday May 13<sup>th</sup> 1921 (Issue 1523)**

**MEASHAM MEMORIAL**

The war memorial erected in the Parish Church of Measham was unveiled in the presence of a large congregation by Colonel German of Ashby. The dedication was performed by the Bishop of Derby.

The memorial is of oak panels with names of the fallen men inscribed in gilt letters. It is erected on the north wall. The roll of honour contains the names of the forty-four men who fell in the war. The Rev. J. Hewetson, M.A. (Vicar) officiated at the service.

**LOCAL CHIT CHAT**

Mr Harry Marson, son of Mr T. G. Marson, of Bakewell Street, Coalville, sailed for Australia yesterday. Mr Marson was until recently a clerk in the quarry offices at Bardon Hill and was formerly the hon. secretary of the Coalville and District Sunday Schools Football League. He served through the war, and was taken prisoner by the Germans. He is going out to Australia under the Government scheme and intends settling there.

#### **IN MEMORIAM**

Harper – In loving memory of Pte. W. E. Harper, who died of wounds, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 1917.

*“From memory’s page will never blot,  
Three little words: ‘Forget him not’.”*

From his loving Wife and two children

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

*“For ever in our thoughts.”*

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

#### **Friday May 20<sup>th</sup> 1921 (Issue 1524)**

#### **DO YOU KNOW THAT**

During the last ten months, 4,050 ex-service women have applied for free passage overseas, and 1,438 have actually sailed?

#### **MARKFIELD MEMORIAL**

An impressive service was held at the Wesleyan Church, Markfield, in connection with the unveiling of the worshippers of the church who made the supreme sacrifice in the great war.

Mr Archer (Leicester), presided, and the Rev. A. Price Hughes delivered an address. The unveiling ceremony was performed by Mrs Preston (Cliffe Hill). Miss Elsie Boulds rendered solos: “I know that my Redeemer liveth,” and “Crossing the Bar.” A collection realised £4/5/3.

The tablet was inscribed as follows:

*“In loving and grateful memory of the heroes associated with the church who gave their lives in the Great War 1914-1918. ‘Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.’ Harry Edward Brown, Harold Wm. Bott, Walter Swain, Joshua Watson, Abraham Wardle. ‘He giveth his beloved sleep’.”*

#### **Friday May 27<sup>th</sup> 1921 (Issue 1525)**

#### **MEASHAM MEMORIAL**

#### **MONUMENT TO 44 MEN WHO FELL IN THE WAR**

The war memorial monument erected to the memory of the 44 men of Measham, who lost their lives during the war was unveiled on Sunday afternoon. The ceremony of unveiling was performed by the Countess of Loudoun, in the presence of a large concourse of people.

The proceedings were conducted by the Rev. J. Hewetson, M.A. (vicar) assisted by Father Moens, the Rev. R. R. Tregunna (Wesleyan), and the Rev. A. Coombe (Baptist).

The service opened with the singing of the hymn, "O God, our help," followed by the unveiling by the Countess of Loudoun. Addresses were given by Lieutenant-Colonel German, D.S.O., and Captain Abney-Hastings who both referred to the sacrifice made by the brave men who had taken their part so valiantly in the war. They congratulated the parish for so worthily honouring these men by having erected such a beautiful monument.

The hymns "O valiant hearts," and "Hark, hark my soul," were feelingly sung by the congregation, and the Countess, Colonel German and Captain Abney-Hastings were thanked for the part they had taken in the proceedings. Then followed the "National Anthem," "The Last Post," and "Reveille." After the service a muffled peal was rung on the parish church bells.

Grouped near the monument were the relatives of the fallen, and a large body of ex-Servicemen. On the other side were a large number of school children. Many wreaths and flowers were placed on the monument.

The names of the men engraved on the monument are as follows:

Thomas Henry Jerrams, Nigel Blake, John E. Ison, George H. J. Colver, James Henry Wileman, Percy Jas. Harvey, John Callaghan, James Whetton, John Wileman, Ernest Buckley, William Harry Edmonds, Francis Leonard Veasey, James Turnbull, Fred Parritt, David Waddell, Jos. Buck, John Atkins, James Ragau, Evan Wileman, Arthur Cliff, John Thomson, Harry B. Newbold, Harry A. Fowkes, George John Newbold, Joseph Hart, Joseph Lord, Alfred Bailey, Reuben Kent, Thomas Kinson, Arthur Johnson, Ambrose Samson, Bernard Lee, Clement Haskew, Michael Wileman, John C. Hart, Harry Hart, J. W. Meakin, George Roach, Ben Hart, F. J. Belcher, Chas. Riley, William G. Blake, Joseph Meek, Richard Ensor.

The monument consists of a tier of three steps, upon which is an octagonal pedestal, surmounted by a cross in white Portland stone. Dark Welsh slate panels occupy each face of the pedestal, inscribed with the names of the 44 fallen. The centre panel carries the inscription:

*"They lie dead in many lands so that you may live here in peace."*

The site is on the south side of Bosworth Street, and has a gentle slope to the canal. Immediately below the monument are, laid in terraces, tennis courts and a bowling green, with shrubberies below, which is a recreation ground for children. The design of the monument and lay-out is the work of Mr Harry Swanwick, architect of Coalville, the monument being ably carried out by Messrs. Wells, sculptors, of Hugglescote, and the lawns and shrubberies by Messrs. Botterill and Sons, Ravenstone. It is proposed at a later date to form a cycle track, together with football and cricket pitch.

## **WAR MEMORIAL AT BARROW-ON-SOAR**

### **UNVEILING BY COL. MARTIN**

Attended by glorious weather and a huge crowd, the Barrow-on-Soar memorial to those parishioners who laid down their lives in the great war was unveiled on Sunday by Lieut-Colonel E. R. Martin, C.M.G. The unveiling as well as the dedication service were conducted by the clergy of all denominations in the village, the Rev. T. Stone, M.A.; M.G. Burton (Wesleyan), Rev. W. Lonsdale (Baptist), and the Rev. P. M. Richardson (Primitive Methodist).

The memorial is in the form of a Gothic stone cross, 19 ft in height. On it are inscribed 71 names, *"What is needed today,"* said Colonel Martin, *"is the determination that everyone shall work together for unity and shall be prepared to let his own interest and his own advantage and his own convenience to by the board for the sake of the good of the community as a whole."*

### **IN MEMORIAM**

Hayes – In affectionate remembrance of Horace Hayes of the Northumberland Fusiliers, who fell in action in May 26<sup>th</sup>, 1917.

*"From memory's page will never blot,  
Three little words, 'Forget him not'.*

From his loving Mother, Brothers, Sisters and Edie

Marsh – In loving memory of J. J. C. Marsh, killed in action, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 1917.

*“Not lost, but gone before.”*

From Bernard and Mother

### **Friday June 3<sup>rd</sup> 1921 (Issue 1526)**

### **Friday June 10<sup>th</sup> 1921 (Issue 1527)**

#### **THE END OF THE WAR**

Sir F. Banbury asked the Prime Minister, in the House of Commons, on Thursday, whether in view of the delay in ratifying the Turkish Treaty, he would take steps at once to declare the termination of the war, as the delay in declaring peace was affecting adversely the commercial and financial interests of the country.

