

THE FALKLANDS LISTENER.For week ending 13th November 1949 price 2d.

SHIPPING NEWS.

The s.s. Fitzroy left Montevideo on Wednesday evening and is expected to arrive in Stanley tomorrow morning. She carries 135 bags of mail and about 150 tons of cargo. The passengers are Sir Miles and Lady Clifford, Mr. and Mrs. L.W.H. Young, Mr. and Mrs. Beaty and their two children, Margaret and Bobby, Mr. and Mrs. F. Elliot, Mr. J. Bonner, Mrs. Tonkin, Mr. Billy Goss, Mr. J. Cusack, Mr. W. Middleton, Mr. Smith - the aircraft mechanic, Mr. Williams and Mr. Liversidge. Mr. Liversidge is a Reuters correspondent.

The m.v. John Biscoe left Montevideo on Wednesday morning and was due to arrive in Stanley this morning. She had to turn Northwards yesterday morning to meet the Fitzroy and transfer Dr. Sladen so that he could attend to His Excellency the Governor, who has taken ill.

It is understood that His Excellency had a slight attack of pneumonia on the way to Montevideo.

Dr. Sladen was transferred to the Fitzroy at four o'clock this morning. The John Biscoe is now steaming ahead of the Fitzroy and is expected to arrive in Port William about 3a.m. tomorrow and tie up alongside the Public Jetty about 9.30 a.m. The Fitzroy should arrive about midday.

The s.s. Fitzroy is due to sail again on Thursday morning for Fox Bay, Port Stevens and Motley with North Arm and San Carlos optional. She will leave for Montevideo on the 22nd.

The sealing vessels left Montevideo on the ninth; they have not yet contacted Stanley by R/T but Fitzroy, who passed them on Friday, has been talking to them and they expect to arrive in Stanley about the 16th.

AIRCRAFT NEWS.

The aircraft was out on Friday. She left Stanley at 6.50 a.m. for Teal Inlet. Mr. Raymer was landed here and the aircraft proceeded to Port San Carlos to try out the landing field and leave some petrol. She then flew to Port Howard and picked up the Bishop, who was taken to Port San Carlos. The flight from Port San Carlos to Teal Inlet took only ten minutes. Mr. Raymer was picked up at Teal Inlet and was back in Stanley shortly after 8p.m. Mail was carried from Stanley to all places the aircraft visited.

The Auster was out again today - she flew over to Chartres to dump petrol. She left Stanley shortly after 10 o'clock this morning and is now at Chartres awaiting a more favourable wind before returning to Stanley.

The following is a statement for Lt. Col. Pierce Butler about air mail deliveries around the Falklands:- It is not yet possible to commence a definite air mail service because of the infrequency of flights and the impossibility of keeping to any sort of schedule. However proposed flights will be announced over the loud speaker system and the Stanley transmitter in order that people may get letter mail ready. There will, of course, be no guarantee that letters will be delivered by air, and they may have to lie in the Post Office until the next opportunity for a surface delivery.

BIRTHS DEATHS AND MARRIAGES.

It is with deepest regret that we announce the deaths of Miss Adelaide Aldridge and Miss Valerie Williams, both passing away this week.

Adelaide, who was nearly seventeen, was taken ill nearly three months ago while at Saunders and was brought into town about three weeks ago. She passed away on Monday night. The funeral took place from the Cathedral at 2.30 on Wednesday.

Mrs. Aldridge and family wish to thank all the friends who sent letters of sympathy and floral tributes and they are specially grateful to their neighbours Mrs. Halliday and Frances and Mrs. E. Aldridge for the help they gave. They are also very grateful to the Hospital staff for their efforts and kindness.

Valerie Williams, who had been ill for only a fortnight passed away on Tuesday. She was only seventeen and was one of the most promising pupil teachers in the Government school where she was well liked by both staff and pupils. She was also a valued Sunday School teacher at the Tabernacle.

The funeral took place on Thursday afternoon and the Tabernacle was crowded with friends and sympathisers. Government school was closed that afternoon, as a mark of respect. A memorial service was held in the Tabernacle this evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams are very grateful to the hospital staff, particularly the nursing staff, for all their efforts and kindnesses; to their neighbours, particularly Mrs. Lawrence Aldridge who helped so much, and to all the people who sent flowers and messages of sympathy.

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ROUND TOWN AND CAMP.

