



Garden Party



County Councillor and Mrs. Glyn L. Wales



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given by the Chairman of the County Council,

County Councillor Glyn L. Wales, O.B.E., J.P.

Dyffryn Gardens, St. Nicholas, Nr. Cardiff

Thursday, 29th June, 1972



The Massed Bands of the Army Apprentices College, Chepstow.

The College was founded on 25th September 1923 and moved to Chepstow in 1924. It has trained Army apprentices since then without a break, producing tradesmen for the Royal Armoured Corps, Royal Artillery, Royal Engineers, Royal Corps of Signals, Royal Army Service Corps (now the Royal Corps of Transport), Royal Army Ordnance Corps, Royal Army Medical Corps and Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers.

Today, the College trains soldier tradesmen and technicians who provide the main source of Senior Non Commissioned Officers, Warrant Officers and Specialist Commissioned Officers in the Royal Engineers, Royal Army Ordnance Corps and Royal Corps of Transport.

Technician apprentices stay at the College for three years; others stay for seven terms. During this time the training given is divided into:

- Trade training, which takes up roughly half the time.
- Education, taking up a quarter of the total time.
- Military and leadership training occupying the remaining quarter.

There are 852 apprentices under training at the moment; their ages range from 15½ to 18½ years.

The College Band, Pipe Band and Corps of Drums consist of apprentices who have taken up military music as a recognised hobby in their spare time. They are not professional musicians. They play on all ceremonial parades in the College and at events such as this.

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| Band Sergeant : | Sgt. H. J. WAKE | Gloucestershire Regt. |
| Pipe Major : | Sgt. W. E. FRAME | Royal Highland Fusiliers |
| Drum Major : | Sgt. W. M. C. KING | The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment |

programme

*During the afternoon, music will be played by
THE GLAMORGAN YOUTH BRASS BAND*

3.45 p.m. TEA will be served

4.30 p.m. MUSICAL ITEMS by
THE TYLORSTOWN CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Conductor: Norman Harris

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| 1. The Happy Wanderer | Moller/Ridge |
| 2. De Battle ob Jerico | Negro Spiritual |
| 3. Y Mae Afon | Daniel Protheroe |
| 4. Deryn y Buri o'r Banna | Arr. J. Lloyd Williams |
| 5. Animal Fantasia (The Crocodile, The Owls, The Tiger) | Peter Jenkyns |
| 6. The Little Spanish Town | Peter Jenkyns |
| 7. Pererin Wyf. | |
| 8. He's Got the Whole World in His Hands | Trad. Spiritual |
| 9. Yr Utgorn. | W. Matthews Williams |

