

Coalville Times - April 1914

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Local News

Coalville Motor 'Bus Service

Commenced this week

A motor 'bus service has now been inaugurated at Coalville and has created a good deal of interest. The first 'bus started running on Saturday and the second one arrived on Wednesday and the services between Coalville and the surrounding parishes, Ellistown, Bagworth, Ibstock, Whitwick etc have been well patronised. There is no doubt that the 'buses will prove a boon to the district and will supply a long felt want. For this innovation, the district is indebted to the Coalville 'Bus and Garage Co., of which Mr Aubrey T. Sharp is secretary. The company have appointed Mr C. C. Panton as manager, who informs us that the arrangements as to the daily services are not yet quite completed, but a time table is being drawn up and will be published in these columns in due course. In addition to the trips between the places named, the company are also running an early morning car to Bagworth and Ellistown for the benefit of the colliers, and a service for the Bardon and Markfield people will be included when the arrangements are completed. The two 'buses are handsome ones of the Daimler type and each has seating capacity for 28 people. They are electrically lighted, the cars making their own current, and their 40 horse power engines, being of the sleeve valve kind, with worm driving gear, ensues smooth and quiet running. Three drivers and three conductors are employed.

The garage is a commodious new building situated on the Ashby Road.

Coalville Urban District Council

Election, 1914

To the electors of the Whitwick Ward of the Coalville Urban District

Ladies and Gentlemen

On April 6th you will be called upon to elect one member to represent you upon the Urban District Council. I have had the honour of being your representative for the last four years, during which time, by regular attendance at the Council and Committee meetings I have obtained that insight and grasped the business of the Council, which it is essential a representative of your Ward should have. During this period the Council have had under consideration and carried out various schemes of extension of the Water, Sewage and Gas mains, involving the expenditure of some thousands of pounds. Notwithstanding this expenditure, by careful consideration of the finances, the General District Rate has been maintained at 4/- in the pound.

I was on the Committee appointed to consider the question of the Workmen's Wages, and on the report of this Committee, the Council unanimously agreed to a general advance to all the workmen in its employ. Of Ward improvements I have consistently kept before the Council the Pares' Hill, Church Lane, and Gasworks corner. The Church Lane improvement has been carried out, and Pares' Hill and Gasworks corner will be taken in hand in the immediate future, and will, I submit, be of material benefit to the community. In addition to these improvements one that is of a greater boon to foot passengers is the flagging of the footpaths. This question has been fully and carefully considered during my term of office, and is now in the course of being carried out, and has my full support throughout.

I have also been an Overseer of the poor for the Parish for the last seven years, and have in this office, done my utmost for the benefit of the inhabitants. In the Coalville Ward representation has been made to the Council for increasing the number of members for that Ward, the contention being that owing to its Rateable Value and the population it is entitled to such increase.

At such times as this has been before the Council I have objected to and voted against the proposal, and shall do so when it again comes up for discussion. The resolution passed at the Whitwick

Parish Meeting for an inquiry to be held for the readjustment of our boundaries will have my hearty support.

In conclusion, I can assure you that if re-elected, my utmost endeavours will be put forth for the benefit of the Whitwick Ward, as they have been for the past four years. The Polling Day is on April 6th at the National Schools, and I trust you will not fail to register your vote in my favour.

I have the honour to be, Ladies and Gentlemen. Your obedient servant.

Thomas Kelly.

Coalville Police Court

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

Expensive Forgetfulness

Arthur Barker, farmer, Whitwick, was summoned for keeping a dog without a licence. P.C. Jelley gave the facts. Mr Lancaster, for the defendant, said it was purely an oversight. He omitted to apply for an exemption. Supt. Lockton said there were two previous convictions for a similar offence. The clerk said that in that case the Bench could not fine defendant less than 25s and anything up to £5.

Fined 25s and costs 10s 6d or 14 days.

Bad Language

Walter Marriott, labourer, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick on March 21st. In his absence P.C. Jones proved the case and defendant was fined 2s 6d and 14s costs or seven days.

Roger Mould, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick on March 21st. He did not appear. P.S. Betts said the defendant used filthy language towards his wife and there was a lot of people about. Fined 2s 6d and 12s 6d costs or seven days.

Drunk and Disorderly

John Robinson, labourer, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick, on March 18th. He did not appear. P.C. Grewcock said the defendant was refused drink at a public house and he used bad language and threatened witness and Sergt. Betts.

The chairman said the defendant had many previous convictions, two this year, and he would be sentenced to one month's hard labour. Charles Bailey and Arthur Watson, colliers, Swannington, were summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick on March 20th. They did not appear. P.C. Jelley said the men were arm in arm, singing and shouting. Fined 5s 6d and 12s 6d costs or seven days.

Do You Know

That the Coalville Fire Brigade were called to a hay-stack fire at High Tor yesterday, and succeeded in saving a considerable portion of the stack?

That the sum of £3 9s 3d was realised from a house to house collection for Dr. Stephenson's Homes by the Wesleyan Sunday school teachers at Whitwick last week?

Deaths

Harris – On the 5th inst., at his residence, "Haslemere House", Cauldon Rd, Stoke-on-Trent, suddenly from pneumonia, John Harris, for upwards of 30 years, headmaster of Hanley R.C. School (and formerly of Whitwick), aged 60.

Deeply regretted by a large circle of friends. R.I.P.

Burials

Chambers – At Whitwick, on Thursday, Arthur Chambers, aged 5 months.

