

Coalville Times – March 1915

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Local News

A Year's Sanitary Work

Inspector's Annual Report

The annual report of the Sanitary Inspector to the Coalville Urban Council on Tuesday night, stated that during the year 1 1/2 miles of sewers had been laid, 59 houses erected, 104 water closets, 41 complaints were received, 11,313 inspections of premises were made and 6,070 re-inspections, 4,327 notices for the abatement of nuisances were served and 112 houses were disinfected after infectious disease, these being only a few of a large quantity of statistics of the work done. The report proceeds:

Common Lodging Houses – the three common lodging houses at Whitwick have been maintained in a satisfactory state. There have been no cases of overcrowding or infectious disease. Twelve day inspections and two midnight inspections have been made. The houses have twice been lime-washed throughout during the year at the statutory periods. The total number of lodgers accommodated for the year was 11,337, against 10,753 for 1913, and 9,803 for 1912. The lodging houses are amply big enough and have previously accommodated considerably over 20,000 lodgers per year.

Child's Accident

A nasty accident has befallen a little girl named Lily Gee, aged about two years, daughter of Mr George Gee who lives in the Dumps. The child was playing with other children on Saturday night when by some means the end of one of her fingers was taken off.

No Fire Guard

Child Burnt to Death at Whitwick

Soldier's Wife Commended

An inquest was held yesterday (Thursday) afternoon at the office of Messrs. E. Briers and Sons, Whitwick, by Mr J. T. Webb, deputy coroner, concerning the death of Emily Allen, aged 4 1/2 years, daughter of John W. Allen, collier, of Talbot Street, Whitwick, which occurred on Tuesday night from injuries and burns.

Mr T. Irons was foreman of the jury. Inspector Fitzsimmons, of the N.S.P.C.C. was present. The Coroner remarked that it seemed to have been a life thrown away and it was for the jury to ascertain whether anyone was guilty of neglect.

Dr. W. Milligan, locum tenens for Dr. Burkitt, of Whitwick, stated that he was called to the house a little after one o'clock on Tuesday afternoon and found the child lying on the sofa suffering from extensive burns over the whole of the body, except the right side. The burns were not very deep but the whole of the skin was involved. He saw the child again in the evening when it had just died from the shock. There was no fire guard. Had there been, the child's life might have been saved. It was a well nourished child. Witness said he would like to express appreciation of the action of the two women, Mrs Hall and Mrs Howe, who attended to the child. They cut off the clothing and applied linseed oil, which was all he could have done had he been there at the time.

Georgina Allen, the mother, stated that on Tuesday morning she left home at eleven o'clock, leaving her daughter Maria, nearly eleven years old, with the deceased. She went to Osgathorpe to enquire about a house and told the children to keep from the fire. They had not been in the habit of playing with fire. There was no fire guard. She had one now, but not at the time of the accident. She got back from Osgathorpe about a quarter to two, and found that the child had been burnt. The little one was conscious to the last and said she got on fire in trying to reach a brush off the shelf. Maria said it happened while she was sweeping

the yard. Replying to a juror, witness said she had had nine children and five were now living. The child Maria was called, but was crying and could not give evidence.

Hannah Hall, wife of Ernest Hall, a soldier living next door but one, stated that she heard a girl scream in Mrs Allen's house and ran in. She saw the child all in flames under the table. Witness picked up an old shirt and put the flames out and then ran into her own house and fetched a blanket, in which she wrapped the child. When she got back, the other neighbours had run in. Witness helped to get the clothes off and dress the wounds with oil. There was not much fire in the grate. When the child was on the sofa she said, "It wasn't Ria (Maria). My frock caught fire."

The Coroner said the witness acted very promptly and the opinion of the jury was that she was entitled to great credit for her conduct. Answering another question, witness said her husband was at the front.

The Coroner commented on the absence of a fire guard, for which the parents were liable and as official notice was being taken of it, no doubt they would hear of it again. The jury returned a verdict of "Accidental Death" and urged the importance of fire guards being provided in houses where there were young children.

The Coroner cautioned the parents, pointing out how serious it was not to have provided a fire guard, but for which the child's life might have been saved. The mother ought also not to have left the children so long being away from the house, on her own showing for 2 1/2 hours.

Buff Presentation

On Tuesday night, at the Gracedieu Buffalo Lodge held at the Queen's Head Inn, Thringstone, Bro. G. H. Hallam, was presented with a founders' jewel. The City Marshal, Bro. F. Harper, of Whitwick, made the presentation.

Local Chit Chat

The members of the Whitwick Citizens' Corps, some 40 or 50 strong, paraded on Sunday morning, headed by the Holy Cross Band and attended service at the Whitwick Parish Church. They afterwards had a march via New Swannington, and were accompanied by the Vicar, the Rev. T. W. Walters, who is one of the chaplains to the corps.

Officers of the Whitwick and Thringstone Citizen Corps have been elected as follows: Capt. W. E. Stevenson, company commander; Mr G. F. Burton, platoon commander; Mr B. Berry, chairman of the committee; Father O'Reilly, vice-chairman; Mr J. W. Eagles, treasurer; and Mr J. West, secretary.

Delegates from the Coalville, Hugglescote and Whitwick and Thringstone Citizen Corps attended a meeting at the Snibston New Inn club room on Monday night and elected Mr B. G. Hale (Coalville) on the Finance Committee of the Leicester County Volunteers Association and Capt. Woods (Hugglescote) a member of the Equipment Committee of the same association.

