

Friday August 4th 1916 (Issue 1274)

Local News

Fatal Accident at Whitwick Colliery

Coalville Miner Killed Yesterday

A fall of roof occurred at the Whitwick Colliery yesterday morning, and a miner named Matthew Ball was killed. He resided in Bakewell Street, Coalville. The accident has been reported to the police authorities, and an inquest will be held in due course. Ball was a married man of about 60 years of age and was employed as a shifter. The fall occurred in the main road, and another man was slightly injured.

Local Casualties

The death in action from a shell wound of Private E. Walton, of the Leicestershire Regiment, son of Mr James Walton, a Whitwick collier, of Hermitage Road, is notified by his chum, Pte. Harry Sharpe, who says that *"he died a hero, doing his duty to the last."*

Do You Know That

Mr Arthur Greensmith, under-manager at the Whitwick Colliery, has passed an examination qualifying him for the position of colliery manager?

Coalville Police Court

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

"Not Likely to get a House"

George Harry Hewes, house agent, Coalville, applied for ejection orders against James Nix of Coalville, and Thomas Commons, of Whitwick, both colliers. Mr Hewes said Commons owed £2 13s 6d rent, and was a nuisance to the other tenants. He was a miner earning good money at the Snibston pit. Defendant's wife arrived, and said she had been unable to get another house. The clerk said she was not likely to if she did not pay the rent. The woman said she could not pay it if she did not receive it.

The clerk: *But your husband is in regular work at the pit.*

Supt. Lockton: *He also owes me some money, and we can't get it.*

The woman said she had seven children and that was why she could not get another house. Mr Hewes said he was willing to let them stay if they would pay the rent regularly, and also the arrears.

The woman: *I can't if I don't get it.*

She was told by the Bench that she could not expect to live in the house if she did not pay the rent. Mr Hewes said it was the husband's fault. Ordered to give up possession in three weeks.

In the case of Nix, Mr Hewes said the man was a regular nuisance when in drink, and he had considerably damaged the property, while £1 14s 6d was owing for rent. Witness

received many complaints from the other tenants. The defendant's wife said she had three little children, and could not get another house.

The clerk: *You are not likely*

It was stated that the man was a collier getting good wages. An order to give up possession in 21 days was made, and the woman said she would try her best to get another house.

Drunk at Coalville

Wm. Manyon, collier, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk on the highway at Coalville, on July 21st. Defendant said it was the first time in his life. P.C. Haywood stated the case and a fine of 10s or seven days was imposed.

Illegal Football

Richard Sheldon, of Coalville, and John Garritty, of Whitwick, pony drivers, were summoned for playing football on the highway at Hugglescote, on July 14th. They pleaded guilty, but said they only had one kick each. P.C. Langham said the defendants were kicking a salmon tin. The conduct of the pit boys in the mornings had been greatly complained of. Fined 5s each or seven days.

Coalville Urban District Council

Mr A. Lockwood, J.P., presided at the monthly meeting of the Urban Council at Coalville, on Tuesday evening, when there were also present. Messrs. F. Griffin (vice-chairman) M. McCarthy, T. Y. Hay, C. W. Brown, S. Armson, J. W. Farmer, B. G. Hale, J.P., W. Fellows, A. J. Briers, and T. Kelly, with the clerk (Mr J. F. Jesson), surveyor, (Mr L. L. Baldwin), assistant surveyor (Mr G. F. Hurst) and gasworks manager (Mr J. W. Eagles).

Medical Officer's Report

The medical officer (Dr. J. W. Jamie) reported that during July two cases of scarlatina were notified, one in Belvoir Road, Coalville, and one in Parsonwood Hill, Whitwick. Two cases of measles were also notified, and two cases of phthisis, at Whitwick, and Donington-le-Heath. In each case the usual precautions were adopted.

