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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK:

The Monthly Review. First comment at the rebirth of this, the only local newspaper, must be to pay tribute to the previous editors. It is no mean achievement to keep a newspaper going for 6 years and Wallace Hirtle and family have done just that. They, and those before them, have rendered a most useful service to the Falkland Islands. We sincerely hope that this usefulness will be continued in the future, during the lifetime of The Falkland Islands TIMES.

Price Increase. This is an age of price increases. We are bemoaning incredible rises in the price of all sorts of goods that we must buy. We regret that The Falkland Islands TIMES has also to increase its price - from 4p to 5p per issue. This is due partly to increased costs. For instance the price of the paper we use has been doubled. Wages have gone up for many recently and most of the remainder will receive increases shortly. Thus we must pay increased prices for labour. We hope to make the increase in our prices more acceptable by increased contents from time to time, with occasional use of pictures and by increased research into events and problems that we have. We believe that at 5p The Times is excellent value.

Radio. This paper has long benefitted from excellent co-operation with the Falkland Islands Broadcasting Studio, Stanley. It is not for this reason but for sheer justice that we spring to its defence after recent comments on the 'I Think' programme. A licence costs £2 per year, i.e. under 4p per week. While we do not approve of direct government control of any media it is our opinion that excellent value for money is given. The people who should be complaining are those amateur radio enthusiasts who are licensed each year at £10 per operator and get nothing for it other than a piece of paper. We are at a loss to know why they do not march up and down the road in protest!

Charities and Appeals. Much of the news in our Review Column and on the radio is concerned with appeals for financial support by clubs and organisations etc. We feel that it is about time that the Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet of these groups should be publicly displayed, say in the Post Office, so that intending or actual subscribers would be able to see how the money is spent, and what other financial support is available.

The Child Comes First. The Educational, financial and social arguments for the removal of Darwin School to Stanley have been aired, albeit with the Government fighting a rearguard action. The educational arguments are impressive - the others not so. We hope that now the decision has been made consideration will be given to the moral, psychological and spiritual welfare of the children. With upwards of 80 children resident in the hostel it will not, in our opinion, be fair to the children (or the teachers) for them to be looked after in the teachers' spare time - which

the teachers need anyway for preparation and rest. We must begin to think in terms of house parents. People who love children, yet are firm in discipline, to be deputy nuns and nuns during term time.

The Queen. We note that the idea is being mooted at the present time of Her Majesty the Queen visiting the U.S.S.R. When Her Majesty attended the recent Commonwealth Prime Minister's conference it was her eighth visit to Canada. Yet not one visit to the Falklands. We feel that the present time is a good time to begin the mechanics of suggesting an official visit. Even a forthcoming event suggests itself just right for a Royal occasion. We think it would be pleasing to many people in the islands if Her Majesty the Queen were to accept an invitation either to lay the foundation stone for the permanent airfield, or to declare it open.

Court Report. It is our intention to introduce a column under this heading. However, we do not intend to reproduce the 'gory details'. Also we will not be commencing until all crimes already committed have been dealt with. So to put it in plain English those who commit offences in the future can expect to see them recorded in this newspaper. It is in your hands.....

VEGETABLE GARDENING NOTES FOR SEPTEMBER:

These notes will be a mixture of wisdom from an old hand at gardening in the Falklands, and mistakes to avoid from a new hand!

By now the garden should be dug and manured (if not then set to quickly). You should check over your vegetables stored from last year - particularly remove shoots from potatoes and throw out potatoes that have gone bad. Shallots should have been sown by now.

Lettuce seedlings can now be hardened off outdoors - best in a cold frame first. Over wintered cauliflower and cabbage may now be removed from cold frame and planted out. If you have a warm sheltered spot then pickling onions and leeks may go in. If the weather at the end of the month is not too cold then sow some early turnips.

The old timer says "no lime after the 20th September". Our advice to new-comers to supplying all your own vegetables is don't try too many varieties in your first year. Get your seeds

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REVIEW - a look at some of the events of our TIMES.

26th March. End of "Tab. Three Nighter". The United Free Church held 3 days activities to mark Harvest time. On Saturday there was a coffee bar in the evening, on Sunday special services and on Monday a Harvest Supper and slide show attended by many townsfolk. Sunday was also Gift Day when £316 was given in the offerings. Other social and spiritual activities made it a busy weekend.

30th March. Mr H.L. Bound, M.B.E., J.P., Deputy Chief Secretary retired from Government service. A reception in honour of Mr Bound and Mr C.T. Reive also recently retired was held at Sullivan House.

30th March. Police reported three cases of breaking and entering at the homes of Mr Allan Middleton and Mr Ian Strange and the large freezer unit of Mr Tony Hardy. Police appealed for the help of the public in reporting suspicious or unusual incidents. Also a warning was given to lock doors and windows.

1st April. Special Mothering Day Service held at the Cathedral. Preacher: Monsignor J. Ireland. Special feature was blessing of posies for children to take home.

3rd April. Annual General Meeting of Stanley Badminton Club resulted in a report that the club had had a good year and had funds in hand. Elections for the committee brought the following results - Chairman: Mr Alan Smith, Secretary: Mrs Rene Rowlands, Treasurer: Mrs C. Cox, and Marine Hamilton, Miss Judith Smith, Miss Rosemarie Allan, Mrs Elizabeth Knight and Mr Ian Cantlie.

16th April. Mr Gerard McKay and Mr Randolph Ross completed their apprenticeships with Mr R. Hills. Gerard is now a fitter and turner and Randy a motor mechanic.

17th April (London). The Falkland Islands Emergency Committee was reconstituted as "The Falkland Islands Committee" and will operate from an office at the London Wool Exchange. The objects remain the same i.e. assisting the retention of British Sovereignty over the Islands and the fostering links between the U.K. and the Colony. Joint Honorary Secretaries are: Messrs. E.W. Hunter Christie and F.G. Mitchell. The members include Sir Miles Clifford, Sir Peter Scott, Sir John Barlow, Capt. R.R.S. Pennefather, R.N. and Messrs. C. Kenyon, M.C.

Hutchison, A.G. Barton, W.J. Grierson, N.G.H. Bell, R. Carter, R. Buxton and L. Price.

19th April. At a ceremony at Government House in the presence of invited guests Miss Edith McMullen was presented with the insignia of the British Empire Medal by His Excellency the Governor. His Excellency said that this award was in recognition of long and devoted service as the Colony's Radio Telephone Operator. (For overseas readers we would explain that for most settlements the Radio Telephone Service is the only regular contact they have with Stanley).

19th April. The Government announced a plan to build a hostel for Camp school children to enable them to live in Stanley and attend Stanley schools (subject to a Development Aid application for £100,000 to H.M.G. being granted). The Government hopes that the hostel, intended for children over 8 years, will be completed by the end of 1974 following which Darwin Boarding School will be closed. It is claimed that this will offer equal educational opportunities to all the children in the Colony. (See Editorial).

23rd April. Annual Vestry Meeting of Christ Church Cathedral at the Deanery. The Chaplain, Canon P. Helyer, reported a "forward-moving year" yet with "no room for complacency". The following were elected as Council, Miss V. Perkins, Mr Bob Peart, Mrs D. Draycott and Mrs M. Knight, and as sidesmen Messrs. R. Felton, J. Ford, W. Hirtle, M. Knight, N. Pearson, P. Pock, D. Gooch, S. Heathman, H. Luxton, R. Peart and D. Thon. At pre-meeting drinks His Excellency the Governor presented the newly issued book "1933 Centenary Stamps" to Mr and Mrs C. Reive in appreciation of their service to the Cathedral over many years.

19th-26th April. Sergeant Gill, Corporals Evans and Peat, and Marines Foster, Rigby, Pointon, Palmer, Foley, Weaver, Cave, Walker, Johnston and LMA Edwards could be seen (if anyone was watching) marching? tramping? stumbling over Camp on patrols to Mount Kent, Estancia, Green Patch, Murrell, Port Harriet, Bluff Cove and Mount Challenger. (Ed. There are so many epic tales from "our very own Marines" based at Moody Brook that space forbids the chronicler from including any more this time).

30th April. The staff at St. Mary's and many invited friends attended a 78th birthday and farewell party for Monsignor Ireland. His Excellency the Governor accepted an invitation to

present the gifts and he also delivered a farewell speech to Monsignor.

4th May. The New Bower station was announced to be ready for full-load test to be carried out over the next 2 weeks prior to the official opening.

4th May. Police reported a further ten cases of house-breaking, petty larceny and stealing including the theft from Mrs Sarah Cartmell, one of our senior citizens, of her supply of potatoes. Four traffic offences and two cases of drunk and disorderly were also reported.

7th May. The Induction Service took place at St. Mary's of the Right Reverend Daniel M. Spraggen as Roman Catholic Prefect Apostolic of the Falklands. Monsignor Spraggen takes charge of the work at St. Mary's following the retirement of Monsignor Ireland. He is assisted by Father Philip Bruggeman.

4th-7th May. Reverend Robin Forrester visited Darwin and Goose Green to visit the residents and school children. Sunday school and a service were held.

10th May. Captain Collins, Colour Sergeant Mendoza and Corporals Peat and Evans visited the Senior School. They showed a film about the work of the Royal Marines, gave talks and displayed some equipment which they use in their work.

11th May. The firefly units of the Stanley Fire Brigade extinguished a fire in Mr Charlie Short's garage. The interior of the garage and the rear of his land rover were badly damaged.

12th May. Many people attended an informal musical show at the Town Hall. Called "Janbalaya" this folk concert featured Tina Edwards, Vicky & Tim Winteringham, Derek & Catriona Cox, Pat Watts, Julie Clarke, Tony Gibbons, Michael Allan, Gerard Robson and John Simmons. This was followed by a dance featuring the local pop group "Dhome". The proceeds were donated to the Youth Club.

15th May. His Excellency the Governor opened the budget session of Legislative Council. This was well attended by members of the public. A centre page supplement to next month's F.I. TIMES will feature the major matters dealt with at this session.

19th May. The new Power Station was opened at 11 a.m. by His Excellency the Governor. Delivering a maximum output of 1296 Kw. the station cost approximately £167,000.

23rd May. Mr David Barton of Teal Inlet reported the safe arrival of a parcel posted in New Zealand in July 1971!

24th-25th May. The Annual May Ball was again held in the Town Hall and organised by the Boys' Brigade and Girls' Brigade. The 'May Queen' this year emerged as Miss Shirley Rozee with Miss Brenda Blackley as her 'Princess'. When the ladies took their turn to vote it was Mr Terence McPhee who became 'Prince Charming' with Mr Alan Waiting as 'Assistant Prince'. Our congratulations to the beautiful ladies and elegant gentlemen.

25th May. B.A.S. reported a serious happening to some of their scientists travelling home on the R.R.S. Bransfield. Apparently due to grudge some biological, physiological and botanical specimens were removed from two deep freezers and cast overboard. These were needed for scientific research and also contributed towards work on higher degrees - and thus represent a great loss. The latest information (Eng. Aug.) is that two crew members have been charged with theft and remanded on bail by Southampton, England magistrates.

26th May. A serious fire in the outbuildings of Sullivan House was discovered at 6.20 a.m. Due to the fortunate discovery of the fire at an hour when no-one would be expected to be about, and also due to the prompt action of the Fire Brigade, the fire was contained and was not allowed to spread to Sullivan House itself. Police advised that they are treating the fire as caused deliberately - particularly due to the fact that the Chief Secretary, occupant of Sullivan House, had received a number of abusive letters concerning the recent budget (Ed. Why the Chief Secretary - he is only one vote out of eight on the 'Legco'). Police could find no evidence to suggest that the fire started accidentally.

28th May. Temporary Medical Officer Dr. Mario Lazar Vellico arrived from Argentina on a 3½ month contract to cover the absence on leave of Dr. Ashmore.

28th May. Mr E.C. Gutteridge left the Colony after retiring recently. He has been in charge of power supplies in Stanley since 1950. He was also an active Justice of the Peace, Chairman of the Apprenticeship Board and occasionally acted as Customs Officer. Our best wishes to Ted and also to Dot and their son Tom who left earlier in the year.

31st May. Mrs Elizabeth Felton retired today from the post of a Sister at the K.E.M. Hospital. Many folk will be grateful for her valiant work when the hospital was very understaffed during the middle of her contract.

1st-2nd June. Christ Church Cathedral reported a successful bazaar. Gross takings were £1401 giving a record net profit of £987. Canon Helyer gave thanks to all supporters both from Camp and Stanley.

15th June. The Education Department reports that the current influenza epidemic made a big impact on Stanley Schools. Two teachers and over 70 children were off school this week.

15th June. L.A.D.E. (operators of the only means of passenger transit to and from the Colony) advised a 50% increase in passage and freight rates. This was attributed to recent rises in fuel, operational costs and wages.

15th June. Our congratulations to the Head of the Public Works Department Mr T.W. Royans on his receiving an M.B.E. in Her Majesty the Queen's Birthday Honour's List.

15th June. Mr Henry Luxton is to be appointed to be head of the Government's Posts and Telecommunications Department with effect from July 1st. He transfers from being Collector of Customs and Harbour Master. Mr D.R. Morrison was confirmed as Deputy Chief Secretary with retrospective effect to 1st April.

22nd June. B.A.S. scientist Peter Butterfield fell 30 feet over an ice cliff at the Argentine Islands base. He suffered a fracture of the lower femur of the right leg and pelvis injury. Diagnosis and treatment was given by the base commander using many hours direction by Dr. Derek Cox, Acting Senior Medical Officer. (Latest news late Aug: He is up and hobbling about and appears to be on the mend).

22nd June. The Badminton Club's annual Fancy Dress Dance held today. Prize winners were: Groups of four or more people: 1st KENTUCKY MINSTRELS - Julia Kerr, Rosemarie Allan, Vivian Perkins, Phyllis Rozee, Shirley Rozee, Jane Kerr, Jean Thom, Susan Coutts, Trudi Felton and Rita Watts. 2nd HARAM - Senor Mario Sassi, Sadie Clements, Phyllis Oliver, Marie Rowe, Eileen Pittock and Barbara Teague. 3rd OLD WOMAN AND HER SHOE - Kathy & Basil Morrison, Neil & Glenda Watson, Veronica & Owen Summers, Alana & Sydney Smith, Glenda & Barry Ford, Jill & Robin Henriksen and Carol Watson. Individuals, Pairs and

Threes: 1st THE FRANKS - Vi Bonner and Polly Stewart. 2nd MANDARIN COUPLE - Enid & Harry Card. 3rd ANNE AND MARK (ROYAL ENGAGEMENT) - Pat & Bonnie Watts.

22nd June. Mr Les Halliday, the Government announced, is appointed Acting Collector of Customs, Harbour Master and Officer-in Charge, Agricultural Department. He transfers from the Post Office.

1st July. The Medical Department announced certain changes.

Charges up 25%. Examples being:

Home Visits - 32p for first visit; 22p for subsequent visits for same complaint. Out-patient visits 22p and 19p respectively.

Ward Fees - residents 94p per day; non-residents £5 per day.

Maternity Fees - residents £12.50; non-residents £35.

Clinics. Friday afternoon clinics changed to:

1st & 3rd Fridays - Infant Welfare clinic.

2nd Friday - Post-natal clinic.

4th Friday - Family Planning clinic (advice free with medicines and devices at cost).

Charitable Relief (Bl. What a grisly title!). Now taken over by the Medical Department. Applications to the hospital on Fridays at 2.00 p.m.

Responsibility is also undertaken for Public Health and Rodent Control.

6th July. A Government news release advised that H.M.G. expects to call for tenders at the end of July for construction of the Colony's permanent airfield. The closing date is the end of October. It is hoped that the successful contractor will be named by the end of December 1973, and the airfield completed by September 1975 subject to satisfactory tenders being received. The recent 'Logco' forum revealed a very keen interest in this matter and residents will no doubt be watching these dates carefully.

11th July. Canon Helyer returned to Stanley after a Camp visitation on "Konunen" after making a circumnavigation of the Islands.

20th July. The Government issued the following news today which will hit the Colony finances very hard. E.S.R.O. (European Space Research Organisation) will be officially concluding operations in Stanley on 31st December although we understand that "mopping-up operations" will continue for some months afterwards. This includes R.S.R.S. Due to this withdrawal the Government have

given notice to terminate the agreement with Cable & Wireless Ltd. on the same date. Cable & Wireless maintain the communications equipment used by E.S.R.O. The Government expects to be able to maintain the equipment, which is at present joint owned by Cable & Wireless and Government, from its own resources. (Ed. Gossip reaches us expressing some doubt on this).

21st July. Amidst the usual incredibly loud musical background the Children's Annual Fancy Dress Party was held in the Town Hall this afternoon. Sponsored by the Working Men's Social Club assisted this year by Mr T. Layng and Mr T. Dobbins it was a great success. All the children had a good tea and the judges Vicky Winteringham, Maria Rowe and Ray Smith had a hard job! Results were - Group 1: 1st GEISHA GIRL, Karen Clapp; 2nd CLOWNS, Lisa & Leann Watson; 3rd TURKISH BOY, Katrina Clarke; 4th BRIDE & GROOM, Alayne Betts & Gerard Ford; 5th FATHER CHRISTMAS, Arron Stewart; 6th ANDY CAPP & FLO, Stephen & Deborah Ford. Group 2: SCARECROW, Kevin Clapp; 2nd WITCH, Christine Peck; 3rd BEAUTY AND THE BEAST, Anya Smith & Zachary Stephenson; 4th DUTCH GIRL, Diane Cheek; 5th RABBIT, Neil Rowlands. Group 3: RICKSHAW, Susan, Margaret & Sheila Butler & Michele King; 2nd PUSS IN THE HAT, Jeannie Dobbins & Sharon Hewitt; 3rd WRIGLEY TALES, Fiona Clements. Group 4: CAMEL & TOURISTS, Len McGill, Michael Jones, Timmy Withers, Cora McGill, Cherry Rose Robson; 2nd BAG OF GRASS, Raymond Poole; 3rd BAND OF GYPSIES, Shona & Sharon Strange & Sheila Napier.

25th July. Monsignor J. Ireland attended the investiture at Buckingham Palace to receive his O.B.E.

27th-28th July. Squash & Golf Clubs held their 'two-nighter' dance with the theme 'Winter/Summer'.

27th-28th July. The Annual Winter Show was again held in the Gymnasium. We append a list of Special Awards and Medallions won and if space permits next month we will publish the winners by section.

Lady Haskard Silver Challenge Cup for the exhibitor with most points in Show - tie between Mrs Molly Barnes and Mr R.D. Clements with 22 points each.

The Committee Challenge Cup for Fleece Wool, plus a medallion for the exhibitor with most points in Section A - won by Port Howard (42); Runner-up, Port San Carlos (35).

The Tom Wallace Memorial Cup presented by the Stanley Dramatic Society, plus a medallion for the exhibitor with most points in the Woodworking Section - won by Mr R.D. Clements (10); Runner-up, Michael McKay (5).
"Needlewoman" Catalogue with Cash Voucher, presented by the Committee of the Winter Show, for the exhibitor with most points in Sections H, I, J and K - won by Mrs Molly Barnes (22); Runner-up, Mrs T. Kenny (15).
A year's subscription to the magazine "Woodworker" to the child with most points in classes 2-5 of the Woodworking Section, presented by Mr R.D. Clements - won by Michael McKay (5); Runner-up, Derek Clarke (3).
Gift Voucher for £1 presented by Mrs Joan Bound, plus a medallion, for the child with most points in the Show - won by Lindsay Coutts (15); Runner-up, Stephanie Coutts (12), who receives a gift voucher for 50 pence, also presented by Mrs Joan Bound.
Sewing Book presented by Mrs C. Rowlands, to the winner in the Sewing Section Class 3 (10 to 15 years) - won by Maria Kirk of Darwin School (5).

Medallions

Section B	Homespun Wool	Won by Mrs B.L. Miller
Section E	Woodworking	Won by Mr R.D. Clements
Section G	Art	Won by Mrs Veronica Fowler
Section H	Knitting	Won by Miss Sonia Summers
Section I	Crochet	Won by Mrs Molly Barnes
Section J	Embroidery	Won by Lindsay Coutts
Section K	Sewing	Won by Mrs Annie Strange
Section L	Toy Making	Won by Mrs W. Goss

30th July. Annual Meetings of the Falkland Islands Sheep Owners Association Ltd. commenced today. Many managers and owners are in town. Also Annual Meetings of the General Employees Union attended by delegates from East and West.

1st August. Reverend Robin Forrester returned from a camp trip to the settlements immediately north of Stanley.

3rd August. The following boys passed their Boys' Brigade First Aid Badge: T. McCallum, G. Johnson, P. Peck, T. Withers, L. McGill, A. Middleton, P. Coutts, J. Coutts, R.K. Rozee and D. Rozee. Congratulations fellows. We hope that you keep up to

date in this subject so that if the need ever arises you will be able to help. Actually we receive a lot of Boys' Brigade news (for in Stanley we have a very active Company) but most of it, we regret, is not of permanent interest. However, see below.

9th August. Some alarm was caused in Port Howard today by an aircraft passing over quite early in the morning. Enquiries by the Royal Marines revealed that it had also passed over Darwin. Later the Secretariat announced that Vice-Comodoro de la Colina of the L.A.N.D.E. office advised that this was an Argentine Air Force plane on a mission from Buenos Aires to Antarctica. This was in preparation for a planned visit to the Antarctica by the Acting President of the Argentine. (Ed. We are somewhat disconcerted by the information being received after the plane passed over. Is not it usual to advise or request permission in advance?).

10th August. The following promotions are announced by the Boys' Brigade. To Corporal: D. Clarke and L. McGill. To Lance-Corporal: G. Johnson, T. Withers, T. McCallum, P. Peck, S. Clifton and A. Middleton. Well done fellows.

15th August. The final of the popular radio programme "Winter Quiz" was held today with Brian Barnes as question-master. As befitted a final the questions were very difficult (in our editorial opinion!) and the Junior School (Bob Poole, Annie Strange and Shirley Hirtle) emerged as clear winners over B.A.S. Supplies (Ray Clements, Willie Ray and Adrian Newman).

20th August. His Excellency the Acting Governor, Mr T.H. Mayne, returned to Stanley after a Camp visit to Lively, Flecker, George, Elephant Jason and West Point Islands, Chartres and Fox Bay. He travelled by M.V. Forrest to Chartres, rover to Fox Bay then air to Stanley.

23rd August. Canon P.J. Helyer of Christ Church Cathedral returned to Stanley after a Camp trip to Lively Island, Fitzroy including Island Harbour and Bluff Cove.

20th August. The 89th birthday of Mrs Edith Harvey believed to be the oldest inhabitant of the Falklands.

20th August. The Royal Marines sponsored and organised a Charity Dance in aid of Honeylands Childrens Hospital, Exeter. £47 was raised which will be used to provide Christmas goodies

for the children. The pop group 'Done' and the Stanley Youth Club gave their services and the West Store donated raffle prizes.

31st August. Stanley Junior and Senior Schools were opened to parents and friends. The usual displays of work were admired. Teachers were on hand to discuss childrens progress (or otherwise) and explain things like "Colour Factor" to confused parents.

31st August. Darwin Shipping Ltd. announced that the Danish vessel "Annette Danielsen" has been chartered to make four round voyages between the United Kingdom and the Falklands and is expected to call at Mar del Plata on the southbound voyage. It is anticipated that the first voyage will commence from Gravesend about the 17th September arriving Stanley about the 18th October.

It was also announced that a skeleton crew will arrive by air on the 10th September to take away R.M.S. Darwin. We understand that some local people will be joining the crew. (Ed. we suppose that Darwin Shipping Ltd. will have to be renamed?) It is expected that "Darwin" will sail to Argentina (?Comodoro Rivadavia) to refuel and thence to Greece.

VEGETABLE GARDENING NOTES FOR SEPTEMBER (Cont. from page 3):

for the following and not much else (if the shops sell out it's not too late by airmail - and worth the expense). The fraction after the description refers to the proportion of your small seed garden (as opposed to potato garden) that you should give to those. The varieties named are Suttons.

Carrots - say one long rooted (New Red Intermediate) and one stump rooted (Champion Scarlet Horn) variety (4).

Cabbage (4) - Pride of the Market.

Turnips (1/6th - also useful for their tops) - Early Snowball and Golden Ball.

Swedes (1/6th) - Purple Top.

Kale (1/6th) - Extra Curled Scotch.

