

Coalville Times - February 1914

Friday February 6th 1914 (Issue 1144)

Local News Whitwick Liberal Club Annual Dinner

The Annual Dinner in connection with the Club was held in the large room on Saturday evening last, when upwards of a hundred sat down to a capital repast prepared by the manager and his wife, Mr and Mrs Sears. It goes without saying that justice was done to the good things provided. After the tables had been cleared a meeting was held presided over by Mr Anthony Needham, supported by Councillor T. Kelly (secretary), and other members of the committee. Mr S. Perry, junr., proposed a vote of thanks to all the officers of the Club for their services during the past year. They had in Councillor Kelly an indefatigable Secretary and every officer had done his best with the result that the majority of the members were perfectly satisfied. It was a difficult matter to please everybody but the efforts of the members should be divested with the help of the officials and thus bring about complete success. Referring to Councillor Kelly's term of office on the Coalville Urban District Council, the speaker hoped they would see him go back again unopposed, as he had done his work well. Mr Harper seconded the resolution. The Chairman supported the resolution and stated that he knew it was the Secretary's heart's desire to make the club a prosperous one in every sense of the word. He hoped they would all vote for him at the next election. The resolution was carried with acclamation, the whole company rising and singing "For he's a jolly good fellow," etc.

Councillor Kelly responded and expressed thanks for the many kind words said in reference to him. It had always been his endeavour to do his duty as secretary of the club. Referring to the hall in which they were then met he remarked that they used to take £12 or £14 per annum from users of the hall, but since the picture palaces had started they practically took nothing. They, however, contemplated making alterations in the near future so that they would be in a position to cater for the people of Whitwick. Referring to the remarks as to his work on the Council the speaker said his term expired in March. He thought they should endeavour to get as many working men on the Council as possible.

During the evening songs were sung by Messrs B. Johnson, Thos. Cooper, Haywood, T. Moore, F. Harper, A. Wheeldon, Millorship, etc. Mr S. Perry, junior, gave two humorous recitations which were heartily enjoyed. A vote of thanks was accorded the Host and Hostess to which Mr Sears responded. "The Press" was also given and responded to by a representative of the "Coalville Times". Mr Sturgess subsequently urged the members of the Club to stick together and become workers all the year round. He proceeded to speak of the member's lack of interest in politics, stating that they were not doing their duty and suggested dis-union. The secretary, however, dissented, saying that they had made 37 new members during the year just passed.

A vote of thanks was passed to Mr G. H. Hallam for his generous help at all times in the work of the Club, and reference was made during the evening to the illness of Councillor S. Perry, with whom a vote of sympathy was passed. The rest of the evening was spent in convivialities.

Hugglescote Man Charged with Embezzlement Three Months Hard Labour

At the Coalville Police Court on Friday, Arthur Dakin, collier, Hugglescote, was charged by Wm. Stinson, mineral water manufacturer, of Whitwick, with embezzling the sum of 1s 4d on October 24th, 1913, 2s 8d on November 7th, 1913, and 1s 4d on December 22nd, 1913, at Whitwick, the monies of Wm. Stinson.

Mr Lancaster of Messrs Sharp and Lancaster, Coalville and Loughborough, appeared to prosecute. Defendant said he preferred to be tried by jury at the Quarter Sessions if he could have bail. The clerk said the Bench could not say they would grant bail until they had heard the case. The question was, did the defendant want the case settling that day, or did he want to go for trial after the magistrates had heard the case.

Defendant said they had better go on with it. He pleaded not guilty.

Mr Lancaster, opening the case, explained that defendant was formerly in the employ of Mr Stinson, and delivered mineral waters. The charge was in connection with monies received for his employer on his round. So far, as the prosecutor had been able to find out up to now, the total deficiency amounted to about £75. Wm. Stinson said he took the defendant in to his employ on January 15th 1912 as a waggoner and salesman at a wage of 30s per week and 2 1/2 per cent on all goods sold. The average weekly earnings of the defendant would be from £2 5s to £2 10s. His duties were to go round with the dray, soliciting orders, delivering goods and receiving payment for the same on prosecutor's account. He was supplied with receipt books with counterfoils. Counterfoils in defendant's handwriting were produced dated October 24th, November 7th and December 22nd, showing payments of 4s, 10s 8d, and 2s 8d. If defendant had acted honestly the receipts given to the purchaser would tally with these. From information received, he dismissed the defendant from his service four or five weeks ago. Prosecutor had since made enquires and found that there was a total deficiency of about £75. A man named Harry Robinson was now doing the work.

Defendant said his wagon was always checked and there was not a deficiency of 75s let alone £75. The deficiencies were only bottles he had given to customers. Defendant asked to be allowed to examine some of the books and on these being handed to him, he said he had sometimes left goods and given tickets on subsequent calls. Replying to the chairman, prosecutor said the defendant should give a ticket for every delivery. He added : That is where he has been dodging me, but I let it go so long before I found it out. The chairman : It was against your rules? Prosecutor : Yes The clerk : You expected the receipts to tally with the counterfoil? - Exactly.

Esther Woodward, of 38 Copson Street, Ibstock, stated that on October 24th defendant delivered 8 dozen bottles of minerals at her house for which she paid him 5s 4d and received a receipt from defendant for that amount produced.

John Palmer, of the Ram Inn, Ibstock, deposed to defendant delivering 20 dozen mineral waters on November 7th for which he paid him 13s 4d and received the receipt produced.