Round the Theatres

The Picture House Whitwick

"Exploits of Elaine" number 32 was a good part, and "The Dawn of Understanding" was a strong Vitagraph, others were good. For the week-end the chief picture is the "Flying Twins". The Twins are fascinated with the circus. An acrobat who has a grudge against their father persuades them to go away with the circus in which he is performing. He and his wife train the children, and eventually they are starred as 'The Flying Twins'. In the meantime their parents are searching high and low for them. How they are finally discovered, their escape from the acrobat, and how the man got his deserts is well portrayed in the film. – See advertisement for next week's list.

Friday August 11th 1916 (Issue 1275)

Local News

Mr R. Sharp's Egg Collection

Previously acknowledged 2,113 eggs. Messrs. Hawthorn Bros. 20 eggs; Mrs W. Briers 18; Mr R. Sharp 12; Mrs Botham 8. Subscriptions – Mrs B. Squire's company 4/2; 1s each, Miss E. B. Jacks, Mrs West, Messrs. D. Ottey, Pickering, P. J. Riley, Coleman and Sons; 6d, Mr C. Foster. Last year eggs sent numbered 2,187; this year to date 2,235, total 4,422.

Whitwick Colliery Fatality

One man killed and another injured

Inquest

The Deputy-Coroner for North Leicestershire, Mr J. T. Webb, held an inquest at the Fox and Goose Hotel, Coalville, on Saturday, concerning the death of Matthew Henry Ball, miner, of Bakewell Street, Coalville, who was killed whilst at work in the Whitwick Colliery on Thursday morning. Mr John Kirby was foreman of the jury.

Among those present were Mr W. H. Hepplewhite, H.M. Inspector of Mines, Mr Elroy Smith of Mansfield, for the Whitwick Colliery Co., Mr Binns of Derby, for the Indemnity Co., Mr L. Lovett (Leicestershire Miners' Association Agent) and Mr T. Y. Hay (manager of the colliery).

The Deputy-Coroner said the accident was due to a fall of roof, and another man who was injured was too ill to attend, but the jury would hear the evidence of other witnesses on which they would be able to form a conclusion. Everything appeared to be in order, as far as one could tell, but it would be for the jury to ascertain whether anyone was to blame.

Ann Ball, the widow, said the deceased was 61 years of age, and resided at Bakewell Street. He had worked for the Whitwick Colliery Co. for several years. He was a strong, healthy man, and his eyesight and hearing were good. She last saw him alive about 9.30 on Wednesday night, when he went to work and he was then as usual. He had never complained about his work.

Dr. Dunkin, of Coalville, stated that the body was brought to his house, London Road, on Thursday morning. He recognised the deceased, but could not remember having attended him for any illness. The man was quite dead, his neck being obviously broken. There were a few other marks and abrasions, but they were not serious. The broken neck would cause almost instantaneous death. Witness had also attended a miner named John Phillips at his home in Hermitage Road. He had two scalp wounds, crushing of the leg, and various abrasions, but no bones were broken. This man was at present quite incapable of attending to give evidence.

Edward Wallam, Silver Street, Whitwick, said he was a deputy in the yard seam of No. 6 Whitwick pit, and was in charge on the night in question. The deceased and Phillips and two chargemen were removing a fall which had taken place the previous night. Witness went on duty at nine o'clock, and as some of the roof had fallen he had props set under the bars. He thought that was quite sufficient and proceeded with the inspection of his district. When he returned to the place, it was about the same, and the men were clearing up. The fall broke three bars, and the props set were under good bars. The

place was well timbered before he went off duty. The bars that gave way had, he thought, been up a few months. They were round bars about 11 ft long, and double-propped. He had no recollection of the bars being put up. They were put there in the ordinary course of timbering, and not in any consequence of any fall. There was no 'fault' at the place. When he went to work on the next shift three more bars were put up which covered the hole. There was a cavity of about 2 ft under the roof. There was no movement of the roof while the timber was being set. Just before he left the place about 6 o'clock a.m. on August 2nd, the work was practically finished, and they were ready for turning. He told the under-manager, Mr Smith, that the place was all right, and ready for work, and almost immediately a messenger came. It was Thomas Price who said, "*For God's sake Ted, come on, all the timbers have broken out.*" Witness went and found that all the new timber but one bar had collapsed. Four of the bars were broken straight through the middle, and the deceased was under the debris. When they liberated him he was dead, and Phillips was injured. The two men were clearing up a little dirt that was left over when the fall occurred. No more stone fell after witness got there. It was a new fall.