Sow some seeds from a packet of Mixed Lettuce from time to time and some Radishes. They'll go fine with those imported tomatoes or maybe you'll go ahead and try some of your own. If you do get the seeds sown straight away - you're really a bit late. Readers letter's on interesting vegetables grown and gardening experience are welcome.

Finally, lightly fork over Strawberry and perennial beds.

BUSINESS NEWS:

Wool Prices. The heartening increase in wool prices is continuing. Our information is that again all farms have sold their 1973/74 wool in advance. In this second successive year of higher prices, and the uncertainty felt in its continuance, it is obvious that the motto is "a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush". Prices have ranged from 84p to 134p per kilo.

European Space Research Organisation. The closure of E.S.R.O. and R.S.R.S. will eventually result in at about 8 locally employed persons losing their jobs. Although the official closure is December 31st it is expected that there will be sufficient work to keep people employed until after the middle of the year. We also understand that several employees from overseas will be settling in the Falklands and therefore looking for employment locally. Local contractors and traders will also suffer due to the closure. It will be interesting to see what property comes on the market as a result of the closure.

Alginate Industries Ltd. report continuing activity in their pilot plant in Ross Road. They hope to have a pre-production plant operational by end 1974 on the camber site, doubling their number of employees to 10. The main plant using some 400 tons of kelp (seaweed) daily is planned to be operational by end 1979 and employ some 100 people. Initially these employees would be mainly technically trained people from overseas but it is assumed that local people would gradually be trained, if available. Of course this all depends on Alginates board maintaining enthusiasm for the project and its likelihood of being profitable. We estimate that Alginates have spent at least £50,000 on this research plant since end 1970. The time is fast approaching when they must commit themselves to spending millions of pounds and they've got to try and get their sums right first.

S.O.A./G.E.U. We are pleased to see that the recent agreement concluded by the Sheep Owners Association and the General Employees Union provides for the farm workers to share in the present prosperity in the wool producing industry. A detailed assessment will be given when the agreement is finalised. A delay has occurred in ascertaining the average selling price of

wool for the Colony but this is expected at any time. Particularly interesting is the approximately 35% increase in contract (i.e. piece work) rates for shearing, pressing, peat cutting, fencing etc. A 5 day week will apply from 15th May to 31st August. The Saturday morning off will not have to be made up by working additional hours during the week. In addition a holiday entitlement to Buenos Aires every 5 years will be granted to locally employed persons.

Managers Association. News reaches us of the formation of a Managers Association at the 'farmer's week' in July. Chairman is Mr L.G. (Tim) Blake of Mill Cove and Secretary Mr M.F. (Tony) Blake of North Arm (not related). Its first aim will probably be to seek to negotiate a scale of minimum salaries for farm managers. We send our best wishes to this new organisation. It is our experience that strong but responsible unions or workers associations are of benefit to employers and employees alike.

Sheepowners Trading Company. Many readers will not be aware that plans are afoot to sell the interests of the F.I.C. other than sheep-farming, for around £800,000 to a locally based company provisionally named the Sheepowners Trading Company. Frankly we hope that this title will be dropped immediately and a more representative one adopted. We heard 'Kelper Trading Co.' suggested recently. Any other ideas? The plan is still in process of documentation and assessment by the F.I.C., its advisers and S.O.M. representatives in London. Ultimately an offer-for-sale of shares in S.T.C. will be made and it is hoped that local farms, traders and private persons will subscribe. We understand that the F.I.C. intend to retain a 46% share in the new company. The net effect, of course, will be a partial realisation of F.I.C. assets in the Colony.

Tourism. To date it is expected that the following tourist ships will visit Stanley this season:

"Cabo San Roque" (about 600 passengers) Jan. 16th, Feb. 14th.

"Cabo San Vicente" (about 600) Jan. 24th.

"Enrico C" (about 1,000) Jan. 17th, Jan. 31st.

"Lindblad Explorer" (luxury about 100) 10th Feb, 1st March, also to Carcass, West Point, and New Islands. It is likely that the

"Libertad" may come again. Also other ships may turn up as the

"France" did last year. We must not forget the stimulus to

traders' incomes from the B.N.S. ships R.R.S. John Biscoe and R.N.S. Bransfield also from the Royal Navy's H.M.S. Endurance.

The Upland Goose, Stanley's 23 bed hotel, tells of some provisional bookings for the summer. Last years experience showed that most bookings were made pretty late and some visitors just turned up. The Tourist Office reports of a very poor response from both Stanley and Camp for people who are prepared to take in visitors as paying guests. We hear from the New Island Preservation Co. Ltd. that firm bookings are coming in from U.S.A. and enquiries from Europe and Argentina from tourists, conservationists etc., who want to "live among the penguins" and other wildlife.

£50,000 Bonanza. Most, if not all, farms have sent in applications for grants, under H.M.G.'s Commonwealth Development Fund, for sub-division fencing. This puts some flesh on the skeletons in the cupboard, i.e. the periodical reports by visiting agricultural 'experts'. The philosophy is that better sub-division fencing allows better stock control, which permits increased numbers of sheep to be carried, which means more wool, which means higher profits for farms resulting in increased taxation revenue. To anyone reading these notes in a few years time it will be interesting to see if any results are published to show that the desired effects were, in fact, produced.

Unemployment. Official publications usually state no unemployment in the Colony. Our feeling is that this is not so and the Editor would be pleased to have the names of any persons who cannot find suitable employment. These will not be divulged without permission. It would also be interesting to hear of any continuously unfilled vacancies from prospective employers.

Montan wax. Mr C.J. Barrow, by profession a palaeontologist, visited the Falklands at the end of April. The purpose was to advise the Government on the possibility of exploiting peat resources in obtaining montan wax. To this end he travelled throughout the East Falkland seeking to collect representative samples of peat.

Stanley Co-operative Society. At the recent Annual General Meeting the Co-op decided to raise its interest on share capital to 5% (from 3½%). This follows the recent increase in

the Savings Bank rate to $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ (tax free). Sales for the past three years have been pretty much the same but the Manager reported a significant increase in sales during the first four months of the current trading year. Negotiations have been entered into with the taxation authorities to reduce the society's tax liability. A sum of several thousand pounds is involved.

Introducing the new proprietor and editor of the 'F.I. Times' (incorporating the F.I. Monthly Review).

Name: Robin William Forrester, brought up in the country in Chigwell in Essex. 1955-60 School: Thomas Hood Technical Commercial School, London, left after G.C.E.'s and joined Bank of Montreal, London. Mainly dealing with British and North American securities (stocks and shares). 1962 Joined Plessey Co. Ltd. Ilford, Essex, as trainee accountant. 1963 Appointed Unit Accountant, Ilford Electronics Research Laboratory. 1964/67 All Nations Christian College, Ware, Herts., for Bible and Missionary Course, graduated with College Diploma and London University, Diploma in Theology. 1967/68 Assistant Pastor, Stroud Green Baptist Church, London. 1969/71 Pastor, Church End Baptist Church, Finchley, London also 1969/70 Accounting Operations Manager, Ilford Machining Division of Plessey Co. Ltd. 1971 onwards Pastor of United Free Church of the Falkland Islands (The Tabernacle). Has visited most of the settlements in the islands.

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SPORTS REPORT by Sports Editor Patrick Watts.

During the winter months in Stanley, one of the main sporting activities has again been darts. The Stanley Darts Club organise the premier team event of the season the 'Kendall Cup', plus the individual Knockout Championship the 'Governor's Cup'.

The former is contested for by teams of seven who play each other on a 'home and away' basis. The local public houses, along with the Royal Marine Barracks usually providing the venues. The Governor's Cup which is open to anyone, usually attracts a large entry, and is contested during two evenings play in a public hall. This years tournament was held in the Town Hall, and before a large and enthusiastic crowd, Les Biggs easily defeated William Whitney by 2 games to 0. In the match for 3rd place between the losing semi-finalists Pat Whitney (brother of William) beat Robin Henricksen by 2-1.

A feature of this years competition was the lowering of the minimum age of participation to 15 years. This innovation enabled Miss Julie Clarke aged 15 to win the ladies prize. This is organised in conjunction with the main event, and is awarded to the lady who progresses the farthest in the Governor's Cup.

Reviewing the team event the Kendall Cup. Much to writers amazement, and seemingly most other dart fans, the newly formed Snippets team emerged as winners, by 2 points from the Globe Trotters. The Snippets team contained seven young dart players, who, with their constant encouragement to each other, gained many unexpected victories over the fancied teams, the Rose "A", Victory "A", etc.

After the qualifying competition to determine the teams to contest the Kendall Cup, the Snippets only just qualified in their section, winning the 3rd position, behind the Victory "A" 10 points, and Upland Goslings 12 points. This makes their final success still further unexpected. From the other section the Rose "A" 16 points, Globe Trotters 12 points and Blue Pig "B" emerged to make up the final six Kendall Cup team contestants.

With possible final victory not far away, Snippets lost the services of one of their young players Randy Ross. At this stage their anticipation of a previously unthought Kendall Cup victory became evident, as they elected to recruit an experienced

older player Fred Betts, to replace Ross. It was a little unfortunate that they decided to adopt this policy, but because they were obviously on the 'threshold of success' we can understand their action, and congratulate the Snippets on their achievements. I can also add that they won the team Knockout Cup, by defeating the Globe Trotters in the final. The Snippets comprised, Terry Betts (Capt), Les Biggs, Ian McPhee, Alistair Biggs, Robin Luxton, Fred Betts and Gerard McKay.

In the Police medals event, which is open to all teams except the Kendall and Knockout Cup winners the rose "A" defeated the unlucky Globe Trotters by 4 games to 3. This was the 3rd tournament in which the Trotters had finished runners-up. The winning rose team was Tony Pettersson (Capt), William Whitney, Doug Hansen, Terry Peck, Ken Halliday, Robin Henricksen and Bernard Shorey.

In the Individual Handicap Knockout organised by the Darts Club, William Whitney beat Mike Smith, adding to his already full list of victories of the last few years in various tournaments. Whitney is obviously still a force to be reckoned with in local dart events.

Listed below is the final individual averages of players. It will be noticed that this list differs considerably with the 'official' list as issued by the Darts Club. However, their method of working averages i.e. dividing the player's total points won, by the number of games his team played, does not require a mathematician to deem this way incorrect. The Darts Club Secretary Mrs Susan Whitney informs me that this method of working the averages has been employed for many years, in which case, I hope that the Darts Club will review their system before next season.

I have produced my list on the rule that to qualify a player must have participated in ten matches. Also of course I have divided the player's final total points won, by the number of games he has played. Here are the top 20 players:-

M. Scholes	2.205	W. Whitney	2.000
J. Middleton (3)	2.211	G. Hamilton	2.000
W. Morey	2.176	M. Smith	1.944
O. Almonacid	2.166	A.J. Henricksen	1.941

P. Lee	2.150	Adrian Biggs	1.928
K. Halliday	2.050	Peter Short	1.888
L. Biggs	2.055	Ken Summers	1.875
C. Clifton	2.000	T. McPhee	1.750
F. Ford	2.000	H. Ford	1.722
T. Pettersson	2.000	J. Ford	1.700

Best individual performances during the season. These totals are the actual number obtained by each player, and are not averaged.

<u>Scores of 100</u>			
A.J. Henricksen	21	C. Clifton	13
T. Pettersson	17	D. Hansen	13
W. Whitney	17	W. Morey	11
P. Lee	15	J. Middleton (3)	11
H. Ford	14	J. Ford	10

<u>Scores of 101 and over</u>			
C. Clifton	12	T. Betts	6
F. Whitney	11	L. Biggs	6
T. Pettersson	10	C. Blackley	6
W. Whitney	10	W. Etheridge	6
P. Johnson	9	F. Ford	6
O. Almonacid	8	K. Halliday	6
		H. Stewart	6

<u>First dart starts</u>			
T. Betts	10	T. Pettersson	11
C. Clifton	14	W. Whitney	10
L.J. Watson	13	P. Lee	10
Peter Short	12	G. Hamilton	10
J. Middleton (3)	12	W. Morey	10
		F. Whitney	10

Three dart finish

C. Clifton	0
T. Betts	0
A.J. Henricksen	5
Adrian Biggs	5
H. Ford	5
P. Johnson	5
Peter Short	5

Bull Centre

L. Biggs	4
F. Ford	3
M. Smith	3
E. Morrison	3

In another major darts event, organised by the F.I.C. Ltd, West Store, and sponsored by Johnny Walker whisky distillers, the very attractive first prize of £40 went to Pat Lee. In the final, Lee came from behind with a brilliant finish to beat Peter Goss, who took the second prize of £20. £5 for third prize was won by Ken Halliday who defeated Graham Edwards from the Moody Brook Camp. Edwards received £2, plus a bottle of Johnny Walker whisky, as did all other winners. The ladies prize of £10 was won by Vivian Perkins. Miss Perkins beat Mrs Jenny Smith of Port Louis. Mrs Margie Pemberton won the third prize of £2, with her sister Mrs Rose Weaver winning £1, for the fourth. The West Store manager and staff are to be congratulated on their efficient organisation during the two evenings play. We must also thank Johnny Walker for the excellent cash prizes, amounting to £85.

In the 'Bells' whisky tournament, which Mr Des Peck of the Philomel Store sponsored, Doug Hansen took the 1st prize with a victory over Robin Henricksen, in the final.

Some Camp settlements have had their darts championships. At Fox Bay West John Lee beat Dave Pateman by 2-0 to win £5. Tom Street won the Port Stephens tournament, which was run on a points basis. He amassed 44 points, Alan Clifton being the runner-up with 42 points. Mildred Dickson won the ladies title with 24 points.

Badminton

The Stanley Badminton Club organised two mixed doubles tournaments, during their winter season. In the first of these Miss Judith Smith and Marine G. Hamilton won over Miss Trudi Felton and Marine G. Wilson in 2 straight games, 15-12, 15-10.

In the second of the mixed double events, Rene Rowlands and Marine Phil Shuttleworth beat Miss Rita Watts and Marine G. Hamilton in 2 straight matches.

The Chairman Alan Smith said he was pleased with the entries, and interest shown, in the two tournaments. Undoubtedly this will give the Stanley Badminton Club an incentive to organise future championships.

Sheep Dog Trials

At the 60 acre paddock on July 20th, handler C.D. (Ben)

Ford of North Arm with his dog 'West' won the Championship Sheep Dog Trials. 'Jeff' run by Robin Jaffray of Port San Carlos gained second place. Raymond Evans of Pebble with 'Nibs' took third place. Generally, the feeling was that the standard of the dogs on view, was lower than usual. However, the dog handlers again stated their dislike of the Stanley course, which they insist has a lot to do with the below par performances their dogs produce. It is hoped that the Sheep Owners Association who organise the trials and the dog owners can come together and arrange a course acceptable to both, in time for the 1974 Championships.

THE WEATHER:

	<u>Mar.</u>	<u>Apr.</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>
Ave. Wind Speed Knots	14.0	14.7	14.0	13.6	12.9
Hrs. Gale Force	N.A.	1	0	17	6
Hrs. Wind 10 Knots or Less	N.A.	231	266	209	302
Ave. Temp. (Cent.)	9.2	5.6	4.0	2.2	1.8
Highest Temp.	18.8	14.2	10.5	8.9	8.1
Lowest Temp.	0.0	-1.3	-2.7	-5.5	-5.7
Rainfall mm.	35.0	95.9	36.6	57.8	31.2
Ave. Daily Sunshine Hours	6.2	3.7	2.2	1.6	1.9
Ground Frost - Times	4	14	19	24	26

All readings at Stanley Meteorological Station.

We hope this summary of weather from March to July proves interesting in tabular form. Can you spot a trend? Interesting points are:

This March was the sunniest on record.

This April was the wettest since 1941.

This May was the driest since 1959.

This July was generally the calmest for 20 years - including 40 consecutive hours of calm. Also July found the pressure reaching 1043.3 millibars - the highest on record for July and the 2nd highest for any month - exceeded in October 1935. (E1. What's all this pressure going up high in July? Perhaps it was due to Budget decisions being implemented).

READERS LETTERS:

Note: The Editor accepts no responsibility for the accuracy of matter in letters, reserves the right to abbreviate and reminds readers that views expressed in letters do not necessarily express the views of the Editor.

Dear Sir,

I enclose an English politician's view on water meters with some views of my own.

The following extract from a 1973 Daily Mirror suggests a danger to cleanliness and health where water meters are installed.

'The Government was accused last night of introducing a "tax on cleanliness and health" by putting domestic water supplies on the meter.'

The Commons approved a clause in the water Bill giving the ten regional water authorities, which are to be set up in England and Wales, the power to instal meters for household supplies.

Labour spokesman, Gordon Oakes, M.P. for Widnes, Lancs., said water should be treated in the same way as air - something the public had a right to use according to need.

He added: "This is really a tax on cleanliness, a tax on public health".

I think that a more simple and cheaper means of raising revenue would be to levy an export tax of, say, $\frac{1}{2}$ p per lb. on all wool shipped out. As the Colony exports something in excess of 4,000,000 lbs each year, this would produce more than £20,000. As an alternative, a land tax could be imposed on, say, two-thirds of all holdings, allowing for one-third as being unsuitable for grazing stock. A fee of 1p per acre would bring in a similar sum to the wool tax suggested above.

Having, in this manner, increased revenue, we could dispense with water meters (and the high cost of installing them) and thus eliminate a possible danger of uncleanness and an increase in our cost of living.

Yours faithfully,

M.M. Hirtle (Mrs)

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ENGAGEMENTS:

Our congratulations to the following couples whose engagements to marry have been announced:

- 22nd June - Miss Sylvia Newman and Mr Tony Summers
10th July - Miss Jane Goss and Mr Melvyn Summers

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DUE TO PRESSURE ON SPACE the following have been held over: Shipping News, 'Personal and Pen-pals', and Camp Chronicle. 'Reports from the Courts' will only be made of proceedings resulting from actions made after the publication date of this paper (see page 3).

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS:

"We rejoice with those who rejoice and mourn with those who mourn".

Births at K.E.M. Hospital

28th March	Mr & Mrs Raymond Goodwin (Marina Jaffray)	dau	Angela Lynette (8 lb)
30th March	Mr & Mrs Jen Harvey (Valerie Betts)	son	William (6 lb 6 oz)
2nd April	Mr & Mrs Ron Betts (Pamela Berntsen)	son	Gregory (9 lb 10½ oz)

8th April	Mr & Mrs Reynold Reid (Pamela McLeod)	twin dau.	Pamela Ruth (5 lb 7 oz) Elizabeth Jayne (5 lb 12 oz)
19th April	Mr & Mrs Robin McGill (Lorraine Halliday)	dau.	Jane (7 lb)
26th April	Mr & Mrs Peter King (Arlette Henricksen)	dau.	Cherilyn Julie (8 lb 10 oz)
29th April	Mr & Mrs Robert McNally (Gay Johnson)	son	Christopher John (8 lb 5 oz)
3rd May	Mr & Mrs Freddie Ford (Colleen Summers)	son	Christopher James (8 lb 9 oz)
6th May	Mr & Mrs Terence Phillips (Carol Clifton)	dau.	Julie Ann (7 lb 9 oz)
8th June	Mr & Mrs William Pole-Evans (Shirley Alazia)	dau.	Lisa (7 lb 9 oz)
10th June	Mr & Mrs Ronald Reeves (Cheryl Harvey)	dau.	Jill Edith (8 lb 6½ oz)
1st July	Mr & Mrs Robin Smith (Heather Murphy)	dau.	Shula Louise (7 lb 9 oz)
9th Aug.	Mr & Mrs Robin Henricksen (Jill Ford)	son	Mark (6 lb 13 oz)
12th Aug.	Mr & Mrs Arthur (Mike) Peake (Fay Berntsen)	son	Michael Christopher (7 lb 8½ oz)
13th Aug.	Mr & Mrs Daniel Limburn (Monica Bonner)	dau.	Tanya (6 lb 10 oz)

Overseas

9th April	In England, to Mr & Mrs Ivan Short, a daughter. (Ivan is the son of Mr & Mrs Archie Short of Stanley).
9th April	In New Zealand, to Mr & Mrs Ross Mulholland, a daughter, Tanya (7 lb 1 oz). (Mrs Mulholland was formerly Rosemarie Rowlands).
19th April	In Australia, to Mr & Mrs Philip Norris, a son, Jason (6 lb 11 oz). (Mrs Norris was formerly Valerie Kirk).
26th June	In Switzerland, to Mr & Mrs Claude Weber, a daughter. Evelyn and Claude were here when he installed a computer for E.S.R.O.

MarriagesIn the Falklands

19th May	George Winston Charles BETTS & Geraldine Fay JOHNSON	Office of Registrar General, Stanley
19th May	John McLEOD & Carol Alberta MINTO	Goose Green
26th May	Terence John CLARKE & Fiona Alison BONNER	Office of Registrar General, Stanley
9th June	Gerald William DICKSON & Doreen ALZIL	North Arm
30th June	Ronald Edward DICKSON & Iris FORD	The Tabernacle, Stanley
4th July	John WILSON & Margaret Jean WHITMAN	The Tabernacle, Stanley
18th August	Terence Severine BETTS & Melody Christine LEE	Office of Registrar General, Stanley

Overseas

14th April	Elaine Peake and Ian Mayo (of Ruislip, Middlesex) at Portsmouth, England.	
30th June	Helena Bain (Houlder Bros. Representative) to Carlos Alstadt at Commodore Rivadavia. Helena assists travellers on arrival and departure at Commodore Rivadavia.	

DeathsIn the Falklands

18th May	Leslie Edward BIGGS	Aged 68 years
10th June	Viola Mary Maggie CLEMENTS	Aged 66 years
22nd June	Lars Maurentius BERNTSEN	Aged 50 years
11th July	Bertram Leonard GLEDDELL	Aged 63 years
13th July	Albert Ferdinand LELLMAN	Aged 92 years
15th July	Stanley Donald George McSKILL	Aged 43 years

Overseas

23rd April	at Elgin, Scotland, Johnny MILNE	Aged 63 years
28th May	In Northern Ireland, Mrs Mary Ann BEATTIE	Aged 67 years
Mid July	In a car crash in the United Kingdom, George LUSH ex Base Leader, Halley Bay (1959).	

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK:

The Quality of Life

Less than two years ago to be a resident of the Falklands was rather like being a member of a rather special club. It was not easy to join for there was an initiation ceremony - a sea journey of at least four days, and maybe as long as seven days, on R.M.S. Darwin.

Although there were disadvantages of being so cut off there were also advantages, not the least of which was the fact that strangers couldn't creep in unawares. Nowadays with a 'plane ser-

vice each week strangers abound and the pace of life is speeding up. With the steady increase in contact with the outside world we must become choosy about what we accept from it. There are many features of the outside world that we can well do without. Some - such as drug abuse and the circulation of sex orientated literature already have a small foothold. Some - such as domination by advertising propaganda, commercial over-exploitation of amenities, the lack of care for the individual in a non-Christian society have yet to bedevil us.

The danger is that instead of choosing what is best in the outside world to add to our quality of life we will allow what is worst to creep in and completely ruin the special way of life which is ours.

Advertisements. We are pleased to receive the support of additional advertisers this month. We hope that you will read the advertisements carefully. Advertisements help everyone - they add greater financial security to the newspaper; they should increase sales for the advertisers and they should inform the public. If your attention has been drawn to an item through this paper then please tell the advertiser. This will help us all.

Surface Mail. We are pleased that the G.P.O. in London has arranged to get surface mail to the Colony from the U.K. much quicker than hitherto (see Review columns). It is a pity that the backlog of mail was not cleared by the direct seamail route. Unless some special arrangements are made we are not likely to see the 260 bags in Comodoro Rivadavia for a long while. However we must not grouse, it was meant kindly and once teething troubles are over will restore a much missed service.

Bingo. September has seen the introduction of Bingo sessions in the Town Hall. Bingo (or Housey Housey or Lotto) has become the curse of many, many homes in the United Kingdom. It has become for many a kind of drug and housewives particularly have become addicted to it often using up the family housekeeping money in the process. With the amount of the stakes kept small and the amount of fun kept large this will perhaps provide an innocuous enough evening out. What is depressing is that in an 'educated society' people should be reduced to covering numbers with little markers to keep themselves occupied and amused.

THE TIMES. Due to pressure on space we cannot include all we would like this month. But this is a good sign not a bad one. We are particularly grateful for letters and comments received after the first issue of the new style TIMES/Review and the encouragement they are to us. More new ideas are always welcome from our readers.

