

Friday November 3rd 1916 (Issue 1287)

Local News

By the alterations which are being carried out to the old Beaumont Arms Inn, Whitwick Market Place, an interesting landmark disappears. The inn was a low building with thatched roof, and is understood to have existed for at least 800 years. It is now being converted into a house and shop with a more modern appearance.

COALVILLE AND DISTRICT ROLL OF HONOUR LOCAL MEN WHO HAVE DIED FOR THEIR COUNTRY

“Greater love hath no man than this: that a man lay down his life for his friends.”

WHITWICK

Ernest Hall (12041)

Private, of the 2nd Leicesters, killed at Neuve Chapelle, March 13th, 1915. His wife and three children reside at Whitwick, where he worked as a collier.

Harold Sidney Burton (2895)

Lance-Corporal, of the 23rd London Regiment, killed in action on May 26th, 1915. A Whitwick man.

Ernest Tugby (16485)

Private, of the 1st Leicesters, killed in action on June 7th, 1915. He resided in Leicester Road, Whitwick.

Arthur Charles Johnstone (12135)

Private, of the 8th Leicesters, died September 1st, 1915, from wounds received in action the previous day. A collier of Castle Hill, Whitwick.

Herbert Smith Hurst

Private, of the 8th Leicesters, killed in action, August 31st, 1915. He was a collier, formerly residing at Parsonwood Hill, Whitwick.

James Cairns (3026)

Private in the Connaught Rangers, killed in action in the Dardanelles, on August 21st, 1915. Formerly a Whitwick collier who leaves a widow and three children.

Frank Underwood (14949)

Private of the 8th Leicesters, killed in action in October 3rd, 1915. Son of Mr John Underwood, of Pare's Hill, Whitwick, and a former employee of the Forest Rock Granite Company.

Bernard Whittaker (14993)

Private, of the 2nd Leicesters, killed in action September 25th, 1915. He formerly lived in Leicester Road, Whitwick, and worked at the South Leicestershire Colliery.

Edward Jarvis (18965)

Private of the 1st Grenadier Guards, killed in action, October 17th, 1915. He formerly resided at 88, Hermitage Road, Whitwick, and worked at the Snibston Colliery.

Joseph Amithae Hall (16075)

Lance-Corporal in the 9th Leicesters, killed in action in France, December 9th, 1915. He was a Whitwick collier, aged 22 years, and his wife and child reside at the Dumps.

George Harold Barker (2511)

Trooper, Leicestershire Yeomanry, killed in action, May 13th, 1915. A young farmer of Onebarrow, Whitwick.

Edgar Howe (12075)

Private, 2nd Leicesters, died February 16th of wounds received in action at the Persian Gulf, January 6th or 7th, 1916. A former Whitwick collier, of Talbot Street, Whitwick.

Herbert Kelly (7318)

Sergeant of the Sherwood Foresters, aged 25, killed in action, February 12th, 1916. Late of Markfield, a native of Whitwick and nephew of Mr T. Kelly, of the Railway Hotel.

George Henry Copson (225838)

Signaller of the Navy, died in the North Sea battle off Jutland on June 1st, 1916, serving on HMS "Sparrowhawk". Aged 28, formerly a Whitwick miner.

Private John Joseph Morley (2509)

Of the Leicestershire Regiment, after being reported missing over a year, reported killed, June 1916. Formerly resided at Leicester Road, Whitwick.

Herbert Harold Burton (26136)

Private of Northumberland Fusiliers, killed in action, July 3rd, 1916. Former Whitwick collier, aged 24, of Green Lane, Whitwick.

Lawrence Albert Whitmore (10388)

Private of the Leicestershire Regiment, killed by a sniper, July 19th, 1916. Former Whitwick collier, aged 21, of Talbot Street, Whitwick.

Edward Walton (10328)

Private of the Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, July 17th, 1916. Aged 20 years, formerly worked at Whitwick Colliery and resided at 311, Hermitage Road.

