

THE FALKLANDS LISTENER.

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Editor's Note.

We have tried to cover the gap, caused by the temporary lapse of the Weekly News, by expanding the Sunday News Broadcast as much as possible but this has not met the general requirement for a printed sheet to send overseas.

This temporary news sheet is intended to serve the purpose. It is in no sense a replacement for the Weekly News and we cannot guarantee to continue it after the departure of the Biscoe at the end of the month.

The public will appreciate that since the sheet is only a temporary measure no adverts or letters to the Editor can be accepted at this stage.

The price will be 2d. at the Weekly News Office and subscribers may have it sent overseas on payment of the appropriate postage. There will be no delivery in Stanley.

An extralarge supplement ,price 6d., has been issued to cover the four weeks between the start of this news sheet and the end of the Weekly News.

The advent of this news sheet will in no way affect the arrangements already announced by the Government regarding subscriptions paid in advance for the Weekly News.

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SHIPPING NEWS

The s.s. Fitzroy left at 6a.m. on Thursday with Fitzroy settlement as first port of call, departing from the latter at 4.30 a.m. on Friday for Goose Green. On the way to Goose Green heavy weather caused her to slow down and she was only doing 1½ knots passing Middle Island. She left Goose Green at 4.30 a.m. on Saturday and proceeded to Fox Bay. Leaving Fox Bay she was at Port Howard on Sunday.

Passengers who are expecting to leave on Wednesday 2nd. Nov. for the U.K. are Mr. R. Peck Master D. and Miss V. Peck and Mrs Monk, and for Montevideo Mr. Plocki, Mr. Ludzik and Mr. and Mrs Nowiski.

On board for the return trip will be Sir Geoffrey and Lady Miles Clifford, Mr and Mrs L.W.N. Young, Mr. J Bonner, Mr. Buxton, Mr and Mrs T. Beaty and their two children, Mrs Tonkin ( better known by her maiden name, Heather Sedgewick ), Mr and Mrs F. Elliot, Mr. W. Goss and possibly Mr. Smith the new air mechanic.

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The m.v. John Biscoe left St. Vincent on the 21st for Montevideo and is expected to arrive in Stanley on the 14th Nov.

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The two sealing vessels, Protector III and Golden Chance, were expected to arrive Montevideo on the 30th and Stanley between the 10th and 14th Nov..The crew are as follows:-

Golden Chance; Master. Mr. Tilbury. Mate H. Anderson. Chief Engineer L. Robson Asst. Engineer J.H. Clifton. Greaser T.S. Clifton. A.Bs E. Anderson. and D. Bonner. The cook is from the U.K.

Protector III Master Mr. A. Monk. Mate C. Bundes. A.B. P.E. Davies Cook H.S. Henriksen. Junior Ordinary Seamen R.Allan and T. Biggs. She also carries two engineers , a greaser and an A.B. from the U.K.

The Company is Registered as the South Atlantic Sealing Company Ltd. with Registered Offices at 35 John Street, Stanley and the Agent is E.G. Rowe.

Mr. Tilbury is in charge and the first move will be to see if there is a suitable site at Albermarle.

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Royal Mail Sailings from Montevideo for the next six months are as follows:-

Nov. 18th	Alcantara	Feb. 12th	Andes
	25th Highland Princess		17th Highland Princess
Dec. 8th	Andes	Mar. 10th	Alcantara
	16th Highland Monarch		Highland Monarch
Jan. 6th	Highland Brigade		31st Highland Brigade
	13th Alcantara	Apl. 2nd	Andes
	27th Highland Chieftain		21st Highland Chieftain

The quota of passages allocated to the Falklands for March, April and May is almost all used up but passages are still obtainable for other months.



## AIRCRAFT NEWS.

The aircraft has resumed the mail service and last Sunday mail was dropped at Pebble, Saunders, West Point, Roy Cove and Hill Cove. A landing was made at Chartres for refueling and to drop Mr. Raymer. Further deliveries were made at Fox Bay and Weddel Island before returning to Chartres to pick up Mr. Raymer.

On returning to Stanley, a Southerly crosswind made it impossible to land at the racecourse and an emergency field at Eliza Cove was used. The Auster remained there until Tuesday when it was flown back to the racecourse.

On Saturday morning another mail trip was made, this time to Johnsons Harbour, Port Louis, Rincon Grande and Salvador.

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## BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES.

Mr. W.F. Britton passed away at Teal Inlet on the 22nd and was laid to rest at Douglas Station on the 25th. The funeral service was conducted by Mr. A.G. Barton. Mr. Britton, aged 48, was the elder son of the late Mr. Britton and Mrs. Fields of Reading, England.

