

She Will Be Mayor For The Second Time!

ALDERMAN MRS GWENLLIAN TILLEY was on Tuesday night appointed Mayor-elect of Cowbridge for the second time. The first occasion was in 1943.

Moving the resolution that Mrs Tilley should be the next Mayor of the Borough, Alderman Edward John, J.P., said that she had served the town well, both as a member of the Council and also during her previous year as Mayor.

Seconding the proposal Coun. Mrs F. E. Hinton, J.P., said that everyone knew of the hard work and the service which Mrs Tilley had given to the town. She knew that Mrs Tilley would love every minute of her year in office.

Mrs Tilley suitably responded.

A native of Seven Sisters, she is the widow of Alderman David Tilley, who was himself Mayor of Cowbridge on three occasions.

ACTIVE WORKER

Mrs Tilley took an active interest in the public life of the town long before she contemplated standing for the Council.

She was a member of the Voluntary Aid Detachment

during the First World War and as a tribute to her services was awarded the British Red Cross Medal, the certificates of the Order of St. John and the British Red Cross, and the Red Cross Long Service Medal.

For many years Mrs Tilley was treasurer of the Pontypridd Divisional Conservative Association and was president of the Junior Imperial League for some time.

Between the wars she maintained her interest in the British Red Cross, and was also the first organiser of the Alexandra Rose Day. She took an interest in the British Legion, and was always active in the Poppy Day appeal.

THE FIRST

She is a keen churchwoman, and for some years was a church warden at Holy Cross Church. She was active in the Girl Guide movement, and is still a Guide.

Mrs Tilley entered local
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government in 1935, when she was elected the first woman member of the Borough Council. Eight years later she became the first woman to be a Mayor of Cowbridge, and during her year of office was responsible for organising many functions to entertain the large number of troops billeted in and around the borough.

That Christmas Mrs Tilley wrote to all residents of the borough serving in the Forces and sent each one £3 3s, the proceeds of functions which she

had held to raise the money.

It is reported that the only year in which the Cowbridge Town Hall has ever shown a clear profit was during the period that Mrs Tilley was Mayor.

In May, when Mrs Tilley takes office, she will have added yet another civic record to her list, for not only will she have been the first woman Councillor, Alderman and Mayor, she will be the first woman ever to have been Mayor of Cowbridge twice.