Charles Wilson (26381)

Private of the Leicestershire Regiment, killed in action, July 15th, 1916. Formerly worked at the South Leicestershire Colliery, married, and resided at 73, North Street, Whitwick.

Robert William Berrington (14032)

Lance-Corporal, Leicestershire Regiment, military medallist, killed in action, September 25th, 1916. Aged 24 years, a Whitwick man, formerly engaged at the Whitwick Granite Quarry.

Will the relatives and friends of all Whitwick Lads serving with the Colours forward their home and regimental address to the Secretary, J. J. Clarke, 138, Leicester Road, Whitwick.

Round the Theatres

The Picture House

“A Bushranger at Bay” (No. 5 “Stingaree”) was the ‘star’ picture at the beginning of the week, and it was a good one; as were also the others shown. – The 7 McGarry’s are a fine combination of vocalists and dancers, and their “show” leaves nothing to be desired. Every item is splendidly given, and they stamp themselves as first-class artistes. They have had a great reception, and must not be missed. – “A Man’s Courage” for the week-end must be seen. It is a Nestor of fine quality - Others are good, and will be enjoyed. – See advertisement for full particulars of next week’s programme.

Friday November 10th 1916 (Issue 1288)

Local News

Whitwick Pony’s Death Blow

At the Coalville Police Court on Friday, Bernard Johnson (17), pony driver, Whitwick, was charged with cruelly ill-treating a pony in the Whitwick Colliery, on October 10th, and he was further charged with causing damage to the pony.

Mr J. J. Sharp (Coalville) prosecuted for the Whitwick Colliery Co. and Mr T. H. Moore (Coalville) for the defendant, pleaded not guilty.

Thomas Young Hay, manager of the colliery said he knew the pony, which was good-tempered, and a good worker. The boy admitted to witness that he struck the pony with an iron drag and killed it. The pony died a few seconds after it was hit. Suitable ponies for the pit were

difficult to obtain now, and were very expensive. The boy's wages for the last six weeks averaged £1 18s 4d per week.

By Mr Moore: *There was no viciousness about the pony. Defendant did not tell him that the pony knocked him over, that the lamp was out, and that he struck out in the dark. Witness had no previous complaints against the defendant.*

Cyril Chambers (16) of Whitwick, at No. 6 Whitwick pit, said he saw the defendant strike to pony on the head with the locker. It immediately fell and died "*instantaneously in three or four minutes*" (laughter) after kicking once.

By Mr Moore: *The pony had previously knocked Johnson down and his lamp was out. Defendant seemed very distressed when he knew he had killed the animal. He was usually a kind-hearted lad.*

Mr Moore submitted that if the pony was killed instantly, it did not amount to cruelty in law. The clerk said the witness had said it kicked after it was struck and died in three or four minutes. The Bench ruled against Mr Moore's contention.

Defendant, on oath, said it was an old pony, and he had only driven it three days. It was vicious at times. The pony knocked him down and jerked his lamp out, and commenced rearing as he lay on the ground. He had a locker in his hand, and struck out in the darkness to protect himself. He was greatly distressed when he knew the pony was dead. He had never injured a pony before.

By Mr Sharp: *He told Mr Hay that he struck the pony because he thought it was going to harm him, and that it was done in the dark.* The Bench decided to convict, but postponed sentence until having heard the claim for damages. Mr Hay said it would cost £30 to replace the pony. It took £25 to purchase a pony now, and then it had to be kept three months' before going into the pit.

The clerk: *The maximum claim is £10 that you can claim under this Act, is well covered then.*

Witness: Yes.

Mr Moore urged that the punishment would be sufficient without the boy having to pay for the pony. Defendant was fined £3 3s, and costs, or 1

month for the cruelty, and he was also ordered to pay the £10, to be recovered by distress, 2 months' imprisonment in default, the sentence to be consecutive.

The total was £13 13s 6d and Mr Moore applied for time for his client to pay. The Bench allowed three months.