The Inspector: *The timbers were not strong enough to hold it.*

Witness: *I can't put it any differently.*

By Mr Smith: *The timber used appeared to be good, and there was plenty of it. The two men working under him were chargemen of experience. Witness did everything that he considered was necessary.*

Thomas Shelton, of Loughborough Road, Whitwick, said he was a chargeman shifter at the Whitwick pit, and the other chargeman, Thomas Garratt, himself and the deceased and Phillips, were repairing the road following a fall on the night of August 1st. After the first fall witness noticed that the timber was clean broken. The stuff was cleared away and the place made as strong as they could. They built it up to 4 ft and left a cavity of 2 ft to the roof. The roof did not look good, but not an ounce fell during the work of timbering. They set bars both ways – new bars which had been sent to the place for the purpose. It was foreign fir timber and looked quite sound. He was there when the fall occurred, being under the one bar which held up. He was about 8 ft from the deceased. The other chargeman was close by witness. They were removing the loose timber that lay about, and the deceased and Phillips were clearing up. The roof suddenly collapsed without warning. They had not time to shout to one another. It all seemed to come from the centre of the roof. Witness had been a chargeman shifter for 26 and a half years, and he thought the work on this occasion was a thoroughly round job. The stuff which fell would weigh about 13 tons. It was a new seam being opened out. There had been no previous similar fall in that district.

Thomas Garratt, Hermitage Road, Coalville, the other chargeman shifter, said he agreed with the evidence of Shelton.

By the Inspector: *Witness had been a chargeman for 27 years. The timber was new and good. He heard no movement till the crash came.*

The Coroner, summing up, said the men in charge of the work were both workmen of many years' experience, and they appeared to have done all that was necessary. Nobody could suggest why the roof fell, and it was undoubtedly a pure accident.

A verdict of “accidental death” was returned, no blame attaching to anyone.

Mr Levitt said that on behalf of the Miner’s Association, he would like to express sympathy with the relatives. He knew the deceased well, having been schoolmates together. Mr Hay said he desired to express the sympathy of the Colliery Co. Deceased was a very respectable man. He had worked for the Whitwick Colliery Co., between 20 and 30 years, and they were sorry to lose him. Mr Kirby, for the jury, also expressed sympathy.

Ashby Police Court

Saturday – Before Mr George Moore (in the chair) the Rev. C. T. Moore, Mr O. D. Orchard, Mr J. Turner and Mr J. H. Parsons.

There was a summons against John Bakewell, (56), bricklayer, Whitwick, in respect of arrears of an order to maintain his wife. Ordered to pay £2 12s and 8s costs.

Round the Theatres

The Picture House Whitwick

The ‘star’ picture here at the beginning of the week was “The Mystery of the Throne Room” with Grace Cunard playing a dual role. It was much enjoyed. Also “Exploits of Elaine” No. 33 (The Life Chain) a splendid piece. – “When the Germans Entered Loos” was an interesting topical; and other items were good. – For the week-end “The Curtain’s Secret” is the chief picture. An evil curse lies on the great old house of Atherton. Behind the curtain in the portrait hall is hidden, according to tradition, the genius for good or evil. Sir Geoffrey discovered that his son, long since dead, had secretly married, and he found he had a grandson, whom he brought to the mansion, and warned him he must never look behind the curtain. A distant relative had expected to inherit the estate, and made things rather nasty for the boy, but it turns out it was the genius for good – or evil – in this case, that lay behind the curtain. – A picture with a good moral – Others are good – See advertisement for next week’s list.