Mr Lloyd George: *I do not think it is possible to adopt the right hon. gentleman's suggestion immediately; but it is clear that if agreement with the Turkish delegates is much longer postponed, there must be an official declaration on the lines indicated.*

### **Friday June 17<sup>th</sup> 1921 (Issue 1528)**

#### **IN MEMORIAM**

Ketcher – In loving memory of Harold Edwin Ketcher, killed in action, June 16<sup>th</sup> 1917. Aged 20.

*“Ever in our thoughts.”*

From Mother, Dad, Sisters and Brothers

#### **DO YOU KNOW THAT**

The Leicester and Leicestershire War Memorial Committee has decided that in view of the state of trade in the city, it is undesirable to proceed with the memorial until the early autumn?

### **Friday June 24<sup>th</sup> 1921 (Issue 1529)**

### **Friday July 1<sup>st</sup> 1921 (Issue 1530)**

### **Friday July 8<sup>th</sup> 1921 (Issue 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

#### IN MEMORIAM

Belcher – In loving memory of our dear son, Pte. H. Belcher, who passed away July 10<sup>th</sup>, 1918.

*“Tearfully we lowly laid him  
Neath the grass that grows so green  
And the form of our dear Harry  
In our home no more was seen.*

*Time has passed and still we miss him  
And our hearts ne'er throb with glee  
When we think of our dear Harry  
Whom on earth no more we'll see”*

*“Gone but not forgotten”*

From Father and Mother, Brothers and Sisters

Martin – In every loving memory of our dear son, John Henry Martin, who was killed in France, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 1916.

*“Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.”*

From his loving Mother, Father, Sisters and Brother, and his little children.

## **Friday July 15<sup>th</sup> 1921 (Issue 1532)**

### **COALVILLE D. S. & S. CLUB**

#### **OPENING OF THE NEW BAR**

An interesting event at the Coalville D. S. & S. Club on Thursday evening – the second anniversary of the opening of the club – was the opening of the new bar, which has just been added on the ground floor. The ceremony was performed by Captain Hawley (the president of the club) in the presence of a large number of members.

Mr A. P. Thomas (chairman) read a letter from Major A. T. Sharp regretting his inability to be present, and he moved that Captain Davis, who accompanied Capt. Hawley, be a vice-president of the club, which was unanimously agreed to, and Captain Davis accepted.

In introducing Captain Hawley, Mr Thomas said that this was the second anniversary of the club, though when they started some people predicted that they would not carry on for a month. Before another year had gone he predicted that that would be an ideal club, and one of the best in the town. He spoke of the great interest taken in the club by their president and how this was greatly appreciated by the members.

Captain Hawley said how pleased he was to be there, and in declaring the bar open, he congratulated them upon a great improvement. They had had an uphill fight, but he believed the club was soundly established, and he wished them success in the future (applause). Anything he could do for the club he would be only too pleased to do. He thought the ex-Servicemen of Coalville and district had set a good example by their unity. (Cheers).

Mr R. H. Whitford (treasurer) made a financial statement, showing that a good deal of the work in connection with constructing the new bar had been voluntarily done by the members and had resulted in a saving of from £100 to £150. He spoke of the enthusiasm of the committee, and the response of the members in lending them the money for the alterations.

Captain Hawley presided, and the following programme was well rendered.

Song, "Silver Locket", Mr H. Allen; song, "British Hero", Mr G. Franks; song, "When the harvest moon is shining", Mr Sam Allen; song, "In other words", Mr A. P. Thomas; song, "Smith, Jones, Robinson and Brown," Boy Clifford; song, "Tony, the Swiss mountaineer," Mr Lytheer; song, "Woolamallo," Mr Lindsey; monologue, "A fallen star," Mr W. Reece; song, "Sometimes," Mr T. Warden. Mr E. Evans was the pianist.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the artistes on the motion of Capt. Hawley, and Mr A. P. Thomas moved a similar vote to the president and Capt. Davis for their attendance, this being carried with acclamation. The event was a great success, and was much appreciated by the members.

## **Friday July 22<sup>nd</sup> 1921 (Issue 1533)**

### **NOVEL WAR MEMORIAL**

#### **HUGE CROSS OF EVERGREENS IN HINCKLEY MARKET PLACE**

A huge cross of evergreens was on Tuesday erected in Hinckley Market Place by the local ex-Servicemen to commemorate the sacrifice of 370 comrades who fell in the war.

In the enclosure at the foot of the cross, relatives deposited wreaths, and a handsome tribute from the ex-Servicemen bore the words, "Lest we forget". Alongside the enclosure, the Union Jack was flying at half-mast.

### **LOCAL CHIT CHAT**

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.

#### **DO YOU KNOW THAT**

Lance-Corporal W. Wightman (Leicester Regiment) and H. W. C. Lodder (R.A.F.) who are to fight for the heavyweight championship of the Indian Army, are both Leicester men?

#### **IN MEMORIAM**

Attwood – In loving memory of Sergeant H. A. Attwood, King's Royal Rifles, killed in action July 26<sup>th</sup>, 1916.

*"We who loved you sadly miss you,  
As it dawns another year  
In our lonely hours of thinking  
Thoughts of you are always near."*

From Father, Mother, Brothers and Sisters

#### **Friday July 29<sup>th</sup> 1921 (Issue 1534)**

#### **IN MEMORIAM**

Briers – In loving memory of Cyril Ernest Briers, 1<sup>st</sup> Coldstream Guards, killed in action, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 1915.

*"Faithful unto death."*

From Aunt, Uncle and Cousins.

#### **Friday August 5<sup>th</sup> 1921 (Issue 1535)**

#### **OAKS IN CHARNWOOD**

#### **WAR MEMORIAL**

The inhabitants of this parish paid their tribute to the glorious dead at a special service held at St. James' Church, on Sunday morning. There was a large congregation. The roll of honour is as follows:

George H. Barker, Wm. A. Berridge, Alfred Rowley, Everard Rowley, James Freestone, John B. Haynes, Wm. L. Holt, Maurice E. James, John H. Lacey, Albert E. Pratt, Allen Rose, Rudolph Rossell, Sam W. Taylor.

The names, with the words, "Their name liveth for ever more," are carved on a solid oak tablet with raised letters, and surmounted by a cross. A memorial window was also included in the memorial, and both were unveiled by Lieut-Colonel R. E. Martin, C.M.G. The dedication of the memorial was made by the Rev. J. Went, M.A., late master of Wyggeston Boys' School. The 'Last Post' was sounded by ex-Private Thurman, of Shepshed, and an impressive service closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

#### **DO YOU KNOW THAT**

Mr Joseph Hood, M.P., has sent a cheque for £50 towards the Ashby War Memorial Social Institute?

Field Marshall Earl Haig has written to the Town Clerk of Leicester, accepting the offer of the honorary freedom of the city?

#### **TWO V.C.'S**

## **ASHBY GRAMMAR SCHOOL'S DISTINCTION**

It is rare indeed that the names of two V.C.'s may be seen on one school war memorial tablet, but such is the distinction of the Ashby Boys' Grammar School, whose memorial was unveiled recently by Mr W. A. Musson, chairman of the Ashby Endowed Schools, and dedicated by the Rev. Arthur Hamp, of Surrey.

The names on the tablet were: C. W. Andrew, P. F. Bent, V.C., C. K. Bradbury, N. R. W. Carruthers, J. F. Colver, T. L. Davenport, P. Deacon, C. Drewett, A. Emmerson, R. D. Farmer, R. D. Glanville, R. S. Hallam, C. C. Hasker, A. S. Heward, J. C. Jones, R. C. Lawton, A. P. Lock, O. M. Mansfield, H. M. Musson, F. Scott, L. A. Tugby, A. J. Turner and B. W. Vann V.C.