Defendant's mother then rose in the court and said, "*I'll stick to you, my lad,*" and handed over fourteen £1 notes to the police in payment of the fine.

Coalville Tribunal

Nineteen cases were dealt with by the Coalville Tribunal at a meeting in the Council Chamber on Thursday night, when Mr T. Y. Hay presided, and there were also present, Messrs. M. McCarthy, T. F. Fox, A. Lockwood, B. G. Hale, and A. J. Briers, with Mr German (military representative), Mr R. Blower (military secretary), and Mr J. F. Jesson (clerk).

A boot and shoe repairer, aged 29, and married, who resides at Whitwick, and carries on business at Bagworth, stated that his chief work was repairing miner's boots. One month allowed for medical examination.

Former Whitwick Solider Killed

Mr J. T. Ward, manager of the Ellistown brickworks, who resides at North Street, Hugglescote, has received news that his grandson, Jos. Lowe, has been killed in action. Deceased was the son of Mr B. Lowe, of King's Norton, who formerly resided at Leicester Road, Whitwick.

Local Casualties

Further official lists of wounded contained the names of the following men of the Leicestershire Regiment:

Corporal W. Revell, L-Corporals F. Parker and G. H. Wildgoose, Private W. M. Fern, all of Coalville. Privates J. W. Kinton and P. Whittaker, of Whitwick, Private W. Wright, Thringstone, and Private F. Towersly, Ellistown.

Coalville Police Court

Friday – Before Major Hatchett (in the chair), Mr W. Lindley, Mr J. W. West, Mr John Wootton, and Mr Levi Lovett.

Whitwick to Coalville – 18/9

Valentine Billings (17), moulder, and Albert Burton (20), collier, both of Whitwick, were summoned for not paying their fare from Whitwick to Coalville, on the L. and N.W. Railway, on September 9th. Mr C. S. Bigg, of Leicester, appeared to prosecute for the Railway Co. – Billings pleaded not guilty, and Burton did not appear.

Sergeant Betts said Burton had told him he was guilty, but could not leave work. Mr Bigg said the case was that defendant's took a market ticket from Whitwick to Loughborough and travelled to Coalville on the return journey. It was a mean offence, the fare only being 1 ½ d, but it was frequently done he was afraid, in the crush at the station, where, owing to the war, the stall was shorthanded. When the delinquents were caught, they should be made an example of.

Leslie F. Waite, porter-signalman at Coalville East Station, said he was collecting tickets from passengers by the train arriving at 8.45 pm. There was a large number of passengers. Defendant Billings gave up a return half ticket, Loughborough to Whitwick and passed the barrier. Witness noticed the ticket and ran after him. Defendant said he had the money in his hand to pay, but he did not offer it to witness until he went after him. Witness asked him to wait, and defendant offered him the money but it was not accepted. He found another Whitwick ticket among those collected.

Thomas Goode, railway detective-inspector, Rugby, said that when he saw Billings, defendant replied that he offered to pay the excess fare, and they would not take it.

Wm. Thomas Dicken, stationmaster at Whitwick said he saw Burton, who admitted the offence. He said he went on to Coalville and was in a hurry to catch a train to Coalville Midland Station. He only had a one pound note and could not stop to change it. He offered witness 1 ½ d, but he said he could not accept it. Defendants were each fined 15s, and 3s each witness fees, or seven days.

Whitwick Man and Wife

Sad Story in the Police Court Separation Order Granted

At the Coalville Police Court on Friday, Henry Moore (24), collier, Whitwick, was summoned for persistent cruelty to his wife. Mr T. H. Moore (Coalville) was for the complainant, and Mr J. J. Sharp (Coalville) for the defendant, who pleaded not guilty.

