

Friday October 6th 1916 (Issue 1283)

Local News

Sale of Work at Whitwick

For Dr. Barnardo's Homes

A sale of work organised by The Young Helper's League, was held in the National Schools on September 30th, and the occasion was utilised for the official recognition of the Whitwick branch as a duly chartered habitation, Miss A. N. Barton, a warden of the Society, coming from Birmingham to perform the ceremony. A fair number were present in addition to the members of the League, anxious to help on the noble cause.

The Rev. T. W. Walters, vicar of the parish, who is the president of the League, introduced Miss Barton to the gathering, and commended the Homes as well worthy of their practical support. Miss Barton then gave an instructive address to the scope, work, and necessities of Dr. Barnardo's Homes and urged the importance of the preservation of the child life of the nation, and especially at this period of the country's history.

Large numbers of the boys fostered and trained at these Homes were now nobly serving the country on land and sea, and thus well repaying the charitable supporters of the society for their monetary help. Miss Barton spoke in appreciative terms of the splendid industry of the members of the League in making such a large number of useful and artistic articles and then declared the sale open, and formally handed the sealed warrant of the League to the secretary, Miss C. M. Robinson. A good trade was then done at the various stalls, also at the fishpond, cake and pea guessing competitions and weighing machine, and last, but not least, the tea and refreshment stalls, so generously stocked by Whitwick friends. The result of the sale, including the sums in collecting boxes, was extremely gratifying, realising about £10, this being considered exceptionally good, and reflecting great credit on the Young Leaguers' first effort.

Death of Former Gasworks Manager

The funeral took place at Whitwick cemetery yesterday afternoon, of Mr Thomas Brown, of Silver Street, who was the manager of the Whitwick

gasworks, before they were purchased by the Coalville Urban Council. He was 76 years of age.

Whitwick School Teacher Wounded

News has been received that Mr R. Rice, who before the war, was one of the assistant masters in the Whitwick Church Day Schools, has been wounded in action. Mr Rice was well-known in the Whitwick district, also at Coalville, where he taught in the Evening School, and was a member of the tennis club. On September 16th he was struck on the knee with a piece of shrapnel, and after lying for some time had to crawl at nightfall for a distance of about 500 yards to the stretcher-bearers, then being carried to the dressing station, and is now in hospital. Many friends will wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr R. Sharp's Egg Collection

Previously acknowledged 3,251 eggs. Subscriptions: Mr G. Bramwell's company, Coalville 6s; Mr J. Bowers' company, Coalville, 3s 6d; Mr J. Smith's company, Coalville, 3s; Mr W. Goacher's company, Coalville 3s; Mr B. O'Mara's company, Whitwick, 3s 6 ½d; Constitutional Club Company, Whitwick 3s 4d; Mr Webb's company, Whitwick, 1s 6 ½ d; Mr J. Burton's company, Whitwick, 2s 7d; Mr A. Smith's company, Whitwick, 1s 6d; Mr T. Ottey, Whitwick, 1s; Mr G. F. Burton, Whitwick, 1s. Eggs: Messrs. Hawthorn Bros, 20; Mr Botham 5; Mr R. Sharp 12; Mr H. Barker 11.

For Sale

Good, strong sound pony, 13 hands. Apply A. Vesty, Hermitage Road, Whitwick.

To Let

Ingleside, Church Lane, Whitwick. Very convenient modern villa, beautifully situated; large dining room, drawing room, 3 bedrooms, bath, h and c; large garden. Two minutes from station. Apply Wheatley, Ingleside, Whitwick.

Sale of Valuable Freehold Properties

Moore and Miller have received instructions from Mr Samuel Perry to offer for Sale by Auction at the Hermitage Hotel, Coalville, on Monday,

October 16th, 1916, at 6.30 in the evening prompt, and subject to conditions of sale to be then produced and read.