In addressing the boys, Mr Musson said he wanted the memorial to remind them of their duty in their home, in their school, and in their after life.

### **Friday August 12<sup>th</sup> 1921 (Issue 1536)**

#### **N.F.D.D.S. & S**

#### **(COALVILLE, HUGGLESCOTE AND DISTRICT)**

#### **HALF-YEARLY MEETING**

The half-yearly general meeting of the above club was held in the Masonic Hall, Coalville, on Wednesday evening, Mr A. P. Thomas presiding.

The secretary (Mr S. E. Perry) presented the committee's report and balance sheet on the half-year ending June 30<sup>th</sup>, 1921, and the same was unanimously adopted.

The Chairman, in outlining the Building Fund, made reference to the excellent progress made by the club. They had now a new bar, and said he thought it augured well for the future to be able to show such a favorable balance, considering the time they had just passed through owing to the recent lock-out.

The Secretary then explained the constitution of the British Legion, which consists of those four great organisations of ex-Servicemen, viz, the National Federation of Discharged and Demobilised Sailors and Soldiers, the National Association of Discharged Sailors and Soldiers, the Comrades of the Great War, and the Officers' Association, and said that the amalgamation of these organisations under the one head was the finest achievement accomplished by the ex-Servicemen. No one, he said, could as yet estimate what the strength of the "British Legion" would be, but it would certainly be one of the greatest organisations of its kind in the world. The Constitution was unanimously adopted, and it was resolved to become affiliated.

#### **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 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **Friday August 19<sup>th</sup> 1921 (Issue 1537)**

#### **DO YOU KNOW THAT**

In memory of his son killed in the war, Mr J. W. Cosby has given £5,000 for cottage homes in connection with the West Hartlepool War Memorial?

#### **WHITWICK WAR MEMORIAL**

*Sir, I would like through your pages to answer repeated enquiries respecting the progress of the above. The committee are now in a position to inform the public that it will be finished towards the end of September and that the unveiling ceremony will take place as soon as the necessary arrangements can be carried out,*

possibly the end of September or early October. The task of cutting the names on the stone is being done by Messrs. Wells on their own premises, and it is expected to take six weeks from a commencement to finish, the number of names included being 82. The original intention was to confine the memorial to the ecclesiastical parish of Whitwick, but in order to try and satisfy everyone, the committee decided to open it out to the voting area, and so make it a thorough parish memorial. Of course, in doing so, a great deal more expense is entailed, the contract price for engraving being 10/- per dozen letters, and with 82 names to go onto the stone, it will at once be recognized as a considerable item. The committee have every confidence in appealing to the public for their support, but at the same time the committee would like to impress upon the public that this is no begging appeal, and that all support given must be done in the same spirit as the men who laid down their lives for their country, to their memory and their honour, to the parish of Whitwick from whence they went. The memorial is being erected as a parish one, regardless of either class, creed or party, but an invitation will shortly be issued to the different bodies, religions, social-political, sporting and private, to organize and help in arranging to make the unveiling day the success it deserves. Any effort by any particular body, or bodies, either singly or jointly, will be gratefully acknowledged. Thanking you for space, I remain, yours truly.

W. Adams

#### IN MEMORIAM

Haynes – In loving memory of John B. Haynes (Bertie), Drybrook Lodge, Coalville, of 1/5<sup>th</sup> Leicesters, wounded in action August 4<sup>th</sup>, 1916, reported missing August 15<sup>th</sup>, 1917.

*“To know him was to love him.”*

*“Tis only those who have loved and lost,  
Can understand war’s bitterest cost.”*

From Father, Mother, Brothers and Sisters

Ottey – In ever loving memory of our dear son and brother, Private Arthur Ottey, who was killed in action on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1918. Aged 23 years.

*“All tears are in vain; we cannot now recall thee  
Gone is thy loving and kindly face  
Gone from the home we so dearly love thee  
Where none can ever fill thy vacant place”.*

From Mother, Father, Sisters and Brothers

#### **Friday August 26<sup>th</sup> 1921 (Issue 1538)**

#### IN MEMORIAM

Marriott – In loving memory of our son, Thomas Marriott, who died of wounds in France, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1918.

*“We cannot clasp your hand, dear brother,  
Your face we cannot see  
But let this little token show  
We still remember thee.”*

From his loving Father, Mother, Sisters and Brothers.

#### **Friday September 2<sup>nd</sup> 1921 (Issue 1539)**

#### IN MEMORIAM

Sharpe – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Pte. G. Sharpe, who was killed in action, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 1918.

*"All tears are in vain; we cannot now recall thee  
Gone is thy loving and kindly face  
Gone from the home we so dearly love thee  
Where none can ever fill thy vacant place".*

From Mother, Father, Sisters and Brothers, 14, Leicester Road, Ibstock

Sharpe – In loving memory of my dear Husband, Pte. George Sharpe, killed in France, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 1918.

*"Tis just three years since that sad day  
When our one loved was called away  
God took him home, it was His will  
But in our hearts, we love him still."*

From his dear wife and child. 14, Leicester Road, Ibstock

Baker – In loving memory of Percy William Baker, 1<sup>st</sup> Leicesters, killed in France, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 1917.

*"Thy will be done."*

From Father, Mother, Brothers and Sisters.

### **Friday September 9<sup>th</sup> 1921 (Issue 1540)**

#### **IN MEMORIAM**

Colver – Always in remembrance – thy old chum, Signaller Fred Colver, killed in action, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 1918.

From Eric Onions

With memories of happy days gone by.

Beasley – In tender and loving remembrance of our dear son, William Beasley, who fell in action, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 1917.

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

From his sorrowing Mother and Father  
Hermitage Hotel

### **Friday September 16<sup>th</sup> 1921 (Issue 1541)**

#### **LOCAL CHIT CHAT**

Many residents of Coalville and Hugglescote will learn with pleasure of a great honour which has been conferred upon Mr Arthur Newberry Choyce, of Hugglescote, and a teacher in the Coalville Bridge Road Council School. During the war, Mr Choyce was a lieutenant in the Leicestershire Regiment and by his excellent poems became known as the poet of the regiment. In 1918, he went to the United States as a lecturer with Lord Reading's special mission, and he has now been asked by the Council of Management of the Pilgrim Fathers' Association to suggest suitable wording for a memorial card to be attached to a wreath for the grave of America's Unknown Warrior. Mr Choyce is an old Bosworth School boy. He published a fine book of poems, entitled "Crimson Stains," and his latest work in the book, "Lips at the Brim."

