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Aberdeen: For one day every year - Braemar becomes the heart of the Highlands. And joining this annual pilgrimage that keeps alive the ~~ancient~~ ^{ancient} sports and past-times of Scotland, the Queen and Prince Philip (with the Royal Children wearing ^{the} Stuart kilt~~s~~) were welcomed by the Marquess of Aberdeen.

A happy family gathering was completed by Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother

~~and Princess Margaret who is on holiday with her Mother, at Birkhall.~~ BIRKHALL

These Highland Games form a modern link with those far-off days when each Clan used to send its champion to compete in traditional feats of strength. The giant Braemar Gaber weighs 119 pounds.

A thrilling day - especially for the Royal Children - as they marvelled at the colourful pageantry - and watched, ~~wide-eyed,~~ ^{wide-eyed, the} ~~in amazement,~~ the feats of the strong men in the arena...

~~In contrast to these events there was the fascinating spectacle of Highland dancing.~~

While the Massed Pipers brought the "voice of the glens and hills" to an occasion beloved of all who ^{wear} ~~swing~~ the kilt. SOUND