Lot 2 – Whitwick

All that substantially built brick and slate block of property, comprising six-roomed house, capital shop, cowshed, storeroom, a good yard, with a 7ft covered gateway, to same, No. 50, Silver Street, Whitwick, in the occupation of Mr Jno. Vesty at the weekly rental of 7/6, together with the well-built messuage, adjoining No. 48, in the occupation of Mr George Bonser, at the weekly rental of 5/3, containing 3 bedrooms, 3 rooms downstairs, with the usual out offices, and a good garden, the whole containing an area of 545 square yards, or thereabouts. The Council water is laid on, and there is a good supply of soft water.

All the properties are in a clean and good state of repair, and form capital investments.

To view, apply to the tenants. Further information may be obtained from Mr S. Perry, Silver Street, Whitwick.

Do You Know That

In the Whitwick Gymnasium tomorrow a horticultural show is to be held for the benefit of local men serving in the Forces?

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, W. Fellows, A. J. Briers, C. W. Brown, T. Y. Hay, J. W. Farmer, B. G. Hale, J.P., 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).

Committee's Reports

The Water Committee recommend statutory notices be served on Mr W. Webster to put on the public supply to his houses in Loughborough Road, Whitwick.

Whitwick Colliery Co's. Thanks

Mr W. Lindley wrote expressing the thanks of the Whitwick Colliery Company directors for the Council's generous concessions of water and gas to Broom Leys when it was thought the building might be utilised as a soldiers' hospital. As the Council were aware, it was not accepted, but the letter would be filed for future reference if necessary. He also wrote stating that the directors appreciated the thanks of the Council for what they (the directors) had done in this matter and for the Belgian refugees.

Leicester Road

Mr Kelly called attention to the bad state of Leicester Road, Whitwick, and the surveyor promised to attend to it.

Sport

Football

The Thringstone House F.C. played two matches on Saturday. At Thringstone the first team were beaten 8 – 1 by Whitwick; and at Shepshed the second eleven drew with St. Winifred's three goals each.

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

"His Wife" at the beginning of the week was a good picture, and No. 1 of the grand new serial "Stingaree" was good. – Others were excellent, and were much enjoyed by good audiences. – For the week-end, "Two Little Vagabonds" is a fine picture and must be seen. George Thornton has discovered correspondence which points to the fact that his wife, Marion, is unfaithful to him, and that their child, Dick, is not really their son. George enlists the services of The Gaffer, a scoundrelly gipsy, to be avenged on Marion, and the gipsy takes away Dick. In the gipsy's van, Dick finds poor consumptive little Wally, and they become fast friends. – Dick eventually runs away. – For seven long years Marion mourns the loss of her little son. Wally is substituted for Dick by The Gaffer, and the Thornton's are terribly upset at the condition of the kid. Dick, however, turns up, and is recognised. The two lads rescue George Thornton from The Gaffer's hovel, Dick has brought the household to the rescue, but all this has been too much for Wally, who expires. – Others are good. – See advertisement for next week's list and "turns."

Births, Marriages and Deaths

In loving memory of John Clark, who died September 29th, 1915, at Whitwick, aged 55 years.

*“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 sisters.

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Local News

Wesleyan Harvest Festival

On Sunday, the harvest thanksgiving services were held at Whitwick Wesleyan Church, the Rev. S. Dalyell, of Nottingham, formerly of Ashby, being the preacher. There was a good display of flowers, fruit and vegetables. The collections realised nearly £4 for the trust funds. A public tea was held on Monday and the sale of fruit, etc., afterwards realised over £3 for the Leicester Infirmary.

Parish Church

Harvest thanksgiving services were held in Whitwick Parish Church on Sunday, when the Vicar preached in the morning and the Rev. R. P. Farrow, of Bardon Hill, in the evening. The church was nicely decorated and there were large congregations. The collections were for local hospitals and the flowers, fruit and vegetables were sent to the Leicester Military Hospital.

Whitwick Military Medallist Killed

News has come through a reliable source that Sergeant R. W. (Bob) Berrington, has been killed in action. He was in the Leicesters and was awarded the Military Medal for gallantry in the field in the July fighting on the Somme. He was employed by the Enderby and Stoney Stanton Granite Co. before enlisting, and was a steady and thoroughly trustworthy workman. Formerly, the deceased, who was 24 years of age, worked at the Whitwick Granite Quarry, and his relatives reside at Leicester Road, Whitwick. We recently published the details in connection with Berrington being awarded the military medal.

