

DEWSBURYWELCOME HOME EILEEN FENTON

Mayor Brown welcomes Eileen Fenton, Dewsbury's own cross-channel swim heroine. The people of her town subscribed to make Eileen's attempt possible. They hoped for a gallant, stout-hearted try: she brought them triumphant victory. And in true Yorkshire fashion the people of Dewsbury show their appreciation outside the Town Hall.

With Mr. Betts, her trainer, Eileen drives through the town to make a personal appearance at a cinema.

£1,000 cheque in hand she faces the cheering audience - that's proof enough! Then the Mayor, Alderman Brown, presents her with a copy of the Pathe newareel of the race as a souvenir. Among possible winners few people outside her own county had thought of the little teacher, who was the smallest competitor. Eileen deserves a bouquet for showing us we can regain our lead in world sport if we have the will ... but she's amazed by this fuss. She says she'd rather swim the channel again to escape it!