Accompanists : Mrs. Janice Harris
Mrs. Mair Evans

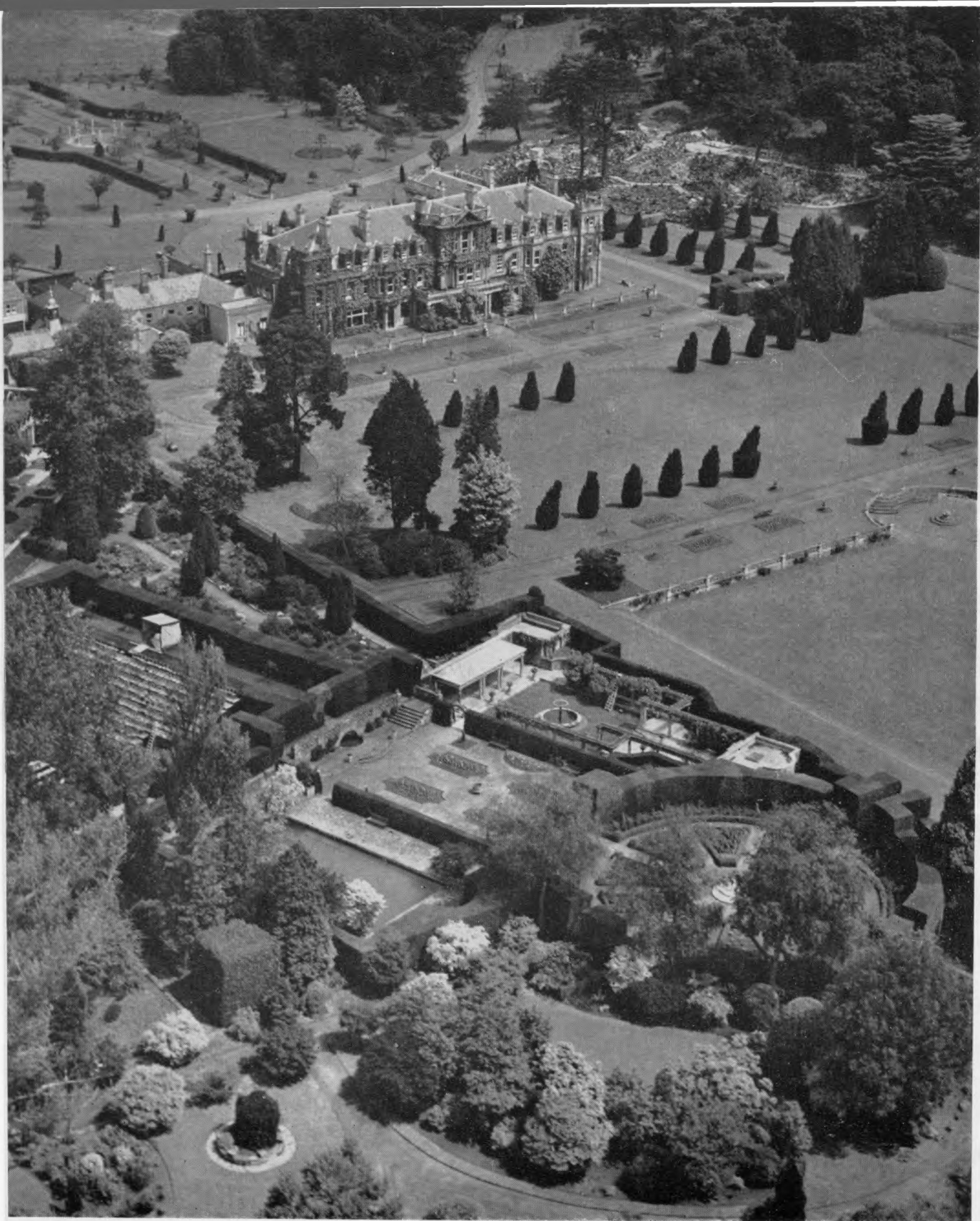
5.00 p.m. THE MASSED BANDS of the *ARMY APPRENTICES COLLEGE, CHEPSTOW*,
will beat Retreat.

by kind permission of

The Commandant, Colonel E. C. O'Callaghan, M.B.E., M.C.

FANFARE - "Dyffryn"

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| Band and Drums | "BAB-EL-MANDEB" |
| Pipes and Drums | "BONNIE GALAWA" |
| | "ROWAN TREE" |
| Drums | "EALING YOUTH" |
| Pipes and Drums | "THE SKYE BOAT SONG" |
| | "THE GREEN HILLS" |
| Band and Drums | "SWING MARCH" |
| Pipes and Drums | "DRUMMER'S SALUTE" |
| | "CASTLE DANGEROUS" |
| Band and Drums | "GEORGIA" |
| Pipes and Drums | "HOT PUNCH" |
| | "ORANGE AND BLUE" |
| | "THE FAIRY DANCE" |
| | "LIBERTON PIPE BAND" |
| Drums | "DRUMMER'S CALL" |
| | "CEREMONIAL STICK DRILLS" |
| | "RETREAT" |
| Band | "CRIMOND" |
| Pipes and Drums | "THE LAMENT" |
| Massed Bands | "SCOTLAND THE BRAVE" |



An aerial view of Dyffryn House and part of the Gardens

the history
of
Dyffryn House
and
Gardens

Dyffryn House and Gardens are situated in the centre of an area of historic associations which date back to the pre-Christian era. Within a short distance of the grounds are the prehistoric burial chambers of St. Lythan's and Tinkinswood which date from circa 2,500-2,000 B.C

During the Middle Ages Dyffryn was a possession of the Bishops of Llandaff but by the sixteenth century it had become the home of the Button family whose most notable member, Admiral Sir Thomas Button, undertook the exploration of Hudson's Bay in 1611-12 and attempted to discover a North-West passage.

