

Coalville Times – November 1915

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Sales By Auction

Cademan Street, Whitwick

Freehold Detached Cottage

To be sold by auction by Messrs. Moore and Miller, at the Hermitage Hotel, Whitwick, on Monday, November 8th, 1915.

At 6 for 7 o'clock, in the evening precisely, subject to conditions of sale to be then produced. All that pleasantly situated freehold detached messuage or cottage situate in Cademan Road, Whitwick, known as "Rock Cottage" with the garden, outbuildings and appurtenances thereto belonging formerly in the occupation of Mr Jonathan Goddard and now of Mr J. Ward, at the weekly rental of 3s 8d.

For further particulars apply to the auctioneers or to Messrs. Sharp and Lancaster, solicitors, Coalville and Ashby.

Local News

Parish Church

A small polished brass tablet has been placed on the wall at the west end of the church, to the memory of Private Ernest Tugby, who was killed in action June 7th, 1915. The inscription is as follows:

"In loving memory of Private Ernest Tugby, of the 1st Leicestershire Regiment, who was killed in action in France, June 7th, 1915. Greater love hath no man than this."

The tablet has been made and engraved by Mr R. E. Swinfen of Nottingham, an old Whitwick resident, the expense being defrayed by the members of the Men's and Women's Service at the above church of which the deceased soldier was a highly respected member. At both morning and afternoon service on Sunday last the Vicar made most appropriate reference to the tablet and the hero soldier in whose memory it has been erected.

A handsomely arranged and massively framed Roll of Honour has also been hung in the Whitwick Church during the past week. It contains the names, etc., of over 160 Whitwick men who are now serving the country either at home or abroad. Another list in is the course of preparation which will contain the names, etc., of all Whitwick men who have made the supreme sacrifice (their lives) for their King and Country.

Whitwick Soldier Dies from Wounds

Letters from Chaplain and Officer

Mr Underwood, of Pare's Hill, Whitwick, has received a letter from Lord Kitchener expressing the sympathy of the King and Queen with him on the death of his son, Lance-Corpl. F. Underwood, of the 9th Leicesters, resulting from wounds received in action.

The chaplain, R. N. Shelton, writes that he buried the deceased who died from wounds received in the trenches. He adds, "*I did my best to comfort and cheer him in his last moments. Everything was done for him that could be done and he passed peacefully away on Sunday evening (October 3rd) at 9 pm. My sincere love and sympathy is with you in your trouble and bereavement. May God comfort and bless you.*"

Another letter received is from 2nd Lieut. H. S. Rosen, who says, "*It is with the utmost regret that I have to inform you that your son was killed in action on October 3rd. He was on duty in the trenches when a shrapnel shell suddenly burst near him, inflicting a severe wound in his head, which resulted in his death shortly after reaching his dressing station. I feel his loss very keenly, and he was not only a thoroughly good soldier but*

an excellent worker and he had recently been mentioned in the company commander's report to the Colonel for especially good work in helping to repair a trench destroyed by an enemy trench mortar bomb, in which he showed exceptional coolness and energy. He will be sadly missed, not only by myself and my platoon, but also by the regiment as a whole. I should like to convey to you the heart-felt sympathy of the company officers and your son's comrades in your sad bereavement."

An impressive memorial service was held at the Whitwick Parish Church on Sunday for Lance-Corpl. Frank Underwood, of Pare's Hill, Whitwick, recently killed in action. The Vicar (the Rev. T. W. Walters, M.A.) preached to a good congregation which included the members of the Whitwick and Thringstone Citizen Corps under Commander G. F. Burton, and the Boy Scouts. The organist (Mr R. West) played Chopin's Funeral March at the commencement and the Dead March at the close, when the National Anthem was also sung and Scout Richards (bugler) sounded the "Last Post." Muffled peals were rung on the bells.

A photo of Underwood appears next week.

Dance and Whist Drive

On Wednesday evening about 130 people were present at a dance and whist drive in the Holy Cross School, the proceeds of which were for the Holy Cross Church altar fund. Mr A. Adcock played for dancing and Messrs. Beesley and J.H. McCarthy were M.C.'s while in the capacity for whist, Messrs. M. Bownes and T. Hull officiated. Refreshments were provided and served by a ladies' committee.

