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FREEDOM WEARS a CROWN.

Since 1914 the 8th December has been a public holiday in the Falklands in celebration of Admiral Sturdee's victory over Graf von Spee off our coast in revenge for the carnage at Coronel on November 1st of the same year. However the 8th December 1976 saw a dual celebration as it was also the appointed day for the conferring of the Freedom of Stanley upon the Royal Marines in recognition of the close association which has existed between the Falkland Islands and the Corps of Royal Marines for more than two centuries.

After the traditional memorial service held in the Cathedral at 10 a.m. there was a march past of detachments of the Royal Marines, Royal Navy, Falkland Islands Defence Force, Boys' Brigade and Girls' Brigade. The salute was taken by His Excellency the Acting Governor from the dais on Victory Green after which the large crowds moved to Government House where they assembled on the upper lawn to witness the Freedom Ceremony during which the Scroll containing the Resolution of Executive Council conferring the Freedom of Stanley upon the Royal Marines was read out. The Scroll and the gift from the people of the Islands (the original artwork for the Mail Ship definitive stamp issue) were presented to Colonel Sir Steuart Pringle who was representing the Commandant General Royal Marines. Sir Steuart then presented the people of the Falklands the gift of a suitably inscribed Royal Marine Officer's sword which is now displayed in the foyer of the Court and Council Chamber at the Town Hall. The ceremony concluded with a 17 gun salute, helicopter fly past and march past Victory Green by the Marines.

Immediately following was a reception in the Town Hall attended by many Islanders who had been invited and at which the Freedom Scroll, Officer's sword and the paintings of the mail-carrying ships expertly painted by maritime historian and Councillor John Smith were on display.

A gymkhana was held on the racecourse in the afternoon and although the weather was not what we would expect for December it was enjoyed by many. The day's celebrations ended with a dance in the Town Hall.

Among messages received on this memorable occasion were those from His Royal Highness Prince Philip as Captain General of Royal Marines, the Commander-in-Chief Fleet and the Corps' Commandant General Peter Whiteley.

ARRIVAL of NEW GOVERNOR.

His Excellency the Governor-designate, Mr. James Roland Walter Parker, OBE and Mrs. Parker arrived in the Colony on Thursday 16th December 1976. The badly worded Public Notice informing us of the programme of welcome said that Mr & Mrs Parker would be met at Hookers Point Airfield on arrival by, 'amongst others Mr. Gordon Slater'. It should of course said that the welcoming party would be headed by His Excellency the Acting Governor.

As the Government House car drove West along Ross Road at about 12.40 a 17 gun salute was fired for Mr. Parker. Before being sworn in as Governor and Commander-in-Chief Mr. Parker inspected a Guard of Honour consisting of detachments of Royal Marines and Falkland Islands Defence Force outside the Town Hall at approximately 3 p.m.

Being duly sworn in and welcomed by the Deputy Governor Mr. Gordon Slater, His Excellency gave an impressive speech in which he said that it was his hope that he would discharge the responsibilities to the Government and people of the Colony to the best of his ability and hoped that at the end of his 'several years' stay he would have some satisfaction at doing his best. Mr. Parker also said he regarded himself as a Civil Servant brought up in the discipline that by his duty to the Queen his concern was the welfare and well-being of the people amongst whom he was required to serve and that this would be the abiding purpose of his activities whilst here. In what could be described as an astute awareness of the low morale of Islanders in their relations with the Administration, His Excellency asked us to express our views frankly to him and take himself and Mrs. Parker into our trust and confidence. The Governor continued... "Trust and confidence, I am only too aware, have to be earned. We will be two very contented people if we can gain yours."

Governor Parker has probably spent more time in the Camp than Stanley during his first month or so here which surely has compensated for one of the shortcomings of his predecessor.

THE F.I. TIMES and 1977. Although I invited persons interested in taking over the TIMES for a year to come forward there has been no response. However, many folk have expressed their desire to see it continue. Frankly I feel that there are people in Stanley who are in a better position to run a paper than I am and it is a pity that they have not come forward. With the Labour Government's apparent resolve to sell us out to a foreign power, the increasing efforts on our behalf of the Falkland Islands Committee and Friends of the Falklands, possible future development of the Islands and the imminent New Constitution, it looks as though 1977 will be an equally interesting year as 1976. I have spent more time deciding whether or not to carry on with the TIMES than I have in the preparation of this edition for apart from the obvious drawbacks of running a paper in such a small community I am very much aware that the paper could be seen by outsiders as a one-man show and just the views of a fanatic. Therefore I shall continue with it but cannot guarantee for how long and I would implore more readers to take an active part in contributing articles, letters, suggestions or snippets of news which, although may seem only trivia to us, help readers overseas to paint a much clearer picture of our Islands. My aim will be to go to print twice a month and although the paper will be reduced to 6-8 pages the price will remain the same. Overseas copies will only be sent monthly due to the amount of time it takes me to type addresses and stamp envelopes. F

TWO MILLION PENGUINS DETERMINED TO KEEP THE FALKLAND ISLANDS "BRITISH"

- Composed by DES PECK.

In both world wars
It gave us a thrill
To see Gentoos Penguins
Doing their drill
Today they number
Two million or more
Determined to assist
In the Defence of our shore

Winston Churchill once said
In one of his speeches
We will fight on the land
As well as the beaches
With two million penguins
Armed with eggs and some sticks
They would leave an invader
In a hell of a fix

To get to our land
With its kelp galore
This great army of penguins
Would be waiting for sure
They would go out in force
And capsize the boat
No hope for the invader
Or whatever should float

So although we have
A small Defence Force
With a Marine Detachment
All well trained of course
Two million penguins
Would join in the fight
To defend our dear land
And "DESIRE OF THE RIGHT"

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Many thanks to Mr. Fred Gooch for supplying the following two items:-

"Toroa II" and "San Guiseppi Due"

Claud and Jane Brash who visited Stanley nearly two years ago in their yacht "Toroa II" on a world cruise starting in New Zealand in 1972, spent the winter of 75-76 in Mylor near Falmouth, Cornwall, and 1st May left there for London where they used the historical St Katherines Dock which is now a yacht basin, as their base before crossing the Channel to France. Here they entered the river and canal system which enabled them to emerge in the Mediterranean at the Gulf of Lyons having traversed France from north to south.

They then sailed for Italy and tied up in the port of Anzio and were the guests of Capt. Giovanni Ajmone-Cat who has a house at nearby Colonia. Giovanni; another visitor to the Falklands on several occasions, and his family were happy to be able to entertain people who had also been in our Islands.

From here, the Brashes departed for the Greek Archipelago where they were joined by Claud's brother for this part of the voyage. Then alone once more they sailed for Suez and passing through the Canal sailed down the Red Sea to the Indian Ocean where, as Claud says, they have now commenced their down-hill journey towards New Zealand once more, but there are many places to visit on the way.

In the meantime Capt. Ajmone-Cat now has his "San Guiseppe Due" based at Gibraltar where she has undergone several alterations to her superstructure and navigating instrumental.

Former transient residents of Stanley

Miss Cristina Fookes will be remembered by many as having served a spell as nursing sister in the King Edward VII hospital about three years ago. After this she returned to the British Hospital in Buenos Aires to continue her duties there. However, she later went to England and worked for two years in a hospital in Portsmouth, where she met and married First Officer, Roy Gibbons of Houlder Lines, and they have now set up house in Farnham in Surrey.

Miss Audry Gunn who also worked in the Colony at about this time has since worked in the oilfields in Patagonia and North Africa, and latterly has been working in London. After spending Christmas and the New Year with her parents near Caithness in the extreme north of Scotland, she is now off to New Zealand on the 26th of January.

Baha'i Teachings for the Family of Mankind

The happiness and greatness, the rank and station, the pleasure and peace of an individual have never consisted in his personal wealth but rather in his excellent character, his high resolve, the breadth of his learning and his ability to solve difficult problems.

LETTERBOX

Port Stephens.
4th January, 1977.

Dear Sir,

Re article from 'Charringtons Review' which appeared in the December 'TIMES'. Yes, it is a sorry story, and I for one was pleased to see this piece of journalism which is a good example of 'ultra-cobblers'. (Forgive the profanity). A lot of this article seems to wring out the tear soaked handkerchief over the question of entry into Britain. It works both ways; I needed a work permit and immigration permission and my employers (the F.I.C.) asked for a Police reference as regards my character before I could embark on my epic voyage to this forgotten colony. Why make the Chilean Marxists scapegoats? There must have been a solid enough reason as to why the 'foreman's son' was told to push off in a week - they don't allow anybody in! I have a letter from the Stanley Manager; big deal you might think; but I enquired about a job in town when my contract ends in November 1977 and I was informed by Mr. Milne that fresh immigration permission is needed before I can do this and in his view it will be difficult to obtain. Doomed to Camp? Not on your Nelly! No wonder people want to leave and get rid of the web of red tape and amateurish officialdom that lurks here.

A part of the Charrington's article that made me laugh is the piece about Gibraltar. The difference between Gibraltar and the Falklands is beyond comparison, what a silly thing to bring in to the story. Why don't the Islanders quoted in the article such as Jimmy Alazia, Mr. Hadden, Mrs. Malcolm and the Spruces pack their gear and go somewhere else if they have no faith in the British Government. I've lived under this present British Government and it is surely one of the best Britain has ever had. They have their own immediate domestic problems to sort out and it annoys me to see people elevate themselves in importance whilst taking and not giving. Self-determination I've heard a lot of, not to mention self-importance and self-pity. What a lovely place to work in. HUH!

Yours sincerely,

D. Colville.

Mrs. E.M. Goodall,
91 Uzmaston Road,
Haverfordwest,
Pemb., Wales.
21st November, 1976.

Dear Sir,

I read with much interest your August issue recently received here. I would heartily endorse those opinions of other readers/stamp collectors that the Falkland Island stamp issues should not be taken from the Crown Agents. Stamps of G.B. have been issued in ever more expensive sets, putting an informative hobby out of the reach of school children and the normal collector.

May I also ask those in the Falklands who are interested in "Keeping the Falklands British" please write to the British representative in Falklands stating your wishes. What would seem to be an obvious desire of people to remain with Britain is not receiving the publicity it deserves, and nowadays only publicity receives political attention.

Recently there have been complaints locally that sophisticated hospital equipment has to be obtained by public collection, bingo etc. I see in your paper that a bingo night was held to raise funds for carpet tiles for the hospital. This will be of great interest locally, and tell people how useful their efforts are.

My commiserations to the parents unable to attend their daughters wedding because of the weather. I hope someone took plenty of pictures for them.

Keep writing such a diversity of news.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs. Eileen Goodall.

West Point Island.
Falkland Islands.

29th December, 1976

Dear Sir,

A brief reply to Mrs. Monk's letter of November, 23rd.

While appreciating the voluntary work members of councils do, I assume that they did not undertake the task without being aware of the sacrifices entailed, also being unpaid does not exempt them from criticism.

Thankyou Dave for providing in the "Times", a means for all who wish, to express their opinions. Please keep it going.

Yours faithfully,
Don Davidson.

7, Maple Road,
Greenock, Scotland.

31st December, 1976.

Dear Sir,

My father Robert David Goodwin was born in the Falkland Islands, in 1897; his father was a shepherd Tom Goodwin. They returned to Scotland when my father was 9 years old. His uncle David Goodwin and his family remained in the Falklands. I know I must have distant cousins and would be interested to hear from anyone. I am middle aged with a grown-up family. I spent three months in New Zealand this year on a visit to my eldest daughter. My father died 3 years ago. I am writing to you as the Editor of the Newspaper in the hope that you can help us to communicate.

Yours sincerely,
(Mrs.) Molly McGarrity.
nee Goodwin

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Outward Bound. Our supply ship ANNETTE DANIELSEN eventually sailed from Gravesend on the 31st December. She is carrying approximately 2,000 shipping tons of cargo plus 111 bags parcel mail, 78 bags letter mail and 5 bags registered mail.

New Store. Saturday 15th January saw the opening of a new general store trading under the name of 'Falkland Supplies'. The store situated on Philomel hill opposite the Globe Store corner is under the proprietorship of Mr. & Mrs. Peter Short. The store's sign was designed by Mr. F.G. Short. Hours of business will be - Saturdays 10 a.m. to Noon and weekdays 1.30 - 6 p.m.

The Standing Finance Committee recently approved the following funds:- Safety equipment and spares for the F.I. Govt. Air Service £25,000; Accident Investigation Inquiry (Alpha Kilo accident) £6,000; Purchase of British Antarctic premises £25,000; Purchase BAS house (the one formerly occupied by Mr & Mrs R.D. (Glen) Clements £10,400.

New Year's Honours. Her Majesty the Queen has been pleased to approve the award of an OBE to Mr. Harold Bennett, JP, Registrar of the Supreme Court. Mr. Bennett, who is also our Senior Magistrate, has been in Government service since 1932 and has been Registrar for the last 27 years.

Bluff Cove Farm which is the closest settlement to Stanley and which was recently put up for sale had a total of 980 visitors during last year. This is compared with 683 visitors in 1975.

First Stanley Diners Club. This club was recently formed by Mr. Des King (proprietor of the Upland Goose Hotel) and Mr. Harry Milne (Stanley Manager for the Falkland Islands Co. Ltd.). The objects of the Club are to consolidate business interests within Stanley and to promote development. Membership is limited to fourteen persons.

Old Folks Xmas Supper. The Women's Corona Society organised a Christmas Supper in the Parish Hall for the over 60s on Saturday 18th December at which His Excellency the Governor and Mrs. Parker attended. The delicious supper for about eighty guests was followed by a sing-song. An 'Old Camper' writes ... 'On behalf of everyone present I wish to thank all most sincerely for their grand effort, also to thank the donor of the liquid refreshment. Once again many thanks indeed and to you all - a Happy and Prosperous New Year from us all.'

F.I. Football League. The new season commenced on Sunday 21st November '76 with all four teams - Mustangs, Rangers, Redsox and Philips - in action. About sixty players registered with the League and after the third leg positions are:- Rangers (unbeaten) 16 points, Redsox (lost 2 games) 11 points, Mustangs 6 and Philips 3.

Another present for Pauline. Nine years old Pauline Lynx Biggs went aboard HMS ENDURANCE on 7th December to receive an engraved watch given to her by the ship's company of HMS LYNX. The officer who presented Pauline with the watch was a mid-shipman on the LYNX in 1967 when, after a rendezvous with RMS DARWIN half way between Stanley and South Georgia it rushed Pauline's mum to Stanley. As HMS LYNX was anchoring in Stanley harbour on 28th June Pauline decided it was time for her entry into the World. Pauline has already received an engraved replica of the LYNX's bell and last year she was given a silver identity bracelet by the ship's company.

New Air Letter Forms. On Monday 17th January new style air letter forms were placed on sale. Hitherto the Post Office supplied blank forms for the public to affix postage stamps. The blank forms have had the F.I. Crest printed on them at the left and in the top right-hand corner appears "POSTAGE PAID 8p" (9p on the larger forms). Both printings were done at the Government printing office here.

Legal Dept., Statistics. During the year 1976 there were 35 births, 16 marriages, 10 deaths and 3 divorces. 15 people were placed on the Black-List and there were 43 convictions arising out of road traffic offences.

Tourist ship. ENRICO C paid a day's visit last Sunday (16th). The 989 passengers, many of whom were Brazilians, were very fortunate as, although the day dawned overcast with a fresh NW wind, the sun came out and the wind dropped to give us one of the hottest days for some time with the temperature reaching 23.2 degrees centigrade. Being Sunday most of the shops were shut. Our largest shop - the West Store ... opened for a while but closed at 1 p.m. A much larger Costa line vessel the EUGENIO C is due here on Monday 31st January but the FRANCA C will not now be calling (she was due on February 4th).

The First Five Years is a publication printed and published by The Commonwealth Secretariat (Marlborough House, London SW1Y 5HX) and gives news of The Commonwealth Fund for Technical Co-operation (CFTC) established in 1971 by Commonwealth Governments to assist Commonwealth developing countries by providing advice, experts and training and to reinforce Commonwealth links. In the South Atlantic section it features the Sri Lankan expert (Mr Bala Kanagasabai) who has been provided to assist with the development of air facilities and to assist with the running of the airport.

Those signs have gone! Soon after the departure of Governor French the parking signs mentioned on page 5 of the 6th November TIMES were removed. Probably they will appear elsewhere one day but one can't help shuddering at the thought of the waste of precious time and money in making them purely to satisfy one man's whim.

JCL to Motorists' Aid. For some time some of Stanley's roads have been almost unbearable to travel along in a vehicle due to the many pot-holes. Johnston Construction Ltd., (constructing the permanent air-strip) have made lightning repairs on many of them, when, over the last few weeks they have had a surplus of asphalt with which they have been filling up the holes. Meanwhile the men of the Public Works Dept., have been making more permanent repairs to Barrack St. (the hill opposite the Post Office) and the bottom of Dean St. (at the side of the West Store).

Many Mushrooms. A letter from Sydney Smith on Speedwell Island tells of how the folk there picked 1lb 13oz mushrooms on the 29th Dec '76, 2lbs 9oz on the 30th, 1lb 7½oz on 31st and 21 lbs on New Year's Day.

Air Fares. On the 1st January the price of a ticket from Stanley to Comodoro Rivadavia on the Fokker 27 aircraft operated by L.A.D.E. was reduced from £38.16 to £34.32. However, the single fare from Stanley to Buenos Aires was increased from £61.46 to £61.56.

SHIPPING

<u>Vessel</u>	<u>Nat.</u>	<u>Arrived</u>	<u>Departed</u>	<u>For -</u>
BAHIA BUEN SUCESO	Argentine	24th Nov'	27th Nov'	Buenos Aires
HMS ENDURANCE		30th Nov'	10th Dec'	
RFA PLUMLEAF	British	30th Nov'	5th Dec'	Sinonstown
RRS BRANSFIELD	"	15th Dec'	17th Dec'	South Georgia
RRS JOHN BISCOE	"	29th Dec'	30th Dec'	Punta Arenas
SEA LION NO. 1	Canadian	31st Dec'	10th Jan'	Tahiti via Cape Horn
POLARSIRKEL	Norwegian	2nd Jan'77	3rd Jan'	Antarctica
ENRICO C	Italian	16th Jan'	16th Jan'	Buenos Aires
HMS ENDURANCE		20th Jan'		

WEATHER NOTES.

NOVEMBER - Rainfall - 62.3mm (2.45 inches). The 3rd was the wettest day for at least 25 years when 24.2mm was recorded.

Temperature - average 7.9 degC (46.2 degF). Highest (on 19th) 17.7 degC (63.9 degF). Lowest (night of 1st/2nd) 1.7 degC (35.1 degF).

Average daily sunshine was 6.04 hours

Wind speed - average 18.1 knots. Highest gust 61 knots on the 10th.

There were 21 hours when the average hourly wind speed was of gale force and 118 hours when it was 10 knots or less. Ground frost was recorded on five occasions. In brief - wetter, windier and a little warmer but less sunny than usual.

DECEMBER - Total rainfall 90.1mm (3.55 inches) making this the wettest December since 1968.

The average temperature was 6.3 degC (43.3 degF) about 2½ degC below normal making it the coldest December since 1950. Highest temperature recorded was 16.6 degC (61.9 degF) on the 30th and the lowest was 0 degC (32 degF) on the night of the 6th/7th. The average daily sunshine was 4.76 hours which is two hours a day less than normal making December this year the least sunniest since 1955. The average wind speed was 16 knots, the highest gust being 49 knots on the 18th. There were six hours when the average hourly wind speed was of gale force and 189 hours when it was of 10 knots or less. Ground frost was recorded on 10 occasions which is 4 more than is usual in December. In brief - a cold and wet month with much less than usual sun but wind about average.

NEWS in BRIEF (Cont'd)

Disturbance at Roy Cove. Police were called to Roy Cove last Saturday (Jan'15th) to intervene in a domestic disturbance. Beaver Alpha Victor arrived back in Stanley with Messrs Nelson and Neftali Vidal (see page 9 of August TIMES). Both brothers were dismissed after the incident and are expected to leave the Colony soon.

Accommodation Prices Increased. As from the 1st January the cost of a day's stay (full pension) at the Upland Goose hotel rose to £10 (bed and breakfast £7) Byron House have increased their prices to £6 per day (full pension) or £3.50 b&b. Other accommodation can be obtained at between £4-£5 per day.

SITUATIONS WANTED

Mr. J. Boardman of Bradford, Yorkshire is interested in obtaining employment in the Falklands. He is 32 years old, married with three children aged 7, 5 and 3 months.

He has been a local Government Officer for ten years, mainly clerical work of various kinds. At present he is a Housing Assistant with the local metropolitan Council. He has G.C.E.'s at 'O' level in English, French and Geography.

He would consider any type of employment in the Islands. His wife is a qualified pharmacy technician and their hobbies are vegetable gardening, walking and reading.

Mr. C.J. Smith of Sinoia, Rhodesia is interested in obtaining employment in the Falklands. He is British, married with three children and one son aged 17. He is a fully qualified heavy duty diesel mechanic.

His wife is a trained buyer/manageress with qualifications in typing, book-keeping and general office duties.

Young married man aged 32 with two children seeks employment in the Falklands. Previous employment in RAF for 12½ years as an assistant air traffic controller, and with an Agricultural Company as a clerk, expeditor and scheduler in the materials control Department.

Mr. Gregory Allen of Exeter, Devon. Mr. Allen is a trained potter and has some experience as a youth leader.

He was brought up in a rural area and has varied farming experience.

His major interests are conservation and self sufficiency.

If anyone is interested in offering employment to any of the above further details are available from the Secretariat.

ON COMMUNICATION by Michael Reeve

During the final weeks of my life in the Falklands, it has become abundantly clear that one of the greatest sins prevalent in the Islands is lack of communication. A telephone call here or a telegram there costs little in time and effort, and yet it is amazing how much inconvenience and worry can be saved by a little consideration. Far too many decisions are based upon merely hearsay and without reference to the person directly concerned. Lack of communication again ensures that the person is rarely informed until they investigate the matter. Meanwhile precious time has been lost to them through no fault of their own. In the modern World there is no excuse for the above sin. I know that by no means am I the first to comment upon it. Is it too much to hope that I shall be the last?

COURT CASES

All cases were heard in the Magistrates' Court.

9th November 1976 - Mr. Michael John McKay of Stanley was convicted of breaking into a dwelling house in Villiers St., with intent to commit a felony. He was found guilty and sentenced to 3 months in prison.

12th November 1976 - Mr. Neil Jennings was charged with careless driving and with driving whilst under the influence of drink. Although the Senior Medical Officer in evidence said that Jennings was suffering from a moderately severe degree of intoxication when he examined him, (about an hour after the car driven by Mr. Jennings had struck a stationary vehicle), the two Magistrates hearing the case (Councillors W.H. Goss and H.L. Bound) did not disqualify Jennings from holding a driving licence as he claimed that he needed a licence for his occupation as Head Rigger for Cable and Wireless Ltd. He was found guilty on both counts and was fined £5 for the first offence and £30 for the second. (Mr. Jennings left the employ of Cable and Wireless on 8th December).

22nd November - Mr. Stephen Hawkins was charged with dangerous driving. He was convicted of careless driving and fined £5.

Mr. David Leeding (JCL) was charged and convicted of permitting a person to drive a vehicle without a licence or insurance policy. For the first offence he was fined £10. After Leeding claimed that he needed his driving licence for his work the Magistrate allowed him to keep it but fined him £30 for the second offence.

Michael Floyd (RM) was charged and convicted of driving a vehicle without a licence and fined £10. For driving without an insurance policy he was fined £30.

Augusto Miranda was charged and convicted of driving without an insurance policy and fined £30.

Paul Biffen (JCL) was charged with and convicted of failing to comply with a road sign and fined £5. For driving with defective brakes fined £10 and was discharged with caution for driving without identification mark being easily distinguishable.

26th November - Mr. Robin Ross was convicted of unlawful wounding (see page 9 of August TIMES) and fined £80 and bound over in the sum of £200 for 12 months.

4th January '77 - Mr. Clive Newman charged with and convicted of careless driving for which he was fined £5.

Mr. John Coutts was charged with careless driving but was discharged with caution.

17th January - Mr. Philip Brady (JCL) was charged with and convicted of driving without a licence (fined £5), driving without an insurance policy (fined £30) and driving with defective brakes and no rear lights (fined £10).

Mr. Robin Marsh - for acts of vandalism at two properties after he had attended a Christmas Eve service at the Cathedral was ordered to pay a total of £51.21 in fines and damages.

Mr. Eric Smith was charged with and convicted of driving the Government owned ash lorry on 28th December 1976 whilst under the influence of drink. Although Smith claimed that he needed a driving licence he lost his for 12 months.

BIRTHS in the K.E.M. Hospital, Stanley;

- 1st November to Doctor and Mrs Keith Durnett a son SAMUEL PAUL (7lbs)
- 4th November to Mr & Mrs Peter Gilding a daughter SARA JANE (7lbs)
- 28th November to Mr & Mrs David Gray a daughter JOANNA (6lbs 13 oz)
- 30th December to Mr & Mrs Derek Summers a daughter JOANNA ROSE (6lbs 11½oz)
- 5th January '77 to Mr & Mrs Jim McAdam a daughter EMMA JANE (6lbs 6oz)

in England;

16th October to RAF Cpl & Mrs. Michael Alazia a son JAMIE MICHAEL Weighing 6lbs 12oz. Michael's parents are Mr & Mrs Bob Alazia of Port Howard.

MARRIAGES

- 30th October at Chartres -- Ann, only daughter of Mr & Mrs A.S. (Jack) Harvey to Roy Murphy from Gosport, Hants.
- 15th December at Government House -- Gina Michelle Lambert to His Excellency the Acting Governor Mr Gordon James Slater.
- 15th January '77 at St. Mary's Church -- Bernadette, eldest daughter of Mr Pat Johnson to Royal Marine Geoffrey Alan Pring.

ENGAGEMENTS

Charlene Rose Short and Royal Marine John Christopher
 Sandra Booth and Lewis Clifton Rowland
 Keva Jones and Royal Marine Norman Ferguson

DEATHS in the Falklands;

- 1st January '77 Harry Edward Slade aged 75 years.
in the United Kingdom;
- 23rd September '76 Mrs. Dorothy Newton (Dot Aldridge) aged 55 years
- 22nd October '76 Mr. George Butcher aged 75 years
- 14th November '76 Mr. Frank Sampson aged 86 years

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MINISTER of STATE to VISIT FALKLANDS

Mr Ted Rowlands, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs is due to arrive in the Colony at 11.15 am on Wednesday 16th February to hear from Islanders at first hand how we view our future. In making a statement in the House of Commons on Feb. 2nd, the Rt. Hon. Anthony Crosland, M.P., Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs said that the visit was in fulfilment of his pledge that "there must be full consultation with the Islanders at every stage; nothing will be done behind their back".

The thirty seven years old Welshman from the Rhondda Valley who is also Labour M.P. for Merthyr Tydfil will come to the Falklands after talks in Buenos Aires with an Argentine delegation headed by Under-secretary of foreign affairs Captain Walter O. Allara.

The Minister will be accompanied by his private secretary Mr. John Martin and two senior officials of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office Mr. H.M. Carless and Mr. Adrian Sindall, the latter of whom was here on a visit last August. The provisional programme for the visit commences with a viewing of the permanent air-strip at Cape Pembroke soon after touch down at Hookers Point strip. Later in the afternoon the Mr. Rowlands is expected to meet senior officers of the Secretariat and Treasury at the home of Mr & Mrs. D.R. Morrison. Thursday's programme will commence with an informal meeting with Executive and Legislative Councillors at Government House. During the afternoon he will meet the Falkland Islands Committee, General Employees Union officials and a group of people at the home of Councillor & Mrs. H.I. Bound. It is expected that from 6.30 - 8 p.m. anyone who wishes to may go to the Town Hall to meet Mr. Rowlands and his party before they board HMS ENDURANCE which will steam overnight to Fox Bay. After meeting various groups of people of the two Fox Bays the party is expected to fly by helicopter to Chartres for a visit of about an hour. From here they are due to fly on to Pebble Island before travelling to San Carlos where they will overnight. On Saturday 19th the Minister of State's party is due to travel to Darwin before returning to Stanley at around 3 p.m. Later in the afternoon they will probably go to the home of Councillor and Mrs. W.E. Bowles where they will meet another group of Islanders. The final day's programme for Sunday 20th is scheduled to include meetings with the Sheep Owner's Association, a group of younger Kelpers and Civil Servants Association. It is expected that the day will end with a fairly lengthy meeting with Councillors at Government House. Mr. Rowlands and his party are due to leave the Falklands early on the morning of Monday 21st February.

TURNING POINT - FOR BETTER or FOR WORSE? The forthcoming visit by Mr. Ted Rowlands has, for some Islanders, signalled the turning point in our fortunes. However, there are many who don't seem to be very optimistic at the out-come and this view is understandable for various reasons. It was a Labour Government Minister of State (in the form of Lord Chalfont) who came here in 1968 hoping that it would take little persuasion to get us to embrace Argentina like some kind of foster parents. However, next week's messenger will arrive with a trump card. He will, no doubt, tell us that Friend of the Falklands Lord Shackleton states in his Economic Survey that our future lies with co-operation with and even participation of our neighbour Argentina - a country whose language, culture, history and political regimes are as foreign to us as mutton and spuds and a Circassian Circle is to them. He will also mention the ugly term of dual-nationality which would be most unpalatable to the majority. The thin end of the wedge will be the permanent airfield extension which we badly need to become independent of Argentina. If we agree to co-operation with and participation of our giant neighbour the extension will probably be given the go ahead but if we don't play ball the extension will be refused and we shall continue to be entirely dependent upon and at the mercy of Argentina in the knowledge that the new 1250 metre runway is no more than a permanent landing strip for the F27 of the Argentine Air Force.

One would not deny that a solution to the problem, created by Argentina's insistence that the Falklands are a part of her territory occupied by Britain, must be found soon otherwise the emigration of Kelpers will rapidly increase as most are tired of the uncertainty of their future and lack of willingness by United Kingdom companies to invest capital into projects that would diversify the economy and which would have been forthcoming if Argentina - with her huge wealth of resources - did not want to swallow up a small group of 1,900 people.

The freezing of the Sovereignty issue by Argentina seems the only way out for Britain and Argentina. For while administration of the Islands by a condominium would be unacceptable to Islanders a freezing of the Sovereignty issue would have a dual purpose in that it would benefit Argentina and suit Britain. It would give the green light to co-operation in the exploitation of our resources which in turn would mean a greater presence of Argentines on our soil and the process of integration with Argentina would take care of itself. The two strongest would be victorious and only the Kelpers will be the losers and in years to come the Mother country will be able to look anyone in the eye and say-no doubt with tongue in check - "there was no question of coercion, they took the only path open to them."

None of us expect Ted Rowlands to come out next week with a magic wand - but I wouldn't say that he won't be carrying thirty pieces of silver!

Baha's Teachings for the Family of Mankind

True faith is no mere acknowledgement of the unity of God but the living of a life that will manifest all the perfections and virtues implied in such belief.

THE STATEMENT BY THE FALKLAND ISLANDS COMPANY LIMITED BROADCAST BY
MR. W.W. BLAKE ON THE EVENING OF THURSDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 1977

The Falkland Islands Company Ltd. welcomes the forthcoming visit to the Islands of the Minister of State, Mr. Edward Rowlands. The Minister has taken a close personal interest in the Islands and has availed himself of every opportunity of meeting Islanders in this country.

In the discussion in the House of Commons yesterday at which the announcement of the Ministerial visit was made, the Foreign Secretary stated that the economy of the Islands was stagnant and that without political and economic co-operation with Argentina the outlook for the Islands is bleak. The Company does not share this view although it does wholly accept Lord Shackleton's statement that no off-shore developments are likely to take place without a form of co-operation agreement with Argentina.

Since publication of the Shackleton Report the Gross National Revenue of the Colony has increased by 80%, in 1976, and a further increase of between 30 and 40% is anticipated this year. The outlook for Falklands wool over the next few years is very favourable. The Company, in common with Islanders, wishes to continue friendly relationships with Argentina but considers that any Argentine involvement, other than on a commercial basis, within Falklands territorial waters impinges on British Sovereignty. The Company, as has previously been announced, is currently considering joint participation with non-Argentine interests in in-shore fishing which is likely to have a significant effect on the Colony's economy. British Government aid would not be required for the venture which involves fish meal and shall-fish.

Managing Director,

WELCOME TO TED ROWLANDS contributed by B.V...

We all jumped with excitement upon hearing the news of the visit of a British Government Official to the Falkland Islands.

Is the British Government really interested in the well being of 1,900 islanders, or is it more interested in a good relationship with 23 million Argentines?

Perhaps our future has been already decided on the telephone lines between London and Buenos Aires, and the visit will only put an official stamp on the agreement.

"We will not do anything behind the islanders back". No they will do everything right in front of us and we won't fight back! Do they really think that Falkland Islanders don't have any backbones?

Why doesn't the F.I.C. back us up in our struggle against the Buenos Aires bureaucrats?

If Argentine takes over the Falkland Islands the F.I.C. will get a mammoth financial compensation for its property from the British Government. (Cont'd bottom of next page)

LETTERBOX

Hill Cove.

1st February, 1977.

Dear Editor,

It's interesting to note that in the March edition of BBC's London Calling, under the heading 'Responsibility in Broadcasting' is contained the following excerpt:-

"The BBC celebrated its 50th anniversary on January 1st this year. Called upon by its charter to 'Inform, educate and entertain' the public, responsibly IMPARTIALLY, and WITHOUT INTERFERENCE FROM THE GOVERNMENT, it has served as one of the models of public service broadcasting, imitated in many parts of the world. "

I wonder if it was the charter that the Chief Secretary had in mind last year, when he embarked on his great oratorical exercise in which Mr. Adrian Monk's proposal was squashed under a barrage of millions of pounds, thousands of workers, and all the other paraphernalia that is the foundation to the BBC.

Yours sincerely,
Ron Reeves

Carcass Island.

7th February, 1977.

Dear Sir,

We were delighted to know you are continuing as Editor of the TIMES, you are doing a splendid and badly needed job and it would be sad indeed if you gave it up. While I agree that there must be other people who could take it on I do not think anyone else could make a better job of it than you do. We will support you in any way we can.

Yours sincerely,
Kitty Bertrand.

A Touch of Humour

Farmers' scepticism about the benefits of the Common Market can only have been reinforced by a titbit of information given at a recent Sussex farmer's dinner.

There are, remarked the speaker, 56 words in The Lord's Prayer, 297 in the Ten Commandments, 300 in the American Declaration of Independence and 26,911 in an E.E.C. directive on the export of duck eggs!

WELCOME TO TED ROWLANDS cont. This is why the F.I.C. doesn't want to sell the land to us and keeps the islands underdeveloped and helpless against our greedy neighbour. The F.I.C. management believes that they can get more money from the British Government in compensation than they would get selling the land to Falkland Islanders. Despite the recent cover-up announcement on the radio, the F.I.C. management doesn't have any interest in the well being of the Islanders 8,000 miles away, it has only interest in keeping the company profitable. If the F.I.C. were on our side it would have subdivided and sold some of the land to the people who work it, at prices they can afford a long time ago.

SHIPPING

Vessel

LINDBLAD EXPLORER		21st Jan '77	Same day	Ushuaia via Antarcti
RRS BRANSFIELD		22nd Jan'	27th Jan'	Punta Arenas
PROFESOR SIEDLECKI	Polish	27th Jan'	28th Jan'	
APATIT	USSR	27th Jan'	28th Jan'	
ANNETTE DANIELSEN	Danish	28th Jan'	6th Feb'	United Kingdom
EUGENIO C	Italian	31st Jan'	Same day	Montevideo
PROFESOR SIEDLECKI	Polish	7th Feb'	Same day	
RUMBULA	USSR	10th Feb'	Same day	USSR via Canary Is.

NEWS in BRIEF

Letter from PRECIOSA. (see 11th Feb '76 TIMES page 7). While the Falklands were celebrating Battle Day the Norwegian crew of the yacht PRECIOSA were writing to all the people they met here during the vessels stay in Jan '76. At the time of writing the yacht was at Nuku Hiva in the Marquesas after calling at Juan Fernandez Is and Easter Is. The four-man crew report that they met 12 yachts from all over the world at Huka Hiva and wondered if any of them have called here since. PRECIOSA was due in Tahiti about now and New Zealand next August.

Air Travellers. In December 1976 there were 5 flights of the F27 aircraft. There were 117 arrivals of whom 12 were tourists and 101 departures of whom 9 were tourists. In January '77 there were 4 flights, with 85 passengers arriving of whom 23 were tourists and 68 departing including 11 tourists.

Aircraft Crash in Antarctica. One of the British Antarctic Survey's two Twin-Otters VPF-AP crash-landed in the southern part of the Antarctic Peninsula on Friday 21st January. The plane is a write-off but the five people on board at the time escaped unscathed.

Fire Officer's Visit. Mr. Dennis T. Davis has been attached to the Stanley Fire Brigade under aid terms provided by the British Government. Mr. Davis who will be staying in the Colony for three months would welcome the views of any member of the public and will be glad to call on any individual or organisation seeking advice.

Date for Show. The 1977 Flower, Vegetable and Home Produce Show organised by the Falkland Islands Horticultural Society has been scheduled to take place in the Gymnasium on Saturday 12th March.

Stanley Badminton Club which recently closed due to poor attendance reopened on Tuesday Feb' 1st. The Club is open to anyone over the age of 15 years and the annual subscription is only £2.

First Manageress for Co-op. The Committee of the Stanley Co-operative Society recently appointed Mrs. Kath Berntsen to manage the 'Co-op'. Mrs. Berntsen whose appointment commenced on January 1st succeeds Mr. Peter Short who managed the store for the last 9½ years and left at the end of last year to run Falkland Supplies with his wife Emily.

Slide Show at St. Mary's. On Wednesday 26th January, South African visitor Mr. Beau Rowlands entertained a good number of people to a slide show of his visits to Gough Island and Tristan da Cunha. During the evening the newly arrived locum Dr. Summers recognised a yacht shown in one of the slides. It was owned and built by Swede Sven Lundin who was teaching Maths at the school on Tristan and whom Doc Summers had met on St. Helena in October 1974.

Dearer Milk. Due to increased running costs Mr. Chris Spall of Callaghan Road Dairy increased the price of a pint bag of milk from 10p to 12p from the 1st January. Milk for non-working pensioners was increased from 6p to 8p.

Radio Programme on Falklands. A programme containing interviews with Lord Shackleton, Ted Rowlands and possibly Stanley residents is scheduled by the BBC on Radio 4's 'The World This Weekend' at 1300 on Sunday 20th February.

Fire on Pebble Island. Fire gutted the dance hall/school room on Pebble Island late on the evening of Tuesday 25th January. Seven films and the farm's two projectors were lost. Mr. Ernie Lyse raised the alarm at around midnight-thirty and the men of the Island fought successfully to save the store which is only feet away to the West of the building.

New Books. Local conservationist and artist Ian Strange recently returned from England where he had been visiting to mark the publishing of his new book 'The Bird Man'. The book is available at the West Store and is priced at £6.90. Another book - 'The Return of the Great Britain' written by Richard Gould-Adams who is the Chairman of the Great Britain Project, the organisation set up to ensure the restoration of Brunnel's giant steamship which was launched at Bristol in 1843, will soon be available from the West Store at £5.25 per copy.

Joint Expedition's Successful Landing. A joint Services expedition of sixteen men have been landed on the Elephant group of islands in Antarctica. The landing operation carried out by the HMS ENDURANCE's two Wasp helicopters lasted for 4½ days. One team of eight men were landed on Clarence Is. and the other team on O'Brien Is. The main object of the expedition which has been approved by the Royal Geographic Society will be to carry out scientific work for the British Antarctic Survey.

Loyal Service. Mr. William Morrison, presently Head Shepherd at North Arm, will be retiring soon from this post after 52 years service with the Falkland Is. Co. Ltd., Mr. Morrison who turned to in 1925 will be leaving the Colony with his family at the end of March for a well earned rest at Loch Fyne, Scotland.

Engagement -- in Cardiff, Wales on December 18th 1976, Nonic Bonner to Colin Marshall. Nonic is the younger daughter of Andy and Orleen Bonner, late of Stanley.

Wedding Anniversary. Mr. & Mrs. Joe Booth celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary on 27th December 1976.

Just a reminder to Stanley residents- telephone rentals, letter-box rentals and dog licence fees are now due. They should all be renewed at the Post Office.

MESSAGE FROM ALGINATE INDUSTRIES LIMITED TO THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

1. As the Islanders will know, Humphries and Glasgow carried out a feasibility study on Alginate Industries' behalf in 1974 covering the production of dried milled seaweed, and also the production of calcium alginate.
2. At the time of the Shackleton report it was considered that only the production of dried milled seaweed would be a viable proposition.
3. It is now considered that sodium alginate, worth even more than calcium alginate since it is an end product and is worth around £2000 per ton, can be produced in the Falkland Islands.
4. Our internal estimate of the Capital Costs based upon updating the Humphries and Glasgow final reports of June 1974, taking account amongst other things of cost inflation since then, amounts to £13 million for a plant to produce 10 tons of sodium alginate a day or 3170 tons a year. At £2000 per ton this amounts to a turnover of £6½ million a year.
5. If the Alginate Industries seaweed harvesting concession were operated to full extent these figures would become £40 million capital expenditure and a turnover of £25 million p.a. based on 1976 prices.
6. During 1977 Alginate Industries hopes to produce about 8,000 tons of alginate and by using various other minor sources of seaweed it is believed that we shall in due course be able to produce up to 11,000 tons a year. At this point only marginal further supplies of seaweed will be available unless the supplies from the Falkland Islands/Tierra del Fuego are used.
7. Judging by past experience Alginate Industries' own increase in sales potential will amount to around 1,000 tons of alginates a year so that on this basis it will be likely that the 11,000 tons limit will be reached soon after 1980.
8. Since supplies of alginates from the Falkland Islands will cost considerably more than alginates made from more accessible raw material nearer at hand it is, of course, necessary to establish that the market will continue to require more alginates based on this higher cost, but in our view the chances of this are good.
9. The overriding question is the political future of the islands vis a vis the Argentine and Alginate Industries has made it clear to H.M. Government that an assurance regarding the continued British Sovereignty of the Islands is essential.
10. The Shackleton report considered that it would be logical for any major new developments of the Falkland Islands economy, especially those relating to offshore resources such as oil and fish, if possible to be carried out in cooperation - even participation - with Argentina. This must not apply, nor does Alginate Industries believe that it is intended to apply, to seaweed resources or any inshore operations. Furthermore no alginate development could take place without the recommended extension of the airstrip.

R.R. Merton

4th February, 1977.

Managing Director.

BIRTHS at the K.E.M. Hospital, Stanley.

12th December '76 to Mr & Mrs. Terence Summers (Sybella Goodwin) of Fitzroy, a daughter JULIE ANN (9 lbs 2½ oz)

30th January '77 to Mr & Mrs. Clarvis Clausen (Mally Jaffray) of San Carlos a son WAYNE IAN SUMMERS JAMES (8 lbs)

1st February '77 to Mr & Mrs. Lloyds Hirtle (Shirley Biggs) of Port Louis, a son MICHAEL BARRY (7 lbs 6 oz)

DEATH - 22nd January in Saltash, Cornwall - of Jim Pitaluga aged 100

PEN FRIENDS CORNER

Mr. George Mongeur at P.O. Box 26501, El Paso, Texas 79926, USA wishes to correspond with F.I. females with a view to exchange general information, ideas of various subjects and material of interest.

Mr. Yousouf Bocus of the Staff Residence, Hope Hospital, Salford M6-8HD, Manchester, England.

Mr. John Fok aged 21 years who is a bank clerk and likes letter-writing, music, dancing, reading, sports and folk songs and lives at 24, Staunton Street, 1/F Block D. Central District, Hong Kong.

Mr. E. Davey aged 49 and a widower who is a theatre technician in a hospital is eager to know more about the Islands. Mr. Davey with his 19 year old daughter who is a hairdresser and would like to contact a hairdresser out here (we only have one) hopes to visit the Falklands for a long working holiday. They live at 5, Courtland Gardens, Parkway, Bassett, Southampton, Hants, England.

Have you got £1,600 to spare. Well maybe you have £10. Why not invest it wisely and earn yourself 7% interest plus your divi on purchases. Buy a share in the PEOPLES' SHOP. Buy a share in the CO-OP. Shares are in units of £10. A married couple can hold a share up to the value of £2,800. THINK ABOUT IT !

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ROWLANDS GETS the MESSAGE - 'KEEP the FALKLANDS BRITISH'

The focal point of attention here recently has been the visit to the Falklands from 16th-21st February of Minister of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office Mr. Ted Rowlands, his subsequent talks in Buenos Aires and statements made in the House of Commons on the 1st March. The four and a half day visit by the Minister and two officials from the FCO was well covered by the British and Argentine press and international news agencies. Reports indicate that the Argentine press have distorted facts to support the Argentine propaganda machine (as you will discover from this edition's Letterbox).

In London on the 1st March during his winding up speech in the Foreign affairs debate Mr. Rowlands told Parliament that during his visit to the Falklands he met and talked with as many Islanders as it was physically possible during the time available. He also said that anyone talking to the Islanders could not fail to be impressed by their loyalty to the Crown and their desire to remain British and that he was left in no doubt that they were worried about their future. Mr. Rowlands went on to say that during the two days of talks in Buenos Aires with representatives of the Argentine Government, which were solely intended to establish whether terms of reference could be agreed for subsequent negotiations, he gave an account of his visit to the Islands and stressed the assurances given to the Islanders by Her Majesty's Government, that there would be full consultation throughout any negotiations and that any such negotiations would be conducted under the 'sovereignty umbrella'. The Minister also said in the House of Commons that it was essential that each side should be clear in its own mind from the outset how the other side was approaching the problem of negotiations and that it was important to get the inter-relationship between the themes of economic and political co-operation right. On sovereignty he stated that he could readily confirm that the British Government would not propose to Parliament a transfer of sovereignty without the full acceptance of the Islands.

In a statement in the House of Commons, also on 1st March, the new Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, Dr. David Owen said that he could assure the House that "there has been and there will be no sell out. That would betray the very principle which I believe guides our British Foreign policy."

A large crowd gathered at the East end of Davis Street early on the morning of Monday 21st February to bid the Minister farewell and in case he had not got the message he was handed a statement at the airport from the Falkland Islands Committee who probably represent almost 100% of the Islands population. The message read;

We all wish you a safe and pleasant journey back to Britain and hope you will always remember your visit to the Falkland Islands.

(Keep the Falklands Islands British)

We fervently hope that you will recommend an extension to our airfield - this appears to be the only way that development of the Colony can take place.

(Support the Falkland Islands' wish to stay British)

We do not believe our economy to be stagnant. The wool industry is holding its value - in fact its value is increasing. This means more assistance to your balance of payments through increased hard currency and taxation.

(The Falkland Islands want to stay British)

We wish to have co-operation with Argentina only in the form of a normal relationship between any two countries.

(Keep the Falkland Islands British)

We would like to see the infamous 'White Card' abolished.

(Support the Falkland Islands' wish to stay British)

We do not want Argentine participation within these Islands and only accept it in off-shore ventures insofar as within a fully international legal framework.

(The Falkland Islands want to stay British)

The South American way of life is as foreign to us as the oriental one is to you. Our cultures, laws, politics, language etc., are entirely different. If we wanted the South American way of life we would go there and live.

(Support the Falkland Islands' wish to remain British)

We do not acknowledge that Argentina has any legitimate claim on our Islands.

(KEEP the FALKLAND ISLANDS BRITISH)

A similar statement signed by over 100 people was read and handed to Mr. Rowlands at Goose Green by the Goose Green/Walker Creek Branch of the Falkland Islands Committee.

SHIPPING (at Stanley)

<u>Vessel</u>	<u>Nationality</u>	<u>Arrived</u>	<u>Departed</u>	<u>For</u>
RRS JOHN BISCOE	British	16 Feb' 77	17 Feb'	Antarctica
LINDBLAD EXPLORER	Panamanian	19 Feb'	19 Feb'	Buenos Aires
BAHIA BUEN SUCESO	Argneinian	27 Feb'	2 March	Puerto Belgrano
RRS JOHN BISCOE	British	28 Feb'	7 March	UK via Montevideo
EDUARD SYRMUS	USSR	8 March	8 March	

WEST FALKLAND SPORTS 1977 (Contributed by Mr. J.R. Cockwell
Secretary, West Falkland Sports Assoc.)

The West Falkland Sports were held at Fox Bay East during the week beginning 21st February. Despite travelling difficulties people came from all over the West for the meeting and a few from even further afield. There were over 150 visitors at Fox Bay East alone and more commuted from Fox Bay West each day

On Tuesday morning the first heats of the dog trials were held followed by the shearing competition in the afternoon. The top shearer at the meeting was Robert Maddocks who also won the prize for the best pen of sheep. Second was J. Blackley, third K. Heathman and fourth D. Hurst. All four of these winners are eligible to forward to the Championships to be held at Darwin later this month.

Wednesday was Race Day, the weather was perfect, and it was very good to see the large turnout of horses this year. Particularly pleasing was to see the turn out of horses from Port Stephens which has not entered horses for some years. We were very pleased to be able to welcome His Excellency the Governor and Mrs. Parker for the mornings racing. Mrs. Parker was able to present the prize to the winner of the Governor's Cup.

The prize winners were as follows:-

Race No. 1 Maiden Plate F.I.B.

1. Miss V. Dickson/LUCY ROSE 2. T. Cousins/KATIE 3. L. Berntsen/SHAMROCK

Race No. 2 Maiden Plate Open.

1. Miss D. McKay/ANITA 2. D. Donnelly/TEXAS

Race No. 3 Jockeys under 25

1. G. McGill/LUCAS 2. T. Cousins/DIAMOND 3. E. Withers/TOFFEE

Race No. 4 Pebble Plate.

1. T. Hirtle/ENCORE 2. D. McKay/MISMA 3. D. Donnelly/SAMPSON

Race No. 5 800 yd. F.I.T.

1. R. Ross/BLACK BELLOW 2. R. Evans/JASPER 3. A. Marsh/KATHY

Race No. 6 600 yds. Open

1. R. Evans/MONTE 2. D. Donnelly/FLICKA 3. Miss V. Dickson/KENTUCKY

Race No. 7 500 Yds F.I.B.

1. R. Ross/BLUE BOY 2. T. Cousins/DIAMOND 3. R. Evans/NAJINISKI

Race No. 8 One Mile Trot

1. R. Evans/HAZEL 2. F. Marsh/ANAQUILA 3. J. Betts/GOLDIE

Race No. 9 400 Yds. Ladies

1. Miss V. Dickson/SAPPHIRE 2. Miss D. McKay/ARAGON 3. Mrs. C. Porter/
GYPSY

Race No. 10 Governors Cup

1. W. Luxton/SHEBA 2. T. Cousins/KATIE 3. L. Berntsen/SHAMROCK

Race No. 11 300 Yds. F.I.T.

1. R. McGill/LUCAS 2. W. Luxton/CAPTAIN 3. F. Marsh/BOOMERANG

Race No. 12 600 Yds. Ladies

1. Mrs. R. Evans/MONTE 2. Miss D. McKay/ANITA Mrs. W. Luxton/FLINT

Race No. 13 500 Yds. F.I.T.

1. R. Ross/BLUE BOY 2. G. McGill/LUCAS 3. T. Cousins/DIAMOND

Race No. 14 800 Yds. F.I.B.

1. R. Evans/MONTE 2. T. Hirtle/ENCORE 3. D. Donnelly/TEXAS

Race No. 15 Ladies Half Mile Trot

1. Miss T. Porter/AJAX 2. Mrs. R. Evans/HAZEL 3. Mrs. J. Blackley/ANAQUILA

WEST FALKLAND SPORTS 1977 Cont.

Race No. 16 600 Yds. F.I.T.

1. R. Ross/BLACK FELLOW 2. R. Evans/JASPER 3. D. Donnelly/SAMPSON

Race No. 17 600 Yds. F.I.B.

1. R. Evans/NAJINISKI 2. Mrs. P. Luxton/CAPTAIN 3. Miss V. Dickson/
KENTUCKY

Race No. 18 Troop Race

1. A. Marsh/ACKER 2. T. Cousins/JET 3. F. Marsh/EPICURE

Race No. 19 600 Yds. Open Ladies

1. Miss V. Dickson/SHAMROCK 2. Miss J. Betts/DUSTY 3. Miss D. McKay/
MISMA

Race No. 20 Consolation Race

1. I. Gleadell/TANGO 2. L. Berntsen/MARTHA 3. W. Ross/AMBER

Race No. 21 Champion F.I.B.

1. R. Ross/BLUE BOY 2. Mrs. W. Luxton/SHEBA 3. R. Evans/MONTE

Race No. 22 Open Champion

1. R. Evans/NAJINSKI 2. Miss L. Dickson/LUCY ROSE 3. T. Hirtle/ENCORE

Thursday morning started very wet and it was impossible to hold any events until the afternoon which turned out very fine and warm. During the afternoon we held the Gymkhana events and some of the foot events. The one mile Cup was won by A. Marsh.

Friday was another very fine day and in the morning the dog trials were finished. The open class was won by L. Morrison with Shell, second was P. Short with Nap and third was R. Evans with Queen. There was only one novice in the competition this year. On Friday afternoon a big crowd gathered to see the steer riding in perfect weather. The standard of the riding was very high this year, and there were some very good rides not only from the old hands but also from some of the newcomers. Keith Heathman won first prize with an extremely good ride, second was D. Clausen and third was P. Tyson. There was also a memorable ride by Dennis Summers on the Chartres Bull!

To sum up the 1977 Sports Week was made even more enjoyable by the fact that the weather was particularly fine and warm. A special thanks should go to the Port Howard Social Club for the loan of their record playing equipment when ours failed us, and also to Mike Biggs who travelled to Port Howard and back on Race Day to collect it.

JANUARY WEATHER

January this year was an exceptionally dry month, with a total of 30mm (1.18") of rain which is some 46mm below the normal rainfall making it the driest January since 1907.

The average daily temperature was 9.5 degC (49.1 degF). Highest temperature recorded was 23.2 degC (73.8 degF) on the 16th and the lowest was 2.3 degC (36.1 degF) on the nights of 11/12th and 29/30th. The average daily sunshine was 7.57 hours which is about half an hour a day above the January average. The average wind speed was 15.1 knots, the highest gust being 55 knots on the 14th. There were four hours when the average hourly wind speed was of gale force and 182 hours when it was of ten knots or less. Ground frost was recorded on ten occasions which is more than double the normal for January..

In brief - a dry, sunny month being a little warmer and less windy than normal.

LETTERBOX

Stanley. F.I.

18th February, 1977.

Dear Sir,

I am writing this letter as a protest on the insertion in The Times of Friday 11th February of the incredible paragraphs written in letter form and contributed by someone called B.V.Q.

I do not recall ever seeing in print in local publications any article containing such scurrilous remarks about any institution or commercial entity, and written by someone, he or she, who has not even got the guts to show a name.

With regard to the Falkland Islands Co. the accusations bear no resemblance to the truth.

Indeed when one considers the support and actual assistance in publishing which your paper receives from the Company, I find myself astonished that you did not place this article in the fire on receipt; I doubt whether publication is likely to do your circulation much good. I for one would never want any constructive letter of mine in print alongside anything as vile and contemptible as B.V.Q.'s effort.

I hope you will publish this letter as so many other citizens of this town have expressed sentiments akin to mine.

I have not always seen eye to eye with FIC policy and whenever this has come to pass any remarks from me have always been recorded over my full signature - I have never skulked behind a pseudonym.

It is also incredibly unfortunate that this publication has occurred during the important presence of our distinguished visitors from Her Majesty's Government - they can hardly fail to read it.

Yours faithfully,
Sydney Miller.

(Ed. I have worn many hats during my almost fourteen years of living in the Colony but do not propose to wear that of a censor. As for paragraph 4 regarding 'support and actual assistance' received by the Company, Mr. Miller has been misinformed (apparently by a senior employee of the FIC) as to its degree. The West Store kindly sells the TIMES and receive, like other stores and the Post Office, one free copy. At one stage the Company let me have some duplicating paper on a replacement basis and on another occasion I exchanged foolscap paper for quarto which was to our mutual benefit. To be fair I would not deny that other help has been offered but has not been taken up for the simple reason that by adopting this policy it is much easier to remain entirely independent and unbiased. It is for the same reason that I would not apply for a subsidy for the TIMES from the Government.

As for the cloak of anonymity, I have expounded my views on this before and can only say how fortunate Mr. Miller is being able to express his views on paper without the need for such a shield. I am quite satisfied that BVQ's article was his/her sincere opinion and I also know what probably would become of him/her if the identity were disclosed. I would close by saying that I have heard several comments from Townsfolk with sentiments akin to BVQ's and apart from Mr. Miller have only had one person express what utter rot the article was. Perhaps this would be an ideal opportunity to say that the views expressed in readers' letters and articles are not necessarily in agreement with mine).

Goose Green,
28th February, 1977.

Dear Sir,

Following the minister's visit to the Islands, I would like - if I may - to make a comment.

During the ministers tour of the Islands many persons expounded the millions made last year, or the year before; though to be sure the millions were far, far, away from the average hundred a month that most workers receive. Perhaps its not the Industry that is stagnant after all!

Mr. Rowlands didn't come to 'sell us down the river'; only to tell us that we do not need an extension to the airstrip.

It is argued in high places that the extension is necessary for this, that and the other; but it requires more than a little imagination to see how extending the airstrip could help fishing or the kelp industry, utter nonsense!! It would however help us to get many things we might not want, and the maintenance-bill is only one.

Mr. Rowlands recommends that we look to the smaller things, 'the hopes on the door-step'; good, at last!! but let us, at the same time, eliminate the evils of indecision and dis-satisfaction that have been on our doorstep for so long.

I have suggested before that we get so wound up on the sovereignty theme that we by-pass many issues of immediate social consequence; with the long established virtual monopolization of land ownership and commercial enterprise, democracy can never put minorities where they belong.

Yours faithfully,
Eddie Anderson JNR.

Goose Green,
3rd March, 1977.

Dear Sir,

Once again the Argentine newsmedia distorts facts in its favour about the Falklands. I refer to the "Noticias Argentinas" dispatch describing the arrival of Ted Rowlands in the Falklands;

"He was met only by the governor of the island and a tiny group of local dignitaries ... a group of ten children waved British flags as the official caravan drove into town".

As we all know the Minister was in fact met by a crowd of nearly 400 waving Union Jacks and chanting 'We want to stay British'. This was correctly reported by other newsmedia who report true facts and believe in human rights.

The Noticias Argentinas dispatch was printed in the big spanish language dailies in Argentina and thus the people there believe that Ted Rowlands got a cold welcome and we, the islanders, have little interest in our future.

Such are the underhand methods used by press media in a foreign Country whose dubious way of life the British Government would be very happy for us to become part of.

Yours faithfully,
T.J.D. Miller

VISIT FROM THE MINISTER OF STATE (MR. TED ROWLANDS & HIS PARTY) -

Composed by DES PECK

Welcome to our Islands Ted
And this goes for your team
I'm sure you must have got a shock
To see this land of dreams.

When Ted arrived in Stanley
He was met at the Governors Drive
Some four hundred people, old and young
Were certainly all alive.

British flags were waving
Banners held up high
Keep the FALKLAND ISLANDS "BRITISH"
You could hear the crowd all cry.

One poster held by children
Could be very clearly read
'Who do you think your feeling?'
His name stood out, it was "TED".

He must have heard the song
I'm just passing through
But the crowd was not too happy
And said, this will never do.

Then all hands went to Government House
And gathered in the street
So Ted and gang, with H.E. too
Went down to the crowd to meet.

He assured many old people
He was not here to make any deal
'The Falkland Islands are "BRITISH"
And I know this is how you all feel'.

The Falkland Islands are, "BRITISH"
Of this, there is no doubt
Ted assured "NEIL" our Chairman
There would never be a sellout.

The Chartered plane comes on Monday;
Taking Ted and his gang to B.A.
Then they fly back to London
But Ted hopes to return here one day.

-) SPEEDWELL STORE (-

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Talc, deodorant, A/shave and Cologne; Burley A/shave, deodorant and Cologne.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

More Price Increases. The following increases were announced recently - diesel oil from 48-52p per gallon, cylinders of gas (45kg from Gas Del Estado) from £2.50 - £5 and bread up from 18p a loaf to 24p.

Change of Name. On 29th December 1976 by deed-poll Elena Butler of 5, Calne Ave., Clayhall, Ilford, Essex abandoned the name of Jordan and assumed the name of Butler. (Elena spent her younger years at Port Stephens and now lives in Ilford with her grandfather Mr. George Butler who will be remembered by many for his numerous wins in sheep-dog trials and horse racing).

New Airport. It was recently announced in the House of Commons that the Colony's own airport is due to be opened in May.

Falkland Islands Action Group. This group of young Islanders living in England wrote to the TIMES on October 1st last year. Unfortunately their letter was never received. However in the next edition we shall reproduce their introductory letter explaining who they are and what they are doing.

Mrs. Carol Miller of Port San Carlos is hoping to compile a social and communal history of the Islands' people. Anyone with material-however insignificant it may seem-especially stories of the 'good old days' is asked to contact Mrs. Miller.

Prison Ordinance 1966 - Under this Ordinance the following persons have been appointed the Board of Visiting Justices for 1977; Mr. J. Bound E.D., J.P., Mrs. Jessie Booth, J.P. and Mr. W.H. Goss, J.P.

Air Travellers. Apart from the special flights of 16th and 21st February there were 4 flights of the Fokker 27 from Comodoro Rivadavia bringing 72 passengers of whom 12 were tourists. Departure figures are 66 passengers of whom 23 were tourists.

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COMMONWEALTH DAY 1977

The 14th March 1977 was the first occasion for the simultaneous observance of Commonwealth Day. This follows the endorsement of the proposal by the Canadian Government that Commonwealth Day should be simultaneously observed on the second Monday in March each year.

In Stanley His Excellency the Governor and Mrs. Parker visited our two schools and at the Senior School where most of the classes of both had assembled His Excellency addressed the children about the meaning of the Commonwealth and after which one of the children read Her Majesty the Queen's Commonwealth Day message. The Governor asked for that afternoon to be declared a holiday for the children and after the Headmaster agreed to it the children gave His Excellency three rousing cheers.

After the visit some of the children wrote little essays about it of which one bright young lass wrote; "The Governor came today and brought his Queen." The following message was sent to London with the request that it be submitted to Her Majesty:

'On the occasion of Commonwealth Day 1977 in the year of Her Majesty's Jubilee, the children of the Falkland Islands' Schools at Port Stanley, Darwin and in the Camp wish to convey their loyal congratulations and humble wishes to Her Majesty.'

An essay competition has been organised for school-children here with a choice of one of the following subjects; The Colourful Commonwealth, Peoples of the Commonwealth, Animals and/or Birds of the Commonwealth or Stamps of the Commonwealth. Entries for the Competition which will be judged in age groups of 9-12 years and 13-15 years should be in by April 2nd.

An excellent programme for the occasion produced by Patrick Watts our Officer in Charge of Broadcasting was broadcast the same evening during which His Excellency the Governor gave us a verbal picture of the Fiji Islands, archivist Dr. Daphne Gifford spoke about St. Helena and the Chief Secretary about his days in Nyasaland (Malawi) where he served as a District Commissioner.

The following was enclosed with a letter of 1st October 1976 to the F.I. Times:-

SUGGESTED INTRODUCTORY LETTER FOR THE FALKLAND ISLANDS ACTION GROUP

You may have already heard of the Falkland Islands Action Group, but if you have not, or perhaps only a little, this letter is by way of an introduction and explanation of who we are, and what we are doing.

We are a group of young Islanders now living in Britain, but whose interests still lie firmly with the Falklands, and it is our intention to do everything possible from this end to ensure that the Islands remain British, and free from Argentine domination. We work closely with the Falkland Islands Committee in London, to ensure that a) we are not both covering the same ground, and b) that there are no areas which we are failing to cover between us. However, despite this co-operation the Falkland Islands Action Group are strictly independent and are in no way controlled by the Committee. Consequently we are free to pursue policies which we believe are in the best interests of the Islands, which the Committee are unable or unwilling to pursue because of their political or personal connections.

Our activities to date have centred around publicity - through the press, radio and other recognised media, to bring the affairs of the Falkland Islands to the notice of the general public, and make them aware that we are in danger of losing our identity, nationality and civil and political liberty.

We believe that it will only be through the continued activities of Islanders in the United Kingdom and the Falkland Islands pressurising the government and making our views known, both to the Falkland Islands' administration and in Parliament, that we will achieve any success. If we once give up trying then Argentines will have won the fight.

Our group intends to make every possible effort, as will the Falkland Islands Committee, to ensure that i) the extension to the permanent airstrip goes ahead ii) Parliament is aware of the situation and will support our cause, iii) the recommendations of the Shackleton Report are carried out insofar as they benefit the Islands (iv) alternative industries are encouraged to develop in the Falklands to give increased opportunities, particularly to younger people and v) the Falkland Islands will be free to control their own future in conjunction with Britain and not with Argentina.

To help us in our efforts, we would be grateful for any support anybody is able to offer, whether it be active in organising a local group to make its views known or through an exchange of views and advice. We would like to hear from you. Our address is 115, Queens Gate, London SW7

BAHA'U. TEACHINGS FOR THE FAMILY OF MANKIND

Freedom is not a matter of place, but of condition. When one is released from the prison of self, that is indeed freedom! For self is the greatest prison. When this release takes place one can never be imprisoned.

LETTERBOX.

5 Courtland Gardens,
Parkway, Bassett,
Southampton, England.
February, 18th, 1977.

Dear Sir,

I hope that you will forgive me for writing to you in this way, but I have recently seen a copy of your paper "The Falkland Islands Times", and reading your editorial on p.2. can see that you personally are fighting quite a battle to protect the Falkland Islands from the Argentine and possibly from the less obvious enemy within.

One of the annoying things is that although a lot of news is published here the media lets us have little or no real news of what is really happening throughout the world, we are only told that "they" want us to know, so that for the rest of the news you have to persevere and dig it out for yourself as I do myself, thats now I came to notice the particular item in our local newspaper the "Southampton Evening Echo" on p.3., the trouble over here is that at the moment everyone is so worried about the still rising cost of living, for in spite of the so called "price freeze" prices of most things seem to go up every week, and the workers in the various industries strike at the drop of a hat for more money, I work in the Southampton Docks, and we have quite a lot of problems there, stoppages, work to rules and demands for more money.

If I can be of any assistance to you from all this distance please let me know, my family and I contacted Government House at Stanley some time ago to see if we could contact anyone and they said they would pass our letter to you, but we wondered if they would do this, anyway we would like to be in touch with people out there as well so hope that you can help us.

Well there we are thats it for now, hope to hear from you, looking out of the window here its a horrible February afternoon, overcast, dull and raining hard, the day everyone who has any sense stops indoors.

Best Wishes,
E. Davey.

Fox Bay West.

Dear Editor,

Yes some of us did get a chance to meet Lord Ted Runway but had a job to get a plane word in as he talked so much that he filled the air-space. By the time he'd said how he'd come to listen, that our "hopes lie on the doorstep" (whatever that means!) twenty times, and how Wales' international airport is a "huge white elephant", he was off to Chartres in a chopper with a mouthful of Val's half finished runway cake ("the best bit of propoganda I've eaten all day").

As a result of this morale boosting visit by one of our great chiefs and his entourage the ARGENTINES are now claiming to be about to DISCUSS OUR CONSTITUTION. (Thank you BBC)

And thank you Dave for producing an excellent paper.

Yours faithfully,
A.R. Chater.

Stanley,
28th February, 1977.

Sir,

On Tuesday 8th February a programme called 'Warship' appeared on British television. This programme is a weekly series similar to many appearing in Britain at the moment but what made this particular programme interesting I shall outline below.

A British Colony which was in the process of being turned over to a foreign power called on the warship to intervene after the people of the Colony had started blowing up various installations and creating trouble in the hope that the Navy itself would intervene on their behalf. The Navy was powerless to help and obviously had to act on behalf of H.M. Govt., During the programme references were made to; population 2,100, staple diet being mutton, economy based on wool production, Legislative Council and local Defence Force. The people wanted to stay British and did not want to be handed over to a Latin American country. They did not want to become a Spanish speaking community. The Government offered a free passage home to all who wanted to leave and the programme ended with a teacher and her father going down to a jetty in a Landrover to watch the warship leave amid strains of 'Land of Hope and Glory'.

I have no comment to make save to say that it appears British television programmes are apparently obtaining their material from sources other than their norm.

Yours sincerely,
Peter Walmsley

94a Whitechapel High Street,
London E1 7RH.

Dear Sir,

The anonymous contributor to the Falkland Islands Times of February, 1977 under the heading of "Welcome to Ted Rowlands" asks why the F.I.C. does not back up the people of the Islands in their struggle against the Buenos Aires brueaucrats. The Islanders right to self-determination under the United Nations Charter is unassailable and identification of commercial interest with that right would weaken rather than strengthen it. This is because the motive could be misinterpreted as has occurred in the article in question.

However, F.I.C. uniquely among trading Companies has always accepted responsibilities towards the people of the territory in which it trades far exceeding those of normal explorer/employee and seller/customer relationships. These responsibilities are now embodied in legally binding deeds of undertaking which I and my colleagues obtained when we were taken over. F.I.C. will not let the people of the Colony down. As individuals the management of F.I.C. will continue to give unstinted effort to help the Islanders in achieving their wish to remain British.

Finally may I add that the steady growth in the real standard of living of the people of the Colony can only be achieved through proven methods of sheepfarming. As stated in the F.I. Times of December, 1976 F.I.C., whilst considering that breaking up large farms would be harmful to the economy, will make land available for this purpose experimentally if necessary.

Yours faithfully,
(F.G. Mitchell)
Managing Director,

Box 3982, Hollywood,
California 90028, U.S.A.

24th February, 1977.

Dear Sir,

I am at a loss at this time for words,

I cannot understand the reason for your paper not publishing the purpose of Mr. Rowlands visit.

After reading the notice of it on the back page of the London Financial Times I know I would not get any information from an official British source, so I called the Argentine Consulate and this is what I received.

His visit to the colony and Buenos Aires was or is to implement the turn-over of the colony to Argentina which has already been agreed to by Great Britain and presume this will include BAT and South Georgia.

The only information I am lacking is the date of the return of the colonies to Argentina.

This reminds me of the news coverage during World War II and the early years when America was not in the war. The German communiques told us the news and the British communiques merely confirmed the truth two or three days later.

I still do not understand why England has lost so much territory since World War II and I do not like it. I am American and my wife is English and I think the line should be drawn somewhere.

In the face of this news are the new definitives to be released?

The Argentine diplomatic post called is the one at Los Angeles and the date of conversation was the 23rd of February.

My philatelic magazine is late and I had one article written up for it and this news will be published and sent to a mailing list I have which includes addresses in the Falkland Islands. I am now a member of the Falkland Islands Study Group.

The notice of the Rowlands Visit was published on 18 February 1977; in the Financial Times.

I wonder if you will care to comment on this letter in the paper as the confirmation comes from an official source.

Yours faithfully,

L.K. Stoddart.

(Ed. No Comment!)

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

14th March, 1977.

Dear Sir,

The recent price increase of milk has raised eyebrows and I fear the hackles of many people in Stanley. I can defend the increase quite easily. Since I took over the dairy the price of milk has gone up from 4p to 12p but in the same period the price of petrol has risen from 25p a gallon to £1.32, wages from 25p an hour to 80p and cattle feed from £1 to £3 a bag. It is this last item which is the greatest cost (I have just finished paying for last Winter's feed) and over which I have the least control and this is wrong. The main Winter feed for the dairy herd should and could be grown here in the Falklands.

Well that's my problem and God willing I will solve it one day but my problem is in miniature the problem of the whole of the Falklands - we are far too dependent on shipping away wool to pay for things to be shipped to us that we could produce here. For example we ship away wool which is spun into Yarn and shipped back to us so that we can do our knitting. This is ridiculous! Every woollen garment worn in the Islands could be home spun and knitted here. Again we have ample supplies of stone with which to build better and in the long-run, cheaper houses and yet we ship wood and tin thousands of miles to do the job. Again with a central cold store all necessary vegetables for the whole year through could be at hand and yet dried and tinned vegetables by the ton are shipped in.

I do not expect this letter to instantly solve the problem but I hope it will start people thinking along different lines. I believe that if people think back 6 years they will agree that they have a better service from the dairy now than they did then.

Yours sincerely,
C.R. Spall.

FALKLAND ISLANDS: PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION

In the House of Commons on, Wednesday the 23rd March, Mr. John Biggs-Davison, Conservative Member for Chigwell, Essex, put down a written question about the Islands. He asked the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs what representations the Minister of State (Mr. Ted Rowlands) received at Goose Green, and what reply he made to allay popular misgivings arising from discussion of Her Majesty's sovereignty with Argentina.

Mr. Ted Rowlands, replying for Dr. David Owen, said:

"During the public discussions I held with the Falkland Islanders at Goose Green, the local branch of the Falkland Island Committee read out an eight point statement, prepared before my arrival, which expressed concern over discussion of the Falkland Islands sovereignty dispute with Argentina. I assured those present that, contrary to the suggestion in the statement, I had not discussed sovereignty with the Argentine Government en route to the Islands. I explained why the Government thought it right to establish whether Anglo-Argentine negotiations might be held and how United Kingdom sovereignty over the Islands and the position of the Islanders would be fully protected. Those present at the Goose Green meeting indicated their satisfaction with these explanations and with the Government's intention to see whether a climate for Anglo-Argentine negotiations existed."

GOVERNOR'S BROADCAST.

In a long awaited broadcast of 16th March telling us some of the things the Government are thinking and doing, His Excellency said that the amendments to our Constitution (which will make the Legislature of nine to include six Elected Members and the reducing of the voting age to eighteen) were due to be laid before Her Majesty the Queen soon and that in all probability 1977 would be another election year. Space is running out so I shall leave the rest of the matters mentioned until the next edition.

NEWS in BRIEF

Outward Bound. Charter ship ANNETTE DANIELSEN sailed from Gravesend (London) for Stanley via Mar del Plata (Argentina) during the early hours of Saturday 12th March with 680 tons of cargo and 187 bags of mail.

Library's Offer. During a recent sorting of books at the Library it was discovered that a large number had been duplicated. If any Camp Station would like any of these books they are asked to contact the Librarian Mr. Stewart Booth or Mrs. Min Johnston.

Government Office Hours. Following the reverting to local mean time at midnight on the 26th March Government Offices will commence working their Winter Routine. Most offices will be open from 0830-1230 and 1345-1700 hours Mondays to Fridays and the Post Office and Treasury will be open to the public for business from 0830-1230 and 1345-1530 hours.

Commonwealth Institute. About two years ago an appeal was launched by Mr. Sydney Miller on behalf of the Commonwealth Institute of Kensington, London for material for the Falklands section there. A member of the Falklands section there, a member of the Falkland Is. Action Group who visited the Institute recently reports that its Director, Mr. Evans, is still desirous of obtaining photographs and slides of the Islands for display or for sale at the Institute's shop. Sheepskins, hornwork, pebble jewellery and knitted garments could also be sold. As the response to the appeal of two years ago was good and numerous slides were sent for photo copies and have been returned one wonders what happened at the Institute!

Another Industry? From time to time the Secretariat receive inquiries from vehicle licence plate collectors (usually American). Although it is explained to them that most of our vehicle plates are home-made, that some are just a number (never more than three digits) others are preceded by the letter F while others retain their U.K. number plates, these collectors are quite persistent in their efforts to acquire a plate from the Falklands. Well - with Winter just around the corner!

If only they knew! A letter to the Secretary of our Chamber of Commerce and Industry which was passed on to the TIMES requests that the following be inserted in some of the forthcoming issues of the Trade Bulletin of your Chamber:

For all kinds of new and secondhand Agricultural, Constructive, Industrial and Printing Machinery please contact Syedsons & Co., 24 Wilton Road, London E10 1ES, U.K.

Flashback. To a reply about the proposed operations of Alginat Industries in a Legislative Council meeting of nearly 4 years ago. In reply to a question by Mr. W.H. Luxton, the then Chief Secretary said "We have a large folder of other alginat (seaweed) companies who write to us periodically and our impression certainly is that if Alginates fall by the wayside any one of a number of others are going to apply to take over their concession. Certainly our impression is that those other companies, who are looking with considerable interest at our seaweed, are assisting Alginates to come to a more rapid decision on their affairs than has been the case in the past." (Could it be that the folder has been mislaid?).

League Champions. At the conclusion of the league football matches Rangers came out as champions with 22 points. Runners-up were:- Redsox with 19 points and Mustangs with 12.

Some Strawberry. Mrs. Gwen Smith of Port Stephens picked a strawberry measuring 7" circumference out of her garden on March 3rd. About a fortnight earlier she picked 13 strawberries with a total weight of 16 oz.

Infant/Junior School PTA. The AGM of the Infant/Junior School Friends and Parent Teacher Association was held on Monday 28th February. A representative meeting heard that the blackout material had been purchased. A constitution was approved, a committee appointed and matters of immediate interest were raised.

Project JONAH. The TIMES recently received a letter from this New Zealand based non-profit making, international society devoted to the protection and understanding of all species of Cetacea - whales, dolphins and porpoises. Project Jonah of P.O. Box 42-071, Orakei, Auckland 5 are building up a file of whale sightings in order to get a better idea of population numbers, migration and breeding areas. The society point out that during 1977 some 28,000 whales will be killed and that it was hoped that a full moratorium will be imposed by the International Whaling Commission meeting due to be held in Canberra this June.

Plea for Poor People of Comodoro. Mrs. Brenda Fegerty of Port Stephens who was recently in Comodoro Rivadavia wrote to the TIMES to ask us to appeal for clothes, shoes, toys etc., for the poverty stricken of that town of whom Brenda says "There are homes no bigger or cleaner than our hen-houses. In some families there are six to eight children and often there are only two beds. When a strong wind blows people have to put rocks and other heavy objects on the roofs to stop the houses blowing down. Many homes have dirt floors" So please on behalf of these people and Sisters at the Hospital Alvear if you have anything that would bring relief send it to Sisters Margaret and Elaine.

News of an Islander. Michael Bound, elder son of Mr & Mrs H.L. (Nap) Bound who is studying Classical Archaeology at Rutgers, Princeton University in the U.S.A. has recently been offered a place at the Faculty of Classics at Cambridge University (England).

On Hydatidosis. A draft of a proposed new Dogs Order has been circulated to all Farm Managers so that they in consultation with the local dog inspectors and head shepherds have an opportunity to comment and offer constructive criticism.

Brucellosis Tests Begin. The Colony's Veterinary Officer, Mr. Steve Whitley, has begun testing the Islands cows for brucellosis. Mr. Chris Spall of Callaghan Road Dairy reports that his thirteen cows at present being milked are all clear of the disease.

PENELOPE Clocks up the Miles. During her recent charter to the Japanese Company Taiyo from 1st October to 17th December 1976, the A/K Penelope under the command of Eddie Anderson Snr. steamed a total of 2,275 nautical miles which is the equivalent to a sea passage from Stanley to Buenos Aires and return. Twenty three average size crab from Lively Island yielded 3lbs 12oz of prime crab meat.

Dr Daphne Gifford on loan from the Public Records Office in London recently arrived in the Falklands as Government archivist. At present Dr Gifford is staying at the Deanery and it is expected that she will spend about a year in the Islands.

READERS' COMMENTS.

Since making the none too easy decision to continue, for the time at least, producing what someone has called 'Ryan's Rag', I have had many letters from readers-most of whom have written to renew their subscription expressing their pleasure at seeing the TIMES continue. Although very few of these letters are answered I would like to express my appreciation at the comments made therein and say how encouraging it is to read them. I have heard it said that the TIMES is full of other people's letters (and of course this edition will be no exception) but I think that most of you will agree that it is the LETTERBOX section that is the most interesting. I only wish more local people would contribute to this section for it is the thought of providing a forum for people to share their views and air grievances that has been the deciding factor in the question of whether to continue or not. For as long as people take advantage of this opportunity, whether it be to make suggestions, complaints, constructive criticism or just give 'snippets' of news then we shall endeavour to carry on - but remember, the future of the TIMES is in your hands. On that note I shall wind up but not before quoting from a letter from a TIMES reader in Hampshire to a pen-friend in Stanley;

Quote .. The press in whatever form from foolscap sheets to large pages is a vital and integral part of any community whether large or small. It is a vital form of communication amongst many others. Allow me to express a few words written many years ago. 'Just give me the freedom of the Press and I will let ministers have an evil House of Peers; I would let them have a House of Commons corrupt and servile; I would let them have all their ministerial influence and even so since I would have at my disposition such a terrible weapon I would emerge from that situation alone and without other means and I would attack and destroy that powerful organisation which they would have built.'.. Unquote.

(Ed.) Although it is not proposed to engage in battle it is good to know that we have an armoury!

FEBRUARY WEATHER

February 1977 was a warm, dry and sunny month with less wind than usual. Total rainfall was 31.6mm (1.24") which is 22mm less than usual and making this February the driest since 1969. The average temperature was 10 degC (50F). Highest temperature recorded during the month was 19.5 degC (67.1F) on the 11th and the lowest was 1.9 degC (35.4F) on the night of the 17/18th. Average daily sunshine was 6.1 hours which is about half an hour a day more than would normally be expected. The average wind speed was 14.7 knots. Highest gust recorded was 55 knots in the early morning of the 6th. There were five hours when the average hourly wind speed was of gale force and 220 hours when it was of 10 knots or less. There were eight occasions on which ground frost was recorded which is six more than is usual for February.

That blighter BVQ has stirred the pot
 And given cause for some suspicion
 In consequence of which we have a lot
 Of letters for our next edition!

BIRTHS at the K.F.M. Hospital, Stanley -

25th February 1977 to Mr. & Mrs. Peter Walmsley of Fox Bay West a daughter PIA (7lbs 5oz). Mrs. Janet Walmsley is a granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. Murdo McLeod of Stanley.

9th March 1977 to Mr. & Mrs. Simon Goss (Elizabeth Triggs) a daughter COR NA ROSE (7lbs 10oz)

in Comodoro Rivadavia -

7th March 1977 to Mr. & Mrs. Ian Clarke (Valerie Allan) a daughter RACHEL EMA (7lbs 9oz)

in England -

16th February 1977 to Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Anderson (Debbie Lowe) late of Port Howard a daughter AMANDA (6lbs 4oz)

ENGAGEMENT - Margaret Larsen and Larry Bragger on 11th February 1977.

MARRIAGES -

26th February at Christ Church Cathedral - Charlene Rose Short, only daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Riley Short of Stanley to John Rowland (RM). The bride was given away by her father and her bridesmaids were cousins Sheila Napier, Patricia Whitney and Debbie Ford.

12th February at Christ Church Cathedral - Keva Jones and Norman Ferguson (RM)

in Auckland, New Zealand -

12th February 1977 Linda, only daughter of Mr. & Mrs. A.E. (Gug) Clifton to Mr. Frank Bilish. Many Islanders now living in New Zealand attended the wedding but Frank's parents who live in Yugoslavia were unable to be present.

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THE GREAT DIVIDE

In the Falklands, as with most of the outside World, there are things happening that should not be and things not happening that should be. Very few would deny that by and large we are very much kept in the dark and that far too much news is disseminated by way of rumour and speculation. We do know that last Thursday's F27 flight took six young, new Falkland brides to join their Royal Marine husbands in the U.K.; that our supply ship recently arrived only half full of cargo and left the Islands empty as she went off charter when unloading was completed to sail for Chile for a load of wool while Falkland wool was left in the warehouses here; that soon our only Beaver pilot is due to go on leave and there has been no news of a relief pilot or pilots despite the fact that we are told that vigorous attempts have been made since last October; that last November we were told that the Legislature would meet to consider the new Constitution during the third week of January; that it was officially announced that prospects were good for YPF sales of petrol, avgas and paraffin early in the new year; that about two years ago the Legislature appointed a committee of two ('both Monks') to study the depopulation problem... and so we could go on. Of course most of the information we seem to hunger for would, elsewhere be available to all by radio and press but here, in the absence of a daily or even weekly paper, so much goes unmentioned. I hope Councillor Adrian Monk will forgive me for quoting from an address of his in a Leg.Co. meeting (the last one at which the public had the opportunity to attend) of almost ten months ago:- "...There is another division of course which is regrettable but which is not always obvious and that is the division between the Administration and the people as a whole. I think this often comes about because policy decisions taken by Ex.Co. and executed by the Administration are not explained clearly enough to the general public - the need for them and so on - and I think a great deal more could be done in this field to keep people in the picture concerning everyday affairs so that they do not feel so outside of things....."

Readers of previous issues of the TIMES will be aware that in recent months different people (Councillor Adrian Monk included) have called for a more efficient news service - but to what avail? Who is to blame? - we the public and after we go to the polls whenever it is to be, it is up to us to pressurise the Administration into giving us the information that we have the right to know.

POTATO ROOT EELWORM.

It has been brought to my notice recently that a large percentage of the potato crops in the gardens in Stanley and in some camp settlements are infected with Potato Root Eelworm. This is a serious pest, attacking when potatoes are grown year after year on the same ground.

The Potato Root Eelworm is a minute pale coloured worm which is invisible to the naked eye. The female worm does however form a cyst which contains several hundred eggs and larvae and this cyst is visible when fully mature.

Once established in the soil these parasites spread from year to year in ever widening circles and the yield of the attacked crop is considerably reduced. Diseased patches may be detected by the stunted growth and sickly colour of the foliage and the withering of the lower leaves which gives the plants a tufted appearance. The bodies of the females (cysts) can be detected on the roots of the plants. The cysts are white and pear shaped at first although after fertilisation they swell up and when fully mature resemble poppy seeds. The cysts are loosely attached to the roots and break off when the crop is lifted, remaining dormant in the soil until potatoes are again planted. Soon after the growth of the next crop begins the larvae hatch and bore into the potato roots. The water supply of the plant is severely damaged and the symptoms of the disease are produced.

The disease spreads to uninfected ground through using seed from previously infected ground (the cysts can remain in the soil attached to the tuber or on the tuber itself) or by the movement of infected soil. If the level of infection in the soil builds up to a very high level the yield of potatoes can be severely reduced.

The only certain way of removing the risk from this pest is to cease growing potatoes in the infected ground for a period of at least 5 and preferably 7 years. In the United Kingdom once a field has been found to be infected by Root Eelworm the owner is legally obliged (under threat of a heavy fine) to grow no more potatoes in that field for 5 years. They take the Eelworm problem seriously in U.K. and I feel that we should as well.

It is, of course, possible to grow any other vegetable crop in infected ground - the only plants attacked by this Eelworm are potatoes and tomatoes. It is important that once potatoes have been moved to a previously uninfected area that clean seed is used and that there is no cross-contamination with soil from an area of the garden previously infected with Eelworm.

To summarise, Potato Root Eelworm is a serious pest of potato crops. It is in your own interests to try and reduce the risk of severe Eelworm infection by keeping potatoes out of infected ground for at least five years. Such a practice, if fitted into a proper vegetable rotation system should present very little inconvenience and improve potato yield and quality.

If anyone is in doubt as to whether their potatoes are infected with Eelworm they should send me a small sample of soil and roots from an unhealthy, infected plant. I will be only too pleased to examine the material microscopically for the presence of the female cysts.

J.H. McADAM

GRASSLAND TRIALS UNIT.

(Ed note)

Bottom lines page 1 should read....., it is up to us to pressurise our Elected Members to pressurise the Administration etc.,)

LETTERBOX

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West Point Island.
19th March 1977.

Dear Sir,

On reading Mr Sidney Miller's letter of the 18th February, I turned again to B.V.Q.'s article and my concern was not at its content, but by the fact that someone in the Falkland Islands has to, or think they have to, use a pseudonym; why?

Do they fear dismissal, the end of promotion, the ostracism of their fellows? Surely nothing worse!

But what of the future, if the connections of the Falklands with her neighbours become any stronger than an economic tie, would we be able to speak our minds even by resorting to a pseudonym, without the fear of some group or other being upset and taking action. Maybe I'm wrong, but see how many controversial letters one finds in the B.A. Herald, in fact try to find any letters!. Is perhaps the answer in the frequent sub-titles in that paper, 'Extremists shot', or the like?

Whatever the Governments and Councils concerned do about the future of the Falklands, bearing in mind of course "The wishes of the people", I hope that one will be able to continue to write to the F.I. Times without thought of retribution, and that the editor will be able to continue to use his discretion as to what he should or should not print.

Yours sincerely,
Don Davidson.

Fox Bay West.
March 22nd.

Dear Sir,

I was intrigued by Mr Sydney Miller's letter to the Times. What could the now infamous B.V.Q. have written? When, a few days later I obtained a copy of the previous Times, I must confess it was something of an anti-climax. In fact I was unable to detect any untruths, scurrilous, vile or otherwise.

Firstly it is true that the F.I.C. has not made great efforts to help islanders own part of their homeland. Secondly it is true that landowners not wishing to retain their farms in the Islas Malvinas will probably be offered very favourable terms. Thirdly it is true that a conflict of interests exists between F.I.C. shareholders and Islanders; and a public company the F.I.C. has a duty to safeguard the investments of its shareholders.

It would appear that in the event of an Argentine take-over an Islander working for one of the companies will be more vulnerable than his counterpart who either own or leases his own farm. For this reason alone, if not for the many other reasons, Islanders in the forthcoming elections should vote only for candidates who, firstly, believe that there should be changes in the pattern of land-holding in these Islands and secondly, wish to reform the company taxation structure to reduce the conflict of interests between Islander and shareholder.

Yours faithfully,
Kevin Kilmartin.

Hill Cove,
17th March 1977.

Dear Ed,

PSEUDO OR CLUEDO

Again the usual retort has sounded off, the moralising and criticism of the use of pseudonym in letters of a controversial nature. To most, especially non-islanders, I suppose it does appear to be of a weak moral fibre to skulk behind a pseudo, especially if one has always been frank and forthright in airing ones views to those above and below us in the station of life we hold.

Not to fear the backlash of one's criticisms or opinions is of the greatest of assets. How many of us though openly speak forth to those superiors stationed higher up the line, and declare "I don't like that, I don't like it one little bit"? Then to await the fate of retribution that sweeps down like the Assyrian who sweeps us into the street.

There are in the Colony three main outlets for employment; the camp, which encompasses all farms, Falkland Islands Government and the Falkland Islands Company for town and a few independents. This has some bearing on the situation, as assuming you have a desire to see reforms made in the camp, then it's of no use chasing from one farm to another, as they all have a tendency to have the same basic problems. If you fall out with the Government you're left with the F.I.C. assuming you haven't crossed swords with them in the camp, which then leaves you with little choice.

Alternatively some might say, "If you don't like our way of life then go." I'm afraid that is precisely what has and is happening and serves not as a single cause but one of the underlying causes of de-population. Either from camp to town or town to U.K. or both.

I'm quite sure that all of these main sources of employment, have at some stage or other crossed swords with a 'good man'. There usually being no give and take on the employers' side, the result - emigration and many a good man has left the Colony for good.

Employers still retain the old-fashioned Victorian view of, 'If you don't like it, get out', rather than examine the trouble of anguish to try to evolve a solution.

There is a need here for many sweeping reforms in all categories of life and if the need for voicing them or hitting out at the establishment invokes the use of a pseudo, then so be it.

Yours sincerely,
Ron pseudo Reeves.
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805, Quinlan Road,
Ottawa, Ontario, K1G 1R8.
10th March 1977.

Dear Mr Ryan,

I am writing to express the solidarity of the membership of this association with the expressed desire of your people to remain British and free. Recent diplomatic moves by Her Majesty's British Government to negotiate with the Argentinian police state have caused us very grave concern indeed and any further information that you might be able to contribute would be very gratefully received and given the widest Canadian publicity possible.

One project, which we hope to begin with our May issue of the BCA Journal, is a write-in letter campaign to the British High Commissioner in Canada, Sir John Johnson. Dominion Command will also be writing to selected Canadian and British periodicals and newspapers to help publicise your situation.

Please assure your fellow islanders that they have friends up here and that we have not forgotten their contributions to the defence of the sea lanes in the past. We very much hope to hear from you.

Yours sincerely,
John Wiebe, B.A.,
for Dominion Command,
British Commonwealth Alliance.

O, Dick Road,
Kilmarnock, Scotland.
KA1 3AP.

15th March 1977.

Dear Sir,

I am a relative of Mrs Betty Ford of Drury Street, Stanley. She sends me your journal. Keep the good work going.

I am very interested in the Falkland Islands although I have never been there. I am a teacher of business subjects in Kilmarnock Technical College.

I wrote to the P.M. and enclose the reply I received. Then there appeared the article in the "Scotsman" which I enclose.

I never thought to see the day when British subjects would have to fight to stay British. I have told the P.M. that if the Falklands are betrayed it will be the most shameful act in British history.

Quite frankly I distrust this government profoundly in this matter. They speak with a forked tongue.

All good wishes from Scotland.

Yours sincerely,
Robert N.H. Skilling.

21 Bassett Row,
Southampton SO17FT.
29th March 1977.

Dear Editor,

I have just returned from a most enjoyable holiday in the Falklands, visiting my family and friends after an absence of 18 years. Proudly displayed on the front of my suitcase was a KEEP THE FALKLANDS BRITISH sticker. All who saw it on the flight out were very interested and showed a sympathetic understanding to our problem of being pawns in a political game of chess.

However, a STICKER NICKER was biding his time, and somewhere between Hookers Point Office and collecting my case at Commodore Rivadavia the dastardly deed of removing that sticker had been accomplished, very professionally and without pain.

It leads me to this question. Are we now to be subjected to an order denying us the right to display Falkland stickers on our belong-

ings, the same as the order denying the people the right to fly the Falkland Islands flag? I say to the people, stick to your stickers, fly your flag, and if any popinjay tries to stop you tell him to take a long run down our short runway in a foreign aircraft with the STICKER NICKER hanging on behind.

Yours sincerely,
Ivan Short.

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SHIPPING

Ship	Flag	Arrived	Departed	For
LEPUS	Polish	13th March	13th March	
ANTS LAYKMAA	USSR	17th March	17th March	
RRS BRANSFIELD		23rd March	28th March	UK via Antarctica and Montevideo
CABO SAN GONZALO	Argentine	7th April	11th April	Comodoro R'davia
HMS ENDURANCE		2nd April	11th April	UK via Montevideo
ANNETTE DANIELSEN	Danish	11th April	14th April	

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MARCH WEATHER

March 1977 was a wet month but warmer than usual with less sun and more wind.

Total rainfall was 80.2mm (3.16") which is 30mm more than is usual for this month of the year. Average temperature was 8.3 degC (46.9 degF) which is nearly half a degree above the March average. Highest temperature recorded was 19.8 degC (67.6 degF) on the 3rd and the lowest was -0.1 degC (31.8 degF) on the night of the 27th/28th. Average daily sunshine was 4.35 hours which is about 35 minutes a day less than we would expect at this time of year. Average wind speed was 15.2 knots making this March the windiest since 1970. The highest gust recorded during the month was 54 knots on the 11th. There were 8 hours when the average hourly wind speed was of gale force and 222 hours when it was of 10 knots or less. There were 12 occasions on which ground frost was recorded which is double the March average.

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LOCAL BISLEY 1977

Fifteen members of the Falkland Islands Rifle Association competed at the Local Bisley meeting on Saturday 12th February. The meeting proved a very successful one and a special mention goes to the team of young markers who did a good job in the butts. The following are some of the results:

Bishops Trophy - 900 and 1,000 yards with a possible 70 points:
1st, John Bound (61); 2nd, Gerald Cheek (60); 3rd, Doug Hansen (58).
2nd Stage Championship - F.I.CO.LTD, Centenary Challenge Cup over 300, 500 and 600 yards with a possible 150 points:
1st, John Bound (132); 2nd, Stan Smith (130); 3rd Miss Ailsa Malcolm (130)
Final Stage Championship - over 900 and 1,000 yards with possible
1st, John Bound (246); 2nd, Keith Summers (239); 3rd Stan Smith (232).
300 points.

Harvest Auction. An auction of Harvest produce was held at the Tabernacle on Monday evening 28th March at which approximately £65 was raised for church funds.

Freight Increase. As from 1st April the freight rates for goods carried on Coastal Shipping Ltd's m/v Monsunen (The Falklands only cargo-carrying ship) were increased by 25%.

On Censorship-again! A recent Newsletter programme included an English Grammar lesson during which definitions of the words censor and censorship were given from a Shorter Oxford Dictionary. The newsreader said that the editor of the newsletter programme (the Chief Secretary) had no right to delete anything properly submitted and that nothing that he (the newsreader) had submitted had ever been censored. Needless to say the date of the newsletter was 1st April!

Former Vet Bob Bostelmann and his wife Sue were due to leave Australia on 8th March travelling through Malaysia en route to Britain where they were due in early April. Bob is due to take up a practice in Staffordshire with a partner.

R.S.A. Successes. The following Royal Society of Arts passes were recently announced: Stage 1 English - Xenia Barnes, Odette Goss, Jeannie Dobbys and Teresa McGill. Stage 1 Maths - Derek Pettersson, Anton Livermore and Jeremy Smith. Stage 3 Typewriting - Sharon Halford (formerly Sharon Duncan).

Shearing Competition. The finals of the Shearing Competition were held at Goose Green on Monday 14th March. Of the seven finalists Ron Binnie of Fitzroy emerged as overall winner with 261 points out of a maximum of 400 points, Peter Goss (contract shearer) was second with 252½ and third was Keith Heathman (contract shearer) with 228½ points. Ron will represent the Falklands at the Golden Shears International Competition to be held in England at the Bath and West Show at the end of May. The cost of the trip to U.K. will be borne equally by the Government, Union and Sheepowners' Association.

Horticultural Show. Our R/T Operator, Mrs Rene Rowlands, walked away with quite a few prizes from the Flower, Vegetable and Home Produce Show held in Stanley on 12th March. Among her prizes were: For the exhibitor with the most points over all classes in the show (The Haskard Challenge Cup), for obtaining the most points in the Vegetable Class, for obtaining the most points in the Home Produce section (a challenge cup presented by Mrs J.H. Ashmore), and for the most points in the Flower Section (a challenge cup presented by Mrs E.G. Lewis). Mr Dolan Williams won a Silver Challenge Cup for the best collection of vegetables, Mr Ernie Reive won the prize for the most outstanding exhibit of potatoes and Paul Peck won the prize (Silver Challenge Bowl presented by Mrs E.J. White) for the most popular flower arrangement.

Central Film Library. At a meeting of the Film Library Committee on 3rd March it was decided that, due to the recent fires in which a number of films were destroyed, in future farms and hirers of films would be responsible for films in their possession. The Committee comprises - Vernon Steen (Film Officer), Peter Short (for Hardy's Cinema), Joe Booth (for Parish Hall Cinema), and Bill Luxton and Robin Pitaluga representing farms.

Next edition -Due to other commitments I regret that No.5/77 will not be available before the end of May. I shall therefore post this edition separately to overseas readers.

BIRTHS at the K.E.M. Hospital, Stanley -

23rd March 1977 to Mr & Mrs Ken Aldridge (Caroline Porter) of Fox Bay East, a daughter NINA ANN weighing 7lbs 10ozs.

23rd March 1977 to Mr & Mrs Reynold Reid (Pam McLeod) of Stanley, a daughter REBECCA LILY weighing 8lbs 7ozs.

in Sydney, Australia -

19th January 1977 to Mr & Mrs Philip Norris (Valerie Kirk) a daughter RACHEL CARRINA weighing 7lbs 2ozs.

MARRIAGES

12th March in St. Mary's Church - Stuart Wallace, elder son of Mrs Alice Etheridge to Lilian Carcoma. The bride was given in marriage by Mr Bill Etheridge and the best man was Pete King.

19th March at Walker Creek - Colin McDonald to Irene Smith. About 30 guests attended the ceremony and festivities afterwards. The last wedding to be held at Walker Creek was over 50 years ago.

25th March in Christ Church Cathedral - Cora McGill, daughter of Mr & Mrs Bill Hoggarth and Ian Johns(RM). The bride was given away by her father and her bridesmaids were her niece Trudi Jones and Teresa Dobbys. Cora's nephew Paul Morrison acted as page boy.

26th March in Christ Church Cathedral - Julia, youngest daughter of Mr & Mrs Jim Kerr and Adrian Cork(RM) only son of Mr & Mrs Cork of North Walsham, Norfolk. The bride was given away by her father and her bridesmaid was Cheryl Johnson.

2nd April in the Registrar General's Office - Mandy, younger daughter of Mr & Mrs Roddy Bonner to Michael Floyd(RM).

Also 2nd April in the Registrar General's Office - Enid Card to Derek Howatt.

6th April at 12 Brandon Road - Suzy Reive to Edward Packer(RM).

DEATHS in the Falklands:

9th March 1977 - Mrs Hilda Atkins aged 76 years.

22nd March 1977 - Mrs Agnes Christine Clauson aged 60 years.

24th March 1977 - Keith William Luxton aged 69 years.

3rd April 1977 - Roderick Donald William John (Rory) Jaffray aged 48 years.

in England:

24th February 1977 - Raymond Rice formerly a teacher with the Education Department.

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From the Editor's Desk

Firstly I must apologise for the delay in producing another edition of the paper. This was mainly due to the fact that I am, at present, attached to m/v FORREST which sailed for her dry-docking to Punta Arenas on the 25th April at which port she arrived on Saturday 30th. We were winched up the slip on Monday 2nd May and slipped on the 10th. After leaving Punta Arenas on Thursday 12th at 6 p.m. we had a much smoother trip through the Straits of Magellan than we had on the outward run. Although the ship made good time on the return trip we had an uncomfortable passage to Beaver Island where we anchored for the night of Saturday 14th arriving in Stanley in the early hours of Monday 16th.

During the period since the last edition much water has flowed through the Narrows. It has been learnt that over £2m has been allocated for the stone jetty for the YPF plant at the east of the cemetery and that the site of the new school hostel has been marked out to the west of Government House. The PRIVATE-GOVERNOR'S HOUSE signs (in Spanish also) which were an eyesore to Islanders and tourists alike have disappeared. The trial human hydatidosis screening campaign begins tomorrow and another doctor (a female) has been recruited. Executive Council have decided to establish a watch-dog committee to ensure tighter control and management of Govt. transport. Let us hope that this committee will be effective and not fall by the wayside like others appear to have done. I have read that the Falklands hold the record for having the most cinema seats per head of population and I would suspect that we also hold the record for advisory boards and committees. One would have thought that two or three independent people would be in a better position to submit impartial reports and recommendations or to act as watch-dogs.

Accommodation in Stanley is still an acute problem and many of us wonder just what official policy is regarding housing - when one considers that one Government property is occupied by a junior clerk and several houses are unoccupied while young families are forced to go to Camp and some feel that the housing policy, whatever it is, is far from being an incentive to young couples to stay.

Probably the most important step from a sociological viewpoint is the introduction of the at least twice weekly local news bulletins which are read by Patrick Watts and compiled by Miss Kim Robertson who is doing a splendid job badgering our leading civil servants for the sort of news which so often in the past has perhaps vanished under an accumulation of bureaucratic dust.

The progress of our development until now has been slow but there are signs that it is gathering momentum.

LETTERBOX

West Point Island.
3rd April '77.

Dear Dave,

I hope I may be permitted to use your paper to expound my view on the outlook for this Colony.

I was prompted to put pen to paper by the letters of Messrs Miller and Mitchell - applying a fresh coat of whitewash to the actions of the Falkland Islands Company, now and over its years in the Islands. The side of the coin they showed is true, they have provided services over the years - they market the wool, provide shipping, give overdraft facilities when they see fit and employ and house many islanders. All they have done could have been done on a much more ruthless basis and I have no doubt that there is genuine human concern among many directors of the F.I.C. and a desire to help these islands. But let us turn the coin. Let us see clearly the social repression that they are guilty of. The people of these islands have been treated as inferior, second-class citizens for several generations. They are housed, fed and given a wage - and they are robbed of their self-respect.

I speak of the F.I.C. - they are only a major culprit in so far as they are large. Every company and landowner in these islands, with a very few exceptions, is to blame as is also the British Government and its imposition of its outmoded colonial systems and hierarchy on this country. The tie between a man and his land is the strongest instinctive tie he possesses. The people of the Falklands ache from their hearts to own and farm this land. No man will work for an employer as he will for himself. Give the people here land and these islands will prosper. That I know instinctively to be true. And Mr Mitchell and his company deign to say that they will offer land 'EXPERIMENTALLY IF NECESSARY' God help us! Give the people land then they will lose their desperation and clinging on to Britain with fanatical sovereignty cries. Let them make this country their own united, prosperous, rural community - then Argentina and her distasteful, repressive society would not dare to touch us.

But no, we sit and watch Britain barter these Islands away to an end result that none of us want. This year we may be getting an elected majority on Leg.Co. Let us use it to put in people who will do something and tell Britain what we will do instead of treating it as a Gentlemens' Club where a voice raised in demand or anger is frowned on.

I can only hope that this flow of thought can inspire some spirit in others to write to your newspaper and make their own voices heard.

I can no better finish that by quoting Robert Ardrey from his book "The Territorial Imperative" which has provided me with great insight into the ills of this Colony; "Man is a territorial animal - then as we seek to repair his dignity and responsibility as a human being, should we not first search for means of restoring his dignity and responsibility as a proprietor?"

For your own sakes - speak up now!

Yours most sincerely,
Margaret Davidson.

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Fox Bay West.
15th April 1977.

Dear Sir,

Presumably the letter (Times No.3/77) from the Managing Director of the F.I.C. was intended to reassure Islanders. However it seems unlikely that the Islanders will be allowed to exercise this right of self-determination. Dr David Owen insists that the British Government will act in accordance with the Islanders' best interests - which may well be different from their wishes, especially as these interests will be decided upon in London and not Stanley.

The Argentine Government, supported by numerous members of the United Nations, contends that these Islands lack territorial integrity and that, therefore, the Islanders have no right to self-determination under the United Nations charter. Apparently there is a connection between this alleged lack of territorial integrity and commercial interests. It is apparent also that Mr Rowland Hall, Chairman of Charringtons, is unaware of the legally binding deeds of undertaking that Mr Mitchell mentions. On the 5th March Mr Hall, in the British Press, is quoted as saying "If we had an excellent offer we would have to consider it".

Mr Mitchell obviously does not agree with the findings of Lord Shackleton's team. They have said that between 1965 and 1974 there was no increase in the real per capita income in the Islands. In England the increase for that period was 21%; as the Report says "material standards of living in the Falklands are distinctly lower than in the United Kingdom".

Mr Mitchell does not make it clear how the proven methods of sheep-farming are beneficial to the Falkland Islands economy. Presumably the F.I.C. is a good example of these methods. But in the five year period 1970-1974 the company distributed 96% of its post-tax profits to shareholders in the United Kingdom. In the years 1973 and 1974 the company actually paid out more money to its U.K. shareholders than its total post-tax profits (Shackleton).

Quite how these methods are beneficial whilst smaller-scale farming by residents would be harmful to the Falkland Islands economy remains unexplained.

Yours faithfully,
Kevin Kilmartin.

San Carlos,
East Falkland Island.
13th May 1977.

Dear Sir,

The Editorial in the April edition of the F.I. Times was interesting not least for the reason that it could be published.

I don't think the Administration or Legislative Council can be blamed for Falkland Island girls marrying Marines or for a commercial concern deciding to take a load of wool from Chile instead of from here. This particular commercial concern being a monopoly knows full well it will be shipping all the Falklands wool so there is no need to consider the effects of this action on Falklands wool growers. To be honest I do not think that wool growers here are adversely affected financially by this action and it is possible that freight rates are kept down because of the Charter Vessel getting this extra freight back to Europe.

Most of the things mentioned in the Editorial are happening maybe a bit later than anticipated. We are getting a relief Pilot: YPF should soon be operating; The New Constitution should shortly be approved: a better news service is operating now.

What about the Committee of Monks (non ecclesiastical)? The Committee of Monks (non ecclesiastical) was a Committee of the Legislative Council which was in being at the time it was formed. When this Legislative Council was dissolved then all its Committees were also dissolved. It was not necessary to form another Committee on the Population problem when the next Legislative Council was seated because by then a very much more thorough examination of the problem could be expected from the experts of the Shackleton Team.

