

Coalville Times – April 1916

Friday April 7th 1916 (Issue 1257)

Local News

To Let

“Duke of Newcastle” Hotel, and some grass land, Whitwick. – Apply, Michael McCarthy, estate agent, New Swannington, Whitwick, Leicester.

Coalville Tribunal

A meeting of the Coalville Urban District Tribunal was held in the Council Chamber on Monday night. Mr T. Y. Hay presided and there were also present Messrs. B. G. Hale, A. Lockwood, B. B. Drewett, M. McCarthy, C. W. Brown, T. F. Fox and J. W. Fisher, with Mr G. J. German (military representative), Captain Stevenson, and the clerk, (Mr J. F. Jesson).

The clerk reported the resignation from the Tribunal of Mr Levi Lovett, which was accepted with regret, and it was stated that it would be reported to the Urban Council to fill the vacancy.

The Star Tea Co. applied for the total exemption of the manager of their Whitwick branch shop. A representative of the firm said this man was the only one employed at this shop. They gave every encouragement to their employees to enlist on the outbreak of war and over 600 were now serving with the forces. The man applied for was 26 years of age, and had been with the store since leaving school. Mr German remarked that the military authorities were wanting men very badly. Two months allowed.

Mr G. F. Burton, baker and confectioner, Whitwick, applied for his man, Wm. Bland, aged 26 and married, with one child. Mr Burton said he depended on this man to do the baking and through being short-handed he had already had to give up part of his trade – making pies, sausages, etc. Two months allowed.

Messrs. Seal and Co., of the Whitwick elastic web factory, applied for the total exemption of a loom-overlocker, aged 25, married, of New Swannington. A representative of the firm said they had a large export trade which they would lose if this man went, and a number of girls would be idle. They employed 120 hands, who depended on four men to alter and repair the looms. He was only appealing for this man as the others had not attested. He was a very good man, and applicant would be sorry to lose him. One man left them last week, making seven in all. Two months allowed.

Nine men were applied for by the Coalville Co-Operative Society. The first was Eustace H. Kebbler, manager of the Hugglescote butchery branch. Mr A. Lockwood (manager) said they were only appealing for departmental managers. Two had gone from the butchery this week and they were not appealed for. Kebbler was supplying 368 customers per week. He produced a roll of honour showing that 41 employees of the stores were serving in the

forces and the society was paying 7/6 a week in each case to the dependants of those married. There were other butchery managers applied for – G. R. Cockerill, Bagworth branch, who was supplying over 300 customers per week; Archie Barker, Whitwick branch, 244 customers; and Walter Thornley, Ibstock branch, 368 customers. All the men were engaged in slaughtering in the early part of the week. They killed 9 beasts, 14 sheep and 20 pigs weekly.

The Chairman: More pigs than sheep.

Mr Lockwood: Yes. The people in this district are very fond of pork. (Laughter).

Mr German asked if a man or two could not be spared if the work was rearranged and the shops open, say one day less per week. Mr Lockwood was a member of the Tribunal and knew that men were wanted badly. Mr Lockwood said none of these men could really be spared. It was a regular trade. He pointed out that 41 employees had already gone. Three months were allowed in each of these cases.

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

Will and Roze are appearing here this week in their novel comedy pot pourri act, "Le Café Magique". This is a top-hole 'turn' which has been most enthusiastically received, and highly spoken of by good audiences. It must be seen during the week-end. The 'show' is most enjoyable. – "Exploits of Elaine" No. 16 was good, and the other films shown also were good. – For the week-end "The Toll of the Sea" is a good picture, synopsis of which we gave last week. Others are good. – Next week there is another good list, including "In Wolf's Clothing." Carter Gordon desires to marry Daisy Brooks for her money. Gordon learns that Daisy's father has just placed a valuable package of securities in the safe, and attempts to steal it. He is discovered by the father and Dick Worth, who also loves the girl. The shock kills the old man, and Dick remains silent. But the scoundrel's despicable nature is discovered whom he is led to believe Daisy penniless on their wedding day, and Daisy, realising his base character, breaks off the engagement and attains true happiness as Dick's wife. – Further particulars, see advertisement.

Friday April 14th 1916 (Issue 1258)

Local News

Absentee

Before Mr B. G. Hale, at the Coalville Police Court on Thursday, Pte. John Kinton, of the Leicestershire Regiment, who had been apprehended by P.C. Grewcock at Whitwick, was charged with being an absentee from his regiment at Bulwell since April 2nd. He was remanded to await a military escort.

"Our Day"

The arrangements for "Our Day" at Whitwick, on Saturday, in aid of the Leicestershire Nursing Association were undertaken by Mrs Geo. F. Burton and Miss M. Burkitt, who

were assisted by the following ladies in the sale of badges: Miss A. Roulston, Misses Allgood, Burkitt, Breslin (2), Robinson (2), Needham, Rawson, and West. They did very well, the amount realised being £5/16/-.

