

Cowbridge Will Develop Into A Big Town

New Mayor's Prophecy

A PROPHECY that in future years Cowbridge would develop into a very large town was made by Ald. Edward John, the newly-elected Mayor of Cowbridge, speaking at the Mayor-making ceremony on Wednesday.

The colourful ceremony began as the town clock was chiming 12 noon, and the councillors, in their blue ceremonial robes, entered the Chamber, followed by the red-robed aldermen, with the retiring mayor, Ald. Mrs Gwennllian Tilley, J.P., bringing up the rear.

The newly-elected councillors (Messrs R. H. Williams, J.P., K. M. Hutchings, Gethin Thomas, Harold Bevan and Mrs M. D. V. Hall) took their oath

of office.

SECOND TIME

Ald. W. J. David, proposing that Ald. John should be Mayor for the ensuing year, reminded the gathering that it was the second time for him to be elected Mayor of Cowbridge.

Ald. John's public interests did not end with his civic duties for he had worked with him on many public bodies. Ald. John was a good neighbour, extending the hand of friendship to everyone.

Coun. R. H. Williams, J.P., seconding the proposal, said he had known Ald. John for many years and was sure he would make a good Mayor. He was a regular churchgoer and highly esteemed.

Responding, Ald. John referred to the fact that he was the third member of his family to be a Mayor of Cowbridge—his grandfather had been mayor on three occasions, his father on one occasion and this was the second time for him.

GREAT CHANGES

He added, "We as a town are going to face great changes in the next few years. Our first charter was granted in 1324 and up until the last one granted in 1886 the town has had a total of six charters.

"The Minister will soon give his decision regarding the proposals of the boundary commission regarding the future of County boundaries, and then the Glamorgan County Council will deal with the boundaries of the local authorities.

"We know there will be changes, and we know we are going to go in to Cowbridge Rural District. But when the first charter was granted the Mayor of the Town was the constable of St. Quentin's Castle, so the future will not be so different from the past.

"We do not want to be thought of by future generations as being a Council which did not move with the times. I do not think that I will see it, but Cowbridge is going to be a very big town. Even now the land values are far greater around Cowbridge than in other districts."

Ald. John, referring to the local Chamber of Trade urged that it should work more with the Council and he issued a challenge for its members to stand for the Council.

Referring to the recent action by the police in preventing parking on the main road, Ald. John pointed out that the police had a difficult job to do and urged local tradespeople to put their own house in order by refraining from parking their own cars outside their premises for several hours at a stretch.

He welcomed Coun. Mrs Hall, who was taking her seat for the first time, and also paid tribute to Ald. Robert Thomas who was unable to be present.

He thanked the members of Cowbridge R.D.C. for their co-operation and help, and also Dr. McKim Thomas, who had recently retired as Medical Officer for the Borough.

THANKS

A vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor, Ald. Mrs Tilley, was proposed by Coun. Trevor Williams and seconded by Coun. Kenneth George.

Responding, Ald. Mrs Tilley thanked her Mayoress, all the members of the Council, its officers and in particular the Town Clerk, for their assistance during her year of office.

The retiring Mayoress, Mrs David Tilley, invested Mrs John with the Mayoress's jewel of office and Ald. John nominated Coun. Kenneth George as deputy mayor.

Our photo shows (left to right) Ald. W. J. David, Ald. Edward John, Ald. Mrs G. Tilley and the Town Clerk, Mr J. Thornley Taylor.

