

# Coalville Times – July 1916

**Friday July 7<sup>th</sup> 1916 (Issue 1270)**

## **Local News**

### **P.M. Church**

Flower services were conducted at the Whitwick P.M. Church, on Sunday, by the Rev. T. J. Martin, of Coalville, and there were good congregations.

### **Mr Robert Sharp's Egg Collection**

Previously acknowledged 1,406. Mr H. Morris 25; Mrs W. Butler 12; Mrs T. Hull 12; Mrs J. Hault 12; Mr Croson 6; Mr R. Sharp 20. Subscriptions: Mr I. Thorp and company 5/9; Mrs R. B. Squire and company 5/-; Mr Bramwell and company 2/-; Mrs E. Orton 2/-; Mr T. Hay 2/-; Mrs E. Hurst 2/-;

1/- each Mrs Mulrooney, Mrs T. Church, Messrs. W. Brown, J. Wyatt, E. Holland, J. Wardle, A. Wardle and G. Williamson.

6d each Messrs R. Davenport, J. W. Burton and Mr T. Kirk. 3d Mrs E. Kirk.

## **Advertisement**

Thatching – Wanted, an estimate for thatching two houses in Whitwick. For particulars, apply Box W, "Times" office, Coalville.

## **Local Chit Chat**

We regret to hear that two Whitwick soldiers, Private Morley and Whittaker, who were reported missing about a year ago, are now both reported killed. They formerly resided in Leicester Road.

The many friends of Private J. W. Brotherhood, of Whitwick, who is now in hospital in France, will wish him a speedy recovery and a safe return from the war. He is a popular member of the Thringstone House Club, a former well-known football referee of the district and a Wesleyan Reform local preacher.

Surgeon-Major Burkitt, of Whitwick, is to be heartily congratulated upon his promotion to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. Despite his advancing years, the gallant officer, who had previously served in the Leicestershire Yeomanry for a good period, volunteered his services on the outbreak of the war and did excellent work at the front in France in the earlier stages of the fighting. The doctor enjoys much popularity in the Coalville and Whitwick district, where his extensive practice is being carried on by assistants while he is away on military duty. We understand that Lieut. Colonel Burkitt is at present fulfilling an appointment in Ireland.

## **County Appeals**

Ald. Cope presided at the County Appeal Tribunal, held at the Castle on Saturday.

A Whitwick hairdresser and tobacconist appealed through Mr Crane. Applicant had been left with his sister entirely dependent on him. Exemption till August 30<sup>th</sup> was granted.

The military representative, Major Wellsman, appealed for the curtailment of the temporary exemption of a Whitwick collector, who also assisted his brother on a farm. Mr Crane, appearing for the man, said he had been granted an exemption until August 30<sup>th</sup>. He was granted exemption until 31<sup>st</sup> July.

## **Ashby County Court**

### *Whitwick Claim Dismissed*

Before the Registrar, John Brislin, postman, of Castle Street, Whitwick, sued Joseph Wesley, collier, Loughborough Road, Whitwick, for 8/- damages through defendant's son breaking plaintiff's window, into which he fell while riding a bicycle.

Defendant denied liability and also that the boy broke the window. Plaintiff said he saw him do it, and picked him up. It was stated that the boy was 15 years of age, and the Registrar questioned whether the father could be held liable, unless there was evidence of negligence. Defendant said plaintiff had not put the boy in the claim at all and added, "I have never broken a window in my life." The Registrar advised the parties to try and settle it.

Defendant: I don't owe the money.

The Registrar: Suppose he summonses your son. Is it worth letting him be brought here for 8/-.

Defendant: He didn't break the window.

Plaintiff: I saw him do it. I picked him up and asked him if he was hurt.

He added that he was told by a policeman that the County Court was the proper place to make his claim. The case was dismissed.

## **Coalville Police Court**

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

### *Whitwick Brother's Fight*

John Moore, Joseph Moore and Edward Moore, colliers, all of Whitwick, were summoned for violent conduct at Whitwick, on June 17<sup>th</sup>. None of them appeared. P.C. Grewcock said the defendants were fighting in Silver Street. They were three brothers and there was a dispute over family matters. Each defendant was fined 10/- or seven days.

