

MR. D. C. WATTS, COWBRIDGE

An Appreciation

THE following appreciation, of the late Mr. D. C. Watts, of Cowbridge, has been received from Councillor Fred Goulden of Porthcawl, and formerly of Cowbridge.

The Town of Cowbridge and the Vale of Glamorgan are poorer with the passing of one of its most respected and well-liked personalities—Mr. D. C. Watts, Auctioneer, Valuer and Estate Agent.

Over the past 50 years Mr. Watts moved in the centre of the life of both the Borough and the Vale. As a young man he joined another Town and Vale personality, Mr. John David, in his auctioneering business and, on the death of Mr. David, became the principal of the business, being joined later by Mr. Hopkin Morgan thus making the firm of Messrs John David, Watts and Morgan.

So, Mr. David Watts, a member of a well known Vale farming family himself, became widely known and respected by everyone in the farming community of the Vale and by the townsfolk of Cowbridge.

As Auctioneer, Valuer and Estate Agent his unshakable integrity, great ability and unfailing courtesy endeared him to everyone with whom he came into contact while his great command of his profession ensured considerable respect locally and much further afield in the world of Agriculture and Valuation.

In his younger days D.C.'s recreation was cricket and tennis and he had taken a great interest all his life in the Cowbridge Athletic Club. A keen cricketer he enjoyed

the game immensely and was always a most popular team member.

A FREEMAN

As a resident of the historic Borough of Cowbridge he had a great love of the town, its history and institutions. After service as Borough Agent he became in turn councillor, Alderman and Mayor and to all those offices he brought dignity, courtesy and ability. In recognition, the Borough in 1957 conferred on him their highest honour when they elected him a Freeman.

Another great interest of his was the Cowbridge Farmers' Club, which has roots which go back into the 19th Century. As its Secretary for over 40 years he maintained its strength and did much to keep the Club's Christmas Fat Stock Show, one of the leading events in the Agricultural life of the Vale.

The markets, sales, shows and life of the Vale of Glamorgan will miss him as will people of Cowbridge and its Council. The absence of his pleasant personality will leave a void and his loss will be felt for a long time.

I had known him since boyhood days and always found him to be helpful and considerate to younger folk. I am sure all who knew him would like to join with me in paying tribute to his memory. To his wife and daughters go our deep and sincere sympathy.



In Loving Memory

of

David Christopher Watts

Died 26th September, 1966

Service in

The Church of the Holy Cross
Cowbridge

on

Thursday, 29th September, 1966
at 11 a.m.