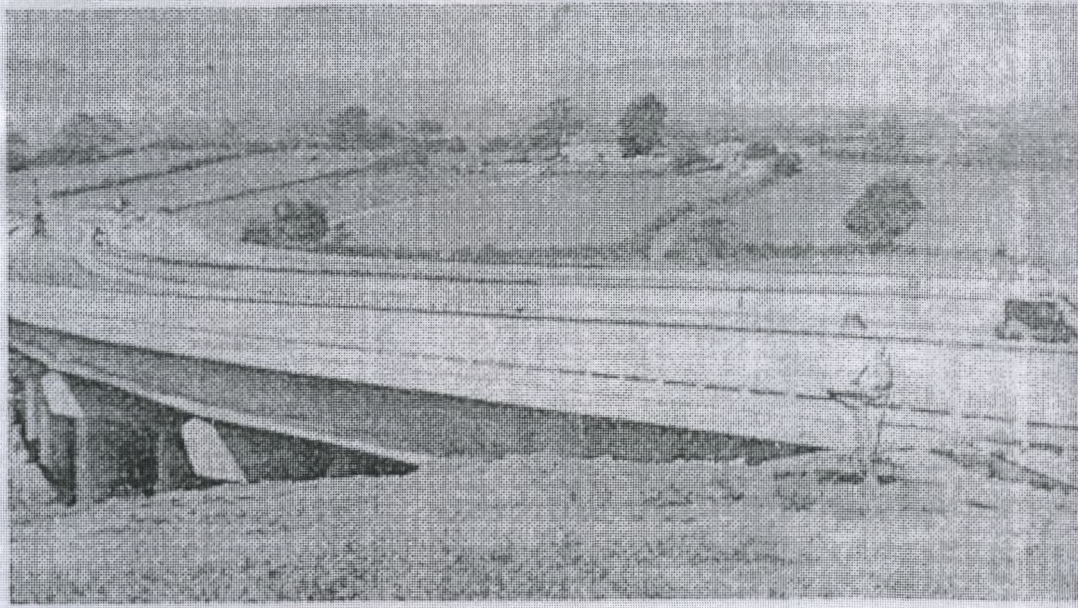


The whistling by-pass

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COWBRIDGE BY-PASS, OPENED FIVE WEEKS AGO, HAS BEEN NICKNAMED THE WHISTLING BY-PASS. The reason is that when a north-east gale is blowing through the railings on top of the viaduct, a high-pitched screaming noise can be heard in the small market town.

When the magnificent by-pass was opened, Cowbridge residents heaved sighs of relief. To them it meant peaceful nights, free of the continuous noise of heavy traffic rumbling through the main street.

But the new noise rudely shattered their sleep during last weekend's gale.

Mrs. M. L. Britton, of East-gate Street, said today: "It was a terrific high-pitched sound as the wind blew head-on against the viaduct. I suppose we can expect this noise every time there is a north-east gale blowing during the winter months."

The only remedy...

Mr. David Evans, a Cowbridge solicitor said: "The noise could be heard practically all over Cowbridge. It seems the only remedy would be to fill in the railings with sheet steel."

Mr. W. A. Tooley, resident engineer at the by-pass site, said: "I think the inhabitants are exaggerating a little. The noise is only heard when the wind is blowing at great force in a certain direction."

"We don't get the gales of last weekend every day of the year, so the noise, if any, will not be a frequent visitor to Cowbridge."

Oh, That Wailing Banshee!

"Cowbridge's wailing by-pass should be developed as a tourist attraction, in the same way as the Loch Ness Monster"—this was the suggestion made by Coun. Kenneth George at Tuesday's meeting of Cowbridge Borough Council's standing committees.

This was one humorous remark made during the discussion on a subject which is causing great annoyance to many people in Cowbridge, especially in the area, of East-gate, Broadway and St. Athan Road.

The matter was raised by the Mayor (Coun. Glyn McNeil, J.P.), who said he had had many complaints about the

noise caused by the "wailing banshee to the north of the town."

Coun. McNeil stressed that it was causing a great deal of annoyance and he could plainly hear it even when sitting in his lounge with all the doors and windows shut.

Coun. Harold Bevan said that it was causing great annoyance and discomfort to the pupils of the Girls' High School, and he had been told that when the noise was particularly bad the teachers had difficulty in being heard.

The committee decided to write to the County Council to ask them to take steps to discover the cause of the noise and to deal with it.