## **Round the Theatres**

## The Picture House, Whitwick

At this popular picture house this week another fine programme is being screened. "The People of the Pit" (in two reels) at the beginning of the week was a good one, and was much enjoyed, as was the twenty-eighth episode of "The Exploits of Elaine", another fine part of this most enjoyable scenario. – Others were good. – For the week-end "The Milestones of Life" is the chief one, and is a four-reel Thanouser of exceptional merit. Pauline Avon and her youthful sweetheart, Wm. Hallett, who have been devoted companions as long as they could remember. Fate, however, had a great disappointment in store for Pauline later on. To her intense dismay, her boyish sweetheart deserts her, preferring the company of a tall and graceful seventeen year old miss. The boy goes back to his first love, but Pauline, who is a bit "nettled" decides to "have him on" a bit. She never forgot the incident and its remembrance in later life caused her much suffering. The tall girl comes on the scene again just as Pauline and William are to be married, and Pauline having a mistaken idea about William's friendship for the other girl, things come to a climax. After much tribulation and misunderstandings, Pauline discovers that William is not so black as he is painted, and in the winter of their lives, the man and woman enjoy a little of the Eden of their childhood. – A real good picture, well worth seeing. – Others are good. – Next week's list, see advertisement.

## **Friday July 14<sup>th</sup> 1916 (Issue 1271)**

### **Local News**

Not having recovered from the effects of a recent colliery accident, Mr D. Otter, of Whitwick, will be unable to umpire in the cricket cup semi-final on the Coalville Town cricket ground tomorrow, and Mr R. Heward, of Bardon Hill, will take his place.

### **Whitwick Colliers' Alibi**

#### *Poaching Case Dismissed*

At the Loughborough Police Court on Wednesday, last week, George Gee, Whitwick, and John W. Gee, Thringstone, colliers, were summoned for using a dog for the purpose of taking game, at Shepshed, on June 19<sup>th</sup>. They pleaded not guilty.

Arnold Pratt, farmer, Coalville, said he saw defendants cycling along the road with a lurcher dog. They got off their machines and put the dog into the field in which there were four or five hares less than 30 yards from the road. The dog coursed one of the hares across two fields. He went to the men and charged them with coursing, but they jumped on their bicycles and rode away without saying anything.

Trevor Pratt, gamekeeper to Mr E. M. P. de Lisle, said he saw both defendants cycling near Blackbrook with their lurcher dog about 9.30 on the day in question. Both defendants said they worked in the pits at Ibstock till 4 pm and slept at home for three hours.

George Gee said he did not go two yards from his house that night after “shifting his black.” His wife said he was not out of her sight for ten minutes that night after he came home. He did not go any further from the house.

John W. Gee said after he had washed he went to see the pictures at Whitwick, and was there till ten o'clock. Mrs Gee, the mother of the defendant's said her son John did not take his bicycle or the dog out on the night in question. He took his little brother to see the pictures.

Case dismissed.

### **Round the Theatres**

The Picture House, Whitwick

During the first half of the week here “The Exploits of Elaine” (Episode 29), was a good part and others, including “The Prince of Wales with Guards” were a very good lot. – For the weekend, “A little band of gold” is a special Éclair two-reeler, and “Orders” deals with the splendid devotion to duty of a policeman entrusted with the regulation of traffic in an American city. – Next week's list – see our advertisement columns.

## **Friday July 21<sup>st</sup> 1916 (Issue 1272)**

### **Local News**

#### **Mr R. Sharp's Egg Collection**

Previously acknowledged 1,673. Messrs. Hawthorn Bros. 25 eggs; Mrs F. Sear 21; Mrs W. F. Moore 14; Mrs C. Illsley 12; Miss N. Broadhurst 12; Mr J. H. Stinson 8; Mrs Pepper 7; Mrs Botham 8; a friend 3; Mr R. Sharp 12; Mr H. Croson 6; Mr B. O'Mara and company 3/0 ½; 2/- Messrs. W. Stanley and S. Parsons; 1/- each Mrs Botham, Mrs J. W. Eagles, Messrs. A. Needham, B. Rady, T. Lashmore, H. G., M. Downes, O. Burton, A. Roberts, W. Burton, J. Rose, B. Newbury, and A. Whitmore; 6d each Mrs M. Glynn, Mrs E. Adkin, Messrs. S. Broadway, G. Robinson, A. Robinson and F. Newman.