In the mid-eighteenth century, on the failure of the male line, the estate was sold to Thomas Pryce, an early ironmaster from West Glamorgan whose daughter married the Hon. William Booth Grey, second son of the Earl of Stamford and Warrington.

On her death the estate passed in 1837 to a cousin, John Knight Bruce-Pryce of Dyffryn, Aberdare, whose second son, Henry Austin Bruce, became the first Lord Aberdare, Home Secretary, Lord President of the Council and a prominent figure in the movement for education in Wales and the establishment of the University of Wales.

In 1890 the estate was purchased by Mr. John Cory, a colliery owner and docks promoter, who pulled down the original house and erected the present house over the foundations and cellars of the old structure.



The West Garden

The house as it now stands was completed in 1893 and became the home for many years of Mr. John Cory's son, Reginald, who undertook the development of the grounds. Here he lived, and planned with Mawson, the great Landscape Architect, the gardens on which it has been reliably stated he spent some £300,000. His business interests and acumen provided him with the money to enable him to pursue his great natural talent as a Horticulturist. He travelled on plant hunting expeditions all over the world, particularly in the Far East, and helped finance many others. His work was recognised by the Royal Horticultural Society which elected him a Vice-President.

On the death of Mr. Reginald Cory in 1934, the whole of the estate, including Dyffryn, passed to Cambridge University in trust for the Cambridge University Botanic Garden. Subsequently, whatever could be sold from the house and gardens was disposed of and the estate passed by sale to Sir Cennydd Traherne, K.G. the present Lord Lieutenant of Glamorgan who, in 1939, presented Dyffryn House and the developed garden area of the estate to the Glamorgan County Council.



The Paved Court

Little could be done for the next seven or eight years because of the war. Since then, however, the Glamorgan Education Committee have made considerable progress in the use of the house and the development of the grounds. From 1948 onwards, increasing use has been made of the house as a residential centre for a wide variety of educational courses for teachers, instructors, youth leaders and sixth form pupils, etc. New hostel accommodation has now been provided and the Authority, in conjunction with the Welsh Joint Education Committee, are now able to provide accommodation for a maximum of 90 persons per week. The courses now provided can be attended by teachers and others from the constituent Authorities who have agreed to contribute towards the cost of maintaining the Centre. In addition, accommodation is now being provided for specialist courses run in conjunction with bodies such as the Department of Education and Science, the Open University, and University College Extra Mural Departments.

The work of the centre has shown an increasing influence upon the work of schools and other educational establishments throughout the County.

Similar progress has been made during this period in the development of the grounds. In 1963, a greenhouse building programme was commenced which has resulted in the completion of the new Tropical Plant House, 150 feet in length, 60 feet wide and 50 feet high, which was opened to the general public in 1965. The following year saw the commencement of the rebuilding of the old greenhouses. This reconstruction afforded the opportunity to redesign the houses as a whole and has resulted in a linked range of greenhouses with distinct sections for Orchids, Ferns, Cacti, etc., the whole being opened to the public in 1967.



The Fountain Court

The Rose Garden, completed in 1967, contains the usual plantings of the modern Hybrid Tea and Floribunda Roses with an extensive collection of Rose species and representative plants of all the sections of the Rose family, not often to be seen in such extent.

The fine group of oriental bronze statues in the Gardens was presented by the Honorable Morgan Grenville.

The Gardens have been the venue for several Royal Garden Parties; Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and His Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, visited the Gardens in 1960. Other members of the Royal Family have also visited Dyffryn.

The Gardens are becoming increasingly popular with visitors from far and wide, who show a marked respect and affection for Dyffryn as a place of importance to the student and as a source of instruction for the enthusiastic horticulturist, of joy to the lover of nature and beauty, and of pleasure to those many thousands who just like gardens.

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