Mr. J. Britton and relatives wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Barton, Captain and Mrs. Watson and all the residents of Teal Inlet and Douglas Station, who so kindly helped and sent floral tributes at the time of their recent bereavement.

Mr. J. Smith passed away in Stanley on the 29th., he was 64. He was born in Stanley but worked nearly all his life on the Farm at Johnsons Harbour, except for two years when he was manager of the old First and Last in Stanley. The funeral took place from St. Mary's on Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Poppy, who lived in Stanley for many years and is probably remembered by quite a few people here, passed away on the 6th Sept. at Punta Arenas. She was 96.

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## ROUND TOWN AND CAMP.

Among passengers on the Fitzroy's camp trip were Miss Hargreaves, teacher for Fitzroy Settlement and Mr. Jenkins who will be teaching in the Port Stevens area.

Mr. D. Peck left Stanley and with his brothers Andrew and Jim will be widening and levelling the track from Fitzroy to Darwin.

The Colonial Dentist Mr. G. Roberts and his assistant Norman Summers have also left town for the camp. They will be calling at Port Howard Pebble Island and Hill Cove and will make other calls if time permits.

The annual competition for Montevideo Scholarship was held on Friday. There were 14 entrants; 11 from Stanley and 3 from the camp. Miss E. Aldridge supervised at Teal Inlet. Miss Aldridge has been on loan from Stanley to San Carlos for six months during Mrs Bonner's absence.

A small party, consisting of Mr. Oliver, Mr. J. Browning and Mr. G. Stewart, was on Kidney Island from Monday to Wednesday. Whilst there they were enlarging and improving the hut in response to a request from the Tussock Cutters. The town, in particular the dairies, will be more dependent for winter supplies as there will be no oats or hay from the Agricultural Dept.

Two small gardens have been laid out and planted with beetroot, potatoes and other vegetables to test the fertility of the soil. It will be interesting to compare the results against similar crops, grown in Stanley which are so often spoiled by late frosts.

Only one old sea lion was seen on the island and there were fewer King Shags among the Rocky penguins than last year.

The Post Office have now in operation their franking machine. It will frank up to 500 letters per minute. This will ease the burden on the Post Office Staff at mail times as it is only necessary to sort the letters roughly to size and make sure that they are all the right way up. It may not however be so popular with stamp collectors since there will only be one date stamp to each letter.



There was a meeting at the Tabernacle on Tuesday evening, of children, parents and friends, during which Christmas cards made by the children were examined and collected. As in previous years, these cards are being sent to patients in the Princess Margaret Rose Crippled Childrens Hospital at Fairmilehead, Edinburgh. The meeting was conducted by Mr. D.M. Honeyman; Miss D. Jenkins read the lesson and Miss J.R. Sedgewick sang a solo.

The donations at the meeting came to five pounds and go to the Christmas fund for the same hospital.

Axel Pettersson celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his arrival in the Falklands last week.

After taking a number of jobs as a boy, including work for a short time in the printing works where his father was manager, Axel decided to join the Swedish Navy. During training he did a cruise of the South Atlantic in a full rigged training vessel. After seven years service in the Navy, he decided to visit South America again in a merchantman. He joined the Samoa, a three masted vessel, at Hamburg, bound for Costa Rica with general cargo, including pianos and furniture.

They were six weeks trying to round Cape Horn and some of the tacks took them very close to the ice off Deception. Then the crew began to take sick and she made for the Falklands. The only available chart of the Falklands, had very few places marked and the nearest place which seemed to be a port was Port Richards.

They entered at night and anchored. A gale came up and they dragged down to Spring Point where they slipped anchor to beach bow first in the creek between Fox Is. and Green Is. She ran up there without damage but two days later, while trying to come off, she was blown up on Green Island where she stayed. The crew stood by her till Jan 1st 1900, then the F.I.C. bought her and the crew were sent home except for three who volunteered to stay behind.

After some of her cargo was taken off she was towed in to Stanley by the Samson. She discharged at the West Jetty and later left for the U.K.

Axel stayed on in the Falklands with the F.I.C. He was skipper of the tugs Samson and Kelp for a number of years and finally came ashore to work in the Warehouse and sailloft. He was in charge of the erection of the Wireless masts at the old W/T station by the canache.

A farewell party was given in St. Mary's Presbytery on Saturday in honour of Miss V. Peck who leaves for England this week. It will be recalled that she was the life and spirit of St. Mary's concerts and radio programmes. She took a leading part in all the entertainments, and she gained first prize for acting and keenness offered by Commander Marshall R.N.

