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## WHAT A LOAD OF RUBBISH!

The quickest way to age ten years or look perpetually worried is to take to heart the comments made by other people about one's self. Or, in my case, to worry about the 'bad' comments made about the "TIMES". For obvious reasons (Hallo Wally!!) I cannot state circulation figures, but the letters I receive each week usually contain cheques for subscription renewals, thus proving that some people at least welcome the paper appearing - spelling errors an' all! So, to my 'friend' at the Globe Store who has made some quite nasty remarks about the "TIMES", all I can say is that as I have a spare duplicator he is welcome to have a bash at anytime at turning out a paper. Provided you are willing to forfeit your spare time and fork out money from your own pocket on occasions there is nothing to it! On to a more happier note now, and I must say that there is absolutely no truth in the rumour that the Foreign Office were going to produce a BBC World Service programme called 'Stalling the Falklands'. "Dr. Owen's Casebook" has also been quashed!!

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## OVER £1300 RAISED

(May 6th) The reponse to the appeal to raise money for the victims of the fire at WALKER 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 Velma 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.

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## NOT LONG NOW

The 2nd of June is coming closer, and that is when a boost to the Colony's revenue is expected as the set of stamps commemorating the Queen's is placed on sale. The Official First Day Covers will sell at 90pence each, 75pence being for the stamps, 15pence for the fancy envelope. About 30,000 covers are awaiting franking in the Post Office, with another 14,000 expected in the Falklands soon. Companion sets with this issue are the South Georgia and B.A.T. releases, similar in design and price, but depicting a Fur Seal on the South Georgia stamp and an Emperor Penguin on the B.A.T. stamp. Advance orders from overseas for these covers are literally flooding in and overall sales are expected to be very good.

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LETTERS.

From: Mr. TIM 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, was 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 East 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

	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>
CHURCH ATTENDANCES.....	4,244	3,833	3,932
COMMUNIONS MADE.....	642	756	846
WEDDINGS.....		8	3
FUNERALS.....		8	20
BAPTISMS.....	16	18	15
CONFIRMATIONS.....	0	0	5 - (lin B.A

(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."



## BACKLOG CUT

Due to the illness of Jim Kerr and Dave Kmsley there was no flying for a while which resulted in quite a large backlog of passengers on the waiting list. However, when flying recommenced, Director of Civil Aviation and head Pilot Mr. Jim Kerr managed to move 66 passengers in a period of four days. This is certainly good going and all that needs now to be explained publicly is the reason for Mr. Russ Hooper's grounding himself.

## HOME IS WHERE THE CHART IS

The Royal Navy's Hydrographic Department has been awarded the Queen's Award for Export Achievements to mark its highly successful world-wide sales of charts and publications. In the year ended March 1977, more than 6,000,000 dollars was earned in direct sales overseas with a further estimated 1,600,000 dollars from indirect sales. In addition to charts, the Hydrographic Department produces and sells a number of publications, including the well-known Admiralty Tide Tables and Sailing Directions. Each day of the week some 12,000 charts and hundreds of publications are despatched from the Department's establishment in Taunton and are sold through a world-wide network of some 160 carefully selected agencies.

## L.A.D.E - DAH!

On Saturday May the 13th, LADE sent over an "F28" jet to test out the route and runway ready for the commercial operations which will be undertaken by this jet in conjunction with the usual "F27" between Stanley and Argentina. On board were approximately 40 LADE personnel including Senor Gonzalez who is LADE's top man in Buenos Aires. Perhaps on the F28 all thirsty passengers will be offered more than the F27's beverage of watered-down Coca Cola.

## SKIWI!

New Zealander Gary Ball who together with his mate Dave Kilcullen were waiting in Stanley for the yacht "En Avant" to call in and whisk them away to Antarctica for a spot of Mountain climbing is apparently doing well according to a letter written by him to Mr. & Mrs. Neil Jennings of Stanley. As the "En Avant" turned out to be a 'non-event', Gary packed his bags and left the Colony; and is now in Scotland working for Nevisport in Aviemore. Obviously enjoying himself he writes: "I'm off to climb Ben Nevis tomorrow as it looks as though winters just arrived back for a second round. Boy it's cold." The mystery surrounding the non-arrival of the "En Avant" does not seem as though it will ever be explained as nobody seems to have heard of its whereabouts since its last radio contact after it left Rio.

## APRIL WEATHER

(All temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit)

AVERAGE TEMPERATURE.....42.6  
HIGHEST TEMPERATURE.....55.8  
LOWEST TEMPERATURE.....33.1

AVERAGE WIND SPEED.....17.6 knots.  
HIGHEST GUST.....67 knots.  
TOTAL RAINFALL.....73.7 mm  
(2.90 inches)

April 1978 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. Anoraks and Parkas were out in force also as this (with the exception of 1973) was the wettest April 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.