George Arnold, retired miner, Leicester Road, Ibstock, stated that he paid defendant 4s on December 22nd for 6 dozen bottles and received the receipt produced. By the clerk : The defendant had not left bottles on credit. Defendant elected to give evidence on oath.

He said he should like to go through the books and he could account for everything. He may have made mistakes, as calling at numerous public houses he had so much drink he was apt to get muddled, but he had not committed any offence. He denied all intention of robbing or defrauding Mr Stinson. Since he left the prosecutor's employ he had been on the round assisting the new man all he could. Mr Stinson refused to let him look at the books after he (defendant) had the summons.

By Mr Lancaster : He could not do trade without having drinks at the houses he called at. He did not enter up deliveries always at the time, but would do it from memory every two or three hours. Mr Lancaster : Have you ever entered more than received? Defendant said he could not say. The book always tallied with the loads. Mr Lancaster : It is a strange thing that in all these mistakes, the balance is on your side.

The Magistrates considered the case privately and found the defendant guilty. The chairman said they considered it a glaring offence. Defendant was placed in a position of trust and they must take a serious view of the case. Defendant would be sentenced to three months hard labour.

Ashby Board of Guardians The Registration Districts

The Local Government Board asked for the Council's observations on the proposals of the Registrar-General to transfer the parishes of Coleorton and Packington from the Whitwick sub-district to the Ashby sub-district, for the registration of births and deaths.

The clerk was instructed to reply that the Council concurred in the proposed alteration.

Whitwick Baptists have appointed Pastor Wix, of Woodbridge, Suffolk, as pastor of their Church, and he will take up his ministry there on Sunday next, being expected at Whitwick on Friday. The church has for two years been without a minister, such time having elapsed since the Rev. T. A. Cooper resigned.

Collier's Meeting

The annual meeting of the Whitwick Colliery No. 1 and 2 lodges of the Leicestershire Miner's Association, was held at the Hermitage Inn, on Saturday, Mr George Thomas presiding. Certain alterations of rules were agreed to. Mr Abraham Smith resigned as secretary for the accident club, a post he had held for ten years, and had been connected with the Lodge for 18 years. It was received with regret and testimony to Mr Smith's excellent services was borne by Messrs George Brooks, J. H. Gilberd, and Geo. Thomas, Mr D. Otter was appointed secretary to the accident club in place of Mr Smith. For the No. 1 Lodge, Mr G. Boam was re-elected secretary, and Mr Thomas Moore, treasurer, and the No. 2 Lodge officers were also re-elected. Mr W. Wardle, secretary and Mr George Thomas treasurer. There were nine nominations for 4 council delegates, and the following nominees are to be balloted for: Messrs G. Brooks, T. Moore, B. O'Mara, J. Rowell, J. Hall, G. Thomas, J. Ottey, T. Young and W. Wardle.

Do You Know

That Drs. J. C. S. Burkitt, Whitwick, J. S. Hamilton, Coalville, and W. H. Wykes, Hugglescote, have been elected on the panel committee, of which Mr G. J. Harris, of Anstey is secretary?

That the Coalville Y.M.C.A. has this week been presented with a bust of Sir Walter Scott by Mr J. W. Eagles, of Whitwick?

That the Reverend Greenland Robinson, formerly Baptist minister at Hugglescote, has been inducted to the living of Swannington St. George's, Whitwick, by the Rev. H. E. Worthington, R.D. of Netherseal?

Coalville Urban District Council

The monthly meeting of the Urban Council was held on Tuesday night. Mr W. Sheffield J.P. presided, and there were also present, Messrs A. Lockwood (vice-chairman) W. Fellows, T. Kelly, T. Y. Hay, M. McCarthy, S. Armson and S. P. Matterson, with the clerk, Mr T. E. Jesson ; assistant surveyor, Mr G. F. Hurst : and gasworks manager, Mr J. W. Eagles.

Highway Committee's Report

At a meeting of the Highways Committee, the surveyor reported on the inspections made of the north high level outfall sewer. The Surveyor produced the plan of the proposed mortuary to be erected by the Council, and consideration was deferred to the next meeting of the Council for additional details. The committee recommended the surveyor prepare a rough plan of the proposed additional wards for the Isolation Hospital, and present to the next meeting of the committee. The report of the sub-committee on the inspection of houses under the Housing and Town Planning Act, was produced and read to the meeting, and the committee recommend with reference to the closing of the house in lower Main Street, Hugglescote, that same be reported on again in two month's time, and the closing order in respect of Cockney Hall, Whitwick, be confirmed, and the demolition of the houses carried out and that the remainder of the report be received and adopted.

The Water Supply

At a meeting of the Water Committee, the manager's monthly report was produced and read to the meeting, showing that in the five weeks ending January 24th, it was estimated that 5,666,000 gallons had been pumped. The manager's annual report was also produced and read to the meeting. The surveyor produced and read to the meeting the analysis of the Council's water by Dr. Dyer. The Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade reported fires at Mr Thompson's, High Street, Coalville, and at Mr F. Perry's shop at Whitwick, and that an account for firemen's time had been forwarded in each case. The chief

officer of the brigade presented his annual report for the year 1913, and a copy thereof was ordered to be forwarded to each member of the Council.