The annual election of Coalville Urban Councillors is again drawing near. Nominations have to be handed in at the Council Chamber by noon on Thursday, March 11th, and withdrawals made by noon on the following Tuesday, March 16th. In the event of contests taking place, polling will be on Monday, March 29th. Four members will retire, viz, Mr W. Sheffield in the Coalville Ward, Mr T. Y. Hay in the Whitwick Ward, and Messrs. W. Fellows and F. Griffin in the Hugglescote Ward. The resignation of Mr S. Perry creates another vacancy in the Whitwick Ward and the Liberals have agreed to nominate Mr A. J. Briers to take his place. Up to the present it looks as though all the retiring members will be returned unopposed. We have not heard of any other candidates who are likely to come forward.

Soldier's Thanks

A letter of thanks has been received by Miss Waldrum, of the National Schools, Whitwick, from Major Elliott, commanding Z Battery, Royal Horse Artillery, now on active service. He writes, "Your gift of socks and mittens has been safely received, and I send our best thanks to the kind folks who have made such lovely things for us. The articles will be greatly appreciated and found most useful. Above all, we thank you for the kind thought which has prompted the gift."

Beatrice Rawson, a scholar of the above school has received a personal letter of thanks from "A soldier at the front" who was the recipient of a pair of socks which she had knitted.

Whitwick Liberal Association

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Whitwick Liberal Association was held in the Public Hall, on Wednesday night last week, Mr S. Perry presiding.

The chairman remarked that in the seriousness though which the country was passing, he considered it undesirable to advance any political thought, or raise any political questions, and the meeting unanimously endorsed this view.

The officers were re-elected as follows: President, Mr S. Perry; vice-presidents, Messrs. T. Kelly and O. Geary; secretary, Mr John Ward; treasurer, Mr L. Shilliam; and registration secretary, Mr J. W. Briers.

Mr S. Perry and Mr John Ward were nominated for the Executive Committee of the Loughborough Division Liberal Association, and the following were appointed delegates to the Loughborough Association: Messrs. J. Ward, S. Perry, L. Shilliam, T. Kelly, A. Cooper, J. W. Briers, A. Wheeldon, S. Boot, F. Harper, W. Kenny, A. Carter, A. Briers, O. Geary, W. Ward and D. Martin.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the officers for their services and a similar vote was passed to the directors of the Liberal Club for allowing the free use of the room, the resolution to be conveyed by letter.

The question of a successor to Mr S. Perry (resigned) on the Coalville Urban District Council was considered and it was understood that Mr A. J. Briers will be the candidate. A further meeting was decided upon to make the necessary arrangements in due course.

Wesleyan Home Missions

The services at the Whitwick Wesleyan Chapel on Sunday were in aid of the Home Mission Funds. The Rev. W. R. Garment, of Measham, preached in the afternoon and Mr W. A. Hall, of Coalville, in the evening, the collections being for the object named. On Tuesday evening, the Rev. J. R. Sharpley gave his lecture, "Under the British flag," Mr S. W. West presiding.

Baptist Chapel Anniversary

The Rev. R. F. Handford, of Loughborough, preached at the Whitwick Baptist Chapel on Sunday on the occasion of the Chapel anniversary. There were good congregations. On Monday a public tea was well attended, and in the evening the Rev. T. J. Martin of Coalville lectured on "Burns as a religious teacher." The Rev. H. C. J. Wix presided. The collections were for the chapel funds.

Liberal Club Members Dinner

The members of the Whitwick Liberal Club had their annual dinner in the Public Hall on Saturday night, when an excellent meal was provided by the manager and manageress, Mr and Mrs F. Sear. About 80 members did full justice to the good fare provided. Mr T. Kelly afterwards occupied the chair and the evening was spent chiefly in harmony. Mr G. H. Hallam of Thringstone, played piano selections and acted as accompanist, songs being rendered by Messrs. A. Fern, F. Harper, J. O'Mara, T. Moore and others.

Coalville Urban Council

The monthly meeting of the Urban Council was held at Coalville, on Tuesday night, when in the absence of Mr R. Blower through illness, Mr T. Y. Hay (vice-chairman), presided. There were also present, Messrs. M. McCarthy, W. Fellows, A. Lockwood, F. Griffin, S. Armson, J. W. Farmer, B. G. Hale and T. Kelly, with the clerk (Mr F. Jesson) surveyor (Mr L. L. Baldwin) medical officer (Dr. R. W. Jamie) assistant surveyor (Mr G. F. Hurst) and gas works manager (Mr J. W. Eagles).

Highway Committee's Report

The surveyor reported that pig-styes (sic) were proposed to be erected at the Prince of Wales Hotel, at Whitwick, which came within 60 feet of the nearest part of the house, contrary to bye-laws and the Committee recommend the distance given in the bye-laws (60 feet) be adhered to and the owners of the property be given notice to this effect.

Pare's Hill Improvement

Mr McCarthy moved that application be made to the Local Government Board for sanction for a loan for the Pare's Hill improvement at Whitwick and this was carried. The amount was stated to be £500 odd.

Whitwick Member Resigns

The clerk said he wrote to Mr S. Perry asking him to reconsider his resignation and Mr Perry had replied that his decision was final. He stated that Mr Hay's seat was to have been contested and he thought that by him resigning that might be avoided.

Mr Hay: It is very kind of him.