In case it should be thought that the Committee of Monks (non ecclesiastical), while it was in being, did nothing, that is not so. I am sure the Chairman, dare I call him the Deacon, of the Committee of Monks (non ecclesiastical), will bear me out when I say that we gave our findings to the Shackleton Team and, many of the conclusions in Lord Shackleton's Report about this matter were similar to ours.

Yours sincerely,
Adrian Monk.

SCHOONER "MALVINA"

The "Malvina" was built for the Falkland Islands Co. Ltd. in 1906 by Messrs Ferguson and Baird of Connah's Quay, Flintshire. She was a carvel built, schooner rigged wooden vessel of 77.53 net tons and was fitted with a 1906 model 4 cycle, 4 cylinder petroleum fuelled internal combustion engine developing 65 H.P. and giving a speed of 4 to 5 knots. This engine was used as auxiliary power.

The vessel arrived in Port Stanley on 11th June 1907 and was the first vessel owned by the Falkland Islands Co. Ltd. to be powered with an engine for auxiliary power.

"Malvina" was commanded by Captain Charles Finch and carried a crew of seven. She was to be used for coastal service in the Colony.

This vessel served in the Falkland Islands until 9th May 1910 when she was wrecked in Reef Channel, West Falklands.

Mr R.N. Martin of 43 Shaftesbury Avenue, Chester CH3 5LH is anxious to obtain as much information as possible with regard to either this vessel or her builders and any reader having any information or photographs which he would like to pass to Mr Martin, is asked to write to him direct or to F.I.C. Stanley Office where arrangements will be made to forward all material.

APRIL WEATHER

April 1977 was a little warmer and wetter than normal with less sunshine and wind.

Total rainfall was 56.4mm(2.22") which is 4.5mm more than usual at this time of year. The average temperature was 6.7 degC(44.1 degF). The highest temperature recorded at Stanley was 12.1 degC(53.8 degF) on the 18th and the lowest was -0.3 degC(31.5 degF) on the evening of 30th.

The average daily sunshine was 3.13 hours which is just over half an hour less than would normally be expected for April. Average wind speed was 14 knots and the highest gust recorded was 62 knots early on the morning of the 29th. There were 8 hours when the average hourly windspeed was of gale force and 246 hours when it was of 10 knots or less. Ground frost was recorded on 17 occasions which is 6 more than the April average.

THE GUILD OF SPINNERS AND HANDICRAFTS

Those residents of the Falkland Islands who are interested in the development of this country will be pleased to learn that the Guild of Spinners and Handicrafts have decided to expand their activities.

It is proposed to form a limited company to purchase and retail local handicraft work produced by residents in their own homes. This proposed venture is a big step for Mrs Betty Miller and her handful of enthusiastic friends who took over and revived the original Guild of Spinners and Weavers which has now become the Guild of Spinners and Handicrafts having its own shop - Home Industries - in the Gymnasium building.

To make this new venture a success Mrs Miller requires the support of all who are interested in Home Industries. Do you spin, knit, paint pictures, make pebble jewellery or horn and leather work?

IF YOU DO and you would like to make your hobby financially rewarding, write to Mrs Betty Miller at Ross House, Stanley, and help her to make a success of this attempt to develop a small part of our Colony.

Baha'i Teachings for the Family of Mankind:

Turning the face towards God brings healing to the body, the mind and the soul.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Tourist Advisory Board. The following have been appointed members of the Board for a two year period; Mr Gerald Cheek (Chairman), Mrs John Cheek, Mrs L. Halliday, Mrs S. Miller, Mr P. Short and Mr I. Strange.

Sponsored Walk Raised £800+. Over £850 was collected by the F.P.T.A. of the Infant & Junior School as a result of the sponsored walk on April 16th. The FPTA wish to thank all those who helped to make this event such a success, not least the school children, some of whom plodded all the way round to the Camber tanks and back! With the proceeds it is hoped to buy a projector and spares for the Infant/Junior School.

End of Term for Teacher. Mr and Mrs Danny Cronin and their son left the Colony on the 5th May returning to their native Ireland. Mr Cronin's first appointment here was as a Camp Teacher in 1950. For the last 12 years or so he worked with distinction as a master and sometimes headmaster at Stanley Senior School. The family will be missed and we take this opportunity to say goodbye to Danny, Mary and James and wish them the very best of luck with their farming future.

New BAS Observatory. A six-man team from Halley Bay installed an unmanned observatory some 75 miles south of the base station this summer. The purpose of this will be to detect naturally occurring, very low frequency radio signals known as 'whistlers' and obtain further information about the outer part of the earth's atmosphere.

Vicar Departing Soon. The National Maritime Historical Society of the U.S.A. have plans to transport the hulk of the 'Vicar of Bray' (at present lying alongside the jetty at Goose Green) to San Francisco. The British sailing ship is the last survivor of the 777 that converged on San Francisco in the 1849 Gold Rush. Title deeds of the 360 ton barque were presented by the distillers of Beefeater Gin to the Society who hope to restore her.

Potato with a Hat. Mr Bill Berntsen of Stanley recently dug a 12 oz. potato which had grown through a key-ring with a key still attached. "The potato looked as if it had a hat on it," said Bill, "while the key hung down from the side".

Outward Bound. Charter vessel "Annette Danielsen" sailed from Gravesend on the 30th May carrying 910 shipping tons of cargo. She is expected to make the usual call at Mar del Plata en route to Stanley.

FIGAS Pilot Arrives. Mr Russ Hooper arrived on 26th May to assume duties of Beaver pilot with the Falkland Islands Government Air Service. Fifty-five year old Mr Hooper had lengthy service in the Royal Air Force in Coastal and Transport Commands and for the last eight years has been Chief Flying Instructor at the Bristol Aero Club. Director of Civil Aviation and Pilot Jim Kerr who has been our only FIGAS pilot since flying recommenced in early January will be departing on leave on the 9th June. Until another pilot is recruited Mr Hooper will be on his own but in an emergency would probably be supported by Major Willoughby, the new Commanding Officer of the Royal Marine detachment, who is an experienced helicopter pilot and has been familiarising himself with our Beaver aircraft.

Acknowledgement. This edition has been a joint effort and my thanks go to Tony Chater, without whose help it would have been delayed yet another week or more.

Major's Appreciation. Major Ronnie Spafford, Research Co-ordinator and Editor of the Falkland Islands Philatelic Study Group's journal 'The Upland Goose' wishes to thank everyone in the Falklands for the kindness, friendship and hospitality shown to him during his visit to the Islands during March of this year. It was a truly wonderful experience to be among such wonderful people in such a wonderful place. He hopes that all the hopes, wishes and aspirations of the Falkland Islanders as so unanimously expressed will eventually reach fruition.

Alpha Kilo Accident Report Published. The report of the tragic accident involving Beaver VP-FAK (Alpha Kilo) at Mare Harbour on 14th October last was released on 18th May. The report concluded that the passenger, Doctor Bernard Lee, was flying the aircraft.

Goose Man Flies Again. Dr. John Harradine wrote to me recently to point out a mistake in the 1976 Falkland Islands Journal. The wrong picture appears on page 6 of John's article on geese which observant readers will have noticed shows a goose and not a gander as stated in the caption. He further states that the photograph is a very poor one and not that which he submitted for publication.

Partial Implementation of YPF Agreement. The fuel pumps of the YPF depot at the east end of Stanley which had lain idle for many months sprung to life yesterday (30th May) when the public had the first opportunity of buying cheaper fuel. This followed the partial implementation of the 15th September 1974 'YPF Agreement' which has been delayed many months mainly due to the problem of the jetty for discharge of fuels and lubricants. Pump hours will be 10-11a.m. and 4.30-5.30p.m. Mondays to Fridays and 10-11a.m. on Saturdays. Approximately 200 gallons of super grade petrol and 300 gallons of paraffin were sold during the two hours of business on the first day. Owners of 'diesel stoves' were buying the paraffin as, apparently, it is a suitable fuel. Considerable saving will be made as the prices (which will be reviewed monthly and will depend on Argentine prices and exchange rate) are roughly half of what consumers had been paying; i.e. YPF Super-petrol 73p gallon as opposed to FIC low grade @ £1.32 and YPF paraffin @ 23p gallon as opposed to 52p gallon for diesel oil at FIC.

MONSUNEN Master on Course. George Betts, Master of m/v MONSUNEN is currently undergoing a 15 week course at Greenhithe, London. George hopes to obtain a Ministry of Shipping Certificate of Efficiency as Mate Home Trade. During his absence Mr Bill Goss is in command of the vessel.

Exam Success. Congratulations to Fraser Wallace of the British School in Montevideo who has passed his GCE 'O' level English with a grade B.

F.I. Committee News. A bullock from Mr David Barton of Teal Inlet, an Upland goose from Mr & Mrs Laurie Butler and a barber's chair from Mr Stan Smith were received as donations and subsequently auctioned in the Gymnasium on Saturday 16th April. Mr Tim Dobbys acted as auctioneer and when the tables were cleared a total of £174.40 had been collected for Committee funds.

Winged Invasion from South America. A number of cattle egrets (Bubuculus Ibis) were present in the Colony recently. Reports of small heron-like birds were received from many settlements from Stanley to the extreme West in the last week of April. However no more have been reported since the heavy snowfall of May 3rd.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

Births in the K.E.M. Hospital, Stanley -

- 11th April to Mr & Mrs Brian May (Monica McLeod) of Salvador, a son,
ROGER (9lbs).
- 21st April to Mr & Mrs Bill Pole-Evans (Shirley Alazia) of Saunders
Island, a son, IAN.
- 12th May to Mr & Mrs Alan Cusworth (Alana Lee) of Fox Bay West, a
son, JASON PAUL (7lbs 12 ozs).
- 29th May to Annie Strange and Tony Chater of Fox Bay West, a son,
WILLIAM (8lbs 1 cz).
- in San Lorenzo (Argentina)
- 23rd April to Mr & Mrs Jorge Maciello (Susan Coutts) twin daughters,
PATRICIA and SANDRA.

Marriage at Christ Church Cathedral on the 7th May - Marie Catherine
McBeth, younger daughter of Mr & Mrs Wally McBeth of Sedge
Island to Colin Keith Bailey.

in New Zealand on the 7th May - Randolph, eldest son of Mr &
Mrs Billy Goss of Stanley to Pamela Harris.

Deaths in the Falklands:

- 10th April - Jose Fernando Diaz aged 30 years.
- 25th April - Mrs Elizabeth Margaret Summers aged 70 years.
- 9th May - George Henry Short aged 73 years.

in Auckland, New Zealand:

- 26th April - Mrs Beat Mercer aged 74 years.

-) SPEEDWELL STORE (-

BEAR BRAND tights in Sombrero and Toffee Apple @ 38p pair; SEIKO watches
Gents automatic, twin-date from £25.80; CASSETTE TAPES @ £2.25; CRESTED
ashtrays, beer mugs and sherry glasses; BENSONS confectionery; BAROMETERS
from £6.65; HELENA RUBINSTEIN cosmetics in Apple Blossom, Heaven Sent
and Courant; Mascara, Minute Winkie Dazzlers, Silk Fashion, Lipsticks,
Skin Dew Eye Make-up Remover, Gentle Foaming Cleanser, Herbal Lotion,
Freshener and Toner and Bio-Clear Cream; LADYBIRD Books @ 24p; CHEEK
Bits £2.65p.

Goods expected soon - LEATHER Crested Goods; GRUNDIG Radio/Recorders;
NYLON Boiler Suits (40" to 46"); POTTERY; More SEIKO Watches; OLD
SPICE toilet preparations including their new Blue Stratos range and
Desert Flower; SMITHS alarm, table and wall clocks; PLAYING Cards;
Sellotape; Jigsaws; Notelets; etc.

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SET-BACK TO ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION

In today's session of the Legislative Council the Chief Secretary, in replying to a question from Councillor Hadden, revealed that Alginate Industries Ltd. are withdrawing from their commitment under the existing agreement and licence, to pay £7,500 per annum to the Falkland Islands Government from next September, and to spend £2 million in the Colony in the two years ending September 1979.

The Chief Secretary explained that the payments and investment mentioned were provided for under the terms of the agreement and the Company's exclusive licence to harvest kelp in prescribed areas here. He told Councillor Hadden "It is with regret that my answer on this has to be very disappointing. The Government have recently been advised that Alginate Industries Ltd. now wish to surrender the exclusive covenants of their licence with effect from September this year. It is something to be regretted, more in sorrow than anger, especially as this Government have given every possible encouragement to this company and have gone out of our way to encourage them". The Chief Secretary went on to say that Alginate Industries had doubts about the demand for kelp, about the cost here, the outlook for world trade and other factors including sovereignty. The Colony would rather have expected investment to go on as an expression of faith in the Falklands and expected the fulfilment of the Company's promises over many years rather than withdrawal. He also feared that an offer by the Company to continue paying the Colony £2,500 a year - a figure established in 1972 when values were higher - for a continuing non-exclusive licence would be regarded by Councillors as derisory.

This news has dashed the hopes of Islanders that Alginate Industries Ltd. would soon commence operations after a presence here of over six years and provide an important second industry by the harvesting of our vast resources of *Macrocystis* (Kelp) and create employment and generate much needed revenue for the Colony (see page 7 of Nos. 1 and 3). It is understood that the Company is engaged in the purchase of the same type of seaweed from Argentina and have discovered a source of supply of *Lessonia* off the northern coast of Chile which is, at present, proving to be cheaper than their supplies of *Asco* from Scotland and Ireland. The Company's Bull Kelp milling and drying plant at King Island (in the Bass Straits and with a population of approximately 1,800) has proved a success and it involves over 25% of the islanders and is expected to produce some 4,000 tons per year.

Fox Bay West.
12th April 1977.

Dear Sir,

In recent months there has been a lot of discussion about the aid received from the UK Government by the F.I. Government in comparison to the revenue received by the UK Treasury from F.I. sources. It would appear that the Falkland Islands are the losers.

By making a similar comparison to the above but transposing Stanley for the U.K. Government and camp for the F.I. Government, it will be found that the camp is very much the loser.

I would think we would all agree that all revenue to the F.I. Treasury comes directly or indirectly from the sheeps back, in other words it comes from camp. By looking at the Government expenditure for any given year it will be found that Stanley absorbs a huge percentage of the revenue (not only the cake, but most of the crumbs).

Camp residents pay the same percentage of income tax as Stanley residents, but receive nowhere near the benefits. In point of fact if I had been the Commissioner of Income Tax, I would feel rather guilty in claiming tax from the camp in general, and the West in particular for 1976, as the medical service and air service were nearly non existent due to the accidents to the Beavers.

Unlike some camp residents I agree that Stanley is necessary to the islands, it therefore follows that a certain amount of our revenue must be spent in keeping things in reasonable condition in and around Stanley, but it is time that the camp received its fare share of all benefits. Stanley's need for the camp is greater than the Camp's need for Stanley. Perhaps there would be more Camp residents if they were looked after properly.

Yours faithfully,
A.D. Cusworth.

Stanley.
22nd April 1977.

Sir,

With reference to Mr Anderson's letter of 28th February, 1977, we would like to comment on one aspect in particular in it.

Firstly, it is very commendable to note that our young people are at last beginning to take an interest in our daily affairs and not only from a political angle. Keep it up - you are our citizens of tomorrow.

Having said the above please do look ahead also. How do you think alginates, the Fishing Industries, perhaps even eventually oil, can survive without an Internationally sized Airport. Gone are the days when a man left home to go to sea not knowing when he would return. Any industry based 7,000 miles from its home base needs an Internationally sized Airport near at hand to transport men, spares, and maybe even its products by air. Not commercial passenger aircraft but aircraft big enough to fly direct to their destination by Charter thus cutting heavy passenger and freight costs and making them economical in the process.

We are not economists, nor do we profess to know the slightest thing about economics, but we understand the extension would pay for itself

and its upkeep merely by usage, Airport dues etc. As it is now it is a heavy liability on the taxpayer since no one but L.A.D.E. is likely to use it.

We could write at length on the pros and cons of land ownership also but we feel it is too large a subject to cover in letter-box.

Yours faithfully,
 V. Malcolm
 Honorary Secretary,
 Falkland Islands Committee
 (Local Branch)

Port Stephens.
 12th June 1977.

Dear Sir,

I read with interest Mrs Davidson's letter of the 3rd April published in the F.I. Times of the 31st May. Many questions spring to mind on this subject but I shall not endeavour to bring them all up at this time.

I believe that since coming to the Falklands Mrs Davidson has only ever lived on West Point Island; perhaps she does not realize that West Point is one of the better pieces of ground in the Islands. In the case of the larger farms it is the good ground which carries the poor ground and if, as she suggests, all these places were split up to provide small holdings for everyone, many of them would be landed with most unprofitable farms.

Secondly, I know that this cry of "Give us land" is heard more and more but I wonder how many people, if given the choice, would forsake their relatively "problem-free" life for the responsibilities of owning and running their own farms. Remember, when one runs a place of one's own one cannot leave at a moment's notice, pack a bag and take a holiday, get paid for working overtime, etc., instead there are the worries of falling wool prices, a sudden storm that can wipe out several hundred sheep in a night, machinery to keep in running order, etc.

Perhaps instead of having a referendum on sovereignty - quite unnecessary, as we all know the answer to that one - we should have a referendum on this issue.

And now to another theme - For years now the majority of people in these Islands have shouted "Keep the Falklands British" but just how many of those same people have, in the intervening years, left the Islands to make their homes in Britain, New Zealand or elsewhere. Surely when one feels as strongly as this the best and ONLY way to help is to remain here and fight for what one wants.

I believe that many use the theme of "prolonged uncertainty as to our future" as an excuse to leave. They want to go, NOT because of our politics or policies, but because a busy, crowded suburban life appeals to them more.

Yours sincerely,
 Ann Robertson.

Sulwath, Kirkcudbright,
Scotland, DG6 4UR.
20th April 1977.

Dear Sir,

It does not surprise me that you declined to comment on the letter of L.K. Stoddart of Hollywood in your March issue, for I have seldom read such incoherent, alarmist nonsense. He begins by saying he is at a loss for words then continues to spill a further 314 of them. (The Lord's Prayer requires only 66!). So he rang the Argentinian Consulate in Los Angeles and was given the Daily Blah. What else did he expect? One can only pity the misguided soul for believing it, but condemn him outright for retailing it, heaping more distress on an already tortured situation.

We now have at the Foreign Office Dr. David Owen whose performance to date gives hope that affairs will be conducted with more ability and openness than formerly. A partial confidence is a dangerous thing, stupid, insulting and antagonising. We in Britain are not proud of the tactics the present Government employs in dealing with the Falklands - Argentine situation. It gives rise to further shame that even an hysterical American prefers to take the word of some anonymous Argentinian clerk rather than that of a British official.

L.K. Stoddart cannot understand why Britain has lost so much territory. She had not "lost" it. She has given it the independence which was so urgently requested. Whether that was wise, and whether it is immediately beneficial to the countries concerned is debatable. What does Uganda think now? and Pakistan?

The Falklands are a different matter. You are our own people and should remain with us. I regret that I did not see the "Warship" television programme reported by Mr Peter Walmsley but agree that it sounds depressingly like a potential Falklands situation. There are, however, undertones which Mr Walmsley has missed. Programmes are sometimes designed to stir up awareness and indignation in previously uninformed viewers (e.g. anti-Royalist stuff mostly serves to stir up loyalty to the Crown). "Warship" may have brought the plight of the Falklands to the sympathetic notice of thousands much more forcibly than a smooth political talk would have done. We are not all slippery politicians, you know! A programme on the Ocean Island scandal was recently put across so powerfully and stirred up so much outrage that I believe some redress is to be made by H.M. Government to the islanders. I hope the "Warship" programme will alert that woolly-thinking body to the social injustice it may be sliding into and jolt it to a halt before it slides into real ignominy.

A happy outcome to all your troubles and may it come soon.

M. I. McKeand.

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- FOR SALE -

Strawberry Runners - variety, Cambridge Favourite, £1 per dozen;
Mint plants 25p each; English Boxbushes - blue flowered, strong one
year plants 75p each.

Contact Davidson at West Point Island.

HOUSE OF COMMONS QUESTION: FALKLAND ISLANDS

In the House of Commons yesterday, Monday 13 June, Sir Nigel Fisher (Conservative, Kingston upon Thames, Surbiton) asked the Minister of Overseas Development:

1. When the four feasibility studies which she is undertaking arising from the Shackleton Report, and recommended by the Falkland Islands Government, will be completed;

2. What plans she has to implement the recommendations contained in the Shackleton Report on the Falkland Islands.

Mrs Hart replied: "Certain recommendations fall either to the private sector to implement or to the Falkland Islands Government themselves. Some of the major suggestions which do or might involve aid, such as a possible extension of the Airport and the development of fisheries and tourism would require prior investigation which I would be prepared to initiate only when a framework of political and economic cooperation with Argentina has been established. My Advisers are at present considering a proposal from the Falkland Islands Government for a new school hostel in Stanley. At the Government's request I am setting up a study of internal communications covering the Air Service, roads and coastal shipping, to see what the needs in this field are and how they can best be met. I hope it will be completed not later than early next year. I am prepared to set up feasibility studies in other areas recommended in the Shackleton Report when the Falkland Islands Government request them, including sheepskin processing, mutton freezing and local television. I have also offered to provide advice to the Government if and when they enter into negotiations with any commercial enterprises that are prepared to explore those Shackleton recommendations which fall outside the aid programme. The already considerable technical cooperation programme in the Falklands covers several of the Shackleton proposals, including an expanding Grasslands Trials Unit and the provision of fiscal advice, which is an essential preliminary to any social and economic development."

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FALKLAND ISLANDS DEVELOPMENT - AIR DRIED UNSALTED FISH

(Contributed by the Stanley Manager of the Falkland Islands Co. Ltd)

On 29th April 1977 Mr R. Duran arrived in Stanley on a one week's visit to carry out preliminary investigations into the possibility of the air drying of unsalted fish. Mr Duran is an expert in this field and is retained as a consultant by the West Coast Trading Co. S.A. of Bergen, Norway.

The Falkland Islands Co. Ltd. are co-operating with the West Coast Trading Co. S.A. in experiments to ascertain if the air drying of unsalted fish is a practical proposition.

On the afternoon of his arrival Mr Duran obtained three mullet which he promptly hung out to dry in the open air. These fish are still hanging in their original position and are in perfect condition and are drying out well despite the very poor weather which we experienced in May.

The fish have been weighed at regular intervals and details of temperature, humidity and general weather conditions have all been recorded.

Under normal conditions the drying time is between two and three months, achieving a weight loss of about 75% during that time. The fish, when hung up to dry should be fresh, gutted and without heads. They should be hung by the tail. The weight loss achieved during the first month of the experiment with our three fish is worthy of note as follows:

| <u>WEIGHT IN GRAMMES</u> | <u>FISH</u>
<u>NO.1</u> | <u>FISH</u>
<u>NO.2</u> | <u>FISH</u>
<u>NO.3</u> |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 20th April - when hung | 417.0 | 458.6 | 413.5 |
| 30th May - after one month | 228.7 | 228.2 | 171.7 |
| <u>WEIGHT LOSS - GRAMMES</u> | <u>188.3</u> | <u>230.4</u> | <u>241.8</u> |
| <u>PERCENTAGE WEIGHT LOSS</u> | <u>45.16%</u> | <u>50.24%</u> | <u>58.48%</u> |

When the weather improves it is hoped to conduct further experiments both with the fish wholly exposed to the weather and also partially and fully protected.

This is a new venture, and is still in the very early stages of experiment. However the results to date are encouraging and we trust that they will continue to be so.

There is a considerable market for air dried unsalted fish in the Northern Hemisphere where it is used for animal feeding. Its present market price is between US\$ 1,700 and US\$ 2,000 per ton. One ton of dried fish is the end product of 6½ tons of freshly caught fish.

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PENFRIENDS' CORNER: Mr Raymond Dopmeyer of P.O. Box 452, Willmar, Minn. 56201 U.S.A. Raymond, who is a member of the American Philatelic Society is particularly interested in our postal, telegraphic system and transportation facilities.

Miss Mina Froughi of 2, Graham St., Dundee, Scotland. Mina is a 21 year old student at Dundee University and her interests include writing letters to people of different nationalities - either male or female, young or old.

Miss Joyce Matthews of 90, Bradleigh Ave, Grays, Essex. Joyce who is a school secretary is interested in church organs, gardening, philately and photography.

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NEW POST FOR EX-GOVERNOR: Former Governor of the Falklands, Mr Neville French, accompanied by Mrs French, will soon be travelling to Madras in India to take up the post there of British High Commissioner. It will be Mr French's first appointment in what is generally known as "The Sub-Continent". Mr and Mrs French departed the Colony last December.

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SILVER JUBILEE MEDAL, 1977: Her Majesty The Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal has been awarded to the following; His Excellency the Governor Mr James Parker, O.B.E., Ludvick Riley (Bikey) Anderson, Stuart Alfred Booth, William John Jones, Charles Maddocks, Mrs Betty Miller, Mrs Edith Smith and Capt. Phillip Summers (Adjutant, Falkland Islands Defence Force).

AMOUR PATRIAE - THE FALKLANDS

On the shores of Britain stood families few, a hundred folk or more,
they were bound for the South Atlantic to a far, far distant shore.
T'was the Islands of the Falklands, around which gentle giants play,
the whales, the seals, the walrus and penguins in array.

Goodbye, goodbye Great Britain, to lands of pastures green,
goodbye to valleys, hills and mountains, the rivers and the stream.

Out into the North Atlantic on the swell and crested waves
the sailing ships ploughed their path, o'er many ocean graves.
With canvas full the course was South, the steersman held the wheel,
the passengers gazed at the sky and sea for the motion they did feel.

Thousands of miles lay ahead of them as further South they went
to a future unknown in quality, their lives, their hopes were lent.
Through tempest great, rain, cold and heat, the ships ploughed on the way,
the settlers gazed at the horizon hoping that this would be the day.

At last! At last, the Falkland Isles, the intrepid settlers had seen,
these isles that were uninhabited, wild, undulated with grasses green.
The year was 1766, George the Third in reign, and British were these folk,
and the Islands were Sovereign ground untrampled, by foreigners yoke.

And so with Naval sailors help the settlers toiled with zest,
their future homes mere hovels, in wild country they tried their best.
But the port of Egmont was established in the Isles of Falklands true,
yet the Spaniards eventually heard of this, thought of Papal rights anew.

In 1769 they gathered ships, men a thousand strong, to enforce their
considered right,
that these unknown Islands to the Spanish Crown, were theirs by Papal
might.
The British had weakness to combat this force, for battle was not their
aim,
the Spanish Armada with guns and men, from a thousand miles they came.

They sought to acquire Falkland territory gain, discovery they had naught,
but with gold and silver some French they found, with bribery their land
was bought.
The British alas, subdued by might, wise council convened to partake,
resigned themselves for time to come, and the Spaniards grip to break.

The Spaniards triumphant with such might, the Castile House took care,
for their neighbour France war wanted not, should Britain so declare.
So Spain backed down, excuses made, withdrew the might, and so,
that Britain's flag in the Falklands flew with the right, and 'status quo'.

We think of John Davis, Hawkins, Strong, all mariners, and Byron too,
and the hearts of oak of gallant men to their Sovereign they were true.
In freedom on these Sovereign lands generations stood with Union Jack,
no foreign yoke around the necks, and 'self determination' to back.

Our forebears had no Indios to slaughter, no captives to toil, enslave, we, the Falkland Islanders are indigenous, British stock from birth to grave.

And now transgression by some nations pose, with bias and ignorance entreat,
their Charter for humanity sake, will break like clay, unmoral, politically neat.

We Falklanders have a claim, by right, Our Government, all nations kindly note,

We are not vassals, or pawns to move, by any race or creed if the United Nations so vote.

To hell with your plenary sessions, of resolutions, so immoral to entertain our 'welfare' is British business and with Freedom we shall reign.

Magna est veritas et praevallet.

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BIRTHDAY HONOURS

Her Majesty The Queen has been graciously pleased to award the OBE to Mr A.J.P. Monk, Chief Secretary, and the MBE to Captain D.J. Sollis, Master of m.v. FORREST. The awards were announced in the Birthday Honours List, published on the 11th June.

Arthur Monk, Chief Secretary since September 1974, served throughout the war on flying duties in the RAF. He was trained as a pilot in the United States, and was awarded the Certificate of Outstanding Achievement during training. He returned to University to take a degree in economics, and entered the Colonial Administrative Service, serving as Assistant District Commissioner and District Commissioner in Nyasaland. After 13 years as District Officer he worked as Assistant Secretary and Senior Assistant Secretary in the Chief Secretary's Office, Nyasaland, and afterwards in the Prime Minister's Office when Nyasaland achieved independence as Malawi. He continued in Malawi as Under-Secretary and Acting Permanent Secretary in the Prime Minister's Office, Ministries of Trade and Industry, and Development and Planning. He represented Malawi at the United Nations, the U.N. Conference on Trade and Development, and the Geneva Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, and undertook trade agreements with several countries on their behalf. He retired prematurely under localisation arrangements and worked for a short time in an administrative post with the Police in the UK before being recalled by Her Majesty's Overseas Civil Service to take up the appointment as Chief Secretary in the Falkland Islands. He is married, with three children.

Jack Sollis, who was born at Darwin, went to sea at the age of 15 in PROTECTOR, a 42 ton ketch-rigged sailing boat. From about 1934 to 1939 he worked on the Falkland Islands Company boats FITZROY and LAFONIA. In 1939 he joined the Government Service, still in ships, as coxswain, Harbour Department, serving on the GEORGIA, an air-sea rescue fast motor boat as well as on the ALERT, a working boat in Stanley Harbour. After the war, the GEORGIA was sold to the Flag Officer at Trinidad. A very important date in Jack Sollis's life was 23rd May 1940, when he and Maude were married. In 1947 m.v. PHILOMEL, 75 tons, arrived in the Falklands. Jack took charge of PHILOMEL, was officially appointed Master in 1948,

and remained in that position until 1967 when m.v. FORREST, 140 tons, arrived to replace PHILOMEL. He was made Master of the FORREST, and has remained in that position to the present day.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Farewell Supper The people of Fitzroy gave a farewell supper on Saturday 2nd April for John and Judy Felton. After supper a slide show took place after which John and Judy were presented with a battery operated wall clock. Those present would like to wish the Feltons every good wish in their new home at Roy Cove where John is now manager after taking over from Fenton Hirtle who acted as manager after the departure of Simon Miller to Keppel Island.

Black Gold in the Falklands? The C.I.A. have a way of making people sit up. Last time it was a report about the colour of our underpants. This time they have revealed information indicating that there are vast reserves of oil in our seas, possibly amounting to as much as three times that of the North Sea. If this report is factual it obviously puts new importance on the Anglo/Argentine talks due to take place shortly.

F.I. Committee-Goose Green/Walker Creek local branch. The recently formed local branch of the Falkland Island Committee at Goose Green organised a funfare/bazaar on Saturday 7th May. The purpose of this event was to raise funds for the United Kingdom Committee. As a result and after a very entertaining afternoon, the local committee now has £200 most of which will be sent to the U.K. branch. An evenings whist and dancing completed the day.

Onward Christian Soldiers. A decree of the 13th May signed by the Archbishop of Canterbury ended a battle by the people of Christ Church Cathedral to free themselves from the jurisdiction of the Anglican Council of South America (CASA) who assumed it in September 1974. The decree makes the Anglican Church of the Falkland Islands an Episcopal Jurisdiction independent of the Diocese of Eastern South America and the jurisdiction is now resumed by the Archbishop. However it is not yet known who the Archbishop will appoint to hold Jurisdiction for him.

Hayfield Textiles Ltd., of West Yorkshire are proud to announce their latest introduction which is being made specially for the export market. It is 'HAYFIELD FALKLAND' and without doubt one of the finest hand knitting yarns available anywhere in the world. With this new yarn they have taken the best Falkland Wool (superwash treated) and handled it with the greatest care to give this beautiful yarn. Falkland Wool is one of the softest handling wools one can buy as well as being extremely white in its natural state.

Polish trawler LYRA of 2,700 gross tons arrived in Stanley on the 8th June to land three of her crew for medical attention after they had been drinking alcohol. The ship sailed on the 9th for Cape Town via South Georgia with the frozen body of a fourth man who died before the vessel reached Stanley.

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BIRTHS in the K.E.M. Hospital, Stanley -

18th June '77 to Mr and Mrs John Broomfield, a daughter, LAURA CLAIRE
(8lbs 7oz)

in the United Kingdom -

21st June '77 to Mr and Mrs Alan Hague, a daughter, EMILY LOUISE.

ENGAGEMENT - Miss Sandy Hills (one of the two Argentine Spanish teachers)
and Mr John Barron, Manager here of Johnston Construction Ltd.

MARRIAGES -

11th June at North Arm - Lewis Ronald Morrison to Doreen Emily Jaffray.

18th June at the Office of the Registrar General in Stanley,
Andrez Peter Short to Celia Soledad Vera.

DEATHS in the Falklands -

7th June - Mrs Candis Ellen (Candy) Betts, aged 26 years.

15th June - Mrs Emily Louisa (Biddy) Skilling, aged 71 years.

25th June - Ernest Gilbert (Con) Goodwin, aged 69 years.

in New Zealand -

12th June - Mrs Margaret Shaw, daughter of Mr and Mrs Silas Newman
of Gillingham, Kent, formerly of Stanley.

in the United Kingdom -

20th May - Mrs Greta Pitaluga.

In April - Mrs Eleanor Pettengill, authoress of the book on the
Falklands 'Penguin Summer'.

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WANTED - a new Editor of the F.I. Times. I shall cease editing the
paper after the 10/77 edition but would be quite prepared to
give assistance in the printing of it. Any interested person
is asked to contact me at P.O. Box 60 or ring 340.

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In the next edition of the TIMES I hope to publish some of the high-
lights of the Legislative Council meeting held in Stanley between
14th and 22nd June including details of this year's Budget.

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Share your news - air your views. Write to the Editor at
P.O. Box 60,
Stanley.

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ANGLO/ARGENTINE TALKS

The preliminary round of talks between Britain and Argentina on the Falkland Islands were held in Rome from 13th-15th July, after which the following communique was issued:

'In accordance with the announcement made simultaneously by the Argentine and British Governments on 26th April 1977, delegations representing the two Governments met in Rome from 13th-15th July 1977 in order to conduct the first round of negotiations concerning future political relations, including Sovereignty, with regard to the Falkland Islands, South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands, and Anglo-Argentine economic co-operation with regard to the said territories in particular and the South West Atlantic in general.

The two delegations were led respectively by Capt. Gualter Oscar Allara, Under Secretary for Foreign Relations of the Republic of Argentina and by Mr H.A.H. Cortazzi, Deputy Under Secretary of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. In accordance with the terms of reference for negotiations announced in the statement of 26th April 1977, the two sides conducted a full exchange of views in order to agree on the procedure for defining the issues to be covered in their negotiations.

The discussions between the two delegations were conducted in a positive spirit. They led to a better awareness of the position of each side as a basis to continue to seek understanding.

It was agreed that the negotiations now established should be continued at a further high level meeting to be held at the beginning of November. The venue for this second meeting would be decided upon through the diplomatic channel.'

On the day that the talks commenced, questions by Members of Parliament were put to Mr Ted Rowlands in the House of Commons. In replying, Mr Rowlands gave assurance that the British Government would, once again, make clear to the Argentines its commitment to the principle of self-determination for Islanders and that HMG would inform Islanders about its actions and approach to the talks. Once again questions were asked about the possible extension to the permanent airport and the Minister of State said that he was a keen supporter of the Falkland Islanders' welfare but an extension would be a multi-million £ project and HMG feared that if the runway was extended and it turned out to be a white elephant it would be a considerable burden to the Islanders.

In a broadcast of 8th July, His Excellency the Governor announced that he would be departing the Colony on July 21st (with Mrs Parker) for a short leave during which time he could push forward some of the projects for our development and learn what transpired at the talks in Rome.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETINGS

The annual budget session of the Legislative Council was held during 14th-22nd June in the Court and Council Chamber at the Town Hall. Numerous bills were passed including bills to provide tax free allowances to Unofficial Members of Executive and Legislative Councils and bills to implement some of the budget proposals. Probably one of the most important bills which was passed after minor amendments was the one amending the Legislative Council (Elections) Ordinance 1948 which clears the way for the first elections under the new constitution whereby six elected members will have the majority on the Legislature of nine. (I hope to have more on the forthcoming elections in the next edition).

In reply to questions from Councillors, the Chief Secretary informed them that the Government hoped that the new Stanley airport would be acceptable for operation by LADE aircraft during July, that Camp maildrops would continue to receive very high priority and that it was hoped that all Camp settlements would be equipped with the new radio/telephone sets (AEL) within eight to nine months. The Financial Secretary, in replying to Councillors' questions said that lack of funds, which would amount to £9,300 at the end of June, prevented progress on the Stanley swimming pool project and that an application to the European Development Fund for it had been turned down.

Summary of Budget Proposals

The following proposals were adopted by the Council:

Customs Duties: Duty on tobacco from £2.40 to £2.80 per lb; on cigars, from £4.20 to £5 per lb; on cigarettes, from £2.88 to £3.30 per lb; on spirits, from £12 to £13.50 per gallon (approx. increase 25p on a bottle); on fortified wines, from 90p to £1.10 per gallon; and table wines, from 78p to 90p gallon.

Medical Fees. Most of the changes related to increases for non-resident patients but included an increase from £1.50 to £2.00 per day for residents' ward fees and the following Camp subscriptions: single employees from £2.50 to £3.24 per annum and married employees from £5.04 to £6.48 per annum. Farm contributions to be increased from £2.50 per 1,000 sheep to £3.25.

Darwin Boarding School. An increase of £6.00 per term - from £12 to £18, and of 5p, from 5p to 10p for day pupils' meals.

Stanley Electricity Supply. An increase from 4.34 pence per unit of electricity to 4.76 pence.

Falkland Is. Govt. Air Service. An increase in the boarding charge of £1.50 - from £4.50 to £6.00. Residents will continue to be charged 5p per mile but non-residents will now have to pay 15p (increased from 10p).

Government Owned House Rents will be increased by approximately 10% for unfurnished quarters and approximately 25% on furnished properties.

Pensions - (Non-contributory). Single folk, from £4.00 - £6.00 per week; married couples, from £6.00 - £8.50. Contributory - single folk, from £6.00 - £7.00 per week and married couples, £9.00 - £10.50. Contribution rates have been increased from 62p to 72p per week for employee and 92p to £1.08p for employer.

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LETTERBOX

17, Culvert Street,
Blackburn, Lancs.
12th April 1977.

Dear Sir,

I am writing on behalf of our loyalist organisation - Brigade Group 93 - to inform you of our strong support for the Falkland Islands determination to retain their links with the Motherland. We consider any proposal to "sell out" the Falklands to Argentina, an act of utter treachery, and we will do everything possible to oppose such acts.

There must be no talks, no negotiations, no compromise, and above all - no surrender! The Falkland Islands are British and must remain so. There can be no question of anything else.

We feel we voice the opinion of an overwhelming majority of the British public in this matter. There is much sympathy for, and much good feeling towards the Falklands - and rightly so.

We would go further and say, that this feeling exists not only here. Brigade Group 93 is in contact with other organisations in Canada, Australia, etc., who also are determined to oppose the handing over of the Falkland Islands.

Our members have written to the local and national press, spoken on local radio, distributed leaflets, and carried out other actions in support of the Falklands. We also campaign for people to write to their respective members of parliament, stating their rejection of any idea of negotiations with Argentina.

We will stand by the Falklands as you have stood by us: you are not alone. God bless you all. Yours in loyalty,

T. Howarth,
General Secretary,
Brigade Group 93.

Hill Cove.
9th June 1977.

Dear Ed.,

It's time yet again to have another 'plug' about trees. Trees in the Falklands is another of those myths perpetuated by farming circles, tree growing threatens some of the sacred cows of the farming world, and farmers don't take kindly to having sacred cows killed.

"Of course trees won't grow in the Falklands" - which seems strange as I can walk, any day through a pure stand of them, 2 acres of solid timber, height 51 feet, some girth 8'0" at the base, some may weigh up to 3,000 - 4,000 lbs. of spruce, a lot of wood to fall on one's head.

But then these are a fluke, perhaps an embarrassment, standing in defiance to the cynics and the doubters, perhaps to the annoyance of those who have puddled small trees into sacred parts, only to see them vanish under a hoof, mass of grass, or just plain evaporate.

There is a curious way of looking at trees, for instance if one could calculate the environmental usage of a sheep, which requires say 4 acres to one body, or a quarter of one sheep (its rump?) to one acre.

How much wool does one get from a rump, per annum x 50? Alternatively, how much timber does one get from one acre in 50 years? Answer is to saw down the trees here and find out.

Another curious way of looking at this utilisation, and this is going to throw the pure blooded, economist into fits, the ones who never start breakfast without a rapid calculation of their assets, investments etc., eat fish and chips out of a copy of the Financial Times.

A sheep utilises per annum, say 4 acres, of which, is the top few inches of herbage/soil, its body occupies x cu. feet of space. That broadly speaking is a 'sheep utilisation' for which the farm get xP per acre on its wool.

Now take an acre of trees, they occupy after 50 years approximately 50 feet of ground space, yes the roots go right down and the tops occupy 50 feet of air-space, in terms of cubic footage, for the purist would be an acre times 100 feet, that is tree utilisation. A lot of cu. feet.

Trees mine for instance, minerals from the subsoil, the bed rock. It's against the law to mine below 3 feet, so rumour has it - trees do it though, all the time bringing up quantities of trace elements essential to pasture. Grass cannot come anywhere near the utilisation of these properties, but they do very well out of the elements from decomposing leaves.

Trees don't move, or they haven't yet. They might fall down, but they don't need to be hefted, shorn, dipped, or mated - well not in the pure sense.

Now come on all you landed gentry, you'd love to have a growing monument growing up to the skies, long after your bones have turned to dust. Sheep just mean your leaving a lot of bone meal on the ground. Forget your portfolios, you can't take it with you, but when you hover around in a spiritual form, look at all the fine trees you'll be able to see. Look at the returns for a packet of tree seed, I know trees don't grow here, but you may get a surprise and besides, a bird tells me that U.K. can't get enough timber. Yes £2,000 millions spent on timber imports a year, that's a lot of lolly for the making. It's what you might call a woolly problem.

Ron Reeves

Port Howard,
West Falklands.
15th June 1977.

Dear Sir,

This letter may surprise you somewhat in that it is a criticism of your editorial (issue 5/77) and not yet another instant "cure all" for the ills of the Islands. There have been, goodness knows, enough of those, whatever else we Islanders do we certainly talk a good fight!

No, we write to take issue with the Editor himself, We wish to place on record our dismay and regret at the unfortunate choice of words in the editorial mentioned above. If you haven't already guessed the source of our annoyance, then allow us to enlighten you. We refer, of course, to the paragraph concerning itself with "Accommodation".

The use of the word "forced" in such a context would imply that the standard of Camp living is much lower than that of Stanley. In fact a

completely opposing statement would be nearer the truth. We do not wish to bore you unduly by listing Camp attributes, but a short tour round any of the Camp houses would convince the stubbornest of critics of their modernity, comfort and space.

For too long the Camp has been the poor relation in these Islands, yet the very reason for Stanley still being in existence IS the Camp. Each year the services to the Camp deteriorate still further. Whenever we believe bottom has been touched along comes some new calamity, which we all moan about but eventually grin and bear. Again there is no necessity for us to ennumerate, the story has been told in the pages of your own newspaper!

The future - if there is to be one - of these Islands does not lie in Stanley. It lies firmly in the Camp. Let us begin to realise this and work to increase the services and facilities, thus "encouraging", not "forcing", more young people to live and work in the Camp.

Yours faithfully,
June E. Lee and M. Watson.

(Ed. Sorry ladies for the dismay caused by my remarks to which you refer. I should of course said that "while young families/couples are moving to the Camp in order to acquire houses of their own" - but this statement may have been misinterpreted by some overseas readers who may have thought that Camp houses are 'given away' instead of being available to people for the duration of their employment on a farm. However, had I not used the unfortunate choice of words I would not have received your interesting letter!)

Stanley.
 6th July 1977.

Dear Editor,

In your last edition I was surprised to see a reference to one of my letters to the Times.

Had it been from an individual I should have said "jolly good"! and passed it by - (as I dislike the form of bickering that our New Citizens indulge in). However I found it did, in fact, originate from an organisation; a group opinion! from the Falkland Islands Committee (F.I.C.).

My surprise turned to amazement when I discovered that I was, in their view a "citizen of tomorrow"; having reached my majority, as the saying goes, I wonder what the heck I am right now??

New-comers often refer to "awakening political awareness of the Islanders" as though we are rats in a scientific experiment; please don't let us have elder Falkland Islanders and local organisations taking the same attitude with "our young people". Particularly now that they can vote at eighteen.

As for looking ahead; I believe I do, with identifying idealism, diluted to taste with practical realism. By what decree does the Falkland Islands Committee have the right to rule on what is, or is not, forward looking?

That a man no longer goes to sea not knowing when he will return is true:- of the British seaman! which is why our waters are fished only by foreign vessels.

A relay of boys with a plastic spade could construct an International Airport by the time these large industries we hear about come to the Islands.

While we look at every enterprise as an off-shoot of big brother seven thousand miles away, we, as a people, stand still; it won't be progress . . . just modernisation of the old system.

No land today ... Up the Organisation!

Yours faithfully,
Eddie Anderson

EDDIE ANDERSON JNR.
(AGING)

SHIPPING

| <u>vessel</u> | <u>flag</u> | <u>arrived</u> | <u>departed</u> | <u>for</u> |
|-------------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| GEMINI | Polish | 16th May | same day | South Georgia |
| GIZHIGA | USSR | 29th May | 31st May | High Seas |
| LYRA | Polish | 8th June | 9th June | Cape Town via South
Georgia |
| BAHIA BURN SUCESO | Argentine | 21st June | 23rd June | Buenos Aires |
| SAN CLEMENTE | Argentine | 28th June | 29th June | Comodoro Rivadavia |
| ANNETTE DANIELSEN | Danish | 28th June | 5th July | United Kingdom |

JUNE WEATHER

June 1977 was a comparatively warm month with an average temperature of 3.6 deg.C (38.5 deg.F), which is about 1 degree above the normal and the warmest since June 1962. Highest temperature recorded at Stanley was 8.2 deg.C (46.8 deg.F) on the 12th and the lowest -3 deg.C (26.6F) on the night of 23rd/24th. The average daily sunshine was 2.2 hours being about 20 minutes a day more than would normally be expected at this time of the year. Total rainfall was 59.6mm (2.35 inches). Average wind speed was 14.4 knots. The highest gust recorded was 58 knots on the 25th with 12 hours when the average hourly wind speed was of gale force and 260 hours when it was 10 knots or less. There were 18 occasions on which ground frost was recorded.

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Income Tax allowances have been increased thus; personal allowance, from £230 - £350; wife, from £180 - £300; children, from £130 - £250; dependent relative, from £130 - £250, and earned income relief ceiling, from £500 - £750. On chargeable income the following rates will apply (including on income earned this year), on the first £500 - 17½% (old rate 15%); on next £500 - 22½% (20%); on next £500 - 27½% (25%); on next £1,000 - 35% (30%); on next £1,000 - 40% (35%); and next £1,000 - 45% (40%). Company tax has been increased from 40% - 45%.

Family Allowances will be doubled in the New Year.

Postage Rate - postage on inland letters will soon be increased from 2p to 3p.

NEWS in BRIEF

Dog Survey. Our Veterinary Officer, Mr Steve Whitley, recently conducted a small survey of some of the dogs in Camp. The survey was to determine the incidence of tapeworms and roundworms prior to dosing of dogs with the drug Droncit as opposed to Scoloban which has previously been used in the Hydatid campaign. Some 101 samples from 27 dogs on 6 farms were processed and it was revealed that 10 animals had roundworms and 5 had tapeworms. It will be recalled that if Scoloban, offal disposal and other measures had been properly taken there should be no tapeworms at all. It was also ascertained that 7 of the dogs had been eating sheep droppings as sheepworms were found in the samples.

May Ball. The annual May Ball was held this year on the 24th May. Of the 12 finalists selected by popular male vote, the judges chose Miss Jeannie Dobbins as the May Queen with Miss Frances Peck as the May Princess. His Excellency the Governor presented the prizes and the following night saw the Prince Charming Ball with Kim Summers being voted this year's Prince.

Stanley Rates. The Standing Finance Committee of the Legislature have levied 98p in the £ on owners of premises in Stanley for the year July '77 - June '78. This is an increase of 19p in the £ on last year's rates which for most house owners will mean between £35 and £70. The net expenditure for calculating the rate was as follows: Garbage disposal, £3,500; Upkeep of Stanley, £1,000; Street lighting, £4,000; Fire brigade, £2,350; and Water supply, £26,636. Needless to say the Standing Finance Committee is to look into the question of the high cost of supplying Stanley with water.

Fancy Dress Ball. The annual Fancy Dress Ball organised by the Stanley Badminton Club was held in the Town Hall on Tuesday 22nd June. The stage was expertly arranged in the form of a gypsy camp and quite a number of folk had obviously put much work into their costumes. His Excellency the Governor presented the prizes after which he made a short but most entertaining speech. A second night of dancing followed on the Wednesday ending at 2 a.m.

Cheaper Diesel. The price of a gallon of diesel oil from the F.I.C. pump was reduced from 52p to 48p on the 16th June.

A Bully-Beef Tail? The Agricultural Department's 10 year old Red Poll bull had been hopping over the fences and munching some Stanley residents' vegetables so it was decided to put him up for tender. The old chap hasn't been seen lately but somebody remarked that sausages have a different taste!

Up To The Quilt. A recent announcement over the 'Box' requested information regarding a quilt which had blown off Mr John Broomfield's clothes line during strong winds. After much conjecture as to the track and distance covered by a wind-blown cover such as this the owner received a telephone call to say that it was on the roof of his house!

M.B.E. Award. Mr Ted Gutteridge, who for many years was in charge of the Power and Electrical Department before leaving the Colony some four years ago, was recently awarded the M.B.E.

Pilot Training. It was recently announced that there is now a short-list of 4 candidates for the vacancies for trainee pilots for F.I.G.A.S. namely - Eddie Anderson(Jnr), Mike Luxton, Robin Goodwin and Lewis Clifton. Meanwhile Ian McPhee who was chosen to be one of our trainee pilots but later turned down on medical reasons is undergoing training for his PPL at Eastleigh airport, Southampton.

Fiscal Adviser's Visit. Mr Trevor Pepper, who took up his assignment of fiscal adviser to the Falkland Islands, arrived in the Colony with his wife on Friday 1st July. After retiring from the Civil Service, Mr Pepper, whose home is now in Malta, had given financial advice to several British Colonial Governments. Upon the departure from the Colony on 14th July of Dr. Peter Summers, Mr and Mrs Pepper moved into the bungalow opposite the FIDF Hall.

New Superintendent. The new Superintendent of Education, Mr T. Lamin, is expected to arrive here with his wife in mid-August. During the last six months or so Mr Frank O'Reilly has been Acting Superintendent.

"Rita's" to become "Pam's". The proprietress of the Falklands only hairdressing salon, Miss Rita Watts, departed the Islands on the 7th July to live in England. Rita, who opened her salon in 1970 on Davis Street and later moved to the building behind the Woodbine Shop has handed over the concern to Mrs Pam Summers who will resume business in the spring.

C.P.A. Conference. The twenty-third annual conference of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association will be held in Ottawa in mid-September. Councillor Adrian Monk will be representing the Falkland Islands and in all probability Mr Bill Etheridge, our Clerk to the Councils, will accompany him.

Museum to be re-housed. Our museum, which occupies a small room of the gymnasium building, is soon to be re-housed in two large rooms at the west end of the Falkland Islands Company's Office block. Last year the Government appointed Mrs Joan Spruce and the Messrs. Jim Lellman and John Smith as its trustees. Voluntary help to renovate the rooms, which over the years have been used as a shop, wool storage shed and liquor store, and materials for the purpose have been generously given and if anyone would like to give assistance or donate paint, picture frames or any items that would illustrate life in the Islands, they are asked to contact Joan Spruce (Telephone 412).

Corrections. In the 6/77 edition of the Times, I incorrectly stated that Mr French had been appointed British High Commissioner in India. He was in fact appointed Deputy High Commissioner. In the item about Captain Jack Sollis, it was reported that Jack joined the PROTECTOR whereas the vessel was the PREFECTOR GARCIA.

BIRTHS AND DEATHS

Birth - 14th May in Scotland, to Mr and Mrs Jock Lauder, a daughter, TAMARA (8lbs 8oz). Jock worked for several years on West Falkland.

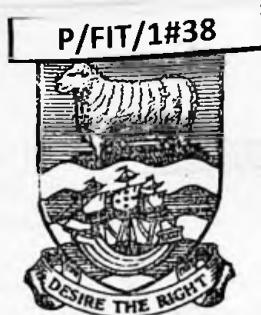
Deaths - in the Falklands:

June 28th Mrs Dorothy Mary Eleanour LANG aged 76 years.
 July 3rd Francis Henry Hewitt (Frank) SMITH aged 58 years.
 July 5th Andrew Roger PECK aged 81 years.

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FURTHER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

The Colony's celebrations to commemorate the Silver Jubilee of the accession of Our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth the Second continued in July. Earlier this year saw the first part of the celebrations in the form of the two-day race meeting in Stanley on the 22nd and 23rd February, sheep-dog trials and steer riding on the 24th with a film show and tea for the old folks at the Town Hall, a shearing competition and children's party on the 25th and motor-cycle scrambles and prize-giving dance on Saturday 26th February.

The recent events marking twenty-five years of Her Majesty's reign commenced with an inter-denominational service of thanksgiving held at Christ Church Cathedral, and which was broadcast live, on Sunday 31st July. A most entertaining concert (also broadcast live) of madrigals, music and musings was held in the Cathedral on the night of Tuesday 2nd August. The Colony Jubilee Ball was held on the night of Wednesday August 3rd at the Town Hall and was attended by what must have been the biggest assembly - from teenagers to octogenarians - that the building has ever accommodated. During the proceedings, which were attended by His Excellency the Acting Governor, Mr G.J.A. Slater and Mrs Slater, voting for the Falklands' Jubilee Queen was held and this competition was won by 14 years old Jeanette Hall, daughter of FIGAS mechanic Norman, and Mrs Hall.

The Royal film documentary 'Royal Family' was screened on Thursday 4th August and the motor-cycle trials planned for Saturday 6th were postponed, through inclement weather, until Saturday 13th. Also affected by poor weather was the sheep-dog trial competition which was held on Sunday 14th August and won by Les Morrison of Hill Cove with SHELL (2nd was Tony McMullen of Goose Green with CAVIC and 3rd Raymond Evans of Pebble Island with QUEEN).

Collections for the Queen's Silver Jubilee Fund which has as its theme 'helping young people to help others and themselves' raised around £300.

Sincere thanks go to the Silver Jubilee Celebrations Committee comprising of Mr John Smith (Chairman), Reverend Gerald Smith (Secretary), and Mr Ernie Luxton, Mrs Velma Malcolm, Mrs Betty Miller and Major Nigel Willoughby, R.M., whose unstinted efforts led to a most successful programme of events to mark this special year.

LETTERBOX

94A Whitechapel High Street,
London, E1 7QY.
18th July 1977.

Dear Sir,

Your issue of the 31st May has only just been received by me and I hope, therefore, that you will permit this belated and brief reply to the three letters you published.

Mr & Mrs Davidson wrote to us on the 13th April asking that 5 or 10 acres of land be made available to them for setting up a market garden. We agreed immediately as it is our policy to encourage such ventures.

Mr Kilmartin states that I do not agree with the findings of the Shackleton Report. In fact, I agree with much of it and have committed myself to examining all of its recommendations. What I have said is that some of the statistical information is inaccurate, particularly that relating to the Company. My view is shared by people independent of the Company. The references to the years 1973 and 1974 clearly illustrate the inaccuracies because our accounts for those years were mistakenly taken as consolidated accounts. Additionally, distributions from 1972 onwards, which have been so heavily criticised, are merely a pooling of post-tax profit for the good of our group. When the right opportunity occurs we will have access to the pool for the benefit of the Colony. Regarding the viability of small-scale farming, I am sufficiently convinced of Mr Kilmartin's ability to let time and experience provide the answer.

Finally, Mr Monk states that as we have a monopoly of wool shipment there is no need to consider the effects on wool growers. He then proceeds to consider the effects. In fact we have the monopoly of risk only, having, for example, just committed ourselves contractually to a year's costs with no guarantee regarding revenue. We tried to give up our monopoly in 1972, but Adrian Monk wisely did not support the move.

Yours faithfully,
F.G. Mitchell.
Managing Director,
The Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

4 Boulton House,
Green Dragon Lane,
Brentford, Surrey,
Middlesex.
19th July 1977.

Dear Sir,

I have just received the Review dated 15th June I would like to reply to Ann Robertson's paragraph about what she has quoted about the majority of people who shouted Keep the Falklands British. Yes, several Falklanders have left the Islands for other parts, but do not English people go from England to better themselves?

Although us Kelpers as we are called always have our Homeland at our hearts, and have sent money to help the Committee here in England.

I myself had written to an M.P. at the House of Commons in 1971 to see if he could help the cause.

In 1952 I was travelling from Chile to England via Buenos Aires and was held 3 months owing to my Falkland Islands passport which I would not give up.

So please think again before you knock us Kelpers who are abroad.

Yours sincerely,
D.E. Hardy (Mrs).

Some Place,
Some Time.

Dear Editor,

Perhaps you will allow me to ramble a little on the development dilemma. Roads seem to be high on the agenda, and not a century too soon. It is a pity that roads could not encompass the Islands, but apart from cost, the terrain would do little to facilitate this whim. To Goose Green following a blazed trail is the obvious start. All the way overland which - apart from a few small tracks - is all F.I.C. owned. If such construction was to materialize in pretence of being to the advantage of all what guarantees can we seek to ensure that it is? Perhaps plans for an experiment in 'tenant farming' (or something better!) should be negotiated and built into the venture. Splitting the land would possibly be a very fertile seed for diversification; we tend to think only of what we have and know, but if sheep ... wool was the only product that land brought forth, what a miserable world this would be. Without regard to the immediate practicalities or impracticalities of the cry "Give us the land", we must not let up on the theme for it symbolizes our wish for an identity and more control of our country. Hopes incompatible with the likes of an oil industry.

Yours Anonymously,
Someone.

P.S. Pseudonyms are employed by persons primarily interested in publicizing their views ... as opposed to themselves.

(Ed. The writer of the above letter submitted his name and address).

The following is an extract from a letter received from Mr H.V. Watson of Hampshire, England, dated the 22nd April 1977.

"The freedom to disagree, and to challenge, is the individual's cherished prerogative and it should be exercised where need be in a constructive manner. Little intelligence is required to embark upon destructive themes. It is also essential that the community as a whole uses this form of communication to the best advantage for without this medium wagging tongues can provide an avenue for speculation and distortion of the truth which any government controlled news media can freely

manipulate to advantage. Views that are printed can be challenged if need be. And a society that loses this manner of expression, as some countries have, realise only too well the void in their lives. And others who have never been allowed, desperately wish to acquire this freedom, and are really envious of those who are able.

Speaking of the lands he had freed/liberated, e.g. Argentina, General San Martin's philosophy were contained in the following words. 'If we are free we shall overcome everything. Si somos libres todos nos sobre.'

Can Argentina live up to these immortal words?"

Port Stephens.
3rd August 1977.

Dear Sir,

It is not often that I feel the urge to air my views but with the approach of the elections I would be grateful if you would print the following comments.

It is a source of amazement, that the Falklands, normally appearing so idealistic, should, when it comes to selecting the candidate of their choice be so cynical. Pre-election comments such as "He's a nice chap", "He's a good union man", "He's a manager, musn't upset the status quo" or "I don't like him" seem to abound. Personally these qualifications seem singularly inadequate when you are picking someone to protect your rights and carry out your wishes. More important qualifications are surely:

- 1) Personal Integrity.
- 2) The guts and determination to stand up for what he believes in.
- 3) A sense of SOCIAL responsibility.
- 4) Consideration and a desire to help with the problems of the individual.

Old fashioned? Maybe, but it's the sort of thing that lifts us above the animals, cynicism puts us back with the sheep.

Yours sincerely,
R. Fogerty.

(Ed. Your letter could not have come at a more appropriate time Richard as it is with an awareness of the aforementioned attributes that has inspired me to offer myself as a candidate in the forthcoming elections - providing of course that I can get 9 supporters and raise £25!).

PRIVATE EYE - the following is an article from that publication of 18th March 1977.

Connoisseurs of the Foreign Office news management will have noticed how the Falkland Islands story has been handled.

The F.O. considers that compared to British interests in the Argentine and assorted other dictatorships, the Falkland Islands are a drop in the bucket. Unfortunately for the F.O. the Shackleton Report made it perfectly clear that the Falklands had a viable economic future. In order to get around this, the F.O. assisted by the loyal hacks of the diplomatic lobby, have started to misquote the report.

Contrary to the F.O. handouts, the report did not recommend £14 million expenditure, nor did it say that Argentinian co-operation was essential to future development. Instead it spoke of a small-scale £5.4 million development project spread over five years, which could bring profitable industry to the Islands.

The Islanders remain rightly suspicious of the F.O.'s interventions. The F.O. have decided that rather than be seen to sell the Falklanders out, they should complicate or hinder all future development and thus let the Islands die a slow death.

ON THE THRESHOLD OF A DREAM? The following words are the concluding remarks by His Excellency the Governor in the opening address to the June meeting of the Legislative Council:

'Honourable Members, in closing my address this morning I wish to end on an optimistic note. I am conscious that we are in something of a trough at the moment, a trough in our expectations and in our capacity to move forward. I have outlined our problems at length. I have because I think it serves no purpose to gloss over them. But I am confident that we have the will, we have the energy, we have the adaptability to overcome these problems. We are, I am quite certain, at a point of take-off in our fortunes from which we can rise to a new level of life which will in no way destroy or impair the manifold pleasures of the old accustomed ways. To the young people, impatient for advancement, my advice would be to stay here, work hard at acquiring the skills, and see these Islands through to the happy future they can have; to be a haven of prosperity, good-will and good living in the stormy South Atlantic seas. And in these we must steer by our own bright Island stars, avoiding the rocks of dissension and dispute which lie on every side, until we can furl our sails in a bountiful and safe anchorage.'

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BERKS.,
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PENFRIENDS' CORNER

Jan-Erik Karlsson of Duvemala, S-361 00 EMMABODA, SWEDEN. Jan-Erik is a 17 year old lad whose hobbies are sport, music and collecting postcards and stamps.

Birgitta Ronnblom of Ringvagen 8, 93010 Lovanger, SWEDEN. Birgitta who would like to correspond with a Falkland female, does not give her age but says in her letter 'I like not school'. Her home town of Lovanger has a population of less than 2,000.

Claudio and Laura Pedrosa of Azara 1550 Banfield (1828) Buenos Aires, Republica Argentina. Claudio is 13 and his sister 15 years old. Their interests include pop music, reading and collecting cigarette packets and the two are keen to correspond with any of the Falklands youth.

Mr Frederick Adams c/o Staff, The Abbey and School, Fort-Augustus Inverness-shire, SCOTLAND. Mr Adams who is 57 years old would be very interested to learn about life in the Falklands.

- ADVERTISEMENT -

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The following poem was written by Colin Blyth who left the Islands with his parents in September 1975. Before leaving the Colony, Colin was in our Police Force and is at present working in telecommunications with the Royal Air Force in Hendon:-

BRITISH THROUGH and THROUGH

Two tiny islands many miles away
 British we are, British we wish to stay
 Wind swept, bleak but beautiful
 The industry is just plain sheeps' wool.

The Argentine bring forth a claim
 Which seems to us a stupid game
 This claim is obviously untrue
 Because we're British through and through.

For fuel we rely only on peat
 Which is hard work but gives out a good heat
 They say there's oil but who's to know
 Let's hope they find it and let it flow.

The town of Stanley is so very small
 Only one thousand people in all
 So keep the Argentines out please do
 Because we're British through and through.

NEWS in BRIEF

Early Lamb. Master David Short of Weddell Island recently reported that a lamb was born on the island on the 12th July and wondered if this is the earliest lamb birth on record.

Drydocking Trip. The Colony's coastal vessel m/v MONSUNEN left Stanley for Punta Arenas (Chile) on 29th June under the command of Capt. W.H. Goss, J.P. The ship arrived back in Stanley on July 19th with a full load of timber.

Flying Visit. British Caledonian Airways manager for Argentina and Uruguay Mr Healey, and their overseer of agencies in Southern South America, Mr Leech, paid a few hours visit to Stanley on Thursday, 7th July, to congratulate their agents here - Darwin Shipping Ltd - on the magnificent volume of business they had generated for BCA in the Falklands

Cheaper Fencing? Bronzovich Brothers Ltd, of San Martin 1093, Ushuaia, Tierra del Fuego, Argentina, can offer 6 foot, unplanned posts (3"x3") for less than £1 f.o.b. Ushuaia. Planned posts of the same dimensions work out at below £2 and freight (presumably they would be transported by the BAHIA BUEN SUCESO) would be minimal and if any farms or concerns are interested (the posts are Sandy Point or similar hardwood) they are advised to write direct.

Falkland Islands Govt. Air Service. The first meeting of the F.I.G.A.S. committee under the Chairmanship of Mr R.M. Pitaluga, O.B.E., to consider the future role of our air service, was held on Saturday, 9th July. Many points were considered including changing the aircraft type to either amphibians or even helicopters. However, it was decided the first step to take was to send a questionnaire to all farms asking for opinions and helpful suggestions on how the service could be updated, and if they have suitable ground for a landing strip within an approximate three miles radius of the settlement. Anyone with suggestions to offer on the future of air transport in the Falklands is invited to send these, as soon as possible, to Mr Gerald Check, the committee secretary.

These Boots are made for Walking! Patrick Berntsen and Derek Smith had their own solution to the transport problem when they recently walked from Roy Cove to Port Howard (a good 40 miles at the time of year when the Camp is at its wettest) non-stop in 17 hours. There was evidently something or someone attractive at Port Howard!

Commonwealth Scholarship. Nicholas Keenleyside is due to depart the Colony at the end of September to commence a four year course in graphic art at Birmingham Polytechnic.

New Definitive Stamp Issue. Government recently received bromides of the Colony's next definitive stamp issue which should be on sale by the end of this year. The issue will be made up of fifteen ships which have carried mail to and from the Falklands over the years and the stamps have been produced from paintings of the ships by local maritime historian and artist John Smith.

Sleighers' Dream. The thick covering of snow which remained longer than usual gave excellent sleighing conditions in Stanley for about two weeks in July and over 20 people were sleighing down Philomel Hill until after midnight on Saturday 16th.

In February this year, the UK FI Committee, which has been active since 1968, formed a publicity sub-committee to deal with mounting interest in the Islands from the public and Press. Following Mr Rowlands' visit to Buenos Aires and the Falkland Islands, the pressure on the main committee became intense and so, on his return from the Islands Major Ronnie Spafford was asked to chair the publicity Sub-Committee.

The principle activities of the Committee is to ensure, as far as possible that the views of the Falkland Islanders are correctly reflected in the Press. This is essential because there are certain powerful influences whose intentions seem to conflict with opinion in the Islands. As an example, the Argentine government has appointed the second largest public relations company in the world to sway public opinion, principally through the media.

Since a concerted Press and public relations programme was started at the time of the Rowlands visit, the Falkland Islands Committee has become recognised as the voice of Falkland opinion in the UK. Increasingly, the Press turns to the Falkland Islands Office in London as an authoritative source. Press liaison, for the most part, is left to the Falkland Islands Committee's own public relations consultants, Sallingbury Limited, who also co-ordinate world Press cuttings and monitor the media on a daily basis.

The policy of these activities is guided by the publicity sub-committee, chaired by Major Spafford and consisting of Mr Frank Mitchell, Mr Bill Hunter Christie, Mr Mike Summers, Mr Martin Dodds and Mr Edward McMillan Scott from Sallingbury Limited. Usually, the committee relies on events to publicise the Islands and their case, but occasionally opportunities present themselves for news coverage - such as the participation of the Islanders at Bisley and in the Golden Shears World Sheep Shearing championships at the Royal Bath & West Show; where Major Spafford, at very short notice, handled local Press coverage. Advance notice would have ensured a better result.

The publicity sub-committee recently presented a representative exhibition on aspects of the Falkland Islands in the Houses of Parliament. The exhibition, of wool samples, photographs, stamps, maps, currency and notes, diagrams and information was staged for one week and attracted considerable interest. The exhibition is to be used again and will be permanently on display at the Falkland Islands office.

At the time of writing, the publicity sub-committee is heavily involved in planning "Falkland Islands Week", scheduled for August 22-27. The main events planned are a deputation for visiting Islanders to present a petition to 10 Downing Street, a reception at Lincoln's Inn for Islanders, sympathisers, MPs, Lords and the Press, finishing with the Reunion at Ham. A Press briefing to highlight the vast economic potential of the Islands and the surrounding seas, given the sovereignty guarantee, will open "Falklands Week".

The publicity committee exists to help the people of the Islands in presenting their case in the best possible light. Any co-operation, such as advance notice of coming events, is enormously helpful in forward planning. Such information can be forwarded through the committees in the Islands, or by writing to the Falkland Islands Office at 16 Regency St, London SW1.

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ELECTIONS 1977

The Falklands first elections under the new constitution are scheduled for next month. The elections, which are a result of recommendations of the Select Committee on the Constitution set up in 1974 and which were approved by the Privy Council on the 9th March this year, will be in two parts. Area elections to elect four councillors of the six elected members of the new Legislature are due to be held between the 4th and 5th of October for the two Camp areas (i.e. one member each for East and West Falklands) and on the 6th October for the Stanley areas (i.e. one member each for East and West Stanley). Nomination day for this part of the election is today and for the second part of the elections which will be for the divisions (i.e. one member for the Camp as a whole and one member for Stanley as a whole) nomination day will be Tuesday 11th October. Polling for the divisions are planned for 24th and 25th October (Camp) and 26th for Stanley.

Hitherto, the Legislative Council has had only four elected members on it - a member each for East and West Falklands and two for Stanley. Apart from the increase from four to six elected members and the abolishment of the two nominated members, there are other changes in the constitution:- the voting age has been reduced from 21 years to 18 and voters who, for various reasons are unable to attend the polling stations, will be able to vote by post. There have also been changes in the residential qualifications of candidates and electors. Candidates (who must be 21 years of age) are now required to have been ordinarily resident in the Colony for at least three years (as opposed to one year) and although the qualifications for electors born in the Islands will remain at a year, non-Island born people will only be eligible to vote after residing here for three years at qualifying day (i.e. 21st July 1977).

Some 607 Stanley names appear on the Register of Electors (i.e. 286 in East Stanley and 321 in the West) whilst 465 names appear for the Camp (i.e. 257 on East Falkland and 208 on the West).

In the May 1976 elections Messrs John Smith (343 votes) and William Bowles (328 votes) were elected out of the three Stanley candidates (Mr Des King 145 votes) and the two Camp seats were won by Mr Adrian Monk (155 votes to Mr B. Hardcastle's 41) for the East and Mr L.G. Blake (97 votes to Mr A. Cusworth's 70) for the West.

The combined poll at this election was only 73.82%.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Executive Council was held at Government House on Friday, 2nd September. The meeting which lasted from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. discussed several matters including:

P.A.Y.E. Scheme. An experimental pay-as-you-earn taxation scheme which will be confined to Government employees will be launched at the beginning of next March. It is hoped that this will pave the way for a comprehensive and compulsory scheme to cover the whole of the Falklands at a later stage.

Independent Broadcasting Board. The Council agreed in principle to the formation, for one year in the first instance, an independent broadcasting board which would be charged with laying down the policy within which the broadcasting service would operate. It was envisaged that the Board, which would not concern itself with the details of programming, would be answerable to the Executive Council and consist of a small number of members.

Draft Dogs (Amendment) Order 1977. Council approved this Order which provides for the recouping of the additional cost of the new drug Droncit which is more expensive than the previously used hydatid drug Scolaban. Farms would automatically pay the extra but in Stanley the dog licence fee will need to be increased from the present £1.50 to £5. Council noted that the whole question of the Dogs Order was due to come up for review in the light of further recommendations made by the Hydatids Committee and the Veterinary Officer.

Family Allowances. A draft bill to double family allowances, already approved by the Select Committee of the Legislature in June, was passed and will go to the next session of the Legislative Council for enactment.

Customs Fees. The meeting also approved regulations which will permit a flat rate of £100 to be imposed for the services of a customs officer at any time it is agreed to clear a ship at any other place in the Colony other than a recognised port (i.e. Stanley and Fox Bay). This charge would be in addition to the cost of the customs officer's flight and the usual harbour dues calculated on a vessel's tonnage.

Gerbils. Council decided against allowing the importation of gerbils after an application for these rat-like pets to be kept at the Senior School. Whilst on this subject, Councillors also spoke about the plague of rats in Stanley that has been with us since May.

Moody Valley Farm. It was agreed that officials would discuss with the present lessee Mr R.W. Hills a number of suggested amendments in the terms of the lease.

Hides and Skins Expert. Councillors were reminded that Dr. J. Barlow, a hides and skins expert, was expected to arrive from Britain in October to give demonstrations in the Camp and Stanley on the treatment of hides and skins, leaving unused chemicals and equipment for distribution to interested people.

FIGAS and Stanley Airport came up for discussion during which His Excellency the Acting Governor read a telegram giving news that a Mr David Smith Elmsley aged 49 had accepted a post as pilot with FIGAS and was due to arrive shortly (Mr Elmsley who has served with the RAF and served in many overseas territories arrived on 9th September). It was apparent from the discussion about the airport that there was general agreement that there should be an official opening.

LETTERBOX

Box 3982,
Hollywood Ca 90028,
U.S.A.

19 July 1977

Dear Sir,

I have just read Mr McKeand's letter and laughed.

Let's get some points straight:-

- (1) The British Consulate has little or no information on the Falklands here and was unable to confirm or deny the information given by the Argentine Consulate to me. They were asked.
- (2) My enquiries were made as a result of a news item saying virtually the same thing in the respected (?) London Financial Times.
- (3) Were taken seriously by a member of Parliament who contacted Mr. Rowlands' office and answered in a proper manner even if it did get to the floor of the House of Commons. He put a note in with the original report on same, which I have kept which came via his office from Mr. Rowlands' office.
- (4) I am willing to answer any proper replies personally and thank you for putting my name and address in your paper.
- (5) We have had an enquiry from someone who is resident in the Colony and will be visiting the USA and if he gets to California he will be welcome to call upon us as we are very interested in the Falklands and the area it is in. We wish to learn more.
- (6) I have been a stamp collector and dealer for years and as a result acquired interest in knowing more about the outlying parts of the British Commonwealth. This is how I spent two years in Australia and New Zealand when they were open to emmigration without restrictions. I still have many contacts with New Zealand.
- (7) I am sorry to learn of the loss of a £2,000,000 investment in the Colony but apparently open diplomatic discussion is a deterrent situation which should in the future be avoided. Secret sealed diplomacy is the only answer. It is hoped that this will not happen in the future even if Alginat Industries Ltd. do not see it in their interests to reconsider.
- (8) Lastly, Mr McKeand answered his own question about independence granted to India, Pakistan, Ceylon and the Carribean area and particularly Jamaica. In Jamaica the British left and the Russians moved in via Cuba, that was a big mistake.

Yours sincerely,
L.K. Stoddart.

Sulwath, Kirkcudbright,
Scotland, DG6 4UR.
30 August 1977.

Dear Sir,

Mr Stoddart has kindly sent me a photostat copy of his letter to you of 19/7/77, received 24/8/77. I appreciate that and also his system of numbered points which I retain in reply.

- (1) The British Consulate could give him no information.
- (2) The "London Financial Times" likewise had no information. Neither has anyone. The lack of it was precisely my point of complaint in a previous letter to you.
- (3) Hundreds of Britons have contacted M.P.'s asking for information and for assurance that the Falklands will not be cast off. We have not been favoured with replies from Mr Rowlands's office. One up to Mr Stoddart!
- (4) I have no enquiries to make (See points 1 & 2).
- (5) How very nice.
- (6) What has his private life to do with the Falklands problem?
- (7) It is not my business to comment on the affairs of Alginate Industries Ltd. I wish them well.
- (8) Bunk! The emergent countries mentioned demanded their independence. Had it been denied they would ultimately have fought. That means WAR. Would Mr Stoddart have had us move against them with tanks and bombees? That is the quickest way to achieve communist intervention, and backing - as in Vietman. It is not Britain's aim to wipe out millions of people because they are misguided enough to believe themselves politically mature. They go their way and live with their mistakes. The Falklands issue is a different story. They are not asking for premature independence from the family; they are asking not to be disinherited from it, and millions of British citizens, are behind them.

Jamaica was in a state of unrest as far back as 1956. Leaving it may have been a mistake but had Britain not done so, blood would have flowed by now to the advantage of none. Communism, Mr Stoddart, is a modern CREED. How does one stop it? Certainly not by a sometimes irrelevant correspondence in a Falklands domestic news-sheet. Let it end.

M.I. McKeand.

Port San Carlos.
12 August 1977.

Dear Ed.,

I would like to make a complaint about our local news letters. The news readers are always crying out for local news. In two news letters lately they haven't had time to read all the local news. Why? - because there have been too many newspaper cuttings. Surely if people want to read all about the cuttings they would buy the papers. In some cases I know that some of the articles have been cut short which I think is wrong. People wouldn't write in articles if they didn't want them all to be read over the air.

Yours faithfully,
Ellen Berntsen.

(Ed. Since receiving the above letter it has been announced by the Broadcasting Officer, Mr Patrick Watts, that in future newspaper items will not be used on the Friday Newsletter but kept for the anticipated revival of the programme called 'Imprint').

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NEWS in BRIEF

Another Squash Match. Yet another squash match was held on 27th July between Stanley and the Royal Marines. Stanley won this one of five games 3-2 and the frequency by which matches are being played indicates the increasing popularity of this sport.

Red Cross Society News. The Hospital Tile Fund had a balance of £1,046 at the 30th June and the first consignment of carpet tiles due on this month's call of supply ship "Annette Danielsen", will be laid in the hospital corridors.

Transformation of Club. Stanley Social Club, until last year known as the Working Mens' Social Club has virtually become Stanley's youth club. The club, which is open from Monday to Saturday from 7.30-11 p.m. has a membership of 60 plus, has a nightly attendance of about 20 people, most of whom are between the ages of 14 and 18. Table-tennis, darts, snooker, etc., are played here and a reading room and cafeteria are at the disposal of all members. The consumption of alcohol on the premises is forbidden by club rules but unfortunately the abuse of this occasionally causes early closure as happened at a 'disco night' last month. Meanwhile the still unfinished Youth Club building at the west end of Victory Green, which has witnessed spasmodic attempts to finish the job, stands waiting to know its fate.

Blizzard Delays Children. A snowstorm caused the day pupils of Darwin School to be late home for lunch on Thursday 4th August. The children left the school at 12.30 to travel the $\frac{3}{4}$ -mile distance from the school to Goose Green settlement. After an epic journey, during which the landrover in which they were travelling had gone off the track some 200 yards and made three attempts to get through a snow-bound gate, they arrived home at 1.30 p.m. feeling very cold and wet.

Governor's Cup. The annual Governor's Cup darts competition was held in the Town Hall on the evenings of 5th/6th August. This year's winner was Paul Bonner and the Rose Bowl (ladies competition) was won by Mrs Daisy McKay.

Gas Price Increases. Gas del Estado have gradually increased the price of their 45 kg. cylinders from £5 in March to £8 by the 1st September. A 10 kg. bottle of gas from Island Commerce Ltd, is selling for approximately £1.50.

'Beagle' Replica Heading South. The 40-metre long square-rigged brigantine MARRQUES under the command of 35-year old Robin Cecil-Wright who is also the ship's joint-owner should now be at Rio de Janeiro. Sixteen other young Britons - including 26-year old Dr Suzanne Chapman form the crew of the ship which is almost an exact replica of H.M.S. BEAGLE in which Charles Darwin made his round the world voyage 146 years ago. Although Darwin called at the Falklands in 1833, the MARRQUES is not scheduled to call here but continues from Rio to Punta Arenas on her way to the Galapagos Islands where she is due next February.

Another Sell-out. Due to the heavy demand on paraffin stocks caused by the owners of oil-fired heating appliances, the YPF fuel depot ran out of this commodity in June. Although the YPF tanker 'San Clemente' returned on 19th July with some 435 drums of kerosene, this supply had been exhausted by early this month. The cheap price of £10 per 200 litre drum (44 gals) tempted people into stock piling it which practice has given rise to consternation by the fire brigade. The Falkland Islands Co. Ltd, who handle the distribution of gas-oil have also been using kerosene as a cheaper substitute for heating the West Store. Another 550 drums have been ordered from the YPF headquarters in Buenos Aires.

News of an Islander. David Hardy (see August '76 edition) recently passed as a Telecommunications Technical Officer Grade 1 and has left the employ of the Metropolitan Police after five years' service to see a bit more of the World. He will shortly be leaving for Canada to lead a team on a microwave telephone system from Winnipeg to Thompson and hopes to return to Britain in December to be married.

Cambridge Expedition to the Falklands. Gary Jones and Jeremy Orme who are both 2nd year geographers at Downing College, Cambridge University, recently visited the Islands to conduct an independent survey of transport here. The £2,000 plus project which is being sponsored chiefly by British industry as well as considerable contributions out of their own pockets includes a survey of wrecks being undertaken for the National Maritime Museum of Greenwich. During their six-week stay Gary and Jeremy visited fourteen Camp settlements travelling by FIGAS, FORREST, foot, motor-cycle, horse, landrover and tractor.

Charter Ship. M/V ANNETTE DANIELSEN arrived in Stanley on 7th September after sailing from Gravesend on 18th August. The vessel was carrying 936 shipping tons of cargo (including refrigerated provisions) and 105 bags of letter and paper mail, 119 bags parcel mail and 3 bags registered mail.

Drastic Step by Dairyman. In a bid to save labour and fuel costs, Mr Chris Spall, owner of Callaghan Road Dairy, recently re-organised the business. From 4th July milk has not been delivered to customers' homes from Mondays to Fridays but has been left at three of the town's shops for customers to collect. This measure has reduced the number of Chris's customers from around 140 to about 90.

Mounted Maps. Mapsellers Ltd, a member of Stanley Gibbons International offered for sale a set of charts of the Falklands drawn by a Captain Boutflower in 1768. The set, comprising of a large chart showing the British and French claims and five small charts of various landing points including 'Port Praye' and mounted in gilt mouldings, was offered for £3,500.

Flashback - from the Governor's speech as reported in the Monthly Review of May 1960 ... "Problems of the future that must be solved include: emigration from the Falklands, ways and means of improving our education facilities, the need to improve our pastures, ensuring that Government services are maintained at their present standard of efficiency and that conditions of service are competitive, a balanced budget instead of recurring deficits and the steady draining of our reserves."

New Film Officer. The recently advertised post of Film Officer brought forth no less than nine applications. The successful candidate was Mrs Heather Pettersson who takes over from Vernon Steen who left the Colony on 15th September to commence training as an aircraft mechanic in Perth, Scotland. After the 27 month course Vernon will take up an appointment with F.I.G.A.S.

Salaries Commissioner. The Civil Servants Association Committee have, for the time being, decided not to accept Governments proposal to incorporate the cost of living allowance (in some cases as much as the basic salary) in the salary. Following a request by the Association for an early salaries revision a Salaries Commissioner is due in the Colony at the end of October.

Theft from Cathedral. In the early evening of Wednesday 24th August, Reverend Smith reported that a brass arms plate had been stolen from the Cathedral. The plate which normally is placed on a shelf beside the altar would cost about £50 to replace and a new one would contain less ornate workmanship than the stolen one.

HOUSING FINANCE

The following has been received from Mr H. Milne, Stanley Manager, Falkland Islands Company, Limited.

"The Shackleton Report refers to the limited loan facilities available for house purchase and recommends that provision of funds be made through a Revolving Loan Fund. At present Government has a fixed sum allocated to loans and further funds are only available against repayment receipts. The Falkland Islands Co. Ltd. limits housing loans to employees of reasonably long standing.

It is accepted that as a matter of urgency housing finance should be made readily available at attractive rates of interest if we are to arrest the emigration from the Colony of young people. The provision of finance is inextricably linked to extension of home ownership on the farms.

The Falkland Islands Co. Ltd. does not consider that it is necessary for housing loans to be made available through the medium of a Government Agency, nor can their provision await official action on the Shackleton Report.

Towards the end of 1976 this Company produced a paper on Housing Finance and in January of this year this was discussed with the Financial Secretary who advised that the idea of a BUILDING SOCIETY in Stanley would have the overall approval of Government. A copy of the Company paper was, we believe, taken to London by the Minister of State, Mr Ted Rowlands, in February 1977.

Copies of our proposals were circulated to members of Executive Council and members of the Falkland Islands Sheepowners Association Ltd. Members of Executive Council were extremely interested and the concept of a Building Society in Stanley had the full support of both the Falkland Islands Sheepowners Association Ltd. and the Falkland Islands Association of Farm Management when the subject was discussed at their respective meetings held recently in Stanley.

The recent visit of the Fiscal Adviser has enabled Government to obtain first-hand advice on our proposals and to prepare and issue a pamphlet on a forthcoming issue of Housing Bonds which they propose to make.

Government was requested to state its official policy with regard to the formation of a Building Society in Stanley and the Chief Secretary has indicated that Government is most anxious for such an organisation to be established.

The policy of the Falkland Islands Co. Ltd. on the provision of finance both for housing and other purposes can be summarised as follows:-

1. The Building Society should be formed now.
2. The Building Society should not restrict its operations to Stanley.
3. The funds for the Society should be obtained from private sources under a system of guarantee by Government and this Company.
4. On the subject of banking, this Company is hoping to introduce a wide range of banking facilities in the Colony, particularly to encourage small industries.

- 5. Corporate funds will be needed for the purchase of land for sub-division to tenant or owner farmers and for investment in a fishing industry, particularly a fish meal plant. Plans are being formulated for these.

Finance is required for housing and development and some of the finance must come from local sources.

The future of these Islands depends upon arresting the flow of emigration, the provision of more housing, and the development of the Islands to provide a wider range of opportunities for the young.

The Falkland Islands Co. Ltd. believe that there is a good future for these Islands. DO YOU? Are you prepared to invest in the future of your children? Time is very important - there is little left. WE MUST ACT NOW. This Company will do its utmost to establish a Building Society in Stanley at the earliest possible moment and also to provide the commercial banking facilities so urgently needed.

If you believe as we do in the future of the Falkland Islands write to us and give us your support. If you do not agree with us, still write to us and let us have your views."

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STOP-PRESS

Area Election Surprises - No Election for East Stanley and East Falkland Seats

No candidate stood for the East Stanley area which will mean that we shall now have at least one nominated member on the new Legislative Council. Adrian Monk was the only candidate for the East Falkland seat so he will be returned unopposed. Three candidates will contest the West Stanley seat - Messrs John Cheek, Stuart Wallace and Dave Ryan. Competition for the West Falkland seat is also keen. The three candidates are Derck Evans (New Island), Alan Cusworth (Fox Bay West) and Tim Blake (Hill Cove).

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POINT TO PONDER. Whoever would be great among you must be your servant and whoever would be first among you must be your slave.....
 (Matthew 20 v 26).

BIRTHS at the K.E.M. Hospital, Stanley:

- 19th July - to Mr and Mrs Terry Betts (Melodie Lee) a daughter AMELIA
(6lbs 8ozs).
- 10th August - to Mr and Mrs Derek Howatt (Enid Aldridge) a daughter
TANYA (6lbs 13ozs).
- 26th August - to Mr and Mrs Greg Malby, a daughter KATY (9lbs 1oz).
- In England - 15th Sept. to Mr & Mrs Jim Fairfield (Bonita Anderson) a son
QUENTIN (7lbs 2½ozs).

MARRIAGES:

- 13th August at the Office of the Registrar General, Althea Maria Kirk
to Trevor Osneth Browning.
- 10th September at Christ Church Cathedral, Cherry Rose Robson, daughter
of Mr & Mrs L.M. Robson to Michael Ford, youngest son of Mr & Mrs
J. Ford.
- 14th July at the British Embassy in Tripoli, Dwenda, elder daughter of
Mr & Mrs H. Finlayson of Goose Green, to Mario Cataldo. Dwenda and
Mario are working with the Arabian Gulf Exploration Company.

DEATHS: in the Falklands -

- 26th July - Alexander BERRIDO - aged 49 years.
- 6th August - Mrs Annie Margaret (Maggie) Williams - aged 88 years.
- 25th August - Mrs Grace Elizabeth LAZIA - aged 60 years.
- 9th September - William Frederick John (Jock) BARNES - aged 51 years.

in Comodoro Rivadavia -

- 1st July - Oscar Karl BUSE - aged 45 years.

in England -

- 10th September in Stafford - Jim Scott, husband of Doris (née Parker).

JULY WEATHER. July was a cold month with rainfall and sunshine a little below normal and much less than usual wind. The average temperature was 1 degree C (33.8F) making this July the coldest since at least 1950. Highest temperature recorded was 5.4 deg. C (41.7F) on the 7th and the lowest was minus 6.4 deg. C (20.5F) on the night of 17th/18th. From the 13th to 15th the temperature never rose above freezing point. Average wind speed was 10.4 knots and the highest gust recorded at Stanley was 43 knots on the 7th. There were 440 hours during which the wind speed was of 10 knots or less and no hours when it was of gale force. Total rainfall for the month was 42.7mm (1.68 inches) which is less than is normally expected for this time of the year. Average daily sunshine was 1.98 hours. There were no less than 26 occasions when ground frost was recorded which is five more than usual. It is worth noting that the temperature fell to minus nine deg. C (15 deg.F) at Fox Bay and Darwin on the morning of the 14th.

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AREA ELECTION RESULTS

The result of the first of the area elections was known at around 1830 hours on Thursday 6th October when the returning officer for the West Stanley area, Mr H. Bennett, O.B.E., J.P., declared Stuart Wallace as the Elected Member with 89 votes to John Cheek's 60 votes and Dave Ryan's 49.

Polling can only be described as pathetic as about one hundred of West Stanley's electors who were all within ten minutes walk from the Town Hall (the appointed polling station) did not bother to vote. Allowing for the fifteen or so people who had passed on or were away from the Colony only about 70% of the electorate voted. In addition to the above number of votes (198) there were no less than fourteen invalidated ballot papers virtually all of which were rejected because two crosses appeared on them. This was probably due to the fact that until this election the whole of the Stanley electorate voted on the same day for two candidates.

Inclement weather delayed the voting on West Falkland. Some of the election flight was made on Friday 7th, some on Sunday 9th and Monday 10th. However, it was only on Tuesday 11th that the Beaver was able to make a landing at isolated Sedge Island. Out of just over 200 electors residing on the West at the time of polling no less than 179 people cast their vote (approximately 86% poll). Derek Evans of New Island was declared the winner of the West Falkland seat with 99 votes to Tim Blake's 42 and Alan Cusworth's 38.

The West Stanley poll is about the same as the overall Stanley poll of May last year (i.e. approximately 69%), whereas on West Falkland the poll was up about 5% on last year's figure of approximately 81%.

Nomination day for the divisional elections, although remaining at 11th October for Stanley, was deferred until 13th for the Camp. Candidates for the Stanley (overall) seat are John Cheek and Dave Ryan (who go forward from the area election) and Eddie Anderson (Jnr) and Willie Bowles.

For the Camp seat, candidates are Alan Cusworth of Fox Bay West, Tim Miller of Goose Green and William Luxton of Chartres.

As mentioned in the 9/77 Edition, Adrian Monk was returned unopposed as the Elected Member of the new Legislature for East Falkland.

So don't forget Stanley electors - on 26th October only one cross on your ballot paper please and preferably opposite the last name!

LETTERBOX

Stanley.
11th September 1977.

Dear Sir,

On the 20th August 1977 my husband's mother, Mrs Daisy Bertrand, celebrated her one hundredth birthday. Last mail we received an account of her birthday from a friend who, like Mrs Bertrand, lives in Uruguay.

I quote "Your Mum had a magnificent birthday, she made me read your telegram twice (this was a telegram from Cecil, myself and her great grandson, Rene). Of course the highlight of the day was the Queen's telegram: 'Buckingham Palace. The Queen is much interested to hear that you are celebrating your one hundredth birthday and sends you warm congratulations and good wishes. Private Secretary.'

Mrs Bertrand received many gifts and cakes from her many friends, among them a huge floral arrangement from the British Embassy, which had to be carried by two people." Unquote.

Mrs Bertrand was born in Essex, England, and went to the Argentine with her parents. She married the late Wickham Godfrey Bertrand and lived for many years in Argentina. She came to the Falkland Islands for a couple of years in 1928 living at Roy Cove (her husband was the elder son of the late William Wickham Bertrand and was born in old Malvina House, Stanley). From the Falklands she went to Paraguay and after her husband died moved to Uruguay where she has lived ever since.

Kitty Bertrand

76 South Side,
London, SW4 9DG.
18th August 1977.

Dear Sir,

I have had the pleasure of receiving a copy of your journal from Mr Christie, of the Falkland Islands Office, here in London, and he has suggested that I write to you to tell you about this organisation.

We exist to support the Unity of the Kingdom here at home, to strengthen the ties with our own people world-wide, and to strive for a renaissance of our strength and brightness wherever we may be. As you can see, our motto is "In Unity Strength". I think it very wise, don't you?

We are particularly concerned with the Falklanders and our people in Rhodesia. Please know that you have our prayers and our complete support. At the present time we are only emerging, but we hope to have both strength and teeth in time. We need the strength of numbers, both here at home, and overseas, and I am hoping that some of your people may give us their support. We have not settled on a subscription, but welcome what people feel they can afford to offset the high costs entailed. But people are welcome to join even if they can afford nothing.

We hope you will agree with us that our people should unite across the world, to form a strong arm of kinship, for the protection of those like yourselves who find themselves in danger of abandonment, and as a fulcrum for us here at home, to find again our sense of Purpose, lost since the end of the second world war and the wondrous days of Churchill.

Yours most sincerely,

(Miss) Joan Mason, Hon. Sec. Steering
W.I.S.E. Committee.

(Association of people of Gt. Britain's stock at home & throughout the world

NEWS IN BRIEF

Transport Study Team. A civil engineer from the Forestry Commission and an economist from the Ministry of Overseas Development are due to arrive in the Colony shortly to make a survey of the Islands transport system. The two man team, whose visit will be met by the ODM out of Technical Co-operation funds will assess how well the present internal transport network meets the needs of freight and people for movement round the Islands and to indicate broadly the capital and recurrent costs of establishing and operating an efficient and cost effective internal transport service.

Transport Committee. Government recently appointed a committee under the chairmanship of Mr R.V. Goss to make enquiries and make recommendations on Government vehicles. Points that they are expected to consider are: the complete and proper use of log books, allocating some vehicles to particular departments, the most economic use of transport, officers utilising their own vehicles against a mileage or commuted allowance, the appointment of a transport officer, procedure for disposal and re-ordering of vehicles and effective insurance of transport and persons who travel in it.

School Hostel. During the Governor's recent absence from the Colony he discussed the school hostel project with the ODM who agreed to give it immediate priority.

South Georgia Stores. It is expected that the next visit to salvage hardware from South Georgia will be an extended one. A team of three - Mr Tony Carey, Mr Les Harris and Mr Manfred Keenleyside will travel to South Georgia by RRS JOHN BISCOE later this month to bring back several items worth several thousand pounds. It is understood that the Government have purchased the materials and machinery from the British Antarctic Survey for

Ambassador's Visit. The Italian ambassador to Argentina arrived on 25th August F27 flight and was lifted by a special flight of a Guarani T120 aircraft on Sunday 28th. He came as a tourist and due to the ambassador's other heavy commitments the Argentine air force commander approved of the special flight to take him back to Comodoro Rivadavia.

Time Change. After Colony clocks were advanced an hour to summertime on 1st October, Government offices commenced working their summer routine and are now open Mondays to Fridays from 8 a.m. to noon and 1.15 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. The Treasury and Post Office will be open to the public from 8 a.m. to noon and 1.15 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Radio/Telephone Committee. It was recently announced that the R/T Committee is to be convened following the news that the Sheepowners' Association are to conduct their own trials with VHF equipment. Government have asked the S.O.A. to report on their findings so that details can be given to the R/T Committee.

New Equipment for F.I.B.S. The ODM have approved the completion of a project updating equipment in the broadcasting station. The new equipment will include a pre-amplifier which will contain mixing facilities which means that live broadcasting can be undertaken with the mixing of music and voice.

D.S. & Co. (Continuation) Ltd., Bradford announce that an agreement has been reached to purchase San Carlos Sheepfarming Company Ltd. D.S. & Co. (Continuation) Ltd., is not connected with the Falkland Islands Company

but is owned by the Smith family and ~~Chartres Sheepfarming Company~~. The Smith family has had links with the Falklands for over 100 years in buying and processing Falkland Islands wools. This business is now carried on by David Smith & Co. Ltd. It is their intention to build upon the existing policies of San Carlos and to continue the long-term development as a Sheep Farm. The new company foresees no change for the current staff or employees. San Carlos is a long established Sheep Farm and we are pleased that when the contract is signed it will pass into the hands of a British family business on a long term basis.

G.C.E. Successes. The following passes in the G.C.E. 'O' level were announced recently: English Language (Grade C) - Xenia Barnes, Susan Butler, Jeannie Dobbins, Rhoda Felton, Odette Goss, Anton Livermore, Derek Pettersson, Gavin Short and Jeremy Smith. In 'O' level Spanish the following passes were recorded:- Grade A - Shona Strange and Robert King; Grade B - Odette Goss and Grade C - Sharron Strange and Anton Livermore.

School Projector Purchased. The Stanley Infants and Junior School Friends and Parent Teachers Association have purchased an ELF projector with a complete spares pack and a tripod screen with proceeds from the sponsored walk held in April. The equipment is expected by HMS ENDURANCE in December.

Wedding Anniversary. Visitors to the Encounter Club (a Winter weekly get-together of the over 60s) on Wednesday 28th September found that they were sharing in the 43rd wedding anniversary of Mr and Mrs Johnnie Goodwin of Stanley (formerly Roy Cove).

Concern Over Kiwi Shearers. A meeting of the Falkland Islands Association of Farm Management recently held a meeting at Goose Green to discuss the recommendation made by the Immigration Advisory Board to Government to refuse work permits to prospective New Zealand shearers. Many points were made by the FIAFM in a letter to the Chief Secretary including the fact that itinerant shearers granted permits in the past have had a beneficial effect on the sheep industry and that unskilled and sometimes alien tourists have recently been granted permits to work in the Camp. (Since preparing the above it has been learned that the Immigration Board have now recommended that permits should be issued).

Another Camp Fire. The cookhouse at Salvador was gutted by fire on Thursday 29th September. Strong winds caused the building to be engulfed very quickly and very few personal effects were able to be saved. Within an hour of the news bulletin of that evening giving news of the camp fire the Stanley fire brigade were called to a fire behind the Jubilee Villas which destroyed a small shed.

Fuel Increases. Y.P.F., the Argentine suppliers of kerosene, avgas and petrol recently announced increases in fuel prices. Kerosene is now 8p a litre (36½p gallon) which is increased from 6p a litre (approx. 27½p gallon). Super grade petrol is now 17p a litre (approx. 77½p gallon) which is increased from 13p a litre. At commencement of business on 30th May prices were - petrol 16p litre and kerosene 15p litre. Gas del Estado have increased the price of a cylinder of gas by 50p to £8.50.

PENFRIENDS' CORNER

Miss Terry Luxton aged 14 and Miss Christine Luxton aged 13 of 19, Rutherford Street, Wairos, Hawkes Bay, NEW ZEALAND.

Mr Taylor, who is studying the Falklands for a college course, of 1317.19th Street, Columbus, Georgia, U.S.A.

POEM- composed by Des Peck
on the HYDATID WORM & SHEEP DOG TRIALS 1977

The dogs have held a meeting
And to use the correct term
They want the injection and the pill
To defeat the HYDATID WORM.

As you know, we are innocent
Not sure of what we eat
But if you leave OFFAL lying about
We think it is just a treat

We apologise if HYDATID spreads
It's not even in our mind
We, like you, wish to be free of it
As we are DOGS the faithfull kind

Now we are back in Stanley
Our masters are all smiles
We hope we can pen the sheep today
In the 1977 sheep dog trials

We want to please our masters
As it's the SILVER JUBILEE YEAR
We hope our treatment meets with success
And we get the sound WE'RE ALL CLEAR.

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| SAN CLEMENTE | Argentine | 18th July | 22nd July | La Plate(Argentina) |
| VALER | Polish | 6th August | Same day | |
| BAHIA BUEN
SUCESO | Argentine | 22nd August | 24th August | Buenos Aires |
| ANNETTE DANIELSEN | Danish | 17th Sept' | 23rd Sept' | United Kingdom |
| MYS FRUNZE | USSR | 30th Sept' | Same day | |

WEATHER NOTES

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| July | 42.7mm | 1degC | 5.4 | -6.4 | 1.98 | 10.4 | 43 knots | Nil | 440hrs | 26 |
| Aug. | 38.3 | 1.9 | 3.0 | -6.4 | 2.55 | 13.9 | 53 | 4hrs | 286hrs | 23 |
| Sept. | 46.5 | 3.0 | 10.1 | -4.4 | 3.92 | 14.5 | 62 | 14hrs | 211hrs | 22 |

PENFRIENDS' CORNER (continued from page 4)

Cristina Bond of 3 de Febrero, 1281-6, Buenos Aires. ARGENTINA.

Mr Per-Arne Johansson, Brantvagen 10, S-33020, Anderstorp, SWEDEN.

Ruth Llewelyn aged 24 years-interests include wildlife and folk music. Address-A-1/85 Pancha Shila, Enclave, New Delhi 110017, INDIA

BIRTHS in the K.E.M. Hospital, Stanley;

- 6th September to Mr & Mrs Lewis Morrison (Doreen Jaffray) a daughter
PRISCILLA VIOLET.
- 18th September to Mr & Mrs Steve Hughes (Aircraft Mechanic with FIGAS)
a daughter SARAH.
- 22nd September to Mr & Mrs Stuart Wallace a daughter FIONA ALICE (7lbs
2ozs).
- 24th September to Mr & Mrs Reg Davis (Aase Kenny) a daughter JUNE CHRISTINE
(6lbs 6ozs).
- 5th October to Mr & Mrs Tony McMullen (June Morrison) a daughter LUCILLE
ANN (5lbs 5ozs).
- 7th October to Mr & Mrs Mike Luxton (Nicola Hansen) a daughter ZOE
(6lbs 13½ozs).
- 11th October to Mr & Mrs Neil Watson (Glenda McKay) a son BEN (7lbs 12½ozs).
in Scotland -
- 18th September to Mr & Mrs Dave Eynon (Carol Watson) a son CHRISTOPHER
HUNTLY (8lbs).

ENGAGEMENT in the United Kingdom:

Colin John Blyth to Margaret Leighton of Ballater, Scotland.

DEATHS in the Falklands:

- 16th September - Ernest Lewis LYSE - aged 74 years.
- 23rd September - Hanson Christopher DETTLEFF - aged 68 years.
- 28th September - Mrs Gladys Elizabeth BROWNING - aged 62 years.
- 30th September - David Leonard BROWNING - aged 59 years.
in England -
- 21st September - D'Earle Draycott in Cornwall. D'Earle spent many
years here in the Education Department and married the former
Alma Jones. For some years before retiring to Cornwall in 1974
he was the Superintendent of Education.
- 30th September - Charles Reive aged 58 years. Charlie retired as
Senior Technician and Broadcasting Officer in 1973 after being
employed in Government service since 1934.

Remember, Remember the 26th of October:-

VOTE for reliability, resilience, resolution, reason, respect
and right.

VOTE for RYAN.

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DIVISIONAL ELECTION RESULTS

Polling day for the Stanley division was held on Wednesday 26th October between the library and court and council chamber at the Town Hall. The Stanley seat was contested by four candidates - John Cheek and yours truly who had been defeated in the West Stanley area election on the 6th October plus William Bowles and Eddie Anderson (Jnr). Counting was completed by 7 o'clock in the evening and the following votes were recorded by the Returning Officer, Mr Harold Bennett, O.B.E., J.P.:- Eddie Anderson 51, William Edward Bowles 156, John Edward Cheek 109 and David Antony Ryan 102. Willie Bowles has therefore been elected as a Council member for the third consecutive time (previously in 1972 and '76).

Due to adverse weather the Camp election was not completed until Friday 28th October (polling had commenced on Monday 24th) and during the evening transmission of Stanley Radio the following votes were announced - Alan Cusworth 60, Bill Luxton 159 and Tim Miller 163. Accordingly Tim Miller was elected by a small majority but the composition of the new Legislative Council was not complete until, in a personal broadcast on the night of 1st November by His Excellency the Governor, it was announced that after careful consideration, Mr W.H. (Bill) Goss had been approached and accepted nomination to fill the vacant East Stanley seat. In the same broadcast the Governor said that Mr Bill Luxton had accepted nomination to the Executive Council in Mr Goss's place. The new Legislative Council will therefore be: President - H.E. the Governor; Ex Officio - the Chief Secretary and the Financial Secretary; Elected members - the Messrs Adrian Monk, Derek Evans, Stuart Wallace, William Bowles, Tim Miller and William Goss.

GOVERNOR'S RETURN. The Governor and Mrs Parker arrived back in the Falklands aboard R.R.S. JOHN BISCOE on Friday 21st October after an absence from the Colony of some three months. His Excellency, dressed for the first time in his uniform of Governor and Commander-in-Chief, came ashore to the Public Jetty at 10.00 hours and inspected a guard of honour consisting of detachments of the Defence Force and Royal Marines. The beautiful morning enabled the ceremony to proceed at a leisurely pace and after being welcomed by the Acting Governor, the new Chief Secretary and others and stopping to say a few words to Stanley's school children who had gone to meet him, the Governor and Mrs Parker were driven to Government House where they gave a welcome home drinks party to senior civil servants, Councillors and their wives.

Being Governor Parker he wasted no time in giving an interview with Patrick Watts which was broadcast the same evening.

LETTERBOX

Beaver Island.
11th October 1977.

Dear Editor,

The following are my views and I wonder if the article would be of interest to other readers.

Many animals and birds have their natural habitat in these wonderful islands which are a paradise to bird watchers and animal lovers alike. The odd animal and bird which has been imported to the islands in the past have now settled down and have made this land their home. The guanaco whose skin was and still is sought after by many has been an inhabitant of one of these islands for many years, living a peaceful life only interrupted on rare occasions by those wishing to possess a skin. The FOX has not been so fortunate as its new home was not on an empty island but on islands where sheep farming is the only industry. Very sad for the fox who takes all the blame for any lambs and ewes found dead or dying when we have in our midst a local predator, the turkey buzzard, who is known to pick eyes and tongues from cast ewes and tiny lambs. The bounty on the turkey is now 5p per beak whereas the unfortunate fox who never asked to be brought to these islands carries a price of 25p for its ears. So what can one do in a situation like this? It's impossible to put back the clock so perhaps we should export the fox back to its true homeland. So please all true animal lovers let me hear your views on this subject. Do we blame the fox or do we put the blame on those rich enough to build rich men's pleasure grounds and hunt for money which is tainted with blood?

Thank you for your time and space,
Violet Felton.

San Carlos.
6th October 1977.

Dear Editor,

I thought perhaps you might be interested in the following.

The beautiful bowl of red apples on our dressing table had been picked and flown in that morning when we arrived at Winnipeg on our CPA tour in Canada. A wonderful ballet was put on specially for the whole of the CPA Conference delegates, at which Mr Trudeau was present together with the King and Queen of the Belgians. We saw a performing killer whale and beautiful gardens made in an old gravel pit. We had eleven coaches waiting for us when we left the train to take us to the hotel where we all stayed in Ottawa. There were so many exciting moments that it would be impossible to mention them all but they were all part of the wonderful hospitality of Canada, as the host country, where my husband, as you will already know, was the delegate chosen to represent the Falkland Islands.