High Death Rate

The medical officer (Dr R. W. Jamie) reported that during January, three cases of diphtheria were notified, one in South Street, one at Pare's Hill, Whitwick, and one in Crescent Road, Hugglescote. Three cases of scarletina had been reported, one in Ashby Road, Hugglescote, and two in Bridge Road, Coalville. Only one case of phthisis had been reported. Influenza had been fairly prevalent complicated with diseases of the respiratory organs, and five deaths had been attributed to pneumonia and bronchitis. During the month 24 deaths were registered, giving a death rate of 16 per 1,000. These included those above referred to, and three from accidental causes – one from burns, one from scalds, and one accidentally suffocated. During the same period there were 51 births, giving a birth rate of 34 per thousand.

The Chairman said they seemed to keep getting cases of diphtheria. Mr McCarthy asked whether there was any explanation for the cases at Whitwick. Mr Hurst said he did not think there was beyond what Mr Baldwin had given. In one house it was spread through not sufficient care being taken. Mr Matterson asked about the case in the Crescent Road. Mr Hurst said that was in a comparatively new house. Mr Matterson : With town water, and new drains? Mr Hurst : That is so. Mr McCarthy said it might have been caused by eating canned rubbish.

Whitwick Lodging Houses

Mr Hurst reported that the number of people accommodated at the Whitwick lodging houses during January was 987, against 995 in December, and 979 in January last year. The lodging houses continued to be maintained in a good sanitary condition.

Mr Fellows asked whether they were visited to which Mr Hurst replied in the affirmative. Mr McCarthy asked whether nocturnal visits were paid.

Mr Hurst : We keep a register. Mr McCarthy said they used to have nocturnal visits. Mr Hurst said there was not the same necessity for that now as they never had more than a thousand, and the accommodation was for two thousand. But visiting was done. Mr Fellows said the Council should have a record even of routine work that they might know it was done. Mr Hurst said the lodging houses were visited every month and also half yearly when the lime washing was done.

Six defaulters in regard to the removal of night soil were reported. Mr Hurst stating that the amounts varied from 6d to 1s 6d., and they were all able to pay. On the motion of Mr McCarthy, it was decided to take the usual proceedings.

Sport

Football

Football Whist Drive and Dance

On Wednesday evening over 200 people were present at a whist drive and dance in the Whitwick Holy Cross School in aid of the funds of the Whitwick Imperial F.C. Mr W. D. McCarthy was M.C. for the dance, the music for which was supplied by Wright's Band, of Coalville. Messrs George Greasley and George Webster were the M.C.'s for whist and the winners were: Ladies : 1st Miss Woodward 178; 2nd Miss S. Weston 176; 3rd Mrs Howe 172; 4th Miss L. Middleton 170. Gents : 1st Mr Musson 186; 2nd Mr J. Brooks 183; 3rd Mr S. Belcher and 4th Mr G. Causer 178 each. These positions being decided on a cut. Mr George Greasley presented the prizes. Refreshments were supplied and the company had a very enjoyable evening.

Leicestershire Senior League

Matches have been somewhat scarce in the Leicestershire Senior League of late, but three were played on Saturday. Hinckley United at home defeated Loughborough Corinthians by five goals to three and so avenged their Christmas defeat at Loughborough. Unfortunately, things did not go off quite smoothly in this match, as an incident between two of the players caused the spectators to rush

on to the field. However, order was restored and play resumed after a lapse of about 15 minutes. The other matches were those in which Coalville Town and Whitwick Imperial were engaged and are reported on this page.

Whitwick Concede another Point

Whitwick Imperial were expected to bring back the points from Earl Shilton, but they found Pick, the old Hinckley goalkeeper, invincible. In the course of the match he was bombarded with shots from all angles without once letting the ball go through. Roadley had practically nothing to do at the other end and the result was that no goals were scored by either side. Though Pick did so well between the posts, the Shilton goal had some marvellous escapes and the home team were lucky to get a point out of the match. With the many opportunities they had, the Whitwick forwards ought to have succeeded, their marksmanship often being at fault, but the high wind had a lot to do with it.

Coalville Charity Cup Draw for the Semi Finals

Whitwick Imperial or Measham United v Hinckley United, on the Coalville Town ground, on February 14th, kick-off 3:30, referee, Mr R. T. Bradshaw, Coalville; linesmen, Messrs F. S. Weaver and T. Price, Coalville.

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Local News

Ashby Annual Licensing Sessions The Question of Publicans Keeping Books

Saturday :- Before Mr George Moore (in the chair), Major Hatchett, Mr G. D. Orchard, Mr J. H. Sutton, and Mr Geo. Brown.

Increase in Drunkenness

Police Superintendent Lockton presented his annual report to the Bench, as follows:

Police Station, Ashby-de-la-Zouch

February 7th, 1914.

“Gentlemen, I have the honour to submit my annual report for the past year, relating to the number of houses licensed for the sale of intoxicating liquors. There are 113 publican’s licenses in this division (3 of which are six days’ licences), 36 beerhouses on, 28 beerhouses off, 1 wine on, and 14 wine and spirits off, total 192; being three less than appeared in my report of last year. There are also 7 registered clubs wherein intoxicating liquors are sold, viz., 4 at Coalville, 2 at Whitwick and 1 at Ashby. The population of the division according to the 1911 census is 43,328, or an average on one licensed house to every 225 persons including women and children. Two publicans have been proceeded against during the year, and both were convicted, viz., one for keeping open during prohibited hours, and one for permitting drunkenness. They have since left their licensed premises. The total number of persons proceeded against for drunkenness, and drunkenness and disorderly conduct during the year is 130, an increase of 32 on last year, and an increase of 2 on the previous year. They were all convicted except one, the charge in that case being withdrawn. The offences were as follows, viz., Drunk and disorderly 99; simple drunkenness 19; drunk and refusing to quit licensed premises 3; drunk in charge of horse and cart 7; drunk on licensed premises 1; and drunk in charge of a child under age of 7 years 1:

