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BIRTHDAY HONOURS:

It was announced from Government House on 3rd June that Her Majesty the Queen had been graciously pleased to approve the following appointment -

ERNEST GORDON LEWIS, ESQ., O.B.E.,

to be a Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BUDGET MEETING:

The Budget Session of the Legislative Council commenced on 6th June and ended on 12th. The Rev. Canon Patrick Helyer opened the meeting with Prayer, and this was followed by His Excellency the Governor's address to Council and members of the public who had attended.

Mr Lewis opened his address by saying that he had covered very fully such subjects as the Constitution and communications in his speech in January last, and that it

might be useful to look at the development on these fronts.

He is certain that it was right to terminate the experiment with the one Council system and he is pleased with the way the two Councils have been playing their separate and distinct roles as envisaged in the Constitution. He remarked that it is refreshing to note the number of questions being submitted by Members for answers at meetings.

Referring to the Colony's Election Ordinance, the Governor mentioned that he will ask the Colony's Legal Adviser in the United Kingdom to revise the law governing the conduct of elections.

Turning to communications His Excellency thanked the organisations and people who are helping to bridge the gap until the temporary airfield is constructed. The mechanical equipment and team provided many administrative problems and it reflects great credit on all concerned that all went so well. He went on: "I know that with the good sense that has been shown so far and the friendliness that has been generated we will continue to set an example of tolerance and understanding which in some parts of the world is sadly lacking".

Speaking of the aircraft that will be using the airfield, the Governor remarked that it should be possible for some of our sea mail to come in by air, and that one would hope that consumable and perishable goods, such as fruit, would be brought in by air freight.

Regarding shipping services he expects the Falkland Islands Company's vessel, MONSUNEN, to arrive in August and, until then, m.v. FORREST will continue to serve Camp settlements. Government is, at the moment, negotiating with the Ministry of Defence for the sale, or charter, of m.v. FORREST - it will, he said, be most useful to keep the vessel in these waters. As far as a shipping service to the mainland is concerned, he continued, it is no use having a service that is obviously uneconomic and Government does not want to get involved in further shipping subsidies. He felt, however, that as trade expands between the Islands and the mainland other shipping links will be established. Negotiations are going on for the

sale of sheep to the mainland and these will be shipped, probably, in a landing craft similar to the CABO SAN GONZALO. Here he pointed out: "Under the Agreement signed in Buenos Aires in July, 1971, the Argentine Government undertook to provide an air service and Her Majesty's Government undertook to provide a shipping service, but these obligations do not imply an exclusive franchise".

On the subject of the general and economic position, His Excellency said that with the drop in wool prices it was anticipated that the financial position would deteroriate. What was not anticipated fully was the buoyancy of the Stock Market in London and the marked recovery in the price of wool at the last sales. The former enabled Government to transfer profits from the Savings Bank to revenue, thus reducing the deficit, while the latter gives hopes of better days ahead for our primary industry.

As far as Government is concerned, he went on, the Colony is living beyond its means and deficit financing on the present scale will mean sliding into Government Grant-in-Aid status within a year or two. Two experts are coming out at the end of the year to advise on improving efficiency in the Government service and to suggest ways of improving revenue. Turning to Government departments, the Governor referred to the work of four - Education, Medical, Public Works and the Air Service.

It is probable, he continued, that an agreement will be signed within the next month or two with Alginate Industries Ltd. for the exploitation of the Islands' kelp - many enquiries, tentative at the moment, have come from Latin America about the possibility of harvesting kelp in the Colony's waters. He is concerned about the employment prospects of children coming out of schools here and it is unlikely that the exploitation of our kelp resources will be labour-intensive.

Taking a look at tourism His Excellency observed: "Apart from the pent-up demand that is waiting to come in by air, we know already that the LINDBLAD EXPLORER will be paying several visits here during the forthcoming season, the LIBERTAD with 250 - 300 passengers will be making four calls in January and February, plus the ENRICO C, and plus,

no doubt, other ships which we have been used to seeing in these waters" .... "There is only a certain amount that Government can do to prepare for the change and it is up to private enterprise as well to play its part in providing some of the goods and services which tourists and other travellers will expect to find".

Referring to his visit, accompanied by Mrs Lewis, to Antarctic Bases, the Governor said that it was a most exhilarating experience and a magnificent opportunity to see the work done by the crews of the R.R.S. vessels and by the young men on the Bases.

On the subject of the main airfield he advised the meeting that the Rendel Palmer and Tritton report is now being processed and that the Colony has the undertaking by Her Majesty's Government that the field will be built.

At this point His Excellency thanked the Acting Colonial Secretary, Mr H.L. Bound, and the Colonial Treasurer, Mr. H. Rowlands, for the work they have done recently when the Colony has been without a Colonial Secretary.

Finally, returning to his "pet hobby horse" he spoke of the improvement in the tidiness of Stanley and, as a minor encouragement to increasing this tidiness, he proposes to donate a silver challenge cup, to be awarded each year, to the owner of the most attractive home and compound in Stanley.

The business of the first day included a number of questions for oral reply, the Estimates for the coming financial year, and other legislation for consideration.

CATHEDRAL BAZAAR: From the Cathedral.

The Cathedral Bazaar this year was held on Friday, 2nd June, and Saturday, 3rd June. Mrs A.G. Barton very kindly opened the Bazaar, urging all present to support Canon Helyer and the Cathedral in the only way possible upon this occasion - namely, by buying and spending as much money as they could afford in aid of a most deserving cause. Little Michele Bell then presented Mrs Barton

with a pretty bouquet.

Business was brisk, despite the very hard frost, and all the stalls and sideshows were well patronised.

There seems not much to add about the nights of the Bazaar themselves except to feel that great credit and most grateful thanks are due to all those who undertook the task of organising Stalls, and to the numerous helpers in the many departments who worked so hard and untiringly for the "Love of God". Whilst we thank the people in Stanley, yet equally too we thank the people in the Camp.

Ed. I paid a visit to the Bazaar and found the Wheel-of-Fortune, as is usual, being the star attraction. A novel "Hidden Treasure" had been made of a map of the Stanley area, the co-ordinates being numbered, speculators choosing their favourites at 10p a number. This won the lucky treasure seeker the sum of £20. I understand that gross takings were just above £1,100.

EDUCATION IN THE COLONY: (Conclusion)

Considerable discussion was also held on the non-recruitment of Miss Oliver and Miss Smith. According to the Recruitment Officer in London the underlying reason was that both these fully qualified teachers were born in the Falkland Islands and in these circumstances passage commitments could not be accepted. If they wanted to serve in their own country they would have to pay their own passages to the Falklands with the hope of obtaining a post under locally recruited conditions. The Committee viewed this situation with considerable concern and considered such a policy to be discriminatory and unrealistic and we recommend that the position be reviewed at an early date. The point was made that in regard to one of the above mentioned Government had expended a considerable amount of money (£1140) in respect of her education overseas and it surely seemed fair and reasonable to encourage her to return and thereby let the Colony gain some benefit from the financial assistance made from Public Revenue in regard to the Overseas Education Scheme.

All pupils obtaining education outside the Colony are at present attending the British School in Montevideo and while this is working well expenses are ever increasing. As a follow up to the offer of scholarships in the Argentine the Superintendent of Education made a fairly extensive visit to the schools available in that country in the course of his return from leave in the United Kingdom during the latter part of 1971. No doubt the recently appointed Education Committee will be giving due consideration to the question of these scholarships.

On receiving complaints from parents regarding the conditions (brought about mainly by the fire in the Senior School and the resultant lack of classroom space) under which their children were being taught, I visited the Schools on the 27th August, 1971, accompanied by the Honourable Mrs N. King and the Acting Superintendent of Education. Immediately after this visit I submitted a memorandum to the Colonial Secretary drawing his attention to various defects which, if rectified, would do much towards making a somewhat overall cramped, cold, and dismal set-up at least a bit more comfortable for pupils and teachers and thus assist in the general concentration of both. On making a further visit by request on the 3rd December, 1971, I found that absolutely nothing at all had been done, not even a small piece of iron replaced on a gap in the foundation of the C.C. room. Thus to the chagrin of those concerned our efforts to obtain some improvement proved to be nothing more than a complete waste of time.

I have endeavoured in the main to confine this report to our views for the future rather than offer a lengthy resume of what the Committee has done or tried to do which can be found in the copies of our Minutes over the years since 1966. We of the retiring Education Committee sincerely trust that all concerned will give full consideration to our recommendations and take action accordingly. Finally, I would like to thank all who have assisted us during our term of office including members of Executive Council for their co-operation and understanding regarding the problems

placed before Council by the Education Committee from time to time.

WHO PAYS THE PIPER?

We have heard the Acting Colonial Secretary's report on the recent meeting of the Select Committee, and Councillor Sidney Miller's broadcast - both offered nothing but increases in our cost of living. Mr Miller's concluding words were: "And remember, we are all in this together - every single one of us". Yes, we should all be playing our full part, but readers will note, from the following, that this is not so. There is only one way in which we can be helped, if money has to be found, and that is to apply for a Grant-in-Aid - no stigma attaches to this.

If the Committee's recommendations are accepted by the Governor-in-Council the effect on Stanley and the Camps will be -

	Stanley	Camps
Grazing fees for horses	Increase	Pay nothing
Dog Licences	Increase	Pay nothing
Inland letter rates	Increase	Increase
Telephone rentals	Increase	Pay nothing
Rates - water	Increase	Pay nothing
Rates - house	Anticipated increase	Pay nothing

Further, the greater majority of farms will enjoy the benefit of Company tax reduced from 35p to 30p in the £.

We can only assume that no Councillor suggested any other increase for the Camps. Stanley residents will have to meet the additional expenditure imposed on them and, we are sure, that Campers would be only too happy to contribute their mites to the common cause of keeping the Colony's revenue nearer the expenditure mark.

We would ask Councillors to take another look at the method of raising revenue suggested by them, to be impartial in their deliberations, to arrange for both these sections of our community to face this crisis and share the burden equally, and not be divided in any way.

This rise in the cost of living, if accepted, will in turn increase wages, and all gained will be lost - nothing will be achieved except to make more discontented a people who have been facing up to other worries during the past four years.

MAY WEATHER:

May, 1972, was a remarkably wet month. The total rainfall for the month was 100.5 mm (3.96 inches) and, with the sole exception of 1954, was the wettest May for over fifty years.

The average temperature was 2.9°C (37.2°F), the coldest May since 1959 and one degree centigrade below the normal for May. The maximum temperature recorded during the month was 9.6°C (49.3°F) on the 6th and the minimum was minus 1.8°C (28.8°F) on the night of the 19th/20th.