Children's Concert

On Saturday evening, a successful children's concert was held in the Whitwick Wesleyan School in connection with an effort by the young people on behalf of foreign missions. There was a good attendance. Miss Richardson, of Coalville, presided, and the following programme was well rendered:-

Chorus, "Song of Welcome"; recitation, "Our Baby", Gladys Holmes; Morris dance, "How d'yer do sir," six girls; duet, "In dear old Georgia," Elsie Holmes and Joe Roomes; song, "Little Cooks," seven girls; recitation, "A private matter," Connie King; Morris dance, "Bean sticking," six girls; song, "Song of the season," four boys; recitation, "My teddy-bear," Ivy Beckworth; duet, "I don't want to play in your yard," Elsie Holmes and Carrie Platts; character sketch, "Urchins we," Elsie Holmes, Joe Roomes and Willie Eagles; Morris dance, "Shepherd's hey," six girls; recitation, "On sale," Connie King; song, "The Gypsies," five girls; recitation, Patty Cook; dialogue, "Changing places," characters, by Misses Broome, Gertie Clarke and Annie Hemsley, Messrs Walter Blow, Albert Roomes and Ernest Rennocks; "God save the King."

The various items were much appreciated, and the excellence of the concert reflected great credit on the children and on Miss Belcher, by whom they were trained. Miss E. Clarke was the accompanist. About £2 was realised for the mission funds.

Accidents at Whitwick Colliery

An Arm and a Leg Broken

Two accidents have occurred at the Whitwick Colliery this week. On Tuesday morning a young miner named Courts, who lives in Albert Road, was working in No. 3 pit, when a piece of coal fell on him breaking his arm. The injured man was conveyed in the colliery trap to Dr. Jamie's surgery, where the broken limb was set, and Courts was then taken to his home.

The other accident was on Monday, occurring in a somewhat similar manner. In this case a miner named George Finney, who lives at Hugglescote, and was working in the Whitwick No. 6 pit, sustained a fractured leg.

Whitwick man in Canada

Dear Sir, I am an old subscriber to your local paper which I get most weeks, and am very interested, as I like to know how things are going on at home. Well sir, I would like to draw your attention to this emigrating business as it is a shame people should leave good work to come out here at present. There are thousands tramping the country who don't know where or how to get a bite of anything to eat and I warn anybody not to come to Canada until there is a big alteration. Canada is over-stocked with workmen, and instead of shipping men into the country they want to send a few thousands out until the country gets opened out more. The old country is far better than this to-day. Hoping these few lines will escape the waste paper basket and that you will publish them in the paper for the public to see.

Yours sincerely Herbert Yearby, alias "Sherbo."

Burmis, Ata, Via Crows Nest Pass, Canada, March 9th, 1914.

Lecture

The Rev. Father Parmentier, of Newhall, lectured at the Whitwick Holy Cross Church on Wednesday evening, on "Lourdes and recent Miracles."

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No Fire Guard

Child Burnt to Death at Whitwick

Parents Censured

An inquest was held at the Forester's Arms Inn, Whitwick, on Wednesday afternoon by Mr T. J. Webb, Deputy Coroner, touching the death of Frederick Albert Roome, aged two years, which resulted from injuries from burns sustained on Monday. Inspector Fitzsimmons of the N.S.P.C.C. was present.

The Coroner said it was a sad case, because as far as he could see it ought not to have occurred. It was a case which might have

been prevented. Three children were left in a room, the eldest of which was only five, and as there was no guard to the fire, this happened. The facts were simple.

Laura Roome, wife of Albert Roome, quarry mill man, Whitwick, said the deceased was her son, and would have been two years old next Sunday. She left home about 3 o'clock on Monday afternoon to go to the chemist. Her brother-in-law was in bed, and three children were in the living room, Stella, Mary Agnes and the deceased. There was a small fire in the room, and no fire-guard. She gave the children a box of toys to play with, and told them not to meddle with the fire, and said she would not be long. The children had never been in the habit of playing with fire. Deceased was wearing a check dress and white pinafore, with a flannel skirt and flannelette skirt underneath. Witness met Mrs Quemby and after talking to her called to see Mrs Squire, and while she was there, Mrs Quemby's little girl came and told her the boy was smoking. It was then nearly an hour since she left home. Mrs Squire's lived at the Forester's Arms, and while witness was there she had two glasses of beer.

Replying to the Coroner, witness said she could have walked to the chemists and back in half an hour.

The Coroner : And yet you take an hour talking to these two women, and drinking in a public house.

Proceeding, witness said that when she got home, the child was in Mrs Pare's house. She was there when the child died about five o'clock. Some five or six weeks ago, she and her husband talked of buying a fire-guard, but nothing was done. She was going to get one this week. Her husband was in regular work, earning 23/- to 25/- a week.

The Coroner : Then it was not because your husband could not afford a fire-guard.

Mr George West, foreman : It seems to have been overlooked altogether.

Sergeant Betts said he should like to ask whether the woman had been in the habit of leaving the children. The Coroner said that was hardly a question for the jury. It was not for them to go into

the case beyond ascertaining the cause of death, and whether by accident or not. Answering the Coroner, witness said her brother-in-law was still in bed at the time and he said he heard nothing.

