

Coalville Times – February 1914

Friday February 5th 1915 (Issue 1196)

Local News

A post card from the Rev. H. K. Bros, intimating that the Rev. T. W. Walters, vicar of Whitwick, will preach at St. Peter's Church, Copt Oak, on Sunday evening next, at 6.30, reached us too late to be included in our "Preacher's Column".

Splendid assistance has been rendered to the Coalville Soldiers' Comforts Guild by a cripple. People whose business takes them in the direction of Whitwick Colliery are familiar with the figure of Charles Bradford, who is often to be seen lying in his bed carriage outside the residence of his father, Mr Charles Bradford, who keeps a small shop at the corner of Hermitage Road and Mammoth Street and works as a miner at the South Leicester Colliery. Young Bradford's is a sad case. He is only 25 years of age, but about nine years ago, when he was at work in the pit he met with an accident causing injury to his spine. He has never walked since and is not likely to, being regarded as a cripple for life. Lying in his carriage since the ladies of the Guild got to work, he has knitted four large mufflers, two body belts and four pairs of mittens, using up 70 ounces of wool.

Citizens' Church Parade

The members of Whitwick and Thringstone Citizens' Defence Corps paraded on Sunday and marched to Thringstone Church, headed by the Holy Cross Band. An appropriate sermon was preached by the Vicar, the Rev. C. Shrewsbury.

Do You Know

That Surgeon-Major Burkitt visited Whitwick on short leave last week and returned to France on Friday?

That on a roll of honour at the Whitwick Holy Cross School, there are already the names of about 50 old boys serving with the forces?

That a whist drive and dance is to be held in the Holy Cross Schools, Whitwick, on Feb. 10th in aid of the Leicester Infirmary?

Coalville Urban District Council

Mr R. Blower, J.P., presided at the monthly meeting of the Urban Council on Tuesday night, when there were also present, Messrs. T. Y. Hay (vice-chairman), M. McCarthy, S. Perry, A. Lockwood, W. Sheffield, F. Griffin, J. W. Farmer, B. G. Hale, T. Kelly, W. Fellows, with the clerk (Mr F. Jesson), surveyor (Mr L. L. Baldwin), assistant surveyor (Mr G. F. Hurst) and gas works manager (Mr J. W. Eagles).

Highways Committee Report

Mr Kelly said nothing had been done to improve the footpath in North Street and Talbot Street, Whitwick, which he had mentioned at the last two meetings. It was ankle deep and scandalous. It was a waste of time to keep bringing reports if nothing was done and they might as well stop away. The surveyor said that the day after Mr Kelly made the complaint, he went over the path and for the kind of path in wet weather it was not bad. He thought Mr Kelly referred to the places where the channel had been taken up and pools of water lay and these had been filled up. As an improvement was to be carried out they did not want to incur a lot of expense. Mr Kelly said he went along the path on Sunday night and it was up to the ankles in North Street, opposite Stinson's. Mr Hay said the flagging might be done in front of Mr Burton's property. The surveyor said the whole thing would be done as soon as the question of Mr Stinson's fence was settled. Mr McCarthy said the fencing was on order. The chairman said the surveyor would attend to it as soon as possible.

Medical Officer's Report

The medical officer (Dr. R. W. Jamie) reported that during the month of January, three cases of scarletina were notified. One in Oxford Street, one in Albert Street, Coalville and one in North Street, Hugglescote. Five cases of diphtheria were reported, two in Leicester Road, one in North Street and one in Green Lane, Whitwick, and one in Club Row, Coalville. Two cases of phthisis were also notified, one in London Road, and one at the dispensary, Bakewell Street. There was a satisfactory decline in the number of cases of both scarletina and diphtheria. Influenza had been fairly prevalent and two deaths had been attributed to this cause. During January, 25 deaths occurred, giving a death-rate of 16 per 1,000. These included two from bronchitis and three from pneumonia. During the same period 51 births were registered, giving a birth-rate of 34 per 1,000.

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

The above theatre is being well patronised again this week, and a new departure is introduced, which is much appreciated, viz., two excellent "turns" in addition to a splendid lot of films. The star picture for the first half week was "The Lost Mail Sack," a good Kalem. Morrison, a postmaster, has been systematically robbing the mail sack, one day the sack is stolen by two tramps, and its disappearance benefits the postmaster. The detectives are soon on the track, but arrest the wrong man, but by chance they bring Morrison to bay, and he gets his deserts. "Four Minutes Late," was a good Selig; and "Where Mountains Meet," was a good human story.

The "turns" are Wal and Ross, the famous comedy and harmony two who have had a fine reception. The songs and patter are very smart and witty, causing much laughter. Cissie Neville, the dainty comedienne, also is good, her songs being catchy. She has been well received for her numbers. Patrons should see the above this weekend.

In addition to the above, the films to be seen for the weekend are: Star, "The Ticket of Leave Man," one of the most famous melodramas, and is a good story showing the various perils which beset a young man in London. Patrons should see this. "White Lies," a drama by S and A; "Laughing Gas," a good Keystone; and many others which must be seen. Next week another good "turn" and some fine pictures.

Sport

Football

Coalville Swifts in Form

A Surprise for Whitwick

The meeting of Coalville Swifts and Whitwick Imperial in the Leicestershire Medal Competition on the Fox and Goose ground on Saturday proved to be a very interesting fixture, doubtless due to the fact that both teams are semi-finalists for the Coalville Cup, and there was a capital attendance.