The average daily sunshine was 2.6 hours, about ten minutes more per day than is usual in May.

The average wind speed was 14.0 knots, about 2½ knots less than what would be expected at this time of year. The highest gust recorded during the month was 57 knots in the early afternoon of the 12th. There were eleven hours when the wind speed averaged gale force and 265 hours when the average wind speed was ten knots or less.

There were 25 occasions of ground frost recorded during the month; the highest number since 1963.

In brief a wet and cold month, but with a little more than usual sunshine and much less wind.

All the above figures refer to those taken at the Stanley Meteorological Site.

The first ten days of June showed a daily average sunshine of 5¼ hours - the June average is 1.8 hours.

SILVER WEDDING:

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Les Lee (Christina Blyth) who celebrated their silver wedding anniversary on 26th June.

ESTATE LOUIS WILLIAMS

GLOBE STORE

S.F. 12. AGA Domestic Boilers .. £50.50

S.F. 20. AGA Domestic Boilers .. £70.50

S.F. 30. AGA Domestic Boilers .. £90.00

SMOKE PIPE AND BENDS FINISHED IN BLACK VITREOUS ENAMEL

4" Straight Lengths with Socket 2' long

4" Straight Lengths with Socket 3' long

4½" Straight Lengths with Socket 3' long

4" Straight Lengths Double Spigot No Socket 2' long

4" Standard Bend with Door

4½" Standard Bend with Door

PATONS KNITTING WOOLS

Patons Double Knit all Wool

Patons Purple Heather 4 Ply

Lime Light Double Knit

Bri-Nylon Double Knit

Patons Nylox 3 Ply

Totem Double Crepe

Patons Ninepins

Baby Quickerknit

Cure that cough with Zube Cough Mixture or suck a Zube

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ON THE "A.E.S" - BEING OPENED SHORTLY

FALKLAND ISLANDS KNITTING WOOL 1OZ BALLS

A RAINBOW OF COLOURS IN DOUBLE KNITTING AND 4 PLY
AMBER GLINT, CHING LING BLUE, MATEUS ROSE, CALM PALM,
LOKI PLUM, RIPPLE BLUE, SKIPPY PINK, BLACK, THISOLA,
SNOW WHITE, RORAL, SCARLET, FRENCH NAVY, COFFEE BEAN,
ZOLA GOLD, GREEN DE SHEEN, CHAMPAGNE BUBBLE, DAMSON,
AQUARIUS AND PAPRIKO

FALKLAND ISLANDS WOOL FOR ARAN KNITTING

IN CLIQUOT, GREEN, AMBER GLINT, MANCHU DUCK,
LOKI PLUM AND CHING LING BLUE

ASHTON ONE OF BRITAIN'S BEST COTTON MANUFACTURERS

ASHTONS SHEETS, WHITE AND COLOURED
70 x 100 AND 90 x 100
PILLOW CASES TO MATCH 19" x 30"
ASHTONS MULTI STRIPE SHEETS 70" x 100"
PILLOW CASES TO MATCH 19" x 30"
COT SHEETS 36" x 43" WHITE, BLUE, PRIMROSE, PINK
PRAM SHEETS 27" x 38" WHITE
ASHTONS ZORBIT NAPPIES THE BEST
ASHTONS WHITE TERRY TOWELS 22" x 42" & 27" x 54"
ASHTONS COLOURED TOWELS 22" x 42" & 30" x 54"

NAPPI LINERS, PADDI PADS, COTTON WOOL,
NAPPICLENE

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FOR PERPETUATING BEAUTY
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LADY BAIRNSWEAR
QUALITY GARMENTS WITH BUILT IN COMFORT
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COTTON JUMPERS AND NYLON BLOUSES
ORLON JUMPERS AND ORLON JUMPER/BLOUSE SETS

FROM THE HUGH WALKER 1972 COLLECTION
EVENING AND COCKTAIL DRESSES IN TRICEL, DIOLEN,
COTTON, NYLON, AND DACRON
ACAPULCO £9.10, FLORIDA £8.75, KYRENIE £8.75,
MARTINIQUE £8.75, OKLAHOMA £8.75, VALPARAISO £11.50,
KASBAH (FULL OF EASTERN PROMISE) £10.75

ONCE AGAIN BY POPULAR DEMAND - SECONDA WATCHES
PRICED FROM ONLY £3 FOR A BOYS TO £6.75 FOR A GENTS AUTOMATIC
YES, IT'S ALL TO BE AT THE WEST STORE

PASSENGERS - IN AND OUT:

Arrived by aircraft 17th June: Mr V. Berntsen.
Departed by aircraft 17th June: Mrs P. Helyer, Mrs J. Felton, Miss J. Rolls, Messrs. V.L. Summers, I.K. Gleadell, G. Betts.

PENFRIENDS CORNER:

Miss Hana Sindlerova (18½ years), U Botanicke Zahrady 4, Olomouc Czechoslovakia: many hobbies, penfriends wanted.
Miss Leonor Cantarelli (18 years), Anchorena 1584 5- "A", Capital Federal, Argentina: hobby - theatre, penfriends.
Miss Susana Durich (20 years), Marmol 40 7- "A", Capital Federal, Argentina: hobby - photography, penfriends.

RETIREMENT:

After a continuous service of 43 years, 42 of which he spent in the one department, Mr John Blyth, of the Government Power and Electrical Department, retired on 31st May, 1972. Happy retirement, John.

"LINDBLAD EXPLORER": (Continued)

"Having been assured that the Chilean naval vessel, the 'Piloto Pardo', had received our distress signal and was underway, we trusted in fate and the Chilean Navy, and waited patiently for the rescue ship to appear on the horizon. Because of high winds and seas, it was delayed for several hours but all were confident that she would eventually appear.
In the interim, after the situation had been assessed from the bridge and it was confirmed that the 'Explorer' would not sink or capsize, we were allowed to climb back on board, pack our luggage and were given food and beverage.

Still dressed in our survival clothing we waited until about one p.m. for the 'Pardo' to emerge through the blinding snow storm and anchor about one mile away. Once again and without incident or accident all filed to the life boats for the run through heavy seas to the even steeper and icier gangway of the rescue ship. Some of the older folks were literally pushed or carried on board, the more nimble scrambled up on their own power.

As we entered one by one, the Chilean crewmen met us with hot chocolate and made it evident that we were welcome and that they were happy to share whatever they had for our creature comfort. They not only fed us, but crew members willingly gave up their sleeping quarters so that all the women had a bed, the men sleeping on the floor, on a table, or sitting in a chair. Some did not have a blanket the first night aboard. Toilet facilities were strained, but soon all learned to stand in line and await their turn. As one lady put it 'we are ship-wrecked in the Antarctic and this is not the Queen Mary'. Once everyone learned the routine, the crowded conditions were taken in stride and in good humour. Morale and spirit were high and there were few if any complaints.

Rumours were spawned momentarily and there was much speculation as to just how and when we were to proceed across the Drake Passage to Punta Arenas, Chile, our ultimate destination. As it turned out, we had to return south to one of the Chilean scientific bases to pick up four scientists who were returning to their homes in Chile as the summer season in the Antarctic was over, the ice was moving in and food supplies were low at the station." (To be continued).

SUB AQUA CLUB:

In February of this year the Falkland Islands Sub Aqua Club was officially recognised as the 479th Branch of the British Sub Aqua Club. This now means that any tests taken by the members will be valid throughout the diving world.

The Club has fifteen subscribing members of whom five

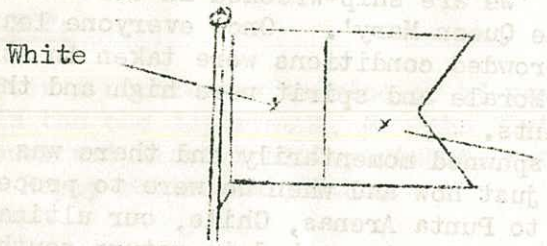
are already progressing through the initial swimming and snorkel tests.

The Club has applied for a Grant of Wreck for the JOHN R. KELLY, which was wrecked on the Kelly Rocks in 1899. The purpose being to use this area as a safe and convenient training ground for advanced aqualung instruction.

Many people will not be familiar with the flag (pennant) which warns that diving is in progress. Its use is two-fold as quoted from the Diving Manual:

1) To give an indication so that vessels may keep clear of the divers.
2) To inform shipping that there may be ropes or other obstructions in the vicinity, on or below the water which may foul their propellers or rudders.

The flag that will be flown when the Club is diving is the International Code Flag "A" which is shown below. This flag will indicate: "I have a diver down, keep well clear at slow speed".



FANCY DRESS BALL:

The Badminton Club again organised - for the twenty-second occasion - its ever popular Fancy Dress Ball, which was held in the Town Hall on 21st June. The stage setting represented badminton with two large imitation shuttlecocks on the stage - the panels, between the windows of the Hall, were decorated in a Harlequin effect, with coloured squares of paper.

Mr V.T. (Joe) King brought the lively scene into homes on the evening of the 22nd, when his colourful and witty, on the spot, recorded commentary of the event was broadcast.

Joe described the many and varied costumes in all sections, and the judges, Miss A. Fisher, Mr W. Felton and Mr J. Bailey, had, as is usual on such occasions, a very difficult task to choose the winners.

His Excellency the Governor arrived to witness the judging, after which he presented prizes to those selected in individual dress, pairs and groups.

Pairs and Individual: 1st: Hell's Angels (broken down and thrown out) - Mrs Harry Stewart and Mrs Vi. Bonner; 2nd: Red Indian Couple and Papoose - Mrs Dave McKay and Nigel Pearson; 3rd: Mummy - Andrew Cross of the Hovercraft Unit; 4th: Bulldozer - Miss Vivienne Perkins.

Groups: 1st: Legislative Council (with humorous slogans) - Mrs A. Wallace, Mrs A. Bonner, Mrs B. May, Mrs A. Biggs, Mrs R. Bonner, Misses Sharon Duncan, Iris Ford, Joyce Newman. 2nd: Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs - Mr and Mrs Ian Stewart, Mr and Mrs I. Strange, Mr and Mrs D. Petrie, Mr and Mrs P. Kermode.

A very enjoyable evening for all - thank you, Badminton Club.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT:

Readers will recall the report of the fire at the Senior School on 21st August, 1970. Two years later, although not fully repaired, the school is again occupied - everyone appears well satisfied with the restored building.

EDUCATION AWARDS:

We are pleased to report that Miss Helen Thompson has passed the Royal Society of Arts examinations in Shorthand - 80 words a minute - and Stage 2 Typewriting.

Graham Bound has been declared the best male actor in the British Schools, Montevideo, and has been presented with a prize.

