

## FUNERAL OF HIGHLY ESTEEMED VALE VICAR

**T**HE funeral of the Rev. E. O. T. Lewis, Vicar of Llanblethian with Cowbridge, took place on June 5.

The previous night the coffin was received into the Church of the Holy Cross at Cowbridge, where the Vicar had preached on so many occasions, by the Rev. J. J. Thomas, the Rural Dean of Cowbridge, and the Rev. D. Childs, of Penarth.

The funeral service was held at the church and later cremation took place at Glyntaff, Pontypridd.

The largest congregation which can be remembered filled every seat in the huge church, the gathering representing not only Cowbridge, but the rest of Glamorgan and the Principality.

Over sixty robed clergy from various parts of Wales were present, led by the Bishop of Llandaff (the Right Rev. W. G. H. Simon), the Bishop of St. Asaph (Dr. G. Williams), the Dean of Llandaff, the Very Rev. Eryl S. Thomas (who read the lesson), the Assistant Bishop of Llandaff, the Right Rev. T. M. Hughes, and the Archdeacon of Llandaff (the Venerable J. G. James).

Many other denominations were seen in the congregation.

The large number of lay mourners were led by the Lord Lieutenant of Glamorgan, Col. Cenydd Traherne, and Mrs Traherne, and the many civic representatives were headed by the Mayor of Cowbridge, Ald. Edward John, J.P.

After the service at the church, the cortege left Cowbridge for Glyntaff, where yet another large group of mourners had gathered to pay their last respects to their friend.

The service at the crematorium was conducted by the Revs. J. J. Thomas and D. Childs.

The family mourners were: Dr. and Mrs Rowland Lewis, brother and sister-in-law; Miss Ivy Thomas and Mr and Mrs John Williams, cousins; and Mr Ewart Lewis, nephew. Mr John T. Lewis, a brother, and Mr and Mrs Owen Lewis were unable to be present.

## SIX PRETTY GIRLS JUDGES A

**S**IX PRETTY GIRLS gave four Llanharry Welfare Hall on Saturday a girl was required to fill the role for 1963.

In the queue for queen at the special dance organised by the carnival committee were the Misses Eileen Price, Kay Denscombe, Ann Piper, Glynys Rogers, Tegwen John and Avril Neate and eventually, amid loud acclaim from the twisting teenagers who thronged the floor, 19-year-old Avril Neate was chosen for the royal role.

### SASH A CROWN

A close second was Miss Tegwen John who is to be regarded as a reserve should the necessity arise, and the two attendants chosen were Miss Denscombe and Miss Rogers.

Coun. Trevor Lewis, chairman of the Cowbridge R.D. Council presented Miss Neate with the sash of honour and placed the crown on her head.

Coun. Lewis congratulated members of the carnival committee on their enterprise and earnest endeavours to give the village a field day of fun and frolic each year.

### FLOWER GIRLS

Adjudicators were Mrs. I. Tilley, of Cowbridge, Mrs. Rita Burrows and Miss Anita Howells, Tonyrefail and Coun. Godfrey Lewis, Ystradowen. Music was supplied by the Fortunes Band of Usk. On the previous evening during a dance for the under 14s the music was supplied by the Talbot Green Senatoners.

The Carnival Queen's flower girls were selected by Mr. and Mrs. Gardner, Pencoed, who chose seven-year-old Daphne John and Gaynor Phillips, aged 10. Runner-up and reserve, ten-year-old Lynette Thomas.

Carnival Day is on Saturday, July 13.

The Archdeacon of Llandaff writes:—

The Reverend Ewart Lewis, Vicar of Llanblethian with Cowbridge, died suddenly at his vicarage on May 28. Born in 1914 at Whitland, he was educated at Llandovery and Oriel College, Oxford. After his ordination, he served in three parishes in the diocese of St. David's before coming to Cowbridge in 1949, first as vicar and then as rural dean. Few realised at the time that they were seeing the beginning of a most distinguished ministry, but the careful observer would soon have noticed obvious marks of distinction; there was the cautious slowness of the scholar, the ability to make and to keep a wide circle of friends, his many interests—his fishing rods, his gramophone with its great trumpet, his records, his books and, most important of all, his simple piety. All these were to grow. He bases his pastoral work on his love of people and, as a parish priest, he turned often to the past. It was not that he ran away from the problems of the present because few were as aware of them as he—it was rather that the past held so many things he loved, not merely fine buildings or the learning of divines long since dead, but the unhurried pace of parish life. Not for him was the latest development or the latest fashion in parochial management, he refused to be rushed because his work demanded patience, the patience of the pastor caring for the individual. As secretary of the Liturgical Commission all his learning came into full play. He had always been a serious student of careful ability. He had worked on Augustine for many years, he read wisely, read almost anything—novels, biography or theology absorbed him and he had the lucky gift of being able to remember what he had read. Now all this was directed to one end. Very soon he became thoroughly conversant with liturgical developments at home and abroad, and his memoranda guided those who have the task of reforming our worship. He told the story of the beginning of this work in his book *Prayer Book Revision in the Church of Wales*. It is given to few of our priests to have so many gifts and to find a place in so many hearts.

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EWART OWEN THOMAS LEWIS

PRIEST

1914 - 1963

VICAR OF LLANBLETHIAN WITH COWBRIDGE  
1949-1963

RURAL DEAN OF COWBRIDGE  
1950-1962

SECRETARY OF THE STANDING LITURGICAL COMMISSION  
OF THE CHURCH IN WALES

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS

COWBRIDGE

5TH JUNE, 1963

*Requiescat in pace*