Dr. J. C. Burkitt (Whitwick) said he was sent for about 3:45 on Monday afternoon and saw the deceased lying on a settle naked except for boots and stockings. There were terrible burns all over the body, from the crown of the head right down to the ankles. He saw a mark on the child's chest as if the deceased had fallen on the bar of the fire grate. It was absolutely a hopeless case from the first, the child dying within half an hour of his arrival. It was a healthy, well-nourished child above the average weight. Mrs Roome, recalled, said the child was insured.

John Burton, carter, Whitwick, said he was passing the house about 3:40, and saw the little boy all in flames. He pulled his jacket off and wrapped it round the child, and carried him into Mrs Pare's house. He told them to send for the doctor. The clothing was practically all burnt away. He pulled away what bits were left on. The Coroner said Mr Burton was to be commended for acting so promptly.

Unfortunately, it did not save the child's life, but he acted with great presence of mind, and did all he could.

P.C. Grewcock said the eldest girl, Stella, told him that Freddie went to the fire to throw some paper in. He caught fire, she opened the door, and he ran out on to the road. She went to tell her mother. The Coroner pointed out a provision in the Children's Act, making such cases punishable, though that was not a matter for the jury. At the same time the mother seemed to have been very careless and callous in the matter. She admitted having left these three little children in a room with no guard to the fire, and if the jury wished to make comment or add a rider to their verdict, they could do so.

The Foreman said the first thing was that there was no guard, and then the mother left the children unprotected for an unreasonably long time.

Mr A. West said there should be some expression of the jury's disapproval of the conduct of the mother in leaving the children as she did while she had two glasses of beer in a public house, and of the neglect of the parents in failing to provide a fireguard.

The jury agreed to this, and returned a verdict of accidental death. The Coroner said that no doubt the parents would hear of it again.

The father and mother were called into the room, and the Coroner told them of the jury's decision. They thought the conduct of the woman was very bad, and they were very much to blame for not getting a fireguard. They had not even provided a guard to that moment. He told them that their conduct constituted an offence under the Children Act, and they would probably hear of it again.

National School Report

The Rev. F. C. Stocks, Diocesan Inspector, has issued the following excellent reports on the result of his inspection of Whitwick Church Schools, on Thursday, 12th March last.

Mixed Department : "The general results here were quite excellent. The lowest division is the only one which showed any real weakness and there has been a recent change of teacher there. Apart from that, the school did as well as any which I inspected. The impression of other inspectors quite endorse this view, and I beg to congratulate the teachers most heartily."

Infants Department : "I was more than satisfied with the groups which I saw, and the other inspectors formed a very high opinion of the work. The teaching has been most reverent and most careful in every way. The way in which the Old and New Testament are connected in the lessons is admirable."

Coalville Election

Retiring Members Re-Elected

Mr Farmer takes Mr Matterson's Seat

Result of the Poll

Polling took place on Monday, for four members on the Coalville Urban District Council. It was the first contest under the new rule of annual elections and Coalville being the first of the wards

alphabetically, had two members retire, and the others one each. It will be Hugglescote's turn for two next year.

The retiring members at Coalville were:- Messrs A. Lockwood and S. P. Matterson; at Hugglescote, Mr S. Armson and at Whitwick, Mr T. Kelly, these having been the lowest of the successful candidates at the election twelve months ago.

All the retiring candidates were again nominated and in the Coalville ward there were two others, Mr J. W. Farmer, and Mr J. Goddard. At Hugglescote, there were four aspirants for the one seat, Mr Armson having as opponents, Messrs J. Cato, and J. Wollerton (who fought the last election) and D. S. Moore. The Whitwick ward had a fight between Mr T. Kelly and Mr H. T. Bastard.

Unfortunately, after the nominations had been made, and within a few days of the election, the death of Mr S. P. Matterson took place. This created a rather peculiar position in the central ward, the ballot papers having already been printed bearing Mr Matterson's name. When the returning officer (Mr T. E. Jesson) got into communication with the Local Government Board he ascertained that the position of affairs was without precedent, at least for a good number of years. An order for the printing of fresh ballot papers was obtained, and the difficulty thus overcome. Thus the number of candidates for the two seats in the central ward was reduced to three, though some people contend that in such peculiar circumstances opportunity for further nomination should be given.

All the Coalville candidates were on the warpath on Saturday night, when they made a final appeal to the electors, Mr A. Lockwood at the P.M. School, Mr John Goddard at the Unitarian Hall, and Mr J. W. Farmer at the All Saints' and National Schools. At the latter place Mr Farmer had a particularly good meeting, presided over by Mr W. Lindley, the attendance being the largest seen at any of the meetings during the election. Mr Farmer made his first appeal to the electorate as a business candidate, Mr Lockwood as the "progressive" candidate, had the support of the Liberal Party, while Mr Goddard, was the nominee of the Independent Labour Party.

No meetings were held by the Whitwick candidates, and at Hugglescote, only Mr Armson appeared before the electors, to whom he gave an account of his stewardship, in assemblies at Ellistown and Hugglescote.

The polling booths on Monday were open from 8 am to 8 pm in each of the wards. At Coalville, votes were recorded in the National School, where the presiding officers were Messrs T. E. Jesson, L. L. Baldwin, and A. L. Bertenshaw; at Hugglescote, in the National School, where Messrs A. T. Sharp and T. Grundy presided; at Ellistown, with Mr T. H. Moore as presiding officer; and at Whitwick, where Messrs J. F. Jesson and H. W. Taylor officiated.