Replying to Mr Lockwood, the clerk said everything was in order for the election. There would be one vacancy at Coalville, two at Hugglescote, and two at Whitwick.

Mr McCarthy: A miniature general election.

Mr Lockwood said that one would be elected at Whitwick for three years and one for a year only in the place of Mr Perry. In the event of a poll and Mr Hay was second on the list, who would retire in 12 month's time. The clerk said he would rather not answer the question without looking into the matter.

A Whitwick Nest Egg

On the motion of Mr McCarthy, it was decided to issue a precept on the Whitwick Overseers for £90 7s 6d, which had been lying in the bank to the account of the Whitwick Burial Board and had apparently been overlooked.

Do You Know

That two £5 prize winners in this week's "Tit-bits" are Mr F. A. Wheeldon, of Forest View, Whitwick, and Mr P. H. Moore, of Snarestone?

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

There have been good and appreciative audiences here this week, and the programme, is as usual, of an excellent standard. There are two "turns," viz., George and Nell Greatorex, court magicians, a couple of most clever and entertaining artistes, whose entertainment is a show in itself; Dorothy Owen, dainty comedienne and dancer, has also been well received for her numbers. – The star film at the beginning of the week was "For her child." Trouble arises between husband and wife over the latter providing her brother with money for gambling; there is a separation, and court proceedings as to the custody of their child. Events happen, however, which eventually bring about a happy reunion. – A good film. "The silence of John Gordon" too was a good one. John loves the Rector's daughter, but the latter prefers Tom Black, and elopes with him. The parson gets a black eye, but all ends up alright. – "Caught in the rain" was a screaming Keystone comedy of the first order. "Lily, the housekeeper" and several others were good. The week-end star is "Fruits of Vengeance" a splendid Vitagraph film which should be seen. Others are; "His Wedding Day," "Pimple beats Jack Johnson" and numerous others. – Patrons should not fail to pay a visit. – Next week's list see advertisement columns.

Sport

Football

Medal Points for Whitwick

The only Leicestershire Senior League match played on Saturday was one in the medal competition at Whitwick between the Imperial and Hugglescote St. John's.

There was a fairly good attendance and even play was witnessed in the first half. The visitors made a few strong attempts in the early part of the game, but met with a sound defence and then Palmer saved cleverly at the other end from the Whitwick forwards. The goal at each end was rapidly visited in turn, but the defence on each side held out, and the interval arrived with no score.

Whitwick got the upper hand in the second half, Lockwood putting on a couple of goals in quick succession, and this was the extent of the scoring, though Hugglescote made some commendable efforts to get on even terms against Whitwick's defence being good.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Burials

Bull – At Whitwick, on Tuesday, Frank Bull, aged 10 months, of Castle Street.

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Local News

The treasurer of the Leicester Royal Infirmary acknowledges with thanks the receipt of £11/2/8 from the Whitwick annual dance per Mr J. Justin, H. McCarthy and committee and £8/17/3 from the workmen of Messrs. Wootton Bros.

A New Coalville Councillor

Mr A. J. Briers Returned Unopposed for Whitwick

Mr A. J. Briers has been returned unopposed to take the place of Mr S. Perry (resigned) on the Coalville Urban District Council as a member for the Whitwick Ward. Although it will Mr Briers' first time on the Council, he is not new to public life, having for two years been a member for Whitwick on the Ashby Board of Guardians. Mr Briers, who is a marine store dealer, is a popular resident of Whitwick, and will doubtless make a worthy successor of Mr Perry. He was the nominee of the Liberal Party.

(A photograph accompanied this article)

Do You Know

That Whitwick Church's share this year towards the Diocesan Church Finance scheme is £17 6s 3d or nearly £3 less than last year?

That the sale of work recently held by the Whitwick Church Girls' Guild has enabled them to pay for the piano (£14) and hand over a balance of 8s to the Churchyard improvement fund?

Coalville Police Court

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

Leonard J. Baldwin, surveyor, Coalville, made application to recover possession of tenements from William Bunce, collier, and Thos. Argyle, labourer, both of Whitwick.

Edward Finch, collier, and Georgina Allen, his wife, of Whitwick, were summoned by Inspector Fitzsimmons of the N.S.P.C.C. for neglecting to protect an open fire grate in their house on March 2nd.

Good Friday Music

The manager of the Coalville Olympia theatre applied for a music license for Good Friday. He said the music would be suitable to specially selected pictures. Supt. Lockton said he went last year and it was very satisfactory. The application was allowed.

A similar application was made by manager of the Whitwick Picture House and Supt. Lockton said this was a new theatre but had been exceedingly well managed up to now. Granted.

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

Good houses have been the order here this week. The Conways have had a good reception with their original act, "On Night Duty," and should pull big houses during the week-end. The star picture at the commencement of the week was "Comedy and Tragedy" a good one and all the others were very much enjoyed. The chief picture for the week end is "Wheat and Tares," a champion drama by Vitagraph. One Stillwell, a young Southerner, incurs the hatred of an unscrupulous scoundrel named Collins who wishes to marry Stillwell's sweetheart, Edith. – Edith's father owes Collins some money, and through this he is able to induce the father to give his consent to his marrying Edith. Stillwell is accused of causing Edith's father's death and Collins testifies that he saw the fatal blow struck. However, Edith refuses to marry Collins, and hands over the plantation to him thus clearing the debt owing to him. – The real murderer eventually confesses and Stillwell is released and in disguise plays a game of cards with Collins and wins the plantation from him again. Stillwell and Edith are married and live happily ever after. – A good story. – "At the foot of the Hill" a drama by S and A is also good and should be seen. Others are; "A Fatal High C," a screaming Keystone; "Withering Roses," "Our Navy at Battle Practice," and many others. – Next week another fine programme, see advertisement columns.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Burials

Burton – At Whitwick, on Wednesday, Elsie Madge Burton, aged 9 months, of Main Street, Thringstone.

