

## OLDEST LADY OF COWBRIDGE



Councillor Robert Thomas, the mayor of Cowbridge, extends warm felicitations to Miss Blanche John, who celebrated her ninety-third birthday on Friday.

[St. Crispin's Studio, Cowbridge]

An untarnished memory, good health, and a virile personality are still enjoyed by Miss Blanche John, 1 Eastgate, Cowbridge, who celebrated her 93rd birthday on Friday.

Being thus the oldest woman residing in the town Miss John was visited by the Mayor of Cowbridge (Coun. Robert Thomas) who congratulated her on her great age.

The Mayor and Miss John discussed politics, philosophy, and reminisced over the past greatness of the town to which they were both proud to belong.

Miss John spoke of the old Town Hall (demolished 1829). "My mother often spoke of it," she said. "There was a Poor Law Institution nearby and the paupers used to sell wares on

the steps of the Town Hall."

Politically Miss John is an avowed Socialist. "My father was a Radical," she told the Mayor, "but times have changed since then."

Around his shoulders the Mayor wore the gold chain of office. Miss John was particularly interested in this object. Both her brother (the late Alderman Edward John) and her nephew (Mr. William John) had their names inscribed upon its links as past Mayors of the town. Her great nephew, Coun. Edward John, is the present deputy Mayor.

Miss John lives with her niece, Mrs. M. Ward, and also has for a companion a spaniel dog, "James," 13½ years of age. "An old age pensioner too," remarked Mrs. Ward.

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## GRAND OLD LADY OF COWBRIDGE

**A**N eighty-year-old nee Australia was one of the wishers at the 95th birthday of Miss Blanche John, 1 Eastgate, Cowbridge, on Saturday. Miss John is a great-granddaughter of the present Mayor of Cowbridge (Mr. Edward John), on whose behalf she attended the Civic service at the Methodist Church.

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