Complainant said they formerly lived in Silver Street, Whitwick, and she was now living with her friends. They were married at the Ashby Registry Office in June, 1913, and had two children. She was 23 years of age. Their married life had never been happy. She left her husband on October 11th because on the previous Saturday she had pawned his clothes to pay the rent, of which she told him and it caused a bother. He only gave her 10s that week and never gave her more than £1. On that particular day he thrashed her "all over the body" and this conduct was repeated on subsequent dates. When she went to her sisters at Sutton-in-Ashfield, on the Wednesday, she returned on the Friday, and found the door locked. She went to her husband's parents' house, and they put her into the street. She asked the defendant what he meant to do and he said he should do nothing, she could take her clothes and go. He had since been up the home and took the furniture to his mother's. Asked whether there were other specific occasions on which he had thrashed her, complainant replied that defendant repeatedly assaulted her. He had frequently thrown the dinner at her, and beaten her and the children. Her husband drank a good deal, and there had been trouble between them over another woman. Defendant and his friends had the two children and, she added in tears, they had cried after her in the street, but they would not let them come to her. Her husband was a chargeman in the pit, and earned good money. She asked for a substantial order, and the custody of the children.

By Mr Sharp: *She had not been in the habit of going to public houses. There was money owing, but defendant knew about it. She could not pay when she had not the money to pay with. Her husband had not allowed £1 1s a week, and 3s a week to pay off £2 16s 6d worth of furniture on the hire system. He used to give her £1 on Friday nights for the rent and household expenses. His mother told her she never had more than £1 a week, and she (complainant) must make it do, as she had done. She had never pawned her wedding ring. She was wearing it now. It was not a cheap imitation.*

At the request of the clerk, she handed the ring over for the inspection of the magistrates, remarking that it was 22 carat. The clerk remarked that it was a gold ring. Mr Sharp said it was not the wedding ring. Answering further questions by Mr Sharp she denied that she had spent £20 her husband had saved. He had lost a lot of money in drink and gambling. He had lost £4 in one day at Thringstone. She had always kept the children clean.

In reply to Mr Lindley (a magistrate) she said that out of the £1 a week her husband allowed her, she paid the rent, and for groceries and other necessities, and sometime as much as 2s 6d per week for milk for the baby.

Elizabeth Grindlay, a neighbour, said the defendant's wife had frequently complained to her and showed her bruises which she alleged were caused by her husband. Witness had also heard rows and the smashing of pots and had seen defendant turn his wife out.

By Mr Sharp: *She had never heard of the complainant going to public houses.*

Mary Ann Star, wife of a collier, of Sutton-in-Ashfield, said that when the complainant, her sister, came to her house, she had a black eye. Answering Mr Sharp, she said her sister told her she pawned her ring, among other things, but she had to get food.

Sergeant Betts deposed to the woman complaining to him about her husband's treatment. He saw the man knock her about before they were married. He had seen them both frequently come out of public houses. By Mr West (a magistrate): *They were not always together. He had seen the woman in different public houses, but the one she used most was the Waggon and Horses, where she was formerly in service. He had never seen either the man or the woman drunk.*

Mr Sharp, having addressed the Bench for the defendant, said in reply to Mr Lindley, that defendant admitted earning 50s a week, and giving his wife only 20s, but he allowed 3s per week to be paid on the furniture besides, in addition to which there were insurances, etc. He submitted that there was not sufficient corroboration of the wife's story. The man was willing to have his wife back, and provide her with a good home, if she would break off from her associates and do right. But when the man found himself being run into debt, his clothes pawned, and even his wife's wedding ring pawned, he was likely to be annoyed.

Defendant, on oath, denied being cruel to his wife. He had only struck her once when she threw a bill for groceries on the fire, so he should not see it. After deductions at the pit, he usually brought home 48s to 50s. He allowed his wife £1 1s a week for food, and 5s to pay on his clothes and the furniture. His payments to clubs and for insurances amounted to 10s or 11s per week, and he saved the receipts. He had about £20 saved just before his wife went. It was in a drawer upstairs, and when he missed it, she told him that was all right. When he missed the money, it had all gone. It was mostly in notes loose in a drawer, which was not locked. He spoke as to the pawning of his clothes, and the wedding ring, and alleged that his wife neglected him and the children and the home through drink.

