

Coalville Times – October 1915

Friday October 1st 1915 (Issue 1230)

Local News

The Pastor of the Whitwick Baptist Church, Rev. H. C. J. Wix, is leaving Whitwick shortly, having been offered and accepted the pastorate of the King Street Baptist Church, Loughborough. He concludes his ministry at Whitwick, on Sunday, October 16th. Mr Wix has been at Whitwick a little under two years and he went there from Woodbridge in Suffolk. His successor at Whitwick has not yet been appointed.

At the inspection of the Coalville, Hugglescote and Whitwick Citizen Corps by Lord Ranksborough and Col. Bruxner Randle on the Fox and Goose Ground, Coalville, next Sunday afternoon, a collection will be made and the proceeds divided between the fund for sending Christmas parcels to Leicesters at the front, and the Coalville and District Soldier's Comforts Guild.

Fire At Whitwick Colliery

Saw Mills Ablaze

The Coalville Fire Brigade received a call about 4.30 on Tuesday morning to a fire at the Whitwick Colliery. The alarm was given by a man named Thirsk, who saw flames coming from the saw mill in the Colliery Company's timber yard. Capt. Elsworth and a number of firemen were quickly on the scene and found the saw mill ablaze. Some of the colliery workmen were trying to extinguish the flames with water from hydrants on the colliery premises. The brigade soon had three powerful jets playing on the burning structure, there being a plentiful supply of water from the hydrant attached to 12 inch main in Hermitage Road, and with the valuable assistance of the colliery workmen, succeeded in getting the flames under in less than two hours. The mill, however, was completely gutted and some valuable machinery badly damaged.

By 6.30 the place was considered safe and the Brigade left, leaving Mr Smith in charge, and when Capt. Elsworth paid another visit at 9.30, there had been no further outbreak. The damage is estimated at nearly £200. The property was insured.

The mill was locked up at the time of the outbreak and it is not quite clear how the fire originated, though one explanation is that it may have been due to the fusing of some electrical wires.

Baptist Harvest Festival

Harvest thanksgiving services were held on Sunday in the Whitwick Baptist Church when the pastor, the Rev. H. C. J. Wix preached to good congregations, afternoon and evening. There was a good display of fruit, etc., which was sold on Monday, when there was also a public tea which was well attended. The proceeds for the chapel funds amounted to nearly £5.

Whitwick and Thringstone Citizen Corps

Shooting Handicap

A shooting handicap of the above Corps took place on the Whitwick range on Saturday, September 25th, 1915. The conditions consisted of ten rounds at both deliberate and rapid. The following were the results:

	Del.	Rapid	Handi	Total
Mr Blow	92	86	Ser	178
Mr Hull	82	81	8	171
Mr Robinson	90	60	8	151
Mr Burton	60	79	8	147
Mr Lester	78	56	9	143
Mr Pegg	76	47	5	128

Mr Harris	63	42	10	115
Mr Millership	84	17	3	104
Mr Dodd	27	10	10	47
Mr Holland	26	0	13	39
Mr Hawkins	8	0	13	21

1st Prize, Mr Blow, 2nd Mr Hull, 3rd, Mr Robinson.

Coalville Police Court

Friday – Before Major Hatchett (in the chair) and Mr W. Lindley.

Coalville Bus Conductor Assaulted

Frederick Harper, lodging-house keeper, Whitwick, was summoned by Henry A. Hart, bus conductor, Coalville, for assault at Whitwick on September 18th.

Defendant pleaded not guilty.

Mr J. J. Sharp appeared for the complainant and said it was a most unwarrantable assault on the boy in the discharge of his duties on the bus. Complainant stated that defendant got on the bus at the Halfway House, Coalville, for Whitwick at 9.30 on Saturday night. When they got to Whitwick the bus stopped at the Dumps and witness announced the fact defendant wanted to go to the Liberal Club. Witness asked him to get out as they could not stop there all night and then defendant struck him a violent blow on the eye, numbing it. Robinson, the driver, came up and defendant threatened him.

By defendant: Witness did not push him.

Thomas Robinson, driver of the bus said he saw the defendant strike the lad and thought his head was going through the window. He jumped off and asked Harper what he meant and Harper threatened him. Witness told him if he did not get off there (near Harrison's) he would have to go on to the Market Place. Witness added that they had certain stopping places. When they got to the Market Place, witness told a policeman. The defendant admitted assaulting the boy and wanted to shake hands.

Thomas Hutchinson, a cleaner at the Coalville Garage, said he was in the bus at the time and he corroborated as to the assault. He thought the defendant had had a lot of drink.

By the witness: There was no provocation. He did not see the conductor push the defendant.

P.C. Grewcock said he received a complaint from Hart and Robinson. The former's eye was swollen. Defendant said he wanted to get off at the Liberal Club. He had never been informed that the buses only stopped at certain places. He had always tried to conduct himself well and did no more on this occasion than an ordinary person would have done on similar circumstances.

Defendant called Arthur Pearson, who said he was going to get off the bus near the Liberal Club and it pulled up, but made a sudden lurch, making him afraid to jump off. He saw the conductor give the defendant Harrison a push, and but for a man named Moore would have fallen. Harper asked the boy his name and he replied that it was John Henry. He did not see the defendant strike the complainant.

By the clerk: He could not explain how the boy got a swollen eye.

Charles Moore, of Whitwick, said he considered the conductor was very rude. Defendant fell against him when pushed by the complainant. Harper threatened the boy, but witness saw no assault. The boy went towards the defendant in a threatening manner and in stopping him Harper did no more than he (witness) would have done.

The Chairman: You saw everything? – Yes. And you did not seem him strike the boy? – No.

Complainant, recalled said he did not report to his manager that he was struck on the car. Defendant admitted pushing the boy, but denied striking him.

A fine of 10s was imposed and 7s witness' fees, seven days in default.

Bad Language

Thomas Hall, collier, Fanny Hall and Harriet Johnson, unmarried women, all of Whitwick, were summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on September 18th. They did not appear.

P.C. Grewcock said the defendants used the language after coming out of the Picture House. The two women were each fined 10s and the man 15s, or seven days.

Alleged Perjury in a Whitwick Case

Wm. Hopkins, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick on September 18th. Mr T. H. Moore (Coalville) was for the defendant who pleaded not guilty.

George Bull, roadman, Whitwick, said he lived near the defendant and when in the best room heard him come home and used the language complained of. Witness had been called as a witness by the police in a previous case and this accounted for defendant's language.

By Mr Moore: Witness had nothing against the defendant. He (witness) was not friendly with his neighbours. He was the informant in this case and the chief witness in the last case against the defendant.

By Supt. Lockton: He (the Superintendent) instituted the proceedings and decided what witnesses to call.

Mr Moore complained that the superintendent was putting leading questions to the witness and should himself go into the witness box or desist. Supt. Lockton said he was ascertaining the truth. The clerk remarked that the superintendent had a perfect right to do what he was doing.

William Cook, caretaker of the Whitwick Church Schools, said he heard the language of the defendant towards Bull. It was a frequent occurrence. Defendant, on oath, denied using the language and said it was all due to malice. His girl used to go and help Cook clean the schools and Cook did not like it because he stopped her. Bull's child now assisted.

By the clerk: His child was nine years of age.

