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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello to all.

As you will see from the items in this issue of the Gazette, your Executive through its various committees is making good progress on those matters you identified as needing attention at the last reunion. There really has been a lot of work done on behalf of the Alumni Association and there are some key decisions for the membership to make at the next Annual General Meeting.

So plan to be there and renew acquaintance with old school chums. And talk to those Alumni you know who for one reason or another have not been coming out to the reunions. Find out why they don't come and see if you can bring them along.

Please send in your fees for this year. We need this money to keep going. Don't put it off--without your support, the Alumni Association would not be able to operate. Send your fees to: Molly Harris, 2143 William Street, Vancouver, B.C. V5L 2S2. Phone: (604) 255-8653

CITIZENSHIP SPELLED OUT

by Pat Webb, 1st vice-president

If you arrived in Canada before January 1, 1947 you should make application for citizenship to the court of Canadian citizenship. Take your landed immigrant card, birth certificate when you apply, with a fee of \$20, and you become a citizen automatically.

If you arrived in Canada after January 1, 1947 you are not automatically a citizen but you must file for a grant to become a Canadian. You will have to answer questions related to Canada and a Judge will grant your citizenship. Apply through Government of Canada, Secretary of State, Court of Canadian Citizenship, 1075 West Georgia. (Phone: 666 3971) Residents of Surrey, White Rock, Langley and Delta use 10447-137 Street, Surrey. (Phone: 581 2249) Residents of other areas, check your local listings. Cost for the service is \$40.

Ladies should use the same procedure except where you are married to a non-British subject and will be required to reclaim through a Court of Canadian Citizenship. Proof of being a British subject is required in all cases. No cost was given on this category.

I hope this will help those of you Fairbridgians who were not sure of the right course to take. It is very important to that you establish Canadian citizenship through the proper channels or you might have a sticky wicket when old age pension time comes around--close for some us!

Remember, applications must be made for all categories. Go for it. Now! Don't put it off--you may be sorry. More data is available in pamphlets from your local citizenship office.