The following is a copy of the letter received by Mr Choyce – "Pilgrim Fathers' Association Ltd, 3, Queen Victoria Street, London, EC4, 8<sup>th</sup> September, 1921. The hon. secretary, on behalf of the Council of Management of the Pilgrim Fathers' Association, presents his compliments to Lieutenant Arthur Newberry

*Choyce, of Hugglescote, Leicestershire, and has the honour of informing him that the Council desires that all the leading British writers should be represented in the memorial of America's Unknown Warrior. The Council wishes the secretary to further state that they would esteem it a favour if Lieutenant Newberry Choyce would be good enough to suggest a suitable wording for the memorial card which is being attached to the wreath. They do this as they are acquainted with his wonderful verses, etc. in connection with America and the Great War.*

#### **IN MEMORIAM**

Jones – In loving remembrance of my dear sons, Corporal David Archibald Jones, killed September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1914, aged 23; also Lance-Corporal Wilfred Jones, killed September 15<sup>th</sup>, 1915, aged 24; the beloved sons of Mr and Mrs G. Jones, Standard Hill

*"Time will pass and years roll by  
Whatever be our lot  
As long as life and memory last  
They'll never be forgotten"*

From their loving Mother, Father, Sister and Brothers

#### **Friday September 23<sup>rd</sup> 1921 (Issue 1542)**

#### **IN MEMORIAM**

Twells – In loving remembrance of Lancelot John Twells, only brother of ex-Private Lewis William Twells, who died of dysentery and exhaustion while a prisoner of war in Germany, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 1918, aged 26 years.

*"Peace, perfect peace, with loved ones far away;  
In Jesu's keeping we are safe, and they."*

From Father, Mother and Sister

Twells – On the 10<sup>th</sup> September, at the North Lonsdale Hospital, Barrow-in-Furness, after a serious operation, Lewis William, ex-Private, Scottish Rifles, the dearly loved son of Mr and Mrs John Twells, late of 34, Victoria Road, Coalville. Aged 50 years.

*"A good son; a brave soldier; and a staunch friend."*

From Father, Mother and Sister

Mason – In loving memory of Wilfred Mason, killed in action, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 1917.

*"To know him was to love him."*

*"Tis only those who have loved and lost,  
Can understand war's bitterest cost."*

From Mother, Father, Brothers and Sisters

Shilton – In ever loving memory of our dear and only son, C. H. Harry Shilton, killed in action, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1917.

*"No one knows the parting,  
Or what the parting cost.  
But God in His great mercy  
Has gained what we have lost."*

From Father, Mother and Sisters

## TERRITORIAL DRILL HALL FOR COALVILLE

In the recent re-organisation of companies in the 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Leicestershire Regiment, Coalville becomes the headquarters of "D" Company, with Hinckley as an "out station". Captain Jamie will command the company with Lieut. Parker, at Coalville, and Lieut. Atkins at Hinckley. Staff-Sergeant-Instructor Marchant will be permanently attached to Coalville. Under these circumstances it is very probable that the long-hoped for drill hall will shortly materialise. The site has not yet been decided upon, but we understand that preliminary enquiries are being made. Meanwhile, good work is being done at the temporary headquarters in Ashby Road. A miniature range is being built, and several prizes are open for competition. We understand that recruits are still required to bring the local detachment up to strength – it numbers about 50 at present – and there are also vacancies for drummers and buglers.

## EX-SOLDIER CREATES SCENE AT COALVILLE

### TAKING ADVANTAGE OF BEING A CRIPPLE

#### MAGISTRATES WARNING

A remarkable story of how a one-legged soldier on crutches caused a disturbance in Coalville on Monday night, when, having refused the repeated advice of the police to go away, he had to be arrested and conveyed to the police station by three officers, was told at the Police Court on Tuesday afternoon, when the prisoner, George Pete Hopkins (30) of no fixed abode, but said to be a native of Shepshed, was brought up in custody before Mr. L. Lovett and Mr. W. Fellows, charged with being drunk and disorderly. He pleaded not guilty.

P.C. Nicholls stated that about 8.15 on Monday night he was on duty in Coalville Market Place, with Sergeant Kirkland and P.C. Ogden, when they saw Hopkins, who was very drunk, and shouting. Seeing he was a cripple, they were indulgent towards him, and the sergeant tried to get him to go away quietly, but he persisted in his shouting and bad language and said, "*You police can't catch a \_\_\_\_\_ burglar; all you can catch is a poor cripple.*" Several people tried to persuade him to go away, and he went up High Street. About 9.30 the same evening, witness was in London Road, where he again saw the prisoner, who was still drunk, and shouting and swearing, his language being filthy. Witness asked him to go away, and assisted him along Hermitage Road in the direction of Whitwick. After getting near a fruit store, a short distance along the road, prisoner propped himself against the wall, refusing to go further. He caught hold of witness and they struggled. With the assistance of P.C. Ogden and Special Constable J. Peters, witness had to bring the man to the police station. He was very violent both on the way, and when he got there.

Hopkins: *I admit I had had some drink, but I was not drunk. The policeman followed me down Hermitage Road. His evidence is a lot of lies.*

Sergeant Kirkland said he saw the prisoner in Belvoir Road, and he was drunk then, and used bad language. Several ladies complained to witness. He advised the man then to go away, but he threatened to punch witness. The sergeant corroborated as to the defendant's conduct at 8.15 and said he was hoping when Hopkins went up High Street that they had got rid of him. "*He had every chance to go away, but instead he got a lot more drink, and this was the consequence.*"

Mr. Fellows: *Where did he get the drink?*

The sergeant said he did not know. Supt. Dobney said the defendant came into the town on the 12 o'clock train, and was drunk then. He was a native of Shepshed.

Sergeant Kirkland: *He has a pension of 28/- a week, and says he drew it at Nottingham last week, but he told me he can make more than that by sitting on the pavement with his cap in his hand. I asked him what he did with the money, and he said he spent it as fast as he got it.*

Prisoner still denied being drunk, and said he was annoyed because he was struck by a strange man. Asked where he had got his drink, he said he was refused at one public house, but a friend got a pint and brought it outside. He added that he suffered from neurasthenia.



Mr. Fellows: *Yet you will get too much drink. And because you are a cripple you think you can insult the police. I know the sergeant well and can take his word. I know he would do all he could to get you away because you are a cripple, and yet you insulted the police by telling them they are cowards. I think it is abominable. And if the magistrates punish you, people will say the magistrates punished a cripple. You forget you have responsibilities if you are a cripple. It is not fair to the police nor to us. You take this liberty because you are a cripple.*

Prisoner: *I will give up the drink.*

Mr. Fellows asked how Hopkins lost his leg.

Supt. Dobney: *He lost it in the war.*

Mr Fellows: *That is where he gets sympathy.*

It was stated that there was a long list of previous convictions against the prisoner for various offences. Supt. Dobney said the man was in the habit of lying rough. He slept in hovels, or anywhere.

Sergeant Kirkland: *If he has money, many people will not take him in because of his conduct.*

Hopkins again promised to leave the drink alone, and the magistrates said they hoped he would keep his promise. He was sent to prison for seven days without hard labour.

### **Friday September 30<sup>th</sup> 1921 (Issue 1543)**

#### **LEICESTERSHIRE REGIMENT WAR MEMORIAL**

The Leicestershire War Memorial in St. Martin's Church will be dedicated on November 11<sup>th</sup> – Armistice Day. It is purposed that the St. George's Chapel, which is now undergoing the necessary alterations, shall be formally dedicated by the Bishop of the diocese. The unveiling of the dedicatory tablet will be performed by Colonel E. M. Woodward K.C.M.G., C.B.

On November 10<sup>th</sup>, the King's colours of the defunct battalions of the Leicestershire Regiment will be presented by representatives of the ten battalions, then dedicated. The colours belong to the following: 2/4<sup>th</sup>, 2/5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> (Pioneers), 14<sup>th</sup> and 51<sup>st</sup> and 52<sup>nd</sup> (young soldiers) Battalions. It is hoped that these colours will be presented by prominent gentlemen of the city and county. The colours will then be placed in the military chapel.