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Local News

Mr Briers, of Whitwick, and a friend, were thrown out of a trap near the Leicester Hotel, London Road, Coalville, about 10 pm on Wednesday, owing to the horse stumbling. The shafts were broken and the occupants of the trap were badly shaken, but happily not seriously hurt.

St. Patrick's Day

Several prominent residents of Whitwick, including Father O'Reilly and Mr M. McCarthy, received consignments of shamrock from Ireland, on Wednesday, St. Patrick's Day, which they distributed among the residents and the "wearing o' the green" was very popular in the parish where there is a large Irish population.

Whist Drive and Dance

There was a large attendance at the St. Patrick's annual dance and whist drive at the Holy Cross School on Wednesday night. The M.C.'s for the dancing were Messrs. J. H. McCarthy and J. Rewhorn, and for the whist, Messrs. W. T. Hull and M. Downes. The prize winners were Messrs. Musson and J. Robinson, and Misses J. Hull and Brooks. A ladies' committee provided refreshments and the event was a great success.

Liberal Club Members Meeting

At the annual meeting of the members of the Liberal Club on Tuesday night, Mr A. Needham presided and there was a good attendance. The balance sheet was passed as satisfactory and thanks were accorded the committee for the way they had conducted the business during the year. Mr H. Allgood responding. Mr T. Kelly was re-elected secretary and Mr A. Needham chairman. The following were re-elected on the committee; Messrs. A. J. Briers, A. Beers, A. Cooper and J. Wardle. Messrs. W. Burton and H. Stretton were elected in the places of Messrs. A. Carter and E. Briers.

Buff Presentation

The members of the Beaumanor Lodge of Buffaloes had an interesting gathering at their headquarters, the Railway Hotel, last night, when on the occasion of being raised to the degree of Primo Brothers, S. Perry, S. Boot and F. Harper were each presented with a jewel. A regalia visit was paid by the Stamford Lodge, Coalville, and others.

Colliery Accident

An accident happened on Monday morning to Mr Kenny, a resident of Parson Wood Hill, Whitwick, while at work at the Bagworth Colliery. He was severely crushed between a tub and a prop and Dr. Hamilton of Coalville was summoned by telephone. After Kenny had been attended, he was moved home. He is a young married man with a wife and one child.

Whitwick Parish Meeting

The Post Office Half-Holiday

The annual parish meeting was held in the Whitwick National School on Monday night, Mr M. McCarthy presiding over a good attendance.

The voting for overseers resulted as follows: Messrs. T. Kelly 45, George West 31, A. Needham 31, A. J. Briers 23 and A. Vesty 4.

The following were nominated as parish constables: Messrs. W. Briers, J. Henson, H. Beeson, F. Ducker, F. Harper and D. Martin, the latter taking the place of Mr A. Beers.

For assessors of taxes the nominations were: Messrs. George West, A. J. Briers and John Kelly, the two latter taking the places of Messrs. John Pegg and T. W. Bourne, who were absent.

Complaint was made as to the closing of the post office on Tuesday afternoons and the chairman said the Urban Council took the matter up, but nothing had been done. They did not want to prevent anyone from having a holiday but the postal authorities ought to arrange that without this inconvenience to the public.

A vote of sympathy with the family of the late Mr G. Musson, a former overseer was passed.

Local Chit Chat

Mr J. J. Sharp, of the White House, Whitwick, recently received an interesting letter from a gentleman he had hitherto not known, stating that the gentleman had received a letter from his son, an officer in the Lancashire Fusiliers, in which the latter said that while in the trenches, "somewhere in France," he had met Lieut. Aubrey Sharp, whom he recognised as the Leicestershire amateur cricketer, having met him on the field several times in England in first class cricket. As a result of this communication, a friendship has been struck up between the parents of the two officer cricketers at the front, and each has promised to write to the other on hearing from their respective sons.

Mr J. Cato, one of the nominees in the Hugglescote Ward, for the Coalville Urban Council election, withdrew his name on Tuesday, so that the two retiring members, Messrs. W. Fellows and F. Griffin, are returned unopposed. As there were also only two candidates at Whitwick, Mr T. Y. Hay being re-elected, with Mr A. J.

Briers in the place of Mr S. Perry (resigned), the only ward in which there will be a contest is Coalville. Here, Messrs. C. W. Brown, jun., and A. Massey aspire to the seat vacated by Mr W. Sheffield and polling will take place on Monday, March 29th.

Do You Know

That Whitwick Imperial will play Earl Shilton Victor on the Coalville Town Ground tomorrow in the semi-final for the Coalville Cup?

Short Notice of Sale

Drybrook Farm, Whitwick

Four miles from Coalville and near the Monastery, on Wednesday next, March 24th, 1915

Kirby and Kemp

Beg to announce their instructions from Mr Terry who is giving up the farm, owing to illness, to Sell by Auction as above the live and dead farming stock and a few lots of household furniture, comprising:

10 beasts, 10 sheep, 3 horses, 30 couples of fowls, 19 Ash hurdles.

