

Brilliant Sunshine For Civic Sunday

THE Limes Presbyterian Church, Cowbridge, was filled to capacity on Sunday morning when the Mayor of Cowbridge (Ald. Edward John, J.P.), his fellow members of the borough council, its officers and representatives of local organisations attended the borough's annual civic service.

As usual the parade formed up at Cowbridge Town Hall and, marshalled by Inspector Frederick Bevan, marched to the Limes. In the parade were members of the Glamorgan Police, Glamorgan Fire Service, British Red Cross, Girl Guides and the men's and women's sections of the British Legion.

Next came local dignitaries including members of Cowbridge R.D. Council, led by their chairman (Coun. Trevor C. Lewis, J.P.) and members of Llantwit Major Parish Council led by its chairman (Coun. Tal Morgan). Included in this group was County Alderman P. J. Smith, M.B.E. who has recently recovered from a serious operation.

The last part of the procession comprised members of Cowbridge Borough Council, the councillors in their blue robes, and the Aldermen in scarlet, their bright costumes looking even more colourful in the brilliant sunshine.

350 YEAR OLD MACES

At the rear of the parade came the Mayor's party. Flanked by his chaplain (the Rev. Peter Williams) and the Town Clerk (Mr. J. Thornley Taylor) and escorted by the Mace Bearers, bearing the 350 year old maces, came Ald. John in his ermine trimmed robes of office.

At the church the British Legion standards were handed by their bearers, Mr. Alan Davies and Miss Tietzy Berrows, to the Rev. Williams.

The lessons during the service were read by two elders of the church, Mr. J. W. Davies and Mr. Peter Cobb, M.A. Organist was Mrs. P. M. John.

STOOD IN SILENCE

The Rev. Williams took his text from Micah, Chapter 6, Verse 8—"What does the Lord require of thee, but to do justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God?" During the service the

IS ALDERMAN ELIGIBLE FOR COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP ?

THE right of an alderman to sit as a member of Cowbridge Borough Council was challenged at the monthly meeting of the Council on Tuesday. The alderman referred to was Ald. Robert Thomas, last year's Mayor of the Borough.

Coun. Roy Edwards said he had been asked by several ratepayers to raise the question of whether one of the aldermen had the necessary qualifications for membership of the council.

Ald. Edward John, J.P., declared that there were several regulations under which a person became eligible to stand for

election. The matter had been cleared-up when Mr. D. C. Watts was a member of the Council. Ald. Robert Thomas rose and said: "Mr Mayor, I know that they are referring to me. If people are so mean in their minds to question my being on the Council, I do not think much of them."

The Town Clerk (Mr. J. Thornley Taylor) stated that if there was a person sitting on the Council when not qualified to do so, then he would like to know. He enumerated the three qualifications under which a person could stand as a candidate for Council. He promised to investigate the matter of Ald. Thomas's position as a member.

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Wearing his mayoral chain of office, Alderman Edward John, J.P., was escorted on Sunday to the Limes Presbyterian Church, where Cowbridge's annual civic service was held. He is preceded by the borough's mace-bearers and accompanied by his chaplain, the Rev. Peter Williams, and the Town Clerk, Mr. J. Thornley Taylor. In the photo too are Aldermen Mrs Gwenhilian Tilly and W. J. Davi, and ex-Alderman D. C. Watts, the borough's sole surviving freeman.