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EDITORIAL

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Since our last issue published in April it is a pleasure to record the arrival of two parties of children and the safe departure of one of them on its way to Molong, Australia. Further information about this party will be found later in this issue.

These events show very clearly the confidence of the British Authorities in the safe passage of our merchant marine and passenger ships through waters which are, according to German sources, absolutely controlled by them. As usual this German propaganda is proved false. This time it is by the action of the Directors of the Fairbridge Society and the British Officials, allowing children to travel the sea in time of war. This would never have been done if there had been the slightest doubt as to their safety.

Everyone at the school was pleased to see the happy faces of the first party as they arrived at the school May 8th. It was raining as they entered the school gates but this did not serve to dampen the spirits of either the new arrivals of the other children and members of the staff who had lined the road to greet them.

Many brothers and sisters saw one another for the first time in many years. Other boys and girls who had been at the Farm School for a longer time renewed friendships with children they had known in the Old Country.

The news of the arrival of the new children was published in many Western newspapers.

The following interesting little story appeared in the Vancouver Daily Province, and it illustrates clearly the attitude of the British people as a body toward Government regulations. "It was little Irene Dobbs, 9, of Glasgow, who was the first to hop off the train. Asked for news about her native "Glasgie" the young woman shook her head. She had nothing to tell. "Don't talk," she said, "Someone might overhear."

It is by such willing obedience to authority that Great Britain has been able to achieve the results she has in the short period she has been at war. With the help of such spirit we in the Dominions and at home will win the war.

THE NEW HOSPITAL

The erection of the hospital on which work was started a few days ago is another landmark in the history of the Farm School. As Col. Logan has pointed out, this gift by a group of prominent Canadians at a time when England finds it difficult to contribute is "evidence in a practical way of the confidence of our own Canadian people in the Farm School, the work of which is two-fold; it helps children in Britain who would otherwise have little opportunity and it helps Canada by producing trained young citizens." All at the Farm School wish to express their gratitude to Mr. Humbird and his associates of the Seaboard Sales Co. Ltd.

NEWS IN BRIEF

The School Chapel was dedicated on Saturday, April 20th, 1940, and we were delighted to see many friends of Fairbridge present. Officiating at the ceremony were:

The Right Reverend Harold E. Sexton, Bishop of British Columbia; the Right Reverend Walter R. Adams, Bishop of the Kootenays; The Reverend Hugh A. McLeod, Minister of First United Church, Victoria; The Reverend H. T. Archbold, Duncan; The Reverend Canon T. M. Hughes.

Since the dedication of the School Chapel, in addition to the regular Sunday Services, there have been two christenings and a wedding. Sharon Elizabeth Plows, the daughter of Capt. and Mrs Plows, was the first to be christened. Capt. Plows was Prindipal of the Day School until he joined up with the Scottish 2nd Battalion. Geoffrey Bulcock, son of Mr and Mrs J. K. Bulcock, was also christened in the Farm School Chapel. Mr. Bulcock is handyman on the School Staff.

Mr. George Warnock was married to Miss Murray of Victoria in the Chapel on July 27th. Mr. Warnock is a member of the Day School Staff.

Sgt. A. C. Lincoln, who was formerly employed here as Farm School gardener, but who since war was declared last year has been serving with the 62nd Battery, C. A., has now left Duncan for an undisclosed point further east.

Mr. Morton and John Hunter have both joined B. Company 3rd Battalion Canadian Scottish non-permanent active militia.

It may be of interest to readers to know that the editor has received a copy of a magazine that the children of the Fairbridge Farm School in Molong, New South Wales, are publishing. It is a really good magazine for a first edition and it has some very interesting items in.

THE AUSTRALIAN PARTY.

Thanks to a German mine which succeeded in sinking the S.S. Niagara bound outwards from New Zealand, we had the pleasure of entertaining a party of 28 Fairbridge children and their conductors on their way to Molong Farm School, New South Wales, for a month. Accompanied by Mr and Mrs McIntyre en route for Canberra, Miss Williamson going home to Sydney, Miss Dawson, whose father, Mr Geoffrey Dawson is one of the best friends of Fairbridge, and Miss Ashley Cooper, whose father has also shown a very practical interest in the activities of the Farm School, the children very quickly settled into our organization and way of life and seemed to benefit greatly from their enforced stay. They left behind three of their number, Peter Garland, Peter Tearle and Arthur Newberry. We were delighted to have these Australian Fairbridgians with us and hope that their journey to Molong will be a safe and pleasant one.

FINTRY NEWS.

Work is in progress on the new bunkhouse and it is expected that it will be finished shortly.

Mr Gray has sold the four-year-old daughter of Bumblebee. It will be remembered that Bumblebee is the daughter of Honey-suckle, at one time R.O.P. champion of Canada.