There were about 190 delegates but together with their wives and secretaries and representatives from Canada we numbered about 500. The delegates represented more or less eleven hundred million people of the Commonwealth so that when we talked to many of them we felt we were truly putting the Falkland Islands on the map. The first morning we were in Ottawa I was awakened by the scratching of a pen and heavy breathing - my husband's speech hopefully in the making. I say hopefully because with so many dele-

gates and so little time it's not easy to speak, even supposing one wants to! However all was well 'the speech' or possibly 'the notes' were written and delivered. Judging by the kind congratulations he received by British Members of Parliament and many other people of different colours and nationalities, it was a successful one. Later in the week Mr Monk was asked to propose a vote of thanks which he did - I consider nicely! and finally spoke again at one of the sessions.

After many enjoyable, not to mention slightly exhausting evenings, we were all invited to a dinner dance held by the President of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association in the Hall of Hanover at the Parliamentary Buildings. The rooms were beautifully decorated with flowers and an atmosphere of goodwill made a happy ending to the CPA Conference of 1977. I felt that I was very privileged to have been able to attend as wife of the Falkland Islands delegate.

Yours sincerely,
Nora Monk.

44A Burghley Road,
London NW5 1UE.
15th October 1977.

Dear Mr Ryan,

Owing to an accident and a spell in hospital I have only now been able to read the June issue of the TIMES with the news that Alginate Industries Ltd wish to surrender their exclusive licence to harvest the kelp.

The Chief Secretary's remarks make rather strange reading when set against the Company's remarks in their 1976 Annual Report (the prelude surely to their June decision).

The operative paragraph reads as follows:

Raw Material Our long term plans for additional supplies of seaweed to meet the Company's growth in the future have met with an astonishing variety of fortune. In the case of the Falkland Islands, which have the largest concentration of potential seaweed resources in the world, the political climate has changed for the worse. In spite of a go-ahead recommendation from Lord Shackleton, the Government seems to have decided not to undertake any development which does not have the approval of Argentina, whatever this may mean for the islanders who remain staunchly loyal to Britain. Needless to say, in view of Argentina's claim to sovereignty no such approval has so far been forthcoming.

I am sure the Company, a highly reputable one, would not willingly withdraw from the Falklands if it had not received passive, if not active, discouragement.

Yours sincerely,
Mary Cawkell.

BAHA'I TEACHINGS FOR THE FAMILY OF MANKIND

Your faith comes like rain; the first drops are far between
but soon it will pour in torrents.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Charringtons Industrial Holdings Ltd of which the Falkland Islands Co. Ltd form a part, recently announced that the offer by Coalite and Chemical Products Ltd has been accepted by over 86% of Charringtons shareholders. Mr R.V. Wood, chairman of Charringtons and Mr J.E. Dowling, the chief executive have been appointed to the Board of Directors of Coalite and Chemical Products Ltd.

The Queen's Silver Jubilee Appeal now stands at around £360 and small amounts, mainly from the sale of Jubilee stickers, are still being received. Copies of the booklet 'The Monarchy Today' are being distributed to all school children and children up to school age who were in the Colony at any time during this year.

KELPER in Spithead Review. Falkland Islander Russell Short (son of Mr and Mrs Archie Short of Stone Cottage, Stanley) was determined to show the flag during Her Majesty's review of the fleet at Spithead in June. He put a Falkland Islands flag on the stern of his cabin cruiser 'kelper' and sailed down Southampton Water and, watched by many onlookers, sailed under the bows of R.R.S. BRANSFIELD which vessel was flying the flag of the British Antarctic Survey.

Sailor's Last Farewell. The Polish trawler TAZAR arrived in Port William on the afternoon of Tuesday 1st November with the body of the ship's bosun, forty-seven years old Kryjewski Miegzyslaw who died at sea on the 29th October. He was buried in Stanley cemetery on the afternoon of Thursday 3rd and the ship's siren could be heard sounding a farewell as his body was lowered aboard the tender 'Lively' the previous morning.

Trainee Pilot. After waiting and wondering for months it was recently announced that the Air Service Training School of Perth, Scotland, have accepted Mike Luxton and Eddie Anderson as trainee pilots for the Falklands Islands Government Air Service. The Commercial Pilot's Licence and Instrument Rating course which will commence in February next was arranged through the British Council and financed by the Ministry of Overseas Development. This will be Mike Luxton's second training course within about three years. In January '75 he underwent a four month course in accountancy and income tax, also financed by the British Government, in England.

Corrections. I must apologise for the following mistakes - in my last edition (No. 10/77) I stated that Government had purchased the South Georgia stores etc. from the British Antarctic Survey whereas in fact they had been purchased some years ago from the Albion Star Ltd, one of the whaling companies who once operated from the Island. In the news item on fuel prices I quoted the initial price of kerosene as 15p per litre whereas it should have been 5p. Incidentally the price of kerosene was reduced from 8p to 7p a litre on 28th October and petrol from 17p to 15p.

Hides and Skins Expert Dr John Barlow recently made a three week visit to the Falklands to advise on the tanning and processing of sheepskins and hides. He gave two demonstrations in Stanley on 2nd and 3rd November after making Camp visits to Goose Green, Hill Cove and Fox Bay, leaving chemical kits for people interested in what could become a valuable home industry.

Want Penpals? For details write to Friends Worldwide,
CP-95 Anjou,
Montreal, CANADA H1K 4G5.

Warning on Gas/Oil Installations. ~~A recent Government announcement~~ warned the public of the dangers of having gas or oil-fired installations being carried out by a competent, qualified person. The announcement stated that any persons wishing to have either form of system installed should submit an application to the Superintendent of Public Works who would approve (or otherwise) and inspect the installation. Unfortunately the announcement did not mention whom Government considered competent and qualified or in fact if anybody here was qualified to decide who is competent and qualified! It sounds very much like the attempt to issue licences to pilots (the nautical kind).

Petrol Rationing. Petrol rationing was introduced on Wednesday 19th October when the Y.P.F. supplies of super-petrol became exhausted. The Colonial Government have made some of their own stocks available to Y.P.F. for sale at their fuel depot on a replacement basis. Cars and land rovers are rationed to 2 gallons per week and motor-cycles 1 gallon. The Argentine Naval transport ship CABO SAN PIO left Buenos Aires on the 28th Oct. with over 1,000 drums of fuel (petrol, paraffin and JP1) and nearly 1,000 cylinders of gas.

New Chief Secretary. Mr John Massingham, accompanied by his wife Jean, arrived in the Colony on 13th October to assume the duties of Chief Secretary. A member of Her Majesty's Diplomatic Service, Mr Massingham served in the Colonial Service from 1954-59. In 1964 he joined the Commonwealth Relations Office which later became part of the joint Foreign and Commonwealth Office. Mr Massingham has served in various overseas territories including Sierra Leone and Malaysia and his last post was Head of Chancery at the British Embassy in Kinshasa.

Tenant and Small Farm Ownership. The Falkland Islands Co. Ltd, is in the process of preparing a documented scheme which, when implemented, will have the effect of giving Islanders the opportunity of ownership of land in the Colony. The Company proposes that it will offer its East Falkland farm Green Patch for subdivision into six workable economic units for the new owners or tenants to use the existing settlement facilities on a co-operative basis. The proposal can only be considered as a pilot scheme but if accepted and implemented, the Falkland Islands Co. Ltd, guarantee that every consideration will be given to the future security, livelihood, provident funds and pensions of the people presently working at Green Patch.

Future of the TIMES. It looks as though the F.I. Times and Monthly Review (known as the Times, Review or Monthly Review) will continue in some form or other for a few more months. I am pleased to say that if I cease to run it there is someone else interested in keeping it going. I shall endeavour to produce one more frequently than I have been doing this year but each edition will only be of 6 pages and I shall probably carry more advertising, forthcoming events, coastal shipping movements, etc. So that I can plan ahead I would be grateful if overseas and Camp readers would inform me as soon as possible if they wish to continue receiving our only local newspaper. Remember I shall only continue sending the Times if you request it. Camp rates will be £1.70 for 12 editions after No. 12/77 and overseas subs. £2. Due to the new, strange postal ruling, whereby although the printed paper rate was increased on 1st October it has been decided that printed papers will only be carried by Beaver if the new, high letter rates are used, I can't carry the postage on the papers ordered by farms

RUNWAY EXTENSION CALL by FRIED FISH CATERERS' ASSOCIATIONS

David Toulson of the Confederation of Fried Fish Caterers' Associations, in a circular to members has recommended that the British Government retain the Falkland Islands and other Islands as British territories under the Crown. A call for the extension to our runway at Cape Pembroke was also made in his article headed 'The Falkland Islands and the South Atlantic British Dependencies', a document advocating combined Government and private sector operations to come to the rescue of Britain's deep-sea fishing industry which has suffered after the restriction on fishing in Icelandic waters, from which comes her major deep-sea harvest of cod and haddock. As there is a real problem of finding alternative sources of these fish which appear to be confined to the North Atlantic, Mr Toulson says that there would be a Government subsidy needed for the experimentation in spawning cod and haddock in the South Atlantic around the Falklands and other British Dependencies in the area. It has already been claimed that krill could be harvested at a rate of 150 million tons annually producing 14 million tons of edible oil, 30 million tons of animal foodstuffs and over 100 million tons of fertiliser which being organic would not be harmful like chemical fertilisers. On the problem of sending fishermen half-way round the world away from their families Mr Toulson says that the Merchant Navy deals with the same problem by ferrying crews home by air from distant ports and that such a system for the fishing industry could be equally effective. Regarding the future of British deep-sea trawlers the article says that instead of rotting in British ports the vessels could be sent out to the South Atlantic permanently and freeze their catches in the Falklands or South Georgia before being transported to the U.K. by the British Merchant Navy. The article, which concludes by asking members to persuade H.M. Government to adopt a more constructive and positive policy towards the development of Britain's Southern territories, lists the following benefits - 1) A secure future for the British fishing industry. 2) A major export of protein for the world. 3) Trade for the British Merchant Navy. 4) Aircraft to ferry crews and supplies to the Islands. 5) Work for ship and trawler builders and allied trades, from crockery to keels. 6) Aid to British, European and World farmers. 7) Breathing space to allow Britain's own remaining fishing areas to re-stock. 8) Negotiating power for Britain to exchange fishing grounds with other countries. 9) Trade and services boom for Southern islands, bringing an inflow of jobs and cash, and 10) with Government help in research, British industries, from fisherman to to flier, farmer to fish frier, everyone would look more optimistically and with more enthusiasm to the future.

en bloc. (Believe it or not the old printed paper rate (inland) on papers weighing between 8 and 16 ozs was 5p, the new rate being 11p, but to have a package travel by Beaver 28p worth of stamps must be affixed whereas 22p will pay for a package up to 2 lb. to go by Beaver freight!). To avoid any letters destined for my desk to get into the wrong hands please ensure that you use P.O. Box 60 on all correspondence.

Air your views, share your news. Write to the Editor, P.O. Box 60,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Questionnaire circulated with edition No.11/77 of the
Falkland Islands Times and Monthly Review 7/11/77.

To help me write a report on horticulture in the Falklands,
requested by the local government, I would be grateful if the following
questions could be answered and sent to;

Mrs. M. Davidson,
West Point Island.
WEST FALKLAND.

Consumers;

YES NO

- 1) If fresh vegetables were available regularly
would you buy them?
- 2) Would you buy potatoes?
- 3) Would you buy cabbage, tomato etc., plants?
- 4) Would you buy flower/shrub plants?
- 5) Would you buy fresh flowers/pot plants?
- 6) Would you use an interflora service inside the Islands?
- 7) Would you buy berry fruit?

The above questions are for information only and your name is not
necessary.

Growers/prospective growers

- 1) What crops do you grow or would like to grow?
- 2) Would you be interested in marketing through a co-operative?
- 3) Would you rather sell through an established store?
- 4) Would you rather sell direct to the customer yourself?

Any comments on growing in general would be welcome.

Thank you,

Margaret Davidson.

(Ed. Please assist Margaret in this very important aspect of the
development of our Colony by detaching from your TIMES, completing
and sending it to her)

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FIRST MEETING of NEW LEGISLATURE

The first meeting of the new Legislative Council commenced in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall this morning at 10 o'clock.

Before entering the Chamber His Excellency the Governor, Mr James Roland Walter Parker, O.B.E., inspected a guard of honour, consisting of detachments of the Royal Marines and Falkland Islands Defence Force who were drawn up outside the building on Ross Road. The beautiful weather that we had experienced over the weekend prevailed despite a forecast of rain.

The day's proceedings began with the swearing-in of the new Chief Secretary, Mr John Massingham, and the six elected members of the Council, two of whom (Councillors Adrian Monk and Willie Bowles) served on the last Legislature.

At approximately 10.25 a.m. the Governor delivered his opening address which he commenced by welcoming the members who were participating for the first time. Referring to the recent elections, His Excellency commended its organisation by the Elections Supervisor Mr Stuart Booth and his team of helpers and that due to inclement weather and newly tried out voting procedures the campaign had been a difficult one. He said that there was now ample time to decide whether a revision of the Constitutional and Legislative arrangements was necessary to make things simpler for future elections. The President then paid tribute to the last Chief Secretary, Mr A.P.J. Monk, of whom his comments of 'commendable conscientiousness and devotion to duty' do not exactly express the sentiments of the beholders of a cartoon seen in the Colony's most exclusive and expensive club depicting cheering, dancing crowds and flying flags with the caption "Cheers Arthur - we'll miss you!"

His Excellency went on to talk about his recent working holiday in England where he had a useful meeting with Mrs Judith Hart the Minister for Overseas Development who now had a good understanding of our problems and is sympathetic to them.

Mr Parker mentioned the visits of various experts and advisers and the recent completion of the Grasslands Trials Unit with the arrival of Field Officer, Mr Peter Maitland and Goose Officer, Dr Summers. Successful negotiations had been concluded by the Financial Secretary during his recent leave, with the World Wildlife Fund, to have the Colony included in its coin issue scheme.

Of the forthcoming Anglo-Argentine talks, the Governor reiterated the British Government's assurance that there would be close and continual consultations with the Falklands' Council.

LETTERBOX

The following is the first part of a letter just received from reader Ronald Newman of Box 80573, College, (Fairbanks), Alaska, U.S.A., dated 29th October, 1977.

"Dear Editor,

The present situation the Falkland Islanders find themselves in with the Argentines, through no consequence of their own making, is still another affront in today's world to any decent, moral human being; and the cause, yet again, of greed and the total disregard of the 10th Commandment; 'Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor... nor his property...' Surely no sin is so widely indulged in by some governments as this one; and by more and more of them apparently, as plans are laid, pressures mounted, and intrigues set for further acquisitions and conquests, on a scale around the world that makes the stage set by the Nazis for World War II look no worse by comparison. And certainly fears aren't diminished whatever when a 'mother country' and supposed protector, enters into a cooperative stance with the designing country, whether under pressure or not; and unthinkable to a moral man to entertain the possibility that Britain would acquiesce in this 'takeover', against the wishes of the people of the Falklands. I truly hope there is really nothing to worry about on this score, and the Falkland Islanders do not become innocent victims; that Britain can be trusted, and will not let them down.

The important thing is what can be done by the Islanders themselves, in the meantime, realizing they are not at the mercy of the powers-that-be regarding their fate, but can take measures themselves to express their own will and resolve. One consideration might be to seek ways in which to get out from under the imposed dependency upon Argentina of routes to and from the outside world; and especially in lieu of the realization that an extension to the runway at Stanley to handle the larger planes from longer distances, probably isn't in the works for some time, yet. Actually, some facts of geography lie in the Falkland's favor, regarding this possibility of alternate routings, and I offer it at least for what it is worth; although aware, too, that it may have well been taken into consideration already. But on the mainland of South America itself, the point of land closest to the Falklands, Punta Dungeness, is shared by both Argentina and Chile, actually making Chile as close as Argentina, for all intents and purposes. And of more importance, the sizeable city of Punta Arenas--population now over 65,000--is closer to Stanley, than is Comodoro Rivadavia; and Punta Arenas has a large airfield, with over-seas connections to North America and to Europe.

It would seem to me that if the majority of the people in the Falklands would rather be served by a Chilean Airline from Punta Arenas, and appeals made to their representatives in the Falkland Islands Legislature, who in turn would directly consult with the Administration on the majority wishes of the people, this could, or would lead to direct negotiations with the Chilean government by the Administration. The Administration, not being in a position to directly ignore the wishes of the majority, would most likely be as willing, anyway, as the majority would be, to eliminate the strangle-hold Argentina presently holds over the Falklands regarding travel, and would actively seem some such solution.

Likewise, a sea-route to and from the free-port of Punta Arenas to Stanley, would also go a long way to alleviate the situation. Such a voyage is well under half the distance to Montevideo, that used to be the regular route for sea-travel; and from this point, connections could be

made for Europe, either via the west coast of South America through the Panama Canal, or as usual, via the Atlantic. In the same fashion, the airport at Stanley could most likely handle planes from Punta Arenas, since it is closer to Stanley than Comodoro Rivadavia, and with jet connections to the rest of the world right from there. But the main point is that if this relatively large city in Chile can be made the regular transfer point en route to your destination, eliminating all travel routes through Argentina, it would help free the Islanders from the current situation, where they are basically at the mercy of the Argentinians in this matter. Unlike Argentina, Chile does not covet the Falklands or South Georgia, so that ulterior motives would less likely play a part in such direct communication and travel."

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ABSOLUTE RUBBISH!

After just five years of cartons, polythene bags and other refuse being blown across Stanley Common it was announced at the end of October that the Town's official rubbish dump would, once again be the waterfront dump to the East of Stanley beyond the area known as Hoggarth's Dairy (which incidentally the Government finally purchased for a more realistic sum after many months of what did not appear to be entirely 'above board' methods in an attempt to acquire it for 'peanuts').

The move will probably be welcomed by the public, refuse collectors and those interested in the preservation of the environs. Many people were very much against the change of the original site to the Keil Canal area of the Common including the Stanley Town Council (abolished in June 1973) whose members unanimously agreed that the dump remain at the waterfront and be extended eastwards. The reason for the move to the Keil Canal area was that the waterfront site was an eyesore and with the opening of an external air-service (inaugurated just 5 years ago on 15th November '72) and the link between Stanley and Cape Pembroke by a new road, the area would be popular with visitors and residents. It seems ironical that with the Cape Pembroke airstrip (to be known as Stanley Airport) due to be used from Thursday 24th November, it is preceded by just a few weeks of the reverting of the rubbish dump to its original site.

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VEGETABLES

Order your winter root vegetables now.

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|----------|--------|----|--------|-----|-------|
| Swedes | 10p/lb | or | 20 lbs | for | £1.80 |
| Carrots | 12p/lb | or | 20 lbs | for | £2.20 |
| Parsnips | 15p/lb | or | 20 lbs | for | £2.80 |

For delivery by MONSUNEN about April. Orders to Davidson, West Point.

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EMPLOYMENT WANTED

Anyone who can offer employment to Mr R. Stubbs who served an apprenticeship in mechanical and electrical engineering and who is at present an assistant area manager with the Royal Automobile Club is asked to write to him at 12 Almond Way, Harrow, Middlesex.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Flight Change. The weekly external flight operated by LADE (Lineas Areas del Estado), the Argentine airline run by Air-force personnel, will change from Thursdays to Mondays commencing on the 5th December. However, as the 1st December is a Thursday there will also be a flight of the Fokker 27 that day.

Tourist Ships. Apart from the expected calls by LINDBLAD EXPLORER and WORLD DISCOVERER (carrying about 100 and 120 passengers respectively) it was recently announced that three ships of the Costa Line are due to call at Stanley this Summer. The ENRICO C is expected on Thursday 19th January, 1978, the EUGENIO C on Sunday 29th January and Saturday 25th February and the ITALIA on Wednesday 15th February.

Stamp Issues. This year is not only the Queen's Silver Jubilee but the 25th anniversary of the first overseas flight to the Falklands. The post office were hoping to release two stamps this year to commemorate the flight by a Hudson flying-boat of Aquilla Airways of Southampton which arrived here on the 28th April, 1952, but due to the production problems the release date is now planned for 28th April, 1978. It is expected that the Colony's new definitive issue of mail ships will arrive by the next voyage of charter ship ANNETTE DANIELSEN so will not be issued locally until 1st February, 1978.

Royal Research Ship BRANSFIELD which left England on 21st October is NOT expected in Stanley before the 15th December. The vessel, carrying 127 bags of mail for the Islands, is expected to come by way of the Panama Canal and Valparaiso after calling at Baltimore(USA).

M/V FORREST the F.I. Government owned coasting vessel at present on charter to the Royal Marines for £40,000 per annum has now been in the Colony for ten years. Since her arrival (she was built by James Cook & Sons of Wivenhoe, near Colchester, Essex) the ship, named after a past minister of the Tabernacle the Reverend Forrest McWhan, has steamed some 90,000 miles.

Black Wool Wanted. The Welsh based Hollywell Textile Mills, owned and operated by a Mr Dudek is producing woollen garments from Falkland Islands white and black wool but is experiencing difficulty in obtaining the latter. The Falkland Islands Sheepowners' Association recently appealed to its members to supply black wool and is arranging the purchase at the Colony average wool price, of wool shipped to Stanley in sacks and have it baled at the F.I.C. Butchery.

Sisters' Appreciation. Sisters Margaret and Elaine send their greetings and best wishes to all their dear friends in the Falklands. On behalf of their companions and of the poor and needy of Comodoro Rivadavia (Argentina) they wish to express grateful thanks and appreciation to all those who so generously donated clothing.

Poppy Day Appeal. The house to house collection in Stanley on Saturday 12th November for the Earl Haig Appeal Fund organised by the local branch of the British Red Cross Society realised £105.48. A dance held at the Town Hall on Saturday 29th October organised by the Royal Marines raised approximately £520 for the Fund.

Sale of Hides. The 193 bundles of bullock hides that were shipped to England by the ANNETTE DANIELSEN in September have been sold at 11p per lb.

Rehearsals for a performance of Handel's Messiah on Tuesday, December 13th, are being held in the Junior School each Monday at 7 p.m. Extra help is still required and anyone who enjoys singing is invited to attend the rehearsals at the school.

Football League. The football season commenced on 28th October with the A.C.M. of the Football Club. The committee announced on the 3rd November that a 4-team league would be staged as there are over 60 keen players. The teams for the coming season are REDSOX (Capt. Richard Cain), MUSTANGS (Capt. Barry Ford), RANGERS (Capt. James Lee) and DYNAMOS (Capt. Frank O'Reilly).

Rifle Club. The F.I.D.F. Small-bore Rifle Club wound up the 1977 season with their Prize Shoot competitions on the 12th and 13th October. Eleven members entered the variety of competitions which proved to be most entertaining. The Small-bore Rifle Club Committee hope to see more people join when the club re-opens next winter.

MONSUNEN'S Profit and Loss. In her 5 years operating in the Islands, m/v MONSUNEN, the coastal vessel owned by Jeppersen Heaton and Coastal Shipping Ltd, only showed a profit in 1974 and 1975 (£535 and £121 respectively). The vessel, which carries virtually all supplies to Camp settlements and brings the Colony's wool clip and mutton to Stanley, showed a loss of £368 in 1973 and almost £9,000 in 1976. The projected loss for the year ended 30th September, 1977, is in the region of £17,000 which to recover and make good for future years would have meant a large increase in freight rates but the Sheepowners' Association have agreed to ask the wool industry to bear the burden rather than to pass the cost on to Camp residents.

Transport Study Team. The first member of the Transport Study Team arrived on 10th November. He is Mr Jamieson of the Forestry Commission who has visited the fuel jetty site, Eliza Cove and Surf Bay to assess the potential of locally available materials and visited Darwin and Fitzroy. Mr Jeremy Peat, who is a member of the Economic Planning Staff at the Ministry of Overseas Development, arrived on the 17th November and along with Mr Jamieson will study our internal air service and shipping taking into account the social benefits which may flow from improved internal communications.

Guy Fawkes Celebrations. Strong winds caused the postponement of the bonfire on Mount Tumbledown of November 5th. However, the event, organised by Mrs Heather Pettersson and Mrs Betty Ford was enjoyed by many on the evening of Monday 7th.

Printed Papers. On the 11th November the Post Office issued a notice stating that in future printed papers (maximum weight 1 lb.) including newspapers would be accepted for dispatch by Beaver aircraft (see page 5 of 11/77 Times).

Stanley's Crime Wave. The incidence of petty crimes has increased over the last few months. Assaults, breeches of the peace and house-breaking have been dealt with by the police. Windows of Christ Church Cathedral have recently been broken, hooliganism in the cemetery has been reported and there has even been an attempt to remove a plaque listing those Islanders who died during the two World Wars, from the Cross of Sacrifice, the venue of the annual Remembrance Day service and held this year on Sunday, 13th November.

- A D V E R T I S E M E N T -

FROM DARWIN SHIPPING LIMITED

The change in the L.A.D.E. F.27 flights from Thursday to Monday must have caused concern to intending passengers with regard to their international flights from Buenos Aires.

Darwin Shipping Ltd are authorised Passenger Sales Agents appointed by the International Air Transport Association and have given considerable thought to onward flights from Buenos Aires.

We are pleased to announce that passengers travelling from Buenos Aires to London may choose from the following international flights:-

| <u>FLIGHT NO.</u> | <u>DEPARTS</u> | <u>FOR</u> |
|-------------------|----------------|---|
| AZ577 | Tuesday 1535 | Rome with connecting flight to London |
| LA170 | Tuesday 1645 | Madrid with connecting flight to London |
| AR110 | Tuesday 1700 | Madrid with connecting flight to London |
| IB994 | Wednesday 1505 | Madrid with connecting flight to London |
| AR138 | Wednesday 1700 | London Heathrow |
| BR662 | Wednesday 1915 | London Gatwick |

Please note that there are flights out of Buenos Aires for Europe on all other days of the week, should intending travellers wish for an extended stay in Buenos Aires.

The cost of these flights are all the same. That is U.S. \$784.00 which converted at the rate of exchange on 19th November, 1977, of U.S. \$1.81 = £1 means that you will pay £433.15 in cash.

The staff of our Shipping Office are fully trained in arranging flights to all parts of the world and have been sent to the offices of international airlines in Buenos Aires and Copenhagen for their training.

Before completing your travel arrangements consult our experts and let them quote you, they know the up to date international air fares. REMEMBER the price you pay is the price shown on the ticket which is handed to you here in Stanley before you start your journey.

You want to stay British - then support the flag and fly B.C.A. Let us arrange your flight on BR662 which departs from Buenos Aires to London every Wednesday at 19.15 hours.

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OCTOBER WEATHER

October this year was a dry month with temperature and wind about average and a little less sun than is normal for this time of the year. Total rainfall was 29.8mm (1.17") which is 5mm below the October average. The average temperature was 5.4°C (41.7F). Highest temperature recorded was 14.8°C (58.6F) on the 23rd and 26th. Lowest temperature recorded was -1.5°C (29.3F) on the night of 1st/2nd. Average daily sunshine was 5.7 hours - about nine minutes a day less than usual mainly due to a daily average of only 1.8 hours for the first ten days of the month. The average wind speed was 16.8 knots, the highest gust recorded was 61 knots, 44 hours when the average hourly speed was of gale force and 228 hours when it was of ten knots or less. Ground frost was recorded on thirteen occasions which is two less than normal.

FROM G R ASSOCIATES (OWEN MACKIE GILLAN AND ELSIE ROBINSON)

This is a transcript of a taped message by Elsie Robinson and Owen Mackie Gillan to the people of the Falkland Islands which was broadcast over the local radio last Friday (18th November):

"We are the two journalists who for the past two years have been conducting the private campaign with David Toulson to keep the Falkland Islands British.

This has been a resounding success. We have had features and news stories published in most of Britain's quality and mass circulation newspapers quoted throughout the world and David has appeared on national television a number of times and made numerous radio broadcasts.

You will see we have lifted the whole campaign out of the political arena by stressing the value of your region's untapped natural resources. If we can attract the massive investment we seek it will not only bring prosperity to the Islands but put you in a strong negotiating position in any talks about your future.

The Prime Minister and all leading members of the Government and Opposition have read our papers pleading your cause and we have pledges of support from Members of all parties in the Houses of Commons and Lords. This has resulted in a distinct change of attitude towards your future but to further our campaign we now need the full backing of you the people of the Falkland Islands.

We appeal to you to write to us personally at this address to give us your views. This will supply us with the ammunition we need to make your voices heard in the U.K.

We want to hear personal stories about life on the islands, what it will mean if you are taken over by the Argentine, do you want the harbour dredged, the airport improved, a bank, housing, industry, trips to the U.K. etc....

Our campaign, masterminded by Owen, to protect your freedom to choose your own destiny began long before we heard of the existence of the islands company or Shackleton Report.

But only three months ago the crisis arrived when we were told that a meeting to be held at the House of Commons was to be a non-event. We immediately sent a resolution to Mr Hunter Christie Q.C. to be tabled before the F.I. Committee demanding your rights of protection under the Crown.

David Toulson and I paid our own expenses to go to London for this meeting to plead your cause and on that very day (July 28) the Daily Express, one of the world's largest newspapers, printed a feature by me calling for support.

David's speech at that meeting won the day and only last month he went down to London again to confirm this victory to a representative of the Government.

Now we want you to help us. We hope your own islands committee will publish the cuttings of our features and play the tapes we sent you on your island radio.

We further ask for your vote of confidence on our efforts so far and the blessing and active help of your committee to enable us to continue our campaign to protect your rights to decide your own future.

Write to us at 429 Meanwood Road, Leeds 7, Yorkshire."

BIRTHS at the K.E.M. Hospital, Stanley:

19th October to Mr & Mrs M. Ashworth of Goose Green, a son, IAIN.

26th October to Mr & Mrs Ron Buckland (Wendy Ross) of Port Howard, a son,
PETER JOHN (6 lbs 9 oz).

5th November to Mr & Mrs Owen Summers (Veronica Buse) of Stanley, a son,
SIMON WILLIAM (6 lbs).

MARRIAGE at the Office of the Registrar General on Saturday, 22nd
October, Frances, elder daughter of Mr & Mrs Terry Peck of
Stanley to Peter, only son of Mr & Mrs Basil Biggs of Stanley.

DEATHS in the Falklands:

25th October - James Stewart MIDDLETON - aged 69 years.

28th October - Robert Romeo PAULONI - aged 61 years.

31st October - Mrs Elsie Winifred HARDY - aged 75 years.

in Abingdon, Oxon, England:

29th October - George James ALAZIA - aged 79 years.

in the British Hospital, Buenos Aires:

30th October - Maurice Lehen - aged 69 years.

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-) SPEEDWELL STORE (-

Brushed Nylon Sheets (double-bed size) £6.24 pr. Snaffle bits
£2.65. F.I. Jubilee Mugs £1.10. SONY Cassette Recorders TC-63
@ £37.57 and TC-64 @ £39.50. Ladybird Books @ 27p. Nylon
Boiler Suits, sizes 40", 44" & 46" @ £7.35. Christmas Wrapping
Paper 4p sheet. Christmas Cards - boxes of 12 @ 50p, 15 @ 60p
and 18 @ 70p.

The shop is open from 2-5 p.m. Mondays to Fridays.

STOPPRESS- announcement evening 23rd Nov'-Stanley Airport not being
- - - - - used by L.A.D.E. for time
being.

NEW EDITORSHIP

I am pleased to announce that Mr David Coleville will be taking
over the paper after this edition. I would like to express my sincere
thanks to those people who have helped me during the last two years -
those who have come to my aid with paper and ink, those who have con-
tributed items and letters and last but not most certainly not least you,
the readers, for the wonderful support you have given. Subscriptions
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NEW EDITORSHIP.

I am very pleased to have been given the opportunity of taking control of the Colony's only newspaper, and am looking forward to a few years of bashing away at my typewriter.

I do not envisage any drastic alterations in either the Editorial style or the general make-up of the paper, but in the future i hope to experiment with coloured inks, different grades of paper etc., with a view to making the 'TIMES' of a better quality.

As for me, well!, i'm 24 years old and hail from a place called Fareham in Hampshire. I spent about 22 months working at PORT STEPHENS on the west, but decided that i personally would be far happier working in Stanley. I have been used to working and living in towns and cities all of my life, so perhaps i am unadaptable to the confines of settlement life.

However, this is detracting from the fact that i'm really asking for your support in the future; that means that anything you consider to be of interest to residents here and/or abroad please do not hesitate to send it in for publication. Pseudonyms for letters ARE acceptable provided that the senders real name is supplied with the correspondence. Other than this request, (BVQ!!). censorship will be non-existent.

Finally, i would like to take the opportunity to say a public thankyou to my predecessor: Mr. DAVE RYAN, who has given me tremendous assistance; and he will be continuing to help me sort out any teething troubles that may occur.-----DAVE COLVILLE *****

ABOUT TIME TOO!!

1st DECEMBER.

Today saw the grand occasion of the first commercial flight of the F27 at the new 'all-British' Stanley Airport. The Airport was to have commenced the handling of passenger traffic on the 24th of last month but LADE pulled a new rabbit out of the hat by claiming administration difficulties which resulted in the first landing being put back until today. Flights are changed to the monday of each week as from December the 5th.

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whether or not they want their subscriptions to continue, which would entail high expenditure if i sent a few hundred copies to people and they did not want to carry on. So now is the time to send £1.70p for overseas and camp subscriptions. The price of the paper will remain at 10p per copy throughout 1978. Any additional is postage cover.

QUICK ON THE DRAW.

The more observant among you will have noticed a revised impression of the Falkland Islands crest in the top right hand corner. This was specially drawn by Mr. Tony 'hater of' Fox 'by West, for the TIMES in 1976. More of his work can be viewed and bought at the Speedwell Store.

LETTERBOX.

FROM MRS. KITTY BERTRAND, CARCASS ISLAND.

Dear Sir,

I was dismayed to hear by last mail that the Stamp Booklets due to be on sale sometime this month are special sheets not taken from the normal sheet stamps as they are in Britain.

As I understand it this is just a 'get rich quick' gimmick which will be ignored by all but those ignorant of serious Philatelic ethics. It will damage rather than improve the reputation of Falkland Islands stamps.

As the Falklands Islands Govt. has the final say in all such matters the blame must lie with them and they can hardly claim ignorance since they had the expert advice of Major Spafford earlier this year. It seems particularly regrettable that this should occur in Jubilee Year.

I am glad I heard in time before I ordered some of these booklets and I hope that others like me will be warned in time.

FROM L.K. STODDART, BOX 3932, HOLLYWOOD, CALIF. 90028 U.S.A.

Dear Sir,

At the risk of someone saying that I should not take an Argentine source as being accurate on the History of the Falkland Islands, I am writing to you about a textbook which is being used in the high schools (Secondary Schools) of that country which I just received from a book shop on special order. There being nothing in the English language available on the islands history, I thought perhaps someone can confirm the following in the islands for me as some points require further proof or documentation to prove their accuracy:-

- 1) British discovery of the Falklands is attributed to a pirate by the name of John Davis in 1592.
- 2) A Dutch navigator by the name of Sebald de WEERT confirmed this in 1600.
- 3) A Spanish expedition did the same in 1540.
- 4) Louis de Bougainville occupied them for a time for France in 1764.
- 5) The British Commander Byron occupied the islands with British troops in 1765.
- 6) This produced strained relations with Spain in 1771.
- 7) In that year Spain agreed to let Great Britain occupy the islands permanently. This was in 1771.
- 8) In 1774 Great Britain gave up the colony permanently and the colony at Port Egmont. This had the effect of returning the Falklands to Spain permanently.
- 9) A placq was sunk in the ground at Port Egmont to attest to this fact by Great Britain.

However I am in doubt of this last fact because there is no mention of any document notifying the Viceroy of Buenos Aires of the fact.

Such as treaty or otherwise being made.

Argentina therefore claims the islands on the grounds of independence from Spain-----(cont. overleaf)

HYDATID SCREENING PROGRAMME DEC. 77.

- THURS. 8th.----- TEAL INLET----RINCON GRANDE----STANLEY.
- MON. 12th. -----GREEN PATCH -- PORT LOUIS.
- TUES. 13th. -----PORT LOUIS ---JOHNSONS HARBOUR--WALKER CREEK.
- WED. 14th. ----- WALKER CREEK--SEA-LION ISD.--SPEEDWELL ISD.--SALVADOR.
- THUR. 15th. -----SALVADOR -----SAN CARLOS.
- FRI. 16th. -----SAN CARLOS----STANLEY.

L.K. STODDARTS LETTER CONT. FROM PAGE TWO.

Again lack of documentation. Fortunately i have a knowledge of both English and Spanish, and this book (Historia Argentina by Jorge A Cocon) published by Ediciones Coliseo of Montevideo 205 Buenos Aires, is all i have to go on. Two other Spaniards are also mentioned but no details given about them in connection with the islands except by date who are:-

1520--Nave San Antonio--Capitain Esteban Gomez

1529--Mapamundi de Diego Ribero -Islas Sanson.

Are there any documents in Xerox form i can obtain to clear this up for me so that i can write a more accurate account than the foregoing with details? This is what is being taught in the high schools of Argentina at the moment on the Falklands, the copyright date being 1974 on this book.

CLIMBING KIWIS.

Residents of Port Stanley were probably taken aback by the appearance of two bearded and ultra-long haired men, especially when they pitched a tent in the Hoggarth's Dairy area.

These men are in fact two New Zealanders in 'transit' before heading South on a mountaineering venture. Both men are aged 24 and are experienced climbers.

GARY BALL, who is a professional Alpine Guide and DAVE KILCULLAN a Farmer, have been on expeditions together in the USA. Gary was also in Antarctica last summer.

Both of these two lads come from the mountainous regions of New Zealand's South Island; Gary from MT. COOK and Dave from a place called KARAMEA. They are here waiting for the 'EN AVANT' which is a 62ft steel hulled gaff rigged cutter converted from a North Sea tug and will be their mode of conveyance to the white south. The cutter is owned by a MR. SIMON RICHARDSON, who set sail from Rio in late October and he is due to arrive in Stanley sometime this month where a weeks refit is envisaged.

The expedition is going to the Antarctic Peninsula, Mt. Forster on Smith Island, Palmer Island and South Georgia, whereafter a return to Stanley is a possibility. Also accompanying them is MR. H.W. TILMAN, who is described by Gary as being an 80 year old author, veteran mountaineer and explorer!

CLOSER TO GOD?

A much needed coat of paint is going to be applied to the roof of Christchurch Cathedral. Good weather is necessary of course but Royal Marine Corporals Eley, Davidson and Simpson are reportedly eager to get a birds eye view of the town and work is scheduled to start soon. Perhaps they can manage to put the clock right when they're up there!

CARD OF THANKS.

Mrs. Irene Reive and family wish to thank all persons who so kindly sent them telegrams, flowers, letters and messages of sympathy at the time of their recent bereavement.

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Sea travel is a luxury these days, but still costs little more than a flight. Unfortunately there is only one passenger liner operating direct to Britain, and that is in September.

However, there are several opportunities if you join a vessel in Buenos Aires and disembark at Lisbon or a Mediterranean port from where we can easily arrange for you to fly or travel overland for the remainder of the journey.

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PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE FOR M.V. FORREST.

DEC.15th. TEAL INLET. 16th. SALVADOR. 17th. STANLEY.
18th. Stand by to de-store H.M.S. ENDURANCE. 19th.-24th. STANLEY.
25th.-27th. Public Holidays. 28th.-31st. STANLEY.

ANNETTE DANIELSON.

Estimated time of departure from London of the vessel: 16th. Dec.
Estimated time of arrival in Stanley: 14th. Jan. 1978.

OFF THE STREETS.

If anybody is interested in helping to organise such activities as Barbecues, Discotheques and the possible restarting of the Youth Club, please get in touch with TRUDI HAZELL at 52 Drury St. Of particular help would be those who are prepared to lend records and tapes. Come on, entertainment for the young people IS necessary!

REASONS FOR LIMITED EDITION OF THIS ISSUE.

As most of you will have heard on my broadcast announcement, this issue of the TIMES has been limited with only an approximate 500 copies put on sale. One of the reasons for doing this is that the suppliers of the paper in Argentina failed to deliver on time, and as a lot of people indicated impatience to get a copy of (13th) this edition I decided to go ahead and publish on some foolscap paper that has belonged to the TIMES since Robin Forrester's day. Another reason is that what profit is made from sales is ploughed back into buying ink, paper, stamps, envelopes etc. all of which has increased in price, and subsequently I am not sending copies to those people who have not indicated----- (CONT. ON PAGE one)

SPORTS REVIEW By D. Colville.

The Football season seems to have 'kicked-off' to a good start, with all four teams showing promise. REDSOX have proved their worth by dominating the league table so far, but DYNAMOS led by Frank O'Reilly (The Bearded Whirlwind) are presenting a strong challenge which they lacked in the opening matches. MUSTANGS have been a mite disappointing but stranger things have happened at sea so to speak and i for one will not be at a loss for words if they manage to spring a few surprising results on us. RANGERS however are a different kettle of fish; they have already shown that they are more than capable of playing excellent soccer and coupled with the vivacious tenacity of their captain, James Lee, RANGERS will prove to be a thorn in the flesh of the teams with great aspirations. DYNAMOS scrawny striker Patrick Watts is always in the thick of goalmouth action but a tendency to boot a leg instead of the ball mars his performance on occasions. Nonetheless, Pat is playing well and DYNAMOS seem to have a rosy season ahead. REDSOX captain, lanky Liverpoolian Richard Caine, makes good use of his head but considering he is a human beanpole it is not surprising that by the time opposing players have reached him the ball has ricocheted off of his skull and is about 40 yards down the pitch!

The Royal Marines interspersed throughout the teams have played well, the only real blot on their copybook was when Porky Clement of RANGERS had a bit of a tussle with Referee Terry Betts in a match last week, which resulted in Porky being sent-off. First class refereeing has been carried out by Terry Peck, who as Chief of Police knows the law inside out and despite complaints that he misses some incidents, he is always there with his whistle the moment 'breaches of the peace' occur.

Mr. Don Bonner, who is one of the team of selectors, must have quite a hard job picking the STANLEY team as there are plenty of players of 1st.XI calibre which is a good thing because there is no doubt that the strongest team available must be fielded when the Argentinian team visit the islands for a match.

RECENT RESULTS OF LEAGUE MATCHES.

DYNAMOS.(0)...3.....REDSOX.(0)...0.
Gilder, Liverpool,
Watts.
RANGERS.(1)...1.....MUSTANGS.(0)...1.
Wakfield, Simpson.
Half Time scores in brackets.

OPEN THE OVEN DOOR!!

A survey of Geese will be undertaken this month on West Falkland by Ron Summers, who goes by the title of 'Goose Officer'. This survey will involve rounding up shedders and they will be dyed and ringed so that their behaviour can be studied. It is hoped that Ron will be assisted by a well known amateur ornithologist who is visiting the Falklands. I don't know about dyeing or ringing, but i do know that Geese are much better served up with roast potatoes and peas!

JACK OF ALL TRADES.

Whilst reading an article in the 'Upland Goose' philatelic journal, i was mildly astounded to learn of the amount of work carried out by Mr. Charles Maddocks of Fox Bay East. I already knew that he was the man who stamped first day covers with the Fox Bay cancellation mark but i have only just read about his other duties which are:- Operator/Technician, Fox Bay; Postmaster, Fox Bay; Registrar for West Falkland; Customs Officer, West Falkland; Returning Officer, West Falkland, Keeper of the Electoral Register, West Falkland; Part Time Observer for the Fox Bay Weather station, Lighting Officer for the settlement (Packe Bros.), Settlement Barber and as a sideline he milks the settlements cows!

BIRTHS.

21st. November, to SIDNEY & PHYLLIS HALES (NEE ROZEE), a daughter, JENNIFER ELIZABETH, weighing 6lbs 14ozs, in Gosport, Hants. U.K.

28th. November, to COLIN & CAMILLA GRIFFITHS (NEE McASKILL), a son, CRAIG, in Scotland.

To BOB & JULIE GIBSON (NEE CLARKE), of Plymouth, Devon, U.K., a son, LUSTIN JAMES, weighing 6lbs 12ozs.

DEATHS.

In New Zealand on the 19th. November:-

MRS. MABEL REGINA MARGARET MORRISON (NEE ROBERTS), aged 64.

In Punta Arenas, Chile:-

ELIZABETH 'GRANNY' BROWN, aged 94.

NOVEMBER WEATHER.

All temperatures shown are Farenheit.

HIGHEST TEMP: 63.5 AVERAGE DAILY SUN: 7.9 hrs.
AVERAGE TEMP: 44.8 AVERAGE WIND SPEED: 17.8 knots.
LOWEST TEMP: 31.6 TOTAL RAINFALL: 2.41 inches.
HIGHEST GUST OF WIND: 58 knots on the 12th.

November turned out to be a sunny but rather set month; the temperatures a little above normal as was the wind. There were 15 occasions when Ground Frost was recorded.

LONG SERVICE MEDAL FOR MARINE.

25th. November.

A long service and good conduct medal was presented to Royal Marine 'TAFF' MATTHEWS by H.E. the Governor in a ceremony that took place on the lawn at Government House.

Since joining the Corps in 1959, Taff has served in a variety of locations such as Aden, Kuwait, Borneo and the West Indies. He left the Marines in 1969 for a spell in civvy street, but he re-enlisted in 1971 and became a chef. Marine Matthews is married and has two children; his wife and family live in Poole, Dorset U.K.

If you want to say something nice or perhaps say something nasty, then write to The Editor, P.O. Box 60, Stanley. News, Views-----ALL WELCOME.

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THANKYOU.

Mrs. D.M. Wilson, Matron at the King Edward Memorial Hospital would like to thank all those who helped with fresh vegetables for the Hospital, and also for the eggs received from various people both in Stanley and the Camp; also for any gift received within the last few months.

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HERE TODAY GONE TOMORROW

As most people will already be aware, I no longer work for the F.I.C. I was successful in my application to become the Postal Clerk for the British Antarctic Territories which naturally means that the job entails a spell of duty around the various bases. This 'tour' lasts for a couple of months and as it would be impossible to publish the 'TIMES' from an ice-floe, it will have to be laid to rest for the short time I'm away. Under no circumstances must you tear your hair out in anguish or do any other foolish thing because THE TIMES WILL BE BACK!! Upon my return I hope to increase the output to a regular twice monthly edition and a pipedream at the moment is the possibility of a weekly news-sheet. To all those persons who have sent subscriptions: THANKS: I'll be sending you all a postcard from the Bahamas!!! Seriously, all subscribers have been listed as per usual and subs will automatically recommence from the first issue of 1978.

I also hear through the proverbial grapevine that a top official in the F.I.C. was rather put out upon hearing of my new job, but this man has all the power to start a Pirate paper if necessary, so if you see any newspapers under the title of say for instance 'the MONOPOLY MINSTREL' or the BIG 'M' BLAH?, just ignore it and await the return of the one and only TIMES.

(WISHING EVERYONE EVERYWHERE A
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR)*****SEE YOU SOON!.

YOUTH CLUB PROSPECT:
POSSIBILITY OR CERTAINTY?

DEC. 15th. Last night saw a rather small assembly of people gathered in the austere surroundings of the Town Hall's refreshment room, their purpose being the election of a committee responsible for the organisation and general running of a new youth club. Among the 22 people present including myself in a 'reporting8capacity8were Dr. Cox and Rosie Dunn (Welfare Official) and the attractive founder Trudi Hazell. A suggestion from Mrs. Des King was that a couple of trustees could perhaps be appointed, with Mr. R. Pitaluga's name to the fore seeing as how he has done so much good work for the club in the past such as donating a 16mm. Projector, furniture and other sundry items. A rather sombre Trudi expounded her views and was subsequently elected to the position of Vice-Chairman...er...woman! Police Constable Lee Small was voted Chairman which should deter the thug element from disturbing things. Altogether, a good start or so it seems to furtherance of youth activities.

LETTERBOX.

From: Rosina W. Llanosa, (Mrs.), FALKLAND HOUSE, SLADE RD., SLADE, ILFRACOMBE DEVON ENG.

Dear Sir,

It is with great interest I read in the issue of 7th. Nov. 1977 Times & Monthly Review about the future industry of the Fried Fish Caterers, referring to the shortage of fish around the U.K. shores.

The Falkland Islands could supply tons of delicious fish such as Mullet, Smelt and various other kinds of fish as well. When we see so many young people out of work, this fish industry would be a chance for some of them to go out and do some good with their lives and make an honest living by helping to supply food for the people who like nice FISH & CHIPS.

As Mr. Toulson says it would provide work for the trawlers which are lying idle in the docks.

What a blossoming outlook for the Falklands and an opening for good trading. On this note of wishful thinking as it could only be, I'll close.

From: MS. Mary Cawkell, 44a BURGHLEY ROAD, LONDON NW5 1UE ENG.

I am puzzled by the nomination of Bill Goss 'to fill the vacant East Stanley seat'. (Re TIMES 11/77). Why nomination? I thought the whole point of the new Constitution was to discard nomination. Why could not the leading unsuccessful candidate in West Stanley be appointed or nominated? How come there were 4 candidates for West Stanley and none for East Stanley? Why didn't a couple of the candidates for West Stanley stand for the East? It is all very peculiar to me. Or perhaps I'm dim.

THE NAVY LARK.

At around a quarter to nine on Tuesday the 13th, H.M.S. ENDURANCE made its appearance in Stanley. On a day that turned out to be a 'scorcher' their two helicopters were soon in action ferrying supplies back and forth to the Royal Marines camp at Moody Brook. About 50 bags of mail were discharged and more is expected on the Royal Research Ship Bransfield which is due in sometime this month.

FOOTNOTE: from Charlie Jones:-

"The brain is a wonderful thing; it never stops functioning from the time you are born until the moment you stand up to make a speech!".

Any quips, whimsical quotes or anecdotes are welcome so send them in to P.O. BOX 60.

Extracts from the questions and answers given in the House of Commons on the 7th. December.

Mr. Donald Stewart, M.P. asked Mr. Ted Rowlands, (who is the Sec. of State for Foreign & Commonwealth Affairs) if he will make a statement on policy towards the continued independence of the Falkland Islands.

TED ROWLANDS: "The Falkland Islands are not independent but are a United Kingdom dependent territory. There is no demand at present from their population of 1950 people for independence.

STEWART: "Does the Minister confirm having received a message from the new Legislative Council that it is opposed to any change in its present status? Does he accept that if there is any suggestion of making any change during negotiations with Argentina in the face of opposition from the people of the Islands, it would be totally resisted by Hon. Members in every party in the House and by people in every part of the United Kingdom?"

ROWLANDS: "I think that we have given full and adequate assurances, repeatedly in the last few months that we will not bring anything to this House which is not acceptable to the Islanders themselves.

SIR BERNARD BRAINE: "In spite of that, the House continues to be mystified. Why are the Government negotiating at all with a Fascist-type dictatorship about the future of a Democratic British community? How does the Minister square that with his very proper decision not to extend economic aid to Bolivia, which has an identical regime? Does he share the concern so properly and firmly demonstrated by the United States over the continued violation of human rights in Argentina?"

ROWLANDS: "On the first part of the question, we are negotiating because, following my visit to the Islands and by agreement with the Islands council, it was decided that it was necessary to have negotiations on the Economic and Sovereignty issues, otherwise we would let the stalemate of the position of the Islands continue, and that would be a much worse prospect for the Islanders themselves."

Mr. HUGH FRASER: "Will the Minister give an assurance that representatives of the people of the Falkland Islands will be fully involved in the forthcoming official talks with the Argentine Republic?"

ROWLANDS: "The new councils discussed this at their first joint meeting. They accepted my invitation to meet me for a full discussion after the New York talks, and considered that this would provide a welcome opportunity to consider future developments and to consult on the question of the nature and timing of Islander representation in future rounds."

The following is taken from a letter sent by Mr. Colin Smith of Wool Brokers David Smith & Co. in response to Mr. Tim Millers LEGCO speech wherein he compared Falkland wool prices to those of other wool producing nations.

"Mr. Miller is correct in his comparison of Falkland wool prices to other origins. Falkland wools generally do obtain a premium price above other origins of similar quality i.e. New Zealand, Australian crossbred and South American. This was traditionally the case and this premium is generally still maintained in the telephone auctions. There is no question that the telephone auctions have negligible selling costs, they also provide good and fair competition for the wool. Private selling is equally as cheap in costs but provides for no competition. David Smith & Co. have specialised in the production of Falkland Islands Wool Tops and Scoured Wools for over 100 years.....(CONTINUED ON PAGE 6).

LET US PRAY.

The Archbishop of Canterbury assumed responsibility for the Church in the islands during May this year, and in doing so has issued a rather unusual licence to lay Reader Mr. Stan Bennett. Previously it was normal practice for Bishops to re-licence Stan when they took office, but this licence just received does not need renewing and can only be revoked by an Archbishop of Canterbury. Stan Bennett has been a lay reader in the Colony for many years and his first licence was issued to him by Bishop Evans in 1954.

FLYING VISIT.

Among the passengers on 5th. December's F27 flight were Mr. & Mrs. Monti. Mrs. Monti was Betty Roberts who left the Falklands 35 years ago and joined the W.R.A.F. in wartime England. Her husband was for many years on the staff of NATO. Headquarters in Paris and Brussels before his retirement some years ago to his native Italy. Mr. Monti and Betty live beside Lake Maggiore at Baveno which is between Milan and the Swiss frontier. Betty is a sister to Bill Roberts and Siggie Barnes.

BATTLEGRAM.

The following piece is a message received by H.E. the Governor from Mr. W. Hunter-Christie concerning Battle Day celebrations:-

KINDLY INFORM PEOPLE WREATH LAID ON CENOTAPH BY MISS MCLEOD.
FALKLANDS FLAG PARADED DOWN WHITEHALL. HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT AND SERVICES REPRESENTED. MANY ISLANDERS PRESENT. CEREMONY ALSO HELD IN KENDALL. CELEBRATION TONIGHT IN SOUTHAMPTON.

CHRISTIE.

IT'S A GAS!

The Royal Fleet Auxilliary ship 'CHERRYLEAF' anchored in Port William at about 7 O'clock on Wednesday the 7th. This evening visit heralded the start of a busy period for the crew of the Admiralty Oil Barge (C852) which is under the care of the F.I.CO. Chief Oilman Mr. Tim Dobbys and other men from the Jetty Gang worked an 8 hour-on 8 hour-off shift to offload the cargo of Gas Oil for the Naval Fuel Depot. The CHERRYLEAF is also carrying a quantity of Avcat.

TOURISTS GALORE.

Monday the 5th. saw the red and white cruise ship the LINDBLAD EXPLORER wend its way through the 'narrows' to anchor at the public jetty. After allowing the tourists a day and a bit ashore, it left to visit Volunteer Point, Carcass Island, West Point Island and New Island, which is the same route as the other ship the WORLD DISCOVERER took after it visited Stanley on Thursday the 8th.

SPORTS PARADE.

Falkland Islands Defence Force
Rifle Association.

After the Parade held every year to commemorate the Battle of the Falkland Islands, 12 competitors made their way to the rifle range to have another battle, the victors prize being the Stanley Cup.

At 200 yards, Tony Petterson notched up a tally of 33, whilst his son Derek and fellow marksman Gerald Cheek returned 30 each. Derek Clarke scored 35 and Paul Peck attained 33. In the Rapid firing Derek Clarke scored 29 which put him in the fore with a total of 64 thereby giving him a lead of 7 over his nearest rivals who were Doug Hansen and Harry Ford who each had 57 at this stage.

At the 300 yards however Derek only managed a 30 while Tony Petterson and Doug Hansen scored 32 and 31 respectively. This in no way worried Derek and to prove the point he scored no less than 5 bulls at the 500 yards range.

Derek Clarke, 19, emerged a clear winner and consequently won the Stanley Cup. Final positions were:

- 1st.-----DEREK CLARKE.....127pts.
- 2nd.-----TONY PETERSON.....118pts.
- 3rd.-----DOUG HANSEN.....114pts.
- 4th.-----HARRY FORD.....113pts.

SOCCER.

RANGERS GO TOP

Football league club Rangers have taken over where Redsox left off and now sit, although somewhat precariously, in the top position of the league table. Rangers mid-field player Willie Clayton excelled himself in this match and his skill showed throughout the game. Redsox played with a 'not-to-be-dismissed' attitude and it was only through the auspices of Willy Clayton and a tight Rangers defence that Redsox failed to slot one in. The crunch for Redsox came early when striker Bob Peart lobbed a high ball into the goalmouth after an error by a Redsox defender; the ball helped in its momentum by a fresh wind streaked into the net and although this goal came in the first minutes of the match it was the one that gave the game to Rangers.

DYNAMOS POWER.

A strong wind left no doubt at all that the Dynamos V. Mustangs match would be a rather haphazard affair, with the ball being whipped about all over the place which was the case after all. A blunder in the Mustangs defensive set-up permitted Tim Gilder to bang home the only goal of the match, although Mike Luxton was denied a mention on the scoresheet with a near miss in the second half. This win for Dynamos greatly enhances their chances of winning the league championship title.

RESULTS CHECK

HALF/TIME SCORES IN BRACKETS.

DYNAMOS..(0).....1
Gilder

MUSTANGS..(0).....0

(continued on page 6).

Soccer Cont. From Page 5.

RANGERS..(1)....1 REDSOX..(0)....0
Peart.

LEAGUE POSITIONS.

pts.

RANGERS.....8
REDSOX.....7
DYNAMOS.....6
MUSTANGS.....3

BIRTHS.

To Norman and Keva FERGUSON (Nee JONES), a daughter, LYNN ANN, on November the 8th in Honiton, Devon England. Lynn weighed 7lbs. 4½ozs.

RUBY WEDDING.

On November the 27th. Mr. & Mrs. Fred CHEEK of Stanley celebrated their Ruby Wedding which of course represents 40 years of nuptial bliss. Congratulations and heres to the next 40!

DEATHS

NO DETAILS OF ANY DEATH THAT MAY HAVE OCCURED AVAILABLE AT TIME OF GOING TO PRESS.

Extracts from COLIN SMITHS letter continued from Page 3:-

"and it is the foundation of our business. It is our interest to see a continuing and prosperous sheep farming industry in the Falklands. In this we are totally in agreement with Tim Miller, however, we consider that the telephone auctions, as explained, are in the best interests of the Farms until some other system of selling can be proposed which is clearly more advantageous in terms of the nett price obtained by the Farm after deducting selling expenses. Whilst Falkland wool is our speciality it represents only about 15/20% of our business, we are much larger buyers of New Zealand and South American wools. For example since September 1977 we have purchased 1.5 million kilos of Argentine Rio Gallegos wools including 333,000 kilos of W.W. Condor. The price of this wool varied between 145-156 (U.S.) cents Greasy, fleece only, bulk 58's/60's, delivered Bradford. This is far cheaper than Falkland wool. This Company has been a considerable contributor to the FISOA during this year for Research and Development in the Islands, certainly on a much larger scale than the critics of the present wool marketing system."

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DIRECTOR GENERAL APPOINTED AT FALKLAND ISLANDS OFFICE.

Air Commodore Brian G. Frow has been appointed director general at the Falkland Islands Office in Westminster by the Falkland Islands Research and Development Association (FIRADA).

Air Commodore Frow will be responsible for the increasing activities of the Office, which co-ordinates FIRADA, the South Atlantic Fisheries Committee and the United Kingdom Falkland Islands Committee.

Previously Commander Royal Air Force Hong Kong (1975-1977), Air Commodore Frow has been Defence Attache in Moscow, a member of the Joint Intelligence Staff at the Cabinet Office and has extensive experience of British overseas territories. He is married and has four daughters.

It should be noted here that the Falkland Islands Research and Development Association is a non-profit voluntary organisation supported by annual subscriptions and donations. The object of FIRADA is to represent the interests of the Falkland Islands worldwide and to help to promote their development in accordance with the wishes of the Falkland Islanders.

HOME TO ROOST.

Hallo again; yes, the "TIMES" is in production once again and I hope to be able to significantly improve the standard of this publication during the next few months. Last week, I paid a visit to the Government Printing Works at the back of the Secretariat and viewed Mr. Joe King at work on a piece of machinery that made me green with envy - a 'Linotype' printing press. Alas, some things are not meant to be and I guess I'll never be entering the realms of printing sophistication that only thousands of pounds can buy. Unless some kind benefactor passes me an up to date 'Web Offset' it looks like the Gestetner used at present will have to do. However, I am not intending to turn out a "Daily Mirror" or a glossy magazine, I just want to give you, the buyers, value for your 10p. Hopefully now that I have an excellent paper supplier I can start to introduce tinted paper and different coloured inks to 'gec up' the appearance of the "TIMES".

I must thank those people who have supported the paper since I have taken over and I hope you will continue to do so. Also, for the people who have asked, it's the typewriter that makes the spelling errors - not me!.....Dave Colville.

LETTERS.

Dear Friends?

I can and you can, enter a large building in our town and see faces on the wall. If in so doing we ask ourselves:- "What has changed?" we must if we are honest with ourselves conclude that nothing has changed.

Our industry has always been the same, our heritage has always been the same; and our individual station in life akin to our fathers and theirs before them.

The ungrounded intellects, who by accident of birth are not born into the local aristocracy (next sect to the imported type) do, at best, gain access to the civil service (where it comes to them that wait); and here these bright sparks are in the very best of places to have their ideals ground down.

Very soon, security and a pension becomes the major preoccupation of these capable minds that may have made considerable contribution to our future. They become servants of that institution which is epitomised by faces on the wall; even a white collar job in the more image seeking organisations based here, or a traditionally established small business, helps to endorse the institution. These are the middle men who gain no acclaim, yet dare not murmur against the institution of which they have become a part; and feel that perhaps the guys that chose sheep are less cultured and learned than themselves.

So to the anonymous majority without whom our one industry could not survive, yet has survived - since the first face was hung on the wall - the working class. The people that have it in their power to bring change and improve the prospects of themselves and their children; prospects that do not mean the other anonymity of being a middle man, the mere class of white collar work, but real prospects of getting a fair deal and return for ones labour, the right to independence and self instigated diversification.

However, they are not futurists and they settle for continuity; possibly in the belief that those who are keen to to represent the working class have some commanding power, (a great deception) and carry the hope of profitable co-existence, who fight to gain benefits from spoils already earned in another quarter (particularly the urban variety); rather than strive to earn it at its source in an immediate and productive manner.

Despite what we might try to tell ourselves, the upper chamber is very much in command. We have seen our representatives amend their democratic motions when requested "in the interests of unity in the eyes of the world"; it would appear that bureaucratic uniformity rather than democratic majority is the order of the day. Our community will go where we let it go, as we go on in unity, HAND IN HAND TO HELL!

(Name and address withheld by request)

FALKLAND ISLANDS RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

This year is the 50th anniversary of the first Falkland Islands rifle team to compete at Bisley, England. To celebrate the occasion, the Council of the National Rifle Association of Great Britain has agreed to accept a challenge trophy to be competed for at the Annual Prize Meetings of the N.R.A. at the Bisley ranges. The trophy, to be known as "THE FALKLANDS", will be shot for concurrently with the first stage of the "St. George's" and will be open to those individuals qualified to shoot in the Junior Kolapore Cup.

Some of our senior citizens will no doubt remember that in 1928 the then Governor, the late Sir Arnold Hodson, captained our first team to Bisley and had with him as team members the late Captain D.R. Watson, the late Mr. J.W. Grierson and the late Mr. N.J. Summers. Not many years later, Sir Arnold arrived at Bisley with a team from Sierra Leone and was soundly beaten by a Falkland Islands team under the captaincy of Major A.I. Fleuret.....

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.....That evening in the club, Sir Arnold was having his leg pulled about his teams defeat. His classic comment which is legend at Bisley today, was "Ah! But you haven't stopped to think who trained the Falklands team!" - or words to that effect.

Plans are well under way to have a Falklands rifle team at Bisley this year, namely Stan Smith, Harry Ford, Rob Henricksen, Ron Betts and Owen May.

EYE EYE SIR!

Dr. Porteous, the eye specialist at present in the Colony will be making visits to various camp settlements. The proposed itinerary is as follows - but bear in mind it is provisional only.

- Monday 24th. of April.....Douglas Station.
- Tuesday 25th. of April.....San Carlos.
- Wednesday 26th. of April.....Hill Cove.
- Thursday 27th. of April.....Port Howard.
- Friday 28th. of April.....Port Stephens.
- Monday 1st. of May.....Fox Bay.
- Tuesday 2nd. of May.....Fox Bay.

TOAD IN THE HALL

Amateur Dramatics is in the air with a production of 'Toad of Toad Hall' planned for presentation in the Town Hall sometime during the next few months, so if you fancy a go at acting, can play an instrument or just feel like giving a hand then contact Graham Bound (Tel 62) as soon as possible.

FAREWELL

The following messages were exchanged between His Excellency the Governor and Captain Wallis of H.M.S. Endurance upon the departure of the ship from the Colony on April the 10th.:-

From His Excellency the Governor to Captain Wallis;
AT THE CONCLUSION OF ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SEASON, AND TOUR OF DUTY, AND ON BEHALF OF ALL IN THE ISLANDS, I GRATEFULLY SEND TO THE SHIPS COMPANY AND TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL MARINE DETACHMENT, OUR BEST WISHES FOR A SAFE PASSAGE AND A HAPPY HOMECOMING. AU REVOIR AND GOOD LUCK.

From Captain Wallis to His Excellency;
THANKYOU FOR YOUR KIND MESSAGE AND BEST WISHES, WHICH ARE MUCH APPRECIATED BY ALL ON BOARD. YOUR SHIP LOOKS FORWARD TO RETURNING LATER IN THE YEAR, ALBEIT UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT.

WEDDED BLISS

C.Short of Weddell Island contributes a piece that should stir some memories:- Mrs. Skilling of Colchester, Essex celebrated her 50th. Wedding Anniversary on February the 28th. Mrs. Skilling was Jessie Jane Faria and she married Charles John Skilling in 1928 in Stanley. They have four children, Emily, Willie, Mary and Hamish, plus 7 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Even though the Skillings left the Islands to live in England 26 years ago, they still call the Falklands 'home'. They reside at 20 Albion Street, Rowhedge, Nr.Colchester, Essex.

FALKLAND CO-OPERATIVE INDUSTRIES

It is intended to form a co-operative society for the wider development of the present home industries organisation.

The object of the Co-operative industries will be to promote the production and sale of the following goods in the interests of the members of the colony. Woollen goods and knitwear, paintings, sheepskins, leather goods and horse gear. All handicrafts including horn work. The marketing of vegetables is under consideration.

The principles under which the Co-operative will be operated are:-

- (a) It will be owned and run for the benefit of members
- (b) All members will be equal
- (c) Residence in the colony will be a condition of voting membership.

Members will be paid for their work and any surplus will be distributed to them - after payment of expenses and interest and allocations to reserves - in proportion to the value of produce supplied. Representations are being made to the members of council for the Income Tax Ordinance to be amended to remove tax disincentives to married women to work part time.

Shares will bear interest at the rate of 7% per annum and will be in denominations of £1 each with a minimum holding of ten shares. Deposits on loan, at 7% interest per annum, withdrawable at one months notice, will be accepted up to the capital requirement of the Society.

Sympathisers, who will not be required to hold residential qualifications, will be invited to subscribe a minimum of £5 for non-voting membership. Sympathisers will not receive interest.

The provisional Committee hope that the people of the Falkland Islands will show their faith in the future of the Colony by supporting the venture. We have the skills, and the Committee believes that the will to develop and promote them also exist.

If we stand still we will surely lose our birthright. Let us as Falkland Islanders lead the way to development to encourage the sceptics to follow our example.

The provisional Committee are:-

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| Chairman | - | Joe King |
| Vice-Chairman | - | Mrs Nadine Campbell |
| Treasurer | - | Stewart Booth |
| Secretary | - | Mrs Betty Miller |
| Members | | Mrs Barton, Elizabeth & Roy Felton, Peggy & Les Halliday. |

Applications, with remittance, should be sent to the Treasurer, Stewart Booth.

Further information may be obtained from the Secretary Mrs Betty Miller.

VIEWPOINT. By Richard Fogerty, Port Stephens.

"WAS THIS THE AIM OF THE TOLPUDDLE MARTYRS?"

These days one seems to be continuously hearing the mutterings of action that should be taken against non-union members. The man outside the union loses his right to their protection and must stand alone, but surely this is right. We know that the employers are usually happier at having to deal with one representative body rather than thousands of individuals and all the complications this entails. Most people are also aware that it is to their advantage to accept the protection offered by their respective organisation.

What seems not to be so obvious is that in view of our so-called democratic society, everyone has the right to decide whether he or she wishes to join any organisation without being subjected to pressures, physical, mental or otherwise.

Thinking this subject over, it seems strange when one looks back over the recent history of the 'free world', that the overriding theme has been a constant battle against totalitarian ideals designed to do away with the basic rights of free thought, speech and action.

Any person or persons who subjects another to undue pressures to join or not to join any organisation, is denying that person the basic rights laid down in the charters of the Free World. This has the stink of fascism, stalinism and many other 'isms' that should be equally abhorrent to our way of life.

FROM THE WORLD PRESS.

The following is taken from "The World in summary" which appeared in the New York Times.

'WHY ARGUE OVER THE FALKLANDS?'

Ever since the Union Jack was hoisted over the Falkland Islands in 1832, Argentina has contested Britain's claim to them. Even as late as World War Two, the interest was strategic - the Falklands commanded the approaches to shipping through the Strait of Magellan and around Cape Horn.

Otherwise, the islands, a cold, dank archipelago with 1,905 human inhabitants, uncounted penguins and 644,819 sheep, seemed of little more than emotional value to Argentine nationalists.

The Falklands are enclosed by a bulge of the South Atlantic continental shelf, 600,000 square miles believed by some geologists to be as rich in oil as the fields of the North Sea. Argentine companies have already begun exploration of the shelf and foreign enterprises are being encouraged to bid for lots off Tierra Del Fuego. Some of the richest areas are believed to lie near the Falklands.

Britain is willing to negotiate to agree to joint economic development of the Falklands, which Latins call the Malvinas, and a gradual transition to Argentine political rule. But Argentines, raised on the slogan "the Malvinas are Argentina's," want political change first.

That is unacceptable to the islanders who are 97% of British, mostly Scottish origin, and want to remain under British rule.

PENFRIEND WANTED.

Anyone wishing to write to a 31 year old American, his name is John A. Teeling Jnr., and he lives at P.O. BOX 364, HAVERHILL, Ma., 01830 U.S.A.

Song composed by Des Peck

"THE CAT AND THE MOUSE"

If you will just stop and listen, I'll sing you this song
Its about our dear Islands, and where Britian done wrong
Britian has held them for many long years
And would lose many millions as well as bring tears

Now the Arge's themselves are quite a nice race
Some live here in Stanley and all like the place
This is how our neighbours should generally be
With no qu stion at all on our Sovereignty

There's oil, and there's fish, and there's kelp galore
Its herè in abundance around the Falklands shore
If Britian would get cracking or maybe the Yanks
There would be millions of pounds in both of their banks

Commanding Officer Clayton, in Seventeen-Seventyfour
Was on Saunders Island and left a plaque on the door
Be it known to all nations could be very clearly read
And her colours left flying on a pole by the shed

This song is composed as a reminder to all
We've got to stand firm and be right on the ball
If were going to stay "BRITISH", then we must tell the house
Its time they stopped playing the CAT and the MOUSE
Its time they stopped playing the CAT and the MOUSE

ON THE WING.

Several hundred geese were colour ringed and dyed when they were shedding on various ponds round the Falkland Islands. The object of this exercise was to find out something about the movements of geese within the Islands. These geese have now left their shedding ponds and several sightings have been made. If anyone sees a colour marked goose I should be extremely grateful to receive details of the sighting, the date, place, the colour and position of the dye, and the colour of the leg ring if seen. The white panels of the wings were dyed so it is some times only possible to see the dye when the bird is in flight. It would be useful to note which of the wing panels are dyed. If any of these geese are shot I should again be grateful for details and the return of the ring. In either case, the informer will receive details about the origin of the goose.

From Ron Summers of the Grasslands Trials Unit.

PENPALS WANTED.

"We are two Danish girls of the ages of 14 and 15, who should like very much to have penpals from the Falklands. We are interested in all kind of sport, good movies, music and a lot of other things. We particulary find international freindship the young people in between very important. If you are a girl or boy 13-17 years old we would like you to write to us.

Marianne Hansen, Vaeddelobsvej 12 5250 Odense SV, DENMARK
or
Lene Mahler, Faedresmindevej 4, 5250 Odense SV, DENMARK.

SHAM SANDWICH.

Why are a group of Argentines living on the South Sandwich Islands? Strange to say the least; although the Government message received on board the RRS.BRANSFIELD after people on board had sighted the cluster of huts and men should shed some light on the matter.

The message said that what was seen was not to be repeated. Perhaps Falklanders would be worried, who knows?, but then who cares? Certainly not the pinstriped politicians in Whitehall as has been proved many a time by the seemingly endless talks all boiling down to the same points. It has surely come to the position in this conflict to adopt a 'get tough attitude'. Well, after all, if the Argentines are on the back doorstep how long will it be before they march up the passage?

BIRTH.....8th. April.

To John and Veronica Fowler of Darwin School, a 7lbs. 11 1/2 ozs son, MATTHEW.

ENGAGEMENT.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Molkenbuhr have pleasure in announcing the engagement of their daughter Gwynne to David Clarke on the 8th. of April.

PENFRIENDS WANTED.

Mr. Hartmut Piper, of AM GEUSFELDE 10
5068 ODENTHAL, West Germany.

Hartmut is looking for a penfriend between the ages of 16 and 20.

Canadian Curtis Noel is after penfriends interested in trading stamps and coins. He is 12 years old.

Curtis Noel, 45590 Bernard Avenue,
Chilliwack, British Columbia,
Canada.

ASSISTANCE WANTED.

Mr. Peter Parsons is compiling a pedigree of the WHAITS family of Bristol. He is anxious to trace any descendants of those members who settled in the Falklands at Port Stanley during the latter part of the nineteenth century. He is interested for more information concerning a WILLIAM H.WHAITS who, according to his granddaughter, was British Consul during the eighties and nineties of the last century. "I believe that a sister or cousin of William married one LETHERBY and settled in the Argentine. Her name was ELIZABETH (LIZZIE) WHAITS." If anyone can furnish more details, please write to:- MR. P.A. WILDE PARSONS, ST. MICHAELS, 8 BAY ROAD, CLEVEDON, AVON BS21 7BT, England.

NEXT EDITION.

In the next edition, I intend to include a comprehensive summary of the Football season which has now ended, plus an article about Miles Mosley, Base Commander, Halley Bay, British Antarctic Territory. Until then.....Goodbye!

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QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PARADE

The Falkland Islands Defence Force, Girls Brigade, Boy's Brigade and Royal Marines took part in the parade held on Friday the 21st of April honouring the birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the 2nd. Scattered showers did not prevent almost the whole town of Stanley from enjoying the marchpast which stirred the ever present loyalties that are sown in every Kelper's heart. After the 'breaking of the standard' and the Royal salute, the Governor (Mr. Jim Parker) presented medals to some members of the Defence Force.

Second Lieutenant Barry Ford and Sergeant Basil Morrison received Efficiency medals whilst Bars to Efficiency medals were awarded as follows:-

- 1st Bar - Doug Hansen (Private)
- 2nd Bar - Henry Luxton (2nd Lt.)
- 1st & 2nd Bars - R.V. Goss (Lt. Col.)

"PEAKE" VIEWING

Television as such came to Stanley on April 29th at around 3 O'clock when Mike Peake broadcast pictures of Stanley and the Harbour which were picked up on the set owned by Mr. Gordon Johnstone. The camera was built by Mike himself although taking several months to construct due to technical difficulties. The frequency used was 77.25 MHz (Channel 5) for which Mike has an experimental transmitting licence. The power output of the transmitter was 1 Milliwatt and definition was very good in what is reckoned as being the first actual transmission of T.V. pictures in the Falklands.

UP IN THE AIR

A third Pilot has been recruited to swell the ranks of FIGAS which had diminished owing to illness affecting Director of Civil Aviation Jim Kerr and pilot Dave Husley. Russ Hooper who grounded himself plus a head cold for Jim and a perforated eardrum for Dave prevented normal flying operations which have been alleviated by the carrying of passengers aboard the M.V. FORREST. The new pilot, Captain J.R. Ayres, flew for British Antarctic Survey a few years ago and knows the Islands quite well. It is hoped that he will arrive in the Falklands in June. Negotiations are under way in the hope of procuring another Beaver which will eliminate the problems caused when either of the present planes have to be serviced which of course results in only one plane flying.

WORLD CUP FEVER

Chairman of Stanley Football Club, Mr. Patrick Watts, has told me that the World Cup Sweepstake organised by the club is doing very well. Persons are asked to forecast the winners, the losing finalists and the score in the match that will see the winning nation lift the Jules Rimet Trophy in Argentina. As a fervent England supporter (albeit of the "armchair variety") I was disappointed that Ron Greenwood's men failed to secure a place but the next best team - Poland - will have a tough time of it with the likes of Scotland who will surely make the Final. Perhaps 1982 will see a Falkland Islands team involved.

From: BYRON HOUSE, STANLEY.

A HIGH PRICE?

Before departing the Colony temporarily (the reasons for which I shall not go into at this time) I thought I would do some reflecting. I did intend to write to you from the Motherland and head it "Home Thoughts from Abroad", but as I know that you are waiting for another consignment of paper and in the hope that you have the space available, I decided to write before I left.

After reading your 'Dear Friends' letter of your last edition, I could not help but unearth the 7th Dec '76 edition of the paper and re-read my editorial about Public Apathy and Official Suppression. Of the latter I think we would all agree that this has changed for the better. But what of the Public Apathy? As then, I still feel that this has cost the Colony dearly in the form of tolerance of people who are in positions for which they are unsuited. Just why they are still holding these positions is not always easy to explain, but the effect on the public at large is not difficult to see.

I shall not take up more space by reproducing my Election address which included mention of the 'petty and outmoded differences which hamper our society'. However, I still maintain that in this small community of ours (thanks Roddy) this is still the greatest obstacle in the path of progress of these Islands. One word of warning though - don't upset the Tax Man which I did recently and within two days received a letter from the Commissioner demanding that I submit accounts for the newspaper you now edit. The circumstances surrounding (or rather incident preceding) this could be the subject of a complete edition but again space is limited. However, the outcome was that I have been bled white in the form of additional Income Tax (Direct Assessment) for 'profit' made from the paper.

Perhaps you will be more fortunate in that by the time you complete your next Tax-Return, Government will look upon the Production of the "TIMES" as a social service rather than a business and re-read their copy of the Shackleton Report, which among other recommendations states - "However there may be instances where some form of financial assistance or subsidy from the Development Assistance fund or Social Development fund is justified as in the case of the production and distribution of an effective, frequent and regular newspaper. The re-introduction of a local newspaper should be strongly encouraged" - unquote. Perhaps the Tax Man wants to discourage it! Wishing you every success in your new venture and more power to your elbow (and perhaps the people).

Sincerely,
DAVE RYAN

From: AGRIC RESOURCES; R.R.5 NAPAMEE, ONTARIO CANADA K7R 3K8.

Dear Sir;

We are the importers of a variety of products from Germany, Italy South Africa and other countries. While most of the products we import are for use by the agricultural community in Canada, we are interested in other products with potential in Canada. While you are somewhat off the "beaten track" it is possible that your territory produces something which could be of interest. For instance, duck and goose feathers are of interest, provided they have been processed and cleaned. Local art artifacts could be of interest as well.

The undersigned would be most happy to correspond with anyone on your Islands who has something to sell.

Yours very truly,
R. CIEREMANS.

EDITORS NOTE - Due to lack of space, the Football Review will be held over until the next edition. Also appearing next time will be a concise report on Artificial Insemination in the Falklands and its results - and costs.

The Falkland Islands as seen through the 'eyes' of the World Press. The following article is taken from the SUNDAY TIMES and is reprinted with permission.

FALKLAND ISLANDS - Why do the British want to quit? by PENELOPE TREMAYNE

The interesting question at the heart of the Falkland Islands issue is not whether the Argentine claim for sovereignty is valid; Argentina herself seems aware that though emotive to Argentinians it would not stand up in law, and so will not bring it before the International Court. The question is why successive British Governments wish to abandon islands that have been shown to be potentially highly valuable.

There are deposits of hydro-carbons, in accessible waters, several times richer than those of Britain's North Sea fields; oil men have thought that prospects in the Malvinas Basin may be among the best in the Western Hemisphere. The Law of the Sea conferences may succeed in re-defining the extent of British Territorial waters here. But the Government holds that no work can be begun without prior Argentine agreement.

Fisheries offer still more valuable stuffs: hundreds of millions of tons of protein per annum. The waters of the Antarctic Convergence and near it are the richest in the world. Soviet research ships, factory ships and trawlers are at work on this harvest; Poland currently has one research ship and four factory-trawlers there; East and West German, Japanese, and Norwegian vessels are also present. The British Union of Trawlermen would like action; the Association of Fried Fish Caterers has been lobbying the Government for months.

Yet a junior Minister stated in April: "All the evidence is that this area is unlikely to provide the domestic British industry with viable fishing opportunities." She did not say what was the evidence she had in mind.

Seaweed products could within ten years be producing £40m per annum, 25 million of which would go towards the British balance of payments. Alginate Industries Ltd, a private firm which grew out of a pre-war project to develop camouflage paints, could and would raise the 13½ million pounds needed without asking for Government help; but only against an unequivocal government assurance that British sovereignty will not be ceded. That assurance has so far not been forthcoming. The governments contention has been that the development of these and other industries cannot be begun except with Argentina's co-operation; and that the price of that co-operation is likely to be Argentinian sovereignty of the islands. This would obviously deprive Britain of any of the benefits of development.

In 1968 it was revealed to the Legislative Council of the islands that their fate was about to be made a 'fait accompli'. They formed a committee to defend their right to remain British, and attracted enough attention to make a "silent" transfer of sovereignty impossible.

If self-determination is a basic right, the matter should have ended there. But the Prime Minister of the day, Mr. Wilson did not give up. He dispatched Lord Chalfont, with a brief to persuade the islanders that it would be in their interest to become Argentinian. Not surprisingly, the attempt failed; but left in the air the question, why was it made at all?

Mr. Heath, that massive minisocial democrat, next signed an extraordinary Communications Agreement, placing all entry to and exit from the Falklands under Argentina's absolute control and treating the islanders already as Argentine citizens. Mr. Wilson's succeeding government commissioned the Shackleton Report; which in 1975 pointed out the Falklands great potential and recommended an immediate start to development, with Argentine goodwill if it were forthcoming, but without it if necessary. The Government pledged itself to rapid implementation of the reports recommendations but virtually nothing has been done.

Dr. Owen, pressed last March in the House of Commons to say that the islanders future would not be settled without their consent, wriggled nimbly on the hook but would not say it.

The Falklands have undoubtedly suffered from the amalgamation of the Commonwealth Office with the Foreign Office; passing under the control of The Latin American department whose main care is to foster easy relations with those states, not to defend a handful of peoples right to self determination.

Perhaps too, against what were thought larger trade interests, a couple of thousand remote and dour intransigents were rated expendable. It is obvious that so far they have been treated so. But the larger interests look now like turning out to lie within the area of of the Falkland Islands and Dependencies, after all.

Islands can be a defence liability; or a vital constituent in defence. The NATO powers know that the South Atlantic cannot be ignored for much longer. US Admiral Johnson has referred to the region as "rapidly becoming a Soviet lake". The ABC navies - those of Argentina, Brazil and Chile - do a yearly exercise together with the US Navy, but lack the size or strength needed to control the huge stretch of water between western Africa and the cone of South America. Since the USSR has come to power in the former Portuguese colonies of eastern Africa and its islands, the Soviet navy not only commands the Cape of Good Hope route, which carries 70% of NATO's strategic material, but can also, increasingly, stretch out to gain control of the Horn route linking the Atlantic and the Pacific.

If the south western seas, with their huge resources, are to remain free to the west, the western nations may have to assert themselves. And with Soviet imperialism already reaching out so far, a defence could hardly be achieved without using the islands of the Atlantic chain, Ascension (at present leased to the USA), St. Helena, the Tristan da Cunha group, and the Falklands and dependencies, leading down to British Antarctica. Socialist theory requires that Britain divest herself of all her overseas territories. It also claims to respect the rights of minorities; but where these are inconvenient, Big Brother reserves the right to know what is best. The Seychellois and the Mauritians were anxious to remain British and have been for doctrinal reasons forced into ephemeral mockeries of independence.

The Falkland Islands, with all their potential value, are grit in the machinery of left-wing politics.

Submitted for publication by Mr. DES PECK:-

CAPE HORN - A VITAL PASSAGE. by TRISTAN JONES

From the European Atlantic to the far east and Australasia, there are six sea routes. The two polar routes, the North West passage from Greenland to Alaska, and the North East passage from Norway to the Bering Strait can be discounted. The ice and bitterly cold temperatures preclude their safe use by anything but powerful ice-breakers.

Third and fourth are the two Canal routes. The Suez and the Panama. The Suez has already been closed to shipping for a number of years. The unstable political situation in all countries bordering the Red Sea make a passage by small craft a hazardous affair.

Panama is in the process of being handed over to the locals; the chances of a closure here are not beyond the bounds of possibilities sooner or later. If the Panama Canal does not close down then my forecast is that the dues for vessels passing through will rise to such proportions that only the richest will be able to afford it in, say, two decades.

This leaves route five and route six.....the Cape routes.

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The Cape of Good Hope and Cape Horn. In the latter I include the adjacent Strait of Magellan and the Beagle Channel. The Cape of Good Hope is in an extremely tenuous position. The risk of a full scale conflict in South Africa within the next two years is high; with a stubborn Afrikaaner Government resisting anti-apartheid pressures the chances are that revolt will eventually lead to a Communistic style Government dominating the Cape of Good Hope. By the year 2000, a passage around South Africa could be awkward, to say the least. The last passage, Cape Horn, is right now in the throes of political juggling by three powers; Argentina, Chile and Great Britain. Chile is claiming three islands at the eastern end of the Beagle Channel; Picton, Nueva and Lennox. These islands, all to the east of Cape Horn, on the Atlantic, were recognised as Argentinian territory by a treaty of Arbitration drawn up by the three governments in the last century. At this time Argentinian and Chilean warships and planes confront each other in a tinderbox situation.

Both Chile and the Argentine are claiming a great slice of Antarctic Territory to the south of Cape Horn. Both countries have established military bases in Antarctica, despite the terms of the International Geophysical Year Treaty of 1959, which forbade any territorial claims for thirty years. Both countries are claiming and occupying territory in the Antarctic Peninsular which was previously explored, occupied and administered by Great Britain. Despite the terms of the IGY treaty, which specifically forbids any attempt to establish permanent settlements in Antarctica, Argentina has done so at Hope Bay, on the northernmost tip of the Antarctic Peninsular, where recently the wife of an Argentinian Army officer gave birth to the first child ever born on the frozen southern continent.

By the time the IGY treaty expires in 1989, the struggle for control of the vast coal, mineral and oil deposits under Antarctica will create a very sensitive political situation in the Cape Horn area, exacerbated by Argentina's possession of nuclear materials and by her failure to adhere to the Treaty of Teatololco, which was opened to the signatures of South American Governments in 1968 in Mexico City. This treaty declares Latin America a zone free of nuclear weapons. A power based on either side of the Drake Passage, with nuclear weapons in hand, would be in a position to close the sea route from the Atlantic to the Pacific and could hold the industrialised nations of the world to ransom. Argentina, a nation wracked by a generation of internal strife, desperate to overtake Brazil in the race for the hegemony of Latin America, always at the risk of a military take-over, could constitute a menace to the world within a decade.

Dominating the Cape Horn passage on the Atlantic side are the Falkland Islands. Recently, it has been announced that these islands sit atop an oil field with a potential of 200,000 million barrels. Argentina claims the Falklands under the name of 'Islas Malvinas'. The islands lie 8000 miles from Scotland, from whence came almost all the settlers, and 300 miles from the coast of Argentinian Patagonia.

The population of the Falklands is 1,900 people, 95% of British descent, and 644,000 sheep at the last count. The land is low and, being swept almost continuously by high winds, no trees can grow. On the rocky, wreck-bedecked shore-lines multitudes of penguins flourish - the King, the Gentoo, the Rockhopper and the Jackass or Bray. The climate of the Falkland Islands, like that of the Hebrides, which they much resemble, is equable and cool. The lowest temperature ever recorded was 12 degrees Fahrenheit, but in the Southern Summer a warm day can bring 70 degrees. The Falkland Islands were first sighted by the British navigator and explorer John Davis in 1592.

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Davis, who commanded a man o'war during the defeat of the Spanish Armada, was one of the greatest, though least remembered, of the early Arctic explorers who, during his search for the North West passage, surveyed the East Coast of Greenland under appalling conditions, and opened up the Davis Strait between Greenland and Canada.

Sent under Royal patronage to search for the passage believed to exist to the south of South America (later known as the Magellan Strait) in 1592, Davis sighted the Falkland Islands, and upon his return to England described them in a book: "World's Hydrographic Description." The islands were named in 1690 in honour of Viscount Falkland, the Royal Navy Treasurer.

Colonisation of the islands by the British began in 1833, and in March of that year, H.M.S. BEAGLE under the command of Captain Fitzroy, with Charles Darwin on board, called at the islands on her way to Tierra Del Fuego. The characteristics of the Argentinian gauchos brought over to the islands as shepherders, as depicted by Darwin, make interesting reading.

One epithet which Darwin, by nature a most gentle soul, gave them was 'murderous rogues'; not surprising, they had killed the Scots foreman of the sheep ranch. There is nothing Latin American about the Falkland Islands; to visit Port Stanley, the capital, is to visit a Scottish sea port. In every window pictures of the Royal Family are displayed. Meeting and talking with the Falklanders, it is obvious that there is an underlying doubt and fear about British interest in their continuing to live under the British flag as loyal subjects of the Crown. The Argentine Air Force is the islanders only means of transport to the outside world. This means that travelling Falklanders are funnelled through Buenos Aires, where their British Passports are not recognised and where they are treated as de-facto Argentinian citizens.

When oil is brought up from the Falklands Shelf the revenue must be invested in alternative means for the islanders to gain their living. One priority is the development of fishing around the islands. The catch is interesting enough for regular visits by the Soviet fishing fleet; other ways could be by the harvesting of seaweed and kelp. The second priority is to ensure that the Falkland Islands is provided with its own means of transport to the outside world; vessels and jet planes which could make the run direct to the British Isles; (the island's airfield is being enlarged to take large jets). In this way, the Falkland Island dependency on Argentina for communications will be avoided, and the future of a sturdy, hard working and loyal island population will be assured, as will also a British, and therefore a European, presence in an area of increasing importance to world peace.

Above all, Britain must not endanger the Falkland Islanders by abandoning them or handing them over to the Argentine Government, which only last December admitted it was holding over 3,000 political prisoners at the "disposal of the executive power".

***** PHILATELIC FUROR

June the 2nd. of this year sees the release of another issue of Commemorative stamps guaranteed to set philatelists blood on the boil. The stamps already in the limelight is the set celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of Her Majesty's Coronation. The perforations must be in excellent 'working condition' because some stamp dealers and private collectors have called them "rip-offs". The set depicts an Heraldic beast plus an animal suitable to the locality of the stamps territory - in the Falklands case the animal is a Hornless Ram.

What seems to have upset people who while away long hours examining these miniature works of art is the fact that one would have to purchase two sets to ensure the addition of the decorative 'gutter'. The Crown Agents are crafty with gimmicks, but that is what business is all about.

PROFILE:- MILES MOSLEY, Base Commander Halley Bay 1978.

Whatever the driving force consists of that makes men like Miles Mosley return to the unquestionably hostile environs of Antarctica to earn a living, most people will never comprehend, although according to Miles, all one needs is nothing more than the ability to communicate socially with your fellow men coupled with what amounts to being a sort of 'boundless enthusiasm.'

Immensely intrigued with what I've had the good fortune to see for myself, I wasted no time and immediately plumbed Miles's depths to ascertain what sort of men ran Halley Bay - one of the coldest places in British Antarctic Territory - which incidentally is buried at approximately 30 feet under ice and snow, access to the base buildings accomplished via a series of shafts. Firstly, I asked him what made him join the British Antarctic Survey organisation in the outset.

He told me that during a 7-year period of living the day-to-day life of a Bank Clerk, his main hobby was mountaineering. Re-styling his career and transforming his hobby into a professional pursuit, he noticed adverts for BAS that appeared in various climbing periodicals. Deciding to apply for a position, he obtained employment as a General Assistant (or in his case Mountain assistant) working with various Geologists and Surveyors.

This job consisted mainly of humping gear belonging to the Surveyors over peaks and crevasses and making maps for the Geologists. This was at Stonington, which was the most southerly Antarctic base that the relief ship was able to reach. Miles worked at Stonington from November 1970 to May 1973 during which time a few occurrences made him wish that he had never gone there.

One incident that sparked off a touch of the Blues was when the Stonington team of Huskies contracted a foot infection thought to be caught from contaminated seal meat used to feed the dogs which had been dragged over rocks upon which the dogs had cut their pads. This meant that he had to run a team of sick dogs, including pups that had not worked before, and consequently work was slow to say the least. By the middle of the first winter, he was completely fed up; but a home-going base member who had completed his contract told Miles that the second year was the reward for the first, and as Miles said "The second year just flew by."

After he went home, he heard a rumour that BAS would be closing down a base or two so unsure of his future within the organisation he endeavoured to work at something similar, but this time in the Arctic. Unfortunately he was stymied when he was unable to obtain the necessary work permit and immigration permission, so he remained in the U.K. and worked for the Outward Bound Organisation. Still trying for more work in a wintry climate he was repeatedly told that BAS were contemplating a base shutdown therefore no positions were available, so a 2 1/2 year stint in the Staffordshire Constabulary followed. Luck prevailed however, and although BAS had indeed closed down the Stonington base, Miles was given the job of Base Commander at Halley Bay for this year. The thing that made Miles keep on trying for re-employment with BAS was not only the aspect of working at a thing he loved, mountaineering, but the overall combination of a carefree life full of camaraderie; an escape from the ever present rat-race. As for a Base Commanders duties, these entail the responsibility for the day to day organisation of the base, safety in and around the base and running the Post Office. Although money is 'tight' monies approved for BAS this year are:-

- A replacement Twin Otter aircraft.....£500,000.
- Advanced Ionospheric sounder.....£150,000
- Re-engining of the John Biscoe and its conversion for the Offshore Biological Programme.....£1,232,000.
- New Conference room at Cambridge H.Q (including Archives store) £75,000.

DEATHS SINCE DECEMBER 1977.

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| 5th Dec | Christina Agnes Marion MCLEOD | Aged 47 |
| 27th Dec | William John PERRY | Aged 65 |
| 27th Dec | Gwyn Richard Patrick MORRISON | Aged 2 |

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| 6th Jan | Emily ANDREASEN | Aged 88 |
| 25th Jan | Louisa Anna HANSEN | Aged 76 |
| 30th Jan | William Peter Thomas BURNS | Aged 62 |
| 19th Feb | Philip Secundo BERRIDO | Aged 87 |
| 20th Feb | James HEWITT | Aged 70 |
| 2nd Mar | Thomas SKILLING | Aged 79 |
| 15th Mar | Frederick John REIVE | Aged 56 |

==== MARRIAGES ====

At 88 Davis Street

26th Nov '77 St. John Peter Anthony PAYNE to Dilys Agnes ANDERSON.

At Christ Church Cathedral

14th Jan '78 Gary CLEMENT to Jane MIDDLETON.

At St. Mary's Catholic Church

11th Feb Darwin Lewis CLIFTON to Sandra Beatrice BOOTH.

4th Mar Stephen Matthew BLACK to Cheryl Anne Spencer JOHNSON.

At the Registrar General's Office

12th Jan Andrew Stanley RANKIN to Leyla Gloria CARCAMO.

22nd Apr Alfred Leslie LEE to Gladys THAIN.

At North Arm

18th Mar Sydney Frederick SMITH to Joan Lucy Anne DAVIS.

==== BIRTHS ====

19th Jan To Mr. & Mrs. R.W. SUMMERS a son MARK.

21st Jan to Mr. & Mrs. R.W. LEE (Nee BONNER) a daughter TANYA.

30th Jan to Mr. & Mrs. R.L. LARSEN (Nee JAFFRAY) a daughter JANE ELIZABETH
DIANA.

3rd Feb to Mr. & Mrs. D.M. MCRAE (Nee DICKSON) a son MICHAEL.

17th Feb to Mr. & Mrs. J. FORSTER (Nee POLE-EVANS) a daughter LYNNE.

19th Feb to Mr. & Mrs. J.R.S. FELTON (Nee CLEMENT) a son ALASTAIR PETER.

20th Apr to Mr. & Mrs. J. FORD (Nee MCLEOD) a daughter PAULINE.

All details were supplied by Mrs. Mary Jennings.

NAMEDROPPING!

From now on, this paper will just be called the Falkland Islands Times as the Monthly Review part of the title seemed a trifle grandiose.

The next issue should be placed on sale - fingers crossed - during the last week in May, or the first week in June depending on paper supply (as always!) It will be interesting to note the reactions to the South Sandwich conflict as the issue is discussed in Parliament. But how long will it be before it is forgotten? Perhaps a testing ground for the "Neutron Bomb" is at hand - Britain could accidentally drop it!! C'mon Dr. Owen, do your stuff.

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PRESSENTATION OF OBES TO MR SYDNEY MILLER, JP AND THE HONOURABLE MR HAROLD ROWLANDS

Mr. Sydney Miller, JP, and The Honourable Mr. Harold Rowlands, Financial Secretary, were presented with Badges as Officers of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire at a ceremony held on Thursday at Government House.

Mr. Miller is a pioneer of grasslands improvement in the Colony, and was Manager of Roy Cove until his retirement in 1972. He served on the Legislative and Executive Councils for many years, both as elected members for West Falklands and then for Stanley.

Mr. Rowlands entered Government Service in 1948 as a clerk in the Treasury. He was promoted to Assistant Treasurer in 1960 and to Financial Secretary in 1972. He is an ex officio member of the Executive and Legislative Councils.

Some thirty five people, including Mrs. Miller, medal holders, friends and colleagues, attended the ceremony in the drawing room at Government House. Captain Summers acted as ADC to His Excellency, in the absence of Lt. Col. Goss, who was indisposed.

In a speech following the formal presentation of the medals, His Excellency drew attention to the valuable services rendered to the Colony by both recipients. He referred to the fact that Mr. Miller's award was a long standing one. It had been approved by Her Majesty in 1967, but by an unfortunate lapse, only now had it been possible to deliver the Badge and Warrant. Mr. Rowlands had been made an Officer of the Order in Her Majesty's New Years Honours list this year.

After thanking them for all their excellent work over the years and welcoming them as fellow Officers of the Order, His Excellency then proposed a toast to Mr. Miller and Mr. Rowlands.

NEWS ITEM

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to award the Colonial Police Long Service Medal to Inspector Donald Hugh McMillan of the Falkland Islands Police Force.

BAHAI MEETING

The Baha'is of Stanley held their Annual Meeting on April the 21st. Baha'is in towns and cities in over one hundred countries throughout the world were holding elections on the same day for their Assemblies which direct the activities of the Baha'is in their respective communities. The Local Spiritual Assembly of Stanley's Officers are: John Sheridan, Chairman; Montana Short, Vice-Chairman; Jeanne Sheridan, Recording Secretary; Catherine Collins, Corresponding Secretary and John Leonard is the Treasurer.

TIM MOOLEY ON P THULE

Dated 18th May, 1978

I think it is fair comment that there is a certain amount of resentment and disgust among some of our populace at the British Governments handling of the Thule Affair so far. I imagine you will receive a considerable number of letters on the subject for your paper.

To me the British Governments attitude has been apathetic to say the least. We have been accused of apathy many times, but this affair outclasses by miles any apathy we may have shown in our own Argentina/Falklands dispute. The sole concern of the British Government so far, has been to make sure that they have covered themselves legally!!! They made their official protest in 1976 and have been content to leave sleeping dogs lie, until now, with this latest outburst in the Houses. To be fair, I suspect that neither House was aware of the situation until recently. The information of the settlement of Thule having been reported to the Foreign Office, then collected dust in someones In Tray.

I consider (and lets hope I'm wrong) that the handling of this affair is on a par of any handling of a similar situation if it were transferred here to the Falklands. For arguments sake, lets say that the Bahiá Buén Suceso leaves B.A. this time outward bound for the Falklands with 200 (or 2000 were she large enough) Argentinians as a self contained unit, complete in the last detail with housing, food, equipment etc. to 'help populate' or on a 'Scientific Mission' on the Falklands. This group could quite feasibly be landed on the remote Jasons for instance and not be discovered for months. On eventual discovery, there would be an immediate official protest lodged - to cover Britain legally - an outcry in the House of Lords today, a verbal war in the House of Commons tomorrow, a statement from the U^N that it disapproved of Argentina's action and within a week of discovery the powers that be would already be forgetting the incident saying to themselves 'Oh well its too late now, they have already been there X amount of months'.

Who knows that the 'Scientific Mission' of Thule is not just a gauge to test these very reactions that it has received from HMG? Has the carrot of the huge arms deal for the Argentinian Navy swayed the British Government? When one considers the Question and Answer papers that have been released for news locally, one assumes that our own Government have been shaken by the turn of events.

Yours faithfully,

ALEC BETTS

From: Mr. T. Miller, Walker Creek.

Dated: 9th May, 1978.

Dear?

I would like to answer your letter of 24th April, but who are you? There does not appear to be anything in your letter that would need anonymity as far as I can see. Being so critical of the Civil Service we can assume that you are not a member of it.

The sort of people who snipe from the sidelines behind anonymous signatures and have not got the courage to speak their minds publicly are the sort of people that we can well do without in the Falklands.

You have got your facts back to front about the two motions at the last LEGCO meeting that you refer to and I would like to correct you. One on the Shackleton Recommendations, mine, we defeated democratically as the majority of Councillors were against the wording of the motion; therefore it had to be amended as is the custom. The other motion on representation at Anglo-Argentine talks was also defeated by 4 to 3. That is why your representatives amended their motions - because as they stood they were democratically defeated.

Yours faithfully,

TIM MILLER.

PADRE SMITH LEAVING

In Padre Smith's third Annual General Meeting report from Christ Church Cathedral, he states that he and his family will not return to the Colony upon his completion of contract. One of the reasons for this decision is that Boarding School places in the United Kingdom for his sons, Simon and Peter, have been awarded, and a family separation will not be contemplated. Padre Smith says: "I am pleased to report the completion of the Cathedral roof painting and that of the fences and the Cathedral and frontage now looks very smart". We are now insured in total for £851,000 whereas we only had cover for £169,000 under our old 1967 insurance, now revised from December 1977. The long awaited Land Rover arrived in January of this year - too late to be of any use to me in Camp visiting, but nevertheless of incalculable value and a great asset to the future Ministry here. As the all-weather track to Darwin is now on the horizon, its completion in, say two years will open up hitherto impossible areas for a regular Ministry at Darwin and other parts of West Falkland. This summer I toured parts of West Falkland and I have now visited every Settlement on the East and West Mainlands - in many cases twice".

CHURCH FIGURES

| | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 |
|-------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| CHURCH ATTENDANCES..... | 4,244 | 3,833 | 3,932 |
| COMMUNIONS MADE..... | 642 | 756 | 846 |
| WEDDINGS..... | | 8 | 3 |
| FUNERALS..... | | 7 | 20 |
| BAPTISMS..... | 16 | 18 | 15 |
| CONFIRMATIONS..... | 0 | 0 | 5 |

(Funerals include 2 Deposition of Ashes and Funeral of a Polish Seaman.)

"There have been more deaths this year than for some years and we have again lost a number of old and faithful friends. Their memorial has been made elsewhere and we remember them with gratitude and commend them to God's gracious keeping".

NURSE ONE CYRIL

Tuesday the 23rd of May witnessed a 25th anniversary at the King Edward Memorial Hospital. The celebrations took the form of an Open Day when members of the general public were invited to browse around the building and look at the various equipment used in the practise of medicine, talk to the nurses and sample a cup of hospital tea. His Excellency the Governor opened the proceedings with a speech which was met with warm applause.

As Senior Medical Officer, Dr. Derek Cox said "The purpose of the Open Day is to allow members of the public to obtain a reasonable picture of the type of work carried out in, and in connection with, the Hospital". Last year £160,000 was spent maintaining the Colony's Medical services.

YACHTING NEWS

Captain Derek Wallis, the master of H.M.S. Endurance has said that they are in contact with Heidi Jones, who called into Stanley on the sponsored yacht 'Express Crusader'. She expects to arrive in England around the fourth of June. If she does make it on that date, she will have beaten the 'wet ry' record previously held by Sir Francis Chichester.

Lone Yachtswoman No. 2, French girl Brigitte Oudry, arrived in Buenos Aires on the 6th of May, 19 days after leaving Stanley on April the 17th. Madame Oudry, who is sailing around the world solo was expected to stay in Buenos Aires for about 10 days before continuing her voyage, her next port of call being Rio de Janeiro.

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1st February 1978

Dear Sir,

DEVELOPMENT OR EXPLOITATION?

Although it is now more than seven years since I left the Falklands, and I may therefore be rather out-of-touch, I am worried, both as a friend, and as a professional planner, about some of the 'development' proposals being discussed for the islands.

May I illustrate this by asking some questions about the idea of an all-weather road to Goose Green from Stanley?

How much of the Revenue of FIGAS is earned on flights between Goose Green, Fitzroy, and Stanley?

How many passengers will FIGAS lose if the road is built?

If FIGAS loses passengers, will be air ferries to other places go up?

If Stanley is only two hours away by road, what will be the effect on the social clubs etc. at Fitzroy and Goose Green - especially at weekends?

Will the stores at Goose Green and Fitzroy be able to compete with Stanley?

If Bluff Cove, Fitzroy or Goose Green are able to develop dairy and vegetable products for sale to Stanley, because of the road, will there be any chance for other places to get a share of the market, if they get a road later?

Whatever local conditions may be in the short term, the world supplies of petrol/diesel seem to be limited. Is it sensible for the Falklands to enter the motor-road era when the world is beginning to look for ways of getting away from it?

Building an all-weather road may not just mean quicker journeys for people from Goose Green and Fitzroy. At present, 'camp' is more or less of an equal obstacle to travel for everybody, and sea and air links are more or less equally available to everybody. If the road is built, may places like T.I. and Port San Carlos become in effect further away from Stanley, unless they get a road too? Will Fitzroy and Goose Green find it easier to recruit and keep workers than places not on the road?

Could the building of a road be the first step to making two or three classes of camp settlement (1) places with a road and a chance for development, (2) places without a road, (3) or on an island, with less chance for development? In the U.K. we are also suffering rural depopulation. Good roads don't seem to stop it. Do they in fact speed it up for some areas?

MARTIN DODDS

OVER £1300 RAISED

(May 6th) The response to the appeal to raise money for the victims of the fire at MILLER CREEK who were burnt out of house and home when the incident happened a few weeks ago, was overwhelming, as over £1300 was raised at a 'Grand Bazaar' held at St. Mary's. The Royal Marines were the caterers, and it wasn't long before the curry suppers were sold out. St. Mary's Annexe had not seen crowds like it for a long time as people milled around the various stalls which included Raffles, Fresh Produce and quite a few cakes. Personnel from British Antarctic Territory bases also purchased tickets for the various prizes offered in the Raffle, and Mr. Kenneth Back, Base Commander at Rothera, won quite a few which he promptly donated to the fire victims, as did the other winners from B.A.T. Special mentions must go to Valma Malcolm, Naval Party 8901, Monsignor Spraggon and all the Stanley Clubs and Associations. A big thankyou must also go to all the people who attended the Bazaar and spent freely.

THOSE OLD DAYS

A selection of clippings taken from old Falkland papers.
From the Falkland Islands Monthly Review of December 1962:

A serious fire broke out at Port Stephens on the night of 16th/17th November which destroyed over a third of the Woolshed building, and if it had not been for the prompt and energetic action taken by Mr. Michael Shaw and other volunteer fire-fighters, both men and women, who gave every possible assistance, it is certain that the entire building would have gone up in flames, fanned by the strong wind which prevailed at that time. The alarm was given at 12.30 am. by which time the fire was well established at the eastern end of the long building known as the skin shed, and the intense heat made it impossible to tackle the fire at that point, so the fire-fighters concentrated on demolishing the shed at the narrow part, some distance to the westward, and made a gap across which the flames did not spread. Fire extinguishers and buckets of sea water were then used to the best effect and eight hours after the alarm was given the fire was out. Meanwhile other helpers had carried out of the shed all stores which are kept in the west end, in case the whole building was destroyed, which at one time looked certain. An area of approximately 6,000 square feet of floor space has been destroyed together with all stocks of timber therein, 3 bales of wool and a stock of a hundred 9ft posts stored in the open.