Friday August 18th 1916 (Issue 1276)

Local News

Memorial Service

On Sunday morning a memorial service was held in the Whitwick Parish Church for five more parishioners who have recently fallen in the war. – Privates L. Whitmore, H. Burton, C. Wilson, and E. Walton, and Seaman Copson. There was a large congregation, which included the Whitwick and Thringstone Citizen Corps, under Commander J. Lester, and the local Boy Scouts, also a good number of men in khaki and relatives of the deceased. The Vicar (the Rev. T. W. Walters) preached an appropriate sermon, and suitable hymns were sung. At the close of the service, which was very impressive, one of the Boy Scouts sounded “The Last Post” and the organist,

Mr R. G. West played the Dead March, the National Anthem also being sunk. Peals were rung during the day with the bells muffled.

Whitwick Reservist Killed

News has been received from official sources that Private Charles Wilson, of the Leicestershire Regiment, was killed in action on July 15th. He was a married man with no family, and his wife resides at 73, North Street, Whitwick. Private Wilson had served in the army for about 17 years, and was called up as a reservist. He fought through the South African War. Only three months ago, he was at home on three days' leave from the Front. Before the war he was employed at the South Leicestershire Colliery.

Whitwick Soldier's Wedding

At Holy Cross Catholic Church, Whitwick, the wedding took place of Miss Chrissie Concannon, (grand-daughter of the late Mr W. Beckworth, of Whitwick), and Mr Harry Slade, late of the Northamptonshire Regiment. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr Edward Concannon, wore a lovely dress of ivory crepe de chine, trimmed with shadow lace, and orange blossom, and carried a sheaf of lilies. The bridesmaids, Misses Nellie and Lizzie Concannon, wore pretty dresses and rose pink hats, and carried roses and sweet peas. The little train-bearers, Misses Freda King and Mary Collin (nieces of the bride) wore dresses in quaint little smocked frocks, and rose pink hats. After the ceremony, the happy pair left for the Peak district.

Bankruptcy

At the Burton Bankruptcy Court, on Monday, Mrs Johanna Bridget Benson, formerly carrying on business as a tinsmith and ironmonger, at Whitwick, appeared for her public examination. Debtor's statement of affairs showed liabilities £72, and the assets £20 12s, thus leaving a deficiency of £51. Debtor, in her examination, said she was a widow, the business formerly belonged to her husband, who died nine years ago. She became entitled to the business and some property, which was subject to a mortgage of £650 at 4 per cent interest. She was now 12 months in arrears with the interest. The mortgage had now obtained power to enter into possession. For a few years after her husband's death the business was fairly successful. – The examination was closed on the normal terms.

Local Chit Chat

Sir Matthew Joyce, of Abbot's Oak, has presented to Whitwick Parish Church a most interesting old engraving of the Church, as it appeared many years ago, with the font, the Talbot monument and details of an old stained-glass window, which, unfortunately, have long since disappeared. It is being mounted and framed to be hung in the Church.

Sergeant S. Perry, of the Leicestershire Regiment, son of Mr Samuel Perry, of Silver Street, Whitwick, has just arrived home from Bury hospital, and is making fair progress towards convalescence. He was in a great charge which the Leicesters made on July 14th, when they achieved their objective in driving the Germans from their trenches, which they afterwards held, though, as the lists have since proved, there were numerous casualties. Sergeant Perry was hit in three places by shrapnel, receiving many wounds over the right eye and on his right arm and leg. Before the war he assisted his father in the tailoring business and was a popular resident, particular with the younger element, since for several years he was the master of the Whitwick Troop of Boy Scouts. Many

friends in Whitwick will wish him a speedy and complete recovery. Sergeant Perry informed the writer that several lads from Coalville and district were in his company when they captured the German trenches on that memorable fourteenth of July.
Ashby County Court

Yesterday – Before the Registrar, Mr W. A. Musson

Whitwick Rent Claim

George Frederick Burton, grocer, Whitwick, sued James Wallam, miner, of Shepshed, for £4 5s, being 11 weeks' rent at 7s per week for the tenancy of a house at Whitwick, and certain repairs.