In view of the heavy defeat of the Swifts at Whitwick the week before, and also the excellent record of the Imperial – whose only defeat of the season had been by the Town at Coalville – the Whitwick men were regarded as strong favourites, but there was a surprise in store for them and their supporters.

The Swifts had a stronger side and played a much better game. The players were, Nicholls; Underwood and Bott; Staley, Middleton and Bradshaw; Starkey, Lees, Price C. Price and Kirkland. Whitwick: Roadley; Waterfield and Cooke; Bird, Lockwood and J. Moore; M. Bird, Layton, Thorp, Dexter and Roach.

It will be observed that there were two new men in the Swifts' forward line – Price (centre) who formerly played for Loughborough and Hinckley, and Kirkland (outside left), who hailed from Barlestone. The Swifts are evidently building up their team in view of the coming cup struggle and on Saturday's form they have a very useful side, which will take a good deal of ousting.

The match on Saturday had a sensational opening inasmuch as after Lees and Roach had scored for their respective sides, the Swifts long before the interval arrived, had put on three more, Lees doing the needful again as well as the two Prices. Thus on crossing over they had the substantial lead of four goals to one.

As matters turned out, this was the extent of the scoring and the Swifts gained a splendid victory and no one could dispute that they thoroughly deserved it. A tremendous difference was made to the defence by Martin Bott, who was out the week before. He repeatedly checked the Whitwick onslaughts and kicked splendidly all through, as indeed did Underwood. Starkey was in fine form at outside right and Bradshaw, perhaps the pick of the halves, though Staley was often prominent.

Whitwick had more of the play in their favour than the score would indicate, but their shooting and the crossing of the outside men was often at fault. The backs, too, were hardly as reliable as we have seen them sometimes. At the same time play was keen and the match was brimful of incident. Interest in local football has naturally fallen off in view of the war, and for the most part the matches have become somewhat tame, but Saturday's game was quite like old times.

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Local News

Whist Drive and Dance

About 250 people were present at the annual dance and whist drive held in the Holy Cross School on Wednesday night in aid of the Leicester Royal Infirmary. The M.C.'s for the whist were Messrs. G. Greasley and W. J. Cracknall and the following were the winners:

Ladies – 1 Mrs Haywood; 2 Mrs Abell, who won on a cut with Mrs Howe, the latter being third.
Gents – 1 Mr Partridge; 2 Mr W. Musson; 3 Mr T. Morgan.

Messrs. W. Matterson, T. W. Gray (Coalville) and L. P. McCarthy were the M.C.'s for the dance, the music for which was supplied by Mr and Miss Popple. A ladies' committee looked after the refreshment department. Last year the event realised over £22 for the Infirmary, but owing to the many calls on the people through the war it was on a much smaller scale this time, though it is hoped to realise about £10.

Church Sale of Work at Whitwick

Opened by Mrs Booth

In connection with the Whitwick Church Girl's Guild a sale of work and social were held in the school on Wednesday and was well attended. In the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, who was indisposed, Mr S. W. West (Churchwarden) presided and explained that the sale was to have been held in September, but was postponed on account of the war. The object was to repay the Vicar a loan he had advanced in connection with the purchase of a piano, any balance to be donated towards the Churchyard improvement fund.

Mrs Booth, who was well received, spoke of the excellent services being rendered by women in connection with the war both in hospital and in making comforts for the soldiers and while that should claim their first attention just now, they had to keep their home institutions going and she congratulated the girls on the excellent preparations made for the sale which she was pleased to support. (Cheers). She then declared the sale open. Mrs Sharp, proposing a vote of thanks, said they were always pleased to see Mrs Booth whose worth they gladly recognised. Continuing, Mrs Sharp said she had been a president of the Guild for six or seven years and was proud of the girls, who always worked for the good of the church and parish in a splendid manner. She referred especially to Miss Adams to whose organisation the success of that event was largely due, she (the president) having been busy in matters connected with the war. When they realised that half the civilised world was at war, and most of them had relations in it, they would see that they had to make sacrifices, but she agreed that while doing all they could in that respect, it was their duty to pay their debts and keep things going at home. (Cheers)

Mrs Walters seconded the vote of thanks, which was heartily accorded. The following were the stallholders:

Fancy Stall, Misses Holt, Adams and West.
Plain Stall, Misses Rawson, Neath and Haywood.
China Stall, Misses Cresswell and Moore.

Refreshment Stall, Mesdames Adams, C. Pegg and Haynes
Toy Stall, Misses Robinson, Thorpe and Thirlby.
Bran Tub, Misses Pegg and Baker.
Hoopla, Beatie Rawson, Austin Pegg and Eric Pegg.
Cake Guessing, Misses Moore and Isaacs.

Entertainments were given by members of the Guild and Miss Adams played for dancing. The secretarial duties were ably carried out by Miss Adams with Miss Rawson as treasurer.

Coalville Police Court

Today (Friday) – Before Major Hatchett (in the chair), Mr J. Ward and Mr H. J. Ford and Mr J. W. West.

Educational

David Boot and John W. Allen, both Whitwick colliers, were summoned for neglecting to send their children regularly to school. Jno. R. Wheelock, school attendance officer, Shepshed, gave the particulars. Fined 1s and 1s 6d costs.

In Boot's case, the defendant's wife stated that the girl would be 14 next August. Fined 2/- and 2/- costs.