V.T.C.

There was a gala night at the headquarters on Tuesday night. Mr Packer (secretary to the L.V.R.) paid a visit, accompanied by a representative of Sherwin Wells, contractor to the Leicester Citizens' Training League for Uniforms. Twenty men were measured for new uniforms, which they hope to appear in the coming field day on Easter Monday. Mr Packer, on leaving, complimented the Corps on their good muster and on the enthusiasm they had shown. He ended by saying that he hoped Coalville and Hugglescote would follow suit.

Coalville Police Court

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

Good Friday Pictures

Mr Kelly, manager of the Whitwick Picture House, applied for permission to show suitable pictures on Good Friday. Superintendent Lockton said a similar thing had been granted before, and the place was always well-conducted. The people were better there than walking about the streets. The application was granted.

More "Light" Offences

The first was Frederick Perry, collier, of Whitwick, for whom Mr J. J. Sharp (Sharp and Lancaster, Coalville and Loughborough), appeared and pleaded not guilty. P.C. Jelley said there was no blind at all at the window, which showed a bright light towards the road. He had cautioned the defendant previously about the lights from the fish shop. By Mr Sharp, "The defendant may have purchased a new blind a few days before, but it was not up."

P.C. Grewcock said he saw the light. He also had previously cautioned the defendant's wife. Mr Sharp said the light was only seen while the blind was changed. Defendant's wife bore this out on oath, and in reply to Supt. Lockton, she admitted that the police had cautioned her twice. Nora Perry, defendant's daughter, deposed to taking home a new green blind from Mr Bourne's where she was employed. A fine of 10/- , or seven days was imposed.

Arthur Bishop, grocer, Whitwick, pleaded guilty. P.C. Grewcock, said the blind did not fit by three or four inches and the light was not shaded. Defendant had previously been cautioned. Defendant said it was hard lines to be summoned when his lads had all gone. Fined 10/- or seven days.

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

The Boldens top the "bill" here this week in a Western musical act, "A Camp by Night," a distinct novelty, and a very refined "show" which has had a grand reception. There are

some fine instrumental selections, singing and dancing, and all through the "turn" is very entertaining and must not be missed during the week-end. "Exploits of Elaine" No. 16, was another good part, and the other pictures shown were much enjoyed. – For the week-end "In Wolf's Clothing" is a good film. Carter Gordon desires to marry Daisy Brooks for her money. Gordon learns that Daisy's father has just placed a valuable package of securities in the safe, and attempts to steal it. He is discovered by the father and Dick Worth, who also loves the girl. The shock kills the old man, and Dick remains silent. But the scoundrel's despicable nature is discovered whom he is led to believe Daisy penniless on their wedding day, and Daisy, realising his base character, breaks off the engagement and attains true happiness as Dick's wife. – Others are good. – Next week, No. 17 of "Exploits of Elaine," and "God's Witness" a powerful drama in four reels, full of beautiful human touches, and produced in the very best Thanhouser style, featuring Miss Florence Badie, the heroine of the "The Million Dollar Mystery." The story is great, and we recommend patrons not to miss it. – For full particulars see advertisement columns.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Burials

Smith – At Whitwick, on Monday, Ernest Smith, aged 5 years, of Brook's Lane.

Friday April 21st 1916 (Issue 1259)

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Mr Robert Sharp, of Whitwick, has collected eggs for the wounded soldiers at Leicester, as follows: Miss Bell, 20 eggs; Miss Green 18; Miss Stinson 12; Mrs A. James 12; Mr A. Bull 7; Mrs W. D. McCarthy 10; Mr R. Sharp 12; Mr L. P. McCarthy 7; Mrs W. Bowley 7; Mrs E. Adkin 7.

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Mr Drewett said Friday night was inconvenient for him and one or two others. The clerk said that the meeting was altered to Friday to suit the military authorities. No doubt it could be put back to Monday.

Joseph Berrington, of Spring Hill Farm, Whitwick, applied for his waggoner, aged 29. He said he was behind with his ploughing and sowing, and Corbett was the only man of any use to him on his farm of 105 acres. A temporary certificate for six months was granted.

An application was made by the secretary of the Whitwick District Manchester Unity of Oddfellows on behalf of Herbert Brewin, aged 33, of Swannington. It was stated that Brewin was confidential clerk at Whitwick Colliery and was previously appealed for by Mr Walter Lindley, secretary to the Colliery Co. He was then put back to a later group. The applicant stated that Brewin carried out the secretarial work for the Oddfellows' district in

connection with State Insurance. They had 1809 voluntary members in the Whitwick district and 1520 in the State Insurance department and during 1915 they paid out £1,900. In his letter to the Tribunal, Brewin said he was getting married next week. Mr Lindley had told him that he had advertised in four papers for a successor, but in vain. Two months' allowed.

