

# Gold Chandeliers Matched Multi-pointed Stars



Some of the principal guests at the civic dinner held before the ball

**T**HE premier social function of the year in the Vale of Glamorgan is undoubtedly the Cowbridge Mayor's Ball, which was held at the Town Hall on Wednesday evening, and this year has a new title—the civic ball.

For the principal guests, nearly sixty in all, the evening started early, for before the commencement of the ball the Mayor of Cowbridge (Coun. R. H. Williams, J.P.) held a dinner at the Bear Hotel.

Grace was said by the Mayor's Chaplain, the Rev. S. F. Mogford and later the Loyal Toast was proposed by the Mayor.

Thanking the Mayor on behalf of the guests, Alderman Mrs Gwenllian Tiley invited the guests to drink his health.

The Cowbridge Town Hall, where the ball was held, had been transformed into a delightful fairy tale scene. The plain walls of the main hall were decorated with evergreen, into which hundreds of coloured fairy lights were woven. The usual utilitarian lights had been removed from the ceilings and replaced by gold chandeliers, which matched the multi-pointed gold stars which decorated the hall. Coloured balloons were another feature of the decorations.

## COLOURED LIGHTS

The staircase to the lower part of the building had been transformed into an evergreen glade; the walls and ceiling were hidden in masses of greenery and coloured lights provided illumination.

The rooms on the lower level had turned into a delightful cafe, where delicious refreshments were served to the dancers. The bar also provided a place where the dancers could relax after their exer-

tions, and refresh themselves, to start again.

Music was provided by Ray Driscoll and his Orchestra.

The Mayor's Parlour had been converted into a private bar for the principal guests, and the tables of the Council Chamber, on which the members normally rest their papers, had been covered with snowy white table cloths and laden with mouthwatering refreshments.

The principal guests included Major and Mrs John Williams, the Mayor's son and daughter-in-law, who had flown home from Germany, where Major Williams is stationed, and Mr and Mrs John Jenkins, the Mayor's son-in-law and daughter.

Civic heads included the Chairman of the Glamorgan County Council (County Ald. Mrs Dorothy Rees) who was present with Mrs G. M. Webber, the Mayor of Neath, Mrs Hilda Howells, and the Mayoress, The Mayor and Mayoress of Barry, Alderman and Mrs T. Price, the Chairman of the Cowbridge R.D. Council (Coun. D. J. Batrick) and Mrs Batrick.

Other guests included the Chief Constable of Glamorgan (Mr Melbourne Thomas) and Mrs Thomas, County Ald. P. J. Smith who was present with his daughter, Mrs G. Rees, and Air Commodore C. N. F. Pringle, Station Commander at St. Athan, and Mrs Pringle.

Proceeds of the ball will help to defray the cost of the Cowbridge and Llanblethian Children's Christmas Party.