YOUR VEGETABLE GARDEN:

With the increasing warmth it looks as if it will be safe to start getting those small seeds in, namely lettuce, radish, cress, spring onions, early turnip, kale, broccoli, carrot, parsnip, spinach, parsley, etc. Peas and beans should be in but it is not too late. We suggest that not all seeds of each variety are put in at the same time in case the weather turns really cold again. Rather leave space in the rows and the rest can be put in in 3 or 4 weeks time. Soaking parsnip seeds before sowing will give them a good start.

If you haven't already sown cabbage and cauliflower in boxes or pots then get this done straight away. This will also give lettuces a good start. Give them plenty of light as soon as they break through the soil or they will get weak and spindly. If they are already coming on well then they should be hardened off in the cold frame. For the newcomer we suggest that a cold frame is a good investment. Even a plastic topped one can be useful.

Some people are anxious to get their maincrop potatoes in by the middle/end of October but we would advise waiting a bit yet - particularly if the sproutings are longish.

Clean up around the rhubarb and thoroughly manure. Plant new strawberries from runners and plant new raspberry canes.

One more word to the newcomers. If there are chickens nearby then make sure your vegetable garden is chicken proof. A few hens in a couple of hours can ruin weeks of work and maybe put you back a whole season. You may also need to use netting overhead to protect from birds.

SURFACE MAIL AT COMODORO RIVADAVIA. - (continued from page 15).

Vice-Comodoro de la Colina of L.A.D.E. advises that, contrary to rumour, no special flight is contemplated at present, to bring in mail.

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REVIEW - a look at some of the events of our TIMES

September 3rd. Colony's airmail failed to arrive - due to public holiday in Buenos Aires last Friday for elections. (We should add that this is a rare failure of a good service).

September 3rd. Reverend Robin Forrester arrived back from a Camp Visit to Goose Green, Darwin and Burnside.

September 8th. Motor Cycle Trials held at (the other) Goose Green near Round Pond outside Stanley. They were organised by Chief Police Officer Terry Peck and Sergeant-Major Mick Trowbridge of the Royal Marines. As the events take place off the public roads they were open to those not yet old enough for a driving licence.

September 10th. Sir Vivian Fuchs retired today as Director of the British Antarctic Survey. Stanley Officer-in-Charge E.C. (Ted) Clapp issued the following note, "Sir Vivian joined the Survey 26 years ago as a Geologist for service in Antarctica. During his period South he made some epic sledge journeys, two of which are still the longest on record. During one of these journeys the concept of the Trans Antarctic Expedition was born and as everyone knows, successfully carried out during the International Geophysical Years 1957-58. Sir Vivian has always been an active Director and this is shown by the numerous transits through Stanley en route to Antarctica. Apart from his very deep and sound Antarctic experience, his close and personal contact with many leading personalities and authorities in the world has greatly furthered the aims of the British Antarctic Survey and thus brought much international credit to Britain's activities on the white continent. Naturally all members of the Survey are sad to see Sir Vivian go but retirement is something that comes to us all. Our new Director is Dr. Richard Laws who was the Head of our Life Science Division. Dr. Laws is a scientist of international repute and has also served his time in the Antarctic. The Survey is thus assured of new ideas and directions to improve the common cause, research in the Antarctic." We wish this great man of our times a happy retirement, no doubt it will be an active one.

September 11th. The United Free Church (Tabernacle) held a Children's Day for Sunday School children (it being day school holidays) from 9.00 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. Games and activities, Bible Stories etc. kept them busy.

September 13th. The m.v. Forrest with a party of school girls, Mandy Bonner, Charlene Short, Cheryl Johnson, Trudi Jones, Teresa McGill and Anona Bonner accompanied by Mr and Mrs John Farrow, visited one of our most historic settlements, Port Louis. Bad weather curtailed the length of the visit but 2 hours were spent ashore.

September 13th. On the radio programme 'Questions' it was announced that a new route has been introduced for surface mail from U.K. The G.P.O. in London will despatch by sea to Buenos Aires it will then be flown in by the weekly Fokker Friendship F27 as space permits. 260 bags were despatched on 30th August to arrive in B.A. about the 15th September (see page 2).

September 14th. The Boys' Brigade Bazaar total reached £400.48. News was also given of two B.B. trips to 'Clamshell Point' to continue the building of the main hut.

September 14th. Mrs Mac. left West Falkland (see article page 6).

September 15th/16th. Kaleidoscope Concert at Fox Bay west (see page 15).

September 15th. The Tabernacle (United Free Church) held a coffee bar in the Church Hall. During the evening Mrs Wendy Went, Mr Dolan Williams and Reverend Robin Forrester formed a panel to answer questions (put into a box anonymously) on the subject of 'Love and Marriage'.

September 19th. s.s. Darwin left Stanley, almost certainly for the last time, at 2.45 p.m. Only about 30 people gathered in the rain on the Public Jetty or in land rovers on Ross Road to see her go. A quiet departure after some of the great send off's of the past, but appropriate - it being decided that we have no more use for her. It reminds us of Sir Winston Churchill's comment when refusing the Order of the Garter after being voted out of power following the last world war, "why should I accept the Order of the Garter after the people have given me the order of the boot!" 'Darwin' has served around the Falklands and on the Stanley/Montevideo run since 1957. She has been renamed 'Christos K' and sailed for Greece via Montevideo.

September 21st. Canon P.J. Helyer (Christ Church Cathedral) arrived home from a Camp Trip. He visited Johnson's Harbour, Port Louis, Green Patch, Long Island and Estancia, walking the last 15 miles from Estancia to Stanley in 5 hours.

September 23rd. Mrs Vi Robson completed 50 years as Cathedral Organist and a special service attended by many friends marked the occasion. During a reception afterwards a presentation was made to Mrs Robson to emphasise her Church's appreciation of her services over these many years.

September 25th. The m.v. Annette Danielsen sailed from Gravesend, England for the Falkland Islands at 13.30 hours. She is expected to arrive in Mar del Plata about the 10th October and arrive here about the 25th.

September 27th. One of the Colony's most familiar voices ceased public service today when Miss Edith McMullen commenced her leave prior to retirement in England. Edith started work in the Posts and Telecommunications Department on the 19th September 1957 as a telephone operator and transferred to the Radio Telephone Station on 21st August 1963. In recognition of her services to Camp Communications Edith was awarded the B.E.M. in the New Year's Honours List. The end of Radio Edith is the end of an era and we wish Edith a long and happy retirement.

September 20th. A statement was issued by the Government stating that it was proposed that the Colony should give a wedding present to Princess Anne and Captain Mark Phillips. In view of the couple's interest and proficiency in horseriding, and the superb quality of locally made horse gear, the proposal has been made that the gift be a piece or pieces of Falkland Islands horse gear with the makers name attached. The Government called for the submission of suitable items to the Secretariat.

September 28th. A 'Dance with a Difference' was held very successfully in the Town Hall attended by 250-300 people. Organised by Messrs Robert Rowlands and Harry Ford it featured many old time type dances such as the Valeta, Boston Two-Step, etc. Ye olde type 78 records were dug out to provide music together with 'live' Rowlands Ragtime Band featuring Owen McPhee (accordion), Jim Lellman and Jim Peck (violins), Jim Ford (drums) and Harry Ford (devils fiddle).

September 28th. The Boys' Brigade reported that Allan Middleton and Derek Clarke passed their examinations for the Communications Badge with almost maximum marks. Well done.

END OF AN ERA:

(W.R. Luxton)

Friday the 14th September was a sad day for all the people of Chartres and indeed for the West Falkland, for on that day Mrs Jane Mcaskill left the West Falkland to go and live in Stanley after having spent all her life since she was born in 1892 on the West and the last sixty-two years at Chartres. Her name may sound a bit strange, because for as many years as most of us can remember she has always been known to everybody just as Mrs Mac.

Mrs Mac was born at Leicester Creek house in the year 1892, and was one of ten children - three girls and seven boys. She spent her childhood years there but remembers visiting Chartres when the settlement was still on the old site some five miles up the river from where it is now. She remembers visiting the old managers house where the remains of the foundation can still be seen among gorse hedges and gardens and at that time Mr Anson was still living there. Later on, when she was about fourteen she went to Roy Cove to work for Mrs Clement, mother of Mr Wickham Clement. Here she met her husband, Jack, who curiously enough, started work at Roy Cove on the same day as herself. Four years later, in 1911, on the 10th May, they were married and came to live at Goring House at Chartres where she has lived ever since. Surely this must be an all time record, 62 years in the same house. Sadly, in 1968 she lost her husband but has continued to live at Goring House since then.

There can be very few people on the West who have not met or spoken to Mrs Mac. Goring House is situated on the main North/South track and four telephone lines meet there. Ever since the line was erected she has acted as unofficial telephone operator, assisting people at all hours of the night sometimes, to get in touch with the Doctor at Fox Bay in emergencies. This long service to the community was recognised by Her Majesty the Queen in the time of Governor Arrowsmith and Mrs Mac was presented with the British Empire Medal. In the opinion of the writer this was probably the most well deserved decoration that has ever come to the Islands. Governor Arrowsmith visited Chartres to present the medal where an appropriate ceremony was held, followed by a thoroughly enjoyable dance with many visitors.

As Goring House was situated right on the main track, everyone who passed always called in for smoko. In the old days it was a welcome break for both horses and riders and in later years following

the advent of the mechanical horse people still continued to call in. If one assumes that Mrs Mac served ten smokos on average a week and that is being conservative, because sometimes she has had over twenty visitors in one afternoon, and that everybody (as they usually did) had two cups of Mrs Mac's excellent tea, then during her time there she has served well over sixty thousand cups.

All the people of Chartres will miss Mrs Mac a great deal, and they and all her many other friends on the West will wish her all the best in her new life in Stanley. We look forward to seeing her come back for a visit before too long.

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BUSINESS NEWS:

There does not appear to be much business and financial news this month but we believe that the following is of interest.

Local Stores

We hear that the building of the Falkland & Speedwell Store (previously known as MacIntasney & Sedgewick) has been sold by Mr Reg. Davis to Mrs Molly Barnes. The stock has been retained and transferred to the Speedwell Store which was re-opened on 1st October. The Manager of the Speedwell Store is Mr Dave Ryan (ex Hill Cove) and the store is opening at present from 2.00 - 5.30 alternate afternoons. We understand that much old stock is being sold off at reduced prices and new stock being ordered. Some new stock arrived on the 6th October.

The proprietors of Kelvin Store and Joan Bound (Newsagency) report that they expect larger consignments of goods than usual to be received in the near future. Mr Terry Binnie has just returned from a buying expedition to the U.K. and Switzerland and Mr and Mrs Nap Bound from a similar expedition to U.K.

Tourism

Mr Lars Lindblad, together with Mrs Lindblad, was in the Colony from the 24th September to 1st October. Visits were made to Stanley friends and business people plus trips to New Island, West Point Island, Carcass Island and the Malo River. We understand that Mr Lindblad is interested in building some small lodges or hotels for tourists both on the West Falklands presumably on these islands and maybe on the East too. Somewhere like Bleaker Island looks a possibility. It could also be possible to base a small touring boat or two in the islands which could pick up the tourists and spend a week or two cruising around the Falklands to different places of interest. It is not likely that any developments will be clearly seen until the main airfield is under construction. We hear that an executive of Lindblad Travel will be visiting the Falklands in the near future, possibly in October or November. A clearer outline of the pattern of Mr Lindblad's future operations in the Islands will probably emerge during this visit. If an enlargement of Lindblad Travel activity does take place it is likely that a travel agency will be opened and possibly a local company formed too, although Lindblad Travel

has already a U.K. company which could be used.

New Island Preservation Co. Ltd report more definite bookings this summer from the United States.

We understand that some difficulty is being experienced in getting the white travel card in Buenos Aires by people wishing to travel here. It is said that applicants must be resident at least 2 days in Buenos Aires before the permit will be granted. We hope that this is not so for it would sabotage our tourist industry before it gets off the ground. If it is, then urgent measures must be taken to alter the procedure.

The extensions at the Upland Goose Hotel are still in process of being made. The result will be two extra bedrooms and three shower units. This will take accommodation up to about 28 beds. We have been given a copy of the excellent new brochure. It is of 4 pages in full colour and features pictures and information about the Falklands and the hotel.

Fencing Subsidy

We have been unable to obtain any detailed information about the allocation of the £50,000 to the farms. However we have been advised that over half the money has already been paid out.

Main Airfield

It is clear that this project is being taken more seriously in U.K. than by some people in the Falklands. Engineers from two British civil engineering firms 'Costains' and 'Johnstons' have visited the Colony to appraise the site. Tenders must be made in London by November 8th.

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REDISCOVERING FALKLANDS HISTORY:

Under the auspices of the Royal Marines detachment a 'dig' was organised during September at Saunders Island, West Falkland. Transport was provided by m.v. Forrest. The following is their report.

"Members of the excavations team included Sergeant Gill, Mr Ted Clapp and Marines Waton, Wilson, Seeley and Muir, and the divers were Captain Collins, Ken Halliday and Marine Rigby. A tented base was rigged inside the ruins of an old blockhouse and the first task was to identify the visible remains of the settlement at Port Egmont with a trace from an old book in Spanish which described the settlement as it was in 1766.

The largest building in the settlement was the governor's house, set on a hill, and now consisting of low earth covered mounds. Nothing now remains of a 6 canon stockade close to the house but the numerous outhouses and smaller buildings which formed part of the settlement can still be identified by low stone walls and chimney pieces some of which are still partly standing. The team concentrated on clearing two of these smaller buildings and succeeded in laying bare the floors, fireplaces and inside walls to the extent where they will be of interest to any visitor. Using a mine detector, a large number of objects were recovered, ranging from nails and chisels to a fine axehead and an old harpoon head. Many of the finds indicated that sealers had used the houses many years after the departure of the inhabitants of Port Egmont. In one place, so many small iron objects were found that it is possible that a forge once existed at that spot. The mine detector was then used to cover all the other ruins, but apart from the odd scrap of copper or iron, nothing of great interest was found. At the end of the dig, all the finds were laid out on card where they were found and photographed. They are now to be examined by John Smith and then offered to the town museum for possible exhibition. None of the articles found will be kept by either the Royal Marines or Saunders Settlement. The divers set up a diving workshop in the wool shed and started by examining the seabed for any rubbish or remains deposited by ships visiting Port Egmont. The dives were interesting and often very spectacular, but nothing whatsoever was found. This is probably due to the fact that sailing ships anchored quite some distance offshore in order to allow plenty of room

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ANIMAL TALES:WHALES

Mr Jock Lauder of Dunnose Head advises us of two whales sighted at the end of August. He believes they were Sperm Whales. We were told that the larger was about 80 feet long but as Sperm Whales do not usually exceed 60 feet perhaps we ought just to say it was very large. Both whales stayed for about 3 days. Killer whales were seen at Dunnose Head in February. We hope very much that whales will return in greater numbers. Please report sightings.

JEREMIAH THE MOUSE

We have reason to believe that there is an educated mouse at loose in Stanley. After being caught in the Forrester household (shame!) he was taken to Sunday School at the Tabernacle. He spent all next day at Stanley School. Unfortunately he escaped that evening. Perhaps all this learnin' was too much for him!

BLUE CATS

It is evident, particularly in the Camp, that a few of the cats have a Persian somewhere in their ancestry. Does anyone know when a Persian cat was introduced into the Islands?

THOSE EGGS

A recent Snippets item on the radio mentioned that the Darwin School incubator was working and that 60 chicks were expected. We can now reveal the whole sad story. Out of the batch only one chick emerged - which died after 3 days. Evidently a vital part which controls the temperature inside the incubator is not working. As a result the eggs were in turn cooked and frozen!

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for manoeuvre and that all remains are scattered over a wide area.

Two days were spent diving on the wreck of an old sealer close in on the beach near Saunders Settlement. The identity and date of the wreck are unknown but it is thought that she is at least 200 years old. This is supported by the fact that she is fastened entirely with copper. The stern post of the ship was loosened with a small charge of plastic explosive and it was then removed and left in the settlement.

The kindness and help which the detachment received from Tony Pole-Evans and all those at the settlement was quite remarkable and will not be forgotten. Very many thanks are due."

KALEIDOSCOPE:

What is believed to have been the first organised concert to be held on the West Falkland was a great success in the hall at Fox Bay West on Saturday 15th September. Visitors arrived from Stanley on the Friday before, and from Chartres, Port Howard and far away Port Stephens during the Saturday. The Stephens visitors had a 13 hour trip to get to Fox Bay.

Kaleidoscope started at 8.30 and continued until 11.00 with a coffee break midway. A dance followed and although due to finish at 2.00 a.m. it finally came to an end at 3.45.

Many well known Stanley entertainers appeared including Greg and Tina Edwards, John Simmons, Tim and Vicky Winteringham, Derek and Catriona Cox, Tony Gibbons and Patrick Watts. It was also pleasant to see Campers taking part. From Fox Bay Dennis Summers, Dave Pateman, Gil Giles and Tony Chaeter added their talent to the show. Also we must not forget Gina and Mandy who gained tremendous applause for their act. Another Wester to step forward was Mike Biggs from Port Howard. The audience was loud and vocal in expressing its appreciation. One count gave the audience as 65 and later a count of everyone present gave the figure of 93 - these numbers were much higher than anticipated, always an encouragement to organisers and performers.

The dance had plenty of 'live' music provided by Charlie Maddocks on his accordion and by a hastily organised beat group.

The inspiration behind Kaleidoscope was Greg Edwards the new Book-keeper/Teacher at Fox Bay West. Everyone was grateful for his vision which has not dimmed yet. With so many entertainers present the opportunity was taken to discuss the possibility of a kind of touring Concert party. Maybe Campers in other parts have a treat in store too. There is also the hope that encouragement and help will be available to those whose standards are not yet high enough for them to perform.

STOP PRESS (8.10.73) SURFACE MAIL AT COMMODORE RIVADAVIA:

40 bags of surface mail (papers) arrived by today's Fokker Friendship together with the 1st class airmail missing from last week. If it appears that airmail delivery of the surface mail waiting at Commodore Rivadavia will not occur fairly soon then the Post Office will seek to make alternative arrangements for its delivery.

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READER'S LETTER:

Dear Sir,

As it seems Mr Pat Watts has all the answers concerning the darts at his fingertips, it might be a good idea for him to attend the next Annual General Meeting, then he could put his suggestions forward and tell us how the darts should be run and how it is to be worked out at the end, or perhaps get himself elected as Secretary or Chairman.

For some years now it has been hard to find a committee, due to lack of attendance at the Annual General Meeting, sometimes postponing the meeting until a later date. There are always too few interested until it comes time for criticizing. It can be seen in the records that as many as 119 players have entered the League, but as few as 17 to 20 attending the Annual General Meeting but in the end we find someone who is willing to do their best, this involves a lot of one's time.

Mr Watts must have got carried away a little as there is no mention of the Challenge Shield, these winners are also excluded from the Police Medals. This event however was won by the Rose 'B' as recorded by the Darts League.

Yours faithfully,
A.F. Alazia.

SPORTS REPORT - edited by Patrick Watts.

In reply to A.F. Alazia's letter I would like to say the following:-

1. I am not condemning the Darts League, who generally run an efficient League, I was suggesting a change of system in their averaging method.
2. I have only played League darts for one season during the last five (and that as a reserve) because of lack of time during the winter months, hence my non-appearance at the Annual General Meeting in recent years.
3. Because of lack of space in the last issue it was not possible to give the Challenge Shield results. They will be found elsewhere in this section.

Darts News

An interesting match took place recently in the Upland Goose

when Cyril Betts team of ex-Stanley Arms players (champions many years ago) defeated the 1973 Kendall Cup winners 'Snippets'. It was ironic that in the deciding game Cyril Betts defeated his son Terry (captain of Snippets) by 2-0.

San Carlos darts season ended with Charlie Alazia coming out top in the scores of '100 and over' with a total of 32. Patrick Berntsen had 31 and Bill Middleton 27. Keith Heathman apart from winning £7.20 in all competitions, had the most 3 dart finishes with 14. Charlie Alazia scored 13 and Bill Middleton 8.

Stanley Darts League

In the Challenge Shield competition, where teams who fail to qualify for the Kendall Cup compete, the Rose 'B' were the winners with 16 points. Blue Pig 'A' with 10 points were the runners-up. The Globe Wanderers and Victory Tigers tied for third place with 6 points each.

September is always a slack month for sport in Stanley. The darts season has finished and the football season is not yet under way. The football field has been getting a face-lift, with a large amount of re-turfing being accomplished. The goal-mouths on the top and bottom fields have been repaired. The concrete cricket pitch which divided the two fields has been removed, and turf has been laid in its place. This will increase the size of the soccer field by some six yards. I understand it is planned to re-site the field, with the new centre-spot being somewhere in the region of the old cricket pitch. This will mean just the one football field of course. This should give the four newly turfed old goal-mouths ample opportunity to grow again. The Chairman, Mr Terry Peck, tells me that he hopes to have the Football League's Annual General Meeting during the middle of October and that he hopes football will start around the end of October.

Cricket players who may be alarmed at the thought of the cricket pitch disappearing may like to know that it is intended to play on a turf wicket this season. I understand that this was unsuccessful in the past because the peaty nature of the soil in the Falklands tended to make the wicket 'break up'. However, the matting cover, formerly used on the concrete pitch, may solve this problem if laid on the turf.

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Bridge Drive

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THE WEATHER:

	<u>Apr.</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Aug.</u>
Ave. Wind Speed Knots	14.7	14.0	13.6	12.9	19.0
Hrs. Gale Force	1	6	17	6	30
Hrs. Wind 10 Knots or Less	231	266	289	302	104
Ave. Temp. (Cent.)	5.6	4.0	2.2	1.8	2.7
Highest Temperature	14.2	10.5	8.9	8.1	11.5
Lowest Temperature	-1.3	-2.7	-5.5	-5.7	-3.3
Rainfall mm.	95.9	36.6	57.8	31.2	37.2
Ave. Daily Sunshine Hours	3.7	2.2	1.6	1.9	4.0
Ground Frost - Times	14	19	24	26	29

Features of the August weather: an exceptionally windy month although the maximum was only 56 knots. The total hours of sunshine was only exceeded for August in 1971 (ave. 4.3 hours). Maximum temperatures were rather higher than average and minimum rather lower. Ground frost on 29 days contrasts with the August average of 21 days.

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<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Overseas</u>	
17th May	Denis Beardmore in Buxton England.	
19th May	Mrs Jessie Ann Skilling in Buenos Aires.	aged 68.
19th Aug.	Hugh Hanning (married Ida Lanning) in Sydney, Australia.	aged 66.
6th Sept.	Henry Thomas Hatchman (married Sybel Skilling) at Newbury, Berkshire, England.	aged 71.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS:

"We rejoice with those who rejoice and mourn with those who mourn".

Birthsat K.E.M. Hospital

27th Aug.	Mr & Mrs E. Milner	son	James Richard (7 lb 10 oz)
3rd Sept.	Mr & Mrs A. Smith (Linda Howatt)	daughter	Lisa Margaret (8 lb 2 oz)
6th Sept.	Mr & Mrs T.J. Clarke (Fiona Bonner)	daughter	Anneliese Rose (7 lb 7 oz)
15th Sept.	Mr & Mrs John Ford (Hazel McLeod)	son	Jonathan (8 lb 14 oz)
22nd Sept.	Mr & Mrs D. Hardy	daughter	Corrina Frances (7 lb 1 oz)
29th Sept.	Mr & Mrs T. Clifton (Doreen Davis)	daughter	Marie (7 lb 10 oz)
30th Sept.	Mr & Mrs S.K. Sinclair (Celia Turner)	daughter	Serena Samantha (7 lb 14 oz)
3rd Oct.	Mr & Mrs G. Findlay (Carrie Milne)	daughter	Margo Jane (8 lb 1 oz)
9th Oct.	Mr & Mrs D. Hurst (Una Madlocks)	daughter	Angela Jane (6 lb 14 oz)

Overseas

5th Sept.	Mr & Mrs David Petrie, Cambridge, England, a son, (7 lb. 7 oz).
13th Sept.	Mr & Mrs Helms, New Zealand (Valerie Reive), a daughter, Natasha Deann.
15th Sept.	Mr & Mrs Lewis Hall, New Zealand, a son.

