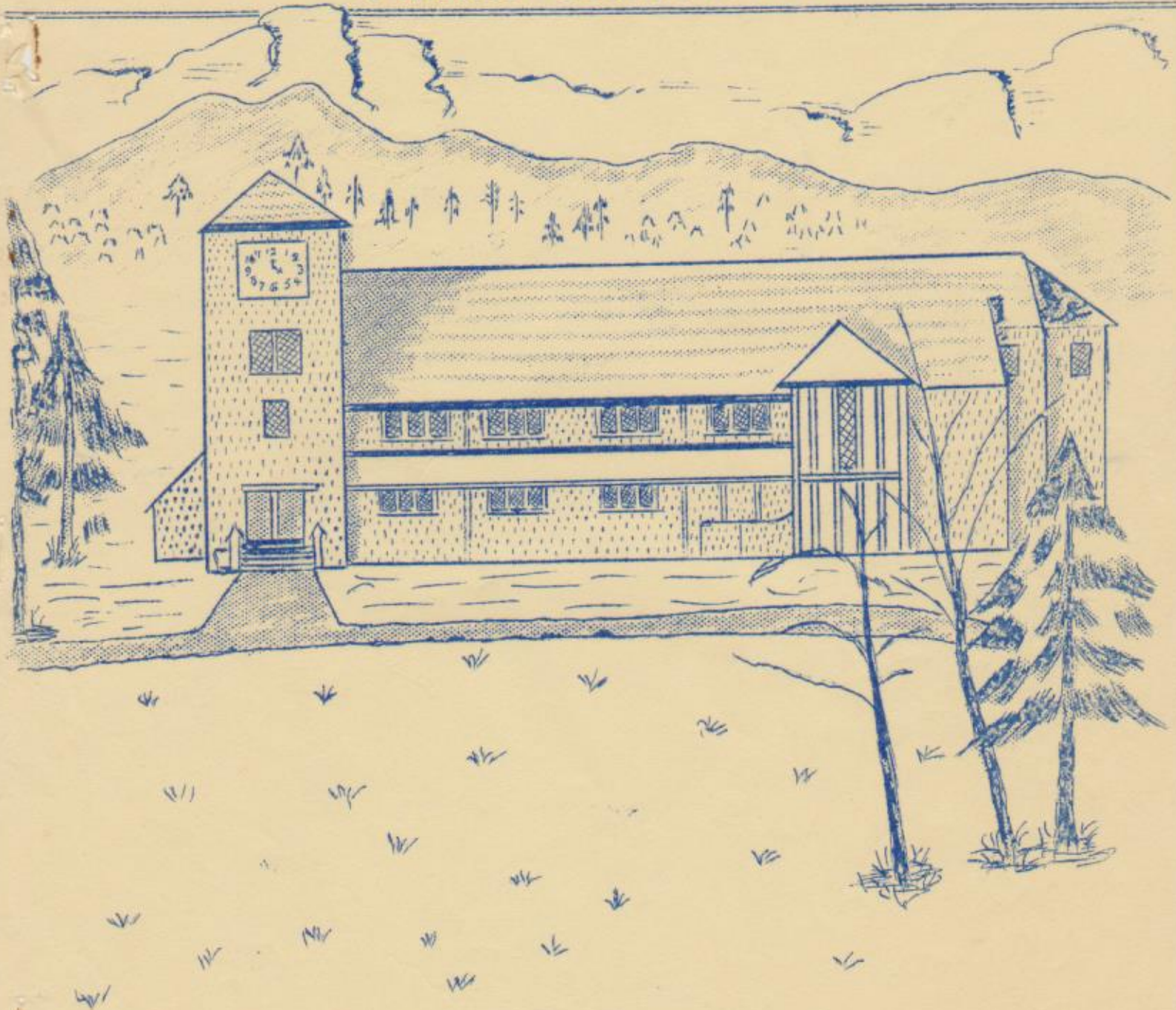


The Editor and Staff
of the Fairbridge Gazette
wish all their readers
and friends a VERY

○○○ MERRY CHRISTMAS ○○○



The New Fairbridge Chapel

This drawing won the second prize in the Annual Christmas Card
Competition. It was drawn by Andy Anderson, Age 15.