The agricultural implements and dairy utensils, 35 lots of household furniture including a large antique oak chest and antique oak box.

Catalogues on application
Sale at 2 o'clock prompt.

Another Coalville Soldier Dies from Wounds

The death is reported from wounds of Pte. John Manders, 2nd Leicesters, a Whitwick collier. Further particulars will be given in our next issue.

Golden Row at the Front

Another Whitwick Soldier in the Trenches

(Passed by Press Bureau)

Golden Row, Talbot Street, Whitwick, is well at the front in regard to the number of its residents in the fighting line. A fortnight ago we published a photo of Pte. Hall, who went from here, and this week we give one of another resident of the row who is doing his bit "somewhere in France".

This is Pte. Edgar Howe, who in recent letters to his wife, says he is going on well after a long and tiring time in the trenches. He was pleased to say that he had come through all right and was now having a rest. He has as companions two good friends in Ted Collier and G. Purple. He will be glad he says, when the weather



clears up, as they are up to their ankles in mud and it is very difficult to get about. He adds: "They could do with the Coalville County Council out here to repair the roads, or show them how to do it. Tell my son Edgar I hope he will take my advice and join the army to serve his King and Country, the same as his father has done. My God bless him and all the other children of mine. Tell Tommy Irons his cigars arrived safely and as me and my pals were smoking them we heard the Germans singing 'Auld Lang Syne.' Before we had finished smoking we started a different kind of music (rapid firing) and put their band out of action. Tell Tommy we can beat them with this sort of music. I have a very good rifle with which I am able to shoot well. Roll on, old England, the land I was born in."

In a subsequent letter, Howe says how sorry he was to hear about Ambrose Hall (another occupant of Golden Row, killed by a Coalville motor 'bus a short time ago). Writing in lighter vein, he says his numbers not up yet; he is one of the lucky ones; and he has got his old job out there, like he had in the pit – that of shot-firer. He says several of the men have lost their woollen helmets and it is very cold.

Whitwick Soldier Wounded

Mr Hutchins, a Whitwick postman, serving with the forces, has been wounded and is now in hospital at Runcorn, Cheshire. A letter from him and photo will appear in our next issue.

Whitwick Soldier a Prisoner

How Letters and Gifts are Appreciated

(Passed by Press Bureau)

Mrs G. Fairbrother, of 26, School Lane, Whitwick, has just received a letter from her husband, Pte. G. Fairbrother, of the 1st Leicesters, who is a prisoner of war at Gottingen, Hanover, Germany. The letter is dated February 12th and states that he is well at present and hopes they all are at home. He has received parcels but was disappointed at not having heard from them lately. He was only allowed to write one letter now and again and so he hoped his friends would write often without waiting to hear from him. He adds, "I shall write as soon as I have a chance, you can bet. I enjoyed the cakes and mince pies very much. The little cakes were broken into bits but they went down all right".

Continuing, he asks them to send him eatables, another good big cake, a bit of cheese and butter, and chocolate in preference to cocoa as they had no fire to make it with. They were also allowed to receive fags and he would be glad of some of these. He thanks all friends who have remembered him and hopes to hear from them every week.

Ashby County Court

Yesterday – Before His Honour, Judge Moore Cann.

A Whitwick Ejectment

Robert D. Mann applied for possession of a cottage and garden at Whitwick, occupied by Walter Marriott. George H. Hewes, of Coalville, appeared as agent for the applicant. The Judge said the rule in such cases was for the plaintiff himself to appear or someone wholly in his employ. He would hear Mr Hewes this time but it must not be taken as a precedent. Mr Hewes asked whether a solicitor could apply to which His Honour replied in the affirmative.

An order for possession to be given in seven days was made.

Coalville Police Court

Friday – Before the Rev. C. T. Moore (in the chair), Major Hatchett, Mr H. J. Ford and Mr J. W. West.

No Fire Guard

William Allen, collier and Georgina Allen, his wife, of Whitwick, were summoned by Inspector Fitzsimmons of the N.S.P.C.C. for neglecting to protect an open fire grate in their house on March 2nd.

They pleaded guilty.

Mr J. J. Sharp (Coalville) said the society regretted to have to take these proceedings. It was only the second case of its kind in this district. While the mother was out enquiring for a house, the child's clothes got on fire

and it was burnt to death. He did not ask for a severe penalty, as the parents had no doubt suffered a great deal already, but the case was intended as a warning to others. Thomas John Webb, deputy-coroner, deposed to holding an inquest on the child, when the defendants were censured for their neglect in failing to provide a guard.

The male defendant said his wife was never away from the children and it would not have happened, but for the house job. The landlord had threatened to put them into the street. They had a guard now. The chairman told the defendant (Allen) he had many previous convictions and had been guilty of serious neglect in this case.

Fined 10s 6d and costs 8s 6d and the woman 5s 6d and costs 8s 6d.

Property Cases

L. L. Baldwin, surveyor, Coalville, made application to recover possession of tenements from William Bunce, collier, and Thomas Argyle, labourer, both of Whitwick. P.C. Grewcock said Bunce was a National Reservist in the Guard at Donington Hall. Defendant's wife appeared.

