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Walsall: Bill Pickering's Welcome Home

2nd September 1955

The Conquering Hero returns home - and Walsall proudly says "Well Done" to channel swimmer, Bill Pickering, as he drives with his wife, to a civic reception.

At the Town Hall, "Big Bill" is welcomed by the Mayor, Councillor Mrs Brockhurst, ^{at Bloxwich} ~~who~~ ^{The Mayor} added her praise for that fastest official England-to-France crossing. SOUND

Over twelve hundred citizens packed the Town Hall for the reception and the toast of the evening was (SOUND)

And the swimmer thanked all those who had helped him to bring a world record - home, to ~~Walsall~~ SOUND