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EDITORIAL

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The New House System.

One of the most important changes at the Farm School is the re-organization of the house system which was the effort of Mr. Garnett with the help and co-operation of others. There is a House Master to each house, there are four houses the same as the previous system namely; Maroons, Black, Blues and Greens. The chief responsibility of the House Master is to give advice and direction as to the running of the house.

There is a School Prefect (a Trainee) a house prefect, a senior and junior sports captain and a sports advisor in each house. The difference between the two prefects is that the house prefect attends to minor happenings while the senior prefect attends to more serious matters.

The boys are assigned jobs lasting for one week only; at the end of the week, the member of the staff to whom they have been responsible hands in the marks to Mr. Garnett who adds them up and sees which house comes out on top; it is the total amount of marks at the end of the month that is of chief importance.

The different houses have drawn up their own system of rewarding the boy with the highest number of marks at the end of a certain period.

The school council consists of the four school prefects and Mr. Garnett. The council meets only to consider matters of importance affecting the welfare of the whole school.

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The success of the system depends entirely on the boys themselves and their attitude toward it.

Message from Mr. Gordon Green.

In a recent letter to the Principal, Mr. Gordon Green wrote:

"I acknowledge with many thanks the receipt of a supply of the Fairbridge Gazette No. 5. Would you tell the Editor that I think it a very good number but that it gave me a shock to see myself in print - so to speak."

Letters to the Editor

From Mr. Bertie Heilbron,
California, 12th Dec. 1939.

Dear James Lally:

I was very pleased to receive the Christmas number of the Fairbridge Gazette, which I have read with pride and interest.

I congratulate you and your colleagues on this excellent production, for which kindly accept my best thanks as well as for your good wishes.

You may remember I had the privilege of visiting the School last year, and hope to do so again next Spring, when I trust to find you all well, happy and making good progress as will delight the heart of your beloved Principal and the members of the staff in general.

Take good care of yourselves, because Good Health is a priceless blessing.

I enclose a cheque for the benefit of the funds of the Gazette and

EDITORIAL STAFF.

Editor-in-chief Jim Lally
 Girls editor Jessie Newbolt
 Farm " Jock Stewart
 Sports " Frank Todd
 Special contributor . Annie Usher
 Fintry Reporter George White.

Christmas is getting close now, so please extend my greetings to all & I hope you have a happy time at Fairbridge.

Yours sincerely,
 Sd. Gertrude Genge.

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Letters to the Editor (Cont'd)

wish the amount to be spent in accordance with the advice of your Principal.

My very best wishes to you all at Fairbridge for a happy Xmas, and I pray the New Year will be one such as we desire, and that ere long we shall enjoy that enduring Peace we so surely need.

God bless you all,
 Yours sincerely,
 Sd. Bertie Heilbron.

Letter from Mrs. F.M. MacPherson.
Victoria

Dear Jimmy:

Just a short note to tell you how much I did appreciate getting your Xmas Gazette: it was very interesting and I think the drawing of the new Chapel on the front page is very clever. I am only sorry I cannot get out to see it before leaving for our new home in Ottawa, but you may be sure though I am far away from Fairbridge I will think of you all many times and I hope you will send me a copy of your school paper once in a while.

Please remember me to all the school, also the teachers and house mothers and may you all have a very happy Xmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Very sincerely,
 Sd. Mrs. R.M. MacPherson,

From Mrs. L.A. Genge. Victoria.

To: The Editor and Staff of the Fairbridge Gazette.

It was so kind of you to send me a copy of the Gazette and I do appreciate so much your thinking of me.

I enjoyed reading it and think you have arranged the whole thing very cleverly.

Dear Jim:

I was pleased to hear that you wanted me to write for the paper.

We have just got a bull calf from Honey-suckle. The men have been pruning since Christmas and this work is now in full swing with the exceptional day cutting wood owing to the snow on the fruit trees.

Because of lack of snow to keep out the frost our water supply went down one afternoon with 18 degrees of frost; that is the coldest this winter so far. We have not been able to haul with the skeighs this winter.

We made our first shipment of hogs out of the new piggery to Vernon on January 22nd.

I have the pleasure to announce the birth of a baby girl to Mr and Mrs MacFarlane of Fintry.

Sd. George White.

EXTRACT FROM THE LIFE OF
KINGSLEY FAIRBRIDGE.

Kingsley Fairbridge recalled his first visit to England as a very young man in 1903.

At that time, as he drove along the narrow, winding streets of London, a sense of keen disappointment came over him. He had expected a city of gold and white, mighty thorough-fares, imposing edifices, solemnity. Instead long straggling lines of grimy three-storied living houses, ill-lit and uninviting. In a vast community like Great Britain, thousands of children are born every year, who by the death of one or both parents, are left orphans. He thought of these children being left in work-houses and other such institutions. He visited Leeds, Norwich and Edinburgh, and made the inevitable comparisons between the great overcrowded cities and the lack of population in great wide-spread South Africa. Again and

again he resolved to get farm labour-³ers and farmers for Rhodesia. This would take a good deal of training because a man must have a knowledge of many things. Nevertheless, he intended to succeed in his scheme; and spent many a long hour thinking things over, until the time came for him to return to Rhodesia.

FAIRBRIDGE HAPPENINGS.

Mr. Jack Woods has been appointed Farm School gardener, he brings to his work in Fairbridge several years of experience as a farm and market gardener in the Saanich peninsula.

We very much regret to announce that Mrs. O'Leary, our much beloved Farm School nurse has been called up and has been granted leave of absence from her work here. Miss Dowding has been appointed Farm School Nurse in Mrs. O'Leary's absence.