The cause of the fire is unknown, there had been no men working in the end of the shed that day. It is possible that a cigarette end dropped carelessly might have started dry timber or rubbish smouldering days before, and that the strong wind did the rest. An outbreak of fire anywhere at any time is a disaster, but in a Wool Shed on the eve of shearing is a calamity.

From the Falkland Islands Magazine No. 4 Vol. 3 August, 1898.

POLICE NEWS

Police Court Stanley.

Monday July 25th & Tuesday, July 26th Captain West of the United States schooner. ENOLA C.v. Fred Cox, cook. Charge - Drawing knife on stone jetty, refusing duty and leaving ship without permission. 14 days with hard labour.

Thursday, August 18th. Pole . v. Lee Whitman. Charge - Allowing chimney of 'The Ship Hotel' to be on fire on the 16th inst. Defence said chimney swept three weeks ago. Cautioned.

FOR SALE:- The three-masted Schooner, Allen Gardiner, now lying in Port Stanley Falkland Islands. Price £650. Apply to Dean Brandon.

It having come to my knowledge that certain unfounded rumours have been circulated in regard to the late boat accident at Salvador. I hereby inform the public that Mr. Greenshield's cutter did not drag ashore and thereby become damaged previous to the lamentable catastrophe as asserted in the reports circulated. (Signed), EDWARD CURRAM.

JULY 1898 Number of coins in the Christ Church Offertories: 3 Crowns, 7 half-crowns, 6 Florins, 43 Shillings, 83 Sixpences, 73 threepenny pieces, 129 pence, 150 halfpence, 8 farthings and 1 other coin.

(All Magazines and papers quoted from were lent by Mrs. Betty Biggs).

JOHN BOUND

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CHEERS DESMOND! I would like to make use of a bit of space and say thanks to
Mr. Des Peck who donated £5 to the 'TIMES'. With the postage by Air from
Argentina on 12 quires of paper currently running at £30, I must say I welcomed
this gift.

APRIL WEATHER

(All temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit)

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|--------------------------|------|-------------------------|------------|
| AVERAGE TEMPERATURE..... | 42.6 | AVERAGE WIND SPEED..... | 17.6 knots |
| HIGHEST TEMPERATURE..... | 55.8 | HIGHEST GUST..... | 67 knots |
| LOWEST TEMPERATURE..... | 33.1 | TOTAL RAINFALL..... | 73.7 mm |

(2.90 Inches)

April was noticeable for its lack of sunshine. The average daily sunshine
was 2.52 hours which was over an hour a day less than usual for this time of year
and the least sunshine there has been in any April since at least 1950. This
April (with the exception of 1973) was the wettest month for over 25 years.
There were 25 hours when the average hourly wind speed was of Gale Force and 147
hours when it was of 10 knots or less, also, there were 11 occasions when ground
frost was recorded. *****

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MONDAY JUNE THE 19th.

PUSHING THEIR LUCK

A couple of weekends ago, as many people may recall, there were a few reports that when the LADE F28 was making trial flights at Stanley Airport, a second plane was in the vicinity. There was some confusion about whether the one plane was being mistaken for the other, but, after careful checking, the existence of the second aircraft has now been established. It overflow Berkeley Sound on East Falkland, and New Island and Weddell Island in the West.

Subsequently, newspaper reports in Buenos Aires indicated that Argentine Naval Aircraft had made aerial reconnaissance flights in the South Atlantic area, and that naval ships had intercepted and chased off foreign fishing vessels said to be fishing in Argentine waters. The assumption by Government is that the aircraft which overflow the Islands, without agreement, was one of three naval reconnaissance planes.

Earlier, the Master of a Polish vessel which put into Stanley to discharge a sick crew member for hospital treatment, alleged that over the weekend in question, another Polish vessel had been intercepted and boarded by an Argentine naval ship. This incident was said to have occurred some sixty miles north of the Falkland Islands and a long way outside Argentine waters. The Master was told to stop fishing and move away, which he did.

There is as yet no confirmation of these allegations, and there are only the Polish accounts of them to go on, but, according to Government House, the Governor feels strongly about their implications and has reported the incidents to the Secretary of State in London.

FULL TIME

As the "World Cup Sweepstake" organised by Stanley Football Club closed for entries, Mr. Frank O'Reilly provided some information for listeners of the weekly broadcast "Newsletter" on the June the 2nd programme. He wrote: "This has proved to be a most popular competition with a total of 869 entries giving a sum of £217. This means there will be a prize of £170. Of course, it is most likely that no one person will win outright and that there will have to be a share-out."

"Brazil are without doubt the most strongly tipped to win with 215 votes, next come Scotland with 139, West Germany 127 and Argentina 115. In fact all teams have been chosen to win the Final by at least one person. All the coupons are now safely lodged at the Post Office. They will be taken out when the Final is completed and the winner or winners will be taken out under strict scrutiny."

EDITORS NOTE: If you have already picked a losing team why not have a go at the "TIMES" quiz no.1 on Page 5. You can win two sets of stamps or a fiver - and it costs nothing to enter.

CARRY ON NURSE

Mrs. Noeline Sloggie has written and said that many of her daughter Allison's friends might be interested to learn that Allison has sat and successfully passed her S.R.N. exam at St.Mary's Hospital at Newport in the Isle of Wight. Allison is to undertake a Midwifery course at the West Suffolk Hospital at Bury St.Edmunds.

ANTARCTIC STUDY WILL AID CONSERVATION MEASURES

A group of British scientists have just completed a major offshore biological study in the Antarctic aimed to help future conservation measures there.

The group was aboard the Royal Research Ship John Biscoe which recently returned to her home port of Southampton after six months in waters south of the Latin American continent.

From January to March, the expedition, under the sponsorship of the British Antarctic Survey, was engaged in biological research at sea off South Georgia. The waters in this area are among the most biologically productive in the world, supporting large stocks of whales, seals and sea birds besides many fish and squid. Most of these animals feed on the small shrimp-like 'krill', and increasing numbers of nations are sending fishing expeditions south to exploit the stocks of krill.

The scientists' task was not to make a fisheries survey but to make an investigation of the environment and biology of krill and its major predators, so that conservation measures that might be applied in the future can be soundly based on scientific knowledge. (A draft convention on the conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources was recently drawn up at a special consultative meeting of the Antarctic Treaty in Canberra.)

Scientists took water samples for analysis, separated and identified the diatoms that are the actual producers in the ocean, assessed the amount of chlorophyll (and hence plant material) in the sea, and caught samples of plankton, including krill, and fish, in nets and other gear.

The biochemistry of krill was investigated at the British Antarctic Survey station at Grytviken and measurements of the target-strength of krill when under an echo-sounder (fish-finder) beam were made in conjunction with American and Norwegian scientists.

During the trip the ship encountered the largest iceberg in the experiences of anyone on board, and the largest ever known to have come north of 60° S. This was first seen by the John Biscoe about 32 kilometres north of Shag Rocks (53° S). It was a tabular berg about 30 metres high and measured 51 by 39 kilometres. It was calved on the Greenwich Meridian on the eastern side of the Weddell Sea in 1967.

SPECIAL DERBY DAY STAMP ISSUE

The British Post Office (BPO) is to celebrate the 200th running of the world's most famous classic race, the Derby, with the issue of a set of stamps with a horse-racing theme to coincide with the 1979 Derby in June.

The Derby stamps are among the special issues designed by the BPO for next year. First of these special issues will ensure that a dog has not only its day, but its own postage stamps. BPO is issuing a set of stamps with British dogs as a theme to coincide with the 1979 world famous Cruft's dog show in February.

Other special issues planned for 1979 by BPO include:-

March - a Spring issue of British flowers. May - direct elections to parliament. July - stamps to mark the declaration by United Nations Organisation (UNO) of 1979 as the Year of the Child.

August - miniature sheet to commemorate the centenary of the death of Sir Rowland Hill, who introduced the adhesive postage stamp to the world. The Penny Black, issued in May, 1840, inaugurated a system of pre-payment for mail, which became the basis of the world's official postal services.

September - stamps to mark the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Metropolitan Police by Sir Robert Peel. November - issue of the new traditional, BFO commemorative Christmas stamps. BFO say that details of the designs and actual dates of issues of the special 1979 stamps will be announced later.

HOSTEL INFORMATION

The plan to centralise education in Stanley by finishing with Darwin School and moving the pupils into Stanley has met with a mixed reaction from members of the public. Lack of understanding is a key factor in peoples 'grumbles and groans', so here is some information on the proposed Hostel as outlined by Mr. Derek Evans, Chairman of the Education Committee after ideas and plans were discussed at an Education Committee meeting. (The following has also been broadcast).

The Darwin School children are being moved into Stanley because it was recognised that if we are to improve the standard of education and use our available staff and funds to the greatest advantage, we will have to centralise education in Stanley.

At the same time we fully recognise that there are many good things about Darwin School that we do not want to lose in the Change over if we can possibly avoid doing so. I am thinking mainly of the excellent relationship that exists between pupils and teachers, the strong community spirit and the friendliness and politeness of the children.

The Committee feel strongly that the Hostel should be more than just a place for the Camp children to eat and sleep but rather that it should be part of the community and that it's facilities should be used by all sections of the Community.

We cannot as yet give explicit details of the Hostel as tenders are still being examined but the Hostel site will be by the forest behind Government House. As part of the closing deal with Johnston Construction a number of Cosely buildings have been purchased. It is hoped to erect these on the Hostel site and use them to provide metalworking, woodworking, horticultural and housecraft facilities and a gymnasium type building with plenty of room for the children to spread out when conditions force them indoors. These extra facilities will be for all the children and we hope, adult classes too.

We hope that members of the community with special skills will make those skills available to the Education Dept. I'm thinking of things like sewing, spinning, perhaps even things like welding and basic electronics. The possibilities are numerous.

Obviously a big worry for parents is the question of supervision. Few, if any, parents like the thought of their children being allowed to roam the streets of Stanley at will. The children will have to be supervised. What we are hoping is that we can make the Hostel so attractive that it will be the town children who will want to come to the Hostel. We don't want to flood the actual Hostel with too many children but obviously the Hostel children will be allowed to have friends in.

We hope that organisations like the Girls and Boys Brigade will use the Hostel facilities and that groups of the Hostel children will be able to take part. There's the possibility of special Disco nights and other similar ideas.

Having said all that we still want the Hostel to have an identity of its own. We want to keep that special relationship between Teachers and children. The children must feel that the Hostel is their home. There must be some part of the Hostel exclusive to the children.

We are envisaging that the Hostel Supervisor will be someone with Youth Club experience whose main role will be supervision of the day to day running of the Hostel and organisation of out of school activities. Other teachers living in will have a mixture of teaching and supervisory duties. Present teaching staff in Stanley have said that they are prepared to take part in extra curricular activities for all the school children.

Obviously a key role in all this will be the one of Supervisor for the change over period. We were all extremely pleased to know that John Fowler is going to take on this responsibility. I think the Darwin School children will be as pleased about that as we are.

It is hoped to continue weekend expeditions on similar lines to the ones they have at Darwin now.

We want to encourage parents in from Camp to have meals with the children. We are going to keep a spare room for visitors.

We don't want to organise the children to destruction and thought is been given to an adventure type playground where the children can go and potter and build and destroy as they please.

When the children are on holiday we hope to use the Hostel for courses. One example of this is a course for parents who want to know more about how to help teach their children. We have had several enquiries about this. Other courses are envisaged.

I hope that all this has given everyone some idea of what our hopes are for the Hostel. These are the guidelines that the Education Dept., will be working along.

ON THE CARPET

There is no truth in the rumour that the Posts & Tels Department is going to hold a raffle in aid of a new studio carpet, although a change in the floor covering is essential. Not only the shabbiness is depressing, but the effect on visitors opinions of the studio is probably quite shattering. At first, I thought that the presenter of the local musical programme had been performing a Clog Dance in one spot or that the Broadcasting Officer had been practising penalty kicks in readiness for the upcoming season of soccer, but my theories proved wrong when I found out that the carpet was nothing more than ANCIENT! Oh well; Overseas leave is more important than proper furnishings and fittings I suppose.

WHOOPS!

I am forced to correct a piece that appeared in the April issue in which I had said that negotiations to purchase a third Beaver were in progress. I was wrong - so was the information I was given.

It is planned to include a competition of sorts from time to time in this paper, each one having a certain theme. To start with, a NICE N'EA Y?? philatelic set of questions. Two sets of 15 stamps are offered for the winner who's hard up a fiver! Naturally, this particular competition will be of interest to the quite numerous amount of stamp collectors in the Falklands, but if you think you will win get your pen, paper, envelope and stamp ready! All you have to do is answer the five questions correctly.

QUESTIONS

- 1) What is the animal depicted on the 4p stamp of the current South Georgia decimal overprint definitive issue?
- 2) How many stamps comprise the 'Mail Ships' set recently released in the Falklands?
- 3) One one of the 'Explorers' stamps in use in British Antarctic Territory at the moment John Biscoe is pictured with his ship. What is the name of his ship?
- 4) In British Antarctic Territory the bases of Argentine Islands and Adelaide have been re-named. What are the new names?
- 5) Every settlement receives mail by air at sometime or another. Name all settlements visited by Beaver beginning with the letter 'S'.

Prize for the first correct entry received:

I complete set of South Georgia definitive stamps (2.33p)

I complete set of B.A.T. definitive stamps (2.33p)

OR £5 cash.

There is no entry fee. All it costs competitors is the threepenny stamp needed to mail entries.

Closing date for entries is Friday July 2nd. No entry will be opened until the closing date is reached; then all entries will be studied carefully. The first ALL CORRECT ENTRY will receive the prize. Please state whether stamps or cash is preferred. All entries should be legible. The winner will hear the result over the air. In the event of no person obtaining all correct answers, the prize will go to the first person who has four correct and so on. Persons who work in the Post Office and their families and those resident outside the colony are not eligible for entry. Come on have a go! It may look tough, but so did Scotland!!! Entries should be sent to 'Quiz I', P.O. Box 60, Stanley.

BIRTHS

25th March Mr. & Mrs. D.S. Hazel a daughter ELIZABETH
(Trudi Felton)

8th April Mr. & Mrs. J.A.T. Fowler a son MATTHEW JAMES

1st June Mr. & Mrs. R. Evans a daughter TRACY
(Olwen Pole-Evans)

6th April Mr. & Mrs. Kelvin Summers a daughter KATIE JOANNE in Weymouth
Dorset

MARRIAGES

27th May Paul Roderick BONNER and Vera Ann SUMMERS at the Office of
the Registrar General.

8th April Ailsa MALCOLM and Ewart Tony HEATHMAN at Christ Church
Cathedral.

DEATHS

31st May Jessie POLE-EVANS Aged 53 years

4th June Paulina Ovadea BUSE Aged 77 years

DEVELOPMENT OFFICER.

Government has announced that Mr. Bill Sloman, who has been working for the past 22 years with the British Antarctic Survey, and most recently as the Institute's Secretary, will be entering the Government Service later this year in the newly created post of Development Officer.

Bill Sloman is already well known to many people in the Islands and it is understood that his place at SAS is to be taken by Mr. J. Dawden.

PUTTING ON AYRES!

Information from the Chief Secretary passed on to the Studio for inclusion in the regular Friday "Newsletter" included a piece that was not put over the air for some reason and was crossed out on the paper, but the piece read thus: "Listeners will be pleased to hear that a message has been received from London that Captain David Emsley has been pronounced fit and is expected to return to Stanley in the near future. He may possibly even return with the new pilot, Captain Ayres, on 24th June."

Most people will be wondering about the flying days of Mr. Russ Hooper - The Phantom Pilot -, whether or not they are over for good in the Falklands or whether he will recommence flying activities. One can only marvel at the number of mishaps that befall the imported brand of pilots when so many prospective pilot trainees were turned down in the Falklands on Medical grounds.

RADIO

Information has been received that the 12 transceiver installations ordered from Aero Electronics (AEL) Ltd. by the Government were to be dispatched via airfreight from London on the 15th of June. These are the sets which will be installed as soon as possible in some of the more isolated and difficult locations to augment the existing HF system. The sets are, of course, single sideband but are compatible with the existing system and should give improved service through the more efficient use of available power, particularly when operated in the SSB mode.

PENFRIENDS WANTED

MALTE ARONSON, P.O. Box 7014, S-42107 FROLUNDA, Sweden.
(Malte is a 6'2" Bus Driver of unspecified age)
HAROLD DONNER, Benderstrabe 12, D-1000 BERLIN 44, W.Germany.
(Harold is 35 years of age and is a keen philatelist.)
And if anyone cares to write to a Uruguayan male residing in Argentina his name and address is:- MR. ROBERT DEL PINO, (Circunscripcion 50, Seccion 40, Manzana 13, Casa 1, Ciudad Gral. Gutierrez, Provincia de Buenos Aires.

DEATH NOTICE.

Some people may remember John (Taffy) Tasker who worked as a Carpenter in the Public Works Department from 1948-51. He died in Cirencester, Gloucesters. on the 16th of May after an illness lasting some months.

PARASITES

Research being carried out by the University of Glasgow's Depts of Veterinary Pathology and Physiology into methods of immunising sheep against the parasites which can affect the general well-being of the animal has won monetary aid from the Agricultural Research Council and the Wellcome Trust.

The team is trying to develop non-pharmaceutical methods of immunising the animals, since some of the parasites have become resistant to the drugs which have been used successfully in the past.

The findings of the Cost of Living Committee for the Quarter ended 31st of March 1978 showed that the percentage increase over 1971 prices was 154.13%. The scale of wages remains unaltered as a result of the review.

FLASHBACK

In a football match played on Sunday last in Stanley, a team representing the Falkland Islands defeated one representing the U.K. by a score of 6 goals to 2. The game was not quite so one-sided as the score suggests but there was little doubt of the superiority of the home team.

The difference was most marked in the defence where the Stanley players showed very good form to keep a tight grip on a clever and aggressive forward line, Les Halliday being outstanding. In the forward line for Stanley Steve Reive played well despite his recent illness and Bill Bonner was in a goal scoring mood. In the U.K. defence Kettle played well and Bavington was frequently in the picture. Up front, Taggart and Hart worked hard but were perhaps a little less effective than usual. An early injury to Jimmy Green undoubtedly contributed to the weakness of the U.K. defence.

The head boy and head girl for the 1947 session at the Government School were Rex Browning and Noreen Scott respectively. Their special prizes were donated by His Excellency the Governor.

(Both items above appeared in The Falkland Islands Weekly News 8th Jan 1948.)

WATER SPOUT SEEN - By an Eye Witness

On the Porvenir's journey to Salvador Waters recently, the crew of the vessel experienced a breathtaking moment when off McBrides Head there appeared behind them suddenly a water-spout which looked awesome. The spout seemed to be coming nearer to them and expecting the worst, the crew stood by ready to take off sail if necessary. However to the relief of everyone, the water-spout disappeared as suddenly as it had appeared and everything returned to normal.

OVERHEARD AT THE DARWIN SPORTS MEETING:-

Chairman makes proposal to plough the race-course and lift the bumps off etc. Visitor suggests it would be a good idea to lift a few bumps off the Stanley track also.

(Chairman yes and then we could fill the holes on the front road.

(Both items above appeared in The Falkland Islands Weekly News March 14th 1946.)

From The Falkland Islands Magazine and Church Paper January 1918 comes this advert from the Globe Store:- "A stock of Potatoes in splendid condition has been received from Liverpool. Book your orders at once as there is only a limited supply. Price 45/- nett per barrel of about 168lbs, or 3½ lb for smaller quantities.

LOCAL MINERALS

A few months ago the news arrived in Stanley that Gold had been found on the Jason's, and the supposed discovery caused great excitement and interest to those who were interested in the mineral wealth of the place.

A specimen has recently been sent Home to a well known South African gold mining expert, and the verdict is against gold. He states that it is iron pyrites, but to be of commercial value, a very large quantity must be obtained at a low cost. The specimen of bitumen found in Lafonia is more valuable, because it contains paraffin. A specimen of the supposed plumbago taken from Port Sussex seems to be bituminous shale; although it marks a little graphite. Again this is extremely interesting. As the gentleman in question says, however; when referring to the specimens, - no expert is infallible, especially if he has had no opportunity of examining the material in situ. We would like to see a more thorough investigation made of these places, by people who will not heed the changeable Falkland climate when at their work.

.....From the F.I. Magazine and Church Paper, June 1917.

Papers quoted from kindly lent by Mrs. Betty Biggs from her private collection.)

QUIDS IN

After the "Funfair" that was held a couple of weeks ago in order to raise money for the people who lost possessions in the Walker Creek fire, more donations were received bringing the total amount of monies to £1402.83p.

After deductions for expenses, the amount of £1330.33p. remained for distribution. The Organising bodies met again after the Funfair and decided on an allocation of 4 units to each family, 1 unit to the single man who lost all of his possessions and 1 unit to the two single men who lost part of their possessions.

The Falkland Islands Co. have opened accounts in each persons name for the amount allocated to each one and letters have been posted to the people concerned advising them of the amount standing to their credit.

SCRUMS!

At an informal meeting of interested parties at Moody Brook on the evening of June 5th., it was agreed by those present that the general state of Rugby Union in Stanley was in dire need of improvement if it was to continue in the years ahead.

For some time, Rugby has been sponsored largely by the Royal Marine Detachment and by Johnstone Construction Ltd. The framework of the game has been very haphazard, and at the meeting it was proposed by several people to try and form a Falkland Islands Rugby Union with possible affiliation to the English Rugby Union. The effect of this will be to form a Stanley Rugby Club with elected committee members and a membership open to all interested in the game of Rugby whether players or non-players. For this purpose, all Royal Marines would be members of the F.I.R.U. and games will be arranged on a regular basis between selected teams from the club. In this way it is hoped not only to improve the actual standard of the Rugby played, but also to encourage more players and ensure the future of Rugby in the Islands.

BBC TRILOGY

The B.B.C. is expected to put on a schools programme early in 1979 about the Falklands. The programme (a Radio broadcast) will be in three parts and will portray history, (including the sovereignty background), life today in the islands and economic prospects. Gill Linscott of the 'Guardian' is at work gathering the material for the programme. The London office of FIRADA is helping Gill Linscott on all these aspects.

THE MAY WEATHER

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| TOTAL RAINFALL.....1.17ins. (29.8mm). | AVERAGE WIND SPEED.....13.0 Knots |
| AVERAGE TEMP.....40.3 ^o f. (4.6 ^o c). | HIGHEST GUST.....47 Knots |
| AVERAGE DAILY SUNSHINE..1.58 hrs. | OCCASIONS OF GROUND FROST..19. |
| HIGHEST TEMP.....10.9 ^o c (51.6 ^o f). | There were 7 hours when the average |
| LOWEST TEMP.....1.5 ^o c (minus) | wind speed was of Gale Force and |
| | 304 hours when it was of 10 Knots |

or less. May 1978 was most noticeable for its lack of sunshine, but it was a little warmer than average although the sun, wind and rain were well below average. (Thanks to Stanley Met. for info.)

POPPY APPEAL

Mrs. Barnes received a letter from the secretary of the Royal British Legion Appeals Dept. thanking the people of the Falkland Islands plus the Royal Marines for their generous support to the Legion's 1977 Appeal with the sum of £818.32p.

WANTED:- Participation!! Poems, stories, letters. Where? P.O. BOX 60, Stanley.

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LET'S GO WITH LEGCO!

Just over a week ago, listeners to the Falkland Islands Broadcasting Station were 'treated' to recordings made at the recent Legco meetings held in Stanley. The Governor's address was rather a miserable one and somewhat disappointing. Some extracts from Mr. Parker's address follows:

"This of course, perhaps our most important meeting of the year, during which the Honourable Financial Secretary presents the Budget and reports on our financial situation. It is therefore very much his occasion."

"I want however, this morning, to concentrate less on the past and more on the future. I am sure that what you, Honourable Members, and indeed your Constituents throughout the Islands most want to hear from me is some positive news about the progress that has been made with the various development Projects, upon the success of which, so many of our hopes for the Colony's future prosperity depend." "For the time that I last addressed you in this chamber, Mr. Peat of the Ministry of Overseas Development and Mr. Jameson of the Forestry Commission, had just embarked upon their study of the Colony's internal communications. Working in close liason with them was Captain Woodward of the Royal Engineers, whose task it was to assess the problems that would attend our acquisition of the heavy machinery left behind by Johnston Construction Ltd, and to make recommendations how best these problems could be solved. Other visitors followed close upon them; first, Mr. Hodges, ODM's engineering advisor and then Mrs. Johnson and Mr. Sparkhall of the same Ministry.

These visits were of great significance for the Colony, in maintaining a dialogue with ODM and fostering some good understanding with the Ministry, the principal source, not just of our Development Aid funds, but our agents in Britain for recruitment, training and the provision of excellent advice of every sort. These intervening months have therefore proved exceptionally busy ones for those principally concerned with tackling our developmental problems."

I shouldn't like to have to calculate the time that has been spent in formulating and presenting the Colony's case for funds, nor have to measure the yards of teleprinter tape that have carried it.

The General Public, and indeed you yourselves Honourable Ministers have, if I may say so, shown remarkable restraint at what must often have seemed a totally static situation."

"I am especially pleased to be able to open this meeting by confirming that a significant agreement has now been reached which will enable a major start to be made on the largest of our communications projects. I refer of course to the construction of an all weather track or road from Stanley to Darwin, capable of taking vehicles of all descriptions which will be the first stage in a road development programme that should gradually and systematically extend, so far as it is practicable, throughout the Islands." The Ministry of Overseas Development has recently agreed to make grants totalling just on £870,000 towards the cost of this project."

Editors Note: Extracts which appear above are taken from tape recordings and not transcripts. It is planned to issue a special LegCo Meeting edition in the future after obtaining correct facts. It is also hoped that the next edition will have a copy of the speech made by the Hon. Tim Miller at the recent CPA meeting.

LETTERS.

From: Mr. L.K. Stoddart, Box 2790, Hollywood, Ca 90028, U*S*A.
Dated: 1 June 1978.

When I wrote my first letter, which was subsequently published in the Falkland Islands Times, I have received several letters and wish to thank those not as yet replied to for writing and they may continue to do so. I did not know I was stirring up an interesting hornets nest.

I received a letter from a member of the House of Commons partly passed on from Mr. Ted Rowlands office in reply to some of my remarks which I took at face value, until I received a repudiation from the British Consulate via the enclosed Xerox which came also from the House of Commons. It is exceedingly strange how civil servants reverse themselves and how quickly. I therefore believe that you might be interested in publishing the enclosed statement for what it may be or may not be worth.

As I understand the problem, the British Government regards the islands as a financial or economic lemon with no prospects and therefore feel that Argentina, since it wants the islands for political reasons etc., would be in a better position to support the situation and the colony as it is so close. Notwithstanding the facts given by Penelope Tremayne. The one question that still bothers me is this: that if the British Government says that the colony is to remain British then why in blazes have any dialogue with Argentina?

As to the expected closure of the Panama Canal to British ships in the South seas trade, this is all the more reason why Great Britain should take an interest in garrisoning the islands in case of civil war strife which is always occurring in Argentina. To protect her own shipping and trade should be the first consideration. I might also add that the same member of Parliament failed to reply to a question and my letter concerning Operation Sea Lion, or the Battle of Britain which is a story in itself and which I will publish whether or not it is precluded under the Official Secrets Act. I know the full story of the attempted invasion of Great Britain by Adolf Hitler, and why certain parties in Great Britain and Germany still want it swept under the rug.

I asked if the area was covered under the Official Secrets Act and this is what the gentleman would not reply to, but I have since found an article in the British Press which almost let the cat out of the bag if there is one.

Everyone knows there was an attempt by Hitler to invade Great Britain, but how it failed is the embarrassment. The London Daily Mirror apparently was right in the middle of it and their editor is too scared even to deny it from his desk himself. I have a denial that he did send which was written in such a way as to admit the whole thing without confirming it dead to rights.

I thought after reading this Member of Parliament's letter to me on the subject of the Falkland Islands Sovereignty, he had a direct pipeline to Mr. Rowlands office and could find out for me. My information comes directly from a witness that was there at the time, and his wife who was living in occupied France also knew of it and confirmed the story. Please publish my name and address as I have no objections to receiving letters and all will in time be answered.

Yours Faithfully,
L.K. STODDART.

Editors Note: -- Although the Xerox copy of the text of the joint communique issued in New York on 15/12/77 concerning the Anglo-Argentine talks is of a certain value, the same ground has been covered countless times and in more or less the same words and that, coupled with lack of space is why it will not appear in this issue.

CORRECTION.....AGAIN!!

The quality of mercy is not strained, so I hope all those people who thought there was something wrong with the "TIMES" Quiz 1 closing date will exercise some. As Friday July the 2nd does not crop up this year as had been printed, the closing date for entries is Friday July the 21st.

NEWS FROM THE STANLEY ADMINTON CLUB.

Since the club was formed in June 1950, it has been solely responsible for the organisation of the annual Fancy Dress dances on mid-winter's night. The decorations this year in the Town Hall were somewhat different to previous years, but nevertheless, it was a colourful scene with the theme being 'Stanley's Rubbish Dump'. Mr. & Mrs. Sheridan painted a magnificent backcloth on the stage depicting part of the Harbour looking through the Narrows into Port William with the sun rising behind Mount Low.

The dump could be seen through a wire fence and iron gate erected along the front of the stage. Around the walls of the hall was a good selection of overflowing rubbish drums. The dance was well attended. His Excellency the Governor and Mrs. Parfitt were met by the club chairman and later His Excellency presented the prizes to the winners of the Fancy Dress competitions, the Judges on this occasion being Mrs. V. Robson, Mrs. Wendy Duckland and Mr. Doug Hansen.

Prizes for group entries went to:

- SNOW WHITE AND THE 7 DWARFS.....The Doctor's, Matron and staff of the Hospital.
- THE SHOTGUN WEDDING GROUP.....Representatives of the Education Dept, The G.T.S., Government House and Royal Marines.
- THE BLACKBERRY AIRWAYS (Complete with two-seater aircraft and ticket office)Very well crewed by 4 FIGAS members.
- THE DEVELOPMENT CENTRE.....Very well thought up by the ladies of the Police Station.
- THE SLEDGING PARTYAn ex-IMS Storekeeper, his wife and a crew member from the 'Annette Danielson'.

Prizes for the individual costumes went to:

- THE COACHMAN.....Bessie McKay. THE HUNGERBACK.....Cpl. Wood, Royal Marines.)
- THE SCOTSMAN WHO DIDN'T WIN THE WORLD CUP.....Terry Peck.

Other costumes present included:

- A VIKING.....MILIE Anderson. THE KU KLUX KLAN...Cpl. Lamerton, Royal Marines.
- TEACHER AND DUTCH.....Diana Stewart and Xenia Barnes.
- FERRIS WHEEL ATTENDANTS.....Darlene and Robert Short and Elizabeth Goss.
- THE LAUGHING POLICEMAN AND HIS GIRL LIL.....Topsy McBee and W. Bonner.
- SHERLOCK HOLMES AND DOCTOR WATSON...Graham Bound and Ann Keenleyside.
- THE DIPLOMATIC BAG...Jane Sanders and Lesley Carter.

RED RIDING HOOD....Susan Whitney, GRANDMA...Laura McKay, THE WOLF...Steve McKay. Also present were 'TWO BROWN PAINTER BAGS' - The wearers have not yet been identified. The dancing continued until 2am.

Stanley Manager of the Falkland Islands Company, Mr. H. Milne, sent me two photostatic copies of letters sent to a Mrs. D.E. Hardy. As Mr. Milne wrote: "At a reception held in London on the evening of 20th June, Mrs. D.E. Hardy, a Falkland Islander, showed our Managing Director two letters which she had received. The one from Buckingham Palace resulted from a letter, written by Mrs. Hardy to the Prince of Wales, expressing disappointment that no member of the Royal Family visited the Falkland Islands in Jubilee Year. The one from Mrs. Thatcher is self-explanatory."

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

From: Squadron-Leader David Checketts, J.V.O. Dated: 3rd March, 1978.

Dear Mrs. Hardy,

Thank you for your letter to The Prince of Wales of 28th February, which will be brought to His Royal Highness' notice at the earliest opportunity. I am sure His Royal Highness will be most interested in your views about the future of the Falkland Islands.

Yours Sincerely etc.

LETTER No.2:- The Right Hon. Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, M.P.
10th May 1978. HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA.

Dear Mrs. Hardy;

Mrs. Thatcher has asked me to thank you for your kind and informative letter. (Continued on Page 9)

In the House of Commons on the 28th. of June, the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, Mr. Ted Rowlands, was asked the following questions:

SIR NIGEL FISHER: "What response had the Argentinian Government made to representations about harassment of foreign trawlers by Argentinian naval vessels and aircraft in the vicinity of the Falkland Islands."

MR. TED ROWLANDS: "As regards the representations about the interception of Polish trawlers to which my Hon. friend referred on the 8th. of June, the Argentine Government reserved their own position on sovereignty. As regards the representations about the violation of Falkland Islands airspace, to which my Hon. friend referred on the 19th. of June, the Argentine Government rejected our protest. In view of the nature of these replies we are continuing to press the Argentine Government."

MR. PATRICK WALL: "What action are you taking against the deliberate infringement of British Sovereignty in the Falkland Islands and their dependencies?"

MR. TED ROWLANDS: "We are following up our protests by further diplomatic and political exchanges with the Argentine Government with the aim of securing arrangements designed to ensure that such infringements do not re-occur."

MR. ERIC OGDEN: "What action have you taken, are taking and proposing to take to protect British oil interests in the South Atlantic, especially in the area around the Falkland Islands and their dependencies?"

MR. TED ROWLANDS: "The question of British and Falklands interests in the potential but as yet unproven Hydrocarbon resources in these areas forms an integral part of our current negotiations with Argentina."

MR. IAN GOW: "What recent discussions have you had with the Government of the Argentine about the constitutional future of the Falkland Islands. Will you make a statement?"

MR. TED ROWLANDS: "The last meeting with the Argentine Government on this subject which was at working group level, took place in February. We are currently discussing with them arrangements for carrying forward the negotiating process. We also remain in close touch with the islands councils."

MR. MICHAEL CLARK-HUTCHISON: "Will Her Majesty's Government insist on the withdrawal from Southern Thule Island of the illegal Argentine presence there?"

MR. TED ROWLANDS: "We believe that this question has to be solved by negotiation. We are now considering ways of resolving this problem whilst leaving the Argentines in no doubt of the serious view we take of this violation."

MR. DONALD STEWART: "What action do you propose to take to protect the interests of the Falkland Islanders, following the re-affirmation of the Argentine Government of Argentina's claim as reported on the 12th. of June?"

MR. TED ROWLANDS: "We remain fully committed to the protection of the interests of the Falkland Islanders, and have, through the Governor, already discussed the issue with the islands Council. We shall continue to leave the Argentine Government in no doubt of our position."

PENFRIEND WANTED.

"I am trying to obtain a pen-friend in the Falkland Islands, and your name and address was given to me by the Falkland Islands Company Limited.

I am 30 this year and have been married for just over 4 years. I work as a secretary in a firm of Solicitors here in Rugeley and my husband has just begun to work for the Post Office. In my younger days I was a keen swimmer and regularly represented my County as well as my Club, school etc. I still swim, but only for pleasure and also play squash. There is a large common near to my home which is called Cannock Chase and I enjoy going for walks there, hoping to spot the deer that live there."

The writer has also travelled a lot and is a keen philatelist. She says she will answer every letter received so for all those willing to put pen to paper her name is Sue Bradburn (Mrs.) and her address is: The Warren, 53 The Beeches, Rugeley, Staffordshire, England.

DAN ARCHERS COLUMN.

Me and Doris were leaning on the five-bar gate the other day, talking to Tom, when the hinges gave out under Doris's weight. Tom didn't half get angry.

Hopping around with his wellie in the air, becoming quite stroppy and accusing us land-owners of exploiting the country, not ploughing back our profits and all that. He accused us of letting our farms get delapidated; tumbling down cookhouses, decrepit buildings, collapsing fencing, rusting sheds and tattered jetties. Well I wasn't standing for that, so's I picked up the gate and then propped up Doris, and says I don't care what Shackleton has to say, Shackleton doesn't have to live here, see! It's bad enough having fools like you around Tom (he's a crabby old ex pat and lost his passage rights home and goes around mumbling G.E.U or Pra, I dunno, or care). I've a right to exploit, my old man left me this lot and I'm not breaking my back like his grandfather did, besides you never know when Ted's going to jack this lot in, look at the compensation Tom. What near did it, that was, unless Walter hadn't come along.

Well me old pals, says Walter - who's for a quick pre-budget tot down at the Bull, before Customs get their paw in, we can sort this one out through the bottom of our glass.

Doris perked up at that, and we ambled off to the Bull to see who was exploiting this country or not. Down at the Bull, with Doris glassy eyed and chuntering away to old Mrs. Thing about our leave next year in Blighty, we were free to natter away. Walter reckons we're not exploiting the land, as land exploitation is what led to the dustbowls of America and now East Anglia in the Motherland. I near dropped me tot when he accused us land-owners of Profit abuse and not land abuse. Look says Walter, peat's like our farming here, an inert substance - it doesn't improve or deteriorate, it just stays inert. So how can we cause a decline in fertility, when there is none in the first place? This is too much for me, so's Jack lines up another round, grumbling that the select sounds like a LegCo meeting getting out of hand. And Walter promises to explain just what he means.

(Roll on Archer music).

A BULLS EYE VIEW.

Here I was the other day, hock deep in mud and mire, looking - nay, sniffing out a bit of oestrus, when my rumen gave a deep rumble reminding me of the tough, indigestible matter that we bovines have to live on. It's not enough to be confined to a diet of white grass, diddle-dee and fern, which in itself is bad enough - without having to associate with those fools, homo-sapiens.

Do you know?, the other day I heard a rumour; great for their rumourinating those two-legged things. Anyhow, the big bull leaders have just had a herd meeting in the town and realised that greater population came through increased population. Well, it's obvious isn't it? I mean we bulls know it, we're at it all the time and on pretty tough rations too, still got to keep the pecker up, what? To increase the human herd here by ignoring natural increase is going to be damn expensive. Because imported breeds from the Northern Hemisphere cost a lot, even disgruntled pure-bred Islanders, the ones that shifted to new pastures, because these here are a little thin, will still cost a lot of cash. Not only that, just look at Bovine Bureaucrats - they're spending £114,800 (ruminant that one) just to refresh their pallid outlook.

They don't do well in these climes at all, a very poor outcross. However, also in the budget, are appropriations to revitalise the agricultural department £15,564 of it. No, Spiller's haven't been asked to supply calf nuts, only McVities (Chocolate digestives are getting pricey, and look at the price of coffee. Still I'm pleased my cousin Angus is worth more than £114,800, that's quite a pursefull. What's caused constipation with me and consternation with the stockman, is the added rumour that the Big Bullock's have decided to tax the extra child's allowance. Grass anybody?

BREATH OF AIR.

The Ministry of Overseas Development are funding a scheme to the tune of £97,000 over the next nine months to carry out an outline assessment of the cost and feasibility of scaling down medium sized wind turbine generators for use in small island communities.

The initial surveys are to be carried out in the Falkland Islands and St. Helena under the direction of the electrical research Association, and a three-man team from the association and the sub-contractors are expected to arrive in Stanley on 17th. July for a ten day visit.

The project will lead to recommendation of individual schemes for the two communities, and offers the potential of a cheaper source of energy to generate electricity which can be fed into existing supply networks. In the Falkland Islands we appear, on the face of it, to have abundant resources of wind energy and Government welcomes this investigation into its possible practical utilisation.

It must be emphasised that this is a research scheme only, and its practical application will inevitably take some time to evaluate fully and the probable cost of commercially viable machines is simply not known at this stage.

BIONIC SHIP

Thirty companies have agreed to build components for a replica of the massive 340 tonne steam engine which drove Isambard Brunel's historic iron ship Great Britain, currently being restored at her birthplace in Bristol. The ship was rescued from dereliction in the Falkland Islands in 1970 and towed back to Britain. Top U.K. marine engineers started work on the engine last year but since the original engine disappeared without trace, considerable research has been necessary before the basics can be set out on drawing boards.

So far, more than 30 detailed drawings have been prepared but some 600 will be needed before construction goes ahead. The original engine was about the size of a three storey house, with cylinders more than two metres in diameter and the drive wheel six metres across and a metre thick. The aim of the project, under the instruction of the Institute of Marine Engineers, is to produce a scale and working replica, although electrically powered rather than steam driven. Modern materials will be used. The four chains which linked with the drive shaft and weighed seven tonnes will be reproduced in plastic.

Meanwhile, other restoration work on the famous ship is going ahead. SS Great Britain was built in Bristol in 1843. From 1866 until the ship was brought back to her birthplace, she lay in sparrow cove near Port Stanley and until 1933 had been used as a storage hulk for coal and wool. Enthusiasts raised over £150,600 to bring the ship back in 1970 to Jeffries Dry Dock where she was originally fitted out. Since she returned, there have already been great changes. The hull has been repaired and the entire starboard side restored with glass reinforced plastic. The badly damaged parts of the stern have been expertly replated in steel by boilermakers from the firm of Jefferies in Avonmouth, western England; the ships flying bridge has been replaced and the last section of a new six and a half tonne iron mast has been added. Eventually the vessel will become a maritime museum.

COP SHOP CAPER.

As part of their 'Environmental Studies' work, children of class 3 from the Infant and Junior School in Stanley paid a visit to the Police Station on June 29th. Chief of Police, Mr. Terry Peck, had organised displays of photos, weapons, fingerprints, etc. The children were escorted on their tour by Constable Lewis Clifton who patiently answered their many and varied questions. I asked one young class member (Aged 8) what she thought of the cells and her reply was: "There's nobody in them, just an ole mattress!"

At a recent meeting in Newcastle upon Tyne, the Bishop of Newcastle said he had been an abstainer a long time. Some very bad wine made him a total abstainer in the first place. He tried it two or three times on his way home from India, and found it so very bad on certain steamers that he took to water, and found it so extremely good that he had stuck to it ever since.

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Her Majesty the Queen - The Queen was always a most loving and devoted mother. Every day she was with her children, talked with and caressed them, and paid those motherly attentions to hair and teeth which many a mother neglects, and this with all her enormous work.

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(Both items above from the Falkland Islands Magazine August 1898.)

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To the Editor of the F.I.M. Port Stanley. June 7th. 1915.

Dear Sir;

I've read with much disgust, a "Lonely White Man's" account of the Falkland's in your issue of May 1915. It struck me as being that of a man out of his senses. It is absolutely infamous for any man who has been in these Islands so long, with such hospitality which he has no doubt had accorded to him, to write such a foolish, untrue story of our Home, especially to the Press, where it is read all over the Globe.

The Falkland Isles are not so well known as they deserve to be. Indeed, when I visited London, that Gay City, I had a constant longing to get to my home in the Falklands again. Theatres, Music Halls etc. had none of their charms for me, I preferred my quiet home life out here.

There are some things we Kelpers can't stand, and one of them are false and foolish reports about our Islands, so if L.W.M. cares to visit the writer (which no doubt he will, with a view to boxing) he can be assured of a very warm welcome.

A Ruffled Kelper.

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THE LEATHER QUESTION.

There is apparently a great difficulty in the Colony at the present time in obtaining footwear for the children, especially the younger ones, - but to those living in the Camp, - should they be enabled to find some hide, - an easy solution of home made boots, might be found. In making boots, an old pair should be taken to pieces, and patterns of the sections should be cut in cardboard, and a new pair can then be made by cutting out the sections in the new leather.

From the F.I. Magazine and Church Paper June 1917.

ARMISTICE DAY

On Monday morning 11th November, 1918 at 8 o'clock a gun was fired, and this was a signal that an armistice had been signed between the Allies & Germany. It was ascertained a little later that the armistice had been signed at 5 that morning, so that even allowing for the present three hours difference between the time here and at the front, the news reached us remarkably quickly.

Soon after the firing of the gun, the Cathedral bells were ringing out the good news, & the "Samson" was hooting continuously, whether as a paean of joy or a desperate call to the men to go to work we cannot say; the men themselves were patriotic enough to read the former meaning into it. The Town soon assumed a very gay and festive appearance, & a multitude of flags of diverse kinds, sizes and dates of washing fluttered in the breezes. The weather was fine and sunny all day. All seemed to enjoy themselves, & none more than the children, who expressed their emotions in the good old fashioned style: their aim was noise, & their means: bells and paraffin tins.

From the F.I. Magazine and Church Paper December 1918.

All pieces were taken from old papers from the private collection of Mrs. B. Biggs.

HOUSE OF COMMONS
M.P.'S ONLY



"Personally, I think Ted's 'Self Determination for Falkland Penguins' is going a bit too far!"



"And just think Bruno, those sons of *!*,* won the World Cup as well!!!"

MRS. HARDY'S REPLY continued from Page 3.

The Conservative Party's position on the issue of sovereignty over the Islands is clear: "If the Islands want to remain British, British they shall remain" - as Mr. Reginald Maudling, then Conservative Spokesman on Foreign Affairs said in the House of Commons two years ago. We have repeatedly pressed this view on the Government. As Mr. John Davies our spokesman on Foreign Affairs said last year "It would be terrible if we were in any way compromising the right of these people to decide their own future".

Pressure of this kind has led the Government to promise that there will be no "transfer of sovereignty without the full acceptance of the Islanders" (Mr. Ted Rowlands, 1 March 1977.

It is up to us now, to hold the Government to that promise.

With Best Wishes,
Matthew Parris, Private Office of the
Leader of the Opposition.

POSTAGE STAMP CENTENARY.

Yet again another set of commemoratives is due for release in the Colony, this time around about August. The set consists of four stamps to celebrate the centenary of the first Falkland Island Postage Stamps. The pictures on the stamps reflect the changes in appearance and locations of post offices in the Islands over the years. The set has a total face value of 51p in values of 3, 11, 15 and 22p.

Artist, naturalist and author Mr. Ian Strange has completed 'rough proofs' for two issues of stamps that should be released in the Colony within the next 2 - 3 years. Mr. Strange's extremely lifelike paintings, sports porpoises on one set and Birds Of Prey on another.

SOME OLD..SOME NEW.

Having lived in 'Camp', I know the sort of arguments that take place with regard to the films that have been on the rounds before and those that have not, so to aid all settlement film-goers (even though new lists should be on their way via the Film Officer) here is a list of the films received via the 'Annette Danielson' by the Central Film Library:-
DUNKIRK, GRAND PRIX, THE MAIN ATTRACTION, SEVEN HILLS OF ROME, THE BLUE MAX, EMPEROR OF THE NORTH, LUCKY LADY, DARKER THAN AMBER, DEAD CERT, FAREWELL MY LOVELY, RUSSIAN ROULETTE, COLD TURKEY, FOUR CLOWNS, HARRY AND TONTO, BREAKHEART PASS, THE THREE MUSKETEERS and THE FOUR MUSKETEERS. The period for which these films are hired is two years.

M.V. FORREST PROGRAMME FOR JULY 1978.

- 3 - 7 JULY.....Stanley for electrical alterations.
- 10 JULY.....Depart for Salvador, Douglas Station, Teal Inlet.
Return O/C.
- 17 JULY.....Goose Green - Darwin. Return via East Island O/C.
- 24 - 28 JULY.....Stanley. As required for NP 8901 Annual Inspection.

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THE FALKLAND ISLANDS ARE BRITISH

DEATH

Delam WILLIAMS.....Aged 70. July 6th.

From the London Press Service:

PASSENGER TRAFFIC MAY TREBLE AT LONDON'S AIRPORTS.

London's three airports could be handling up to one hundred and seven million passengers a year by 1992, according to new traffic forecasts published on the 22nd June. The British Airports Authority (BAA), which controls the Capital's Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted airports, says latest forecasts showed a slight increase on those issued a year ago and reflect the recent recovery in air travel volumes following a world recession in the early 1970's.

At present the city's airports handle a total of more than thirty million passengers a year. But for the effects of aircraft shortages and industrial problems at the airports last year, BAA says the figure would probably have topped 31 million.

If the higher forecasts are borne out, Air Travel will clearly present a problem for both the Government and the BAA. Heathrow, already the world's busiest international airport with a throughput of more than twenty three million people last year, looks set for a maximum capacity of thirty eight million passengers, while Gatwick's limit is likely to be twenty five million. Last year Gatwick handled six point five million people but a one hundred million pound sterling development scheme has raised its passenger capacity to sixteen million a year.

STABLE INFLATION RATE RECAST.

The Price Commission, in its report on 22nd June forecast that Britain's inflation rate should remain stable for the next few months. On the basis of its index of price increases which major companies intend to make over the next few months, the official price monitoring body says the current inflation rate of around 8% should be maintained for the immediate future. The Price Commission index acts as an early warning inflation indicator since it measures the intended change in large companies' notified prices. The change is noted over six-monthly periods and expressed as an annual rate.

STANLEY SPORTS ASSOCIATION.

It is planned to hold the Annual General Meeting of the Sports Association in August at the time of the S/A/GEU Annual meetings. Persons wishing to bring any matter of major importance to the AGM are asked to forward particulars to the Assistant Secretary, Dr. Dunnott or to the Chairman, Mr. E.F. Luxton.

CONCERT GOES AHEAD.

The music concert planned and organised by the Stanley Social Club goes ahead on Friday and Saturday the 28th and 29th of July.

This concert was postponed earlier due to illness. The show will be of about two hours duration with an interval for stretching your legs and buying refreshments. Tickets available from the Falkland Store.

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AIDE-DE-CAMP DIES.

The death of Lt.Colonel R.V.Goss in Stanley recently came as a stunning shock to both people within this colony and to those outside the Falklands who knew him. Perhaps it is only correct to say that in the Lt.Colonel's public side of life he will be missed in his working capacity with the General Employees Union. All members of the Union must be grateful to a man who spearheaded many confrontations and he was one that did not kow-tow to the bosses, and his perserverance has brought many "whiplash" bosses to heel.

Lt.Colonel Goss joined the F.I.D.F. (Falkland Islands Defence Force) in 1939. He was commissioned on May the 28th 1956. On December the 8th 1966 he was awarded the Efficiency Decoration and seven years later was appointed Staff Officer of the F.I.D.F. 3 years ago he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel.

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SPLICE THE MAINE-BRACE.

The Maine State Museum (USA) announced recently that it has made what a spokesman described as "the most spectacular acquisition in the State Museum's history". The State Museum has acquired, for use in its exhibition programme, a massive hull section of the Maine-built 'down-easter' ST.MARY, lost at Kelp Lagoon in the Falkland Islands on her maiden voyage in 1890. The recovery of a portion of the ST.MARY's starboard hull (estimated to weigh between 25 and 30 tons) culminates a five month saga which has involved not only the Maine State Museum but also the Ship Trust Committee of the National Maritime Historical Society, The World Ship Trust in London, The British Antarctic Survey, the British Royal Navy, The Royal Engincers, the U.S. Navy, Maine Maritime Academy, the Maine National Guard and the governments of the Falkland Islands, Great Britain, the United States, and above all, the people of the Falkland Islands.

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LAUNCHING OF H.M.S.EXETER V.

H.M.S.EXETER, the seventh of the Royal Navy's new Sheffield Class Type 42 guided missile Destroyers, was launched by Mrs F.W.Mulley, wife of the Secretary of State for Defence at the Neptune Shipyard of Swan Hunter Shipbuilders Ltd., at Wallsend on the 25th of April at 5:15pm. The 410 feet long, 3,500 ton ship will be equipped with modern weapons which will include a twin-engined anti-submarine Lynx helicopter. H.M.S EXETER is the 5th ship of the Royal Navy to bear that name. The last H.M.S EXETER was a Cruiser launched in 1929 which saw action against the GR.F SPEE in the Battle of the River Plate in 1939 before being sunk in action against the Japanese off Java in March 1942. Survivors of the action and the sinking were present at the launching ceremony.

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Contributed by the Falkland Islands Football League.

The death of Mr. Dolan Williams recently, has robbed the Falklands of yet another of its 'characters'. He will be missed not only by his own family and close friends, but by many other people, in different walks of life.

One section of the public who will regret his passing will be the local Football Club members, with whom he was associated for many years. The younger members of the Club will remember Dolan as a Vice-President and 1st team selector, but older members will remember him as 1st team trainer, and going back further still, as a player of some repute in his earlier days.

Although actual dates are difficult to come by, it seems that he began playing soccer like most other youngsters whilst in his teens, and became involved in Representative matches before 1926. He played against H.M.S. Caradock in 1929, and also against the Colombo, Despatch and Durban War-ships.

Being an active sportsman throughout his life and a keep fit fanatic he was able to continue playing soccer up until 1948. when at the age of 40 he finally played his last game. Fortunately, he did not sever his connections completely with the Club and served on the Committee for many years.

In 1957 he trained the local team for several weeks in preparation for the match against the Royal Yacht 'Britannia'. For the last 20 years he was involved in the selection of Stanley's representative side, sometimes with others, and for many years as the sole selector. He became affectionately known as 'Sir Alf' after the England World Cup Manager Alf Ramsey. It was only last season that he declined to continue in his capacity as Manager. Apart from the activities already described Doley also kept the complete records of Stanley's matches against visiting ships. He was always able to produce the number of 'caps' won by players when called upon to do so. Two years ago the Football Club presented him with a plaque in recognition of his tremendous work given to the Club.

Although these notes are prepared by the Football Club, a brief rundown of the life of Dolan Williams would not be out of place. His early working life was spent in the P.W.D. He later moved on to the F.I.C. Jetty, and at the outbreak of the 2nd World War served his Country with the F.I.D.F. He rose to the rank of Sgt. and quite often had command of the Sapper Hill Outpost. He joined the Police Force in 1946, and 11 years later was promoted to Sgt. In 1962 he was Acting Chief Constable for a period. In 1964 he was awarded the Colonial Police Long Service Medal. He retired later that year. In 1966 he returned to active duty for a few months, to help out during a staff shortage. In the latter years of his life he worked at the Government House gardens. Doley was always interested in gardening, and regarded it as a pastime when others considered it a chore. He won many prizes at local Horticultural Shows and his advice on gardening matters was always worth having.

In keeping with his keenness to keep fit he served as a P.T.I. with the Boys Brigade and F.I.D.F. He in fact, with Capt. McGubbin was responsible for the formation of the Boys Brigade just after the 2nd World War. He was a good oarsman, and took his seat in the Stanley boat against visiting ships on many occasions. His work with various Associations and Committees was endless. He acted as Stanley Town Mayor on occasions, he sat on the Old Age Pensions Advisory Committee. He was a member of the Stanley Benefit Club for 50 years and did his duty as Committee member. The Co-op Committee had the benefit of his experience. He will be missed at Christmas time when the Stanley Sports Association have their annual race-meeting. His involvement with the Defence Force Club will be well-remembered by its many members. He served as Secretary for years and always organized the Stanley Cup competition.

These are just a few of the Committees that called upon Dolan Williams to help them out. There are bound to be many more that I've missed. This started out as a tribute from the Football club but it seems that a few more Clubs have joined in on the way.

To his wife and family we offer our sincere sympathy.

Patrick Watts, Chairman Football Club.

ISLANDS OF MINE

Islands of mine fine and free
 Let no-one take you from me
 We are British hard and fast
 And British we are determined to last.

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These Islands so dear to us
 From way back in the past
 Inhabited by so few
 Will not relinquish to a new.

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We are a minority it's true
 But we have feelings just like you
 A fly in the ointment we may be
 But this fly wishes to stay free.

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Talking here, talking there
 All this talking gets us nowhere
 Husbands, wives, children - our lives
 That's our concern.

GIL GILES; Elephant Beach House, Port San Carlos.

WHO'S WHO AT LINCOLN'S INN.

(Taken from the Falkland Islands Committee Newsletter of 30:6:78.)

The Lincoln's Inn party on 20th June appears to have been successful. Many more members of parliament and civil servants attended this year but unfortunately there were not too many Falkland Islanders home on leave, present. Amongst those who attended were June and Jock McPhee, Rudy and Camilla Clarke, Carol and Alan Miller, Dave Ryan, Peter King and Rosemary Allan and Mrs C.Luxton. Other ex-Kelpers and friends known to have attended are: Irene Reive, Elaine Mayo, Betty and Eddy James, Millie White, Britta and Tom Duran, Capt. and Mrs T.Woodfield, Capt. and Mrs C.Elliott, Sir Vivian Fuchs, Sir Edwin and Lady Arrow-smith, Miss Leach, who visited the Colony this summer, Lord Shackleton, Ted Rowlands, Mr and Mrs L.Hill, Mrs D.Hardy, Linda and Alan Smith, Mr and Mrs A.Kirk, Mr and Mrs A.Sloggic and Fiona, Mrs Nell White, Sir John Gilmour, Monsignor Ireland, O.Leech, Mr and Mrs Lewis (ex-Governor), Mr and Mrs Waldron, Mr and Mrs M.Raymer, Sir Miles and Lady Clifford, Dr and Mrs C.Gallimore, Mr and Mrs Ted Colgate, Mr and Mrs W.W.Blake, Mr and Mrs Ted Gutteridge, Mr and Mrs Toase (Nee Cora Newing), P.W.Luxton, Mrs Patty Smith, Mr and Mrs Lindenbergh, Mr and Mrs W.Ursell, Mr and Mrs Ted Lallman, J.Draycott, D.Osborne, E.Hansen, Rev. and Mrs Millam, R.Rowlands, Rev. Lloyd Jones, Graham Cadman, Mr and Mrs R.Harrison, Mrs D.E.Newman, Mr and Mrs M.Smith and Mr and Mrs D.Jones to quote some of the more familiar names. About 400 people attended altogether.

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HONOURS DEGREE.

Noel Lellman; son of Jim Lellman, has been awarded an Honours Degree in Education at Exeter University.

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From the "Other News Press Agency"

MALVINAS DAY CELEBRATIONS.

Argentina; that great nation where people sing all day when they are happy - nobody has sung for ten years - celebrated what they term "Malvinas Day" in a great storm of festivities and fiestas. El Presidente Jorge Videla was splendidly dressed in one of Eva Peron's Paris-made ballgowns as he made the speech so heartily welcomed in all sectors of the country's peasant population. His speech declared once and for all that Malvinas was Argentine territory. El Presidente himself was so moved by the words he had spoken that he presented jewelled machine guns to all of his Casa Rosada staff. Eva Peron, taking time off from her laborious job of belly dancer at Greasy Gomez's bistro in downtown Buenos Aires kissed the moustachioed Presidente on the cheek and congratulated him on his initiative by using the World Cup as a curtain to cover up the notorious treatment handed out to free-thinkers of that country.

Not wishing to be thought of as a mere dictator, he showed his great kindness by distributing pictures of Southern Thule to schoolchildren and letting the political prisoners have Sundays off the rack. Videla having just returned from a lecture tour of the provinces schools on methods of torture was horrified to learn that Southern Thule was claimed by the British.

Used frequently as an Atomic Research Centre by his scientists, Jorge was disgusted that Britain had adopted a "smack your leg" attitude, especially as Chile had tried to tow Picton, Lennox and Nueva Islands a bit closer to their frontier. Relaxing in his luxurious palace and dining on spit-roast Guanaco cutlets, he said: "We expect to wake those English dogs up soon. I am completing plans for installing my amigo Idiot Amin as my Southern Thule Gorilla leader." Official sources say that delegations will be sent to London to try and kidnap Ted Rowlands. A previous attempt at this had failed because Margaret Thatcher had offered to take Teds place and Jorge's gang didn't want her. Defeatist he is not, as he says, the Malvinas has already got our petrol, our teachers teaching the bambino's Spanish and one of the finest air services political oppression can provide. He promptly shot his butler and expounded his view that the "White Card" was a prime example of Argentinian generosity toward the Malvinerios as they cost many pesos to print. Switching on the TV, he settled back to watch the new quiz show "It's Protest Time" in which a panel of experts are asked what country has shown most protective leanings towards the Malvinas in opposition to Argentina's claim - the result was a draw between the two panels taking part: 0-0. Coming away from my talks with El Presidente, I came to the conclusion that had dear Adolf survived the pressures in his Berlin bunker, and fled to Argentina, he would have to rig every election to oust Jorge Videla. The bullet wound in my hip proves that Argentina is a nation that yearns for love.

Anne O'Nymous, South American Correspondent.

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THE JUNE WEATHER

(Temperatures are shown in Degrees Fahrenheit.)

Highest wind Gust....65 knots.

Total rainfall...1.12" Average wind speed...19.5 knots. Average temp...37.4

Average daily sun....2hrs. Ground frost was recorded on 22 occasions. In brief, a dry and windy month with temperature and sunshine just about normal.

WHAT HAPPENED?

Blimey, talk about a let-down. Probably the questions of the "TIMES" Quiz No.1 were considered to be a bit hard, but then again the interest has got to be there I suppose. Anyway, after staggering home to Byron House and seating myself in Mr.Dave Ryan's office chair, I proceeded to scrutinise the TWO entries. Yeah, TWO. My thanks must go to A.SMITH of Fox Bay West and to MARLAINE BERNTSEN of Stanley for having a go. The answers to the questions are:

- 1) Fin Whale. 2) 15. 3) "Tula". 4) Rothera and Faraday. 5) Salvador, Speedwell, Sedge, Sea Lion, Saunders, San Carlos.

A. SMITH emerged as the winner, so commiserations to Marlaime. The winner has elected to take the set of current South Georgia Definitives plus a set of BAT Explorers, whose combined value is £4.66p.

Once bitten twice shy is the gist of the old adage, but there will be another Quiz in the next edition, open to overseas readers as well in which the prize will be one of the full-colour maps depicting the wrecks around the Falklands that are produced by Mr. John Smith and are available from West Store at £10 a time.

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COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION.

14th Caribbean Regional Conference.

PANEL "A"

HON. TIMOTHY MILLER, M.L.C. (Falkland Islands):

Mr Chairman, Hon. Delegates, the delegate from Antigua in opening this discussion, referred to the need for national education. I should like to add that there is also a need for international education so that we can get a better understanding of the problems of other countries as they vary specifically. Some of us are becoming independent. Some of us wish to become independent but cannot for varying reasons, both economic and political. And another group of us do not yet wish to be granted independence. Because of the size of the remaining dependent territories I also feel that it is in our best long term interest to look to some form of federation. Professor Fowler of the United Kingdom referred to the case of the Falkland Islands. And as an elected member from that country, which probably has the smallest democratic legislature, I should like to explain briefly our problems as an internal self-governing dependent territory.

With a population of only 2,000 people, small as we are, and adjacent as we are to Argentina who claims sovereignty over us, we could not survive as an independent nation without guarantees and support from the Commonwealth and the United Nations. Commonwealth Parliaments and members of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association have proclaimed in the past, and rightly continue to proclaim, their beliefs in the rights and freedoms of citizens, the pursuit of parliamentary democracy and above all, the basic principles of self-determination and human rights. A declaration by the General Assembly of the United Nations of December 14, 1960 expressly lays down the following:-

"The subjugation of peoples to alien subjugation, domination and exploitation constitutes a denial of fundamental human rights; and as such is contrary to the Charter of.....(Cont. P.6)

TIM MILLER'S SPEECH CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5.

.....the United Nations and is an impediment to the promotion of world peace."

In view of this, in the Falklands, we wonder why it is that when the Argentine claim to our country is discussed in the United Nations and elsewhere so few Commonwealth countries support our wish to retain our democratic way of life. We are continually being pressured to join with Argentina and to become in effect an Argentine colony, run completely by civil servants who would have no interest in our affairs. We are being pressured to join with a country whose way of life is totally alien to ours - a country without democratic Government; a country where human rights as we in the Commonwealth know them, are virtually non-existent; a country which has admitted to holding about 3,000 political prisoners - external sources put that figure much higher; a country with a different culture and a different language. Even the United Kingdom Government, which is responsible for our external affairs, has had in the past to be occasionally reminded of the wishes of our people to retain their own British way of life. Now I used the phrase "British way of life" as a description of the culture and the way of life in the Falkland Islands and certainly not as an expression of colonialism. The people of my country - age of 98% direct British origin. There was no original native population. When the islands were first settled they were empty. I therefore propose Mr Chairman - is it not only natural that we have retained and wish to retain our customs and way of life and we do not wish to become absorbed into Latin America.

Our wish is not so much one of keeping the Falklands British, but it is really to keep the Falkland Islands for ourselves - the Falkland Islanders. Geographically, close as we are to Argentina, it makes sense for us to have some joint economic co-operation to achieve maximum benefits of the region's natural resources and we are actively seeking such co-operation. But we do not wish to accept political integration as the price - and this is the price being asked. My people have overwhelmingly demonstrated that they do not want to become part of Argentina. I believe that you can have only one code for human rights and self-determination - that of the wishes of the people. I suggest that it should be the aim of Commonwealth Parliamentarians and through them their governments, to stand up and be counted when the rights of citizens are being jeopardised by undemocratic forces, as are ours.

Thank you.

MR CHAIRMAN:- Thank you, Mr Miller, we would bear in mind what you said, but I noted you were very careful not to mention what would be the attitude of the people from the Falkland Islands if Argentina were to win the World Cup. (Laughter).

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Editors note - Some of Honourable Miller's speech has been omitted.
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PENFRIEND WANTED. KENT AXELSSON is young man of unspecified age hailing from Sweden. Handicapped, Kent says his main joy is stamp-collecting which passes his time away as he is confined to a wheelchair. Anyone who wishes to correspond with Kent can write to him at:-
 P.O. BOX 4033, S-13604-HANDEN, SWEDEN.

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What goes on in 'Winter Week' out in the Camp? Find out in this next piece from Port Howard.

You have already heard about what was going to happen at Port Howard during winter week. Well now we are going to tell you a bit about what did happen. The week started with a good covering of snow, but this did not seem to bother our guests from other farms as Monday saw the people from Pebble Island arrive followed on Tuesday by people from Chartres and Fox Bay. Tuesday nights dance went with a swing from start to finish, which was around 4 a.m. We seem to have some very bashful men at this dance as we only had one man willing to show his knees, but after a gentle bit of encouragement from the judges; Pauline, Janice and Heather, we checked on all male knees and finally selected Mr. Lachie Ross to have the knobbiest knees with Mr. Simon Blair getting second prize. Wednesday afternoon saw everyone back at the hall to try their luck at the wheel of fortune, and to show their skill on the dart board. Mr. Robin Smith being the winner of the darts and Heather Smith getting the laddies prize. While Mum's and Dad's played darts the children enjoyed a lovely tea cooked by all the ladies of the settlement, and then all children went home with a bag of sweets and a can of coke kindly donated by Mr. Robin Gray. The dance that evening didn't start with such a swing but soon got going at 11.30 p.m. The judges Mr. Syd Lee and Mr. Rodney Lee took their seats to judge the hats of all kinds and creations. Mrs. Eileen Hughes won the ladies prize with a flying Tussoc bog. The gentlemens prize went to the only gentleman with a hat and that was Mr. Ron Buckland. Then we had two prizes for the children. They went to Patsy Buckland and Eva Short. Then we had the drawing of the raffles and the lucky winners were as follows.

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| No. 1. | Food Hamper | Suzie McCormick |
| No. 2. | Bag of Potatoes | Nicola Colbert |
| No. 3. | Bottle of Gin, Bottle of rum, bottle of vodka | Heather Smith |
| No. 4. | Cotton Shirt | Shelly Morrison |
| No. 5. | 3lb tin biscuits | Judy Molkenbuhr |
| No. 6. | Iced Cake | Derek Smith |

After this was over the dance got underway again and lasted until around 4.30 a.m. The Port Howard Social Club would like to thank everyone who came to the dances and helped make them so enjoyable.

Heather Smith
Secretary Port Howard Social Club 11.7.78

Penfriend Wanted

I would like very much to come in contact to some-one who is interested in letter exchanging. Please be so kind to announce my address. I hope there is someone who wants to write me. I'm a teacher, 35 years of age, married and father of a son (7 years). My main interests are collecting stamps and books and of course geography.

Peter C. Hausen,
Suderstr. 66 b,
2391 Harrislee,
Bundesrepublik Deutschland.

GOVERNORS CUP DARTS TOURNAMENT

Winner : James Lang
Runner-up : Pat Whitney
3rd Place : 'Pud' Henricksen

LADIES ROSE BOWL
Winner : Vivienne Perkins
Runner-up : Jane Summers

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PEACE AWARD FOR ROYAL MARINES.

A Royal Marine detachment in the Falkland Islands has won a Wilkinson Sword of Peace Award for 1977.

The award is made annually to the unit of each of the three services which is judged to have made the most valuable contribution towards establishing good relations with the people of the community at home or overseas with which they were stationed. Naval Party 8901, the Royal Navy winners of the Sword, is made up of 42 officers and men of the Royal Marines based at Moody Brook in Stanley. NP8901 is the only permanent British Service presence in the islands, and the award has been given to them for the "significant contribution they have made towards sustaining the morale and welfare of the civilian community." In particular, says the Ministry of Defence in London a major contribution was made at maintaining communications between the widely scattered islands in 1977. Valuable assistance was given to the Falkland Islands Government Air Service (FIGAS) especially by the Officer Commanding who flew 150 hours on Beaver float planes to alleviate a pilot shortage. On most flights, says the Ministry, he was accompanied by a member of the detachment acting as a crew member. "Other activities in which the detachment took part included the movement of essential supplies by sea in the detachment's maritime transport; the rebuilding of a bad section of road; and helping to man the islands radio telephone network at weekends and on public holidays," says the press release, adding that one of the Marines regularly acted as disc-jockey for the Falkland Islands Broadcasting Service.

Assistance was also provided to the islands medical service, it adds. The detachment's medical rating acted each week as a theatre attendant at the Colony Hospital's operating session. In addition, he ran first aid courses in outlying settlements and for junior hospital staff. Detachment members also assisted in urgent medical evacuations and regularly (often at short notice and at weekends) donated blood in response to requests from the hospital. The detachments other activities in the community were many and varied. The Sword was presented to Major J.N. Willoughby, the units commanding officer, by Sir Neil Cameron, Chief of the Defence staff, in London on July the 21st. Wilkinson Sword Ltd., founded the Sword of Peace award in 1966, in co-operation with the Ministry of Defence. The firm has been making SWORDS for 200 years and is the premier swordmaker in the world today.

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IT'S QUICKER BY RAIL.

LADE office report that because they do not have an F28 available for service on August the 9th; the flight to Stanley has been cancelled for this week only. The regular F28 flight on Wednesdays will resume on the 16th August. Saturday F27 flights are not affected.

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LETTER

Dear Sir;

Our budget has come and gone and on the whole I feel a good one. But I would like to comment on the OAP amendments, as the fund has always been something I have taken a particular interest in.

Councillor Monk spoke in the Motion of Thanks, about little amendments which did little to improve revenue but just annoyed the public. Yet this is what Council proceeded to do with many of the amendments to the Old Age Pensions Bill.

Government is to be congratulated on the increased pensions, with the promise of an annual review in relation to the changes in the cost of living index, but beyond this most of the amendments are of the 'Nit picking' type.

Reduction of the pensionable age from 65 to 64. This I regard as a sop for making contributions continue until pensionable age.

If a reduction to the pensionable age is desirable then make it significant and bring it down to 60. Personally, I do not believe this is justified in a colony where everyone seems to continue working long after they are 65. I agree that it was a sensible move to require contributions to the fund to continue until a person reaches pensionable age, as the increased pensions are going to put a heavy burden on the fund. However, to require persons who have ceased contributing to the fund to start again strikes me as penny pinching. Let those already contributing continue to do so until they reach pensionable age but give those who have stopped a free ride. With regard to the reduction of the age at which contributions start to 17, why stop there when it will have a minimum impact on the fund? I suggest that it would have been more sensible to have made it "Any person gainfully employed but not of pensionable age with an income over the base line of £800."

The only change which was made in council which would affect the fund was a reduction of the proposed increase in the employer's contribution, from £1.26 to 42p. This has been made up in part by a contribution from Government (the tax payer) of £25,000, but the disadvantage of Government contributions to the OAP fund is that they have a habit of disappearing in times of a shortage of money and when the budget won't balance.

L.G.BLAKE.

HILL COVE...19th July 1978.

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BRASS BUCKETT

On July 27th at an informal ceremony held at Moody Brook's Sergeant's Mess, Warrant Officer 2nd Class Ron Buckett was presented with the Regular Army's Long Service and Good Conduct Medal by Colonel Sidwell RM. O.B.E. Ron, of the Royal Engineers, is currently attached to the Public Works Department in town.

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PLEASE SIR.

A new teacher arrived in Stanley on June 26th and will be helping out at the Junior School for a few weeks before commencing a 'beat' on West Falkland. The teacher, Mr John Hodgkinson, will probably take over from Mr Gerard "Fred" Robson when he travels to the U.K. in September to undertake a course on the planning and production of educational aids which is sponsored by the British Council.

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NEWS FROM HOMEWHO IS THE OPERATOR?

Telephone subscribers in Britain have become the first in the world to be able to dial directly to 50 countries, and can now reach 76 different countries without going through an exchange.

In the recently released annual report, the UK Post Office reveals that it invested a total of £842 million in the year under review on new and improved telecommunications buildings and plant. There are now more than 23 million phones in use in Britain and over 17,000 million calls were made last year.

The British postal system is one of the few such systems in the world now making a profit. The Post Office says that the country has 850 electronic telephone exchanges in service and is now investing heavily in a computerised telephone exchange of the future known as System X. System X is not the only new technology being pioneered by UK Telecommunications experts. Telephone calls are being carried in Britain through tiny strands of glass called optical fibres. The calls are transmitted as pulses of light.

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GLASSWARE FOR BRITISH ARCHAEOLOGISTS IN PERU.

Britain is helping to restore land for farming in Peru. Laboratory glassware needed for research purposes by a British-led team of archaeologists working in Cusichaca has been sent from England. The consignment was sent to Cusichaca where scientists are working on a five year project to rebuild irrigation canals and restore the region to the fertility it enjoyed in the Inca era.

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JOBLESS UP, BUT TREND STILL FLAT.

Adult unemployment in the UK showed a small rise in July, although this is not thought to alter a trend which has been flat or gently downward since last autumn. According to figures released by the Department of Employment, the seasonally adjusted number of adult jobless in the UK rose over a month by 6,600 to stand at 1,371,300 or 5.7% of the working population on 6 July. The unadjusted total number of unemployed - at 1,585,811 - also showed a rise due to the influx of 243,422 summer school-leavers onto the unemployment register. Figures show that when measured on June 30, registered vacancies stood at 211,000 which is 6,400 less than a month earlier. However, the figure for a month earlier aside, this is still the highest level of vacancies since November 1974.

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NEW OFFSHORE FIELD CONFIRMED BY BRITISH GAS.

A major new natural gas field, lying in hitherto unexplored waters off the north-west coast of England, has been confirmed by the British Gas Corporation (BGC). The find, named the 'Morecambe Field' has recoverable reserves of between 56,000 million and 85,000 million cubic metres of gas. Plans for its development are being examined. British Gas believe that there is sufficient natural gas available to meet requirements until at least the end of the century.

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KIDDIES KORNER.

Children in British schools have been invited to take part in a competition celebrating next year's International Year of the Child.

The year has been chosen by the United Nations and the competition will be one of numerous international events drawing attention to the needs of children in the developing and developed world.

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THE "TIMES" QUIZ No: 2.

Here is a chance to win a full colour map depicting the wrecks of the Falkland Islands. The maps are produced by Mr. John Smith of Stanley and retail at £10.

Please note that each entrant will be required to answer ALL of the following questions correctly in order to win and that in the event of a "tie" the contestant with the neatest writing will be judged the winner.

QUESTIONS.

- 1) Professor W.K.Rontgen discovered and named 'X-Rays'. In what year?
a. 1813
b. 1896
c. 1907
d. 1934.
- 2) Who invented the "Iron Lung" respiratory device? Was it:-
a. Pierre Coulin & Prof. Jacques Somfite?
b. Simon Guessler?
c. Madame Curie?
d. Dr Philip Drinker & Mr L.A. Shaw?
- 3) In Chaucer's "Canterbury Tales", who told the first story?
a. The Yeoman.
b. The Prioress.
c. The Knight.
d. The Clerk of Oxenford.
- 4) When was International Geophysical Year?
a. 1948-49.
b. 1952-53.
c. 1957-58.
d. 1961-62.
- 5) What is the most southerly town in the World?
a. Hobart, Tasmania.
b. Port Stanley, Falkland Islands.
c. Rio Gallegos, Argentina.
d. Ushuaia, Tierra Del Fuego.

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This competition is open to all residents of the Falklands and to "TIMES" readers wherever they might be. There is NO entry fee. ALL entries from overseas MUST be on a postcard please. The closing date for entries is FRIDAY SEPTEMBER THE 8th. Address:- "TIMES" QUIZ 2, P.O. BOX 60, STANLEY.

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COMMERCE TEACHER DUE.

A young commerce teacher from Leeds leaves in August for a new job in the Falklands. Miss Marilyn Robinson, 24, who teaches at a Leeds comprehensive school, has been recruited under an aid scheme by which Britain supplements the salaries of specialists helping the developing world. On a 2-3 year engagement, she will be teaching commercial subjects in schools in Stanley and probably elsewhere in the Islands. Miss Robinson at present teaches typing, shorthand and office work as well as English.

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Anne O'Nymous Travels.

Well, after the initial fervour created by the World Cup in this beautiful "land of the free", there seems to be a quite noticeable lack of atmosphere. At a loose end I decided to pay a visit to the Malvinas Planning and Development section to see what the boffins have come up with this time. Senor Ludwig Von Tittleheimer, a tall, gaunt Argentine thoroughbred since 1945, introduced me to his staff who seem so happy in their work although some said their handcuffs chafed.

First port of call was to the Mapping Room where the finishing touches to the full colour map of Southern Thule were in process of completion. I marvelled at the way Senor Juan Schieff hand-tooled the inscription "Discovered by Pancho Merdobe in 1765" along the border of the linen on which the map is printed. A few questions were asked about the Malvinas but the answers I gave were accepted without much enthusiasm as most of the questioners had got bored whilst I rang up the Buenos Aires Horrored to ask what the news from Malvinas was at the moment. After a nip of Argentine Whisky which is undoubtedly some of the best liquid produced outside of a chamber pot, I progressed along a corridor ignoring the screams that came from behind oaken doors and entered a snappy little room. The decor was enhanced by a charming portrait of some woman called Eva Braun done in oils hanging by a support of Belsen Leather - a most collectable piece in these parts.

This room as I was informed was Slogan Centre One where a hand picked team thought up rival phrases to offset the embarrassment caused upon the public hearing "Keep The Falklands British" as that phrase has been bandied about a lot over the past years. Examples of brilliant innovation caught my eye such as "Bootnecks Make Us Laugh", "Want A Hand With The Hostel?" and "Jorge Rules, O.K?!" After a recent visit to this department by El Presidente, some wag had come up with "Killjoy Was Here". Poor man, he was never seen again. I was interrupted by a phone call. Jorge again. Why can't he leave me alone? I'm not that sort of girl. He wanted my advice on sending bananas to his friend Idiot Amin. Jorge was worried that although they are buddies would the sambo cough up the freight costs.

After telling him to go ahead and send them he invited me to dine with fellow dictator Ian Smutt on holiday from Rhodesia, so hitching up my tights I looked forward to getting his views on poor little Malvinas.

====To be Continued=====

DAN ARCHERS COLUMN.

WAY WEST, 26-7-78.

Well there we was supping away in the Bull, waiting for Walter to explain his self. If Walter weren't retired I would have sacked him, ex Police duds and all, proper Victor Sylvesters they are too. C'mon Walter, shouts Jack, let's have it, here have another tot. So's Walter true to form, downs his tot makes to speak, temporarily being drowned out by a raucous screech from Doris; 'pears old Ned's getting fresh again. I'll not have my men chasing Doris. C'mon shouts Tom, angry as ever; tell this grabber Dan, how he keeps grab, grab, grabbing. That's not fair I shouts back, proper democratic we are, at least I buys British, look, when I keeps up with the Joneses I buys a Tiger Moth, beautiful job it is too, it's called either Faith, Hope or Charity, can't never remember. Right handy for hopping into town ever since I got me KCMG - Kindly Call Me God. Phil's flying it at the moment, good lad that, my Phil. Some reckon he's a big-head, just cause he had a rich dad that could send him overseas for his B.F. at Winklesea College. Phil knows his onions, he'll go places that lad. Don't let on to Ned, he's sore cause of that blockheaded boy that couldn't cope at Darwin of his.....Continued on back page.

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TONSIL TALK.

A meeting of the Stanley Choir was held last Monday. After much discussion it was decided to restart practices and aim to produce a programme of at least half an hour for early October.

CASH RAISED.

After the concert "Music For Pleasure" which was compered by handsome, debonair Dave Colville and was organised by the Social Club, Mr Len McGill told me that a profit of over £160 was realised.

NEWS FROM THE STANLEY BADMINTON CLUB.

Thanks to all those who were able to help, the old lines of the Badminton Court in the Gymnasium were cleaned, lined up with sticky tape and repainted all before 9 O'clock on Tuesday the 1st. It was noticed however, that the paint was soaking into the wooden floor rather quickly and that a second coat would be needed. With the co-operation of the Headmaster Senior School, The Royal Marines and the Film Officer, the gymnasium was not in use on Wednesday thereby enabling the job to be completed. The sticky tape was removed on Thursday and Badminton was once again played on a proper court.

Just a reminder to parents of those children who may be attending the Junior Section. The club will be opened at 7pm and play will continue until 8.30pm each Tuesday and Thursday.

The annual subscription fee of £1 must be paid upon registration at the club. Copies of the set rules are available from either the secretary or the chairman.

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A BULL'S EYE VIEW.

Here I was the other day, about to jump Primrose, a fine ten year old Ayrshire, proper pet of my troupe, apart from that she seldom moves, does her bit, you know! Well so did I know it, damn silly cow did move! She hopped over a stupid fence, having suddenly been revealed to a hidden patch of Yorkshire Fog that the house cat had been sitting on. You knows the old bovine saying. A wadful of grass is better than an empty rectum. She'd jumped, I'd slipped and caught myself on a stupid fencing splice, you know the sort, a sloppy job - long dangling bits of No.8. It fair buckled me up, how the hell am I supposed to do my bit for King and Country, owners and shareholders without having to operate in Siberian conditions. Just for spite I smashed down the rest of the stupid fence, it needed it anyway, load of old tatt. Luckily, there was no barbed wire involved, that always makes things awkward for us bovines; any humans tried hopping barbed wire fences in the nudey? I think not, same for us bovines, prickly subject.

Still, as long as they put up fencing for sheep, us bovines can make pretty short work of it. My cousin over East is looking forward to the new Darwin road, those East Bulls will really rattle down that tarmac. Not much cop for us West herd - have to swim bloody Sound - sounds great.

....MOO, WAY WEST.

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PENFRIEND WANTED.

"Greetings to all of you, inhabitants of the Falkland Islands from this too crowded Mexico City. I am a 19 year old mexican boy 5'11" tall, studying for be a medical doctor someday if God wishes to."

"I would like very much to have correspondence and swap of stamps."

NAME:- JOSE DAVID FERRIZ JR. ADDRESS:- CALZ DE LOS MISTERIOS 668-A,
MEXICO 14 DF.

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RECIPE CORNER.BOILED SHEEP'S TONGUES.
(Langues de Mouton bouillies.)

4-5 sheep's tongues $\frac{1}{2}$ pt of stock.
 Stock 1 tablespoonful of Sherry (Optional).
 Salt and Pepper
 1 oz butter.
 $\frac{1}{2}$ oz flour.

Soak the tongues well in salt water for 1 hour, then blanch and dry them. Put into a pan, cover with stock, season, and simmer for about 2 hours until tender. When cooked, remove skin, trim the roots and divide each tongue lengthwise into 3.

Make a sauce with the butter, flour and the $\frac{1}{2}$ pt of stock. When thickened and boiling, add the tongues and reheat with the sherry and seasonings to taste. Serve very hot within a circle of spaghetti, spinach or potatoes. 6 helpings.

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MUTTON PIE - CUMBERLAND STYLE.

12oz minced mutton.
 Short Crust Pastry using 12oz flour etc.
 1 onion.
 4ozs mushrooms.
 A pinch of Thyme.
 Salt and pepper.
 A little good stock.
 Egg or milk for glazing.

Chop and lightly fry the onion. Line 12 small round tins or small with $\frac{1}{2}$ the pastry. Mix together the minced mutton, chopped onion, chopped mushrooms, thyme and seasoning. Divide the mixture between the tins. Add to each a little stock to moisten. Cover with lids made from

the rest of the pastry. Brush with egg or milk and bake in a moderate oven (350° F.,) for about 30-45min. 6 helpings.

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FLASHBACK. Extracts taken from the Falkland Islands Weekly News 1948.

DANCE - GIVEN BY HMS 'SNIPE'.

A dance took place in the Gymnasium given by the Officers and men of HMS 'SNIPE' last Friday evening. Among those present were Commander Forbes R.N. and Commander Marshall R.N.

Music was provided by the Radiogram and by the local band. A large company was present and thoroughly enjoyed the dance. Novelty dances took place during the evening and the following were prize winners: Mr K Biggs and Miss O. Dettleff (Spot Waltz), Mr D. Earle and Miss A. Pettersson (Statue Waltz), Miss I. Sedgwick and partner (Card Dance), Miss V. Smith and partner (Honesty Waltz).

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FROM THE F.I.C. STORES DEPARTMENT: Please note that at the moment we only buy empty Squash bottles @ 1/- per doz. and empty beer bottles (large and small) @ 6d per doz. No other bottles are required.

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.....Right says Walter, bursting into voice, Dan he says, it aint so much owd you earnt your money, but owd you spends it, having got it, 'ppearing that you got any due to your bumbling. Here watch it Walter, I says, your got F & M in a minute - my bloody foot in your ruddy mouth. Walter says, by appearance of your farm, it don't look like thats getting much out of it either. Another screech from Doris, Ned I shouts; Brrrrrr then the sound of the Tiger Moth zapping over the Bull. Hooray here comes Phil; what's Phil B.F. going to say?

Music Please.

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DEATHS

Mr. Ernest GLEADELL...aged 74.....July 25th.

Mr. Gordon ANDERSON...aged 38.

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BIRTH

In Plymouth on July 25th. To Mr. & Mrs. Dave PLATT, a daughter CLARE. Clare came into the world at 5lbs 9ozs. Mrs. Platt was formerly

Veronica Davis.

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MARRIAGE

The Tabernacle on saturday July 22nd was the scene of a wedding bt. when Miss SHIRLEY JOHNSON was married to Mr LEE SMALL. Shirley was given in marriage by Mr. Bernard Peck and looked lovely in a full length white gown of tiered nylon. Her long length veil was held in place with a floral head-dress and she carried a bouquet of mixed flowers and fern.

The two brides- maids, Sharon Hewitt and Josie Stewart wore long dresses of green floral cotton trimmed with white guipure lace daisies. They each carried a bouquet of mauve flowers and fern and a silver horseshoe. The Best Man was Michael Johnson. A reception was held in the Town Hall at 8.00pm where guests gathered to drink the health of the newlyweds and to sample the three tier wedding cake. After the reception, dancing continued to 1am. The cake was made and decorated by Mrs Thelma Ferguson of Weddell Island.

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THE JULY WEATHER

Average Daily Sunshine.....1.4hrs. Average Temp.....1.3 degrees Cent.
Total Rainfall.....2.61". Lowest Temp.....Minus 8.4 degrees C.
Average Wind Speed.....15.3kts. Ground Frost.....22 occasions.
Highest Gust (31-7-78).....61knots. Highest temp..7.2 degrees C.

In brief, a sunless and wet month with temperature and wind a little below average

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NEW F.I. TIMES 12-Issue Subs: Overseas: £2.65p. This new rate due to 12p postage on a four-page issue will take effect as from 1/79. The Camp and Argentina rates of £1.70p will remain unchanged. NO new subscriptions will be accepted until December 1978. The 10p cover price will not alter unless paper costs rise which they hopefully won't over the next few months.

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ARE KELPER'S RIGHTS BEING VIOLATED? By Uki Goni in the Buenos Aires Herald of Wednesday August 9th 1978.

Travellers returning from the Falkland (Malvinas) Islands often feel they are on their way back from a rendezvous with the past, as if the islands were a place magically apart, safe from the vicissitudes which are the daily bread of the rest of the modern world. But the Kelpers (as the islanders call themselves) have their own share of social, economic and political problems, and one man in particular, Harland Greenshields of Douglas Station, East Falkland is so vexed after his eight-year struggle with the Colonial Secretary's Office in Stanley that he has decided to take his case to the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg. "My right to dispose of my property is being infringed," Harland told me on his way through Buenos Aires last week.

Douglas Station, one of the largest private farms on the islands, has been up for sale eight years now, and three purchase deals - the latest one involving a consortium of Argentine and Scottish interests, have been successfully blocked by the islands governor and his council so far.

Greenshield's predicament has been described to him as a "Catch-22" situation in one of the many letters he has received from Lord Shackleton in the recent past, and which he showed me in his room at the Claridge hotel. The author of the controversial 1976 report on the islands, Lord Shackleton, according to the letter I saw, has taken a keen interest in Greenshield's dispute with the Colonial Secretary's Office. Greenshields "Catch-22" is that no foreigner can own land on the islands unless he is granted a licence (which must be approved by the governors council) by the Colonial Secretary's Office. And although Greenshields has tried to attract buyers from New Zealand, South Africa, Europe and Great Britain, the only serious offers he has received involve Argentina. The latest application for a licence was made by Argentine entrepreneur Hector Francisco Capozzolo, who is now producing a film on Argentina's World Cup victory, and who made headlines not so long ago as the man who had made a bid to purchase the Falkland Islands Company. The licence was turned down by the Secretary's Office this June 16th. Undaunted, Greenshields has tried to talk the council into purchasing his 135,000 acre 500,000 dollar farm if they will not allow him to sell it, but with no success so far. He is now taking his case to Britain where it has already aroused public interest. A recent article by Michael Frenchman in the Times of London (written before Capozzolo's application for a licence had been turned down) said: "Undoubtedly pressure will be exerted by the Argentine government in their talks with Britain to get the sale accepted. Captain Walter Allara, under-secretary for foreign affairs, said that future business between Britain and Argentina depended to a large extent on a satisfactory outcome."

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(Due to space reasons some of the article as printed has been omitted).
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LETTERBOX.

FROM: TIM MILLER, WALKER CREEK.
DATE: AUGUST 7th 1978.

Dear Editor;

There is one sentence in my C.P.A. speech in No.6/78 which I would like to clarify as a number of people have questioned me about it. I referred to keeping the Falklands for the Falkland Islanders - in my view anyone who comes to these Islands to settle and make their life here is a Falkland Islander so-to-speak, regardless of the fact that he or she was not born here.

I used the phrase Falkland Islander's at the C.P.A Conference to try and emphasize the fact that we are a population with our own rights.

Yours Sincerely etc.

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FROM: MIKE BLEANEY, CHURCH HOUSE, STANLEY.
DATE: AUGUST 8th 1978.

Dear Sir;

There is a well-established British tradition of political satire, a tradition which every believer in free speech is bound to uphold and defend. However, there is a thin line dividing legitimate satire and scurrilous libel. The precise definition of this line is the business of jurists; as a layman I can only respond to the dictates of my instinct and my conscience. My instinct tells me that the two articles by Anne O'Nymous in issues numbers 6 and 7 of the Falkland Islands Times overstep the bounds of propriety; my conscience urges me to write this letter of protest.

The particular kind of infantile smut in the articles is usually confined to public lavatory walls, and in my opinion it is regrettable that a publication carrying the escutcheon of the Falkland Islands on its letter-head should contain such drivel. With such a letter-head there is a possibility that an inference might be drawn to the effect that the contents are the voice of the Falkland Islands.

Is this so? Do the people here, expatriates and islanders alike, wish to be associated with this tripe? If not, I urge them to write to the editor of this journal and state their feelings. Silence can be interpreted as tacit agreement.

There are legitimate criticisms to be made of the Argentine administration, but these criticisms will lose all credibility if presented in an article depicting the Argentine President as a transvestite, or which depends on the mention of chamber-pots for its humorous contents. This is bringing satire down to the level of the nursery.

I for one, Mr. Editor, would welcome any factual reminders of what might be expected from an Argentine administration. There is an abundance of such information to be obtained from the World Press. (And for that matter, the Buenos Aires Herald.) Please, Mr. Editor, help Anne O'Nymous out of the gutter.

Yours Faithfully etc.

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EDITOR'S COMMENT: Phew! Thanks very much indeed for taking the time to write Mike. I must say that your letter came as a shock, although I think a reply is in order to clarify matters. Firstly, as the "TIMES" is an independent non-Government publication, people are more than...

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EDITOR'S COMMENT .. Continued from previous page.

.....welcome to write about anything they want to, and, provided that it is not obscene, it will if space allows be published. I feel sure that most people realise it is only a tongue-in-cheek poke and I'm positive that the contributor of these certain articles (who remains Anne O'Nymous) is combining a a tug at right-wing militarism with a strong distaste of Argentina. There are people who cannot wait for a take-over by Argentina and the contributor (who made a copy of your letter) informed me that it is this factor who his/her articles are aimed at. I am not in a position to agree with everything that is eventually included in this paper, and as the Falklands are starved of world-shattering events some things I disagree with have to be included as makeweight.

The other day I had a complaint from an elderly lady who said that the "headline" AIDE DE-CAMP DIES (6/78) should have read AIDE-DE-CAMP PASSES ON. Just goes to show that no matter what the content of the paper, not everyone is pleased.

To make you happier Mike, there is only enough Anne O'Nymous material for two more editions which I have decided to publish as there is a conclusion of sorts that made me laugh anyway. The female journalist from Argentina who was in the Falklands recently was highly amused over Anne's Travels and even asked me how long it took to write them! She was a bit disappointed to find out that Anne lives in Camp far from the Casa Rosada!

I'll finish by saying again that anybody of any age from anywhere is invited to write anything at all for the "TIMES" - whether your cat has two tails or 600 sheep were shorn in 4 minutes, it's all welcomed. And for those who take articles as being in a war-mongering vein, keep your 10p in your pocket - psychiatrists fees are expensive nowadays!

DAVE COLVILLE.

P.S: Anne writes on page 5....Never mind, only 2 to go.

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CAMP NEWS.

WHIST DRIVE AND DANCE AT DARWIN SCHOOL.

On 30th July, Darwin School held a Whist Drive and Dance. The Whist started at 7.30pm and play was a mite slow with only 8 hands in an hour and a quarter. Due to a shortage of boys, two senoir girls and Mrs.Coates played as 'gentlemen'.

The results were:-

- 1st Ladies - Faith Felton...60 points.
- 2nd Ladies - Stephanie McNally...58 points.
- Booby - Ellen Short. The Booby prize was a rubber so that Ellen could erase her mistakes in the scoring!
- 1st Gents - Christine Morrison...67 points.
- 2nd Gents - Suzi McCormick.....62 points.
- Booby - Paul Blake. Paul's prize was a pair of

socks that he had to pull up!

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SPORTS RESULTS.

RUGBY UNION - August 5th. MARINES 13 STANLEY 9.

SOCCER - July 30th. GOOSE GREEN 2 DARWIN SCHOOL 4
Kelly. Ford.
Murray. Ford,Lenny, (3)
Ref:Dave Smith.

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Contrary to popular belief, Falkland Farming is modern (sic) as with thus "It is when we come to a thoroughly modern agriculture like that of Australia that we find on a large scale... vast flocks of sheep maintained on the Australian pastoral ranches... these flocks may be described as semi-domesticated. From time to time they are mustered for shearing at the stations, and for the rest of the year they graze off the countryside.... Such repeated dangers and disasters as attend the Australian pastoral industry are not a part of a proper farming system. It is scarcely to be wondered that the wealth of the sheep-rancher is a by-word for its instability; immense fortunes are easily accumulated and may vanish in a season.. (where U.K.?) (1).

However, unlike modern farming we seem to be thus "During the early 1850's (U.K.) the average lactation of the dairy cow, was only 250 gallons (about what we enjoy now here)... On the Marquis of Lansdowne's Bowood Estate in Wiltshire, the 100 cows in 1890 were milked by 20 women from neighbouring Calne" - S.O.A. note 5 cows per person! (2).

"Improved yields of today (milk) compared with a century ago, are a result of general advances in husbandry, both CROP and animal. Better feeding and housing of cows, and veterinary advances with disease. (3). Or, under natural conditions, animals are at the mercy of environmental conditions, having an abundance of nutrition at one time of year and little at another; consequently there is a regular variation in body weight at different times of year. The limitation of food intake can inhibit the development of body conformation in cattle, giving them almost an appearance of a different breed. (4).

Reinforced by Hagedoorn's - "In certain circumstances size is very important, namely where animals are for use on very poor pasture (range)." (range).

Under such conditions when food is abundant some time at certain seasons, and scanty at others - rapidly maturing horses or cattle (sheep?) are at a great disadvantage, for when the period of starvation arrives - (June to September in the Falklands) young animals of such breeds are stunted.

Their skeleton matures, and when another period of plenty arrives, they can never pick up again, but become short and stunted, and remain so. (5).

Ken Russell reckons: "Stocking rate on farms is a matter not only of fertility of the farm itself, but also of the size of the cow. In given circumstances it will be possible to carry a larger herd by choosing a breed with low maintenance requirements. In general, therefore, the poorer the land, the smaller should be the breed of cow kept (sheep?). (6).

"There is only one real measure of superiority in domestic animals, i.e. adaptation to the conditions of agriculture into which the breed must fit". (7). Finally, "Breeders as a rule over-estimate the part played by hereditary in variation, and under-estimate the role of the environmental causes of differences in their stock." (8).

Lastly on a wistful note "Increasing pressures (in U.K. population - land reforms we hope!) - led again to the breaking up of land, thus the land was able to respond. Fields could be fenced (at £2,000 a mile, some joke) animals thus maintained in sufficient numbers and the land in general managed on improved systems.

Clovers, grasses and the ubiquitous turnip via Townshend led to great improvements in livestock. Better animals gave more manure,... Cont. Page 4..

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more dung means richer fields. Trees were planted (ha ha). (9).

The idea that productivity of a breed is independent of HUSBANDRY is widespread, yet FALSE! (10).

To conclude...My oft repeated experience is that the practical men are generally much more progressive (given a chance!) and open to new truths than those set in authority over them. I am fully in accord with Boutflour that such men are incapable of learning: THEY MUST DIE OUT and be replaced by younger men who have learned more than their predecessors. (11).

Coke of Holkham (1776-1816) was a great landlord (ugh!) and great leader (ah!). (12).

Where therefore is our great Landlord and great leader? Where indeed. Where's our bloody agri-officer???

Yours Sincerely

Ron Reeves the cowman.

Naturam expellas furca tamen usque recurret.

You may pitchfork Nature out but back she'll come again - Horace.

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Anne O'Nymous Travels.I managed to cling to the spittle covered rail of one of the broken down biscuit tins on wheels (Bus) and dropped off at the Casa Rosada. I showed my Press card, still crisp and white after the World Cup and sauntered across the sunlit yard of this great Presidential Palace that has seen such happier times. Chico Grenxe the Butler met me at the entrance and wailed loudly, lamenting the fact that his brother Enrico had been accused of terrorist activities - he had dropped a sweet paper on the threshold of the Banco Nacional - and was due to be shot in Tucuman next day. However I adopted a governmental approach and acted nonchalant towards this man, human rights is just a phrase anyway. I was told that Ian Smutt and Jorge had gone on an urgent call to that leader of mass media heroism, the right-wing paper The Chronic. I decided to kick my heels in the offices of the Ministry of the Interior and caught a cab. Greeted by the sight of a detailed map of Puerto Stanley, I asked the owlish woman behind the desk what she was doing with all those "white cards". She replied with a grin and smilingly told me that she was getting them ready for despatch to a Malvinas Church in readiness for another celebration of Argentine-Malvinas entanglement. Light a candle and shake hands. Bursting into peals of semi-hysterical laughter she asked me if I was thinking of travelling to Puerto Stanley and in between guffaws told me to make sure and take a handful of gravel as Argentina's contribution to the pothole crisis. When I showed her my Jorge Is My Fuhrer badge, her face took on a thunderstruck expression. Hastily turning her picture of Eva Peron to the wall she proffered a cup of coffee and apologised for it being of an ersatz variety. Hard times for office workers a la era Peron!

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NEWS OF TWO SAILORS BY FRED GOOCH.

During the past Summer we had a number of deepsea voyagers by sail calling at Stanley, and many of us gained much pleasure from getting to know these, generally speaking, young adventurers. I am sure that I was not alone in thinking that it was a great pity that I had not the time, or was not young enough to 'have a bash' also.

However, I am pleased to be able to impart news of two somewhat mature sailing visitors to Stanley. I refer to Claud and Jane Brash who it will be remembered arrived here in 1975 in their sloop "Taroa II" from New Zealand. They had waited for the time of their retirement from business before setting off in 1972 to sail around the world.

In the following three years they cruised the south and north Pacific, then sailed down the North American continent, taking in Mexican ports before making a 98 day passage to Valparaiso from Acapulco and spent the winter at Algarrobo nearby. Juan Fernandez Island was next visited, and it was here that they experienced the worst weather of the whole adventure when they were caught by a hurricane and the vessel continued dragging despite having three anchors down, and the engine running ahead to avoid being driven onto a lee shore where a coral reef would have made short work of breaking them up.

Eventually, leaving Puerto Eden in Southern Chile, Ushuaia was made via the Beagle Channel, and this was the jumping off place for the rounding of Cape Horn and their arrival in Stanley. This was not Claude's first visit, as he had been here as part of the complement of HMS "Achilles" early in the 2nd World War. They then headed for Montevideo; from here to revisit the scene of Claude's participation in the naval battle with the pocket battleship "Graf Spee". This passage north took rather a long time owing to the self-steering gear working quite well whilst being watched, but in a letter written at the time, Claude said that as soon as they turned-in Toroa II headed south once more during the night with the result that the Stanley-Montivideo passage was accomplished in over three weeks sailing. But as they said at the time, we are not in a hurry.

Britain was reached and Falmouth was made the winter headquarters, and spring saw them on their way once more through the French inland waterways to the Mediterranean where they visited Anzio and were taken care of by another old friend of the Falklands, Capt. Giovanni Aymone-Cat who has a home near this Italian port. One of their objects was to visit Rome, and Anzio being the most convenient place to leave the ship, they were able to fulfil their wish; something which had been arranged long before from Stanley.

Claude's brother then joined them for a trip amongst the Greek islands, and then alone once more they carried on through Suez and the Red Sea to the Indian Ocean to Colombo, and it was after leaving here that Jane had what could quite well have been a serious illness. However on passage to Christmas Island she recovered sufficiently to take over the galley once more. After Christmas Island they arrived much nearer to home waters when they stopped in Darwin for some time whilst Claude worked in various jobs ashore to accumulate a bit of money in order to complete the last leg which included calls at Brisbane and Sydney, where an old friend joined them for the final stretch to Auckland, where they were given a well-deserved welcome on March 6th this year, almost six years after having set out to see the world on the 6th of May 1972.

During this long voyage they suffered various mishaps. The shrouds suddenly gave way north of Rio de Janeiro but fortunately the mast did not go over the side. Vandals cast the vessel adrift whilst they were sleeping aboard in Britain, and before their arrival at Colombo a tanker collided with them and severely damaged the standing rigging, knocking their vessel about thirty feet sideways, and a leg injury which Claude suffered put him into hospital in the British Tanker Ca hospital for three weeks. As it was one of their tankers which struck the ship, Claude was thankful that nothing was charged for the Services rendered. They had to re-rig their ship because the anchor of their larger adversary had caught in the rigging, tearing out the mast and breaking

the spreaders, but fortunately no hull damage was suffered.

So now Toroa II and her owners are back in their home port, and the ship has had a refit ready for cruising in home waters. In a photostat copy of an article appearing in the Auckland newspaper North Shore Times which I received, photographs of Claude and Jane appear, and they look very happy, and in one of them they have the wellknown map of Falkland Island shipwrecks which had been given to them in Stanley. When one takes into consideration that during their years away from home Jane suffered three mild strokes which in the latter part of the voyage precluded her from taking any active part in the actual sailing of the ship, it is plain that their sheer determination prevented them from giving up, because a few hours airline trip would have brought them home from almost anywhere, but they did it, their way.

In the newspaper report they especially recall the spontaneous hospitality and kindness encountered in Stanley, and feel that they owe everyone concerned a letter of appreciation, and hope to get around to doing this once that they have overcome all the accumulated work which their house and garden need. They requested that I convey their heartfelt thanks and gratitude to their friends in Stanley for all kindness shown during their stay here.

Claude says that were he younger, he would do it all over again. "But I have got to stay home and look after my first mate."

Congratulations Claude and Jane Brash.

NEWS FROM FALKLAND CO-OPERATIVE INDUSTRIES

We were very disappointed not to receive the consignment of goods from the Welsh Mill by the Annette Danielson. However we expect a wider range of Tweed and Woven Ties, Headsquares, purses etc. by the next trip.

We have been in contact with two firms in Canada offering to help by marketing anything we could export to them. Among items suggested by one firm were "Goose Feathers". They wanted a pound of feathers as a sample. How many feathers to a pound? Anyone willing to find out?

The other firm was interested in our hand knitted things, but we are not in a position to export until we can increase production here. We expect six second hand Knitting machines by the next Annette Danielson. You will have all heard in last Sunday's London Bridge programme what the M.P.'s interviewed at the Lincoln's Inn Party had to say about increasing our economy. Well if we can establish a Falkland Knitwear trade then we will be helping to "Keep the Falklands British". So come on all you knitters please.

It is obvious that as soon as we have enough capital we must start a small Machine Knitting Factory to augment the Handknitters and Home Machine Knitters.

We have been in correspondence with a Co-operative that started in the Island of Skye first with a Croft only. Now, five years later they have 2000 sheep, their own spinning Mill, 12 people employed in their knitting factory and are producing their own brand of whisky and wine. They have only just got 'out of the red' but now their turnover is £50,000. What they have done, so can we with courage and perserverance. Anyone know how to make whisky? After all we have lots of peaty water, a necessary ingredient.

What about those sheepskins? Dr. Barlowe is still expecting us to send samples to him to judge and arrange a market, but if we could just have some for local and Tourist trade for a start it would be a help. We have only had one offered us so far and that by an expatriot. So once again "Come on Kelpers" we look forward to receiving some cured skins from you before the end of the year.

Betty Miller

DALRY DIARY. Mr. Douglas A. Hamilton of 89 Oroua Street, Eastbourne, New Zealand; sent a clipping from the GALLOWAY NEWS that was sent to him from Scotland. It reads:-

DIARIES TELL OF SHEPHERDING IN PATAGONIA.

A reference in the "100 Years Ago" column to the Dalry Mutual Improvement Association, prompted Mr. William Blain of Main Street, Dalry, to bring to the attention of the "News" some lectures and diaries written by his father Mr. William Blain, senior. One of these lectures, "Experiences as I journeyed through life," was given to Association members prior to the First World War. The lecture and the diaries describe how Mr. Blain had gone as a herd to the Falklands in 1879. They record the 85-day voyage aboard a 300-ton sailing ship with Romney Marsh rams and the galley on deck; and the passengers sometimes fastened into their bunks with rope against the severity of the weather. Shortly after his arrival in the Falklands, he "bumped-into" Willy McGill, a Dalry man, whose family were joiners. There follows a detailed account of the living and working conditions he encountered during his six-year stay. Far from returning home at the end of his time in the Falklands, Mr. Blair set sail for Patagonia and for the next 13 years he worked there and in the Argentine. His son, the "younger" Mr. Blain, intends to take extracts from his fathers writings and would like to see them published as a pamphlet.

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M.V. FORREST PROGRAMME SEPTEMBER 1978.