This year's party of 18 boys accompanied by Mr Tamkin, Mrs Hance and two girls, Lavinia Anderson and Marjorie Arnison, arrived at Fintry on June 8th and started in work at once. Since then Col. and Mrs Logan have paid them a visit, taking with them Kenny Davies, last years winner of now famous Fintry Hill race. Kenny has taken the place of Pat Webb who unfortunately broke his arm in a fall from a ladder. Pat was particularly unfortunate as he was doing very well at his work. After a short stay in Vernon Hospital he returned to Fintry and is giving what help he can in the packing house.

Latest news of the cherry crop is that approximately nine tons have been harvested and successfully marketed.

In the field of sport a series of games have been played between the staff and the boys; these have aroused a great deal of interest.

As we go to press news comes from Fintry that Bill Renwick has broken his wrist in a fall from a ladder. Bill has our sincere sympathy.

OLD FAIRBRIDGIAN NEWS.

The list of names of old Fairbridgians continues to get longer. There are now 23 boys and 11 girls in employment. Ed Walton, our eldest Old Fairbridgian and one time school baker, has joined up with the 62nd Battery, R.C.A. Nearly all of them have paid visits from time to time, at weekends and on Sunday before Dominion Day we counted at least nine at the service in the Farm School Chapel. The most recent to go to employment was Jim Lally, the former editor of the Gazette. Since April he has been in charge of the Farm School and Gardens and he will continue his horticultural training under the able guidance of those old friends of Fairbridge, Mrs R.M. Palmer and Miss B. Palmer. No doubt his training as a long distance runner will enable him to cover the six miles between here and Cherry Point in record time whenever he is free to pay us a visit.

Here are some extracts from a letter recently received from Laurie Draps.

"On Saturday nights I phone up Flop and arrange to meet him outside the Plaza at a specified time, generally 7:30. He goes to the show, but I don't - oh no! Not any more. As I am writing this letter I feel the crisp cash on my knee - 37.50 - boy - o-boy! You know the feeling sir, when you get your first pay? Talking about the Mediterranean, did you hear that Greece renamed one of their islands off the coast "Hood-Rock"? The Italians bombed this rock in mistake for the battle-ship "Hood" and announced they had scored direct hits! A humorous incident that might have ended in a catastrophe occurred to me the other day. It was very hot and I was taking our Jersey bull "Mike" over to the trough to get a drink, and I

turned my back on him to open the gate. 'Twas then I felt a gentle but firm pressure on my posterior. A cold sweat bathed me in moisture, "I'm a gonner," I muttered to myself. Then the strain proved too much for my "Cant-rip-~~vont~~-rip" overalls and I heard a soft murmur as of the wind through trees, but it was my pants. O Lor' - what a predicament. Hastily I scurried over the fence, and tried to secure Mike's chain by reaching through the fence. But all he did was glare at me with red eyes and blow smoke out of his nostrils. Well, Mr Tribe put him back again, but I was badly shaken mentally, and, every time I look at Mike a horror creeps over me and I feel gingerly the seat of my pants."

SPORT.

We recently brought to a close a softball league which was composed of four teams, "Colonists", that is immigrants who are members of the Fairbridge Staff; "Natives", that is Canadian born members of the staff; a team composed of trainee boys and called "Trainees" and lastly the "School" team. Of these teams the Natives were the strongest and thus they won the league.

The Day School Softball Team defeated Cowichan Station School 3 times and played one game with Cobble Hill which ended in a draw.

Last Fall the floods washed away the rafts that were in the river, so Mr Mills made a new one which is a great improvement over what we have had in other years. Swimming has been enjoyed all summer.

A Cricket League in which each house played every other twice was followed by a series of knockout matches. The championship was eventually won by the Maroons who defeated the Blacks in the final.

FARM NEWS

SUBSCRIPTION RATES.

The events of the summer has been the completion of the new horse barn. This will accomodate 12 horses in stalls, 3 in large loose boxes; there is also a harness and feed room, and a grain room. The hay-mow will hold 40 tons of hay. The old barn is to remain in position temporarily as storage space for straw, vegetables, apples, etc.

Grain crops have all been harvested in fair condition. The yield of fall wheat from the upper farm was in the neighbourhood of 14 tons, and the oats 40 tons.

The first hay crop was exceptionally heavy, totally about 140 tons.

The vegetable gardens under Mr Woods has been kept in splendid shape all summer and every inch of ground has been made to produce something.

The poultry plant is being reorganized by Mr Samuel Ferguson, who recently joined the farm staff, and the piggery is now in charge of Mr Birnie under Mr Brown's direction.

At a recent visit from the R.O.P. Inspector the average butter-fat test of the 16 cows on test was 4.26%. The highest were Fintry Iris 5.8% and Fairbridge Belle 5.0%.

(Following is an extract from the Covichan Leader, August 8th).