Mr T. H. Moore (Messrs. Crane and Moore, Coalville) appeared for the defendant, acting for Mr J. F. Jesson, and said the plaintiff raised the rent to 7s per week because defendant would not leave the house, and also that he entered 7s in the rent book when defendant only paid 6s. The "diddling" he alleged was for the purpose of justifying plaintiff's contention that defendant agreed to pay 7s.

Plaintiff: *There is no "diddling" about it. I stand by the rent book.*

Mr Moore: *Do you say that she ever paid you 7s?*

Defendant: *I don't suppose she did.*

Mr Moore said the point was, did she consent to the raising of the rent?

Plaintiff: *I don't think she did.*

It transpired that plaintiff had obtained an ejectment order at a previous court, and he defends he had vacated the property. Mrs Wallam said that although 7s appeared in the rent book she never paid more than 6s. She said her husband was receiving the minimum wage. The Registrar asked what that might be.

Witness: *Nine shillings a day.*

The Registrar said the defendant stayed in the house in defiance of the plaintiff, and he considered that the rent book showed an acceptance of the raising of the rent, and he thought it was a monstrous case, and gave judgement for the plaintiff for the amount claimed.

Coalville Police Court

Friday – Before the Rev. C. T. Moore (in the chair), Major Hatchett, and Mr W. Lindley.

Might have Killed Someone

Wm. Twigg junr. (15), collier, Ibstock, was summoned for furiously riding a bicycle on the highway at Whitwick, on July 23rd. He pleaded guilty and said he was sorry. Sergeant Betts said the lad rode down the Forest Rock Hill from High Tor at a terrific rate on Sunday night. There were 150 people about, and it was a wonder he did not kill somebody. He did not knock down a child, which was bruised badly. The boy's father said he depended on the lad. Defendant, who said he earned £1 per week at Nailstone Wood pit, was cautioned and fined 10s 6d.

Drunk and Disorderly

George A. Botterill, (19), collier, Whitwick, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly at Whitwick, on August 7th. P.C. Jelley gave the facts and defendant, who did not appear, was fined 12s or seven days.

"Banker" at Whitwick

Frederick Griffin (19), Richard Cufflin (19), John Newell (17), Charles Clarke (17), George A. Botterill (17), colliers, and Frederick Hawkins (18), carpenter, all of Whitwick, were summoned for gaming with cards and coins at Whitwick, on July 31st. None of the defendants appeared. Sergeant Betts said he saw the defendants on the foot road from Whitwick to Swannington playing "banker". This sort of thing was going on in every hole and corner in Whitwick by youths as soon as they got their money. Each defendant was fined 10s 6d or 7 days.

Bad Language

Thomas Commons, (50), collier, Whitwick, were summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on August 7th. P.C. Jelley gave the facts and defendant, who did not appear, was fined 15s or fourteen days.

Ada M. Botterill (53) and Prudence Botterill (21), married, both of Whitwick, were summoned for using bad language at Whitwick, on August 7th. P.C. Jelley said defendants, mother and daughter-in-law, were using the language to one another and the daughter was smashing the pots. The latter's husband was at the Front. Each defendant was fined 10s or seven days.

Violent Conduct

Andrew Smith (23) and Frederick Williams (25), colliers, both of Whitwick, were summoned for violent conduct at Whitwick, on August 5th, and Smith was also summoned for a similar offence on August 7th.

P.C. Jones said the defendants had their coats off, and caused a disturbance in the Dumps. Each defendant was fined 10s or seven days. In the second case against Smith, P.C. Jelley said the defendant was challenging people to fight, and struck his mother. Fined £1 1s, or 14 days, the two sentences to be concurrent.