On the evening of November 10<sup>th</sup>, it is proposed to hold a meeting of the Leicestershire Regiment Old Comrades' Association, and later, the annual dinner will be held.

#### **LOCAL CHIT CHAT**

Mr Walter Handford, who has been organist at the Ashby Parish Church since 1913, has resigned the position, his teaching activities having extended so much that he found it difficult to give the necessary time to the position of organist and choirmaster. Mr. Handford joined the army at the outbreak of the war and obtained a commission, but was eventually made a prisoner by the Germans. The position of organist was retained for him.

#### **IN MEMORIAM**

Wright – In ever loving memory of our dear son and brother, Private J. H. Wright, 8<sup>th</sup> Leicesters, who fell in France, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 1917.

*"The blow was hard, the wound was deep  
Though the stinging pains have passed  
But a mother's heart will in silence weep  
As long as life doth last."*

From his sorrowing Mother, Father, Brothers and Sisters  
17, Hinckley Road, Ibstock

Sykes – In loving memory of our dear son, Corporal Wilfred Sykes, who was killed in action, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 1917.

*“God’s will be done though hearts may break  
Twas His to give, ‘twas his to take  
From memory’s page will never blot  
Three little words; Forget him not.”*

From his loving Father, Mother, Brothers and Sisters  
Co-Operative Cottages, Thringstone

Taylor – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Sergeant Sam William Taylor, M.M. 1/5<sup>th</sup> Leicesters, killed in action, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 1918.

*“He sleeps not in his native land  
But ‘neath some foreign skies.  
And far from those who loved him best  
In a hero’s grave he lies.”*

From his loving Mother, Father, and Sister.  
Charnwood Forest

Fowkes – In ever loving memory of our dear brother, Private Walter Fowkes, who fell in action on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 1917.

*“Four years have passed since that sad day  
When one we loved was called away.  
But in our hearts we love him still.”*

*“When alone in my homestead, hard bitter tears flow,  
There comes a sweet dream of a dear long ago,  
And unknown to the world he stands by my side.  
And whispers, ‘Dear Sister, death cannot divide.’”*

From his loving Sister and Brother, and Nephew, Walter  
Ibstock

### **Friday October 7<sup>th</sup> 1921 (Issue 1544)**

#### **IN MEMORIAM**

Gamble – In loving remembrance of our dear son and brother, Gunner A. Gamble, who died of wounds at Ypres, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1918. Aged 21 years

*“Not now, but in the coming years  
It may be in the Better Land  
We’ll read the meaning of our fears  
And then, ah then, we’ll understand”*

From his loving Mother, Father, Brothers, niece and sister-in-law.

Wild – In ever loving memory of our dear son and brother, Private T. W. Wild, who died while a prisoner of war in Germany, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 1918.

*“How oft we think about you  
And oft repeat your name  
In life we loved you dearly  
In death we do the same  
Safe at rest where not a wave of trouble  
Shall cross your peaceful breast.”*

From his loving Mother, Father, Sisters and Brothers

**Friday October 14<sup>th</sup> 1921 (Issue 1545)**

### **ASHBY WAR HERO IN TROUBLE**

#### **CHARGED WITH ROBBING THE URBAN COUNCIL**

##### **A LENIENT VIEW**

Wearing several medals and decorations won in the war, Walter Webster (34), carter, Ashby, appeared in the dock at the Police Court there on Saturday, charged with stealing a sack of oats, the property of the Ashby Urban Council, on September 29<sup>th</sup>, and William Hudson, (62) coal merchant, Ashby, was charged with receiving the same. Mr W. P. Musson (Ashby) appeared to prosecute for the Urban Council.

Webster pleaded guilty, and Hudson, for whom Mr B. W. Moore (Derby) appeared, said he was not guilty. Mr Musson, in opening the case, said Webster had lived in Ashby all his life, and had worked for the Council as a carter for 17 years except when he was serving in France during the war. Having outlined the case, Mr Musson said the Council did not wish to press the case against Webster, who was a good workman, but occasionally got too much drink. Webster had a fine army record, having volunteered at the beginning of the war, and served four years in France, winning the D.C.M. and the M.M. and he received a public presentation from the townspeople of Ashby. The defendant had a wife and five little children. The Council felt bound to take these proceedings, but in view of the good record held by Webster, and the fact that he had pleaded guilty, they left the matter in the hands of the magistrates without pressing the case against him. Mr Musson then proceeded to outline the charge against Hudson, which he suggested, was very serious, and he asked the Bench to deal with it as such.

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Harry A. Peers, foreman, employed by the Council said he sent Webster to fetch some oats from the Council's farm at Packington. P.C. Roberts said he interviewed Webster, and cautioned him, telling him he was suspected of stealing a sack of oats and leaving them at a certain place. He said that if he did he remembered nothing about it, intimating that he had been drinking. Witness recovered the corn from Hudson's premises, about 12 stones, and when he told Webster, he said he should plead guilty. Hudson, continued witness, admitted giving Webster 10/- but said that was for some gardening. He said Webster had often been to him for money for drink, adding "*I can see now what a fool I have been. I ought to have made him take the corn back.*"

By Mr. Moore: *He knew of nothing previously against Hudson.*

Answering Mr Musson, witness said that the oats were worth about £1. Mr Moore, for the defence, expressed regret at seeing a man with such a fine war record as Webster, standing in that position, and he was sure the Bench would take that into account. As to Hudson, it was the first time in the 62 years of his life that any charge had been made against him. He had a perfectly good record. The oats were left at Hudson's premises in his absence and it placed him in an awkward position. Hudson did not want to give a man with a record like that of Webster in charge, though, of course, he ought to have insisted on Webster taking the corn back. He made no attempt at denial when the police called, and in view of all the circumstances of the case, Mr Moore suggested that justice would be met if the case was dismissed and the defendant paid costs.

Webster was bound over in the sum of £5 to be of good behavior for 12 months, and to pay the costs, 7/6, and the chairman advised him to leave drink alone in the future. "*Let it be a warning to you,*" concluded the chairman.

Webster: *It will be.*

To Hudson, the chairman said that if there were no receivers, there would be fewer thieves. He ought to have known better. He was fined £2/2/0, or 14 days.

##### **DID YOU KNOW THAT**

The 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Leicesters were in the 37<sup>th</sup> Division, to which a memorial was unveiled at Mouchy-le-Preux by General Debeney (commanding the French 1<sup>st</sup> Army) on Sunday afternoon?

## IN MEMORIAM

Orton – In ever loving memory of our dear son and brother, Private E. Orton, who died of wounds received in action, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1916.

*“How oft we think about you,  
And oft repeat your name.  
In life we loved you dearly  
In death we do the same.”*

*“Safe at rest where not a wave of trouble  
Shall cross your peaceful breast.”*

From his loving Mother, Sisters and Brothers, Ellistown

Marlow – In ever loving memory of Lance-Corporal F. Marlow, killed in action, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 1918.

*“For ever with the Lord.”*

From Mother, Father and Sisters

Sheffield – In loving memory of our dear son, Joseph Sheffield, killed in action, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 1916; also of our dear daughter, Louisa Clarke, who died October 13<sup>th</sup>, 1920.

R.I.P.

From Mother and Father.

Fletcher – In ever loving memory of Pte. George Edwards Fletcher, 5<sup>th</sup> Leicesters, who made the supreme sacrifice, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 1915.