It was roughly estimated that there are 4,300 electors in the Urban area – 1930 in the Coalville ward, 1322 at Hugglescote, and 1000 at Whitwick. Things generally were quiet, particularly at Hugglescote where many abstained from voting. In the south ward it was believed to be one of the smallest polls on record.

Immediately after the closing of the booths, the papers were conveyed to the Masonic Hall, Coalville, where the excellent arrangements enabled the returning officer and his staff to get through the counting in a little over an hour, the results being declared from the window to small groups of people below about 9:35 as follows:

Coalville Ward

LOCKWOOD 672 FARMER 638 Goddard 424

Hugglescote Ward

ARMSON 364 Moore 169 Cato 104 Wollerton 96

Whitwick Ward

KELLY 382 Bastard 278

There were two spoilt papers in the Coalville ward, one in the Whitwick ward, and nineteen in the Hugglescote ward, the large proportion of these being through electors making the mistake of voting for two, when there was only one to be elected.

While the poll at Hugglescote and Whitwick was not heavy it was well up to the Coalville ward. At the last election, Mr B. G. Hale headed the poll with 631 votes and Mr Lockwood was only then credited with 598. On this occasion, therefore, Mr Lockwood polled 74 more votes than he did twelve months ago and 41 more than the number which placed Mr Hale at the top. Mr Goddard did a little better than he did a year ago, when he polled 383 votes, this number being exceeded on Monday by 41. By a peculiar coincidence Mr Armson's 364 votes was exactly the same number as recorded for him in the last election, but both Mr Cato and Mr Wollerton did much worse, the former getting only 104 against

220 and Mr Wollerton 96 against 270. A reference to the figures will show how decisive was the victory of Mr Armson, who polled more than two to one against his nearest rival, Mr D. S. Moore. Mr Kelly had 123 more votes recorded in his favour than he did twelve months ago, when his total was 259, and he exceeded by 12 the figures (368) which placed Mr S. Perry at the top at Whitwick at the last election, while Mr Bastard also did much better, his 278 making a favourable comparison with 194.

At the conclusion of the count on Monday night, Mr Lockwood moved a vote of thanks to the returning officer and his staff for the able way they had carried out their duties. He said he was sure they had done it in a very fair manner and their best thanks were due.

Mr Kelly said he had pleasure in seconding that. He also expressed satisfaction at the way the candidates had fought the election.

Mr Armson, supporting, said he thought everything had been to the satisfaction of all concerned.

The vote was carried with acclamation.

Mr Jesson said he was much obliged to them. They had only done their duty. Practice made perfect and they were getting used to elections now. (laughter)

Coalville Urban District Council

The monthly meeting of the Coalville Urban District Council was held on Tuesday evening. Mr W. Sheffield presided, and there were also present, Messrs A. Lockwood (vice-chairman), M. McCarthy, S. Perry, T. Y. Hay, R. Blower, F. Griffin, S. Armson, B. G. Hale, W. Fellows, and T. Kelly; with the clerk (Mr T. E. Jesson); surveyor (Mr L. L. Baldwin); and assistant surveyor (Mr F. G. Hurst)

Plans

The following plans were recommended for approval : wc and coal house, Whitwick, for Mr A. Utting; main hall for the Conservative Club, Hugglescote; store room, Holly Bank, Hugglescote, for Mr W. Weston; four houses, Crescent Road, Coalville, for Messrs Clay, Marriott and Rogers; house, Bakewell Street, Coalville, for Mr G. Mander; house, Meadow Lane, Whitwick, for Mr M. McCarthy; school, Ellistown, for the County Council.

In the case of the latter plan, the committee recommended that if the school is to be used for public meetings or functions, two panic doors be constructed.

At a subsequent meeting of the Plans Committee, also the following plans were recommended for approval : House, North Street, Hugglescote, for Mr J. Locker; two houses, Crescent Road, Hugglescote, for Mr W. Geary; and extension to factory, Mantle Lane, Coalville, for Messrs Walker and Sons.

Mr Perry, who moved the adoption of the report said they had no power to alter the plans of the Ellistown School, but they suggested these emergency doors. Mr Blower said the Education Committee had decided to put these doors in and the surveyor said he had had an intimation to that effect.

Whitwick Lodgers

The surveyor reported that for the month of March, 1057 people were accommodated at the Whitwick lodging houses, against 774 last month and 928 in March last year and found satisfactory.

Replying to Mr McCarthy, the surveyor said they had commenced the sewerage in Ashby Road and the Ravenstone scheme was about to commence. That may have brought more men into the district.

The chairman : And the work of sinking the Snibston pit may bring some.

Mr Perry said the sewerage contractor had advertised for men through the labour bureau. It was decided on the motion of Mr McCarthy to take proceedings in ten cases in Ashby Road where they had refused to pay 10d each for the removal of night soil.

Mr Lockwood observed that the list of defaulters was increasing.

Mr McCarthy : That is the effect probably of the false hope extended to them by some people. (laughter).

Mr Lockwood : We will have a public enquiry on it.

Mr McCarthy : Move it along.

Appointment of Overseers

The Council appointed overseers for the three wards as follows, lists having been received from the parish meetings : Coalville, Messrs James Smith, J. R. Bennett, and Jas. Starkey; Hugglescote, F. Griffin, John Taylor, and James Taylor; Whitwick, George West, T. Kelly, and G. Musson.

In the course of the appointments Mr Lockwood raised the question whether the positions were balloted for at the parish meetings. The clerk said the parish meetings could only nominate. The Council could appoint whom they liked.