Do you seriously ask the magistrates to believe that Bull and Cook have concocted this and committed perjury to get you convicted? – I do.

Mary Ann West, wife of John William West, Castle Street, Whitwick, said she was there and did not hear the defendant say a bad word. A written statement by Cook as to the alleged language used was described by the witness as a lot of rot.

By the clerk: She was the defendant's sister-in-law.

John William West, collier, husband of the last witness, and Geo. Edward Shelton, boot-maker, Castle Street, Whitwick, also gave evidence for the defendant.

A fine of 5s 6d was imposed with 7s witnesses' fees or seven days.

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

This theatre has been well patronised this week and a good programme is to be seen. James Bendon, the whistling and singing newsboy is good; and Renee Logan, the up-to-date chorus comedienne and dancer also. Both have had a good reception. Patrons should not miss these during the weekend. The chief picture at the beginning of the week was "The Band of Human Tigers" a very good 101 Film, which was much enjoyed. – Others were good. – For the weekend, in addition to the above "turns" the pictures are a good lot and the "star" picture is "Finger Prints of Fate," a real good one. Flo was the secretary to wealthy old Mr Gray and Jack, his nephew, was secretly engaged to her. Harry, the old gentleman's dissolute nephew, when on a

visit to his uncle, discovered the engagement and wrote an anonymous letter informing Mr Gray. As a result, both Flo and Jack were ordered from the house. Jack, on coming downstairs, discovered his uncle lying dead in the chair. The safe in the corner of the room, had been opened and all the money taken. Then the police came and arrested Jack for the crime. Flo decided in her own mind that Harry was the criminal. Accordingly, she accepted the post of secretary to Henry. Her suspicions about the crime deepened when she discovered Henry searching the room recently occupied by Jack. Underneath a picture in a secret panel in the room a large sum of money was found. On the back of one of the notes was the distinct impression of a thumb. Whilst Henry telephoned for the police the girl hid the marked note about her person. The authorities came and an impression of everyone's thumb was taken. Then the butler, shivering with fright, made a confession of the crime as soon as he discovered the game was up. Detection was much easier because the safe had been freshly painted, and the impression on the bank note stood out plain and clear. The mystery of the quick arrival of the police was cleared up by the butler's confession, and Flo was happy now that her lover's name had been cleared, except for the fact that she had suspected the wrong man. This should be seen. – There are numerous others, all good. – Particulars of next week's list may be seen in our advertisement columns.

Sport

Tomorrow's Football

Whitwick Imperial v Coalville Swifts (Senior League) at Whitwick tomorrow.

Imperial Team: A. Roadley; J. Warden and J. T. Cooke; A. Dexter, G. Lockwood and O. Lovett; M. Bird, G. H. Smith, H. Williamson, P. Wright and J. Roach.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Wedding

On Saturday last the marriage took place at the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Charnwood Road, Shepshed, of Mr Alfred Springthorpe, of Whitwick, and Miss Mabel C. Button, daughter of Mr G. Button, of King's Road. The bride was accompanied to the altar by her father, who gave her away. She was attended by her sister, the bridegroom's sister, and four little nieces as bridesmaids. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. T. Ecob, of Loughborough, and at the conclusion a reception was held in the Primitive Methodist Schoolroom, at which about 100 guests were present. The bride and bridegroom were the recipients of a large number of presents.

Burials

Harris – At Whitwick, on Tuesday, John Edwin Harris, aged 31, of Colliery Farm, Hermitage Road, Coalville.

Cato – At Whitwick, yesterday, William Cato, aged 53 years, of Park Road, Coalville.

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Local News

Wesleyan Harvest Festival

Harvest thanksgiving services were held at the Whitwick Wesleyan Chapel on Sunday, the preacher being the Rev. J. Wilson Ferry, of Measham. The chapel was nicely decorated and there were good congregations. The collections realised over £4. A tea was held on Monday, moderately attended, and a sale of fruit, etc., afterwards realised £2 18s 9d for the Leicester Royal Infirmary.

Did You Know

That there are now 151 men from Whitwick serving in His Majesty's Forces?

That the Coalville and District Roll of Honour – local men who have given their lives for their country has now reached the total of 71?

Coalville Urban District Council

The monthly meeting of the Urban Council was held at Coalville on Tuesday night. Mr T. Y. Hay presided and there were also present, Messrs. A. Lockwood, vice-chairman, M. McCarthy, A. J. Briers, C. W. Brown, R. Blower, F. Griffin, S. Armson, J. W. Farmer, B. G. Hale, T. Kelly, and W. Fellows, with A. L. Bertenshaw for the clerk, L. L. Baldwin (surveyor), J. W. Eagles (gas works manager) and G. F. Hurst (assistant surveyor).

Highway Committee's Report

The surveyor reported that statutory notices served upon Mr G. H. Hewes, agent for property, situate 21 and 23, Silver Street, Whitwick, for remedying defective drainage had not been carried out, and the Committee recommend the clerk take legal proceedings to enforce the notices. Also that legal proceedings to be taken against the owner of houses in Golden Row, Whitwick, to remedy defective drains and privies, the terms of the statutory notices served not having been complied with.

The surveyor reported that Mr T. Commons, of Talbot Street, Whitwick, had failed to comply with the clerk's letter and statutory notice to abate a nightsoil nuisance, and the work had been carried out by the Council at a cost of 1s 3d, and the Committee recommend the clerk take legal proceedings to cover that amount.

Mr J. Berrington, the Council's paviour, applied for an increase of wages, according to the trades union rate for the district, and the Committee recommend he be given the alternative of being paid the union rate for time actually worked or continue at his present standing wage.

Whitwick Lodgers

The surveyor reported that 600 people were accommodated in the Whitwick lodging houses during September, compared with 603 in August and 912 in September last year. On inspection, the lodging houses were found satisfactory. Notice had been given for the half-yearly lime or colour washing due in October.

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

Patrons are well catered for here again this week. John Brown, the Lancashire collier and his trained terriers has been well received and it is a first-class 'turn'. It should not be missed during the weekend. "Robin Hood and Maid Marion" was an exceptionally finely produced film in four reels. It has been much enjoyed by large appreciative audiences. Others were good. – For the weekend the 'star' is "Smouldering Fires" and this should be seen. The boy obtains a post as porter in a saloon. The bully and his men terrify the town. The boy seeks refuge with the mother of the girl who sings at the saloon. One night the bully attempts to kiss the singer, and she flees home to her mother. The smouldering spark of manhood flames up within the boy, and he returns to the saloon and makes short work of the bully and his friends. Others are excellent. – Episode 1 of "The Zadora Mystery" will be shown next week and the following is a short resume of the part. Zadora is an orphan. Her father, a prospector, dies as the result of an explosion in the mine fields; the shock caused by the news also brings about the death of Zadora's mother a few weeks later. The girl then finds a home with a Mrs Ramsey, a friend of her mother's. In looking through an old trunk, Zadora one day discovers a half burnt scrap of paper which she recognises as the remains of a letter from her father to her mother. In it mention is made of the discovery of diamond mines in South America. Zadora shows the letter to John Storm, her lover, and acting on his advice, the matter is put into the hands of Tom Hunt, a detective, who, with friend, Jim Baird, a newspaper reporter, is engaged in tracking down a gang of diamond smugglers. At the time they were awaiting the arrival of a man named Bruce who was on his way across the Atlantic with a consignment of precious stones. On landing, however, no trace of the diamonds is found in his belongings or on the person of the man, and accordingly Hunt lets him go. Jim Baird, the reporter, follows the man, however, is led into a trap and is made prisoner at the headquarters of the gang, of which Bruce is a member and of which Madame du Val and a certain Captain Radcliffe are the heads. Madame du Val poses as friend of Zadora's, but whilst the orphan and John Storm are dining with Madame and the Captain, Zadora's rooms

are entered and the half-burnt scrap of paper disappears. A few days later, Zadora receives a message stating that John Storm has been injured. She enters the waiting taxi-cab and hurries away only to be made a prisoner when arriving at her destination. Tom Hunt, searching for his friend the reporter, stumbles on the plot with John Storm, and hurrying away, recues Zadora after a terrific fight with her captors. In an inner room they discover the reporter tied to a post and half dead. – For full particulars see advertisement columns.