Defendant was cross-examined by Mr Moore at some length as to the allowance to his wife, and he contended that a guinea a week to his wife to buy food and pay the rent was fair, though he was getting 50s a week. P.C. Jelley said he was sent for to defendant's house on October 9th, and the defendant made complaints to him in his wife's presence of pawning things, and £20 being missing. The woman said she had spent it on things for the house. He had seen both parties in public houses on numerous occasions.

Doris Moore, defendant's sister, gave evidence as to the complainant's children being neglected, dirty and verminous. Wm. Moore, defendant's brother, stallman at the Whitwick Colliery, said his brother's married life had been unhappy. There had been no comfort for him at all. Witness had the youngest child now, and when he took it, it was in a filthy state. Only on the previous Saturday night, he saw the complainant and her sister "doing a jig" in a public house.

The Bench granted a separation order, the defendant to pay his wife, 18s per week, she to have custody of the children, defendant also to pay £1 5s 4d costs, and £2 2s advocate's fee.

Round the Theatres

The Picture House

There is a very strong programme of pictures and "turns" here this week and the usual good audiences have attended and shown much interest in and appreciation of the "fare" – No. 6 of "Stingaree" was an excellent part of the serial and others were good. Leartho and his musical Pomeranian are very fine in their musical act, and they have had a good

reception as also has Alice Douglas, the mill girl contralto vocalist. She possesses a rich voice and must not be missed. – “In the Name of the Law” is the chief picture for the week-end, and this is Thanhouser, in three reels, and a very fine subject that will appeal strongly. – Others are good. – See advertisement for particulars for next week.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Burials

Charley – At Whitwick, on Saturday, William Charley, aged 13 months, of Leicester Road.

Doyle – At Whitwick, on Saturday, Margaret Doyle, aged 75 years, of North Street.

Vesty – At Whitwick, on Sunday, George Ernest Vesty, aged 30 years, of Silver Street.

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Local News

Accident

An alarming mishap befell Mr J. Smith and Miss Nellie Costello, when returning from their wedding at Ashby, on Saturday. The spoke of the vehicle broke as they were descending Coleorton Hill, and the whole of the bridal party were thrown out and badly shaken, the bride and bridegroom receiving injury to the foot and leg, and the bridesmaid's brother to the arm. Another conveyance was procured for the remainder of the journey.

Coalville War Hospital

Colliers' Meeting

A meeting of the colliers at the Desford No. 1 and No. 2 pits was held on Thursday afternoon last to consider the recommendation of the council of the Leicestershire Miners' Association to contribute 6d per man, and boys under 16, and banksman, 3d, for two weeks towards the proposed war hospital at Coalville. It was unanimously agreed to do so.

At a meeting of the Whitwick miners on Friday, the recommendation of the council to pay the hospital contributions was unanimously agreed to.

Meetings at South Leicestershire No. 1 and No. 2 and Ibstock and Bagworth Collieries also passed similar resolutions.

Whist Drive

A very successful whist drive and dance was held in the Holy Cross Schools on Wednesday evening in connection with the Whitwick and Thringstone V.T.C., the proceeds being for the cost of blinds to darken the Holy Cross Schools where the drills are now held. About 250 people were present, Messrs. J. Stevenson, and B. V. McCarthy were the M.C.'s for dancing, Mr J. Cooper being the pianist, and the M.C.'s for whist were Messrs. A. Dickens, and J. W. Eagles. The following were the prize winners in 20 games played.

Ladies: 1. Miss E. N. Winfield, 141; 2. Miss J. M. Hull, 130; mystery, Miss Hadley, who won on a cut with Mrs Beckworth.

Gents: 1. Mr F. Sear, 151; 2. Mr B. Belcher, 150; mystery, Mr G. Miller. Refreshments were provided, Mr H. Underwood being the caterer.

