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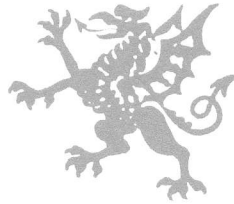
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Invites you to the 53rd Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu on August 30 and 31 and September 1 and 2, 1984

September 12, 1984

From: Nelson L. Llewellyn, Secretary

Re: Notes of interest from the Secretary's desk.

For: Immediate release.

Now that the Gymanfa held in Portland, Oregon is over and with sounds of great hymn singing still ringing in our ears, we reflect fondly on our experience. We made many new friends and of course old friendships were renewed. As always I have the warm feeling of just returning from a glorious family reunion.

The Officers and Trustees were well pleased with the fine arrangements made by the Portland Committee. Congratulations and many thanks to all who worked so hard to make the Gymanfa one to be long remembered.

The Trustees met on Friday afternoon and were able to transact business in a minimum of time and with little difficulty, due of course to pleasant surroundings and fine leadership.

Many were discussed at this meeting by the Trustees and at the Annual Meeting on Saturday morning. Here is some of the action taken at both meetings. The Secretary reported a minimum inventory of the 1979 Hymnal on hand and asked for permission to order a reprint, which the board did approve. Venue for 1985 and 1986 was discussed and Mr. Terence D. Pearce, Chairman of the Montreal '85 Gymanfa gave a fine report of plans, activities and arrangements for 1985. The Board also received a formal invitation for the 1986 Venue from The Columbus Welsh Singing Society of

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Columbus, Ohio. The invitation was discussed and accepted with much pleasure, so it will be Columbus, Ohio in 1986.

Then at the Annual Meeting on Saturday morning the election of Trustees was held. There were four new Trustees elected, one Trustee elected who had previously served on the board and three Trustees were re-elected. The new Trustees elected were Thomas E. Field of Willowdale, Ontario; Hugh Rowe of Clagary, Alberta; Gwyneth Crysler of Lyndhurst, Ohio and Frank Feeley of Youngstown, Ohio. Dr. Islyn Thomas of Madison, N.J. was elected to again serve after having been absent from the board for some time. Those re-elected are Betty Pierce of Oregon City, Oregon; Daniel Williams of Camden, N.J. and David Thomas of Edina, Minnesota.

The Board of Trustees met again on Sunday morning bright and early at 7:30 A.M. for their reorganization meeting. This was a departure from the traditional Saturday afternoon meeting. The change in time did allow time on Saturday afternoon for many of the Officers and Trustees to attend the Bryn Seion service. Probably most important of the business transacted at this meeting was the election of Officers. Here are those elected; Gwenfyl E. Jones, President; David E. Thomas, Vice President; Nelson L. Llewellyn, Secretary; Catherine Dodd, Treasurer; Emmaline Davies, Recording Secretary; Paul E. Stevens, Endowment Chairman; Nancy L. Miller, Executive Committee at Large. Of course we have a new Immediate Past President, Norman E. Williams.

Please feel free to contact the Secretary's Office should you need service with information, memberships, Hymnals, Tapes of 1979 or Phonetics. In return I would appreciate any information you might be able to furnish me in regard to changed addresses and deceased members.

Diolch Yn Fawr.