Fire at Whitwick Factory

A Timely Discover

The Coalville Fire Brigade received a call early on Thursday morning to Messrs. Seal and Co's hosiery factory in Church Lane, Whitwick, and Capt. Elsworth and a number of firemen promptly responded. Luckily, their services were not required as a number of helpers had succeeded in getting over the danger. The fire originated in some beams near the chimney and, happily, was discovered before it had made much headway. The damage done was slight.

Do You Know

That the Whitwick and District Association for the Protection of Persons and Property was formed as far back as 1847?

Coalville Urban District Council

The monthly meeting of the Urban Council was held at Coalville on Tuesday night, Mr A. Lockwood presiding. There were also present, Messrs. M. McCarthy, A. J. Briers, C. W. Brown, F. Griffin, J. W. Farmer, B. G. Hale, T. Kelly, and W. Fellows, with the clerk (Mr J. F. Jesson), surveyor (Mr L. L. Baldwin), assistant surveyor (Mr G. F. Hurst) and gasworks manager (Mr J. W. Eagles).

Medical Officer's Report

The medical officer (Dr. R. W. Jamie) reported that during the month of October 3 cases of scarlatina were notified – one in Park Road, one in Oxford Street, and one in Belvoir Road. One case also of diphtheria had been reported at Talbot Street, Whitwick. In each case the usual precautions were taken. Several cases of measles and whooping cough had occurred in one Whitwick ward and one death had been attributed to each of these diseases. During the month, 22 deaths occurred, giving a death-rate of 13.6 per 1,000. These included three from bronchitis and one from phthisis. During the same period 50 births were registered giving a birth-rate of 32 per 1,000.

Whitwick Lodging Houses

The surveyor reported that the number of Whitwick lodgers for the month was 650 against 800 last month and 963 for October last year. The lodging houses had been inspected and found clean and satisfactory.

Ashby Police Court

Saturday. – Before the Rev. C. T. Moore (in the chair), Major Hatchett, Mr G. D. Orchard, Mr J. Hassall, Mr G. Brown and Mr T. Varnham.

Whitwick Man and the Guardians

John Bakewell, bricklayer, Whitwick, was the defendant in an application by John William Bowley, relieving officer, Ashby, to enforce judgement under the Emergency Powers Act. Mr Bowley said that on August 8th, 1914, judgement was obtained for £2 3s and 12s costs and defendant had paid £1 since then. His wife was in the asylum and defendant had none but himself to keep. His average wage for the last five weeks was £1 2s 3d.

Defendant said he was getting an old man and was often ill. He had a son at the war who ought to be doing him a bit of good now. He had to pay someone to look after him and could not really afford to pay. He said he had been steady, and for years was a chorister in the Ashby and Whitwick Parish churches. Mr Bowley said the Guardians were of the opinion that the man could pay if he would, but apparently preferred to put them to all the trouble he could.

The Bench granted the application to proceed to recover the amount and ordered defendant to pay 2s 6d costs.