KELP COMPANY:

Mr F. Gooch reported in a recent newsletter that the Company's British based Research Laboratory has been working on an entirely new process which will be complementary to the stage already reached - this being based on information passed on from the Falkland Islands Pilot Plant.

In order to familiarise themselves with this new stage in the process, and to assist in the development of new equipment, he and Mr R. Henricksen will be going to the United Kingdom and elsewhere for a four months' period of work, with the object of recommencing activities preparatory and leading up to the installation of the Production Plant in the Falklands.

We understand that Mrs Gooch and Mrs Henricksen will also accompany or join their husbands on their journeyings.

TOURIST VESSELS:

His Excellency the Governor mentioned the proposed visits of tourists during the coming summer. The following provisional itineraries have been broadcast.

"Lindblad Explorer" (Norwegian) - December 2nd Stanley, 3rd Fox Bay, 4th West Point Island, 5th Carcass Island, 10th Stanley, 11th Carcass Island, 12th West Point Island, 17th Stanley, 18th Carcass Island, 19th West Point Island, 25th Stanley, 26th Carcass Island, 27th West Point Island.

"Libertad" (Argentine) - Stanley 8th, 19th, 30th January, 17th February.

"Enrico C" (Italian) - Stanley 17th & 31st January.

Since typing the foregoing, we learn that the "Lindblad Explorer" will now make only one visit - 25th to 27th December.

DESTRUCTION OF WILD LIFE: From Mr F. Jones

The remarks about the desirability to reduce the number of Upland Geese, made by the Honourable Mr Blake at the last

meeting of Legislative Council, must have come as grievous news for those of us who care for the wild life of the Colony.

To slaughter geese for beak money, or solely for their wings or feathers, or as feed for domestic animals, is surely immoral? To kill in reasonable quantities for human consumption is understandable.

It is very controversial that geese reduce a farm's wool clip, or that they are an asset or not for sheep farming. What is known is that once men are encouraged to shoot geese, all other wild life, protected and unprotected, tend to suffer the same fate. Already, between the older day sealers and the sheep farmers, it is probably no exaggeration to say that three quarters of all our wild life has been destroyed. Tourists will never come here to see sheep or sheep farmers. The only real attraction of the Falklands is the wonderful wild life. For economic reasons alone surely it should be protected?

When man reduces any given species of fauna, in any part of the world, the balance of nature is upset, often with disasterous results. Surely it is unfair that sheep farmers alone should be able to decide the fate of valuable species of wild life? I suggest that they are not competent to do so. It is only human nature that they would tend to be influenced by their own selfish views and business interests without taking into consideration the desires of the vast majority of people in the world who are not sheep farmers. If given species of wild life really must be reduced in numbers surely the decision is one for competent experts.

I suggest that there is more than enough land in the Falklands for all the sheep and all the geese, especially as there are far less sheep now than there were in say the year 1896. To kill geese without justification is not only barbarism, but it makes a mockery of the struggles of men like Peter Scott and Lindblad, and, furthermore, must have a bad effect on the way of thinking of small children.

During this difficult period of the Colony's history we need good will to impress favourably the nations of the world. What better way than to protect our wild life? even if some

farmers think they may lose a few kilos of wool.

The owners hold their land in trust, for themselves and their inheritants, and thus I question their moral right to destroy what may well become their most valuable asset within a generation. The Pope said that the land belongs to those who work it. If that is so, surely everyone should be consulted before a fateful decision is made to permit the reduction of our geese population. Naturally, the same thing applies to turkey buzzards and all other species of wild life, native of these Islands, but imaginary enemies of the sheep farmers.

DARTS:

The 1972 Darts programme is well under way, and the Secretary's reports, as broadcast, on the games up to 16th and 23rd June, showed the following:

"Forrest" and "Darwin" League positions at 16th:

"Forrest"	Points	"Darwin"	Points
Victory "A"	16	Rose "A"	14
Globe Trotters	14	Mission Impossible	12
Upland Goslings	12	Rose "B"	10
The Bees	12	Born Losers	2
Globe Wanderers	6	Victory "B"	2
Hell's Angels	Nil		

A play-off between Bees and Goslings for third place, resulted in a win for the Goslings.

The new Leagues are -

Championship League	Challenge League
Victory "A"	The Bees
Globe Trotters	Globe Wanderers
Rose "A"	Born Losers
Upland Goslings	Victory "B"
Mission Impossible	Hell's Angels
Rose "B"	

Individual Knockout (as at 16th June)

R. Peart defeated F. Whitney and later on R. Betts;

Alastair Biggs won playing F. Ford; A. Maxwell beat Ken Summers and later Ewen Morrison; W. Etheridge defeated H. Jennings, as did M. Ferris against Les Biggs, Terence Summers against B. Shorey, Keith Summers against K. Blyth, and W. Whitney playing F. Betts.

Team Knockout (First Round)

Upland Goslings won with 8 points to Rose "A" 7, Globe Wanderers with 11 defeated Hell's Angels with 4, and Rose "B" defeated Mission Impossible 10 points to 5.

Leading Individual Scores (as at 23rd June)

Tons		1st Dart Start		101 Plus	
I. Morrison	16	L. Biggs	9	T. Betts	6
W. Whitney	15	V. Perkins	8	D. Hansen	6
F. Betts	10	K. Aldridge	7	W. Etheridge	4
A. Biggs	6	F. Betts	7	P. Lee	4
T. Peck	6			S. Smith	4
Bull Centres		**3 Darts Finish**		**3 Treble 19's**	
J. Middleton	3	F. Ford	4	Alastair Biggs	
O. Almonacid	3				

Individual Points: I. Morrison 27, J. Middleton 23, F. Betts 22, W. Whitney 20, F. Ford 20, P. Lee 19, A. Maxwell 19, Miss V. Perkins 18, C. Blackley 18, Doug. Hansen 17, H. Ford 17, L. Biggs 16, Terry Summers 16.

Governor's Cup: Will be played off in the Drill Hall on 14th and 15th July.

BACKWARD GLANCE - 66 YEARS AGO:

On Sunday evening, the 22nd April, Mr Browning gave his farewell address in the Tabernacle to a large and sympathetic gathering. At the close he gave a cordial invitation to all interested to attend a social gathering and tea on the following evening.

Much regret was felt at Mr Browning's leaving the place, where great credit is due to him for the way he has laboured so continuously in the interest of the Tabernacle. He remarked, at the meeting, that he had conducted two

services each Sunday for seven years without a break, and he was very pleased to say that he was leaving the Tabernacle entirely clear of debt, and with a cash balance on the credit side.

Ed. Mr Rex Browning, who has held the fort on many occasions when Tabernacle Ministers have been absent on leave, or when the Church has been waiting for pastoral vacancies to be filled, is the great-grandson of the late Mr Browning.

BIRTHS: K. E. M. Hospital

McGILL: 14th June - To Mr and Mrs Peter McGill of Stanley, a daughter, CORAL ELIZABETH - 7 lb. 11 oz.

McFARLANE: 16th June - IAN HAMISH - 6 lb. 13 oz. (see below)

JAFFRAY: 20th June - To Mr and Mrs J.W. Jaffray (Phyllis Ford) of Walker Creek, a daughter, JUNE ELIZABETH - 10 lb. 10 oz.

Overseas

McGILL: 7th June - To Mr and Mrs Lyell McGill (Penelope Lee) in New Zealand, a son, REX - 8 lb. 2 oz.

WILES: 17th June - To Mr and Mrs Alan Wiles (Sheila Perry) in Devon, a daughter, ALLISON - 7 lb.5 oz.

R. I. P:

Joseph Clifton, at Stanley, on 7th June. Aged 63.

W.A. (Jimmy) Lang, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on 14th June. Aged 75.

Mrs Lona McFarlane, wife of Mr James McFarlane, at Stanley, on 16th June, following the birth of their son, Ian Hamish. Aged 29.

J.M. Coutts, M.M., in England, on 31st May. Aged 75. The deceased was Dental Surgeon in the Colony from 1925 to 1931.

James Hollen, at Stanley, on 27th June. Aged 75.

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COLONIAL SECRETARY:

Among the passengers, who arrived by the Albatross flight of 27th June, was Mr T.H. Layng, the new Colonial Secretary. Mr Layng was met at the Government Jetty by Mr H.L. Bound, the Assistant Colonial Secretary, and went by car to Government House, where he was greeted by His Excellency the Governor.

During the first week after arrival he visited Government Departments and, on 29th June, a party was held at Government House where Mr Layng was able to meet Members of Councils, Government officers and other personalities.

Before coming to the Falklands, Mr Layng served for thirteen years in the Western Pacific. He was first appointed in 1958 to the British Solomon Islands, where he served in District Administration until 1962. In 1963 he was transferred to the New Hebrides where he was, for five years, in charge of an Economic Development Unit, which set up a most successful Co-operative movement in the Islands. In 1969 he was appointed to be Development Secretary in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands, before returning to the Solomons as a District Commissioner in 1971.

Mr Layng, who is 38, was educated at Clifton College, Bristol, and at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. He obtained a temporary commission in the Royal Navy during national service. He is unmarried.

WHO WRITES WHAT?:

Referring to Mr Monk's biting remarks, in the following item, about "anonymity", we are surprised to learn that anybody could suppose that anyone else, other than the Editor, is responsible for unsigned articles published.

All items, other than Government notices (and many of these have to be condensed) are prepared by the Editor, either from information supplied or from actual sightings, such as weddings, parades, sports, etc., and articles which have been edited - it is not considered necessary to sign these "By the Editor". Articles submitted, readers will have noted, are always published under a writer's name or office.

WHO PAYS THE PIPER?: Comments from Mr A.B. Monk

I would be grateful if you would allow me space in your August issue to reply to two slanted and provocative articles in your July issue. Firstly that unsigned article entitled "Who Pays the Piper"; in the normal way anyone hiding behind the cloak of anonymity does not deserve a reply, or in fact to be published, he or she is probably only being mischievous. However this article is very slanted and full of inaccuracies.

To take Grant-aid first: no doubt we could easily get this, in fact we already have it to a certain extent with regard to the Power Station being built. As a result of the "cheap" money obtained for the Power Station though, the U.K. Government retains the right to determine your electricity tariff to make quite sure you pay it back; in other words the Electors freedom of action is largely taken

away. If we go on to Grant-aid to balance our Budget generally, we will almost certainly have to do what we are told with regard to taxes and our expenditure: our freedom of action will be largely taken away.

With regard to the list of so called discriminatory increases in fees and charges. Leaving aside for the moment "Grazing Fees for Horses" and taking them in order thereafter.