### **Do You Know That**

The Whitwick Holy Cross day schools will be closed today for the summer holidays for six weeks, the headmaster (Mr M. Downes) having offered his services during that time for local farm work?

### **Coalville Police Court**

Before the Rev. C. T. Moore (in the chair), Major Hatchett, Mr J. Ward, Mr H. J. Ford, Mr B. G. Hale and Mr Jno. Wootton.

*“Heading” at Whitwick*

In a Juvenile Court, Albert Robinson, Wm. Isaacs and Herbert H\_\_\_\_, pit boys, Whitwick, were summoned for gaming with copper pence on the highway at Whitwick, on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. P.C. Grewcock said the boys were playing "heading" and he secured some of the coppers. There had been several complaints of this sort of thing on Sunday mornings.

Answering the Bench, Supt. Lockton said the ages of the boys were 13, 15 and 14. The mother of one of the boys said her boy only had 3d when he went out. He gave a penny to the Church collection, brought one penny back, and the policeman had the other. She was sorry and would take steps to see that it did not happen again.

The parents of the boys were ordered to pay 7/- in respect of each defendant.

### *Cyclists' Offences*

Wm. Jones and Hy. Cleave, colliers, Swannington, were summoned for riding a bicycle without a light at 10.40 pm at Whitwick, on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. P.C. Grewcock said the defendants told him they had been to Shepshed wake and stayed too long. Fined 10/- each or seven days.

James Richards, collier, Swannington, was summoned for riding a bicycle without a rear light at 11.20 pm at Whitwick, on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. He did not appear. P.C. Betts stated the case and defendant was fined 10/- or seven days.

### **Whitwick Club Manager Fined**

#### *Magistrates' Important Decision*

At the Coalville Police Court on Friday, George West, club manager, Whitwick, was summoned for supplying intoxicating liquor after 9 pm, at Whitwick, on June 24<sup>th</sup>. Defendant pleaded not guilty, and was represented by Mr J. J. Sharp (Messrs. Sharp and Lancaster, Coalville and Loughborough). Mr T. H. Moore (Messrs. Crane and Moore, Coalville), held a watching brief for one of the joint owners of the premises. Supt. Lockton deposed to the Order being in force, and a copy being supplied to the defendant.

Inspector Dobney stated that at 10.45 pm he visited the Whitwick and Thringstone Conservative Club in Silver Street, Whitwick, and on-going into the bar saw a number of men standing against the counter, behind which stood the defendant. Among the men were Bernard McCarthy, who had a bottle of ale (produced) in his right hand just raised to his mouth to drink. The cork was out, and the froth coming out of the top of the bottle. As soon as he saw witness he put the bottle in his coat pocket. Witness said to him, "*What have you put in your pocket?*" He replied, "*Nothing.*" Witness said he wanted to know what was in the bottle. He replied, "*What bottle?*" Witness said, "*The one in your pocket.*" He said, "*I have no bottle,*" and witness said, "*If you won't give it to me, I shall take it out of your pocket,*" and did so. He asked what it meant, and McCarthy made no reply. Witness also asked West what it meant, but he also made no reply, and witness left the club. Later he went back to the club with P.C. Jelley, and called defendant to the door, and asked him what explanation he had to give. He replied, "*McCarthy came into the club about ten minutes or a quarter-of-an-hour before you came in, and asked me for a small bottle of strong, saying he wanted it to take home with him. I supplied him with it.*" Witness asked who drew the cork, and defendant replied, "*I did.*" Witness asked him if he had been

supplied with a copy of the Order suspending the sale of drink after nine o'clock, and he said he had. Witness asked if he had read it, and when he replied in the affirmative, asked him why he supplied the beer, adding that he would have to report him as he cautioned him at ten o'clock at night only five weeks before.