Sport

Football

Coalville Swifts Still Winning

A Double on Whitwick

Coalville Swifts on Saturday obtained their third successive win in the Leicestershire Senior League, and the second win over Whitwick Imperial. It was the return match with the Imperial and was played on the Duke of Newcastle ground, being the Whitwick club's first appearance at home. Unfortunately, it was a wet day and this led to a smaller attendance than probably would have been the case under better conditions, the spectators numbering about three or four hundred.

The Swifts played exactly the same team as that which triumphed over Coalville Town the week before and Whitwick made one or two alterations from the team which was beaten when they visited the Swifts at Coalville. J. Warden appeared with Cooke at back in place of Waterfield and Lockwood was in his place at centre-half.

Though the grass had been mown, it was rather lengthy in one corner of the playing pitch especially and somewhat hampered the movements of the players. But despite this and the miserable atmospheric conditions, some splendid football was witnessed. It is fully recognised that Coalville Swifts have never had a strong team and occasionally one heard the sarcastic cry from the Whitwick spectators, "Play up Bradford City," or "Play up Notts County!" this alluring to Storer and Bird, but the Whitwick men played their opponents an excellent game, and taking the match all through, there was very little to choose between them. In fact, Whitwick may be said to have been somewhat unfortunate in losing. The first goal to the Swifts was quite a lucky one and it was only by a margin of one that the Coalville club triumphed.

In the first half there was no score, although the Swifts had slightly the best of matters and Roadley, in the Whitwick goal, was most frequently called upon. But he defended well and the many brilliant saves he made more than atoned for his miss which led to Percy Underwood opening the score after crossing over, though as matters turned out, this proved to cost the Imperial the match. Starkey was responsible for the second goal which he obtained with a pretty oblique shot after tricking two or three players, but the neatest goal of the match was that obtained by Whitwick a few minutes later. It was beautifully headed in by Percy Wright from a perfectly placed corner by Moses Bird. Play was rather vigorous at times and there was a good number of fouls.

In the previous match at Coalville, the Swifts won 4 – 1.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Burials

Clarke – At Whitwick, on Saturday, John Clarke of Leicester Road.

Neath – At Whitwick, on Monday, William Harold Neath, aged 8 months, of Leicester Road.

Newell – At Whitwick, on Wednesday, Ellen Newell, aged 19 years, of Talbot Street.

Brownlow – At Whitwick, yesterday, Walter Brownlow, aged 62 years, of Stoke-on-Trent.

Friday October 15th 1915 (Issue 1232)

Local News

The splendid relations existing between the officials and workmen of the Whitwick Colliery were demonstrated to a remarkable degree by the interesting little function which took place at the Fox and Goose Hotel on Saturday night, when a presentation was made to Mr Walter Lindley, J.P., in recognition of his services for twenty years as commercial manager and secretary of the company. That there should be such an affectionate bond of union between them, after the experience of twenty years, as shown by the proceedings on Saturday night must be very gratifying to all concerned, and as was stated at the presentation, this has doubtless contributed in a large degree to the great success which the company has enjoyed in recent years. This success, of course, means the success of all the employees of the firm, whether officials or men, and to a great extent, the success of Coalville and district, since the Whitwick Colliery Company are now the largest employers of labour in the locality, and it is to be hoped that the present happy state of things may long continue.

The Rev. M. J. O'Reilly, the esteemed priest of the Whitwick Holy Cross Church, has, unfortunately, not been enjoying good health of late, and has been advised by his medical attendant to take a rest. Accordingly, he left Whitwick yesterday for a month at Bexhill-on-Sea. Many friends will hope that he will come back fully restored.

Sequel to a Coalville Collision

Damages Against a Whitwick Collier

At the Ashby County Court, yesterday (Thursday) before the Registrar, Mr W. A. Musson, a case was heard in which Reginald Brooks, of the Colony, Coalville, sued John Beeson, collier, Whitwick, for £3 8s 6d, damages for injuries to plaintiff's infant alleged to have been caused by the neglect and furious driving of a horse and float by the defendant at Coalville on July 3rd.

Mr J. E. Jesson (Ashby) was for the plaintiff, whose wife said she was near the yard of the Railway Hotel, Coalville, when defendant arriving with four or five other men tried to get in between herself and Mr Gutteridge's shop. The perambulator with the child was knocked over the horse kicked at the carriage.

Mary Ann Stanfield said the defendant told her he was willing to pay for any damage done.

Reginald Brooks gave similar evidence but said the defendant told him also that if he was summoned by the police for furious driving he should not pay at both ends and the plaintiff could do as he liked.

Judgement was given for plaintiff of £2 9s 6d.

Presentation to Mr J. Lindley, J.P.

Twenty Years at the Whitwick Colliery

An Interesting Event

An interesting event took place at the Fox and Goose Hotel, Coalville, on Saturday night, when Mr Walter Lindley, J.P. was honoured by the officials and workmen of the Whitwick Colliery in recognition of him having completed twenty years' service as commercial manager and secretary of the company.

A tea was first held, at which a good number sat down, and at the subsequent proceedings, Mr J. R. Bennett, (cashier) presided, and was supported by Messrs. T. Y. Hay (manager), W. Colver, L. Clarke, T. Goacher, J. Brewin, J. Smith and others.

The Chairman proposed the health of "The King" and also "The Forces of the British Empire," which were enthusiastically received, the company singing the National Anthem.