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Editorial

J. Lally

In this Editorial I will try and give you some of the facts about employment at the Farm School. At the age of 15 the boys and girls leave Day School to become Trainees, in other words to take training, the boys, of course in farming and the girls in housekeeping, nursing, etc., also milking at which they are very good.

After a year or so's training they are ready to go out to employment. The jobs that are got for them are mostly connected with work in which they are interested.

There are two groups of Trainees who have gone out to employment so far. The first group that left consisted of three boys who went to Fintry shortly after the late Capt. J. C. Dun-Waters gave his estate to Fairbridge. At the same time one girl went to Vancouver. Then the second group consisting of 7 boys and 3 girls left in the spring of this year. Another group will be ready to leave in the spring of 1940. Then as they leave Fairbridge others will be ready to leave the Day School to fill in their places as Trainees.

All the boys and girls who have gone out as yet have done their part to help build up the good name of Fairbridge and we sincerely hope they will keep up the good work.

Letter from Mrs. Scurrah

Victoria,
Sept. 4th, 1939.

Dear James:

Thank you so much for sending me the copies of the Fairbridge Gazette,

I have read these numbers with a great deal of interest, and I feel that you are to be congratulated on getting out such a splendid paper.

With all good wishes for your future success,

Yours very sincerely,

Sd. Mabel Scurrah,

Chairman Women's Auxiliary.

The Death of Capt. J.C. Dun-Waters

The death of Capt. J.C. Dun-Waters has cast a pall of gloom over his beloved Fintry. We all deeply mourn the loss of our great benefactor and extend our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Dun-Waters in her sad bereavement.

The Laying of the Corner Stone

The Foundation Stone of the Fairbridge School Chapel was laid by the Lieutenant-Governor on Sept. 22, 1939.

When the children were assembled in their places, Bishop Sexton and the Lieutenant-Governor arrived and inspected the Guard of Honour which consisted of Girl Guides, Brownies and Cubs. They then went to their places on the platform and made themselves ready for the ceremony.

Mr. Mayhew, M.P., rose and made a speech to the people through a loud-speaker. He spoke about the great use of a Chapel to the Fairbridge Children and also the great generosity of the giver who wished to remain anonymous.

Mr. Logan, the Farm School Principal, read the Lesson from the Old Testament. Canon Hughes assisted the Bishop with the ceremony, while the

Choir led the congregation in the hymns.

Tea was served in the Dining Hall to the visitors and Staff.

J. Dee.

Extract from the Life of Kingsley Fairbridge

Throughout the waiting years of War Kingsley had been consistently upheld by the hope that with peace would come a period of reconstruction in which the entire scope of his work would find rehabilitation and enlargement.

Before setting out for England, in an attempt to raise money from friends for a much needed enlargement, he called the school together and asked for volunteers to remain there and keep the school going until he returned from England. Most of the boys had reached the age of employment and were entitled to leave the Farm School. To his amazement they all volunteered.

Kingsley is visibly touched as he replies to this unexpected demonstration. He takes it as a good augury for the future, and proceeds to tell them of what he hopes to accomplish in the England from which they came, but of which most of them have now only the haziest memories.

Founder's Day

Founder's Day Service was held in the Howard Mitchell auditorium. The Service was short and simple as usual. It began with the singing of "O God, Our Help in Ages Past", after which Canon Hughes read prayers. The Principal then read a part of the 5th Chapter of St. Matthew's Gospel. Mr. Hugh Savage gave an interesting address on the Power of an Idea as illustrated by the life and work of Kingsley Fairbridge.

After the singing of "The Day Thou Gavest Lord is Ended", Canon Hughes pronounced the Benediction and the Service concluded with "God Save the King."

Fairbridge Happenings

Peggy Auton paid a weekend visit to the home of her friend, Miss Johnston, Headmistress of the Royal Roads School, Esquimalt, taking Joyce Pritchard with her for company. The two girls thoroughly enjoyed themselves. When down there they went to see one of our girls who is employed in Victoria, namely Joan Buchan. They reported that Joan is well and enjoying her work.

We had a visit from big Tom Speed on Sept. 24th. He was accompanied by his employers, Mr. and Mrs. Marlow and three other friends. This is Tom's first visit to the Farm School since he went to Beaver Creek. He was welcomed by all.