Possession of Tenements Wanted

The Coalville Urban Council through the Clerk, Mr F. Jesson, made an application under the Courts (Emergency Powers) Act, 1914, for leave to proceed to recover possession of tenements from Thomas Argyle, labourer, Whitwick; William Bunce, collier, Whitwick; and John Storer, labourer, Coalville, notices to quit having been served under the Housing Act.

Mr Sharp said he appeared for Mr Jesson. Storer said he had tried to get another house and failed. The other two defendants did not appear. Leave was granted to proceed in each case and the defendants were each ordered to pay 2/6 costs.

Mr Sharp said he did not ask for the costs in the case of Argyle, who was only in receipt of an old age pension. The Chairman said it rested with the Council whether they enforced it.

Alleged Day Poaching at Whitwick

Ernest Frearson, of Swannington, and Andrew Smith, of Whitwick, both colliers, were summoned by Trevor Pratt, gamekeeper, Shepshed, for day poaching on land in the occupation of Mr E. M. P. de Lisle, at Whitwick, on January 31st. Defendants pleaded not guilty.

Pratt said he saw the defendants at a rabbit warren in Cademan Wood, where they laid 13 nets and put a ferret in the hole. They caught one rabbit. Witness produced nets and ferret, defendants having run away. Defendants denied being in the wood. Pratt said both he and his son saw the defendants in the act of setting the nets in the wood.

A. Pratt, the gamekeeper's son corroborated and said Smith took a stone from a wall and threatened to knock his father's brains out. P.C. Jones said Frearson made no reply when served with the summons but Smith's father alleged that the keeper struck his son.

Frearson, on oath, alleged that the keeper took the nets and ferret off them on the high road. He also struck Smith with a stick. They had not been in Cademan Wood at all but miles away. Smith also gave evidence.

Frearson was fined 10s 6d and 14s costs or 14 days and Smith 15s and 14s costs or 14 days. Time to pay was refused.

A Whitwick Ejection

An application was made by Mr B. Berry, of Whitwick, to recover possession of a tenement occupied by Allen Pares, collier, at Whitwick. Mr T. H. Moore (Coalville) appeared for the applicant, to whom leave to proceed was given at the last court.

P.C. Grewcock deposed to personal service of the notice. Mr Berry said he was agent and secretary to the Forest Rock Granite Company who owned the house in question on Leicester Road. The rent was 3/9 per week. Notices had been duly served.

Replying to the clerk, witness said the defendant stated at the court that the reason he had not left the house had nothing to do with the war. The Bench made an order on the defendant to give up possession in not less than 21 days and not more than 30 days.

Court Proceeding

James Gee, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick, on February 6th.

Robert Lee, rag and bone gatherer, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick, on February 6th.

Emma Marriott, married, of Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick, on February 8th.

Thomas H. Hollick, collier, Coalville, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on February 6th.

A number of shopkeepers of Coalville and Whitwick were summoned for not exhibiting a notice as required by the Shops Act, 1912, the defendant's being:

Samuel Holmes, shopkeeper, Coalville; John Underwood, grocer, Whitwick; Arthur Beer, shopkeeper, Whitwick; Arthur Underwood, general dealer, Whitwick; William Smith, general dealer, Whitwick; John T. Ward, general dealer, Whitwick:

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

This week another good programme is provided for patrons, and, as usual, has been much appreciated by good audiences. Those at the commencement of the week were: "In the Grip of Spies," an all-British drama of topical interest in three reels. It was of special interest at this period, dealing as it did with the spy question, the reality of the enemy menace being brought home very forcibly. The disappearance of a naval code book causes much anxiety, and two famous sleuth-hounds are called to unravel the mystery, and after adopting many ruses, are successful in arresting the spies. "The Mystery of the Lost Stradivarius" was an Edison of great power and full of interest. "Inspector Pimple," caused much laughter, and by sheer 'ability' being raised from the rank of special constable to that of inspector. "Love and Salt Water," a champion Keystone, with plenty of fun and humour. Others were also very good. The "turn" this week is Jack W. Rooke, the imitable quaint comedian, a good laughter-maker, who should be seen. He has had a fine reception. For the week-end the films are: "Through the Dark," a strong drama, in which the disappearance of a necklace, causes May (who has borrowed it) to put it into her friend Anne's pocket (accidentally) for safety. Anne is arrested and sentenced to a term of imprisonment, and on her release is blackmailed by a fellow prisoner. May suffers severally for the trouble she has brought on her friend, and the latter generously forgives her. This film should be seen. "The Sky Plot," and "On Account of the Cheese," are good comics, and "Father's Timepiece," is a rattling good Vitagraph comedy well worth seeing. – Others are very good. Next week's list, see advertisement columns.

Sport

Football

Five matches were arranged for Saturday and all but one were played. This was the one in the first division. Moira United were expected at Whitwick and intended coming but during the week one of their players, W.

Summers, died from pneumonia and was buried on Saturday, several of the members of the team acting as bearers.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Death of An Old Resident

The funeral of an old resident took place yesterday afternoon in the person of Mr Arthur Hemsley, the interment at the cemetery being attended by a large number of relatives and friends. He died on Sunday afternoon after a few weeks' illness at the age of 79 years. Deceased leaves four daughters and seven sons. One of the latter is Mr J. H. Hemsley, a deputy at the Ellistown Colliery, another, Mr T. H. Hemsley, is the Ellistown postmaster, while another son, Mr W. Hemsley, is organist at the Ellistown Parish Church.