Dog Licences: Working dogs are not licenced. Farms however are now having to pay for the pills to dose the dogs and in the case of San Carlos this will be about £40 per annum. If there are any pet dogs to be dosed on this farm the owners will pay for the pills. So in fact the Farms have been saddled with quite a large payment annually; and remember dogs are essential to the Farms but not to Stanley.

No comment is required about letter rates.

Take Telephone rentals: all Farms connected to Stanley even if through another Farm pay this telephone rental; in addition we put up and maintain many miles of telephone line ourselves without any Government assistance; we also pay for our batteries, does Stanley?

Water Rates: At the moment the Government gives Stanley the water, or rather the general taxpayer does and the Council sells it, anybody can keep rates down that way. If you want an expensive and sophisticated water systen in Stanley you should expect to bear a large part of the costs yourselves. The Farms pay for their own water supply systems in all respects. If every Farm wanted a sophisticated filtration plant would you like to pay for it through your General Taxation?

House Rates: you cannot expect Farm employees to pay house rates, if they want to work in the Camp they must live in the house we offer. If you want to live in Stanley and enjoy town amenities you must expect to pay rates, if the rates you presently pay won't pay for the amenities you want, then you must pay more or have less. We have no nice paved roads with drainage; no street lighting and nice pavements to walk on etc. Why? because we cannot afford them.

With regard to Company Tax reduction from 35p to 30p;

that applies to all Companies AND to all individuals. There does not happen to be any individual in the Falklands with sufficient income to be affected. This was done to bring us into line with regard to the U.K. it would be difficult if we had a higher tax limit than they have. However when it was discussed I would have preferred tax reductions in the lower income groups first, because we are already seriously out of step with the U.K. there; I said so at the time. We are to get a tax expert out and I hope he will recommend a fairer tax system for us all.

Finally, "Grazing Fees for Horses"; these were raised because it was suggested that there were a large number of horses on the Common and they were making life difficult for the Dairy Cows. At the time I supported the increase, but in the light of recent information, I think we may have been mistaken to discriminate against horses. With regard to the Farms: if persons not employed by the Farms want horses grazed they usually have to pay for it, if they are allowed at all. Employees are limited to the number they have usually and, it must be realised that even in this day and age, quite a lot of employees travel about on horses still, if they were not allowed their own they would want more Farm ones.

We will be as brief as possible in commenting on Mr Monk's remarks:

Grant Aided: No doubt, if we accepted a Grant-in-Aid, our taxation would have to be comparable to that in the U.K. (this a visiting Auditor advised us would be the case), but advantages would be felt by many wage earners, as the following earned incomes are not taxable in the U.K., and the figures will increase next year - F.I. in brackets:

Single	Married	Married 1 child	Married 2	Married 3
£591 (187)	£771 (368)	£970 (493)	£1115 (618)	£1288 (743)

When Mr Monk writes of "our freedom of action" he must mean Councillors, as Electors are never consulted on natters dealing with their welfare. Not one Councillor has advised us of the dis/advantages of Grant Aid - we have shown one advantage if we had to accept the U.K. rate of tax, will

Councillors tell us of others, good or bad?

Grazing Fees: Persons not employed on a Farm and grazing horses there are usually charged for the privilege - but as the Farm, not Government, collects this revenue we cannot see his point here.

Dog Licences: Scoloban for San Carlos dogs will cost £40 p.a. states Mr Monk. 12 pills per dog p.a. at 4.6p for each pill gives a total of 72 working dogs - does this medium size Farm carry so many dogs? Further, of course, the £40 expense would be reduced to only £28.

Telephone Rentals: We slipped slightly here - all Farms on the East Falklands, linked to the Stanley Telephone Exchange, pay only £6.50 each p.a. As every person on the Farm has the use of the telephone, the cost for eleven houses is 60p each, compared with Stanley's £6.50 each!

Water Rates: Mr Monk is probably not aware of the fact, but Falkland Islanders did not press for a "sophisticated filtration plant" in Stanley - the Germans, who installed the plant, were highly amused, as in Germany people travel many miles to drink peaty water for health reasons and we could have continued with our discoloured water and, perhaps, been healthier.

House Rates: Increased house rates in Stanley would inevitably increase the rental cost of houses, and this could well cause a higher rate in the value of free quarters. A visit to Fitzroy and other Farms would show our critic that roads can be made in the Camp - we do not accept the "too poor" plea; wool in 1951 realised an average of 102d per lb. followed by prices in the 60's and 50's pence on occasions, and anenities, such as roads, could have been supplied if farmers had so wished.

Company Tax: Mr Monk remarks that our Standard Rate applies to companies AND to all individuals, but goes on to add that no individual in the Falklands has sufficient income to be affected - again, we cannot see the reason for this comment.

Finally, Stanley taxpayers ungrudgingly pay towards an Air Service, "Forrest", and R/T link, which Stanley does not require so, by and large, we all break even in contributing

to each others needs. And, bear this in mind, Campers eventually retire, on pension, to Stanley in the evening of their lives - should we make their lot more difficult for them by increasing the cost of amenities they will then be enjoying?

DESTRUCTION OF GEESE: By Mr A.B. Monk

With regard to the article by Mr F. Jones entitled "Destruction of Wild Life", no one in his right senses wants to destroy all geese, indeed no Farmer could do so because there are large areas in the Falklands where wild life is protected, tourists have plenty of place to go to where they can observe wild life completely unmolested.

Geese unfortunately eat grass, large quantities of it and, like sheep, they like the best. It has been established that five geese eat as much as one sheep if you have thousands of geese the inference is obvious.

We at San Carlos try to make about six acres of grass hay annually. We put fertilizer on this to make it grow. We sometimes sell some to Stanley Dairies so that their winter milk supply might be better. It is not at all unusual to see between 100 and 150 geese on these six acres in the early morning, they usually stay in the middle, presumably so that they can see any danger. In the middle of the fields we hardly get any hay at all because of this. We can't expect to, we are feeding the equivalent of between 20 and 30 sheep there all the time. Can you wonder we want them reduced?

Anybody who has tried to grow thousand head kale for winter fodder in the Camp will know how difficult this is, not because it won't grow, it will very well, but simply because it is very difficult to keep the geese off.

There are plenty of places for your tourists Mr Jones that can't be spoiled and when they start paying a large amount towards our revenue then perhaps all the selfish sheep-farmers can give up supporting you.

DARTS - GOVERNOR'S CUP, 1972:

The competitions for the 1972 Governor's Cup Darts Tournament were played off in the Drill Hall on 14th and 15th July. This year 145, including 22 ladies, entered for the Tournament, and a large number of spectators gathered to witness the games.

Our two popular commentators, V.T. (Joe) King and Patrick Watts, recorded commentaries of the event and these were later broadcast to Stanley and the Camp. Mr Layng, the Colonial Secretary, presented the prizes on behalf of His Excellency the Governor. The final results, from the quarter finals onwards, were:

Quarter: Alastair Biggs 2, A. Maxwell 0; W. Etheridge 2, A. Alazia 0; M. Blackley 2, K. Halliday 0; G. Brown 2, W. Whitney 1.

Semi: W. Etheridge 2, A. Biggs 0; M. Blackley 2, G. Brown 1.

The play-off for third place, between Gary Brown and A. Biggs, resulted in a win for Gary. The lady with the highest number of winning games was Miss V. Perkins.

The finalists, Bill Etheridge - winner of the Cup on two occasions - and Maurice Blackley, aged 18, scored as follows:

1st Leg:	Bill	Maurice	2nd Leg:	Bill		Maurice	
	-	28	273	32	269	18	283
	-	60	213	95	174	60	223
	-	100	113	45	129	23	200
	-	17	96	25	104	41	159
	-	24	72	30	74	45	114
	-	44	28	14	60	34	80
	And Maurice scored			30	30	50	30
	a double double			22	8	24	6
	9 and 5 to win			4	4	Cleared with a double 3	

Maurice, therefore, became the 1972 Champion and no one appeared more pleased than the twice ex-Champion, Bill - a thorough sportsman. Congratulations to all winners, and thanks to the hard-working Committee who organised the Tournament.

CHAMPION SHEEP DOG TRIALS:

The Champion Sheep Dog Trials, following the trials held at Darwin, Chartres and San Carlos, were held at Stanley, in the 60 Acres Paddock, on 15th July. The judges and timekeeper were Messrs. D. Barton, Jock McPhee, Alan Miller and R. Cockwell. A goodly number of spectators witnessed the trials in comparatively fair weather, slightly marred by one or two squalls.

Mr Sydney Miller, in his inimitable and humorous style filled his usual role and made a recording of the event - Mr C. Reive operating the equipment - which was broadcast to listeners during the evening. Mr Miller mentioned that the course is an improved one, but felt that the work of the dogs showed nothing outstanding throughout.

No dog managed to pen the sheep, and three failed to reach the pen. All handlers, as prize winners at the earlier trials, were presented with dog collars and chains.

The first prize was won by C. Alazia's "Ring" with 111 points out of 135; with second and third places going to H. Smith and "Panda" and G. Butler with "Luck" both gaining 95 points - two prizes to the North Camp and one to the West. Other entrants were Tony Anderson's "Bounce", S. Morrison's "Quill" and "Nettle" of Darwin; H. Alazia's "Snow", North Camp; P. Short's "Gyp" and Willian Ross's "Tuppence" of the West - Willian is 17 years old.

"THE FALKLAND ISLANDS":

"The Falkland Islands" - a book published in the Island Series - written by Mr Ian Strange, has recently been placed on sale. This very readable and factual book is a masterpiece in that it contains so much interesting information and fills many gaps in other works, as well as continuing where they left off.

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WEDDING: Evans - Pole-Evans

At Pebble Island on Saturday, 17th June, the wedding of Olwen, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Tony Pole-Evans of Saunders Island, and Raymond, only son of Mr and Mrs Griff Evans of Pebble Island, took place.

Given in marriage by her father, Olwen looked lovely in a short length gown of white slub satin, trimmed with large white daisies. She wore a short bouffant veil, and carried a white Bible. Dilys, her sister, as bridesmaid looked attractive in a dress of rich turquoise velvet, trimmed at the bust line with a row of small white daisies. Her hair was attractively styled and adorned with tiny white flowers. The short ceremony was performed by Mr D.M. Pole-Evans, who had been appointed a Registrar for the occasion.

At 4.30 a reception was held in the Hall, which had been decorated for the occasion by the best man, Mr Michael Biggs. The young couple received many telegrams and these were read and a toast was proposed by Mr Tim Miller.

At 6.30 p.m. everyone in the Settlement - 72 persons in all - were invited to the home of Mr and Mrs G. Evans for a a buffet supper, and the wedding dance commenced at 9.00p.m. This continued until 4.00 a.m. with everyone dancing to music supplied by record player and Mr Alex Betts on his accordian.