Two joiners and contractors, in partnership, Jos. S. Dodd, of Whitwick, aged 33, and Thos. C. Goddard, of Hugglescote, aged 32, both single, applied for exemption, their previous period of grace having expired. Dodd said he also assisted his mother and father, aged 74 and 73, in a newsagent's business which they had carried on for 46 years. He had a brother in the army. Goddard said he applied on business grounds. They were working on two houses now and would finish in about six weeks. This period of exemption was suggested. Mr German asked whether it was not a serious matter to give two single young men in a small way of business six weeks, which would defer their training, when men were badly wanted. It was agreed to allow one month, to be final in each case.

Harry Johnson, fruit and vegetable merchant, of Ellistown, aged 25 and married, was allowed two months: Frank Harris, farmer, of Hugglescote Grange, six months; and Wm. B. Neath, butcher, Whitwick, six months.

Successful Appeals

Against Coalville Tribunal's Decision

The County Appeal Tribunal of Leicestershire met at the Castle, Leicester, on Saturday, under the presidency of Mr T. Cope, J.P. There were also present: His Honour Judge Moore Cann, Messrs. L. T. Topham, G. Murray Smith, B. H. C. Fox, W. W. Coltman, J. Longwill, A. E. Hawley, J. Plant, G. J. Brooks, and C. J. Bailey. Major Wellman was the military representative, and Mr M. C. L. Freer (clerk).

The manager and chief partner in a Whitwick clothing and drapery business, attending under an appeal remitted from the Central Tribunal, said £1,000 or £1,700 worth of stock would be involved by his absence. The business would have to close down, and applicant's mother would be impoverished. By the decision of the Coalville Tribunal he had been put back six groups. Mr Crane, solicitor, of Coalville, who appeared for applicant, submitted that the case should be dealt with at Coalville, but the Court decided to proceed with it. Applicant had two brothers in the army. Exemption was granted, conditional on his remaining in the same occupation.

Whitwick Nursing Association

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Whitwick and Thringstone Nursing Association was held in the Whitwick Church Schools on Monday evening, the Rev. T. W. Walters (vicar) presiding over a moderate attendance. The Right Hon. Charles Booth wrote regretting inability to be present, owing to stress of work in London.

Miss Harding, (hon. secretary) read the committee's 17th annual report as follows:

“During the year ending December 31st, 1915, the work of the Association has been very satisfactory, the nurse having paid 3,125 visits. The committee heartily thank all those who have subscribed to the Association. The splendid donation received from the Coalville and District Parade and Gala Committee has been a very great help and also the one received from the Coalville and District Charity Football Association. Special thanks are due to both these organisations. The district collectors again deserve the grateful thanks for the help they so willingly give.”

The balance sheet showed total receipts, £129/17/3 which included a balance from the previous year of £38/18/8, subscriptions paid to secretary £54/0/1, Whitwick district collection £25/1/-, Thringstone collection £4/19/6, and paid to Nurse Lilley £6/9/-. After meeting the expenses there was a balance in hand of £30/11/1. The report and balance sheet were adopted and on the motion of Mr S. W. West a vote of thanks was heartily accorded Miss Harding for her excellent services as secretary.

Mr H. T. Bastard proposed a vote of thanks to the district collectors, which was also carried with acclamation. The Right Hon. Charles Booth was re-elected president, and Miss Harding was re-elected hon. secretary. The following were also re-elected on the committee: The Rev. T. W. Walters, the Rev. M. J. O’Reilly, Messrs. H. T. Bastard, T. W. Bourne, W. Waldram, J. Ward, A. West and Dr. Burkitt.

A vote of thanks to the chairman, proposed by the Rev. M. J. O’Reilly terminated a brief meeting.

Ashby Police Court

Saturday – Before Mr J. German (in the chair), Mr J. Turner, Mr J. Ward and Mr Geo. Brown.

Transfers

The following transfers of licences were made: The Lamb Inn, Ashby, to Wm. Ball, from John Smith Plant; Prince of Wales Inn, Whitwick, to George Cook from Thos. Irons; and Blacksmith’s Arms, Coleorton, to John Ward, from Henry Ward.

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

“Exploits of Elaine” No. 17 was another enjoyable part of this excellent serial picture, and it has been well received by the usual good audiences. “Masks and Faces” too, was a good A.B. two-part drama – For the week-end, “God’s Witness” is the star film. This is a good one and must not be missed. Ella Darington, the only child of General Darington had eloped with her music master, and instead of receiving the forgiveness expected from her father, she is disowned by him. General Darington, a typical Southern gentleman, keeps his word, and for the rest of his life refuses to make peace with his girl, who had dealt such a blow to his pride. Twenty years pass, but the old chap is still one of the same mind. – Ella is a widow with a son and a daughter. The old man is found dead, and suspicion fastens on his granddaughter, who is, however, innocent, and in the end all is rectified and

the trio go back to the old home again. – It must not be missed. Others are also good. –
Next week's list, see advertisement columns.

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