Coal Stealing at Whitwick

Emma Perry (50), married, of Whitwick, was charged with stealing 30lbs weight of coal, value 6d, at Whitwick, on August 2nd. Defendant said she took the coal, but was told she was allowed to in consideration of bits given to the pigs.

Bowley Hurst, collier, Whitwick, said he kept the coal in a shed near his house, and since last March had missed it continually, in consequence of which he complained to Sergeant Betts.

By defendant: *He was not aware that his wife had told the defendant she could fetch a lump of coal now and again. Being a relative she thought she was doing nothing wrong.*

The clerk asked what the relationship was.

Witness: *She is no relative to me.*

Defendant: *His brother married my sister.* (Laughter).

Priscilla Rowell, a Whitwick girl, said she was going on an errand when she saw the defendant coming out of Hurst's shed with a lump of coal in her apron. Elizabeth Hurst, wife of Bowley Hurst, said she had never given the defendant permission to take coal for the bits she took. If the defendant had taken any bits of bread she had paid her for them. Witness had missed a lot of coal.

Sergeant Betts said he saw the defendant, and told her that Bowley Hurst had been missing coal, and she was suspected of stealing it. Defendant said she took some bread crusts that morning and Mrs Hurst was not up. She left the bread and brought away a lump of coal. Witness ascertained that defendant's husband was allowed coal tickets at the lbstock pit, where he worked, but that the woman had sold them.

Fined 10s 6d and 10s 6d for witnesses, or 14 days.

Round the Theatres

The Picture House Whitwick

Good houses have been the order here again this week, and No. 30 of "The Exploits of Elaine" was a good part at the beginning of the week. Also, "The Fisherwoman" a fine drama by Thanouser – Others were excellent. – For the week-end, "The Nightbirds of London" is a good film story. The Nightbirds' club is the haunt of gamblers and rogues. The villain wishes to compass the ruin of Eric Joyce and supplant him in the will of old Colonel Joyce. In a drunken brawl, one of the company at the club is killed, and the blame is fastened on Eric. The latter has a son, and the villain makes it his business to try and clear him out of the way. He is unsuccessful in all his vile plotting, however, and in the end the hero and heroine are re-united and the culprit arrested. – This will be enjoyed. – Others are also very good, and must be seen. – See advertisement for next week's list.

In Memoriam

"Thy will be done"

In loving memory of William, eldest son of Richard and Sarah Massey, of Whitwick, killed somewhere in France, August 9th, 1915. Aged 19 years and 7 months, of the 5th Leicesters.

*Not death, but just the parting of the ways,
Divides us from a hero slain,
A patriot sleeps, but with the morning's rays,
Fond hearts awake and meet again.
From Father, Mother and all.*

Friday August 25th 1916 (Issue 1277)

Local News

Mr Robert Sharp's Egg Collection

Subscriptions: Lady Joyce, 2s 6d; Mr J. Gilbert 2s 6d; Mr J. Brewers 6s 8d; Greyhound Inn company 3s 2d; Mr Gledhill's company 3s 1 ½ d; Royal Oak Inn company 2s 6d; Fountain Inn company 2s 7d; 2s each Mr J. H. Land, and Captain Briggs. 1s each Miss Trevena, Mrs Roberts, Mrs W. James, Messrs. R. A. Roulston, W. Johnson, W. Middleton, H. Burton and Wilkins (carriers).

Eggs: 24 Mrs J. Green; 18 each Mrs C. McKenna and Mrs J. Thomes; 12 Mrs G. Sheffield; 10 Mrs C. Illsley; 8 each Mrs T. Hull and Mrs Botham; 6 Mrs J. Peace; 3 each Mrs Ward and Mrs W. Smith; 13 Mr R. Sharp.

Colliery Accident

An accident happened in the Whitwick Colliery on Monday, when one of the miners, J. W. Davis, a well-known local footballer, who resides in Ashby Road, Coalville, received injuries to his back by a fall of stone. He was taken to the Leicester Royal Infirmary.