Round the Theatres

The Picture House

“Zudora” No. 4 was the chief film here at the commencement of the week-end was much enjoyed, along with the other list of excellent pictures screened. – Ellis Barrieton, the popular specialite vocalist is appearing all the week. He is certainly a fine artiste and Whitwick patrons have not been slow to show their appreciation. Mr Barrieton’s repertoire of refined and catchy songs are tendered in a manner which cannot but please and patrons who have not already heard him should not fail to pay a visit during this weekend. – “The Phantom Thief” is a good piece for tonight and tomorrow. Among the many artists in the making of the studio of M. Rafael in Paris, are Kenneth Turner and Ralph Cameron. Rafael, the master, passes from one to the other, criticising the work of his pupils. It is evident that he is displeased with the work of Cameron while he holds up Turner’s drawing as a model for the class. This causes jealousy. Turner is in his studio painting, using his model, Nana. It is very obvious that she is infatuated with Turner. As Lady Sylvia with her parents, the Earl of Hawkesley and the Countess, are announced by his valet, Turner dismisses Nana for the day. Subsequently the portrait of Lady Sylvia is completed, a masterpiece. Angered at the frequent visits of Lady Sylvia to Turner’s studio, Nana, the model, leaves and obtains a position as model in Cameron’s studio. Whilst there she reads of the rumour of a romance between Turner and Lady Sylvia. Nana and Cameron concoct a scheme to get revenge. Nana goes to a tenement district and borrows a baby, which she carries to Lady Sylvia, telling her that the baby is Turner’s. Sylvia is horrified, and sends a curt note to Turner. This leads to a misunderstanding and going against Sylvia’s wishes, he exhibits her portrait, which is stolen. As Nana is crossing the street she is knocked down by Sylvia’s car. She is carried into Sylvia’s home, where she tells she lied out of jealousy. At the same time Sylvia receives her portrait with a note from Turner to the effect that his masterpiece is hers to do anything she pleases with it, as he has broken his promises to her. Sylvia is overjoyed, and sends out Turner. They then come to an understanding – No. 5 of the Zudora Mystery next week.

Sport

Football

The Imperial Football Club team to meet Gresley Rovers on the Duke of Newcastle ground tomorrow is: Roadley; Dexter and Warden; Moore, Bird and Williamson; M. Bird, Smith, Watson, Needham and Roach. Reserves, Kendrick, Lees and Richards.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Mr and Mrs G. Fletcher and family desire to tender their sincere thanks for the many kind expressions of sympathy extended to them on the occasion of the death of their son, Pte. George Fletcher, killed in action, October 13th, 1915.

9 Ibstock Road, Ellistown

Burials

Shelton – At Whitwick, on Thursday, Walter Shelton, aged 13 months, of Castle Street.

Lager – At Whitwick, on Saturday, Thomas Lager, aged 76 years, of Ashby Union.

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Sales By Auction

German and German have received instructions from the Executors of the late Mrs A. E. Hood to sell by auction on Tuesday, November 23rd, 1915.

At the Three Crowns Hotel, Whitwick, at 6.30 o'clock in the evening, and subject to conditions of sale to be there and then read. All those four brick and slate built cottages situate on the Loughborough Road, and being Nos. 163, 165, 167 and 169, now in the respective occupations of Stephen Birkenshaw, Josiah Brooks, John Sear and Charles Ekins, together with a field of old turf land and the brick stable standing therein also in the occupation of Stephen Birkenshaw.

There is a garden to each cottage and a wash house with town water laid on common to the four. Further particulars may be had at the place of sale, the auctioneers at Ashby-de-la-Zouch or from Messrs. Dewes and Musson, solicitors, Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

Property Sale

Mr E. Moore of Messrs. Moore and Miller (Coalville) conducted a successful property sale at the Hermitage Hotel on Monday night, when seven houses in Hermitage Road, were disposed of on the order of the trustees of the late Mr Walter Brownlow. The residence known as 'The Laurels,' formerly occupied by Mr Brownlow and now tenanted by Mr W. Carr, at an annual rent of £26, was started at £250 and knocked down at £400 to Mr T. Tathern, the manager of the Ibstock Colliery. The six cottages adjoining The Laurels, producing £88 8s a year, were bought by Mr O. Burton, of Whitwick, for £1,100, the bidding having advanced from £800. The solicitors to the vendors of these lots were Messrs. Crane and Moore, of Coalville. Another property offered was that known as 'Rock Cottage' in Cademan Street, let at 3s 8d per week. Bidding started at £50 and at £75, Mr F. Hull, of Whitwick, was declared the purchaser. In this case Messrs. Sharp and Lancaster were the acting solicitors.

Ashby Board of Guardians

A Reply from the Whitwick Overseers

The Clerk said he wrote to the Whitwick overseers as requested, calling their attention to an order having been given for the admission of a Whitwick man to the workhouse, which was not considered by the Guardians to be an urgent case.