Mr Jesson for the Urban Council said this was in connection with Housing and Town Planning Act and was to show owners that when notices for the closing of property were served, they had to be obeyed. George F. Hurst, sanitary inspector, gave evidence as to serving notices. He said the house was in Brook's Lane, Whitwick. Mr Jesson said it was absolutely unfit for habitation.

The woman, in reply to the Bench, said she had seven children in the house. She had tried to get another house and failed. The Bench made an order for possession to be given up within 28 days.

Argyle appeared and said he could not get a house. Mr Jesson said this was a similar case. The house was on Brook's Lane and being unfit to live in, a closing order had been issued. An order to give up possession within 28 days was made.

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

Two good "turns" are appearing here this week, viz., a grand sketch, "The Belgian's Oath," a fine dramatic performance, which has had a splendid reception. Ada Wallis, comedy character vocalist, a first-class artiste who has received much applause for her numbers. Both are well worth seeing and should not be missed. The chief picture first half of the week was "A Lady of the Island." Vivian is left a fortune, with her uncle as guardian. He tries to get the money but his efforts are frustrated. "Sammy's Automaton" got 'wound up' to finish with. "The Soul of a Man" a most exciting drama, and many others. For the week-end the chief picture is "Face Value," a strong two-part drama. Pete Scarlett was grateful to Kelly for saving him from a mauling when he was caught cheating at cards, and Kelly assumed his name to obtain a fortune he claimed to belong to him. After Kelly obtains the fortune, and marries on "Face Value" his troubles begin again. This should be seen. "Mabel's Strange Predicament" is a Keystone scream. "Bronco Billy's Great Leap," a fine drama. "The Widow's Son," this is extra good, being the story of an only son going to the war. He was awarded the V.C. for bravery, but he is severely wounded. He, however, pulls through and returns home to his mother and sweetheart. Others are excellent. Next week's list, see advertisement columns.

Sport

Football

Whitwick' Last League Match

Two Points at Hugglescote

Whitwick Imperial played their last match in the Leicestershire Senior League proper on Saturday, when they were opposed to the St. John's at Hugglescote. There was a fair attendance and as the clubs each had a

good side out an interesting game was witnessed. It was a very even game and the St. John's threw away several excellent chances by poor shooting.

The home team winning the toss had the wind behind them in the first half, but play had not been in progress many minutes before Lockwood dodged through and opened Whitwick's account. This was all the scoring in the first half though the St. John's came very near a time or two. Once, Higham, on the left, cleverly tricked Waterfield and got in a lovely centre which Mugglestone should easily have turned to account, but lifted the ball over from only a couple of yards range.

There was a similar incident in the second half, when only about six yards from the goal, Lees had only the custodian in front of him but sent it over the bar. Hugglescote made some good attempts to get all level and all but succeeded a time or two. Towards the close, however, they fell away somewhat, and the Imperial took advantage of this, Lockwood again scoring.

Whitwick tomorrow play Earl Shilton Victor in the semi-final for the Coalville Cup on the Coalville Town Ground and in view of the Shilton teams victory over Coalville Town in the final for the Rolleston Cup at Leicester on Saturday, it would seem as though Whitwick have no light task. The winners will meet Loughborough Corinthians in the final on Easter Tuesday.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Sudden Death

The death occurred suddenly on Monday, of Mr Samuel Price, a collier, residing in School Lane. He was 71 years of age. An inquest was not deemed necessary.

Burials

Webb – At Whitwick, on Monday, Charles Webb, aged 72 years, of the Ashby Union.

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Local News

Whitwick Nursing Association

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Whitwick and Thringstone Nursing Association was held in the National School on Tuesday night, Father O'Reilly presided and a small attendance included Miss Harding, Messrs. T. W. Bourne, A. West and H. Jarvis.

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

The committee have pleasure in laying before you the 16th annual report and balance sheet. The work of the Association has been very satisfactory. The nurse has attended 119 cases and paid 3,800 visits during the year. The committee wish to thank most heartily all the subscribers and take this opportunity to thank the district collectors for the time and trouble they have taken. Special thanks are due to the Coalville and District Parade and Gala Committee, and the Coalville and District Charity Football Association for their splendid donations. To the managers of the Whitwick National School the Committee tender their thanks for the use of a room for all their meetings.

The balance sheet was also submitted as follows:

Receipt: Balance in hand 1913, £41/3/1; subscriptions paid to secretary £63/15/6; Whitwick district collection £26/1/5; Thringstone district collection £5/6/0; Paid to Nurse Lilly £4/14/6; bank interest 13s; total £141 13s 7d.

Expenditure: Nurses' salary £95/2/4; Health Insurance 23s; Northern Assurance Company 10s; County Nursing Association 10s; Mr H. Stinson (new water pillows etc) £4/16/1; printing accounts £1/3/6; balance in hand £38/18/8.

The following were the district collections: Miss E. M. Henson £5/6/0; Miss L. Adams £4/9/0; Miss Bellamy £2/9/0; Miss G. Webster £3/6/6; Miss Newbury £2/18/0; Miss C. Smith £2/7/0; Miss Roulston £1/19/6; Miss Rewhorn £1/18/6; Miss Trevena £1/12/0; Miss Foster £1/9/6; Miss E. O'Reilly £1/7/6; Miss A. O'Reilly 15s and Mrs Brown 10s. Total £31/7/6.

The chairman said he hardly expected such a good balance sheet in view of the war. Miss Harding said there was only a loss of £2 on the year. Replying to Mr West she said Thringstone had done a little better this year.