Coming to the business of the evening, the Chairman said they all knew the object of the gathering. Mr Lindley, their esteemed secretary, had been with them for twenty years, which was a big slice in a man's life,

and to hold the position of secretary to a company like the Whitwick Colliery Co. so long was exceptional. It was thought by the office staff that something should be done to show their recognition and express their good feelings towards Mr Lindley on that occasion, and when he mentioned it to Mr Hay's staff they heartily joined with them. (Hear, hear) The result was that there had been a splendid response, such as in his opinion did them all credit. They decided it would be the proper thing to ask Mr Hay to make the presentation, and he now had pleasure in asking him to do so. (Cheers)

Mr Hay said it gave him the greatest pleasure to make that presentation. He had known Mr Lindley longer than any man present. In fact, they were in their teens together in Yorkshire and he knew all the family – and a good family they were. (Cheers) The father of Mr Lindley was a personal friend of his and a finer and better man never put a pair of boots on. (Cheers). Twenty years was a long time for a man to serve one company. It was a long time to look back upon, but it was a long time to look back upon, but it was a longer time to look forward to. Where would they be in another twenty years? This European war would have dwindled down and died, and he hoped they would be looking better twenty years hence than today. (Hear, hear). He hoped that Christian feeling and sympathy between man and man would have ripened and that they would be living more like brothers than they were today. (Cheers). They were living now in a world upset, a world in which they were at each other's throats with the knife. It was not as it should be. There was something wrong, but he could not tell them what it was. But he hoped it would be rectified speedily and that soon they would be living in times of peace and prosperity, when all men would love and serve their Maker. (Applause). Proceeding, he said that when Mr Lindley did a thing, he did it well, and that was most important in commerce. He had done well for the company and he (Mr Hay) hoped that he would live for many years to enjoy his position. The presentation which the officials and workmen were making him was a very nice one, and he hoped Mr Lindley would have health and enjoy it for many years yet to come. What was life without health? Some men would say what was life without wealth, but if he had his choice he would rather have health than wealth, though he admitted that it was very nice to something to go to the market with. (Laughter) He had very great pleasure in presenting Mr Lindley with a cheque for £25 from the directors of the company, and a gold watch and handsome case of cutlery from the officials and workmen, and he hoped that Mr Lindley and his family would have health and strength to enjoy them for many years to come. (Loud applause)

The gold watch and cutlery case both bore the inscription "Presented to Walter Lindley, J.P., by the officials and workmen of the Whitwick Collieries on his completion of 20 years as Secretary, August 1915.

Mr Jno. Moore, of Leicester, one of the firm's representatives, said he could heartily endorse what had been said about Mr Lindley. Some nice things had been said, and nicely said, but not too nicely. He was sure, that those who worked under Mr Lindley in the commercial department felt that he was not only their superior officer, but also their colleague and friend. (Hear, hear). His readiness to help everyone must appeal to all who knew him, and the fact that he had been placed on the Commission of the Peace for the county showed that his qualities also appealed to others outside their own circle. He hoped Mr Lindley would long be spared to continue in his office. They knew they were working with some one whom they could and did appreciate. He (the speaker) had been working under Mr Lindley all the time that he had been there, and hoped to have many more years with him yet. (Cheers).

Mr Jas. Smith (enginewright) said he had been at the Whitwick Colliery for more than forty years, and so knew something about it. He remembered both Mr Hay and Mr Lindley when they first arrived, and he could speak highly of them both. It was a very interesting meeting they had when they made Mr Hay a presentation after twenty years as manager, and it gave him great pleasure to be associated with the occasion that night. If all lived as straight a life as these two gentlemen had lived, they would have no need to fear the future. Mr Lindley was a man of sterling worth. He had the spirit of the bulldog breed – a proper Englishman. He had a bark, but did not bite, except in very extreme cases. They took great delight in honouring him that night, and he (Mr Smith) joined with the previous speakers in wishing that Mr Lindley might long be spared to enjoy those presents. At all times he was approachable and he had a big, sympathetic heart and could seldom say "No" to anyone in need of help. Since Mr Lindley had been made a Justice of the Peace, he (Mr Smith) had frequently seen people going to the office for him to sign certificates and one thing or another, and he was always willing. That was why people outside the works appreciated him. That he and his wife and family would be blessed with perfect health for many years to come was their earnest wish. (Applause).

Mr John Brewin said everyone in the room had come with the intention to do honour to one whom it was due. Their gathering showed the greatest respect in which Mr Lindley was held by the workmen. (Cheers). He heartily endorsed all the good wishes which had been expressed.

Mr T. Robinson, brickworks manager, remarked that it had been said that if a man loved a woman he should tell her so. He did not see why that should apply to a woman only. If they honoured a man, tell him. He was not a believer in allowing a man to go from amongst them without letting him know what they thought of him, and so the proceedings that night were very much in place. Speaking of his department, the brickworks, he said the feeling was very much in harmony with that of the rest of the colliery. When they considered that his men were under notice to leave through the brickworks temporarily closing, and that not a single man refused to contribute to the present, they would agree that it spoke volumes for the esteem in which Mr Lindley was held by the workmen. (Cheers).

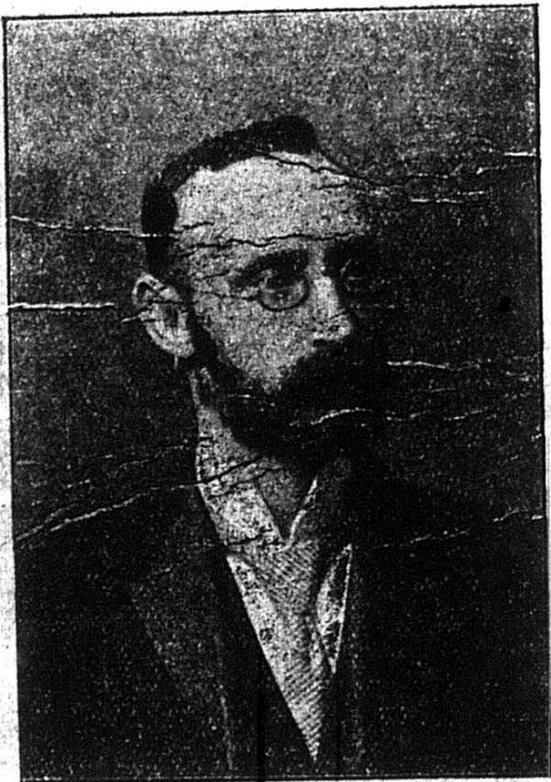
Mr A. G. Greensmith, speaking for the underground men, referred to the ready and willing assistance Mr Lindley had always given when appealed to in connection with ambulance work at the colliery. Mr Wm. Glover, a workman, also spoke and joined in the good wishes to Mr Lindley and his family.

Mr Geo. Brooks, another workman said Mr Lindley had been a good friend to the Field Club. In fact, if they went to him for any good cause they were never refused. Mr Lindley was a thorough business man. When he and Mr Hay came to the district, the Whitwick Colliery was in a terrible state. It was on the verge of bankruptcy and they were working short time all round. But after they had been there a bit, things began to improve, and it soon became a recognised thing among the mining community that to get on at Whitwick meant regular work. That had been an advantage to the district, because a concern like Whitwick Colliery could not prosper without the district prospering at the same time. (Hear, hear). Mr Lindley had also associated himself with public work in the district, and served nine years on the Urban Council at a very critical time, when all the big schemes in regard to water, gas, and sewerage were on hand, but in the hands of men like Mr Lindley they had confidence that these things would be a success. He also referred to Mr Lindley's work on the Leicestershire County Council and his interest in the Coalville Hospital scheme. He had heard a good many people say that Coalville was sure to have a hospital now, because Mr Lindley did not know what failure meant. (Hear, hear.) Then when the war broke out and the question of payment to the Prince of Wales' Fund was under consideration, there was some demur at a graduated scale because of the trouble it would cause the clerks, but Mr Lindley settled the matter by saying that whatever scheme the men decided upon themselves should be carried out. (Applause) That impressed him (Mr Brooks) more than anything else in Mr Lindley's favour. It was done, and he was pleased to say, gave satisfaction.

