

Dear Friends:

We have news which will be of interest to all Welsh people and to those associated with us either in friendship or culturally. Next September, Labour Day weekend August 31st to September 2nd, 1973, the Ontario Gymanfa Ganu Association will sponsor the 42nd Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu which will be held at the Four Seasons Hotel, 123 Queen Street, West, Toronto. This annual event is looked forward to with keen anticipation, and to those who are interested in perpetuating our culture and heritage we extend a special welcome for you to be with us, and if you are familiar with "yr hen iaeth" but have gotten a little rusty from non-usage, this will be your opportunity to brush up, for there is nothing like a pleasant chat with old friends in the nother tongue to rekindle the "hwyl" that is latent in all Welsh people.

The proceedings begin on Friday August 31st, when registrations are accepted, and a Te Bach, (Tea and Cakes) will be prepared for you in the Hospitality Room. Here you will have the opportunity to meet with friends and an exchange of news from home and abroad.

A Noson Lawen (Pleasant Evening Concert) will be held Friday evening under the direction of our genial hosts Mr. Tom Edwards (Chairman) and Rev. Cerwyn Davies (Master of Ceremonies). Here will be displayed all the artistry of our Welsh culture. Humour, Comedy, Prose, Music and other in more serious vein. We hope to team up a good variety of Welsh talent for your evening's entertainment. Following the concert, there will be time to spare before retiring to gather around the piano and sing all the popular Welsh folk songs and hymns. This is your chance to warm up for Sunday.

On Saturday morning the General Meeting will be held in which all problems of an administrative nature are discussed and dealt with, matters which have a direct bearing on the future trend of our Cymanfaoedd.

Also on Saturday morning will be the Awr y Plant (Children's Hour) which will be chaired by Mrs. Gwen Lundy. By all means bring the youngsters along and have them take part in the programme. It will give

the young people an opportunity to display their potential as future artists. Their ages will be classified in groups ranging from 4 to 16 years.

The Banquet will be held Saturday evening under the direction of Mr. Lewis Edwards, Banquet Chairman, to be followed by a Ball beginning approximately 9 p.m. This will be of interest to the young and not so young people alike.

Sunday is the day we have all looked forward to, for this day is the day of The Gymanfa Ganu. To those of you who are familiar with the "old country" style of a Gymanfa Ganu will know that this is always held on Sunday. (Our Noson Lawens, Seiats and Band of Hopes are separate functions, and may occur on any day of the week.) Due to the prohibitive distances, we in Canada and the USA are, geographically, at a disadvantage to hold these functions separately on a National Scale, so to overcome this anomaly, we have brought them together and arranged it so that it occurs on a weekend, but with each event being a separate function. So now we have the Gymanfa Ganu on Sunday. The morning service will be both in Welsh and English, and will follow the Protestant Order of service.

Sunday afternoon will be the first session of the Gymanfa in which we anticipate your wholehearted support. The conductor, (Mrs. Helen Evans of Cardiff, Wales) will be looking for this and expects your full cooperation in her efforts to infuze the good old Welsh "hwyl" into your singing. Judging from past performances it will take very little urging to produce the results she will be seeking.

The following invitations have been accepted:

Rev. Gwyn Walters - guest minister
Organist - Mr. David Low
Soloist - Mrs. Gaynor Jones Low

The evening session will be the finale for this eventful weekend of song and fellowship, and your last opportunity, on this occasion, to demonstrate what we can do with our vocal chords when the opportunity presents itself. Wales is know everywhere as "The Land of Song", let us demonstrate what this really means with our Welsh singing voices blended in perfect harmony, and we shall take our leave with a long to be remembered experience of the 42nd National in Toronto.

Come, let us have the pleasure of your company and to meet with you at the Four Seasons Hotel. Remember the date SEPTEMBER LABOUR DAY WEEK END 1973. If you can only manage one or two days that will be alright so long as you do not miss out on the Sunday Gymanfa Ganu.

Full details are in the Order of Events attached.

Hwyl dda i chwi gyd
Publicity Committee