Whitwick Soldier Killed

Mr and Mrs Wm. Parish, of 82, Hermitage Road, Whitwick, have been officially notified of the death of their son, Private Harold Parish, of the Leicestershire Regiment. A letter from a comrade stated that on October 20th, the deceased soldier had a leg severely injured by a German shell, and another letter from the hospital stated that it had been necessary to amputate the limb. The official communication states that he succumbed to his injuries on October 23rd.

Private H. Parish, was 21 years of age, and enlisted about 20 months ago. He was in Ireland up to about five weeks ago. Before the war he worked at the Whitwick Colliery, and was well known in Whitwick, being a member of the Whitwick Baptist Bible Class and a former scholar of the Baptist Sunday School.

Mr W. Parish, the father, who is a Whitwick collier, had four sons at one time in the Army. One of them, Private Thomas Parish is in the R.A.M.C. and was at Salonica until recently, but is now in hospital at Malta, suffering from malarial fever. He will be twenty-five years of age on Christmas Day. John Parish, aged 26, who is married, and resides at Bakewell Street, Coalville, also a collier, was in the Leicesters, but was discharged through an injury to his shoulder. The youngest son, Bernard Parish, also joined the Leicesters, but was sent home for three months

on account of his age. He is only just over 18, and has received notice to re-join his regiment on Monday next. A photo of Harold will appear in our next issue.

For Sale

A bargain, one good house, Church Lane, Whitwick, seventy-five pounds down. One house, Coalville, cash down, one hundred pounds, an exceptional chance for a man to buy home for himself. Ask your sons and daughters who are at work to help you. Apply Justin McCarthy, New Swannington, Whitwick.

Round the Theatres

The Picture House

There have been good audiences here this week, and the programme, as usual, is excellent. – Kloof and Waylett, the eccentric comedy couple are a good ‘turn’, and have had a good reception. The novelties, singing and dancing are ‘extra’ and must be seen. – The ‘star’ picture was No. 7 of “Stingeree” (The Honour of the Road) and it was much enjoyed. – Others were good. – For the week-end, an exceptionally fine list includes “The Old Watchman,” a very fine Lubin, and produced in the usual excellent manner of this company, the good acting and photography being a feature. – “Take my Picture” features Charlie Chaplin, and shows him at his best. A real good one. – Others are good, and patrons must not miss this splendid programme during the end of the week. – Next week, an extra good list, and a “special turn.” See advertisement column for full particulars.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Death of Mrs Stevens

The death occurred on Saturday, of Mrs Stevens, widow of the late Mr John Stevens, a former Whitwick draper. For some years after her husband’s death the deceased lady carried on the business at Whitwick, and later, for a considerable period, had a similar shop in High Street, Coalville. Deceased belonged to a well-known Whitwick Wesleyan family, and was held in the highest esteem. Since giving up her Coalville business, she had been residing with Mrs Glynn, of Whitwick. The funeral took place at Whitwick Cemetery on Tuesday afternoon. The

service was conducted by the Rev. T. Coltham, of Coalville, the first portion being in the Wesleyan Church. Two of the deceased's favourite hymns, "O, breath of God, breathe on us now," and "O God, our help in ages past," were sung. The principal mourners present were, Mrs Glynn (Whitwick), Mr J. H. Stevens (Northampton), Mr and Mrs H. C. Stevens (Swadlincote), Mr and Mrs T. Jackson (Cartister Farm, Bardon), Mr E. Glynn, Miss N. Glynn, Mr and Mrs T. Frith, Mr T. Stinson (Coalville), Miss Weston, Mrs J. Stinson, Miss Neath, Mrs J. T. Glynn, Mrs Burton (Shepshed), and Nurse Rossell.