Mr Wallace Hunter, Dominion Government Bull Inspector was in this district on Tuesday. He inspected and approved for advanced registration bulls in three local herds: Strathview Willows Swanky Boy, junior herd sire at Prince of Wales Fairbridge Farm School; Fairbridge David, in the herd of Mr Adam Gordon, Hillbank; and Fairbridge Colonel, in the herd of Lt. Com. G. S. Windeyer, Somenos."

We now have 73 head of cattle.

To enable one or two boys who have been out ~~work~~ for some time to take a holiday, they have been relieved for a short time by this year's trainees. J. Wheeler relieved his brother Eric at Miss Huntley's, and V. Garside relieved T. Speed at Mr Marlow's farm at Beaver Creek.

The Editor wishes to draw attention to the subscription rates for the Fairbridge Gazette, given below. He hopes that all Old Fairbridgians will take advantage of the cheap rate offered them and will send in their subscription forthwith.

Children at the Farm School -	3¢ per copy
Staff, all adults	5¢ per copy
Old Fairbridgians	25¢ for 6 copies inc. postage.
Full Rate	35¢ for 6 copies inc. postage.

We sincerely hope that Old Fairbridgians are corresponding with one another and that they are keeping in touch with old friends at the farm school. To encourage this correspondence we publish a list of names and addresses elsewhere in this issue. A letter addressed c/o Fairbridge Farm School will always be forwarded to the right address.

We were delighted to have Mrs O'Leary who was at one time our nurse, staying at the school for a few days.

School papers that the Editor has received include the "Thunderbird" which is issued by Duncan High School, and the "Vantech" which is issued by the Vancouver Technical School.

When the banns for Mr Warnock and the former Miss Murray were being announced in the Fairbridge Chapel, a curious coincidence occurred which apparently had no effect on Mr Warnock. The first line of the hymn immediately following the announcement of the banns was "Turn back, O man, forswear they foolish ways."

OLD FAIRBRIDGIANS' ADDRESSES.

- Norman Alsop - c/o Mr F.B. Elliott,
Shadowbrook Farm
Chomainus, B.C.
- Andy Anderson - c/o Mr A. Lock X
Royal Oak, B.C.
- Dan Brayfield - c/o Fintry Fairbridge X
Training Farm,
Fintry, B.C.
- Henry Brayfield - c/o Mr W.J. Coe,
R.R. 1, Kolowna, B.C.
- Joe Duffy - c/o Mr H.J. Drury,
Cedar Hill Road X
Victoria, B.C.
- Laurie Drape - c/o Mr P.W. Tribe X
Craigflower P.O.
Esquimalt, B.C.
- Peter Forrest - c/o Mr W.T. Lavender X
Judah St. R.R. 3
Victoria, B.C.
- Pat Hodd - c/o Mrs McNeill X
1108 Tolmie Ave.
Victoria, B.C.
- John Hunter - c/o Fairbridge Farm School X
Cowichan Station, B.C.
- Jim Lally - c/o Mrs R.M. Palmer X
Cherry Point Rd.
Cobble Hill, B.C.
- Jack McNally - Fintry X
- Matthew McDonald - c/o Mr J. Plester
Rainbow Ranch,
Chomainus, B.C.
- John Monnington - c/o Mr T. Wilkinson
Cobble Hill.
- Jim Morgetroyd - c/o Mr T. Raynbird, X
R.R. 1 Royal Oak
Victoria, B.C.
- Sydney Park - c/o Mrs Startin X
Swallowfields
Westholme.
- Tom Renwick - c/o Mr W.J. Horsland
R.R. 3, Victoria.
- Dick Speed - c/o Mrs J. Gains,
Ruby Rd. Victoria, B.C.
- Tom Speed - c/o Mr A.W. Marlow
R.R. 1, Alberni, B.C.
- Jock Stewart - c/o Mr A. Gordon X
Hillbank, B.C.
- Tom Turner - c/o Mr H.L. Hevick
Heffley Creek, B.C.
- Ed Walton (Gnr) 62nd Battery, R.C.A. X
Duncan, B.C. *ex/peg man.*
- Eric Wheeler - c/o Mr R.C. Palmer
Experimental Farm
Summerland, B.C.
- George White - c/o Fintry. X
- Peggy Auton - c/o Mrs C.S. Battle
1974 Comox St., Vancouver
- Joan Buchann - c/o Hon. Justice Sloan
1856 York Place, Victoria.
- Florrie Cowans - c/o Mrs H.T.J. Coleman
Deep Cove, V.I.
- Sally Dillon - c/o Mrs R.W. Mayhew,
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- Winnie Hardy - c/o Mrs A.H. Plows X
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- Jeannie Morrison - c/o Mrs Dopping-Hepenstal
Stamps Rd. Duncan
- Joyce Pritchard - c/o Mrs H.D. McLaughlin X
Duncan, B.C.
- Catherine Stoker - c/o Mrs D.S. McHaffie
Duncan, B.C.
- Katie Taylor - c/o Mrs D.M. Meekison
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