Coalville Tribunal

Mr B. G. Hale, J.P., presided at a meeting of the Coalville Military Tribunal in the Council Chamber on Wednesday night, when there were also present, Messrs. A. Lockwood, J.P., A. J. Briers, M. McCarthy, C. W. Brown, T. F. Fox and J. W. Fisher with Mr G. J. German (military representative), Mr R. Blower (military secretary), and Mr J. F. Jesson (clerk).

A Whitwick hairdresser, aged 35, married, with one child, made his third appeal for exemption stating that the people of Whitwick required attention in regard to shaving and hairdressing.

Mr German: *They can shave themselves.*

Applicant: *That may be, but they can't get the mothers to put basins on now when they want their hair cut.* (Laughter).

Answering questions, he said he was willing to do other work in the day time. He had passed for general service. One month allowed.

A grocery firm applied for the manager of their Whitwick branch shop, who was stated to be 35 years of age, and in a certified trade. Three months allowed.

The chairman said that in all cases official examination should be recommended to the applicants, as it would facilitate matters before the Tribunal, and this was agreed to.

Three months were allowed to a Whitwick tobacconist and hair-dresser, aged 39, who is working at Stableford's.

Conditional exemption was allowed a Whitwick waggoner and cowman aged 36, and married.

Whitwick P.M. Church

The young people gave a tea at this place of worship on Saturday, and on Sunday the services were conducted by the Rev. W. S. C. Leach, at Clay Cross, formerly of Whitwick. Madam Clay, of Coalville, contributed solos. The effort realised over £10 for the new heating apparatus.

Citizens' Church Parade

Members of the Whitwick and Thringstone Citizen Corps to the number of about 50, attended service at Thringstone Church on Sunday morning. The Vicar preached and the lessons were read by Commandant J. Lester and Private O. Geary. After the service, outside the church, the men were briefly addressed by the Right Hon. Charles Booth, who complimented them on their smart appearance.

Absentee

Private J. Wyatt, of the King's Own Light Infantry, as an absentee, was remanded by Major Hatchett at the Police Court to await an escort. He belongs to Whitwick, and was arrested there by P.C. Jelley.

Whitwick Show

Effort for Local Soldiers and Sailors

A successful effort was made for local soldiers and sailors, as Whitwick on Saturday last, by a flower show and sale held in the Gymnasium. The arrangements were made by a committee of which Mr M. Downes was chairman and Mr J. J. Clark and Mr J. T. Briers, hon. secretaries, and their efforts were splendidly supported by the public both in regard to contributions of flowers, fruit and vegetables, and as to patronage of the event, about 500 people being present. The opening ceremony was performed by the Vicar and Mrs Walters, who commended the object and congratulated the promoters on having such a good show. Mr J. H. Robinson moved, and Mr H. T. Bastard seconded, a vote of thanks to the Rev. T. W. and Mrs Walters, which was heartily accorded.

Various competitions took place, including hoop-la, skittles, guessing, etc. and these all added their quota to the funds. The produce contributed was of a very fine quality, and this was sold during the evening, and made good prices. Award cards were given out, no money prizes. Great enthusiasm was displayed, and well over £30 will be realised.

In connection with the same event, a prize drawing for a wheelbarrow, given by the committee, took place in the Whitwick Picture House last night.

Do You Know That

The Whitwick and Thringstone Citizen Corps is now 72 strong?

Well over £30 will be realised for presents for Whitwick soldiers as a result of the flower show last Saturday?

The Rev. S. Dalzell, of Nottingham, formerly of Ashby, who preached Whitwick Wesleyan harvest festival sermons last Sunday is nearly eighty years of age?

Coalville Police Court

Friday – Before Mr W. Lindley, (in the chair) and Mr B. G. Hale.