*“Sleep on, dear one, with eternal rest  
You died in honour, one of England’s best  
Heroes unite in life’s long train  
God be with you till we meet again.”*

From his sorrowing Mother, Brothers and Sisters and Louie.

Clarke – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Private Joe Clarke, who died of wounds in France, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 1917, aged 23 years.

*“He was ready to help in time of need  
Always kind in thought and kind in deed.”*

From his loving Mother, Father, Brothers and Sisters  
Thornton

## **Friday October 21<sup>st</sup> 1921 (Issue 1546)**

### DO YOU KNOW THAT

During this week 445 relatives of the fallen have been taken under the care of the Salvation Army to visit graves on the Western Front?

## IN MEMORIAM

Hall – In affectionate remembrance of our dear son and brother, James Horrace Hall, who fell in action October 15<sup>th</sup>, 1917.

*“Our daily thought. Life’s greatest sorrow.”*

Ever remembered by his loving Mother, Father and Sisters

Eames – In loving remembrance of Martin Eames, who died at Mons, whilst a prisoner of war, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 1918.

*“To live in the hearts of those who love you is not to die.”*

From his loving Wife, Son, Father, Brothers and Sisters

### **COALVILLE POLICE COURT**

#### **WIFE DESERTION AT WHITWICK**

Edward Wood (35), carpenter, South Bank, Yorkshire, was summoned by his wife, Cecilia Wood, for desertion at Whitwick, since April 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### **Friday October 28<sup>th</sup> 1921 (Issue 1547)**

#### **Friday November 4<sup>th</sup> 1921 (Issue 1548)**

#### **DO YOU KNOW THAT**

“Remembrance Day” is to be celebrated in Coalville and District by a sale of poppies for the benefit of ex-servicemen next Friday?

The Whitwick war memorial is to be unveiled by Major-General Sir Richard Hoskins, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. and dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Peterborough tomorrow afternoon?

### **COALVILLE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

#### **“POPPY DAY” AT COALVILLE**

On the receipt of a letter from Lord Haig, the Council sanctioned the holding of a “Poppy Day” on November 11<sup>th</sup> (Armistice Day), for the benefit of ex-servicemen, it being agreed that Mrs Dunkin and Mrs Baldwin be asked to make the arrangements.

#### **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).

#### **Friday November 11<sup>th</sup> 1921 (Issue 1549)**

#### **LOCAL CHIT CHAT**

Mrs Albert Parkin, of Berrisford Street, Coalville, has just returned from a visit to France where she has visited the grave of her son who fell in the war, and she speaks very highly of the kind treatment of the Y.M.C.A. who acted the part of her host. Mrs Parkin stayed at Amiens, and she states that the arrangements made and the reception she received from the Y.M.C.A. were splendid.

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 25<sup>th</sup>, 1918. This tablet was placed here as a token of respect by his fellow ringers, 1921."*

### **DO YOU KNOW THAT**

On Armistice Day (today), the members of the French Cabinet will go in a body to the Arc de Triumphe to lay a wreath on the tomb of the unknown Poilu?

A Hinckley mother, Mrs Attenborough, who lost three sons in the war, is to perform the stone laying ceremony of the Hinckley war memorial tomorrow, assisted by Mrs Dalby and Mrs Dixon, who both lost several sons in the war?

### **RINGING**

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.

### **IN MEMORIAM**

Smith – In loving memory of Lance Corporal F. A. Smith, who died in Mesopotamia on the 13<sup>th</sup> November, 1918.

*"Ever in our thoughts"*

Dad and Mother, Len and Doris.

Ward – In ever loving memory of Private Joseph R. Ward, who was killed in action, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 1916.

*"The cold, cold hand of death,  
Upon our son and brother fell;  
No more on earth we now can hear  
The voice we loved so well."*

From Father and Mother, Brother and Sisters.  
Kendal Road, Ellistown

### **VISITS TO GRAVES IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM**

*Dear Mr Editor, - The National Council of the Y.M.C.A. is now in a position in some cases to assist poor relatives of the fallen, wishing to visit the graves in France and Belgium. I should, therefore, be much obliged if you will kindly and on this helpful information through the valuable medium of your paper.*

*Poor relatives of the fallen in Leicestershire and Rutland, wishing to visit a soldier's grave in France or Belgium, can obtain information in reference to possible financial assistance by applying by letter to G. K. Edgley, Y.M.C.A. Divisional Secretary, 10A Pocklington's Walk, Leicester.*

*Many thanks in anticipation, sincerely yours.*

George K. Edgley  
Divisional Secretary  
10A Pocklington's Walk, Leicester  
7<sup>th</sup> November, 1921.

### **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. Moulton, 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 November 18<sup>th</sup> 1921 (Issue 1550)**

**LOCAL CHIT CHAT**

It is three years now since the Armistice was signed, which ended the great war, and that glad day has now come to be known as "Remembrance Day" which was duly observed in Coalville and district. Coalville people, as did others all over the country, participated in the great silence. On the stroke of eleven o'clock, "buzzers" sounded at the local works which were stopped for two minutes, and for the same period, traffic was also stopped in the streets, the business of the Police Court was suspended, the children in the schools were silent, and in many other institutions and also in some of the private residences, for two minutes thoughts were given to men who gave their lives in a noble cause in France, Flanders and other theatres of the great war. In the evening, the ex-servicemen held a concert at their club in Hotel Street. Mrs Dunkin organized a local sale of poppies, which appeared to have been very successful, many poppies being worn. The proceeds were for Earl Haig's Fund for the benefit of ex-servicemen and amounted to about £100.

### **BELVOIR ROAD COUNCIL SCHOOL**

A short, but most impressive ceremony took place at this school on Armistice Day, when several of the parents were present. A garland of flowers had been previously placed on the Roll of Honour, and just as the signal was given, Ephraim Finch, the eldest boy present, placed upon the brass tablet a wreath of evergreens, made by the teachers, in memory of the "old boys," "with unfailing love and ever-deepening reverence." After the two minutes' silence, a brief prayer was offered up by the headmaster (Mr Thomas Frith) followed by the singing of the hymn, "O God our help in ages past."

### **BRITISH LEGION CONCERT**

The members of the Coalville branch of the British Legion held a capital concert at their club in Hotel Street, on Friday night, the third anniversary of Armistice Day. Dr. Dunkin presided over a good company, which included Messrs. R. Blower and J. Smith (members of the Urban Council) and an excellent programme was well rendered as follows:

Piano selection, Mr W. Evans; song, Mr S. Allen; song, "Rose Kisses" Mr K. Middleton; quartette, "O'er the hills of Normandie" Mr K. Reece and party; song, "Longing Hearts" Mrs Gowtridge; humorous song, Mr H. Gledhill; song, Mr J. Stevens; monologue, Mr W. Reece; song, Mr S. Allen; song, "Good company" Mr K. Middleton; song, Mr H. Gledhill; quartette, "Village Chorister" Mr W. Reece and party; song, Mr J. Stevens; song, Mr W. Reece; song, Mrs Gowtridge; song, Mr H. Gledhill; quartette, "Annie Laurie" Mr Reece and party. Mr Gledhill also gave some good ventriloquial sketches; "God save the King." Thanks were accorded the singers and the doctor for presiding.

### **IBSTOCK**

#### **ARMISTICE DAY**

This day was duly recognised at the colliery and brickworks by the stopping of all the engines and machinery for two minutes, the time being indicated by the blowing of the buzzers. At the day schools prayers were said, and the hymn "O God our help in ages past" was sung.