The Chairman added, in connection with the war, that no man had been more loyal or sympathetic in dealing with the question of allowances to the dependants of men fighting for their country. (Cheers).

Mr Lindley, who was warmly greeted on rising to reply, said it was very difficult to find words to adequately express his appreciation of their kindness. In the first place, he would like to say how grateful he was to Mr Hay for his kindly remembrances of his (Mr Lindley's) dear father. He would liked to have seen him there, but he was proud to see his eldest son there. (Cheers). As they had been told, twenty years had elapsed since his first appearance on the Leicestershire platform. Prior to that he did not think he had ever visited any part of Leicestershire Mr Hay and himself had known each other for a long time – too long a time. It was nearly forty years since they first came together in business, and they knew what that meant. They would not be together for another forty years. Unfortunately, in this life they just began to know their way about the world when they received notice to quit. But that was not their fault. They did not make that arrangement, nor could they upset it. It only meant that the greatest satisfaction that one could get in life was a consciousness of having done one's duty. (Applause). He was exceedingly obliged and gratified, in the first place, to feel and know that his Board of Directors appreciated his services, but he was more pleased to feel that he had the respect and esteem of his fellow man. There was nothing that he appreciated more than the knowledge that during the twenty years he had been in Coalville, hundreds of men, some of them whom he had never seen before, had been to him to ask his advice on one subject or another. Why, he did not know, because while he realised that he had a bark he was glad to say that his fellow men appreciated the fact that he had not much bite. (Hear, hear). He hardly knew how to thank them for their kindness that night. What he had done to deserve it all he did not know. As far as his inner conscience was concerned he had done nothing but what had been his duty. He would say this, that he was not conscious, during all his working career, of having done a wrong turn knowingly to any man. (Hear, hear). He did not say it was every man's duty to do what he could to mitigate the untoward circumstances which might be pressing on a man less favourably placed than himself. (Cheers). He was gratified to feel that not only his staff honoured him and had perfect confidence in him, but also that the men below ground and the men on the top, who were not in his department, had such a good opinion of him. He appreciated the gifts very much, and would always value them most highly. He did not expect to live to wear the watch out, but he would pass it on to his children, and

it would be a token to them, at any rate, that at one time of his career their father had the esteem of his brethren. (Cheers). Mr Brooks had very tersely and appropriately said that the success of the Whitwick Colliery was of the utmost interest to them all and to the district. It was very satisfactory to Mr Hay and himself to know that during the last twenty years the business of the company had increased threefold. (Applause). They did not want to claim all the credit for that, because they knew the organist was no good without the blower. They of themselves could not have accomplished that unless their efforts had been seconded by the employees of the company. It was an unfortunate thing at one time that the company was in liquidation, but they were proud to feel that times were different now. (Cheers) The company was not the same financially now as it was twenty years ago, nor were the men who worked for the company in the same financial position as they were then. It was a source of satisfaction to any official to know that those under him were doing well, because when that was so, it was better for him and also for his employer. He was glad this was so and to find such good relations existing between them. He was sorry that his friend, Mr Gravestock, who lived at Northampton, and who for forty years had been their representative from Market Harborough to Kentish Town, was unable to be with them, but wisely and properly he said he had an appointment which he must keep. He had been and paid his respectful duties to the meeting, having been at the trouble to come from Northampton to do so, but he had to leave by the 6.20 train. He was pleased to see his friend Mr Moore there. Mr Moore was two years his senior in the service of the company. His friend, Mr Gray, their London agent, unfortunately, could not be with them, but it was a very pleasant thing, after twenty



years' association with the gentlemen who were in such close contact with him in the vending of the mineral in the interests of the company, to know that he had never written an unkind letter to any one of them during that period. (Cheers). That fact, together with the feeling which had been expressed that night, represented the success of the company, and would of any company. If they got officials squabbling one with another and officials squabbling with the employees, a company could not prosper. At the Whitwick Colliery they all tried to do their duty, and he was proud to say that they had succeeded. They honoured his friend Mr Hay in a similar manner four years ago, and it was a great satisfaction to both of them to know that they were still there, that they were still friends, and that they had the friendship of the men who worked under them. (Cheers). Concluding, Mr Lindley recalled an amusing incident at one of his meetings in Whitwick in 1898, when he first put up for the Urban Council. Someone kept interrupting, as they would on these occasions, when another man shouted, "*Shut up, he's a good man for selling slack.*" (Loud laughter). He knew enough about the working of a colliery to appreciate what that meant, and he nearly fell back in his chair trying to suppress his laughter, but they had sold a lot of slack since then and he expected they would sell a lot more. (Cheers). He thanked them most heartily for the presents, not so much for their intrinsic value but for the good feeling they represented. He hoped he would live many more years yet and that he

would be at Whitwick Colliery the whole of the time, but none of them knew. Unfortunately, a few years ago he was under the impression that his race had been run, but owing to the kindness of Almighty God, that crisis passed over and he was still able and willing and still desirous of continuing to do his duty, not only at the colliery as a faithful servant of the company, but as a humble member of the public of Coalville. (Applause).

During the evening, excellent musical sketches were given by Mr J. E. Heath (Leicester), and there were also songs by Mr Jno. Moore (Leicester) and others, Mr W. Gimson being the accompanist.

The arrangements for the presentation were carried out by the following committee: Messrs. J. R. Bennett (Chairman), L. Clarke, Jas Smith, Jno. Brewin, T. Goacher, A. G. Greensmith, W. Price, P. Beard, Fred Smith, P. Popple, and Walter Colver (secretary).

Two Whitwick Soldiers Killed

Memorial Service at Holy Cross Church

To the roll of honour has to be added the names of two more Whitwick soldiers – Ptes. Frank Underwood and James Cairns.

Underwood is the son of Mr Jno. Underwood, of Pare's Hill, Whitwick, and news that he has been killed in action in France was received in letters received a day or so ago from his lieutenant and the chaplain who officiated at the funeral service. The deceased soldier was in the 8th Leicesters, having joined Kitchener's Army soon after the outbreak of war. He was a single man, and formerly worked at the Forest Rock Quarry, Whitwick. His brother Jack is also in the army serving in France.

Pte. Cairns was in the Connaught Rangers, and was killed in action in the Dardanelles on August 21st, though the news was only recently to hand. He left Whitwick before the war broke out to reside in Yorkshire, where he had obtained work. He was 27 years of age, a native of Whitwick, and as a boy attended the Holy Cross School, later working at the Whitwick Colliery. He leaves a widow, a Whitwick woman (nee Newell), and three children, and he has two brothers doing their bit 'somewhere in France'.

A memorial service for Cairns was held at the Whitwick Holy Cross Church on Sunday evening, when there was a large congregation. The requiem service was conducted by the Rev. M. J. O'Reilly and Father Commons, professor of Ratcliffe College, preached an impressive sermon and gave the benediction. The members of the Whitwick and Thringstone Citizen Corps were present and also the Whitwick Boy Scouts. Four soldiers, with reversed arms, were guards of the catafalque. After the requiem service, the organist, Mrs Carter, played the Dead March, and one of the Boy Scout buglers sounded the "Last Post." The service concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.