Military Absentee

George Birkumshaw (24), farm labourer of Whitwick, was brought up as a military absentee. Defendant said he was bad. He was under a doctor, but had no certificate. He worked at Onebarrow Lodge. P.C. Jelley deposed to arresting the man at Whitwick. He could give witness no explanation why he was not in the army. He admitted not having been attended by a doctor for twelve months. Fined £2, and remanded to await an escort.

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

Patrons of this theatre have a “good bill of fare” again this week. “The Mystic Saxby Trio” are appearing in their great illusory act, and both they, and Wallus, the famous comedy ventriloquist, have had a fine reception. Both are first-class “shows” and must be seen during the week-end. – The “star” picture at the commencement of the week was “A Voice in the Wilderness” the second episode of that grand new serial, “Stingaree”. This is proving a most attractive feature, and next week’s part must not be missed. – Others were good. – For the week-end “The Buried Treasure of Cobre” is a Blue Diamond film in three reels. Many surprises are sprung on one in this picture, and people turn out quite the opposite to what we expect them, and the subject is one that deserves to be seen to be appreciated. – Others are good. – Full particulars of next week’s programme see advertisement.

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Local News

Property Sale

Mr E. Moore, of Messrs. Moore and Miller, Coalville, conducted a property sale at the Hermitage Hotel, Whitwick, on Monday night, on the instructions of Mr Samuel Perry. There was a good attendance. The first lot offered was two messuages in Bakewell Street, Coalville, occupied by Messrs. Wortley and Petcher at a weekly rental of 6/6 each, and was withdrawn at £495. The second lot, a block of property in Silver Street, Whitwick, comprising a house and shop with outbuildings, in the occupation of Mr John Vesty, at 7/6 per week, and the messuage adjoining, occupied by Mr George Bonser, at 5/3 per week, was sold to Mr A. Whitmore, of Whitwick, for £445. Messrs. Crane and Moore, of Coalville, were the vendor's solicitors.

Correspondence from Canada

Mr Edward Parramore, of the Stamford and Warrington Hotel, Coalville, has recently received a very interesting letter from Mr W. B. Beckworth, of Ottawa, who was formerly a well-known and respected inhabitant of Whitwick and one that rendered considerable service for the welfare of the Coalville district. The writer states it is over 11 years since he left for Canada, which country he has formed a good opinion of, but still thinks much of old England, and it is a great pleasure for him now to read in the "Coalville Times" which he regularly receives, events that remind him of many associations of the past. Speaking on the war, he remarks how splendid has been the rally of the Canadians, and the willingness of the country to continue that help. Mr Beckworth regrets to read of so many lads of the Coalville district who have fallen, a number of whom were well-known to him. He also wishes a kind remembrance to all former friends and acquaintances.

Whitwick Soldier Wounded

Mr and Mrs F. Perry, of Vicarage Street, Whitwick, have been officially notified that their son, Corporal Fred Perry, of the Leicestershire Regiment, has been wounded in action and is in Cambridge Hospital. He has been shot in the left arm. Corporal Perry is 24 years of age, single, and before the war worked at the Snibstone Colliery. He had spent two birthdays in the trenches.

Another Whitwick Military Medallist

A well-known Whitwick man, Private A. W. Concannon, of the Notts. and Derby Regiment, has been awarded the military medal for bravery on the field. It is understood that the particular act of heroism which has won him this distinction was the saving of a wounded officer under fire, and at great risk to himself, though this was only one of several brave acts which Concannon has performed. Originally a Whitwick collier, he joined the army two or three years before war broke out, and had spent some of his time in India, where he won several distinctions as an athlete. Being a fine exponent of the "noble art" he won the 9-stone boxing championship of his Battalion, and entering the Army Boxing Tournament, he reached the semi-final, when he was defeated by Sergeant Singleton, the welter-weight champion. Great enthusiasm was created by this contest, which was considered the best in the tournament, and Concannon's meritorious performance was recognised by a special prize as the best loser. He also brought off many events as a sprinter. He came to England on the way to France with the first Indian Expeditionary Force in October, 1914, and visited his old home in company with two of his greatest pals, the brothers Wesson, of Margaret Street, Coalville, sergeants in the same regiment, who have both since been killed in action. The three were photographed together before going to the Front. In September last year Concannon came over on leave, and was married to Miss H. Perry, who since his return to the Front, has been residing with her parents, Mr and Mrs F. Perry, of No. 2, Vicarage Street, Whitwick. Concannon will be heartily congratulated on his brave act, and the honour which has been conferred upon him.