To Raymond and Olwen ("Biffo") we extend our best wishes for their future happiness.

JUNE WEATHER:

June, 1972, was a wet month. The total rainfall was 55.1 mm (2.17 in.), about $7\frac{1}{2}$ mm more than is usual in June. The 15th June, with 17.1 mm, was the wettest June day since 26th June, 1953.

The average daily sunshine was 2.6 hours, only about three minutes per day less than the sunniest June for the past 20 years.

The average temperature was 1.8 °C (35.2°F) about $1\frac{1}{2}$°F less than the June average. The highest temperature record-

ed during the month was 7.8°C (46.1°F) on the 14th, and the lowest was -6.4 C (20.4 F) on the evening of the 28th and, apart from 17th June, 1969, the lowest June temperature since 1938.

The average wind speed was 13.9 knots, two knots less than is normal in June. Only June, 1952, and June, 1968, have been less windy in the past 20 years. There were no occasions when the average hourly wind speed was of gale force, and 210 hours when the average was 10 knots or less. The highest gust was 52 knots on the early afternoon of 27th.

There were 26 occasions of ground frost recorded during the month, the highest total in the past 20 years.

In brief, a wet, cold month, but sunnier and less windy than normal.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Three very important days, during the month, marked happy occasions for six of our residents, their friends and families.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES - Mr and Mrs Victor Johnson (Elizabeth Poole), were married on 7th July, 1922, and Mr and Mrs Murdo McLeod (Ellen - Babs - Sarney) on 18th July, 1922 - both couples live in Stanley.

SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY - Mr and Mrs Willie McKay (Clara Morrison) of Port San Carlos, celebrated their 25th anniversary on 28th July.

Our best wishes to you all.

PASSENGERS - IN AND OUT:

Passengers departing (1) indicates travelling beyond South America, (2) travelling to South America.

27th June: In by aircraft - Mr T.H. Layng, Mrs. H. Anderson, Engineer V. Cabos.

Out by aircraft - (1) Mr & Mrs D.S. Evans & 2 Children, Mr. F. Gooch; (2) Mrs A. Miller, Mr H. Anderson.

2nd July: In by "A.E.S" - Mr & Mrs B.O. Barnes & Xenia, Mr & Mrs K. Baillie, Mrs D. Tomlinson & 2 children, Messrs C.

Blyth, J. Bateman, S. McCallion, Royal Marines B.S. Herbert, D.R. Phillips, W.E. Sears.
10th July: Out by "A.E.S" to S. America - (1) Mr & Mrs R.J. Ferguson & 2 children, Mr & Mrs S.R. Miller & 2 children, Mr & Mrs T. Clifton & daughter, Mr & Mrs W. Crawford & daughter, Mr & Mrs W.H. Goss, Mr & Mrs G.M. Johnston, Messrs J. Felton; (2) W. Rowlands, M. Binnie, D. Larsen.
15th July: In by "A.E.S" - Mr & Mrs Edwards, 5 Argentine Engineers.
16th July: In by Aircraft - Sandra Booth, Nancy Stephenson, Dorcas Reid, Jacqueline Ford, Janet & Simon Hardcastle.
Out by Aircraft - (1) Mrs F. Gooch, Mr J. Wol; (2) Mesdames E. Craigie-Halkett, E. Morrison, R. Halliday, Engineer V. Cabos.
18th July: Out by "A.E.S" to S. America - Lt. Cmdr. J.A. & Mrs Walsh & child, Lt. R.W. Dentith, CPO's R. Robertson, R. Poole, T. Silverson, PO's K. Wright, M. Bleany, LAM P.M. & Mrs Miles, NAM's A. Allsopp, A.P. Cross, Mr & Mrs H. Jackson & 3 daughters, Mr & Mrs P.G. Summers & Una, Mr. R. Bonner; (2) 2 Argentine Engineers.

"LINDBLAD EXPLORER": (Conclusion)

Therefore, it was a full week before we reached Punta Arenas, on the Straits of Magellan, having lived in the same clothes without a change for the entire period. If you were lucky you might be able to have an occasional shower if the water happened to be turned on. All of the luggage had been rescued and brought aboard, but was inaccessible as it was placed in the hold.

The following day the sea calmed and our crew shuttled back and forth to the damaged ship and brought mattresses, blankets, towels, soap, food and wine, so we cannot truly say we were without the bare necessities for reasonable comfort and survival. To be sure, it was crowded and we ate in shifts, and at night wall to wall mattresses were placed on every available spot, the floor, tables and benches. Smoking was only allowed in restricted areas and a few found this a hardship.

The Drake Passage was moderately calm, except when rounding the Horn and there was some sea sickness which a hypo of dramamine soon cured. Another Chilean navy ship, the YELCHO, was despatched to escort us and was a conforting companion all the way back to Punta Arenas.

Upon arrival a Chilean navy band played to greet us; television and newsmen were on the spot eagerly awaiting pictures and a first hand account from passengers and crew. After a hearty luncheon at the UNION CLUB, a chartered 707 awaited to fly us to Buenos Aires with reservations at the Plaza Hotel. Each lady was greeted with a dozen red long stemmed roses having been placed on the dresser in each room. A warm bath, clean clothes and a good night's sleep and all were in fine fettle and ready to be rerouted or sent home to various parts of the world. In retrospect, I am sure we all wonder, "did it really happen!"

P.S. The latest information regarding the ship is that it has been pulled off the rocks and is being towed to Buenos Aires, and will be repaired and back in service sometime this summer.

SHEARING &c COMPETITION: From Mr B. Hardcastle

The Darwin Harbour Sports Association will endeavour to hold a shearing and woolhandling competition at the next Sports Meeting to be held at Goose Green in February, 1973.

It is anticipated that the prizes offered will be substantial, and it is hoped that as many interested parties as is possible will enter.

It would be appreciated if intending competitors would hand their names to the Secretary, Darwin Sports Association, before 1st January, 1973. It is regretted that late entries cannot be accepted on account of the necessary sheep having to be kept back for this competition.

An entry fee of 20 pence will be levied for each competing team to cover score card printing costs.

Copies of the competition rules will be on view in the Goose Green Store, and any further information may be obtained from the Secretary.

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KELP: From the Hon. Michael Pery to Mr R. Pitaluga.

I saw a report of the Legislative Council Meeting of 18th April, which included your question concerning the export of unprocessed kelp to S. America and, at the risk of being a damp blanket over a pipe dream on the classical theme from "Rags to Riches", I thought I should perhaps comment on our experience with air dried kelp.

To the best of my knowledge (and we make it our business to keep fairly closely in touch with these affairs) the only market, of any consequence, for kelp is in the manufacture of alginates. By "Kelp" I mean Macrocystis, Durvillea and Lessonia - all of which are found in the Falkland Islands. It is true that there is a small market in different countries throughout the world for seaweed meal as an animal food stuff. However, kelp is a very poor food stuff as it has a low protein value and prices tend to be considerably lower than prices paid for seaweed for the manufacture of alginates. Also, the market is very erratic as the inclusion of kelp in animal food stuffs is really a gimmick on the grounds of its providing trace elements which can be obtained very much more cheaply elsewhere.

It is quite true that kelp is air dried in Patagonia, using very low paid indigenous labour, but the relative humidity is such in the Falkland Islands that it is not possible, under normal conditions, to dry out the kelp to

the point where it becones stable when baled and it would then be unsuitable to use as an animal food stuff, let alone for making alginates. This is one of the drawbacks to the Falkland Islands from Alginate Industries point of view when compared with the South American mainland. The average climate is such in the Falkland Islands that we have calculated that the capital cost for installing the handling equipment for air drying kelp, as a first stage in the drying process, would not be justified by the economics.

In short, from our intelligence there is only a very irregular market for unprocessed kelp at pretty low prices and, I am fairly certain, that it would not be possible to produce a stable air dried kelp from the Falkland Islands, either baled or in the form of meal without resorting to some sort of mechanical drying.

Our alginate sales are going much as predicted and I am hoping to come out sometime towards the end of the year to plan our production unit and to discuss harvesting arrangements.

DUNDEE PERTH &c UNDERTAKING: From a recent Newsletter.

WE, DUNDEE PERTH & LONDON SECURITIES LIMITED HEREBY UNDERTAKE:

1. That we will continue the policies of the Board of The Falkland Islands Company, Limited ("the Company") with regard to maintaining the farming, shipping and ancillary activities in the Falkland Islands on the same standard as at present.

2. That we do not anticipate any reduction in the number of persons employed by the Company in the Falkland Islands or any alteration in their terms of employment which would make those terms less favourable than at present.

3. That we will continue the policies of the Board of the Company in maintaining the activities of the Company in the United Kingdom and where opportunity occurs in expanding them.

4. That we will ensure that the pensions now being

paid to former employees of the Company will be continued and that the policy with regard to the pensions on the retirement of present employees will be maintained on a basis not less favourable than at present.

5. That we have no present intention of selling the Falkland Islands business, and if at any time our intention was to change, we would offer it in the first place to the Falkland Islands Sheepowners' Association Ltd. or at their discretion to a consortium organised by them.

IN WITNESS whereof the Common Seal of Dundee Perth & London Securities Limited is hereunto affixed.

WINTER SHOW, 1972:

An excellent Winter Show was held in the Gymnasium on Friday and Saturday, 14th and 15th July. 883 exhibits were on show, some 92 more than last year. The standard of work was exceptionally high and had to be seen to be believed.

A broadcast commentary, made by Mr and Mrs A.M. Ritchie, U.S.A. citizens who have made their home in Stanley, differed from the usual in that listeners gained the impression they were a couple casually moving from item to item as other viewers would, remarking on the fine work they were examining. Mrs Sadie Clements, the Show's Secretary, assisted the commentators to make their very interesting report.

Mr Syd Miller, the Chairman, his Committee and other helpers, are to be congratulated for the way in which the Show was arranged.

Special prizes were won by -

The Lady Haskard Silver Challenge Cup, for the exhibitor with most points in the Show (excluding the fleece wool section) - Mrs B. Hardcastle - 55 points, a splendid total. Runner up - Mr K. Seal, 21 points.

The Committee Challenge Cup for Fleece Wool, plus a medallion - most points - Roy Cove - 35. Runner up - Port

Howard - 26.

The Tom Wallace Memorial Cup, from the Dramatic Society - woodwork - retained by Mr R.D. Clements - 8 points. Runner up - Mr W. (Ben) Watson - 3.

"Needlewoman" catalogue with Cash Voucher, from the Winter Show Committee - most points in Sections H to K - Mrs E. Barnes - 17. Runner up - Mrs D. Peck - 13.