Private J. CAIRNS.

A memorial service for Pte. Underwood is to be held at the Whitwick Parish Church on Sunday next.

Social and Whist Drive

On Saturday evening a social and whist drive were held at St. Joseph's in aid of the Whitwick Yeomanry Troop. The prizes were presented by Sergt. Major Snelling of the Garrison Camp to Misses. E. A. and H. Partridge, Mrs Wilson (Loughborough), Mrs Hooper, Messrs. J. T. Russell, A. Laundon and H. Kerry. The sum realised was £8 12s which will be divided between 38 boys.

Social

A social and dance was held in the Whitwick National School on Wednesday evening arranged by members of the Young Helpers' League in connection with the Parish Church. There were songs and recitations by Miss Burkitt and Miss N. Burkitt and the company spent an enjoyable evening. The proceeds were for Dr. Bernado's Homes.

Do You Know

That the Rev. H. C. J. Wix finished his pastorate at the Whitwick Baptist Church on Sunday?

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

A very good programme is to be seen here again this week and Episode 1 of the "Zudora" mystery was much enjoyed. – Mlle Delene, the Parisian Wonder, is a very fine toe dancer and she is well worth seeing. She has had a good reception. – For the week end "The Strength of the Weak" is a good one, and patrons should not miss it. David Fleming is addicted to morphine. He promises his mother to fight the habit for her sake and that of his sweetheart Lalia Featon. However, Fleming is unable to conquer his desire. Finally, his mother dies. Broken hearted he tells his sweetheart of his failure. She begs him to go away and fight it out. He leaves for a cabin in the mountains where the drug is inaccessible. Stanford Black proposes to Lalia and is rejected. He offers her a beautiful jewel in a plush box, but she refuses to accept it. Black learns that Fleming is making a successful fight against the drug. He sends morphine to his rival in the box which contained the jewel he offered Lalia. Fleming is almost overpowered by the temptation. He rushes from his cabin to fight off the craving. The night before Lalia had dreamed she saw her sweetheart in trouble and persuades her mother to go with her to the mountain cabin. They reach the cabin just after Fleming has rushed out. There she finds the plush box and understands Black's villainy. She finds Fleming kneeling, fighting his temptation. He wins the battle and the girl. – Others are good. – Next week's list see advertisement columns.

Sport

Football

"Hat Trick" Against Whitwick At Moira

Whitwick Imperial went to Moira and engaged the United, one of the new clubs admitted to the Senior League, and as they triumphed by three goals to none, they may be said to have made a very successful debut. There was no score at half-time and it looked as though this was to be the result, but in the last 15 minutes, Eames did the 'hat-trick' for Moira.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Belton Wedding

The wedding took place at St. John Baptist's Church, on Saturday of Mr Albert Rose Peach, son of Mr C. Peach, of Holly Hayes, Whitwick, and Miss I. Cox, Belton. The Vicar, Rev. H. C. Deane, officiated. The bride was attended by Miss Matilda Wainwright, of Old Besford, and Miss Elizabeth Corah. She was given away by the bridegroom's father, Mr T. Wainwright acting as best man. The Wedding March was played by Mr Herbert Smith, organist, and hymn 351, "How welcome was the cold" was sung. There were many beautiful presents including cheques from Mrs Jesson (Ashby) and Mr and Mrs Kirk (London). The Church being decorated for the occasion had a very pleasing effect. A reception was held in the school afterwards when about fifty guests attended.

Burials

Yelnit – At Whitwick, on Monday, Henry Yelnit, from the Ashby Union.

Friday October 22nd 1915 (Issue 1233)

Local News

Presentation to Whitwick Baptist Minister

On leaving for Loughborough

A tea and social gathering were held in the Whitwick Baptist School on Wednesday in last week to say farewell to the pastor, the Rev. H. C. J. Wix, who has accepted the pastorate of the King Street Baptist

Church, Loughborough. The rev. gentleman has been at Whitwick for 20 months and finished his ministry there on the previous Sunday, when he preached farewell sermons.

Mr T. W. Bourne, president at the social, and on behalf of the members of the Church and congregation, presented Mr Wix with a gold watch and purses of gold (£4 10s), expressing the general good wishes of the members. He said they appreciated very much the good work that Mr Wix had done during the too short time he had been among them and they felt his departure very much.

On behalf of the members of the Christian Endeavour Society, Mr W. George also presented the pastor with a fountain pen, with the good wishes of the members of the Society, who he said, very much appreciated Mr Wix's work for the Society and the great interest he had taken in it.

The Rev. H. C. J. Wix suitably replied. There were about 150 at the tea and during the evening. A musical programme was contributed to by Miss Smalley (Hugglescote), Miss Gertie Mann (Whitwick), Mr and Mrs W. Smith (Coalville), the Rev. H. C. J. Wix and others. Master K. Wheeldon gave a recital.

Whitwick Soldier Reported Killed

Pte. Bernard Whittaker, who formerly belonged to the C. Company of the 2nd Leicestershires, and was a sapper attached to the Royal Engineers, is reported to have been killed in action on the 25th or 26th September.

The news was conveyed in a letter from a comrade of the deceased soldier to Whittaker's father and mother who reside near the Forest Rock Granite Quarry in Leicester Road, Whitwick. Accompanying the letter were several of the deceased's personal belongings which the writer says Whittaker gave him to keep for him before going into the great battle.

The deceased was 33 years of age and unmarried. He enlisted just before Christmas and up to then had been working as a miner at the South Leicestershire Colliery. His father, Mr William Whittaker, who has been in poor health for the last four years, was formerly kitchen gardener at the Mount St. Bernard's Monastery. The parents of the deceased, up to Tuesday, had received no official confirmation of the death, and Mrs Whittaker has forwarded the particulars, with an enquiry to the War Office.

Buffalo "Smoker" at Whitwick

Jewels Presented

The members of Beaumanor Lodge, Whitwick, spent a most enjoyable evening, on Thursday, on the occasion of a smoking concert, four regalia visits, and presentations of four jewels to members of the Lodge. Over 70 brothers, including the visitors were present.

The W.P., Bro. Hallam, C.P., P.G.N.M., extended, on behalf of the Lodge, a hearty welcome to all the visitors. Supporting him were Bro. A. Cockerill, C.P., P.G.L. delegate, and brother Cracknell, C.P., P.G.L.T. Among the visitors were the brethren of the Castle Lodge, Coalville; the Gracedieu Lodge, Thringstone; the Belvoir Lodge, Coalville; and the Magnet Lodge, Ibstock, all in regalia, while the Ellistown and Ashby Lodges also sent representatives. Among Leicester brethren who had travelled by motor were: Bro. F. Milner, K.O.M., P.G.A.B.; Bro. E. Ford, representing the Harmonic Lodge; and Bro. C. Croxson, of the W. Tallis Lodge, and two other visitors, also Bro. John Walshaw, K.O.M., P.G.P., of Leeds.

At the invitation of the host and hostess, Bro. T. and Mrs Kelly, the party were entertained to a substantial repast.

After ordinary business, Bro. F. Milner was voted to the chair, and referred to the four brothers about to receive their reward for the hard work put in for their Lodge in particular, and the Order in general. He hoped their career in Buffaloism would be one continued success, and that in turn would set a good example to the younger members of the Order.

