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The Executive expresses his appreciation to all who contributed to the success of the Gymanfa Ganu.

## NATIONAL GYMANFA GANU PLACES AND PRESIDENTS

Gymanfa	Year	Place	President
First	1929	Niagara Falls, N. Y.	Wm. E. Lewis, Youngstown, Ohio
Second	1930	Niagara Falls, N. Y.	Wm. E. Lewis, Youngstown, Ohio
Third	1931	Niagara Falls, N. Y.	Wm. E. Lewis, Youngstown, Ohio
Fourth	1932	Niagara Falls, N. Y.	James Attwood, Youngstown, Ohio
Fifth	1933	Chicago, Ill.	Geo. D. Rees, Chicago, Ill.
Sixth	1934	Cleveland, Ohio	Edward Blythin, Cleveland, Ohio
Seventh	1935	Youngstown, Ohio	E. B. Williams, Youngstown, Ohio
Eighth	1936	Atlantic City, N. J.	Dr. John H. Evans, Chicago, Ill.
Ninth	1937	Johnstown, Pa.	Dr. John H. Evans, Chicago, Ill.
Tenth	1938	Pittsburgh, Pa.	George Hopkins, Canton, Ohio
Eleventh	1939	Buffalo, N. Y.	Caradoc Ellis, Johnstown, Pa.
Twelfth	1940	Detroit, Mich.	Caradoc Ellis, Johnstown, Pa.
Thirteenth	1941	New Castle, Pa.	Caradoc Ellis, Johnstown, Pa.
Fourteenth	1942	Utica, N. Y.	Henry T. Jones, New Castle, Pa.
Fifteenth	1946	Akron, Ohio	Henry T. Jones, New Castle, Pa.
Sixteenth	1947	Akron, Ohio	Henry T. Jones, New Castle, Pa.

## My Good Friends:

One year ago we were the guests of the good people of Akron when our Gymanfa was held. So well was the Gymanfa staged, and so hospitable were our Akron friends that all of us were happy to accept their invitation to hold the 1947 Gymanfa in this rubber capital of the world.

The Gymanfa Ganu, both on the international level and local level should be encouraged and expanded. Not because we wish to flaunt our Welsh ancestry, for we are all Americans, but because we believe that music is one language that the world understands. A singing nation is a happy nation. Perhaps if some of the troubled nations overseas could do more singing they might generate a spirit that would help to bring them from their present sorry state.

One year ago we called our Gymanfa Ganu the Victory Gymanfa for it was the first one held since the close of the war. We were not boastful in that title, but grateful. Today we meet again with America at peace, but a peace that is fraught with some tragic possibilities.

Some of us cannot say "this is my own, my native land" but all of us can say "this is our land" our America, the land to which some of us came seeking opportunity. Our children are natives of course, but we should pass on to them some of our pride of ancestry.

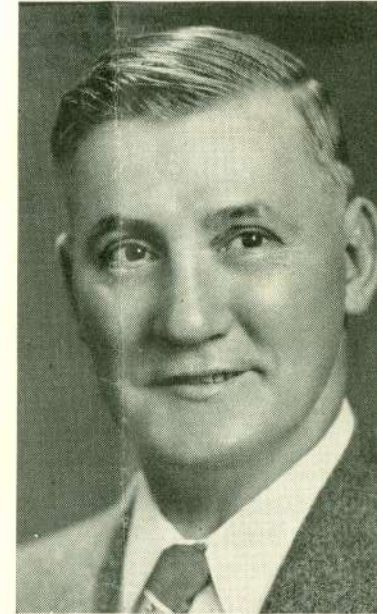
Just a few weeks ago Wales was showered with melody when the international Eisteddfod was held at Llangollen.

It was not my privilege to be present at the Eisteddfod, but it is my privilege to have a record of some of the choruses. All of them were inspiring but were all of them Welsh? Not at all. One of the prize winners was a chorus from Hungary, another wonderful chorus came from Portugal and many countries sent choruses to compete.

What a difference to 1943 and 1944. Here were many nations of the world represented, all of them competing against each other, but with voices not with guns. This is the kind of competition and rivalry we want. Friendly, co-operative with the losers cheering the winners.

This is a happy day and all of us are grateful for it. Would that every nation in the world could see this great gathering today, hear these grand old Welsh hymns and enjoy this fine fellowship we are having.

As president of the International Gymanfa Ganu Association I welcome you Under God's providence we shall meet again next year, but for the next few minutes we have together let us enjoy each other, meet old friends, and join in such singing as this fine city of Akron has never heard before. Enjoy your selves to the full, always remembering that as Americans we have been wonderfully blessed by God.



HENRY T. JONES  
President of  
International Gymanfa Ganu

AFTERNOON SESSION—2:30 P. M.

Chairman . . . . . REV. THOMAS J. JONES, Newcastle, Pa.  
 Rehearsal Director . . . . . MR. S. SMITH, Akron, Ohio  
 Gymanfa Ganu Director . . . . .  
 . . . . . PROF. WILLIAM R. HUGHES, Scranton, Pa.  
 Organist . . . . . MISS JANE RHIANNON THOMAS, Lynchburg, Va.  
 Pianist . . . . . MISS JENNIE LLOYD, Akron, Ohio  
 Harpist . . . . . MR. HARRY CHALMERS, Akron, Ohio

ORGAN AND HARP PRELUDE . . . . . 2:00 P. M. - 2:30 P. M.