The Bishop arrived at Port San Carlos on Friday and will visit Douglas Station and Teal Inlet before returning to Stanley.

Father Kelly announced that St. Mary's will be holding a Christmas bazaar this year.

The Bazaar, which used to be an annual event and was originally started by the Sisters in 1907, has not been held for the last three years; but Father Kelly and St. Mary's parishioners are preparing for a big revival this Christmas.

There will be all the usual stalls and one novelty will be a portrait studio.

The bazaar itself will be held on Saturday, 17th December, opening at 3p.m.; and on the following Tuesday there will be a big Fancy Dress Dance at which prizes will be given.

Five pounds has already been given towards the Fancy Dress prizes and Father Kelly will welcome any other donations.

Programmes will be printed shortly, giving full details of the bazaar and dance. The programmes will be numbered and there will be a lucky number prize awarded on the night of bazaar.

Albert Baonner and George McLeod with Willy Cantlie driving, came in from Bluff Cove on Thursday morning in an ex-army Q.L.. They got into town between 10am and 11 having been held up at a brook for three quarters of an hour waiting for the tide. They returned the same evening, this time using the horse track and made the trip in just under an hour and a half.

Mick and Phil McCarthy are busy bringing in the horses from East Island and Mick is going away this week end to bring in his racers for the Sports.

F.I.D.S. NEWS.

The m.v. John Biscoe will probably be ready to sail South soon after the 20th, but everything will depend on the ice conditions and these are not yet very favourable. There is still quite a lot of pack ice around all bases though the Bransfield Straits is thinning out somewhat and is now only about three tenths covered. The inner waters of Deception, Admiralty Bay and Signy are still frozen. A small amount of open water has appeared round the Argentine Islands but there must still be extensive fast ice because they have a small sledge party still away at Nunez Point about 15 miles South of the base. This party is on its way back from Cavez Island 25 miles from base.

Dr. Fuchs and Adie have passed 72 degrees South and are nearly at the head of King George VI. Sound. They must have sledged nearly three hundred miles from the base at Haruerite Bay by now.

The Emperor penguins at Marguerite Bay are doing well. The chick is putting on weight rapidly and has increased from nine to sixteen pounds in the last fortnight. The penguins are getting used to captivity and no longer have to be forced fed. Between them they are eating thirty five fish a day and the base has had to catch two thousand fish for them since September. Incidentally the fish are very like the rock cod which are caught round the Falklands.

SPORT AND ENTERTAINMENT.

The opening of the football league programme had to be postponed because of the number of players suffering from colds.

The Red Soxs played against the Rest.

The game was spoiled, from the outset, by a strong wind blowing diagonally across the field. Staight from the first whistle the Red Soxs took charge of the game and by half time had built up a lead of 5 goals to one. In the second half there was a complete reversal and aided by an orgy of goals in the last fifteen minutes the Rest managed to win by 8 goals to seven. The scorers were Red Soxs Clark 4, Luxton 2, Oliver, own goal, Rest H. Bonner 5, T. Perry 3.

The Boys Brigade Sports which should have taken place on Saturday had to be postponed because of the number of boys suffering from colds.

Weather in September and October.

September		October	
Hours of Sunshine	146 (63)	Hours of Sunshine	209(169)
No. of days on which rain fell 0.2 to 0.9	3 (8)	No. of days on which rain fell 0.2 to 0.9	6(4)
No. of days on which rain fell 1mm or more	9 (6)	No. of days on which rain fell 1mm or more	3 (7)
Total rainfall	30 (51)	Total rainfall	9 (51)
Average Maximum daily temperature	45 (43)	Average Maximum daily temp.	49 (47)
Average Minimum daily temperature	34 (35)	Average Minimum daily temp.	34 (34)
Highest Maximum temperature recorded on the 15th	57 (52)	Highest Maximum temperature recorded on the 17th.	64 (55)
Lowest Minimum temperature recorded on the 4th.	29 (27)	Lowest Minimum temperature recorded on the 27th.	25 (28)
Lowest grass Minimum temperature recorded on 10th and 29th	19 (19)	Lowest grass Min. Temp. recorded on the 27th.	18 (19)
No. of ground frosts recorded	24 (15)	No. of ground frosts recorded	21 (20)

The above figures are supplied by the Air Ministry Meteorological Office Stanley. The figures in parenthesis are the values for 1948.

From the above tables it is easy to see that the weather in October was rather abnormal with an excess of sunshine and marked deficit of rain.