Mr T. Kelly (overseer) wrote in reply as follows: *"I was specially called to this case and when I arrived the man was vomiting blood freely and appeared to me to be very ill. The doctor had been. I saw the doctor and he told me it was a case for the infirmary. (I enclose certificate for same). The old woman whom he lodged with had no means to provide anything for him or anyone to look after him, the home being in a destitute condition. Under the circumstances we gave an order for the house although you state what the Guardians wish to point out re urgent cases. All due respect to them, when the doctor says it is an urgent case and the Guardians say it is not, we leave it to their discretion as to whether they know more about the people who reside here than the overseers. I shall be pleased if you will read this openly as there has been a lot of talk."*

The letter was also signed by Mr George West, another of the overseers. The doctor's certificate was read as follows: "October 26th, 1915. I saw Wm. Freer, of Silver Street, Whitwick. He was suffering from repeated attacks of epistaxis. As he was in a destitute condition, I advised the overseer that he should be removed to the Infirmary. – S. E. Dunkin, M.R.C.S., Eng., L.R.C.P., Lon., etc."

The chairman said that was satisfactory. Mr Briers said he would like to ask why the House Committee suggested writing to the Whitwick overseers. Mr Parker said it was not decided by the House Committee. They brought it before the whole Board and the Board decided that the letter be sent.

Mr Briers: It was on the representation of the House Committee.

Dr Atkinson: Had the House Committee the facts of the case before them when considering it?

Mr Parker said they went on the master's report. Mr Riley reported to them that the man was admitted on an overseer's order as an urgent case and that had to be placed in the infirmary, although it was not really a case for the House. The man was not there very long before he took his discharge. The House Committee thought it would not be a very urgent case for the infirmary when the man took his discharge two or three days' later. Mr Briers held that the overseers were quite right in what they did.

Mr Parker said they only had the facts given to them by the master. The Committee had no letter from the overseers explaining things. Dr. Atkinson said it did not matter so much in this case, but they had similar representations from the House Committee several times.

The Chairman: No harm has been done.

Mr Briers: But it is a slight on the Whitwick overseers.

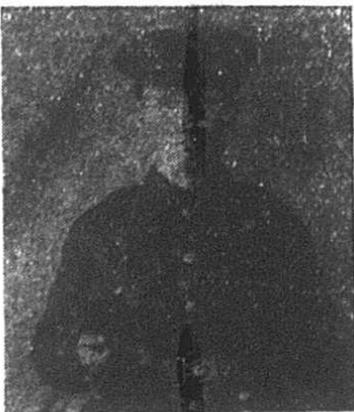
Major Hatchett said it was easy to make a mistake and easy to be wise after the event. It was quite clear from the letter that there was the appearance of great urgency in the case. It turned out that it was not so, and while they agreed that the man need not have been sent, he did not think they could blame anyone for not having done so. (Hear, hear).

Mr Parker pointed out that under the new regulation, all admissions to the workhouse had to come before the House Committee and they were supposed to know all about them, and if they did not take notice of cases they would be very remiss.

Fallen Whitwick Soldiers

Lance-Corporal F. Underwood. He was in the 9th Leicesters, and as stated in our last issue, died on October 3rd, of wounds received in action a day or so earlier. His home was at Pare's Hill, Whitwick.

Another Whitwick soldier who has made the supreme sacrifice is Pte. Edward Jarvis, of the 1st Grenadier Guards, whose parents live at 88, Hermitage Road. His father, Mr Thomas Jarvis, is a collier at the Whitwick pit, but for about 12 months has been at home ill. The deceased soldier formerly worked at the Snibston Colliery and was a single man, 27 years of age. He joined the army about 13 months ago and had been four months at the front.



Lance-Corpl. F. Underwood.

The official news of his death was received from the War Office on Thursday, this stating that he was killed in action on October 17th. The bereaved relatives had been prepared for this by a letter dated October 20th, received from Pte. B. Barker, of the same regiment, who wrote:

"Dear Friend – It is with deep regret that I have to write this letter to you. I am writing on behalf of myself and the section to let you know that Ted Jarvis was killed in action last Sunday morning in an attack we made. Dear friend, believe me, you have the deepest respect of the whole platoon. Poor chap, he was liked by us all, but you all have one consolation, he died like a true Englishman fighting for his country. Will you



Private Edward Jarvis.

please inform his parents of this painful fact. I don't know your name, but I think this will find you. Will you let me know if this reaches you. – Believe me, yours sincerely."