I have received notice of application for one new beer off licence at Coalville. There has been no material change in the requirements of the Coalville district since the general licensing meeting of last year. The number of licenses transferred during the year is 26, viz. : 15 publicans’ licenses; 6 beer on; 3 beer off; and 2 wine and spirits off. The conduct of the licensed houses has been good, with the exception of those against whom I have had to take proceedings. Since my report of last year, compensation has been paid in respect of the “Turk’s Head”, (beerhouse) at Ashby, and the house

closed. At the adjourned general annual licensing meeting of last year, the renewals of two licenses, viz., "The Beaumont Arms," (full license) and "The Royal George"

(beerhouse), both at Whitwick, were referred to the Compensation Authority, with the result that both were refused, compensation paid, and the houses closed.

I have the honour to be, gentlemen, your obedient servant, W. Lockton, Superintendent."

The chairman said the magistrates had read the Superintendent's report, and considered it very satisfactory. There had been an increase of drunkenness, 32 over last year, but only two over the previous year. No doubt the weather had something to do with it. Information had been received from the Home Secretary that he considered it essential that publicans and beerhouse-keepers should keep strict books of accounts.

Mr T. E. Jesson (Ashby) said the Ashby Licensed Victuallers' Association had held a meeting to consider the matter. Apart from the question of whether the Home Secretary had the power to insist on books being kept, he took it that only a ledger and day-book would be required. The Home Secretary surely did not insist on publicans being chartered accountants.

The chairman said he supposed it meant that the usual books must be kept. The clerk said it applied chiefly to anybody who went into bankruptcy. Mr Jesson said he could not see at present that the Home Secretary had any power to insist on books being kept at all. The clerk said that might be, but if a man had not kept books, the authorities in bankruptcy might withhold his discharge, and it would be more to the publicans' interest to keep books.

Mr Jesson : So long as that is made clear, the publicans are much obliged to the Home Secretary.
The Chairman : That is how I take it.

Transfers

On the application of Mr Jesson, the license of the Waggon and Horses Inn, Griffydam, was transferred from Mr Smith to David Else. The license of the Turk's Head, Donisthorpe, was transferred from the late tenant to Wm. Burton Walker, one of the executors.

Renewals

On the application of Supt. Lockton, all the licenses in the division were renewed for the ensuing year, and the clerk was authorised to attach the official seal of the Bench to the same. The music and singing license of the Lyric Picture Palace, Ashby, was renewed for the ensuing twelve months. This was all the business, and the adjourned licensing sessions were fixed for Friday March 6th.

Correspondence

Sir, The period of fifteen years during which the above named committee were authorised by trust deed to administer the fund for the benefit of the widows, parents, children, or other dependants of the victims in this disaster, has expired, and it is now the duty of the committee, under the deed, to authorise the trustees to provide annuities for the surviving beneficiaries, the children having passed the age up to which the committee were to contribute to their maintenance. The general principle of distribution has been on the basis of 5s per week for each widow, with 2s 6d per week extra for each child, and the capital sum of £6,500 originally contributed has by this process been reduced to about £2,400, the interest having also been utilised therewith as earned. At the present time there are 13 widows dependant on the fund, and two young persons, male and female respectively, who are incapable of earning their own living. The full amount required to provide 5s weekly for life in each of these 15 cases is in round figures £2,6050.

Under these circumstances, the directors of the Whitwick Colliery Co. Limited, in response to an appeal by their secretary, Mr Walter Lindley, J.P., who is chairman of the committee, have generously voted an additional sum of £250 to enable the committee to fulfil to the fullest extent every obligation resting upon them. Except for this assistance, some of the claims the committee desired to recognise could not have been met. They are now able to purchase these annuities from the Sun Life

Assurance Society, whose offer has been accepted, and the weekly payments will be made in advance to each of the recipients by the colliery company as hitherto, the company holding the policies as security, and in order to prevent any anticipation of alienation. It is hoped the colliery company will kindly continue the free coal hitherto supplied to the widows.

Yours faithfully, T. H. Heward, Hon. Secretary, Coalville, February 7th, 1914.

Accident at a Colliery

Jas. Hough, son of John Hough, of Swannington, sustained a fractured leg whilst at work at the Speedwell pit of the Whitwick Colliery, on Saturday.

P.M. Choir Effort

The members of the choir connected with the P.M. church gave a tea and cantata on Saturday last. The tea, which was given by the members of the choir, was largely attended, and much enjoyed. In the evening the choir creditably rendered a cantata under the direction of Mr John T. Ward, with Miss Ursula Ward at the organ. Mrs W. G. Wheatley presided over the proceedings, which were well attended. The proceeds, amounting to nearly £7, are to be devoted to the trust and choir funds.

Proposed Licensed Victualler's Association

A meeting of the Whitwick and District publicans was held at the Three Crowns Hotel, Whitwick last night to consider the matter with reference to organising a Licensed Victuallers' Association for the Whitwick and Thringstone district. It was unanimously decided to start the Association at once, and to call it the Whitwick, Thringstone and District Licensed Victuallers' Protective Association. Fifteen publicans joined. Mr G. H. Hallam, of the Queen's Head, Thringstone, was elected secretary, and Councillor Thos. Kelly of the Railway Hotel, Whitwick, chairman. Mr T. Kelly was requested to see Mr T. Jesson, solicitor of Ashby re acting as solicitor for the Association.

