

FULL TABLE FOR AYLESBURY DUCK DINNER

The Aylesbury Duck Dinner, being held for the first time on October 31st, is already being considered as a "must." The 200 seats at table in the "Bull's Head" Hotel, have already been allocated, and dozens of people have been told, "Sorry, no room."

The toast, "The Aylesbury Duck," will be proposed by Sir Norman Birkett, one of Britain's finest after-dinner speakers, and the reply will be made by Dr. Blount, poultry adviser to British Oil and Cake Mills Ltd.

Col. F. W. Watson will propose "The Guests" and replies will come from the Mayor of Oxford, Councillor Alan Brown, and Dr. R. Coles, chief poultry adviser to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

"The Ladies" will be proposed by Mr. Gilbert Smith and the reply — which it can be assumed will be a very witty one—will be given by Mrs. Phyllis Whitby Cradock, better known as "Bon Vivant" of the "Daily Telegraph."

Before dinner, Whitchurch Morris Men will lead in two ducks being carried on silver salvers by two chefs. After they have been "approved" by Sir Norman, and the Mayor of Aylesbury, Councillor A. J. Sage, the head chef will be presented with a set of Coronation coins in a leather-bound casket made specially by an Aylesbury craftsman.

Besides many writers of the national Press, the B.B.C. will be well represented by Bill Duncalf (outside broadcasts), Godfrey Baseley (B.B.C. agricultural adviser), Kenneth Butlay (B.B.C. North American Service) and the new T.V. announcer, Noel Middleton.