At a recent Sunday evening gathering at the Principal's house the older boys and girls were entertained with an account of a motor trip made by the Principal and Mrs Logan to south California, where they were the guests of Mr. Bertie Heilbron at Coronado. Mr. Garnett was acting principal during Mr. Logan's absence.

STOP PRESS NEWS.

The Annual Cross Country Race held on Wed. March 27th was won for the second time by Jim Lally, Andy Anderson second, and Horace Skelton third.

A serious fire occurred in the store room over the Farm School Office at 9:15 a.m. Saturday, March 23rd. Only the fine effort of the Staff and the older boys and girls saved the building from complete destruction.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

The first Divine Service was held in the new Chapel on Sunday March 3, Canon Hughes officiated. The Chapel furnishing is almost completed, only a few minor details remain unfinished.

The interior is very beautiful, and the organ, played by Mrs. Downie, provides music corresponding in its sweetness with the beauty of the Chapel building. The boys and girls of the choir looked very well in their blue cassocks and white surplices.

On Thursday evening, March 7th the new Baptismal Font was used for the first time when a number of boys and girls were baptised; of these Denys Beechey was the first to receive the sacrament. On the following day, March 8th, the Right Rev. Bishop Sexton of Victoria confirmed 21 Fairbridge Boys and 10 Fairbridge girls.

We were exceedingly honoured by receiving an Xmas Card containing the following message: "With Best Wishes for Xmas and the New Year, from the Duke and Duchess of Windsor, to Mr and Mrs Logan, the Staff and children of the Prince of Wales Fairbridge Farm School".

Among the very many Xmas messages received from our friends, none were more welcome than the cards of greeting from Pinjarra and Molong.

Mr. Scholefield was granted 3 months leave from his appointment as Day School teacher at the Christmas holidays. He has been replaced by Mr. Warnock, a former rugg^{er} player who represented Canada in 1932. Mr. Warnock is seemingly more than a school teacher; he wasn't here a week, when he was deeply involved in sports.

Mr. Bertie Heilbrone, a member of the London Fairbridge Council and a generous benefactor of this Farm School, is spending the winter months near San Diego, Cal. He is a subscriber and regular reader of the Gazette and recently wrote to the editor a letter which will be found in another column.

We were very glad to have Miss Mary and Miss Catherine Richards at the Farm School on Xmas evening. They have been spending a few months in the Cowichan District and were always welcome visitors. We appreciate their kindness to the Farm School shown in a great variety of ways. We are sorry to hear they have left for home.

SEE WHERE YOU GET TO IF YOU DON'T
PRONOUNCE YOUR H's.

A cockney, wanting to speak with a friend, called number 12780 on the Ealing exchange. The telephone operator annoyed him when she failed to understand what exchange he was asking for, and he explained as follows:

"E for 'erbert, that's me.

A for what the 'orses eat.

L for where you goes to.

I for what you sees with.

N for what lays the eggs.

G for gor'blimey.

EALING 'aven't you got it yet?"

FARM NEWS.

Dairy Barn. The herd continues to grow, now numbering 62 head, although two have been sold recently, viz: a two-year-old milking heifer, Ethel, and Fairbridge David, a bull-calf out of Fintry Iris and Bradford Warrior.

Mr. Wiltshire, the milktester, came and tested the 20 cows on R.O.P. The following stood first and second respectively:

Fairbridge Bessie 4.8%

Springfield Jennie 4.5%

The average test was nearly 4%.

Fairbridge Amy recently finished her two-year-old record of over 10,000 lb of milk.

Mr. Wiltshire gave a demonstration of milktesting at the Day School. After which the boys of grades 8 and 9 judged 4 dairy cows at the barn.

The dairy, at last, has got a new milk-cart which replaced the old one.

Pigs. We have acquired a new boar from the Colony farm in New Westminster, he is named "Colony Alexander", known at the Farm School as "Sandy". In December about 40 of our little pigs were sold.

Outside Work. Quite a considerable amount of work has been done on fencing; most of the old fences have been torn down and new ones built to replace them. Andy Anderson, a trainee has been helping and driving one of the teams under the supervision of Mr. Spence.

Orchard. All the trees in the orchard have been dug around by the trainee boys and a considerable amount of draining done.

Poultry. The game birds have been removed down to the main poultry buildings. The old log-built store-house has been transformed into a feed room. Game birds are laying about 75%. The brooder-house has been cleaned up for the spring chicks which arrived early in March. Mr. Reid has finished plowing the lower fields; the fine craftsmanship shown in this work has called forth many comments from visitors and others.

THE SPORTING OUTLOOK.

Soccer & Boxing. The School soccer teams have been fairly active lately, having played several games. Against Oak Bay High School our boys played a very good game indeed but were defeated 5-3. The smaller boys defeated Duncan Grammar School. In two matches against Qualicum the score in the first game was 7-5 in our favor and in the second 4-0 against us. In the boxing that was held on the same day at Qualicum our boys did remarkably well winning all the bouts they fought with two exceptions.

Basketball. The Island Playoffs. The Junior Boys Basketball team defeated Duncan, but lost to the KV's of Victoria. The KV's are still going strong. Inter-house Basketball has been started in which the Greens are at present on top in the senior class, having beaten every other team.

Rugby. We played University School Cube in our first rugby match this season, when our team was defeated 8-3 on our home-ground.

GIRLS NEWS.

Home Economics. The girls having finished their confirmation dresses, have started making their trainee uniforms. When they have completed those, the girls will endeavour to make Sunday dresses for themselves. In the cooking classes the intermediates have already served a supper with guests invited. Miss McLenaghan, Provincial Home Economics Superintendent, visited the Day School and expressed keen satisfaction with the work of the girls.

Basketball. This team has been improving. Out of 5 matches they have won 4.