#### **JUMBLE SALE**

On Monday evening a jumble sale, organized by the War Memorial Committee, was held in the Church Schools, with the object of reducing the amount required to clear off all liabilities to this fund. There was a good attendance and a good display of articles for sale. The result was very encouraging, the amount realized being £33/10/10.

#### **ARMISTICE DAY**

The services at the Parish Church, Ibstock, on Friday last were: Holy Communion at 7.30, and on Sunday evening a memorial service for the fallen was held. A large congregation was present and appropriate hymns were sung. The Rector (Rev. A. H. Birks) conducted the service, and preached an appropriate sermon. The reading of the names of all who fell in the war from the parish created an impressive scene. The "Last Post" and "Reveille" were sounded by two buglers of the C.L.B.

#### **IN MEMORIAM**

Woodcock – In loving memory of George Henry Woodcock, late of 57, Charnwood Street, who died September 20<sup>th</sup>, 1917, aged 50 – Also of Clarkson Clarke Woodcock, 1<sup>st</sup> Leicesters, killed in action, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 1917, aged 21.

*“To know them was to love them”*

*“Tis only those who have loved and lost,  
Can understand war’s bitterest cost”*

From Mother, Sister and Brothers.

Sharpe – In loving memory of George P. Sharpe (Canadian Field Artillery) who fell in France, November 14, 1916.

*“Rest, beloved rest, safe in His keeping  
Free from care and pain  
The day will dawn and we shall meet again  
Never to part.”*

From Dad, Annie and Leni  
Ibstock

### POPPY DAY IN COALVILLE AND DISTRICT

“Poppy Day” was a great success in Coalville and District, £98 being realised. The Coalville street collection was £28/3/6, thanks to the following ladies: Mesdames Allen, Richards, Rolston, Merriman, Warburton, Jones, Goodwin, Horne; Misses Orton, Peck, Holt, Powell, Bayliss, White, Hickling and Hodson; Mr Baxter (ex-Serviceman) and Scout Whitmore.

#### Factories

	£	s	d
Stableford’s per Mr Hale	5	0	0
Belvoir Road Elastic Web Factory per Mr J. W. Farmer	3	3	0
Messrs. Clutsom and Kemp	1	0	6
Wolsey, per Mr Hooper	3	2	0
Messrs. Lands Ltd		15	0
Messrs. Woottons		9	6
Messrs. Coleman & Sons		9	0
Messrs. Brown & Sons		6	0
Capt. Perry, secretary of the Coalville British Legion	2	18	0

#### Schools

Bridge Road, per Mr J. H. Massey	4	0	6
Bridge Road Infants, per Miss Lager		19	3
Broom Leys & Grammar School, per Mr Rigby	4	1	6
Belvoir Road, per Mr Frith	2	3	9
All Saints, per Mr Wheatley		13	9
All Saints Infants, per Miss Lister		19	0
Mr Haddock, Technical School		12	0
Christ Church School, per Mr V. Webber	1	0	0
Christ Church Infants, Miss Black, Miss Hoskins		2	6

Total	32	19	3
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#### Whitwick

Street Collection, Mrs Bourne	2	4	6
Mr Downes, Roman Catholic Schools	2	16	0

Mr Bastard, Church Schools	1	8	0
Messrs. Seal & Co.	1	17	0
Messrs. Handford and Miller	1	8	0
Granite Quarry per Miss Robinson		12	0
Total	10	5	6
Hugglescote			
Street Collection, Mrs de Sousa	6	3	0
Schools, Mr Fellows	2	10	0
Schools, Mr Wainwright	1	10	9
Total	10	3	9
Swannington			
Street Collection	2	0	0
Schools, Mr Beastall	1	5	0
New Swannington School, per Mr Leivers	2	0	6
Total	5	5	6
Bardon Hill			
Street Collection, Mrs B _____	2	13	0
Mr Pain	1	3	3
Total	3	16	3
Ellistown			
Mrs Blythe, Street Collection and school	3	18	0
Ravenstone			
Miss Hewes, street and school	2	3	7
Donington-le-Heath			
Street collection, Miss Moseley	1	0	6

Thanks are due to Mr Harry Johnson for boxes and trays, which were lent by the Leicester Royal Infirmary. The Scout Master for arranging for Scout Whitmore to collect. Mr Blythe for loan of car. The Picture Palace managers, Mr Brock (Olympia) and Mr. Deeming (The Grand) for advertising on the screen, and the Misses Powell for checking money taken. Mr Cox, London, County and Westminster Bank, gave cheque for money.

### **Friday November 25<sup>th</sup> 1921 (Issue 1551)**

#### **AMERICA'S UNKNOWN WARRIOR**

#### **AN EPITAPH BY MR NEWBERRY CHOYCE**

It will be remembered that a week or two ago, Mrs McCudden laid a wreath on the grave of America's Unknown Warrior at Arlington on behalf of the Mothers of the British Empire. The epitaph was written at the request of the Pilgrim Father's Association, by Mr A. Newberry Choyce, of Hugglescote, who during the war held a commission in the Leicestershire Regiment, and was a member of Lord Reading's Mission to the U.S. The following is the epitaph

## APOSTROPHE TO AMERICA

*There were no leagues so weary but he came,  
This Son of thime, nor any seas too wide,  
Let men remember it and say he died.  
Lad such as this lay down by Marathon.  
And now he keeps their souls proud company  
And brings the Brave, the fragrance of thy name;  
A steadfast herald in the praise of thee  
Who tells somewhere how Liberty lives on  
Cries one seal more on Liberty's fair page.  
O, splendid He! This Unknown that is gone  
America! on such high embassy.*

Arthur Newberry Choyce

### **Friday December 2<sup>nd</sup> 1921 (Issue 1552)**

#### LOCAL CHIT CHAT

Mr Arthur Newberry Choyce, whom Coalville is proud to own as its own local poet, has just published another volume under the title of "Glinting Dandelions." We have read the book with pleasure, and heartily congratulate Mr Choyce on his latest production. It is a fine book of poems, many of which have already been published in various magazines, but it was a happy idea of the author to make the selection as he has done, and thus bring together in one volume many of his best compositions. Some of the items are real gems, revealing high literary attainments, and should go far to add to the fame of the gifted writer. The publishers are Erskine Macdonald Ltd, of Malory House, Featherstone Buildings, London, W.C.1.

#### EX-SOLDIER'S FRAUD AT IBSTOCK

##### "A MEAN AND DESPICABLE OFFENCE"

An extraordinary story of an ex-soldier's fraud was told to the Market Bosworth magistrates on Wednesday in a case in which Benjamin Wright (28), a one-legged army pensioner, of Ibstock, was charged with obtaining money by false pretenses at Ibstock, on July 23<sup>rd</sup>, and August 21<sup>st</sup>. the accused lost his left leg in the war, and appeared in the dock on crutches.