Whitwick Grocer and "Co-Op" Tenant

Publication in the Ashby County Court

At the Ashby County Court, before His Honour, Judge Moore Cann, on Thursday, a case was mentioned in which George Frederick Burton, grocer, Whitwick, sought to recover possession of a cottage from Herbert Skellington, miner, of Alma Villas, Whitwick.

The applicant did not appear, and the clerk said he had written, stating that an arrangement had been made. Mr Edwards, solicitor, Leicester, who appeared for the defendant, said no arrangement had been made, but his client was going out of the house, and he asked for costs. The defendant had been tenant of plaintiff's house for six years during which time plaintiff had supplied him with bread, but recently Burton got to know that defendant was getting his groceries, apart from bread, from the Coalville Co-Operative Society, and as soon as he knew that he

went to see defendant, and told him that he must clear out of the house as he was not going to have any Stores customers in his houses.

He refused to supply bread, and gave Skellington notice to quit, but he continued to accept the rent up to Monday last, October 16th. He (Mr Edwards) submitted that it was not a case which could be proceeded with under the new Act, and asked for costs. The Judge said that on the solicitor's statement it was a monstrous case.

Mr Edwards: *It is done for spite. He is a grocer, and it is because they would not have their groceries from him.*

The Judge: *You are going out?*

Mr Edwards: Yes

The Judge: *I should think you will be glad to leave?*

Mr Edwards replied in the affirmative.

His Honour: *I suppose it comes within the Tenement Act?*

Mr Edwards: *Yes. The rent is 4s a week.*

Judgement was given for defendant, with costs.

Ashby Police Court

Saturday – Before Mr J. German (in the chair), Mr J. Hassall, Mr G. D. Orchard, Mr J. H. Sutton, and Mr C. H. Parsons.

Transfers

The following transfers of licences were made. – Three Tuns, Thringstone, to James Shelton, from the late Mary Wilson; Duke of Newcastle, Whitwick, to James Massey, from James A. Waterfield; and the Lime Kiln, Breedon, to Horace Richards from Thomas Thompson.

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

The usual good "houses" are the order here again this week, and a fine programme is to be seen. – "The McGilvray Trio" are appearing all the week in vocal solos and duets, instrumental trios, with some splendid concertina playing and dancing. The latter on an illuminated pedestal is extra good and should be seen. It is a very clean and smart act, and has received much applause. A first class act and well worth the admission money. – No. 3 of "Stingaree" was good, as also were others shown. – The chief picture for the week-end is "The Price of her Silence" a real good four-act drama, of the right type, with a story that will please Whitwick patrons, and it must be seen. – Others are good, and include a good Chaplin film "Easy Money". – Next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, "The Battle of the Somme." – Full particulars see advertisement.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Burials

Burton – At Whitwick, on Saturday, William Burton, aged 77 years, of Green Lane.

Friday October 27th 1916 (Issue 1286)

Local News

It is interesting to note that the generous offer of the Whitwick Colliery Co. to allow the free use of Broom Leys as a hospital for wounded soldiers has now been accepted by the military authorities, and fifty patients will be sent there as soon as the place can be equipped, and made ready. It was stated by Mr W. Lindley at a meeting on Saturday night the Government will allow 3s per soldier per day, and this will almost, if not quite, meet the cost of maintenance, but to equip the hospital a sum of £600 is wanted, besides about £200 as a reserve fund to meet contingencies, and an appeal is shortly to be made to the public.