The book "The Medici", from Mr J.A. Jones (late Colonial Secretary) - most points in Classes 1, 2 and 3 of the Art Section - Mrs E. Pittock.

£1 Gift Voucher, from Mrs H.L. Bound, plus a medallion - child with most points - Stephanie Coutts - 16 points. Mrs Bound also presented a Voucher for the runner up - Sharon Strange - 11 points.

Medallion Winners: Home Spun Wool - Mrs B. Hardcastle; Horse Gear - Mr J.W. White; Art - Mr K. Seal; Knitting - Miss S. Hirtle; Crochet - Mrs E. Barnes; Embroidery - Miss Stephanie Coutts; Sewing - Mrs I. Strange; Toy Making - Miss S. Summers; Rug Making - Mrs Roddy McKay.

The rerainder of the prize list will be published in our September issue.

BISLEY (ENGLAND) SHOOTING RESULTS:

Competitions, in which Falkland Islanders took part in at Bisley, England, recently showed the following results. With a population in the Islands of only 2,000, out of which to find four first class shots, our boys put up a fairly satisfactory performance.

Junior Overseas Competition - 1st Barbados 399, 2nd Jamaica 393, 3rd Kenya 385, 4th Falkland Islands 380, 5th Guyana 377, 6th Malawi 359. F.I. individual scores were - T. Pettersson 99, J. Bound 94, W. Coutts 94, S. S[illegible]n 93.

Stan Smith reached the final of the "St. George's" with a score of 69 at 600 yards.

Junior Kolapore - 1st Jamaica (average 141.25 out of 150), 2nd Kenya 555, 3rd Falkland Islands 544. Scores - W. Coutts 139, T. Pettersson 138, S. Smith 138, J. Bound 129.

Junior MacKinnon - 1st Jamaica 374 (average 93.5 out of 100), 2nd Guernsey 373, 3rd Jersey 366, 4th Barbados 356, 5th Kenya 356, 6th Falkland Islands 353. Eight teams competed. Scores - T. Pettersson 93, S. Smith 90, W. Coutts 89, J. Bound 81.

YOUTH CLUB DANCE:

A very enjoyable dance, organised by the Youth Club, was held in the Drill Hall on 21st July. After judging by Mr and Mrs R. Cockwell and Mr R. Pitaluga, prizes were awarded for the most decorative ladies' hats and gentlemen's original ties, and these were won by - Ladies: 1st Miss V. Davis - hat festooned with Xmas decorations; 2nd Mrs O. McPhee - hat representing a garden; 3rd Mrs P. Morrison - as a Xmas cake. Gentlemen: 1st E. Anderson - two goose wings for a tie; 2nd C. Keenleyside - tie made of frayed rope; 3rd L. Clifton - a piece of cretonne and some feathers.

R. I. P:

Mrs F. Smith (formerly Iris Meierhofer of Stanley) in New Zealand on 29th June. Aged 50.

Mrs Nellie Conroy, at Santa Cruz, Argentina, on 7th July. Aged 81.

Deaths of crew members of m.v. "A.E.S".

K.A. Reenberg, accidentally drowned at the East Jetty, Stanley, on 6th July. Aged 29.

J.J. Labiano, who lost his life at Puerto Deseado, Argentina, on 21st July, when a nylon rope sprung off a bollard, on board the ship, and struck his head. Aged 30. Both the deceased are buried at Stanley.

RETIREMENT:

Mr Stanley Bennett retired from the Public Service on 30th June, after working in the Public Works Department for the past 44 years. Happy fishing, Stan.

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ALGINATE INDUSTRIES AGREEMENT:

At an Executive Council meeting, held on 26th July, the draft agreement between the Colony Government and Alginate Industries Limited was approved. This agreement grants to Alginate Industries a concession area, roughly encompassing the southern coast of the Colony, for a period of 50 years. In return for this, the Company will pay the Government £1.90 for each metric ton of dried milled kelp produced, and it is laid down that the total amount payable in respect of every year, beginning at the latest in 1974, shall not be less than £2,500: the formal documents for signature were expected in Stanley in late August.

SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY STAMPS:

A special omnibus issue of postage stamps for the British overseas territories has been approved by Her Majesty the Queen to commemorate her Silver Wedding on the 20th

November, 1972. The stamps will bear a common design showing the newly engraved portraits of Her Majesty the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh with borders depicting details of local relevance to each territory.

The Falkland Islands Issue will consist of two values - one penny and ten pence. The background for both denominations will feature sheep and sea lions. South Georgia will also be represented with a five pence and ten pence issue showing a background of sea elephants and king penguins.

Proof copies and bromides of both these issues can now be seen on display in the glass case on the ground floor of the Secretariat building.

THE JULY WEATHER:

The most noticeable feature of the July weather was a thunderstorm, with snow, on the morning of the 22nd. This was the first occasion that a thunderstorm has been recorded in Stanley in July.

The average temperature was 2.5°C (36.6°F), about half a degree Fahrenheit above the normal for July. The highest temperature recorded during the month was 7.0°C (44.6°F) on the 19th. This is the lowest July maximum since 1966. The lowest temperature was minus 3.8°C (25.1°F) on the 9th.

The total rainfall was 61.2 mm (2.41 ins.) nearly 15 mm more than is usual in July.

The average sunshine was 2.2 hours per day, just what would be expected at this time of year.

The average wind speed was 15.5 knots, just over half a knot less than the July average. There were 200 hours when the average wind speed was 10 knots or less and 33 hours when the average was gale force. The highest gust recorded during the month was 70 knots on the morning of the 5th - this was the highest gust in July since 1961.

There were 25 occasions when ground frost was recorded, four more than would normally be expected in July.

In brief a wet month, little warmer than usual with wind and sun about average.

Note: the rainfall for May, June and July totalled 216.8 mm (8.61 ins.) and only in 1945 and 1958 has this total been exceeded since 1940.

WINTER SHOW PRIZE LIST:

We continue from page 19 of our August issue with the list of prizewinners in the 1972 Winter Show. The letters HC indicate "Highly Commended" and (C) "The Camp".

SECTION A - WOOL (HALF-BRED SHEEP):

Class 1 - Ram Hogget (Fine): 1st & HC Port Howard; 2nd & 3rd Roy Cove.

Class 2 - Ram Hogget (Medium): 1st & 3rd Roy Cove; 2nd Port Howard.

Class 3 - Ewe or Wether Hogget (Fine): 1st & 2nd Roy Cove; 3rd Port Howard.

Class 4 - Ewe or Wether Hogget (Medium): 1st & 2nd Port Howard; 3rd Roy Cove.

Class 5 - Ewe or Wether 4-tooth (Fine): 1st & 2nd Roy Cove; 3rd Port Howard.

Class 6 - Ewe or Wether 4-tooth (Medium): 1st Roy Cove; 2nd & 3rd Port Howard.

1st Roy Cove 36 points; 2nd Port Howard 26 points.

SECTION A - WOOL (CROSS-BRED SHEEP):

Class 7 - Ram Hogget (Fine): 1st & 2nd Salvador.

Class 8 - Ewe or Wether Hogget (Medium): Nil.

Class 9 - Ewe or Wether Hogget (Fine): 1st, 2nd & HC Salvador; 3rd Fitzroy.

Class 10 - Ewe or Wether Hogget (Medium): 1st Fitzroy; 2nd Goose Green; 3rd North Arm.

Class 11 - Ewe or Wether 4-tooth (Fine): 1st, 3rd & HC Salvador; 2nd Goose Green.

Class 12 - Ewe or Wether 4-tooth (Medium); 1st & 3rd Goose Green; 2nd North Arm.

SECTION B - HOME-SPUN WOOL:

Class 1 - Local home-spun wool (Fine): 1st, 2nd & HC Mrs B. Hardcastle (C); 2nd Mrs W. (Ben) Watson; 3rd Mrs S. Miller.

Class 2 - Local home-spun wool (Medium): 1st Mrs B. Hardcastle (C); 2nd & 3rd Mrs W. Watson.

Class 3 - Local home-spun wool (Thick): 1st & 2nd Mrs B. Hardcastle (C); HC Mrs H. Smith.

Class 4 - Local home-spun wool (any thickness) (children up to 9 years): Nil.

Class 5 - Local home-spun wool (any thickness) (children 10 to 15 years): 1st & 3rd Shelley Livermore; 2nd Dwenda Morrison; 3rd Peter Morrison; HC Ann Keenleyside.

1st Mrs B. Hardcastle 38 points; 2nd Mrs W. Watson 13 points; 3rd Mrs S. Miller 13 points; Shelley Livermore 5 points.

Class 6 - Wool dyed from locally collected natural dye: 1st & 2nd Mrs B Hardcastle (C); 2nd Mrs S. Miller.

Class 7 - Article knitted straight from the fleece: HC Mrs R. Triggs (C).

Class 8 - Article hand-knitted from local home-spun wool (adults): 1st & 2nd Mrs B. Hardcastle; 2nd & 3rd Mrs W. Watson; HC Miss J. Newman.

SECTION C - HORSE GEAR:

Class 1 - Full set of gear excluding bastos: Nil.

Class 2 - Set of head gear: 1st & HC J.W. White (C); 2nd R. Buckland (C).

Class 3 - Any single piece of gear: 1st N. Knight (C); 2nd S. Berntsen (C) 3rd Miss S. Duncan.

SECTION D - HORN WORK:

Class 1 - Horn work (adults): 1st, 2nd & 3rd C. Perry (C); HC C. Molkenbuhr (C).

Class 2 - Horn work (children up to 9 years): Nil.

Class 3 - Horn work (children 10-15 years): 1st Richard Short (C); 2nd Brian Aldridge (C).

SECTION E - WOODWORKING:

Class 1 - Woodworking (adults); 1st, 3rd & HC R. Clements: 2nd W. (Ben) Watson.

Class 3 - Woodworking with assistance (children 10 to 15 years): HC Derek Rozee.

1st R. Clements 8 points.

SECTION F - MODEL MAKING:

Class 2 - Model ship construction full hull (12" - 36" long) (children up to 9 years): 2nd Tom Gutteridge.

Class 3 - Model ship construction full hull (12" - 36" long) (children 10-15 years): 1st Neil McKay.

Class 4 - Any other model (not bought kit) (adults): 1st & HC Mrs E. Cofre (C); 2nd & 3rd Mrs J. Fowler (C); 3rd D. Hurst.

Class 5 - Any other model (not bought kit) (children up to 9 years): 1st Janet Robertson (C); 2nd & 3rd Jeremy Smith; 3rd Simon Lehmann(C).

Class 6 - Any other model (not bought kit) (children 10 to 15 years): 1st Darren Livermore; 2nd Peter Coutts; 3rd Graham Pettit (C) & Brian Hewitt; HC Brian Porter (C) & Robert Short (C).