Burials

Underwood – At Whitwick, on Saturday, Horace William Underwood, aged 2 years, of Castle Street.

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Local News

Local Chit Chat

The members of the Whitwick and Thringstone Citizen Corps paraded on Sunday morning headed by Holy Cross Band and attended the Holy Cross Church, where Father O'Reilly preached.

Do You Know

That the Whitwick and Thringstone Citizen Corps has this week become affiliated to the County Association?

That the members of the Whitwick Liberal Club have their annual dinner tomorrow afternoon?

Wesleyan Chapel

Anniversary services were held at Whitwick Wesleyan Chapel on Sunday when two sermons were preached by the Rev. T. Cottam to good congregations.

Tea and Social

A meat tea was held in the Whitwick National Schools on Tuesday afternoon and well attended, the event being in connection with the Parish Church. A social followed, when a good number spent an enjoyable evening. Mr R. G. West played for dancing.

Primitive Methodist Shrovetide Effort

Whitwick Primitive Methodists made a Shrovetide effort, a visit being paid by the Rev. J. Humphries, of Halesowen, who preached to good congregations on Sunday and on Monday evening, lectures on the 'Business of Life' Mr T. Y. Hay being in the chair. The annual tea was held on Tuesday, trays being given by the members and Mr J. T. Ward, of Hugglescote, presided at the meeting which followed, at which addresses were given by the Revs. J. Humphries, T. Martin and W. H. Whiting. The effort realised over £16 for the chapel funds.

Whitwick Collier's Terrible Death

Run over by Motor 'Bus at Ellistown

Driver Exonerated from Blame

The shocking death of Ambrose Hall, a Whitwick collier who was killed on Monday by one of the Coalville motor 'buses at Ellistown, was enquired into at the South Leicester Hotel by the Deputy-Coroner, Mr J. T. Webb, and a jury on Wednesday morning. Mr E. Gough was foreman of the jury. Mr J. J. Sharp (Coalville) appeared for the Coalville Motor 'Bus and Garage Company and the British Dominions General Insurance Company, and Mr C. E. Crane (Coalville) was for the deceased's relatives. The manager of the company, Mr O. C. Trautmann, was also present.

The jury viewed the body lying in the carriage house at the hotel and on their return, the Coroner said the chief point for them to consider was whether anyone had been guilty of negligence which contributed to the cause of the sad occurrence.

Betsy Hall, of Golden Row, Talbot Street, Whitwick, said the deceased was her husband. He was 46 years of age and a collier. His health was good, also his sight and hearing. He left home about 10:30 on Monday morning to take a canary to Ellistown. He rode his son's machine, his own having gone to be repaired. He had been a cyclist for five or six years. The first she heard of her husband after he left the house was that he had been killed at Ellistown shortly after three o'clock.

By a juror: Deceased had been at work on Sunday night.

By Mr Sharp: She did not know whether he had any dinner or not.

A juror remarked that he knew deceased had some bread and cheese.

By Inspector Dobney: Deceased got up about 9:45 on Monday morning. He did not go into the Prince of Wales's Inn.

By a juror: He got home from work on Monday morning about 7:40 and went to bed.

Dr. Hamilton, of Coalville, stated that he was called to the South Leicester Hotel about 3:30 pm on Monday and he saw the body on a stretcher in the coach house. The skull was absolutely smashed up. Every bone in the head was broken and the left side of the face was also smashed, the broken bones having been pushed through. There was a mark on the left side of the nose which he thought might indicate the extent to which the wheel of the 'bus went onto the face. The only other injuries were the grazing of the knuckles. Witness attributed the injuries to the wheel of the 'bus having gone over the left side of the face and head. The wheel of the 'bus was of solid rubber, with an iron frame.

John Thomas Robinson, of 21, Brooks Lane, Whitwick, said he was the driver of the 'bus. He had driven it since October and that was the extent of his experience as a motor driver, but prior to that he was a horse driver for Messrs. Briers and Son, Whitwick. He was driving the 'bus to Bagworth on Monday afternoon, and stopped at Kendal Road, Ellistown, for someone to alight. After he had started again, he saw the deceased on a bicycle. Witness knew him by sight. When witness first saw him, the deceased was about 40 yards off and on his proper side. At that point it was a good wide road.

Inspector Dobney: 38 feet 5 inches from kerb to kerb – practically 13 yards.

The driver, proceeding, said that the deceased nodded to him as he passed the 'bus, and the next thing he heard was the bicycle come in contact with the 'bus and then he felt a bump. He immediately applied the brakes, having at the same time received a warning from the conductor, and he pulled up within the length of the 'bus. The bicycle had been pulled away and deceased lay bleeding on the road about three yards behind the 'bus. He lay almost parallel with the road, with his legs slightly inclined towards the gutter. The man seemed to be alive then and witness at once went for the doctor. When witness first saw the deceased on his bicycle, he was coming straight, and was slightly stooping over the handle bars. He appeared to be riding easily and as if he understood what he was doing. The road was quite clear at the time, both of vehicles and people.

By the foreman: Deceased did not wobble at all. The road was a bit greasy.

By the Jury: The pace the 'bus was going was about six miles an hour. Witness went on duty at 12 mid-day. He was not exactly a teetotaler, but he never had drink while on duty. The 'bus had gone about 100 yards from where it stopped at Kendal Road.

