

# MULLARD LOVELIES OUT OF HIDING...



Finalists in the Miss Mullard Competition.

**PLATINUM** blondes, ash blondes, redheads and brunettes, the Southampton Works of Mullard's, Associated Semiconductor Manufacturers Ltd. is probably the only local factory or business to boast of having so many attractive women on their employment list.

But apart from such occasions as their recent Open Day, the Mullard girls are hidden away from the public eye. That was until Saturday anyway.

Times have changed and before hundreds of visitors at Redbridge Sports Ground 12 girls—chosen from the firm's 1,500 women employees—competed to be the first "Miss Mullard".

This was the first of what will be an annual contest and was part of Mullard's first Gala Day.

Run by the sports and social club, the programme included band concerts and displays, a tug o' war, flower and vegetable shows, adults' and children's races and numerous sideshows and stalls.

### Stole the show

But highlight was the "Miss Mullard (Southampton Works)" title—although it was one young toddler, parading unselfconsciously before the judges, who nearly stole the show.

There were screams of delight

from fans when radio and TV star Mark Wynter arrived, just in time to make his choice from the four finalists.

Together with the other judges, Mr. J. A. Jenkins, general manager of Mullards, Mr. Michael Field, Miss Barbara Rees and Miss V. Watson, they selected 19-year-old Miss Maureen Cook, a tracer, as Miss Mullard.

Cool, in a white sheath dress, navy shoes and long navy gloves, Miss Cook received the trophy and flowers from Mark Wynter.

Congratulated afterwards by her parents, Miss Cook, of Harlynroad, Shirley, admitted she was "still very nervous".

"It was my first beauty competition," she said.

Runners-up were Miss Barbara Scott, second; Miss Priscilla Francis, third; and fourth, Miss Iris Payne.

The gala, run by the Mullard's club simply as a social occasion, was not a money-raising event. Organiser was Mr. Derek Jeffs.