## RUGBY SCORE

ROYAL MARINES .v. STANLEY (6th. May)



Extracts from the report into the Programme of Artificial Insemination of Cows in the Falkland Islands between January and April 1978, which was conducted and written by R.S. Whitley, B.V.M. & S., M.R.C.V.S.

SEMEN IMPORTED INTO THE FALKLAND ISLANDS, JANUARY 1978.

<u>BREED</u>	<u>NAME OF BULL</u>
AYRSHIRE	BURNCKSTONE WESTSIDE CHARM
AYRSHIRE	PANT OUTLAW
DEVON	BOVEY LONELY 1st
LINCOLN RED	DONNINGTON TROOPER
LUING	LUING SWIFT
LUING	LUING ROCKET
SIMMENTAL	MMB PILOT
SOUTH DEVON	WINDSOR SLAM 2nd
SUSSEX	HINKLEY GLOW)WORM
WELSH BLACK	TRYFAL EBRILLWR

Artificial Insemination was first used in the Falklands by Mr. C.T. McRea, M.R.C.V.S. in 1969 and on this, as on subsequent occasions the success was limited due to the difficulty of obtaining a regular supply of liquid nitrogen in relation to the number of cows coming into season at any one time.

Total Number of "Straws" - 371.

During "Farmer's Week" in June 1977, the S.O.A. indicated that

they were still keen and interested in the programme and gave verbal assurance of financial and logistical backing. It was agreed that a charge of £10 per cow inseminated would be acceptable. In January 1978, 370 straws of bovine semen arrived by sea.

In order to reduce the number of visits to farms, and therefore reduce the time spent travelling and the number of Beaver flights required - and so be able to accommodate more farms in the limited time - it was decided to issue Estrumate to the farms to perform the two injections themselves. The Estrumate was issued in January 1978 along with instructions as to its use and safety precautions necessary. Although there was, at the time of organising the A.I. programme, a variety of A.I. equipment already in the Islands, only one farm - Port San Carlos - was prepared to lend their three cylinders for the benefit of the scheme. Other farms either wanted to sell or hire their equipment. Many of the animals presented for insemination were in poor condition further reducing the chances of successful insemination. On one farm, the inseminator was assured that the cows could not possibly be in calf, but, nevertheless, one cow aborted a living calf after the first Estrumate injection and another was found to be pregnant when presented for insemination. The success or failure of this programme cannot yet be assessed but a calving rate of 35-40% would be very acceptable - bearing in mind the points made above. However, the crossbred animals so produced are very much cheaper (although not pure) than the importation of live animals.

RECEIPTS.

(i) Based on the charge of £10 per cow inseminated.

PORT STEPHENS.....	£90
DARWIN.....	£600
TEAL INLET.....	£30
FITZROY.....	£60
HILL COVE.....	£40
PORT SAN CARLOS.....	£250
RINCON GRANDE.....	£140
FOX BAY EAST.....	£130
GREEN PATCH.....	£40
PEBBLE ISLAND.....	£60
JOHNSONS HARBOUR....	£20

TOTAL £1,520

(ii) Based on a charge of £10 per cow inseminated plus additional use of Estrumate:

PORT HOWARD £136.80

(iii) Based on cost price plus a handling charge: DOUGLAS STATION £93.00.

TOTAL RECEIPTS: £1,749.80p

PAYMENTS:

MILK MARKETING BOARD (UK)	£1,053.07
VET. DRUG COMPANY (YORK)	£385.40
L.A.D.E. (AIR FREIGHT)	£4.24

After All Payments and Repayments, there is a balance left of £10,29p.

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THOSE WERE THE 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 12.30am 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 narrowest 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 stack of a hundred 9ft posts stored in the open.

The cause of the fire is unknown, there had been no men working in that 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.

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From the Falkland Islands Magazine No 4 Vol. X 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.

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Thursday, August 18th. Police .v. Lee Whitman. Charge - Allowing chimney of "The Ship Hotel" to be on fire on the 16th instant. Defence said chimney swept three weeks ago. Cautioned.

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FOR SALE:- The three-masted Schooner, Allen Gardiner, now lying in Port Stanley Falkland Islands. Price £650. Apply to Dean Brandon.

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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 CURRAN.

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JULY 1898 Number of coins in the Christ Church Offertories: 3 Crowns, 7 half-crown, 6 Florins, 43 Shillings, 83 Sixpences, 73 threepenny pieces, 129 pence, 150 halfpence, 8 farthings and 1 other coin.

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CHEERS DESMOND!

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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 welco-  
med this gift.

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