MarriagesOverseas

17th Aug.	Owen May and Angela Clarke at Brentwood, Essex, England. Bridesmaids - Petula Clarke and Bonnie Bonner. Best man - David Hardy. (All wedding party are Falkland Islanders).
15th Sept.	Gary Hallett and June May at Portsmouth, England.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK:

"They don't want us". The Honourable Mr Adrian Monk's speech at the Legislative Council meeting was the only declared opposition or reservations concerning the Falkland Islands Government's proposal to give the Argentine state oil company Y.P.F. the monopoly of supply to this Colony (see REVIEW). Probably other members silence should not be interpreted as enthusiasm for the project.

However to the main point. People overseas should realise that the majority of residents in the Falklands assume that "they don't want us", 'they' being the British Government. Throughout

the islands there is growing a general distrust of the British Government. Perhaps this is what they want, who can tell? We must assume that the British Government want this impression to come over otherwise they would put their public relations chaps on to the job of reversing it. Of course the best form of good publicity is promises kept. Here Argentina shows up very well. Britain shows up poorly. Argentina promised a weekly air service and it is in operation and has now been so for a year. Britain promised a sea connection with the mainland - and we are now told that the 1971 agreement doesn't mean what it quite plainly says and that there will be no sea service unless the Falklands pays for it. Can anyone wonder that some people are sceptical about the promised permanent airfield from Britain? We hope it is falsely based scepticism.

Of course the issue is not just fuel supplies. Falkland Island children now go in increasing numbers to Argentina schools for education, which of course involves indoctrination in the Argentine way of life. People cannot enter or leave the islands without the consent of the Argentine Government Airline. And now it is proposed to put our fuel supplies in the hands of our Argentine neighbours.

We wish to point out for consideration what we think is the key issue that should be clearly understood. By continually accepting these generous handouts we will be losing our credibility with the British Parliament and Public and the world at large including the United Nations. In other words they won't take seriously our desire to remain under the Union Jack. If Cuba handed over its higher education, external passenger and mail communications and fuel supplies to the U.S.A., would we take seriously statements that they wished to remain outside of the United States? Or if Gibraltar handed them over to Spain would we take them seriously? If we keep on taking handouts from Argentina, however well intentioned they may be, in the end NO-ONE WILL TAKE US SERIOUSLY.

Opinions. One of the dangers of having a column like this is the danger of pontificating on every subject available. Thus we confine ourselves to one major subject this month - and one of absorbing interest to all of us. Constant travel throughout the islands is a useful means of keeping in touch. We hope as a result, not just to reflect editorial opinion, but also to re-

flect feeling and sentiment throughout the Colony. If however you disagree with anything or have a point to make - then send a letter. We will be pleased to hear from you.

Thanks. A newspaper depends on news! We wish to thank His Excellency the Governor, Mr E.G. Lewis; many government employees plus local firms and individuals who have aided us this month. Many have been very generous of their time and this has been a great help. The profusion of news means that we have had to "stretch" the TIMES this month even though so much was left out that we wished to include.

Next Month. We intend to make the December issue of the Falkland Islands TIMES a bumper Christmas Issue. A picture for children to colour; a quiz and a competition. There will be the second half of the interview with His Excellency the Governor. Also at the festive season we will be publishing the results of an investigation into allowances, grants and concessions available to elderly and needy people. Make sure you get your copy. Why not send off a subscription to a friend or relative overseas using the form opposite page 12? The more copies sold means the more resources to produce a better paper.

YOUR VEGETABLE GARDEN:

Ho!. Ho! Ho! No we are not making gardening a laughing matter but giving the best advice possible. For the next few months the hoe will play an important part in your vegetable garden. To stop weeds getting control over your precious vegetables and 'eating' their food hoe, hoe, hoe. Aim to get the hoe just under the surface of the soil. If your hoe is sharp, as it should be, the weeds will be beheaded and die off in the sun.

All potatoes should be planted by the middle of the month. Swede seeds by middle to end of month will provide a useful vegetable for next winter. Transplant out hardened off lettuce, cauliflower and cabbage. Stake peas and beans. Celery and leek trenches should be well manured at the bottom and plants, if large enough, may be transferred there.

Finally if your cabbages start throwing up flower stems instead of heartening up try this tip. With a sharp knife cut into the stem, just above the ground, downwards to the middle.

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REVIEW - a look at some of the events of our TIMES.

September 29th & 30th. Darwin Boarding School reported their first camping trip of the season. 10 boys and the headmaster Mr Peter Trevelyan spent a tiring weekend getting things ready for the summer at the school caravan by the Wickham Heights.

October 1st. A bag of airmail letters failed to arrive today causing much speculation and consternation.

October 1st. Rev. Robin Forrester (United Free Church) returned to Stanley from a Camp Visitation to Dunnose Head, Port Stephens and Goose Green including Darwin School. Services and meetings were held.

October 3rd. Dundee, Perth and London Securities Ltd. owners of the Falkland Islands Co. Ltd, announced a proposed merger with Charrington, Gardner, Locket & Co. Ltd. The Directors of D.P. & L. announced that support for the merger (takeover?) had already been received from 30.7% of the shareholders of D.P. & L.

October 7th. Another expedition from Darwin School returned none happy after a weekend expedition led by V.S.O. teacher Mr Ian Roadhead. An adventurous weekend due to a grass fire which threatened to engulf the caravan. A camp was made a safe distance away and investigations the next day showed that the caravan was undamaged, apparently a wind change altered the direction of the fire a mere 200 yards away.

October 8th. The missing bag of airmail turned up together with another 40 bags of the surface mail marooned in Commodore Rivadavia.

October 10th. His Excellency the Acting Governor, Mr T.H. Layng returned to Stanley from a tour of west Falkland. Accompanied by Secretariat clerk Peter King he drove his land rover from Fox Bay East to Port Howard, then to Hill Cove, then to Roy Cove, and Chartres, then back to Fox Bay West and finally down to Port Stephens. Question and answer sessions were held at most overnight stops.

October 12th. The Government announced that overseas scholarships have been awarded to Fiona Clements, eldest child of Mr & Mrs R.D. Clements and to Derek Pettersson eldest child of Mr & Mrs T. Pettersson, both of Stanley. Fiona expects to go to Dorset, England in September 1974 and Derek to the

British Schools, Montevideo, Uruguay in March next year. Our hearty congratulations to both.

October 18th. Rev. Robin Forrester returned from a brief visitation trip to the people of West Point Island and Weddell Island.

October 19th. 'Dhome' the local music group held a dance in the Town Hall.

October 22nd. His Excellency the Governor and Mrs Lewis arrived back in Stanley after their leave in Europe.

October 22nd. m.v. Annette Danielson arrived this afternoon from London via Mar del Plata. The Annette Danielson is a new ship and this was her first commercial voyage. (She is expected to arrive back in U.K. at the end of November and sail from U.K. for Mar del Plata and Stanley arriving Stanley about 7th January).

October 25th. A short session of Legislative Council was held in the Court and Council Chamber. In his opening brief speech His Excellency the Governor said that he and Mrs Lewis were pleased to be back from leave and sent greetings to friends in Stanley and Camp. He said that he had had an audience of Her Majesty the Queen who follows our progress closely. He also met many ex residents or visitors.

The reason for the meeting was to consider legislation to give power to the Governor-in-Council to control the importation of oil products. The Chief Secretary, in moving the motion, said that a contract was being negotiated for Y.P.F. (the Argentine State Oil Co) to build and operate a bulk storage plant for the retailing of fuel in the Falklands. Primarily petrol and gas oil and possibly aviation spirit, kerosene and lubricants. He said that the installation would cost over £400,000 and that "no British company has been prepared to put this investment into the Colony". He said that the government had been trying to interest an oil company in setting up a bulk installation for the past 18 months or so. Apparently only Y.P.F. was interested and they wanted a monopoly to make the investment worthwhile - hence the legislation. Mr Layng also advised that sovereignty safeguards had been written into the contract and that it was terminable at 6 months notice from the end of 1974. He said that it was expected that the effect of bulk storage would be to reduce the price of petrol from 80+p per gallon to 30+p per gallon.

The Honourable Adrian Monk in explaining why he would not vote for the legislation, but rather abstain said that he felt the move demonstrated that the British Government did not want the Falklands. He explained that he thought that the British Government could have built the installation and serviced it by an annual visit from a Royal Fleet Auxiliary tanker. The bill was passed.

On the adjournment motion the Honourable L.G. 'Tim' Blake referred to the decision to abolish the post of resident doctor at Fox Bay. He expressed the view that people might move from the West Falkland as a result. He hoped that "we would not live to regret it".

October 26th. The Explorers, the Junior Section of the Girls' Brigade, held a display for their parents in the Parish Hall. On show was handiwork completed during the winter. Mrs H. Luxton and Mrs T. Pettersson were thanked for their help in teaching the girls. Prizes for hard work were presented to Pauline Biggs, Haley Bowles and Natalie McPhee. The event finished with a children's tea and games.

October 27th. The Girls' Brigade held a party in the Parish Hall. The main event was to say 'goodbye' to the Lieutenant, Miss Shirley Hirtle who is credited with being the mainstay of Stanley Girls' Brigade for some years. The Girls' Brigade Captain Mrs G. Malcolm gave a speech of thanks and presented a set of crested tea spoons on behalf of the Company.

October 27th. A lively dance was held at Port Stephens. 'Musicians' were Charlie Jones (radiogram!), Fred Newman on accordion and Michael, James and Leon on guitar, drums and 'voice' respectively. The excuse for the dance was the visit home of Miss Linda Dickson now a nurse at the K.E.M. Hospital.

October 29th. Canon P. Helyer (Christ Church Cathedral) concluded a longish Camp trip to Fox Bay East & West, Goose Green, San Carlos (including Port Sussex house) and Salvador (including La Rhonda). Services and Infant Baptisms were held.

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Nations and so on. It might be a personal matter for the Governor. They consult governors regularly on all sorts of major questions and they will stay here. Ordinary stuff goes down there. That is in effect what it is. One also keeps an eye on defence matters and the British Antarctic Territory and anything else affecting us in this area.

RF: Thank you, that's very interesting.

(Next month: Local matters and politics).

PART I OF AN INTERVIEW BY THE EDITOR WITH HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR OF THE FALKLANDS, MR E.G. LEWIS, C.M.G., O.B.E.

Robin Forrester: Your Excellency. Welcome back.

His Excellency: Thank you.

RF: Could you give some outline of where you travelled to on your leave please?

HE: Certainly. We are fortunate having a flat in London so that for quite a bit of the time we stayed in London and I was available then for consultations in the office, and also used that as a base to meet friends. Of course we travelled to visit various friends in England, the Lake District and other parts, and then the main part of our leave was spent in Spain at Marbella a resort on the Spanish coast up from Algeciras which has now become extremely fashionable. Marbella only a decade or two ago used to be just a small fishing village but now it's got tremendous golf courses, and yacht harbours and it's become the playground of the rich. We stayed with friends who have a villa on the golf course and swimming pool. With the sea on one side and the mountains coming up into the Sierras behind, it's quite beautiful.

RF: Is it very hot or a mild climate?

HE: Very hot, it was in August. But of course it's been such a marvellous summer in England that I think it was hotter in London at one stage than what it was in Marbella. We left Marbella and went up to Jabea, again in Spain, and stayed there with friends, very old family friends. That's where we met all sorts of Falkland Islanders including Dr Slessor. It's on a beautiful peninsula near Denia, rather an attractive Spanish fishing port and here again this has been developed quite recently. In amongst the pine trees; beautiful promontories and all sorts of people are retired there or have their second homes there.

RF: Is it a holiday resort as such?

HE: It is a holiday resort as such and people go there from all over Europe these days, and it's the wealthy French and Germans and others that are there. In August I suppose every second car one saw had a French licence plate on it. Then we returned to England and for the most part of September until I came back in October we had continuing meetings in the office and so on, also paying short visits to friends in Europe and in England.

RF: Do you regard your home as England or as New Zealand?

HE: It's a very difficult question. I still have large numbers of relatives in New Zealand including brothers and sisters but now I suppose because I've been in the service so long my home would be regarded as in England rather than N.Z. - although I maintain very close ties with N.Z. I think that England has now the greater pull -

put it that way.

RF: Did you join the Foreign Service in New Zealand or in Britain?

HE: I joined the Colonial Service at the end of the war. In the early days of the post-war era they tried to make the Colonial problem a Commonwealth problem and therefore they recruited from New Zealand Universities, they recruited from Canadian Universities and from Australian Universities so that N.Z. always had a large number of people in the Colonial Service. Many, including Lord Grey, who has just finished in Ireland, to mention one who I served under in Nigeria when he was Colonial Secretary came from New Zealand. I retired from the Colonial Service in 1962 because Nigeria then became independent. I didn't retire with any sense of regret. We felt that we had done a good job and if Africans could take care of things we felt it was a task completed.

RF: You deliberately worked yourselves out of a job, in fact?

HE: Yes. But I went out of one door and in the other door. I went out of the Colonial Service door and into the Commonwealth Relations Office. Then I went to Pakistan and came back, and had 3 or 4 years in the office by which time it had become the F.C.O., the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. Then I went to the Far East and I was in the Far East when I received the 'call', as they say in the church, to come to the Falklands!

RF: Do you have any children, please?

HE: No, we haven't.

RF: So your brothers and sisters in New Zealand are your main family?

HE: Yes, that's correct.

RF: Thank you. Could you tell us now about your audience with the Queen, what actually happened?

HE: We were at one of the garden parties which the Queen holds and then towards the end of the garden party the Queen and Prince Philip received one or two people from overseas, Sir Alec Douglas-Horne the Foreign Secretary was there, and we had a very interesting talk to them both. The Queen takes a great interest in the islands. Prince Philip, of course, has been down also into the Antarctic. They are aware of the difficulties and problems. The Queen is extremely well informed on all matters. She's been Queen now for quite a considerable period and people are inclined to forget that she probably knows more about world problems than most politicians do. Apart from what she gets from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office she has her own advisers so she is very, very well informed indeed. This is I think a very good thing and she takes a personal interest in her dependent territories particularly. I think sometimes one would be surprised at how closely she looks into such matters as stamp issues and things like that. And very properly too, a likeness of her head appears on them. This was a very good

opportunity and she had been very pleased by seeing at an investiture previously, Monsignor Ireland and Dr Ashmore.

RF: She remembered that did she, that's very good isn't it?

HE: Yes.

RF: That's very pleasing. Thank you. I sometimes wonder whether good knowledge of a place is a good sign or a bad sign. If people know very little it could mean they are letting well alone. Do you interpret it as a good sign?

HE: I think it's a good sign. There is no substitute for knowledge about a place and the Queen sees all the despatches that are sent in by her Ambassadors and by her Governors and so on. She's very well informed and of course she's travelled greatly throughout the Commonwealth, she's a tremendously charming and lively personality.

RF: Thank you. Perhaps we can switch to a bit nearer home. People often ask me, "what does the Governor actually do". There is a Governor here, a Chief Secretary and his staff, could you tell me please what you consider the role of the Governor to be in a place like the Falkland Islands?

HE: It's a valid question. You might say, 'what does the Chief Secretary do?'. What does anybody do but one is appointed by the Queen to try and show that there is a good administration in her domains and everything affecting policy, of course, does end up on my desk, or quite often is initiated from my desk. And the Governor is at the top of the pyramid as far as the administration is concerned.

RF: Do you represent the Queen and the British Government?

HE: I represent the Queen, yes.

RF: And the British Government as well, or would you say you are mainly the Queen's representative..

HE: I'm appointed by Warrant by the Queen, put it that way, and we are a colony and therefore we are directly Her Majesty's Government's responsibility. As such I represent Her Majesty's Government, I'm their agent here. We're getting at problems like that of the United Nations, this must all be done with a view to Her Majesty's Government's interests as well as the Colony's interests. I can't go into details here but all the cypher traffic that comes in here on all sorts of matters is all handled in this office. All cypher traffic comes to the Private Secretary's Office.

RF: It comes to you first?

HE: Oh yes, the lot!

RF: It is then transferred to the Secretariat?

HE: Some of it goes down, items which are to me personally stay here.

There are certain things maybe where they want my opinion as Governor on certain international matters or things like that, on the United

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OVERSEAS SUBSCRIPTIONS

When the overseas subscriptions were calculated in August a mistake in the weighing of the paper means that under the rates advertised airmail subscriptions make a loss and surface mail just break even. Obviously this cannot continue and thus subscriptions will in future be accepted at the following rates:

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Stanley Sports Association Annual General Meeting

The above association held its Annual General Meeting at 8.30 p.m. on Wednesday November 7th. There are some changes in the Committee. Mr H. Milne and Mr F. Reive take over the Treasurer's job, replacing Mr S. Miller and Mr D. Barton.

P. Watts takes over the Communications in place of Mr C. Reive. As yet no one has taken the post of Totalisator, to replace Mr E.C. Gutteridge, but it is hoped to have some arrangement made very soon.

The races will be held at the Race Course on the 26th and 27th December.

Some other matters from the meeting:- The cups for the foot events have not arrived and will not be received in time for this year's events. Suitable cash prizes will however, be given.

The Sponsorship for the prizes to the 'Johnnie Walker Plate' has been withdrawn, so this race has been taken out of the programme. However, the Secretary, Mr T. Spruce tells me that it is hoped to have a new sponsor, David Smith & Co. Ltd, Wool Manufacturers of Bradford. The jockeys at the meeting said they hoped the distance for the new race would be 600 yards - the same distance as the Johnnie Walker Plate.

Donation:- The meeting agreed to the association presenting the Working Men's Social Club with £25. for the Children's Sports Fund.

Imported Horses:- Mr N. Watson gave a resumé of the work done by the sub-committee in connection with the Argentine horses, since the two stallions and four mares arrived in the Islands. One stallion 'Sudan Grass' is at North Arm for a period of two years. The other stallion 'Don Geronimo' should be coming into Stanley in the near future after wintering on Hog Island at Port Louis. The four mares are all being looked after at various places. One is at Long Island another at Island Harbour, and a third at San Carlos. I understand the fourth is at North Arm.

The six horses all appear to be in good health, which is encouraging news. It would be nice to be able to say the same about the Annual General Meeting of the Stanley Sports, but with an attendance of only 9, plus the 4 'officials' it was indeed a disappointing turn out. With the arrival of 'new blood' for future race meetings, plus the energy and work put into organizing the Christmas Sports, by the Chairman and his Committee, the A.C.M. surely warranted a larger public attendance than it received.

SPORTS REPORT

- Edited by Patrick Watts.

The 1973/74 local soccer season has started. The appeal for persons who were interested in playing football, brought an unexpectedly high total of 57. Of this total 23 are Royal Marines. However it is encouraging to note that nine 16 year olds or under have registered. The Committee held their selection meeting and picked the following teams.

RED SOX: B. Ford, G. Hamilton, P. Shuttleworth, J. Farrow, M.

Luxton, G. Wilson, G. Robson, T. Betts, J. Lee (Capt), P.

Sealey, W. Bowles, O. Monaciel, G. McKay, S. Jaffray, R. Evans,

A. Mendoza, D. Collins, G. Johnson, B. Hewitt.

MUSTANGS: T. Peck, R. Cave, T. Gibbons, R. Peat, R. Summers,

P. Weaver, I. McPhee, T. McPhee, R. Betts (Capt), A. Foster,

R. Felton, P. Watts, D. Allen, T. Allen, C. Muir, M. McKenna,

J. Simmons, T. McCallum, J. Wallace.

RANGERS: Syd Smith, G. Edwards, M. Scholes, A. Taylor, Terry

Summers, A. Waton, L. Biggs, B. Morrison, V. Steen (Capt),

F. Palmer, J. Stephenson, Pirrola (YPF), R. Triggs, P. Peck,

K. Gill, G. Frank, M. Coop, G. Hewitt, I. Cantlie.

Without knowing too much about the standards of all the selected players, it would appear that Redsox and Mustangs are evenly matched, but that Rangers are somewhat weaker. Their absence of a top class goal-keeper probably weakens their defence a little. Redsox seem to be strong in all departments and should be a hard team to beat. However, the 'experts' usually find their ideas cruelly distorted before the season is very old, and this season could prove no exception.

The first League fixture was played on Wednesday the 7th November, when Mustangs and Rangers played out a scrappy 1-1 draw. A swirling wind did not help the players, some of whom were undoubtedly suffering from early season stiffness. With Mustangs kicking with the wind most of the first half play was conducted in Rangers half, but Mustangs did not take advantage of the conditions, and apart from a fierce shot from Cave, which Franks in the Rangers goal superbly saved, it was mostly a case of missed chances. Rangers looked dangerous in breakaways, but for some erratic shooting by Gill, could have turned around at half time with a lead, instead of the goal-less situation.

It appeared during the second half that neither forward line were sufficiently well equipped to score, and as it turned out,

both goals scored came from defensive errors.

Rangers centre-half Edwards, and goal-keeper Franks, both failed to control a bouncing ball, and Mustangs Cave was quick to seize the opportunity to run in and place the ball in the empty net. With Biggs taking control of the mid-field for Rangers, but being unable to turn his play into goals it was left to Mustangs defence to present Rangers with their equaliser. Peck the goal-keeper mishit a goal kick to the feet of Rangers Scholes, who advanced a few steps before placing the ball into the net.

Generally the game was untidy, and several unpenalised fouls, some of a technical variety and others such as faulty throw-ins etc, did not help matters. On the form of these two teams Reilox will not have much to beat in the next two matches. The referee was Mr N. Watson, with linesmen T. Betts and H. Taylor.

On Sunday the 5th November, a Stanley eleven easily beat the John Biscoe by 14 goals to 2, Les Biggs being top scorer with 5. As the score would indicate the Stanley team was far too strong, but both teams enjoyed the afternoon's run around.

1st Shield Match - Stanley v. H.M.S. Endurance

On Saturday afternoon the 10th November, Stanley defeated the Endurance by 3 goals to 2 in the 1st match of this season's series. Although not as exciting as some matches of the past, it was closely contested, and a fair amount of good football was in evidence. The Stanley eleven strengthened by the inclusion of five Royal Marines - Edwards the Captain, Hamilton, Gibbons, Shuttleworth and Cave - obviously would have been hard pressed without them. However, undoubtedly the man of the match was Stanley's Les Biggs who apart from scoring two goals, promoted many attacks from mid-field and generally made his mark during the 90 minutes.

Endurance opened the scoring after just 6 minutes when Burgess, headed in after a bad mistake by right back Steen. Stanley hit back quickly and 4 minutes later Gibbons hit a long centre-cum-shot which went over the goal-keeper's head, and went into the net off the far post. After 20 minutes Endurance went ahead again. Unfortunately, it was Steen who again made the error, and Skilling cleverly controlled the ball before hitting an unstoppable shot past Peck. Steen was obviously not happy at right back and his play improved 100 per cent in the second half when

he swapped positions with Lee. Stanley hit back again quickly, when Biggs beat three men in a 10 yard dribble to slot the ball past the Endurance goalie.

In the 37th minute Endurance almost scored again, but Stanley were saved by Steen kicking the ball off the line with the goal-keeper beaten. The half-time score was 2-2.

Early play in the 2nd half was quiet with neither team being able to take control. After 20 minutes play Stanley went ahead for the first time. Lee raced up field and unchallenged slipped a good ball through to Biggs. Again Biggs showed his skill, sending two men the wrong way before putting his shot just inside the post. Betts nearly increased the score when he deflected a Hamilton cross just over the bar from an awkward position. Late in the game with Endurance trying hard to equalise Stanley's goalie Peck was brought upon to make several good saves, inised two of which he risked injury at the feet of oncoming forwards. The defence held out and at the end of 90 minutes the final score was Stanley 3 Endurance 2. The referee was Mr John Farrow.

Generally Stanley played well, and probably had more mid-field possession than for many matches. Hamilton, Gibbons and Shuttleworth playing well in this department. At the back Edwards looked very secure, Lee also playing well, as did goal-keeper Peck. Stanley substituted R. Betts for Stephenson at half time.

Stanley's team was: T. Peck, J. Lee, V. Steen, T. Gibbons, G. Edwards (Capt), J. Stephenson (sub. R. Betts), R. Cave, G. Hamilton, P. Shuttleworth, L. Biggs, T. Betts.

Cricket

The cricket season began on Friday evening the 9th November, when about 12 players braved the strong winds, to participate in a single-wicket competition. The series was played in a light-hearted manner, with the main idea being a bit of practise before the more serious matches. Petty Officer Edwards from Moody Brook was the winner, with Marine Franks being runner-up. The experiment of playing on the turf covered by matting proved reasonably successful, and should help the slow bowler, much more than the old pitch of concrete. It was noticeable that less 'bounce' was gained from this new wicket, and batsmen had more time to play their strokes.