The inscription on the coffin was: "Sarah Harley Stevens, aged 76 years". The bearers were: Messrs. A. West, J. Stinson, W. Jarvis, S. Berrington, W. Stinson and G. Piper. Wreaths were sent by Mrs Glynn, Mr and Mrs J. H. Stevens (Northampton), Mr and Mrs H. C. Stevens (Swadlincote), Mr and Mrs T. K. Jackson (Bardon), Miss Glynn and Miss Weston, Mr and Mrs J. T. Glynn (Coalville), Mr and Mrs G. A. Gutteridge (Coalville), Mr and Mrs G. Piper (Coalville), Mrs Harris and Mary, Mr and Mrs Stinson (Coalville), Mr and Mrs John Stinson (Hervey Woods), Mr and Mrs W. Stinson (Sharpley House), the Misses Annie and Dorothy West, Misses Neath and Phillips, and Mr and Mrs J. Burton (Shepshed).

Burials

Stevens – At Whitwick, on Tuesday, Sarah Harley Stevens, aged 76, of Whitwick

Friday November 24th 1916 (Issue 1290)

Local News

Mr T. F. McCarthy, son of Mr M. McCarthy, C.C., of New Swannington, has been given a commission in the army, having been gazetted 2nd Lieutenant in the Royal North Lancashire Regiment. He enlisted in the Artist's Rifles in December last year, and has been in training at Oswestry. Mr M. McCarthy, who is the County Councillor for the Whitwick Division, and a member of the Coalville Tribunal, has four sons serving in the army.

Wesleyan Missions

The anniversary service for the Wesleyan Foreign Missions were held in the Whitwick Wesleyan Chapel on Sunday, when the preachers were,

the Rev. T. Cottam, and Mr F. H. Perkins, of Coalville. The collections for the mission funds amounted to £2 3s 4d – The annual public meeting was held in the chapel on Tuesday night, when missionary addresses were given by the Revs. J. R. Sharpley and T. Cottam. A collection was made for the same object.

Baptist Chapel

Anniversary services were conducted at the Whitwick Baptist Chapel, on Sunday by the Rev. R. Dalton, of Wigston, and there were good congregations. In the evening, solos were nicely rendered by Miss Watson, of Hugglescote. – A public tea on Monday was well-attended and in the evening, the Rev. H. Cowling, of Ibstock, gave an interesting lecture on 'Life in the Royal Navy'. Mr W. Newbold, of Ibstock, presided. A solo was well rendered by Miss G. Mann. The proceeds were for the Trust funds.

Tea and Lecture

A public sandwich tea was held in the Whitwick P.M. Chapel on Saturday, and was fairly well attended in the evening, the Rev. Jacob Walton of Ilkeston, delivered an interesting lecture on 'A Nineteenth Century Saint'. Mr J. Ward presided – On Sunday, the Rev. J. Walton preached at the morning and evening services, and in the afternoon gave an address, Mr J. H. Lakin presiding. The proceedings were in connection with the chapel anniversary, and the proceeds were for the Trust funds.

Coalville Tribunal

A meeting of this Tribunal was held in the Coalville Council Chamber on Wednesday night, when 25 cases were dealt with. Mr T. Y. Hay presided, and there were present, Messrs. A. Lockwood, M. McCarthy, B. G. Hale, J. W. Fisher, B. B. Drewett, A. J. Briers, C. W. Brown, and T. F. Fox, with Mr J. G. German (military representative), Captain Stevenson (recruiting officer), Mr R. Blower (military secretary), and Mr J. F. Jesson (clerk).

The Tribunal discussed the new regulations just issued, and passed resolutions adopting the same. Mr Brown asked whether any arrangements that had been made as promised by Colonel Thorold, for men to be medically examined locally. Captain Stevenson said he had heard nothing yet but understood medical boards would go round to the

different districts for that purpose, as the circumstances called for it. He said some men had refused to be examined and such men must be treated as belonging to Class A.

A Whitwick hairdresser, aged 36, married, in asking for further time said he was teaching his son the business, but the lad could not do it yet. Another Whitwick hairdressing business had closed, and recently many customers had to go away unattended at closing time. Applicant had been passed for general service. He was prepared to do work of national importance in the day-time if he could have the evenings to keep his business together, and had arranged to go to Loughborough to learn turning, if the Tribunal allowed. It was not assented to.