The Grand Provisional Primo of Leeds made the presentations, and upon occupying the chair, received applause. Bro. Walshaw, in an able speech, gave details of Buffaloism and its advancement. Coming to the

Beaumanor Lodge he was delighted to see the excellent progress so manifest in a young lodge (opened in July 1914). That was a red-letter day in the annuals of Buffaloism in Whitwick.

The recipients were: Bros. Cracknell, C.P., founders' jewel; S. Boot, M. Brown and D. Harper, attendance jewels; and in suitably responding they thanked the Lodge and the visitors. The Lodge W.P. then took back the chair and the rest of the evening was devoted to harmony, Bros. O'Mara, W. Adcock, Wardle, H. Webster, and K. Ford. Bro. A. J. Adcock (piano) contributed thereto.

Two of the oldest brothers in the district, Bro. Baxter (74), and Bro. Howe (67) were present, also Bro. F. Middleton, formerly of Derby County F.C. Hearty thanks were accorded Bro. T. Kelly for his gift of yet another jewel, and the Lodge was duly closed with the National Anthem and a grand link of 57.

Patriotic Social and Whist Drive

A tea social and whist drive were held in the Whitwick National School, (kindly lent) on Wednesday, in aid of the funds of the local Soldiers' and Sailors' Comforts Guild, the arrangements being carried out by the Whitwick ladies committee consisting of Mrs Eagles, Mrs Bourne, Mrs Dickens, Mrs Stinson and Mrs Burton. The following ladies rendered valuable assistance. Mrs Roulstone, Mrs Bastard, Mrs Pegg, Mrs Perry, Mrs Middleton, Mrs Needham and Mrs Rawson. Most of the tea was given by friends and about 120 sat down. In addition, a sum of £4 16s 9d was given in subscriptions. Mr George Underwood acted as M.C. at the social and songs were given by the Misses Burkitt, Bourne and Adams. Mr H. Stinson gave recitations, and there was a quartette by Messrs. Gee, Baker, Waterfield and West. Miss Bourne, Mrs Adams and Mr R. G. West acted as the accompanists. The winners of the whist prizes were:

Ladies: 1. Miss Harding, 181; 2. Miss Griffin, 174

Gents: 1. Mr Higgins 180; 2. Mr Griffin, 170.

Miss Stacey and Mr Baker respectively won the mystery prizes. Messrs. Downes and Dickens were the M.C.'s. Messrs. J. W. Eagles and M. Stinson assisted as door-keepers. It was hoped to realise about £12 from the effort.

Notifications

Moore and Miller

As instructed by the Trustees of the late Webster Brownlow, deceased, to offer for sale at the Hermitage Hotel, Whitwick, on

Monday, November 8th, 1915 at 7 pm.

The valuable Freehold Properties comprising the Villa Residence called "The Laurels" and the six Messuages known as "Kimberley Cottages" situate in the Hermitage Road, Whitwick. Further particulars next week.

Vendors solicitors:- Messrs. Crane and Moore, Coalville.

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

There have been good audiences here again this week to witness the fine programme provided. Gino the British boy instrumentalist is an extra good 'show' to be seen all this week, and up to now he has a splendid reception. The selections on various instruments are given in a manner which stamps Gino as a tip-top artiste and one well worth seeing. Patrons must not miss this. – Number 2 of the "Zudora Mystery" proved a good part, and patrons are, (as was the case in the 'Million Dollary' Mystery) becoming quite interested in and enthusiastic with the story. – The other films were all good. – For the weekend, "A Tragedy of the Rails" will be much enjoyed. Belle a telegraph operator at a small railway station, notices an announcement of a coming masquerade. She decides to attend the affair with Bob Hillman, an engineer. She takes her brother's clothes. Bob dresses as a monk and they attend the ball together. Arrayed in man's clothes and a long black mask, Belle is dared by other girls to go into the men's smoking room. The men laugh at the frail physique,

wondering who it is. Someone pushes a cigar into her mouth and she puffs vigorously at it. She soon becomes ill and collapses. The mask is withdrawn and Bob sees who it is. He reproaches her, and snubs her the rest of the evening, and she goes off with Tony Malone, later in the evening giving an exhibition of dancing to her. She leaves the hall with him, while Bob, who really loves her, waits in the hall. The next day, Tony, who accompanied her home, enters her station and makes advances to her. She repels him and after a scuffle he tells her he will tell Bob that Belle is unfaithful to him and that she permitted a practical stranger to kiss and embrace her. He mounts the engine which Bob is preparing to take out and tells him exactly as he threatened. Bob is enraged by his statements and there is a battle which results in Bob being thrown senseless to the floor of the car. The engine is started by the victor who is fatally wounded, however, by a cocked revolver going off in his pocket during the struggle. Belle gets a message that Engine No. 33 is running wild towards a flat express. Realising that something must be done immediately, Belle boards a gasoline hand car, starts it down the track parallel to the runaway engine. She lets it overtake her and with a flying leap, boards the engine finding Rob on the floor. The huge superheater is brought to a stop as quickly as possible. Bob is revived and the lovers are reunited. A genuine thrill is furnished when Miss McCoy leaps from the hand car to the engine, which is rushing along madly at a speed of fifty-seven miles an hour. The performance of the dangerous feat was done by Miss McCoy without any regard of the horrible results which undoubtedly would have followed a mishap. An idea of the speed of the engine can be gained by noticing how the landscape blurs. Others are good – There is a good programme of pictures and turns for next week and patrons should see that the management get the support which they deserve. Full particulars see advertisement columns.

Sport

Football

Close Game at Whitwick

It was a much closer game at Whitwick, where Burton Workers' Union were visitors. The representatives of Beeropolis did well in the first half, getting a lead of three goals to one, and they were certainly worth it, since they displayed much the best football. Their first goal was obtained in the first minute by J. Higgs (inside left) and Ronde (centre) got the next two, one being from a penalty. Whitwick's goal was also scored from a penalty, taken by their goalkeeper. Roadley. The Imperial were seen to much better advantage in the second half, but luck seemed to be all against them. They did a lot of pressing and Harris kept a good goal for Burton, but eventually he was beaten by Roach. Whitwick tried hard for the equaliser, but in vain, and were beaten by the odd goal of five.

It should be stated that they had two good men out in Cooke and Lockwood. Lovett went back in place of the former, and the centre line was made up by Kendrick and Percy Wright, Williamson coming into the forward line for the latter. The reason for Cooke's absence was that his wife died on the previous Thursday, and in his bereavement he has the sincere sympathy of many sporting friends and admirers.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Burials

Turner – At Hugglescote, on Tuesday, Mary Turner, aged 40 years, of the Chase, Whitwick.

Friday October 29th 1915 (Issue 1234)

Notice

By order of the Trustees of the late Walter Brownlow deceased.

To be sold by auction by Messrs. Moore and Miller at the Hermitage Hotel, Whitwick, on Monday, the 8th Day of November, 1915. At 7 o'clock in the evening precisely, subject to conditions of sale to be then produced and in the following or such other lots as may be determined upon at the time of sale.