LETTERS:

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Dear Sir,

I am compiling an article on the Falkland Islands Volunteer Corps of 1892-1915 and the Falkland Islands Defence Force of 1915 to date, with especial emphasis on the uniforms worn by those units, for the "Bulletin" of the Military Historical Society.

I was wondering if any of your readers could possibly help me, as information on the uniforms worn by these units, is rather scarce in Britain.

I am on the look out for photographs showing members of the F.I. Volunteer Corps in uniform prior to 1914, and members of the F.I. Defence Force in FULL DRESS. Great care would be taken of any material on loan, and the material would be returned as quickly as possible.

Information on distinctive designs of badges, buttons and shoulder titles would also be welcome.

Naturally full acknowledgement will be given for any information received.

Yours sincerely,
J.R. Williams.

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Visit of Touring Team

The Cricket Club are expecting a visit in early December from the San Martin Club (ex Pacific Railway Club) of Argentina. They intend playing cricket and golf during their week's stay and seemed prepared to participate in other activities that may be arranged.

Some of the members who are coming on the trip hold British passports, whilst others are of Brazilian and Uruguayan nationalities. There is an Argentine called Percy Clark who works for Transradio International. Two medical doctors, an auditor called Juan Moffat, and another named Ricardo Martin. The visitors have chartered an aircraft from L.A.D.E. and are due in Stanley on the 4th December returning on the 10th.

Mr Ted Clapp tells me that this is not a professional team or such like but are just a group of Club Members who would like to visit the Islands, and play some sport during their stay. It is hoped that an enjoyable series will ensue.

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HERE AND THERE:H.M.S. Endurance

In the Daily Telegraph magazine dated June 29th 1973 we spied a Royal Navy Recruiting Advert for officers. It occupied two pages and one column contained a picture of "Endurance" backed by snow and ice with the following enticing offer. "You could go to the Antarctic. H.M.S. Endurance goes there every year on the Ice Patrol. One of the main objects of the patrol is to chart the area, and to up-date charts. (Last year we found the old charts of Cape Horn were wrong by 3 miles). Apart from that, there are supplies to deliver to scientific expeditions on the ice-cap. There are good-will visits to be made to South American ports. And there's time to study the region's flora and fauna. You'd spend 5 months in the Antarctic, and most of the rest of the year preparing for the expedition. The ship's 15 officers include a doctor, a Royal Marine, and 2 helicopter pilots. Usually, they go on two tours. Not surprisingly, there's never any shortage of volunteers."

Christ Church Cathedral

Frost is apparently the cause of some surface brickwork falling from the tower of the Cathedral to the right of and above the main door. It is not known whether any of the surrounding brickwork has been similarly affected or whether there is danger of further falls. Canon Helyer advises that it is so high there is difficulty obtaining adequate scaffolding.

Sir Miles Clifford, K.B.E., C.M.G.

Another magazine advertisement is of local interest, this time in the July 1973 Readers Digest, U.K. Edition. "As the newly appointed Governor of the Falkland Islands, I was making my first voyage round my Antarctic Dependencies when the weather blew up; for 36 hours our little ship "Fitzroy", bucked like an untamed colt and I was virtually marooned in my cabin. A particularly violent heave dislodged a box of books above my head, and from its scattered contents I retrieved an old copy of Reader's Digest. In it I found the answer to one of my most pressing administrative problems - the need to improve communications and ease the appalling isolation of many of the Islanders. The Digest's account of the Royal Flying Doctor Service of

Australia gave me the idea I sought and, indeed, provided the direct inspiration for what was to become the Falkland Islands Government Air Service."

Private Flying

We are very grateful to Mr Robin Pitaluga agreeing to supply some information on his flying instruction and flying plans. The cost is not cheap but neither is it incredibly expensive being no more expensive than buying a reasonable second-hand land rover. Certainly most people without family commitments could save up and do it. Who's going to be next? He writes: "This was the realisation of an 18 year old ambition; plans to learn to fly and bring back an aeroplane in 1956 - enthusiastically aided and abetted by Jim Kerr and John Huckle, were thwarted by Government requiring that the aircraft be on floats if I wished to land in Stanley. Floats then, as now, make the aircraft and its operation too expensive and difficult for the private owner. The temporary airfield and the coming main one have removed this problem.

After 'shopping around' I decided to enrol with the King-Air Flying Club at Biggin Hill Aerodrome, Kent, which claims to be the best equipped and most modern of the many clubs operating there. Training is all done on Cessna 150 (two-seater) aircraft, of which they have four. The cost is £8.90 per hour including V.A.T.

I had my first lesson on the 30th May and went solo on the 20th June after 12 hours dual. My qualifying cross-country flight Biggin/Stapleford/Ipswich/Biggin took place on the 20th July. The General Flight Test was taken on the 27th but could not be completed because of deteriorating visibility. The G.F.T. was successfully completed on the 2nd August and the total time for both parts was 1 hour 50 minutes - the longest and most exacting part of the course and the examiner was the Club's Chief Flying Instructor. The same day, after completing the G.F.T. I started conversion on to the larger F.172 (4 seats). This was a brand new aeroplane of which the club had just taken delivery. Ground examinations, which consist of an oral test of knowledge on Theory of Flight and Air Frames and Engines, written papers on Navigation and Meteorology and Air Law were successfully taken at about this time and my licence came through in the first week of August. This is a basic P.P.L. and allows

me to fly single engined aircraft up to a maximum weight of 12,500 lbs. However, one has to be checked out on the different types and the fact recorded in the personal log book. My time at this point was just over 41 hours of which 10½ were solo. 40 hours are required for the issue of the licence. The cost at this point about £400 including road travel (Biggin Hill was 13 miles from our house) maps, books, computer and navigation equipment.

I am currently certified as capable of flying the Cessna 150 and F.172 and competent to carry passengers in these aircraft. Fortunately the comments of passengers are not recorded in the log book! A P.P.L. does not permit a pilot to carry passengers for gain or reward and passengers travel at their own risk and the pilot's expense.

During the few remaining weeks before we returned from leave, I was able to take Jene and the boys and members of her family for flights and also took some extra instruction on instrument flying, short field operation and cross wind handling. At about this time I also took the examination and practical test for the VHE/RT Licence which one must have once qualified. The Student Pilot's Licence permits use of the radio up to this point. All of this was thoroughly interesting and enjoyable and one of the most satisfying things I have ever done.

Now we are shopping around for an aeroplane. These are terribly expensive when new and we have virtually decided on a second-hand one with low hours. We have chosen the Cessna 172 as being the best suited to our needs and plan to use it for farm business, including inspections, as well as pleasure, and it will replace the faithful Roadless Rover for Stanley trips. We hope the project will be a social benefit to the farm enabling us to transport mail, stores, spares and films. We have no intention of competing with the Government Air Service even if my licence permitted it, which it does not, but friends and farm residents will be welcome to travel as passengers when opportunities occur and their nerve is up to the strain!

Finally may I, through the medium of your paper, record my appreciation of the help and advice so willingly given by the Chief Secretary and Superintendent of Civil Aviation, and several other people in and out of the Colony without which, I would have had no hope of getting off the ground."

Falkland Islands Government Air Service

Two U.K. Civil Aviation Authority experts visited the Colony from October 29th to November 12th. Capt. R.L.C. Branson and Mr Arthur O. Jones are both pilots with experience of air operations in many parts of the world. Both also have flying boat experience. Capt. Branson is a Flight Operations Inspector and Mr Jones an adviser on Operational Service Overseas. They are to submit a report on the operating procedures and standards of F.I.G.A.S., particularly in regard to procedures laid down in the Colonial Air Navigation Order. They expressed their gratitude at the marvellous hospitality shown to them on their visits.

7 Day Flying

The Government has announced that the Government Air Service will operate 7 days a week from November 1st to March 31st when necessary. This is said to be for the purpose of permitting easier access to holiday areas in the Camp, "in particular to allow those coming to the Colony for a week's holiday to spend more time outside Stanley".

Delayed Surface Mail

Through the kind intervention of Vice-Comodoro de la Colina it is expected that the remainder of the surface mail marooned in Comodoro Rivadavia will arrive by "Bahia Buen Suceso".

Education Policy

The Executive Council have decided that Spanish should be taught as a second language in Colony schools as soon as suitable staff could be recruited. It is worth pointing out that public opinion in favour of such a move has been expressed quite volubly in recent weeks. Of course Spanish is already taught at Darwin Boarding School.

Royal Wedding Gift

We understand no locally made riding gear was submitted for consideration for presentation to H.R.H. Princess Anne and Capt. Mark Phillips. Accordingly Standing Finance Committee has allocated 100 guineas and the princess will designate a charity or charities to receive this gift.

BUSINESS NEWS AND OPINION:

Falkland Trading Ltd. Progress is being made on the hiving off of F.I.C. Stanley and shipping interest to a local company. The main item of interest is that the new company F.T.L. will offer an invitation to the general public to subscribe for its shares. I am advised that applications will only be accepted from F.I. residents and those with a F.I. connection. The minimum is likely to be £50. Shareholders will, of course, then be able to have their say at a general meeting about the running of the West Store and Spares Dept., Butchery, Shipping, Travel, Insurance, Jetty and wharfage that will be transferred to F.T.L. Naturally small shareholders, with the consequent small voting power cannot expect to influence policy very much - unless very convincing facts are produced.

The F.I.C. will hold 46% of the voting shares and will not be able to enlarge its holding. F.I.C. will nominate 2 directors. It is expected that the manager will also be a director - the first is likely to be Mr. Alister Sloggie. The remaining two directors will be elected by the remaining shareholders. I understand that the S.O. already have 2 names in mind.

F.T.L. aims to pay 7½% to 10% dividend at the end of the first trading year. I am assured that employees rights will be safeguarded. F.T.L. aims to introduce some new services including a wholesale department which will supply farms and shops whether shareholders or not. It is hoped that offer documents will be available sometime in December. We will hold back our comments until these are available.

Tourism. The 1974/75 provisional brochure of Lindblad travel just published shows that it is intended that the Lindblad Explorer will visit the Falklands mid-Dec. '74 and early and late Jan and early Feb. 1975. Two applications for Tourism Development Loans have been granted for £3,000 and £2,000. Applications for the remaining £5,000 will be considered up to March '74. The Tourist Bureau has sent us a copy of a 12 page Guide to Stanley excellently printed by the Government Printing Office - including the maps. Incidentally, the centre map looks very like the duplicated one distributed to tourists by the Tabernacle last year.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS:

"We rejoice with those who rejoice and mourn with those who mourn".

BirthsAt K.E.M. Hospital

16th Oct.	Dr & Mrs F.C. Cox	son	Colin MacKenzie (8 lb)
23rd Oct.	Mr & Mrs V.R. Steen (Gail Blyth)	daughter	Karen Lucetta (8 lb 8 oz)
27th Oct.	Mr & Mrs R. Evans (Olwen 'Biffo' Pole-Evans)	son	Russell (6 lb 14 oz)
2nd Nov.	Mr & Mrs S. Berntsen (Jeanette Jaffray)	daughter	Sapphena Anya Jane (6 lb 9½ oz)
4th Nov.	Mr & Mrs G. Went	son	Christopher Graham (8 lb 5½ oz)
9th Nov.	Mr & Mrs D. Rozee (Betty Larsen)	son	Bryn Thomas (6 lb 9 oz)

Overseas

11th Oct.	Mr & Mrs C. Helyer of Peterborough, England, a daughter, Rachel Louisa Mary (6 lb 6 oz). A first grandchild for Canon and Mrs Helyer.		
7th Nov.	Mr & Mrs D. Luxton of Auckland, New Zealand, a daughter (6 lb 5 oz). David is a son of Mr & Mrs E. Luxton.		

MarriagesIn the Falklands

25th Oct.	Sydney Berntsen to Jeanette Berntsen at Port San Carlos.	
3rd Nov.	Melvyn Summers to Gloria Jane Goss at Teal Inlet.	

DeathsIn the Falklands

26th Oct.	Victor Horace Peck.	Age 68 years.
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Overseas

23rd Sept.	Steven Noah Kiddle in Manchester, England. Age 67 years.	
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The Editor and staff of the Falkland Islands TIMES wish all readers a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK:

Xmas or CHRISTmas? Half a loaf is better than none. So says a proverb that most will accept. However half a loaf is not better if the whole loaf is available. It should be a cause for amazement that so many of us seem happy to settle for half a Christmas.

Yet again if we go into a shop to buy something in a box and later find half of what we purchased is missing we are not very pleased. Most of us would go and demand that we get the whole. We would search until we found what we was missing - particularly if it had been proven to be valuable.

We believe that the religious basis of Christmas is the missing vital half of this festival. Rightly we enjoy giving presents and having family reunions. We try to remember our friends and send them greetings and so on. We would urge all our readers to check to make sure that Jesus is also in their Christmas, that faith in the Saviour undergirds their celebrations. If we put back the religious basis and recognise Christ as the founder and sustainer of Christmas then the blessings and joys will last long after we take down the decorations.

Long live the Revolution! We are sorry that some folk have been somewhat disappointed that we have not used our independence to become an anti-government newspaper. However we must refuse any pressure to be pushed to one side or the other. We are not anti anything except things evil. It was not by accident that we retained the crest on the front with the caption 'Desire the right'. No doubt folk will disagree as to what is right but together we'll try and find it.

This Edition. Again we are grateful for helpful co-operation from His Excellency the Governor and many other people in producing this paper. Again pressure on spacerears the omission of much that we would like to have included especially a look at welfare which has been held over. The circulation is increasing and we thank all subscribers and readers for their support. We hope you find the pull-out Christmas supplement provides an entertaining break for you and your children.

Royal Wedding Present. The proposal to give a Wedding Present to H.R.H. Princess Anne and Capt. Phillips developed into a fiasco. It ended up with merely a donation to a charity nominated by the princess which, as someone remarked to the Editor, "wasn't much of a present to them, was it?". We are all to blame for apparently no-one stated the elementary fact that you can't produce two match-

ing sets of horse gear in a few weeks. Why no-one was commissioned to do the work is a mystery - with a hand made product it wouldn't have mattered at all if it were late and would really have put the Falkland Islands on the royal maps. Perhaps we can try to do better next time.

THE VEGETABLE GARDEN IN DECEMBER:

Our advice last month to hoe was a bit premature as a cold spell quite held up growth. However the weeds are now well away and we must be after them. Hoeing, of course, also promotes the growth of plants through aeration, allowing rain to penetrate easily and slowing down evaporation of moisture. Thinning of crops as they become crowded will be useful now. Hoe up potatoes as they rise. Sow lettuce, radish, cress and turnip for succession. Sow broccoli, early cabbage and kale for next spring. It would be beneficial to use liquid or easily absorbed manures on cauliflower, cabbage and tomatoes.

REVIEW (Continued from page 9):

November 27th. Just after mid-day a life raft was spotted in the sea off Roy Cove by Beaver pilot Mr Ian Campbell. A land search that afternoon revealed nothing and an air search was mounted in the evening which resulted in it being seen in a cleft of rock. At 3.30 a.m. the next day another land search started and resulted in it being found at 6.00 a.m. The oval rubber raft was in quite good condition. The survival equipment was untouched. From the contents this boat, capable of holding 15 men, is an American Airborne Lifeboat.

November 28th. A report from the Acting Senior Magistrate showed a decrease in criminal cases heard in recent years. Cases heard in 1971 were 81; in 1972 there were 59; and in 1973 to date 36 cases. Just to correct a mistaken impression that some folk have received we advise that there has not been a reduction in crime. The Police Department state that the crimes reported over the period have been about the same each year. Thus the crime rate is still quite high but fewer cases are getting to court. The police attribute this to inadequate co-operation from the public - for instance some thefts have not been reported until

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REVIEW - a look at the events of our TIMES.

November 3rd. The wedding of Miss Jane Goss to Mr Melvyn Summers was held at Teal Inlet. The service was conducted by Canon P. Helyer (Christ Church Cathedral). About 50 people were present for the ceremony in the Manager's house. The following account was sent in.

"The wedding ceremony took place in the drawing room at 2.30 p.m. Mrs Barton and Mrs Dorothy Newman had decorated the room with vases full of daffodils in full bloom and these looked extremely pretty.

Jane, and her father, Mr Stan Goss, arrived right on time, being driven to the Big House by Mr Michael Clarke. The bride was looking very lovely in a full length dress of crystal satin, with a set-in yoke of Guipere lace, matching the wide frills that flowed from the elbows of the sleeves. An ornamental floral headress held the full length, 3-tier veil in place, which fell over the train of the dress. She carried a white prayer book and attached to this was a magnificent yellow velvet rose. Her bridesmaids were her sisters Michelle and June. They wore dresses of deep yellow crystal satin, these had high collars at the neck and long flared sleeves, the style being emphasized by a white trimming. They also had small yellow flowers in their hair, and carried a prayer book each. Best man duties were ably carried out by one of Melvyn's younger brothers, Russell, and both he and Melvyn looked very smart in dark suits with white floral buttonholes.

Immediately after the ceremony, Jane and Melvyn entered the conservatory, where they were instantly showered with handfuls of rice, and Jane was presented with lucky horse-shoes by Sybella Goodwin and Sheena Newman, a black cat given by Shane Clarke, and lastly a black chimney sweep presented, very reluctantly, by the groom's godson, Andrew Newman. The 'Official' photographer was Martin Dibble.

At 4.00 p.m. the reception was held in the hall in the cookhouse, which had been tastefully decorated by Mrs Dickson and the cookhouse boys. The eats for the reception and dance had been prepared by Mrs Dolly Ford, who had

travelled out a week in advance to do this, and this seems to have been very worthwhile, after seeing and tasting the absolutely delicious spread she put in front of us. In the midst of this beautiful array of goodies was the superb 3-tier wedding cake, made by Mr Tim Dobbys and most beautifully decorated by Mrs Owen McPhee. Toasts were exchanged during the course of the reception and Melvyn and Jane cut their wedding cake with a traditional huge carving knife. At approximately 6.00 p.m. a supper for relations and close friends was held at the home of the grooms parents, Mr and Mrs Nigel Summers. The supper itself being prepared most efficiently and tastefully by Mrs Nigel Summers and Mrs Gordon Anderson.

Later, at 9.00 p.m. a most lively dance was held in the cook-house, and continued until the small hours of the morning, everyone enjoying themselves immensely. During the evening further supplies of Mrs Ford's cooking were consumed, plus liquid refreshments from the barman 'Vince'.

The groom's mother wore a light green suit and white blouse, with contrasting tangerine hat and gloves and the bride's mother in a beige 2-piece suit with matching accessories - both looking very smart and elegant.

Melvyn and Jane, who are making their home at Hope Cottage, would like to thank every one who helped in any way, and for making their day such a happy one."

November 6th. The schooner Penguin arrived in Stanley after a voyage of about 100 miles from Richard Harbour off Pebble Island.

The new owner Robert Watson (Colony dentist) was joined by John Bailey for the voyage which was made completely under sail - the engine being out of commission. The trip took just over two days plus a night. The weather was quite fierce at times. The Penguin came out to the Falklands in 1908 as a steam launch and was used by the Government in towing barges filled with sewage! After finding difficulty in obtaining spares following the last world war it was rigged as a sailing vessel and a diesel vessel by the late Mr Jack Davis.

Mr Watson was advised that she might not sail too well especially in view of her lack of keel (she draws 4'6" at the stern). However on his return he made a spirited defence of Penguin's sailing abilities provided she is handled carefully.

November 6th. Much consternation was caused in the islands by a report on Radio Newsreel by Adrian Porter the BBC Latin America correspondent. This was to the effect that there might be a likelihood of the temporary airstrip being 'rolled up' and taken back to Argentina if action is not forthcoming soon on the sovereignty. This was in comment on a Note to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by the Argentine Government about the Falkland Islands. (Ed: the contents of which have yet to be revealed to the people who actually live here!) His Excellency the Governor subsequently issued a statement seeking to pour oil on troubled waters, reminding us in his own words, "in this part of the world we are used to squally weather".

November 8th. At a ceremony held in Government House, His Excellency the Governor, on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen, presented the insignia of the M.B.E. to Mr T.W. Royans in the presence of invited guests. Mr Royans is the Superintendent of the Public Works Department. Particularly mentioned was his liaison work when the Argentine Air Force were building the temporary airstrip, also aid given to various consultants in connection with the planned permanent airfield.

November 8th. Late in the evening a fire was discovered in the roof of the P.I.C. engineers shop. A dry powder extinguisher in the hands of the Chief Police Officer effectively contained the fire until the arrival of the fire brigade who shortly afterwards had the fire under control.

November 9th. In a press release from Government House news was given that the Governor had been pleased to accept a gift of 13 James Pollard coaching prints from Mr Jack Abbott in memory of his late wife, a Falkland Islander by birth. They were donated on the condition that these prints should not stay in Stanley should the Islands ever leave the British Commonwealth. Mr Abbott commented, "It seemed appropriate to me, that these pictures typifying a bit of old England in the last century should hang on the walls of Government House and perhaps give pleasure to many Islanders." We might be forgiven for musing that it is not very likely that many Islanders will see them there. However to be fair there doesn't seem anywhere else

that is suitable. Perhaps an exhibition with notes could be arranged in some public place.

November 11th. The usual Remembrance Day services were held in St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church. In Christ Church Cathedral the Anglican Church were joined by the Pastor and Members of the United Free Church (The Tabernacle).

There followed appropriate ceremonies and a joint service at the cross of sacrifice. Particularly welcome this year was a contingent from H.M.S. Endurance led by Captain C. Isacke.

November 12th. One of the arrivals on today's plane was Mr Crook who has come to revitalise the K.E.M. Hospital administration using a long experience in similar work.

November 13th. The Annual General Meeting of the Falkland Islands branch of the British Red Cross Society elected the following officers for 1974. President: Mrs E.G. Lewis. Chairman: Mrs J.H. Ashmore. Secretary: Mrs B. Barnes and Treasurer: Mrs F. Cox. It was announced that meetings would be at 5 p.m. in future to enable members to attend after work.

November 14th. The wedding of H.R.H. Princess Anne to Captain Mark Phillips aroused much interest, certainly in Stanley where people could be seen walking along the streets with portable radios switched on.

In common with other colonies a special stamp issue was made. Sales on the first day amounted to £1076 including 2,050 official first day covers.

November 15th. The first anniversary of the opening of the temporary airstrip was celebrated - apparently at the request of the Argentine Government. The Argentine delegation was led by a friendly and fit looking Brigadier D. Roberto Bartot, Chief of Staff of the Argentine Air Force. He was accompanied by various officers, diplomats including Counsellor Blanco and reporters. There were also Mr John Shakespeare and Miss G. Evans from the British Embassy in Buenos Aires. The Governor, in his official uniform, and Mrs Lewis, together with Legislative and Executive Council Members and their wives welcomed the visitors. A cocktail party and light lunch were given by the Argentine Air Force and many residents were invited. Speeches were made by Brigadier Bartot and His Excellency the Governor.

The V.I.P's totalling some 45 persons were entertained to a buffet lunch at Government House. (Subject to the blocks arriving we hope to have some pictures in the January or February F.I. Times).

November 19th. R.R.S. John Biscoe left Port Stanley for South Georgia. Some anxiety was felt as to whether she would leave at all. During her recent visit to the Antarctic Peninsular her propellor was damaged. The tips of two opposite blades on the four bladed propellor had been bent outwards to an angle of 90° about one foot from the tip. It was thought that drydocking would be necessary but this has now been postponed to the new year. The Captain (Capt. Philips) decided that it would be possible to carry out work around South Georgia for which preparations had been going on during the winter. No doubt the scientists concerned breathed a long sigh of relief at this decision. R.R.S. John Biscoe took with her Messrs Len Minto, Pat Whitney and Gary Brown who will be working down south for the summer.

November 22nd. His Excellency the Governor announced that "he had been informed by the British Embassy in Buenos Aires that Colonel Luis Gonzalez Balcarce has returned to the Malvinas Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and will, as before, be concerned with the scholarship scheme and public relations". Colonel Balcarce's many friends here, and those he has helped from time to time, will be pleased at this news.