B. Barker

The letter was addressed to 'Harry, 155, Brooks Lane, Whitwick, Leicestershire,' this being the address of a friend of the deceased which his comrade apparently found upon him.

Whitwick Soldier Erroneously Reported Killed

Parents Receive a Welcome Letter

Happily, a report that Pte. William Beasley, of the 1st Battalion Leicestershire Regiment, had been killed in action has proved to be untrue. It originated from a statement by a man who said he had seen it in a letter from a soldier at the front that Beasley fell in the recent fighting. The news came to the knowledge of his parents, Mr and Mrs Beasley, of the Hermitage Hotel, Whitwick, who were naturally much distressed.

Their joy on receiving a letter which disproved the rumour can be better imagined than described. The letter is dated November 8th, several days after that on which the soldier was said to have been killed, and in it the writer says he is in the front line of trenches and had had a very near shave, but came through all right. He had had a big shock, but was all right now and doing well. This is Pte. Beasley's second time at the front. After being in France for a time, he was invalided home with rheumatic fever and having recovered is now back again in the trenches.



Do You Know

That at a Whitwick property sale on Monday night, there were no less than 27 bids for the late Mr W. Brownlow's house, the Laurels, in Hermitage Road?

Coalville Police Court

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

School Cases

Isaac Swift, banksman, Whitwick, was summoned for neglecting to send his child regularly to school. Evidence was given by Frederick Hanger, school attendance officer, and a fine of 2s 6d was imposed.

Bad Language

Thomas Price, and Joseph Horrobin, colliers, Whitwick, were summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on October 23rd. P.C. Jelley gave the facts and Price was fined 10s or seven days and Horrobin 12s 6d or seven days.

Round the Theatres

The Picture House

Good 'houses' are the order here again this week, and a rattling fine programme is to be seen. The Lancers, in a novel singing, patter, and dancing act are good, and Edna Burton, the lady baritone, is well worth

hearing. Both have had a good reception, and should not be missed during the week-end. – The chief picture at the beginning of the week was “Zudora” No. 5 (The Missing Millions), and this, with the other excellent items were much enjoyed – For the week-end in addition to the above mentioned first class ‘turns’ and a strong list of films, the chief one will appeal strongly, viz., “Countess Veschi’s Jewels.” It is a strong mystery drama by the popular Essarmy Co., the excellence of whose productions is well known. Alfred Tisdale, on the way to spend a week-end at the Soper house, meets a man named Rawdin. Their suitcases become mixed. A thief steals one which Rawdin supposes to be his. When Tisdale is dressing for dinner he finds the suitcase he has belongs to Rawdin. Having found a black mask in the suitcase he decides to keep quiet and watch Rawdin. That night the jewels of Countess Veschi, a guest, are stolen. Tisdale is suspected and locked in his room. Ruth Ridgebury helps him to escape. They flee to her auto, pursued by the others. The auto is wrecked, and they take refuge in a barn. There they find the real thieves and learn that the family butler is in league with them. Rawdin complains that the mask was for a masquerade ball. Tisdale, has however won the love of Ruth. – Next week “Zudora” No. 6 (The Robbery of the Ruby Coronet) and the following is a short resume of the story. Madame du Val, always on the look-out for a coup, fills in the interval between her next attack on Zudora by planning to rob fashionable Mrs Copeland of her jewels and especially her latest gem – a ruby coronet. A well-laid plan is upset because the victim’s butler assisted by the maid, makes off with the jewels. Members of the gang follow him and he runs right into the arms of Bruce. Tom Hunt and Baird work on the case and finally recover part of the jewels, but the butler escapes with a daring leap from the second storey window. Bruce has secured the ruby coronet, however, in the meantime, Zudora again falls victim to Madame du Val’s machinations. In her captivity, however, she discovers the hiding place of the ruby coronet, and watching her opportunity, obtains possession of it, and escapes assisted by Tom Hunt and Baird, who have traced Bruce to the house – Patrons must see this part.

