

World War One News



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Monthly News from Home & Abroad



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BORTH

Mr. J. D. Evans, eldest son of the Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Evans, has recently been appointed chief inspector of the Midlands for the Liverpool and London Globe Insurance Company. Mr. Evans, who is twenty-five years of age only, was wounded at Delville Wood in September, 1916, and was released by the army authorities in March to return to his office. All our village heroes who have been in the recent fighting on the Western front are in the best of health and spirits and cheerful letters have been received by the parents.

Mrs. Lunt, Craigydon, has received notification that her son, Private W. J. Lunt, who is suffering from heart trouble in a Pembroke hospital, is progressing as favourably as can be expected. No news has been received as to the fate of Mr. T. Arter, son of Captain and Mrs. Arter, Bay View, fourth engineer on a ship which was torpedoed and sunk. The boat Mr. Arter was in has not yet been found. Mrs. R. Williams, Drug Stores, has received news that her brother, Private J. Evans, who came over with the Australians, has been invalided to London.

Miss Watkins, sub-postmistress, is retiring after twenty-seven years' service. The bi-monthly meeting was held at Libanus Chapel on Sunday, Mr. Davies, C.M., Glandyfi, presiding. Interesting papers were read by Mr. Morgan, Caergywydd, and Mr William Jones, Tynrhelig. The children were catechised by Mr. David Hughes, Bethlehem, and the adults by Mr. Hughes, saddler. Pte. Johnny Richards, son of Mrs. Richards, London-place, and Seaman Tom Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jones, Troedrhiw, are home.

Mrs. Watkin, of Borth, who has been postmistress for twenty-eight years, has decided to retire in September. She made Borth her home in rather unusual circumstances. As sister in a large London hospital she nursed a Welshman, who subsequently became her husband and able assistant in her postal work. The village has greatly improved during her term of office. Many good houses have been erected to accommodate the summer visitors which often reach 1,500 in number. The postal work has correspondingly increased. Mrs. Watkin belongs to a good old Devonshire family and is a member of the Church of England. Her husband has been vicar's warden for some years. Their only daughter (Mrs. Henry Sutcliffe) is now in Dublin with her husband, who is serving with the M.T. Department of the A.S.C. At the commencement of the war Mrs. Watkin had a nephew who was an officer in the R.F.C. killed in action. Another nephew a short time ago was decorated by the King with the Military Cross for conspicuous bravery at the battle of the Somme. He was the youngest officer of his regiment. Another nephew after serving in the occupation of the Cameroons is now acting as fleet surgeon in the North Sea. Premises will have to be found for the Post Office, as Mr. and Mrs. Watkin will still occupy their house on the Terrace.

The Rheidol Ladies Choir, gave a performance of the "Bohemian Girl," under the conductorship of Mr. J. A. Jenkins. There was a crowded attendance. The performance was given in a creditable manner. The orchestra was conducted by Mr. J. Edward Jones and the accompanist was Mr. Chas. H. Clements, A.R.C.O. The chief roles in the opera were taken by Master Tom Griffiths (Count), Miss Katie Griffiths (Arline), Miss L. Wright (Thaddeus), Mr Thomas Jenkins (Dehloff), Miss L. Blodwen Jones (Gipsy Queen), and Miss Connie Evans (chief retainer). The singing of the choir was rich and harmonious, and Master Tom Griffiths pleased the audience with his fine singing and clear enunciation. Miss L. Wright as "Thaddeus," and Miss Katie Griffiths made the centre of a pretty gipsy group in the moonlight scene. The air, "I Dreamt That I Dwelt in Marble Halls" was excellently sung by Miss Katie Griffiths, as was also the solo, "When Other Lips," by Miss L. Wright. Miss L. Blodwen Jones performed her part as "Gipsy Queen" to general satisfaction. Miss Connie Evans (chief retainer) and Mr. Tom Jenkins (Dehloff) also gave a satisfactory account of themselves. A dance by Sybil Parry was loudly encored as was also a graceful gipsy dance by Miss Nellie Coombes. The stage manager was Mr. H. G. Pickford, secretary. Mr. Williams, Drug Stores, Borth; and treasurer, Mrs R.E. Jones, Borth. At the conclusion, a vote of thanks was accorded the conductor and members of the society for their performance. An excellent supper was provided by Mrs. R. E. Jones for the members of the choir before their departure for Aberystwyth.