November 26th. Mr Nigel Histon, doing survey work for Alginate Industries Ltd. left on today's plane. In particular he looked at further investigation and planning of the water project, concentrating on the proposed run of the pipe-line from the Murrell River dam to the Camber, with studies of the soil and rock through which it will pass; the investigation of the cut kelp storage zone alongside of the Camber Harbour; and the availability of rock and sand for construction purposes.

November 26th. Mr Michael John Macoun, C.M.G., O.B.E., arrived on today's plane. He is Overseas Police Adviser at the F.C.O. He has held a number of eminent posts in Police work both in the U.K. and overseas.

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PART 2 OF AN INTERVIEW BETWEEN THE EDITOR AND HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, MR E.G. LEWIS. C.M.G., O.B.E.

Robin Forrester: You may have seen in the first issue of the F.I. TIMES a suggestion that Her Majesty the Queen be invited to open the new permanent airfield. Do you think there is any chance of this suggestion going forward and something being done about it?

His Excellency: While we are on the subject of the new permanent airfield - naturally, this is something I was pushing very hard when I was home in England. The tenders are due in on the 5th November and I hope that we will get something definite this month. Ministers and others are very aware that there's been some slip-page in the time-table on this and it is important politically. The British Government is committed to build this airfield. I'm committed as Governor - on the line as having said so, I can't speak for the Queen obviously but, well put it this way, it would be a very suitable occasion, and we'd like to see her.

RF: Is it up to you as Governor to invite the Queen, or is it a Legislative Council affair?

HE: From time to time we are asked about things like Her Majesty's future programme and so on but no doubt if the Legislative Council wish to move a motion in that direction it wouldn't do any harm.

RF: Now to switch to another local matter. I have heard that Mr & Mrs Ritchie who were 'Jehovah's Witnesses' here were refused admittance to the Colony. Now as I read the Ordinance the only person who can refuse admittance is the Governor and I wonder whether this means that some people are not as free to practice their religion as others. Have you any comment to make on this? There seemed to me to be quite a lot of pressure in some circles to push them out when they were here. As you well know I am totally opposed to 'Jehovah's Witness' teaching, very much so, but none-the-less I think we must believe in people's freedom to practice their own religion to their hearts content - providing it does not restrict other people's observance of theirs. It did seem to me that maybe this was a mild kind of religious persecution, and maybe the thin end of the wedge?

HE: There's no question of persecution of any sect or any colour or anything else. You know that the 'Jehovah's Witnesses' in a

large community would be any more noticed than any other sect of which in England there may be 100 or 150 at any one time. In England when I was home there were Gurus going around founding sects and everybody to his own last on these things. Personally I feel that I wouldn't like to say who was right on this question. I wouldn't like to criticise any man for his faith. What one does expect is that a Church or any religion doesn't get to the stage where it makes a nuisance of imposing themselves on people, and also they don't get to the stage where they break the law. In this particular case that you mention, this was a decision taken by the Executive Council. I don't want to go into details on it. This particular couple were told in Buenos Aires that they couldn't have a visa. They deliberately said that they were coming back and came back. Now either we control the right as to who comes and goes in this country or we don't. That's what government is all about. You can't enter the United States without a visa. It's as simple as that. There's no question of intolerance, or anything like that, against religion.

RF: So for someone like that who is refused an entry permit if they want to take it up they have to take it up with the British Government in London, and not through the courts here?

HE: The courts are open to anyone, wide open. Including the appeal court. Nothing to stop them.

RF: Perhaps we'll leave that now and come to one of the bees in my bonnet. It is quite obvious that tourist and other developments are gaining speed. There's Mr Lindblad proposing to build hotels and lodges all over the place. There's Alginates hoping to build a factory. I wonder if there's a need for some kind of planning board to ensure that environmental matters are not forgotten in the rush for profits. This is something where we can maybe benefit from the mistakes made in other countries. A board that might limit, shall we say, the number of places in any hotel in a given place or would investigate the environmental effects likely to be caused by the erection of a factory half a mile across the harbour and so on. Have you any thoughts on this?

HE: Members of the Council are very conscious of this. This is a question where I have to represent, quite forcibly sometimes, Her Majesty's Government's policies on the whole question of the

environment and wildlife conservation. This is a subject which arouses some considerable feeling in Europe and the House of Commons. It has a vociferous lobby. We have tightened up on our creation of reserves here, tightened up generally on conservation. I don't think it's a real problem yet but I think that it's certainly something that might have to be watched. I personally feel that there is a future for tourism here. It'll be for a very specialised type of tourist. The sort of person that likes the open air, likes to see the logger ducks, the birds, the fur seal and so on. It doesn't strike me that he's going to be much of a problem to the environment. I don't think that the small cottage/ranch type houses we are thinking of putting up for this type of tourist will be a threat to the environment. Sometimes I wonder when I see the dirty beer cans around Stanley that we should start our planning at home.

RF: Do you think that because people 'own' the land they should have the right to build what they like on it, even if it might permanently damage the environment? After all the people are more trustees than owners. If I own a plot of land I ought to regard myself as a trustee. Not just to use it but to look after it for future owners. Shouldn't those who own islands and farms regard themselves in the same way? An official or even independent planning board could check that things didn't get out of hand.

HE: It's very difficult, for example, to tell a farmer how he should farm his land. Every farmer has different ideas how these things should be done and farmers all over the world are a notoriously independent bunch of chaps. I think this is much better done by persuasion and understanding - I think a lead has got to come from the top on this and from people who are interested in these things. One expects the Council to give a lead on it. We are having legislation tightened up and improved, it's being drafted at the moment, on this very subject of the environment. It's in line with the latest thinking in the U.K. This is where we can call upon our experts in London to help. But if it's a question of a rash of tourism, I agree it may well have to be controlled - the type of hotel that is built, and where they are built, and so on. I think these islands, in a harsh, bleak way sometimes, are extremely attractive. It's when you come back here after you find it has been very difficult to get a bit of peace anywhere that you appreciate

the loneliness and the loveliness here.

RF: If Alginates, for instance, build a generating station the size they want, it will probably be three times the size of the one we have now. The amount of noise it will produce will probably be quite bad. Should they know now that they are going to have to sound proof it in some way so that we do not get the noise wafting across the harbour? Noise travels easily across water of course. Stanley could be one continuous buzz. Much as we'd like their money what's the use of having the place if it's a misery to live in. It's no use closing the stable door after the horse has bolted.

HE: I couldn't agree more. As far as Stanley is concerned it's a matter of local civic pride. Some people keep their properties absolutely brilliantly bright and clean and so on. In some ways it's a great pity that we don't use our local stone to a greater extent. I feel sometimes that with so much of our tin and wood construction we've missed out. Other times, flying on a clear day or coming in from the murrell when I've been out fishing and I look down at the light catching the colour Stanley can look very, very attractive - or coming in on the bridge of a ship through the cut. We have got that site to clear up, that awful eyesore of the refuse dump opposite the harbour and so on. I think that a start's been made, it's something we are certainly very alive to. I am certain too that Alginates Ltd. are very aware of these problems.

RF: Right. If we can move to the political questions now. Could you say what kind of official contacts you made on behalf of the Falkland Islands while you were on leave?

HE: Well I had official contacts at all levels. I had meetings with Ministers. I had several meetings with Sir Denis Greenhill head of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office permanent staff and with a whole series of officials in London. One is always meeting people; people are ringing up all the time. I had a meeting with the Falkland Islands Committee which is more or less a watchdog body to see that the Falklands is not sold down the river or something like that. (Ed. See the Sept. F.I. TIMES page 5). I had lunch at the House of Commons with Richard Luce the Conservative M.P. for Arundel & Shoreham and Bernard Conlan the Labour M.P. for

Gateshead East, the members of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Delegation who came out here. They play a continuing part in watching our interests and, of course, are very valuable at the right moment asking the correct question in the House of Commons. I found a tremendous amount of interest and support, understanding and encouragement about our problems and now we are coping with them. There is a much more healthier situation economically now with wool prices the way they are: after all two years ago when I first came out they were really in the trough after a year or two of disastrous prices which had led to people beginning to doubt the economic viability of the islands and has led I think to a certain amount of depopulation: the young people leaving for Australia and New Zealand and England.

RF: A short one now. Can you reveal whether a date has been arranged for the next round of talks with the Argentine, please?

HE: The answer is no. No, not yet, I can't give you a date. As you know I'm not hiding anything here. We had the last round of talks in London which were reported. This was an outgoing government, which asked us to have the talks. We agreed, at rather short notice. Our people found that they could not usefully carry on the talks because the Argentine representative set down various ideas and our people didn't have any brief from Ministers to discuss those things - so the talks were adjourned. Since then the Argentine Government, as you know, has been through a series of political upheavals and we have now said in the United Nations that we hope we can get the talks going again. Obviously it's the only civilised, diplomatic way to get things done: but there's no date fixed yet.

RF: Some months ago the Argentine Government made a statement to the effect that if something didn't happen about talking on sovereignty soon then maybe they'd do something. What is the reaction to that in London?

HE: You get these emotional terms like the return of the Falklands to the patrimony of the fatherland. To be perfectly frank the reaction was that it wouldn't do any good in improving the climate but you know what it is when people are in the United Nations. That's not to say I'm underestimating the question. It is a very real problem. We are under claim. We are in front of the United

Nations. We come up regularly under the Committee of 24, the Fourth Committee and then the General Assembly, and colonialism in all its forms (there's not much left of the British Empire but what we have got left) is regarded in some quarters as an evil thing. All we can do is repeat time and time again that the British Government is on record as saying that if it is the wish of the people of the Falkland Islands to come to some arrangement with the Argentine then so be it. But the British Government is not going to push the islanders into doing anything against their wishes. The Argentine attitude on this is that it is not the wishes of the people that matter, it is the interests of the people that matter. In other words the Argentines start from the legal concept that as successors to the Union of 1816 they are automatically the heirs to these islands. Therefore the people that came in afterwards, in their opinion do not matter - that is their stand. I know you get people who say to me, (and there's nothing like Stanley for rumours), "well ESR0's pulling out, we have heard that BLS is pulling out. Isn't this a sign that the British Government's pulling out too?" I say ESR0 leaving is purely a technical decision by a European body. And BLS, if indeed any decision's been taken, and as far as I know, no final decision's been taken about BLS. They're considering how to cut costs, as are other organisations on the research side in England these days. They cannot save money on the ships. The cost of oil goes up and the cost of crewing goes up. They have steady permanent costs so they've got to look round to see if they can cut something off their administrative tail. If they can combine their administrative work in their projected new headquarters in Cambridge this will be one way of saving money. But there's no plot behind this. The British Government's interests are still the same. If ESR0 go out possibly they may be replaced by Alginates. Hopefully - one doesn't know.

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SPORTS: Edited by Patrick Watts

FOOTBALL. The League season is now well under way with 2 legs having been completed. Stanley has played H.M.S. Endurance on two occasions, winning both times. A match has also been played against the visiting Argentine ship Bahia Buen Suceso, which after a rather unsatisfactory interpretation of the rules of the game, by the officials, Stanley won quite easily.

In the last edition of the TIMES a report was given on what the Editor thought was the 1st Shield match. However, it appears that just before the kick-off it was decided that the game should be classed as a friendly, and not a Shield Match.

What was officially the 1st Shield Match took place on Saturday the 24th November with Stanley winning by 6 goals to 3. However, the real winner was the strong southwesterly wind, which played havoc with all attempts at good soccer.

Stanley as is customary, it seems these days, went in at half-time with a deficit of 2 goals to 1. Biggs put them ahead in a breakaway, with about the only shot they gained in the first half playing against the strong wind. Endurance equalised when Stanley left-back Peat pushed the ball past his own goal-keeper, and then went ahead with a 'soft' goal. A long shot by their right-back appeared to be covered by Stanley's goal-keeper Peck, however Peck somehow lost sight of the ball at the last moment and it bounced into the net.

In the second half Stanley, with Biggs in particular, made good use of the wind advantage, and scored 5 times. Biggs put in two beautiful long range shots which completely deceived Endurance's goal-keeper, flying over his head, and into the net. Peat did likewise. Scholes and Gibbons also scored to complete the victory. Once again Biggs was Stanley's outstanding player. Stanley's team was - T. Peck, T. Betts, R. Peat, J. Lee, R. Betts (capt), G. Hamilton, P. Weaver, T. Gibbons, M. Luxton, L. Biggs, J. Scholes. The referee was P. Watts.

In the League Championship, Mustangs hold a slender 1 point lead over Rangers, both teams being still unbeaten, with Redsox still without a win, and just 1 point to their credit.

On Sunday 11th November, Mustangs beat Redsox by 4 goals to 2.

After the poor display by Rangers and Mustangs it was generally thought that Redsox would have little trouble in defeating either side, but in this game and as with others since, they seem unable to field a settled team. Mustangs gained a 3 goal half-time lead to virtually make sure of the 2 points. Gibbons put them ahead, Watts added a second and R. Summers a third. Mike Luxton pulled one back for Redsox, who then conceded a penalty, from which Gibbons scored his second goal. Hamilton got a late goal for Redsox from a free kick.

On Wednesday 14th November, Redsox and Rangers played out a 4-4 draw. This game will be remembered because of the heavy rain which fell throughout the 90 minutes. Redsox looked to have the game well in hand at half time when leading by 4 goals to 1. Goals by Shuttleworth, Luxton, Hamilton and T. Betts, gave them an unbeatable looking start. Rangers playing into the strong rain and wind had scored once through Waton. During the second half Rangers made good use of the conditions to score through Scholes and Palmer. Just before the final whistle Biggs snatched the equaliser.

In the first match of the 2nd Leg, Rangers and Mustangs again drew. This time the score was 2-2. Waton gave Rangers the lead when he slanned home a left wing cross. Mustangs equalised through Watts who nishit a shot, deceiving the goal-keeper, as it trickled into the corner of the net. In the second half both sides suffered from injuries to players. Cave and Watts limping for Mustangs, and Edwards similar for Rangers.

Indeed Edwards eventually had to take over in goal, with Franks coming into the field. Rangers went ahead once more when, after a good run up the left wing by Biggs, his centre hit R. Betts and bounced into the net, thus giving Rangers an own goal. With time running out, Simmons gained Mustangs a point with a long shot which ended up in the corner of the goal.

In the second match of the 2nd Leg, Redsox again crashed heavily to defeat, when losing by 4 goals to nil to Rangers. This match was over before half time, as Rangers scored all their goals in the first period. R. Peart scored twice, Palmer and Biggs added further to the score. Redsox tightened up their defence in the second half to prevent further goals, but never looked like pulling back their

deficit. Redsox were at disadvantage having to field several reserves because of unavailability of several of their better players.

Redsox conceded 4 goals yet again on Wednesday the 5th December when Mustangs put 4 past their goal-keeper B. Ford. Redsox replied with one. The score would indicate another thrashing for Redsox but the scoreline makes false reading, as the only difference in the two teams was one man, Bob Cave of Mustangs who scored all their 4 goals. On 3 occasions he beat the Redsox defence with sheer speed. His second goal was scored from an almost impossible angle and one of the best goals seen for some time. J. Farrow scored a headed goal for Redsox. It must be said that Redsox suffered cruel luck with their shots for goal, hitting the post 3 times in all. With a little luck in future matches Redsox should soon pick up a few points.

League positions to date - Mustangs 6 points, Rangers 5 points, Redsox 1 point. Leading scorers, R. Cave 5, T. Gibbons, M. Waton, R. Peart, L. Biggs, J. Scholes, G. Hamilton and M. Luxton 2 each.
2nd Shield Match - Stanley v Endurance

Stanley again beat H.M.S. Endurance on Friday 7th December. This time the score was 3-1. The pitch was wet after 3 hours rain, and conditions were not good. However, some of the play during the match was quite poor, and not excusable because of the wet surface. After just 2 minutes Stanley went ahead through an own goal by Summerfield, whose back pass eluded his goal-keeper. Five minutes later Terry Betts seized upon a loose ball to lob it cleverly over the goal-keepers head, and into the net. A second own goal from Endurance defence was responsible for Stanleys 3rd goal. Endurance centre-forward Knowles scored their goal after a corner had not been cleared by Stanley defence. A further chance to increase Stanleys score was missed when L. Biggs put a penalty kick wide of the post, after an Endurance defender had handled the ball. T. Betts had the ball in the net once again, but the goal was disallowed. At half time the score was 3-1 in Stanleys favour, and this is how it remained. The 2nd half was generally played in midfield with neither team able to put pressure on the opposing defence. For Stanley Peat and Hamilton were the best of the defence, whilst up front only T. Betts looked impressive. Stanleys team was - B. Ford, T. Peck, R. Peat, G. Hamilton, R. Cave, G. Edwards, R. Betts (capt), L. Biggs, M. Luxton, P. Shuttleworth, T. Betts. Referee was P. Watts.

HERE AND THERE:

Oil or Peat in the 1970's? by the Hon. S. Miller, J.P.

There has been a recent rise in the price of oil by 70%. A further increase of 30% is widely being forecast and some experts expect still further increases.

For the present we are fortunate to be able to purchase our oil requirements from our large continental neighbour, but it is always a possibility that a crunch may come that would deprive us of that source. In any case there is no reason to suppose that domestic oil from any southern hemisphere area is going to be less than the world market price - that is plain commercial common sense.

If ever for any reason we have to seek oil supplies from the old country, whether the spirit is willing or not, the fact would still remain that oil from the northern half of the world be extremely expensive and difficult to squeeze from any country.

To pay for our oil from whatever source, we should remember that though wool trebled in value during 1972/73, the price fall of commodities is beginning and wool has fallen in price about 35% over the last 4 or 5 months.

Many householders and farms have been changing over, or are thinking of changing over, from peat or hard fuels to oil for cooking and heating. As long as both the supply position and the price are reasonable this is good sense.

But should we not take a long second look at the present world oil situation? We have here all around us a priceless asset in our enormous reserves of peat, even though in a few places in the Falklands people have to go some miles to obtain supplies.

Here in Stanley, peat, by the time it is safely into householder's sheds, is still far and away the cheapest fuel, and this in spite of the fact that the increasing cost of oil as vehicle fuel inevitably increases the cost of haulage.

It does of course require a bit of toil and sweat to obtain but as far as the writer is aware, toil and sweat never hurt anyone yet.

With regard to travel in the camp, during the last twenty to twenty five years machines have very largely superceded horses as a means of travel from one place to another, but my generation of course

before the advent of the landrover did all their travel on horses carrying the children until they had attained the age of around 4 to 5 years and had learned the elements of horsemanship and balance, whereafter they all rode by themselves.

One would imagine it would not be very difficult to return to that kind of travel if scarcity and price of oil became the piper that called the tune.

Comet by Mr H. Slade.

Astronomers have been observing a comet which is now approaching the sun.

People living in the northern hemisphere should have a good chance of seeing it in the evening of January. However for us in the southern hemisphere our best chance of seeing it will be at a rather awkward time, just before sunrise in December, particularly between the middle of December and Christmas time, and the place to look for it will be low down in the south east, in fact near the place on the horizon where the sun will rise.

Four years ago some people in the Falkland Islands were able to see two bright comets in the southern sky. The present one is said to be larger than those two, but is not so well placed for looking at by us in the southern hemisphere.

Items found during the dig at Saunders Island

Report by Mr John Smith, Hon. Curator and Chairman of the Museum Committee

The items fall into two main categories - industrial and domestic and appear in general to be of mid 18th and early 19th century manufacture. Among the domestic articles are the now extremely fragile remains of a leather shoe: fragments of glass bottles: three pieces of what was once a rather nice large glass tumbler: a very old square dutch gin bottle which must have been most carefully excavated, for when the many fragments are arranged in jigsaw fashion the manufacturers name - J. Melcher of Schiedam - and the trade mark of a man with one arm outstretched, are splendidly preserved. There are also bits of clay pipes, one made in France and the other in Ireland, as well as some heavily glazed decorated pottery fragments, two of which I think could only have been soup tureens or chamber pots.

As for the industrial items these comprise mainly of bits of what are obviously building materials - large iron spikes and nails, hooks and brackets etc. as well as a very fine axe head. There are also some items of maritime origin, among them a sheave from a pulley block made of brass and clearly stamped with the broad arrow which used to indicate British Government property: there is also a joggle shackle which is not unlike an ordinary shackle but much longer in the jaw, this one being 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ " in length and 4" wide at the jaw.

It is intended that these items be eventually displayed with a map of the site of the old settlement showing exactly where each item was dug up - this is at the moment being prepared by Ted Clapp - the display further backed up by a series of photographs taken while digging was in progress.

As far as I know this was the first organised dig on this historic settlement, which was obviously carried out by Captain Collins and his team with a great deal of forethought and planning. This was reflected in the extreme care with which all of the items were individually wrapped and protected for their return to Stanley.

Earl Haig Poppy Fund Appeal

The Red Cross Society announced that to date (7.12.73) the appeal has reached just over £200. More contributions are expected.

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Days or even weeks after the event. They say also that thieves have been using more professional methods in covering their tracks and, of course, we must realise that the police dept. in a small Colony cannot call on the advanced resources used by police forces in other countries. Thus the figures noted above are in fact a cause for alarm, not complacency.

November 30th. The Bahia Buen Suceso arrived again today from Argentina. In addition to freight she brought some 60 tourists and the remaining 174 bags of mail sent here by the G.P.O. via Buenos Aires. Thus all the outstanding mail is now accounted for.

November 30th & December 1st. The Annual Christmas Bazaar was held by St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in their Annexe. A large stock of manufactured and home made goods together with raffles and restaurant etc. drew quite a number of people to have an outing. The turnover at the bazaar amounted to £1586.14. The profit figure is not yet available as all the expenses are not yet known.

BUSINESS NEWS AND OPINION:

Alginite Industries Ltd.

The Colonial Manager of Alginates, Mr Fred Gooch advises that good progress is being made in the companies plan's to build a factory complex for the production and export of alginates. A programme has been made detailing when different parts of the complex are expected to be erected and used. Already a new store has been ordered to replace the M.O.D. one already on the site - this will be somewhat to the west of the present one. Detailed plans exist for the complex which will consist of the main production factory, power plant, kelp storage, drying and milling facilities, workshop and store buildings plus a canteen and administration block. This, always assumes, of course, that the pre-production plant works satisfactorily.

It is expected that an investigation will be made in the New Year by an independent scientist to check that the effluent from the factory, which is to be discharged into Port William, will not cause any harmful pollution.

We understand that Alginates have already purchased one house in Stanley that has come up for sale and that negotiations are in hand in London to purchase the remainder of the E.S.R.O. houses and the hostel. Also there is the possibility of the need to erect a further 40 houses.

With a total investment that is likely to exceed £6 $\frac{1}{2}$ million there should be a substantial revenue for the Colony assuming the plant becomes fully operational.

Falklands Trading Ltd.

It seems likely that this venture will take longer to get off the ground than originally anticipated. Probably a starting date not before July 1974. A representative of the London firm of accountants, Sawyer & Co., is expected in the Colony in January to assess the situation. One result of the expected transformation will be to make Stanley House vacant. Presumably F.I.C. will hope to sell or lease it. It seems unlikely that they will get a very high price for it. Anyone fancy a "little place in the Country?!"

Export of Sheep

Contacts between the S.O.M. and C.M.P., the Argentine freezer company, are continuing in an effort to negotiate further sales of our surplus sheep. Mr M.C. Waldron, who left on December 10th after three weeks in the Colony, is expected to make contact with

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS:

"We rejoice with those who rejoice and mourn with those who mourn".

Birthsat K.E.M. Hospital

21st Nov.	Mr & Mrs J. Scholes	son	Alexander John (6 lb 5 oz)
25th Nov.	Mr & Mrs John E. Cheek (Janet Biggs)	daughter	Rosalind Catriona (8 lb 3 oz)

DeathsOverseas

24th Oct. Mrs Annabella Agnes MacLennan (née Macrae)
in Achadhail, Bunessan, Isle of Mull,
wife of Evander MacLennan aged 81 years

Notice

Mr & Mrs Ben and Ina Smith of 106, Arthur View Crescent, Danderhall, Dalkeith, Mid-Lothian, EH22 1NQ wish to thank all friends of the late John Milne, employee at Fitzroy Farm, East Falkland, who wrote to John while in Greig's Hospital, Elgin and later in Fleming Cottage Hospital, Aberlour, Banffshire. Thank you all.

C.A.P. whilst in Argentina. If these negotiations are successful then the first ship load will probably go in March next year.

Shopping

Passers-by have been able to see that improvements have been in progress at the Stanley Co-operative Society Store. The major work has been to extend the selling area to more than double its present extent. It seems likely that my representations to the government to reduce the tax burden on the Co-op will prove successful and result in a considerable rebate and less tax to pay in the future.