Mr Sharp

We are pleased to hear that Mr J. J. Sharp is much better.

Do You Know

That rumour says that Coalville Town F.C. and Whitwick Imperial F.C. are considering the question of applying for admission to the Central Alliance next season?

That Mr Cullen, formerly of the Whitwick Roman Catholic Elementary Schools, has been appointed headmaster at the Shepshed Roman Catholic Schools in place of Mr T. Lyons, who has resigned after having held the position for 38 1/2 years?

Coalville Police Court

To-day (Friday) Before the Rev. C. T. Moore (in the chair), Major Hatchett, Mr B. G. Hale and Mr W. Sheffield.

Bad Language

Wm. Baxter, Thomas Brotherhood and Harold Burton, colliers, Whitwick, were summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on January 24th. They did not appear. P.C. Jelley gave the facts and defendants were fined 2s 6d and costs 10s or seven days.

Pugilistic Colliers

Joseph Hall, of Whitwick, and Geo. Baugh, of Swannington, both colliers, were summoned for violent conduct at Coalville, on January 30th. P.C. Roberson said the defendants were fighting and also set about another man who did not want to fight. Defendants, who did not appear, were each fined 5s 6d and 10s 6d costs or seven days.

Martin Kenney and John Wilks, colliers, Whitwick, were summoned for violent conduct at Coalville, on January 29th. They pleaded not guilty. P.C. Robertson said he saw the defendant fighting in Belvoir Road. They were struggling on the ground. Defendants both strongly denied being engaged in the conflict and Wilks asserted that it was a case of mistaken identity. The constable stated that Kennedy admitted the offence when served with the summons.

Kennedy, on oath, denied striking a blow, but said he was struck by someone he did not know, Wilks was in the Halfway House when the bother was on outside. Wilks, sworn, said that when he left the Halfway House to go home he saw Kennedy knocked down, and went and picked him up. He acted the part of the good Samaritan and was summoned for it. He had never seen the policeman in his life till he brought the summons. The man who struck the blow lived at Coalville, but they could not get to know who he was.

Supt. Lockton : Why should Kenney give the policeman your name, if you were not the man? Wilks : That's where I'm beat (laughter).

John Jackson, collier, Cademan Street, Whitwick, said he saw Wilks pick Kenney up. The man who knocked Kenney down was a stranger to them all. Philip O'Mara and Prudence Wilks having given evidence, P.C. Robinson re-called, said he had no doubt whatever as to the identity of the men. He saw Wilks almost daily going to and from work. Defendants were each fined 5s 6d and 12s 3d costs or 7 days.

Sport

Football

Teams for tomorrow

Whitwick Imperial team to meet Hinckley United to-morrow in the Coalville Charity Cup semi-final on the Waggon and Horses enclosure, Coalville : Roadley; Waterfield and Cooke; A. T. Sharp, Bird and Joe Moore; F. Wain, Sturman, Brady, Wright (captain) and W. Moore. Reserves : E. Tugby and Andy Moore. Referee, Mr R. T. Bradshaw.

Coalville Town's New Year Record

Coalville Town are still unbeaten in the new year and can now number Whitwick Imperial among their victims. The teams met in the Leicestershire Senior League medal competition on the Waggon and Horses ground on Saturday and a strenuous game ended in a win for the Town by the odd goal of three.

Neither side was at full strength, Coalville had Ball, Howard, Nicholls, and Wright out of the team selected, which let in Ballard, at outside right, G. Smith centre-forward and J. Smith and Scoon in the half-back line. Roadley was unable to play in goal for Whitwick due to the death of his father, and J. Moore was a spectator, not being well enough to play. Findle deputised between the posts and Andy Moore was brought into the forward line, P. Wright going half-back. It is interesting to note that had A. S. Heward turned out for the Town it would have been his first appearance since getting his leg broken last season, and the fact that he was chosen to play is, I take it, an indication that his limb is now thoroughly sound again.

Coalville played with the wind in the first half and did a lot of pressing which eventually resulted in George Smith scoring. The wind greatly helped the Town and Whitwick were seldom dangerous in the first half. Just before the interval, Coalville scored again by Wilkins and crossed over with a lead of two goals.

The game was as much in Whitwick's favour in the second half as it was for Coalville in the first half and the fact that the Town prevented the Imperial from getting through more than once was very creditable when it is remembered that they played nearly the whole of this half with ten men. Wharmby received an injury to his leg – it was understood that one of the small bones was splintered – and he had to be carried off. The game was well advanced before Whitwick scored at all, this being from a clever cross shot by Percy Wright which gave Scrivens no chance. The Imperial made a desperate effort towards the close to get level, and only the brilliant display of Scrivens, in goal,

secured victory to the Town. During one attack he returned three hot shots in rapid succession and was loudly applauded.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Burials

Williamson :- At Whitwick, on Saturday, Elizabeth Jane Williamson, aged 54 years, of Vicarage Street.
Henson :- At Thringstone, on Sunday, Jabez Henson, aged 85 years, of Main Street.

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Lost

On Monday last, between Measham and Coalville, Lady's Grey Squirrel fur. Finder rewarded. H. Webster, 138, Church Lane, Whitwick.

Ballot

The ballot for delegates from the Whitwick Colliery to the council of the Leicestershire Miners' Association and examiners of abnormal stalls resulted in the election of Mr Geo. Brooks and Mr John Ottey for No. 1 (thin coal) and Mr Thomas Moore and Mr John Hall for No. 2 (thick coal). All were re-elections except Mr Ottey, who takes the place of Mr A. Smith, resigned. There were nine nominees and Mr George Brooks headed the poll.