Sport

Football

Draw at Whitwick

Whitwick Imperial made one or two changes in the team selected to oppose Gresley Rovers on the Duke of Newcastle ground. Cook re-appeared at back for Dexter and Richards was substituted for J. Bird at half-back. J. Watson, a Ravenstone man, appeared in the forward line. The Rovers’ team included Draycott (back) and Tremelling (half-back), who but for the war would have been figuring in first-class football, and it was noticed what an excellent game they played. Whitwick displayed improved form and fully deserved the point they obtained. No goals were scored, and this was a fair representation of the merits of the teams on the day’s play. Both goal-keepers, Beard for Greasley and Roadley for Whitwick, had a fair share of work to do, but got through it very well. Some doubt was shown as to whether Beard had not been over the line in effecting one of his clearances, but the claim for a goal was ignored by the referee. Altogether it was an interesting game and was played in delightful weather, considering which the number of spectators – some 380 – was rather small.

Tomorrow’s Football

Whitwick Imperial V Moira United (Leicestershire League) at Whitwick tomorrow. Whitwick team: Roadley, Warden and Cooke; Moore, Williamson and Fern; Bird, Lees, Watson, Smith and Roach. Reserves, Ball Kendrick and Needham.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Burials

Coulton – At Whitwick, on Saturday, Cyril Alvin Coulton, aged 14 months, of Hermitage Road.

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Miscellaneous

Lost on Friday night, near Dr. Wykes’, Hugglescote, Fur Necklet. Finder rewarded. Mrs H. Stinson, Market Place, Whitwick.

Local News

Whist Drive and Dance

A very successful whist drive and dance were held in Whitwick's new factory on Wednesday night, when about 300 people were present. The factory, which is being built by Mr G. F. Burton, for a Loughborough hosiery firm, is practically ready for the reception of the machinery and it made an excellent long dancing room, the part for whist was cut off by a drop scene kindly lent from the Coalville Olympia, and this and the flag decorations gave it a charming appearance. The Belvoir Orchestra (Coalville) played for dancing and the M.C.'s were Messrs. T. I. McCarthy (the architect) and A. B. Moss (the builder), both of Coalville. The M.C.'s for whist were Messrs. J. Lester (Thringstone) and T. W. Hull (Whitwick) and handsome prizes were given, these being presented by Mrs G. F. Burton. By a peculiar coincidence all the prizes were won by gentlemen, several of whom played as ladies, since the male sex predominated at the whist tables. The winners were Messrs. Russell and Musson (firsts) and Unwin and Brooks (seconds). Mrs Burton had charge of the refreshments were admirably served by a number of ladies. The proceeds were for the funds of the Whitwick and Thringstone Citizen Corps and the Whitwick Troop of Boy Scouts.

Motors in Collision

An accident happened at the Sharpley Corner on Sunday, when two motor cars came into collision. One belonging to Mr W. E. Coup, hosiery manager, Shepshed, and the other to Mr E. Walton, of the Rose and Crown Hotel, Derby, driven by Mr A. Pipes. The off-front wheel of one of the cars caught the off-hind wheel of the other and some damage was done, but luckily no one was injured.

Tea and Lecture

A public tea was held in the Whitwick Primitive Methodist School on Saturday afternoon when a good number sat down. In the evening, the Rev. T. J. Martin, of Coalville, gave an interesting lecture on "The War's Revelations." Mr J. H. Gilberd presiding over a good company. Anniversary services were held on Sunday when the preacher was Mr W. Bosworth, of Anstey, who also addressed a young people's meeting in the afternoon, at which Mr W. J. Newbury, of Coalville, presided. The effort yielded over £12 for the trust funds.