Coalville Tribunal

Mr A. Lockwood, J.P., presided at a meeting of the Military Tribunal for the Coalville Urban district, held in the Council Chamber on Wednesday night, when there were also present, Messrs. M. McCarthy, B. B. Drewett, A. J. Briers, T. F. Fox, J. W. Fisher, B. G. Hale, and C. W. Brown, Mr G. J. German (military representative), Mr R. Blower (military secretary), and Mr J. F. Jesson (clerk).

The clerk stated for the information of the applicants that in second or subsequent appeals, the grounds should be fully stated each time. It was not sufficient to say that the grounds of appeal were the same as before, as that involved a lot of work in looking up old records.

Mr J. J. Sharp, solicitor, represented a Whitwick butcher, in an appeal for further exemption. The man was 33 years of age, and married, with four children, and his former partner in the business was now serving in France. Two months allowed, the man to be medically examined in the meanwhile.

A Whitwick publican, now working as a riveter at Stableford's works, aged 37, and married, appealed for exemption, and his case was adjourned to be considered with others from Stableford's. Mr Hale said they had a large amount of work on hand, and the Government were constantly urging them to get on with it, but they could not do that if the men were taken.

A Whitwick butcher, aged 23, married, with no children, who also manages his mother's business – which a member said he had known for 45 years – was allowed two months to be medically examined. It was stated the man had lost the sight of one eye. During the discussion on this case, the military representative said young men were badly wanted, and they were sending none from Coalville. Mr McCarthy said Coalville had done as well for the Army as any place in England. It showed a large number went voluntarily, and those left behind were hard cases. Mr Briers: *We have 300 soldiers who have gone from Whitwick.*

A Whitwick baker, appealed for his baker (his cousin), aged 29, and who was married last February. The business had been established about 70 years. One month allowed for medical examination.

A lady farmer from the Forest Rock appealed for her man, aged 18, single, who attended to the cows, and had a milk round, besides working on the farm. He was in bed at present, following an operation, and she produced a letter from Dr Hamilton to this effect. Two months allowed for medical examination.

The Forest Rock Granite Co. appealed for a single man, aged 32, who looks after the machinery and does repairs. A representative of the firm said the man had volunteered for the quarryman's battalion for France but had heard no more about it. Before the war, they had 70 men, and now 38, and 5 boys. He believed two or three of their men had gone to the coal pits. – The appeal was not assented to.

A Coalville building firm for their waggoner, a Whitwick hairdresser working at Stableford's in the daytime and a Bardon farmer, were excused from drilling in the V.T.C. and the application of a Coalville insurance assistant superintendent to be similarly excused was refused. The latter stated he would be shortly joining the Royal Engineers.

Local Casualties

News has been received that Private Reg. Needham, of the Grenadier Guards, has been seriously wounded, and is in hospital at Liverpool. He has a broken arm, and was shot in the neck. Before the war, he worked at the Whitwick Colliery, and is a son of Mr and Mrs Frank Needham, of Church Lane, Whitwick.

Round the Theatres

The Picture House, Whitwick

Much enthusiasm has been shown here over the 'Battle of the Somme' film, and large audiences have attended to see it. It was a most realistic film, and to see the big guns at work, prisoners coming in, etc, was intensely interesting. – Others were good, and No. 4 of "Stingeree" was an excellent part of this fine serial. – For the week-end, "Diamonds are Trumps" is the "star" picture. This is a splendid detective drama, and an extra good Blue Diamond feature. – Others are good. – Next week, another good list, see advertisement.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Marriage

Marriage of Captain A. T. Sharp

The marriage took place at St. John's Church, Knighton, on Saturday, of Captain A. T. Sharp, Machine Gun Corps, only son of Mr J. J. Sharp, White House, Whitwick, and Miss Ellen May Taylor, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs W. G. Taylor, of Invergarry, Knighton Grange Road, Leicester. Captain Sharp, who was wounded in the earlier stages of the war while serving with the Leicestershire Regiment, is the well-known old Reptonian and Leicestershire County cricketer.

The officiating clergyman was the Rev. Mr Farquharson. The bride wore a fawn costume, trimmed with blue, and hat to match. The bridesmaid

was Miss Phyllis Taylor, (sister of the bride), who was attired in a brown costume, while Mrs Taylor, the bride's mother was dressed in brown velvet.