29 Aug-1 Sept....Recce of Berkeley Sound. Drop SVT team at Green Patch on September 1st.

5 Sept-8 Sept....Recce of Salvador Waters. Return via Green Patch to collect SVT.

11 Sept-19 Sept...West Falkland. Itinerary will be published on Camp R/T.

25 Sept....6 Oct..Military Patrol - West and East Falkland.

Due to the military nature of this programme, the itinerary is being kept vague and will be subject to alterations. However, it is hoped to give the settlements as much notice as possible before leaving Stanley, for the carriage of freight.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

As the usual statistics are inserted from time to time and are sometimes incomplete in all respects, it is perhaps wise to include a "summary" as such from time to time as per the following:-

DEATHS.

- June 12th. Jesse PHILLIPS.....Aged 68.
- June 20th. Martha BURNS.....Aged 89.
- July 6th. John Dolan WILLIAMS.....Aged 70.
- July 9th. Richard Victor GOSS. OBE, ED... Aged 54.
- July 25th. Ernest Charles Stanbury GLEADELL..Aged 74.
- Aug 2nd. Frederick Clarence Walwin NEWMAN..Aged 45.
- Aug 16th. Jessie Maud SMITH...Aged 72.

BIRTHS.

- July 1st. Mr. & Mrs. L. HARRIS (Nee Jill Goss), a daughter, ROSLYN
- Aug 6th. Mr. & Mrs. M. FORD (Nee Cherry Robson), a son, SIMON.

MARRIAGES.

- July 7th. David Peter CASTLE to Isobel FRIENDSHIP...Reg Gen's Office.
- July 22nd. Lee Oliver SMALL to Shirley Rose JOHNSON..Tabernacle.
- Aug 3rd. Kenneth William GAIGER to Ellen Rose MCLAREN..Reg Gen's Office.

Details supplied by the Registrar Generals Office.

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THE FALKLAND ISLANDS TIMES



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PRICE OF THE "TIMES"

The announcement from Dobbyn's Bakery in Stanley that their bread retail price will be increased by 3p to 27p per loaf is being followed by the "TIMES" announcing that unfortunately the price of each issue will have to be increased as from the next edition (10/78). Each edition so far has been 'carried' personally to the tune of £38 which adds up to £228 in the red since 3/78. This is not all due to paper costs but is shared by increases in the cost of ink and the cost of postage by air of the paper from Argentina. On rough calculations, the price of the "TIMES" would be in the region of 20p if the paper was bought in and shipped from the U.K., so obtaining it from Buenos Aires still remains the most viable means. New subscription rates for overseas subscribers will be as follows:

Present: £2.00 New Rate as from JAN 1979: £3.25 which will cover 12 issues at 15p plus 2nd class Air-Mail postage which at present is 12p for an 'eight-pager'. Camp Subscriptions will be £2.92.

This years subscribers will continue receiving their copies at the old rate until their subscriptions run out. Naturally, there will be quite a few people who will not buy the paper at the new rate (which incidentally will be 13p) so I will judge sales accordingly after Issue 11/78 and reduce the printing run as necessary which will reduce shop numbers but will incur less wastage. The "TIMES" is in no danger of folding however, and this year it will not cease while I travel to Antarctica because I am not going. Well, at least I thought I was and so did the Postmaster until August the 15th when I received one of those cute little brown envelopes from the Secretariat to say that the job of Postal Clerk which I occupied, is to be discontinued. So to all those people who send philatelic mail via Stanley for franking at the various bases - I wouldn't bother, you might never see them again!

Oh well, don't forget then that the next "TIMES" will cost you 13p (Overseas 15p) and remember, it may be rubbish, but at least it's BRITISH RUBBISH!!!!

Dave Colville.

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NEWS OF A BIRTH.

In the King Edward Memorial Hospital, a son, weighing 9lbs 7ozs and named MARTIN REX to Mr & Mrs Michael Carey of Port Louis.

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NEW APPOINTMENT.

Mr. Darwin Lewis Clifton has been appointed Senior Clerk in the Philatelic Bureau of the Stanley Post Office. Hot favourite for the post was Mrs. Betty Biggs who has worked at the job for almost 5 years. Once again Government Appointments Boards have worked in a strange way. Miss Kim Robertson is now clerk in the Police Station, leaving the post of clerk in the Customs and Harbour Dept vacant for the time being.

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LETTERBOX.

From: Mrs. SALLY BLAKE, HILL COVE, WEST FALKLAND.
Date: AUGUST 26th 1978.

Dear Sir;

In your Times issue of 24th August, you have an article entitled "Are Kelper's Rights being Violated?" taken from the Buenos Aires Herald of 9th August.

I would like to say that here is one kelper who would consider her rights very seriously violated if any land in the Islands was sold to an Argentine concern.

In the case of Douglas Station it would appear to be a "political" price being offered, since the going price of farms in the Islands at the moment is about £6 a sheep and in the 1975/76 stock returns Douglas Station put out 16,331 sheep.

Yours Faithfully, etc.

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From: NICKY REIVE, FALKLAND ISLANDS OFFICE (LONDON),
2 GREYCOAT PLACE, WESTMINSTER, LONDON SW1.

Date: AUGUST 17th 1978.

Dear Editor;

Having worked part time in the Falkland Islands Office in London as Membership Secretary for almost a year, I have been receiving the many subscriptions from the Falklands and I wondered if the subscribers had a clear picture of what the Office does and what they are subscribing to. I hope you will print this letter to clarify this.

The Falkland Islands Office is the Secretariat and Executive for The United Kingdom Falkland Islands Committee, The Falkland Islands Research and Development Association (FIRADA), the South Atlantic Fisheries Committee and The Friends of the Falklands.

Of these, the United Kingdom Falkland Islands Committee deals with human rights and the sovereignty of the Falklands. The Falkland Islands Research and Development Association, which contrary to many beliefs, is a non-profit making organisation and is governed by a Council of Management. It exists to represent the interests of the Falkland Islands and to aid development within the Islands for the benefit of the people living there. It is financed by both corporate and individual subscriptions and finances the running of the Falkland Islands Office. Without a healthy FIRADA, the office could not exist and there would be no permanent representative of the Islanders in London. The South Atlantic Fisheries Committee was begun to promote fisheries in the South Atlantic. It is financed separately from FIRADA by subscriptions that come from commercial companies who are concerned with United Kingdom Fisheries. As many people know, the Friends of the Falklands are people who originally helped to fund the United Kingdom Falkland Islands Committee's activities, but now subscribe to the Falkland Islands Office as a whole.

Apart from normal secretarial and executive functions, the Falkland Islands Office also employs Sallingbury Ltd., a business consultancy firm to act on our behalf in parliamentary and public relations matters. In Parliament, we have a large number of Members of Parliament and Peers who can be called upon for support. Good relations are maintained with National newspapers and the press Association.

I hope this brief account will help those who have already subscribed to understand what the Falkland Islands Office is and what everyone is trying to achieve and we thank you for your support.....(Continued on Page 3.....)

.....I also hope it will encourage those who have not subscribed to do so - after all, are we not all united in the same cause that is to Keep The Falkland Islands British and to improve standards within the Islands socially, economically and culturally.

My best wishes to you and all at home, etc.

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AEL INSTALLATIONS.

Mr. Mike Peake of the Posts & Telecommunications Dept. has recently returned from West Falkland having installed new AEL Transceivers at Beaver Island, New Island and Weddell Island. Time and weather permitting, it is hoped to install further transceivers at Keppel Island, Golding Island, Pebble Island, West Point Island, Carcass Island, Sedge Island, Saunders Island and Sea Lion Island although not necessarily in that order.

Other AEL transceivers have been installed at the Darwin Boarding School, Fox Bay and at the Stanley Control station, where for technical reasons it is desirable to have an installation entirely compatible with the new stations to enable the full advantages of the system to be realised. Following representations that good communications between parents and children attending Darwin School were desirable, it was agreed that a set be installed there. Fox Bay, as the Government station on the West Falklands, the largest centre of population and connected as it is to the West Falklands telephone system, is an obvious candidate for the new and improved equipment. The thinking behind the distribution of the AEL sets to these particular stations is to provide those places which rely entirely on R/T as a means of communication with the better equipment as a first stage in up-dating the whole R/T network. A spin-off of this is the release of a number of the old sets, some of which will be re-furbished, and others cannibalised in the process, with a view to providing a pool of spare sets which can be drawn upon to replace some of the worst of the mainland Berry sets pending decisions on the future of the remainder of the Government R/T system. The main constraint in providing the kind of internal communications system which doubtless everyone in the Islands would like to see is financial of course, and it is worth noting that the dozen sets and ancillary equipment now being installed cost the best part of £16,000.

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FRUITY.

LADE has announced that a special freight fee has been established for the transport of fruit and veg as general cargo exclusively from Comodoro Rivadavia to Port Stanley, with the freight to be paid in Stanley. At 5p per kilo, this new fee means a decrease of 65% on the previous costs.

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HOSTEL AHOY!

The charter vessel, which is scheduled to arrive in Stanley sometime this month, will be carrying on board a considerable amount of building material in readiness for the construction of the new school hostel.

British Antarctic Survey (BAS) have agreed to ship a further consignment of material aboard the RRS "JOHN BISCOE", which is due to arrive here in early October.

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NEW MATRON.

Miss Lesley Baskeyfield arrived in Stanley late last month to take up the post of Matron at the King Edward Memorial Hospital.

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Submitted for publication by Mr. DES PECK.

The horse and cow live 30 years
 And nothing known of wines or beers,
 The goat and sheep at 20 die,
 And never taste of scotch or rye.
 The sow drinks water by the ton,
 And at 18 is nearly done;
 The dog at 15 cashes in
 Without the aid of rum and gin,
 The cat in milk and water soaks
 And then at 20 nearly croaks;
 The modest, sober, bone-dry hen
 Lays eggs for years and dies at 10.
 All animals are strictly dry,
 And sinless live, and quickly die,
 But sinful, ginful, rum-soaked men
 Survive for three-score years and ten;
 And some of us, the mighty few,
 Stay pickled until we're 92!!

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Sent to the "TIMES" by Mrs. E. Reeves of 105 Hainault Avenue, Westcliff-On-Sea, Essex.

Now listen, my good people
 To the song I have to sing.
 The implications in it
 Will carry quite a sting

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A letter reached me one day
 From my ever-loving son,
 Beginning as per usual,
 Could you please, Dear Mum?

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What was it now, I pondered,
 Having had all this before.
 Well, I've heard of coals to Newcastle,
 But this was even more.

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Please send me WOOL!!
 I thought: "How strange,"
 Their sheep outnumber people,
 A-grazing on the range.

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The leather goods he sends me,
 Bearing the F.I. crest,
 All made in glorious Devon,
 Along with all the rest.

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With materials in plenty,
 Right at your very door,
 A pity not to use them,
 And even up the score!!!

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Are you a budding Poet? Send your work into the "TIMES". Pick up that pen!!

UP IN THE AIR. Considering that the new Stanley Airport has not had an Official opening ceremony as yet, the 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ pages in the latest issue of the Gazette taken up by the Stanley Airport Regulations 1978 is a bit of a bind. The regulations make for amusing reading in some parts and here are a few pieces taken from them:-

PART 2 No.16.

No person in the airport shall except with the approval of the Superintendent in writing and under such terms and conditions as may be prescribed -

- (a) carry on a trade or any other operation of a commercial nature;
- (b) display advertising boards or posters or distribute pamphlets, printed matter or circulars or deliver speeches in public or carry out any other act of prpaganda;
- (c) make a public collection;
- (d) make music or sing in public;
- (e) kindle open fires; or
- (f) keep any domestic or other animal.

LAYMAN'S INTERPRETATION.

PART 2 No,16.

- (a + b) No person is allowed to sell stuff unless Government is getting a rake off.
- (c) No person is allowed to organise an on the spot whip-round for a departing friend.
- (d) Drunks will be ejected.
- (e) Setting fire to the Superintendent is prohibited.
- (f) The waiting area and lounge is not to be used for Livery activities.

But be warned:- Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of these regulations or any rule prescribed or any lawful order or instruction issued by the Superintendent or person authorised by him for the purpose of enforcement of these regulations may be removed or ejected from the airport by a police officer and may in addition be liable on conviction to a fine of two hundred pounds.

FIDE PROMOTIONS.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to make the following promotions in the Falkland Islands Defence Force with effect from 8th August 1978:-

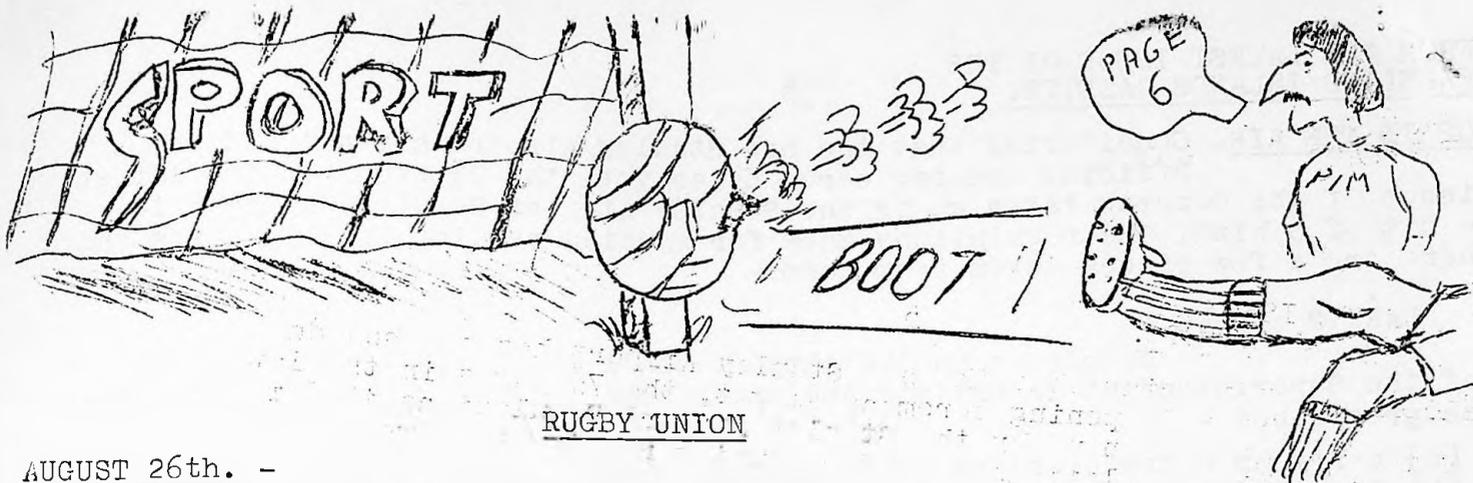
Captain P.G.Summers, E.D., to the rank of Major
2nd Lieut. H.T.Luxton to the rank of Lieutenant
2nd Lieut. B.W.Ford to the rank of Lieutenant.

Also - H.T.Luxton is the FIDE Adjutant as from the 10th July.
P.G.Summers is Staff Officer as from 10th July.

COMPLETION OF CONTRACT.

Dr.Frederick Campbell Cox, M.B., Ch.B, M.R.C.P - 11-6-78.

RESIGNATION. Russell George Thomas Hooper, Pilot - 29-7-78.



RUGBY UNION

AUGUST 26th. -

STANLEY 0 ROYAL MARINES 10

After the previous 3 games, this proved to be a very disappointing match. The Stanley team could not get themselves organised, with the result that the Royal Marines controlled the entire first half. The second half was more evenly balanced but this could have been caused by Stanley using 16 players instead of 15. However, the Royal Marines and the referee were apparently unaware of this slick move by Stanley.

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DARTS.- On Tuesday evening (August 29th), Globe Shearer's and Rose 'A' met to play for second place in the Kendall Cup. It was a very good match, although the final result was not as close as may have been thought. Rose 'A' forged ahead and emerged as the winners.

In the Challenge League, the Outcasts met the Fleetwing Flyers for their play-off. Again the result was not a close one, with the Fleetwing Flyers winning the game.

RESULTS

- Kendall Cup Winners:- ROSE 'B'
- Runners-up - ROSE 'A'
- Challenge Shield - GLOBE TROTTERS
- Runners-up - FLEETWING FLYERS

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FISTICUFFS.

Those people who remember Paul Kelly of H.M.S. ENDURANCE will know that he was the Amateur Boxing Welterweight Champion of Great Britain.

Paul served last year with the Endurance in Falklands and Antarctic waters and made many friends in Stanley, especially members of the Football Club as he was a regular member of the Endurance 1st team. Upon his return to England he took part in several trial boxing matches to prove his fitness and being successful was selected to represent England in the recent Commonwealth Games held in Edmonton, Canada. Another honour for Paul came in the form of his being chosen to be captain of the English boxing squad.

Paul won his first two bouts but lost under unanimous decision in the quarter finals to McCallum from Jamaica who went on to lift the Gold medal. It was Paul Kelly's intention to turn professional after the Commonwealth Games, and being the best amateur boxer in Britain (Welterweight) he should not be short of offers.

His friends in the Falklands will be following his future career with interest. Perhaps if he is not too successful with the Gloves, he could turn to Soccer as he was no mean player on the Stanley field last season.

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DAN ARCHER'S COLUMN.

Down came Faith, down came Hope, down came Charity with a resounding bang! It was easy to see why Phil was a B.F. It didn't take Phil long to extricate himself from the straps and tangle, we watched him jump from the open cockpit and race to the Bull with his tongue hanging out. Well, all 'cept Ned, he was too busy panting over Doris. As Phil B.F. came in, we all stampeded back to the bar, hoping that Phil was going to buy the next round. What a clatter, you'd have sworn the cookhouse was ablaze. Phil shouts out "Dad!" He knows my name, clever lad that. "Dad!" he says, "I've just seen Jack Woolly." (Now Jack Woolly is general manager for Charles Grenville, of Grenville Estates. Grenville's own some 2 million acres of real estate here, and Woolly is the head flunky; with a name like that, he'd have to be). "Dad!" (he's repetitious that boy) Jack Woolly's figured it all out - whats that boy, eh! Figured out Tom's argument about our keeping all the profits? Yes - No, Dad! Jack reckons that we'll sling bulk tanks under the struts of FHC, and really blast out the cobalt, not only that but we'll use bags of Fog seed and launch it out - too bad if the peasants get hit on the head. Who's a peasant? Blimey, Tom had woke up from his reverie. "Yes you, you B.F." shouts Tom, "you belong to the days of feudalism, you and that fool father of yours, Dan; - Instead of it being Brookfield, they should call your outfit, Dan Archer the Lord of the Manor, bloody big house is old enough to be real Tudor anyway!" That's enough for me. Ned, leave Doris and water the pony, we're leaving for Brookfield and some quiet. Tom, I'll see you when we get back, Doris shift your backside. Wait until I see Grenville and Woolly at the farmers meetings.....TO BE CONTINUED.

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FLASHBACK

From the "PENGUIN", 30th January 1937.

MY IMPRESSIONS OF THE FALKLANDS by Juan Carlos Moreno, Editorial Staff, Argentine Weekly Review 'CARAS Y CARETAS.

The peoples of the Argentine and of Uruguay have a mistaken conception of the Falkland Islands and of the conditions there. Many know the Islands are inhabited but suppose its port insignificant, the poulation living poorly and dejectedly without modern comforts, and under icy climatic conditions with tempestuous winds all the year round.

Actually the Islands have been a revelation to me. The Falklands are neither joyless nor poor. True, there is not much vegetation but its soil is covered with grass and small bushes, (serving as fodder for flocks of sheep and herds of cattle) and the undulating lands, with its many hills crowned with white rocks, gives the Islands an attractiveness all their own.

Stanley, cheery and picturesque with its bright white and red painted houses inclining to the lake like harbour of blue tranquil waters, favourably calls attention to its cleanliness and modern conveniences, good buildings and drains, macadamised roads, electric lights and telephones.

The modest home is comfortable, the hospital clean as a mirror and friendly as a home, yet as modern as any to be seen in largely poulated urban centres. The public administration is excellent. There are no delinquents, no clashing of the classes and no crushing miseries such as plague large cities. Falkland Islanders are frank and kind. All greet each other familiarly in the street. Those that do not know me greet me kindly. Again it is pleasant to take a walk on Ross Road following the curving beach as far as "Little Italy" and on to where the young bicyclists ride ends and only to begin the horsemen's journey into the country -- An alluring touch to the scene -- suggesting to the visitor to spend a month each year on these far away Islands of the Astral Seas.

Sent to the "TIMES" by Moira L. Biggs, 18 Foxfield Ave., Morecambe, Lancs, UK

ANNE O'NYMOUS TRAVELS.

Sick of waiting for Jorge and Ian Smutt to finish business with The Chronic I caught a cab that had doors on for once and buzzed off to the Sovereignty Claims Congress that had been organised by the United Noytips in the city centre, looking forward to the questions and answer session. There is now documented a transcript of the proceedings.

Minister of Malvinas Relations:-Can the Chairman ensure that the White Card will be maintained at all costs until the sovereignty issue is successful?

Chairman:-By all means. In fact it was the Islanders themselves who wanted the document; I suppose it gives them the feeling of being cared for, not only that - they did not have any choice! (Laughter - 3 people were shot).

Patagonian Under-Secretary:-Perhaps the Commissioner for Buenos Aires can assure us that mail is still broached from time to time.

Director of Posts and Telecommunications:- Due to our friends absence, may I answer for him and state most emphatically that we still root through foreign mail. Many worker's have supplemented their wages in such fashion and it gives the satisfaction of knowing that the mail is scrutinised to make sure that no British propoganda is transported.

Minister of Malvinas Relations:- Mr.Chairman, is it true that the Malvinas Government refuse to sell that farm on the Eastern Malvinas because of our nationality?

Chairman:... Yes, it is true! Perhaps they want Greenshield Stamps. Ha! Ha!
(Round of applause).

Patagonian Under-Secretary:-I think it must be said Mr.Chairman, that we already have Teachers giving instruction to the peasant children of Malvinas in the use of our language, so farm or not, we still maintain a foothold.

Admiral Lopez, C-in-C Armada Argentina:-We must press for more funds. The rude Malvinas people laugh at the paintwork on our Bahia Buen Suceso too much. Can't we cut down the amount of cash being channelled into the base on Southern Thule? After all is said and done, 15 submarines is too much.

Chairman:- Come now Lopez, those damned polacks will be snaffling our fish unless we show our teeth. We are endeavouring to float the Chilean part of Tierra del Fuego out to the Pacific out of our way so money is tight.

Admiral Lopez:- Humph! We should march into the Islas Malvinas now and end it all.

Director of Posts:- Yes, we can hide our troops in YPF drums. Snort!

Admiral Lopez:- We can easily manage it. I am positive Jorge himself could walk on the water! (Bang!)

Chairman:-What a waste of a bullet. Fellow delegates, we must throw a spanner in the sovereignty works at our earliest opportunity. For too long have we shilly-shallied with Gentleman Jim in the Malvinas and Ted the Red in Inglaterra, now is the time to prove ourselves and unsettle those sheep-lovers.

Patagonian Under-Secretary:- May I ask how?

Chairman:-We will entice their Marines away!

All Present:-Impossible! Preposterous! How?

Chairman:-We will send our best looking able-seamen over on the next boat.

But now it is time for a recess, meeting adjourned until 3,30. Dismiss!
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PHYSICAL GRAFFITI

The smell of new paint in the Secretariat is heartening. Civic pride is important in any community, more so in a small place such as Stanley. It will be great to see where the painter's daub next. One candidate for the brush must surely be the exterior of the Town Hall; a coat of Snowcem would stop tourists thinking that they were looking at the morgue. Cable & Wireless visitors must think that they have stepped into an Ideal Home Exhibition lot when they see the excellent paint job that has been recently completed in their Town Hall office. What's the betting that it will be 10 years or so before the painter's "attack" the interior of the Post Office? Another eyesore that needs to be wiped out is the corrugated mish-mash of slogans - famous now for its appearance in a well known Sunday colour magazine - that must make tourists think they have ended up by mistake in a black Wandsworth estate. It has been there long enough, now is the time to get rid of it!!

THE LONG AND WINDING ROAD

Bleats have been heard recently concerning lack of available manpower for work on the Stanley-Darwin road link. With men rushing to join the various shearing gangs, wherein the financial benefits are greater, it looks as though the PWD will have to wait longingly for the seasons end. Townsfolk and Campers will have to wait longingly for the roads end. Just for the record, let's say 1983 - at least.

SORE HEAD

The usual heads were unable to be printed this time because I forgot to take the paper up to Joe King! Back to normal next issue.

TIMES QUIZ 2

After a surprising amount of entries for the last quiz, 99% correct and 99% with very neat writing, a "hat-draw" was made and the winning entry was sent in by Mrs. R. GORMAN of Lingfield, Sussex. Mrs. Gorman gets her "TIMES" from friends in Bognor and says "Keep the Union Jack flying". Well, there's no trouble doing that with the winds here!!

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From the Stanley Badminton Club:

Three tournaments were held in the club during the last week in August.

Although the temperature in the Gymnasium was below freezing point, both players and spectators enjoyed the games most of which were long and exiting even if some of the scores were not high. For those interested, the results were as follows:-

MIXED DOUBLES KNOCK-OUT

JEANNE DOBBYNS & ALEC BETTS 0 DAPHNE GIFFORD & DAVE MORLEY 15
 ODETTE GOSS & MANFRED KEENLEYSIDE 10 RENE ROWLANDS & GAVIN McMILLAN 15
 NICOLA LUXTON & JOHN CHEEK 13 ROSITA CALISTO & DAVE McLEOD 15
 TERESA MCGILL & BRIAN SUMMERS beat DUFFY SHERIDAN & IAN GOSS 15-5, 13-1

SEMI FINALS

DAPHNE GIFFORD & DAVE MORLEY 15 .v. RENE ROWLANDS & GAVIN McMILLAN 12
 ROSITA CALISTO & DAVE McLEOD 15 .v. TERESA MCGILL & BRIAN SUMMERS 1

FINAL

DAPHNE GIFFORD & DAVE MORLEY beat ROSITA CALISTO & DAVE McLEOD 15-12

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LADIES SINGLES KNOCK-OUT

NICOLA LUXTON 11 TERESA MCGILL 6 Jeanne Dobbyns against Daphne
 ODETTE GOSS 1 ROSITA CALISTO 11 Gifford had a bye into the
 Semi-Finals and Daphne won
 this game 11-2. In the Final she played Nicola Luxton and lost to her 7-11

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GENTS SINGLES KNOCK-OUT

DAVE MORLEY 15 JOHN CHEEK 12
 IAN GOSS 2 MANFRED KEENLEYSIDE 15
 DAVE McLEOD 15 GAVIN McMILLAN 3
 DUFFY SHERIDAN 15 BRIAN SUMMERS 4

SEMI FINALS

MANFRED KEENLEYSIDE beat DAVE MORLEY after a very even game 15-5, 13-3
 and DAVE McLEOD beat DUFFY SHERIDAN 15-2

FINAL

DAVE McLEOD 15 MANFRED KEENLEYSIDE 9

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LETTERBOX

FROM: H.T.LUXTON, POSTMASTER, STANLEY.
 DATE: 11 SEPTEMBER 1978.

Dear Sir;

It was disquieting to read in your issue of 4 September that, consequent on the discontinuance of the services of a British Antarctic Territory postal clerk, you thought it inadvisable for philatelists to send mail to BAS bases, as they may never see their mail again.

I would like to point out that mail was being sent to BAS bases via the Stanley Post Office long before the first appointment of a postal clerk, and suitable arrangements will continue in force for the benefit of everyone. There is no reason to suppose that mail will be lost.

I hope you will publish this letter and thereby correct the impression given to your readers that it may be unwise to post mail to Antarctic bases.

Yours Faithfully, etc.

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FROM: Mr.R.A.FOWKE, HILL COVE.
 DATE: 6 SEPTEMBER 1978.

Dear Sir;

The recent Cost of Living Bonus (COLB) has added yet more fuel to the rate of inflation. COLB's are not a solution to the problems of inflation.

Inflation in the Falklands is primarily due to rising costs, not to a rising demand for goods. What is needed is a Statutory 'Prices Board' - which would determine maximum price rises.

If the Government makes no attempt to control inflation, and it has not shown any signs of doing so, the consequences I believe will be disastrous for the Colony.

Farms will be unable to keep up with the excessive wage rises if wool prices do not rise in comparison. They will therefore, have no alternative but to start laying off men.

Yours Sincerely, etc.

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EMBASSY OFFICIAL VISIT.

At the time of 'writing', Mr.Richard Gozney from the British Embassy in Buenos Aires is expected to arrive in Stanley on Sept 13th which will be the start of a 10-day visit to the Colony.

Mr.Gozney is the successor to Mr.Howard Pearce, who finished his tour of duty in Buenos Aires in July, and then returned to take up an appointment with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in London. Gozney joined the FCO in 1973, and prior to his posting to Argentina, he worked at the British Embassy in Indonesia.

During his visit to the Colony, Gozney hopes to meet as many people as possible. He will be staying at Government House for a few days and then visiting a couple of Camp settlements on the East & West Falklands. He is expected to depart from the Colony on Saturday September the 23rd.

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From the Education Department;

The Senior School GCE 'O' level results arrived recently and they were most satisfactory.

Two pupils out of six passed Spanish - both with Grade A.

Four pupils out of nine passed Maths.

Four pupils out of nine passed Geography.

Five pupils out of eight passed Human Biology, three obtaining Grade A.

Seven pupils out of ten passed English Literature, and five pupils out of five passed English Language.

All the pupils are to be commended on their efforts and special congratulations must go to Shona Strange who passed the six subjects she took; to Jeremy Smith who passed the four subjects he took, and also to Gavin Short who received a Grade A, B and a C but unfortunately only managed a D in Maths.

It is also worth noting that Nancy Stephenson, who was given time off from the Education Department to come to school to work for 'O' levels, passed in her three subjects with a Grade A and two Grade C's.

Owen Summers passed in Maths with a Grade B. Owen is attending day release classes and is tutored by Mr. S. Booth.

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A BULLS-EYE VIEW

There I was, backside into the wind whilst snow, hail, rain and muck 'n mire pounded me frame. God, you sure can see our frames now - gaunt, ragged beasts - and that's just the navyies! I can tell you, even the tapeworms are on short-comings now, and I'm damn glad its the period of silent heats. Meaning the cows come and go off oestrus before I manage to do me bit.

I'm knackered, couldn't care if theres any calves this spring, summer cum winter. The thoughts of Popeye and his spinach sent huge grumbles of gas rolling around me empty rumen, with the sound-waves bouncing off the cavernous depths. There laying at the bottom of it all, was one fern bog part digested, a dollop of diddle-dee, a sundry mixture of foreign bodies, bits of goose wings, fence wire, and bale twine.

My sides heaved and another 2 litres of gas escaped, ahh - pure methane; lovely stuff natural gas, the net result of all that jaw movement in cudding. Forty thousand jaw movements a day! It's true; and the thoughts of all this hot air and jawing, led me immediately into thinking about the recently held Farmers Week, forum or seminar or whatever its tag.

Now we hear that G.T.U. are changing their tactics or strategy. They never consult us, after all we are the experts, our guts are the catalyst which have to sort the wheat from the chaff. I don't care who says or does what, I want grub! Fodder, Graze, Nutrition, a bit of shelter, somewhere dry to chew me cud and think of all those greenbacks, filthy lucre, toot, the stuff intrepid owners like to accumulate in their rumens and catalyse into portfolio's, for that day when they have to leave it all behind the pearly gates.....

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From the International Press Cutting Bureau, and read on "IMPRINT" by PATRICK WATTS comes the following items:-

ANGER SINKS £500m. BRITISH FRIGATES DEAL

Argentine anger at British criticism of the Buenos Aires administrations position on human rights and the Falkland Islands led to the loss of a £500 million frigate contract for Vosper Thornycroft, Whitehall sources disclosed yesterday.

The Argentine Navy has instead accepted a bid from the West German shipbuilders Blohm & Voss, of Hamburg. It is understood that Vospers, who have been negotiating the deal for more than two years, still have a remote chance of success. The Germans have until the end of the year to complete the contract, with the British shipbuilders company acting as first reserve. Officially, the Defence Ministry could only comment "It is not our policy to discuss sales of equipment to overseas countries".

But defence officials, while maintaining the overall picture was still unclear, spoke of their great disappointment at the loss of the contract, a move which "was not entirely unexpected." Other sources said the decision was political. One official said, "There was apparently a feeling in Argentina that it would be wrong to do business with critics of their administration." Britain has not had an ambassador in Buenos Aires since 1976.

An Argentine Navy delegation was well received recently, but there are strong suggestions inside Whitehall that the Foreign Office was rather lukewarm to a private visit by the junta's 'hard-man' Admiral Emilio Massara, the commander-in-chief of the navy.

Taken from the DUNDEE COURIER & ADVERTISER 2-8-78

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QUESTIONS IN THE HOUSE

Mr. JAMES JOHNSON asked the Secretary of State for Energy whether significant quantities of oil are indicated to be in Falkland Islands waters following the recent survey carried out on behalf of British, United States and Argentine interests.

DR. MAHON: Two seismic surveys have been completed by private companies in the waters surrounding the Falkland Islands. I expect to receive both companies reports, which are now in preparation, in due course.

SIR NIGEL FISHER asked the Minister for Overseas Development what further plans she has for the economic development of the Falkland Islands; and whether these now include extending the aircraft runway to take international aircraft.

MR. TOMLINSON: We are providing funds for the reorganisation and re-equipment of the public works department, which is to begin construction of a road across East Falkland in September. A new school hostel is to be built shortly in Stanley. We propose to increase support of the grasslands trial unit and the possibilities of salmon ranching and inshore fishing are now being examined. A newly appointed development officer will take up his post in the autumn. There are no plans for extending the runway.

MR. MICHAEL CLARK HUTCHISON asked the Minister for Overseas Development whether she would consider supplying a ferry between the two principal islands of the Falkland Islands.....Continued on Page 6.

MR. TOMLINSON: No. As the hon. Member was informed on 22nd May, we have recently agreed to the use of aid funds for the construction of a road between Stanley and Darwin. This is likely to be completed in 1980-81 and any consideration of the provision of a ferry service before then would, in my view, be premature.

MR. JAMES JOHNSON asked the Minister of Overseas Development whether she has plans to improve the telephone system within the Falkland Islands.

MR. TOMLINSON: The Falkland Islands Government are at present reconsidering a request which they made last year for improvements in the radio-telecommunications system. As soon as they come up with a new request we shall see what we can do to assist them.

Taken from HANSARD HOUSE OF COMMONS REPORT, LONDON 31-7-78

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£875 STAMP.

A world record price of £875 for a Falkland Islands 1933 centenary £1 stamp was paid at a philatelic auction at Rugby, which realised a total of £259,899.....BIRMINGHAM EVENING MAIL, 4-8-78.

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PRIMITIVE OUTLOOK.

Bearded, bespectacled BBC reporter Ray Goutridge really went to town in his 'International Assignment' programme that was heard recently in the Falklands firstly as an extract on the World Service's 'Outlook' programme, then as the full saga on the Falkland Islands Broadcasting Station. One response has come to the "TIMES" from Mrs. Judy Molkenbuhr who writes: "Listening to the programme 'Outlook' has prompted me to write these few words in defence of my "primitive land". The man who said the Falklands are very primitive and that he was very disappointed with the place certainly doesn't need to stay. Has he not heard of all of us who possess Hoovers, foodmixers, washing machines, deep freezers, etc., etc, not to mention the great many vehicles owned in the Falklands."

Well Mrs. Molkenbuhr, it was ME who said that piece. It was a pity the reporters question to me during the interview was not played as he said: "What were your first impressions on your arrival at Port Stephens?" It seems a pity to that out of half an hour of talking to him he only used a 17 second slot; after all, I was hoping for some free publicity for the paper! Judy carries on: "We are accused of having no community spirit and of being in a mess. What mess?" It could be best to write to Councillor Derek Evans who remarked on the social side of life insomuch as community spirit plays a part. It amused me to hear Mr. Evans's views on removing U.K. people from the Falklands. When is your flight booked Derek? As Judy says: "As for community spirit, doesn't everybody help ferry school children home when the Beavers are out of action? Doesn't everyone help in some way during a crisis like a family losing everything in a fire? What about world disasters? Who helps in a small way with cash donations? The list is endless but we true Kelpers aren't much for blowing our own trumpets. I always thought helping ones fellow man was "pulling together" but I was only educated by travelling teachers (and my parents) so perhaps I'm wrong!:" I came back to the Falklands after living in England for 12 years and I never want to live anywhere else. As for the Falklands being primitive, the last place I lived in, in England, had one cold water tap and an outside bucket toilet which was emptied by the Council once a week!:" The bucket bit is more or less the same out here though Judy, except that it's the Council who FILL IT at each of their meetings.

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BIRTHS.

August 22nd Mr. & Mrs. R. CAREY.....A son: MARTIN REX
 (Trudi McKay)
 September 1st Mr. & Mrs. D.R. SUMMERS...A son: JONATHAN DEREK
 (Rowena Macbeth)

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DEATHS.

August 2nd Frederick Clarence Walwin NEWMAN....Aged 45.
 (At Port Stephens)
 August 16th Jesse Maud SMITH.....Aged 72.
 August 27th Matthew James FOWLER....Aged 20 weeks.
 August 28th Edward James Campbell PEART....Aged 77.
 August 28th William John COUTTS.....Aged 53.

All details supplied by Registrar General.

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MISS BELL BALL 1978

A grand dance was held in the Town Hall on the 2nd August, organised by Des Peck, the Agent for BELLS WHISKY, and in which Bells presents an excellent sash, and the Agent's a cup, plus many other prizes.

This is always a popular event and some 350 people attended. There was a bar also and you could enjoy that wee dram of Bells whisky, which is probably the best brand today and many had pinned on their jackets a small bell. MISS BELL this year was Miss XENIA BARNES, and the runner up was Miss SHARRON STRANGE with the prizes being presented by Dr. David Mackintosh. An excellent commentary was given over the air by Sister Liz Stead and Patrick Watts and the dance went on from 9.30 to 1.30am.

As the older women were not selected for the MISS BELL, the 'Over Forties' were asked to dance and the most attractive lady was Mrs. HILDA PERRY.

The Champion Waltzing Couple were Mrs. DAISY MCKAY & Mr. WILLY CANTLIE. So ended an excellent dance which was enjoyed by all.

DES PECK

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IT'S A CATTY STORY ALRIGHT! Composed by DES PECK.

The cats all gathered up today, to hear what their leader had to say;
 Their leader's name we know is Mike, And he doesn't want us all to strike.

As the meat has gone up again, and now costs eleven pence,
 We don't expect to find meat in drums or hanging on doors or fence.

As you know, we do our work, catching rats and mice in a shed;
 Then we lay them on the doorstep, expecting to be fed.

But now a pound costs eleven pence, we think the time has come,
 To get our ration all cut up and not from an old ash drum.

It's quite a catty story, of this you will all agree;
 Remember that old saying: What's good for you is good for me!

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THE AUGUST WEATHER

AVERAGE TEMPERATURE.....37.4⁵F. HIGHEST TEMPERATURE.....151.6⁰F.
 LOWEST TEMPERATURE.....26.6⁰F. AVERAGE WIND SPEED.....16.4 knots.
 HIGHEST WIND GUST.....57 knots. AVERAGE DAILY SUNSHINE...3.4 hours.

The minimum temperature on the night of the 27/28th was 5⁰C (41⁰F) making it the warmest August night since August the 30th 1969. There were 13 hours when the average hourly wind speed was of gale force, and 192 hours when it was of 10 knots or less. Ground frost was recorded on 22 occasions, and, in brief, August was a dry and fairly sunny month with wind and temperature a little above average.

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FIRST IMPRESSION

By: A. CARR.

Land of kelp and sheep abounding,
 Scattered isles and rocky streams,
 Land of sunsets with beauty astounding,
 As you picture them in a dream.

Land of kind and homely people,
 Cosy peat fires and welcome warm,
 A haven for sailors seeking shelter,
 After rounding the stormy Horn.

Land of penguin, goose and loggerduck,
 And Christmas fare in summer clime,
 Land of wet and windy weather,
 Changing quickly to be so fine.

Land of "Camp" and sturdy horses,
 Carrying their travellers home,
 Or on missions of mercy and teaching,
 Many a mile these true friends roam.

Land of diddle-dee and pale-maiden,
 Sweetest harbingers of Spring,
 And the daffodils with trumpets spreading,
 Telling of a promise they bring.

A southern outpost of our Empire,
 The Falkland Islands is its name,
 Faithful, loyal and patriotic,
 TO THIS I CAME.

Sent to the "TIMES" by Mrs. Moira Biggs.

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REPATRIATION LOANS

Any Kelpers who contemplate returning to home soil but perhaps are not able to rustle up that extra bit of cash needed to pay the air-fare, may be interested to know that there is the sum of £5,000 set aside by Government to be used as 'repatriation loans'. This provision has been in force for about 2 years now and is a fine example of the Governments willingness to aid people who wish to return here to work. Applications for repatriation loans should be made to the Chief Secretary.

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ADDENDUMS

Apologies have to be proffered over the make-up of this edition of the "TIMES" in relation to the different sized paper. This idea to use different sized paper had to happen because normal supplies have not turned up on time and I did not want to delay output. Hopefully, the next batch of paper from the Argentine will be coloured although the supplier has had some difficulty in obtaining tinted paper. Anything to brighten up the rather mundane monochrome image!

Due to rather heavy criticism the TIMES will no longer carry "Editor's thoughts" that I have somewhat 'overdone' sarcastically on the front page of late. It will be up to you, the readers to air YOUR views on any subject or contribute pieces such as Dan Archer submits for publication. From now on, the paper will be in a 'neutral' vein.

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From the Falkland Islands Committee's Newsletter:- "In Stanley too, things are quiet. We have had answers to our letters from the Chief Secretary regarding the Airport Opening and the removal of the Temporary Airstrip, and the application by LADE to build houses. In the case of the Airstrips Government say for a variety of reasons it has not been possible to settle on a definite opening date. Listeners to the Colony's Stamp Programme News Release will have observed that the Airport Opening Stamps are scheduled for issue in 1979, so Government clearly has no intention of opening the Airfield this year. Since the Airport became operational on 24th. November 1977, the Committee feels this is not satisfactory. The Administration in its reply says that the need to mark the occasion is very much in the minds of both the Administration and Government as a whole. They also say they are pursuing the matter of the removal of the Temporary Strip.

Regarding housing, they say "what in fact has happened is that Government has granted a long-standing request from LADE to lease a housing plot on which to construct a new house for the Vice-Commodore who leads the local LADE office." The letter then goes on to list the arguments for and against occupation of housing by foreign staff."

"The Director General, Air Commodore Brian Frow DSO, DFC., expects to visit the Colony from 1st-22nd November. There was a United Kingdom London Committee Meeting on the 22nd August, but the Minutes have not yet arrived. Jack Abbott, Alan Miller and Bill and Peggy Sloman were present as guests. Brian Frow has now been appointed Honorary Secretary of the London Committee as Bill Christie wished to stand down. He assured the Meeting that he would still devote much of his time to Falkland Islands activities. Lief Barton was presented with a silver bracelet in recognition of her services to the Committee."

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LETTERBOX

FROM: MRS. K. BERTRAND, CARCASS ISLAND.
 DATE: 11-SEPTEMBER-1978.

Dear Sir;

This letter consists of 'bits and pieces from here and there'
 o here they are:-

"OUTLOOK"; In the recent re-broadcast of that BBC programme, the Hon. Derek Evans said there was a lack of co-operation in the Falklands. I disagree and I do not understand how anyone who has lived on a remote West Island farm could make such a statement. I am giving him the benefit of the doubt as I think his remark may have been taken out of context.

However, there is certainly no lack of co-operation in our 'neck of the woods', we all help one another. Indeed I have always had kindness and willing assistance where ever I have gone in the Falklands, the latest instance being the number of people who listened and called "Foam" when her R/T broke down on the way from Stanley to Carcass in July. Thank you all,

Apathy was also mentioned; I did not think most Westers were apathetic but the reason for the apathy there is (according to our elected member it is widespread) is most likely due to the fact that so few own anything; I think there would be a difference if more land was made available for a start. The third remark that I would question is 'that we must do something for ourselves' - well we are, what about Falkland Co-operative Industries? Not so long ago that was the Spinners & Weavers Guild, kept alive by a few determined ladies who refused to allow it to die.

ANNE O'NYMOUS: I agree with Mike Bleaney on this subject. It seems a pity that someone who obviously knows about the Argentine should have spoilt what could have been an amusing satire by sinking to using what Mike Bleaney refers to as 'infantile smut'. Articles of that nature will lower your sale of the paper far quicker than the increase in price.

Now for some praise to wind up! I like the neat appearance of the TIMES. I am glad that you dropped the 'Monthly Review' part of the title which was a separate paper in its own right. I am also glad to see items from the Gazette included in the TIMES and I would also like to see all the Local News which is normally broadcast on Tuesdays at 7.15pm printed in your paper.

Yours Faithfully etc.

+++Thanks for your opinions Mrs. Bertrand. You will be pleased to learn that ANNE O'NYMOUS died of a heart attack over the weekend!! As for the Local News, Patrick Watts has given me permission to root through his News notes, which is generous of him because after all, he does a lot of trudging around digging up the items. In the past I haven't bothered because of the gap between each news bulletin and production of the TIMES but I will be including Patricks news and Court news in future editions.

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BIRTHS. (IN the KING EDWARD MEMORIAL HOSPITAL).

SEPT 9th.. Mr. & Mrs. George SMITH (Johnsons Harbour) a son, IAN COLIN, weighing 7lbs 10½ ozs.

SEPT 14th. Mr. & Mrs. Ken MORRISON (Port Howard) a son, TIMOTHY, weighing 7lbs 7ozs.

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BABY SHOW

Following a suggestion from Mr. Des Peck, the Falkland Islands Branch of the British Red Cross Society are holding a Baby Show in the Parish Hall on September 30th from 2-30 to 4-30 pm. The winner of the competition will be presented with a very attractive cup by Mr. Peck.

Mothers of babies between the ages of 3 months to 18 months are invited to bring them along to the Parish Hall where three Judges will be waiting to make the difficult decision. All babies entering the competition will receive a gift from Mr. Peck. Cakes & Teas will be on sale plus one raffle. An entry fee of 5p will be payable at the door and all money taken at this event will go towards the Red Cross General Fund.

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FLOWER POWER

The Annual General Meeting of the Horticultural Society was held on Tuesday (Sept. 19th) in the Upland Goose Hotel and the committee for this year was elected as follows:-

CHAIRMAN: Mr. Neville Bennett; TREASURER: Mr. Des King;
 SECRETARY Mr. Lawrence Blizzard; MEMBERS: Mr. V.T. (Joe) King;
 Mr. William Poole;
 Mrs. Winnie Luxton;
 Mrs. Dot Summers;
 Mrs. Joyce Kerr and
 Mrs. Ruth Dlyth.

There followed a lively discussion and some very interesting points were brought up for consideration for the next show. It was decided to get the programme printed as soon as possible, so that those interested in entering items for the show will be able to refer to it during the season and have a better idea what to aim for. Should anyone, either in Camp or Stanley, have any suggestions they think may be helpful, writing to the Secretary would be appreciated.

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FALKLAND CO-OPERATIVE INDUSTRIES

The Co-operative Industries have imported 5 second-hand Knitting Machines with the sole object of encouraging more interest in Machine Knitting. These machines have been completely overhauled by the makers and will be offered for sale at COST PRICE as soon as landing charges etc., are known. The Falkland Islands Company have kindly assisted in freight charges. The four "Jones" models should be a little over £80. Retail price in the U.K. is £168. Knitmaster model will be about £100 and retails at over £200. The Co-operative merely HOPES the buyers will knit for them when possible in order to recoup the cost of their machines.

One of our established machine knitters earned the cost of her machine and of a Spinning Wheel in under 6 months. This knitter reckons on making 90p an hour from the plainest minimum priced knitting. If you buy 2 new tyres for your Rover, £100 goes out of your pocket, but if you buy a Knitting Machine it will soon earn its cost back for you and then make profit. All those interested please contact BETTY MILLER, Stanley.

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Due to lack of space in this issue, DAN ARCHERS COLUMN has been held over. Answers to TIMES QUIZ 2 will appear in Issue 12/78 plus details of another quiz.

From TIM MILLER, WALKER CREEK comes the following account of some of the events of the WALKER CREEK "TWO-NIGHTER" held on the 8th and 9th of Sept.

By Friday evening most of our visitors had arrived from Goose Green and Stanley, and things got under way with an excellent supper in the hall at 7pm. In some cases things had "got under-way" much earlier, and one or two were definitely "under" by 7 and so missed supper!

The first nights dance got under way soon after 10pm and the new Walker Creek Club bar was soon in business. Dancing continued with a swing until soon after 2am when the last waltz was called.

Saturday morning, the centre of attraction was once again the Hall where a darts match was in progress between the locals and the visitors - the visitors finally winning by 23 points to 16.

By 2.30, people had gathered at the beef palenque ready to see the bucking-bronc in action. It was a bad day indeed for the shepherds, with Electrician Dave Grey taking first prize (a case of beer) and Mechanic Neil McKay second, with Handyman Tony Jaffray third - even Rose Jaffray stuck on for longer than four Walker Creek shepherds!

For those who have not seen it, the bucking-bronc is a 45 gallon drum slung at each end about 4 feet off the ground, with a rope at each corner which when jerked caused the "bronc" to go sideways, upwards, and downwards all at the same time. The gear is just a sheepskin and the rider grips with his knees, hands, teeth, ears and anything else that you can think of. After tea, many moved back to the Hall where the film "The Three Musketeers" was screened.

It would appear that parking space was at a premium around a certain house as rumour has it that one 'rover got parked in the green pond early on Friday evening, soon followed by a second and finally a third on Saturday morning; we hear that John Willie is considering claiming a 200 mile fishing limit. All were finally pulled out and the ducks apologised to before dancing got under way again for the final night at 10pm.

Once again things went with a real swing until 12.30 when a halt was called and a table laden with cakes, rolls, empanadas and biscuits etc., appeared, prepared by the ladies of the settlement.

Afterwards, a dubious mystery auction was held - by an even more dubious auctioneer - altogether 7 lots realised £19.25 for club funds. Highest price realised was £4.05 for - an onion. The dance then re-started and continued until the early morning. During the Saturday evening, a number of novelty dances were held, including a paper dance, crossing the ocean, elimination waltz, statue samba and a card dance.

Sunday saw everyone clearing up and the visitors getting away again - but not all in the morning as the bar opened for a "glory hour" at 10am, but due to a faulty watch shut at 5.30pm some 7½ hours later.

Everyone agreed that the weekend was well worth the work and was enjoyed by all. Special thanks must go to Mrs. Doreen Bonner and the ladies for organising the supper and the coffee, Andrez Short as M.C. and for the loan of his stereo player; John Willie Jaffray with his accordion, Bobby Short for organising the bucking-bronc, all who acted as barmen, darts organisers and everyone else who helped in any way.

We look forward to seeing you all again in 1979.

TIM MILLER.

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In connection with the Hydatid Eradication Campaign, the duties of Mr. Sydney Miller, OBE, JP., have been extended by Government. Mr. Miller will now be undertaking visits to the various farms in the Colony in an advisory capacity, with particular regard to advising farm managements on suitable arrangements for the disposal of offal. It is understood that he hopes to make the first of such visits shortly.

ANNETTE DANIELSEN

The Danish chartered vessel, the Annette Danielsen arrived in Port Stanley at 7.30am on September the 18th. The Annette was carrying almost a full load of cargo, plus approximately 244 bags of surface-mail. She returns to Gravesend via Las Palmas. M.V. Monsunen departs from Stanley en-route for Punta Arenas, Chile, for dry-docking.

COOKES TOUR

Mr. Frederick Cooke, the Government Legal Adviser, who is also undertaking the revision of our legislation, is due to visit the Falklands from the 25th of October for a stay of about six weeks.

KINGPIN

Peter King, Office Manager at the Secretariat, undertook a training course for a certificate in Office studies at the Brighton Technical College. This was quite a comprehensive course which involved a lot of hard work and studying. The results of the 'O' Levels for which Peter sat have just been received, and show that he did exceptionally well and gained three Grade A passes in Government and Politics, Commerce, and General principles of Law; a grade B pass in Principles of Accountancy, and a grade C in Statistics. Peter was also awarded the College's annual Course Prize for his performance during his training. Pete is also an excellent "skin-basher" (drummer!) and has put his rhythmic skill into good use by joining the local 'new-group' Agatha Christie.

READY EDDIE GO

News has been received concerning Eddie Anderson Jnr., who is in Perth, Scotland, training to be a pilot. The report indicates that he is maintaining a good standard in the technical studies centre, being assessed as above the average in Aviation Law, flight planning, and aircraft technical subjects. The chief instructor reports that he is impressed with the good progress Eddie is making both with his flying and ground school training. Eddie was an unsuccessful candidate for last years LegCo elections; better luck next time Eddie!!

GRAND SLAM

The grand Slam at North Arm was held on Saturday the 16th of September starting with a Whist Drive at 7.30pm followed by a dance that lasted until around 3.30am. The Whist Drive Winners were as follows:-

Ladies:- 1st. DWENDA MORRISON. 2nd. BETTY BEATTIE.

Gents:- 1st. HAZEL MINNELL (playing as Genb),
2nd. ARTHUR GOULD.

Scores for the season were:-

1st. HAZEL MINNELL.

2nd. DWENDA MORRISON.

BOOBY.. ELLA MINNELL.

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For the benefit of those persons who do not subscribe to, or buy, the Government publication: THE FALKLAND ISLANDS GAZETTE, it is planned to reprint in the "TIMES" extracts from the Gazette Supplement No.1 of the Minutes of Legislative Council held in June of this year. It was decided that it would be best to wait until the official publication was completed before subsequent publication in the "TIMES" so that speeches could be quoted correctly, hence the lateness in recording some extracts. Each edition for the next four or five will have pages 6 & 7 devoted to extracts.

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FROM THE GOVERNOR'S (MR. JIM PARKER) SPEECH

"So I am especially pleased to be able to open this meeting by confirming that a significant agreement has now been reached which will enable a major start to be made on the largest of our communications projects.

I refer of course to the construction of an all-weather track from Stanley to Darwin, capable of taking vehicles of all descriptions, which will be the first stage in a road development programme that should gradually and systematically extend, so far as is practicable, throughout the Islands. The Ministry of Overseas Development has recently agreed to make grants totalling just on £870,000 towards the cost of this project over a period of three years. To match this liberal grant, Government has readily agreed to make its own contribution of a maximum of £120,000 over the same period of time."

"Proposals will be coming before you for expanding the Nurses' Training Scheme and for introducing in-service secretarial and clerical training in the Public Service for school-leavers. Meanwhile, every effort will be made to encourage training overseas; but not just in academic institutions but by means of individually arranged working attachments."

"Whilst speaking of education in its widest sense, I should now refer to the new Stanley School Hostel project. This, too, has not moved along quite as fast as I would have wished but the contractual arrangements for its design and construction are at this present moment being finalised in London. In addition, Mr. Pike and Mr. Mason are now engaged there in estimating and ordering the materials that will be required for all the site and other works. Much hard work by many people has already gone into this project and we should be able to see its beginning as soon as the better weather comes. The estimated date for the completion of the Hostel is now around the Spring of 1979".

"I want to return now for a moment to our other problems of inter-island communications. Government is conscious that the investment in a road link ~~to~~ Darwin from Stanley is of little immediate encouragement to people living on West Falkland, even though such a road may ultimately offer the possibility of establishing a ferry link for which, I am glad to say, the Ministry of Overseas Development have offered to set up a feasibility study at the appropriate time. Mindful of this, Government is all the more determined to press forward with the early introduction of a larger land-based aircraft for FIGAS, a recommendation of the Future of FIGAS Committee which I set up last year under the chairmanship of Mr. Robin Pitaluga.

Our ideas have centred around the acquisition of a Britten-Norman Islander aircraft, and the Administration has long since been in correspondence with the manufacturers about detailed specification and performance data. It is inevitable that a good deal of this investigatory work

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Extracts From Governor's Speech; LegCo meetings June 1978.

.....must go on before a firm order can be placed. And here I must mention an important matter which I feel must govern our decision. The cost of the acquisition of such a new aircraft, and of the ancillary equipment and hangar that must go with it, will be high. It is just possible that we could find the money from our own resources, but that would leave our reserves, as I am sure the Honourable Financial Secretary would emphatically agree, at an uncomfortably low level. I therefore have felt it essential that we should seek to obtain aid support for the venture, and urgent discussions are now in train with the Ministry of Overseas Development to seek their assistance. I am not unhopeful of the outcome - we have considerable Ministerial support, not least from Mr. Ted Rowlands - but we may have a tough little battle on our hands to convince the Ministry of the economic viability of the project, apart from its social and welfare considerations."

"Honourable Members will soon be examining plans for the further improvement of our Medical Department. I should not like this opportunity to pass without paying tribute to the work that Dr. Derek Cox has achieved during his service in the Colony. He worked with great dedication and considerable success, much of which was - as he himself would be the first to admit - due to the strong support that he received from the Matron, Miss Dorothea Wison, who will be retiring very soon. Everyone in the Colony owes much to them and we wish them both - and Mrs. Cox - every success in the future."

"Finally, and returning to our domestic affairs, during my travels about the Islands, I have been struck most forcibly not only by the typically British calm of the ordinary people in the face of all our uncertainties, but also by the remarkably democratic atmosphere which now pervades our way of life. It may find a quiet and polite expression, but ordinary folk, in their ordinary way, have a very sensible appreciation of what they want and what they lack. I have always found talking to working people in their homes a happy, enjoyable and stimulating experience indeed. But I have also come to recognise that, working within our present, perhaps rather over-elaborate manner of constitutional Government can present difficulties to Councillors, who have to combine the responsibilities of being the representatives as well as the leaders of their community, with those of Executive Government. When I spoke at the opening of this Session, with a Council elected under the revised constitution, I suggested that we might perhaps consider from time to time how these new arrangements were working out. I think they are not doing too badly, but perhaps some readjustments might be possible in one or two respects, and I shall be interested to hear from Honourable Members whatever views they have on the matter". "We shall, however, have a heavy workload to get through and if Honourable Members are agreeable I suggest we now go into recess to sit again at a quarter past two o'clock this afternoon".

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Please note that the above are extracts and not the complete address, which stretches for eight pages in the Gazette.

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NEXT ISSUE: Extracts from the Honourable Financial Secretary's (Mr. Harold Rowlands) speech - The Appropriation (1978/79) bill 1978.

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OUTWARD BOUND TOURS

Provided sufficient interest is shown, OUTWARD BOUND TOURS will organize a SPECIAL FLIGHT TO BRITAIN IN MAY OF NEXT YEAR. The group, which will leave Stanley on 16th May and return on 5th September, will be accompanied all the way by either Nap or Joan Bound who would be available to assist in any way possible at Comodoro Rivadavia, Buenos Aires and at the London Airport. Passengers joining the group will be offered the following services FREE OF CHARGE:

- (a) Two nights bed and breakfast at a modern first class hotel in Buenos Aires.
- (b) Reception and assistance on arrival in Buenos Aires on both the outward and return journeys.
- (c) Transport to the hotel and to Ezeiza Airport on the day of departure with expert assistance in handling departure formalities and similar facilities on the return flight.
- (d) An Evening of Fun in the famous Night Club area of The Boca in Buenos Aires, or for families travelling with young children, a guided Tour of the City.

Persons wishing to travel one way only would also be welcome to join the group and would likewise qualify for the advantages mentioned above.

This tour offers an ideal opportunity to persons who have not travelled before or are unaccustomed to foreign travel and for those who enjoy travelling as a group. Apart from all the benefits offered, an organized tour of this nature takes all the worry and stress out of travelling.

If you are going on leave and would like to accompany the group, speak with your employer and ask for a reservation to be made, or if you are travelling privately, then just call OUTWARD BOUND TOURS.

In order to complete the arrangements it will be necessary for us to know of potential bookings with as little delay as possible, so even if you are in some doubt at the moment, it would be helpful if you could make a provisional booking before the end of OCTOBER.

WHY NOT MAKE YOUR JOURNEY A PARTY NEXT YEAR?

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NEW COLONIAL COMPANY.

The Falkland Islands Company Limited and Geochemical Services (Holdings) Ltd., have jointly established in the Colony a new company named Transocean Construction and Trading Ltd., whose directors are:- Mr.H.M.Milne, Mr.J.R.Robertson and Mr.N.G.Reid.

The new Company has been awarded the contract for the construction of the School Hostel in Stanley on which work has already commenced and for which materials and equipment have been shipped on the current voyage of m.v."Annette Daniel sen".

The Falkland Islands Company say "F.I.C. was attracted to this venture not by short term interest in the School Project but by its desire to establish in the Colony a locally based Construction Company. Our partners in the venture bring with them the necessary professional expertise and, in Neil Reid, someone with experience of construction projects in the Falkland Islands through his involvement with Rock and Alluvium Engineers Ltd., a company which undertook contracts for the Science Research Council (ESRO Tracking Station), the Ministry of Defence and the Falkland Islands Company Ltd".

Other objectives are -

- (1) To develop local skills;
- (2) To enable Islanders to participate in the equity, since this joint venture has been based on the understanding that our Associates will, in due course, be prepared to make available one-fifth of their holding to Falkland Islands residents.
- (3) To ensure that financial success of the new venture will benefit the Colony by direct contribution through taxation.
- (4) To develop a new method of construction which is considered to be particularly suitable for the climatic and geological conditions of the Falkland Islands.

FALKLAND ISLANDS COMMITTEE.

The F.I.Committee's Annual General Meeting was held in the Town Hall on the evening of September 28th.(Thur).

Mr. Neil

Watson was re-elected as Chairman of the Committee and the full committee and 'office-bearers' for the coming year are as follows:-

Chairman - Neil Watson; Vice-Chairman - John Cheek;
Hon.Sec. - Velma Malcolm; Hon.Treasurer - Len McGill.

Members: V.T.(Joe) King, G.Cheek, B.Morrison, Joan Spruce, Peggy Halliday, Betty Miller and reserve member Graham Bound.

Christmas Cards in aid of Committee Funds can be bought at the Rose Hotel, Speedwell Store and Co-op.

BISCOE UPSETS PHILATELIC STAMP CART.

Due to some sort of engine trouble, the Royal Research Ship 'John Biscoe' will not be able to negotiate ice this season. This means that, as information goes, that the vessel will only sail as far as South Georgia, missing out calls at Signy Island in the South Orkneys and Faraday Base (Argentine Island) in Grahamland.

The cutback in the Biscoe's pre-shortened itinerary constitutes a blow to the Stanley Post Office who had hoped to receive the South Georgia and British Antarctic Territory First Day Covers celebrating the 25th anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II's Coronation before Christmas for subsequent sale. Therefore the covers will probably not be available until February 1979. The official first day covers for B.A.T. were franked at Signy Island, the other bases cancels will not be affixed on philatelists covers until the RRS. 'Bransfield' calls.

The John Biscoe is expected to return home in December, some four months earlier than per usual, to undergo a major refit. New main engines will be installed and the ship will be converted in order to play an important role in offshore marine biological survey work, all at an estimated cost in the region of £1,232,000 (See the "TIMES" 2/78). The refit is expected to be completed in the spring of 1979 and the 79-80 season would see the Biscoe undertaking a full cruise. The Biscoe was built in the mid-1950's at Paisley by Fleming and Ferguson and entered service from Southampton in 1956.

FALKLANDS OIL DRILLING PLAN DENIED.

The Foreign Office has denied that a secret arrangement has been reached between the British National Oil Corporation and Yacimientos Petroliferos Fiscales (YPF) Argentina's state-owned oil company to drill off the Falkland Islands. However, the Foreign Office has said it was not in a position to confirm or deny that there had been any talks between the parties concerned.

ADVERT

Stamp collector, born in Falkland Islands, now resident in U.K. requires contact with collectors requiring U.K. stamps. I specialise in Falkland Islands and U.K. stamps and will gladly assist anyone to fill gaps in their U.K. collection for mutual assistance on Falkland Islands gaps in my collection. I have a large amount of U.K. spare - in top quality condition - I will be glad to assist any collector. PLEASE WRITE TO:-
MR.C.I.DAVIS; 5 YORK ROAD, ILFORD, ESSEX, ENGLAND.

POSTCARD COLLECTOR.

"I am in the process of preparing a catalogue of picture postcards of the Falkland Islands, South Georgia, the South Shetlands and the Dependencies from the earliest ones issued, probably about 1900, to the present day. I wonder if you would advise your readers of my interest and ask that they send me a description, including subject matter, title and approximate date of publication, of any cards they have. Better still if they will send me a front and back Xerox or photocopy of the card, I will gladly reimburse them for the cost plus postage. To date I have 39 cards on my list, not counting those published after 1930. I have done some reading in early issues of the "Falkland Islands Magazine" and it occurs to me that descendants of the early postcard publishers such as W.R.Hardy, & A.Hardy, and T.&N.Binnie might be able to help me. I have written a brief article on this subject which will appear in the next issue of "The Upland Goose" which is published by the Falkland Islands Philatelic Study Group but in my catalogue I hope to include all such cards, at least through 1930.
HENRY.R.HEYBURN; 3918 LELAND ROAD, LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY 40207, U.S.A.

From the GOOSE GREEN SUPPORTERS CLUB:-

The 1978-79 Football Cup Final.

2nd Leg DARWIN SCHOOL 1 GOOSE GREEN 6.

Score from the first leg: DARWIN SCHOOL 4 GOOSE GREEN 2.

After a fine first leg in which Darwin School crippled the soccer hopes of Goose Green, serious training was undertaken for the second leg of this three leg tournament. Films were shown of the 1966 World Cup in England, the Goose Green team being made to study it, along with strict orders from their Captain and Manager, Peter swivel hips Finlayson, "to lay off the beer"

Careful watch was also kept on the school through high powered binoculars to watch how they would make up for the loss of their star player Lennie Ford who rumour has it, has been transferred to Fitzroy Rovers for a fee of 14 gallons of milk.

The tense week was brought to a highlight on Saturday morning by the rays of sunshine which promised a glorious game. Before the match, team photographs were taken, while the chanting fans converged on the scene with resplendent banners. The referee from Stanley, whom the Goose Green team attempted to bribe with a bag of the local, ever-popular powdered milk, blew the whistle for the kick off.

After ten minutes of some dazzling soccer from the Darwin School, some of the Goose Green players had to be convinced to stay for the rest of the game. However, the pre-match training and the tactics of the Goose Green side started to show. After 20 minutes a long striding Ron Summers chipped the ball into the centre to be pushed back by Scott Murray into the charging path of Kester Kelly who viciously slammed the ball into the goal. 1-0, and Goose Green had everything to play for only to be set back into the depths of despair yet again by a fine goal from Darwin School. A free kick had been awarded; Goose Green lined up in front of the goal and as Tootie Ford took the run up, the Goose Green wall collapsed as Tootie slammed the ball through the legs of Peter Finlayson.

Half Time 1-1.

With the cool defence work of Rob Kersey and John Fowler, and the intricate footwork of Neil, Chris, Roy and Philip Cat Weasle Middleton, it looked as if yet again Darwin School would overrun Goose Green.

A lapse in the Darwin defence allowed a sloppy goal to be scored, 2-1 for Goose Green. Then some soccer that would have made Ally McLeod jealous was produced by Goose Green which saw them streaking ahead with 4 more goals. Even being five goals down did not dishearten the Darwin School team who continued to produce some fine moves. The final and deciding game for the cup is to be played soon at the Goose Green pitch. Tickets for this game are available from the Manager of Goose Green. Let's hope Saturday sees another display of football as entertaining and enjoyable as the last two games have been.

SCORERS

DARWIN SCHOOL 1
Tootie Ford.

GOOSE GREEN 6.
Kester Kelly
Scott Murray-2
Ron Summers
Peter Finlayson-2.

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ENGAGEMENT.

In New Zealand; Barry CLIFTON, eldest son of Mr. & Mrs. A.H. Clifton (Doreen & Doug) to Deborah Ann, eldest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. G.A. LINDSAY of New Zealand.

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Items from "IMPRINT" compiled and broadcast over the Falkland Islands Broadcasting Station by PATRICK WATTS.

RARE MAPS FOR SALE.

A set of six 18th century manuscript maps of the Falkland Islands is being offered for sale by Stanley Gibbons in its auction of antique maps and atlases to be held in London on Friday. The series is expected to realise at least £2,000 and is by Captain T. Boutflower, a member of the 1760 Falkland Island expedition.....BOLTON EVENING NEWS 30-8-78.

£1,300. PAID FOR MAPS OF FALKLANDS.

A unique set of six 18th century manuscript maps of the Falkland Islands fetched £1,300 in the Stanley Gibbons auction of antique maps yesterday. A total of £19,468 was realised.

.....DAILY TELEGRAPH, 2-9-78.

BRITAIN WARNED.

Argentina said yesterday its negotiations with Britain over the future of the disputed Falkland Islands would suffer if the U.K. went ahead with plans to extend maritime jurisdiction over the islands to a distance of 200 miles.....DUNDEE COURIER & ADVERTISER, 24-8-78.

DENIAL.

Britain denied having decided to extend maritime sovereignty to 200 miles off the Falklands, Southern Sandwich and Southern Georgia Islands.

.....YORKSHIRE POST, LEEDS, 25-8-78.

POLAR PRIEST IS OFF TO TRISTAN.

Anglican pastor of the South Pole until he moved to Sussex three years ago, the Rev. Patrick J. Helyer is now leaving his Streat and Westmeston rectory to become a missionary with his wife at Tristan da Cunha, one of the world's loneliest outposts. Before moving to Streat and Westmeston, Mr. Helyer was chaplain and priest in charge of Christchurch Cathedral in Stanley, capital of the Falkland Islands, when his parish included the South Pole.

Mr. Helyer is an activist in the campaign against the Falkland Islands being handed over to Argentina. "Keep the Falklands British" is the slogan which appears in his church magazine and on all his correspondence from Streat Rectory...HASTINGS EVENING ARGUS, 5-9-78.

HOW YOU CAN HELP ISLANDERS.

Sir - You recently published a letter from Carol Miller who is on holiday in the North-west from the Falkland Islands.

Carol went out there as a teacher from Manchester and now lives with her husband Alan on a large sheep farm. In her letter, she ably articulated the case for the Falklands remaining British and no-one would wish to challenge her arguments I'm sure. Even so, the Government continues to discuss the islands future with the Argentine, and some of your readers may be wondering how they can support Alan and Carol and the other 2,000 British subjects down there in our South Atlantic outpost. Well, less than a year ago, the Evening News and other local journals were kind enough to print my exploratory letter suggesting the formation of a regional group of Falkland Island supporters. Several Boltonians were among those who responded and we now have an enthusiastic North-west membership. We are currently engaged in periodic meetings, organising a petition, lobbying MP's, encouraging participation in the national Falkland Islands Research and Development Association and generally trying to spread knowledge of, interest in and sympathy for the Falkland Islands cause. Anyone interested in supporting the struggle to keep the Falklands British and stopping the Argentine take-over and who would also like details of our local group is welcome to contact me at the address below...Councillor Roy E. Walker, 104 Pennine Road, Woodley, Stockport.....BOLTON EVENING NEWS, 1-9-78.

STOP-OVER

Miss Alison King returned to the Colony on September 27th after spending two years at Chichester College of Further Education where she has been studying for her Ordinary National Diploma (OND) in Hotel Management. Alison will be returning to England in February to take up a position with Crest Hotels, Europe.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT NEWS

Miss Colleen Carey has returned to the Colony and has joined the staff of the Education Department. Colleen was a scholarship pupil who attended the British Schools in Montevideo, Uruguay from March 1968 until May 1975 when she passed her International Baccalaureate Course.

A Technical Co-Operation Award was made by the British Council in 1975 which enabled Colleen to enter Essex University where she studied literature and art. She completed her course and gained a Bachelor of Arts degree at Essex earlier this year. Colleen's duties will include organisation of the Education Department's Resource Library which has been built up over the last few years thanks to generous grants from the British Council.

Dr. I.Griffiths, education advisor from the Ministry of Overseas Development and Mr.R.Fletcher, British Council Media Consultant, arrived in the Falklands on October the 5th. A full programme has been arranged for their two week visit which includes visits to various camp stations.

The Superintendent of Education will accompany Dr.Griffiths to Darwin and Port Howard and Mr.Fletcher will be accompanied by Mr.Alan Hague on visits to North Arm, Darwin, Port Howard and Pebble Island.

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BABY SHOW.

The Parish Hall on September the 30th was the venue for a very successful Baby Show organised by members of the Falkland Islands Branch of the British Red Cross Society, after a suggestion by Mr. Des Peck who supplied the trophy.

18 babies were entered, ranging in age from 3 to 18 months and a large audience watched the judges - Janet Lamin, Peggy Sloman and Father Monahan - make their decision.

First Prize, an engraved cup was presented to Baby Charlotte Berntsen by Des Peck, whilst Second Prize went to Baby Fiona Wallace which was a bottle of bubble bath in the shape of a train. All entrants were presented with a bar of chocolate by Des Peck.

Cakes and teas were on sale and there was also a raffle in which the prize of a food-hamper was won by Mrs. May Binnie. The second prize in the raffle, a box of chocolates presented by Mrs. Dolly Ford, Chairman of the Red Cross, was won by Mrs.E. Spencer. The money raised at this event will go towards the Red Cross General Fund.

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THE SEPTEMBER WEATHER

Total Rainfall...63.0mm.
Average Temp.....4.7 degrees C. Highest Temp.....18.3 degrees C.
Lowest Temp.....-4.1 degrees C. Av. Wind Speed....15.0 knots.
Highest Gust.....58 knots. Av. Daily Sun.....4.9 hours.
Hours of Gale Force Wind...11.
Hours of Wind at 10 knots or less....224. Occasions of Ground Frost...11.
September of this year was the wettest since 1953. Of the total rainfall (63.0 millimetres, or 2.48 inches) however, 44 millimetres of that total fell in the 60 hour periods from the evening of the 12th to the morning of the 15th. Altogether a wet but sunny month with wind less than usual.

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EXTRACTS FROM MINUTES OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETINGS JUNE 1978.

This Issue: Extracts from The Appropriation (1978/79) Bill 1978.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY:-

Your Excellency, Honourable Members, principally because of the good news from the Postmaster that the net income from philatelic sales will be £150,000 than his original estimate for 1977/78, there is a considerable improvement in the Colony's income and expenditure account for the current year. The revised estimates for 1977/78 show that expenditure is now expected to reach £1,413,000, i.e. approximately £60,000 more than estimated. The revised estimate of revenue is over £1,600,000, approximately £200,000 more than the original estimate. This improvement indicates that the surplus of revenue over expenditure for the current year will be increased from £53,000 to £189,000, i.e. an increase of £136,000. With the transfer of £190,000 to the Colony's Development Fund which was agreed to during the year, the reserves supporting the ordinary revenue and expenditure account are now estimated to amount to slightly over £340,000 at the end of this month, which is the end of our current financial year.

The Budget for the coming year 1978/79 balances at £1.76 million. Revenue from companies tax is estimated at £575,000.

The element of tax from sheep-farming companies included in that estimate is based on the proceeds of the 1976/77 wool clip, which averaged approximately 145.8p per kilo. The major proposals related to taxation this year are relevant to income tax. It is proposed to increase the personal allowance from £350 to £400 and the allowance for a wife from £300 to £350.

It is proposed to increase the child allowance from £250 to £300 and the allowance in respect of a child at school overseas from £280 to £320. It is proposed to increase the earned income relief maximum from £750 to £850 and to uplift the maximum earned income relief limit in the case of a wife from £200 to £230. It is proposed that persons over 60 be able to claim old age relief when their income is not more than £1,050 rather than the present level of £900 per annum. It is proposed that the allowance for a female relative in charge of children be increased from £150 to £175. It is proposed that the allowance for a dependent relative be increased from £250 to £300. There is only one proposal relating to customs duties this year and that is an increase in the import duties on spirits from £13.50 to £15.00 per gallon. This will increase the duty on a bottle by 25p.

A revision of the Falkland Islands Government Air Service fare structure is proposed; the major proposal is an increase in the mileage rate for non-residents, from 15p to 25p. It is proposed that the boarding fee applicable to all adult passengers should be increased from £6 to £8, that is an increase of £2 on every journey regardless of destination. On a short flight, for example from Stanley to Green Patch, the percentage increase would amount to just under 30% whereas on a longer flight, for example from Stanley to Port Stephens, the increase would be only 17%. Some minor adjustments are proposed to charges for medical flights, mainly streamlining. It is also proposed to revise the charges for air freight. The proposal is to introduce a minimum charge of 50p for up to 5lb, thereafter a rate of 10p per lb up to 50lb. The air freight rates have not been changed for a considerable time, and with the erosion in the value of money the present charges are way below the level in value at the time they were last revised and require up-dating. It is proposed to increase the electricity tariff in Stanley from 4.76p to 5.25p per unit. A straight calculation of the tariff on the customary basis indicates that the tariff should be increased to 6.03p per unit, but because of the exceptionally large increase cognizance has been taken of the advice given in the Shackleton Report, that is to adjust the price down by a factor to avoid depressing consumption by too large a tariff increase.".....Continued on Page 7.

LEG CO. EXTRACTS Continued....

.....Besides the above mentioned revenue proposals some other adjustments in rents and fees are proposed, to up-date the charges. An increase in the telephone rentals by 50p per month is proposed, and a £1 increase per month for business telephones. An increase of 15p per minute in telephone calls to Argentina is proposed.

It is proposed that fees under the Licensing Ordinance should be increased, the majority of which have not been up-dated for more than 30 years. It is proposed to double the fees for the main licenses, for example the wholesale liquor, publicans' retail, club, tobacco and restaurants.

Other significant items of revenue in the 1979 estimates include £180,000 from the sale of stamps. The following issues are included in this figure: £60,000 for the Coronation issue; the opening of the Airport issue, first stamp commemorative issue, and the maps and charts issue are all expected to amount to £15,000 each. The sale of the current definitive issue in the 1978/79 year is expected to realise £60,000. It is estimated that £50,000 will be received in 1978/79 from the sale of Jubilee coins. This will bring the total proceeds from the Jubilee coinage issue to £80,000. Finally on the revenue side of the estimates the sum of £50,000 is included being surplus revenue from the Government Savings Bank.

Proposed additions to the Medical staff include an increase of two junior nursing posts, a social worker to continue after the expiry of the current term of engagement of the present VSO social welfare officer. A token sum is inserted for the new post of district nurse. Bids for special expenditure items in the Medical Department amount to £11,700 and range from £4,000 for an oxygen concentrator to £200 for a potato peeler. Other items include the conversion of beds, replacement of mattresses, up-dating Camp medicine chests, including the provision of special emergency equipment; kitchen refrigerator, trailer and office furniture.

The Police and Prisons estimates include provision for the recruitment of a cadet. Provision is also made for two filing cabinets and a finger-print camera.

The estimates of public works special expenditure total just over £50,000. The majority of this expenditure relates to items carried forward from the 1977-78 year. The estimates relating to the Secretariat include the newly approved post of Development Officer, his Private Secretary, a Clerical Training Supervisor and four trainee clerk-secretaries. It is also proposed to purchase an electronic stencil cutter for the Secretariat.

The 1978/79 development estimates are of great significance and of paramount importance in the policy of maintaining and strengthening internal communications in the Colony. The sum of £400,000 is included to cover the first years expenditure on the first section of the Colony's road programme; the first section being of course from Stanley to Darwin. The sum of £290,000 is included for the purchase of an Islander aircraft and hangar. For replacing and improving the R/T network £70,000 is included. A provisional estimate of £400,000 is included for another item of major importance; the Stanley school hostel.

Ordinary expenditure, of which the majority is recurrent, has grown by approximately £400,000 in the last 12 months. It is of course pleasing to note that a substantial percentage of the increase is attributable to attempting to improve the services provided by Government and increasing the ability of Government to undertake vital development projects.

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 Next Issue: Family Allowances (Amendment) Bill 1978; Income Tax (Amendment) (NO.2) Bill 1978.
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CAPTAIN SPROCKET AND THE BOGHOPPERS

No-one can deny the fact that Music in all of its forms is one of the main forms of entertainment in the world today. The Falkland Islands plays a role in this medium of entertainment.

Remember the LP "Rowlands Ragtime Band"? A collectors item already. Now is your chance to order a copy of a 7" single by another Falkland Islands Band. Being a private pressing, a certain amount of firm orders have to be obtained so do not delay, get in touch with Elizabeth Goss (Tel.315) and place your order for a vinyl slice of Falkland Islands local talent - and history.

The Record: 'HONKY TONK WOMEN' c/w 'HAVE YOU EVER SEEN THE RAIN'?
(Monaural Recording)

The Band: CAPTAIN SPROCKET AND THE BOGHOPPERS:-

Lead Guitar - SIMON GOSS
Bass Guitar - GRAHAM BOUND
Rhythm Guitar - ROBERT TRIGGS
Drums - PETER KING
Piano & Vocals - TIM WINTERINGHAM
Vocals - ELIZABETH GOSS

The price of the record should be in the 30p - 70p margin, and orders will be despatched as soon as they arrive. Thanks to the people who have already placed orders.

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH.

On the occasion of the death of the newly elected Pope, John-Paul the 1st, a book of condolence has been placed in the porch of St. Mary's R.C. Church for anyone who might wish to sign it.

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LORD SARK SPEAKS.

News has just been received that Puncture Repair Outfit Vending Machines will arrive soon to be installed at strategic points along the Stanley-Darwin road. The cost of each repair kit will be in the region of £25 which includes a multi-coloured car window sticker proclaiming "I have seen the Sheep of Goose Green"; hopefully encouraging en-route spending.



"STILL, WHAT A PICTURESQUE PLACE TO RUN OUT OF FUNDS !!"

THE FALKLAND ISLANDS TIMES

Price: THIRTEEN PENCE



ISSUE NO: 13/78 THURSDAY OCTOBER 19th 1978.

NO MORE SCHOLARSHIPS DECISION.

At a meeting of the Education Committee and Legislative Council this week, a decision was reached which meant that no overseas scholarship awards would be made as the facilities for academic advancement are considered to be just as good in Stanley. A major factor in this decision was the cost of each scholarship which is approximately in the region of £3,000 per child per year.

At the current rate of inflation, a 5 year scholarship would now cost at least £20,000 over the five year period. Existing scholarships are, of course, not affected and there will be a fund to assist in further education for education in academic as well as vocational work.

NARROW ESCAPE

Tim Winteringham, now in the U.S.A. and flying a plane all over the place had a narrow escape from death when an object crashed through his aircraft's windscreen whilst flying.

In a letter Tim said: "I was forced back into my seat with tremendous power and I looked, half expecting my shoulder to have been torn away." Ground crew thought that at first a bird had collided with the plane, but a search revealed that a piece belonging to the control system of a plane flying above Tims had dropped away, fell down and crashed through Tims plane. Apparently there was more panic trying to find the other plane!!

SLOMAN BACK AT WORK.

Development Officer Bill Sloman is now back at work after suffering a mild heart-attack recently.

Sloman, whose salary according to page 27 of the Colony's 1978-79 estimates is \$4428, was also joined at work by Miss Leif Barton, who before returning to the Falklands was the secretary on the Falkland Islands Committee (London). Lief is now Bill Sloman's private secretary.

PLUMBER EXPECTED

51 year old Harold Place has been employed by Government as a plumber.

Harold, already a Master Plumber is expected to arrive in the Colony on November the 8th accompanied by his wife who in turn has 12 years experience as a Veterinary assistant.

ROAD HAMPERED

Although about 3 Kilometres of the Stanley-Darwin road has now been laid-out, work is said to be hampered because of the lack of plant operators - the experienced type; but how can one gain experience if there is no on the job training???

JE SUIS NON PLUS!!

Did any listener to the FIBS hear the brief rendition of the Jane Birkin grunt 'n' groan record that is BANNED from the so pure Colony airwaves? Mary Whitehouse lives on!!

NEW MINISTER FOR THE TABERNACLE

Without a Minister since the departure of the Reverend Robin Forrester the Tabernacle has announced that a new Minister has been recruited and is expected to arrive in the Colony soon.

The new Minister is called Rev. Queen, aged 64, who will be accompanied by his wife.

The Reverend and Mrs. Queen are Scottish by birth. Rev. Queen became a Christian at the age of 19 and was at the Methodist College in Calver which is in Sheffield. After College he married a registered Nurse, who was a student at the Faith Mission Bible College in Edinburgh and they had their first missionary assignment in 1947 which saw them in Nigeria for 2½ years. After a spell in the U.K. for 3 years as a Pastor, the Reverend and his wife worked for 20 years in India. Since 1974 he has been a Pastor at a Free Methodist Church in Ontario, Canada.

Another man who will be connected with work at the Tabernacle and destined to arrive soon is 18 year old Mr. Dennis Overton, who whilst having one year to wait before going to University to study Agricultural Science, has offered to come to the Falklands and work under the Rev. Queen entirely at his own expense.

OMISSION

Inadvertantly left out of the resume of AGATHA CHRISTIE's dance story on Page 3 of this issue, group line-up was as follows:-

TERRY BETTS -----Lead Vocals.
ALEC BETTS -----Bass Guitar.
PATRICK WATTS ---Rhythm Guitar.
ISOBEL CASTLE ---Vocals.
COLIN ORR -----Lead Guitar.
PETER KING -----Percussion.

YOUTH CLUB DANCE

A dance was held by the Youth Club of Stanley on the evening of October the 6th. Profit realised was approximately forty pounds which will be used to purchase Lino or Lino tiles for the floor of the Youth Club Hut.

During the evening, 2 Novelty dances were held, 1 being a Spot Dance won by Colleen Reid and Ken Thompson, followed by a Balloon Dance which resulted in a tie, Sheila Napier and Graham Evans drawing with Valerie Clarke & Ian Cantlie. Two Raffles were also held, the prizes being a set of 6 decorated glasses and a decorative glass bowl. Winners of these 2 prizes were Mario Salarie and Mrs. Nin King respectively. Mr. Brian Summers has agreed to become the Youth Club's 3rd Trustee and a few parents have agreed to look after the children on Club evenings.

TIMES QUIZ No. 3

The next Times quiz will be held over until further notice. The answers to the last quiz (2) are as follows:-

1) 1896 2) Dr. Philip Drinker and Mr. L.A. Shaw 3) The Knight 4) 1957-1958 5) Ushuaia, Tierra del Fuego.

T H E S P E E D W E L L S T O R E

If music be the food of love then buy yourself a helping of tapes from the SPEEDWELL STORE. Whether your taste is for pop, heavy or 'middle - of - the - road' sounds you can buy it on Musicassettes at only £2.90 per tape. DECCA, EMI, RCA, POLYDOR, HALLMARK and CAMDEN - all the big names, all the best tapes.

Insist on the best - Shop at the SPEEDWELL. Mon-Fri, 2-5pm.

SOUTH GEORGIA AFFAIR

The Base Commander at South Georgia has reported to the Acting High Commissioner that the Argentine Research vessel "Islas Orcadas", was forced to seek shelter from severe stormy weather on Tuesday October the third.

The ship entered Cumberland Bay East and anchored off King Edward Point, without seeking permission or flying a courtesy flag.

The ship's Captain apparently tried to explain that this was not an official visit or act. The ship left very early on the morning of the 4th of October, once the weather had improved. The incident was immediately reported to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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AGATHA CHRISTIE GOING STRONG

To most people, the name 'Agatha Christie conjurs up visions, the crime-novel type; the locals had other visions on the night of October the first as Stanley pop group "AGATHA CHRISTIE" turned an ordinary dance into a highly enjoyable experience. Despite amplifier problems at the outset the group went down well, Colin Orr's distinctive guitar playing supplementing Terry Betts' high vocal range.

A bar was in use for approximately 1½ hours and was well patronised. The group members would like to thank all those who helped out during the evening----especially Graham Bound for the use of his record deck and to Teen Summers for cleaning the Hall so quickly and thoroughly following the conclusion of the film show and the start of the dance.

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NEWS OF A BIRTH

23rd. September 1978 to Mr. & Mrs Michael SUMMERS of San Carlos a daughter; NAOMI CHRISTINE, 7 lbs 8 ozs.

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FLYING VISIT

Among recent visitors to the Colony was a Mr. Robert Ross. Robert is the son of Gertie Reive who of course returned to the Islands after her nursing training as a Sister at the King Edward Memorial Hospital.

When the then Matron departed, she took over as Matron until her departure on leave in 1939.

Robert is a chartered accountant who has been working in Dar-es-Salaam for a firm for the past five years. Having resigned, and on his way home to Britain, he has taken the opportunity to visit South America and his mother's place of birth, Stanley, whilst in the Southern Hemisphere.

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RUGBY MATCH

SEPT. 30th:- Stanley O Marines 16

Stanley fielded a good team for this match, one which most believed could pull off another win against the fit Royal Marine side. The weather was fine, but a strong breeze blew from the north-west. The Royal Marines did their usual warm-up before the match, and it became obvious that they were in no mood to let Stanley take this match from them. The Stanley players did not follow the Royals example of warming up before the match - they were content to stand and pass the ball about.

The first 15 minutes saw Stanley exerting great pressure on the Marine side, but a defensive error on the part of the Stanley side allowed Taff Rodwell to break through and score a try.

The second half was played at a fast pace, but fitness amongst the Stanley side began to wane, allowing the Marines to gain the initiative. Tug Wilson scoring a try after some good play by the Marines three-quarters. The final score was Stanley O Royal Marines 16, some fine rugby being played by both sides.

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NEW ARRIVALS EXPECTED.

Notification has been received that Mr. Brian Munday, recruited by the Overseas Development Ministry for service as a sergeant in the Falkland Islands Police Force, is due to arrive in Stanley on 21st October.

Mr. Munday has experienced a varied career, having served in the Coldstream Guards for six years, during which time he was employed in their Drum Corps and Intelligence Section, and saw service in Germany, Italy, Libya, France, Monaco and Switzerland.

Since 1967, Mr. Munday has been employed by the Surrey Constabulary and has recently held the position of Detective Constable in the Woking, Surrey, division.

Whilst serving with the Coldstream Guards, Mr. Munday took a course in Intelligence work in Germany, and since being employed in the Police Service has taken courses in underwater diving, Major Incidents, Advanced Driving and a Detectives Course.

Another expected arrival on the 21st takes the form of a husband and wife teaching couple. Mr. & Mrs. Peatfield will work in the Education Department as teachers for 2 or 3 years. They are expected to be working in the Stanley schools for the duration of their stay in the Falklands.

Two 'assistant' teachers are expected to arrive at a later date in the Colony namely Mr. Stanley Angel and Mr. Andrew Clarke.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS DEFENCE FORCE SMALL-BORE RIFLE CLUB.

The small bore rifle club functioned throughout the winter again, alas not too successfully due to the greater attractions of the Cinema, Darts and various other activities. Nonetheless, the old faithfuls terminated the season on Wednesday evening (October 11) with a prize shoot. All the cards were novelty targets and ten competitors took part.

First card was the Animal Shoot, followed by the Eccentric Card in which the Bullseye is in a different place on each target. Scopes were not permitted for these cards.

Next came a 'Back-to-Front' target, and it is noteworthy that the leading prize winner came about bottom in this event. The Pot Luck target was then shot and a break for coffee followed. Finally, there was a "You Hold, I Squeeze" card for teams of two and a 'Scarlet Pimpernel' event when the 2 red dots are supposed to be completely obliterated.

Winning money spinner was GERALD CHEEK, closely followed by DEREK PETERSON with a mere 5p less. DEREK PETERSON and JEREMY BAYLIS won a prize in every competition and all competitors won prizes throughout the evening.

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VISIT OF VETERINARY ATTACHE.

Mr. Jim Boyle, who is employed by the Ministry of Agriculture as a Regional Veterinary Officer in Scotland, will be visiting the Colony from the 18th-25th October. During the past few months he has been acting as temporary veterinary attache at the British Embassy in Buenos Aires. Whilst on this visit, Mr. Boyle will be examining the precautions being taken against the importation of animal diseases into the Colony.

HISTORY OF THE SISTERS

Standing on the Public Pier
And looking towards the West
Two Sisters stand there side by side
And they're anything but dressed.

Their coats are quite old-fashioned
Their colour just faded away
But with all these new experiments
They may turn to green someday.

The sun shines on these Two Sisters
The moon shines on them at night
The stars all like to wink at them
Quite innocent are they, you're right.

Now in Scotland, and this is true
Five and Seven Sisters stand up in the blue
Their coats are quite pretty due to climate maybe
All trimmed with Heather, while ours is Diddle-dee.

I wonder if these Sisters
Could be a family link
We know they are part of the Empire
And it surely makes me think.

So to all you Sisters
Although you're far apart
Let us all stay United
And never, never lose heart.

DES PECK

FLASHBACK

The Financial Secretary is to be congratulated for introducing Falkland Islands £10 notes into the Colony. The first of these time saving notes were put into circulation on 19th January....MONTHLY REVIEW, 2-2-1976.

On Saturday, 20th March, a blue and white Cessna Skyhawk aircraft, identical to the plane owned by Mr Robin Pitaluga of Salvador, was landed on the temporary airstrip by Pilot John Levine. We understand that Mr Bill Luxton will fly the plane.....MONTHLY REVIEW, 5-4-1976.

The Chief Secretary visited the Youth Club to talk about the matters under consideration by the Select Committee on Constitutional Advance. He also answered questions on a wide number of issues during the course of which he said that plans were well advanced for completing the swimming pool within a year. It was hoped that a solar heating plant would provide sufficient heat to warm the water for the larger part of the year.....F.I. TIMES & MONTHLY REVIEW, JULY 1974.

SHAPING UP!!

Once again into the breach my friends! I say these famous words as I have to apologise again for the odd shaped pages. I was going to go on strike until the next batch of paper arrived from Buenos Aires but I'll leave things like that to U.K. newspapers. Back to normal by 14/78

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DAN ARCHER'S COLUMN

Hallo everyone, it's Ralph Bellamy here - only I regret to say that Dan and Doris are both in Ward 10 at Oxbridge, suffering you could say from the 'rats'. Both Dan and Doris got absolutely blotto during farmers week.

Frankly, I don't think Dan remembers much of that, save for the steady chink of glass, and was admitted shouting "Cheers Che".

Dr. Finlay assures us that they'll both be out soon; though Finlay seems too busy chasing Janet at Arden House, whilst old Cameron is wondering where in the Pacific he can retire on a nice pension from here - with OSAS of course.

I've been lucky through nepotism to have been high on the list for a tenancy of the Blue Patch farming scheme. My piece has been called PennyAsset; you've got to admit that advancement in Ambridge only comes through rigging, and your face fitting in the right places. True, my old man - Jack Bellamy knew which stirrings to operate the bureaucratic jungle. Dan thought I'd like to contribute this week, seeing how he's being de-nitrified.

Well, PennyAsset comprises the usual allotment of 10,000 acres which I've long thought to be far too much for futuristic farming. 10,000 acres for one man is as unworkable as 20 men for 20,000 acres - in short, it's worse. So along with my volunteer labour, Sid Perks who fell foul with Jack Woolly and Grenville Estates and Paul Johnson, fed up with Government and the kelp flop. Just three of us, sincere and dedicated in proving the cynics wrong.

My strategy is rather simple, we are concentrating our limited resources in fully developing the in-bye paddocks, leaving the exterior rough camp for later expansion. The belief being in long-term investment in the staple raw product of any agri-unit, simply the soil.

By intensive paddock work, strict stock control, frequent top-surface working with our limited machines, finds us rapidly improving the poor pasture when I took tenancy. I strongly believe in explaining every single detail to the small labour force, what I'm at, what's supposed to happen and what, if it doesn't! Admittedly, some of the ideas are scorned at, still with everyone being that much wiser we're able to pull together.

Of course I'm open to differing opinions, because PennyAsset isn't going to be bogged down in traditionalism. We're also lucky in having plenty of help from the PTU - Pasture Trials Unit - Rob Roy being very keen to assist in technical aspects. It's good too, knowing Jim Herriot has returned to the Ambridge scene. We're following Herriot's basic theme, by carrying more ewes than is normal for accepted traditions.

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LETTERBOX

FROM: DEREK EVANS, COUNCILLOR, WEST FALKLAND.
 PACKES PORT HOWARD.
 DATE: OCTOBER THE 7th 1978.

Dear Editor,

I am writing to you to try to clear up questions raised in your last two issues as a result of the 'International Assignment' programme that the B.B.C. reporter did recently.

I believe that you yourself or possibly Judy Molkenbuhr (the article left me slightly confused on this point) asked when I am booking my own flight back to England, implying that I wanted to remove all U.K. people from the Falklands. As you claim your own remark about a primitive society was taken out of context, I think it would have been reasonable to allow me the same latitude. In fact I was talking about teaching and our hope that we can eventually replace U.K. recruited teachers with local ones. An obvious aim in any development of the education system.

If you had taken the trouble to really study various actions and speeches of Legco rather than dismiss Council work as you did in the last of your article 'Primitive Outlook' I think you would have realised that this is what we are trying to do wherever possible.

I do think the Colony is in a mess; if we cannot halt the emigration trend and promote the right kind of immigration we will, in the not too distant future, have too small a population to survive.

I was not being mournfully pessimistic on this point. If we can pull together we would soon get ourselves out of the doldrums. My point here is that it doesn't matter how much money is poured into the Islands it is the attitude of our people that matters. If we pull together as a community and realise the full potential of the developments we are trying to promote, the whole place could come alive - if we sit back and criticise (no matter how justified by the past) and wait for development to fail, then it will.

When I said that there was a lack of co-operation, both Judy and Kitty Bertrand have assumed that I meant on a personal level. I think it is pretty obvious that I didn't mean that. We, as a family trying to adapt to a way of life that we weren't used to, couldn't have survived without the co-operation, generosity and tolerance of our neighbours. It's one of the nicest things about living in these Islands. It's one of the reasons for me taking on this Council job; to try to repay kindness we've received.

I meant co-operation on a community level. Getting different sections of the Community together to get things done. For far too long we've tended to say, "That's the farm's responsibility!" "That's Government's job!" Costs are so high now that it is difficult for any one section of the Community to cope alone.

One specific example I could give is the fact that there is no decent road between Fox Bay East and West. Everyone seems to think that there should be one. Everyone moans about the difficulty of getting between the two farms, especially in the Winter. It would be too expensive now for either farm to be likely to promote the idea. As a community project it is much more feasible. If the people of the two settlements were to get together and offer to do the job in their own time if the farms would provide the machinery, the onus is then on the farms to help. A decent road is in everyone's interest especially as the airstrip is likely to be between the two settlements. I've talked about this to people in both settlements and there is interest in the idea on both farms.

Is anyone willing to try to get it going? Perhaps the cookhouse gangs would show the way.

There is apathy here. Perhaps Kitty's remarks about the Spinners and Weavers Guild in fact underlines that. Quote, 'Kept alive by a few determined ladies'. Not thriving, kept alive. There is a great lack of people who are willing to take responsibility.

I note Dave, that you say that due to heavy criticism the Times will no longer carry.....Cont.P.8

Councillor Evans' Letter continued.....

....Editors thoughts. I think you are finding, as I have found as a Councillor, that once you are in a position of responsibility, as you undoubtedly are as Editor of our only independent newspaper with a wide international circulation, you have to be far more careful about what you say and how you say it. It is vital that we have an independent newspaper so that people can have a chance to say what they think. I welcome criticism and comment as it helps me to know how people are thinking and it keeps me on my toes. Keep up the good work. I personally think that as you put a great deal of effort into producing the paper you are entitled to have your thoughts in print. But constructive thoughts are preferable to destructive criticism.

Yours Sincerely, etc.

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MARRIAGE

September 29th 1978..
Raymond Nigel ROBSON
to Miranda Gay McNALLY.

BIRTHS

September 9th 1978..
Mr. & Mrs. G.P SMITH
(Jenny Heathman) a son, IAN COLIN.

September 14th 1978..
Mr. & Mrs. K.MORRISON
(Charlene McKay) a son, TIMOTHY.

September 23rd 1978..
Mr. & Mrs. M.K.SUMMERS
(Sheila McLeod) a dau, NAOMI CHRISTINE.
Please note that the weight details for Naomi Summers should read as 7lbs 10ozs and not 7lbs 8ozs as mistyped on page 3.

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THE INS AND OUTS

Arrivals on the F28 flight on Wednesday October 11th 1978 were:-

Mrs. K.BERNTSEN, Mr. & Mrs. F.D.CHEEK, Mr.O.COSTAGLIOLA, Mr.A.F.COSENTINO, Mr. & Mrs. H.E.DAMIANOVICH, Mrs. MACOVAZ and 2 children, Mrs. D.NEWMAN, Mr. A.MILLER, Mr. J.MARCILO, Mr. & Mrs. R.E.FELTON, Mr.M.PAWLEY, Mr. D.WALTON, Mr. A.BUSTAMENTE. No passengers departed on the return flight.

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ODE OF FAREWELL AND THANKS TO ALL AT STEPHENS

By Kath Goodwin.

Now our time at Stephens is over
and it's time to say farewell
We must leave our friends and fields
and the things we know so well.
From the sand dunes silver soaring
from the deepening wide blue sea
From the bright dew spangled morning
we must wander, Bizz and me.
We must leave our rugged island
with its hills and friends so dear
We are leaving you for the Town life
and it makes us sad and drear.

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A very big THANK YOU to all at Stephens; God bless you always.
"Knees Up Mother Brown".

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GOVERNOR'S RETURN

The Governor, (Mr James Parker) and his wife are expected to arrive back in the Colony after home leave and consultations on Wednesday Nov. 15th.

TRAVEL THE ARGENTINE WAY.

Government House has just received details of a Presidential decree, published in the official Argentine bulletin on the 20th of October, concerning the issue of the controversial "White Card" travel permit. The main points of this decree are as follows:-

White cards for residents of the Islands and of Argentina are unchanged.

An "embarkation and disembarkation card" is to be issued to non-residents. They will complete it in duplicate when they purchase their air or sea tickets, and will retain one copy. The retained copy will be checked by the airport or port police at the point of departure for the Falklands.

On return from the Islands the retained copy will be checked by the same authorities and given back to the non-resident. It will be surrendered at the point of final departure from Argentina.

If a non-resident leaves the Islands without passing through Argentina again, the Argentine Representative of the Special Consultative Committee in Port Stanley shall, whenever possible, ask for the return of the retained copy.

Government is waiting for more information concerning the new non-resident regulations and details will be published as soon as they are known. It is understood that these regulations will come into effect as from January the 1st 1979.

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CHANGE OF DIRECTORS

With effect from October 31st 1978, Mr J.E.Dowling is leaving the COALITE GROUP and has resigned from his directorships of all subsidiary companies - including the Falkland Islands Company.

Mr. C.E.Needham, the Deputy Chairman and Managing Director of the Coalite Group has been appointed a Director of the F.I.C. and will succeed John Dowling as Chairman.

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LETTERBOX.

There now follows the first letter for ages combining anger and anonymity. It is published to remind people that not everyone shares "the same regard for the Royal Marines in Stanley.

FROM: "AN ANGRY ISLANDER"
DATE: 20th OCTOBER 1978.

Dear Sir;

It was with profound shock and anger that I learned of the award to our local Royal Marine detachment of the Wilkinson Sword Peace Prize. It seemed ironic that a band of men who have inflicted more damage on our community than any other should be honoured with this prestigious award.

The utter stupidity and lack of thought behind the Wilkinson Sword award can only be equalled by the bestowal some time ago of the "Freedom of Stanley" on that same Royal Marine detachment. This gesture, which was actually proposed by one of our own elected councillors, cost the colony four hundred precious pounds; money that in our poverty stricken financial position could have been spent so much more wisely. However this impressive and expensive "gesture of gratitude" could have been justified had the Royal Marines actually done anything to deserve it. Anyone with any awareness at all will realise that during their many years in the Falkland Islands the Marines have inflicted terrible and, I fear, irreparable damage to our community and they are still gradually destroying our population.

For too long now the exodus of women with marines has been treated as something of a joke (undoubtedly some will laugh at this). But a joke it certainly is not and this trend must be stopped.

There are some people who would defend the Marines by quoting the small things they have done which may benefit the community in the short term. But these are, I repeat, small things that do not benefit us in the long term. No matter how much they contribute to charity, or how many of them entertain us on the radio or fly 'planes during pilot shortages, they will never be able to make up for the harm they have done and are continuing to do.

As a military force also they are useless. As any strategist will know, a defence is only successful if it serves as a deterrent and our thirty or forty Royal Marines are certainly not that! If our giant neighbour decided to invade these islands he would do so with a force that would swamp our meagre defences. We should do away with this small but troublesome force and request that we be given a force large enough to be a real deterrent if the need ever arose. At least then we may get something back for all we have given. If Britain will not give us a real defence then we would be better off without any.

Remember councillors: consider carefully in future before you award anyone with our valuable symbols of gratitude and honour.

Yours Faithfully etc.

Editor: - Phew, letting off's team alright! I expect there will be a lot of counter-letters answering the above and all letters 'for' and against will be published in future editions.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

CAMP: £1.92p; OVERSEAS: £3.25. (Including 2nd Class Air-Post.)

R.R.S. BRANSFIELD AWAY.

The Bransfield has left for her 1978/79 tour of Antarctic Waters and is expected to arrive in the Falklands around the sixth of December. She departed Southampton on October the 24th.

Sister RAS Research vessel, the R.R.S. JOHN BISCOE, has completed her work at South Georgia and was due to arrive at Rio De Janeiro on the 6th Nov.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS RIFLE ASSOCIATION HONOURED BY THE NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION OF GREAT BRITAIN

As is known, 1978 is the 50th anniversary of the first Falkland Islands rifle team to compete at Bisley, England.

To commemorate the occasion, a silver trophy was presented to the National Rifle Association of Great Britain. On arrival at Bisley this year, the Falklands team were given a pleasant surprise when the Secretary of the NRA (Air Commodore A.B. RIALI; CBE, RAF (Retd.)) announced that the NRA Council would also commemorate the occasion with a presentation to the Falklands Rifle Association. This has recently arrived and is in the form of a magnificent gold-plated Onyx cigarette box with a gold NRA medal forming the centre piece of the lid. By kind permission of the Manager, the box is on display at the West Store.

At a later date it is planned to produce an historical photographic display of the local Rifle Association over the past 50 years. It is interesting to note that on the opening day of this seasons shooting, four new youngsters joined us. All members of the Defence Force, serving members of Her Majesty's Forces and civilians over the age of 15 years and under the age of 26 years are welcome on the Range. Finally, the Association is aiming at sending one or two members to Bisley in 1980. This of course depends on the Financial position and suitably qualified shooters being available.

F.I. RIFLE ASSOCIATION - STANLEY - OCTOBER 25th 1978.

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N.B.: It is hoped to publish the complete Bisley results concerning the Falkland Islands Rifle Team in the next edition.

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INTO THE WORLD

OCTOBER THE 23rd in PLYMOUTH, DEVON, ENGLAND:-

To Jane and Gary CLEMENT a son LEE, weighing 7lbs 7ozs.
Jane was formerly Jane Middleton.

IN THE FALKLANDS:-

To Mr. & Mrs. Tom KEEN a son CLAF JAMES, weighing 9lbs 5½ozs.

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NO YOUTHS IN YOUTH CLUB.

The Youth Club's Committee has decided to bar 10 and 11 year olds from joining the club as from Jan. 1st 1979. Those of that age group who are already members will be allowed to stay. Reason:- "This course of action is being taken because of such an age difference between the 10's to 18's. This decision will be reviewed at a later date when the Hut is completed."

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THE STRIPPER

November the 1st was a somewhat windy night. In the morning there wasn't much left of the Hooker's Point Temporary Airstrip actually on the foundation bed. Great chunks had been literally hurled aside, and despite rumours that a PWD official had reckoned vandals had been busy the damage caused awed comments. DES PECK takes a lighter look:-

THE TEMPORARY AIRSTRIP THAT BLEW AWAY

What happened to the temporary airstrip
On the night, the first of November
When a seventy-knot gale struck Hooker's Point
It was certainly a night to remember.

What happened to the temporary airstrip
Well, one cannot really tell
But one thing we are sure of
A gale blew it all to hell

What happened to the temporary airstrip
Well, this we will never know
It probably waited for this gale
As it knew it had to go

Luckily it happened through the night
When most were in blanket bay
News soon spread around the town
The airstrip had blown away

We must admit it's a disaster
As it served our Country well
We hope our main airstrip lasts that long
But nobody can really tell.

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BRITISH COUNCIL AWARDS FOR BOOKS

The British Council has recently offered grants to help build up book resources under a number of schemes.