Baptist Church

In connection with the anniversary of the Whitwick Baptist Church, special services were held on Sunday, conducted by the late pastor, the Rev. H. C. J. Wix, of Loughborough. At the evening service a solo was nicely rendered by Miss Mann and there was a good congregation. – A tea was held on Monday, which was well attended and in the evening the Rev. H. C. J. Wix presided at a public meeting at which an excellent address on the Christian life and work was given by the Rev. W. A. Richards, A. T. S. of Derby, president of the East Midland Baptist Association. The Rev. G. C. Croome, of Nottingham, was also expected to speak but was prevented from fulfilling the engagement. The proceeds were for the chapel funds.

Do You Know

That the Whitwick poor rate for the ensuing half year will be 1s 6d in the £ as before?

That Father O'Reilly, the esteemed priest at the Holy Cross Catholic Church, Whitwick, has recently returned to duty, very much improved in health, after a month's rest at Bexhill-on-Sea?

Round the Theatres

The Picture House

Patrons of this popular theatre are having another good programme this week. The chief attraction is Daisy and her Eight Stars, a splendid and clever troupe of juveniles with excellent voices. The songs and dances are A1, and patrons have not been slow to show their appreciation of the various items. We have no

hesitation whatever in recommending this as a show of the best and it must not be missed during the week-end. – Week-end 'star' picture "A Barefoot Maiden." The tiny child of Madame d'Alvarez, a widow is lost. Fifteen years pass, during which time the widow marries Roland, an artist. The latter discovers a girl he believed to be the lost child. His intimacy with the girl arouses Pascal, a fisherman, who writes to Roland's wife denouncing the artist's relations with the 'barefoot' maiden. Tragedy is narrowly averted but in the end the family is happily reunited. – With many other excellent ones. – Next week 'Zudora' No. 7, Captain Radcliffe enters Zudora's residence whilst she and Stern are out skating, and discovers a false bottom in the old trunk in which reposes a map made by Zudora's father, showing the location of rich deposits in the South African diamond fields. Radcliffe joyfully takes his 'find' to Madame du Val. Tom Hunt, disguised as an artist, gains entrance to Madame du Val's salon and makes important discoveries. Jim Baird, trying to keep in touch with Hunt gets into the underground passages leading to the salon and has a stiff fight with some of the gang which brings them out into the open. Baird, with a conspirator in close grip falls over a high bridge into the water beneath, where the fight continues. Storm and Zudora however, come on the scene and render assistance, which gives Baird the advantage. – For particulars, see advertisement columns.

Sport

Football

Whitwick's First Win

The team which secured such a decisive victory was Whitwick Imperial, who were visited by Moira United, whose first year it is in this combination. Though it was Whitwick's seventh match, it was their first win for the season and it also enabled them to avenge the defeat at Moira a few weeks ago. On that occasion, the Imperial travelled with a rather weak side, but managed to keep their opponents out till the last quarter of an hour, during which, however, one of the Moira men, Yates, did the 'hat-trick' and Whitwick were beaten by three goals to none.

It was a bitterly cold day on Saturday and there were very few spectators. Whitwick had practically all the play, scoring three times in each half. The first goal of the match was obtained from a penalty by Joe Moore, and Lees and Watson scored the former from a brilliant centre by Moses Bird, while Watson, the Ravenstone man, got his goal, after Wright, the Moira custodian, had dealt with a terrific shot from him.

In the second half, it was nearly a continual bombardment of the Moira goal the attackers being helped by a strong wind. Further goals were obtained by Smith, Williamson and Cooke (back). Considering the pressure, it was a wonder that more than the half dozen were not obtained. The Whitwick custodian, Roadley, during most of the second half, left his charge and was among the forwards having a pop at goal. By reason of this fact, Moira should have scored once, the forwards getting away and having an open goal before them, but the ball was sent outside.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Burials

Bown – At Whitwick Holy Cross Churchyard. Saturday, Fanny Bown, aged 71 years, of Cademan Street.

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Local News

All the school teachers of military age in Whitwick, four in number, have joined the forces. Mr M. Downes, the head master of the Holy Cross School, is expecting to be called up after Christmas and Mr E. Needham, one of the assistant teachers of the same school, left for Wigston on Tuesday. The other two who have enlisted are H. Gilliver and Mr R. P. Rice, both assistants at the National School.

