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Aberdare- Royal National Eisteddfod-2358

Aug 7th. '56.

Aberdare was in holiday mood for the opening of the National Eisteddfod of Wales, which brought together Welsh enthusiasts from far and wide, to celebrate the great Festival of drama and song.

This moving spectacle enjoyed civic patronage, while programme sellers in National dress, added to the charm of a typically Welsh occasion.

And Welsh singers-(second to none in the world) soon poured forth the glory of their melodious harmonies before a spellbound audience.

With solemn tread, the procession entered the bardic circle for the impressive ritual of the Gorsedd ceremony.

The traditional offering of the Sword of Peace and Horn of Plenty must have brought rich memories to the 86 year-old Arch Druid, who, this year, completes his term of office.

There was a warm welcome for new bards- soon to be initiated into this talented brotherhood.

So one more National Eisteddfod was launched- displaying the culture of the people of the Principality- for the greater pleasure and understanding of their fellow countrymen.