A Whitwick butcher, aged 35, said he was the mainstay of the family. His mother had been an invalid for 3 years, and had been confined to her bed for the last 14 weeks. She was 70 years of age. One month allowed for medical examination.

A Whitwick baker, aged 30, who was appealed against, said he had been passed for general services. Allowed till December 31st, or till a substitute is found.

A man employed at the Whitwick Granite Quarry and living at Shepshed, was excused from drilling with the V.T.C. as also was the manager of a Coalville music store, who is working at Stableford's. Another applicant was similarly excused on producing a medical certificate of unfitness to the military authorities.

Do You Know That

In connection with Whitwick Swifts F.C. Mr C. Storer's team will play Mr A. Moore's team on the Vicarage Ground tomorrow, the proceeds to be spent on presents for Whitwick soldiers and sailors?

Coalville Police Court

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

Woman's Language

Pearl G. Horrobin (43), married woman of Whitwick, was summoned for using bad language, at Whitwick, on November 19th. She did not appear. P.C. Jelley gave the facts and defendant was fined 10s or seven days.

Affiliation

Wm. Gee, junr. (23), collier, Thringstone, was summoned by Annie Freeman, single woman, of Whitwick, to show cause, etc.

Mr J. F. Jesson (Ashby) was for the complainant, and Mr H. G. Bennett (Leicester), for the defendant, who denied the paternity. Evidence was given by the complainant, her mother, Mrs Eliza Freeman, of Hermitage Road, and her sister, Mrs Jessie Sykes, of Thringstone.

Most of their statements were denied by the defendant, on oath, and he also denied buying the girl a new coat to be married in. In the course of severe cross-examination by Mr Jesson, defendant said that if he had given a wrong answer it was because he was confused, adding, "*I wish you would speak to me a bit more gentle.*" (Laughter). He said he worked on the colliery bank, and earned 27s a week and 3s a week war bonus.

Mr Bennett pointed out that there was no independent evidence, the witnesses all being relatives. After a lengthy hearing, the Bench made an order for the payment of 3/6 a week from the date of the birth till the child is 14, defendant also to pay 17s costs, and two guineas, advocate's fee.

Sport

Football

Whitwick Soldiers' and Sailors' Benefit Football Match

The teams selected for the match in aid of the above on the Vicarage Ground, Whitwick on November, 25th are as follows:

Mr Charles Storer's XI

Goal, R. Nicholls, full backs, G. Draycott and G. Underwood; half-backs, S. Storer, C. Storer, C. Bradshaw; forwards, A. Starkey, W. Bird, P. Underwood, C. Price, and T. Brownlow.

Mr Andrew Moore's XI

Goal, A. Roadley; full-backs, T. Cumberland and Joe Cook; half-backs, C. Grain, Leeson, Joe Moore; forwards, A. Beckitt, A. Moore, T. Belton, F. Johnson and A. Roach.

Round the Theatres

The Picture House

There is a fine “turn” appearing here all this week, viz., Madame Sarah Rees, the great Welsh soprano, and her baritone. She possesses a fine voice, and the various numbers have called forth much applause. This “special” must not be missed during the week-end. – No. 8 of “Stingeree” was a good part, and other pictures shown were excellent. – For the week-end “The Light on the Reef” is a good film story, and is one of the Thanhouser Big Productions, which fact is sufficient guarantee of the excellence of this picture. The story is of a woman with a past, and a jealous husband, who requires a brave deed to convince him of his wife’s genuineness. How this is brought about must be seen to patrons. – Others are good. – Next week, an extra special programme. Full particulars, see advertisement.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

In loving memory of James Ottey, who died at Whitwick, November 26th, 1914. Interred at Bardon Park Chapel.

*Yet again we hope to meet thee
When the day of life is fled
Then in heaven we hope to greet thee
Where no farewell tears are shed
From his loving wife and children.*