By Mr Sharp: That would be out of politeness. (Laughter)

Continuing, witness said there were no empty glasses about, but several empty bottles. McCarthy had subsequently told witness that he paid West for the ale about ten minutes to nine, when he left the club. He went in later, and had not the witness appeared he would have drunk the beer. McCarthy also asked witness whether he had brought a summons for him, saying he expected one for being there.

By Supt. Lockton: Defendant had a towel over his shoulder, and was washing glasses at 10.45.

P.C. Jelley corroborated as to the conversation between the inspector and defendant, when witness was present. Mr Sharp said the defendant was highly respected in Whitwick. He had held various public offices for 40 years, and had lived in the place all his life, and would be the last man to try to take any advantage by selling a bottle of ale. He (Mr Sharp), spoke as to the constitution of the club. He said there was no idea of making a profit, it never had made a profit, and the place was opened merely for a few hours in the evening for the convenience of the members. They could open all day, but there was no occasion to, and the premises were not opened until 6.30 each evening. In regard to the legal aspect of the case, Mr Sharp submitted that there was no sale of beer on the premises after nine o'clock. The beer was purchased at 8.50 pm and put on one side while McCarthy went to look at some fowls, and he went into the club later to fetch the beer to take home with him, which he had a perfect right to do.

Replying to the Bench, Mr Sharp admitted that had McCarthy consumed the beer on the premises there would have been an offence. The clerk pointed out that the cork had been drawn. The Bench retired to consider the point raised, and decided that the transactions admitted by Mr Sharp constituted an offence. Mr Sharp said that in that case he need not call evidence. If the defendant had erred it was simply a mistake, honestly made, and nothing more. It was not done for profit, and he (Mr Sharp) submitted that the case would be met by a dismissal on payment of costs. There was no doubt that it frequently happened at clubs, that members paid for beer before nine o'clock to take home with them, and the decision of the magistrates would affect what had undoubtedly become a practice at many clubs.

A fine of £5 or one month's imprisonment was imposed. Defendant asked whether he was to understand that a member could not keep a bottle of beer in his pocket till he went home, which he had purchased before nine o'clock. The chairman said the Bench could not advise him.

The clerk: No doubt your solicitor will advise you.

Supt. Lockton: There have been convictions up and down the country for that very thing.

### **Round the Theatres**

## The Picture House, Whitwick

There have been some large audiences here this week, and a good programme is to be seen. – Next week “Exploits of Elaine” No. 31, will be a good part and must be seen. “The Moment before Death” is a splendid Lubin drama which will please Picture House patrons. Chased by the police after committing a crime, Dr. Cummings, a crazy scientist is cornered, realising the game is up he jumps to his death. In his fall through space he sees in rapid order the events which led to his crime. He was perfecting a wonderful machine of which his wife, Florence, and his assistant, Dr. Grant, knew nothing. He noticed strange glances pass between them which aroused his suspicions. He overheard his wife say, “We shall be able to leave tomorrow.” He confronts them and they plead innocence. His invention will prove whether Florence is guilty or not. She is guilty. Dr Grant escapes and he locks Florence in a cupboard at which he fires several shots and concludes she is dead. Then he finds the invention has registered wrongly, his wife is innocent. He opens the cupboard and finds his wife apparently lifeless. He sees the police, who follow him. His last glimpse of Florence shows her moving in Grant’s arms. The unhappy man becomes mercifully unconscious, the last scene showing the people running to the pavement upon which he has met his doom. – Then for the week-end “The Patriot and the Spy” is a good one. For full particulars see advertisement columns.