Mr McCarthy said they did it by open voting at Whitwick. They did not want to dictate to the parish meetings how the business should be done.

Coalville Police Court

To-day (Friday) Before the Rev. C. T. Moore (in the chair), Major Hatchett, Mr B. G. Hale, Mr J. W. West and Mr W. Sheffield.

Drunk and Disorderly

Charles Cooper, 28, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick, on March 27th. In his absence, P.C. Grewcock gave the facts. Fined £1 1s and costs 12/6 or 21 days' hard labour, there being several previous convictions.

John Garrity, 49, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick, on March 28th. P.S. Betts said he had to take the defendant home. Fined 10/6 and 12/6 costs or 14 days, the chairman remarking that there were several convictions in this case also.

Do you Know

That the Coalville Cup Final is to be played on the Fox and Goose ground next Tuesday afternoon?

That the sum of £126 8s 6d has been subscribed for the colliers' and quarrymen's memorial window, to be erected in the Whitwick Parish Church, the fund now being practically closed?

Sport

Football

Leicestershire Senior League

Whitwick Finish Second

Two matches in the Leicestershire Senior League completed the competition for this season, save one match, that between Coalville Town and Ibstock Albion. The two matches played on Saturday were at Whitwick and Shepshed. At the former place the Imperial had Earl Shilton Town as its visitors, and by their victory finished second to Hinckley in the chart. The Imperial got a two goals lead in the first half through W. Moore and Wright, and though they were playing several reserve men they easily held the Shiltonians in check. The latter did a little better in the second half, and managed to trouble Roadley a time or two, but though Whitwick were handicapped in having Bird off injured,

they looked like the winning team all through the match. The second half was unproductive and Whitwick won by two goals to none. Ibstock Albion were visitors to Shepshed, and the result there was a draw of one each.

Coalville and District Football League

A special meeting of the management committee of this league was held at the Red House Hotel on Monday evening. Mr John Kirby presided, and those also present were, Messrs D. Marston, A. E. Clay, R. T. Bradshaw, and C. E. Marston (hon. secretary).

The secretary produced a list of the teams which had played for Moira United, and the committee were satisfied that Markfield Swift's protest for playing ineligible men must fall through. Coleorton United were fined 1s for being three-quarters of an hour late for their match with Bagworth Town.

Whitwick Holy Cross reported Whitwick Imperial for breaking fixture on March 7th. The matter was adjourned till the next meeting on April 20th, for the attendance of the Holy Cross secretary, J. O'Mara, who, failing this appearance, to be reported to the L.F.A.

Markfield Swifts reported Ibstock Excelsior for breaking fixture on March 28th and claimed 12s for loss of "gate," 3/6 referee (Mr Frearson) , and 1/6 ground marking. The two latter items were allowed, the "gate" claim to stand over, and Ibstock were also fined 2/6.

Ibstock Excelsior were also fined 1/- for being 40 minutes late at Moira on March 14th.

Ibstock Amateurs were fined 1/- for being late for their match with Whitwick Amateurs, at Whitwick, and the referee, Mr F. V. Baum reported that the match had to be abandoned four minutes from time owing to I. Allen, an Ibstock player, refusing to leave the field when ordered to do so, through having declined to allow Whitwick to take a penalty. The match was ordered to stand. The Ibstock player will be dealt with by the L.F.A.

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Local News

Shorthand Success

Further shorthand successes in connection with the Coalville Technical School have just been notified :

Grace Weston (Hugglescote), Ada Ethel Forgham (Coalville), and Arthur Bevin (Bardon) having been awarded Pitman's second class or theory certificates, and Walter Blow, Wm. Roughton (Coalville), H. Toone (Whitwick), Ernest Layton, and Wm. Burton (Bagworth), Sidney Barnes (Thornton), James Thomas Sales (Hugglescote), and Mabel Bacon, (Ellistown) have won elementary certificates.

Do you Know?

That the Vicar of Whitwick, the Rev. T. W. Walters, was present at the Wesleyan sale of work in the parish, on Tuesday?

Burial

Jackson – At Whitwick, on Wednesday, Harold Jackson, aged 7 months, of Loughborough Road.

Sport

Football

Coalville Charity Cup

Whitwick Carry off the Trophy

Two players badly injured

Beautiful weather favoured the Coalville Cup final, played on the Fox and Goose ground on Tuesday afternoon, and the fact that two local teams, Coalville Town and Whitwick Imperial, were the combatants, made it an interesting and popular event.

There have been some big crowds on former occasions, but this was a record, there being about six thousand spectators,

representing gate money amounting to just over £80. The players were :

Coalville : Scrivens; Davis and H. Smith; J. Smith; Nicolls and Scoon; Beard, Twigg, Heward, G. Smith and Shenton.

Whitwick : Roadley; Waterfield and Cooke; Sharp, Bird and J. Moore; Wain; Methven, A. Moore, Wright, and W. Moore.

Mr A. W. Jennings, of Hinckley, had charge of the game, with Messrs A. Dexter, Shepshed, and A. E. Morris, Ellistown, on the lines.

The play throughout was of a clean and even character, Whitwick, if anything having slightly the best of matters. They crossed over leading by a goal, but were very lucky to do so, since Scrivens, who usually performs so well, should easily have stopped the shot. Methven was the scorer.