Effort for Leicester Infirmary

The second annual dance and whist drive in aid of the funds of the Leicester Royal Infirmary was held in the Holy Cross School on Wednesday evening, and were a great success, nearly 400 people being present. Messrs L. P. McCarthy (New Swannington) and T. Gray (Coalville) were M.C.'s for the dance, the music for which was supplied by Mr and Mrs Popple (piano and violin) and Mr W. Clarke (flute). Many of the dancers were in fancy dress, and the prize winners were: Ladies historic, Mrs G. F. Burton as Ann Robsart; sentimental, 1st, Miss D. Toone, butterfly; 2nd Miss Hooper, shuttlecock: Gentleman, sentimental, 1st Mr S. Perry, Dutch boy; 2nd Miss Jessie Moore as a pit boy; comic, Mr J. Turner, teddy-bear. The M.C.'s for the whist drive were Messrs George Greasley (Whitwick) and W. J. Cracknell (Coalville), and the prizes were won by the following: Ladies, 1st Miss Heighton, 180; 2nd Miss H. G. W. Howe, 176; 3rd Miss Jessie Hull, 175. Interval prize, Mrs Glynn 92. Gents, 1st Mr W. Musson, 183; Messrs J. Moore and H. Robinson tied for second place with 178 each, and on a cut Mr Robinson won the second prize and Mr Moore the third. Interval prize, Mr J. Briers, 94.

Refreshments were supplied by a ladies' committee. The prizes were presented to the winners by the Rev. Father O'Reilly, who expressed thanks to the company for having turned up in such large numbers to support the Infirmary. Mr J. H. McCarthy acted as secretary for the event which was arranged by a committee and it is hoped to realise a substantial sum.

Ashby-de-la-Zouch Union

Appointment of Registrar of Births and Deaths

The Guardians of this Union invite applications for the office of Registrar of Births and Deaths for the Whitwick Sub-District of the Ashby-de-la-Zouch Registration District.

The remuneration is by fees, estimated to amount to £100 a year.

Candidates must be good writers and not under 21 or over 50 years of age.

The person appointed will be required to reside and have his head office in Coalville. Applications, in the Candidates' own handwriting, stating age and present occupation, together with copies of recent testimonials, to be sent to me NOT LATER than Friday, the 27th February, instant.

(signed) George Farmer, Clerk to the Guardians, Union Offices, Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

Coalville Police Court

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

Drunk and Disorderly

James Gee, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Swannington, on January 30th. He pleaded guilty. P.C. Jones stated that he had to bring the defendant to the police station where he was detained till the following morning.

The defendant's mother said a little beer affected him and the publicans ought to be stopped from serving him. He had to keep paying and that was where all his money went. Fined 16s 6d and costs 10s 6d or 14 days.

Sport

Football

Whitwick Worthy Winners

Coalville Referees Singular Experience

The meeting of Whitwick Imperial and Hinckley United on the Waggon and Horses ground, Coalville, on Saturday last, in the Coalville Cup semi-final proved to be a very attractive event, being played, fortunately, under favourable conditions. There was a crowd of something like three thousand people and they had good value for their money, for it was undoubtedly the best local match seen this season. Such seemed to be the general opinion and it was endorsed by Mr F. L. Jinks, secretary of the Leicestershire Football Association, who was among the spectators.

From start to finish, the game was maintained at a smart pace, and until the whistle finally blew, the issue was always in doubt. Whitwick just managed to win – it was by the odd goal of five – and they thoroughly deserved it. Even Hinckley players and supporters were sportsmen enough to admit this at the close of the match. The Imperial played brilliant football, there being not a weak spot in the team, and one could hardly believe that it was practically the same side that appeared on the same ground a week before and were beaten by a weak team representing Coalville Town. The players evidently realised what was at stake in this match and to a man they rose to the occasion splendidly and are to be heartily congratulated on the result.

A word of commendation is also due to the officials having control of the match and also to those responsible for the general arrangements. Mr R. T. Bradshaw as referee, and Messrs F. S. Weaver and T. Price on the lines all discharged their duties in such a manner as to conduce to the excellent game which was witnessed. There was not the slightest unpleasantness throughout the match, which was remarkably void of anything in the semblance of rough play, a fact upon which the players themselves also are to be heartily congratulated. Soon after the match had been started, the wire down one side of the field gave way under the heavy pressure and it looked as though there might be trouble, but the officials, with the aid of Inspector Dobney and a number of policemen were able to keep the crowd within bounds and there was no encroachment on the field of play.

Towards the close of the match, Referee Bradshaw had a peculiar experience, the like of which, perhaps, he had never had before during his lengthy football career. From a hard drive by one of the players, he received the ball full in the face and for a time to him all was oblivion. By a strange coincidence, too, in the few moments that the referee was out of action, Whitwick scored, and after coming round, Mr Bradshaw had to appeal to Mr Price for a decision as to a goal, which was disallowed, I understand, for offside. Happily, this goal did not prove to be a determining factor in the result of the match, as Whitwick were then already leading by three goals to two and so finished.

The game opened in the Imperial's favour, and the forwards caused some disappointment in missing an open goal, while there were two occasions later, when Brady might have scored but didn't, though he made amends for this by getting one eventually. This was the only goal of the first half, though the

Hinckley citadel had some narrow escapes. Once Aubrey Sharp, who played a fine game at right half, just skimmed the bar with a lovely shot, which appeared to be well out of the custodian's reach.