Earlier grants have helped to develop and establish libraries in Stanley schools but new allocations offer opportunities to introduce a wide range of new books. Another grant has been approved for the setting up of a wildlife reference section in the Stanley Public Library and requests for the development of the hobbies and general interests sections are also being considered. The Medical Department will receive an annual allocation for the purchase of reference texts, and, under a new grant, an agricultural reference library of texts selected by the Grasslands Trials Unit will shortly be established.

TRAGIC ACCIDENT RESULTS IN DEATH

Sunday November the 5th 1978 will stick in the minds of most people in the Falklands because that was the night when a well - liked young man aged only 21 was involved in a motorcycle accident which cost him his life. There are so many versions of what actually happened floating around that it would be wrong to publish any, so it will suffice to say that the man concerned, Russell Summers, will live on in the memory of many folk in these Islands. A member of the Falkland Islands Defence Force, he is to be buried with full military honours.

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No. 1 in a series depicting Falkland Islands life as seen through the eyes of an "outsider".

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

By Pilgrim.

The first tentative rays from the rising sun splash across the hills to the north, streaking the dull green with living gold. Slowly, but with deceptive speed, it gathers strength and confidence, suddenly flooding the valley with warm light.

It is a still morning, no breath yet of the wind that is ever present, in promise if not in fact. A trout leaps in the creek a hundred and fifty yards toward the hills. I see the silver flash as it twists and a moment later hear the smack of its fall clearly through the crystal air:

The house, painted pure white, faces east, brilliantly reflects the morning glory as I cross the paddock to the dairy. I pause to take in the freshness, the newness. High above are two layers of insubstantial cloud; like mares' tails in the sky. The higher one scuds rapidly over the powder blue, constantly changing shape. The lower hangs motionless, a celestial reflection of the stillness in the valley.

I look to the south. To the distant ridge where my nearest neighbour will also just be stirring. He is nine miles away. Stanley, the nearest town, is sixty. England - home - is eight thousand miles. An unthinkable distance. My bowels contract with the overwhelming solitude.

I am alone.

In a world of millions I have found a place to be alone.

The sun, free now of the horizon to the east that seemed to be holding it back, leaps into the sky. A breeze fans out of the north west and tickles my face. This is good. It is a warm wind in the Southern Hemisphere.

Sounds intrude.

The cackling of a hen. The dogs begin their morning chorus from the kennel beyond the house. The rooster crows. A cow with a full udder bellows its discomfiture from the dairy beside me.

The mood is slipping. I struggle to hold it a precious moment longer.

I look to the house. My wife draws back the curtains, sees me and waves, smiling; full of the good humour a sunny morning brings.

The wind freshens.

The solitude shimmers like a heat haze and is gone.

I turn and enter the darkness of the dairy.

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CRUSHER A sum of money has been approved by the Standing Finance Committee in order to purchase a mobile stone-crusher and concrete mixer. These will be used for general civil engineering and building work.

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FLIGHT TIMES CHANGED The F27 flight that has been arriving in the Falklands on Saturdays has been altered. This means that the plane will now arrive on FRIDAY of each week until further notice. Latest information sets the new time schedules as follows:-

F27....Depart Comodoro....Arrive Stanley....Depart Stanley...Arrive Como.
0940 1210 1430 1700

Onward connection via Aerolineas Argentinas: Depart Como...Arrive B.A.
1810 2040

The F28 Jet flights will continue on Wednesday's unchanged except for small scale time alterations.

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CHOP - CHOP

With effect from November the 1st, the price of Mutton bought through the Falkland Islands Company Butchery increased in price by one penny. The price of a feed is now 12p per pound - fat included!

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PENFRIENDS WANTED

A 26-year old Malaysian man who writes excellent English wishes to correspond with a Falkland Islander of either sex. Interests are listed as friendly correspondence and stamps. All letters will be answered promptly by Air-Mail. MR CHAI PENG KONG; P.O.BOX 214, SEREMBAN, N.SEMBILAN, MALAYSIA.

And; "Dear Friends;

I like to have pen-friend aged 15-30 Girl or Man.

I am 24-years old Finnish boy. My hobbies are: music, stamps etc.
My address: MR HEIMO J. JUNTUNEN, VIIALANKATU 2 A 7,
SF-45150 KOUVOLA 15, FINLAND."

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FORREST PROGRAMME LATEST.

14 - 16 November.....DARWIN/FITZROY
20 - 24 November.....Amphib/Beef run FORT SAN CARLOS.
1 - December.....School Run to KIDNEY ISLAND.
4 - December.....School Run to KIDNEY ISLAND.
5 - December.....FOX BAY. Drop Patrol 14.
11 - 19 DECEMBER.....WEST FALKLAND AMPHIB.

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"AIDEZ MOI" - BABY DAMIEN.

From a place where the arrival of a new born babe would come as something of a shock - namely British Antarctic Territory - comes a request for help with such an event. A telex message from Rothera Point Base Commander, ice-veteran Kenneth Back, to Myriam Booth who is British Antarctic Survey's Stanley representative reads as follows:- (The telex has already been broadcast over the Falkland Islands Broadcasting Station) "Sally and Jerome Poncet, who are wintering some 25 miles south of Rothera in the French yacht 'DAMIEN II', are expecting a baby in April which they want to be born on the boat. Although they hope to be in warmer latitudes by then, it looks as if the ice will be breaking up late this year and there is a chance that DAMIEN II will still be in pack when the baby is born. Sally says she doesn't know anything about babies and hasn't got any of the necessary gear - and anyway the thing wasn't planned. If any Stanley mum could help her out with any items that are no longer wanted, she would be really grateful. The most important things she needs are a feeding bottle, baby-powder and some nappies; but any clothes (or materials for making them), any unwanted tins of baby-food or anything else to make a baby's life on a small boat in Drake Passage more comfortable would be greatly appreciated; and also a "Do-it-Yourself" Maternity Guide which she might be able to borrow until next year.

Please mark packages "FOR DAMIEN II" and send to the BAS Office in Stanley. Sally and Jerome are hoping to visit the Falklands in DAMIEN II next year, when they will more than repay any help that can be given to them now."

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From CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

Shortly after 8pm on Sunday evening (Oct 15th), members of Christ Church Cathedral Council and congregation met in the Lounge of the Upland Goose Hotel. They were joined by a few from other denominations. There were between 50 and 55 altogether. The occasion - to bid "Adieu" to Padre Smith, his wife Anne and small Peter James. The ladies had done a splendid job in providing a fine array of cakes and sandwiches. Tea or Coffee was also available in ever constant flow. Everyone was enjoying themselves, including the many children present. Around 8.45 or 9 o'clock (I forget the exact time) Mr. Stan Bennett, Lay Reader for the Cathedral, and affectionately referred to as 'The Vicar' in some quarters, sounded the 'Gong' for silence. Stan gave a very nice address to all present and indeed expressing the views of most of us. He said that we would all be sorry to see Padre leave, but that we should keep the Cathedral doors open and carry on as we were able. We would look forward to Padre Gubbins joining us over the Xmas period, and pray in earnest that we would not be too long without a permanent Padre. After his talk, Stan presented Padre and Mrs. Smith with a Crystal Whisky Decanter and six matching tumblers. These were a gift from the Council and congregation of the Cathedral. He also presented them with a silver tray, a private gift from another individual. Then after the speeches and presentations, champagne was served to all that wished to partake. We drank a toast of "Bon Voyage" to Padre and Mrs. Smith. The Council would like to express their appreciation to Ning and Des for the use of the Lounge, and to all who came and supported the party. Thanks to all.

VIVIENNE E.M. PERKINS.

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R/T COMMITTEE MEETING

The Government R/T Committee met recently to review the position on internal telecommunications. The Committee noted that the Posts & Telecommunications Department were soon to acquire 2-metre band equipment to enable tests to be made to find the best site for the Stanley end of the circuit and, eventually, to enable other users of this service to work into the R/T Station and through it, possibly into the Stanley telephone system.

The Committee approved the issue of a circular to all R/T subscribers. This circular summarises the ideas being considered by the R/T Committee and Government, and seeks the views of subscribers and users generally in the Camp. Copies, which will be going out soon, will be available at all settlements for those who wish to see them. The purpose of the circular and its accompanying questionnaire is to find out whether there is at present a need for a commercial VHF system - assuming it to be technically and financially feasible - and to establish the number of AEL sets likely to be required so that the cost of the overall scheme can be worked out. The Committee also noted that the Administration was soon to introduce the legislation needed to bring into force the proposals for a special restricted amateur licence to permit the two-metre band to be used for limited social and business purposes in addition to normal activities.

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THE OCTOBER WEATHER

Total Rainfall
78.0mm (3.07")

Average Temperature
5.8 degrees C.

Average Daily Sunshine
5.9 hours.

Average Wind Speed
16.8 knots

Highest Wind Gust
70 knots

October 1978 turned out to be a remarkably wet month. The amount of Rainfall was more than double the amount that is usually expected at this time of year. This October turned out the wettest since 1941 although only being a little wetter than the October of 2 years ago. In contrast, the month has been the sunniest October for the last 5 years. In brief, a wet month with temperatures, wind and sun all near average.

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HURRY! HURRY! HURRY! BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW.

Abundant Prizes are being offered in the ROYAL MARINES GRAND CHRISTMAS CHARITY DRAW AND BALL due to be held on FRIDAY DECEMBER THE 22nd. The Draw is in aid of raising funds for the KEM Hospital in Stanley. It is hoped to raise enough cash to purchase a sound-film projector (slides only) valued at approximately £400-500 for the entertainment of long-term patients and for the training of Junior Trainee Nurses. Some of the prizes offered are: Ladies Gold SEIKO Watch; 'TOMAHAWK' Childs. Bike; Clock-Radio; 'EGA' Radio; A Polaroid Camera; A Philips Fan Heater and other great prizes unable to be listed here due to lack of space. All these prizes will await YOU being associated with the relevant lucky numbers, so if you think you have luck BUY SOME TICKETS NOW. Available at all stores.

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UP THE MARINES!!!

Most people moan like hell when the Times is full of letters but I make no apologies whatsoever for including three long ones in this edition. It was quite surprising to receive about 50% more 'Letters to the Editor' than per usual and not all of them can of course be printed in one edition. Those persons who have sent letters that have not been published in answer to the 'Angry Islander' letting off steam in the last edition will see their correspondence appearing in the next edition.

There is still no clue as to who the 'Angry Islander' is - even the Islander part is under some doubt, although Air-Commodore Brian Frow on a visit to the Colony, has told me that he knows and so do the Marines. If anyone can pass a hint my way I'd be grateful!! The first letter is printed below and there is also one on page 2 and page 3.

Stanley,
17th November.

Dear Sir;

We have read with anger and displeasure the letter entitled 'An Angry Islander' in the Times edition of 20/10/78. We are disappointed with our fellow Islanders or should we say 'Islander'?

We are grateful for what the Royal Marines have done for us and are continuing to do for us. They may be only small things but as the saying goes:- 'Every Little Helps'.

A few questions:-

1. Has this Islander done anything to benefit the Islands, large or small?
2. Would he/she waste his valuable time running to Port San Carlos and back for the sake of £110 which would be donated to the Museum, and not a penny to his own pocket?
3. Would he go to all the trouble of organizing sponsored walks, charity balls etc., for the benefit of the Senior Citizens of Stanley?

No doubt the answer to all these questions would be:-

'No, I couldn't be bothered'; 'No I haven't got time etc.'

We consider this outrageous letter as pedantic or as downright jealousy, more so the latter; otherwise why else would the person be worried about what the Royal Marines do? Perhaps it is jealousy and the person concerned does not like the thought of some of the local girls marrying marines. So what?, if they want to marry someone it's their life isn't it??

We do agree that the Islands population has and is gradually decreasing, but it is not only the girls marrying Marines that are going away and that have already left, there are also.....
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LETTERBOX

FROM: TRUDI HAZELL; 1 ALLARDYCE ST., STANLEY.
 DATE: 10-11-1978.

In answer to Mr or Mrs Anonymous' complaints about the Royal Marines.

Dear Mr Mouse;

I've labelled you "mouse" as you wrote such a load of malicious bunkum and then couldn't even pluck up the courage to sign your name at the end of the letter - a good example of gross cowardice. If I write such excreta about someone, I like them to know who is writing it so how about revealing your identity?

I for one was really proud of the Wilkinson Sword of Peace award to the Royal Marines - they contribute a lot towards the Islands - teaching us to shoot for example, passing on their skills to those who are interested - the Islanders who aren't more interested in boozing and sex - whether illegal or in marital bliss, and Boy, if you opened your eyes a bit you'd see how corrupt the Islands are becoming - not because of the Royal Marines I might add. After being away for 3-4 years I and my family returned to settle, and I am disgusted at the state of my so-called home - we should give the marines a Wilkinson Award for simply coming here. As for the local dames flitting to the U.K. with the Royals - I DON'T BLAME THEM - look at the ill-mannered drunks a lot of the women have to face when they decide to take the plunge and try their luck with a local. My God, at least the U.K. men treat their wivvs as something they love - not as a punchbag when he's had a few too many while he's been out to the pub and left his spouse to cook his supper, and in some cases feed his kids. No Mr Mouse I entirely disagree with you and your stupid letter. You grouse about the present force of 30-40 Royals "stealing" the Islands women - but in the same sentence you suggest a larger force be based here; what are you wanting? The total exodus of the Islands womenfolk? You contradict yourself in a sense. As it is, the existing force of Royal Marines can and will do a great deal to damage our "giant neighbour" if he should be so foolhardy as to attempt an invasion. Numbers don't count so much in war as the means to get your men working independently while still being under command. They're not stupid you know - there's more than Marines here! - And I don't mean the ineffective "force" of the Defence Force.

What should be done is to put the Argentines back where they belong - in Argentina. They shouldn't have been allowed in here in the first place. Oh yes, they've helped us a lot - but only because they want to get their greasy hands on us.

That's my personal opinion of the items mentioned in your letter.

Yours etc.....

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FOOTBALL A.G.M.

On Wednesday November the 1st, the Football Club held its Annual General Meeting with 19 members present. Patrick Watts was re-elected as Chairman and other Committee members are: Secretary: Frank O'Reilly; Treasurer: Trevor Shaw; Members: D. McLeod, R. Cain, A. Livermore, A. Kerr and Father Monaghan. Inflation not only hits the "TIMES" as the Football Club's Seasonal subscription was 'bumped up' to a fiver from the previous cost of £1. 4 teams are in operation in the League as last year: REDSOX, RANGERS, MUSTANGS & DYNAMOS.

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EXTRA NAMES

The following persons would like their names added to Trudi Hazell's signature on the letter on Page 2:-
GLENDA & THERESA McGill, WINNIE MIRANDA.

And another letter:.....FROM: N.BUCKETT (Mrs), STANLEY.
DATE: UNDATED.

Dear Sir;

As the wife of a serving soldier and a friend of NP8901/1978, I was disgusted with the letter sent to your paper by someone who hadn't the decency or courage to put his name to it. I have accompanied my husband on tours all over the world and in all our service I have never seen any unit 'used' as much as NP8901. Requests for assistance come from all over the colony for all manner of tasks and the Marines of 8901 turn out to help of their own choice. A Youth Club building is being repaired by Marines in their own time, an assault course is being constructed for the new school hostel, and a charity ball in aid of the K.E.M.H. Geriatric Ward, both by Marines.

The young men of Moody Brook are serving here, in the main against their own personal choice, many of them having left young wives and children 8,000 miles away in U.K. and this for 12 months.

The writer of the letter claims that as a fighting force they are useless, and in the event of 'our powerful neighbour's sending in a vastly superior force in an invasion, would be overwhelmed. They may indeed be overwhelmed, but it would be at an enormous cost to the invader and only when each and every Marine had given his life for the defence of this colony. As for being a useless fighting force, most if not all, of the Marines have spent up to 6 tours of 6 months duration in Northern Ireland, not because they want to but because they wear a uniform and are sent. But make no mistake, they wear the uniform with pride, and justly so, as they have given very good account of themselves in very ugly situations. They realise they are just a token force supplied as a deterrent to possible attack, but they accept that as they accept the dangers and discomforts of Northern Ireland.

If the islanders feel strongly enough that the Marines should not be here then let them ask the Government to send them home, I'm sure they would rather be with their families. As for taking away the eligible girls, then this is a worldwide fact of life where young healthy men are away from home.

Perhaps the young men of the Falklands should look to themselves to find out why the girls prefer Marines. I could go on for ever but I feel certain that the views expressed by the writer are not shared by many other islanders. There are a lot of marvellous people in this colony who would totally disagree with what was written. My husband has commanded a great many troops and we both feel we would be proud and honoured to be part of NP8901/1978. They are a great bunch of lads, so give them a chance and stop knocking them; they are merely trying to do the job they were sent here to do.

Yours Sincerely,
N.D.BUCKETT, Wife of WOII Ron Buckettt.

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TRIBUTE FROM THE FOOTBALL CLUB FOR THE LATE RUSSELL SUMMERS

Along with the family and friends of the late Russell Summers, the Football Club mourn his death. At 21, Russell was in the prime of his football career, and had many more years of activity to offer the club. As those who watch the local scene will know, he had for

A D V E R T I S E M E N T

A warm welcome will be afforded to any Falkland Islander who cares to join the Falkland Islands Philatelic Study Group's WEEK-END MEETING at NOVOTEL, BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE from Friday APRIL 6th to Sunday APRIL 8th 1979. If you happen to be on leave at this time pop up t'North and see: Live Auction of Falkland Islands Material - Displays by Northern and Southern Members - Proposed Dealers Bourse - Informal discussions and "get-togethers".

Arrive Friday evening for dinner. Depart after lunch on Sunday. Full "Conference Package" consisting of Bedroom, English Breakfast, Morning Coffee and Biscuits, 3-Course Lunch, Afternoon Tea and Biscuits, 3-Course Dinner and Private Conference Room.

Total cost per person (inclusive of Service Charge & VAT)

£31.20p sharing twin-bedded room or £36.00p for a single room.

More information will appear in the December/January "Upland Goose". All those who would like to attend this weekend meeting are asked to contact: TERRY PARRY, "HEYGATE", HEYGATE LANE, BAILDON, WEST YORKSHIRE.

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BONFIRE NIGHT AT DARWIN SCHOOL

Part of a letter from John and Anne Peatfield

Stanley Teachers who will be part of the new Hostel's Staff. They spent the half-term at Darwin School getting to know the children and staff prior to the move to Stanley.

As children in Stanley enjoyed beach barbecues, thunderflashes and bonfires, it was school as normal at Darwin for the boarders. Half-terms do not allow enough time for children to return home, so it is work as usual - spiced with extra entertainment.

John and Veronica Fowler were the duty couple for the weekend, so we were able to join in with them to get the feel of the Darwin system and be involved as much as possible. On Saturday, normal duties, chores and jobs were completed as quickly as hens, incubators, gardens and dormitories will allow. Groups were soon involved in wood-collecting, lamp making, bonfire building and food preparation. There was a job for everyone from youngest child to the staff. As Bonfire lighting time drew near, people from the Settlement started to arrive; the path down to the barbecue was lit and the cooking commenced. Soon everyone was being roasted by the fire whilst their insides were warmed by grilled chops, home-made sausages and delicious barbecue sauce. It was a tired, smoky, happy Darwin School that eventually flopped into bed!

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PENFRIENDS WANTED

I am a boy from the cold country in north and I like to have friends from islands in south. Thank You.
BO HJALMARSSON, PL 41227, S-705 90, OREBRO, SWEDEN.

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DARWIN SCHOOL SOCCER DEFEAT

Goose Green emerged as victors and winners of what could be called the "Lafonia World Cup" in what was described as a windblown game. Complete results of the competition were:

- 1st Leg: DARWIN SCHOOL 4 GOOSE GREEN 2.
- 2nd Leg: DARWIN SCHOOL 1 GOOSE GREEN 6.
- Final: DARWIN SCHOOL 1 GOOSE GREEN 5.

Tribute from the Football Club continued from Page 3

.....the last couple of seasons established himself as one of the best, if not the best, defender for the Stanley team. He had no rival for his position on the right side of the defence, and was equally at home in the centre. During the last two seasons, he added a note of stability to what had been a shaky part of the team. Russell was fast into the tackle, and fast off the ball.

He was better than average in the air and as tough as nails. Many an opposing player has bounced off him, whilst he has stood as firm as rock. Although he was a hard player, he was fair always. Never one to retaliate or argue on the field, it's difficult to remember a referee ever having to speak to him, let alone caution him. He will be missed in many factions of life, and the Football field will be one of these. The Football Club was represented at the funeral by former secretary and committee member Terry Betts.

As a mark of remembrance to Russell and to another stalwart of the Club who died recently, the late Dolan Williams, all four league teams observed a minutes silence on their first matches of the season.

PATRICK WATTS - Chairman, Football Club.

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PILGRIM'S PROGRESS By Pilgrim.
No.2 - WORDS.

Emotions are intangible. To describe them simple. Anger is anger, fear is fear, love is love. It is only when one mixes with another, or leads to another that degrees of emotion develop. Description then becomes difficult, even impossible. Words come harder, lose their impact, or change the meaning of what you meant to say. They become tools without worth. Useless.

How can this be? Is there not a word for everything?

The answer is no.

Emphatically no.

The concise Oxford Dictionary defines speechless as:- a) dumb. b) temporarily deprived of speech by emotion.

Can this be true of something tangible.

The answer is yes.

Emphatically yes.

Try to describe a Falkland Islands sunset with the reds and the golds and the magentas spreading across the sky like blood.

Try to describe a single hour of Falkland Islands weather when there's a brisk wind blowing and the great banks of cloud are gliding over the sky like fully rigged galleons.

Try to describe the fragile charm of a newborn lamb.

Try to describe the awesome mystery of a flowing stone-run.

The Falkland Islands are an enigma in themselves. The Camp is a brooding, waiting place. A place with the patience to outwait the men who live there. Men who live there on sufferance. They have never conquered the Camp, only arranged an uneasy truce.

Try to describe the Falkland Islands to one who has never seen. A blind man. Will he see on the screen of his mind what you want him to see. What you, yourself see. Or do your words stumble and cross and repeat.

The Falkland Islands. Unique. A place of rugged, sometimes ugly but never tame, beauty.

What more can you say?

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VISITORS TO THE COLONY

Two Members of Parliament are due to visit the Falklands on November the 29th for a period of two weeks as the delegation from the British branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.

The two men are Mr. David Lambie, Labour MP for Ayrshire Central since 1970 and Mr Ian Gow, Conservative Member for Eastbourne since 1974.

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CONTRACT FINISHED.

A farewell party was held in the Matron's flat recently as Sister Liz Stead has now completed her contract at the King Edward Memorial Hospital in Stanley. She hopes to return to her home town of Skegness in Lincs.

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VARIETY SHOW SUCCESS

A very entertaining and interesting variety show was held in the Town Hall on November the 3rd. The show consisted of several very clever and amusing sketches and skits, songs and music and two dances performed by the wife of Airport Superintendent Bala Kanagasabai, Tilak.

Cash realised at this event - admission by ticket only - was £87.60p, and together with the record sum of £146.91p from Poppy Day house-to-house collections on November 11th, was donated to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal Fund.

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SOCCER RESULTS

Results of the first league matches of the new season:-

Wednesday Nov. 15th.

REDSOX 4 RANGERS 2
Powell
Horlick 3 Haynes 2

Thursday Nov. 16th.

MUSTANGS 3 DYNAMOS 1
O. Summers T. Betts (pen.)
Gaskins
K. McKay

A Boy's Football League has been established along the lines of last years with three teams of boys in the 8-14 age group. The boys teams are known as Redskin Rovers, Hotshot Wanderers and Dynamo Devils. All of their games will be played on Saturday mornings with a 10.30 kick-off. Mr Des Peck who has made great contributions of trophies and medals for all sorts of events in the Falklands, has donated a Challenge Cup to the Boys League through the manufacturers of PIN-HI COLA for whom Des is agent.

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AEROGRAMME READY FOR SALE

Head printer at the Government Printing Press Mr. Joe King, has turned out another fine example of work with the issue of "Merry Aerogrammes" on sale from Nov. 27th in readiness for Christmas.

Joe has used his own picture-blocks as Government do not have any and the Aerogrammes are emblazoned with "A Merry Christmas from the Falkland Islands" on the left-hand side and in the top right-hand corner a pair of Christmas Bells decorates the 'stamp'. These Aerogrammes sell at the usual price of 9p each.

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Advertisement from the WOODBINE STORE

The WOODBINE still has one of the largest and most exciting ranges of childrens toys and amusements in the Falklands. For example...

- LEGO building sets; £5.86 and £7.62.
- CORGI vehicle gift sets; £4.20 and £3.51.
- JIGSAWS; 37p, 54p and 58p.
- GIRLS STATIONERY CABINETS; 76p and £1.45.

We expect a new consignment of toys and games to arrive on the R.R.S. Bransfield. These are excellent quality and were personally chosen in England for the WOODBINE.

We can also offer you excellent value in sweets by Suchard and Meltis. These include TURKISH DELIGHT, NEW BERRY FRUITS, CHOCOLATE LIQUERS, CRYSTALLISED GINGER and ORANGE AND LEMON SLICES.

Also in stock: FISHING EQUIPMENT, CAMPING GEAR, XMAS and BIRTHDAY CARDS BY GORDON FRASER, PLASTIC CONSTRUCTION KITS, &....

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+SPECIAL FALKLAND ISLANDS T-SHIRTS+
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Do your Christmas shopping at the WOODBINE.
We have something for everyone.

LETTER continued from Front Page.

.....a lot of other young people (not only girls) leaving the Colony. Why? - For the simple reason that the Falkland Islands have very little to offer them. Surely the writer of this article has contradicted himself (herself) in the fifth paragraph; He (She) suggests that the Marine force here should be removed before more devastation is created, and then goes on to say in order that our Islands should be defended adequately we should be given a 'large' enough force to be a real deterrent if the need ever arose'. Surely in suggesting this the writer must feel that even more havoc would be created.

We would appreciate further comments from the 'Angry Islander' but only if He/She has the 'guts' to identify himself/herself, otherwise he/she should remain silent.

Yours Faithfully:-

ODETTE GOSS + D.E.GOSS + S.HEWITT + CHIC FELTON + WALTER FELTON +
JEANNIE DOBBYNS + JOAN & TERRY SPRUCE + A.BROWNING + SHEILA NAPIER +
JEAN & TIM DOBBYNS + E.HALLIDAY + T.HALLIDAY.

Editor:- Letters from Hilda Perry and Ellen Berntsen will appear in the next edition.

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CONGRATULATIONS

Notice of marriage on the Registrar General's Notice Board is that of Miss Valerie Ellen Dickson to Mr Leon Berntsen, both of Port Stephens on West Falkland. Good Luck to both.

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"ANGRY ISLANDER" CASE NOW CLOSED.

Blimey! Crikey! and other suitably clean expletives. I wonder if the 'Ms.Mystery' who wrote the original letter condemning the Royal Marines stationed in this British Colony realised what a hornets-nest he/she stirred up. Mr.Roddy Napier of West Point Island has written to me stating that it WAS NOT HIM who wrote the original, contrary to the rumours abounding recently. I am sorry that I have no space to print your letter Rod, and apologies must also go to Kitty Bertrand of Carcass Island, Richard Fogerty of Port Stephens and Mr. Tony Burnett and Stan Smith whose letters were received after the 'make-up' of this edition was planned. The letters contained within these illustrious pages will be the last published on the subject - I'm still hoping for an ODE before my 30th birthday!!

I must thank the Falkland Islands Company of Stanley for selling me enough paper to squeeze out another edition. Things were going well until I ran out of ink with eight sides still to print, but all's well that ends well and fresh supplies turned up - including paper! This will be the last issue until the first week in January 1979. (see page 12) when a comprehensive summary of the Stanley Sports results will be published.

MAGNIFYING GLASSES AT THE READY

Apologies have to be offered for the size of the print on Page 11. The article was photographically reduced and cut on an Electronic Stencil Scanner by Keslin Industries, Chicago, Illinois, USA for inclusion in the "TIMES". However, this edition being made up of slightly shorter paper, about $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch was 'lost' in printing - the gist of the article is clear enough though.

CANDLEPOWER CASSETTE

Stanley's premier Rock group 'Candlepower' hope to release a stereo cassette tape during the first half of 1979. Although still very much in its early stages, this tape is hoped to be constructed of original numbers. 11 songs have been written by Dave Colville and Simon Goss so far and 5 have been recorded and overdubbed by these two in readiness for arrangement and final mixdown. Candlepower are expecting a guitar effects unit and vocal sound-bender (for voice effects) soon, and now have 4 pianos and a half-built mini-synthesizer. Quick, reinforce the Town Hall!!!

LETTERBOX

Page Two

Received too late for inclusion in the last edition
is this

Dear Sir;

I feel I must voice my partial agreement with the Angry Islander whose letter was published in the last issue of the "Times".

Although I am not as angry as he appears to be, I am concerned about the effect that the Royal Marines are having on our tiny community. They are certainly aggravating our present problems by depopulating the Islands. If our population were ten or twenty times greater this would be no problem at all, but, as our declining population is already under 1800 and showing no signs of reversing its alarming course, the problem is serious. It is a fact that if people continue to leave at this rate before long our population will not be large enough to keep an industry or a Government functioning - and that will be the beginning of the end.

That is why every woman who leaves the Falklands on the arm of a Marine is a serious loss. Unfortunately the "Angry Islander" does not offer any solution to the problem other than getting rid of the Royal Marines altogether. There are other less drastic solutions; for instance:- why not bring out married Marines with their families? For the cost of some more passages and new housing here it would surely be worth it.

There is another answer. Would it not be possible for our Government to offer incentive to Marines married to local girls to remain and work in the Islands? After all, this is a fine place to make one's home and several ex-Marines have already settled here. In the case of an invasion by Argentina (which thankfully is unlikely) the Marines would of course be quite ineffective, though I am sure the FIDF and Royal Marines would put up a gallant fight. However, they could cope with a terrorist action which is, perhaps, more likely. For this reason alone they are justified in being here.

I end, like the "Angry Islander", with a plea to councillors: Don't let this problem be joked about and ignored anymore.

As this issue seems to be rather an emotional one and as I have no desire to become involved in it other than through the medium of this publication, I must request that you omit my name from this letter.

P.S. I welcome the frank discussion of controversial topics in the "TIMES". May this continue.

(Name withheld from publication by request).

ED:- The author of the above letter is known to me.

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FROM: HILDA PERRY; POLICE COTTAGE, STANLEY.

DATE: 15-11-78.

Dear Sir,

I request a small space in your paper to make a few comments on the letter printed in the last issue signed by "Angry Islander".

Firstly I would like to express doubt that such venomous criticism of Her Majesty's Forces was written by a true Kelper who has any real desire to remain British.....Continued on Page 3.....

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.....I hasten to add that this letter is not from a starry-eyed, marine crazy teenager, but from a passed middle age Grandmother, who considers "Angry Islander's" letter to be contradictory and devoid of actual fact.

Could Angry Islander please explain exactly what is this terrible, irreparable damage that has been and is still being inflicted on our community by Royal Marines. What is a Royal Marine? Angry Islander gives the impression that they are some sort of dangerous monsters but aren't they really just human beings who sometimes make mistakes just as all humans do regardless of rank, race, colour or creed. Each one of them being some Mothers son.

One point of the letter mentions the exodus of women with Royal Marines; I agree certainly it is not a laughing matter, but to say this trend must be stopped - how? Should we return to Victorian days and choose husbands for our daughters and make sure they marry local shepherds and settle in camp houses? By that remark I do not mean any insult to the worthy shepherd (who is undoubtedly the backbone of our community) or to the comfortable home that he can provide for a wife. I simply mean that we cannot dictate to our daughters about their choice of husbands.

Furthermore, over the years we have seen the exodus of entire families who have had no involvement whatsoever with Royal Marines. As for the gesture of the Freedom of Stanley bestowed upon the detachment costing the colony four hundred pounds - so what, it is but a mere drop in the ocean and a very small fee to strengthen our links with our Mother country.

Angry Islander appears to contradict his/her self by adding a request for a larger force, would it not bring even more imaginary damage and corruption if the request was granted.

If the writer of that letter felt so strongly about the subject and is so knowledgeable of the facts why did he/she not sign their name to the blasphemous effort and thus avoid having innocent folks accused of writing it.

Yours Faithfully, etc.

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FROM: ELLEN BERNTSEN, PORT SAN CARLOS.

DATE: UNDATED.

Dear Ed;

I think the person who wrote the letter about 8901 must have been a Falkland Island boy who lost his girlfriend to a Marine or it may be a husband. Whoever it was, I guess he or maybe she is a bit sly when they couldn't sign their name. I think the marines do quite a lot for the Islands. Anyway, a lot of the marines don't want to come here and they don't enjoy their stay here. But a lot of them do and come back.

Now this money raising thing to buy a slide projector for the hospital is a good thing. Now did any of the F.I. people try to raise money for anything for the hospital? No way. And after all, it will be the F.I. people who will benefit out of that money, and the prizes are not to be turned down in the raffle.

Yours Truly, etc.

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FROM: MARY A. JENNINGS, 3 DRURY STREET, STANLEY.
DATE: 25-11-78.

Dear Editor;

I am sure that when "Angry Islander" unjustly condemned the Royal Marines he/she did not realise that he/she was opening the gate to a flow of malicious criticism as was written by Trudi Hazell in her letter of the 10th November, to which I reply as follows -

"You seem to have, in an attempt to uphold the good name of the Royal Marines, succeeded only in doing so, at the expense of our local men folk,

I am astounded that anyone could write such vindictive and despicable things about ones own people, especially when they cannot be substantiated. You seem ill-informed Trudi, and maybe you should have "tried your luck" with a local to find out exactly what these "creatures" are like as husbands. I have nearly 18 years experience, so stop holding the "English" up as a shining example of loyal, home loving and devoted males, the English prisons are full of them.

Get your feet firmly on the ground and ask yourself "Why did I return to this Booze-sodden, sex-ridden, wife-beating Country with the English husband who alone knows how to treat and respect a faithful and loving wife". Why? Because you know Trudi as well as I and dozens of others, that the grass isn't as green over the hill as many would wish it to be - as you yourself found out and was only too pleased to return to the place you obviously think is Hell.

I notice over the past few years the decline in the divorce rate, which alone bears out that what you have written is a load of hypothetical rubbish. If what you wrote were true then the divorce courts would be working non stop to cope with the flow of petitions based on the grounds of physical cruelty, and the hospital attending to a steady stream of battered wives.

The impression you have created of our men folk, leaves much to be desired and your letter should be treated with the contempt that it deserves."

Yours Faithfully, etc.

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FROM: 11 PIONEER ROW, STANLEY.
DATE: 27-11-78.

Dear Sir;

We are a group of happily married Falkland Island females and feel we must write and defend our husbands, and many other Kelper males, who were so unfairly condemned in Trudi Hazell's ridiculous letter which was published in the Times edition of 24-11-78.

The majority, probably a 99% majority of our Kelper males are not "ill mannered drunks", nor do they treat us as punchbags! A lot of guys do go out to the pubs, (I'm sure they do so in other countries, too.) but our husbands are more than willing to take their turn at babysitting when we feel like going out.

I can't imagine why Trudi believes that all Kelper wives are so badly treated.....Continued overleaf.....

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.....I can assure you that we are all extremely satisfied with our lives, and that we wouldn't exchange our husbands for any U.K. bloke. Trudi's letter amazed us in that she seems to think that Royal Marines and U.K. guys can do no wrong. I'm neither 'for' nor 'against' Marines - but for every "ill mannered drunk" Kelper there must be an "ill mannered drunk" Marine.

And are our islands so corrupt?

Definitely no more corrupt than any other country in the world, possibly less so. This must be one of the few places in the world where it is safe to walk alone any time of the day and night. If I were so dissatisfied with the state of the islands I'd pack my bags and go.

I wouldn't disagree with anyone who wanted to defend and praise the Marines - but please ladies, in doing so don't write such "malicious bunkum" about our Kelper males. THEY'RE A GREAT LOT!

Yours Faithfully,

NICOLA LUXTON + GLENDA WATSON + MELODY BETTS + TRUDI LEE + VERONICA SUMMERS.

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And last but not least,
this letter:-

Dear Sir;

What a gutless miserable little worm of a person your correspondent must be that he/she cannot put a name to the poisonous piece of tripe that you published on November 10th. You, Sir, also damage the credibility of your magazine by stooping to the publication of such rubbish. I am glad to hear that in future you will ignore anonymous letters and treat them with the contempt they deserve.

It is laughable to think that Britain could ever afford to support a force here large enough to ensure security. It would require most of the British Navy and several thousand men. Our Royal Marines are a symbol of Britain's intention just as the flag flying at Government House is a symbol. The fact is that it has and is working. We are still here, in a free and democratic society and there are not many of those within five thousand miles.

Neither the FI Times nor your correspondent would last long were such things published across the water.

To the Marines, as an Islander, I apologise and I believe that most of us are glad to have you around. As a small constructive suggestion, how about a few WRNS with the next detachment? Perhaps it would turn the drift the other way?

Yours Faithfully,
W.R.LUXTON, CHARTRES. 18-11-78.

T.V. NEWS PROGRAMME

On Battle Day (Dec 8th), Mr. Mike Peake made the first ever recorded television 'news' programme in the Falkland Islands using equipment loaned by Transocean Construction and Trading Limited.

Mike used a video-camera equipped with zoom lens coupled with a videotape recorder all driven by a 12-volt battery power supply.

The Girls Brigade, the FIDF and others who took place in the annual parade commemorating the Battle of the Falkland Islands are captured on film, as are stamps and old picture postcards depicting ships in the battle. Having been privileged to see the film, I can honestly say that Mike has made an excellent film which will be of an historic interest in years to come. The sound track has yet to be added and Mike says that this should be completed soon.

Long known for his avid interest in television, Mike is still continuing with his own experiments using his own hand built T.V. camera. A few weeks ago he showed me his gear in operation - beaming pictures "over the air" from his camera to a set in the Broadcasting Studio and he was pleased with the results as the transmitted pictures were crystal clear. His immediate ambition is to cover the whole of Stanley with his transmissions as at the moment he can broadcast only a relatively short distance to Mr Joe Booth's house which is good enough for Mrs. Booth, as Mike tells me she often asks if "there is anymore local television on."

Having made the Battle Day Programme, Mike would like to thank Mr. Malcolm Binnie for a lot of encouragement and unselfish help, Mr. Gordon Johnson for his advice, Mr. Neil Reid and TCF for equipment and last but not least Mr. H.T.Luxton for material.

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LOLLY-POPPY

A very successful year this year for donations from the Falkland Islands to the Royal British Legion Earl Haig Fund generally known as Poppy Day. Breakdown of donations:- House-to-House: £147; Upland Goose Hotel Bar: 53p; Globe Hotel Bar: £2.12p; Carcass Island: £5; Dunnose Head: £4; San Carlos: £10; Pebble Island: £8.12p; Johnsons Harbour: £8; Fox Bay West: £12.70; Christ Church Cathedral: £53.30; Roy Cove: £29; Port San Carlos: £7; Port Stephens: £10.90; Mr.F.O'Reilly: £88.10; Weddell Island: £6.50; St.Mary's R.C.Church: £17.50; Goose Green: £14; Douglas Station: £10; Hill Cove: £18.50.

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FIDS & SHIPS

The Royal Research Ship "Bransfield" arrived in Stanley on Wednesday December the 6th at around 9.20pm. The recent arrivals in the Colony of the "World Discoverer" and the Lindblad Explorer heralds the start of another tourist season.

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F.A.T.A. CAKE

As part of the final settlement between the Falkland Islands Government and Johnston Construction Ltd., a considerable amount of plant and machinery of widely varying serviceability was acquired by the Public Works Department (PWD). This plant included a large number of heavy vehicles and Landrovers, a large rock-crushing plant, a number of Caterpillar and JCB plant, 4 air-compressors and a large excavator with drag lines. Also included in the deal was a considerable amount of spares and auxilliary equipment.

To have purchased this amount of machinery new would have been quite beyond our financial ability, and it was therefore to our advantage to set about restoring that which we had acquired so fortuitously. Realising that our manpower resources were limited, John Hodges, the ODM roads adviser who will incidentally be returning to Stanley in the New Year to review progress, arranged for Warrant Officer Ron Buckettt and Sergeant Alan Tangui to be made available to begin this arduous task, and now after over six months of hard work and with the help of local labour, we have a reasonable amount of the plant in working order.

What is more important however, is that with the introduction of the Plant and Transport Authority (PATA), which has as Chairman Mr. H. Rowlands the Financial Secretary and the Director of Public Works as Vice-Chairman, a system of replacement financing has been introduced and the true costing of all projects is now being undertaken. Furthermore, this vehicle and plant pool has earned for PATA the substantial sum of £3,000 in the first month by being hired out at hourly rates to private Contractors.

With the arrival in January of three new Dumptrucks financed from aid funds, and the continuing overhaul of existing vehicles and plant, a system of planned renewal is now possible, which, it is hoped, will provide the Colony with a satisfactory plant and vehicle section for the foreseeable future.

The presence of Messrs. Buckettt and Tangui and the new appointment of Mr. George Beckham also gives us the opportunity to train operatives in the handling of a wide range of heavy machinery, and the future establishment of workshops means that we have been able to increase the number of apprentices who will gain greatly from the skill and experience of the senior officers.

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NEW PADRE

Padre Gubbins, who has come to the Colony to take charge of Christ Church Cathedral for two months which is without a permanent Padre since Gerald Smith left recently, is living in Stanley with Mr & Mrs. Roy Felton of Dean Street. Padre Gubbins can be contacted there at any time (Telephone 282) and for those persons wishing to see him privately may visit him at the Deanery on Wednesdays and Fridays between 5.30 and 6.30pm.

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HAT-TRICK WATTS!!

Goals are coming thick and fast in this season's soccer matches and Patrick Watts, Dynamos striker, must surely be leading goalscorer at the moment. At the time of writing, Dynamos are at the top of the Falkland Islands Football League but, as last year, anything can happen. Anyway, recent results and goalscorers where known are:-

November 19th.....RANGERS 5 MUSTANGS 1
 Courtney Roy Buckett
 Haynes(3)
 Kerr

November 20th.....DYNAMOS 2 REDSOX 0
 Watts
 Jaffray

November 26th.....DYNAMOS 1 RANGERS 0
 Watts

November 27th.....MUSTANGS 2 REDSOX 0
 Newlands
 Hill

November 29th.....DYNAMOS 3 MUSTANGS 2
 Watts Hill
 McGill Philips
 Jennings

December 1st.....REDSOX 4 RANGERS 2
 McCallicn Courtney
 (2)R.Buckett Cox (o.g)
 Chambers

December 7th.....REDSOX 1 DYNAMOS 5
 Caine Rodwell
 Watts(3)
 Haunoll(o.g)

December 8th.....ROYAL MARINES 2 STANLEY 2
 Haynes(2) Watts(2)

| <u>LEAGUE POSITIONS</u> | |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| | <u>PTS.</u> |
| DYNAMOS..... | 8 |
| MUSTANGS..... | 4 |
| REDSOX..... | 4 |
| RANGERS..... | 2 |

(At time of going to press)

N.B. (o.g) designates 'own goal'

BOYS LEAGUE

REDSKIN ROVERS 1 HOTSHOT WANDERERS 0
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REDSKIN ROVERS 2 DYNAMO DEVILS 2
 Watson Minto
 Cofre Miranda

DYNAMO DEVILS 1 HOTSHOT WANDERERS 1
 Miranda Rowlands

And, the Ladies team the "Eye Catchers":-

SENIOR SCHOOL BOYS 9 THE "EYE CATCHERS" 5
 ANTARCTIC WANDERERS 7 THE "EYE CATCHERS" 7

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DYNAMOS GO TOP OF F.I. LEAGUE



TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Sent to me for publication by Mr. Blake of Hill Cove, West Falkland, is his reply to a Government circular on future communications equipment:-

"I refer to your circular and questionnaire Tel/10/6. I have answered the questionnaire in figures, no one being the most preferred.

My choice of VHF presupposes adequate repeater stations and the equipment should work the commercial band. If a few channels in the Amateur band are used, the result would be overcrowding in future and a system of limited use. There would be little better service than at present except for an improved contact. If the commercial band is used, then at a future date both the radio and perhaps television could also use channels in the VHF range. This would be progress, not improved stagnation.

However, the worst choice of all would be to break the service up using all three or even two of the alternatives. This would result in a poorer service in that only the sections equipped with one type of equipment would be in contact with each other and the number of operators increased to match the number of systems used.

Why should Government provide the equipment for lease? The communications equipment in the Islands is essential for Medical, Military and occasional Civil (Police) emergencies, therefore no one can opt out of buying their machines. Government decided to centralise medical services, government would need notice of any military operations and government is responsible for civil order. There seems to be a growing desire to tax the rural communities but provide nothing in return. Government responsibility does not end at the boundaries of Stanley but covers the whole Falklands for services as well as taxes.

We have been three years trying to provide an improved communications service throughout the colony, let's get on with it and not wait another three years."

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SPERMANENT WAVE

Can anyone get their teeth into this problem and help a man have a whale of a time? Well, a MR. STEPHEN JONES of 21 NORWICH ROAD, FAKENHAM, NORFOLK, ENGLAND wrote to the Falkland Islands Company in Stanley enquiring as to the possible purchase of "whale ivory" which he carves. He is mainly interested in Sperm Whale teeth, but as Mr. Harry Milne, the FIC's Stanley Manager, pointed out here in the Falklands we only get teeth from stranded whales. However, stranger things have happened at sea and there could just be the slight chance that some Kelper has some carveable(sic) "whale ivory". Mr. Jones will pay £1 per ounce for teeth weighing not less than one pound individually and for smaller teeth he pays less per ounce. Please contact the man direct and not the FIC. I have heard a rumour that the Dentist is sending out extra appointment cards!!!

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Adventure in nature

By Walter Clayton

Travel 8 Section 4 Chicago Tribune, Sunday, August 27, 1973

Ideal nature trip

Patagonia, Falklands: Remote, untrampled

Continued from page 1

bas. of oil, grinding glaciers of oak blue ice.

UNTIL RECENTLY, Patagonia was ignored by virtually everyone except oil companies and scientists. Almost totally inaccessible to the casual traveler, it is slowly opening up. New paved roads, service stations with repair facilities, and readable maps, more air routes, and first-class accommodations and restaurants are gradually enabling people to explore recently created national parks, wilderness areas, and wildlife preserves like the one to protect marine mammals at the Valdes Peninsula on the Atlantic coast.

Wales is a definite highlight, but it's so out of the way that an estancia is over a week's camp for the three-day trip. At low tide in the Gulf of San Jose you can walk to Isla de los Pajaros. — Bird Island — to be pecked at by hundreds of curious tern gulls, cormorant chicks, and gull-billed terns. Most striking of all, though, are the red-and-black Chilean flamingos that wade along the waters edge.

Out in the bay, southern right whales breach and cavort in their 100,000 breeding area. On the eastern shore, sea lion and elephant seal dot lazily on pebble beaches, and, with stealth and nerve, it is possible to touch them. In the pupping season, packs of killer whales patrol the coast to devour any young seal unfortunate enough to be caught in the water.

Other Patagonian highlights: • Just south of Punta Dumbo is the vast rookery of over a million unsexed Antarctic penguins where, after a noisy check-out and sound memo, hours can be wasted away watching and photographing these docile birds as they waddle from the sea to their nests and feed their over-hungry chicks. And getting there you'll find the camel-backed guanaco and ostrich-like rheas and ducks, through the bush.

• In the southern Andes at Los Glaciares National Park is the spectacular Perito Moreno glacier, the only one growing in the world today. To stand at the feet of this constantly advancing colossus is a humbling experience. The turquoise power conveyed by this torrential, translucent blue wall as it crumbles and crashes into Lago Argentino is overwhelming.

• South of the Strait of Magellan lies the territory of Tierra del Fuego, that vast, misunderstood wilderness shared by Argentina and Chile. Six miles west of Ushuaia, the world's southernmost city, is the 154,000-acre National Park of Tierra del Fuego. Yagnon came ashore once inhabited its inlets adjoining the Beagle Channel, but have been wiped out by disease, neglect, and outright persecution by early settlers. Today the crystalline bays are home to the king cormorant and the remarkable flightless steamer duck, a surface-bound fowl that — resembling an old-time paddle steamer — can churn away at up to 12 mph. to escape predators.

• Ushuaia itself (pop. 5,700) boasts a glamorous harbor (a usual bus and taxiport port for the United States Antarctic research vessel fleet), a pair of fine hotels like the first-class Albatross you stay in, rental cars, bright import shops, and a climate far milder than

Where to write

Accommodations in the Patagonian and a copy of *Questors* 1978-79 *Directory of Worldwide Nature Tours* is available from *Questors Tours and Travel, Inc.*, Dept. C.T., 287 Park Ave. South, New York, N.Y. 10010. An inclusive cost of the Patagonia and Falkland Islands tour is \$3,972 a person, double occupancy, from Chicago.

of Alaska kite, crab, is a great sea life best enjoyed in one of the coastal seafood places like Don Tippo's.

AN UNFORGETTABLE week is spent on islands in the south Atlantic which have been a source of international disputes for generations — the Falklands. Argentina claims Britain seized the islands in 1833, and its maps refer to the archipelago as the *Islas Malvinas*. Britain, however, governs the islands (East and West Falkland plus 200 smaller ones) and 2,000 British subjects call it home. Meanwhile, Argentina provides some services, including a weekly air force jet-to Port Stanley, the capital of 10,000 souls on West Falkland.

Start of a spectacular oil strike, it's hard to see why nations would squabble over such rich acreage. The generally flat land is bleak and cold and treacherous. Every month, without fail, gale-strength waves whip the sea to foamy whiteness. Vegetables won't grow, sea beef is scarce. And kelp, dry after dry, will taste like lamb no matter what you do to it. Outside Stanley, which resembles a Spanish colonial town, there are no roads. Travel is by packhorse, Beaver transportation or instant government mail. Air mail is usually dropped by its pilot over the appropriate rangeland.

Obviously, the locals — "sheep" they call themselves — are an independent breed. They have their own stamps (remarkably beautiful), currency, government, and friendly disposition. The demand for it who don't live in Stanley, and the cutting sheep stations that support the wool industry — wool.

Upon arrival, a night is passed at the cozy Uphold Corner Hotel in Stanley. This crowd, consisting here is typically British, and comes complete with adjacent pub and corner store, *Groceries*, and *Fun*. Demand King put you a generally at ease, and the nearby, home-served meals are superb. Next day, weather permitting, it's off to New Island, a privately owned, 40-acre-and-a-half wildlife preserve 100 miles west of Stanley. The steep climb over the island is an adventure in itself.

AT NEW ISLAND, the crew shares the week with co-owner Ian Strange and wife Maria at their summer research barn. A conservationist to the core, Ian has encouraged Ian M's in proving that the beautiful wildlife of the islands, mainly penguins and fur seals, need not be destroyed to make sheep farming a viable business operation. Ian is also a noted ornithologist, photographer, and a superb artist of exquisitely detailed nature paintings and drawings. His autobiography, *The Bird Man* (Gordon & Breach, London, 1976) is a praiseworthy read.

The days are filled with field trips, and in his quiet personal way Ian opens up the history of natural wonders of the Falkland Islands in a candid conversation

called because they literally bounce, rock-a-rock, up to their necks. Bizarre with their floppy heads, these tolerant comedians will steal your heart with their endless antics. In fact, they are born thieves and will steal practically anything they can latch onto.

Here's a sampler of other things you'll see and do:

• Visit a nesting black-browed albatross, these black-and-white masters of the sky that are perhaps the world's most stately and elegant birds.

• Make a night visit to a huge colony of thin-billed prions, gentle little birds which, after a day feeding at sea, return to darkness to undergo nest and egg-watching.

• Up north, you'll see the breeding area of the Falkland fur seal from an overhanging cliff. On the rocks below and playing among the kelp are bulls, cows, and yearlings.

• A short trek south is an abandoned 19th Century whaling station. Scattered in the bay are the broken and rusting remains of a once-bloody enterprise: windmills, tools, a large ship, trawlers, and a huge clammer better fitted to take a giant tomcod. But the light and short poignant reminders of the era are the common-throat harpoons, which lie about everywhere.

• Nearby is a colony of sooty penguins, a stiffer variety than the sooty rockhopper, consisting basically with cows, sheep, and rabbits. Not so peaceful are the ubiquitous great terns, big brown birds of prey that wait to snatch an egg or unguarded chick.

• Birds delight in the huge number of birds found all over the island: red-backed buntings, giant petrels, Peruvian falcons, king cormorants, gull-billed terns, fulmar gulls, and the more commoned curlew, shearwaters, and other species.

• Whether penning or beachcombing, one can take advantage of the spectacularly varied shoreline: the rocky inlets and white-sand coves, the weed-strewn wharves which lie about like sculpture, the patient, fish-eating larva plucking its meal from the sea, the kelp ponds, and, of course, the harbors. Near Ian's, in a clear green bay, lies the wreck of the minesweeper *HMS Protector*. At low tide you can gather mussels here for the evening meal.

TRANSFERS OVER New Island is hard work, generating a hearty appetite which is satisfied each day by Maria's country scones and in a place where supplies are few and far between. Eggs for breakfast are down in (not dropped) and kept fresh for meals by cooking them in glass water, a process pro-



Two, three, and oodles are baked daily from scratch and, yes, there's plenty of fish.

Suddenly the week is over and the Baker puts want to get everyone back to Stanley. A gate could easily mean missing the return flight to Argentina.

The survey ends with a few days in San Carlos de Bariloche, a charming little Andean town on Lake Nahuel Huapi about 60 miles southwest of Buenos Aires. Unique in Argentina with its distinctive wood and stone architecture, Bariloche is crisscrossed with crystal-clear, excellent dining spots, and probably the widest variety of trout to be found in the southern. Freshwater fish swimming, pure air, and trout fishing in the deep, cold lakes make it a town a favorite for flyfishers and sport fishermen to winter. It is internationally celebrated for its superb ski runs and resorts.

During the survey, three who disappeared themselves and put off helping all month will get a chance to spring to Buenos Aires, Chile, Florida. It's the popular tourist's spot, but people with time on their hands do well by staying from this well beaten, overpriced area.

Finally, on trip to a best season the Argentina would be complete without a dinner at *El Comedor La Cabaña*, where they claim that their specialty raised beef is the world's best. And after tasting it, no one will be inclined to argue that point, especially following a week of lamb in the Falklands.

This article has been reduced from its original size of 14 1/2 x 24" to fit into a page of newspaper.

The original article was accompanied by 4, full color pictures on page 1 of the Chicago Tribune Travel Section.

The last word on the "Angry Islander" controversy comes from Mr. Eddie Anderson Junior who is in Perth, Scotland on a Pilots training course.

Dear Editor;

At risk of being a bore I would like to refer to the anonymous letter from an 'Angry Islander' published in your last edition. I was pleasantly surprised to read it and I salute the author.

Anonymity will - as usual - draw a response from those self-righteous persons, who, in the pretext of Public Spiritedness, are usually out to talk their way around something that they have cause to feel was aimed at them.

Anonymity is only a dirty word when it employs lies or slander; but when expressing views with which the People have the legal option to agree or disagree, there should be no 'Stigma Attached'.

While I do not agree with every detail of the letter, I admire the spirit, and may it continue to grow amongst our people.

Having digressed thus, perhaps I could end with a general comment concerning our home politics. As individuals, we will achieve nothing if we continue to bow to the Standards and Limitations set by those who have ruined our past, and are standing between us and our future.

So speak out as individuals and then look for majorities; don't conform just for the sake of conformity.

Yours Faithfully,

EDDIE ANDERSON JUNIOR, 24-11-78.

Editor:- Thanks Eddie. Yes, unfortunately too many follow the leader in direct contrast to their own thoughts. So many people seem to have spoken out against 'Angry Islander' just because it was in the fashion to do so after the first angry replies were printed. What is needed are more such outbursts - but SIGNED please. For example, IS IT WORTH HAVING A LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IN THE FALKLANDS? WHAT DO THEY DO? Send YOUR views folks on this point to P.O.BOX 60. I hasten to add that this is NOT manure-stirring but trying to excite opinions. And I end by quoting from a letter from Mr. Tony Burnett of Port Howard: "Whilst writing may I say how much the Times is enjoyed by most of the folk here at Port Howard. It promotes discussion, conscience and, sometimes, action. Which is just as it should be. We look forward to the next issue." BLUSH!

This is the last issue of 1978, so before trying to sort out 'the books' in readiness for the Taxman, may I wish Times readers wherever they may be A MERRY (WIC!) CHRISTMAS. The next edition will be issued hopefully in the first week in January.

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DEATHS

November 5th 1978...Russell John SUMMERS....Aged 21
November 26th 1978...Caroline Ellen HIRTLE...Aged 65

BIRTHS

October 23rd 1978..To Thomas and Alva KEANE (nee BERNTSEN) a son,
OLAF JAMES.
November 2nd 1978..To Terence and Sybella SUMMERS (nee GOODWIN)
a daughter, NICHOLA JANE.
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FOR SERVICES RENDERED

At a ceremony held at Government House on Wednesday December the 13th, the following members of the Falkland Islands community were presented with medals by the Governor, Mr. Jim Parker:-

Councillor William Henry Goss - Member of the British Empire.

Mrs. Velma Malcolm - British Empire Medal.

Inspector Donald Hugh McMillan. Colonial Long Service Police Medal.

Mr. L.G. Blake of Hill Cove was awarded the OBE but was unable to attend. Councillor Bill Goss served for some 25 years as a merchant seaman and finished up in 1961 as First Officer on the RMS "DARWIN". He was then the Manager of the Falkland Islands Company's farm at Port Stephens on West Falkland from 1962 until 1970. In 1976 Bill was appointed to the Executive Council and was a member of Legislative Council from 1977. He has once again been appointed a member of Executive Council.

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Mrs. Malcolm has been continuously closely associated with the Girls Brigade and has also played a leading role in the local branch of the Falkland Islands Committee of which she is currently Secretary.

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Inspector McMillan, affectionately known locally as 'Toddy', joined the Falkland Islands Police Force as Constable in 1960. He was appointed Sergeant in 1974 and attained the rank of Inspector in 1975.

Some sixty people, including relatives, friends and medal holders attended the ceremony and the visiting Commonwealth Parliamentary Association delegates, Messrs. Lambie and Gow, were also in attendance.

25th ANNIVERSARY

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The 25th Anniversary of the Girls Brigade fell on December the 2nd, but as St Mary's Roman Catholic Church was holding its annual Bazaar on that day, the actual celebration was held on December the 9th. After Captain Malcolm made her opening address, the Governor's wife, Mrs. Parker, then presented Brigade members with 1, 2 & 3 year badges. The youngest member - Tina Hirtle - presented Captain Malcolm with a gift from all the members. Tina was also asked to cut the first slice in the cake that Captain Malcolm had made especially for the occasion.

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The two members of the CPA (U.K. Branch) who had been visiting the Colony departed the Colony on December the 13th. They ended their visit with a dinner at the Upland Goose Hotel given by the President, Members and Associate Members of the Falkland Islands Branch of the CPA.

PERSONAL MESSAGE

Best wishes for the New Year and we are looking forward to seeing you Heather, Robin, Sheila and Tricia. Love from Noreen, Don and Donna.

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SOCCER RESULTS

(At time of going to press)

Dates and scorers shown where known.

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| December 10th..... | MUSTANGS 1 | REDSOX 5 |
| | Ross | Horlick (3) |
| | | Cain (2) |
| December 11th..... | DYNAMOS 3 | RANGERS 0 |
| | Watts | |
| | Lindzall (2) | |
| December 17th..... | DYNAMOS 0 | MUSTANGS 1 |
| | | Livermore |
| December 18th..... | RANGERS 1 | REDSOX 2 |
| | Biggs | Horlick(2) |

FRIENDLY...December 16th.

STANLEY 2 ARGENTINE AIR FORCE 1
Livermore(2)

SHIELD TOURNAMENT...December 24th.

STANLEY 1 ROYAL MARINES 0
Watts

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NOVEMBER WEATHER

Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit.

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| AVERAGE TEMPERATURE.....42.1 | AVERAGE DAILY MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE...47.5 |
| HIGHEST TEMPERATURE.....58.4 | LOWEST TEMPERATURE....31.0 |
| AVERAGE DAILY SUN.....5.4hours. | TOTAL RAINFALL....35.9mm/1.4". |
| AVERAGE WIND SPEED....16.3 knots. | HIGHEST GUST...61 knots - 2-11-1978. |
| HOURS OF GALE FORCE WIND..26. | WIND OF 10 KNOTS OR LESS...202 hours. |
| GROUND FROST OCCASIONS...13. | |

Summary:-A cold, dry and rather sunless month with a little less wind than usual.

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FLOWER POWER

Could anyone provide information about the native flora of South Georgia, South Shetlands, South Orkneys and Tierra del Fuego? I am interested in corresponding with any person who is interested in plants which are native to your Islands. I have in mind the possible exchange of native plants and seeds which are not commercially available. Please contact: RICHARD WOOLGER, ORONO GARDEN CENTRE, R.R.2, ORONO, ONTARIO, CANADA L0B 1M0

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SAP OF THE MONTH AWARD

The Sap Of The Month Award goes to the mentally defective person(s) who knocked away a section of the Town Hall Gents Cloakroom wall at the dance on December the 23rd. To whoever was responsible for the mess either get out of the Colony or leave the booze alone. It takes a man to behave at a dance. How is the Electric Shock Treatment coming along?

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS
By Pilgrim.

No:3..In the Beginning.....

"Go south, young man." said the grey man in the dusty London office.
 "Why?" said I, anxious to hear the right things.
 "A new life awaits," said the man earnestly, "full of space and sheep."
 "Is that all?" I asked disappointed, hoping for heaven to be dropped into my lap.
 "There's the fresh air," he murmured, sliding his eyes momentarily to mine.
 "Ah yes!" I said, "I've heard about the fresh air..."
 He leaned forward eagerly. "You have? What...?"
 Only, "I said, "that it's nearly always moving." "Eh?" he said.
 "As in wind." I said.
 "There's a free house." he said, changing the subject quickly.
 "That should be worth a lot!" I said.
 "Rather!" he agreed enthusiastically.
 "To the tax-man." I added.
 He looked a trifle harassed. "Free meat?" he suggested. "Good Idea." I said.
 "Indeed!" he went on. "Plenty of roasts, curries, chops..."
 "Boils." I put in. Then, lest he should misunderstand, "Lymphatic ones."
 A gleam of desperation entered his eye. "We provide free fuel as well."
 "A good point." I said. "I'm glad you agree." he said.
 "A good point." I repeated, "is required on your spade when cutting your peat.
 He ran a hand through his sparse hair leaving it standing up like wire spikes.
 "What about the free milk? Surely you can't quarrel with that."
 "No," I smiled encouragingly, "at least not once you've laboured through a blizzard to get it and then picked out the unclean bits of excess silage wildlife and so on."
 He began biting his nails. "A lovely big garden, all of your own." he blurted. I grimaced and shuddered. "Dirty great blisters, filthy finger-nails and a wonderful crop of chickweed."
 A tear formed slowly in his right eye and trickled down the grey cheek.
 "There's a well stocked farm store. Everything you could need under one roof."
 I looked my disdain. "Profiteering. Inflated prices. Monopoly."
 "We employ a teacher on the farm to teach your children." he wailed.
 "Qualified?" I asked. He loosened his tie and mopped his brow with one end. And tried once more. "There's no poverty out there." A telling thrust.
 "And no private enterprise, and no roads, and no..."
 "All right, all right." he groaned holding his head in his hands. "If you hate everything about it so much why do you want to go there?"
 "Oh, I don't hate anything about it." I said. "Quite the reverse. It's just that rose tinted spectacles in England will only cause grief out there. I want to go to the Falklands not only for the things you mentioned but for the things you didn't mention."
 "Such as?" he asked. "You think about it." I said.
 I picked up the flight tickets and left him. Just a grey man in a dusty London office.

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AT THE SCHOOLHOUSE HOP

On Thursday December the 14th, a dance was held in the Senior School, in Senior 5 classroom. As it was the end of term and Christmas celebration combined, the school committee decided that they would ask "Candlepower", our popular local group to play. Candlepower agreed to play very willingly, so the preparations began.

Senior 5, under the supervision of Miss Marilyn Robinson, decorated Seniors 1 and 5 class-rooms. The walls were covered with bright pictures drawn by members of the school using the marbling method. Pop posters were brought by various pupils and colourful decorations were made by Seniors 4 and 5 with crepe paper and were arranged in the classrooms mentioned.

Sharon McGill used her artistic talents and decorated the blackboards. In Senior 5 she honoured Candlepower by drawing a candle and writing "Candlepower" on either side in fancy lettering. In Senior 1, which was dedicated to Christmas, she drew Santa Claus surrounded by Holly and some miniature Christmas Crackers donated by Miss Giles. The desks in Senior 1 were arranged diagonally across the room and when the food arrived the tables looked very attractive. Our thanks to Miss Colleen Carey for cutting all of the cakes. In one corner crisps and soft drinks were on sale. Candles were arranged in both classrooms, and they were lit when Candlepower began playing.

The dance commenced at 8pm and by 8.30 was in full swing to the music. After a short delay, Candlepower began playing at 9.30 and about 10 the group stopped playing and everyone adjourned to Senior 1 to feast on all the delicious food. At about 10.20, everyone went back into Senior 5 and the group began playing again up until 11 O'clock. Some of the favourite numbers were 'Train to Nowhere' sung by Dave Colville, 'Have you ever seen the rain?' sung by Elizabeth Goss and 'Whisky In The Jar' sung by Graham Bound and Elizabeth Goss. By 11 the dance was in full swing but the time had come for all to go home.

We would like to thank Candlepower who helped make this dance such a success, and also for playing free of charge. Our thanks also go to Mr. Frank O'Reilly for allowing us to run the dance, and to all members of staff who helped organise the dance, especially Mr. Jem Bayliss and Miss Marilyn Robinson, who have supported us in our activities all through the year.

STANLEY SENIOR SCHOOL PUPILS

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CORONA KNEES-UP

St. Mary's Hall was the venue for a Christmas Party for the Over 60's given by the Corona Society. 50 'Over-60's' attended and one under-60 is said to have got in under false pretences!!!

Entertainment was supplied by Peter Gaskins and his Recorder Players who played some Carols and pupils from the Junior and Senior Schools performed an Indian Candle Dance coached by Mrs. Kanagasabai and Mrs. O'Reilly. Among presents received by the Senior Citizens was a piece of beef each from The Governor and his wife. Although unable to attend himself, the Governor's wife, Mrs. Parker, was present and joined in the festivities.

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CAPTAIN FRANK ROWLANDS OF
THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Reminiscences of an old Skipper, Part One.

Taken from the Stanley Comet of the 18th of April 1902.

Captain Frank Rowlands of the schooner 'Fortuna', like most of the 'Old Salts' living in these islands, is a man of vast experience and many adventures, and as he is gifted with an extremely good memory, an hour passed in his company is, in some ways, a liberal education. A few facts gleaned in the course of conversation cannot fail to interest all readers of the "Comet."

Born in Sweden in the year 1835, Rowlands took early to the sea, and at the tender age of eleven he went for his first voyage, in the course of which the vessel was stuck in the ice in the Baltic Sea and the crew, all more or less frost-bitten, had to make their way home in sleighs. For the next few years our old friend continued in the Swedish service, but at the age of seventeen he went over to London and took ship from thence to Bombay. Since this time Captain Rowlands has always sailed under the British Flag.

It was in the year 1860 that the "Commodore" (as his friends call him) landed on these shores. It is true he did not come of his own free will, but like many another, he found in this far off land a shelter from the perils of the sea, and the story of the events leading up to this may well be told at some length, and the correctness of what is said will be corroborated by Mr. McDaid senior, the only other survivor at present living in the Islands.

The "Colonsay", a full-rigged ship belonging to the Island Of Arran in Scotland, was homeward bound from the Chincha Islands with a cargo of guano, and the Captain laid his course to pass, as he thought, close by the Beauchene Islands, when Rowlands noticed, as the day closed in, that the water was smoothing and called the attention of the first mate to the fact, saying, that in his opinion, they were very close to land. However, being only a youngster, little notice was taken of his views and the ship was held on her course. At four bells in the first watch, when Rowlands was relieved from the wheel, he felt so uneasy that he begged that the Captain might be called, and again, at 11pm he made the same request, saying that he felt sure something was wrong; though it was his watch below, he should not turn in.

And sure enough something was wrong, for at 12.45, when the vessel was sailing along at about nine knots, she struck hard on what afterwards proved to be Speedwell Island. The Captain hoped that with the return of daylight, he would be able to get the ship off, but it was soon seen that she was breaking up and that the mainmast was going. Fortunately she took a cant with the spars out to sea, rendering it impossible to lower the boats on the port side, otherwise they could not have got clear; in fact, the only boat available was the Captain's Pinnace, into which all hands (eighteen all told, including the Captain's wife) crowded, standing by until daylight, when they got on shore. The various devices they were called on to practice shows that "necessity is the mother of invention", and in reading about them, one is involuntarily carried back to the days of Robinson Crusoe.

Part Two will appear in the next edition

The Editor is grateful to Mr. Jim Lellman for the loan of the manuscript.

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LETTERBOX

Dear Editor,

As the blood pressure of the Righteous rises, on observing that another anonymous, degenerate ophidion is about to bear its fangs and spit venom in their sensitive faces.....if you're all sitting comfortably then let us begin.

Some may feel that they filled the pages of your paper with the Roar of the British Lion, in support of certain British representatives. Methinks we have the wrong end; not just the wrong end but the wrong animal.

So dear Friends?

Yours as always.

(Name and address withheld by request)

P.S. Long Live the Bull Fighting Mouse!!

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Dear Sir,

I was very sorry to hear through our news media of the unhappy situation which at present exists in the Falkland Islands. I do hope it will be possible for the residents to remain part of the British Commonwealth as they wish.

It has now occurred to me that there may be people possibly schoolchildren, who would like to strengthen the ties with England individually! We would welcome any new members of whatever age who would like to correspond with English friends. We normally make six years our lower age limit, but we have no upper age limit! We make no charge and just require a few details, as listed below!

NAME, FULL POSTAL ADDRESS, AGE (OR AGE GROUP) and briefly, hobbies and interests.

Please may I, on behalf of the ordinary people here in North-east England, wish your people a truly Happy Christmas and everything they would wish for themselves in 1979!

Yours Sincerely,
RUTH VICKERS (Mrs.)
Secretary.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE PENFRIENDSHIP FORCE, 67 BIRCH VALE AVENUE,
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE, NE5 2NJ. ENGLAND.

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FROM: MRS.D.HANSEN, HILL COVE, WEST FALKLAND.
DATE: DECEMBER 9th, 1978.

Dear Dave,

This page is from a letter written in September (I've had it for some time) from Gary Jones who was here with Jerry Orme doing a transport study of the Falklands. Gary has been continuing transport studies in Fiji. I thought this page might be of interest to some.

"Most of our work has been done in Suva, the capital, meeting administrators and decision makers in the fields of transport, health and rural development and collecting data from central sources. However, we made one trip of about five weeks to the outer islands of Southern Lau to see the problems at the village level of trying to get to a doctor or hospital when the need arises. The isolation of West Falkland and the smaller islands to the north-west is nothing compared to the difficulties these people have to cope with. No seaplane service for these people and boats sometimes have intervals of more than two months. Fortunately they do have R/T's. As the Falklands rely totally on sheep and wool, the Fijians are dependant on Copra - the flesh of the coconut!"

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All letters on any subject welcomed. Drop a line to P.O.BOX 60, Stanley!!

ARCHITECTS

Mr. De Paula, Mr. Gomez and Mr. Vita, architects and lecturers of the Mar Del Plata National University in Argentina, paid a visit to Port Stanley and the surroundings in late December in order to continue the research on local Architecture begun last January.

On their next visit, they intend to extend their work by visiting and studying other places with points of architectural interest in the Falklands.

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SWEATY JETTY

The Falkland Islands Company's jetty gang has been busy carrying out repairs during December to their East Jetty and the work is now complete except for surfacing work.

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LINE-OUT

On Thursday December the 21st, a section of the Stanley - Darwin telephone line was knocked down by a PATA road construction vehicle rendering the line unusable. As the re-routing of this link with Camp has been contemplated for a period of some time, this mishap made the project all the more urgent. On Friday the 22nd, a party of men from the Falkland Islands Company finished erecting the poles and the Posts and Telecommunications Dept. have connected the new line.

The new line route is on the eastern side of the Sappers Hill road.

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ELECTRIC SHOCK TREATMENT

The Power and Electrical Department have recently completed tests on the emergency power generator which they have installed at the King Edward Memorial Hospital. The generator is now ready to go into action in the event of a major power failure.

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DABS IS BACK

Miss Barbara King, one of the daughters of the proprietors of the Upland Goose Hotel, returned to the Falklands after an absence of 2½ years. Barbara has been working as a Bank Clerk in England.

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PITTER-PATA

The ex-BAS garage now being used by the Plant and Transport Authority underwent a small transformation in the week prior to Christmas. A temporary office has been constructed to house the PATA Accounts Clerk, Dave Colville, and the Timekeeper. Lillian Clauson has been appointed Timekeeper and takes up her post on the 2nd of January. Mr. Len McGill, who has had the marathon task of classifying and identifying the mess of spare machinery parts sold to the Government by Johnston Construction is progressing well.

Work on the Stanley-Darwin road is progressing slowly, but the ever present problem of plant breakdown has held work up.

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BIRTH

In Benghazi to Dwenda and Mario Kivaldo on December the 12th a son, Michael Hugh.

Dwenda is the daughter of Iris and Hookey Finlayson of Darwin.

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SPORTS MEETING RESULTS

As this edition of the "TIMES" was completed on the afternoon of the second day of the annual Stanley Sports Association Race Meetings, it was not possible to classify the results, so this will have to wait until the next edition which will appear in a fortnights time.

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GRASSLANDS TRIALS UNIT

News has been received by the GTU concerning the expected visits of two top men in the GTU framework namely Mr. Tom Davies who is the GTU Consultant Supervisor and Professor Dunnett, supervisor of the GTU Goose Study. Tom Davies is expected to arrive on January 17th and Prof. George Dunnett a week later on January the 24th.

The years field work with the sheep has finished with a visit by Peter Maitland to the Sheep Experiment at North Arm Settlement, but work with the geese - the fastening of identification collars to geese at Cape Dolphin - continued throughout the Christmas holiday period with the help of Royal Marines Corporal Powell and Peter Hill.

Mr. Gryff Evans has agreed to permit the Reproduction Experiment to take place on Pebble Island this year and detailed arrangements are now being made. This experiment will commence in late February with the selection of the Ewes. The members of the GTU wish to thank all who have helped with the huge work programme of the past year, which has involved nearly everyone in Camp either directly or indirectly.

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THE "TIMES" POLICY FOR 1979

A lot of things have been said about the style of the "TIMES" since I took over production in late 1977. Admittedly, some of the things that have been published have been 'below the belt' but as I run the show it is up to me what goes in to each issue. I am afraid that all those people who want to see a Church-style paper will have to buy the Governments Gazette because the TIMES marches on, nasty, infuriating at times, silly but happy!! And the Cartoons stay! With the expected arrival of a batch of paper via the FIC a smaller format will be a feature of 1979 editions. Let's hope 1979 will be a good year for these Islands. Dave Colville.

PERSONAL MESSAGES

If you want to send a personal message through the pages of the "TIMES" to anyone, send them in. There is no charge. Camp adverts will be inserted free also.

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1979.....A GOOD YEAR FOR THE FALKLAND ISLANDS? (PERHAPS!)

A New Year has poked its head above lifes horizon. In all four corners of the World, according to World Press and Radio News, developed and not-so-developed nations seem to have progressed somewhat either scientifically or technically during 1978. Perhaps 1979 will bring tidings of comfort and joy to these Islands.

PERHAPS.....the Stanley-Darwin road link will progress more rapidly. A fresh, consistent flow of cash is necessary to ensure that the road goes on. Some people are not ready to admit that the acquisition of the mobile scrap left behind by Johnsons Construction was a costly mistake although, admittedly, it does create work for mechanics.

PERHAPS.....a more concrete solution to the Argentine sovereignty claim will be forthcoming, including stronger representations both from home and the United Kingdom over what I have heard through the Antarctic Grapevine, namely the continued illegal occupation of Southern Thule in the South Sandwich Group. "Shan Sandwich" got off to a good start (F.I.TIMES No: 1/78) but like everything else which affects these Islands politically, suffered an early fate of being swept under the carpet. Luckily the Argy Boys seem to be more concerned with the Boagic Channel at the moment, so it will probably be around March or April before they start the seasonal tug-of-war of the Falklands-Malvinas variety.

PERHAPS.....an eye, jaundiced or impartial, could be cast locally over the eyesores of Stanley. (A) The Town Hall...an apology for a Mausoleum. (B) Local Roads...an epitaph to El Alamein, complete with shell-holes. (C) The Public Jetty...makes the Lindblad Explorer look like Buckingham Palace tying up alongside Bryant & May's timber dump.

PERHAPS.....a more dynamic Legislative Council....please?

Yes, perhaps 1979 WILL be a good year.

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H.M.S. ENDURANCE

Seeming to arrive in the Falklands later each year, H.M.S. Endurance arrived in Port Stanley on New Years Day under the command of Captain Lord. The ship fired a 17-gun salute which was replied to with a gun salute from the Victory Green cannon. Aide-de-Camp to the Governor, Major Phil Summers then welcomed Captain Lord and H.M.S. Endurance to the Colony. The usual flying activity has been seen with the ships complement of Helicopters ferrying supplies to the Royal Marine camp at Moody Brook.

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STANLEY SPORTS ASSOCIATION 66TH ANNUAL MEETING RESULTS

(Results supplied for the "TIMES" by Mr. Henry Luxton).

MOUNTED EVENTS

- 1... MAIDEN PLATE..... 1st: TINA-O. Summers; 2nd: HEATHER-S. Morrison;
(600 Yards) 3rd: GINGER-H. Smith; 4th: SNOWFLAKE-T. Summers.
- 2... KELPER STORE PLATE..... 1st: SUNSHINE-M. Betts; 2nd: BETSY-E. Goss;
(600 Yards) 3rd: PATIENCE-R. Binnie; 4th: FLASH-S. Morrison.
- 3... WEST FALKLAND PLATE..... 1st: SEABIRD-S. Morrison; 2nd: SUNDANCE-M. Betts;
(800 Yards) 3rd: EASTER HERO-O. Summers; 4th: CONCORDIA-
D. Dickson.
- 4... TROTTING RACE..... 1st: PEGGY-E. Goss; 2nd: SAMPSON-S. Halford;
(One Mile) 3rd: SILVER ARROW-S. Morrison.
- 5... COLVILLE CHASE..... 1st: PATIENCE-R. Binnie; 2nd: CUERO-T. Summers;
(300 Yards) 3rd: LIGHTNING-E. Goss; 4th: FENCER-S. Morrison.
- 6... PONY RACE..... 1st: N. MCPHEE; 2nd: A. TURNER; 3rd: T. D. PETERSSON.
- 7... CHIEF SECRETARY'S PLATE... 1st: SUNDANCE-M. Betts; 2nd: BOMBARDIER-E. Goss;
(600 Yards) 3rd: FLASH-S. Morrison; 4th: SANTA CLAUS-K. Whitney.
- 8... GOVERNOR'S CUP..... 1st: SEABIRD-S. Morrison; 2nd: SUNSHINE-M. Betts;
(700 Yards) 3rd: BETSY-E. Goss; 4th: BEAUTY-L. R. Anderson.
- 9... E. G. ROWE MEMORIAL RACE... 1st: TINA-O. Summers; 2nd: HEATHER-S. Morrison;
(500 Yards) 3rd: GINGER-H. Smith; 4th: SNOWFLAKE-T. Summers.
- 10... MUSICAL CHAIRS..... 1st: N. MCKAY; 2nd: S. POOLE; 3rd: T. HEATHMAN.
- 11... RINCON GRANDE PLATE... 1st: SEABIRD-S. Morrison; 2nd: SUNDANCE-M. Betts;
(900 Yards) 3rd: EASTER HERO-O. Summers; 4th: SAPPHIRE-
R. Binnie.
- 12... LADIES TROTting RACE... 1st: BELLA-G. Watson; 2nd: BEAUTY-D. McKay;
(One Mile) 3rd: MAY QUEEN-D. Dickson.
- 13... THE A. G. BARTON PRIZE... 1st: PATIENCE-R. Binnie; 2nd: BETSY-E. Goss;
(500 Yards) 3rd: SANTA CLAUS-K. Whitney; 4th: CONCORDIA-
D. Dickson.
- 14... BERKELEY SOUND PLATE... 1st: SUNSHINE-M. Betts; 2nd: FENCER-S. Morrison;
(600 Yards) 3rd: BOMBARDIER-E. Goss; 4th: SAPPHIRE-R. Binnie.
- 15... THE MILE..... 1st: SAPPHIRE-R. Binnie; 2nd: TENNESSEE-N. Watson;
3rd: MASIERE-E. Goss.
- 16... TROTting RACE..... 1st: BELLA-G. Watson; 2nd: BEAUTY-R. Binnie;
(One Mile) 3rd: PEGGY-E. Goss.
- 17... ANDREW BRUCE TROPHY... 1st: SEABIRD-S. Morrison; 2nd: SUNDANCE-M. Betts;
(600 Yards) 3rd: TINA-O. Summers; 4th: BETSY-E. Goss.
- 18... TROOP RACE..... 1st: PATIENCE-R. Binnie; 2nd: CUERO-T. Summers;
(300 Yards) 3rd: FENCER-S. Morrison.
- 19... CHARTRES PLATE..... 1st: SUNSHINE-M. Betts; 2nd: SAPPHIRE-R. Binnie;
(500 Yards) 3rd: QUICKSILVER-T. Summers; 4th: EASTER HERO-
O. Summers.
- 20... PORT SAN CARLOS PRIZE... 1st: BETSY-W. D. Morrison; 2nd: JUDY-I. McKay;
(440 Yards) 3rd: BLOWHARD-A. Coutts.

- 21....DEFENCE FORCE CLUB RACE.....1st:SUNSHINE-M.Betts; 2nd:PATIENCE-R.Binnie; 3rd:FENCER-S.Morrison.
(500 Yards)
- 22....DAVID SMITH PLATE.....1st:SEABIRD-S.Morrison; 2nd:SUNDANCE-M.Betts;
(600 Yards) 3rd:BETSY-E.Goss; 4th:EASTER HERO-O.Summers.
- 23...SCILLONIAN STAKES.....1st:PATIENCE-R.Binnie; 2nd:LIGHTNING-E.Goss;
(440 Yards) 3rd:CUERO-T.Summers; 4th:BRIGADIER-N.Watson.
- 24...LADIES GALLOP.....1st:MISS FITZROY-M.Betts; 2nd:BOMBARDIER-M.Lyse; 3rd:GINGER-D.Dickson.
(500 Yards)
- 25..HOME CHARM YOUNG JOCKEYS
CHALLENGE CUP.....1st:SUNSHINE-Susan Betts; 2nd:RAMBLER-Stephen Poole; 3rd:SPINAWAY-Ron Rozee.
(500 Yards)
- 26..CONSOLATION RACE.....1st:LILLIAN-T.Summers; 2nd:BUTTERCUP-E.Goss;
(500 Yards) 3rd:MINSTREL-N.Watson; 4th:DORRIE-O.Summers.
- 27..JUNIOR RINCON GRANDE PLATE.1st:WHISKY-D.Jennings; 2nd:SUNFLOWER-A.Turner; 3rd:CHARMAINE-T.Bonner;
(400 Yards) 4th:WANDA JACKSON-J.May.
- 28.....SALVADOR PRIZE.....1st:SEABIRD-S.Morrison; 2nd:SUNDANCE-M.Betts;
(800 Yards) 3rd:LIGHTNING-E.Goss.
- 29...WOOLBROKERS PLATE.....1st:SUNSHINE-M.Betts; 2nd:BETSY-E.Goss;
(600 Yards) 3rd:FENCER-S.Morrison.
- 30...ASSOCIATION RACE.....1st:L.R.ANDERSON; 2nd:K.C.SUMMERS;
(500 Yards) 3rd:W.DUNCAN.

CHAMPION JOCKEY 1978: MARION BETTS, 30 Points. 2nd:STEWART MORRISON, 29pts.

FOOT EVENTS (First Prize Winners only)

200 YARDS:A.LIVERMORE. LADIES POTATO RACE:Miss A.KING. 1 MILE:A.LIVERMORE.
WHEELBARROW RACE:R.ALLEN/P.BONNER. SACK RACE:P.BONNER. RELAY RACE (Mixed):
N.LUXTON/D.MCLEOD. STEPPING:S.MCKAY; BACKWARDS RACE:MARTIN SMITH.
TUG-O-WAR: 'THE SHEARERS'. THREE LEGGED RACE: A.KING/S.CLIFTON.
100 YARDS:A.LIVERMORE. VETERANS HANDICAP:M.MCLEOD. 440 YARDS:A.LIVERMORE.
LADIES SACK RACE:GLENDA WATSON. LONG JUMP: A.LIVERMORE (15 feet).
STEER RIDING CHAMPION 1978:RON ROZEE.

GAZETTE NEWS - Taken from the latest issue (Vol.LXXXVII No.12, 20-12-1978).
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Completion of Contract:John Robinson COATES, Teacher, Education Department.
Mrs.Hazel COATES, Teacher, Education Department.
Miss Elizabeth Anne STREAD, Nursing Sister, Medical Department.
Resignation: Lee Oliver SMALL, Police Constable, Police & Prisons Dept.
Appointments:Miss Sharon HEWITT, Clerk, Public Service.
Mrs.Hulda STEWART, Teacher, Education Department.

Promotions:Rudy Thomas CLARKIE to Assistant Mechanical Superintendent, PWD.
Manfred Michael Ian KEENLEYSIDE to Senior Carpenter, PWD

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 1979:- Good Friday-Friday April 13th.
Queen's Birthday (In lieu of)-Monday April 23rd.
October Bank Holiday-Monday October 1st. Anniversary of the Battle of the
Falkland Islands (In lieu of) Monday 10th December.
Christmas Holidays: Tue 25th, Wed 26th and Thur 27th Decmber.
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STANLEY/
TOWN HALL
EVENTS

TONITE!!

ROLLIN'S
BOUGHTIME
BAND

Should be good.
I hear the
Tax-man is on
the fiddle.....



DC 79



THE GUV'S
A HARD MAN
BILL.
HE'S BEEN
HERE FOR 2
HOURS AND HIS
SHOOTING-STICK
IS UPSIDE DOWN!!

DC 79



MINISTRY OF
OVERSEAS
DEVELOPMENT
MONETARY AID
DEPT.



Anybody got
10p? It's time
to send the
Falklands
another quid.

FALKLAND ISLANDS
TOURIST INFORMATION

EVENTS

MON - NOTHING.
TUE - NOWT.
WED - NOT A THING.
THU - DON'T KNOW.
FRI - WHAT?
SAT - BLANK.
SUN - WE GIVE UP.

ALL ENQUIRIES TO
BE ADDRESSED TO:
?

DC 79

DC 79



HEY! CAN ANYONE TELL ME IF THIS
IS WHERE YOU CHANGE FOR SOUTHERN THULE?



DC 79

CAPTAIN FRANK ROWLANDS OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS (Part 2)

With the assistance of wreck wood which drifted ashore, stones and long grass, the crew managed to rig up a tolerable shelter for the Captain's wife, and found what comfort for themselves that they could. For eatables they had a tank partly full of biscuits and of beef which they brought with them, and presently their larder was increased by the dead bodies of two sheep and a pig which were washed ashore, but ultimately they were compelled to fall back on the penguins and loggerheads which they killed. For kitchen utensils they were reduced to the irreducible minimum of an old oil-tin with the top cut off.

In spite, however, of all their care and luxury, the men wanted to get away, more especially as the weather was very severe and many of them became frost-bitten, and from a quantity of canvas that came ashore they fixed up a sort of lugsail and left, as they thought, for the Settlement.

Leaving their shelter, they once more trusted themselves to the waves, and seeing cattle near Bull Point, they fondly imagined that they were close to the Settlement. Proceeding, they eventually fetched up in Bull Cove, where, to their joy, they found a schooner at anchor - (the "Malvinas" belonging originally to Admiral Sullivan, afterwards to Captain Parke, but at that time to Mr. Dean). In this schooner they were brought round to Stanley and found shelter in a Sailor's Home, standing on the site now occupied by the Government offices.

After a recuperating stay of about three months, our old skipper was once more longing for the briny ocean, and when Captain Smylie fitted out a sealing expedition for Santa Cruz, he joined it, the "Emanuelita" returning in two months with some 1700 sealskins which were worth about 2/6d each. Having once tasted the sweets of this life, Rowlands was so taken with it that he made many trips of a similar nature, and for the next twelve or fifteen years he did but little else. It was no uncommon thing for each man to receive from £70 to £95 as his share of the proceeds of a two-months trip. These cruises took them, as a rule, to Staten Island and up as far as St. Georges Gulf and the Gulf of San Matias.

+++ To be continued+++

The above originally appeared in the "Stanley Comet" 18th April 1902, and a manuscript has been kindly lent to the Times by Mr. Jim Lelliman who is a grandson of Captain Rowlands.

PENFRIENDS WANTED

A 16 year old German girl wishes to correspond with a student of either sex.

NAME: KATHRIN REDETZKI, ADDRESS: ROXER STRASSE 28, 35 STENDAL, GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC.

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H.H.H. (help Henry Heyburn). After an initial request for help in obtaining pre-1954 postcards or Xerox photostats thereof, Mr. Henry Heyburn of Louisville, Kentucky has said that he has had some response from Kelpers. He writes: "To further encourage response, please advise your readers that I will send one brand new (albeit depreciated) U.S. dollar bill, or one of the new silver dollars (when issued) if the reader prefers, for each front and back Xerox or photocopy of a Falkland, South Georgia or South Shetland postcard, issued previous to 1954."
HENRY H. HEYBURN, 3918 LELAND ROAD, LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY 40207, U.S.A.

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WEDDING AT HILL COVE

On the 23rd December at 3pm, the marriage took place between Marie Nightingale and Roy Ross, the ceremony being conducted by Mr. L.G. Blake. Marie, given in marriage by her father, Mr. Dick Nightingale, looked radiant in the traditional bridal dress and veil. She carried a bouquet of fresh roses and fern and was presented with a lucky horseshoe by her little brother Jamie. Marie was attended by two bridesmaids, her sister Susan and friend Donna Newell and they both looked very pretty in their long pink flowered dresses and they each carried a posy. The dresses were all beautifully made by Mrs. Nellie Anderson.

The duties of Best Man were performed by William Ross, brother of the Groom. A reception for some 104 guests was held in the Hall and the Wedding Cake, which was cooked by the Bride's mother, proved to taste as good as it looked but Mrs. Emily Goodwin was responsible for the 'Lion's Share' of the array of goodies on the many tables. Later in the evening, a most enjoyable dance was held with coffee and 'eats' at midnight. Roy and Marie are making their home at Roy Cove and would like to thank all those who helped make their day a happy one.

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THE ROYAL MARINES GRAND CHRISTMAS CHARITY DRAW AND BALL

The Royal Marines Grand Christmas Charity Draw and Ball which was held on the evening of Friday December 22nd 1978 was a big success that was enjoyed by all who attended. Over £700 worth of prizes (including a 'first' of a £200 cheque) were won. A total of £1,000 has been raised for the King Edward Memorial Hospital in Stanley and Senior Medical Officer Dr. Keith Dunnett will receive the cheque at an informal ceremony. Before and after the Draw being made by various dignitaries, the local pop group "Agatha Christie" performed.

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WE COULD'VE DANCED ALL NIGHT...

In the Christmas-New Year festivity period the Town Hall in Stanley echoed to the pounding feet of local dancers as all three local bands made appearances. Rowlands Ragtime Band, Agatha Christie and Candlepower all played at different functions. Bass Guitarist for Agatha Christie, Alec Betts, returns to the Falklands soon and his place was taken over the Christmas period by Dave Colville of Candlepower. Both Agatha Christie and Candlepower are working on new numbers for their public performances of 1979 and a provisional date of April is set for the release of Candlepower's stereo cassette tape of self-penned numbers. Pete King, ace drummer with Agatha Christie, expects a new drum kit on the Annette Danielson and Alec Betts is obtaining new amplification gear. Agatha Christies line-up for early 1979 will be: Terry Betts-Vocals, Alec Betts-Bass Guitar, Ray Robson-Lead Guitar, Pete King-Drums and Patrick Watts-Rhythm Guitar/Backing Vocals. Illness has caused Isobel Castle to quit Agatha Christie at the moment as vocalist. Not much is known of the plans of Rowlands Ragtime Band, who have an LP under their belt, but it is hoped that they keep going for some time to come.

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EAR TO THE GROUND

Over the New Year period certain people were involved in a sandbag hurling contest at a bunker belonging to the Royal Marines. One 'grit chucker' is a top Government Official who was said to be trying to balance the budget - he had a sandbag in each hand!! If he 'goes against the grain' again, I under-sand he will get the sack!! 'Nuff Said.

LINDBLAD EXPLORER

Luxury cruise ship, 'Lindblad Explorer', arrived in Stanley on the 30th of December. After being cleared by the Customs and Harbour Department, she sailed for Volunteer's returning to Stanley at approx 1330pm. She finally departed for her Antarctic Run in the late evening.

R.R.S. BRANSFIELD

Royal Research Ship 'Bransfield' arrived in Stanley on December the 28th to pick up more DAS personnel for Antarctic Bases. Among the new season's FIDS was Mr. Pete Witty who narrowly escaped death at Halley Bay last season when the vehicle he was driving fell through the ice.

M.V. FORREST PROGRAMME JAN-MAR 1979

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>MOVEMENT</u> |
|-------------------------|--|
| JAN 12th..... | To Darwin with oil for School - To carry Education Department Personnel. |
| JAN 13th..... | Return to Stanley. |
| JAN 15th - FEB 2nd..... | Under command HMS Endurance Survey Party. (Jan 24th-26th possibly collect Education Department Personnel.) |
| FEB 2nd..... | NP 8901 Open Day. |
| FEB 8th-12th..... | Falkland Islands Defence Force Exercise. |
| FEB 27th..... | To Kidney Island. |
| MAR 16th-29th..... | Under command HMS Endurance Survey Party. |
| MAR 25th..... | Disembark new NP8901 from HMS Endurance. |
| MAR 31st..... | Embark old NP 8901. |

EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL

Mr. Gerard Robson has completed his course at the British Council's Media Department. He now moves on to the Media Dept. at Brighton Polytechnic where he will gain experience in the production of educational material. When at Brighton Poly, Gerard will meet the Staff who next month will be running courses in the Falkland Islands.

SECOND HEART ATTACK

Since taking up his post as Development Officer, Mr. Bill Sloman has suffered two heart attacks, the second one occurring on the afternoon of Wednesday December 27th. Bill is said to be comfortable.

SURELY NOT.....

In a letter from a person (who shall remain nameless) in Montevideo is this extract which although meant to be serious is decidedly mirth-making: "No beastly Income Tax like you pay in the Falklands no good for the working people also the poor old pensioners worked over 50 years and get so much stolen for Income tax nothing to show for it but wearing your boots out on those stone run roads in Stanley also paying for your free lodgings what is about £20 year set in that old tin shanty what you call the cookhouse in Goose Green set and freeze in it all you get in a southerly wind a heck of a smell from those dog kennels."

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POST OFFICE NEWS

The increased Telephone Rental Tarriff's approved at the last meeting (budget) of Legislative Council came into effect as from January the 1st 1979. The revised rates are:

- BUSINESS AND PRIVATE LINES.... £42.00
- SINGLE LINE..... £21.00
- PARTY LINES:-
 - (a) Two Phones.... \$15. each
 - (b) Three Phones.. \$12. each

Also, following increased conveyance charges on the Annette Danielsen, it has been necessary to make some slight increases in the overseas Parcel Post rates. These also came into effect from Jan.1st and are as follows:-

- 2 LB Parcels..... £2.60p
- 7 LB Parcels..... £3.50p
- 11 LB Parcels..... £4.55p
- 22 LB Parcels..... £6.20p

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MORE DOUGH KNEADED

As from January 2nd, the price of bread supplied-by Dobbyn's Bakery was increased by 3 pence to 30 pence per loaf, due to the increase in the prices of the basic ingredients. Dobbyn's Bakery's last increase was in September 1978.

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Christmas Holiday Friendly Soccer Results.

- ARGENTINE AIR FORCE 2 CAMPERS 1
- STANLEY 5 CAMPERS 1
- STANLEY 5 CAMPERS 3

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BIRTHS

In Plymouth, Devon to Mr & Mrs Graham EDWARDS, a daughter, CARLY MAY weighing 7lbs 12ozs. Mrs Edwards was formerly LANDY HARRISON.

In Crown Hill, Plymouth, Devon to Mr & Mrs Mickey FINN, a daughter, NATALIE. Mrs Finn was formerly Colleen ALAZIA.

In Stanley to Mr & Mrs George BETTS, a son, IAN on Dec 22nd 1978, weighing 8lbs 8½ozs.

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MORE DONATIONS

More donations have rolled in to the Red Cross Society (F.I.Branch) on behalf of the Earl Haig Fund (Poppy Appeal) from:-

- TEAL INLET.....£5.60, PORT HOWARD....£ 7.25, SALVADOR.....£21,
- FITZROY.....£3.40 and NORTH ARM...£8.00.

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MARINES OPEN DAY UP IN SMOKE

Despite a relatively poor turnout by members of the public, the Royal Marines Open Day held at their Moody Brook billets went along smoothly aided and abetted by fine weather and the Falkland Islands Defence Force. The estimated public turnout of 60 watched displays of unarmed combat, firepower demonstrations and a mock attack. Highlight of the Open Day for most people was the demonstration by Marine Steve Newlands on breaking 6" thick concrete blocks with bare feet, Karate style plus Boris Bertwhistle choking his mate (now ex-mate?) during the unarmed combat display. These events were overshadowed at the end of the programme by the firepower demo in which a variety of weapons were fired, including an old Vickers, resulting in a fire in the target area which sent great palls of grey smoke spiralling skywards. By all accounts the Diddle-dee and white grass was still burning at lan and Saturday night Brook-goers lent a hand in a firefighting capacity. All in all it was an enjoyable exhibition marred only by poor attendance.

CONSERVATION FOUNDATION

It is proposed to develop a Foundation for conservation wildlife, historic areas, buildings and wrecks in the Falkland Islands. Already an Agreement has been drawn up as a declaration of intent, and signed by the necessary number of people - six - to bring such a Foundation into existence. Many more have signed, thereby becoming Founder Members of the organisation.

The policy of the Foundation will be to promote awareness of the value of conservation of the heritage of the Falkland Islands - their history, their culture and their wildlife. It will be set up initially with an office in the U.K., and an office in Stanley, and ultimately with small field stations on appropriate islands in the Archipelago.

The Foundation will be a non-profit making charity controlled by a Council of whom the majority should be residents of the Falkland Islands. I have been invited by the original signatories of the Articles of Agreement - which are provisional - to be Chairman for the time being. I hope that the idea will commend itself to you and that you may be prepared to become one of the founder members of the FICF.

SIR PETER SCOTT

OH NO NOT AGAIN!

Due to increasing costs, again, the Times will revert to being a once-a-month publication instead of bi-monthly with the next issue being on sale around mid-March. C'est la vie!

HOSTEL PROGRESS

Transocean Construction and Trading have now received the balance of the Hostel materials which will allow a speed-up in the site works which were behind programme due to alterations in the layout of the building. Phase 2 of the Hostel is now being built together with Phase 1 and the new completion date estimate is given as late July. As the Hostel construction proceeds, it is planned to hold an open day every 4th Saturday so that interested folk from Stanley and Camp can have a look around.

STANLEY SPORTS SWEEPSTAKE DRAW

The date has now been fixed for the Draw of the Stanley Sports Association Sweepstake. The Sweepstake will close on Saturday February the 17th and the Draw will take place on Monday the 19th in the FIDE Drill Hall. Tickets are available from the usual places plus Joe King and Henry Luxton.

FROM KING EDWARDS TO PRICKLY PEARS

The next show by the Stanley Horticultural Society will be held on Saturday March the 3rd.

SOCCER RESULTS

| | |
|-----------------|------------------------|
| STANLEY.....3 | ARGENTINE AIR FORCE..0 |
| P. Peck | |
| Biggs | |
| D. Livernore | |
| MUSTANGS.....5 | RANGERS.....3 |
| Chambers (o.g) | Kerr |
| Kerr (o.g) | Haynes |
| Philips (2) | A.N. Argentine. |
| Newlands | |
| RANGERS.....2 | DYNAMOS.....0 |
| A. Livernore(2) | |
| MUSTANGS.....5 | REDSOX.....2 |
| Newlands (3) | Horlick |
| Philips | Rozco(Ron) |
| Coutts(o.g) | |

M.V. MONSUNEN - Provisional Programme

Voyage H7 Sailing February the 14th for SALVADOR, TEAL INLET, PEBBLE ISLAND, GOLDING ISLAND, KEPPEL ISLAND, SAUNDERS ISLAND, SEDGE ISLAND, HILL COVE, CARCASS ISLAND, WEST POINT ISLAND and ROY COVE.

Voyage H8 Sailing 21st February for NORTH ARM & PORT HOWARD.

Voyage H9 Sailing 4th March for PORT STEPHENS, WEDDELL ISLAND, BEAVER ISLAND, NEW ISLAND, DUNNOSE HEAD and CHARTRES.

*****COASTAL SHIPPING LIMITED*****

AILING FALKLAND ISLANDS COMMITTEE

The Falkland Islands Office in London is struggling to keep its head above water moneywise. The situation has been described as 'serious' and drastic financial measures have had to be introduced in the form of personal loans from Messrs. Hunter-Christie, Lionel Daillic and John Broadbent-Jones. These loans are hoped to keep the London Office functioning until the 31st of March 1979, in the hope that Falkland Islands industries will see the light and dip into their pockets a bit deeper by then. On February 2nd, the Stanley Branch held a Dance in the Town Hall from 10pm-2am, live music being supplied by Candlepower and Rowlands Ragtime Band and the disc-jockey was Betty Ford. Admission was free but donations were freely given at the door and together with the sale of drinks and really excellent food a large sum of money was raised.

THE INS AND THE OUTS - BY REQUEST

Recently, so many people have asked for the Colony's air arrivals to be included in the Times you can now read them on Page 3. Some will be fairly old-hat but I suppose they will be of interest to those who asked to see them.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES AT STANLEY AIRPORT

ARRIVALS:-

Via F27 January 26th 1979:-
Mr.N.E.Crabb; Mrs.M.Andrade and daughter,
Mrs.E.Aldridge, Mrs.E.Felton, Mr.G.
Harvey, Mr.V.Murray and 3 others.

Via F28 January 31st 1979:-
Mr.A.A.Smith, Mr.G.Evans, Mrs.A.
Caswell, Mr.S.Powell, Commodore and
Mrs.Gonzales and 2 children and 19
tourists.

DEPARTURES:-

Via F27 January 26th 1979:-
The Hon.J.Garnock,
Mr.J.Hodges, Mr.J.Lapeyre, Mrs.M.
Rosser, Mrs.E.Berryman and daughter,
Mr.N.Dean, Mr.N.Svendson and 19
others.

Via F28 January 31st 1979:-
Mr.T.Atkinson, Mrs.J.Bird, Mr.H.Bolso,
Mr.P.A.Card, Mr.D.Fitzpatrick, Mr.A.
Greensmith, Rev.L.A.Gubbins, Mr.J.E.G.
Kershaw, Mr.P.Marriot, Mr.G.McMillan,
Mr.J.Randle, Mr.A.Sackett and 19 others.

"JUST FOR KICKS" By Des Peck.

WE'VE HEARD ABOUT FISHERMEN'S STORIES
AND HOW A BIG ONE GOT AWAY
BUT WHEN A HORSE STARTS FISHING
IT'S TIME TO KEEP OUT OF THE WAY
????????????????

THERE ARE SEVERAL WAYS OF FISHING
WITH ROD OR LINE OR NET
BUT THIS STORY CAPS THEM ALL
AND ONE YOU'LL NOT FORGET
????????????????

A RIDER WAS GOING THROUGH A CREEK
WHEN A FISH TICKLED THE HORSES FLANK
SO WITH BOTH HEELS HE LET DRIVE
AND A SEVEN POUNDER WAS ON THE BANK
????????????????

SO TO ALL YOU COLT TAMERS
DON'T STOP EVERY LITTLE TRICK
THEN YOU COULD GET A FISH OR TWO
JUST WITH ONE MIGHTY KICK!!
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"MY ISLAND HOME" By Elizabeth Monti (Nee Roberts)

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1) Wild and rugged
With moods ever changing
And winds prevailing | 5) The peat bogs
Where the peat is scattered
And later gathered |
| 2) Seagulls reeling
Over storm tossed harbour
And ships at anchor | 6) The yellow gorse
In all its glory
On a summer morning |
| 3) Long white beaches
Uncluttered by man
On these I ran | 7) The rocky hills
In domination
For meditation |
| 4) Wide open spaces
With dry yellow grass
Through this you pass | 8) Sunsets golden
Yellow and purple
The colour of myrtle
For this I yearn! |

By H.K. CRAMBAGE

The West was almost tamed and a lone horseman was making his own exploration of America when he came across a small Indian village of some 100 souls. Somewhat tentatively, he rode into the village to ask for food and shelter. He was welcomed by the village elders and was invited to share all that the people had to offer. On being introduced to the Chief, he was surprised to learn that the Chief was called Pythagorus. Later, whilst sitting around the campfire, he asked why the Chief had chosen this name and was told the following story.

Being a non-Christian community, there were no laws to restrict the number of wives a brave might take so long as he could afford the bride-price and was able to support his family. As a prospective Chief, Pythagorus felt able to take and support at least 3 wives and in due time he did so. Now each wife, although sharing the same tent, had to be provided with a set of essentialials such as cooking pots, clothing and a bed. Having fitted out all his wives with cooking utensils and clothing, the young man found he had only two skins with which to make beds, one being a Buffalo skin the other an Elk skin. He took his problem to the Medicine Man who produced for him the skin of a Hippopotamus. The young man protested against the price asked for the Hippopotamus hide saying that it was far too hard and inflexible to make a comfortable bed. The Medicine Man explained that the Hippo hide was not only extremely rare but also that it had qualities which would increase the fertility of anyone who lay upon it. Although not fully convinced and feeling that he was the victim of a con-job, the man took the hide and presented it to the third wife. In due time all his wives became pregnant and their time of confinement drew close. Then, the squaw who slept on the Buffalo skin gave birth to a son and there was great rejoicing. The squaw who slept on the Elk skin also gave birth to a son and the young chief was beside himself with pleasure. Finally, the third wife was confined and to the chief's amazement she brought into the world twin boys.

When all the feasting was over, the Chief went to the Medicine Man and thanked him for the Hippopotamus hide and told him that from that day forward he wished to be known as Pythagorus, for he had proved beyond doubt that:--"The squaw on the Hippopotamus was equal to the sons of the squaws on the other two hides!"

THIS IS YOUR LIFE

Mr. Les Halliday, the Colony's Customs and Harbour Chief, recently returned to the Falklands after flying home at the invitation of Thames Television to appear as a guest on the weekly 'This is your Life' programme. The programme - transmitted live on the 10th January - featured the life story of Naomi James, the lone yachtswoman who called into the Falklands in her yacht "Express Crusader" last year.

Naomi was awarded the title 'Dame of the British Empire' in Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the 2nd's New Years Honours list 1979 for her memorable feat of a solo circumnavigation of the world.

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YANKEE CLIPPER

The yacht "Compass Rose" of the U.S.A. arrived in Stanley on the seventh of February at approximately seven o'clock carrying six persons. The skipper is Mr. Edward Macarthur and his last port of call was Puerto Williams in Chile. The "Compass Rose" voyages next to Buenos Aires, Argentina.

HE'S 'ORLEN' RIGHT NOW!

A Polish fishing trawler, the 989 nett tonnes "ORLEN" called into Stanley at 8 o'clock on Thursday Feb. 8th to pick up a seaman that had been receiving Hospital treatment. The "ORLEN" was in Stanley previously on February 2nd.