Walter Dunstan, schoolmaster, Ibstock, said he was secretary to the Market Bosworth War Pensions Committee. The defendant was a pensioner, receiving 38/1 per week pension. On July 22<sup>nd</sup>, witness received instructions for the pensioner to go to Harrowby Hospital, Grantham, to be measured for an artificial limb, and he was to have gone there on July 25<sup>th</sup>. On July 23<sup>rd</sup>, witness gave the man £1/1/11, which was 16/11 train fare and 5/- subsistence allowance, defendant having represented that he had no means. He signed a receipt for the money, and knew it was paid to him for that purpose. Witness subsequently arranged for a second visit, and paid him another £1/1/11. On September 3<sup>rd</sup>, as the result of information received, witness interviewed the defendant and he told him he had paid two visits to the hospital and was pleased with the treatment he received there. At a later interview, witness questioned the defendant further, and he then broke down, and said he had never been to the hospital at all. He said he was very sorry, and if the committee would look over it, he would pay the money back by instalments. Witness asked him what he had done with the money, and he said he had spent it on his wife and children. Witness reported it to the Pensions Committee.

Edward Wright, collier, Ibstock, a member of the Pensions Committee, said he saw the defendant in Ibstock, when he should have been at Grantham.

Sergeant Iliffe (Ibstock), stated that when he served the defendant with the summons he cautioned him, and Wright replied, *"I thank you for the caution, sergeant, but I must plead guilty. The reason I didn't go to the hospital was because we wanted food in the house. I am sorry this has happened, but what could I do? I was only getting my pension then, but now I am getting out-of-work pay. I shall not pay a fine because of those at home, but I shall go down the line."*



Defendant: *That is if I don't have time to pay.*

*"Wasn't a job got for this man?"* asked the Chairman.

Mr Dunstan: *Yes, he has had two or three jobs, but has not kept them.*

He then added that at a meeting of the Pensions Committee on Monday night, a resolution was passed requesting the Bench to deal leniently with the prisoner on account of his injury sustained in the war.

After private deliberation, the Chairman said defendant had committed a mean and despicable offence, for which he might have been sent to prison, but taking into consideration that he had lost a leg in the service of his country, and the committee's resolution, the Bench decided to fine him 50/-. A month allowed for payment.

#### IN MEMORIAM

Bodle – In ever loving memory of my dear son, Private S. Bodle, who died of wounds received in action, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1918.

*"Somebody cried when he went away  
Somebody's kiss on his forehead lay;  
Somebody clung to his parting hand –  
It was his mother."*

*"Peace, perfect peace, in this dark world of sin.  
The blood of Jesus whispers peace within.  
It is enough, earth's struggles now have ceased.  
Jesus has called him to heaven's perfect peace."*

#### **Friday December 9<sup>th</sup> 1921 (Issue 1553)**

##### **LOCAL CHIT CHAT**

It has been decided to erect in the old cattle market at Ashby, a monument with bronze name tablets, to the memory of 130 local men who fell. About £380 has been raised, and the scheme is estimated to cost £500.

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.

Reference to war memorials prompts us to ask what about Coalville. Nothing has been heard of the Coalville memorial for months, though at a meeting held some months ago, it was stated that a sum was in hand for the purpose, and we believe a committee was appointed to go into the matter. People are saying that it is about time Coalville got a move on.

#### **Friday December 16<sup>th</sup> 1921 (Issue 1554)**

##### **COALVILLE EX-SOLDIER'S SUICIDE**

##### **DROWNED IN MANTLE LANE CLAY PIT**

##### **INQUEST**

A sad occurrence was brought to light shortly before nine o'clock on Saturday morning by the recovery from the water in Messrs. Stableford's clay pit off Mantle Lane, Coalville, of the body of Ernest Taberner, aged 32 years, son of Mr Richard Taberner, of Victoria Road. He had been missing from his home since Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> – over a week. The discovery was made by Special Constables J. Peters and T. Bourne after dragging operations had been going on for over three-quarters of an hour. Deceased had two years in the war, during which he was shot in the thigh and was discharged on account of his wounds. He went about with the aid of

a stick which was tightly clutched in his right hand when the body was recovered from the water. An inquest was held by Mr. H. J. Deane (Coroner) at the Coalville Police Station on Monday afternoon.

Percy Goacher, colliery lamp cleaner, 26, Victoria Road, Coalville, said the deceased was his brother-in-law, aged 32, and was employed as a drill grinder at Stableford's wagon works. They lived together. Deceased served two years in the army, joining in 1915, and was discharged with wounds in 1917. He seemed low spirited at times, but had nothing to trouble him to witness's knowledge. Witness last saw him alive at 9.30 am on Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>. He was then in bed. Witness took him a drink of milk and he seemed low spirited. Later, his mother advised him to get up and go to the doctor. He said it seemed as if his nerves were all gone. He was a single man and had a young lady, but there was nothing to worry him in that connection, being on good terms with his fiancé. He also had a good home and good parents and no money troubles. He had no trouble at work that witness was aware of, but he said that he was afraid of machinery. Witness had not noticed that the man's mind was going and had never heard the deceased threaten to take his life. He had been told that deceased had tried to poison himself on a previous occasion which was due to worry through overwork. Deceased was a man who said little, and if he had anything on his mind would not tell them.

Ernest Jesse Peters, foreman at Messrs. Stableford's Works, was a special constable, said he heard on Thursday that Taberner was missing. About 7.45 on Saturday morning, he and Mr. T. Bourne, another special constable, started to drag the old clay pit at Mantle Lane, and recovered the body. The bank was steep and a man could not walk down the bank into the water; he would have to jump or fall in. No one without authority had any right there. They would have to go through the gate and yard and round by the buildings for over 150 yards. Witness knew the man well. He (Taberner) was of a quiet and somewhat peculiar disposition. He was popular with his workmates, who would not be likely to chaff him at all. They found the body about 20 yards from the bank.

Albert Edward Johnson, steward at Stableford's Club, said it was about 60 yards from the canteen to the clayhole. He was on duty there on the night of the 2<sup>nd</sup> inst. and saw deceased pass, about 7pm. He shouted, asking who it was, and deceased replied, "Me." Knowing he was a workman, witness thought it was alright. They had some conversation about deceased being signed as a member of the club, and deceased said he would come down another night. Taberner went back towards Mantle Lane. Witness wondered if anything was wrong and went along the drive, but did not see him again.

The Coroner: *What aroused your suspicion?*

Witness: *I don't know, except that I had heard of him having made a previous attempt on his life.*

Furthering answering the Coroner, witness said that when he did not see deceased again, he thought he had left the premises. When he knew the man was missing, he told them of the deceased's movements on the night.

Mr. P. Hale, works manager at Messrs. Stableford's Works, said the deceased had worked for the firm since leaving school. He had kept good time, but seemed a timid sort of man. Witness recently heard that the deceased was afraid of the machinery, but on enquiry found that deceased had made no complaint. There seemed to be an opinion among the men, however, that deceased feared the machinery. They were putting in some new electric motors. Witness had given the deceased what he thought to be a congenial job. The Coroner said there was no doubt that when the deceased left Johnson, instead of going towards Mantle Lane, he went to the clayhole and got into the water. He (the Coroner) thought the circumstances pointed to the deceased not being responsible for his actions. The verdict would be that deceased died from suffocation by drowning, and that he drowned himself whilst of unsound mind.

Mr. Hale said the firm wished, through him, to express regret at the occurrence and sympathy with the relatives. He was a man as far as they knew, of excellent reputation, and a very quiet man.

The Coroner: *It is a very sad end for a man who has served his country.*

## **Friday December 23<sup>rd</sup> 1921 (Issue 1555)**

### **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 4<sup>th</sup>, and collect them on February 11<sup>th</sup>. 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 Operative 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 December 30<sup>th</sup> 1921 (Issue 1556)**