Government Loans

Only half of the £10,000 set aside by the Gov't for loans to promote tourism orientated developments has been allocated. One amount of £2000 and another of £3000. It appears that applications for the remaining £5000 must be in before end March to be considered.

There were only two applications for house loans. It seems likely that there will be £1000 not applied for, and under present rulings it is possible that applications will not again be considered until September 1974. We hope that the Government will do more to encourage private home ownership.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:

An interesting session was held on Friday 4th January. We include a fairly lengthy summary with explanations and comments in brackets. We conclude with our overall impressions of this event.

The Council opened with a prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed and then we were away with the first major item, the Governor's address. His Excellency wore his ceremonial uniform and spoke for about 35 minutes. To give the address in full would take about 9 pages and so here is a summary.

The speech reviewed events since the Legco Budget Session last May. His Excellency commended the Council for approving stern measures designed to halt the depletion of the Colony's reserves by raising more revenue to enable income to equal or surpass expenditure in the current financial year. His Excellency quoted figures to show that to date this target was being achieved. Although the Government was "looking for new ways of increasing revenue" ... "the economic health of the Colony still depends to a large extent on the price of wool remaining at a reasonably high figure". His Excellency expressed satisfaction at the 'Legco' approval of the Colony's 5 year Development Plan and the commencement of its implementation.

The need for visiting experts was stressed and reports on Civil Aviation, Police and Fisheries had been received or were expected. As regards Stanley notice was taken of the abolition of the Stanley Town Council and the assumption of its activities by Government departments. Steps would be taken to improve the new rubbish dump and cover up the old one. The mizzen mast from the s.s. Great Britain has been moved to a plinth on Victory Green. Again in a nautical vein His Excellency drew our attention to the cleaning of the memorial to the Battle of the Falklands.

The Medical department next came under review. His Excellency commented on the decision to domicile all doctors in Stanley. He stressed the need for a third doctor and said that 'everything possible was being done to obtain one'. A 24 hour radio watch had been introduced to deal with medical and other emergencies. Mr Crook, the visiting hospital administrator, was overhauling methods and procedures.

Comments were made on the following -

- a) Sorrow at the rundown of E.S.R.O.
- b) Satisfaction at the smooth working of Peat, Marwick & Mitchell's advice regarding internal and external communications.
- c) The feeling that a further shipping link between the Falklands and Argentina (as envisaged in the 1971 Buenos Aires agreement) was now unnecessary and economically non-viable.
- d) No news about tenders for constructing the permanent airfield. A suggestion that inflation may mean that bids are much higher than originally estimated.
- e) It was anticipated that if Y.P.F. do become our sole supplier of fuels, and His Excellency indicated his view that it made 'sound economic sense', then local prices would reduce to become in line with those on the mainland (Petrol dropping from 82p per gallon to nearer

36p and Diesel from 32p to nearer 23p).

f) His Excellency advised us that at the United Nations "it was made clear once again that H.M.G. has no doubt as to its sovereignty over the Falkland Islands and could not accept any assertions contrary to this view, whoever they may be made by". The Governor advised that we should however continue to show ourselves to the world as reasonable people willing to talk.

The visit of the Governor and Mrs Lewis to South Georgia was said to be interesting and rewarding. Attention was drawn to the Government's intention to further tighten up conservation legislation.

His Excellency concluded his speech as follows:

"Sometimes I hear people saying - 'oh, where does the Governor stand?'. I would have thought I have been with you long enough for most people to know my general philosophy on our problems but in case there is any doubt, I will repeat it.

1. I stand for a prosperous, self reliant, enlightened community prepared to face up to the difficulties of the present day.
2. I stand for an outward looking community, proud of its past history, but not always looking back nostalgically to the old days which will never return.
3. I stand for a community where equal educational facilities are available to all our children, whether in Camp or in Stanley, and where a child who has the ability has every encouragement to go on to higher fields.
4. I stand for a community, which, while safeguarding its sovereignty, is prepared to play its part in the world, particularly with our closest neighbour, Argentina and with other countries in the great Latin American continent.
5. I stand for a community prepared to discuss outstanding problems in a civilised, diplomatic manner so that men of good will, whether here or on the mainland, are strengthened in their resolve to solve our dispute peacefully.
6. I stand for a community which proud of its British history and its loyalty to the throne is also understanding of the problems facing Her Majesty's Government in her relations with the Community of Nations.
7. I stand for a community which, while coping with all the day to day affairs, does not lack the compassion and the will to look after the old and the less fortunate in our midst.

8. I stand for a community where individual freedom and rights are safeguarded including the right, under most circumstances, to dispose of one's property, including land, and, finally, I stand for a community that lifts its eyes beyond the first ridge to the horizon beyond."

In the notion of thanks to the Governor for his speech opportunity is taken by Council Members to comment on matters raised, or introduce other subjects felt to be important. These are very briefly summarised next.

Hon. S. Miller, J.P. He now felt that his hopes to reduce in 1974 some of the financial burdens imposed in the 1973 budget were 'rather nonsense'. The priority is to build up reserves from budgetary surpluses. He expected the quoted low selling prices for Argentine fuels would soon rise in line with world levels. The slowness in getting the permanent airfield was unsatisfactory - 'we are too dependent on our neighbours'. Mr Miller regarded conservationists as "something of a menace to this Colony". He would prefer a 75% reduction in the goose population which, he maintained, might increase wool exports by a million pounds (weight?).

Hon. R.M. Pitaluga - commented on the adverse public reaction to some of the provisions of the last budget. He said that 'we must be careful next time'. Mr Pitaluga revealed that in the sovereignty issue in the United Nations two former colonies, Australia and New Zealand, voted against us. (Ed. This 'Blow you Jack' we're alright' shocked many present. Perhaps those readers who live in those countries ought to write to their governments expressing disapproval). He also expressed concern at the time lag on the construction of the permanent airfield.

Hon. L.G. Blake, J.P. - felt gloomy at his evaluation of the Council's record to date. Increased burden on the community and less services. He said visiting experts appear to have increased costs and savings resulting from increased efficiency appear to have been forgotten. He also felt that the civil service was disgruntled (over the salary increases and changed conditions).

Hon. A.B. Monk, J.P. - welcomed visiting experts and advisers but was disconcerted to discover that if a report was not accepted here then H.M.G. would put pressure on to make Council accept e.g. difficulty would be experienced in getting staff through H.M.G. He also expressed concern that too many Development aid projects would leave us with high

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maintenance bills. Mr Monk disagreed with Mr Blake's gloom.

Hon. W.E. Bowles - was pleased at the good report on the local air service. He was also pleased to hear of planned improvements to the rubbish dump. He stressed the need to get a third doctor and hoped the improving medical service would please people particularly on the West Falkland. He made a plea that a letter delivery system be re-commenced in Stanley.

Hon. A.R. Luxton - attacked the administration and particularly the Chief Secretary for what he called the "complete shambles" of the Medical department. He complained about the O.D.'s absurdity re obtaining doctors. Mr Luxton felt that Camp life was being made untenable. He felt that the U.K. Government was exerting pressure to make Falkland Islanders change their minds about retaining British sovereignty.

Hon. T.H. Layng (Chief Secretary) - said this was mainly an opportunity for unofficial members to speak but would comment on two items. He expressed surprise at a complaint about development aid which was designed to assist developing territories and help create revenue not to use it up. Mr Layng was also surprised at the self-criticism of West Falkland members. He reminded Council that all decisions, including controversial ones, had been taken unanimously excepting some with 1 against or abstaining. (Ed. Consternation around Legco table!)

Questions for Oral Reply brought forth the following information. To save space the questions are not given but questioners initials are shown after the information.

1/74 (Fin. Sec). Old Age Pensions can only be increased with increased revenue to the Pension Fund. They will be done at the same time but a date could not be given. It is being treated as extremely urgent (W.E.B.).

2/74 (Ch. Sec). £6000 would be spent on maintenance of roads, drains and bridges but the amount of work done was limited due to no private contractors coming forward. Public Works Department would be engaged on road maintenance as work capacity and priority assessments allowed (W.E.B.).

3/74 & 12/74 (Ch. Sec.). The revised cost of the permanent airfield would not be known until the tenders had been properly assessed. The ceremonial turning of the first soil was still expected to be on May 1st 1974 - when the construction of access roads, workers accommodation etc. would begin (W.E.B.).

4/74 (Fin. Sec). F.I. Government sterling reserves are guaranteed by H.M.G. against depreciation of the value of the £ (since 1972). (A.B.M.).

6/74 (Ch. Sec). Gov't had discovered that the St. Helena Gov't itself, not the U.K. Gov't, paid a shipping subsidy to enable ships to call monthly. Gov't felt there was virtually no demand for a regular sea

link between the Falklands and the mainland for passengers or freight to supplement existing transport arrangements. The position was that the 1971 B.N. Agreement was out of date on this subject.

(A.B.M., W.E.B., L.G.B.).

7/74 (Ch. Sec). The YPF/UK Gov't agreement for YPF to supply the Colony's fuel had not yet been signed. First due to delay at the request of Executive Council (although now removed) and now due to delay in London. Argentina produces 80% of its own oil and thus can be expected to fix its prices independently of world price movements, (S.M., A.B.M.).

8/74 (Ch. Sec). After 'Exco' deciding to move the siting of the Colony's third medical officer from Fox Bay to Stanley a letter had been received from Dr Evan's (O.D.'s Medical Adviser) stating, "we shall now do all we can to recruit your third medical officer". (SM) Advertising was done in the best possible way and in the same way as for other overseas territories. (R.M.P.). It was likely that not much had been done to get a doctor before policy was changed (Ed. this was not the wording of the reply but the inference from it). (A.B.M.).

9/74. Withdrawn.

10/74 (Ch. Sec). The report on inter-island communications was being studied pending a decision on its implementation (RMP). Proposals by local technically qualified persons would be considered (W.E.B.).

11/74. The current energy crisis could well affect the Falklands.

Current fuel reserves are -

	Petrol	Diesel
Government	5 mths	14 mths
Commercial (Stanley)	3-4 weeks	6-8 weeks

Fresh supplies are expected in January and February. (R.M.P.).

13/74 (Fin. Sec). The H.M.G. Actuary stated that there should be no rise in pensions from the pension fund without a rise in contributions.

An immediate rise is not desirable if opposed by the actuary (LGB).

The grant of a pension to elderly persons outside of the scheme will be considered by Standing Finance Committee (W.E.B.).

14/74 (Fin. Sec). There are no plans for revising medical fees. The members complaints about the Camp medical service did not warrant the abolition of Camp Medical Fees (L.G.B.).

15/75 (Ch. Sec). Air service revenue comparison are, Jun-Dec 1973

£22555, Jun-Dec 1972 £10436, equals increase of £2119 (L.G.B.).

MCTIONS. A motion was proposed by A.B.M. and seconded by W.E.B. as follows

"That this House objects strongly to any negotiations or Talks being held with the Argentine Gov't which are concerned in any way with the transfer of sovereignty of this Colony". It was supported by RMP and WRL.

An amendment was proposed by LGB and seconded by SM. so that it would become: "That this House objects strongly to any negotiations or talks being held with the Argentine Gov't without the prior full knowledge of the F.I. people, which would involve the transfer of sovereignty of this Colony against the wishes of its inhabitants". The amendment was supported by THL and HR. As the vote was evenly split it was left to His Excellency the Governor to exercise his casting vote which was used to support the amendment. It is interesting to note that if the voting had been left to unofficial members, the voting would have been 4-2 in favour of the original motion, objecting to talks or negotiations on sovereignty. If however it was left to elected members only it would have been a 2-2 draw.

The Chief Secretary proposed the following motion which was supported by the whole council. "That this House recommends that a Select Committee of Elected Members of the Legislative Council shall be appointed by His Excellency the Governor to ascertain the views of the Electorate on the subject of a Change in the Constitution and thereafter to make recommendations to the Legislative Council on the form such constitutional changes should take". Mr Layng made a good, detailed speech the main points of which we hope to publish shortly. His Excellency appointed a select committee of the four elected members with the Chief Secretary as chairman and Mr Rex Browning as Clerk. (Ed: we understand that the first public meeting will be held in Stanley in late February. There will then probably be at least a week of meetings in Camp in March or April followed by another meeting in Stanley sometime afterwards. A Government publication on this matter is expected shortly).

Finally it was proposed by the Financial Secretary that "Be it resolved that the report of the Standing Finance Committee for the period May 1973 to December 1973 be adopted". The main item was the appropriation of the first instalment of the cost of the permanent airfield.

ORDERS OF THE DAY. It was proposed that the following Bills be made Ordinances. They were all passed except 5. we hope to find space for more details in a later issue.

1. Income Tax (Amendment) Ordinance 1974. Higher allowances.
More tax to be paid by higher paid persons. Company Tax from 30% to 40% (but profits tax abolished). The affect on small companies will be looked into.
2. Public Health (Amendment) Ordinance 1974. Removing certain compulsory vaccination provisions. Also T.B. free certificates are no longer needed for prospective residents.

3. Marriage (Amendment) Ordinance 1973. Higher fees.
4. Land (Amendment) Ordinance 1973. Higher fees.
5. Estate Duty (Amendment) Ordinance 1974. Referred for further study.

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT. Again this is an opportunity for members to speak on any subject.

Hon. R.M. Pitaluga called for urgent need to improve camp communications and broadcasting. He introduced a report by Mr E. Ward and Mr D. Hardy offering more facilities than the Crown Agents report at lower cost. (Details will be published shortly).

Hon. L.G. Blake, J.P., also called for quick action on this Ward/Hardy report. Called for more time to be given to consideration of various problems and therefore declined to support the motion for adjournment.

Hon. W.E. Bowles also supported need for careful and quick study of Ward/Hardy report. He referred to the sovereignty issue and contended that talks on sovereignty should not take place without full consent of the people.

Hon. W.R. Luxton called for rapid evaluation of Ward/Hardy plan especially in view of his belief that camp services were being curtailed e.g. Medical and education. As a protest about poor treatment of Camp he also proposed to vote against the adjournment motion.

Hon. S. Miller, J.P., also pleased to receive this communication report.

Hon. A.B. Monk, J.P., asked for speedy evaluation of Ward/Hardy report.

Hon. T.H. Layng had not yet seen a copy of this report but gave an assurance that it would be competently assessed as soon as possible. He ended on what he called 'rather a sad note'. He said that as a result of what had been said in Council Dr Cox (only Dr presently in the Colony) had submitted his resignation. This was due to 'distrust in the camp medical services'.

Council was adjourned.

On Saturday evening the two representatives from West Falkland issued a statement to the effect that "no statement made by either member at any of the three previous meetings of Legislative Council, was meant in any way to be critical of the ability of the Medical Department to provide as good a service to the community as is possible. If these statements have reduced in any way the confidence of the public in this department, we regret it".

On Tuesday following Dr Cox made a short broadcast in which he said that he had withdrawn his resignation. He intimated that it was essential for the medical department to have the confidence of the public and he felt that this had been expressed.

REVIEW - a look at the events of our TIMES.

December 6th. Canon P. Helyer of Christ Church Cathedral returned to Stanley from Camp visits to Weddell Island and North Arm. A service and slide show were held at Weddell.

December 8th (F.I. Public Holiday). The usual service was held in the Cathedral to mark the anniversary of the Battle of the Falkland Islands. The usual march past took place with His Excellency the Governor taking the salute at Victory Green. At a ceremony at the Battle Memorial Captain C. Isacke of H.M.S. Endurance presented the Governor with the Patent of Baronetcy conferred on Admiral Sturdee, the commander in the action. This was on behalf of Lady Ashmore, grand-daughter of Admiral Sturdee, who thought the Falklands would be a good last resting place of the now extinct Baronetcy, 'Sturdee of the Falkland Islands'. The weather was quite fair for most of the morning but at the crucial moment, when the two helicopters from Endurance were making their fly past as a prelude to the presentation a harsh hail storm had most people wishing they were not in such an exposed position!

December 11th. R.R.S. Shackleton and R.R.S. Bransfield arrived in Stanley.

December 13th. A Muskeg Tractor broke through a crevasse at Halley Bay. One person sustained mild head injuries but others were uninjured. The muskeg was later recovered.

December 15th. The Royal Marines held an Open Afternoon at Moody Brook Camp. In addition various fund raising sideshows were organised to assist the local Earl Haig Poppy Appeal. There were very impressive displays of shooting, cliff descent and unarmed combat. The public were allowed to join some activities. There were many young volunteers to descend the cliff'. (Your Editor had a go with a real gun for the first time in his life and hit the target nine times out of ten! It must have been the gun.....). Many people from town enjoyed the outing in an afternoon of bright sunshine.

December 15th. The end of year Prizegiving was held at Darwin. Mrs M. Monk of San Carlos presented the prizes. The Superintendent of Education was present together with Campers from all over East Falkland.

December 16th. Both the United Free Church (The Tabernacle) and Christ Church Anglican Cathedral held special Christmas Events. In

The Tabernacle, Church and Sunday School members plus some parents and friends sat down to afternoon tea in the School Hall. They then moved into the church for a service with some 30 members and friends taking part.

In the Cathedral the same evening about the same number took part in a Nativity Play entitled "The Happy Morn" before a large audience.

December 17th. Stanley Schools held their annual sports day this afternoon. Fitzroy House won the challenge shield although one heard members of Ross House wandering about muttering in anguished tones, "We wuz robbed!"

December 20th. A sudden storm wrought devastation over most of the Falklands. Several thousand newly shorn sheep were lost. The storm came on suddenly in late afternoon, increased in intensity to early evening (when your editor in his main guise as a minister actually had a carol service arranged! - see next item), and exhausted itself in the early hours of Friday. Driving up the track to the North Arm Manager's House Thursday afternoon one left huge dust clouds behind. Driving back a few hours later there were thirty and forty foot wide 'ponds' several inches deep. Most of this had been absorbed by the next morning.

December 21st. Rev. Robin Forrester of the United Free Church returned from a camp trip to Fox Bay East, Hill Cove and North Arm. The main purpose was to hold Christmas Carol Services in these settlements.

December 21st. The Annual Prizegiving of Stanley Schools was held this afternoon. After the Headmaster's Review of the school year a speech was made by the then Acting Governor, Mr T.H. Layng. The prizes were presented by Mrs M.G. Barton. As Mr Layng's speech aroused quite a lot of interest we give below a summary.

The speech opened with an explanation of the absence of the Governor and Mrs Lewis who were away on a visit to South Georgia. Comment was made on the imminent retirement of Mr D'Earle Draycott as Superintendent of Education and good wishes extended to him and Mrs Draycott.

The main meat of the speech was an appeal to young people to stay in the Colony. To those who are being educated overseas Mr Layng said that they could also help 'save the day' for the Falklands by coming back here to work when their overseas education

COMMENT BY THE EDITOR on Legislative Council.

1. It is becoming evident that some members of Legislative Council are becoming increasingly frustrated in their attempts to serve their public. The somewhat wild comments from the west Falklands represent a genuine feeling that their constituents are getting a raw deal. That they are not getting the kind of medical service, for instance, that they are paying for. One or two irrelevant supplementary questions showed insufficient thought and background preparation. Yet we give our members no research facilities or funds to enable them to pay someone to make enquiries on their behalf on any matter. They are voluntary amateurs who turn up once a month or so to make decisions on all sorts of matters, often of a technical nature. The position is worsened by the fact that the majority have the same business background. No wonder some are frustrated. We ought to have every sympathy with them.
2. There were 'invisible people' present at Legco. We refer to the 'faceless men' from Whitehall who dominated this session. From fuel supplies to sovereignty; from supply of doctors to salaries. It is clear that H.M.G. dictates what happens on the premise that we are a Colony and that we are economically dependent on Britain. Again a source of friction when Legco is seen to be overridden on such matters.
3. Who started this sad tale that we are economically dependent on Britain and should be crawling on our knees in gratitude over £50,000 given here and £1²/₄ given there? The truth is that there is sufficient money earned in these islands to banish all our financial worries. The trouble is that most of the sheepfarming profits are siphoned off overseas.
4. Dr Cox's resignation resolved nothing except to gain personal support for Dr Cox. Sure, Messrs Blake and Luxton were outspoken - but politicians must exaggerate to emphasise their case. However Dr Cox also had a point in that Government Departments being so small any criticism is felt by individuals - and he has been under great strain, being the only resident doctor at the time. Dr Cox was in a position where he could twist the west Falkland members' arms behind their back, and they evidently said what he wanted. But what is the value of what you say when someone has a half-nelson on you?
5. Finally we would make a plea that 'Legco' be held in the evening say in the Town Hall, so that every working man has a chance to go. Attendance should not be reserved for a select few who can take a day off work when they feel like it.

had been completed.

The reference to saving the day was, he said, due to the situation revealed by recent censuses which showed that "if the population continues to fall at the rate which it has done since 1952, there will be no people at all in these islands by the end of the century".

Mr. Layng pointed out that there were almost a quarter of Government established posts occupied by expatriates, 30 out of 160. He maintained that there were Falkland Islanders qualified to fill important jobs but who did not want to stay and work in the islands. The cost of employing expatriates was said to be about three times that of employing a local person, the difference not just being higher salaries to entice outside people but very high advertising costs, passage costs, accommodation etc. Some costs were subsidised by the British Government.

He emphasised, the Falklands have lagged behind Africa, the West Indies and the Pacific Islands which produce, for example, their own teachers although many of them are far less advanced socially and economically than we are here.

The speech concluded with an emphasis of the main point, "Now, more than at any other time the Colony needs you young people to stay and work here, or to return if you have been educated abroad".

December 21st. News was received that the Falkland Islands Co. Ltd charter vessel n.v. Annette Danielsen sailed from Gravesend. She is expected to arrive Mar del Plata January 14th/15th and Stanley about 10th/19th.

December 26th. The only news received from Camp about Christmas activities was from Port Stephens. Of course many Campers were in Stanley. 35 people from Port Stephens had a day out at Cape Orford Point. A barbecue was held. The day out was so successful that a further one was held on the 27th, at Empire Beach.

December 26th and 27th. Stanley Sports Association held their annual Race Meeting. As usual the meeting was well organised and a grand entertainment for spectators and participants. Results are on page 16. For the benefit of overseas readers we would explain that the weather was glorious all over the Christmas period. Christmas Day was the hottest December day since 1942. After a warm spring the weather has been cold and so the sun came as a welcome friend over Christmas.

We regret the omission of Vegetable Garden, Welfare Report and Quiz answers due to lack of space.

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SPORTS PAGE - Edited by Patrick Watts

Visit of Argentine Sports Team. Stanley welcomed 15 members of the San Martin Sportsman Club during the early days of December. The object of the visit of this team was to play Stanley at cricket, and generally participate in any games or sports played in Stanley. On the evening of their arrival Mr and Mrs Ted Clapp gave a cocktail party at which members of the Cricket and Golf Clubs met the visiting party.

The first cricket match was played under the restricted overs rule, thus making sure that a result could be determined within a few hours. Winning the toss Stanley's captain Ted Clapp put the visitors into bat. Wickets fell regularly, with the exception of the Argentinian captain J. Moffatt, who batted exceptionally well and scored 47 runs.

At the end of the allotted 20 overs the visitors had scored 76. This left Stanley the task of scoring at a rate of 4 runs per over to gain victory. With the departure of Wheeler for 0 and Watts shortly after for 0, Stanley looked in trouble. However, Hansen and Clapp slowed the tempo, got their heads down and proceeded to hit the ball, and defend against the good, to steer Stanley very close to the required score, before both being dismissed, the tail-enders finally ensuring a win for Stanley.

The second match was played under normal rules, which although usually somewhat slower in tempo, is considered a more exacting task. Again the San Martin Club opened the batting, with on this occasion Operti contributing the major score. Other batsmen also scored a reasonable amount, and with the total steadily mounting the Argentine team, reached 89. For Stanley, Henricksen was the most successful bowler, being well supported by Stephenson, who beat the bat on numerous occasions without having any luck.

Stanley made a disastrous beginning with Wheeler and Watts both out for 0. As so often happens Stephenson came to the rescue, and slowly began to build a useful innings.

With him was T. Betts who, although not adding much to the score, proved a valuable foil to Stephenson, with his good defensive play. Unfortunately for Stanley 2 run-outs virtually put paid to their winning chances, and with Stephenson going for 18, the innings finally totalled 71. The main feature of the San Martin Club's bowling being that Operti and Moffatt bowled throughout the innings.