On the motion of the chairman, seconded by Mr Bourne the report and balance sheet were adopted.

Mr Bourne moved a vote of thanks to Miss Harding, eulogising her good work as hon. secretary and this was seconded by Father O'Reilly and heartily accorded. Mr A. West said he would like to say a word of appreciation of the nurse. Having had her service for three months in his family during the year, he would like to testify to the courtesy she had displayed at all times and the kind and efficient manner in which she had discharged her duties (Hear, hear). The chairman said he would endorse this. The only complaint he had heard was that the nurse strongly insisted on the people keeping the places very clean and he thought that was a good sign. A vote of thanks to the nurse and the chairman concluded a brief meeting.

For Sale

Good morticing machine in good working order. For particulars, apply J. Stinson, Harvey Woods, Whitwick.

Mr Robert Sharp, of Whitwick, recently gave a home-cured ham, weighing 41 lbs, to be drawn for and the proceeds to be spent on tobacco for the Leicestershire troops at the front. The ham was won by Mr James Smith, of the Fountain Inn, Coalville. The proceeds amounted to £13 17s 6d and a wholesale firm, through Mr Walter Higgins, of Coalville, has forwarded about 30,000 cigarettes, 28 lbs of tobacco and 56 tinder lighters to be divided between the 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th battalions of the Leicestershire regiment, and the Leicestershire Yeomanry.

Whitwick Postman Wounded in the Great Battle at Neuve Chapelle

Killed Three Germans

Miss E. Hutchins, of St. John's Terrace, Whitwick, has received an interesting letter from her husband, Pte. Ernest Hutchins, who took part in the great British victory at Neuve Chapelle, but was wounded, and is now in hospital at Runcorn, Cheshire. In civil life Hutchins was engaged as a postman in Whitwick.

He writes: "I was wounded in the early morning on March 12th. It was in the charge on the morning of the 10th, when this advance started. Before we made a step towards the charge there were 480 guns firing for 35 minutes. I killed 3 Germans on the 10th; I cannot explain to anybody what the noise was like. It was the heaviest gun-firing that has been known in history and I shall never forget it, the longest day I live. I don't want to see any more of it either. I will tell you more about it when I see you again, but I think it will be the turning point of the war. I am pleased to say that I am happy and comfortable and I don't think they will keep me in here much above a week. They usually let them have eight days leave. My wound is at the back of the neck and is not that bad. I must tell you that I am a very lucky man, but, I forgot, it was on my lucky day – Friday. I should be pleased if you would get the weekly paper for Sunday, the 14th, and save it for me till I get home."

Hutchins goes on to say that he hopes his wife as well and he is longing to see her again. He asks for a shillingworth of stamps to be sent, saying that if he posts his letters without stamping them they are delayed. He proceeds; "Remember me to all friends and people who know me in Whitwick. You need not trouble to send me a parcel, as I



get plenty eat and drink. I had a nice clean bath and a change of clothes, but the worst of it is we are compelled to stay in bed. I think this is all the news this time. Cheer up! It seems lovely to be in good old England once more. Don't forget to send the "Coalville Times" on to me each week."

Whitwick Man's Thrilling Experiences

Helped to Capture the Guns now at Leicester

Learning to Speak French

Interesting letters have been received by Mr Joe Kelly, of 18, North Street, Whitwick, from Pte. Thomas Roberts, also a resident of North Street now in the 3rd Leicesters at the front.

Roberts thanks Kelly for a letter he received in the trenches and hopes they are all well at Whitwick. At the time of writing, he was very well, except for his feet, which were rather bad, as they don't often have their boots off.

"We went into the trenches on Sunday, proceeds the writer, and came out on Thursday night. We have to go in and out when it is dark, so that the Germans cannot see us. It is a bit 'hot,' but we have to stick it. It is a wonder we are stricken with fever, for at some places we get to the smell is so bad from bad cattle and men which the Germans have not buried. I can tell you, Joe. I have had it warm since I came out here. I was the only one from our place that was in the charge when we took those two guns which they have got at Leicester. The others had not come out then, but they are here now. I have had eleven weeks' hard fighting so have been here long enough to know how to go on. They sent us a regiment of London Territorials to show them how to go on and we took them into the trenches for the first time on Sunday night. They fought very well. So you see we are not thought of so badly. You and I have always been good pals and if I live to come home again, we will sit toe to toe and have a pint of Tommy's best and mild, and I will tell you something that will open your eyes. I am not allowed to tell you the place we are at and the officer has to read the letters before they come. Sometimes I think I shall not see good old Whitwick again. The worst has got to come yet, when the ground gets dry, so that we can get our artillery about for a big advance. We can shift them when we like, but we are waiting for the weather to take up, and then it will be, God help them!"



In another letter Roberts writes, "The same day that I got your letter, I was watching our artillery shelling the German trenches and I never saw anything like it in my life. They dropped shells straight into them, and as the Germans ran out we fired at them with our rifles. They must have lost heavily. All the places we get to are in ruins – blown to bits and nobody living there. It is funny to hear the French talk, and we can't tell much what they say, but I have learnt one or two words – "delay" for milk, "hufs" for eggs, "lapang" for bread, and "avis" for notice. I have got a ring of Rosemary beads which a poor woman gave me, as they are all Catholics out here. If I live to get home I will present them to your eldest daughter. I have carried them hundreds of miles. Will you have this letter put in the "Coalville Times"? You can depend on it all being the truth and I don't want the Coalville chaps to have it all their own way. Let them know there is somebody from Whitwick out here as well as them. Send me a copy of the paper with it in. If I live to come home I shall have nothing to be ashamed of, as I have done my duty. Remember me to Fred Sear and all enquiring friends."

