

CIVIC SUNDAY CHURCH PARADE

WELSH civic leaders accompanied the Mayor of Cowbridge, Alderman Mrs Gwenllian Tilley, J.P., to the Church of the Holy Cross, Cowbridge, on Sunday for the annual civic service.

Headed by the band of the St. Athan R.A.F. Station, the parade, which had assembled at Cowbridge Town Hall, marched to the church. Among the organisations represented were the Police, Fire Service, Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, Wolf Cubs and Brownies, British Red Cross, County Ambulance Service, Army Cadets and the men's and women's sections of the British Legion.

The members of the Cowbridge Borough Council, the aldermen in their red robes and the councillors in blue, presented a splash of colour, in striking contrast to the sombre dress of the civic heads who followed them.

At the rear of the parade came the Mayor, accompanied by the Town Clerk (Mr J. Thornley Taylor), the Mayor's Chaplain (the Rev. E. O. T. Lewis, R.D.) and the bearers of the 350-year-old town maces.

DINNER FOR GUESTS

At the church the service was conducted by the Rev. E. O. T. Lewis and the lessons were read by Mr Idwal Rees, headmaster of the Cowbridge Grammar School.

After the service the procession re-formed and returned to the Town Hall, where the Mayor thanked the townspeople for accompanying her to church.

Later the Mayor entertained numerous guests to dinner at the Duke of Wellington Hotel.

Among the civic dignitaries present were the Mayor of Neath, the Mayor of the Rhondda (Ald Ioan Williams), the Chairman of the Llantrisant Parish Council (Coun. E. C. Jones), Chief Fire Officer J. W. E. Jones, B.E.M., Group Capt. M. Hermiston, St. Athan R.A.F. Station; and Police Inspector Frederick Bevan who acted as marshal of the parade.

Our photo shows the Mayoral procession.

LORRY'S SWERVE ON TO PAVEMENT

Cowbridge Residents' Lucky Escape

A group of Cowbridge residents had a narrow escape from death on Monday morning, when a heavy motor-tanker swerved on to the pavement within a few feet of where they were standing.

One of the group, Mr Clifford Stone, the popular Cowbridge hairdresser, is the agent for the long distance coaches which pass through the Borough. On Monday morning he was standing with his wife waiting for the bus, was talking to two Cowbridge ladies.

He saw the lorry coming towards him from the direction of Bridgend. As it was about to pass the group, the driver applied his brakes and swerved on to the pavement only two or three feet away. It travelled along the pavement for twenty or thirty feet, regained the road, and continued towards Cardiff without stopping.

Mr Stone was too shaken to get the vehicle's number, and he gave the opinion that the lorry's brakes were faulty, and this had caused it to swerve when they were applied.

"I do not think I have ever been closer to death for if it had been a couple of feet nearer I would have been underneath it," Mr Stone said.

The incident passed unnoticed by Mrs Stone. She was looking in the opposite direction, and was not unduly disturbed by the screech of brakes. She did not know that the vehicle had swept onto the pavement only a few feet away.

£75 For Church Funds

The Mayor of Cowbridge (Ald. Mrs Gwenllian Tilley J.P.), was among the many people who attended the coffee morning held at Great House, Llanblethian on Thursday.

The morning was organised by Mrs H. C. Pritchard, who lives at Great House, and raised over £75 towards the funds of Llanblethian Church.