Just before the interval, there was a regrettable occurrence. Cooke (Whitwick), and Twigg (Coalville) were trying to head the ball, when their heads came together in violent contact, and both were seriously injured. Each had a nasty cut on the forehead, from which blood flowed freely, and after first aid by the ambulance men, a doctor had to be sent for. Each side played the second half with ten men.

When the second moiety was fairly well advanced, Whitwick clinched matters by scoring a further goal, which was the result of a beautiful header by Andy Moore, from a corner kick. Scrivens just reached the ball, but could not prevent its progress under the bar. Things livened up a bit when Dan Beard worked an opening and scored a beautiful goal, the Town trying hard for the equaliser, but were kept in check. Wain played a fine forward game for Whitwick, with Andy Moore, and Sharp was prominent in the half-back line. Scoon was a hard worker on the Coalville side.

The Town were beaten in a good game by two goals to one, though the accidents to Twigg and Cooke had a dampening effect. The cup and medals were presented at the close by Canon Broughton, amidst cheers. The Whitwick team and supporters

made a triumphant procession back to Whitwick headed by a band.

The "gate" amounted to £80 8s 9d of which £26 16s 3d went to the charity, and the clubs each received £24 10s, after paying expenses.

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Concert Repeated

The concert given by the children at the Whitwick Baptist Church recently, for which they were trained by Miss Maud Wheeldon, was repeated by request on Saturday night, and was much enjoyed by a good audience.

School Sermons

The Whitwick Primitive Methodist School anniversary was observed on Sunday, when appropriate sermons were preached by Mr W. H. Collett, of Birstall, to a large congregations, the chapel being crowded in the evening. The children nicely sang special hymns, conducted by Mr J. T. Ward, and the afternoon anthem by the choir was "Not unto us O Lord," and in the evening "I will praise thee, O Lord." Mrs J. B. Newbury was the organist, assisted by an orchestra. The collections for the school funds realised £20 10s, which was about the same as last year.

Whist Drive and Dance

In connection with the Whitwick Holy Cross Church, a dance and whist drive were held in the school on Monday night. About 200 were present. The MC's for the dance were Messrs J. McCarthy, J. Rewhorn, and A. Dyer, and Miss Pople provided the music. For whist, the MC's were Messrs W. J.

Cracknell and G. Greasley and for the first ladies' prize, Mrs Hull and Mrs Slattery tied with 134. On a cut, Mrs Hull won, and Mrs Slattery took second prize. Gents : 1st Mr Glennon, of Emsworth, Yorks, 136; 2nd Mr Charles, of Nottingham, 128. Refreshments were provided by a ladies' committee.

Wedding

A pretty wedding was solemnised at Whitwick Church by the Vicar on Saturday afternoon, the contracting parties being Mr Charles Henry Watson, of Paris and Coventry, third son of the late Tom and Charlotte Watson, of Leicester and Nuneaton, and Agnes, youngest daughter of Tom and Caroline Stockley, of Whitwick. The bride, who wore a pretty dress of pale silk, was given away by her brother, Mr T. Stockley. The bridesmaids, Miss Cissy Kempson, and Miss Williamson, wore dresses of white silk. Mr Tom Watson, elder brother of the bridegroom, acted as best man. After the ceremony a reception was held in the afternoon the happy couple left for London en route for Torquay, where the honeymoon will be spent. There were many presents, both handsome and useful.

Sport

Football

In the second division, Swannington Institute and Thornborough United have met twice, with no score on each occasion. The two Ibstock teams – Amateurs and Wanderers, also met without scoring on Good Friday. Peggs Green have made two big wins, 10-0 against Whitwick Amateurs and 5-0 against Ashby and a draw 2-2 with Coleorton; Swannington Robin Hood and Ravenstone United have met twice, a draw 2-2 at Swannington, and a win for Ravenstone 3-2, at Ravenstone, and Whitwick Amateurs suffered four defeats, being beaten 4-0 by Ibstock Wanderers, 3-0 by Ibstock Amateurs and 2-1 by Bagworth Town, in addition to the Peggs Green result.

Whitwick Vestry Meeting

The Vicar (the Rev. T. W. Walters) presided at the Whitwick Church Vestry meeting on Tuesday night. The Vicar stated that 280 members made their communion on Easter Sunday and he spoke encouragingly of the progress of the church work.

The people's warden, Mr S. W. West, presented the accounts showing the receipts to have been £172 6s and there was a balance of £1 after paying off a debt of £36 for the previous year. The collections for all purposes during the year were £155 19s

8d, against £136 1s 4d last year. The Sunday School accounts showed an income of £15 10s 10d and expenses £15 6s 9d, leaving 13s 1d in hand. The collections for the colliers' and quarrymen's memorial window fund now stood at £126 11s, having been completed in two years. The children's window, put in last November was carried to success in 18 months, costing £32. Upwards of £300 had been raised during the year.

The accounts were unanimously passed.

Votes of thanks to the Church Wardens and other workers were unanimously passed and the wardens, Messrs J. P. Roulston (vicar's) and S. W. West (parish) were both re-elected. The sidesmith were re-elected and a church council was also elected and is to meet shortly to discuss the new scheme of church finance. A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded a successful meeting.

Socials

A tea and social were held at the Whitwick Baptist School on Wednesday under the auspices of the Christian Endeavour Society. Also on Wednesday, a social was held at the Church school, the proceeds being for the churchyard renovation fund.