During the party Miss D. Gleadell, on behalf of the children, read an address of appreciation, in which mention was made of Viola's sacrifice of time and pleasure to make the children's dresses and costumes for the concerts.

Her departure will leave a gap in St. Mary's social life.

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#### NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Next Sunday, 6th Nov., is to be observed as Remembrance Day. Services will be held in the churches at 10a.m. and His Honour the Officer Administering the Government will visit the Cross of Sacrifice shortly before 11a.m. when wreaths will be laid. The customary two minutes silence will be observed at 11 o'clock.

The new Commander in Chief America and West Indies Station in succession to Admiral Tennant, is Vice Admiral Sir R.V. Symonds-Tayler K.C.B., D.S.C.

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#### SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENTS.

St. Mary's held their final whist drive of the season last Tuesday. There were seventeen tables occupied and the prize winners were

Ladies 1st Mrs. P.S. Smith

2nd Mrs. K. Fleuret

3rd Mrs. B. Biggs

Booby Mrs. Basil Biggs

Gents 1st Mr. W. Cletheroe

2nd Mr. M. McCarthy

3rd Mr. C. Middleton

Booby Mr. G. Brown.

The Ladies Miniature Rifle Club held prize shoot on the 27th and 28th

25 yds straight. 2 Cards.  
1st Mrs. S. Aldridge  
2nd. Mrs. A Pettersson  
3rd Mrs. L. Aldridge

Cow's Head Target  
1st Mrs S. Aldridge  
2nd Mrs. L. Aldridge  
3rd Mrs. A. Pettersson

15yds Target at 25yds.  
1st Mrs. A Pettersson  
2nd Mrs L. Aldridge  
3rd Mrs. S. Aldridge and  
Mrs. A. Cletheroe

Apertures Out Target  
1st Mrs. L. Aldridge  
2nd Mrs. A. Pettersson  
3rd Mrs. S. Aldridge

Running Deer Target  
1st Mrs. L. Aldridge  
2nd Mrs. A. Cletheroe  
3rd Mrs S. Aldridge

15yd straight shoot 2 cards  
1st Mrs. L. Aldridge  
2nd Mrs. A. Pettersson  
3rd Mrs. A. Cletheroe

Team shoot 1 card 25ys 1 at 15 yds  
1st. Mrs. A. Pettersson's team  
2nd. Mrs. S. Aldridge's team  
3rd. Mrs W. Aldridge's team

Grand Aggregate Prize  
1st. Mrs L. Aldridge  
2nd. Mrs A. Pettersson  
3rd. Mrs S. Aldridge

Highest Averages for the Week ending 23rd.

Name	Average	Highest Score	No. of shoots
Mrs. L. Aldridge	96.3	99	6
Mrs. S. Aldridge	94.5	98 (2)	12
Mrs. A. Pettersson	93.5	97	10
Miss V. Pettersson	92	97 (2)	12
Mrs. L. Reive	91.8	95 (2)	12
Mrs. A. Cletheroe	91	95	12

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On the 30th The Falkland Island Defence Force held their Annual Cup and prize shoot. The cup was won by Lt. Col. K.P. Butler; the scores were as follows

	200 yds	10 Rds Rapid	5Rds Snap	300 yds	500 yds	Aggregate
Lt. Col K.P. Butler	15	28	15	18	14	90
Pte. S. Reive	17	28	15	12	12	84
Pte. W. Coutts	16	20	15	16	16	83
Cpl. V.T. King	17	22	12	14	16	81
Pte. E. Fuhlendorff	17	24	12	14	14	81
Cpl. H. Bonner	16	24	12	15	12	79
Sgt. C. Reive	14	19	9	17	15	74
Pte. H. Blyth	17	16	6	15	18	72
Major L.W. Aldridge	19	21	9	11	12	72
Pte. M.L. Gleadell	12	18	6	16	18	70
Sgt. P.G. Summers	17	9	12	16	11	65
Pte. K. Mills	14	23	15	5	7	64
Cpl. H.T. Luxton	12	16	6	11	18	63

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There was a hockey match on Tuesday Evening between a School team and an old Pupils XI. The match was drawn at two all.

Old Pupils XI. N. Peck. V. Pettersson and K. Browning, J. Biggs N. Harries and W. Braxton, U. Luxton N. Scott G. Wallin M. Porter and E. Morrison

School XI. A. Biggs, A. Evans and S. Bernsten, S. Spencer G. King and H. McGill, A. Luxton M. Skilling O. Meirhoffer R. Porter and T. Biggs.

At the football match this Sunday an XI captained by R. Morrison defeated an XI captained by H. Bonner by 9 goals to 3