WATER PITY

Mr. Arthur Smith, a senior engineer for the Crown Agents Engineering services Division has arrived in the Colony to carry out an inspection of the towns water supply system plus examine ways of controlling the quality of the drinking water. Mr. Smith will also replace the sedimentation tanks at the Filtration Plant.

JANUARY WEATHER

| | |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| Average Temp. | Highest Temp. |
| 51.1 F | 21.0 F |
| Lowest Temp. | Total Rainfall |
| 37.2 F | 44.1 mm |
| Average Daily Sun | Average Wind Speed |
| 5.7 Hours | 15.3 Knots |
| Gale Force Wind | Ten Knots or less |
| 17 hours | 219 hours |
| Highest Wind Gust | Ground Frost Occ's |
| 62 Knots | 12 |

Summary:- A warm month with rain and sunshine well below average with the wind near normal.

MORE SOCCER RESULTS

| | |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| STANLEY.....2 | HMS ENDURANCE.....2 |
| Luxton | ??? |
| O'Reilly | ??? |
| STANLEY 2nd X1...13 | ENDURANCE 2nd X1..0 |
| Gaskins (3) | |
| Haynes (3) | |
| A.Livermore(4) | |
| Ron Rozee(2) | |
| Jaffray | |
| RANGERS.....5 | DYNAMOS.....4 |
| P.Peck (3) | Magee |
| Haynes (2) | Ross |
| | Watts (2) |
| RANGERS.....5 | MUSTANGS....2 |
| Kerr | Philips |
| A.Livermore | Luxton |
| P.Peck (2) | |
| Haynes | |
| DYNAMOS.....1 | REDSOX.....0 |
| Watts | |

NEW FILMS IN COLONY

The following 16 films were received on the Charter Vessel by the Central Film Library:-
 STATE FAIR; CHATOS LAND (X); SPIKES GANG (AA); MRS. POLLIFAX - SPY;
 BOUND FOR GLORY; THE HONKERS (AA); THE HORNETS NEST (AA); THE LAST ESCAPE; BREAKING POINT (X); DIAMONDS; DIRTY MARY, CRAZY LARRY (X); MASQUERADE; BLUE WATER WHITE DEATH; BANK SHOT; THE LONG ST DAY; THE BEST THINGS IN LIFE ARE FREE.

PERMISSION TO COUGH SIR?

The question of censorship raises its head again with a revelation from the Broadcasting Officer who said to me that in future one has to ask him for the a.o.k. on jokes or comments in taped programmes. He said the Marines ask him. How thrilling for the man!!

P. NUT THE PARROT



By Sir Kastik



POST OFFICE NEWS

Last week saw the placing on sale of 3 different First Day Covers: the British Antarctic Territory Penguin issue and the Coronation Anniversary issues from both B.A.T and South Georgia. The penguin issue of B.A.T is reported as selling well. Mint sets of these stamps are no longer available from Stanley or the Crown Agents at home. Individual stamps of the Coronation issue can still be obtained though.

The 14th of February is the day when sets of four stamps can be bought commemorating the 200th Anniversary of the death of Captain Cook. These South Georgia stamps show Cook's ship the "Resolution" on the 3p denomination, a route map of Cook's voyage around South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands is shown on the 6p stamp, a King Penguin appears on the 11p stamp and Captain Cook's Wedgewood medallion appears on the 25p stamp. This issue was printed by Walsall Security Printers. First Day Covers of this issue will not be available for a few days. The Falkland Islands next issue will be "Kelp" and are due for release on February the 19th.

WEAR BY RING AROUND YOUR NECK *****

Keep your eyes peeled for 1200 Upland Geese flying around with coloured bands on their necks. This is part of the GTU Goose Study and any persons seeing a banded bird should contact Ron Summers at Goose Green or the GTU in Stanley, giving location of sighting and colour of band. This is to see how far the geese move from place to place.

MARRIAGE

On the 13th of January at 3pm, in Christ Church Cathedral, the marriage between Pete Darts of the Royal Marines and Miss Darlene Short took place, officiated by Padre Gubbins. Darlene, given away by her father, Mr. Peter Short, looked lovely in a white bridal gown and veil. She carried a bouquet of fresh flowers beautifully arranged by Mrs. Rene Rowlands, plus a lucky horseshoe. Darlene was attended by two bridesmaids - her sister Rose-Mary and friend Judith Ford - both looking lovely in their long, pink floral design dresses. They each carried a posy similar to that of the bride. All the dresses were kindly chosen by the Groom's mother and sister of Bristol, Avon.

The duties of Best Man were performed by Marine Phil Chambers friend of the Groom. Both Groom and Best Man looked very smart in their blue uniforms and white peak caps.

After the ceremony, Darlene was presented with a silver spoon and horseshoe by each of the bridesmaids on behalf of the Groom's family. A buffet was then held in the Town Hall for some 90 guests which was followed by a reception in which some 200 guests attended which included His Excellency the Governor and Mrs. Parker, the catering being done by Mrs. Emma Steen and helpers.

The wedding cake was beautifully made and decorated by Cpl. Bob Lamiton of Moody Brook which was cut with a sword kindly lent by Major E. Southby-Tailyour and sampled by everyone. On leaving the reception, Darlene threw her bouquet, the lucky girl catching this was Miss Sharon Hewitt. A dance was held at 9.30pm to which everyone was cordially invited to and it lasted until 1.30am.

SALE OF WORK

A sale of work in aid of United Free Church (Tabernacle) funds will be held in the Church hall on Saturday the 31st of March.

25th ANNIVERSARY

Saturday February the 10th was the 25th Anniversary of the arrival of the Baha'i Faith in the Falkland Islands. This event was celebrated at the home of Mr. & Mrs. John Leonard with a supper and spiritual programme.

BILL SLOMAN HAS TO LEAVE

Development Officer Mr. Bill Sloman has had to relinquish his position and return home to Britain due to bad health. Since arrival in the Falklands Bill has suffered 2 heart attacks. In a farewell message from Bill and his wife Peggy broadcast over the local radio, they said: "There is so much development beginning to take place that we find it particularly frustrating to have to leave a task which has so much potential. We would like to thank you all for your kindness to us and to wish you the best of good fortune for the future. If there is any way that we can help these beautiful islands from Britain we assuredly will".

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GOODBYE BRIAN!

Government here has a touching way of not disclosing the kind of information that is a mite embarrassing to them. Shielding behind a pseudo democratic line of thinking they hum and haw or just clam-up. In the case of Sergeant Brian Munday who came out to assist the Falkland Islands Police Force in training, Government gave no reason for his sudden departure a few weeks ago. Information has it that Brian was involved in a brawl with a Royal Marine, so the order of the boot was awarded to Brian.

EPITAPH

BRIAN MUNDAY
SETTLED IN ON SUNDAY
STARTED WORK ON MONDAY
UPSET GOVERNMENT ON TUESDAY
REPRIMANDED ON WEDNESDAY
SACKED ON THURSDAY
FLOWN HOME ON FRIDAY
FORGOTTEN ON SATURDAY
THAT WAS THE END OF BRIAN MUNDAY!

SHORT SHRIFT

This Edition has had to be made up of 'scraps' because fresh supplies ordered through the F.I.C. failed to turn up on the last Annette Danielson. Shortage of paper means shortage of space so some things have had to be omitted such as the Horticultural Show results, Local Bisley, East & West Falkland sports results and...P.Nut the Parrot! Hopefully the April visit of the charter vessel will yield something in the line of paper.

THE INS AND THE OUTS

Departures via F27 9-3-79:- Mr. C.HAZELTON; Mr. S.PITALUGA; Mr. N.ITALUG.; Miss Anna KING; Mr. P.ROBERTSON; Miss J.ROBERTSON; Mr.P.MILLER; Miss R.MILLER; Miss K.MILLER; Mr. F.WALLACE; Mrs. C.O'REILLY; Mr. S.HARDCASTLE & 17 others.

Arrivals via F27 9-3-79:- 4 Tourists.

Arrivals via F28 14-3-79:- Mrs.S.AMPUERO & daughter; Mr.H.L.BOUND; Mr. T.DOWNS; Mr.G.JOHNSON; Mrs.C.O'REILLY; Mr. P.FRIZZLE; Mr. P.HILL; Mr. & Mrs.GRIFFITH; Mr. & Mrs. FERNANDEZ (LADE); Mr. R.VALVERDE (LADE); Mrs. O.RODRIGUEZ de VERONA;(LADE), 1 British tourist, 1 German tourist, and 15 Argentine tourists. No departure details known at time of writing.

HOLE IN THE GROUND

Plant & Transport Authority men and machines have been busy earthmoving on the foundation site of the Hangar that will eventually house the Islander aircraft. Progress has been rapid despite odd breaks in the weather. Staff Sergeant Alan Tangui, seconded from the Army and who has been working for PATA in an advisory/mechanical/instructional capacity is due to leave the Colony in a few weeks time. His replacement is expected to arrive sometime in September.

* LETTERBOX *

16th February 1979.

Dear Sir;

On behalf of this Company may I utilise your columns to reply to those Councillors who were critical of the progress at the School Hostel during their recently reported deliberations.

There has been no shortage of labour on this project; the reason for the new completion date being August and not April is entirely due to the following alterations to my original brief :

- a) The building was moved to a position that is more difficult and costly from the foundation standpoint.
- b) Rock was met at this location which was not proven at the original location and which has necessitated the use of PATA equipment ex the airport project.
- c) The required equipment is being used on the Darwin Road project which had priority over the School Hostel.
- d) The second phase of the School Hostel is being built at the same time as the first phase and this poses specific problems due to a) and b) above.

Due to the single fact of moving the building, a decision taken by Local Government, I have only now reached a state of normalcy with the building works although the balance of the earthmoving remains a function of the PATA equipment being freed from the Darwin Road project.

In conclusion I would like to commend the Director of Public Works and his Staff for managing to keep the ex airport equipment working.

Yours Faithfully,
N.G.REID

Managing Director - Transocean Construction & Trading Ltd.

ROUTE 66

After the the ending of the recent Legislative Council meetings, the Governor, accompanied by Councillors, the Director of Public Works and Mr Basil Morrison (Roads Superintendent) visited the roadworks on the Stanley - Darwin road and also visited the Hostel site. After the Road visit, members of LEGCO said that they had been immensely encouraged to see the skill and enthusiasm with which this excellent all-weather track is being constructed.

SUPERSPROUT

Mr. Joe King recently picked a cabbage from his garden weighing in at an amazing 17lbs.

THE NEXT PROGRAMME.....

Following the departure from the Broadcasting Studio for a few days of Communications boss Mr. Bill Roberts, a slight misunderstanding of who was responsible for transmitting the BBC news occurred resulting in no news at all at 8am. Following public complaints, Chief Secretary Mr. John Massingham put pen to paper and gave the Studio a dressing down. Unfortunately, duty announcer Anne Koenleyside read this inter-departmental letter over the air one evening. Red face at Sullivan House? A lot of people enjoyed hearing the letter and it certainly livened up the usual starchy, Old Colonial airwaves.

DEATH

The death occurred in New Zealand on February 9th of Mr. W.H. SEDGEWICK aged 82. Bill as he was known, left the Falklands in 1963 and was the owner of the one time Jubilee Store in Fitzroy Road, Stanley.

R/T COMMITTEE

The R/T Committee, which comprises representatives of all interested groups, met recently to review the position regarding internal telecommunications and efforts to improve the service. The committee noted that the proposals for a special 2-Metre amateur band licence had now been formally approved by the Governor in Council with effect from 1st January 1979. It was agreed that the frequency of 145.50 MHz should be designated as the "call and emergency frequency" in this band and for this service. This means that this frequency should only be used for these purposes and once contact is established both parties should move to a working channel. The frequency of 145.55 MHz was designated as an "exclusive working frequency for working into the Government R/T service." The committee welcomed plans by the F.I.C. to introduce a VHF system linking their farms and Stanley office and also capable of working into the R/T station in due course, and decided to invite F.I.C. to nominate a representative to join them as a co-opted member.

The committee was disappointed to learn that only 17 replies had been received from 41 addressees to whom a circular concerning the future of the R/T service had been sent, and hope that perhaps a reminder may bring in some more replies to help the committee in assessing the requirements of the users. In discussing complaints about the R/T service the committee recognised the difficulties faced by the Posts & Telecommunications Dept. in dealing with very general complaints. Members of the department emphasised that they could more readily deal with complaints of a technical or operational nature if these were as specific as possible. The proper procedure is for subscribers to report difficulties, in as much detail as possible, to the R/T operator who then passes them on to the Communications Officer and his staff. In the course of the discussion, reference was made to the specific complaint that reception in the Camp of calls over the public telephone system in Stanley was better than for calls originating in the R/T station itself. At the instigation of the committee this was investigated by staff of the P & T Department and a fault was found in the operators microphone. This was put right and it is understood that reception is now greatly improved....SECRETARIAT 1/3/79.

KELP THE FALKLANDS BRITISH

Introduced for sale on Monday March the 5th was a new issue of Falkland Islands stamps. This new issue depicts various species of Kelp and the stamp values are 3p, 7p, 11p, 15p & 25p.

BOYS FOOTBALL LEAGUE RESULTS

| | |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| DYNAMO DEVILS.....6 | HOTSHOT WANDERERS.....1 |
| Miranda (2) | Rowlands |
| Peck (2) | |
| Gaskins | |
| Jennings (o.g.) | |
| REDSKIN ROVERS.....2 | HOTSHOT WANDERERS.....5 |
| Middleton (2) | Summers (3) |
| | Betts |
| | Middleton (o.g.) |
| REDSKIN ROVERS.....2 | DYNAMO DEVILS.....2 |
| Short | Peck |
| Cofre | Stephenson (o.g.) |

LEAGUE TABLE

| | <u>LEAGUE TABLE</u> | | | | <u>Goals</u> | | <u>Points.</u> |
|-----------------------|---------------------|----------|----------|----------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| | <u>P</u> | <u>W</u> | <u>D</u> | <u>L</u> | <u>For</u> | <u>Against</u> | |
| DYNAMO DEVILS..... | 5 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 12 | 6 | 7 |
| REDSKIN ROVERS..... | 5 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 10 | 4 |
| HOTSHOT WANDERERS.... | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 10 | 3 |

Top Goalscorers: Ramon Miranda 5, Paul Summers and James Peck 3 each.

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APPOINTMENTS: Robert Charles RUTTERFORD...Teacher..Education Department.
 Valorie Ann RUTTERFORD.....Teacher..Education Department.
 Michael James MURPHY.....Engineman...P.W.D.(Electrical).

RE-APPOINTMENTS: Ian Robert Jones, Teacher, Education Department.
 Mrs Camilla Clarke, Telephone Operator, P & T Department.
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Rev. A.C.QUEEN.

MASON GETS TOUGH

Director of Public Works, Alan Mason, has adopted a get tough attitude in an effort to combat vandalism in the only reasonable entertainments centre in Stanley - the Town Hall. By the introduction of a deposit in lieu of damage (imaginary or actual? - Ed.) plus a higher scale of hire fees for the inclusion of a bar it is hoped to persuade entertainments organisers to keep a sharper lookout for troublemakers. It is rumoured that special PWD agents will secrete themselves in the Gents cloakrooms and kick in the wall thereby causing forfeiture of the deposit. In 10 years time the PWD will be able to afford a tin of white HomeCharm paint to do the peeling ceiling.

The next surprise from PWD is probably a statement that they are going to build a Swimming Pool - or are they? What happened to that fund anyway???

Just in case any information has inadvertently been missed, here is a summary of Births, Marriages and Deaths.

BIRTHS

- 28-11-78 To Mr. & Mrs. Terence SUMMERS, a daughter DIANNE ROSALYNN.
(nee Sybella Goodwin)
- ? ? ? ? To Mr. & Mrs. Raymond ROBSON, a daughter ANNA JENINE.
(formerly Miranda McNally)
- 22-12-78 To Mr. & Mrs. George BETTS, a son IAN.
(nee Geraldine Johnson)
- 9-1-79 To Mr. & Mrs. Terry SPRUCE, a son MARK FELTON.
(nee Joan Felton)
- ?-1-79 To Mr. & Mrs. Colin MACDONALD, a daughter IRENE ANN.
(nee Irene Smith)

MARRIAGE

26-2-79 David James CLARKE to Gwynne Edwina MOLKENBUHR at the Registrar General's Office.

DEATHS

- 4-12-78 Alexander John BERNTSEN Aged 69.
- 18-1-79 Sidney Simpson LEE Aged 55.
- 11-2-79 Agnes Mary Ann SHORT Aged 71.
- 23-2-79 Emma Jane ALDRIDGE Aged 70.

CAPTAIN FRANK ROWLANDS OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS (Part 3) Part 2 appeared in Issue 2/79.

In the year 1875, Captain Rowlands took a half share in the schooner "Louisa" with the late Captain Hansen of Carcass Island, and traded between here and Sandy Point with intervals for sealing and the killing of Penguins, the latter of which were taken for the oil obtained for them. It was a usual thing to kill as many as 80,000 penguins in the season, from which they got about a half-pint of oil each. This was sold at £25 per ton of 250 gallons, so it will be seen that this was a remunerative business. After some four years of this, Rowlands sold his share of the schooner and took a trip to England with a view to purchasing a schooner of his own. The result was that he bought the "Fair Rosamond" and sailed her out with a cargo for Messrs. Dean & Sons. Leaving Portsmouth on the 1st of January 1881, they encountered a heavy gale for the first nineteen days during which time the Rosamond was hove-to under close-reefed staysail set. This terrible weather continued the whole way to Madeira which was reached in nineteen days, whereas it is only about a four day journey ordinarily. In spite of this inauspicious start, Stanley was reached in sixty two days, whereas the "Denis Brundritt" which left England on Christ-mas day 1880 was a fortnight behind the "Fair Rosamond" at this end.

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Calculators £15.30. CASIO Battery Calculators £10.

We are shortly expecting a further supply of digital watches.

TAXI!!

Mr. Val Berntsen of Stanley has started his own Taxi service which will operate on weekday evenings and Sundays.

DISAPPEARING BANK BALANCE.

The Youth Club of Stanley which always has to function on a less-than-shoestring budget, has been ripped off by a local contractor who installed one window in their club hut for over £200! Another disappointment for the Club was when the Miss Youth Club dance had to be held in the Town Hall Refreshment Room instead of the main hall proper. This was because some law disallows under-15's into the Hall - excepting Weddings!! Repeal it!

ROAD TO RUIN

What a pity now that brass-hats galore are heaping praise on the excellent (and expensive) all-weather track commonly known as the Darwin Road, that Stanley's roads are getting worse day by day. Brandon Road, Davis Street and even the Front Road looks like potholes tied up with asphalt ribbon.

FLAGGED OUT

Police were quick on the scene when a person off the Bahia Buen Suceso which arrived and departed from Port Stanley recently planted an Argentine Flag on the F.I.C's Jetty.

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FLASHBACK

Starting a series of flashback items from the old Colony newspaper the PENGUIN.

THE EDUCATION OF CAMP CHILDREN

It has been long felt by the Government and by a number of parents living in the Camp that the system of education by travelling teachers has not been satisfactory despite the best service that such teachers could give. The alternative offered by the Government by the provision of a hostel in Stanley failed as parents refused to take advantage of it....FEB 7th 1938.

WHALING REPORT

Whaling report from November 16th to November 30th 1937.

| | <u>ACTUAL.</u> | <u>STD.</u> | <u>BARRELS.</u> |
|-------------------|----------------|-------------|-----------------|
| South Georgia Co. | 38 | 19 | 1800 |
| Pesca | 57 | 29 | 3656 |
| | 95 | 48 | 5456 |

Average per standard Whale 113.66.

The weather is reported to be bad but whales more numerous....DEC 11th 1937.

HEALTH BULLETIN No.1 of 1938

This health bulletin will be issued every month. It is hoped that in it you will find from time to time something that is of interest or benefit to you personally. The Medical Department is primarily interested in teaching you how to keep fit, not how to get well. We believe the old saying that an ounce of prevention is worth a POUND of cure. Prime Minister Chamberlain recently said that people nowadays live on the average 19 years longer than when he was born. But what use is mere length of days. Surely what we want is increased health and happiness. It must be common knowledge too that the bluebottle fly lays its eggs in meat and, from our standpoint, has several other undesirable qualities. If all these eggs hatched, producing flies, the air would be blue with them. Actually, only a small percentage ever find suitable conditions to hatch. Still smaller are the number that hatch and thrive, or escape their natural enemies. It follows that the control of the fly problem consists in seeing to it that no suitable breeding places are left.

That sheeps head you have been treasuring in the back yard - do not remove it - destroy it! Your meatsafe - is it flyproof? When was it last scrubbed and lino-washed? When did you last personally inspect it?.....SENIOR MEDICAL OFFICER..1938.

All PENGUINS quoted frome loaned by Mrs. Maggie McLeod, Stanley.

Back to the present year with the FEBRUARY WEATHER.

Temperatures in Degrees Centigrade.

| <u>AVERAGE TEMP.</u> | <u>HIGHEST TEMP.</u> | <u>LOWEST TEMP.</u> | <u>AVERAGE DAILY SUN</u> |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| 10.4 | 22.0 | 4.4 | 7.3 Hours |
| <u>TOTAL RAINFALL</u> | <u>AVERAGE WIND SPEED</u> | <u>HIGHEST GUST</u> | <u>GALE FORCE WIND</u> |
| 55.7 mm | 14.8 Knots | 53 Knots | 19 Hours |
| <u>10 KNOTS OR LESS WIND</u> | <u>GROUND FROST OCCASIONS</u> | | |
| 220 Hours | 1 | | |

Summary: A warm and sunny month with less wind than usual and just about average rainfall.*****

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Issue No 5/79.

APRIL 1979.

HOUSING SITUATION - WHAT HOUSING???

I remember seeing a TV Programme way back in 1973 or 74 highlighting the plight of slum-dwellers in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. These 'slums' were no more than corrugated cardboard cartons and old battered tin sheets erected in a rough and tumble fashion often accommodating up to 4 families. Will that selfsame situation be prevalent in Stanley in future years? Of course not! This is a British Colony old fruit, blow your snout on the Union Jack old boy, the ageing diplomats responsible for the administration of this last vestige of the Glorious Empire will look after all needs. The Falklands is not a Welfare State though some Concillors would like to have outsiders think so, but it is not and more than likely never will be. What major progress is being made on Housing? Huh! With only £15,000 put aside what can one expect? In short, there is not enough accommodation. A lack of a place of abode is surely one of the major factors why most of the young Kelpers and prospective marrieds take a one way ticket north. Who wants to get married and have to live with their parents for want of a place of their own?

who wants to keep on being fobbed off with the excuse "Sorry old man, we've got ex-pats to house". Cobblers! How come the super-expert ex-pats (Pilots, Teachers etc.) are usually allocated a large house when a large majority are single. Why are a lot of houses left empty by the Government? Why are a lot of Kelpers spurned? Keep an eye open, what's the betting that the 'Mortuary Cottage' recently vacated by Alan Tangui is left empty, even though Alan's replacement is not due until September. I hear a rumour that Victory Green is going to be turned into a site for tent-pitching. How the new RentATent scheme works is that people are given a tent token for every £20 they spend in the Central Store and when they collect 50 tokens they are entitled to a tent. If you redeem 100 tokens you are privileged to pitch your tent alongside the Darwin Road although it will be around 18 years before you are able to follow the 'Yellow Brick Road' all the way. No Government, take some money from the Overseas Passage cash and build some houses!

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EDDIE OF THE AIR

Arrangements are in hand for Mr, Eddie Anderson Jnr, to serve an attachment with "Loganair", who operate an airline service in the Shetlands using Islander aircraft. Eddie is currently undergoing pilot training for future work with FIGAS. Eddie's training with Loganair will consist of formal lectures and study as well as flying training.

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POTENTIAL FOR SELF RELIANT TOURIST INDUSTRY

The idea of an organised tourist industry for the Falklands has been brought back into focus with the current visit to the islands of Julian Fitter. Since his last trip in December 1977, the Government has considered his report on the subject and allocated £25,000 to allow the planning to continue. Main objectives of such an industry, according to Mr. Fitter, would be to provide not only tourist facilities, but an improvement in communications within the islands and also provide an additional link with the South American mainland. His scheme is based on the purchase or charter of a vessel capable of carrying up to 36 passengers with a cargo capacity of around 5,000 cubic feet. It would operate on a regular weekly tourist schedule during the summer (October - March) period, offering freight facilities to cargo and also passenger berths when available. During the winter months, the vessel would provide an inter-island service, together with four trips to South America.

Mr. Fitter's plan is to raise the bulk of the capital in the Falklands and register the company locally. He hopes to initially raise the necessary capital - estimated at between £200,000 - £300,000 - from Island companies and individuals. He stresses that the project would not compete with the Falkland Islands Government Air Service (FIGAS) or the inter-island vessel M.V. Monsunen, but would complement them, at the same time providing employment opportunities and additional transport facilities. Julian Fitter says: "The proposal has been designed to provide maximum benefit to all the islanders while at the same time making greater use of the resources of the islands". On an economic note he reckons the enterprise would be making a profit in its third year of operation.

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C & W CUTBACK

Cable and Wireless Ltd are shortly to amend their operational hours which will mean a reduction from their present 15-hour service to one of 10 hours. They claim that this is because of high operating costs plus the observation that the longer service hours are not being utilised.

The company will be closing their Cable office situated in the Town hall and all forms of business will be concentrated at the Main office which is in the grounds of Government House. Hours of business will be: 7am - 5pm during Winter and from 8am - 6pm in the Summer, these new times enabling the working man to call in during lunch hour or after knock-off time. Posts & Telecommunications chief for the Government, Henry Luxton, said that despite the cutback by Cable & Wireless the present hours of broadcasting will not be affected. Government will have to accept the responsibility of operating the transmitters during the evening broadcasts by FIBS previously undertaken by Cable & Wireless Ltd.

The emergency system for Camp R/T's has also been the responsibility of Cable & Wireless who have maintained an out-of-hours listening watch on 2 MegaCycles and 4.5 MegaCycles. This will now fall into the arms of Government who plan to continue the emergency call system.

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VIEWPOINT By Mr.L.G.Blake, Hill Cove.

"Comments on recent Legislation - Employment Tax"

When this Bill was introduced to Council it was described as a progressive measure because we had not had one here before. The reason for the introduction of this type of tax is to reduce over-manning, but in these islands where there is a shortage of labour it tends to lose its basic aim.

LOCAL OBJECTS: To reduce time-wasting billing in the Medical Dept. and to give a free medical service throughout the islands. These objects are to be commended but under the proposed ordinance there will be many times the man hours used in collection of the proposed tax. I would therefore suggest that one of three alternatives should be used.

- 1)..Turn the OAP stamp into one to provide for both pensions and medical services. This would mean that the people with unearned income would get off lighter but the shortfall on the OAP stamp system could be supplemented with an increase in the tax rate for unearned incomes.
- 2)..Raise the tax rates to give the required amount of revenue. This has the advantage of taking no extra labour to collect.
- 3)..Operate the scheme annually rather than monthly, using the income tax returns to calculate the amount due. This system would greatly reduce the time required in collection. If it was felt that to collect the tax at the same time as income tax would be too much for the taxpayer to find at one time, then use the figures on the tax return but collect it say in July.

OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED TAX.

- 1)..The increase in the cost of medical treatment to both the employee and the employer is excessive. The cost to the employees on this farm had the scheme been in operation in 1978 would have been five times what they actually paid and to the farm eight times. As Government will be approximately six times the amount of money from subscriptions in Camp, will there be a reduction in the tax rate or an improvement to the medical service?
- 2)..The additional work load of producing a monthly return of wages paid and monthly accounts is asking too much. On the small farm where accounts are produced quarterly or even half-yearly, the calculation of accurate monthly earnings for a man will be very time consuming. Has Government decided how the one family farmer or the individual shopkeeper will work out his monthly earnings? They will need to produce a monthly profit and loss account or pay themselves a salary and have their payments adjusted at the end of each year when their accounts are approved for tax purposes. How many clerks will it need to keep a check on what each individual in the colony has paid, when at the end of the year the income from other sources like rents, building society interest and dividends have been paid. Presumably, this is why it will cost six times as much for the same medical service, the other five portions are to pay for the extra staff needed to control the new tax.

Taxation in these islands needs to be simple. To introduce a complicated measure like the proposed employment tax to finance the medical subscriptions is lunatic. I believe that this tax is just a revenue raiser with the idea that the public will swallow small increases in two taxes rather than adjusting income tax and.....(OVER)

.....particularly companies tax to meet our needs. Surely one form of direct taxation is enough, we do not need two. One sure result of the increase on the tax burden will be the increase in tax dodging.

I would suggest to a lot of people that it would be worth their while to start asking for their overtime and other special payments in cash. Casual labour is a legitimate labour charge in any accounts.

I would ask our councillors, when they meet at the budget session to complete the second reading of this Bill, to debate it in open council and not hide behind a select committee of the house. Let us see who is for, who is against - and why.

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PATCH PROGRESS

The Green Patch Committee met at Government House recently to discuss the final contractual arrangements for the purchase of Green Patch Farm from the Falkland Island Company. The Committee also finalised the details of the prospectus which will be available soon to all interested applicants.

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HELLO DICK!

A new 'Chief (or Colonial) Secretary' arrived in the Colony on Wednesday 28th March to take over from Mr. John Massingham who left the Falklands on April the 4th. The new CS is Mr. Dick Baker whose most recent appointment prior to these Islands was in the New Hebrides where he served until January 1979.

Dick, aged 45, is accompanied by his wife Connie and his two youngest children, Karer 6½ and Helen who is 5.

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OLD NAVAL PARTY 8901 DEPARTS

Just recently it has been a particularly busy period in Stanley for Customs & Harbour Master Les Halliday and assistant Robert King what with Polish trawlers, yachts, RRS Bransfield, the Annette Danielsen and more recently the Argentine's Cabo San Pio all flitting in and out of Colonial waters. Perhaps the more famous and possibly- for the Marines at least - the most welcome vessel to depart a few weeks ago was the HMS Endurance. Having finished their tour of duty, NP8901 changed faces, Timber, Boris, "Honey-Monster" & Co all half-sad half-glad to be returning home.

Taking the more luxurious way out - air travel - were newlyweds Royal Marine Peter Darts and his wife Darlene (nee Short) and the former Miss Jackie Goodwin, her Marine husband and son Stephen. Some 'not-to-be-taken-too-seriously' booze statistics from 'up the Brook':

Consumed/Quaffed/Guzzled/Sank

BEER:68,000; Gin:10,000+ tots and Bacardi:10,070 tots.

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CAPRI-HORN!

News has been received from crew members of the Norwegian Yacht "Capricornus" which called into Stanley in January and left in February to say that they were safely on the West side of Cape Horn having been attacked by no less than 3 Gales. The crew said they were in good shape but their sails were in a miserable condition due to the gales.

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Items taken from the
Colony's papers of yesteryear.

From "The Falkland Islands News Weekly and Church Bulletin"
January 18th, 1940.

RIVER PLATE BATTLE

The following is the text of a personal telegram sent by His Excellency the Governor to the Secretary of State on Sunday night giving an account of the "Exeter's" fight. There are one or two amplifications of the Governor's actual telegram. These amplifications we have underlined.
- Ed. (Rev.G.K.Lowe.)

Wednesday December 13th was cloudless, calm, perfect visibility, Exeter, Ajax, Achilles in company sighted enemy's battleship believed to be Scheer throughout action of which opening stages only can be given now. She spotted Exeter's tall masts soon after six and opened fire at 12½ miles. Full speed ordered as British Cruisers swung forward into action on a plan rehearsed previous day to meet this eventuality. Exeter to one flank lighter cruisers to other. Engine room work magnificent full pressure in twenty minutes in place of two hours normal. Exeter returned fire. German gunnery remarkably accurate. Vessels steaming parallel first shot from eleven inch amidships but 300 yards short second directly astern third and fourth narrowly missing fifth scoring a hit seventh direct hit impact shell on forward turret killed outright eight out of fifteen of Marines crew and made havoc on bridge immediately above killing navigator and killing or wounding all there except Captain and one other. Exeter closed returning shot for shot and coming under fire of enemy's 5.9 inch guns receiving some forty hits of which three more from 11 inch many shells fell alongside riddling ships sides and upper works causing casualties. Captain then proposed to ram but as five out of six guns out of action the one remaining being aft and steering gear damaged operation doubtful ship had to fall out of action as no longer serviceable fighting unit. For last forty-five minutes from shortly after seven Captain had to fight from after control just forward of main-mast and steer through chain of ten sailors carrying word from man to man after steering wheel and engine room. Numerous fires broke out but kept under by drenchings from shells by men throwing burning materials overboard and staunch fire parties some fine rescues made Graf Spee concentrated on destruction of Exeter in early stages this facilitating manoeuvring of sister cruisers who herded and shot up battleship throughout the day. Grievous tale of Exeter's killed more than all others combined on both sides tells the cost. Of heroism of wounded much might be said as an example of manner in which they met their fate one man with both legs shot off said on enquiry- "Not doing too badly, Sir, under somewhat adverse circumstances." He died ashore. The intrepidity and coolness of officers and men one and all in the Captain's word were "Superb."

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The Royal Marines who lost their lives on HMS EXETER: Bert Blandford, Alfred J. Croker, Stanley P. Harrington, Ronald B. Hill, William Marsh, Edward Mills, Agean Stubbs and James McEvoy.

More Flashback items on PAGE 9....

FOOTBALL RESULTS

| | | | |
|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------|---|
| <u>Boy's League</u> | HOTSHOT WANDERERS . 4 | REDSKIN ROVERS | 1 |
| | HOTSHOT WANDERERS 1 | DYNAMO DEVILS | 2 |
| | REDSKIN ROVERS 2 | HOTSHOT WAND'S | 0 |
| | REDSKIN ROVERS 0 | DYNAMO DEVILS | 0 |

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|-------------------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <u>Final Positions.</u> | <u>Points.</u> | <u>TOP SCORERS</u> | |
| DYNAMO DEVILS..... | 10 | Summers..9 | Miranda..7 |
| HOTSHOT WANDERERS..... | 7 | Rowlands.5 | Peck and Cofre ..4 |
| REDSKIN ROVERS..... | 7 | | |

FALKLAND ISLANDS LEAGUE

League Champions 1978/79:-
DYNAMOS.

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|-------------------------|----------------|---------------------|----|
| <u>Final Positions.</u> | <u>Points.</u> | <u>TOP SCORERS.</u> | |
| DYNAMOS..... | 18 | Taff Philips.... | 16 |
| MUSTANGS..... | 17 | Rick Haynes..... | 14 |
| REDSOX..... | 13 | Pat Watts..... | 14 |
| RANGERS..... | 12 | Chris Horlick...12 | |
| | | Steve Newlands.. | 8 |

(Pat Watts is the only 'non-Marine in the above list!')

Friendly: LEAGUE CHAMPIONS 7 THE REST 4
 EYE CATCHERS 8 BRANSFIELD 1

SHIELD TOURNAMENT

Champions::: STANLEY
 Runners up::: ROYAL MARINES
 3rd:: H.M.S.ENDURANCE

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DEATH OF BOB SNELL

Mrs Blanche McAskill received news via the mail on Wednesday March 21st of the passing of Mr. Bob Snell, who died peacefully at his home on February 20th. Bob - real name Arnold - Snell would have been 83 on March 9th. Bob spent the greater part of the War years in the Falklands and he lived with the McAskill's.

For most of his stay here he was in charge of the Ammunition Dump/Depot. During his stay he made many throughout the Islands and he always kept in touch with the McAskill's.

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TEENA'S TRIUMPH

Mrs Thelma Ferguson has written from Weddell Island to say that her daughter Teena has received word that she has passed 4 'O' Levels. Teena attended St. Mary's School in Cordoba, Argentina until Christmas 1978. Subjects passed were English Literature, English Language Geography and Spanish. Mum says: "Well done Teena!"

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From "The Falkland Islands Weekly News" Vol.2 No.47,
November 22nd 1945.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sir,

I wonder how many of us realise that we do not live in Port Stanley at all?

In fact the name is Stanley, just plain. It was given to the new town by Governor Moody in honour of Lord Stanley who was Secretary of State for the Colonies 1841-44, as it was Lord Stanley who, on the advice of the Admiralty, ordered the removal of the chief settlement from Port Louis to the present town.

2. While on the subject of local names I should like to point out that the sheltered spot at the turn of the road before it ascends to the Battle Memorial is named "Italy" not "Little Italy". The name "Italy" was obviously given as the place on a sunny day is so warm and sheltered, suggesting a climate different from this.

The incorrect "Little Italy" was invented quite recently by a person who had only just come here and could not be bothered to find out the right name.

Anyway "Little Italy" when spoken sounds like a series of rather disagreeable clicks so that besides being wrong it is unpleasant to hear.

Yours &c.

J.L.H.

At the Police Court last Friday, Darwin Jacob Goss was charged with being drunk in Stanley. Accused who plead guilty was fined £1 as this was a second offence.

LOST - We are asked to publish the following- an attache case containing wool, belonging to Mrs Clement, Fox Bay has been lost.

A.C. Phillip Hardy and Sgt. Air Gunner James Dettleff were representatives for the Falklands at the Empire Day Festivals.

Above items taken from "The Falkland Islands Weekly News" 31/5/45.

From "The Falkland Islands Magazine & Church Paper" December 1913.

The Falkland Islands may be a summer health resort for people living in Argentina. Why not advertise its merits? e.g.--- "The construction of the New Town Hall and Hospital should greatly increase the tourist traffic into this charming old riparian Cathedral City. Magnificent weather continues this month, - sunshine say 23 hours, and rainfall, four quarters and a bit. The seashore of the Harbour forms a fascinating resort for the elite & fashionable vistor, children and dogs, all of whom can seek at low tide for stranded treasure, especially bits of a boat called the "Oravia". The Malvina Arms Hotel, SPEC.TERMS BED BRKFST. CINEMA THET. SAT.8. USUAL PRIC.FTLITS CLB. NIGHTLY. I DT THK."

KID'S PARTY FAILURE

Some members of Stanley's progressive rock band "Candlepower" staged a dance in the Town Hall on Thursday April the 12th from 10pm-1am in an attempt to raise funds to finance a Children's Easter Party. Even though a fairly reasonable crowd turned up, a mere £11 profit was realised. The bar was run privately therefore the profits from this were nothing to do with Candlepower, which was a pity as the bar - as usual - was packed throughout the evening. Due to two members of the group being otherwise engaged, Candlepower could not play "live" and music was provided by Mr. Graham Bound. Candlepower hope to hold another dance in the near future and carry on with a kids party.

Stanley's other band "Agatha Christie" will be making their next appearance minus the services of Mr. Terry Betts, vocalist, who has quit. Isobel Castle has rejoined the band and will take over lead vocalist spot. I hear that one of AG's members is planning to sing "I love a little Dutch Girl". Haw! Haw!

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ROBIN ROSS DOES WELL

News has been received that Mr. Robin Ross has passed his examination for a "Coastal Skippers Ticket." Robin is in a nautical training college in Skaagen in Denmark and the above mentioned examination was in 8 parts with the added "extra" for Robin of being entirely in Danish. Robin said that after 3 days at the school in October 1978 he was ready to give up because he only knew a few words of Danish, but early in March of this year he was congratulated in front of his class for his linguistic ability.

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NO MORE EDUCATION ALLOWANCES

Following the abolition of the Overseas Scholarships a few months ago, at recent meetings held between Executive Council and Legislative Council members, it was decided that in future the grant of Overseas Education Allowances should also be discontinued. Present beneficiaries would still collect their allowances though. This is in accordance with the established policy of concentrating all available resources on the provision of secondary education facilities within the Colony itself rather than providing for alternative facilities overseas.

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TOUGHER POLICE BILL. In connection with

the road traffic law, a Bill to give the Police greater powers to deal with persons believed to have been drinking and driving was remitted to Legislature for enactment in due course, and Council also discussed the possibility of abolishing the post of Social Welfare Officer, as it is not considered a justifiable post in such a small community.

THE FALKLAND ISLANDS TIMES

Price: THIRTEEN PENCE



Overseas 15p. (USA 35p) ISSUE NO: 6/79. MAY 1979.
THE INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER OF THE BRITISH COLONY OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

COVER'S GALORE.

The Commemorative set of Stamps released to celebrate the Official Inauguration of Stanley Airport on May 1st, sold well when they were pre-issued on April 30th. Some £2,000 worth were sold. 4,700 special First Day Covers - printed locally by V.T.King at the Government Press - were all sold by Monday afternoon. It is estimated that over 8,000 covers all told were posted at the special postbox at Stanley Airport on May 1st.

REID BETWEEN THE LINES!

Strange things seem to be happening in the Transocean Construction and Trading outfit (TCT) with the sudden un-announced departure of Director and Project Manager Neil Reid. His exit was followed by Gunite Expert Tony Nilsson and side-kick Jack Morgan. Mr.L.Drowne, seemingly Reid's replacement on the Hostel Project, refused to comment on the reasons for Reid's departure.

CHRISTIE-CUFFS.

At the end of the Colony Ball on May 1st, which was held in the Town Hall in Stanley as a social event organised to celebrate the opening of Stanley Airport and the visit of HMS ASHANTI, a tribal class Frigate, a punch-up backstage occured between two members of the local bubblegum band 'Agatha Christie.' The fracas resulted in the Bass player being knocked off the stage and the Rhythm guitarist sustained a few punches in the mouth. One member of the line up is said to have quit. Since Christi'es inception last year by Terry and Alec Betts and Dave Colville, quite a few personnel changes have been effected. Agatha Christie will probably carry on as a four-piece band with Pete King, Alec Betts and the Robson brothers.

ASHANTI SQUASHED

In a tournament arranged between Stanley Squash Team and that of HMS Ashanti, Stanley managed to semi-pulverise the Jolly Jack Tars. John Peatfield beat Jerry Shadbolt 9-3, 9-1, 9-2. Ian Jones beat Eric Barrett 9-1, 9-6, 9-2. Steve Whitley beat Richard Staveley 9-1, 9-6, 9-2. Frank O'Reilly beat Dudley McDonald 9-0, 9-0, 9-2 and Jem Baylis beat Richard Dalrymple-Smith 9-2, 9-7, 9-3. Victory over the Ashanti came in the form of Rugby as well, Stanley Combined Team winning 12-0 all points in this match being earned by Richard Cain.

POLEAXED!

Saturday the 28th of April saw an unusual occurence in the sporting vista of the Falklands. A match between a Polish team gleaned from ships in Port William and a Stanley team had to be abandoned because of constant foul play by the Polacks. Abandonment score was 2-0 to Stanley.

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A TREATISE ON IRRITABILITY...."LORNARISM"

By Ron Nam and Alan Hung - University of Kuala Lumpur

For some time, the existence of petty officiousness among minor Government officials has been recognised and has now been officially classified "Lornarism". Lornarism normally takes the form of misapplication of authority, normally to the benefit of the perpetrator and the detriment of the victim. While it is not yet prevalent here in the Falkland Islands, it could well be dormant, awaiting only the right(or wrong) moment to raise its head. To this end it is felt that a brief outline of its normal progression could serve to help in its early diagnosis by anyone meeting it. While it is not possible to be specific since all cases differ slightly it is however fairly easy to generalise the main points under the following heads.

1..EGOISM: The Lornarised official will always ensure that his own interests are fully served by way of accommodation and home comforts regardless of the availability of labour and stores. He will ensure that the workforce under his control is always readily available to be deployed at his whim - even if this means redirecting them from unfinished work, using as his excuse inclement weather etcetera.

2..OBSTRUCTIONISM: In order to nurture his Cromwellian outlook he will endeavour to make difficult the simplest of operations. A request will only be met if it meets with all his criteria (often made-up on the spot to suit the occasion) such as: decoration of an abode will only be permitted if colours fall within a range of some half-dozen even though around 240 colours exist.

3..SQUIRELISM: Once Lornarised, the minion finds it almost impossible to part with anything remotely useful - not necessarily to himself since he ensures that his is fully taken care of - but once an item reaches the shelves of his sanctum, the removal and issue of that item appears to give him both mental and physical anguish. Under these circumstances it can take from 10 days to 4 weeks to receive an item from him no matter how urgent the need.

4..GRANDEURISM: The self-illusion of grandeur in the Lornarised person shows itself in his need for glorification and gratitude. Requests, when finally granted, are fulfilled with a great show of benevolence and bonhomie in his struggle for camaraderie. Fortunately, this shallow facade is transparently obvious to even the least discerning observer.

5..PROCRASTINISM: The inability to come to positive decisions and the fear that he may be doing something helpful for nothing causes the Lornarist to postpone actions as long as possible. This attitude helps to further his ego in that he can afterwards tell himself that "I made them wait till I was ready."

These are but a few of the symptoms of Lornarism and the list could be easily added to by anyone who has had the misfortune to have to deal with anyone affected by it. The reason for calling the affliction by the name Lornarism is not known, though it is believed to be a corruption of the name of one of the cases studied. Since the research was done in Africa that country managed to rid itself of the main carrier. Finally, watch for signs when dealing with minor officials and remember that the best way to deal with them is not to allow oneself to be brow beaten or put off. Demand your rights but expect no favours...THE END.

SOCCER RESULT

MAY 2nd:.....STANLEY 1 H.M.S.ASHANTI 3
Watts Turner (2)
Everard

POEM COMPOSED BY DES PECK

"FALKLAND ISLANDS...A LITTLE PIECE OF HEAVEN."

Why are the Falklands outstanding
So many have said this before
I've tried to find the answer
As Tourists increase more and more.

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Why are these Islands so peaceful
The answer which surely must be
They are really part of Heaven
Which came tumbling down to the sea.

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Maybe there was an eruption in Heaven
Which caused this land to break away
So the Angels chased it down to Earth
And decided, this is where it should stay.

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So we're a little piece of Heaven
Although not in History
Where peace and goodwill, exists today
In such a small com-mun-ity.

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Yes I think we are part of Heaven
That's why I picked up my pen
Where we don't like war, sorrow or strife
But peace and goodwill among men.

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F O R S A L E

One of the most outstanding businesses in the past 25 years, and still is today; situated in the best place in Stanley, head of the Pier and the ideal place for Tourist Trade, is offered for sale. Complete with a very large stock, warehouse and large van which has been fully re-conditioned and also spare parts.....THE PHILOMEL STORE.....We are sole agents for some of the best Companies, and these are secured for the buyer. A most enterprising business for anyone wanting to immigrate to the Falkland Islands. Also offered with the business is an excellent house comprising 2 large bedrooms, 2 medium bedrooms, sitting room, dining room, large kitchen, bathroom, scullery and 2 years firing in the shed. Can be sold complete with furniture or without. Prefer to sell the lot together, but will sell separately. For further particulars please apply to the owner: DES PECK, STANLEY. Anyone wishing to contact me while in UK should address enquiries to: DES PECK, C/O MRS.M.PECK, 63 WARWICK STREET, OXFORD.

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A meeting of the Rugby Club got under way at the Rose Hotel in Stanley on the evening of April 25th. According to a Newsletter item from the Club "The major changes hinge round Malcolm Ashworths generous offer to allow the Dairy Paddock to be used as a new pitch. This pitch is very close to Town and the Club hope this will lead to increased support and plenty of new players. The plan is that a match will be played every Sunday morning and whoever turns up for a game will get one even if for a few minutes. Once a month a full match will be played between the Stanley and Marine teams."

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THE INS AND THE OUTS

ARRIVALS

F28 Wednesday 18th April 1979:-

Mr.L.Goodwin; Mr.G.Johnson; Mr. J.G.Sandison; Mr.W.J.Warren and 6 Others.

F28 Wednesday 25th April 1979:-

Mr.A.Carey; Mr.S.J.Lade and Richard; Mr.G.Myers; Mr.L.Browne; Mr & Mrs.A.Short and Marc; Mrs. J.Oyarsien and 7 Others.

F27 Friday 20th April 1979:-

Vice Comodore E.Canosa and Mrs B.Sharp.

F27 Friday 27th April 1979

Sir Vivian Ernest Fuchs; KT, FRS. 7 Others.

DEPARTURES

F28 Wednesday 18th April 1979:-

Mr.G.Betts; Mr.J.Collard; Mr.A.M. Carey; Mr.E.Canosa; Mr. & Mrs. C. Castagna; Mr. & Mrs.T.J.Lamin; Mr.G.Myers; Mr.J.M.Osborne; Mr. & Mrs.R.J Summers and Mark; Mr.& Mrs. G.Thompson; Mr. & Mrs. D.D. Youngquist and 2 children and 5 Others.

F27 Friday April 20th 1979:-

9 Tourists

F28 Wednesday April 25th 1979:-

Mr.W.J.Warren; Mr.&Mrs J.Alazia and Andrew; Mr. & Mrs. C.Clifton; Bishop R.Cutts; Mr.J.Ferguson; Miss C.Ferguson; Mr. & Mrs. D.E.Gray and 2 children; Mrs.E.Jaffray and Terence; Mr.A.D.B.Roberts; Mrs. B. Sharp; Mr. & Mrs. P.Wemyss and 4 children and 2 Tourists.

F27 Friday 27th April 1979:-

Mr. & Mrs. M.Harris; Mrs. M.Smith; Mr. M.Dibble; Mr.N.Reid; Miss and Master Shaw and 1 Other.

STAMPS WANTED

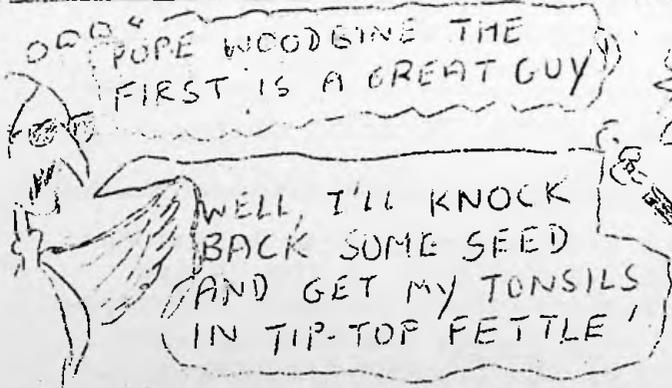
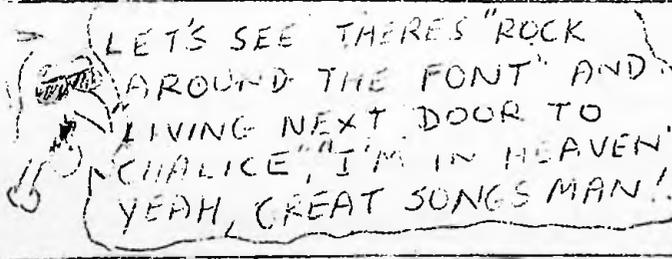
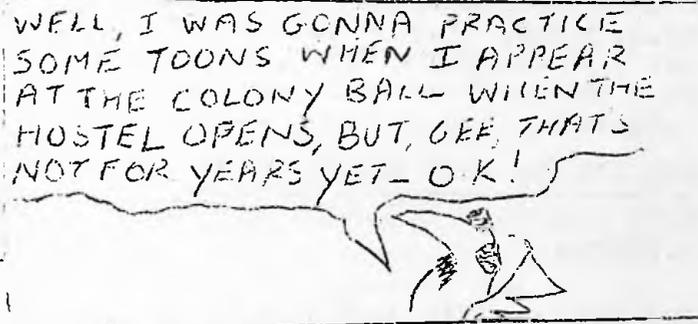
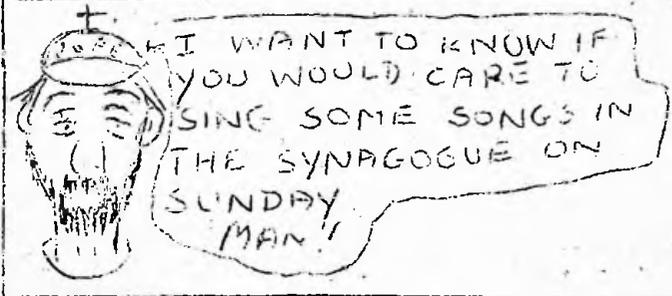
"I wonder if I can get you to do a favour for me. I'd love to get some of the beautiful used Falkland Islands stamps."

Anyone who wants to send some stamps (used) can send them to: Mrs. Gladys Lewis, 26 Julia Drive, Guelph, Ontario, Canada N1H 5W1.

MR.C.DAVIS (Ex Falkland Islands) wishes to hear urgently from Islanders on the subject of 'KEEPING THE F.I.BRITISH'. A few MP's in the UK are willing to organise good press coverage, Parliamentary pressure and possible TV coverage. Good material required, hard facts, anything on incidents etc, anything on the adverse effects of the present arrangements. REPLY SOONEST TO: MR.C.I.DAVIS, 5 YORK ROAD, ILFORD, ESSEX, U.K.



P. NUT THE PARROT by Sir Kastik



P. NUTS RELIGO-ROCK CONCERT IN THE JUNE ISSUE! DON'T MISS IT.

PENFRIENDS WANTED

"I am a 17 years old boy living in West Germany. I am very interested to find a penfriend at the Falkland Islands". This lad says he can write in English, German or French. KAI MICKLEY, FALKENBURGERSTR. 106A, 2360 BAD SEGEBERG, WEST GERMANY.

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Stephen Thomas is a 16 year old boy who has a ten year old pet budgie!
STEPHEN THOMAS, 7 TREGELLES ROAD, LONGFORD, NEATH ABBEY, NEATH,
WEST GLAMORGAN, SOUTH WALES SA10 7HT, U.K.

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HELP WANTED

Dear Sir,

I greatly enjoy your magazine sent to me from Mrs. Betty Ford - with whom I have corresponded for many years. I wonder if any of your readers would care to send me their used (or unused) stamps to help 'The Guide Dogs for the Blind', which I have supported and helped since 1942! I would be so grateful, and it all helps to give freedom and independence to a blind person.

MISS EILEEN S. MCCUINNESS, 15 QUEEN'S ROAD, NEWBURY, BERKSHIRE, RG14 7NH.

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"Dear Sir,

I am interested in buying colour photographs pertaining to the Falkland Islands, for possible future use in printing picture postcards. The list is almost endless, in regard to subjects that can be used - --Working with sheep, local people at work in various local settings, local small boats, parks, monuments, festive events, unusual pictures of young people, local dances, beauty contest participants, old forts, wildlife, beach scenes-----, This project is strictly a gamble, and I have to work on a very small budget, but I am willing to pay 2 United States Dollars for each photo I can use. They should be clear, of good colour, and interesting. I would prefer pictures that do not need to be returned, as if response was large, the return postage could be expensive." DONALD HITCHCOCK, SR., R.D.4, PULASKI, NEW YORK 13142, U.S.A.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS STAMP PROGRAMME 1970

Please note that dates given are only provisional, and a month or so difference may be forthcoming.

SIR ROWLAND HILL ISSUE:- Release Date: August 1970.
Denominations: 3p, 4p, 25p and a 33p Souvenir Sheetlet.

Subject: Reproduction of the following postage stamps together with portrait of Sir Rowland Hill.

- 1d Falkland Islands 1953 Coronation Stamp
- 1d Falkland Islands 1878/79 Issue
- 1d Great Britain 1840 Issue

.5/- Falkland Islands 1912/20 Issue.

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CENTENARY OF FALKLAND ISLANDS ACCESSION TO UPU. (Union Postale Universelle)

Release Date: October 1979.

Denominations: Approximate value 60p.

Subject: Mail deliveries by various methods during the past 100 years.

- (a) Overland - Horse and Packhorse.
- (b) Sea - Schooner.
- (c) Air - Beaver Seaplane.

Info from: Philatelic Bureau, Port Stanley, Falkland Islands.

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CAPTAIN FRANK ROWLANDS OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS...CONCLUSION.

After running the "Fair Rosamond" for about eight years, Captain Rowlands was induced to take command of the "Castella" for the Falkland Islands Company, putting Captain John Jones in charge of the "Fair Rosamond" until, in 1892, she was sold to the Company. At the end of some four years as Master of the Castella, that vessel was wrecked on Weddell Island, dragging ashore and so seriously damaging her keel that she had to be abandoned.

In 1893 another trip to England was the order of the day, and after a spell there, the "Fortuna" was purchased to replace the Castella and the 'Commodore' was appointed to sail her out. Loading with a cargo principally for Messrs. Packe Bros. & Company, the "Fortuna" left Portsmouth on St. Valentines Day 1894, and after a very fine passage, arrived at Dunnoose Head in forty-nine days....The End.

EDITOR'S NOTE: There seems to be some sort of confusion in the manuscript as to whether the name of Captain Rowlands' command was the "Castella" or as mentioned in other places as the "Castalia". I'll leave it to the bona-fide historians to sort that one out. I'd like to say thanks to Jim Lellman for the loan of the manuscript which appeared in the "Stanley Comet" of the 18th April 1902.

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WHERE HAVE ALL THE EXPLORERS GONE?...PART 1.

By H.V. WATSON

The considered abuse of the postage stamp by the Argentine authorities where the Falkland Islands, South Georgia, South Sandwich Islands and British Antarctic Territory is concerned is an irritating subject which has failed to reach print in philately. Yet the matter is widely discussed by people who collect the stamps of these postal regions. To provide a measure of clarity with regard to the geographical aspect of what this article contains it is necessary to appreciate what exactly is meant by the term Dependencies and British Antarctic Territory. The Dependencies of the Falkland Islands involve South Georgia, Shag and Clerke Rock Islands. And the South Sandwich Islands comprising the Islands of Candlemas, Saunders, Montague, Bristol and South Thule. These islands were discovered by Captain James Cook, R.N. British Antarctic Territory comprise all islands and land mass south of the latitude 60 degrees, and inside the longitude of 80 to 20 degrees to the South Pole. (Cont.P.9)..

.....The approach in terms of British exploration in the South Atlantic Ocean in this instance is a journey to the Falkland Islands, South Georgia, South Sandwich Islands, around the many islands of the South Shetland and South Orkney and on the land mass of Antarctica to the South Pole. Britain owes honour to the men of the maritime services of the Armed Services, Mercantile Marine and the many scientists who entered into this zone on exploration and participated in the pursuit of knowledge in a part of the world that is beyond the ken of a vast number of people in Britain.

A continent disparate to any other.

It is equitable to name a few of the intrepid explorers of the 16th and 17th centuries. Drake, Cook, Furneaux, Cavendish, Davis, Hawkins, Fenton, Chidley, Cowley and Strong. And in the 18th century; Halley, Funnell, Clipperton, Anson, Rogers, C. Byron, Narborough, J. Byron and Wallis. The 19th century also had such men as Williams, Bransfield, Biscoe, Kemp, Weddell, Clarke-Ross, Crozier, Freeman, Fitzroy, Skyring, Bruce and Foster. The 20th century brought us men of exploration and daring also - willing to undertake the hazards and face adversity with courage as many did; Scott, Shackleton, Rymill, Fuchs, Bruce, Bernacchi and their companions. The list of names of British explorers far exceeds the contents of this article so those named must represent the many valiant others equally deserving of mention. The annals of British exploratory history in records, books and the places named by these men are indelibly marked and preserved from oblivion. Few of the individuals named and those unnamed have received the distinction they deserve: to be immortalised through the media of philately. This is a fact that stamp collectors have keenly observed with displeasure. Has such a lack of imagination by the postal authorities concerned in the past resulted from a conservative approach to philately?

The last definitive issue of British Antarctic Territory was acknowledged to be superb. Yet, a question that is asked is: "Why were not all the explorers in this series British?". Scott could never have undertaken his fateful journey to the South Pole without his companions. One country that has accepted the opportunity to enhance its image at British expense has been Argentine officialdom with insinuations on commemorative issues. In fact, the word propaganda would not be a misplaced word, whether it has been used for internal emphasis or foreign dissemination.

In 1947 the very first stamp concerned with Antarctica was released by Argentina. It was the 43rd Anniversary of the 'First Argentine Antarctic Mail', SG.91/92.

By admission 43 years later there was no reason to do so before. Would the authorities have sent a vessel over 1000 miles to deliver a few letters? For this auspicious occasion the details can be unfolded.

The answer as to how Argentine nationals gained a foothold on British Antarctic Territory of the South Orkney Islands concerns the scientific expedition of William Bruce in 1902. The all Scottish expedition landed on Laurie Island at a position of Scotia Bay. 60° 43' South - 44° 38' West. The purpose of this expedition were hydrographical, meteorological and biological studies. A house was built and named 'Omond House' and another building adjacent which housed all the scientific instruments was named Copeland observatory.

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BIRTHS

March 10th...London...To Mr & Mrs Colin Goodwin, a son GARETH KEVIN.
Wt: 6lbs 10ozs.

March 23rd...Cardiff..To Mr & Mrs Colin Marshall (Nee Bonner), a
daughter JANE ANNE. Wt:5lbs 8ozs.

April 10th...London...To Mr & Mrs Colin Blyth, a son, PHILIP ALEXANDER,
Wt:7lbs 14Ozs.

April 21st...Alvear Hospital, Comodoro Rivadavia, Argentina to
Mr & Mrs Andres Short, a son, MARC PETER. Wt; 9lbs.

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YOUTH CLUB BAZAAR

On Saturday April the 28th, the Youth Club held a fund raising Funfair/Bazaar in the Parish Hall. Sir Vivian Fuchs officially opened the event, and after speeches by the Governor and himself, Sir Vivian had a go on a skittle game. This latest Youth Club event that lasted for 5 hours raised £660.

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WILDLIFE CLUB

A Wildlife Club is being started in Stanley Junior School. The club will have two main aims: (a) To stimulate interest in and knowledge of the local wildlife and (b) To foster an interest in conservation. The Club will have links with the Young Ornithologists Club in Britain.

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A LONG WAIT UNTIL JUNE

This edition will be the last until fresh paper supplies hopefully materialise on the June Charter Vessel. Thanks are due to the FIC for keeping me supplied to date. THE FALKLAND ISLANDS TIMES IS EDITED, PRINTED AND PUBLISHED BY DAVE COLVILLE IN PORT STANLEY. ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO POSTBOX 60 STANLEY, FALKLAND ISLANDS. Copyright 1979 Times Publishing.

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WATER BABY

Sally Poncet, who together with her husband Jerome have been flitting around Antarctic waters for some time in their yacht "Damien II", gave birth to a boy on Sunday April the 15th. Australian Sally and husband Jerome, who is French, made their way to Leith Harbour in South Georgia where the baby was born. An appeal was broadcast last year for help from Mothers in the Falklands in supplying necessary items related to childbirth and post-natal care. Both baby and mum are said to be doing well.

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STANLEY AIRPORT OFFICIALLY OPENED

May 1st was a Public Holiday in Stanley and this was so because of the ceremonies attached to the Official Inauguration of Stanley Airport. Sir Vivian Fuchs, Knight and Fellow of the Royal Society, unveiled a temporary plaque after speeches by himself and the Governor. A fly past consisting of a Beaver piloted by John Ayres and the two Cessna's owned by Robin Pitaluga and Bill Luxton then took place. Afterwards, a beer and sherry party was held in the Town Hall. As the HMS ASHANTI arrived on the morning of May 1st, a Royal Navy detachment was included in the Airport Guard of Honour together with the Royal Marines and Falkland Islands Defence force.

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THE INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER OF THE COLONY OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDSA REPLY TO "LORNARISM" By N.J.LAUGHNA

I read with great personal interest the article in the last issue of the 'Falkland Islands Times' by Messrs. Ron Nam and Alan Hung entitled "A Treatise on Irritability" The ailment described, which I prefer to call 'officiousness' is rightly to be condemned and eradicated and I congratulate the learned authors on their well intentioned research.

Incidentally, I do not appear to have encountered these Gentlemen but presume that if they have adopted a pseudonym they cannot be Government Officers for, as is well known, it is a breach of Colonial Regulations for Government Officers to publish anything in a newspaper except under their real names - unless of course they have permission to do so.

I was interested to learn that the ailment has been identified in Africa. However, certainly during the time that I served in Botswana with the Botswana Housing Corporation there was no evidence of it, at least in my department, and this was one of the reasons for the reluctance I felt when for personal reasons I had to refuse the offer of a third two-year contract at the end of my last tour of duty.

Happily, I can reassure the learned authors that, at least in the section of PWD for which I am responsible, the ailment has not even got a toehold. There, none of the symptoms so helpfully described by them can be found even after the most vigilant investigation, and only the most jaundiced eye can deceive itself into thinking it discerns any cause whatsoever for alarm. Allow me to deal with the symptoms and dispel any fears that readers of the "TIMES" may feel in consequence of the excessive zeal with which the authors describe the horrors that attend an outbreak of the sickness.

EGOISM:-There is no sign of it at all. Could it be that the learned authors have not read the correct reference books, or have not 'swotted' up at all? All in the Colony, except the most embittered and unreasonable, will vouch that I have done my best to satisfy the competing demands of those requiring the services of the buildings section of the department, often when labour was in short supply or stocks of items in the Government Store were exceeded by demand.

OBSTRUCTIONISM:-Again, no sign of the symptom. Here, freedom of choice is the motto and homework by the authors would show a figure of 400+ is more accurate than that quoted for colours of paint. It is quite untrue that the choice of paint colours is restricted. Colour charts are made available. Any of those colours can, and will be, mixed on our mixing machine. Sometimes, there are unavoidable difficulties for the reasons mentioned above, but no obstacles are placed in the way of anyone seeking the assistance of the buildings section of PWD.

SQUIRRELISM:-Certainly not true in PWD. Could the authors be suffering themselves both physical and mental anguish? Would they recognise the symptom? Very doubtful indeed! Items are not stored in the Government Store for the sake of it. Space is too valuable! A vast quantity of various items from the store is now being appreciated by many persons in the Colony who have the use of it. They, no doubt, are grateful, although gratitude is not sought. The system of lending out items from the store is about to be revised shortly to make it even fairer and even more efficient.

GRANDEURISM:-Not evident in the building section of PWD. I personally have no illusions as to my position in the hierarchy of the department, can such be said for the learned authors?

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STAMPS WANTED

"Dear Sir;

I am very much interested in finding a source in your area for the purchase of used postage stamps. I would appreciate it very much if you could help me in this endeavour. I am thinking along the lines of Banks, Insurance companies, Church organisations Boy's Clubs etc. In other words, anyone who receives a large bulk of mail.

I would pay for the stamps with U.S. Currency, including, of course, any postage and custom duties if any apply.

Thanking you in advance.

GEORGE SOLYMOSSY, 1930-30th STREET, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, 92102 USA.

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APOLOGY TO MR. GRAHAM BOUND.

The Editor has been informed that the cartoon "P.Nutt the Parrot" which appeared in the last edition of the Falkland Islands Times has caused Mr.Graham Bound considerable annoyance and would like to apologise accordingly for any upset or possible damage to his business caused, which was entirely unintentional. Any satirical representation of Mr.Bound and his business is regretted.

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THE INS AND THE OUTS

ARRIVALS

Via F27 Friday 4th May:
Mr.R.J.Macbeth and 8 tourists.

Via F28 Wednesday 9th May:
Mr.W.Etheridge; Mr.R.Hardy;
Mr. & Mrs.M.Harris; Mr.P.Winter,
3 tourists.

DEPARTURES

Via F27 Sunday 6th May:-
8 Tourists.

Via F28 Wednesday 9th May:
Mr. & Mrs. H.L.Bound;
Mrs.K.Berntsen, Mr.P.Berntsen,
Mr.E.Balfour, Mrs.M.Binnie,
Mr.E.Canosa, Mr.T.Featherbe,

Mr.R.Fogerty and child, Miss.R.Felton,
Mrs.Craigie-Halkett, Mr.J.Jones, Mr.A.Jones, Mr.R.May, Miss. G.Molken-
buhr, Mr. & Mrs.F.Marsh, Mr.R.Maddocks, Mr. & Mrs. W.McLeod and Mike,
Mr.R.McRae, Mr.M.McLeod, Mr.P.McKay, Mrs. F.Peake and children,
Mr.D.Pateman, Mr. & Mrs. W.Poolle, Mr. & Mrs. R.Smith and children,
Mr. & Mrs. G.Short and David, Mr.J.Short, Mr. & Mrs.D.Sollis, Mr. &
Mrs. R.Watson, Mr.R.Hernandez.

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A "Newsletter" report of the visit to Fox Bay of H.M.S.ASHANTI.

The visit of the Ashanti to Fox Bay was a most successful one, although the weather made it difficult for communication between ship and shore. The heavy southerly swell began to make itself felt in the morning when the Forrest, attempting to get alongside Ashanti, broke 3 mooring lines. Forrest, under the command of Nutt Goodwin, was finally made fast to Ashanti, enabling Fox Bay East manager Richard Cockwell to pay a courtesy visit onboard. Because of the problems of getting the sailors ashore, only 60 were able to visit the settlements. The football team went to the West side and played against a West team which had the assistance of some Endurance players. The result was the same as that in Stanley 3-1 to the visitors. His Excellency the Governor and Mrs.Parker had travelled by Beaver to Fox Bay, and they along with Sir Vivian Fuchs and Captain Blackham, took lunch with Manager Jimmy Robertson and wife. On the East side, 10 Officers dined with Richard and Grizelda Cockwell. Those of the crew who managed to get ashore were entertained by the settlement people in their homes at Fox Bay East while the folk of Fox Bay West laid on a buffet lunch for 30 sailors. Leaving on the morning of May 5th, Ashanti travelled northwards up Falkland Sound to call at Montevideo, Rio, Recife, Dakar, and Gibraltar before returning to England.

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COMMONWEALTH DAY ART COMPETITION RESULTS

The Commonwealth Day Art Competition organised by the Education Dept., attracted a large response with over 50 paintings, designs and models being entered. More than 20 entries were forthcoming from Camp.

JUDGES: Hon.W.Bowles, Miss S.Giles and Mrs.M.Shaw.

GROUP ONE 4-6 year old age group.

1st: JILL WATSON (Stanley) 2nd: SARA MCPHEE (Stanley).

Special Mention: ANGELA HURST (Fox Bay East), ANNALIESE CLARKE (Pebble Island) KERRI & ANDREA MALBY (Fox Bay East).

GROUP TWO 7-9 year old age group.

1st: ANDREW NEWMAN (Green Patch) 2nd: LISA WATSON (Stanley)

Special Mention: CHRISTOPHER HURST (Fox Bay East) KEVIN HEWITT (Stanley) RACHEL REID (Stanley).

GROUP THREE 10+ age group.

1st: VIOLET CLARKE (Darwin School) 2nd: MORGAN GOSS (Darwin School).

Special Mention: DIANE BETTS (Pebble Island) DIANE BERNTSEN (Darwin School) BASIL FARIA (Darwin School).

An exhibition of all work connected with this competition is to be held in the Junior School sometime in June.

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MAY BALL FORECAST:

With the Annual May Ball organised by the local Boy's Brigade looming on the horizon once again, it is hoped that there will be enough girls (what with all the recent departures) to make up the final 12. How's this for a forecast of the result:

1st: Colleen Carey, 2nd: Jeannie Dobbins

A report of the May Ball activities will appear in the June edition.

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FLASHBACK ITEMS

From the "Falkland Islands Weekly News" May 24th 1945:-

"We are pleased to note that the Falkland Islands Labour Federation is organising the May Ball once again this year."

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Falkland Islands Labour Federation, Stanley. Have you enrolled yet? Now is the time. Have a voice in the framing of your own conditions. Workers are beginning to understand that divided they cannot expect to secure that consideration for their well-being which as a united body they can demand and secure. Moreover, trade unionism applied to worthy aims enhances the human dignity of labour, raises its status in industry and cultivates a sense of self-respect in the individual. Membership Fee: Entrance Fee 10/-, Weekly contributions 6d.

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News from New Island. May 7th. 1945.

Dear Editor, As you like news about camp life for your paper, I thought I would write you a few notes about New Island covering the past year. We had a very severe Winter and Spring and lost about 400 sheep over the cliffs. All along the west side of the Island is cliff with much tussac growing among the rocks, the sheep go down to feed on the tussac when the grass becomes scarce in the early spring and many of them fall over the cliff face through losing their footing and are lost. We had a rather poor lambing season - only 82%. Our usual percentage is nearly the hundred mark. Owing to severe weather we had a very light wool crop averaging ten pounds. We are about 6000lbs short this year. Our gardens turned out good crops this year. We had quite a few bags of potatoes to sell for which we can get 2d per pound. Before closing I must tell you that I think the Education -al Broadcast for the children is splendid. The youngsters on New Island take a great interest in Wireless School - including the Bible talks."

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Items taken from the latest issue of the Falkland Islands Gazette (Government Publication). Vol.LXXXVIII No.5 23/4/79.

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PETROLEUM PRODUCTS ORDINANCE 1973 (Section 4)

Notice is hereby given that His Excellency the Governor has authorized Mr. Timothy John Dobbys, of 7, Fitzroy Road, Stanley, to supply, market and transport gas oil from the YPF Depot in Stanley, and to keep gas oil in the said Depot wholly or partly for sale in the Colony.

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The following revised list of Magistrates, Justices of the Peace and Commissioners for Oaths at present resident in the Colony and Dependencies is published for general information.

MAGISTRATES AND JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

C.H. Robertson, J.P. Stanley; H. Bennett, O.B.E., J.P., Senior Magistrate, Stanley; J. Bound, E.D., J.P., Stanley; W.H. Clement, J.P., Stanley; S. Miller, O.B.E., J.P., Stanley; Mrs. C. Luxton, J.P., Stanley; Hon. A.B. Monk, J.P., San Carlos; H.L. Bound, M.B.E., J.P., Stanley; Mrs. J. Booth J.P., Stanley; Hon. W.H. Goss, M.B.E., J.P., Stanley; L.G. Blake, O.B.E., J.P., Hill Cove; J.L. Barton, J.P., Teal Inlet; M.R. Pawley, Magistrate, South Georgia; B. Hardcastle, J.P., Darwin; R.H. Checkley, J.P., Stanley.

COMMISSIONERS FOR OATHS

J.R. Cockwell, Fox Bay East; G.O. Evans, Pebble Island; R.J. Ferguson, Weddell Island; Hon. W.R. Luxton, Chartres; A.C. Miller, Port San Carlos; S.R. Miller, Keppel Island; K.J. McPhee, Green Patch; R.B. Napier, West Point Island; R.M. Pitaluga, O.B.E., Salvador; J.R. Robertson, Fox Bay West; O.R. Smith, Johnson's Harbour; L. Grant, Port Louis; A. Pole-Evans, Saunders Island; A.T. Blake, North Arm; P.C. Robertson, Port Stephens.

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COST OF LIVING COMMITTEE

Quarter ended 31st March 1979 percentage increase over 1971 prices: 184.06%. The average increase over the last four quarters is 174.84%. A further wage award (Stanley) of 2p per hour was effective from April 1st 1979.

Editor's Note: From a reliable source of mathematical info, it is estimated that living in the Falkland Islands is 19.7% dearer than in the United Kingdom and 52.78% more expensive than living in the USA. This is calculated on food, electricity, rates, taxation and luxury imported goods balanced against average weekly wages and salaries. It is interesting (and annoying) to note that income per capita in the Colony is one of the lowest in the world in relation to prices, slightly ahead of India, Pakistan, Tanzania and Malagasy. No info was available during calculations from the Eastern Bloc.

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STANLEY DARTS CLUB 1979 COMMITTEE:

Chairman -- Barry Neilsen; Vice-Chairman - Terry Betts; Secretary/ Treasurer -- Vivienne Perkins; Committee Members: Glenda McGill, Les Biggs, Gary Hewitt, Peter Short, Mike Luxton and a representative from the Royal Marines. The "Heather" and "Beauty" Leagues have been abandoned and all teams have formed one major league. Teams in the top half of the finished League table will compete for the Kendall Cup and teams in the lower echelons will tourney for the Challenge Cup. Results so far (at time of writing): 3 POINTS EACH:-- ROSE 'A', ROAD BROKERS. 2 POINTS EACH:-- ROSE 'B', GLOBE WANDERERS, DAD'S ARMY, MARINE 'B', FLEEWING FLIERS. 1 POINT EACH:-- HYPODERMICS, CULLY'S HEROES & UPLAND GOOSE.

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HOME GROWN BREAD By Margaret Davidson
West Point Island.

People may be interested to know that we have just finished harvesting our second crop of wheat. The seed used was from a Wheat Research Institute in Mexico. They supplied three varieties for trial, that were thought likely to succeed in the Falkland's cool climate.

All three varieties grew well and ripened. In the first year this was following a late sowing (October 2nd) due to mail hold-ups. Failing any more labour saving ideas, we hand-threshed the grain, and winnowed in a brisk south-wester. We ground the grain in a coffee grinder.

The resulting flour made lovely, fresh, nutty bread - the best I have ever tasted. We kept some of the wheat for a 2nd sowing, and this is what we harvested last week. If anyone is interested in any further cultural or culinary details, I'd be glad to give them. Also, if anyone else has had experience with wheat or any other cereals as crops here, I'd be very pleased to hear from them.

Final thoughts: Has anyone got a threshing machine or grain mill for sale!?!.....April 1979, West Point.

FOR SALE FROM WEST POINT ISLAND

FRUIT PLANTS FROM ENGLISH STOCK:-

- BLACKCURRANTS - variety Amos Black
 - 1 year old.....40p each
 - 2 years old.....60p each
- RASPBERRY CANES - variety Lloyd George
 - 30p each or 4 for £1
- STRAWBERRY RUNNERS-variety Cambridge Favourite
 - £1 per dozen.

SEED POTATOES

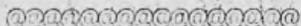
- 15p/lb. (Approximately 5/6 seed per lb.)
- Duke Of York - white early
- Ilam Hardy - large white main crop (New Zealand).

SHRUBS: All hardy, strong plants.

- BUDDLEIA DAVIDII (Butterfly Bush).....50p each.
- EUCALYPTUS CITRIODORA (Lemon-scented gum).....50p each.
- CHAENOMELES JAPONICA (Quince).....50p each.
- BLUE VERONICAS (Hebe species).....40p each.

All orders to Mrs.Margaret Davidson.

Editor's note: There is no charge whatsoever for advertisements from Campers appearing in the TIMES. Don't be bashful, send it in, making sure it is legible please!!



M.V.FORREST PROGRAMME FOR MAY - JUNE 1979:-

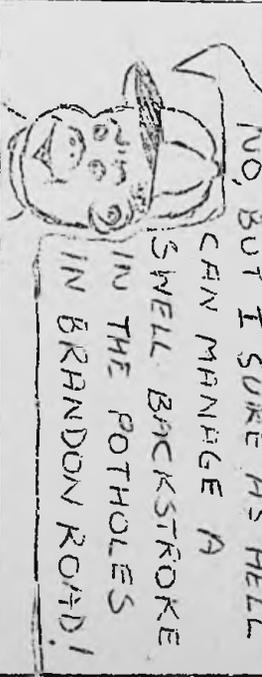
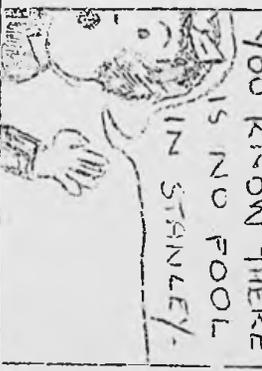
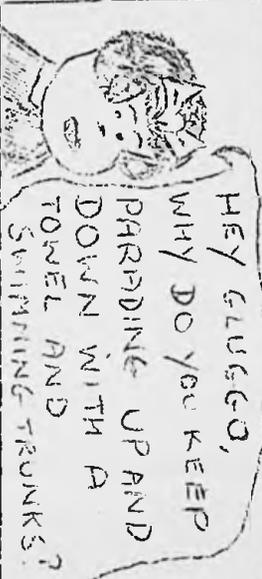
- MAY: 14 - 16 Salvador, Rincon Grande, Douglas Station.
- 16 - 18 Royal Fleet Auxilliary 'TIDEPOOL'.
- 21 - 25 Port San Carlos, San Carlos, Port Howard & Egg Harbour.
- 28th May -
- June 1st Darwin (Oil and School visit), Walker Creek, Lively.
- 4 - 13 Beaver Island, Weddell Island, Port Stephens, New Isd.

A further programme for June/July will be produced at the end of May.
A.R.LADE, Maj RM, OC NP8901.

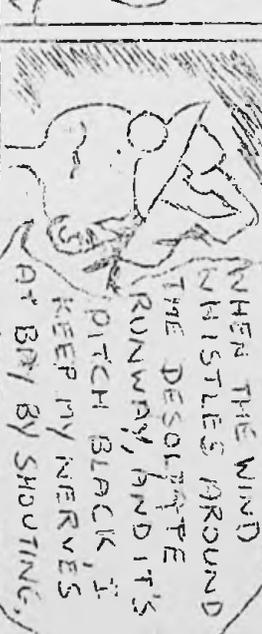
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PRODUCTIONS



In December 1903, Bruce with companions, less Mossman, Wilton and Smith, left in the vessel Scotia for Buenos Aires to replenish stores and ship repair. To preserve continuity in the meteorology studies Bruce offered the facilities at Laurie Island to the Argentine Government. It was Bruce's hope that this offer would be accepted, and W.F.Haggard the British Minister in Buenos Aires lent his influence to further this seemingly excellent idea in the pursuit of science. The Argentine military expansionists recognised that here was an opportune moment to establish their country in Antarctica: a footing! The Argentine Government agreed to undertake the upkeep of the rather primitive meteorological station 'if Bruce would give passage on the Scotia to their men and stores'. It was not an infringement of territorial rights, for these individuals were carried to their destination in a British ship. The Argentine personnel were three in number: L.H.Valette, a naturalist; E.Szmula, with meteorological experience but not of an expertise nature; and a youth whose profession it was difficult to define, embarked with a Post Office stamp and a mail bag containing an assortment of books. His name was H.A.S.Acuna. Argentina's first Postal facilities in Antarctica were to be established!

Mossman was persuaded to remain in charge and Smith elected also to stay when the Scotia left for exploration southwards. An Argentine naval flag was positioned above the cairn of stones where the Scottish flag had been, and in February 1904, the two British men said farewell to their shipmates. Bruce's voyage southwards into the Weddell Sea resulted in the finding of undiscovered land which was named Coates Land. On the 10th December, 1904, the Argentine three masted naval sloop 'Uruguay' left Buenos Aires with a twofold commission: to proceed to Laurie Island with the relief party comprising five persons, stores and coal, and to take off Mossman and Smith, then to proceed to the South Shetlands, 'Deception Island', to collect despatches left by Dr.Charcot who was in the research ship Francais. No despatches! January the 1st, 1905, the two members of Bruce's expedition left on the 'Uruguay'. So the celebration of the First Antarctic Mail contained letters for no more than five people, and was incidental to the main reason for the ship's voyage and distance covered.

So that matters are placed in the correct perspective at this juncture, it was Captain G.Powell of the vessel 'Dove' who discovered the South Orkney Islands in 1821. He carried out a rough survey and his charting was incorporated in the first Admiralty chart of this area. The three largest islands are Signy, Coronation and Laurie. In 1823 Captain J.Weddell of Leith carried out further exploration and surveying discovering more islands and naming them. It was Weddell who named this group the South Orkney Islands.

An earlier discovery was the South Shetland Islands by Captain W.Smith in the brigantine 'William' in 1819. His return voyage was in company with Edward Bransfield R.N. when further survey and charting were carried out and more discovery accomplished. The continuous land that was discovered was named Trinity Land. As a matter of interest, Bellinghausen on his voyage of discovery was 400 miles away at this time.

In 1951, Argentina released another stamp, 'South America and Antarctica'. SG.826. The reason for this stamp is puzzling. Not one of the Latin America countries had indulged in Antarctic exploration. It can be seen as an instance of political motivation.

The 50th Anniversary of 'Rescue of the Antarctic' as shown by SG.855, which was released in 1953 is misleading. The ship was crushed by ice. The Swedish Antarctic expedition, the leader of which was Dr.Otto Norden-skjold and the vessel 'Antarctic' captained by A.C.Larsen entered Antarctic waters in 1901. The ship was crushed in the Erebus & Terror Gulf, but due to the energetic and resourcefulness of Captain Larsen, no lives were lost and the survivors set out for Snow Hill Island which was a wintering station that was named 'Snow Hill'. PART 3 in the next "TIMES".

PROCRASTINISM:- For my part, there is no "procrastinism", whether from any reluctance to make a decision or otherwise. In fact, the opposite applies; the difficult we do immediately, the impossible takes just a little longer, like P.M. instead of A.M.! Decisions are made as rapidly as possible after carefully considering all the competing needs and interests of all those concerned. Delays inevitably occur owing to the occasional shortage of labour, inclement weather, various unpredictable emergencies and insufficiency of particular items in the store. Supply and demand are difficult factors to predict in this island Colony, and the infrequency of shipping does not assist planning.

TO FINALISE:-I would suggest that before putting pen to paper the authors look at a few facts; in fact, take off their glasses and all might become very much clearer. To hide behind a pseudonym is just not Cricket, nor is it British. Courage should be the byword for any budding journalist even though his effort is puny and very much a "one-off". Research the subject first and, who knows, he could get a second letter accepted by an unsuspecting publisher. Readers of the "TIMES" can rest assured that if the ailment does ever appear it will be given short shrift.....N.J.LAUGHNA.

ED'S NOTE:- For the benefit of the 200 or so overseas readers who will probably be scratching their heads, PWD means Public Works Dept., and Mr. Norman Laughna is the Superintendent of Buildings. The discussion of this interesting ailment is now concluded and I wish to thank all contributors for their efforts. Some parts of the above article were altered by Alan Mason, Director of Public Works.

Dave Colville. (Not quite unsuspecting

publisher).

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DEATH

MAY 6TH 1979.....Keith William McGILL...Aged 65.

MARRIAGE

MAY 12th 1979....Michael Ian WALLACE to Una SUMMERS,
in Christ Church Cathedral, Stanley.

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PENFRIEND WANTED

"Dear Sir, Having obtained your address from the Governor of the Falklands, I decided to write in hopes that you could print my name in the paper so I could obtain a pen-pal to write to. I'm 20 years old, male, I attend Rutgers University and am a student of International Environmental Studies. I would like to get to know a person in the Falklands so I could learn more about the Islands. I speak English and French Canadian and enjoy surfing, politics, studying seals and sea-life, American Country and Western music etc. Anyone interested in these things are welcome to write to me."

VINCENT PEZZECA, 5822 ASBURY AVENUE, OCEAN CITY, NEW JERSEY, 08226 U.S.A.

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STAYING IN HEAVEN

Mr.Des Peck said that he had had a few comments about his poem "A Little Piece of Heaven" which appeared in the last issue above an advert from him selling his home and business. Des said that he is not intending to quit "heaven" but is just contemplating his retirement with the intentions of buying or building a smaller house for him and his wife Beat. Des is at present in the U.K. on business. He flew via the Falkland Islands Company/British Caledonian airways who he said give 2 free nights hotel accommodation in Buenos Aires and supply a taxi service. He says that anyone wishing to contact him in England can reach him at the home of Mrs.M.Peck, 63 Warwick Street, Oxford. He expects to return to the Falklands around October.

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HEADINGS NEXT TIME

The usual F.I. Times logo complete with crest will next appear when the expected fresh supplies of paper arrive. It was decided to withhold the printing of the headings because they do not look as good on foolscap as they do on Quarto sized paper.

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AIRCRAFT ALERT

Several reports were received on Friday May 25th of an unidentified aircraft passing over East Falkland between 8 to 8.30 on that particular morning. Argentine authorities said that this was a transport plane on a routine flight from Palomar, near Buenos Aires to Marambio in Antarctica and was possibly affected by bad weather conditions. Royal Marine detachment NP 8901 were alerted and took precautions until the aircraft had been officially identified.

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"STAMPEX"-PERT

The Ministry of Overseas Development has arranged for a Mr. Sutherland of the General Post Office to visit the Falklands for a 3-4 weeks visit this month in order to advise and help in matters concerned with the Falkland Islands Philatelic Bureau which will include promotional aspects, internal procedures and control plus terms of business. Mr. Sutherland is an experienced Post Office official having joined the GPO in 1956. He became proficient in all aspects of sorting office and counter procedures and then joined the Philatelic Bureau. He is at present involved with the introduction of Postal HQ policy decisions, the control and monitoring of the Philatelic Bureau's overseas agencies and compilation of sales and staff statistics for the Bureau's trading account. He has also led sales teams at major stamp exhibitions in Stockholm, Sweden and Amsterdam in Holland. Mr. Sutherland is at present the Philatelic Bureau's representative at "Stampex" in London.

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BLOCKHEAD BLOCKED

Heard from the Broadcasting Officer, Mr. Patrick Watts, that the powers that be are considering banning airplay of an Ian Dury and the Blockheads single. The track is on the B-side of Ian's hit single 'Hit me with your Rhythm Stick' and is called 'There ain't half been some clever bastards'. Apparently there has been a complaint or two from members of the listening public. Other FIBS sources have said that this ban is now effected and now joins the other banned discs which include 'Je t'aime moi non plus'. Whatever happened to "Whopper of the West", it was a good one for playing after the Sunday Church Broadcast!??

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BOUND BANNED

Mr. John Bound of Stanley was recently found guilty of drunken driving and was fined £50 and had his licence endorsed for one year. After leaving the Falkland Club ('Gluepot') he drove his Land Rover through the porch of the house belonging to the McCullums, leaving literally no evidence to say that there had ever been a porch there! It was highly fortunate that no-one was in the porch at the time. In Court, MR. Bound claimed that he had suffered a blackout.

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Every Sunday it is reasonable to say that 99% of the Islands people listen to the BBC World Service programme "Calling the Falklands" which of course is presented by Kathleen Cheesmond. What exactly does this programme entail? Kathleen Cheesmond writes:-

"The short version would go something like this: Monday/Tuesday, sort letters and make list of requests - Tuesday, secretary fills in form with this week's records for Gramophone Library - Wednesday or Thursday, Kathleen writes script and times it - Thursday afternoon, secretary collects records and studio producer times them and decides how much of each to play - Friday morning, Kathleen to studio with studio producer, secretary and two Studio Managers (technical staff) to record programme. Sunday evening: another Studio Manager takes the tape to another studio where it is played after the News. I give you a moment to recover from the shock of learning that I don't come in every Sunday evening to do the programme "live" (though I have been known to add-in extra-special interviews over the weekend). Then I could add in a few details. First, the secretary needs a bit of ingenuity sometimes to check the records with their names and numbers - and correct my ignorance. Like when I didn't notice the Smurfs had made another record, and read "Zippety Doo-dah" instead of "Dippety Day". Even so, occasionally the Gramophone Library can't trace a particular title and we have either to figure out if the requester really meant something else, or to rack our brains for something just as suitable. We do try hard, I promise.....

The studio producer is the one who controls things on the other side of the glass, helped by the Studio Managers, while I do my stuff in the studio itself. For some time Trish Williams has been doing this, and like me she keeps a weather eye open for anything that might be of interest for an interview; other people in and around Bush House are also very helpful in pointing out references in the newspapers or occasionally tracking down a wandering Falklander for us. We puzzle over the handwriting (is that Cherly, Shirley, Cheryl or Charly? And is there really someone called Woo?) and debate what to do when everybody asks for the same record. It's against regulations to play it twelve times in one programme, and if we use up all the requests in one glorious Bumper Bundle, we might find we've none left for next month's programmes...We also struggle to fit in last-minute requests for instant birthdays ("Please play this for X's 21st on the 5th", postmarked the 1st of the same month, is not all that uncommon) and by the way, we have increased our productivity because we now include about a dozen requests a time as compared with only ten or so two years ago!

Friday morning is the part we all enjoy. A pile of tapes and records, including some very strange-looking jackets and even bright orange and purple discs (what will they think of next) is carried to the studio, I try hard to think of Sunday evening while the others practice exactly where to start the records - and off we go.

Then I remember I forgot to ring Pronunciation Unit to ask how to say some small Welsh town - quick, is there a Welshman in the house? Yes, but it's not his area - oh well, let's have a bash, perhaps they'll forgive me like they have before ... I hope.

Even if it's not really "live", we do feel as if it were going out that very minute, and it is great fun to know exactly who is listening - quite a rare privilege for a broadcaster. Nowadays I feel slightly taken aback when I get a request for a "new" name - you mean they were there all the time, lurking on that there island and I just never knew? Well! One day, I will know everybody by name but by then it may be time for me to be forcibly retired as a penalty for blatant enjoyment at the microphone. Meanwhile, I am only sorry your paper doesn't print photographs because there is one of me grinning broadly, waving a record.....(Cont. Page 3)

"Calling the Falklands" Continued from Page 2.

.....and sporting a Falkland Islands T-shirt with "Desire the Right" emblazoned in the middle. Roll on the days of international television broadcasting... I won't go into how I fill the rest of the working week, though people may hear me turning up from time to time on the BBC "Topical Tapes" programmes taken by your radio people. I hope all this is useful and of course if people have questions, they are welcome to write to me - I'm always pleased to get letters and try to answer in the programme, if not in writing.

KATHLEEN CHEESMOND

"Calling the Falklands" address: BBC, Bush House, Strand, London WC2B 4PH.

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JEANNIE'S HAT-TRICK

Congratulations must go to Miss Jeannie Dobbys of 7 Fitzroy Road, Stanley who became May Queen for the third time in succession in the recent May Ball competition.

WINNERS TO DATE (From info at hand)

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| 1949 Miss S.Sedgwick | 1965 Miss S.McKay |
| 1950 Miss S.Sedgwick | 1966 Miss E.Stewart |
| 1951 Mrs. G.Howkins | 1967 Miss D.Desborough |
| 1952 Miss.V.Craigie-Halkett | 1968 Miss E.Butler |
| 1953 Miss D.Anderson | 1969 Miss U.Smith |
| 1954 Miss P.Sedgwick | 1970 Miss J.Felton |
| 1955 Miss S.Williams | 1971 Miss R.Summers |
| 1956 Miss M.Enestrom | 1972 Miss J.Howatt |
| 1957 Miss D.Gleadell | 1973 Miss S.Rozee |
| 1958 Miss G.Rutter | 1974 Miss S.Rozee |
| 1959 Miss R.Carter | 1975 Miss B.Johnson |
| 1960 Miss K.Blyth | 1976 Miss J.Hardcastle |
| 1961 Miss L.Howatt | 1977 Miss J.Dobbys |
| 1962 Miss N.Biggs | 1978 Miss J.Dobbys |
| 1963 Miss P.Berntsen | 1979 Miss J.Dobbys. |
| 1964 Miss G.Poole | |

MAY QUEEN 1979: Jeannie Dobbys; Runner-up: Sharon Strange.

The other 10 girls who made up the twelve finalists were: Shona Strange; Margaret Minnell; Pauline Sackett; Judith Ford; Susan Butler; Nancy Stephenson; Trudi Porter; Marlaine Porter; Suzanne McCormick and Teresa McGill. Apologies are made for any mis-spelling of participants names. This year's event was again organised jointly by the Girl's Brigade and the Boy's Brigade.

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"JOHNNIE WALKER" DARTS TOURNAMENT - BORN 19?? STILL GOING STRONG!!

May 18th witnessed the start of another annual 'Johnnie Walker' Darts Tournament but this time things went slightly wrong when a power failure blacked out Stanley for a couple of hours. Some good few matches scheduled for the Friday had to be postponed until the second night of the tourney because of this. Excellent radio commentary was given by Joe King and Pat Watta and, as usual the event was enjoyed by many. RESULTS:-

LADIES:- 1st-Myriam Booth; 2nd-Joan Middleton; 3rd-Sheila McPhie and 4th-Valerie Clarke.

GENTS:- 1st-James Laing; 2nd-Les Biggs; 3rd-Derek Clarke and 4th place went to Mr.James Lee.

The power-cut was said to have been caused by a fuel tap having been turned off by person or persons unknown at the Power House supply tanks.

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STANLEY DARTS CLUB

A Dance was held in the Town Hall on Saturday May 26th at 10pm until 3am. Music was by Rowlands Ragtime Band helped by Mrs. Betty Ford who acted as disc jockey. The Governor and Mrs. Parker were met at the door of the Town Hall by Mr. Terry Betts (Vice-Chairman) and Miss Vivienne Perkins, Secretary. The Dance was scheduled to end at 1am but people were enjoying themselves so much that in fact it was extended until 3am.

| League Positions
(At time of writing) | PTS. |
|--|------|
| 1. ROSE A..... | 18 |
| 2. FLEETWING FLYERS..... | 12 |
| 3. UPLAND GOOSE..... | 12 |
| 4. ROSE B..... | 11 |
| 5. GLOBE WANDERERS..... | 10 |
| 6. DAD'S ARMY..... | 10 |
| 7. ROAD BROKERS..... | 9 |
| 8. CULLY'S HERO'S..... | 9 |
| 9. NANCY TRAWLERS..... | 8 |
| 10. MARINE A..... | 7 |
| 11. MARINE B..... | 6 |
| 12. VICTORY WRECKS..... | 4 |
| 13. SPARROWS..... | 1 |
| 14. HYPODERMICS..... | 1 |

The League positions as printed are after each team has played six matches.

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FANCY DRESS BALL

The Annual Fancy Dress Ball sponsored by the Stanley Badminton Club will be held in the Town Hall on Thursday June 21st from 9.30pm - 1.30am. There will be three parades; one for pairs and individuals, one for groups of 3,4, or 5 and one for groups of 6 and over. This event will be followed by a second nights dancing on the Friday from 10pm-1am. Raffle tickets will be on sale at both dances.

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SOCIAL CLUB COMMITTEE

Following the AGM of the Stanley Social Club on May 21st, the committee is:-
 Brian Summers - Chairman (re-elected); Graham Bound - Vice-Chairman (re-elected); Lewis Clifton - Treasurer (re-elected); Rosemarie Allen - Secretary; Tony Alazia - Assistant Secretary (re-elected).
 Committee Members:- Robert King, Pauline Sackett, Jimmy Wallace, Peter King and Stephen Poole.

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NOT MORE STAMPS?

The "second industry" of the Falkland Islands is not the re-cycling of empty Tennents Beer cans as one might think but the sale of Postage Stamps and August the 27th this year sees the release of yet another commemorative issue, the theme this time being the death of Sir Rowland Hill, the brains behind the adhesive stamp system. The set consists 3 stamps and a souvenir sheetlet. Values will be: 3p, Light red in colour in vertical format with a repro of the Falkland Islands Queen Elizabeth II Coronation stamp; 11p, rust-coloured, horizontal format with repro of the first Falkland Islands Stamp - a 1d Queen Victoria stamp circa 1887; 25p, a vertical stamp in turquoise-blue depicting the famous "Penny Black" of 1840 and last but by no means least is the 33p sheetlet which is light brown and includes a reproduction of the King George V Falkland Islands 5/- stamp of 1812.

The second printing of the Definitive Booklet were on sale at Stanley Post Office and Fox Bay East Post Office from the 4th of June. Although the contents of these books in stamp values is similar, the cover is now blue in colour and the front and end covers depict two different mail-vessels to the first printing.

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CATHEDRAL BAZAAR

The Cathedral Bazaar will take place in the Parish hall on the 29th and 30th (Fri & Sat) of this month. Refreshments will be available.

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GREEN PATCH SCHEME

With the publication of the Green Patch Scheme Prospectus comes the welcoming news that things are more or less finalised, the selection of the applicants being the next stage. There now follows some edited 'highlights' from the prospectus which members of the public can buy from the Secretariat at a fee of £2. The application form is included with the prospectus. "As part of its long term development plan and with the active co-operation of the Falkland Islands Company, the Falkland Islands Government has agreed to purchase Green Patch Sheep Farm, together with all buildings, livestock, plant and materials, with the object of subdividing the land, buildings and livestock (except for the central buildings and facilities and the settlement paddocks) into six units. The units are offered for sale to persons resident in the Colony. The central buildings and facilities, including the jetty, shearing sheds, wool-press, tractors and other plant, will be maintained by Government, subject to fair wear and tear, and made available to the unit purchasers on a hiring basis for the period of 5 years, after which Government reserves the right to dispose of them as it thinks fit. Unit purchasers will, however, be given priority whenever Government decide to dispose of such buildings and facilities.

Government expects to complete the purchase of the Sheep Farm on 2nd April 1980. As from that date it will become entitled to possession of the land and buildings and to ownership of the livestock and plant, on that same date the successful applicants, after they have signed the necessary documents and arranged payment with the assistance of a mortgage or otherwise, will be legally entitled to take possession of their respective units. In other words, the purchaser will be able to regard himself as the master of his own property, for the benefit of himself and his family, and heirs, provided it is put to good and proper use within the spirit of the scheme."

PROPOSED FARM UNITS

Unit 1...MURRELL. Area: 10,650 acres; Stock: 2800 wethers or dry ewes run as wethers; Stocking rate: 3.8 acres per sheep; Housing: On site with usual conveniences. PRICE: £14,630.

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Unit 2...SADDLEBACKS. Area: Saddlebacks East: 6,764 acres, Saddlebacks West: 7,524 acres, total 14,288 acres. Stock: 1,650 wethers or dry ewes run as wethers on West and 1,310 gimmers on East, total 3,170. Stocking rate: 4.5 acres per sheep.; Housing: Long Island House. Note: Long Island (area 800 acres) forms part of this unit. PRICE: £19,980.

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Unit 3...MOUNT KENT. Area total 17,246 acres comprising Mount Kent, Green Hill, Top Square and Bottom Square. Stock: 3,050 wethers or dry ewes run as wethers.; Stocking rate: 5.65 acres per sheep; Housing: Present Settlement Cockhouse (which the purchaser may move). PRICE: £15,940.

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Unit 4...ESTANCIA. Total area 10,260 acres comprising Stud Rincon, Sparrow Rincon and Estancia. Stock: 2,450 sheep. Stocking rate: 4.2 acres per sheep. Housing Estancia House on site. PRICE: £15,320.

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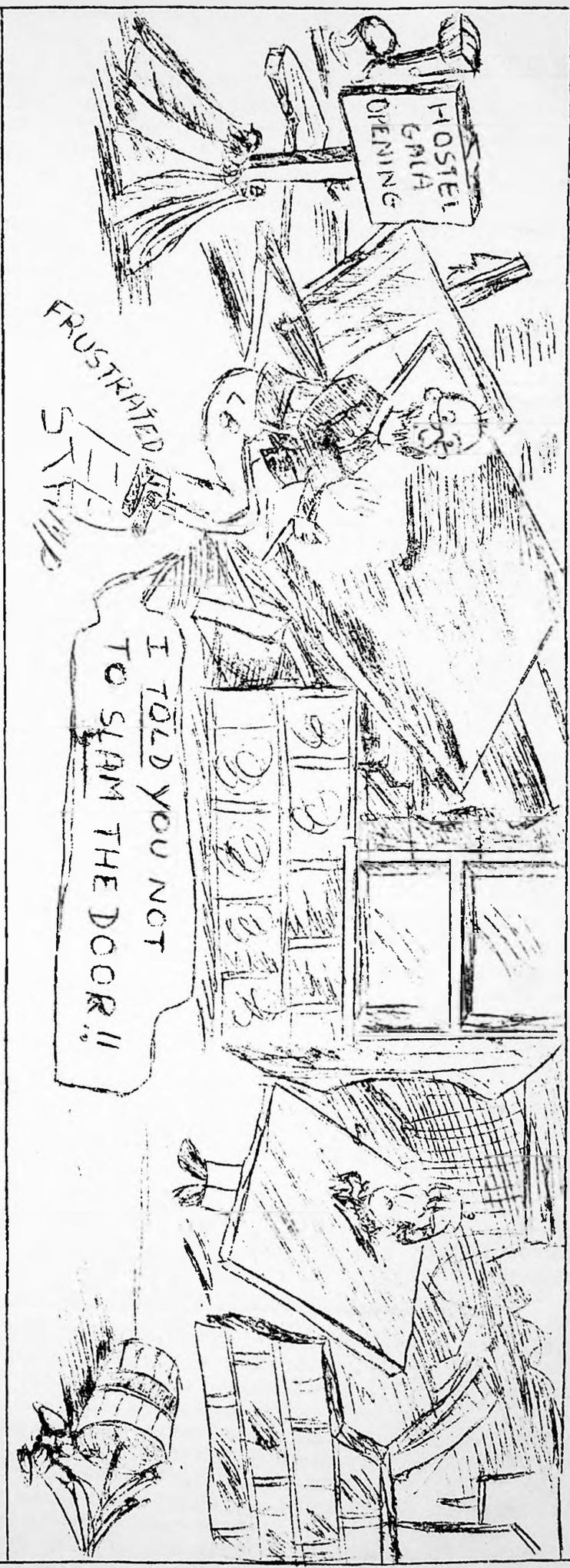
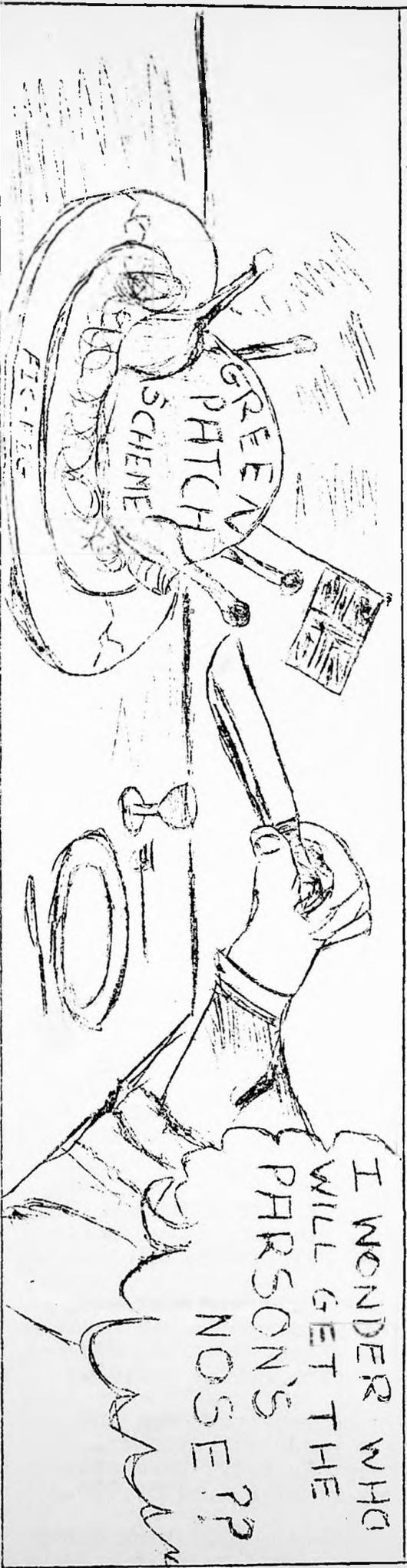
Unit 5...WHITINGTON'S RINCON. Total area 7,883 acres comprising Whittington's Rincon, Model Farm, Jack's Point and Horseshoe Bay East. Stock: 2,224 sheep. Stocking rate: 3.5 acres per sheep. Housing: New Bungalow in Settlement which the purchaser may move. PRICE: £22,050.

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Unit 6...BACON AND HAM Total area 13,360 acres comprising Bacon and Ham, Horseshoe Bay West and Mac's Rincon (Ram's Paddock). Stock: 3,230 sheep; Stocking rate: 4.14 acres per sheep; Housing: Horseshoe Bay House in Settlement which the purchaser may move. PRICE: £32,080.

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Selection Committee as appointed by H.E. the Governor: Mr. Adrian Monk; (Chairman); Mr. Bill Luxton; Mr. Billy Goss and Mr. Harold Bennett. Secretary to the Committee: Mr. J. T. Clement.



FLASHBACK ITEMS

Taken from the 'Falkland Islands Weekly News' January 18th 1945.

A summing up of Players in last Sunday's Football Match;
"For United everyone played well. Pat Gleadell was a staunch defender and L.F.Paston from the Wireless Station a worthy partner for him. Up front the three inside forwards T.Mousley, Bill Bonner and "Spud" Perry were a powerful trio. Bill was particularly dangerous and replied in no uncertain terms to recent criticism of his finishing by smacking home five well-taken goals. Congratulations Bill. For Dynamos, Charlie Reive was very busy and played well despite the eight goals that passed him. Les Halliday and Joe King strove hard to stem the tide and lose no part of their high reputation in defeat."

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Taken from the 'Falkland Islands Weekly News' September 27th 1945.

Interior Alterations to s.s."Fitzroy".

The saloon in our little steamer has been made so that it will now seat twenty people at a time instead of twelve as formerly. The tables have been taken out of the smoke room and small comfortable chairs placed around. One stairway only leads down to the cabins thereby giving more passage room outside the cabins.