Sale of Work

A sale of work was held at the Whitwick Wesleyan School on Tuesday afternoon in aid of the chapel renovation fund, the opening ceremony being performed by Mrs Chandler, of Leicester, formerly of

Whitwick. The Rev. F. H. H. Labbett presided and in opening referred to the necessity of renovating the premises.

Mrs Chandler spoke of her early associations with the Wesleyan Church, and school, at Whitwick. She wished the sale success and had much pleasure in declaring it open. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded her on the motion of Mr A. West, seconded by Mr S. Berrington.

The stall holders and helpers were:

Work-stall, Mrs W. Stinson, snr, Mrs J. Stinson and Mrs A. West; fancy-stall, Mrs J. H. Stinson, Mrs E. Stinson, and Miss Charity

West; refreshment stall, Mrs W. Stinson, jnr, and Mrs Perry; china stall, Mr J. W. Eagles and Mr A. B. Eagles; pound stall, Mr John Stinson, jnr, and others; chocolate stall, Misses M and D. Stinson; tea department, managed by Mrs Belcher and others; bran tub, Miss E. Clarke and others; and electric battery, Mr J. Toon.

There were half-hour concerts, including items by the New Swannington Glee Party, and hat-trimming competitions for men. Miss Stinson acted as secretary for the event, and Mr Wm. Jarvis was treasurer. The sum of £37 was realised. There was a good number of visitors during the afternoon, including the vicar who was cordially welcomed.

Ashby Police Court

Saturday – Before Mr George Moore (in the chair), Major Hatchett, Mr J. E. Hassall, Mr G. D. Orchard and Mr J. G. Shields.

Expensive Obstinacy

Geo. Limb (24) and Alfred Limb (28), colliers, Whitwick, were summoned by the Ashby Guardians for neglecting to pay arrears due in respect of the maintenance of their father, Isaac Limb. It was stated that Geo. Limb owed 9s 9d and Alf. Limb owed 8s 3d.

The clerk asked whether they were willing to pay without the case going on, which would save them about 6s in costs. Defendants did not reply, and Mr J. W. Bowley, relieving officer gave the facts. Defendants were ordered to pay the amounts due and 10s 6d costs each.

The clerk (to the defendants) : It has cost you 10s 6d each extra for refusing to pay 9s 9d.

Shop to Let

Pares Hill, Whitwick. Immediate possession may be had. For particulars of rent, etc. apply Mrs Benson, Pares Hill, Whitwick.

To be Sold or Let

Small farm and house in Cademan Street, Whitwick. Inquire Wm. Webster, Tower House

Dance

A dance was held in the Holy Cross School on Wednesday evening for the benefit of Mr J. W. Orton. Messrs J. Rewhorn and G. Waterfield were the MC's.

Do you Know?

That Sunday was the sixteenth anniversary of the Whitwick Colliery disaster?

That the new order of the Local Government Board, the title "Workhouse" has to be abolished and "Institution" substituted?

Valuable Freehold Property

To be sold at Auction by Orchard and Joyce

At the "Three Crowns" Hotel, Whitwick, on Thursday May 7th, 1914, at 6 for 7 o'clock in the evening precisely, subject to Conditions of Sale to be then produced :

All those two new newly and substantially brick-built semi-detached messuages situate in Church Lane, Whitwick, aforesaid, in the relative occupations of Messrs Laban Johnson and James Stanyard, at the weekly rental of 6/- each. Each messuage has a passaged entrance, with bay-windowed front room, living room, kitchen and scullery, three bedrooms, coal-house, w.c., and productive garden. The messuages stand back from the road, have separate, well-paved entrances and yards, and supplied with the town water. The property occupies a capital situation, is in excellent condition, and comprise an total area of 560 square yards or thereabouts.

To view, apply on the premises; and for further information to Mr W. L. Moss, Belvoir Road, Coalville; the auctioneers, Ashby-de-la-Zouch; or Messrs Sharp and Lancaster, Solicitors, Coalville and Loughborough.

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All those two well-built messuages, situate in Brooks Lane, Whitwick, numbered 21 and 23, and known as "Marguerite Cottage" and "Grace Cottage," now in the respective occupations of Messrs H. Robinson and W. Carrington, together with the outbuildings and large gardens belonging thereto. The property comprises an area of 1,000 square yards or thereabouts and has a frontage of 90ft to the road, part being suitable for building purposes. Gross yearly rental of £27 15s 0d.

To view, apply to the tenants, and for further information to the Auctioneers, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Coalville and Hinckley; or Messrs Moss and Taylor, Solicitors, Loughborough.

Also at the same time and place as above

By order of Mrs Thirlby.

Two brick and slated messuages, situate in The Hockley, Cademan Street, Whitwick, occupied by Messrs King and Harley. Gross yearly rental, £16 18s. Solicitors Messrs Dewes and Musson, Ashby-de-la-Zouch and Swadlincote.

By order of Messrs Bindley and Co.

The dwelling house, formerly "The Royal George Inn", with yard, garden, and outbuildings, situate in North Street, Whitwick. Solicitors Messrs Fisher, Jesson and Co. Ashby-de-la-Zouch and Coalville.

Two cottages with gardens and outbuildings situate in Leicester Road, Whitwick, adjoining the Forest Rock Hotel. Solicitors Messrs Fisher, Jesson and Co. Ashby-de-la-Zouch and Coalville.

(The above two adverts also ran again in the May 1st edition prior to the auction on Thursday 7th May.)

