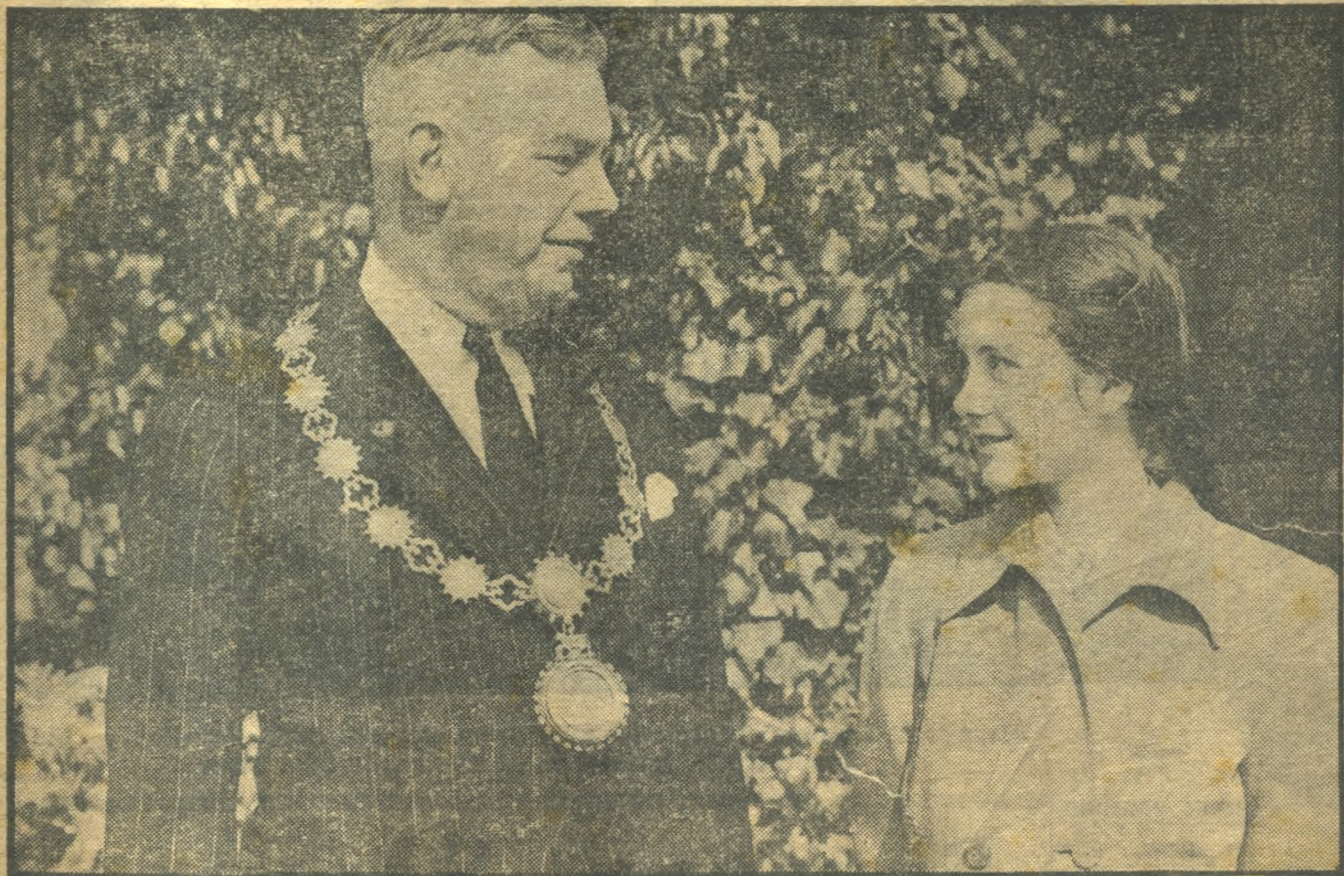


MARY—YOUNGEST MAYORESS AT THE FESTIVAL



Owing to illness the Mayoress of Cowbridge was unable to accompany her husband, Councillor Eddie John, when he represented the town at the opening of the Festival of Britain. So their 12-years-old daughter Mary, pictured here with her father, acted as mayoress for her.

Friday, November 4, 1966

Honeymooning In Majorca



Cowbridge's wedding of the year took place at the Limes Presbyterian Church on October 22 when Miss Mary John, elder daughter of Alderman Edward John, J.P., and Mrs John, of Woodstock House, Cowbridge, married Mr Gwilym Miles, son of Mr and Mrs W Miles of Brovisken Farm, Croesfaen.

Rev. Peter Williams, pastor of The Limes Presbyterian Church, performed the marriage ceremony, and Mrs Phyllis John, the bride's aunt, was the organist.

Given in marriage by her father the bride wore a model gown of white wild silk and a full length veil held in place by an orchid head-dress. She carried a bouquet of orchids.

The bride was attended by five bridesmaids, a flower girl and a page-boy. The bridesmaids, the Misses Kay Thomas, Sarah Price, Joana Goulden,

Sally Davies and Clair Davies, wore full-length dresses of white broderie anglaise with French navy sashes and floral head-dresses. They carried bouquets of stephanotis.

The flower girl, Helen Milward, wore a dress of white spotted nylon and the pageboy, James Goulden, was dressed in a white frilled shirt and French navy trousers.

Mr Edmond Miles acted as the best man, and the duties of groomsmen were undertaken by Messrs David Thomas, Howard John, Phillip Williams and Trevor Adams.

A reception was held at the Crossways Country Club where over 200 guests were entertained, after which the couple left to spend a honeymoon in Majorca, the bride travelling in a mink suit with fur hat and accessories.

The newly-weds will make their home at Brovisken Farm.

EX-MAYOR FINED ON WOOL BOARD CHEQUES CHARGES

THREE MEN, including a former Mayor of Cowbridge, were fined a total of £3,500 for obtaining cheques from the Wood Marketing Board by false pretences.

A fourth man whose "evil machinations" were said to have been behind the offences, was gaoled for 21 months at Glamorgan Assizes, Cardiff.

William Raymond Lucas, (49), of Lower House Farm, Llantwit Major, was found guilty on five of six charges of jointly obtaining cheques worth £1,223 by false pretences, and was fined £2,000.

David Lougher Thomas (31), a farmer, of Croesty Farm, Coity, Bridgend, was found guilty of three offences of jointly obtaining cheques worth £1,341 by false pretences and was fined £1,000.

Edward John (64) a former mayor of Cowbridge, magistrate and a retired agricultural dealer of High Street, Cowbridge, was found guilty of three offences of obtaining cheques worth £1,341 by false pretences was fined £500.

John, who was told by Mr. Justice Kilner Brown that he deserved mercy and sympathy because of his service to the community, was found not guilty of an offence of jointly procuring a cheque to be delivered by false pretences.

Lucas, Thomas and John, had pleaded not guilty to all charges. The jury reached unanimous verdicts after retiring two-and-a-half hours following a seven-day hearing.

The fourth man, Norman Bastow (59), of Briar Wood Drive, Bradford, who pleaded guilty to all charges against him, was gaoled for 21 months.

He admitted nine charges of jointly obtaining cheques worth £2,563 by false pretences, one charge of jointly procuring a cheque to be delivered by false pretences and 10 charges of falsifying accounts. He asked for 32 similar offences to be considered.

On the judge's direction, the jury returned a verdict of not guilty against Gwilym Thomas Miles (34), a farmer, of Bronfiscin Farm, Groesfaen, Pontyclun, who had denied jointly procuring a cheque to be delivered by false pretences.