Hymn 14—Diadem  
 . . . . . Conducted by PROF. HERBERT DAVIES, Steubenville, Ohio

Invocation . . . . . REV. LYNN PUGH

Introduction of Chairman . . . . . PRESIDENT ERNEST HARRIS

Introduction of Gymanfa Ganu Director . . . . . Chairman

HYMNS:

- (a) Mount of Olives . . . . . Page 31
- (b) Babel . . . . . Page 4
- (c) Deemster . . . . . Page 4

Greetings . . . . . MAYOR CHARLES E. SLUSSER

HYMNS:

- (a) Pilgrims . . . . . Page 21
- (b) Ewing . . . . . Page 22
- (c) Malvern . . . . . Page 31

Announcements and Offertory . . . . .

Tenor Solo . . . . . MR. C. WILFRED SMITH, Miami, Florida  
 "Lead Kindly Light"—Pugh-Evans

HYMNS:

- (a) Dring I Fyny . . . . . Page 16
- (b) Aurelia . . . . . Page 23
- (c) Nes I Dre . . . . . Page 32

National Gymanfa Choir—"The Heavens Are Telling"

Contralto Solo . . . . .  
 . . . . . MISS MARGARET TANN WILLIAMS, Cardiff, Wales

Greetings . . . . .  
 . . . . . MR. HENRY T. JONES, President National Gymanfa Assn.

HYMNS:

- (a) Rachie . . . . . Page 39
- (b) Ellacomb . . . . . Page 36
- (c) Sychu Dagrau . . . . . Page 44
- (d) Trewen . . . . . Page 47

"Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau" . . . . . Verses by MR. C. WILFRED SMITH  
 Remain Standing

Benediction . . . . . REV. GWYNLAIS D. WALTERS, B. A.  
 Youngstown, Ohio

The baton presented to Mr. Hughes is a gift sent by Mr. Edward Harhy of Abersychan, S. Wales

EVENING SESSION—7:30 P. M.

Chairman . . . . . MR. JOE THOMAS, Akron, Ohio

ORGAN AND HARP PRELUDE . . . . . 7:00 - 7:30 P. M.

"STAR SPANGLED BANNER" . . . . .

. . . . . Congregation Conducted by MR. SAM SMITH, Akron, Ohio ✓

Invocation . . . . . REV. R. T. WILLIAMS, Utica, N. Y.

Introduction of Chairman . . . . .

. . . . . VICE-PRES. JUDGE OWEN M. RODERICK

Introduction of Gymanfa Ganu Director . . . . . Chairman

HYMNS:

- (a) Bryn Calfaria . . . . . Page 5
- (b) Crug y Bar . . . . . Page 10
- (c) Calon Lan . . . . . Page 8
- (d) Ebenezar . . . . . Page 19

National Gymanfa Choir—"Dyddiau Dyn"

HYMNS:

- (a) Cwm Rhondda . . . . . Page 11
- (b) Huddesfield . . . . . Page 25
- (c) Twrgwyn . . . . . Page 10

Announcements and Offertory . . . . .

Memorial Hymn—"Aberystwyth" . . . . .  
 . . . . . Conducted by PROF. THOS. GILES, University of Utah

Contralto Solo . . . . .  
 . . . . . MISS MARGARET TANN WILLIAMS, Cardiff, Wales

HYMNS:

- (a) Rhydygroes . . . . . Page 10
- (b) Eleazar . . . . . Page 20
- (c) Dies Irae . . . . . Page 15

Tenor Solos . . . . . MR. C. WILFRED SMITH, Miami, Florida  
 "The Lord Is My Shepherd"—Stephen Adams

"Sound An Alarm"—Handel

Greetings from Canada . . . . . DAVID R. THOMAS, Ottawa

HYMNS:

- (a) Y Milwr Bach . . . . . Page 29
- (b) Wyddgrug . . . . . Page 27
- (c) Maesgwyn . . . . . Page 28
- (d) God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again . . . . . Page 28 ✓

National Gymanfa Chorus—"Hallelujah Chorus"

"Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau" . . . . . Verses by MISS TANN WILLIAMS  
 (Remain Standing)

Benediction . . . . . REV. DANIEL HUGHES, Detroit, Michigan

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GEORGE BUNDY  
Secretary-Treasurer  
International Gymanfa Ganu

Looking over the years since the National Gymanfa Ganu was first introduced to the new world, the Welsh people in America joyously accept it as it is presented year after year and from city to city; this one, since its inception at Niagara Falls, N. Y. in 1929, where it continued for the first four years, being the first city to be hosts a second consecutive year.

Akron, like all hosts to the national has weathered the suspense, anxiety and finally the glory of what goes with so grandiose an occasion as this annual festival of song, for with it goes much sacrifice, entailing minute planning and hard work, few perhaps knowing that behind all this is one who in himself is the very axis of this fine honorable institution, a man who is never up front but always on the sides lines, seen at all local gymanfas, known by many, acknowledged by scores, that venerable gentleman, George Bundy of Warren, Ohio.

Born in Abercarn, Monmouthshire, about twelve miles from Caerleon, where our Patron Saint David officiated at his first Church, "George", as he is so intimately called, came to America in 1906 and through the years has held many honored positions, serving two years as President of the old National Cymric Society; was President of Trumbull County Welsh Day for many years, the Warren Saint David's Society for two terms, and the proud record of fourteen years as President of the Trumbull County Eisteddfod which is now about to be surpassed, having served the National Gymanfa Ganu as Secretary from 1934 up to the present time. Without such faithful service, which through the years has been unremittingly, a labor of love, but for such faithfulness, would we have such a national organization as we do today, because knowledge of its complicated and far reaching aims are at his very finger tips and at your service in a split second.

At this 16th annual Gymanfa Ganu, we pay tribute to Mr. George Bundy, whose faithful service personifies the soul of the Gymanfa, and in the coming years, wish him health, happiness and prosperity, with humble gratitude for a job well done, and hopes that he will carry on with ever unflinching "Yours for the enhancement of hymnology", a salute to George Bundy, God bless him.

## PEOPLE I MET AT THE GYMANFA GANU