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EDITORS COMMENTS

This is the first edition after the reunion.

It was a 50th Anniversary reunion, but it was more than that for all of us who were there. It was like a family getting together again after a long absence and finding out they liked each other. It was an emotional gathering, a time to renew old acquaintances and relive old memories. It was a huge success!

We were particularly grateful to our guests, not only at the head table but also the former staff members who came to share the occasion. Lady Dodds-Parker, the gracious head of the Fairbridge Society in England, impressed everybody even as she was impressed by the spirit of the old Fairbridgians present. She brought us up to date in a clear way on the affairs of the society.

And Barbara (Logan) Tunis gave a thoughtful and insightful picture of the man who was her father and principal of the school. Erica Tassel spoke on "Do you remember", and stirred up old memories.

To John Cowans, who has been a president for umpteen years, always quietly efficient and supportive, our sincere thanks. To Molly who has done so much work for the alumni, our thanks. And to everybody who helped with the work of the reunion, thank you.

Finally, we were again most royally treated by the Fairbridge Strata Society who we thank and value for their friendship.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Your Board of Directors held its inaugural meeting in October at which time the issues and mandate from the general membership were established and committees and chairpersons identified.

We are looking forward to acting in line with your expressed wishes and we invite your comment and input to your Association. Any suggestions you may wish to submit for consideration are welcomed, so be active, and we in turn will do our best for you. Phil Field, president.

Issues and Mandate from General Body were Established as Follows:

- Encourage donations of memorabilia from general body for deposit in Provincial Archives.
- Liaise with Fairbridge Strata Society with respect to areas of mutual concern.
- Honorary memberships designations.
- Maintain an active Fairbridge Alumni Association.
- Arrange a Reunion in Duncan in 1987.
- Discuss reestablishment of bursary with Fairbridge Society in London.
- Locate school bell, honour roll and memorial plaque.
- Preservation of "heritage" designation for chapel.

Committees and Chairpersons were struck as follows:

Archives -	Bill Cockburn
Membership -	Dr. Pat Dunae (ex-officio)
Newsletter -	Molly Harris
Reunion 87 -	John Hardy
	Pat Webb
	Eunice Nickolls
	Anne Forrest
Bursary -	John Cowans
Liaison Fairbridge Strata Society -	Keith Hamblett

MOLLY'S CORNER

My thanks to all of you who have made donations and paid your annual fees. These funds help cover general expenses and allow us to keep the Gazette coming your way. Also, because of the donations and membership fees, we were able to provide some extra goodies at the Jubilee reunion that were appreciated by all. In order that expenses be shared equally, we ask that those of you who have not yet responded to our membership appeal, please dust off your cheque book and complete the form below.

Jubilee Reunion packages:

Please be advised that the following are available:

1. Two posters, 17 by 23 inches, of London Times, 1934 edition on founding of the school. Cost \$2.00 each.
2. Booklet titled "Fairbridge Glimpses", 81 pages of pictures, anecdotes and letters. Cost \$5.00
3. Fairbridge lapel pin; school crest and motto. Cost \$2.00

Please order any item singly or as a package and include \$2.00 for postage.

EXPO LODGINGS

Ken Jones is offering rooms at his home for OF's planning to attend Expo in Vancouver this spring. Make your arrangements by writing him at 813 Quadling Avenue, Coquitlam, B.C. V3K 2A3.

Perhaps other OF's might also be interested in offering accomodation for Expo. If so, would you let Molly Harris know and we will print it in the Gazette in January.

REMINDERS

Just to follow up on the letter you received on the tape of the reunion, would you let Tom Turner know soon that you want your copy. We've sent Tom a thankyou note for his efforts.

Re the video tape offered by C & B Canned Music, your Executive will be obtaining the original which was paid for by the Association.

LOSS OF A FRIEND:

We have received word from the London Office that Miss Dorothy Hall passed away Saturday, August 10, 1985. Mrs. Julia Roskill, a Council member, represented the Fairbridge Society at her funeral and she mentioned that the lesson was read by an Old Fairbridgian, Paul Fox.

Miss Hall worked with the Society over many years and took great personal interest in each and everyone of us prior to our departure from England. She will be missed.

Enclosed are my fees for the Fairbridge Alumni Association for the calendar year 1986 ----- \$10.00

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