



Jean Etzler and Nancy Farrell

Venedocia site of Gamanfa Ganu

VENEDOCIA — The Welsh festival of song, Gamanfa Ganu will be held at 7:30 p.m. Sunday in the Salem Presbyterian Church. This annual tradition held many years in the church at Venedocia, is a joyous tribute to the Welsh style of singing.

Thomas W. Williams, a former resident of Gomer, will return as director for this year's festival. Williams is able to provide the knowledge and "feel" for the Welsh festival.

He obtained his bachelor of arts, and master of music degrees and was dean of the School of Music at Dakota Wesleyan University and chairman of the Department of Music at Knox College in Galesburg, Illinois before his retirement.

He is professionally affiliated with the National Association of Schools of Music, Music Teachers National Association, Music Library Association and the National Gymanfa Association.

Since his retirement, he has remained active in musical endeavors, including appearances as guest director for this and other Gymanfa Ganus.

Special guests vocalists for this year's Gymanfa Ganu are Jean (Summersett) Etzler and Nancy Farrell, a soprano duo.

Mrs. Etzler is the wife of Carl Etzler and the daughter of Warren and Nelia Summersett. She is a 1979 graduate of Lincolnview High School and is a graduate of Lima Technical College. She has appeared previously as a Gymanfa Ganu soloist.

Etzler lives in Van Wert and is pianist and organist for Redeemer Lutheran Church in Convoy.

Mrs. Farrell, wife of Brian Farrell, is a transplant from Wisconsin where she received extensive vocal training.

She is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Eu Claire with a bachelor's degree in music education. She taught music in Wisconsin for six years and in Ohio for three.

Farrell lives in Van Wert and is the youth choir director for the First United Methodist Church. She is also a member of the bell and adult choirs.

Organist for the Gymanfa is Connie O'Neill and pianist is Joyce Morris. Both Mrs. O'Neill and Mrs. Morris are members of the Salem Presbyterian congregation.

A light meal will be served at the church from 4-6 p.m. to provide a time of fellowship for those who come to join in praising the Lord through the medium of beautiful and joyous song.