

ROYAL NATIONAL EISTEDDFOD OF WALES

CAERNARVON AND GWYRFAL DISTRICT.

August 3 - 8, 1959.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THIS YEAR'S ROYAL NATIONAL EISTEDDFOD WELCOMES YOU TO CAERNARVON.

This will be the seventh Eisteddfod to be held in the ancient Town since 1880, when the event first became a national festival, and this is a record of which no other town in Wales can boast.

You may find the following information of interest :-

1. The decision to invite the 'National' to Caernarvon was made jointly by the Borough of Caernarvon and the District of Gwyrfa, which embraces twelve parishes. The Dinorwic Quarries, the largest slate quarries in the world, are in this District.
2. The area is one of the strongholds of the Welsh language and culture, and no difficulties arising out of the "all Welsh rule" are likely where the language is so freely spoken and written.
3. The combined target for the Borough and the District was £9,600, a sum which was collected and exceeded in the short period of eight months, despite the high rate of unemployment in the area, indeed one of the highest in the United Kingdom. The money was raised by organising house-to-house collections, jumble sales, dances and the traditional "Nosweithiau Llawn" (Merry Nights).
4. The overall target is £18,000, and it is anticipated that this figure will be reached by the time the Festival opens. The total cost of the Eisteddfod will be in the region of £42,000.
5. Bookings for the Eisteddfod Meetings, the Evening Concerts and the Drama performances have been reasonably heavy and the organisers are confident that this year's Eisteddfod will also pay its way.
6. The entries in all sections - Ambulance, Music, Drama, Elocution, Arts and Crafts - have been as numerous as ever before - in one or two instances a record number of entries has been received - and the quality of the work which has already been judged has been a source of satisfaction to all concerned.

Should you require any further information, the following officials may be of assistance to you during the Eisteddfod Week :-

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Office Held.</u>	<u>Badge.</u>
Mr. J. E. Owen-Jones, M.A., LL.B.	Chairman Executive Committee.	Llywydd Pwyllgor Gwaith.
Mr. J. Haydn Jones.	General Secretary.	Ysgrifennydd Cyffredinol.
Miss Dilys Williams.	Assistant General Secretary.	Ysgrifennydd Cyff- redinol Cynorthwyol.
Mr. R. E. Jones.	Financial Secretary.	Ysgrifennydd Ariannol
Mr. A. Hughes-Jones.	Chairman Finance Committee.	Llywydd Pwyllgor Cyllid.
Mr. T. Emrys Lewis.	Music Committee Secretary.	Ysgrifennydd Pwyllgor Cerdd.

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Mr. A. Mearig Williams.	Drama and Elocution Committee Secretary.	Ysgrifennydd Pwyllgor Drama ac Adrodd.
Mr. J. Lewis Jones.	Literary Committee Secretary.	Ysgrifennydd Pwyllgor Llen.
Mr. D. Idris Jones.	Pavilion Committee Secretary and Chief Steward.	Ysgrifennydd Pwyllgor Pafiliwm a'r Maes. Prif Stiward.
Mr. Rol Williams.	Publicity Secretary.	Ysgrifennydd Pwyllgor Ghaedduarwydd.

WE HAVE PLEASURE IN INVITING YOU TO A PRESS CONFERENCE
IN THE MAIN PAVILION ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 2ND, AT 3 P.M.,
WHEN A NUMBER OF THE BISTEDDFOD OFFICIALS WILL BE
PRESENT TO WELCOME YOU.

J. ERYL OWEN-JONES. (President and Chairman of Executive Committee).

J. HAYDN JONES. (General Secretary).

ROL WILLIAMS. (Publicity Secretary).

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