P.C. Culpin: The distance has been measured and it was 80 yards.

Answering further questions, witness said that when the deceased passed the front of the 'bus he was about a yard away. He looked up and smiled and nodded. The Foreman thought that might have caused the deceased to swerve.

By Mr Sharp: The fact that he pulled up as quickly showed that the 'bus was well under control, that the brakes were in order and the speed moderate. Between the 'bus and the kerb there was space of 18 feet for the deceased to pass.

By Mr Crane: There was nothing in the appearance of the deceased to cause witness, when he first saw him, to take special precautions as he passed. Witness could not say whether the deceased's bicycle skidded.

By Inspector Dobney: Before becoming driver of the bus he drove a motor van for the Coalville Co-operative Society, but that was since October. He saw no marks to show that the bicycle had skidded.

Sidney Cliff, of 12, Jackson Street, Coalville, said he was the conductor of the 'bus and was riding at the back. When he first saw deceased, the latter was about a yard from the front side of the 'bus. He saw his head through the glass and then missed him all at once. Almost simultaneously he heard a crash and rang the bell and the 'bus stopped. Witness jumped off and found the deceased lying on his back on the road with his feet slightly towards the gutter. The bicycle was pointing towards the 'bus and the front wheel was on the man. Witness pulled him out and found him dead.

The bicycle, the handle bars and front wheel of which were considerably twisted, was produced, and witness lay down on the floor, placing the bicycle across him, indicating the exact position in which he found the deceased. The Foreman said it looked as if the deceased must have caught the 'bus with his handle bars and been swung around. Answering the jury, witness said he could not say whether the wheel of the 'bus went over the bicycle.

By Mr Sharp: The man's head lay in the direction of Ellistown. Before the driver passed the deceased the 'bus swerved slightly to its proper side.

By Mr Crane: Near where the accident occurred there was a water hydrant in the road. It is quite likely that the front wheel of the bicycle struck the hydrant. Sometimes the paving round these hydrants projected above the road a little.

The Rev. T. Hayhoe, Wesleyan Reform Minister, Ellistown, stated that on Monday afternoon soon after 3 o'clock, he was walking along Midland Road, Ellistown, towards Hugglescote, when he saw the 'bus stop slightly on the Ellistown side of Kendal Road, where a lady passenger alighted. A few seconds after the 'bus started, witness heard a crash, and looking round, saw a man and bicycle lying on the road near the 'bus, which stopped almost at once. Witness estimated that the 'bus had gone from 75 to 100 yards after stopping at Kendal Road. He described the position in which the man lay, which bore out the evidence of the conductor. In witness's judgement, the man was dead. He did not actually see how it happened but from what he saw concluded that the deceased's head had come into violent contact with the 'bus.

Replying to Mr Sharp, witness said he could not state the position of the hydrant. The foreman said he knew the position well, having lived close to for 30 years. The hydrant was right at the side of the road five yards from where the man lay. There was plenty of room and the hydrant would not be in the way of the cyclist. The Coroner said that the time elapsing between when the deceased left home and when the accident occurred was unaccounted for. He did not know whether the jury would take evidence on that point. The police had ascertained that the deceased spent two hours at the South Leicester Hotel.

The Foreman: From one o'clock to three, I understand.

A juror remarked that the man had some bread and cheese there. The Coroner said the point did not seem to be of very much importance. The evidence, he said, had been carefully listened to by the jury, all of whom knew the locality well. Mr Crane said they had no evidence of anyone who actually saw the accident. The Coroner said there was no other evidence. Proceeding, he said the position in which the man and bicycle were found did not point to the bicycle having skidded. They could not say exactly how it happened, but the driver of the 'bus and the conductor had given their evidence very fairly and were corroborated to some extent by other witnesses. It was for the jury to say whether they considered anyone was to blame, but it seemed to him to have been a pure accident.

The foreman at once stated that the jury were unanimously of the opinion that it was a pure accident and that no one was in the least to blame. The verdict was that "Deceased died from being run over by a motor 'bus through being accidentally thrown from his bicycle."

The Coroner said he would add on the deposition that the jury exonerated the driver from all blame.

The Forman: Hear, hear.

Mr J. J. Sharp said he desired on behalf of the Coalville Motor 'Bus and Garage Company directors to express their great regret at the sad occurrence. It was the first time they had been concerned in any accident and he desired to express sympathy with the poor widow and children who were left.

The German Cowards

Whitwick Soldier Confident of Victory

Writing to some Whitwick friends, Corpl. S. Yearby, of the R.H.A. on active service with the British Expeditionary Force in France, states that they have been having some very cold weather and he will be glad when the wet clears off so that they can let the Germans see that they mean it. "We are not far from their lines," he proceeds, "and we let them have a few thirteen pound shells just as little souvenirs. They soon made themselves scarce when they hear them whistling through the air. They won't face it as they ought to. We are here and why not stop and have it out, as we want to get it over. We mean to smash them completely, so that there will be no rising again. When they are in large numbers they will stay and show fight, but when even in numbers they are like the cow's tail – all behind. I thought they were a bit plucky from what I read of the Germans, but, bless you, they are cowards and nothing else. We have been in action now for three months and the only casualty is one Corporal killed one night last week. We have been very lucky, as few days have passed but we have had shells dropping all round our guns and horse lines."