Ladies Miniature Rifle Club

On Friday evening Mrs.S.Aldridge was looked upon with envy when she came up the winner, in a "Back to Front" competition, of a plate of Cheese Scones presented by Mrs.J.R.Gleadell. The highest averages for last week were:- Mrs.S.Aldridge 95.4, Mrs.R.Hills 95.3, Mrs.L.Aldridge 94.8, Mrs.W.E.Summers 94.2, Miss D.Reive 94.1, Miss C.A.Aldridge 93.2

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Taken from 'The Falkland Islands Magazine & Church Paper' Aug 1922

GLOBE STORE

Hob Nailed Boots 18/-, Light Boots 28/-, Valdivian Knee Boots @ 43/- and 45/- per pair.
Special Concentrated Potato Fertilizer @ 5d per lb.
Balsam of Horehound, Dr.Hair's Cough Remedy, Owbridges Lung Tonic, Doans Backache Kidney and Dinner Pills.
Empire Baby Carriages reduced to £4. Crepe-de-Chine Jumpers with fringe at bottom.

WHERE HAVE ALL THE EXPLORERS GONE?....Part 3, by H.V.WATSON

As no word had been received after the prearranged span of time which had been allowed, the Swedish relief vessel 'Frithjof' captained by Captain Gylden was despatched to carry out a search. The Argentine Government also despatched the 'Uruguay' under the command of a Captain Irizar to do likewise. The 'Frithjof' arrived just too late to accomplish her mission - the 'Uruguay' arrived first. The Swedish expedition were rescued on the 8th November 1903, including one Argentine passenger, of whom shall be mentioned later. A Dr.F.P.Moreno proposed the plan for the Argentine relief expedition. Anyone reading a headline 'Planting the Flag' would immediately conjure an epic event such as reaching the top of Mount Everest, or the first persons to reach the Poles; this would be the picture for the uninitiated. In 1954 a stamp for the 50th Anniversary of 'Planting the Flag' in Orcades is in fact a corruption of Orkneys, and the territory British. The Inter-American Economic Conference resulted in a stamp S.G.906 being released. This afforded an opportunity to include the British sector Of Antarctica by Argentina. Here again the stamp must be recognised as an instrument of propaganda.

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THE BACK PAGE

M.V.FORREST PROGRAMME FOR JUNE - JULY 1979.

- a. 4-13 June Pebble Island, New Island, Beaver Island, Weddell Island and Port Stephens.
- b. 18-22 June Ajax Bay (PWD Survey Party), Egg Harbour.
- c. 25-29 June Bleaker Island, North Arm and Speedwell Island.
- d. 2-6 July Pebble Island, Keppel Island, Saunders Island, Carcass Island, West Point Island and Hill Cove.
- e. 9-13 July Roy Cove, Chartres and Dunnose Head.

A.R.LADE, Maj; RM OC NP8901 - 4th June 1979.

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From the latest issue of the Falkland Islands Gazette, Vol LXXXVIII, No.6 22 May 1979:

APPOINTMENTS: Francis Eustace Baker, Chief Secretary, 28-3-79.
Simon Peter Miller Goss, Technician, Posts and Telecommunications Department, 5-5-79.

ACTING APPOINTMENTS: Francis Paul O'Reilly, A/Superintendent Education, Education Department, 18-4-79.

William Andrew Nutt Goodwin, Acting Master m.v. Forrest, 9-5-79.

RESIGNATION: Miss Sharon Hewitt, Clerk, Legal Department, 9-5-79.

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BIRTH

15th May 1979: To Mr & Mrs John BERNTSEN, a son, MATTHEW JOHN.

MARRIAGES

26th May 1979: Richard Winston MACRAE to MARLAINE BERNTSEN at Port Stephens, West Falkland.

31st May 1979: Patrick LANG to VALMA JAFFRAY at the Registrar General's Office, Stanley.

DEATHS

Isabella PEARSON.....Aged 60

George Alexander LLAMOSAS.....Aged 85

(Dates of the above deaths not at hand at time of going to press)

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FRED THE FOREMAN

Senior Carpenter in the Public Works Department, Mr. Manfred Keenleyside, has taken over the duties of General Foreman in the same department whilst Mr. Tom Perry is on local leave.

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THE PHANTOM FLASHER

Two explosions shattered the usual calm of a Stanley night on Tuesday June the 5th when certain persons 'let off' two thunderflashes outside the FIDF Club premises. No details are yet known but a broadcast announcement from the Police Department on Wednesday June 6th indicated that persons had been charged with the offence.

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TOPSY TURVY TONY

Plant & Transport Authority Plant Operator, Mr. Tony Kirk, had a narrow escape on Saturday June the 2nd when the JCB he was operating toppled onto its side. Tony was unhurt, but the cab suffered extensive damage and it is expected to cost PATA quite a sum to right the machine and effect repairs. A number of Chilean labourers including a concreting gang, welders and fitters are expected to arrive in the Colony to assist on the Darwin Road project. Mr. Malcolm Binnie of the PWD recently returned from a trip to South America on the basis of arranging for such labour due to the shortage in the colony.

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PRICE:

13p

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HOSTEL HOSTILITIES

At the recent Legislative Council Meetings, the Honourable Members are unanimous in their disappointment in the progress of the so-called School Hostel. Councillor Wallace even deemed it a "miserable fiasco". To those overseas readers who cannot pop up to the site to view the workings a Councillor's description:- 'a partly built nuclear bomb shelter that has received a direct hit.' I do not expect that the unsuspecting British taxpayer would laugh. There still seems to be an air of mystery as to the sudden departure of Transocean Construction and Trading Director Neil Reid. Even the slightly oddball approach of replacement Laurie Browne has made little impact as all he has done seemingly is argue with the Plant & Transport Authority over the rates charged for the hire of plant and other construction equipment. The fact that Neil Reid had already okayed the payment of these rates did not deter this Browne chap who has constantly thrown as many obstacles in the path of PATA as he can possibly manage. Why did Neil go? Had he spent too much cash? Was he holding too many "drinkies" sessions in Stanley Cottage? Wasn't he licking the right boots? One can only feel sorry for the Director of Public Works who is more or less looked upon in a responsibility manner for the smooth running of these projects, including the Darwin Road and the Islander Hangar. Councillor's are right in their condemnation of work at the Hostel site. The state of things at the site makes Belsen look like an RAC approved 5-star Hotel in comparison. Apparently the Boarding School at Darwin was erected in the space of 3 months using local labour, so why the need in the first rate to hire a 'cowboy' firm - subsidiary company tax-relief for Coalite?? Mr. Laurie Browne is supposedly returning to the Colony in about 5 to 6 weeks after obviously going home to UK to "report". Perhaps it would be best if he remained at home and TCT place Ian McMeekin in charge, wholly, and then perhaps the 'shape of things to come' will materialise. There is no truth in the rumour that a TCT Choir is going into EMI Studios to record the song "Mud, Mud, Glorious Mud", a pity, it was bound to be a hit!!

B.A.C. BACK?

Are plans under way for a phoenix like resurrection of the Broadcast Advisory Committee? If not, perhaps (according to some local opinion) it would not be a bad idea. Councillor Adrian Monk (not to be confused with Fatguts Arthur) has already placed a 'casual tag' on wunnerful Radio Stanley. A lack of respect by one announcer toward an advert placed by the Falkland Islands Company which nothing much was done about, makes a laughing stock of the whole concept of FIBS. Leave the Jokes for Record Roundup, RMR Show etc., not in the Announcements.

"NOT SO HEAVENLY"
(With apologies to Mr. Des Peck)

We've seen the "Road to Morocco" and the one to "Zanzibar",
Now the one to Darwin - so far,
But what about the ones in town,
Holes in which a child could quite well drown.

Ponds and puddles all over the place,
While nothing is done to make it safe,
Cars and Rovers with broken springs,
Of compensation oh! no such thing.

One enterprising tradesman bold,
Is importing from U.K. I'm told,
Prefabricated portable bridges,
To negotiate the holes and ridges.

We pay our rates whatever the state,
Of the road on which we have our gate,
Surely a bit "knocked off" should be made,
Until a new surface has been laid.

Candidates for Council promise a lot,
But when elected 'tis all forgot,
So keep up the pressure and you may see,
Some brand new roads by '83.

Just a few suggestions for re-naming some of the highways and byways
of Stanley:-

Waders Alley, Duck Pond Grove, Crater Avenue, Rubber Boot
Pass, Pond Street and Hovercraft Drive. I liked your cartoon strip re
Brandon Road in the issue No.7/79, the back gate of the house I own
in Stanley is on Brandon Road!

Thanks go to Mr. STAN MILLER of Fox Bay West for the above, but sorry
Stan, I must upstage you and chip in with a few more of my own renamed
streets but unfortunately they are unprintable!! Still, your house
value must be high now, who else can offer a view of a Lunar landscape??

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From the Falkland Islands Gazette latest issue, 10-6-79:-

APPOINTMENT: Dr. Peter George Hubert Summers, F.R.C.S. (Ed), D.A.,
Senior Medical Officer, Medical Department.

COMPLETION OF CONTRACT: Dr. Keith Edward Dunnett, M.B., B.Chir., Senior
Medical Officer, Medical Department.

RESIGNATION: Alan David Cusworth, Clerk, Public Service.

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KWIK KWIZ (Answers at the foot of page 16)

1. What do terpsichoreans do?
2. What's the word for "a robber of graves"?
3. What narcotic was named after a Roman god of sleep?
4. Was it Cain or Abel who said "Am I my brothers keeper?"
5. What one letter is used the most often, in English? Award yourself 2 points for each one correct. Score: 10-Well Done, 5+ Good, 5- Berk!

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LETTERBOX

FROM: Mrs.M.A.Wright, Southwell, Notts., England.
DATE: 25-5-79.

Dear Friends;

We have just received a letter from our son who has recently visited the Falkland Islands on board H.M.S.ASHANTI.

He told us how very friendly and kind the people were to the sailors - taking them into their houses for meals and drinks and showing the around the Island. Not one member of the ships company was left out.

May I, as a parent, thank all the people of Port Stanley for giving our boys such wonderful hospitality, and such a very warm welcome. Steve was struck by the wonderful cleanliness everywhere and the beautiful little houses all painted white. He was only disappointed that the weather made it impossible for him to take lots of photographs to bring home to show us. I'm sure I speak for many mothers and wives when I say again THANK YOU ALL and very best wishes from all the relatives of the ships company.

God Bless you all;
(Mrs.) M.A.Wright.

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WEATHER REVIEW: MAY 1979.

| <u>Average Daily Sun</u>
1.7 Hours | <u>Total Rainfall</u>
36.3mm | <u>Average Temperature</u>
3.5°C | <u>Highest Temp.</u>
9.5°C |
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| <u>Lowest Temp.</u>
- 1.6°C | <u>Average Wind speed</u>
16.4 knots | <u>Highest Gust</u>
53 knots | <u>Hours of Gale Force</u>
17 |
| <u>Wind of 10 knots or less</u>
187 hours | <u>Ground Frost occasions</u>
18 | | |

In brief, Sunshine, Rain and temperatures all below average with wind just about normal.

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STANLEY DARTS CLUB LEAGUE TABLE (At time of writing)

| | <u>PTS.</u> | | <u>PTS.</u> |
|---------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|
| 1. ROSE 'A' | 29 | 8. NANCY TRAWLERS | 12 |
| 2. DAD'S ARMY | 21 | 9. MARINE 'A' | 11 |
| 3. FLEETWING FLYERS | 21 | 10. ROAD BROKERS | 11 |
| 4. ROSE 'B' | 21 | 11. MARINE 'B' | 9 |
| 5. CULLY'S HERO'S | 20 | 12. VICTORY WRECKS | 8 |
| 6. UPLAND GOOSE | 20 | 13. SPARROWS | 3 |
| 7. GLOBE WANDERERS | 13 | 14. HYPODERMICS | 1 |

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WHERE HAVE ALL THE EXPLORER'S GONE? By H.V.Watson.

Conclusion.

In 1976 another stamp of historical interest was issued: a combined picture of a sailing ship and a map of the Falkland Islands - two separate subjects which provoke reason to expound on, yet interlinked.

First the ship 'Heroine' which was a frigate. For this voyage from Buenos Aires to the Falkland Islands it was under the command of an American by the name of Captain D. Jewitt, who was in the employ of the Buenos Aires Government. He was sent to take possession of the Falkland Islands. This imperious action was not sustained. The ship, whilst depicted as majestic, was in fact little better than seaworthy, and the crew, apart from a few able-bodied seamen, were taken from criminal quarters to make up the requirements of manning. In the long voyage many failed to reach the Falkland Islands alive.

It is regrettable that greater detail concerning the Falkland Islands in historical terms cannot be undertaken, but it should be clearly understood that they were discovered by the British. They were uninhabited islands, and at a particular time there were British and French settlers on the Islands and no other nationalities. The Spaniards bought their way into the Islands after pressure had been applied to the King of France to relinquish for a princely sum the settlement that Bougainville had established at Port Louis.

Bougainville was not convinced of the justice of the Spanish claim, apart from the fact he had settled on British territory, and to quote his words of protest: "No time has been more suitable than now for Spain to renounce in our favour her 'imaginary rights' to the Islands." The imaginary rights to which this refers are the Papal Bulls Inter Caetera of 1493 issued by Alexander VI, and even to this day they remain simply imaginary. In 1843, Letters Patent were issued for the Government of H.M. Settlements in the Falkland Islands and their Dependencies which covered all British discoveries in the Southern hemisphere ocean of the Atlantic. Great Britain gave the lead to the partitioning of Antarctica territory with Letters Patent in 1908 and in 1917. The claiming and defining of Falkland Islands Dependencies consolidated earlier claims of the 18th century.

In the matter of exploration it should be noted that Captain W. Smith who discovered the South Shetland Islands has never been given his rightful place in British geographical exploration.....THE END.

CHRISTIE-POWER

A 'dual' Dance was held in the Town Hall on Saturday June 16th when both 'Candlepower' and 'Agatha Christie' provided the live music. The 'new-look' Agatha Christie provided some good music and they included a well appreciated Country & Western spot with Alec Betts airing his tonsils on some Johnny Cash songs. It is planned to hold plenty more dual dances in the future, the total take at this one being £310 although this is before deductions.

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Results of recent Darts Matches held at Goose Green:

26th May, Individual Knockout:-

1st - Nutt Cartmell; 2nd - Eric Goss; 3rd - James McRae.

26th May, Ladies Knockout:-

1st - Shirley Goss, 2nd - Veronica Fowler and 3rd - Frances Browning.

9th June, Handicap Doubles:-

1st: Nutt Cartmell & Davy Hewitt; 2nd: Edith & Colin Smith;

3rd: George Gordon & James McRae

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FALKLAND CO-OPERATIVE INDUSTRIES A.G.M. By Betty Miller.

The first Annual General Meeting of the Falkland Co-operative Industries was held on 7th June. In his address, the Chairman, Mr. Joe King, said he felt this was quite an historic moment - the first AGM of a new business in the Islands. He went on to explain how the sale of Island produced goods to the tourist trade had been started by the Guild of Spinners. It had become too much for them to handle and Mrs. Miller had got together a group of interested persons and the Falkland Co-operative Industries had been formed, the main object being the development of a knitwear industry for the Islands.

During the year, the production of Pure Falkland Wool Tweed had been financed and eight knitting machines had been imported and sold at cost price in the hope of increasing knitwear production, as, unfortunately, there were not enough hand-knitters. In presenting the accounts, Mr. Stuart Booth told the meeting that although sales had been higher than anticipated, a large proportion of the profits had been absorbed in provision for taxation and refund of Government Loan. Development was retarded by lack of capital but he was very hopeful of the future. The Secretary enlarged on the problems of development. Knitwear production simply could not meet the demand and was usually sold out with the arrival of the first large tourist ship. Many hand-knitters were reluctant to work for the Industry because of taxation. Not all the machine knitters had got into production to date but it was hoped more would do so before the end of the winter. The Co-op would like to introduce a finer Falkland knitting wool for the machines but was unable to finance this at the moment. Only one person was producing cured skins to date but the first consignment of these had been sold in 24 hours. Since the meeting, Mrs. Miller had been approached by an agent from the United States who felt a big market for Falkland Sweaters could be found in the boating world over there. The present and potential market for Falkland Knitwear is large, BUT production to meet the demand can only CREEP forward because of shortage of capital and workers.

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A long-awaited, presumed missing piece of material destined for publication of a much earlier date, surfaced from amidst the mail brought in recently by the "Annette Danielsen". Posted in Canada in February this year it makes one take back every word said against the good ole GPO!! Read on:-

TO THE PEOPLE OF THE FALKLANDS

As you read these lines the majority of you will know that the Canadian MacLean Group has come and gone. Your islands have been a conversation piece amongst our respective families for 100 years. And rather than being a diminishing subject the topic has grown in interest over the years until some of us could stand the suspense no longer, and when the moment of truth came in the form of an actual trip, the decision to go was easy to make.

From this distance we didn't know just what to expect. Our respective encyclopedias didn't give much encouragement and what little we could learn of transportation from the mainland didn't help our enthusiasm. One of my "knowledgeable" sons said he thought the "Upland Goose" was the type of aircraft used between the Falklands and the mainland. But the spirit was willing. Even the travel agency seemed to be having its share of difficulties. They gave us a time and date to be at the departure point, which was the Edmonton, Alberta airport. Normally, the tickets are prepared and issued well in advance along with the necessary travel documentation. We didn't receive the tickets until it was almost time to board the aircraft so we didn't know for sure if we really had a trip or just thought we had.

An added attraction of the trip was 2/3 day stop-overs in Bogota, Colombia; Quito, Ecuador, Lima, Cuzco, Machu Pichu, Peru; Buenos Aires, Comodoro Rivadavia, Argentina; plus other stops at Iguacu Falls & Rio. In approaching the Falklands from Comodoro Rivadavia, I am sure the excitement grew in each of us, as we craned our necks from the aircraft to visually absorb as much of the islands as possible before the aircraft touched down.

Word of our impending visit had been indicated by Jack MacLean's correspondence to the Falklands and so I am sure we needed no introductions as we made our way through Customs to the Hotel - just a bunch of kooks from Canada. However, Des King of the "Upland Goose Hotel" soon had us checked in to our respective quarters, made us feel at home and fed us our evening meal. Busting with curiosity, we bundled up as darkness had fallen, a brisk wind was blowing, and took off for an exploratory turn through the nearby waterfront streets. Then to bed. By the time we had sat down to breakfast the next morning, Des King had completed arrangements for five of our party to go to the Fitzroy sheep station; 20 odd miles away; by Land Rover. It was a days excursion as there are no roads, just a trail through the bog and rock runs. The trip took some 3½ hours one way. But as time was running out the landrover party settled for Fitzroy - (the original objective was the Hillside Ranch beyond the Fitzroy station by almost 12 miles of bog) - where they were well received and given a glimpse of a way of life that hasn't changed in 100 years....OVER..

Back at the Hotel the other four members made good use of their time, moving up and down the streets, in and out of the stores, visiting the various government facilities and the hospital.

Throughout, we were most cordially received, being stopped in the streets by citizens who heard of our arrival and wishing to offer some piece of personal history relative to the original MacLean family or even just to be friendly and welcome us to their island home. The hospitality and the friendliness of the islands will long be remembered by those of us who had the pleasure of experiencing it.

Thus on behalf of our party - I wish to offer our joint personal thanks, for climaxing our years of anticipation with memories that will never die.

Yours sincerely,

Ella & Ida Earl; Kitscoty, Alberta; Toots, Neil & Mac Longson, Edmonton, Alberta; Jack MacLean & Roy MacAlister, Vermillion, Alberta; Lil & Les Rideout, Red Deer, Alberta.

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WOT? NO PRICE CONTROL?

As Mrs. Judy Melkenbuhr wrote from Port Howard on June 14th:-

"At Port Howard store we pay £1.04 for a 500 gram packet of cornflakes. Is this a record?"

I don't know about a record Judy, more like daylight roguery!! It just so happens that I received a few papers in the mail (air) recently from Portsmouth, Hampshire and I have picked a few prices at random from the various store adverts:-

KINGFISHER FOODS, FAREHAM, HANTS.

24 Harvest Beefburgers...98p; 20 Fish Fingers...59p; 10 Fish Cakes...44p.

INTERNATIONAL SUPERSTORE, GOSPORT, HANTS.

Golden Delicious Apples..42p per 1½lb pack. 800gram sliced loaf of bread..23½p; 15½oz Heinz Baked Beans..13p; Wall's Pork Sausages...32p per pound.

SHOPPERS PARADISE, PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.

Kellogs Cornflakes 500gram...35p; All Bran 680gram...47p; Pepsi-Cola 11½ fluid ounces...11½p; 400gram Teatime Assorted biscuits...36p; Hot Dog Sausages...14oz..18½p; 4oz Nescafe Fine Blend coffee...89p; Large Ideal Milk..19½p; Rileys Crisps 6-pack...29p. And I myself went to the Co-Op and paid 85p for a 250cc bottle of shampoo and this store sells the same brand in 350cc bottles for 22p!! Lyle's Golden Syrup 1½lb tin..40p; Carnival Jam (1lb)...27½p. How's that Judy?? I'd be extremely grateful if anyone would send in Camp prices. Let's have some internal comparison. Get writing!

Price Source: THE NEWS, Portsmouth.

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The Jarrot



HUH! WENT TO SEE
"GREASE", WHAT A
RIGHT NANCY THAT
JOHN REVOLTING
IS!!

I BET HE
CAN'T HANG FROM
A LAMP SHADE

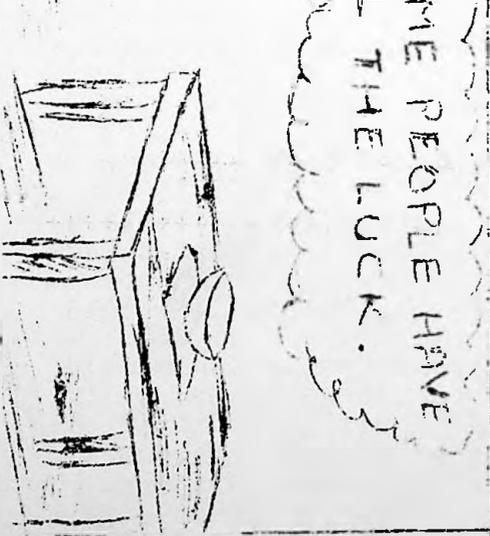
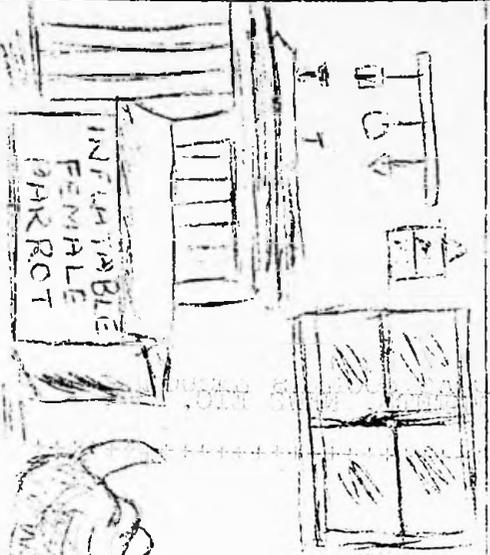


I BET HE CAN'T
PLAY HIS BANJO
WITH HIS FEET
WHILE HE FLIES
AROUND THE
ROOM!!...



THEN AGAIN, HE
PICKS UP SUCH
LOVELY WOMEN.

SOME PEOPLE HAVE
ALL THE LUCK.



DEATH May 26th 1979....Harriet Mary FELTON.....Aged 85.
at her home in Devon, England.

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HARK! HARK! THE DOGS DO BARK.

The recent rounds of Legislative Council Meetings centred around the Appropriation (or Budget) Bill has proved to be rather spirited with all Councillors giving their forthright views on a variety of points. Full marks must go to Councillor William Goss for his 'crusader' like tactics in leading the way by saying what he thinks regardless of Gentleman Jim's raised eyebrows. A Councillors job is to say what he thinks, although it seems that in the past some Councillors do not want to tread on colleague's corns, with of course the exception of Councillor Goss and Councillor Monk who both have given good value for votes. It is a pity that Councillor Tim Miller seems slightly virid and also has a fixation with immigration - Vietnamese Refugees? - cobblers. **Councillor Wallace has produced some good speeches as has the Hon. Derek Evans.** Councillor Willy Bowles, champion and Knight Errant of the old folk keeps ploughing away at pensions, rates etc. which is good.

Immigration, or rather the lack of it, seems to have been one of the major topics at these meetings. Why are people leaving? Why are there no queues of hopeful immigrants spilling across the tarmac of Stanley Airport? Nobody seems to have a definite answer to this problem and perhaps Councillors should collar departees at the airport lounge and ask them their reasons for leaving this land. More than likely the young 'uns will say shove orf and mind your own business but they are probably leaving because of plain boredom, lack of opportunity, some uncertainty about the Falkland Islands eventual sovereignty, a lack of housing, rising prices and low wages, lack of women. There still seems to be a lot more talk than action however and even though an attempt at social improvement by Government in the conversion of a house to 4 flatlets at No.1 Moody Street, little progress seems to have been made. Fishing Industry? Who is going to supply the vessels. Fishermen at home are finding it hard to make a standard of living they reached a decade ago. Leave it to the Polacks, Ruskies and Japs. Take a percentage of their catch for internal Falkland consumption and reap the benefits of a reformed way of licensing their vessels in Territorial waters. Vietnamese Refugees? Who is going to teach them English? The Irish-Asian expert Paddy Fields?? Why not offer the jobs on farms at a realistic rate of pay at a par with UK then perhaps enticement of agricultural workers to the sheep farms will happen. Those are just a few of my views and I more than welcome any readers views on current LEGCO.

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KWIK KWIZ ANSWERS; 1) Dance (from the Muse, Terpsichore). 2) Ghoul - originally believed to feed on corpses. 3) Morphine (from Morpheus). 4) Cain, after slaying Abel. 5) The letter "E".

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SHACKLETON REPORT A WASTE OF TIME AND MONEY?

According to a "Newsletter" report concerning the Economic Survey of these Islands conducted by Lord Shackleton in 1976, arguments have been taking place in the House of Lords as to exactly what parts of the report have been implemented under the recommendations of Lord Shackleton:-

'In the House of Lords on 4th July, Lord Trefgarne said that a majority of the recommendations contained in the report have now been implemented, all recommendations having been carefully examined. Lord Morris was not in agreement and said 'interpreting the results of the action that has been taken, in the most conservative manner possible, it appears that only 31% of the recommendations have been implemented, 15% are in initial progress. Is the Minister aware that only 15% are in progress, only 18% could be said to be under consideration and that no action has been taken on 31%? Bearing this in mind, will the Minister join with his colleague, the Lord Privy Seal, who stated in the House of Commons on the 25th May that the majority of the recommendations have been implemented'? Lord Trefgarne said that Lord Morris was mistaken and that a majority of the recommendations have been implemented. Lord Shackleton himself then interrupted and said: "Is the noble Lord aware that he and the Lord Privy Seal, like a Minister in the previous Government have made a totally misleading statement? The most important recommendations for instance, in regard to the Airfield, have not been carried through and indeed, have not been looked at? There is only a desk study on the Fisheries matter and the money that is being spent relates largely to expenditure incurred and planned before I ever went to the Falkland Islands. Would the noble Lord now consider very carefully whether the record should be put straight? Lord Trefgarne would not be moved and said that he rejected the suggestion that the Lord Privy Seal had misled the Commons. He confirmed, he said, that a majority of the Shackleton Report recommendations have now been implemented. Baroness Emmet of Amberley suggested that the only way for all the matters to be implemented would be for the Falkland Islands and Argentina to work together, considering the distance separating the two countries. She also suggested that if this was so, and by exploiting the minerals, fishing, the seaweed and everything else, it may succeed in keeping some of the young people in the Islands so retaining Britain's claim to them. Lord Trefgarne agreed and said further that the best way forward for the Falkland Islands would be with the agreement of and in consultation with the Argentine Government, but he added that he confirmed that this has to be done with the agreement of the Falkland Islanders themselves.

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Falkland Islander Gerry Johnson was in for a surprise when he presented his British Passport to immigration officers in Southampton. After arriving as a crewmember of the Antarctic survey ship "Bransfield" he hoped to study at the College of Navigation at Warsash. But into his British Passport went the ominous stamp that he could "only stay for the period during which the holder arrived remains in the UK."

The 20-year-old deckhand, with ambitions to be a navigating officer was shattered. "Every Falkland Islander regards Britain as home. They never say they are coming over here. They say they are going home." Government officials however take a different view to some of the residents of the tiny British colony off the Argentine coast. Crossed out of Gerry's are the words: Holder has the right of abode in the United Kingdom. Forbidden to work, Gerry has to eke out an existence from his savings until the Bransfield sails again after her refit in October. "I've just got what I saved during my trip. If I can't get a job I'll have to exist on that. I'll have to be a bit careful. It's not the cheapest place to live," maintains Gerry. An ambitious lad, Gerry wants to study for his second mates ticket and is keen on a future at sea. His problem with the authority arises because he can't prove that his grandparents were of British origin. "I don't know where they came from originally." A spokesman for the Immigration Office in Southampton explained they were not allowed to comment on individual cases. "But if he'd like to come down we'd be only too happy to talk it over with him," a spokesman declared.

Taken from The SOUTHERN EVENING ECHO (Southampton) June 12th 1979.

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WHAT'S WRONG WITH SHEEP FARMING?

By

Robin Lee, Port Foward, West Falkland.

I am sure many people in the camp have spent their last few evenings listening to the broadcasts relating to the deliberations of Council. I know that I have and that sometimes I have been annoyed and sometimes heartened by what was said. As a sheep farmer, I found one thing very disturbing; this being the apparent acceptance by most members of Council that there is very little future in sheep farming in the Falkland Islands. I know that the Government is entering into the Green Patch Scheme, but this does not alter the fact that it has been said in past meetings of Council, and was reiterated in these meetings, that the future of sheep farming looks bleak. I wonder if the people in Council ever stop to think what effect this has on a bunch of sheep-herds that have been out in the cold and rain all day gathering sheep? Enough to make the best of them throw in the towel, I would suggest.

At the end of the meeting, everyone congratulates one another - how about saying 'thankyou' to the sheep and the men that work them next time, chaps? Next year, Government hope to earn £300,000 in Company Tax, and we all know that this comes from the sheeps' back. Many Council members expressed concern over the uncertainty of Governments income - will stamps produce as much next year- tourism etc.

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.....A good point, one thing we can be sure of, is that the sheep will produce their share.

***** Why not invest in something that we know about (sheep farming) and stop spending large sums of money on schemes that are considered to be quite a gamble? Why not a few incentive schemes for farmer's? Tax reductions for those who increase production, etc. Most of all, some encouragement for the people in Camp, who are working harder than ever and becoming more efficient every year. If you don't believe me, draw a graph of kilograms of wool produced per man employed.

THE NEW CRAZE: PORCH BASHING!!

Mr. John Bound sure started something after his motoring accident involving the McCullums porch a while back. This time, it was the turn of the part of the Rowe Empire, the Globe Hotel, to have its porch smashed up by a vehicle. Culprits this time were the Royal Marines and one of their Rovers. People in Stanley must make sure their porches are constructed of tungsten steel in future. Suggestion for a best selling dessert for either the Victory or Social Club Restaurants menu: 'Porches and Cream?' Ouch!!

V.A.T. OR V.A.F. By Mr. Ron Reeves, Hill Cove.

Intending migrants to the Falkland's must beware of the fallacy that the C.O.L. is cheaper here. True basic commodities like meat, fuel, veg are free (in camp). Isn't that enough? Not really, when you realise that all imported merchandise carries the V.A.F. surcharge. Value Added Freight. Or 40% in the £ by surface d'd, or 60% in the £ by air.

Migrating souls inward, must remember that outside of a few basic requirements, all commodities are imported. Put another way, Mr. Average Family Man in the camp spending £700 in the farm store would have been V.A.F'd to the tune of £280. Thus enriching shippers, agents, insurer's etc., not forgetting the odd Sheik, or Margaret - depending on oily origins.

Put another way, every thousand pounds that Mr. Average spends in the Islands on imported goods, only buys £600 worth of goods. Or every £600 worth of goods purchased over the counter U.K. costs the Islander £1000.

Also on a C.W.O. by sea, to the tune of £100 ties up capital void of interest at say 12%, losing the purchaser £6 per six month delay in shipment. True to form, 6 months is the norm from despatch of order and cash, to receipt of goods on jetty per farm (in camp). Island entrepreneurs beware, it's even better on a National scale. Assuming around £100 per cubic metre of imported and exported ware, of costs. Rising in leaps and bounds as the oil situation tightens the screws. If that doesn't screw you up, remember that a cubic metre is the same volume, that old hands would know as the first yard of peat cut in the bank. (Uninitiated folk wouldn't realise that the first opener is usually a little more than a cubic yard).

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From Mr. George Pearson of Southampton comes this clipping which will probably be a memory jerker for the more senior citizens of Stanley.

MARRIED IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

A couple who were married on the Falkland Islands celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on May 22nd. They were Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Wheatley, of 25c Langtoft Road, Stroud. Mr. Wheatley (74) met his wife Betty when he was employed by the Crown Agents on the islands, the wedding taking place at Christ Church Cathedral, Port Stanley.

He went out to the Falkland Islands on January 9, 1929 after successfully applying for an advertised post, and it was there that he met Miss Pearson, his future wife. They came back to England in 1932 when Mr. Wheatley took up an appointment with the Air Ministry, being at Aston Down for a time and being posted to a number of countries. He retired in 1970, being awarded the Imperial Service Medal. Mrs. Wheatley (70) was born in Port Stanley and used to look after horses. Mr. & Mrs. Wheatley have one son and five daughters and now Mrs. Wheatley enjoys looking after the grandchildren - there are 20 - while Mr. Wheatley enjoys gardening and walking.
(Mrs. Wheatley was also a sister of the late Bella Pearson).

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DELIGHTFUL DISPLAY

Congratulations must go to the School Photography Club who have mounted yet another fine display of interesting old photo's in West Store. Neat caption lettering by Mr. Gerard Robson makes the current display one of the best yet.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS SOVEREIGNTY

In the Commons on 22 June, Mr. Tony Marlow asked the Lord Privy Seal, whether the sovereignty of the Falkland Isles is one of the subjects under discussion in the current negotiations between Great Britain and the Argentine. Mr. Nicholas Ridley said that the terms of reference for negotiations about the Falkland Islands dispute announced to the House by the former Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary on 26 April included this subject. The date for a further round of talks has not yet been fixed but we shall continue the dialogue with the Argentine Government in a constructive spirit.

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BIRTHS

To John and Veronica FOWLER, 26th June, a daughter, RACHEL who weighed 7lb 6oz.

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ENGAGEMENT

Gerald MORRISON to Kay ANDERSON.

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Results of a Whist Drive held at Goose Green on the 16th June.

LADIES: 1st Nora Smith; 2nd Margaret Smith; Booby: Eileen Jaffray.
GENTS: 1st Colin Smith; 2nd Davie Hewitt; Booby: Gavin Felton.

Stanley Badminton Club Whist Drive, 22nd June:-

LADIES: 1st Shirley Seeley; 2nd Sheila Cantlie; Booby: Stella Perry.
GENTS: 1st Mike Murphy; 2nd Charlie Keenleyside; Booby: Stan Smith & Bill Cletheroe.

DARTS. Individual Knockout held at Goose Green:

1st Finlay Ferguson; 2nd Colin Smith; 3rd Nutt Cartmell.

Goose Green Darts League results at end of first leg:-

| POS. | TEAM | PTS. |
|----------|------|------|
| 1st..... | 'G' | 42 |
| 2nd..... | 'A' | 42 |
| 3rd..... | 'B' | 41 |
| 4th..... | 'D' | 33 |
| 5th..... | 'C' | 32 |
| 6th..... | 'E' | 32 |
| | 'F' | 27 |

Ladies Individual Knockout:

1st Shirley Goss; 2nd Hazel Ford; 3rd Nanette Morrison.

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STANLEY GONG

Mr. Sidney Miller of Stanley, who is already a holder of the O.B.E. has been made a C.B.E. as well.

Mr. Miller is the first Falkland Islander to receive such an award. After a little piece was read out on a recent Newsletter Programme mentioning this fact, a phone call was received by a person who claimed that a Mr. Barton was the first Falkland Islander to be so honoured. That Mr. Barton was, however, born in England whereas Mr. Miller is a full-blooded Kelper! Congratulations Sid.

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RULE BRITANNIA

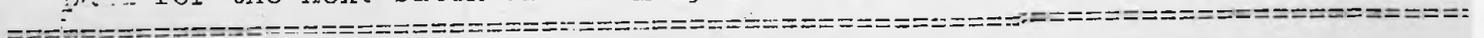
With the news that the familiar Charter Vessel the "Annette Danielsen" will not be re-chartered comes the news that the replacement vessel will be the A.E.S. belonging to the Sorensen Line. While of the same name as the old A.E.S., the A.E.S. II was formerly called the 'Brittania'. Information says that the A.E.S. will be loading on September 24th and should arrive in the Falklands sometime in October.

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LOOKING AHEAD

The price of the "TIMES" will remain at 13 pence in the Colony at least until January 1980.

A reminder to some subscribers that subscriptions expire with issue number 12/79. North Arm have already paid for the next batch of 12! Many Thanks North Armites!!





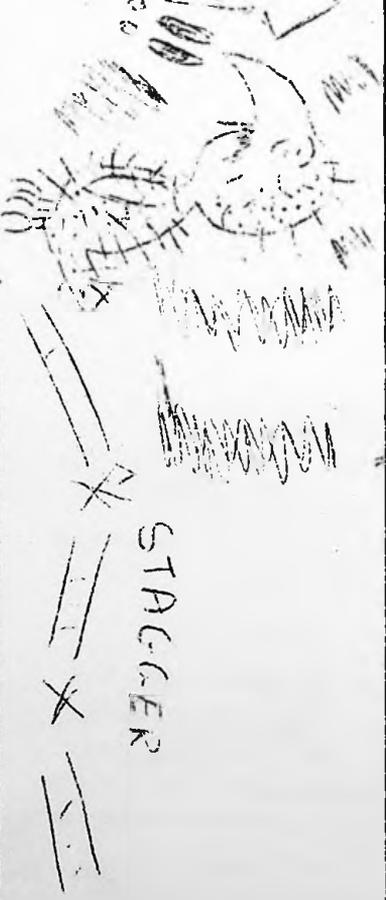
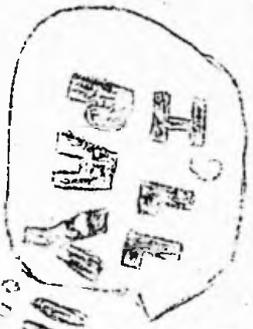
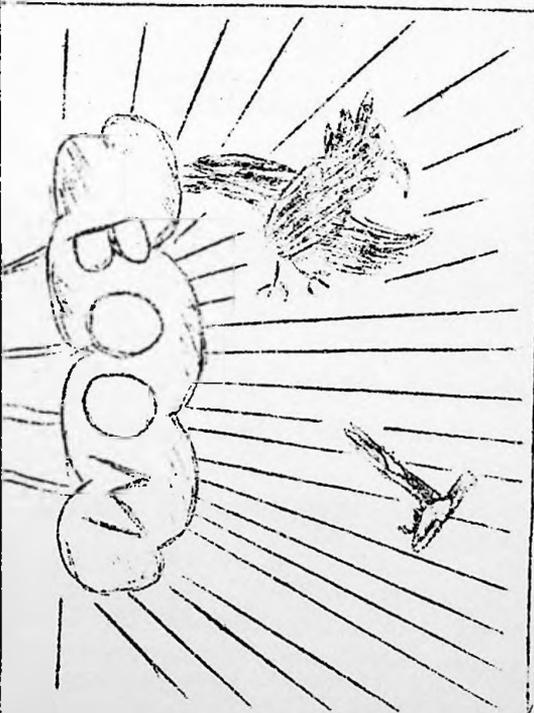
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I CALL IT! ELECTRICITY
UP TO 6 1/2 PENCE.



HOW THEY THINK
WE CAN AFFORD
IT, I DON'T
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EVERYTHING IS HAPPENING
AT ONCE! UP AND UP
EVERYTHING GOES.
NEXT THING, LE BIP
SECRET SERVICE AND
THE GOVERNMENT AGENTS
WILL MANIPULATE PEOPLE
WHO GROUSE AT PRICE
RISES.



STAGGER

The recent death of Mrs. Eliza Jane McAskill should not pass without comment, as 'Mrs.Mac' as she was known, was greatly loved and admired by all who knew her. Essentially she was a 'Wester' having lived for all but 4 of her 87 years on West Falkland.

Lottie, the affectionate name that her parents called her, was born at Leicester Creek, Fox Bay. Her mother and father were both from Scotland. They journeyed to the Falklands on one of the trips of the famous "Great Britain" in the 1800's. It was said that Lottie's mother (Barbara Rutherford) ran off with her fathers grocsmen and that they made for the Falklands to escape his wrath.

In her early life, Lottie worked at Roy Cove for the Bertrands and Clements. She met her husband Jack McAskill there, and after marrying they moved to Goring House in the Chartres Farm in 1911. She lived for over 60 years at Chartres and was thought to have visited Stanley on only two occasions - both for reasons of illness.

Mrs. McAskill became known all over the West Falklands mainly because of her devoted service in linking the West farms by telephone. Day and night she could be relied upon to come to the aid of Doctors and patients and private callers. The telephone lines all passed through Goring House and she was responsible for connecting caller to contact whatever the time of day. Lottie was awarded the British Empire Medal in recognition of her untiring duty but typically she didn't consider it necessary to come to Stanley to collect it. Governor Arrowsmith quite rightly took the medal to her.

In 1975, Mrs.Mac retired to Stanley. She brought with her her two pet cows and her old dog. Until quite recently she could be seen in her gumboots, carrying a pail, tottering up to milk her cows every morning. Undoubtedly she will be missed by all who knew her, especially by her close friend Mrs.Rcsie McKay with whom she lived in Stanley.

PATRICK WATTS after talking to Mrs.R.McKay.

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WEATHER REVIEW - JUNE 1979

| <u>Highest Temp.</u> | <u>Average Temp.</u> | <u>Lowest Temp.</u> | <u>Total Rain.</u> |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| 7.5°C | 3.1°C | -2.7°C | 2.27" (57.6mm) |
| <u>Average Daily Sun.</u> | <u>Average Wind Speed.</u> | <u>Highest Wind Gust.</u> | |
| 2.3 Hours | 17.3 Knots | 63 Knots | |
| <u>Gale Force Wind.</u> | <u>Wind 10 Knots & Below.</u> | <u>Ground Frost Occasions.</u> | |
| 18 Hours | 129 Hours | 19 | |

IN BRIEF: Generally Sunnier and warmer but a little more rain and wind than usual.

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.....Lord Goronwy-Roberts suggested that the use of the word 'majority' has been understood in varying ways by various people. He also said "I think that my noble friends and I would be concerned more about how much has been done rather than about how many small things have not been done". Lord Trefgarne said he was prepared to make a detailed statement and that he would arrange for the list of Lord Shackleton's recommendations and the action that has been taken on them - and to have it circulated with the Official Report. Lord Shackleton then said " Is the noble Lord aware that either I am accusing him and his Right Honourable friend of being liars, or he is accusing me?, because as the author of the recommendations I can only repeat what I said and ask him have any of the major recommendations been carried out at all and will he give the details? Lord Trefgarne, who relented a little said 'I suppose there is some room for variation in interpretation of what constitutes a recommendation but we certainly maintain that, quantitatively a majority of the recommendations have been implemented."

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SPEEDWELL STORE

Hours of Business:- Mon, Tues, Wed and Friday 2-5pm Saturday 2-4pm.

TIGHTS (Kayser)....38p; Coloured sheets (Cotton Single bed)....£8.20;
 IMCO Petrol Lighters....47p & 58p; Electric Shavers (German)....£18.40;
 Flanellette pillowcases....£1.95 pair; Birthday Cards...12p; Whimsies
18p; Barometers....£8.40 - £13; "CLD SPICE" Gift sets..£1.90-£3.10;
 9carat Gold Earrings, St.Christopher's and Crucifixes, Silver Charms &
 Locketts. COLIBRI Lighters....£9.45-£29; GBD Electronic Lighters..£4.95;
 Blankets..£2.90; Bathroom Sets...£6.80 & £7.45; BIC Disposable Razors
 -pack of 3 with ball pen...25p; SUTTONS Vegetable Seeds....17p;
 Lighter flints...7p per packet; Dr.Plumb & Peter Piper pipes; Bath
 Mats...£2.50; Ladybird Books....33p; SMITHS Clocks, including Travel
 Alarms and Battery Alarms; SEIKO and ORIS Ladies & Gents Watches;
 SONY Blank Cassette Tapes...C-60 £1.20, C-90 £1.70; Musicassettes
 £2.50 & £3.50; SONY & GRUNDIG Radio/Recorders; ICF-5900W 5-Band SSB
 Receiver...£96; SONY CF-950S Sideband Radio/Recorders...£170 (Special
 Orders Only). DUREX CONTRACEPTIVES....24p per packet of 3.

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LETTERBOX

FROM: MRS.K.BERTRAND, CARCASS ISLAND.
DATE: 29th JUNE 1979.

Dear Ed;

Having listened to the Leg Co Budget speeches and the final results I would like to say how much I agree with the Hon.Willie Bowles regarding the increase in electricity rates. This increase will hit the old age pensioners more than anyone else, especially those who have little else to depend on but their pension. Old people need the light more than most people, they often cannot sleep at night and perhaps they want to make a hot drink. It seems very sad if they are forced to lie in the dark waiting for daylight to come because they cannot afford to keep a light on. I think there should be a special rate for those who are in the very low income group; surely this could be done by a rebate of half what they have spent at the end of each quarter. It is no use saying that if they go to the authorities and prove that they cannot afford to pay they will be granted relief. People are generally too proud to ask for charitable relief, especially old people, any help must be given automatically and all below a certain income group treated alike.

I do not think all old age pensioners should be included in this because some, like my husband, have another source of income to help out. I do not agree with the suggestion that the rate should be very much higher for businesses; if that is done it means that any small enterprise will suffer.

The other point which I think was important although not given much prominence was lack of maintenance and general neglect of equipment, I do feel that the Colony should try harder to save money and one way surely is to maintain what we already have rather than letting vehicles etc. be run into the ground and then renewed. Why not pay a bonus to drivers of vehicles for keeping them in good running order and likewise deducting a percentage of the wage for careless handling?

I would be interested if any of your readers feel like commenting on these ideas, I quite expect to be 'shot down' !

I would conclude by saying that I do appreciate the enormous amount of work which is done by all concerned at these Leg Co Meetings. I would especially like to thank the Hon.Bill Goss for his forthright remarks about the school hostel. I had begun to think it was a case of the 'Emperor's new clothes'.

Yours Sincerely, etc.

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DEATHS

JUNE 9th 1979.....Dorothy Iowa BARTON.....Aged 72.
JUNE 30th 1979.....Jane Eliza McASKILL.....Aged 87.

BIRTHS

APRIL 15th 1979...To Mr. & Mrs. J.Pencet, a son, DION MICHAEL.
JUNE 1st 1979.....To Mr. & Mrs. D.HAZELL, a daughter, ANGELA.

MARRIAGE

JUNE 16th 1979...Barry Marwood NEILSON to Margaret LARSEN,
at the Registrar General's Office, Stanley.
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"OLD CON"

By Namboh.

You never were a fancy hauling dog,
Of a whistle you took no heed,
Just an all-round forcing dog,
A handy kind of breed.

You would work all day in the draughting pen,
Jumping fences and gates in your stride,
And when we drove away from the pens,
You'd start out working wide.

You would catch a nice fat Christmas lamb,
Taking care not to bruise the hide,
And shift those sulky imported Rams,
When we had the brutes to drive

But now Old Con, you are retired,
Living like a Gent,
Now and then a litter you'sire,
And dream of years well spent.

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POLICE ALERT

It is rumoured that the Police are searching high and low for a 9-foot tall person who entered the house rented by the Baylis's. Fingerprint experts have so far drawn a blank but have managed to make a mess of the house with their magic black powder. A spokesman for the police said yesterday that they have dusted the tops of the door frames with their fingerprint powder, trod the stuff into the carpet and smeared it around the walls. They have used up all the powder in their kit and are awaiting fresh supplies of 'Boy's Own Mitt Marker' kits from a Glasgow Joke Shop.

Crime is on the increase in Stanley with four seagull's being arrested in a fortnight for unloading refuse onto peoples heads. The Colobus Club was raided on Friday last, and a cache of opium soaked Bath Buns were removed by police for analysis. Police are also on the alert for the would be arsonist who tried to set the Studio aflame by dropping a Playboy magazine onto an electric fire, certainly hot stuff. Fifteen people were arrested at the Hostel site last Tuesday when they were discovered setting up telescopes and binoculars in line with the girls dormitory. Police confiscated the instruments and can be seen testing them out on Sundays. A Council Member was arrested after being caught in the Treasury destroying £10 notes with a pair of scissors. Upon being charged, the Councillor said "I was just trying to cut expenditure." Finally, the RRS "Bransfield" is expected to be in dock in October. Alterations are being made to the Courtroom accordingly.

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RIDLEY LEAVES BEHIND RIDDLES.

The recent visit to the Falkland Islands by the Tory Minister of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, the Hon. Nicholas Ridley has remained a talking point amongst the people. After the Public Reception held in the Town Hall where Mr. Ridley was supposed to "chat" with the Joe Public a few people were left with an impression that things surrounding the political front are not going as well as the average Kelper would like. Is Britain ready to pull out? NO. At least, Mr. Ridley assured the Colony twice over in his Radio interview that nothing would be done without the approval of the people. A pity he is a Tory as a Labour Minister might have been believed. There does not seem to be any indications that a complete Argentine take-over is imminent and in fact a complete statement that the Colony will remain British has been made so many times that cries of "We're being sold out" are completely unfounded. The Argentine reporters who accompanied the entourage will probably twist things about in their papers and magazines but it all helps sales. Would U.K. Aid be given if the Hangar, the Darwin Road and the Hostel would fall into the hands of the Argentines? Unfortunately, Mr. Ridley was just a run-of-the-mill Minister of the sort that come and go every four years. There now follows 'official reports' of the Ministers visit:-

The Minister of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, the Hon. Nicholas Ridley, arrived in Stanley this morning. (July 20th). After the LADE F27 flight had touched down a little before 11 o'clock, Mr. Ridley with his wife and Private Secretary, met His Excellency the Governor and Mrs. Parker and Falkland Councillors and their wives.

Following the introductions, the party drove into Stanley where many houses were decked out with stickers such as 'Keep the Falklands British' and 'God Bless Our Queen.' Around about 50 people gathered at the entrance to Government House drive and although it was raining quite heavily, the Minister along with His Excellency the Governor, got down from the official car to talk with the crowd. The early arrival of the aircraft meant that some people were a little late in arriving at the drive but the Minister moved around quite freely and spoke with many of the late-comers. Mrs. Betty Miller unfurled one of the biggest banners which read: "We want our 200 miles, for Falklands Fish are British Fish". The Minister admired the banner and wanted to know who had thought up the slogan. He also observed another banner which said 'Long to reign over us, God bless our Queen.' Mr. Ridley then had his photograph taken with young Donna Summers. The crowd meanwhile had swelled to about 80 and in answer to some questions Mr. Ridley said that he was pleased to

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ENERGY CRUNCH!

A novel way of accounting rapidly gaining ground during these difficult times relevant to the now imminent energy crunch! This method utilises net terms of energy inputs with regard to efficiency of the operation under study.

A simple illustration would suffice, Peat-cutting manual versus the mechanised McConnel hydraulic arm powered by the tractors p.t.o. Assuming a standard 65 hp tractor (48.47kW) and two operators at the peat bank. (2 x 0.0932 kW) means that given a 10 x 8 hr operating period the mechanical method will give out a total of 3892.51 kW's or sufficient energy to keep a 3kW fire burning day and night for 54 days.

Assuming ten men to do the same (10 x 0.0932 kW) x 10 x 8hr period, this will develop sufficient energy to a total of 74.56 kW's, or sufficient energy to keep a 3kW fire burning for just one day! Therefore the mechanical method has a net imbalance of 3817.95 kW's in favour of hand cutting. Besides, hand cut peat burns better than the former.

Mr. Ron Reeves, Hill Cove.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS COMMITTEE GOOSE GREEN
AND WALKER CREEK LOCAL BRANCH BAZAAR.

By Sharon Middleton; Chairman/Secretary, 17th July 1979.

At 2.30 on Saturday afternoon a Bazaar was held in the Goose Green Hall in aid of the Falklands U.K. Committee fund. When the doors were opened people thronged in and the hall became very crowded. There were the usual stalls which you find at any Bazaar plus some games in the Teenage Bar which was run by Darwin School children. These games were mainly for the children but anyone could have a go. The magnificent sum of £353.79p was raised and this will be forwarded to the Falkland Islands U.K. Committee in London.

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DIAMOND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY - Bill & Mabel Halliday.

Sunday July the 22nd was a special day for Bill and Mabel Halliday as on that day 60 years ago they were married. Bill and Mabel's celebrations took the form of a party held in St. Mary's Annexe wherein about 150 guests enjoyed themselves from 8pm onwards. Plenty of good food was made available cooked mainly by daughter Orlanda and daughter-in-law Peggy Halliday aided by Mabel's sister-in-law Ada Watts and Babs McLeod. Bill & Mabel also received a telegram from the Queen which was read to them by their only son Les at a private supper at Les's home. An enjoyable evening was had by all.

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RIDLEY'S VISIT. Continued from Page 1.

.....be in the Falklands. He added that he had had a good journey and looked forward to meeting as many people as possible. (A Public Reception was held in the Town Hall for this purpose on the Saturday evening). After about ten minutes of chatting with people the Minister and His Excellency moved back into the car and the party continued to Government House. After lunching at Government House the party went on a sight seeing tour around Stanley which included looking at the Darwin Road, and Hostel Site. The Minister had discussions with the Chief Financial Secretary (Mr. Harold Rowlands) in the afternoon and later in the evening a reception for 80 guests was held at Government House. On Saturday, Mr. Ridley met members of Legislative and Executive Council followed by an afternoon look at other development projects including the Hangar. The Grasslands Trials Unit, the Ashworth Dairy and the M.V. Monsunen were also included in his tour. As expected, several journalists came with the party including some Argentine reporters and a representative of the Financial Times.

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RELATIONS WITH ARGENTINA

In the Commons on 27th July, Mr. Michael Grylls asked the Lord Privy Seal if he would make a statement on normalisation of diplomatic relations with Argentina. Sir Ian Gilmour replied:- "During his current visit to Buenos Aires, my Hon. Friend the Minister of State discussed the question of relations between our two countries with the Argentine Government. Both Governments have now agreed on the need to restore relations to Ambassadorial level and will be seeking agreement for their respective candidates in due course."

In amplification of the reply to this House of Commons Question, Mr. Ridley referred to the possibility of an exchange of Ambassadors during his recent visit. It was understood that Her Majesty's Government are responding to an Argentine request: it was they who originally withdraw their Ambassador from London and asked for the withdrawal of the British Ambassador and the first move for a restoration of Ambassadors has properly to come from them. What Her Majesty's Government are agreeing to is simply a return to normal full diplomatic relations. The appointment of an Ambassador does not betoken any change of policy on the part of Her Majesty's Government. Ambassadors are regarded as an essential functional point of contact at the highest levels. There are obvious advantages in having such access, particularly when matters are in dispute.

GOVERNOR'S ASSISTANT

Recently, the Colony saw the arrival in Stanley of Mr. Michael Growcott who has taken up the post of Assistant to His Excellency the Governor to replace Miss Maureen Lawrence. He is accompanied by his wife and three young children. Mr. Growcott's previous posts overseas have included Pretoria, Kampala and Peking.

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For general information, main parts of the recently published Falkland Islands Estimates 1979/80 are reproduced below:-

| <u>Heads of Expenditure</u> | <u>Estimate 1979/80.</u> |
|--|--------------------------|
| | £ |
| The Governor..... | 37,773 |
| Agriculture..... | 14,369 |
| Aviation..... | 189,826 |
| Customs & Harbour..... | 45,415 |
| Education..... | 218,373 |
| Medical..... | 237,101 |
| Metecrological..... | 13,885 |
| Military..... | 6,570 |
| Miscellaneous..... | 32,854 |
| Pensions & Gratuities..... | 40,736 |
| Police & Prisons..... | 32,913 |
| Posts & Telecommunications..... | 171,440 |
| Public Works..... | 235,164 |
| Public Works Recurrent..... | 212,825 |
| Public Works Special..... | 48,810 |
| Secretariat, Treasury and Central Store..... | 173,969 |
| Overseas Passages..... | 102,213 |
| Social Welfare..... | 90,756 |
| Supreme Court & Legal..... | 16,086 |
| Training..... | 15,000 |
| TOTAL ORDINARY EXPENDITURE | <u>1,936,078</u> |

EXPENDITURE TO BE MET FROM U.K. AID

| <u>SERVICE</u> | <u>APPROVED ESTIMATE</u> |
|---|--------------------------|
| | <u>1979/80</u> |
| | £ |
| Telecommunications..... | 10 |
| School Hostel Project No.13 & 21..... | 250,000 |
| Major Roads Project No.24..... | 167,500 |
| Causeway & Berth for off-loading oil products..... | 268,000 Project 18 |
| X-Ray Equipment Project No.20..... | 32,500 |
| Hospital Theatre Equipment..... | 12,000 |
| Rehabilitation of PWD Equipment, Project No.22..... | 10 |
| Fencing Subsidy Project No.5..... | 5,825 |
| Islander Aircraft & Hangar Project No.26..... | 260,000 |
| Hostel Water Supply..... | 1,000 |
| Hostel Sewerage..... | 1,435 |
| Hostel Electricity..... | 7,000 |
| Modernisation of Printing Office..... | 10 |
| Equipment workshop, economics and rural studies
centre, School Hostel..... | 7,150 |
| Coseley Buildings, School Hostel Site..... | 5,000 |
| | <u>£1,017,440</u> |

PHOTOGRAPHIC:- OLYMPUS OM2 f1.8 lens & accessories.....£222.40

35RC with accessories.....£ 50.50

Trip 35 with accessories.....£ 35.80

Soligor Bounce Flashguns with remote sensor and 15-minute battery recharger.....£65.50

AGFACOLOR 36 Exposure Slide Film £2.50 (including processing).

AGFACOLOR 127 Print Film....77p. 127 FP4 Film....35p.

Enlarging Frames.....£8.00. Double weight enlarging paper.

Post Card £2.10; Halfplate £2.54; 35mm tanks £2.85; Multi-Unit 35mm tanks £6.30; Graduated Measures £1.00; Plastic Funnels 50p; Plastic Developing dishes in sets of 3:- £1.35 and £1.88; Plastic 35mm Slide Mounts in packets of 100 @ £1.20;

K E L V I N S T O R E

ROAMER Watches from £13.50. TRAFALGAR Digital Watches from £9.70.

Pillow Case pairs....£2.00. Tablecloth and Napkin sets....£5.90.

Candlewick Bedspreads, Single...£9.45 Double...£10.90.

Ladies Brush & Comb sets....£1.30. Ladies Hankies.....10p.

BRONNLEY GIFT SETS from 85p.

Gents Brush & Comb Sets.....85p

Crewneck Jerseys from.....£9.60.

Braces.....£1.45.

Belts.....£1.50.

Gents Hankies.....27p.

Gents Blazers.....£19.90.

Pineapple in natural juice...36p.

Sugarless Jellies.....24p.

Honey & Lemon Strepsils.....48p.

Paracetamol (100's).....80p.

Haliborange.....£1.40.

Deep Heat rub.....55p.

Shirts.....£3.95-£6.50.

Socks.....80p.

Gents Footwear from....£7.00.

A LARGE VARIETY OF TOYS

FEBS Cold relief tablets.....45p.

Burnol Ointment.....30p.

E45 Cream.....45p.

GOODS EXPECTED IN AUGUST:- Velbon Tripods; Cabin 1000A Projectors; Sanyo Battery operated cassette recorders.

Sanyo Radio/Cassette combinations (Mono & Sterec); Sanyo Pocket Radios;

Sanyo Digital Radio-Clocks; Sanyo Electronic Desk Calculators;

Copal Digital battery operated Alarm clocks and Mini battery operated

Alarm Clocks - Both types are Quartz; Blower brushes. 12" Cable releases.

GOODS EXPECTED IN SEPTEMBER:- MILO Binoculars 8x40, 10x50 and 12x50.

Musical Boxes. Casic Digital Watches.

Sanyo Pocket Calculators. Nail Clippers.

FROM: JAMES LOVEGROVE WALDRON LIMITED; PORT HOWARD.
DATE: JULY 12th 1979.

Dear Sir,

Recently the Times reported that a 500gram packet of cornflakes costs a Port Howard resident £1.04. A mammoth price for an everyday run-of-the-mill item! Except Port Howard residents do NOT pay £1.04 for a packet of cornflakes. They receive a 5% discount which brings the price down to a fraction under 99p.

Still expensive?

Look at the figures.

J.L.Waldron Ltd., (proprietors of Port Howard store) imported the offending merchandise in August 1978 as follows:-

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|---|--|
| | 5 cases each 24 x 500 gram packets Kellogs Cornflakes. |
| f.c.b. price (from the wholesaler) | £46.20 (38½p per packet) |
| c.i.f. price (includes freight and insurance) | £112.92 (94p per packet) |
| 10% profit added by J.L.Waldron Ltd. | £124.21 (£1.03½p per packet) |

Many items fall between whole figures and are rounded up or down to the nearest penny. The price in this case becomes £1.04 on the shelf. 5% of this is promptly deducted making an effective purchase price of 99p.

Perhaps worthy of note is the fact that freight and insurance - a factor over which we have no control - is £66.72 144.4% of the price in England. J.L.Waldron Ltd., end up with a 5p gain.

But it doesn't end there. The 'gain' is not a gain. Each stocktaking reveals an increase in the value of stock held in Port Howard store. The last one, a year ago, put the value at over £30,000.00. Invested at only 10% this would bring the Company £3,000.00. To make that kind of profit trading at a 5% mark up, Port Howard store would have to sell £60,000.00 worth of goods each year.

It doesn't end there either.

The F.I.C. charge haulage if you drive your own car up their jetty. J.L.Waldron Ltd., not only help unload goods off the boat they also haul them from the jetty to the store without passing any of the extra costs onto the store customers. And it doesn't even end there. A storeman has to be paid. Heating and Lighting provided. And repairs made to the building when necessary.

Perhaps those facts will make the 'daylight' surrounding the 'roguery' a little more illuminating. Incidentally, Collins English Dictionary defines a 'rogue', among other things, as 'a mischief-loving child'. One wonders if the Editor's remark was made in this context. And if so to whom was he referring?

Finally, some prices currently being charged by the Port Howard Store.

- Syrup. 1 Kilo tins...51p. (This translates to 23.18p per lb in comparison with the 'Shoppers Paradise' price as quoted by the Times of 40p for a 1½ lb tin, or 32p per lb.)
- Icing Sugar. 500 gram packet.....20p.
- 20 lb tubs salt.....£1.20.
- Carnation Milk.....40p.
- Vaseline Shampoo 12 oz size 69p.
- Instant Whip..... 20p.
- Potato Powder 6lb tin.....£3.09p.

PAGE EIGHT Port Howard Store prices. Continued from Page 7.

Nescafe. 8 oz jars.....£2.91. Mandarin Oranges. 11 oz tins....34p.
Dairylea Cheese Spreads.25p. Orange Squash. Gollicrush.....45p.
Tuc Biscuits.....24p. PG Tips tea...¼lb packet bottle
Strawberry Jam.2lb tins.94p. 43p.
Tomato Sauce.12 oz bottle..36p. Ravioli. 15 oz tins....37p.
Heinz Baked Beans.....35p (20 oz tin).

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More Camp prices now sent in by Mrs.R.Miller of Fox Bay West.

1 lb tins Cadburys Cocoa.....£2.17
581 Gram 'Flash'.....£0.89
375 Gram Cornflakes.....£0.84
12 oz jars Black Cherry Jam.....£0.83
8 oz Hot Dog Sausages.....£0.50
810 Gram 'Daz'.....£0.76
870 Gram 'Fairy Snow'.....£0.79
870 Gram 'Persil'.....£0.83
15 oz 'Lux Flakes'.....£0.53
15¾ oz Baked Beans.....£0.27
15 oz Garden Peas.....£0.38
15 oz Broad Beans.....£0.46
1 pint packets Tomato Soup.....£0.17½
4¾ oz Jellies.....£0.18
2¾ oz Jars Meat Paste (were 18½p) now.....£0.27
Boxes Tea Bags Were 44p now.....£0.84 later 86p.
250cc Sunsilk Shampoo.....£0.78
50 Gram Zinc &Castor Oil Ointment.....£0.34
Miniature tins of Vaseline, contents approximately
1 tablespoonful.....£0.35
6 Candles.....£0.20

Thanks to Mr.Tony Burnett for James Lovegrove Waldron Limited and to Mrs. R.Miller of Fox Bay West for the two lots of prices. Is there any store who is going to pioneer the issue of Greenshield Stamps? (Douglas Station???)

BIRTH

In Glenrothes, Scotland to Mr. & Mrs. Alan KEEP, a son MATTHEW GRAHAM, on 16th June 1979 weighing 6lbs 8ozs. Mrs. Keep was formerley Shirley Rozee.

NOTICE OF MARRIAGE

Michael Roland COPSON to Ann CASWELL

DEATH

William George Edward PECK, on July 13th 1979, Aged 90 years.

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- 3-5 August.....FOX BAY (SVT Training).
- 6 August.....PORT HOWARD, FOX BAY (SVT Training).
- 15 August.....PORT HOWARD.
- 18 August.....WALKER CREEK, NORTH ARM, SEA LION ISLAND.
- 27 Aug-9 Sept...Maintenance.
- 10 September...KEPPEL ISLAND, ROY COVE, CHARTRES, DUNNOSE HEAD.

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THE INS AND THE OUTS

ARRIVALS

Via F28, 26th July:-

Mr.M.Bleaney; Mr. & Mrs. Growcott and 3 children; Mr. & Mrs. G.Stewart and daughter; Miss S.Livermore; Mr.W.Pole-Evans and son; Dr.A.Macintosh; 13 others.

Via F27, 27th July:-

Mr.R.Nightengale; 4 others.

DEPARTURES

Via F28, 26th July:-

The Minister of State & Mrs.Ridley; Mr.W.Alazia; Mr. & Mrs. W.Bowles; Mr.R.T.Clark; Mr.D.King and daughter; Mr. & Mrs.R.Lee and daughter; Mr. R.Smith; Mr.K.Temple; Mr.G.Myers; Mr.R.Whitley; 13 others.

Via F27, 27th July:-

Mr.F.Biggs; P, K & R Miller; Mr.J.Hodgkinson; Miss G.Robertson; Mrs.R. Robertson; 14 others.

FUTURE OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

By Dave Colville.

With a dwindling population of around a mere 1750 people, can the Falklands remain an inhabited land in the years to come? With diminishing wool prices, can the farms 'hold their own' with other competitors such as Australia, New Zealand etc? Will other industries come forward and invest cash, equipment and technology in these Islands? Will Britain continue to give financial aid in the form of Development projects? YES. There can be no question that this Colony WILL remain British; for how long no-one can say exactly but the fact is that it will remain so for a good few years yet. What makes us so sure? Can one be too optimistic? In reality, progress rests in Argentine hands at their Government level. They have the power and means to garrotte the Falklands if they so wish. They can take away their air service, they can take away the oil and fuel supplies, they can stifle and perhaps even prohibit access to these Islands for tourists and if they can do that why haven't they done so? Surely they would have attempted something like the above possibilities if they were anxious enough to seize the Falklands. Now that agreement seems to have been reached with regard to restoration of Ambassadorial relations a sensible solution to the question of who and what belongs to whom can be settled. It is strange how a lot of people suddenly speak up and wave the flag when someone like Ridley turns up and then go on a free Argentine organised trip to 'the other side'. It is obvious that the mainstay of the Colony at present is Sheep Farming followed by the sale of stamps, the other possible, Alginates, failed. All that talk about sovereignty was daft,

FALKLAND ISLANDS COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER

The main activities of the Committee have been centred around the visit of Mr. Ridley and the Fund Raising Dance held in the Town Hall on July 25th. In preparation for the Ministers visit, stickers were distributed throughout Stanley and to those settlements that he would visit.

Shortly after the Ministers arrival in Stanley, a letter of welcome from the Committee was handed in to Government House. On Tuesday evening the Committee met Mr. Ridley for one and a half hours and discussed various matters with him. Most of the information from the Minister was similar to that in his Radio interview.

For 4 hours from 10pm on Tuesday a very enjoyable fund raising dance was held in the Town Hall. We must thank Betty Ford, "Agatha Christie" and 'Rolands Ragtime Band' for some excellent music. Refreshments provided by our supporters were dispensed by Dolly Ford and Peggy Halliday and their willing helpers. An Auction at 1215 am was followed by the drawing of the raffle. In all, we collected £431 including the money from the sale of Beef on the Monday. The week was even more hectic for the Committee because for part of it our Chairman, Neil Watson, was in bed with a slipped disc, and our Secretary, Velma Malcolm broke her arm on Wednesday evening. At a Committee Meeting on Sunday evening the resignation of Mr. Graham Bound was accepted.

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GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

On the 27th July Les and Doris Johnson celebrated their 50-year marriage mark. Les was born in the Falklands and left to settle in England in 1926. Les is the brother of Howard Johnson and Dorothy Cheek.

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GOOSE GREEN TWO-NIGHTER

By The Secretary, Goose Green Social Club.

Goose Green is now recovering from their two-nighter and most of us are wishing that we could now stage a repeat performance. It started with a Mediaeval Banquet in the hall on Friday night and over 80 adults and a good dose of kids were well catered for. After the debris had been cleared and the last Bunkhouse boy had finished his spell of washing up, the hall was ready for the dance. On Saturday morning there was a football match followed in the afternoon by a Bazaar where over £350 was collected for the Falkland Islands Committee. In the evening a Fancy Dress Disco was held for the children followed by one for the adults. Dancing went on to the late hours of the morning with the help of Tooty Morrison, Tony Macmullen and Dave Smith on accordians and Tony Blake and Donald Betts tuning their tonsils and guitars. At 1230, there was a raffle draw and mystery auction and many a careless person blowing his nose at the wrong time was stung for up to £12 for a tin of pineapples. Roll on next year.

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FOR SALE FROM WEST POINT ISLAND.

V E G E T A B L E P L A N T S

Cabbage.....Cauliflower.....Kale.....Savoy Cabbage.....Red Cabbage
Brussel Sprouts.....Lettuce.....Cos Lettuce.....Leeks....Celery
Parsley. ALL AT 25p per 10.

In Pots: @ 25p each: Tomatoes (Bush or Standard); Cucumbers.

Jerusalem Artichokes & Poor Man's Onions at 25p per 10.

Mint.....5p per root.

Asparagus.

F L O W E R P L A N T S

At 30p per 10:-

Dianthus (Pinks).....Echium.....Mignonette.....Candytuft..Cornflower
Pansies.....Everlasting Flowers (Helichrysum)....Iceland Poppies.....
Calendula (Marigold).....Stock.....Double Daisies (Bellis).....
Canterbury Bells.....Mixed Wallflowers....Sweet Williams.....
Livingstone Daisies.....Antirrhinium....Lobelia (Pendula).

At 50p per 10:- Lupins....Sweet Peas.....Nastursiums.

All orders to DAVIDSON, WEST POINT ISLAND.
Deliveries in Spring as the plants become available.

TREES - PLANT FOR POSTERITY.

The Tree that has proved itself in the Falklands: 'Cupressus Macrocarpa'.
Strong 1 year old plants @ 50p each or £4.50 per 10.
If any farm is interested in large plantings we can grow seedlings
to order and quote rates. ENQUIRIES TO DAVIDSON, WEST POINT ISLAND.

"KEEP THE FALKLANDS CULTIVATED"

Point Island, West Point Island, West Point Island, West Point Island, West Point I

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applicable. INLAND RATES: £1.92p. OVERSEAS RATES: These will be increased
by a small percentage to cover administration costs. Details will be
announced in the next issue. Argentina will remain at the inland rate and
the Colony cover price will remain at 13 pence per copy subject to review
in January 1980. The TIMES is proud to announce that the United Nations
Library in New York has renewed its subscription for 1980.

THE FALKLAND ISLANDS TIMES

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SHEER NEGLIGENCE?

Still nothing seems to be forthcoming regarding new housing for the families in the Falklands who need a place of their own. The responsibility must lay with the Councillors and they must 'pull their fingers out' and spend some cash and try to alleviate the housing problem. How many are left empty in Stanley that belong to Government? Go to the Housing God in the Secretariat and all you get is a smirk for your trouble. Why not import some Coseley style buildings and erect them? So much talk but not any action.

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ROSE WINNERS

The Kendal Cup darts trophy was once again lifted by ROSE 'A' Team with a total of 31 points. Runners-up were ROSE 'B' with 18 points, 96 legs and third were FLEETWING FLYERS who also had 18 points but only 94 legs. It is rumoured that after winning, ROSE 'A' were in fact 'legless'!

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JIM'S REPLY

His Excellency the Governor recently received a letter from the Committee of the United Nations Children's Fund which is sponsoring the International Year of the Child Stamp and Literature Exhibition to be held at the United Nations Headquarters. The letter requested a reply from His Excellency in support of the aims of the International Year of the Child. The Governor's reply was: "It gives me great pleasure to respond to your letter of 18th July 1979 by associating, on their behalf, the young people of the Falkland Islands with the spirit and intentions which have inspired the inauguration of the International Year of the Child programme. The care of children and young people everywhere is a pressing responsibility and it is incumbent upon us to ensure that they may grow up in an atmosphere of international understanding and goodwill. The world-wide interest by young collectors in philately can play its part to this end and I am happy to know that the stamps issued by the Falklands are of a particular interest".

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MISSED IT!

On Friday August the 17th, four members of the PWD and two Landrover's were out most of the night until after dawn engaged upon a search for a young man, Mr. John Coutts, who had intentions of going to Fitzroy for their two-nighter. He set out alone at 1630 in bad, snowy weather which made his trip particularly hazardous. The Police were approached by the Coutts family after John's non-arrival at Fitzroy. John was found in his bogged Rover none the worse for wear.

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By "SEAWEEEDER"; East Falkland.

I read with interest your last Issue No.11/79 and would like to be given a chance to put forward my views on the 'Future of the Falklands'.

Before I start however, I would also like to express my personal opinion that it is the duty of the free press to keep the Government officials on their toes by making them publicly accountable for their own actions and policies. No person dealing with public money or with public matters should ever have the luxury to feel that he may be above criticism or question.

FUTURE OF THE FALKLANDS:-

Dave Colville has already so correctly pointed out that the progress of these Islands now rests in Argentine hands, that they have the power and the means to garrotte the Falklands if they so wish and asks why haven't they done so if they are so anxious to seize the Islands.

Perhaps this is because they realise that such direct methods would only harden the Islanders determination to remain British and would force a response from a British Government which, after much prodding and questioning, has been forced to state that they would not agree to any change of sovereignty without the accord of the Islanders themselves. The reason for Argentina's actions lies much deeper.

If you accept the facts that neither will the Argentines give up their claim to the Falklands, nor, under the present conditions, will the Islanders agree to a change of sovereignty you get a stalemate. That is unless you find that there is a third party who is attempting to change those conditions. The British Government holds the hand which may tilt the balance, and I believe that either with or without the connivance of the Argentine Government it is in the process of doing.

The British Government is apparently set to change the minds of the Islanders by subterfuge.

By not committing themselves to these islands anymore than they have to, they are allowing us to be wooed into the Argentine bed. Free trips to B.A., cheap flights, subsidised freight rates, fuel and oil, temporary runway, scholarships; "Is there anything else we can do to help?" Naturally, the British Government is keeping enough things ticking over so as not to be accused of a blatant sellout, but bit by bit we are being shown, told and bullied into believing that our only future lies, not through a quarterly charter boat steaming 7000 miles, but through Argentina - just over there.

The sad thing about it is that it is true.

No longer is Britain willing to help us to her own economic and diplomatic detriment. The Falkland Islanders will in time be forced to recognise this and the bitterness and disappointment it will provoke will be enough to throw these Islands into the hands of the Argentines.

Some may say that we could agree to increased co-operation with Argentina but stop at a change of sovereignty. Unfortunately that is not the case. Argentine national pride demands complete control of the 'Islas Malvinas' by the B.A. Government, and it is to this end that all previous actions of the Argentines have been aimed.....Cont.over.....

.....In the long run the British Government knows that it would be better off without this millstone around its neck, leaving it free to profit from increased trade with Argentina.

Through the actions and policies of the British Government and its officials these Islands are committed to becoming part and parcel of Argentina in the not so distant future, unless the islanders themselves can formulate another alternative.

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THE JULY WEATHER

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|-------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <u>Average Temp.</u> | <u>Highest Temp.</u> | <u>Lowest Temp.</u> | <u>Average Daily Sun.</u> |
| 2.9°C | 8.5°C | -4.6°C | 2.6 hours. |
| <u>Total Rainfall.</u> | <u>Average daily wind speed.</u> | <u>Highest Gust.</u> | |
| 48.6mm | 15.6 knots | 56 knots. | |
| <u>Gale Force Wind.</u> | <u>Wind of 10 knots or less.</u> | <u>Ground Frost Occasions.</u> | |
| 17 hours | 227 hours | 22 | |

In Brief: Sunnier and warmer but wind and rain about normal.

+++++ STANLEY DARTS CLUB. Individual scores up to August 6th, compiled by Vivienne Perkins.

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <u>MOST POINTS (Gents)</u> | <u>MOST POINTS (Ladies)</u> | <u>MOST 'TONS'</u> |
| G.Hewitt....46 | V.Clarke.....25 | W.Whitney.....25 |
| J.Lang.....45 | V.Perkins.....23 | L.Biggs.....19 |
| P.Whitney...45 | P.Summers....22 | P.Whitney.....17 |
| J.Lee.....42 | S.McKay.....21 | J.Lee.....16 |
| F.Ford.....40 | S.Whitney....20 | A.Cork.....16 |
| <u>MOST '101Plus'</u> | <u>MOST FIRST DART STARTS</u> | J.Lang.....14 |
| J.Lang.....15 | J.Lang.....15 | V.Perkins.....12 |
| T.McCallum..13 | J.Lee.....12 | <u>MOST 'BULL' CENTRES.</u> |
| W.Whitney...11 | M.Blackley...12 | P.Lee.....5 |
| P.Whitney...11 | A.Martin.....11 | W.Whitney.....5 |
| B.Middleton.7 | W.Whitney....11 | P.Whitney.....5 |
| L.Biggs.....6 | B.Middleton...10 | L.Biggs.....4 |
| <u>MOST THREE DART FINISHES</u> | | C.McCallum....3 |
| P.Coutts....15 | | K.Halliday....3 |
| J.Lang.....10 | | |
| W.Whitney...10 | | |

MOST SCORES ON THE BACK OF THE CARD:- W.Whitney 62; J.Lang 56;
 P.Whitney 48; L.Biggs 46;
 T.Pettersson 36; G.Hewitt 32; V.Perkins 30.

LETTERBOX

FROM: ASST. STANLEY MANAGER, F.I.C.LTD.

DATE: 9th AUGUST 1979

Dear Sir,

With reference to a letter from Mr. Ron Reeves of Hill Cove in your July edition No.10/79.

The bulk of store purchases for the Islands are made through this Company, including Hill Cove. Our records show the following percentages of freight to the first cost of goods -

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|------|--------|
| 1972 | 16.6% |
| 1973 | 16.9% |
| 1974 | 15.1% |
| 1975 | 13.59% |
| 1976 | 14.12% |
| 1977 | 14.29% |
| 1978 | 14.29% |

We have therefore, in fact, kept freight increases down to a level below inflation in the seventies although there will be a disproportionate increase in freights this year because of the sharp increase in bunker fuel.

As you will appreciate, C.I.F. includes a range of charges in addition to freight, wharfage, insurance, dock charges. Of the total of goods to a first cost of £1,284.270 shipped by us in 1978, additional charges (including freight) added 23.44% to bring cost up to C.I.F.

Ron Reeves is right about one thing. If we could use up all available space outwards to the Falkland Islands we could reduce the level of freights.

Yours faithfully,
T.G. SPRUCE

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WEDDING IN U.S.

The wedding of Margaret Smith and Martin Dibble took place on July 28th in Bodega Bay, California, United States of America. Margaret has worked as a Land Girl in both Goose Green and Port Stephens. Martin has worked in Camp for 6 years. The couple hope to return to the Falklands in a couple of years.

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LOCAL MARRIAGE

August 19th 1979 at Christ Church Cathedral, Stanley:

Michael Roland COPSON to Ann CASWELL

Anybody contemplating dropping in to see Mike and Ann when next in Buenos Aires can visit them at BOLIVAR 1473 PISO 6^o,
DEPARTAMENTO 18 1141.
Tel: 27 6551.

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The Hobbit

An age ago, feeling low, my Boss he said to me,
How d'you like to go t' Falklands join a Naval Party?
I says 'ang on a tick I've only just got here
He says to me, it's going to be, you volunteered last year.

In times gone by, I do not lie, I've had some Pier Head jumps,
But never have I been messed about or suffered so many bumps.
Prying eyes poked in my past and found a Mistress fair,
I said "By gum, you'll be up me bum, have you thought of looking there."

French Airlines they are wonderful if you have the savoir faire,
They flew me for a boat to catch, just past Buenos Aire,
The sea was rough, the boat it rocked, by God I did feel queer,
The Gunner's Mate said "It's too late, he's spewed right in my beer."

Land loomed on the horizon, through watery eyes I peer,
"Is that Stanley Harbour or a tomb for a can of beer?"
This world was made by lordly hands, he must have been a Seer
When God with smiles, gave us piles, he planted them right here.

Along the shoreline so to speak, a road leads to my home,
It's broken bent and tattered, but I am not alone.
With Sergeants three, and Marines plenty, all with a desperate look,
"Ch God" said I, "What do I spy, that can't be Moody Brock."

The days dragg'd by, with great aplomb the lads they drank their fill,
The tediums long but we are strong, the time is there to kill.
Ignition keys should not be left when parked outside a pub,
The Globe's front door, fell to the floor, and Donny's in the Club.

Gradually as time went by, I began to see,
It's not the people, not the Land, but my mentality.
I've been a warrior far too long, a cynic born and bred
What's wrong with love, the velvet glove, consider, and give, instead.

If one can make the effort, to try and understand,
to go ashore, meet the folk, the natives of this land,
You'll find there's satisfaction, the good life's not so bland,
Like me you'll see, good things are free, like prints on Surfer's sand.

NOMAD's DILEMMA

Hello WEDDLE WEDDLE WEDDLE this is KEPPLER KEPPLER KEPPLER
This is WEDDLE WEDDLE WEDDLE answering you,
It's HILL COVE - ROY COVE both calling BLUFF COVE
Oh PEBBLE PEBBLE PEBBLE not you too!

KC and JB this is little Bill B
Carol and Nora NOMAD calling you.
Charley's May calling Margaret and Lorraine
WEST POINT and CARCASS discussing all the rain.

NOMAD's upright, NOMAD's up tight,
Bouncing on my head on a confused brain.
Let's play the Name Game leaving out the Brain Pain,
I'll be who's calling when I answer you!

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ISLANDER AIRCRAFT INTO SERVICE

The newly acquired Britten-Norman Islander Aircraft is scheduled to start routine passenger flying on Monday November the 26th (at the time of writing) with the routes planned as follows:

ISLANDER 'FLEXIBLE' SCHEDULED SERVICE

MONDAYS: Darwin; Fox Bay East; Chartres; Pebble Island; Teal Inlet.

TUESDAYS: North Arm; Port Stephens; Dunnose Head; Hill Cove; Green Patch.

WEDNESDAYS: Teal Inlet; Pebble Island; Chartres; Fox Bay East; Darwin.

FRIDAYS: Green Patch; Hill Cove; Dunnose Head; Port Stephens; North Arm; Darwin.

The remainder of Settlements will be phased into schedules in the future.

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CHEQUES CHUCKED

With the arrival of the Falkland Islands Government Savings Bank Cheque Books, priced at a pound apiece, comes news that the Falkland Islands Company's West Store, Peter Short's Falkland Supplies and Dave Ryan's Speedwell Store are refusing to accept them. The cheque books will probably remain a status symbol for a while until like most things the novelty wears off.

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PATA CASH DEAL

Following discussions between the Public Works Department and the General Employees Union after disparity arose in the pay rates and fringe benefits such as paid passage/leave for the imported Chilean labour, an award of 10.3 pence per hour will be paid to all men working with the Chileans on the Stanley-Darwin road project. The SDRS - Stanley-Darwin Road Supplement - does not apply when overtime is worked. The award is petty and pointless and does not represent a fair deal at all. Perhaps the Government have managed to bluff their way through this one and it seems unfair that only the road gang will get this allowance. Warning to Government: Look out for more rumbles!

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FITTER RILEY-BROWNE ALSOP

Julian Fitter, prospective organiser of a Falklands passenger-cum-cargo sea service arrived back in the Colony recently to report his findings. ODM's Architectural Adviser Eric Riley returned here to view progress on the Hostel so far. Mr. Laurie Browne, Managing Director of CORD who are connected with the Hostel project is another recent 'returnee' whilst Captain Andy Alsop, here to inaugurate the Islander Service left the Colony a week or so ago.

WEDDING REPORT : Miss Teresa Dobbys to Mr. Len McGill

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From information supplied by Mrs. Jean Dobbys.

On Saturday the 17th of November, at St. Mary's Church, many people witnessed a very pretty wedding when Teresa, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tim Dobbys was married to Mr. Len McGill of Stanley. The Bride arrived on the arm of her father at three o'clock. The wedding service was conducted by Father Monaghan and a lesson was read by Reverend Bagnall. The service lasted half-an-hour.

As Teresa and Len came out of the Church, Beverley Lee presented Teresa with a Horseshoe which was sent out from the Yorkshire home of Len's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hoggarth. Damian Livermore presented the Bride with a lucky black cat.

Teresa looked lovely in a long white chiffon dress with a lace bodice. It had tight lace sleeves with bell cuffs edged with lace. The dress fell to a train at the back. The Bride wore a shoulder length veil which was held in place with white flowers. The veil was edged with daisies and Teresa carried a bouquet of mixed flowers.

The Bridesmaids, Kathleen and Jeannie, sisters of the Bride and Sandra Clifton, friend of the Bride looked charming in long dresses of a beautiful green shade. Kathleen and Sandra's dresses had cape sleeves while Jeannie's dress had fitted sleeves. They all wore white picture hats and carried posies of mixed flowers. The Bride and Bridesmaids dresses were picked, as were the accessories, by Dr. Alison Macintosh when she was on Overseas Leave. Young Paul Morrison was Page Boy and he looked very smart wearing dark green trousers, a white shirt and a green bow tie.

The duties of Best Man were carried out by Mr. Derek Clarke, and he, The Groom, Mr. Tim Dobbys and Mr. Jim Watson all looked very smart in navy blue suits. Mrs. Jean Dobbys, mother of the Bride, looked elegant dressed in a fawn dress with brown trimmings and brown accessories. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Watson stood in for Len's parents and Mrs. Watson looked very smart dressed in a navy blue two-piece with white accessories.

Later on, guests enjoyed supper in St. Mary's Annexe which was followed by a reception and dance in the Town Hall where many people drank to the health of the happy couple and sampled the beautiful four-tiered wedding cake which was made by the Bride's mother and was decorated by the Bride and her mother. Teresa and Len would like to thank everyone who made their day such a happy one.

SOCCKER RESULTS

Royal Marines....7 Stanley Youth....7
Stanley Youth....3 Old Crocks XI....0
Stanley Youth....5 Combination.....0
Royal Marines....0 Stanley.....4
Mustangs.....1 Rangers.....1
Redsox.....3 Dynamos.....1

LETTERBOX

From; Mrs. M. Cawkell, London; November the 4th 1979.

Dear Mr. Colville,

My first reaction on opening the envelope and seeing the name and no crest was 'Good Heavens, have the Argentines taken over?' I'm relieved they haven't. But how relieved, if not delighted, they must be that you have removed the SYMBOL OF THE COLONY.

I don't mind the new name but I feel the fact that yours is the only journal emanating from the Falkland Islands should indicate the fact in its name.

To remove the crest at this period in the life of the Falkland Islands is to remove its birthright. The crest is the Islands badge of identity. Replace, please, quick.

ED: Surprise, surprise eh? Mrs. Cawkells letter was one of quite a few besides some verbal comments but unfortunately Government has refused to print the headings so I have asked Major Spafford to hunt around in England for some firms that knock-up electronically cut heads.

From: Mrs. D.L. Beckham, Stanley; November 14th 1979.

Dear Editor,

Perhaps I could ask through the medium of your column why it is that only during the past fortnight has it been possible to purchase supplies of bacon from the Falkland Islands Company West Store.

I realise, from radio broadcasts, that the fitness of frozen foods received from the June Charter Vessel were suspect due to the malfunction of freezing gear possibly aboard the vessel. This is the reason which was accepted by everyone for there being no frozen foods in the West Store.

However, since the bacon we are now purchasing must have been part of the consignment of the Annette Danielson's last trip, it would be interesting to know why it has taken some five months for it to be released for public consumption.

ED: From what I can gather it just took rather longer for it to be released following tests though the time lapse of 5 months makes one think it had been lying forgotten in someones freezer.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

To alleviate the workload for the poor worn-out Editor, all subscriptions will be looked after by Elizabeth Goss, so all communications regarding subs should be directed to her please at the address on Page 12. RATES : Inland and Argentina: £1-92 for twelve issues.

Overseas copies: £3-90 for twelve via second-class air.
The TIMES is now subscribed to in seventeen countries worldwide.

MILITARY'S RADICAL CURE FOR ARGENTINA

A no-nonsense Junta has clamped down hard on the once rudderless nation but there's finally a glimmer of optimism about the future. Argentina's military rulers are turning this country upside down in an effort to shove the nation into something it has rarely enjoyed: lasting stability and prosperity. The junta, which seized power in a March, 1976, coup, calls its programme of drastic economic and political reform National Reorganization.

Emphasis so far has been on the economy. Customs duties and government subsidies are being slashed. Price controls have been lifted on all but a handful of goods and services. Foreign exchange and bank credits are freer than they have been in years. Many state-owned firms have been sold or soon will be. But while the economy is on the upswing Army Lt. Gen. Jorge Rafael Videla, the President, has yet to unveil his 'master political plan,' and few meaningful moves have been made so far to ease the authoritarian military rule. Political parties are still banned and dissidents treated harshly. Constitutional rights are suspended and people spend months or years in jail without trial. The Government admits holding 1,500 political prisoners. One political prisoner who attracted worldwide attention, Jewish publisher Jacobo Timeman, finally was released on September 25th after being held for more than 2½ years on unspecified charges. He was stripped of his citizenship, exiled, and is now in Israel. Strikes by labour unions are outlawed. The press has played down or ignored persecution of religious minorities and the disappearance of hundreds of people. Scores of newsmen have also vanished. Dozens have been murdered. Still, some analysts say, the "human rights situation" may be improving. The U.S. State Department, however, publicly criticized the Argentine Government in mid-August after police in Buenos Aires twice raided offices of human-rights organizations and seized files and documents on the cases of more than 6,000 missing persons. When the generals took over, inflation was out of control - at one point hitting an annual rate of 17,000 percent. Terrorist bombings, murders and kidnappings were routine. It was an era when strikes and a lack of maintenance and investment left public services working erratically or not at all. Companies and individuals learned that coimo - bribery - was the primary lubricant for the wheels of government.

With Isabel Peron removed, security forces stepped up their campaign against Marxist terrorists with such success - and, critics say, with such ruthlessness - that virtually all the leaders are now believed to be either dead or in exile. But some terrorist activity continues. Guerillas raided the Buenos Aires home of a top-level Economics Minister on September 27th, blowing up the house and killing two of his bodyguards.

Government finances are healthier. Foreign trade was in the black by more than 2 billion dollars last year and 1 billion for the first half of 1979. Reserves have hit 10 billion dollars. They would have been higher had it not been for about 2 billion dollars spent on weapons in expectation of a war with Chile and more than 800 million used to stage the World Cup soccer championships.....Continued on Page 11.....

THE RED-TAPE SAPS

ONE MUST ADMIRE
THE CHALLENGES
OF DEVELOPMENT
THAT THE COLONY
INSPIRES —



I SAY SMITHERS, I HEAR THE
GOVERNOR OF THE FALKLANDS
RETIRES IN 1980 — I COULD
DO WITH A JOB LIKE THAT.

NEW FARMING
SCHEMES

THE DARWIN
ROAD

THE
PENGUIN
SHIPPING
TOURISM
VENTURE

YOU
FORGOT
TO MENTION
THE SCHOOL HOSTEL
OR SWIMMING POOL!

ER, CARE FOR 18
HOLES BEFORE
LUNCH SMITHERS?

I was pleased that at last someone has had the courage of their convictions and decided to put their views on paper. The following piece can be classed as controversial I suppose but everyone is of course entitled to an opinion. The author of the piece wishes his name to be withheld from publication.....

WHY IS THE KEEPER LEAVING HOME?

A lot of people ask "Why is the Falkland Islander leaving their own land to go abroad?" Maybe I can give just a few answers.

1) There is very little future in the Islands for the born and bred Falkland Islander.

2) The Government 'Men from the Ministry' do little or nothing to encourage the Islander to stay.

3) When a young couple get married and require a house to rent in Stanley from the Government, the answer will be "Sorry mate, but all the houses are spoken for. You see, we have to have houses for the Experts." And that's a laugh!

How much of the taxpayers money is wasted on no need?

A week ago, while listening to the Falkland Islands Broadcasting Station, there was an interview with the head of the Grasslands Trials Unit, in which the head man said he came to the Falkland Islands because no-one knew how to run and breed sheep. What damn rubbish! The 1976-77 Lambing Percentage at Port San Carlos was the highest on record. Then they went to the GTU (which means putting the rams out a lot later) and the result was then the lowest Lambing Percentage on record. No sir, you are trying to ruin the Islands or you are trying to teach the farmer's and it should be the other way around. Yes, I agree that the Vet belonging to the team is doing a wonderful job, and if he ever goes away he would be a great loss to the whole of the Islands.

Now we have a soil Expert for the Darwin Road. What for? To tell the Islander that we will find peat on the next ridge? It is not the Experts fault that they have been asked to come out here by the 'Men from the Ministry' and therefore fill another house or flat to keep the Islander out.

Now we have been told that the Experts say that the foundation of the old Argentine air-strip is to be carted and used for the top covering of the Stanley-Darwin road:- 'the foundation is sand and a few pebbles'. The Public Works Department can't keep the sand cleaned out of the ditch along the road going to Stanley Airport, so maybe this will be another excuse to get yet another expert, to find out how to stop sand blowing off the road and blocking the ditches.

It has been said that the Falkland Islands Government is getting five houses from Argentina for the price of \$25,000 each. When Comodore Canosa was asked, he said the price is \$12,000 per house landed on the jetty, so who is right? A very nice house - No.56 Davis Street - has been empty for a very long time but when someone asks to rent it, the answer is as usual: "Sorry mate but you see we have to get an electrician from the U.K.".....Continued overleaf.....

.....Can't get a Falkland Islander, so it is east to pay a big wage and get someone from the U.K. If they paid the same wage to a Falkland Islander they would get one with no trouble - but no chance, keep the Islander down.

Mr. Owen May wanted to come back as an electrician but was refused. If he had been born somewhere else other than in the Falkland Islands they would've taken him with open arms. If he had been accepted, Mr. May would possibly have been given a house in the Government Bungalows, Category 'C' - especially for the Islander. Very old and cold houses with an old sink in the back. Doors one can see through without opening them. But there is one consolation - you always have water, even if it is under the floor. Twice in the last year I have watched Tourists taking photos at the back of the bungalows and I made it my business to explain to them that the bungalows were Government property and not that of the unfortunate people who have to live in them. Would a person from the U.K. live in a house like the bungalows? 'No Chance' and I don't blame them, they have a contract behind them so they can pick and choose but the Islander is supposed to keep his mouth shut or get out, but with only 700 Falkland-born Islanders left, and a strong rumour that there is over 100 going next year, means that at that rate, in ten years time it won't be the wishes of the Islander 'Kelper', it will be the wishes of the 'Men from the Ministry' as it is very much so now.

What will happen when May and Charlie retire from the WT Station at Fox Bay East? Will they be replaced or will it be like the West Doctor? It will be a sorry day for the West Falklands if that did happen though it may encourage more Islanders to emigrate.

We wonder how long the "Duck"....oh sorry....PATA can carry on with all their clapped out lorries, loaders etc. What a pity that yet another so-called expert advised the Ministry of Overseas Development to buy the broken down machines from Johnston Construction instead of new stuff right from the start. One only has to look and see PATA equipment either broken down or bogged down by expert drivers; though with three garages and ten mechanics plus four apprentices they should have tip-top vehicles on the road instead of ones with faulty brakes, steering etc., but then again, they are Government so they will get off with it until one or more get killed then it will be too late. Wouldn't it be nice if say one day a week a garage was open to private vehicles for maintenance etc. At least it would help the public and make money for PATA. At present PATA only hire their machinery depending on who you are. If, say, anyone's money was good enough they could make a lot more money then maybe they will reach Fitzroy Farm by 1990.

Now I must catch the Argentine Air Force plane and be back to a foreign land and try and forget the beautiful Falkland Islands that are going to the dogs 'Thanks to the Men from the Ministry'. Looking forward to the next Public Eye and any comments from anyone else either for or against my piece. Keep the good work up Dave, you are giving us a chance to speak or write how we feel. You are doing a great job.

THE BRUCELLA OVIS ERADICATION PROGRAMME

By Colony Veterinary Surgeon Steve Whitley.

It may be of some interest to the non-farming section of the population to know a little more about this technical sounding affair.

First of all: what is Brucella Ovis? There is a family of tiny organisms, members of which occur throughout the world infecting different types of animals and sometimes man as well, often causing infections of the male or female reproductive organs, although other parts of the body are also affected. This family is called the Brucellae and the particular member which we have here in the Falklands affects sheep and so is called Brucella Ovis. Fortunately, this is the one member of the family which does not affect humans. Infection with this organism causes rams to be less fertile than they should be, or, as often happens, they become completely sterile. In the pregnant ewe however, the organisms affect the growth of the developing lamb, which when born, is a weak and weedy object that dies in the first shower of rain. Therefore the presence of Brucella Ovis organisms contributes to low lamb marking percentages.

Fortunately, although pregnant ewes may temporarily harbour the organisms, they throw off the infection when they give birth to the lamb or when they abort. So it is only in the rams that the infection is carried from one year to the next. In the Falklands, the presence of this bug has been known for about 10 years and control measures have been made by most farms which were only partially successful in limiting the spread of the bugs. By 1978, when a pilot survey was done, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ % of the rams and most of the farms were infected.

With the arrival of the Grasslands Trials Unit and the subsequent development of laboratory facilities, it is now possible to conduct an eradication programme by taking a blood sample from each and every ram in the Islands to see whether it is infected or not. The blood test is very sensitive. So much care must be taken to ensure that the samples arrive in the laboratory in good condition.

The eradication programme is being arranged and organised by the Veterinary Office but financed by the Sheep Owner's Association, local and United Kingdom Governments. The SOA and FIC have both appointed lay blood testers who have now been trained in the sampling and recording techniques. With the arrival of the much awaited A. E. S., carrying the necessary blood tubes and other equipment, it is now full steam ahead in the blood sampling programme which is aimed to coincide with farm shearing routine as far as possible. Unfortunately, no laboratory test is 100% accurate, therefore it is possible to obtain false negative results. Thus it will be necessary to repeat the whole performance each year until each farm has shown two clear tests. In the meantime we have already tested over 2000 this year which only leaves another 8000!

JAIL SENTENCE

Mr. Alan David Cusworth was recently found guilty by the Magistrates Court of stealing goods from the West Store which were valued at well over £1000. Cusworth was sentenced to serve one years imprisonment in the Colony.

LOW FLYING AIRCRAFT

On Thursday November 22nd at about 7.30pm, the farms of Fitzroy, Teal Inlet and Salvador reported hearing a low flying aircraft. No light could be thrown on this matter as the Islander, Beavers and Cessna's were all in their hangars. On Friday 23rd, Vice-Commodore Canosa reported that a search and rescue operation had been carried out on that particular day for a missing Argentine aircraft in the area of Tierra del Fuego. The aircraft had indeed been found and it is said that nine persons died in the crash. Canosa said that he would investigate the possibility that the low flying plane might have been an Argentine one returning from the rescue operation.

BELAZ AHOY!

An accident occurred recently when a Russian Belaz tipper truck belonging to the Plant and Transport Authority went out of control brake and steering wise after turning the corner by the Globe Hotel. Being faulty, the machine was being taken to the BAS Garage by Messrs. Ron Buckett and Mike McKay for repair. Unfortunately, the truck trundled down the last part of Philomel Hill and struck a shed belonging to Mr. John Rowlands before coming to a stop on the Public Jetty. No-one was injured.

HOUSING AND LIGHTS

The Public Works Department have surveyed the area east of the Ionospheric Observatory Station to the grid gate at the east of Davis St. as being a possible site for new housing development although other prospective sites are being considered. On the south side of Davis Street East, light poles have been erected and these are expected to be wired-up and functional very soon.

DELAY

The Editor wishes to apologise for the delay with this edition but the ink well ran dry. Public Eye has had to be held over until fresh paper stocks arrive which will allow another one or two editions of the TIMES to be produced before the end of January or when the A. E. S. docks again. Many sincere thanks to those who came forward with ink offers and these offers of help really make pumping out a rag worthwhile!

COMPLAINTS DEPARTMENT

Des Peck v Cable & Wireless.

"Are we not making progress backwards? We often hear this song 'It's a heartache' but to me it's a HEADACHE.

A cable comes in, we need to reply as quickly as possible "Sorry, cannot take messages over the phone" SO WHAT? We either tramp all the way to Cable and Wireless, unless you are lucky enough to own a car, and that's not cheap today with the cost of fuel etc. To me, it's progress backwards and I for one would like to see this service altered to suit everyone. Surely the Town Hall was as convenient as any, and why not phone a cable through anyway, it's not cheap and has to be paid for so maybe this will be Food For Thought. Even in the U.K. I phoned cables through without any bother."

DES PECK

Ed: For overseas readers benefit, Des refers to the fact that when Cable and Wireless shifted their Public Counter from the Town Hall to their H.Q. adjacent to Government House, it meant a long walk for those people who wish to send off a telegram and messages are not acceptable over the phone.

DEFENCE FORCE RIFLE ASSOCIATION

The season opened on October the 21st with a practice over the short ranges with nine competitors taking part. Gerald Check had the top score of 86. The 4th of November saw the 1st stage of the 300 yards Championship but the following Sunday, being Remembrance Day, no competitions were held. Sunday the 17th saw Stan Smith win the November Spoons with a gun score of 95. Brian Summers attained a score of 93 and Susan Whitney achieved 91.8. Last years Range Champions are: 300 Yards - Tony Pettersson; 500 Yards - Stan Smith; 600 Yards - John Bound; 900 Yards - Doug Hansen; 1000 Yards - Derek Pettersson.....From information by Stan Smith who is the Rifle Association's Secretary.

RING RYAN

Dave Ryan, owner of the Speedwell Store, has started up a taxi service which will operate during normal working hours. Dave said that he has not yet fixed a firm rate but he thought that 60p per trip (not including Stanley Airport) would be the possible charge. TAXI? Telephone Stanley 340.

RUMOUR DEPARTMENT

Lack of proper firm supervision at the Youth Club outings?C
 No new barracks to be built at Moody Brook after all?A
 Some of the Chileans are Argentines in Pacific Coast clothing?...B
 Alan Cusworth going to appeal concerning his conviction?.....A
 The Islander tried to land at the Jasons with some spare film?...C
 RUMOUR RATING: A = Very Strong; B = Bandied about; C = Here and there.

KEEP THE FALKLAND ISLANDS BRITISH
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.....Bureaucracy is a national plague. Old people stand for hours in line outside government banks to collect their pensions. Police clearances are still required for travel outside the country and renewal of post-office boxes. The government even tells parents what they may name their children, a Peron law that the military has made no move to repeal. State-run companies retain, in most cases, a poor reputation for efficiency. The Argentine Telephone Company, for instance, is a national joke, and it was headline news when the utility published a telephone directory for the first time in five years.

Despite complaints against the heavy handedness of the military regime and tough regulations instituted by civilian economic experts, there are strong indications that the junta has the support of the country's leading industrial firms. Many are backing their confidence with money and are expanding and modernizing their plants. Says one longtime foreign resident in Buenos Aires: "This is Argentina's best chance - and probably its last - to correct the errors of the past and to put things right. The country never again will have a better opportunity."

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The above was extracted from a lengthy article appearing in an edition (October 15th) of the U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT, and was written by Joseph Benham of their international staff.

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GREEN PATCH SECTION WINNERS

The six successful applicants for the six sections of the Falkland Islands Company farm Green Patch, bought by the colonial government, have been finally named. The six - seven if a partnership is taken into account - were chosen by a selection committee which comprised the Messrs. Harold Bennett, Billy Goss, Adrian Monk and Bill Luxton on October the 18th from a short list of 12. It is understood that the successful ones will take up possession of their units in or around April 1980. The units and their new owners are as follows: THE MURRELL - £14,630 - Messrs. T. Miller and C. Molkenbuhr. SADDLEBACKS: - £19,980 - Mr. Neil Watson; MOUNT KENT - £15,940 - Mr. Terence Philips; ESTANCIA - £15,320 - Mr. Tony Heathman; WHITINGTONS RINCON - £22,050 - Mr. Jock McPhee; BACON AND HAM - £32,080 - Mr. Peter Goss.

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NEW SOCCER COMMITTEE

After the Annual General Meeting of the Falkland Islands Football League, previous Chairman Patrick Watts decided to stand down and Mr. Harry Bonner was elected in his place. Bill Hughes is Secretary and Mike Luxton takes on the Treasurers role. The Selection Committee responsible for picking the Stanley first eleven are: Harry Bonner, Don Bonner and Gene Williams. The season is already in full swing, and I hear a rumour that a selector has been demonstrating foul tactics with Government House tomatoes. Offside???

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A D V E R T I S E M E N T

FOREST NURSERIES will have a small parcel of young poplar saplings available postfall of 79/80 season. These well-proven pioneer trees will retail at 50p per foot run (height) F.O.B. Every chance of success will be ensured by a healthy root-ball, due to intensive cultural care during the season.

Five reasons why growers should consider the planting of Poplar Trees:

- 1)....They have proven themselves well for many years at Hill Cove, providing valuable under-cover, and advanced primary break.
- 2)....Unlike pinus saplings, Broadleaved Poplar contributes valuable mineral and trace element to starved pastures during leaf-fall. Deep, spreading roots will help disperse Cu, Co, Zn, Cd, Se, Mo. Why leave these elements locked below grass rooting zones?
- 3)....Along the huge underground rooting system - which not only brings about permanent soil changes, in both structure and texture, also through the catalytic action of beneficial mycorrhizial establishment.
- 4)....Mycorrhizial association has long been proven to be invaluable aid to many forms of crops, grasses and trees.
- 5)....Base of further propagation through the many suckers that proliferate along the entire root system. Propagation is child's play once a nucleus planting has been established.

Apart from the welcome respite afforded - during inclement weather spells that're sorely felt by both man and beast. Not forgetting the 'aesthetic' value, farmers considering long-term improvements to their holdings would do well to consider the establishment of such trees - if only for their childrens HERITAGE.

Enquiries welcome; special contracts for large afforestation schemes considered. Apply: Head Grower - Hill Cove - West Falklands.

ALMOST A CENTURY OF TREE GROWING TRADITION AT HILL COVE

LUCKY ESCAPE

Recently, some kids had a lucky escape from injury when a bomb they were playing with exploded against a rock with a bang that could be heard all over Stanley. The kids were playing in the Sappers Hill area and found this 'bomb' and played a game of catch with it. Mr. Peter Biggs, out for a run in the same area, found another unexploded device which was later detonated by the Royal Marines. No-one knows how the 'bombs' came to be left there, as the Royal Marines are very strict when they perform live firing.

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