Coalville Police Court

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

Bad Language

Henry W. Robinson, collier, Thringstone, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on February 27th.

He pleaded not guilty.

P.C. Jelley said the defendant used the language outside the Whitwick Picture House. Some 30 or 40 people were waiting to go in and witness told him he would have to take his turn. The defendant threatened him. P.C.'s Grewcock and Jones also gave evidence.

Defendant said the police had a spite against him.

The Clerk: Do you suggest that all three policemen have committed purgury?

Defendant said he did not use the language attributed to him. James Cufflin said he was going into the Picture Palace at the same time and saw P.C. Jelley ejecting defendant. Witness was interested because Robinson was in the Citizen's Corps the same as himself. He heard no bad language used.

Fined 5/6 and costs 16/6 or seven days.

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

There has been good audiences at this theatre this week, and a good show has been much appreciated by them. At the earlier part of the week, "The Silent Witness" was the chief film. Jack, down on his luck takes a job on a ranch and falls in love with the rancher's daughter. Jack takes a picture which saves his neck when a treacherous foreman accuses him of being the leader of a gang of cattle thieves. The photo gives the game away. "38 Calibre Friendship" was also good. There was a bit of trouble over Jack hiding Bill's share of gold, but Bill is ashamed of himself later. "The Way to Heaven" was a fine Vitagraph well produced, and others were extra good. Bu Val, the happy Dutchman with his concertina, is a good artiste and has had a good reception. Patrons should see this, it is worth seeing. Connie Isca, is a clinking vocal comedienne, and she will be much enjoyed. She had a good reception too. In addition to these two splendid turns, the weekend films include some fine ones, viz., "The Masked Wrestler," a fine Essanay subject. Several of the scenes depict wrestling bouts, and these are the real thing and there is some fierce gripping. Margery Winters sees the masked wrestler and she schemes to bring about a meeting at one of her receptions. M. Lefevre is a suitor for Margery's hand and insists the masked athlete which results in a duel. The wrestler is the winner and Lefevre swears revenge. During another bout the wrestler's mask is removed and Margery is overjoyed to find that he is her lover Louis. Patrons will enjoy this. Others are "The Under Sheriff," "Under Desperations Spur," "Pimple's Kissing Cup" etc. Next week a fine programme is billed and should be seen. Full particulars see advertisement columns.

Sport

Football

Coalville Cup Semi Final

Whitwick's Easy Win

Despite a heavy snowfall on Friday the Coalville Town ground was in excellent trim for the semi-final of the Coalville Cup Competition on Saturday between Whitwick Imperial and Earl Shilton Victor and a good crowd saw the game, though the attendance was down compared with some previous semi-finals.

As Earl Shilton had beaten Coalville Town in the final for the Rolleston Cup at Leicester on the previous Saturday, it made it look as if Whitwick by no means had a soft thing on hand. It was soon apparent, however, that the Imperial were easily the superior side, and the game was not many minutes old before Whitwick had found the net on two occasions only to be ruled offside, but they were not to be denied. After a corner, Dexter got a legitimate point and in about a couple of minutes, Lockwood had put on No. 2. The Shilton custodian was applauded for brilliantly saving a terrific shot by Bird (half-back), but he was beaten again by Lockwood, while before the interval Thorpe added the fourth. Shilton seldom had a look in.

The second half was very much a repetition of the first, the Whitwick forwards having a merry time. The right wing was particularly effective and I have never seen Lockwood play a greater game. Bird also did splendidly

at outside right, being altogether too good for his opponent, and he got in numerous excellent centres. Lovett also played finely in the half-back line. Lockwood put on two more goals making four to him for the afternoon, while further goals were obtained by Thorpe and Dexter. Whitwick retiring winners by the substantial margin of eight goals to none and they were full value for it all. A remark frequently heard on the ground was "What were Coalville Town doing last Saturday to let Shilton beat them?"

The game was in charge of Mr R. T. Bradshaw, with Mr T. Price and Mr H. Deakin on the lines and there was no unpleasantness. Shilton took their gruelling like sportsmen and everything passed off very smoothly.

The total proceeds were £12/19/5, of which the charity took £4/6/5 and after paying expenses, each side received £2 6s 9d.

Coalville Charity Cup

Arrangements for the Final

A meeting of the Coalville Charity Cup Committee was held at the Red House Hotel on Wednesday night, Mr R. T. Bradshaw presiding, and there were present Messrs. J. Kirby, H. R. Brown, A. E. Clay, H. Clamp, E. Swain, and J. W. Farmer (hon. secretary).

It was decided that the final between Whitwick Imperial and Loughborough Corinthians be played on the Fox and Goose ground on Easter Tuesday, time of kick-off to be arranged later. Mr R. T. Bradshaw was appointed referee and Messrs. J. Tivey and H. Deakin linesmen. It was decided that medals for the winners be purchased from Mr T. Lashmore, of Coalville, and for the runners-up from Mr C. Usher, of Leicester.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Burials

Price – At Whitwick, on Tuesday, Samuel Price, aged 71 years, of School Lane.