The second half had barely opened before United forced a corner which was beautifully placed, enabling Whitehouse to equalise, but it was not long before Whitwick went ahead again. During a strong attack, one of the backs put through his own goal in trying to stop a splendid shot by Percy Wright. There was great delight when Whitwick secured a two goals lead as the result of a good effort by Brady, who was always in the thick of the fray when there was attacking to be done, but Hinckley were not done with yet, and from a corner, Osborne scored their second. There were some anxious moments after this for the Whitwick supporters, for the United were very near levelling matters up again a time or two, but Roadley was always safe and Waterfield and Cooke never at fault.

On Saturday's form Whitwick established themselves as strong favourites for the final. It was a great feat to dismiss Hinckley who are a splendid side, and whether it be Coalville Town or Loughborough Corinthians who meet the Imperial in the final on Easter Tuesday, they will have their work cut out to prevent Whitwick from realising their ambition to become the cup-holders.

The takings at Saturday's match were about £31 and each of the clubs had a little over £8 as their share after meeting expenses.

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Local News For Sale

Reliable Eggs for sitting from record laying strain. Note: This season, 24 chickens from 26 eggs. White Wyandottes 3s 6d sitting; Black Minorcas 2s 6d sitting. J. Stinson, Sharpley House, Whitwick. Eggs for Hatching. Pure bred Black Wyandottes, prize strain, 6s per sitting. Frederick Berrington, 78 Leicester Road, Whitwick.

Church Social

A tea and social were held in the National School on Tuesday when there was a large attendance. Musical items were contributed by the New Swannington and the Thringstone Glee Party, Master Cooke (one of the choir boys) and others and Mr R. G. West and Miss Adams played for dancing, Mr George Underwood being M.C. It is expected that about £10 will be realised for the Collier's Memorial window to be placed in the church.

Liberal Club

The annual meeting of the members was held on Saturday, Mr A. Needham presiding over a good attendance. The balance sheet showing £390 11s 11d expenditure for the year and a balance of £13 18s 2d was adopted. Mr T. Kelly was re-elected secretary and accorded a vote of thanks for the way he had carried out the duties during the year. The auditors, Messrs D. Otter and J. Rose were re-elected and the following committee were elected. Messrs S. Perry 20 votes; F. Harper 20; J. W. Wardle 20; A. Cooper 17; A. Briers 16; and A. Beers 10. Other nominees beaten in the voting were D. Martin 9; J. Stanyard and S. Billings 5 each and H. Lovell 3.

Liberal Association

The annual meeting of this Association for the election of officers was held in the Public Hall on Wednesday night and was well attended. Mr J. Botrill presided. Mr S. Perry was elected president, and the secretary, Mr J. T. Ward was re-elected. The 12 delegates to the Loughborough Division Liberal Council were elected as follows: Messrs T. Kelly 26 votes; S. Boot 25; A. Wheeldon 24; S. Perry sen. 23; D. Martin 23; O. Geary 23; S. Perry junr. 22; F. Harper 22; A. Briers 22; J. T. Ward 21; W. Vesty 19; and L. Shilliam 18. Other nominees were J. Briers, A. Cooper, A. Beers, J. Rose and J. Boam.

Children's Concert

The children of the Whitwick Holy Cross Day School gave a very successful concert in the School on Friday and Saturday evenings. There was a large attendance on the first night and on Saturday the central hall was packed. Father O'Reilly presided and the excellence of the programme called for numerous encores, reflecting great credit on the children and the teachers by whom they were trained. Miss O'Reilly and Mr Beech were the accompanists. Father O'Reilly congratulated the children and teachers on the success of the concert and also expressed thanks to them. The proceeds were for the Holy Cross Church funds.

P.M. Shrovetide Effort

Shrovetide is a popular season with the Whitwick Primitive Methodists who, as usual, utilised the occasion for a great effort for the chapel funds. They were fortunate in being favoured with a visit by the Rev. S. L. George of London, who was formerly a local minister before Coalville was separated from the Ashby circuit nearly twenty years ago. He preached to good congregations on Sunday morning and in the evening and afternoon addressed a meeting presided over by Mr A. J. Briers at which musical items were rendered by members of the choir. The latter on Sunday evening also sang the anthem, "The Lord is my Shepherd," in which there was a quartette by Miss Springthorpe, Mr W. Ward, Mr L. Burbank and Mr Gilberd, junr, a duet by Misses F. Shilliam and Mr A. Briers and a tenor recital by Mr J. H. Gilberd. On Monday evening, the Rev. S. L. George gave an interesting lecture on "The exploits of a modern day Gideon," dealing with the life of an Irish evangelist. The chair was taken by Mr James Toon, of Whitwick. On Tuesday afternoon, the annual tea was held, at which tables were given by various members and there was a capital attendance. A public meeting in the evening was presided over by Mr J. T. Ward, of Hugglescote, and addresses were given by the Revs. S. L. George of London; T. J. Martin, Coalville and W. H. Whiting, Whitwick. The speakers, chairman and all who had assisted at the tea were heartily thanked at the close. The proceeds were for trust funds.