Charnwood Forest – For Sale

By order of the executor of the late Rev. S. A. Pleyan, Bungalow, near Mount St. Bernard's Abbey, containing five rooms, and out

buildings, good garden. Immediate possession. Best offer – Thomas I. McCarthy, Architect, Coalville.

Coalville Police Court

To-day (Friday) – Before the Rev. C. T. Moore (in the chair), Major Hatchett, Dr. Burkitt, Mr H. J. Ford, and Mr B. G. Hale.

Sequel to Whitwick Fatality

Albert Roome, 26, quarryman, and Clara Roome, 28, his wife, both of Whitwick, were summoned for allowing a child to be in a room containing an open firegrate, and not providing a fire-guard at Whitwick, on April 6th.

Defendants pleaded not guilty.

Mr Lancaster (Messrs Sharp and Lancaster) said the prosecution was by the N.S.P.C.C. and arose out of the death of the defendant's child while the mother was out for an hour, stopping at a public house. The jury at the inquest expressed disapproval of the conduct of the defendants in not providing a fire-guard, and of the mother in leaving the children so long.

Mr T. J. Webb, deputy Coroner, bore this out, and read the depositions taken at the inquest. Defendants both said they were very sorry. The male defendant said his parents never had a guard. He had bought one now.

The defendant's were each fined £1/1/0 inclusive or seven days. The chairman said the Bench had been lenient, but as it was a very serious offence, they wished it to be known that any similar case in future would be severely dealt with. They wished it to be known throughout the district that fire-guards must be provided to protect children.

N.S.P.C.C. Prosecution

James Armstead, 33, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for cruelty to his children at Whitwick, on April 9th.

Defendant pleaded not guilty.

Mr Lancaster (of Messrs Sharp and Lancaster) prosecuting for the N.S.P.C.C., said the case was entirely through the lazy habits of the defendant who refused to work to support the children. Inspector Fitzsimmons, of the R.S.P.C.C., stationed at Loughborough, said he visited the house of defendant in October 4th last year, defendant then residing at Griffydam. The house was clean, and the children were clean, but their clothing and boots were scanty. The defendant was in prison at that time, and the woman was receiving parish pay. He spoke as to subsequent visits, defendant in the meantime moving to 81, Albert Road, Coalville. In March last, he found the children in a neglected state. The girl's head was very bad, and witness had to get the mother to cut the child's hair off. The girl, Sarah, was nine years of age. Her head was covered with sores and she had little clothing. The other children were, Doris, aged 8, Frank, aged 5, Walter, aged 4, and Florence 1 1/2, the present youngest child not then being born. Except Florence, the children were dirty, and poorly clad. The defendant subsequently moved to Whitwick, where the sixth child was born. There was no improvement. Defendant's excuse for not going to work was that his wife was ill, and he could not afford to have anyone in the house. On one visit, witness found the man in bed at mid-day, and he admitted to witness not having been to work for three weeks. He said he would go that night. The children were fairly well-nourished.

Phoebe Armstead, defendant's wife was then called, and the clerk asked defendant whether he objected to her giving evidence.

Defendant : She can please herself.

The clerk asked the woman if she wanted to give evidence against her husband. Witness said defendant had promised her he would go to work. It was decided not to call the woman.

P.C. Grewcock deposed to the woman sending for him. She said she wanted to see him about her scamp of a husband. He would not go to work, and it was awful to hear the children crying for food. She added, "I am getting desperate, and something will have to be done." Witness asked the man what he had to say for himself, and he said he would go to work. He could earn good money if he liked. Defendant had since told him he was ill suffering from boils, and was unable to work. Witness told him that if he had gone to work before, he could now have gone to

the doctor, and drawn 10/- a week under Lloyd George. (Laughter).

Dr. Burkitt deposed to examining the children. The eldest girl's head showed a verminous condition of long standing. The clothing was scanty. The other children were fairly well nourished, but the clothing, except of Florence, was poor. The house was dirty and poorly furnished.

Proceeding, the doctor said there was only one blanket over the bed the children slept in. The condition was such as to be likely to prejudice the health of the children. Replying to the Bench, as to whether he considered the man fit to work, the doctor replied that he had not examined him.

Defendant was sent to prison for one month with hard labour. On the application of Mr Lancaster, the Society's costs were remitted.

Sport

Leicestershire Senior League

Two matches for the Leicestershire Senior League medals were played on Saturday, the home team winning in each case. Shepshed Albion defeated Loughborough Corinthians by the odd goal of three and Ibstock Albion won 3-1 against Whitwick Imperial.

Ibstock Albions V Whitwick Imperial

The above match took place on Saturday, at Ibstock, in bright sunshine, and there was a good "gate." The Albion won the toss and had a slight advantage with the breeze behind them. Cross was soon to the fore with a score in Ibstock's favour in less than a minute from the start. Both sides put some mettle into the game as the result, and play continued brisk and even, for a time. Eventually, the home team pressed hard, and after an unsuccessful corner, Starkey landed the ball home, and made number 2 for the Albion. Another attempt at a goal saw the ball fly over the bar, and the interval score stood : Ibstock 2; Whitwick 0.

Resuming, the game proceeded steadily for a time, until Whitwick, by a neat bit of passing, and combined efforts, broke through a stout defence, and netted. Ibstock followed later with a score through Price, and there was little doing after this, the warm weather taking it out of both sides.

Result : Ibstock Albion 3 goals; Whitwick Imperial 1.