The Property Market

At the Three Crowns Hotel, on Tuesday night, Mr F. C. Stevenson, of the firm of German and German (Ashby) offered for sale by auction, on the instructions of the executors of late Mr A. E. Hood, four cottages,

Nos. 163, 165, 167 and 169, Loughborough Road, now in the respective occupations of Messrs. S. Birkenshaw, J. Brooks, J. Sear and E. Ekins, together with a field of old turf land and brick stable, occupied also by Mr S. Birkenshaw. The total area of the property is 1a, 0r, 30p, or thereabouts and the total rental, £44 17s. Bidding commenced at £300 and at £340 the lot was withdrawn. Messrs. Hewes and Musson (Ashby) were the vendor's solicitors.

National and Belgian Relief Funds

On Monday evening a public meeting was held in the Church School in connection with these funds. The Vicar (the Rev. T. W. Walters) presided and those present included Messrs. R. Blower, C.C.(Ellistown), J. Husband (Coalville, treasurer), E. Hawthorn (secretary Belgian Fund), Mrs Walters, Mr and Mrs T. W. Bourne, Mrs J. Stinson and Miss Howson. Mr R. Blower was the speaker and he urged the need for the public contributions – which had fallen off considerably in the locality – to be continued. Reports, which were recently published in this paper dealing with the position of the two funds locally, were given, and it was explained that the weekly expenditure at Broom Leys was now exceeding the income and would soon absorb the balance. It was decided to arrange a lantern lecture giving views of devastated Belgium, with the object of reviving public interest in the matter.

The Bells

On Saturday afternoon, at St. John the Baptist Church, a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, consisting of 5,656 changes, was rung in 3 hours, 1 minute by the following members of the Midland Counties Association: William H. Humberstone (1), F. H. Dexter (2), H. Broughton (3), J. Oldham (4), J. Morris (5), E. Morris (6), E. W. Rands (7), E. Reader (8). Composed and conducted by E. Morris. Rung with bells half-muffled in memory of the Leicestershire men who have fallen in the war.

Round the Theatres

The Picture House

Another good programme is to be seen here again this week, including two good "turns," viz., The Welcomes, the American Black and White comedy duo, and Will Lazard, the great child mimic and impersonator. Both are very good and have had a great reception. They should not be missed during the week-end. The "Zudora" Mystery No.7 was a good part and much enjoyed. – Others were very good. – For the week-end "The War of the Wild" will please. William Wallace and his daughter Marie are hunting wild animals in Africa. Larson, one of the party, is infatuated with Marie, who resents his intentions. Later, Larson bribes a party of Arab slave traders to attack the camp. The Arabs attack successfully, and Larson is just about to carry off Marie when an elephant, to which she has been kind, seizes Larson in its trunk and throws him over a cliff. – With many others. – Next week an extra strong list of pictures and "turns" including "Zudora" No. 8, "The Island of Mystery." Zudora finds portions of her father's diary in the old trunk which Captain Radcliffe in his haste had overlooked. It tells of diamonds close to the original Zudora mine in South Africa. Tom Hunt and Baird set off to investigate. Captain Radcliffe and Bruce, learning of their plans also depart for South Africa to watch Zudora's friends. Zudora is waylaid by Madame du Val and invited to go motoring. Stern feels dissatisfied with the arrangement, but allows his sweetheart to go. The result is Zudora is captured, and hurried off in a motor boat to an island, where an old hag takes care of her at Madame du Val's instructions. In South Africa, Hunt and Baird clash with the conspirators and a fight takes place on top of a moving goods train, which meets with an accident. Captain Radcliffe is picked up unconscious, but Baird escapes serious injury. A hurried call from New York takes Hunt and Baird home again, Radcliffe and Bruce are also recalled, but the former's injuries prevent him from sailing for a few days. – Full particulars, see advertisement columns.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Burials

Wallbank – At Whitwick, on Wednesday, Leonard Wallbank, aged 3 weeks, of the City of Three Waters.