Yearby then expresses thanks to his friends for asking him what he wants and says he is in need of nothing particular. He thinks they will soon be able to press forward now and will try to get a bit back for Hartlepool and Scarborough. He was glad that the navy were on the alert and had been able to get a bit back. He was only too pleased that he was fit to assist at the front. He would not have missed if for a watch as big as a frying pan. He had never been out of the firing line since he arrived out there and that was something to be proud of, or would be in days to come, and he would have a lot to tell them when he got home again, if it was his luck not to stop one from the Germans. He should dodge them if possible. He hoped they were all in good health. He kept smiling himself and was looking forward to a victorious end. He felt sure they would win, sooner or later.

Whitwick and Ellistown Ejectments

Applications at the Ashby County Court

Applications were made at the Ashby County Court yesterday by George Frederick Burton, grocer, Whitwick, for ejectment orders against John William Allen and James Armstead, tenants of his cottages. Defendants pleaded inability to get houses. The judge said they had been given ample time and must give up possession within 14 days.

A similar application was made by James Shaw, of Ellistown, in respect of his cottage, occupied by William Hibbert, a banksman at Ellistown Colliery. Shaw said they had paid no rent for thirteen weeks and the woman had declared that she would not pay. His Honour made an order in this case also, possession to be given in 10 days.

Sequel to Whitwick Quarry Fatality

Compensation Apportionment

At the Ashby County Court yesterday, Mr J. J. Sharp (Coalville) applied on behalf of the widow of Job Fox, who was killed at the Whitwick Granite Quarry on December 22nd, for the apportionment of the compensation, £203/7/9, which has been paid into court by the company.

Mr Sharp said the applicant had two children dependant – two boys aged 14 and 12.

His Honour apportioned £133 7s 9d for the widow and £70 jointly for the two boys. He allowed a payment to her forthwith of £13 7s 9d, the balance to be invested and paid out to the widow at £3 a month - £2 from her portion and £1 from the boys.

Bicycle in the Bed

Alleged Theft from Whitwick Colliery

Before Mr J. W. West at the Coalville Police Court yesterday, Thomas Haines, collier of Shepshed, was charged with stealing a bicycle from Whitwick, on the 15th inst., the machine being the property of James Holland, collier of Griffydham.

Inspector Dobney stated that he apprehended the prisoner at his home on Shepshed on the previous day, and found the bicycle there in a bed, covered over with a counterpane. The accused was remanded to the Ashby Petty Sessions tomorrow (Saturday).

Coalville Police Court

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

Shopkeepers Summoned

A number of shopkeepers of Coalville and Whitwick were summoned for not exhibiting a notice as required by the Shops Act, 1912, the defendants being:

Samuel Holmes, shopkeeper, Coalville; John Underwood, grocer, Whitwick; Arthur Beer, shopkeeper, Whitwick; Walter Bailey, shopkeeper, Coalville; John Henry Wood, shopkeeper, Coalville; Arthur Underwood, general dealer, Whitwick; William Smith, general dealer, Whitwick; John T. Ward, general dealer, Whitwick.

The case of Arthur Underwood was taken first. Inspector Dobney deposed to going into defendant's shop in Silver Street and seeing no notice as to when the half holiday was. Defendant told him he had a notice up but thought it did not matter now. He would have some more printed. Mr E. Holmes (chief constable) said he did not press the cases, which were all similar. But the reason he had brought them forward was that there was a slackness in the matter in this district. It was important that a notice should be displayed and that shopkeepers should stick to the day they selected. They could not change about. He was willing to withdraw the case on payment of costs. The Chairman said the Bench would agree to that and hoped it would be a warning to the shopkeepers of the district. The costs were 6/6 and the defendant asked for time to pay, saying he was out of work. He was allowed ten days to pay.

Ward's was the next case and he pleaded not guilty. Inspector Dobney said he visited the shop and could see no notice. Defendant had seen him since and told him his wife could not find it at the time, but it was up now. P.C. Grewcock corroborated. Defendant said a notice had been displayed all along, but at the time the police called it was laid on one side because his daughter was cleaning the shop. The chairman said the Bench did not want to convict but they would have to if the defendant contested the point, because he admitted that the notice was not displayed when the police called. Defendant said it would be untrue to say he was guilty.

The Chairman: Then the Bench will convict.

Defendant was fined 1s and 12s costs. He said he would pay under protest, but it was very unjust.

William Smith admitted his offence and the case was withdrawn on payment of 6s 6d costs.

John Underwood did not appear and Inspector Dobney said that the defendant when served with the summons said, "It is a bit off." As he did not appear, defendant was convicted, being fined 1s and 11s 6d costs.

Beer's wife appeared and said they had not been in business long. Inspector Dobney said P.C. Grewcock had warned the defendant a fortnight before. The case was withdrawn on payment of 6s 6d costs.

In the case of Samuel Holmes, Inspector Dobney said when he visited the shop in Margaret Street, defendant's wife told him the card had dropped behind the oil tank, but it was not forthcoming. He found defendant's wife selling things she should not. The chief constable said that might have been a separate charge, but he hoped it would be a warning. Withdrawn on payment of 6s 6d costs.

Walter Bailey appeared and pleaded guilty and the case was withdrawn on payment of 6s 6d costs.

John Henry Wood also pleaded guilty and said he thought the Act did not apply to people who employed no one. The case was withdrawn on payment of 6s 6d costs.