Capt. Plows of the Canadian Scottish Regt. and Sergeant Lincoln of the R. C. A. have left the Farm School to serve their country in time of War. Both men pay frequent visits to the Farm School as they are on duty in Duncan for the present. Mr. Glennie, a third member of the staff, left to join up. Mr. Glennie has gone back to visit his home in Saskatchewan, and will return to B.C. shortly to join the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Mr. Rogers, Duties Master, has left the Farm School to take up some form of War service. His fine services at the Farm School will long be remembered, especially by swimmers and basketballers, most of whom owe their skill to his patient and kindly instruction.

News in Brief

With the outbreak of War we have started to economize with the result that three of the cottages have been disbanded, namely Attwood, Dulverton and Liverpool. A Trainee house with Mr. Garnett as Cottage Master has been formed. They live in Liverpool Cottage.

Ed. Walton, after spending a month at farm work, returned to the Main Kitchen on Nov. 7th to take charge of bread-making.

The Trainees have their breakfast and dinner in the Bunkhouse with the Farm Staff.

John Hunter was at the Farm School for three days on a well earned holiday.

It is hoped that the School Chapel will be ready for use before Christmas.

Employment

Tom Renwick returned from his job at Shawnigan Lake when the summer was over. After a month's work at the Farm School, he went to another dairy job at the farm of Mrs. Gains, on the Saanich Peninsula, not far from where Eric Wheeler is working.

Florrie Cowans, after spending a few days holiday at the Farm School, went to Vancouver to take up new work at the home of Major J.M.T. Tait. We all wish her good luck.

Joyce Pritchard went to temporary work in the home of Col. H.D. McLaughlin of Norcross Road, Duncan.

Farm News

Cows - Mr. Egerton, the milk tester, came and tested our cows on R.O.P. The highest test was 4.8% for Dairymaid and Betty, the average test was 3.97%.

Quite a few calves have been born since the last Gazette was issued, the latest being two born on Nov. 7th to Fairbridge Adeline and Fintry Iris.

On Sept. 15th, Mr. David Steele of Neptune, Sask., gave us a present of a bull calf named Strathview Willows Swanky Boy, and it is getting quite big.

Sheep - The beginning of November saw the departure of the last sheep at Fairbridge. Mr. Brown, Farm Manager, sold a lot of sheep to a man in Victoria.

The rest were killed and eaten at the Farm School. This is a load off Mr. Brown's mind after all these years of work and chasing around after the sheep. It is also a great load off Boy's mind, Mr. Brown's dog, who has now retired with honour to enjoy a well earned rest in his old age.

Outside Work - The Trainee boys, with the help of the school boys, finished all the potatoes and there was a grand crop. There are approx. 53 tons stored in the root-house. The mangels are all in. We were fortunate enough to have the weather hold out with only about 4 days of frost.

Girls' News

Home Economics Department.

In the Home Economics Department the girls are divided into 3 groups:- Juniors, Intermediates, and Trainees. Sewing and cooking lessons are in full swing.

Juniors - are now working on a breakfast unit and will serve a breakfast soon. They have already had lessons in personal appearance, on hair shampooing and manicuring the nails. In the course they are learning how to use the machines and hand stitches.

Intermediates - Fairbridge aprons are being made and the Intermediates are soon to start making winter pyjamas. A great deal of canning has been done by this group, mostly of plums.

Trainees - The Trainee girls have done a great deal of canning, also pickles, jelly and jam. The quantity in all is approx. 225 jars. Now to make their new suits fit, the girls are altering them.

This is the progress that the girls have made in about six weeks.

The Ants, Rat, and the Bull

Victor Rodman, age 9 yrs.

Once upon a time, there was a nest of ants and they were playing, seeing which of them could carry the most straws. And a Rat bit Mr. Bull, who happened to be in the same field, so Mr. Bull got mad and ran after it. Unknowingly the rat ran over the ant hill and the ants bit the rat, thus delaying it, Mr. Bull caught up to the rat and tore it to pieces and let the ants eat it. Then the Bull went home good and happy.

Visitors

We were all glad to welcome Mrs. W.N. Mitchell of Halsway Manor, Somerset, with her friend Dr. Adelaide Woodard, of Seattle, who spent a few days with us at the beginning of September.

Miss Katie Gardiner, the distinguished Alpinist, paid her second visit here in September.

Other recent visitors include Mr. and Mrs. R.W. Mayhew, the Hon. Grote Stirling and Mrs. Stirling, Mr. John A. Bishop, and Mrs. Scurrah.