## **Friday July 28<sup>th</sup> 1916 (Issue 1273)**

### **Local News**

#### **Mr R. Sharpe’s Egg Collection**

Previously acknowledged 1,926. 3s Mr T. Potter and company; 2/6 Mr G. Cook and company; 1/- each, Mrs H. Crane, Mrs I. Webster, Miss Harding, Messrs. J. Boam, A. West, M. Sheen, W. King, G. Musson and J. Marriott; 6d Mrs Warrington and Mr W. Burton; 3d Mr J. Haywood, 1/- Messrs. E. G. Burton and J. Cooper; 6d Mr R. Williams; 7 eggs Mrs J. Henson; 14, Mrs T. Hull; 12, Messrs. W. T. Harding and R. Sharp, and Mrs A. Briers; 6, Mrs H. Vesty and Mrs Botham.

#### **War Savings Associations**

A war savings association has been formed at the Whitwick National Schools, with the managers as the committee, Mr H. T. Bastard, hon. treasurer, and Misses. E. Carr, and T. A. Harding, as joint hon. secretaries. Thirty-eight members have already joined and £17 10s 6d paid in has been expended on war savings certificates.

A similar association has been formed at the Whitwick Holy Cross School, with Miss Bretherton as hon. secretary, and Mr M. Downes, as hon. treasurer.

#### **Flower and Egg Service**

At the Baptist Chapel on Sunday, flower and egg services were conducted by a former pastor, the Rev. H. C. J. Wix, of Loughborough, and there were good congregations. The chapel was prettily decorated and about 150 eggs were contributed. A solo was rendered at the evening service by Miss Gertie Mann.

On Monday evening a social was held and proved to be very successful. The Rev. H. C. J. Wix presided, and a vocal and musical programme was contributed by Mr and Mrs W. Smith, and Mr Meakin, of Coalville, Miss Smalley of Hugglescote, Mr H. Stinson, Misses. G. Mann, Gladys and Vera Bourne, and Master F. Wheeldon. There was also a dialogue by the Misses. G. and M. Mann, and Gibson.



### **Two Whitwick Soldiers Killed**

Mr Elijah Burton, a banksman at the Whitwick Colliery, who resides in Green Lane, Whitwick, has been officially notified that his son, Private Herbert Harold Burton, of the Northamptonshire Fusiliers, was killed in action on the 3<sup>rd</sup> inst.

The deceased soldier was 21 years of age, single, and before the war resided with his parents at Green Lane, being then a collier at the Whitwick pit. He enlisted last August and received his military training at Barnard Castle, having been at the front about six months. He was formerly a Sunday School scholar and chorister at the Whitwick Parish Church.



A letter has been received by Mrs Kirkby, of the Leicester Hotel, London Road, Coalville, from Private W. Needham, of the Leicestershire Regiment, stating that her cousin, Pte. Lawrence Whitmore, of the same regiment, was killed in action on the 15<sup>th</sup> inst. having been hit by a sniper. The deceased was a son of the late Mr Albert Whitmore, a Whitwick collier, and of Mrs Glover, of 101, Talbot Street, Whitwick. He was 21 years of age, and before the war worked at the Whitwick Colliery, where his father was also formerly employed.

Private Needham states that he and the deceased had been great chums, having stuck to one another through thick and thin. He was a gallant soldier and a good comrade whose death is a great blow to the writer and he misses him very much.

### **Round the Theatres**

The Picture House, Whitwick

There is a good list of pictures being screened here this week, and the usual enthusiasm reigns. Episode 31 of "Exploits of Elaine" at the beginning of the week, and "The Moment before Death" were two good pictures, and others were also much appreciated. For the week-end "The Patriot and the Spy" must be seen. This is a Thanhouser production of exceptional merit. Next week "The Dawn of Understanding" Memories of happier days and knowledge that love is not dead re-unite a long-separated couple. After their return to the

city, Oliver Weldon and Ruth, his wife, devote as much time to business on the one hand and society on the other, they gradually drift apart. Their child dies and each blames the other for neglect and causing its death. They separate and months later, an interested friend, realising they are grieving for each other, brings them together again. Oliver sees his wife looking at their child's photo and mutual sorrow reunites them. "The Dawn of Understanding" has come for them in the knowledge that love is the most precious thing in the world. "The Flying Twins" is the chief picture at the week-end; see advertisement for full particulars.