Bad Language

Thomas H. Hollick, collier, Coalville, was summoned for using bad language, at Whitwick, on February 10th. He did not appear. P.C. Jelley gave the facts. Fined 2s 6d and costs 10s 6d or seven days.

Drunk and Disorderly

James Gee, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick on February 6th. P.C. Jelley said the defendant had been ejected from the Picture House. Fined 10s 6d and 10s 6d costs or 14 days.

Robert Lee, rag and bone gatherer, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick on February 6th. He did not appear. P.C. Grewcock said he received complaints from several young girls as to the defendant's filthy expressions. Fined 7s 6d and 10s 6d costs or seven days.

Emma Marriott, married, of Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick, on February 8th. P.C. Grewcock proved the case and defendant was fined 5s 5d and 10s 6d costs or seven days.

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

A splendid lot of subjects is being shown here this week and there have been good 'houses' nightly. The chief film at the beginning of the week was "Won in the Clouds," a good drama by the Bison Company. Thrill after thrill were to be seen all through, whilst a nice romantic love story was intertwined with the more violent happenings. A dirigible balloon is brought into requisition with fine effect, and this airship is the means of saving James and Grace and party from the cannibals who have been incensed to bad deeds by Portuguese Jack, who having failed in his efforts to win Grace, decides on a terrible revenge, but as stated above, it doesn't come off. As the airship flies away the occupants drop lyddite bombs on the cannibals with terrible results. The film was much enjoyed. – Others were very good. – The "turn" appearing all week is Slippere, the blind entertainer, and he is a very clever artiste, who has been accorded a hearty reception. A 'turn' well worth seeing. – For the weekend the chief film is "The Stolen Masterpiece," a film which tells of the theft of an art treasure, and its recovery. The thief, who is a friend of the owner of the painting, leaves his walking stick at the house, and returning ostensibly for it, he overcomes the footman and cuts the picture out of the frame. On reading of the robbery, Kate Halifax, the lady detective is soon on the track. She is, however, lured to a strange house and bound hand and foot. Her partner, Dick Steele, succeeds in tracing her whereabouts and releases her. They capture the thieves and recover the picture. A clinking film. – There are several others, all good, and patrons should see them. Next week, another good list, see advertisement column.

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Local News

Buffalo Ceremony

An interesting ceremony took place at the Railway Hotel last night in connection with the Beaumanor Lodge of the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes. Three of the members, Messrs. S. Perry, S. Boot and F. Harper, were raised to the second degree and presented with primo jewels. The Grand Lodge officers of Leicester attended for the presentation.

Do You Know

That the Whitwick Liberal Club members annual dinner, which was to have been held last Saturday was postponed until tomorrow?

That E. Layton, inside right of Whitwick Imperial F.C., has been transferred to Huddersfield?

Tea and Lecture

A public tea was held in the Whitwick Wesleyan School on Saturday and well attended. The Baptist pastor, the Rev. H. C. J. Wix presided at a meeting in the evening, when the Rev. J. R. Sharpley of Ashby gave a lecture on John Bunyan. The proceeds was for the chapel funds.

In a Warm Corner

Whitwick Soldier Gets Through Safely

Mrs E. Hall, of 20, Talbot Street, Whitwick, has received a letter from her husband serving at the front saying he had received her letter and parcel safely. He got it just as he came out of the trenches and it put him all right. He states that Ted Collier is not with him, but there is one in his company he knows well – Jack Storer, who used to work for Mr Enoch Briers. He wishes to be remembered to Potter. The letter continues: "I am all right if I could only keep a bit warmer, but, thank God, the weather is getting a bit better now. I always said I should see something, but I did not think it would be like this. But never mind, we are doing it for a good cause and we are letting them know to it now. I have been in a warm corner, but I got out all right, thank God."

In a subsequent letter, Hall says how he and his pals in the trenches enjoyed the cake his wife had sent him. "We were just giving the Germans some cake with currants in at the same time. I am sorry to tell you that I have seen a few of my pals go under, but I don't think it will last much longer."

In a postscript Hall adds: "Tell my little birds that their dad will come home some day. Shall not be sorry when."

Coalville Councillor Resigns

Over Nine Years Member for Whitwick

Many Whitwick electors will regret to learn that Mr Samuel Perry has decided to resign his seat on the Coalville Urban Council and a letter from him to this effect was sent to the clerk to be submitted to the Council at their committee meeting on Tuesday night.



Business considerations have compelled Mr Perry to take this step, as a good deal of extra work has fallen on him since his son, Mr S. Perry, jun., formerly the Whitwick Scoutmaster joined the forces.

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MR. S. PERRY.

Mr Perry was first elected in the Council for the Whitwick Ward at a bye-election on October 16th, 1905, when he was opposed by Mr W. Stinson and won by 358 votes to 140. In the triennial election in 1907, he headed the poll, this honour being accorded him again in 1913 when his total of 368 placed him eight votes above Mr M. McCarthy, the next highest, but in 1910, his experience was somewhat the reverse, as he was then the last of the four successful candidates with 282 votes. It will thus be seen that Mr Perry fought four elections and was each time successful. It will thus be seen that Mr Perry, himself a Liberal of long standing, has invariably had the support of his party. In the ordinary course of events, he would have served another 12 months on the Council. The Whitwick member to retire by rotation in April next was Mr Thomas Young Hay and since there are believed to be one or two other aspirants for the honour – Mr Perry understands that Mr Hay's seat was to have been contested – the resignation has been made in the hope that at this stage a fight will be avoided. Mr Perry has been asked to reconsider the matter, but says his decision is final. At the present time he occupies the position of chairman of the Plans Committee and his retirement will be regretted by his colleagues and the officials with whom he has served so long, amicably and well.

