JONES, MEIRION (1907 - 1970), educationist

Name: Meirion Jones Date of birth: 1907 Date of death: 1970 Spouse: Jane Jones (née Griffith) Parent: Annie Jones Parent: Robert Owen Jones Gender: Male Occupation: educationist Area of activity: Education Author: Ifor Owen

Born at Llithfaen, Caernarfonshire, 30 July 1907, the son of Robert Owen Jones and Annie Jones. He attended Llithfaen primary school, Pwllheli grammar school, and Bangor Normal College, and served as a teacher at Corris primary school (1929-30), Blaenau Ffestiniog central school (1930-39), headmaster of Llandrillo primary school (1939-45), headmaster of Dyffryn Ardudwy primary school (1945-50), headmaster of Bala primary school (1950-70). In 1938 he married Jane, the daughter of Owen and Catherine Griffith, Derlwyn, Pwllheli. They had two daughters. In 1965 he received the M.B.E. for his services to education in Wales. He was one of the seven founder members of the Schools Council Welsh Committee. He was made a Druid at the Barry national eisteddfod 1968 for his service to Welsh culture. He was a member of the Council of Urdd Gobaith Cymru, and the Secretary of the Urdd National Eisteddfod at Blaenau Ffestiniog, 1936 and also at Bala 1954. He was Secretary of the Urdd Committee in Merioneth for many years. He was Honorary Secretary of the national eisteddfod of Wales at Bala, 1967 and Secretary of the committee responsible for the Welsh comic *Hwyl* for 20 years (1950-70). He was the author of two books, *Elizabeth Davies*, published by University of Wales Press (1960), and a volume for children, *Am Hwyl* published by Gwasg Gee in 1967. As the Secretary of Penllyn Historical Society he was the instigator of memorials to <u>Michael D. Jones</u> and John Puleston Jones. He was an elder of the Presbyterian Church of Wales for 27 years, and secretary of Capel Tegid, Bala. The imposing list of secretaryships indicates his outstanding skill as an able organizer. He died at his home, Llwynhudol, Bala, 11 March 1970.

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Sources

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