Whitwick Young Woman's Sad Death

Burned on her Wedding Day

The Deputy Coroner for North Leicestershire, Mr J. T. Webb, held an inquest at the Prince of Wales Inn, Whitwick, on Wednesday, concerning the death of Annie Newell, aged 22, single woman, daughter of James Newell, miner, of Talbot Street. Deceased was to have been married on Saturday, but the same morning received burning injuries from which she died on Monday.

Bridget Cairns, widow of James Cairns, of Talbot Street, Whitwick, said the deceased was her sister, and they lived in the same house.

Deceased was 22 years of age, and kept house for her father, James Newell, a collier. On Friday night, she waited up for her sister till about one o'clock, and then went to bed. She heard her sister come in soon afterwards, and called her up to bed, and then witness fell asleep.

Deceased was not in the habit of staying up late, but did that night to get ready for the wedding on Saturday. About 5.15 on Saturday morning witness heard screams, and running down found her sister in flames. Witness called for help and got a shawl and put round her. Deceased said that after doing her hair she fell asleep and woke up to find herself in flames. They generally put a raker on to keep the fire in all night, to prepare for the father going to work in the early morning. Her dress was burnt at the knees and she had a thin blouse on, which was also burnt. There was no candle.

A juror suggested that it may have been caused by a spark.

Bridget Thompson, of 107, North Street, Whitwick, wife of Thomas Thompson, caretaker, said she was a certified midwife. On Saturday morning she was fetched to the house at 5.50 and found the deceased had been burnt. She dressed the wounds and then afterwards the doctor arrived and said it was a case for the hospital. Deceased was taken to Loughborough Hospital, and returned in the evening, when witness again saw her. At 2.30 on Sunday morning deceased gave birth to a stillborn child. Witness stayed till 5.30 and went again at 11 am and 4 pm on Sunday, and deceased appeared to be going on nicely. Witness went again on Monday morning and found the deceased asleep, and

she did not wake her. Shortly after noon on Monday, she went again in response to a message that deceased was worse, and stayed with her till she died at 4.40. Deceased told witness she was so tired after walking from Coalville on Friday night that she could not get to bed. She was too tired to do so. Witness did not notice how the fire was when she first went into the house, and she did not see the deceased's clothes, as they had been removed.

Dr. Roulston, locum tenens for Dr. Burkitt, Whitwick, said he was called about 5 o'clock on Saturday morning to see the deceased and found her burnt on the upper part of the body, both back and front, and also the face and neck. He did the best he could for her and recommended her removal to the Infirmary. He saw her again about 6.30 in the evening when she had been sent back from the Infirmary. She then seemed more comfortable. He was called again about 4 o'clock on Sunday morning to see the child, but he was satisfied that it was still-born.

The Coroner said in that case it was not necessary to hold an inquest on the child. The doctor said he saw the deceased again about midday on Sunday and did not like the look of her. When he called on Monday she was suffering from shock and collapse. He saw her once more about 2.30 on Monday, and she was dying. The cause of death was shock from burns. The birth of the child would pull her down, though she got over that fairly well. The Foreman (Mr Kelly) asked whether it might have saved the woman's life had she been detained at the Loughborough Hospital. The doctor said he would say nothing about that except that had he been in charge he would not have discharged the woman.

The Coroner said it was a general hospital and did not deal with maternity cases. Witness, answering the Coroner, said he did not first telephone to the hospital, but had he done so he would merely have spoken as to the state of the burns, as the birth was not expected for another month, and the child was prematurely born.

The Coroner said it was singular that only the upper part of the body was burnt, but it was doubtless due to a spark setting fire to her thin blouse. The jury returned a verdict of death from shock from burns accidentally received.

Burials

Baxter – At Whitwick, yesterday, Bertha Baxter, of the Dumps, who died in Loughborough Hospital.

Newell – At Whitwick, yesterday, Annie Newell, aged 22 years, of Talbot Street.