Local Casualties

The following names appeared in recent official casualty lists:-

Wounded

Leicestershire Regiment

Perry, 12135, Sergeant S. E., Whitwick

Brown, 16779, Private F. S., Whitwick

Priest, 10080, Private C. G., Whitwick

Sargent, 15581, Private F., Whitwick

Squires, 15524, Private E., Whitwick

Jones, 10578, Private J., Whitwick

Coalville Tribunal

Mr T. Y. Hay presided at a meeting of the Coalville Urban Tribunal in the Council Chambers on Wednesday evening, when there were also present, Messrs. A. Lockwood, B. B. Drewett, M. McCarthy, B. G. Hale, A. J. Briers, T. F. Fox, C. W. Brown, with Mr G. J. German (military representative), R. Blower (military secretary), and Mr Taylor (for the clerk).

The military representative asked whether the Tribunal would make it a condition in granting exemption that applicants must join a volunteer training corps. Mr McCarthy said that was a reasonable suggestion, and was done in many places.

Mr German: *Almost everywhere.*

The chairman said they had a corps at Coalville. Mr Drewett said it was remarked when the matter cropped up before that the Coalville Corps was "non ect" for the time being. Several Tribunals, Shepshed to wit, had been very strict in this matter.

Mr Hale moved that it be a condition in all cases where over a month was granted. Mr Drewett seconded and it was carried. The clerk said it would be for applicants who might be engaged on munition work till late at night, and finding it impossible to fulfil the condition to represent that to the Tribunal. The chairman said it would be up to the applicants to prove that. The military representative read a letter from Mr W. H. Hepplewhite, the president of the Collieries' Recruiting Court stating that colliery managers had been warned of the consequences of taking on men who did not possess a miner's exemption card. He also stated that if a man left a mine, it was his duty to return his certificate. Managers of collieries were not justified in taking on men who had been exempted by the Tribunals. Mr German added that the letter meant that the Tribunal could not give men exemption on the understanding that they could go to a mine as work of national importance.

Mr Lockwood: *I take it that it means the mines are well manned.*

The chairman: *Some of the mines are very badly manned.*

The Forest Rock Granite Co., Whitwick, applied for a carman and a steam lorry driver, both 40 years of age with large families. A representative of the firm said the carman was learning to drive. They were supplying stone for Government contracts. Three months were allowed in each case.

One month was allowed a Whitwick hairdresser, aged 35, married, whose boy, aged 14, assists him in the business.

A Whitwick painter and decorator, aged 32, married, with five children, was allowed two months on getting munitions work.

A Whitwick building firm, represented by Mr T. H. Moore, appealed for their foreman, it being stated that nine men out of 20 had joined the Forces, besides two of the three partners. The man applied for he had seven children and was 40 years of age. Conditional exemption was allowed.

As recommended to the Advisory Committee, the Tribunal assented to conditional exemption in the following cases: A Whitwick chemist, aged 40;

Do You Know That

A lady operator commenced duties on Monday last, at the Whitwick Picture Palace?

Round the Theatres

The Picture House Whitwick

There is a fine list of subjects here this week and "Exploits of Elaine" number 35 was a good part – "The Path of Sorrows" was a fine two-part drama, and was much enjoyed by the usual enthusiastic audiences. – Others were good. – For the week-end "Anarchists of Monte Carlo" is the 'star' and must be seen. The Prince takes a few weeks' vacation and in the meantime his father banishes a band of anarchists. The latter plan to capture the Prince and hold him until the period of their exile is cancelled. Their plan works excellently, but a girl whom the Prince has befriended overhears their plot. The Prince,

however, is carried off in a motor-boat, which is being pursued by another boat. Preferring death to being taken, the anarchists explode the petrol tank, but the Prince is saved. – Others are good. – Next week, another fine list, see advertisement.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Burials

Halford – At Whitwick, today, Thos. Halford, aged 69 years, of Pares' Hill.