Whitwick Unionist Association

The annual meeting of the Whitwick Unionist Association was held at the Conservative Club, Whitwick, recently. Mr H. G. W. Howe presiding. The presentation and adoption of the report for 1913, also the balance sheet, was the business transacted. The report and financial statement of the reconstructed Association demonstrates that many valuable efforts have been made to encourage sound political propaganda work. Respecting finances, a balance of £1 0s 8d in hand was reported, and from this it was resolved to discharge liabilities incurred in 1912, amounting to 14s.

The secretary, Mr W. D. McCarthy, in his annual report stated : It gives me great pleasure to present the report of the above Association for the year ending December 31st 1913. The last annual meeting of the Association was held on January 30th 1913, and was followed by a meeting on March 26th, which Mr Seymour, agent of the Loughborough division attended. In the interval, several meetings had been held, and much work done in connection with the County Council and Urban District Council elections, the supported candidate for the County Council Mr M. McCarthy, being returned by a large majority. On the Urban District Council, the two Unionist candidates (former members), viz., Messrs M. McCarthy and T. Y. Hay, were re-elected and it is regretted that Messrs H. T. Bastard and G. West were unsuccessful. All these gentlemen deserve the thanks of the Association for placing their services on behalf of the Unionist party, and for the public welfare. Meetings were further held on April 16th and 21st. At the latter, Mr H. G. W. Howe was elected chairman of the Association, Mr G. F. Burton, whom the Association appointed at the annual meeting, having declined this office. Mr Howe was also elected as representative on the executive council at Loughborough. Since these meetings which were occupied in endeavours to reconstruct and bring the Association more to a standard of efficiency, over a dozen meetings have been held, and a considerable amount of work done. A smoking concert has taken place, which was addressed by a very able working-man speaker, Mr Boulton, of Lount. A members' outing on July 12th was very enjoyable, being arranged and carried out to the satisfaction of all. A large demonstration, including a public tea and sports, was held on September 6th. This entailed much time and thought and a warm recognition was accorded to the ladies and gentlemen who assisted. The president of the Association presided, and the meeting was addressed by Mr Smith-Carrington and Major J. Harland Bowden. The speeches were very instructive and of great value to Unionists. Unfortunately, many other attractions were taking place in Whitwick

on the same date, and this accounted for many not being able to attend. Congratulations came from many sources on the well-arranged and proper management of details. Following on the demonstration were two whist drives and endeavours have been held on behalf of the Association funds, and here again mention of thanks must be accorded to those supporters who have so generously given prizes and other aid. The subject of registration has been strictly attended to. The register has been checked, and every effort made to secure Unionist electors, the result at the revision being highly satisfactory to our cause. Delegates have attended meetings at Rothley, Barrow and Leicester Abbey; also your representative on the Executive Council has attended all meetings called since his appointment, and a written report to the executive has been forwarded in respect to the work of the Whitwick Association. The membership of the Association is comparatively small (34). This in proportion to the strength of the Unionist supporters in Whitwick is not satisfactory, and demands improvement. If work is to win, and union is strength, supporters should be in touch with the Association to help in procuring having Association, in justice to the efforts of Mr Smith-Carrington.

Several proposals for future organisation have been under consideration, and it is hoped that during the present year some of these will develop for the benefit of the cause. The holding of meetings, smoking concerts, etc., are included. Before closing my report, I should like to impress upon the members my thorough appreciation of the valuable assistance I have received from the chairman of the Association, Mr Howe, who has organisation work at his finger-tips, and who is always ready to give practical information, and work.

Coalville Police Court

To-day (Friday) – Before the Rev. C. T. Moore (in the chair), Major Hatchett, Mr W. Lindley, Mr J. W. West and Mr W. Sheffield.

The permission of the Bench was obtained for a child to appear on the stage at the Coalville Olympia.

Withdrawn

Bowley Hurst, collier, Whitwick, was summoned by Walter Briers, builder, for assault at Whitwick, on February 14th. On the application of Mr Jesson, the case was withdrawn.

Alleged Wife Desertion

Jos. Fewkes, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for wife desertion at Thringstone, on September 12th, 1913. Defendant said he was turned out.

Complainant said they had been married for 34 years, and had had 11 children, the youngest being eleven years old. She went on to allege acts of cruelty by her husband, and also drunken habits. He left her on September 12th, going to Doncaster, and had not been back again; neither had he given her any money. Her son had kept her.

Defendant accused his wife on infidelity. Complainant : Oh, you bad 'un, Joe.

Defendant said he was ill-treated and turned out by his son. In reply to the Bench complainant said she had no witnesses. The Bench dismissed the case through lack of corroboration, and the chairman advised her to consult a solicitor.

Bad Language

John W. Brealey, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on February 16th. He pleaded guilty and said he was sorry. It was through a bit of excitement. P.C. Jelley gave the facts, and defendant was fined 2s 6d and 10s 6d costs or seven days.

Herbert Hall, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language at Whitwick on February 21st. Defendant did not appear. Sergt. Betts proved the case, and defendant was fined 10s 6d and 12s 6d costs, or fourteen days, there being previous convictions.

Sport
Football
Coalville League

There was some tall scoring in the Coalville League on Saturday and by a peculiar coincidence, two matches in the first division had similar unusual results. Hugglescote St. John's defeated Coalville P.S.A. 7 – 1 on the Central ground, and it was by a similar score that the Swifts won against Whitwick Holy Cross on the Fox and Goose ground.

Jack Sheffield got three of the goals for the Swifts and there were two by W. Williamson and one each by Tugby and T. Williamson. Moore scored for the Holy Cross.

Another match in the first division was at Hugglescote where the Wesleyans and Whitwick Imperial Reserves made a draw of two goals each.