Class 8 - Any other model (bought kit) (children up to 9 years): 1st Neil Rowlands.

Class 9 - Any other model (bought kit) (children 10 to 15 years): 1st & 2nd Paul Rowlands; 2nd Timothy Withers.

SECTION G - ART:

Class 1 - Oil Painting (not Craftmaster type): 1st & 3rd K. Seal; 2nd A. Peake.

Class 2 - Water Colour Painting: 1st Jane Middleton (C); 2nd Robert Finlayson (C) & Russell Summers; 3rd Isabella McLeod (C); HC Elizabeth Berntsen (C).

Class 3 - Pen and Ink Drawing: 1st & 3rd Mrs E. Pittock; 2nd Charlene Short (C); 3rd K. Seal.

Class 4 - Picture of own choice subject (children up to 9 years): 1st Derek Lee, Michael McLeod, Christopher Harris, Andrew Smith; 2nd Judy Price, Fiona Clements, Kevin Browning, Carol Talbot, Michael Evans; 3rd Jeremy Smith, Stephanie Coutts, Donna Berntsen, Iain Triggs; HC John Jones.

Class 5 - Picture of own choice subject (children 10 to 15 years): 1st Elizabeth Berntsen, Sharon Strange, Davina McKay, Timothy Withers; 2nd Sally Monk, Anthony & Stewart Alazia, Marlane Porter, Edith Smith, Debra Lowe, Gail Molkenbuhr, Sandra Lang; 3rd John Ferguson, Joannie Dobbyns, Neil McKay, Gavin Marsh, Nicholas Keenleyside; HC Ann Blyth, Paul Rowlands, Brian Porter, Timothy McCallum, Roy Clifton.

Class 7 - Any other form of Art (adults): 1st K. Seal; 2nd I. Strange & A. Graham; 3rd C. Phillips.

Class 8 - Any other form of Art (children up to 9 years):

1st Lucy Lehmann (C); 2nd Michael McLeod (C); 3rd & HC Graham Morrison (C).

Class 9 - Any other form of Art (children 10 to 15 years): 1st Simon Hardcastle (C); 2nd Graham Pettit (C); 3rd David Ford (C) & Charlene Short (C); HC Stewart Alazia (C), Isabella McLeod (C), Susan Betts, Timothy McCallum, Gerard Johnson.

1st K. Seal 14 points.

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PASSENGERS - IN AND OUT:

Passengers departing - (1) indicates travelling beyond South America; (2) travelling to South America.

By m.v. "A.E.S"

23rd July: Arrived - Mrs P. Helyer, Messrs. I. Gleadell, D.R. Limburn, H. Anderson.
Departed - (1) Mr & Mrs G. Pugh & 2 children, Mr & Mrs R. Boughton & 3 children, Mrs L. Ryan & daughter, Mr T. Blackman & son, Messrs. J. Milne, G. Brown, D.M. Pittock, G. Butler, R. Peart, D. Hurst; (2) 3 Argentine Engineers.

By Albatross aircraft

30th July: Arrived - Mr & Mrs C.G. Sinden, Miss D. Wilson (Matron KEMH), Mr R. Sharp, Mr D. King (Mr King went out on 16th July flight). Special flight for school children - in Fl/Sgt. T. Hardcastle for FIGAS.
Departed - (1) Mrs R. Henricksen, Miss J. Napier; (2) Mrs F. Hirtle, Miss A. Berntsen, Messrs. E.F. Luxton, J. Blyth, D. McMullen. Special - (2) Scholars Misses D. Reid, J. Ford, N. Stephenson, S. Booth; Mrs Y. Binnie & 2 children, Mrs P. Lee.

8th August: Arrived - Mrs E.G. Lewis, Mrs A.C. Miller, Col. L. Balcarce, Mr V. Visser.
Departed - (1) Mr & Mrs P. Bell & 2 children, Messrs R. Sharp, R. Goulder, A. Graham, W. Henderson; (2) Mrs M. Cambeiro.

16th August: Arrived - Messrs D. McMullen, E.F. Luxton, C. Hawker.

Departed - (2) Messrs. A. Sloggie, R. Pitaluga, P. Hutton, V. Visser, K. Luxton, R. Reid, Col. L. Balcarce.

WEDDINGS: Hansen - Cocks

On Saturday, 10th June, the wedding took place between Roy, only son of Mr and Mrs Bert Hansen - who left the Falklands a few years ago - and Lorraine, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Albert Cocks, all of New Zealand.

The ceremony was performed at the home of the groom's parents and, after an excellent buffet lunch, the young couple left on their honeymoon.

McGill - Waloham

Alex McGill, formerly of the Falkland Islands, and Nuela Waloham of Peterburgh, were married in England on 22nd July.

Hume - Binnie

On Saturday, 5th August, guests from Fox Bay, Johnson's Harbour and Stanley joined North Arm residents in witnessing the marriage of Julia Binnie of North Arm and Peter Hume of Fox Bay West. The ceremony was conducted by Mr J.P. Oliver, who had been appointed a Registrar for the occasion.

Given in marriage by her father, Mr A.F. Binnie, Julia looked extremely attractive in a white velvet trouser suit. She wore a flowered head-piece, and carried a Prayer Book.

Bridesmaids Gillian Moore and Sally Atkins were smartly attired in blue velvet trouser suits with matching headbands. Dave Bonnett, of Fox Bay, ably carried out the duties of best man.

After the ceremony, a reception was held in the Community Hall and this was followed by a wedding supper. A well attended dance, thoroughly enjoyed by everyone, ended the day's celebrations.

Pell - Oliver

On Thursday, 27th July, at St. Peter's Church, Flawborough, Winifred Louise, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J.P. Oliver of North Arm, was married to William, only son of

Mrs and the late Mr W. Pell of Stonehouse Farm, Flawborough, Notts. The Archdeacon of Newark officiated at the ceremony.

Our best wishes to all couples for every happiness in the years ahead.

CHILDREN'S FANCY DRESS PARTY:

Saturday, 29th July, had been long awaited by Stanley children, as on that day the Working Men's Social Club held its ever popular Fancy Dress Party in the Town Hall.

The many, and original, dresses posed problems for the judges - Mr and Mrs Edwards and Miss Teague - who had to select the best out of the excellent costumes in the various groups. After they had completed their task, His Excellency the Governor presented the lucky winners with their prizes.

GROUP 1 - 3 years and under:

1st Tysson Smith - Chinaman; 2nd Shane Newman - Beefeater; 3rd Zane Hirtle - Frogman. Runners-up: Sheila Butler - Angel; Amara Watts - Witch; Jane Harris - Pooh Bear; Deborah Bell - Cat.

GROUP 2 - 4 - 6 years:

1st Rosemary Short - Gaucho; 2nd Roy Jennings - Cassius Clay; 3rd Rowan Miller - Miss Muffet. Runners-up: Anya Smith - The Singing Nun; Janet Robertson - Edwardian Lady; Errol Goss - Mountie; Daniel Owens - Davy Crockett; Elaina Anderson - Henry VIII.

GROUP 3 - 7 - 10 years:

1st Tom Gutteridge & Zachary Stephenson - Lighthouse & Keeper; 2nd Caroline Middleton - Cinderella; 3rd Sharron Strange & Sheila Napier - Chefs. Runners-up: William, Mary & Anna Shorey - The Archers; Jeremy, Bernadine & Shaundra Biggs - Three Little Pigs; Terence Bonner - Superman; Christopher & Ralph Harris - Fox & Duck; Glynis Price & Anna King - Usherettes.

GROUP 4 - 11 - 15 years:

1st Dilys Anderson, Shelley Livermore & Anita Tomlin-

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son - Hospital Team; 2nd Cora McGill & Cherry Robson - Quality Street; 3rd Ailsa Malcolm & Sybella Goodwin - Spinners & Weavers. Runners-up: Gary Hewitt - Snake Charmer; Michael Jones - Licquorice Allsorts; Gerard Johnson - Scarecrow; Teresa, Kathleen & Jeannie Dobbyns - Too Many Cooks.

F.I.C. BOARD MEMBERS:

The Colonial Manager writes to say that he has received the following from the F.I.C. London Office:

"At a Board Meeting held on the 19th July, 1972, Mr P.D.L. Ainslie, Sir John Barlow and Mr John Davis resigned from the Board. It is understood that Mr A.L. Levy will be submitting his resignation to the Board upon his return from holiday.

Mr Michael Antony Christopher Buckley and Mr John Anthony Shepard were appointed Directors of the Company at the Meeting.

Mr M.C. Waldron has resigned as Chairman of the Company but will remain on the Board. He has been succeeded as Chairman by Mr M.A.C. Buckley."

GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATIONS:

A happy gathering of friends and relatives visited the home of Mr and Mrs Victor Johnson on Sunday, 16th July, to congratulate the couple on an important anniversary in their lives - fifty years ago, on that date, they had been married at Hill Cove.

Among the visitors on the 16th was Mrs Lena Buse, who had been a guest on the first happy occasion.

The many presents received included a large and beautiful cake from the couple's children - Ada, Marjorie and Steve - made and decorated by Mrs Sheila Blyth.

We join with all others in offering our best wishes to Mr and Mrs Johnson for many more years of happy married life.

SHOULD BUZZARDS BE PROTECTED?: By Mrs Shirley Pettit

Last spring, my daughter Caroline and I were offered the opportunity of accompanying one of the shepherds on his rounds of the ewe flocks and, being keen on horse-riding, this was too good a chance to miss. So, we got together two sets of gear and set off to spend a pleasant few hours...

As we rode round the first of the ewe camps we spotted three turkey buzzards which hurriedly took to the air as we approached. The shepherd cautioned us to go gently in case we disturbed a ewe in lamb - and sure enough, over the next rise there lay a ewe, desperately trying to deliver a lamb which - mercifully - died before our eyes. It was only half born and showed two gory holes instead of eyes. The ewe herself also sported two bloodied sockets and her mouth was a mangled mess where the tongue should have been. The shepherd's knife soon put an end to her misery and in a few moments he grimly flung a skin on to the back of his horse, the first of eight that day.

A really good breakfast for the imaginary enemy of the sheep farmers, don't you think?

PENFRIENDS' CORNER:

Mr Donald Q. Smith (24 years), Box 451, Monticello, Minnesota, U.S.A. 55362 - penfriends, stamps.

Miss Judith Kitchiner (30 years), Church Farm, Astwick, Stotfold, Hitchin, Herts, England - girl penfriend wanted 25 to 32 years, interests horses and travelling.

Mr R.G.H. White, 14 Hylton Road, Durham, U.K. - would like teacher penfriends. Interests fishing, gardening and philately.