Mr S. Perry jun. who joined the 3rd Leicesters, has been promoted to the rank of Corporal and is eagerly anticipating removal to France in a few days' time, being stationed at present near Portsmouth. His older brother, Harry, is doing well in Canada. Both sons have followed the trade of their

father, that of tailor.

Ashby Police Court

Saturday – Before Mr George Moore (in the chair) the Rev. C. T. Moore, Major Hatchett, Mr J. G. Shields, Mr George Brown, and Mr T. Dennis.

Bicycle Stolen from Whitwick Colliery

Thomas Haines (29), collier, Shepshed, was charge, on remand, with stealing a Gent's bicycle at Coalville, on February 15th, the machine, value £2 being the property of James Holland, collier, of Griffydam.

He pleaded guilty.

Inspector Dobney (Coalville) said he was informed that a bicycle had been stolen from the Whitwick Colliery on February 15th. After making enquires, he went on February 18th, to the prisoner's house at Shepshed. In an out-building he found the two bicycle wheels (produced) fitted in another bicycle frame. He went in search of the prisoner and found him in a public house. He told him he was making enquiries about a bicycle and defendant replied, "I know nothing about a bicycle. I left my own there (Whitwick Colliery) on Monday morning and came home by train." Witness told him he had found the wheels of the missing bicycle fitted to another frame at his house and defendant replied, "That frame and wheels are my own. I have had them years." Witness told him he should arrest him on the charge and cautioned him. Defendant again said he knew nothing about the bicycle. Witness handed prisoner over to the custody of P.C. Highton while he went to make a further search of his house and in a bedroom upstairs, he found the bicycle, minus the wheels, on a bed covered over with a counterpane. He told the prisoner of his discovery, and Haines replied, "I might as

well make a clean breast of it. That is the frame of the bicycle I took from pit and those wheels belong to it." He also said that he had not been to work at the pit since Sunday, and he intended taking it back and said he thought that if he did they would think he had pinched it, so he had made up his mind to stick to it. Witness then took the man to Coalville. He had since shown the bicycle to James Holland, who identified it as his property and the one he missed on the 15th, and valued it at £2. The Inspector added that the prisoner was a single man in regular work and earned 6s a day.

Supt. Lockton said the defendant joined the Territorials but was discharged, "his services being no longer required." The prisoner was sentenced to two months' imprisonment with hard labour.

Coalville Police Court

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

School Cases

George Smith, Thringstone, was summoned for neglecting to send his child regularly to school. Mr C. Hart gave the facts and defendant was fined 2s and 2s costs.

Harriett Johnson, of Whitwick, was summoned for neglecting to send her child regularly to school. Also fined 2s and 2s costs.

Court Proceeding

John White, collier, Thringstone, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on February 20th.

William Stinson, collier, Thringstone, was summoned by Lucy White, married, for assault at Thringstone, on February 17th.

William Allen, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick, on February 19th.

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

Another real good programme is to be seen at this theatre again this week including, besides the fine selection of films, two exceptionally good 'turns,' viz, John Goddard, ventriloquist, and the Living Marionettes. The 'sayings' of the doll are very witty, smart, and funny, and Mr Goddard has received a good reception. The song "Drinking" is very good and has been much applauded each night. The Living Marionettes are extra good, being an entertainment in themselves; the various caricatures are excellently portrayed, and the songs and dances of the figures have fairly "brought down the house." A first class show which should be seen. The films at the beginning of the week were: "Love and Flames," a good fire story with a nice little love romance intertwined, and the landlord got "knocked out" at the finish, although he had tried his hardest to secure the girl, by a series of underhand tricks. This film was much enjoyed. – "The Great Earthquake at Avezzanns" was a particularly interesting picture. "The Engineer's Revenge" nearly ended most disastrously but the points were turned just in time to save a terrible catastrophe. "The Man Behind the Gun" was a good Kalem comedy, and others besides the target got 'socked' well. Others were good. For the week-end in addition to the above 'turns,' the pictures are a nice lot, and include: star, "Sheep Clothing" an Edison drama of no mean order and one which should be seen. "House of Distemperly" a good comedy in which Pimple is a great laughter maker. "Bronco Billy and the Mine Shark" a good Eleasany, "Peter scores a Bull," numerous others, all very good and making up a fine programme. – Next week a fine lot of films and 'turns,' see advertisement column.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Funeral of Mr A. Hall

The funeral of Mr Ambrose Hall, of Golden Row, Whitwick, who was killed by one of the Coalville motor 'buses at Ellistown last Monday week, took place on Friday afternoon at St. George's, Swannington. The

vicar, the Rev. G. Robinson conducted the service in the church and graveyard, and Mr J. J. Sharp, attended as representative of the Coalville Motor 'Bus and Garage Company.

Burials

Burton – At Whitwick, on Thursday, Car___n Burton, aged 46 years, of Hermitage Road.

Hall – At Swannington, on Friday, Ambrose Hall, aged 46 years, of Golden Row, Whitwick.