Lot 1

All that desirable semi-detached villa residence known as "The Laurels," Hermitage Road, Whitwick, comprising entrance hall, front sitting room, dining room, kitchen scullery, pantry, conservatory, three large bedrooms, bath room and w.c. wash house and outhouse with closet and ashpit in garden. This property is occupied by Mr W. Carr and is of recent construction. It has a frontage of 30 feet to Hermitage Road and comprises an area of 500 square yards or thereabouts.

Lot 2

All those six brick and slated Messuages or Dwellinghouses situate and being numbers 82, 84, 86, 88, 90 and 92 Hermitage Road, Whitwick, and known as "Kimberley Cottages" in the respective occupations of Messrs. Vesty, Cooke, Jelley, Jarvis, Bennistone and Wardle, together with the yards, commodious outbuildings and gardens at the back thereof. This lot has a frontage of 90 feet to the Hermitage Road and comprises an area of 1,500 square yards or thereabouts.

The attention of investors is especially directed to this lot. The property is very substantially built in a good state of repair, and is an excellent example of the best class of cottage property. The annual rental produced by this lot is £88 8s.

Council water and gas are laid on all the properties and there is a plentiful supply of soft water to each house.

The properties may be viewed on application to the tenants. For further information apply to the Auctioneers, Belvoir Road, Coalville, Mr Philip Greasley, Belvoir Road, Coalville, Mr J. Ward, Silver Street, Whitwick, or to Messrs. Crane and Moore, Solicitors, Coalville.

Local News

The Red Cross collection at Whitwick realised £6 13s which has been forwarded. The following ladies assisted: Misses Breslin (2), West (2), Rolleston, Smith, Beere, Robinson (2), Thorpe and Foster. In the evening, Miss Burkitt sang at the Picture Palace and Mr Kelly (manager) kindly made a collection in the audience.

Whitwick Non-Commissioned Officer on Conscription

Interesting Letter from Sergt. S. E. Perry

Sergt. S. E. Perry, of the 8th Leicesters, in France, writing to his father, Mr S. Perry, of Silver Street, Whitwick, on October 18th says:

"We have to be very careful indeed as to what we put in our letters. Of course, it is necessary, all this precaution; but really, I think the censorship is carried a bit too far. Don't you?"

No doubt the good people of my native town are terribly grieved at the death in action of some of its brave young soldier heroes. The people at home no doubt feel it more than we do out here. A soldier who is daily facing death soon loses all trace of sympathetic feelings. I think ours will be a different world after this war. Men will have a different outlook on life – a broader view. Husbands who have left their wives and children to fight for them – will go back to their homes, some day, with loving feelings in their hearts never there before. Sons will adore their parents and the military training they have received will make them obedient and submissive to their betters.

I'm happy to think that you favour conscription. I manage to get a fairly good idea of events happening in England and it seems to me that the present method of recruiting is nothing more than a resort to the old system of Press Gangs; only in these modern days the weapons used to press men into service are slightly different from those in the old days. Men are urgently needed; but if men will not voluntarily come forward why press them to become moral conscripts. It would be far better in my opinion, to make them real conscripts than force them to become moral conscripts, which is exactly what is happening. Men are not joining now because of their desire to fight, but because they are ashamed of what may be said, if they don't. Moral conscripts!

I hardly believe that my former comrades who have failed to join the colours are cowards. I cannot imagine any Englishman not wanting to fight for his country and yet that is the conclusion which everyone will come to if the 'slackers' are not very quick in deciding.

We are fighting against a nation who are evidently as brave and as clever as ourselves, and what is more – they seem to be united. Do not worry for me, dear dad, I shall pull through this alright and who knows? I may reach my cherished ambition, prove myself a great soldier in which case the war will have proved a boon instead of the reverse. I refuse to look on the other side of the possible. I am out to win. I am heart and soul in my work and endeavour to instill some of my regular training into the men of this new army. I have great cause to bless my instructor, Sergt. Stone at the School of Arms. The training had there has proved invaluable.

Remember me kindly to all my friends. I often think of the old days and wonder if everything is just as of old. It seems a long time since I was living at home and the future looks even further away, but I am quite confident that all will end well for you and me and although thousands of men have died fighting and thousands of homes have been wrecked through this horrible war, I feel convinced that I shall return in safety and our home will be just as I left it, many, many days ago. Goodbye, dearest dad, your deserved boy."

S. E. Perry

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

There have been good 'houses' here this week again to witness an excellent programme. Miss Lill's "stars" are appearing all the week, in songs and dances. They are a fine combination of juvenile performers who are a great credit to themselves and their tutor. They are dancers of no mean order, and the songs are given in a pleasing manner. The whole are well dressed and should be seen during the week-end. They have had a very good reception. The chief film at the beginning of the week was No. 3 of the "Zudora" Mystery, viz., "A Bag of Diamonds," and this was much enjoyed, as were the other film items. – For the week-end "One Flight Up," is the 'star' and this should not be missed. The editor of the 'Herald' offers a big bonus for the best coup of the month, and Helen Reed thinks she would like to get it. While sharpening a pencil she cuts her finger rather badly and is sent to Dr. Trine. On the night previous to her accident some gentleman crooks have been surprised by the police in the act of burgling a house. They manage to escape in a motor to their rendezvous, and as medical attention was necessary for a wounded man, the chief of the gang went to Dr. Trine and forced him at the point of a revolver to enter the closed motor car which was waiting outside. Helen, scenting a story, jumps in a car and follows them. She is in the act of listening at the door when she is discovered by another member of the gang. Helen, however, has contrived to get her hand on the prescription and she changes the formula so that the crooks will be drugged. Helen escapes from the back of the house and telephones to the police. The gang return, not discovering the fact that Helen has been out, and soon the noise of smashing blows on the front door announces the arrival of the police. The crooks endeavour to escape through the window carrying their wounded pal, but Helen holds them up with a revolver until the police come in and secure them. A big coup is thus secured for Helen's newspaper, and she wins the bonus. – Others are good. –Next week No. 4 of the "Zadora" Mystery, Zadora and Howard, the mine superintendent again mysteriously disappear, soon after Jim Baird departs for South Africa to follow up a clue relating to Zadora's property. Bruce arrives at the mine soon after the reporter, who then watches every movement of this suave member of the gang. A diamond of the best type is discovered, and Bruce makes arrangements to personally convey the "find" to headquarters. The reporter, however, obtains possession of the stone and leaves for home, followed by Bruce. In New York, Bruce manages to get the stone back again, but is hotly pursued by Baird, Hunt and Storm. A taxi-cab race finishes outside the private sanatorium mentioned in the preceding episode. Bruce escapes but on forcing an entrance into the sanatorium his pursuers discover Zadora and Howard, the mine superintendent. The latter however, dies just as he is about to disclose his suspicions of Madame du Val and her gang.

Sport

Football

Whitwick Lose at Gresley

Whitwick Imperial went to Gresley and this was the closest match of the lot. Fifteen minutes from the start Gee scored for the Rovers and this proved to be the only goal of the match. Whitwick made some splendid attempts to equalise in the second half and were very unlucky at times in not being able to do so. It was Whitwick's fifth match and they are still without a point.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Burials

Kendrick – At Whitwick, on Saturday, Elizabeth Kendrick, aged 3 months, of Pare's Hill.

Eggleton – At Whitwick, on Saturday, Nora Eggleton, aged 6 months, of Hermitage Road.