Miss Maria Cristina Gimenez Diaz (19 years), Paso 39 - 3- "C", Capital Federal, Argentina. Hobby Girl Scouts.

Miss Betty Havas (16 years), Viamonte 749 - 9- "1", Capital Federal, Argentina - penfriends.

Miss Eleonora Luro (17 years), Maipu 885 - 2- "E", Capital Federal Argentina - penfriends.

WHO PAYS THE PIPER?: Mr Monk replies

"I read with interest the August Monthly Review and your various comments concerning my letter. Thank you for allowing me the space and I am going to ask for a bit more. I will try and be brief as readers no doubt will be wanting to hear from other people about different topics.

With regard to "Who writes what": I am quite unrepentant. If the Editor wishes to express an opinion he should say who he is: if he is merely reporting facts - say a wedding - it is not necessary. When replying to opinions one must KNOW who to address, not have to guess.

Grant-Aid: Mr Hirtle is of course an expert in income tax matters as all taxpayers doubtless know; no one questions the figures he gives for taxation on low incomes. As I have said publicly, that I think they should be revised I am not at variance with him: further I think they will be, without Grant-Aid. Income tax, however, is only one form of Tax: there are Purchase taxes, Ad Valorem taxes, etc., etc. Besides taxes, there are the fees for Government Services etc. and, there are duties. Probably the combination of all these other forms of levies takes more from the lower wage earner's pay-packet than does income tax in the U.K. If we are Grant-Aided in a large way we will have to submit our whole Budget for approval and perhaps for revision.

Mr Hirtle says the Electorate are not consulted on matters dealing with their welfare. The only way to consult all Electors is to have a referendum, obviously you can't do that all the time. I would say that in this small place where everybody knows everybody else the Electors are more in touch with their Representatives than anywhere else in the World.

Grazing Fees: The owner of the horse pays someone so what's the difference to him?

Scoloban: I will accept Mr Hirtle's figure of 4.6p per pill. I based my figure on the annual total cost of pills at about £700 and divided that by what I thought was the dog population. Anyway I am glad to hear it will cost us less.

Telephone Rentals: The individual in the Camp pays

nothing; the Farm pays £6.50 plus the cost of maintaining the thing.

Roads: I always thought our roads at San Carlos settlement compared very favourably with Fitzroy's: not with Stanley's expensive ones of course.

Water: I am aware of the facts. If the majority in Stanley prefer their water untreated, what are we waiting for? all we will have to do is pump it then. I wonder IF the majority would be as enthusiastic about discoloured water as Mr Hirtle."

Ed: I don't feel that my remark about discoloured water can be construed to mean that I am "enthusiastic" about it - my point was missed by Mr Monk where I mentioned "Falkland Islanders".

I am completely surprised to note Mr Monk's remark under "Grant Aid" (such comments we have recently received from others, but expected them) when he knows quite well that I have never professed to be "an expert on tax matters". Very few in these Islands are experts in their fields of work, but the many other non-experts, like myself, do their best in the interests of all.

When Mr Monk learns that one elected member advised another recently - "You are being too sympathetic with your constituents" he will understand our criticism in the item "Grant Aided" (Review No. 164).

In conclusion let me quote the final words of two letters received regarding "Who pays the Piper?". (1) Be grateful for your lot and thank Heaven for Grant Aid". (2) "I feel a Grant in Aid seems a very sound idea. I do not understand the drawbacks vaguely alluded to by Mr Miller in his talk to Stanley residents. I would like to be enlightened".

FITZROY "TWO-NIGHTER":

A report from the Fitzroy Dance Committee reveals that the Committee had again organised some very enjoyable entertainment for the settlement people and visitors from all

points of the compass. The events took place during the weekend 11th and 12th August.

The first evening's fun was Friday's dance and the highlight of this function was the selection of the "Belle of the Ball". The judges, Messrs John Summers, R. Kiddle and R. McCormick, chose Miss Sharon Duncan of Stanley, a most popular winner with the runner-up being Mrs Mally Clasen of Darwin.

On Saturday, 12th, a dart match commenced the day's entertainment and this resulted in a win for Stanley's team. In the afternoon an outdoor Treasure Hunt had seekers running round the settlement searching for the treasure. This was followed by a film show, and the second night's dance started at 10.00 p.m. This dance also had a "Belle" contest to find "Miss Fitzroy 1972". The first judging brought out six finalists - Mrs Margie Pemberton, Mrs Pam Morrison, Mrs Mally Clasen, Miss Carol Watson, Miss Sharon Duncan (last year's winner), and Miss Betty Wallace, and the judges, Messrs John Summers, Clarvis Clasen and Ron McCormick, decided on another popular choice when they awarded the Sash to Mrs Margie Pemberton - Miss Betty Wallace won the runner-up prize.

All in all, a very delightful time for everyone.

R.S.A. EXAMINATION RESULTS:

The results of the Royal Society of Arts Examinations, Stage I, held in May of this year were -

Sylvia Newman - pass in typing, book-keeping and English.

Julia Kerr - pass in English.

Linda Lyse - pass in shorthand (60 w.p.m.).

Rosemarie Allan - pass with credit in typing.

SILVER WEDDING:

We are pleased to include news of a Silver Wedding Anniversary - that of Mr and Mrs William Duncan (Doreen

McCallum) of Stanley, who were married on 15th August, 1947. Congratulations to you both.

ENGAGEMENT:

We have pleasure in announcing the engagement of Sharon, only daughter of Mr and Mrs W. Duncan of Stanley, to John, eldest son of Mr and Mrs John Halford of Brighton, Sussex.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

Ken, Zena and Derek Mills new address is - 58, Ashlynne Avenue, Papatoetoe, Auckland, New Zealand. At the time of writing his letter, Ken was hoping to secure a clerical appointment with Fibrolite.

NEWS OF ISLANDERS:

Miss Dwenda Finlayson, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs H. Finlayson of Darwin, is progressing favourably in her training in midwifery. She has passed the first part of the examinations and finishes part two training on 1st December. Dwenda is to sit her final examination, during the first week of December, in Bristol. She now lives in Cardiff.

Ian Morrison. Among those receiving awards at the Papatoetoe, Auckland, Volunteer Fire Brigade's presentation dance and buffet supper, was Fireman Ian Morrison, who was presented firstly with a three year Certificate and later with the McIvor Memorial Trophy for being the Most Outstanding Fireman of the Year. The trophy is a very handsome chromium plated fireman's axe mounted on a polished wooden base shaped like a fireman's helmet. The base shows the names of those who have won it in the past and this year Fireman Morrison's name has been added.

Ian is the only son of Doug and Minnie Morrison who left the Falklands about four years ago.

"LINDBLAD EXPLORER":

A news item from Mr I. Strange, local representative of Lindblad Travel, states that information has been received from the New York office of Lindblad Travel that the "Lindblad Explorer" will be starting her cruises again on the 8th August. Completely refitted, after her mishap in Antarctica, her first tour will be made in the Arctic, visiting Greenland, Iceland and Spitzbergen. She then makes her way southwards with trips to the Amazon, after which she will be voyaging to the Falklands and Antarctica. Her first scheduled visit to these Islands will be on or about the 25th December. Due to "Lindblad's" refitment taking longer than expected, she will not now be making the earlier trips to the Falklands as previously published.

The "Lindblad Explorer", at one time operated by Lindblad Travel and the Explorer Company, is now to be jointly operated by Lindblad Travel and Swedish American Line.

AIRFIELD NEWS:

Despite inclement weather, Vice-Comodoro de la Colina reports, the work on the construction of the temporary airfield is progressing fairly satisfactorily.

575 metres (about 623 yards) of the sub-base had been constructed by 11th August and, by 25th September, 30 centimetres (nearly 12 inches) of crushed stone will be laid on this base, where the aluminium sheets will be placed. The sheeting is to arrive by the end of September.

A building, with a cement floor, has been erected on the site, where personnel can work - it is also used as a rest-room and shelter when weather conditions are bad.

In view of the work already done, it is estimated that the strip will be completed by the scheduled date, and the

airfield will commence to be operative during the first week of November.

The Vice-Comodoro mentions the help received from the Superintendent of Works, and the maintaining of the workers' health by Dr. Ashmore.

INFORMATION REQUIRED:

Mr Henry R. Heyburn, 3918 Leland Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40207 (who, with Mrs Heyburn, visited the Islands in 1970 on the "Lindblad Explorer") is writing a history and geography of the South Shetlands. He would like to correspond with anyone who served at the Hektor Land Station at Deception Island when that island was a whaling base.

HOVERCRAFT DEPARTS:

When m.v. "A.E.S" left on 23rd July, she carried on board the Hovercraft which was being returned to the United Kingdom for repairs following the accident that occurred in Port William in early May.

During the past five years the sound of the craft, travelling in the Harbour to and from its hangar, had become a part of Stanley's life.

As reported in a newsletter recently, during the craft's stay here a great deal of assistance had been given by all the organisations in the Falklands. Several settlements had given themselves a great deal of work by constructing hoverways across their land, and many others had stored fuel for the hovercraft. The various "smokos" provided wherever the crew stopped and the hospitality provided by the people in the camp have been sincerely appreciated.

There is no intention of replacing the hovercraft and other methods of providing transport for the Royal Marines are being studied by the Ministry of Defence.

"We return home", the report concludes, "after an interesting and rewarding time here, leaving you in the capable hands of our friends, the Royal Marines".

ANNUAL STOCK RETURN:

The Annual Stock Return for 1971/72 has recently been published. It is noted that the sheep population shows an increase, over 1970/71, of 4,400 animals, and is the highest for the five years 1968 to 1972.

The figures for lambs, at lamb-marking and dipping, show a difference (or loss?) of 21,000 lambs. The difference for the five years quoted above varied between 16,000 and 21,000 per year.

Compared with 1970/71, the wool clip figure of 4,369,000 lbs. shows a reduction of 207,000 lbs, and is the lowest figure for the five years given.

"MONSUNEN":

The Falkland Islands Company's inter-island vessel "Monsunen" sailed from London on 22nd August, carrying a full cargo of 283 freight tons, including 282 bags of mail.

BIRTH: K.E.M. Hospital

WEAVER: 22nd August: To Royal Marine Philip and Mrs Weaver, (Rose Summers) a daughter, SUSAN ANITA - 6 lb. $9\frac{1}{2}$ oz.

R. I. P:

David N. Ogilvie in Vancouver, Canada, on 5th July. Aged 95. The late David Ogilvie worked in the Colony for a number of years and was, for a time, Manager at Lively Island.

Darwin Goss at Douglas Station on 9th August. Aged 47.

James B. Felton in Sussex, England, on 25th August. Aged 65.

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