

New Mayor Carries On A Family Tradition

WITH the usual pomp and ceremony which for centuries has surrounded the installation of the Mayor of Cowbridge, Coun. Roy Edwards was elected mayor on Tuesday, carrying on the family tradition started by his father.

As the Town Clock struck noon, the Councillors and Aldermen filed into the Council Chamber, followed by the retiring Mayor, Coun. Glyn McNeil.

After prayers, said by the Mayor's Chaplain, the Rev. S. F. Mogford, the newly elected Councillors, Kenneth Hutchings, Harold Bevan, Mrs Mary Hall and Mrs A. Morgan, took the oath of office.

The retiring Mayor first referred to the death of Alderman R. H. Williams, J.P., who had been a member of the Council for 20 years. Coun. McNeil said: "Ald. Williams was a very valuable Councillor and Alderman of this town. He gave tremendous assistance to many people and his death means a great loss not only to the town of Cowbridge and the

surrounding district, but also to the Principality as a whole. He was a well known personality, with a great affection for the town."

The company stood in silence as a token of their respect.

GOOD WORK

Proposing that Coun. Edwards should be the new Mayor of Cowbridge, Coun. Kenneth Hutchings, referred to his (the Mayor's) grandfather, who was well known in the town, and his father, the late Coun. Mansel Edwards, who was a previous Mayor of Cowbridge.

Coun. Mansel Edwards had persuaded his son to become a member of the Council and for some years they had both been councillors together.

Coun. Roy Edwards was a faithful member of the Church of the Holy Cross, and a member of the Parochial Church Council. As chairman of the Cowbridge Branch of the British Legion he did a tremendous amount of good work, which few knew about. He was also the poppy day organiser for Cowbridge and district, and was responsible for raising large sums of money for this charity.

Seconding the motion, Coun. Kenneth George said that Coun. Edwards took his duties as a councillor very seriously, and was not afraid to bring matters to the Council, no matter how controversial they were.

Coun. Edwards had been deputy Mayor during the past twelve months, and he (Coun. George) felt sure that the Mayor would be the first to acknowledge the great assistance that Coun. Edwards had been to him.

out her duties with great dignity.

Coun. Mrs Mary Hall seconded the proposition, saying that being the Mayor of a small Borough was far more difficult than being the Mayor of a town such as Cardiff, for in Cowbridge everyone knew you, and it was impossible to 'get away with anything.' It was like walking a tight rope, and Coun. McNeil had carried out his duties with dignity. He had been efficient and popular—a very difficult combination to achieve.

THANKS

Responding, Coun. McNeil thanked the new Mayor and Mayoress for their great assistance to him during his year of office when they were his deputy Mayor and Mayoress. He also thanked the Aldermen and Councillors, and the officers for their assistance during the year, and also the chairman of Cowbridge R.D. Council, and the officers of that Council for their assistance. He thanked the police, especially Inspector Gwyn Jones, for their tremendous help, and thanked his spiritual adviser, his chaplain, the Rev. S. F. Mogford.

Finally he paid tribute to the Mayoress for the assistance she had given him.

WEEK OF EVENTS

Although Cowbridge was a small Borough the Mayor had to go to many important functions where he met many important people.

During the next twelve months the people of Cowbridge could rest assured that their interests would be well looked after in the capable hands of Coun. Edwards.

The new Mayor signified his acceptance of the office and took the oath as Mayor.

Coun. McNeil and Coun. Edwards retired to the Mayor's parlour where the new Mayor was invested with the ermine trimmed robes and he chain and the jewel of his office.

Entering the Council Chamber for the first time as Mayor, he took his place on the Aldermanic bench and took the oath of allegiance and the oath as a Borough Justice.

He nominated Coun. Kenneth George as his deputy Mayor, and the Rev. S. F. Mogford as his chaplain.

Returning thanks for his election, Coun. Edwards thanked his proposer, seconder, and the members of the Council for their confidence in him, and promised to do his best to live up to that confidence.

He referred to the week of events which was being held in the Borough, and expressed the hope that it would be supported by everyone.

It had been helped by the opening of the new by-pass which had stopped the heavy traffic rumbling through the town.

"We are now back to what we were before the advent of the motor-car—a pleasant country market town," he added.

DIGNITY AND HONOUR

Turning to the ever present threat that the Borough might lose its status, Coun. Edwards said that in spite of this threat the Council must continue to go on with their duties as if the threat were not there.

The retiring Mayoress, Mrs McNeil, invested her successor with the chain of office.

Proposing a vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor, Coun. Gethin Thomas referred to the fact that it was the second time that Coun. McNeil had held the office, and on both occasions he had carried out his duties with dignity and honour.

As well as his civic duties he was also chairman of the Council and had the duty of keeping the meetings in order.

Coun. Thomas also paid tribute to the work done by the Mayoress, who had also carried