

June 22nd. '54.

Pollheli

North Wales--- ~~Switzerland~~ ~~Pollheli~~ is in festive mood- its beflagged streets paving the way for the bardic procession which moves towards the incomparable setting of the National Eisteddfod stage.

~~And wearing the costumes of their native land, small Welsh dancers add colour and charm to these picturesque rites.~~

Taking their places in the vast assembly- civic heads and dignitaries of the Eisteddfod Council- resplendent in the robes and regalia of office. The Proclamation ceremony- to elect the new Archdruid for a term of three years.

Then the offering of the Horn of Plenty by a Matron- in token of the wine of welcome given by the district, in honour of this ancient festival.

Within the Gorsedd Circle, the Archdruid is installed with time-honoured ~~ritual~~ ~~ceremonial~~

~~It is interesting to note that~~ The first ~~recorded~~ recorded Eisteddfod was held as long ago as the 6th century.

~~Today~~ the children of the Principality present the flower of their talent to this historic ~~Festival~~ ~~occasion~~ occasion- ~~Welsh~~ setting the seal on a gathering of culture and friendship.