During the innings, both sides took tea in the pavilion, which proved a welcome break. Stanley umpires for these two games being Mr A.G. Barton and Mr S. Miller.

Football. The pattern of the League is now taking shape, with Mustangs hanging on to their 3 point lead at the top, but having to cast watchful glances at Redsox who after their bad start have now emerged as the challengers to Mustangs at the top. Rangers have slipped away badly, and seem to be out of the race. They have been hit by the departure from Stanley of some of their players, and the lack of a top class goal-keeper. As regards goal-scorers, Bob Cave of Mustangs is once again scoring regularly and well ahead at the top.

Most recent results: Mustangs 4 Rangers 1. Mustangs scorers R. Cave 2, T. Gibbons 1, Rangers scorer J. Stephenson.

Redsox 3 Mustangs 1. This was Redsox first victory of the season, which came in an exciting game. Redsox scored through T. Betts, G. Hamilton and J. Lee. Mustangs R. Cave.

Redsox 4 (J. Lee 2, S. Jaffray 1, K. Peart o.g.); Rangers 3 (L. Biggs 2, J. Scholes 1).

Mustangs 8 Rangers 3. A depleted Rangers were no match for Mustangs who were 7-0 ahead at half-time. Scorers Mustangs T. Gibbons 4, P. Watts 2, T. McCallum 1, B. Morrison o.g. Rangers scorers L. Biggs 2, K. Peart 1.

Redsox 0 Mustangs 0. This was the first goal-less draw of the season, and so ensured Mustangs a 3 point lead at the top.

Redsox 2 Rangers 0. This was probably the poorest match of the season, but was vital to Redsox in winning two points to maintain their challenge to Mustangs. Scorers Redsox T. Betts and J. Lee.

Mustangs 5 Rangers 1. Scorers Mustangs R. Cave 3, K. Betts 1, T. Allen 1. Rangers L. Biggs (penalty).

Leading scorers R. Cave 11, T. Gibbons and L. Biggs 7.

It is regretted that because of lack of space in this issue, full details of the above matches cannot be given.

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in use in the Falklands". Our grateful thanks for this information which was not made available locally.

Up, Up, Up. It was recently announced that the cost of living in the Falklands has gone up by 30% in the year 1973. One specific item that will cost more in 1974 is telephone rental in Stanley - from £6.50 to £10 per year for private subscribers, and £20 p.y. for business subscribers. We understand that the business rate is being

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RACES RESULTS:

Results of Stanley Sports Association Races 26th & 27th December.
Unfortunately the Secretary did not have the names of the horses available.

1. Maiden Plate 600 yards
1st Mrs B. Betts; 2nd J. Pemberton; 3rd R. Binnie; 4th I. McPhee.
2. 200 Yards Foot
1st T. McPhee; 2nd R. Kiddle; 3rd W. Carr.
3. Kelper Store Plate 600 yards
1st K. Whitney; 2nd H. Smith; 3rd E. Goss; 4th N. Watson.
4. Potato Race Ladies
1st Miss J. Clarke; 2nd Mrs J. Pemberton; 3rd Mrs N. Watson.
5. West Falkland Plate 800 yards
1st R. Binnie; 2nd N. Watson; 3rd E. Goss.
6. One Mile Foot
1st O. Summers; 2nd D. Collins; 3rd Derek Smith; 4th Sydney Smith.
7. Trotting Race 1 mile
1st D. Whitney; 2nd M. Trowbridge; 3rd E. Goss.
8. Pony Race 300 yards
1st Ian McKay; 2nd Stephen Poole; 3rd Neil McKay.
9. Wheelbarrow Race Mixed
1st Miss J. Clarke & G. Johnson; 2nd Mrs P. King & R. Kiddle;
3rd Mrs R. Binnie & D. Hansen.
10. Chief Secretary's Plate 600 yards
1st K. Whitney; 2nd J. Pemberton; 3rd E. Goss; 4th G. McKay.
11. Sack Race
1st Paul Bonner; 2nd P. Shuttleworth; 3rd R. Kiddle.
12. Governor's Cup 700 yards
1st K. Whitney; 2nd R. Binnie; 3rd Mrs B. Betts; 4th E. Goss.
13. Musical Chairs
1st D. Whitney; 2nd R. McKay; 3rd J. Pemberton.

14. Rincon Grande Plate 900 yards
1st N. Watson; 2nd H. Smith; 3rd B. Betts.
15. Ladies Trotting Race 1 mile
1st Mrs D. Draycott; 2nd Mrs R. McKay; 3rd Mrs R. Lyse.
16. Relay Race Mixed Foot
1st Miss R. Allen & R. Luxton; 2nd Miss D. Pole-Evans & T. McPhee;
3rd Miss S. Rozee & G. Hamilton.
17. Teal Inlet Plate 500 yards
1st K. Whitney; 2nd N. Watson; 3rd R. Binnie; 4th E. Goss.
18. Stepping 100 Yards
1st F. Short; 2nd G. Short; 3rd Swain (H.M.S. Endurance)
19. Berkeley Sound Plate 600 yards
1st K. Whitney; 2nd R. McKay; 3rd Mrs B. Betts; 4th E. Goss.
20. Backwards Race 80 yards Foot
1st G. Hamilton; 2nd V. Steen; 3rd J. Pemberton.
21. Tug-o'-war
1st ... Alazia's team; 2nd Falkland Islands Defence Force.
22. Trotting Race 1 mile
1st Mrs R. McKay; 2nd P. Gilling.
23. Three Legged Race 80 yards Mixed
1st Miss J. Clarke & M. Wallace; 2nd Mrs T. Anderson & K. Whitney;
3rd Mrs P. Watts & R. Betts.
24. Andrew Bruce Trophy 600 yards
1st K. Whitney; 2nd N. Watson; 3rd D. Whitney; 4th J. Pemberton.
25. 100 Yards Foot
1st R. Luxton; 2nd R. Betts; 3rd T. McPhee.
26. Troop Race 300 yards
1st K. Whitney; 2nd J. Pemberton; 3rd R. Binnie; 4th E. Goss.
27. Veterans' Handicap Race 80 yards
1st M. McLeod; 2nd M. McLeod; 3rd W. Jones.
28. Chartres Plate 500 yards
1st K. Whitney; 2nd R. Binnie; 3rd Mrs B. Betts; 4th H. Smith.

29. 440 Yards Foot
1st R. Luxton; 2nd Sydney Smith; 3rd T. McPhee.
30. Port San Carlos Prize 440 yards
1st M. Wallace; 2nd F. Whitney; 3rd G. McKay; 4th I. McPhee.
31. Ladies' Sack Race
1st Miss S. Rozee; 2nd Miss V. Allen; 3rd Miss J. Clarke.
32. Defence Force Club Race 500 yards
1st K. Whitney; 2nd Mrs B. Betts; 3rd E. Goss; 4th N. Watson.
33. Ladies' Race 80 yards Foot
1st Miss R. Allen; 2nd Miss S. Rozee; 3rd Miss V. Allen.
34. V. C. Race
1st D. Whitney; 2nd K. Whitney; 3rd V. Steen.
35. David Smith Plate 600 yards
1st K. Whitney; 2nd R. Binnie; 3rd N. Watson; 4th H. Smith.
36. Douglas Station Plate 300 yards
1st J. Pemberton; 2nd D. Whitney; 3rd T. Anderson.
37. Ladies' Gallop 500 yards
1st Mrs B. Betts; 2nd Mrs N. Watson; 3rd Miss F. Cameron.
38. Young Jockeys' Race 500 yards
1st M. Wallace; 2nd T. Summers; 3rd G. McKay.
39. Gretna Green
1st J. Pemberton & D. Whitney; 2nd V. Steen & Mrs R. McKay;
40. Long Jump
1st R. Cave; 2nd R. Betts; 3rd R. Luxton.
41. Consolation Race 500 yards
1st T. Summers; 2nd T. Anderson; 3rd E. Goss.
42. Pony Race 400 yards
1st N. McKay; 2nd D. Rozee; 3rd I. McKay.
43. Salvador Prize (Champion Race) 800 yards
1st R. Binnie; 2nd K. Whitney; 3rd N. Watson.
44. Woolbrokers' Plate (Champion Race) 600 yards
1st K. Whitney; 2nd H. Smith; 3rd N. Watson.
45. Association Race 500 yards
1st R. McKay; 2nd W. Duncan; 3rd Stan Smith.
- Champion Jockey - K. Whitney 31 points.

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strictly applied even to small and part-time businesses. It seems to us that this is almost sharp practice as no indication was given when the new rates were introduced in the budget that it would be applied in this way. It is plainly absurd that a part-time business with £5,000 p.a. turnover should pay the same as a large business with ten times the sales. Perhaps a graded scale could be introduced.

PART III OF A CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE EDITOR AND HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, MR E.G. LEWIS, C.M.G., O.B.E.

Robin Forrester: Finally, again and again when I go around the camp I find that people echo what Mr. Monk said the other day in the Council Chamber - "They don't want us". Now what would you say to people who have gained this impression, that the British Government doesn't, in fact, want the Falkland Islands?

His Excellency: I would say that this is completely wrong. I think that there is a tremendous amount of understanding for ourselves but we must get it into perspective. We are a small group of islands, with just 2,000 population, situated close to the mainland of Latin America. In the long term there is very little future for places like ourselves if we can't get along with our neighbours. That doesn't mean to say be seduced by them or be taken over by them. Obviously it makes sense to have communications with the Argentine. To say that we are not wanted - we must remember that Britain's role in the world is changing. The days when we could send a fleet down here, when we were a major power I'm afraid, have gone. This doesn't mean to say that there is any lack of interest. I think that it's a realisation of a change of role and we must be ready here to change as the world changes too. We can't be insulated from the effect of changes in the world. It's impossible. Inflation is out of our control - it's affected by worldwide price increases. The price of oil is going up. Everyone is complaining. An 8% rise here, a 10% rise there. It's a continuing complaint. I'm certain that we have got a part to play. With inflation commodity prices are standing up quite well. At the moment we have other prospects, but they are all still prospects. We rely on our wool prices and our farms. As far as one can see ahead this is the situation. The answer in brief is that there is no question of Britain not wanting us. Britain says that it makes sense to be friends with our neighbours and play our part in the world. That doesn't mean to say that they don't take an interest in us.

P.F. Well, thank you very much Your Excellency. I'm grateful that you've put so much time at my disposal. It's been a good opportunity not only for us all to hear your thoughts on quite a few matters, but also to get to know you better.

THE END

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS:

"We mourn with those who mourn".

Deaths (Overseas)

James Berntsen of Colchester, England.

Aged 63 years

Malcolm James Luxton of Harrow, England, on 6th

January 1974

Aged 75 years

BUSINESS NEWS AND OPINION:

Farming. News reaches us that Mr Robin McGill sold Sea Lion Islands on January 7th. The new owner is Mr Terence Clifton presently of F.I.C. North Arm and previously of F.I.C. George Island. We also understand that negotiations are drawing to a close for the sale of Dean Bros. (Pebble & Keppel Islands) to David Smith & Co. Ltd., Wool Merchants of Braiford, Yorks. We believe that there is some truth in rumours concerning negotiations for the sale of yet another island and we will try to give more definite news next month.

The terrible storm on December 20th will have cost some thousands of pounds in lost profits and therefore lost government revenue.

Shops and Stores. Mrs Molly Barnes opened the Falkland Store again on December 19th. She reports good trade in these early days and expects to be open Monday-Friday 10-12 a.m. and 2-5.30 p.m. We hear that the F.I.C. West Store has recently cut its staff. We are advised that two full-timers are retiring and two part-timers made redundant and one part-timer become full time. Thus 2½ jobs are gone. This is serious and yet few will argue as to the necessity of it. We enclose a 4 page supplement for Camp subscribers detailing goods on sale at Joan Bouni Newsagency.

Alginate Industries Ltd. A correspondent (J.R. Phillips) in a letter dated 9th December writes. "Did you know of the public flotation (this last week) of Alginate Industries? I don't think it has come to market at a very favourable moment! The shares, issued at 130p are not expected to go to a premium when dealings commence. The two full pages of prospectus in the Financial Times of Mon. 3rd Dec., said (inter alia), 'Harvesting rights in the Falkland Islands have been granted to the company and a pilot plant to manufacture calcium alginate is already in operation on an experimental basis. It is intended eventually to establish a large scale harvesting and manufacturing operation in the Falkland Islands'. The list of leasehold and freehold properties valued in the prospectus does not include the plant

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK:

Again the Falkland Islands TIMES has extra pages - four extra this time. Again there has been so much that has had to be left out. We hope you enjoy what has been selected this month. We shall have a special announcement next month as to how we shall make sure that in the future all the extra news will get to you.

Don't forget the bread and butter customers. It was good to see

some local enterprises providing facilities for residents when tourist ships were in. The Post Office provided a special counter. Locals' shopping at the Co-op were whisked into a side room to beat the long queue of visitors. In the Globe Store too storekeepers were eager to serve local customers as a priority. It is good when businesses remember that although tourists put a little jam on the bread it is the regular customers who keep them going - and provide the bread.

And so to the Constitution. The first meeting for public discussion of the constitution and changes needed is scheduled for February 20th. We hope that many, many people will attend. We would like to make some concrete suggestions for you to think about. The more ideas that are brought forward will hopefully mean that more people will be satisfied with the end results.

MAJOR CONSIDERATIONS

- A. Close ties must be retained with the United Kingdom.
- B. Executive Power, that is the power to decide things and to get them done, must be passed to the residents of the Falklands.
- C. It appears very unlikely that H.M.G. will agree to a form of government that does not consist of two separate Councils.

ONE WAY OF MEETING THESE CRITERIA

- 1. Her Majesty the Queen must continue to be the head of Government. Her authority to be exercised through a Governor appointed by H.M.G. after consultation with the Elected F.I. Legislature.
- 2. The Governor, with his Advisory Council (see 6 below), to be responsible for Defence, Foreign Relations and appointment of Police, registrars and magistrates.
- 3. The post of Chief Secretary as being a person appointed by H.M.G. to head the Government be abolished. Deputy Chief Secretary to be head of Secretariat.
- 4. Conduct of public affairs to be as follows:
Legislative Council to consist of 7 elected members. 4 from Stanley being the top 4 candidates with Stanley as one constituency. 1 from East Falkland, 1 from West Falkland, 1 from the Islands. Candidates should put down a deposit as at present. They need not be resident in their con-

stituency - thus a person retired say from Port Howard now living in Stanley could stand for Legco for West Falkland. If elected, funds would be provided for him to visit his constituents. The Governor continues as Speaker and President of Legco (with a casting vote if necessary?).

- 5. The Legco seeks to elect or appoint either from its own members or if not from outside a salaried, full-time Chief Executive - the F.I. equivalent of Prime Minister. The Chief Executive will appoint two part-time ministers (from within or without Council) to form a Cabinet and assist him govern.
- 6. The Governor will appoint 3 members to his Advisory Council.
- 7. The Chief Executive will be ex-officio member of Legislative Council and Advisory Council.
- 8. All meetings of both Councils will be in public and meet three monthly. The Advisory Council will have similar functions to the British House of Lords and will be able to send bills back to the Legco for up to 6 months. Legco would meet on the day(s) following Legco.
- 9. Well. Now it's up to you to say what you think. We close with a word of caution. Whatever grand schemes of Government we may draw up they are not much use unless we have suitable people to fill the positions and money to run it. Next month we will look at these problems. We also intend to produce a chart showing how Government Departments would be organised under the three ministers.

Telephones. Sitting at his desk last week your Editor looked out of his window and saw a stranger to him breaking the catch off his gate. Although he rushed out the man had gone by the time the scene of the crime was reached. He telephoned the Police Station. No answer - it was lunch time and policemen have to eat like the rest of us. No, the exchange didn't know where a policeman could be contacted. There were only two policemen with telephones and one was sick. After 10 minutes a policeman was contacted. After another 10 the duty policeman made contact. We consider that public safety has been endangered and continues so while all policemen cannot be contacted immediately. Apparently the police are saying that they will not have a telephone unless the government pays half the private user rate. The government intend, at some time or other, to give telephones that will only receive calls.

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REVIEW - a look at the events of our TIMES.

December 16th. Memorial Service for Sir Raynor Arthur, Governor of the Falkland Islands 1954-57, at St. Bartholomew's Church, Burwash, Sussex.

December 27th. A bit of late news to reach us tells of Christmas celebrations at Fox Bay West. Messrs Val Berntsen and Alf Collins gave a lunch for 31 persons who sat down to lamb (the Christmas delicacy of the Falklands), potatoes, peas and mint sauce, followed by duff and trifle. Afterwards a twist session was helped along by a bowl of punch and more goodies.

January 2nd. The Falkland Islands Co. Ltd. announced the following appointments. Mr F.G. Mitchell to be Managing Director and Mr W.A. Blake to be Farm Director.

January 5th. Signy Island. British Antarctic Survey reported that Dr. David Lewis had arrived for a 3 day stay in the yacht "Icebird". He afterwards left for Albany in Western Australia. It was also advised that Messrs Len Minto, Gary Brown and Pat Whitney were hard at work erecting new buildings and running a concentrated course in darts playing.

January 7th. The French two masted 50 foot yacht PENNDUICK 3 arrived in Port Stanley after a 35 days non-stop voyage from Tahiti - a distance of 5,000 nautical miles, under the command of Captain Mark Linsky.

January 11th. The Japanese ship TAIYO MARU 82 arrived in Stanley Harbour for a few hours after spending some days around the islands. This ship is chartered by a British fisheries authority for research into fish reserves around the islands during the summer.

January 12th. Despite prompt medical assistance from Dr Cox and Sister Sharpe an explosion on TAIYO MARU 82 resulted in the death of a crew member Mr Masaru Kamite. Another crew member Mr Tashaki Nakayama sustained eye injuries and was later flown to Buenos Aires for medical treatment which resulted in his returning a week later in good health to rejoin his ship.

January 13th. The elderly people of the R.E.M. Hospital were entertained with slides and music by members of the Royal Marines.

They also enjoyed a large cake presented by the Royal Marines.

January 15th. Again our marines took to the footlights with a

parody on Cinderella performed in the Town Hall on the 15th, 16th and 17th. This was conceived and performed with great verve and courage - especially as the greater number of characters were female. The sight of the eight man corps de ballet with prima ballerina Tony Mendoza will long live in our memories. The whole entertainment was enthusiastically received with great laughter and hearty applause. £32 'profit' has been donated to be used to benefit the retired permanent residents of the hospital.

January 16th. The cruise liner C.A.B.O. SAN ROQUE spent a day in Port William. Some 800 tourists spent the day in Stanley. Unfortunately for the visitors a sunny morning gave way to a terrible storm with thunder, lightning and hail in addition to driving rain. The Philomel Store, along with other shops, sheltered tourists who were treated to an impromptu singalong from proprietor Des Peck. Parties of English speaking visitors from U.S.A. and South Africa told of harsh living conditions on board particularly with regard to water only being available 4 hours daily. This shortage was alleviated by the supply of 66 tons of fresh water from Stanley.

January 19th. M/V ANNETTE DANIELSON arrived from London via Mar del Plata with over 1,000 shipping tons of cargo.

January 21st. Among the persons departing on today's 'plane were Sir Donald and Lady Hopson. Sir Donald is the British Ambassador in Buenos Aires. They spent a fortnight in the Colony and made a tour of Camp.

January 23rd. Another tourist liner visited the Falklands - this time an Italian ship from Genoa the ENRICO C.

January 25th. M/V ANNETTE DANIELSON sailed today for London. She carried 2,890 bales of wool and 33 bales of skins plus a small amount of general cargo and scrap non-ferrous metal. At the last moment Mr David Allan joined the ship's crew.

January 31st. Mr Wallace Hirtle editor of the F.I. Monthly Review until last year, retired today from Government service. He started as a travelling teacher in 1936 and by 1957 rose to the position of Income Tax Officer which he thus occupied for 17 years. He will continue to look after Income Tax matters on a part-time basis.

February 1st. Vice-Comodoro de la Colina announced that scholar-

ships from the Argentine Government had been awarded to the following: Sally Atkins, Xenia Barnes, Gary Hewitt, Cheryl Johnson, Darren Livermore, Gary Newman, Peter Roberts and Kim Summers. Our best wishes to you all as you start packing your bags.

February 2nd. A special flight today took away two groups to visit an agricultural show as guests of the Salesian School, Rio Grande - who also paid the fares. The first invitation was for 12 children and those who went were - Alastair Minto, Terry Allan, Marvin Lee, Gary Hewitt, Robert Rozee, Gerard Johnson, John & Peter Coutts (Stanley); Kim Summers (Teal Inlet), Jaime Robertson (Fox Bay West); Tony Hirtle (Goose Green) and Alastair Marsh (Chartres) with schoolmaster Mr Jim Bellman in charge. The second invitation was to 6 farmers and those who went were Messrs Sydney Berntsen, (Port Stephens), Sydney Miller (Stanley), Alan Miller (Port San Carlos), Tim Miller (Port Howard), Ray Robson (Port San Carlos) and William Pole-Evans (Saunders Island).

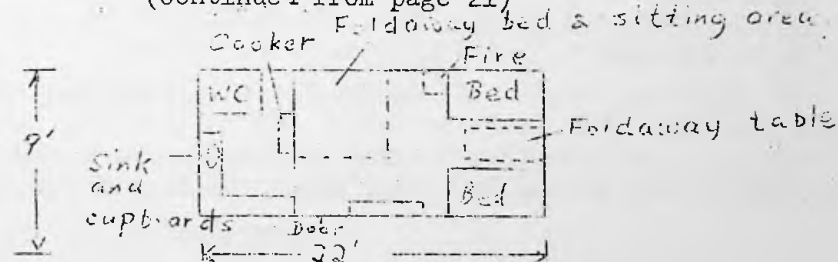
Editors Note - It seems that most of the happenings of this last month were concerned with shipping. Certainly this is a true reflection of events as far as Stanley is concerned. It is as well to remember that the Camp was busy with its vital work of shearing, as weather permitted.

VEGETABLE GARDEN IN FEBRUARY:

Our horticultural adviser writes.

"It is not too late to sow some lettuce for the autumn but an important job now is to prepare for next year. Sow cabbage and cauliflower seeds for next spring - some people prefer to do this in a cold frame to withstand the winter. Use the ground from which potatoes have been dug for transplanting cabbage, kale and broccoli.

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SCHOOL YEAR 1973:

Prize list - Stanley Schools.

INFANT 2: 1st, Paul Watson; 2nd, Pauline Biggs; Progress, Margaret Butler; Handicraft, Allan Berntsen.

JUNIOR 1: 1st, Natalie McPhee; 2nd, Julia Thain; Progress, Neil Howlands; Handwork, Irvin Summers; Needlework, Christine Peck.

JUNIOR 2: 1st, Tansy Newman; 2nd, Anna King; Progress, Glynis King; Handwork, Christopher Harris; Needlework, Joan Jaffray.

JUNIOR 3: 1st, Fiona Clements; 2nd, Stephanie Coutts; Progress, Silver Medal & Ross House for Sport, Sally Atkins; Handwork, Micki Jones; Needlework, Valerie Jaffray.

JUNIOR 4: 1st, Raymond Smith; 2nd & Needlework, Susan Butler; Progress, Steven Poole; Handwork, Ian Goss; Needlework, Xenia Barnes; Silver Medal, Fitzroy House, Robert Short.

SENIOR 1: 1st, Needlework & Silver Medal, Fitzroy House, Teresa McGill; 2nd, Anton Livermore; Progress, Robert Ward; Handwork, Ian McKay; Silver Medal, Ross House, David Thain.

SENIOR 2: 1st & Gold Medal, Fitzroy House, Cheryl Johnson; 2nd, Darren Livermore; Progress & Gold Medal, Ross House, Stephen Jaffray; Handwork, Kenneth McKay & Peter Coutts; Needlework, Charlene Short.

SENIOR 3: 1st & Needlework Prize presented by Mrs Blyth, Shelley Livermore; 2nd & Rural Science, Stephen Clifton; Progress & Needlework, Norma Thom; Handwork, Neil McKay & Timothy McCallum.

COMMERCIAL CLASS: 1st, Dilys Anderson; 2nd, Una Summers.

SENIOR 4: 1st, Teresa Dobbins; 2nd, Kathleen Dobbins; Victor Ludorum & Gold Medal, Fitzroy, Derek Clarke; Victrix Ludorum & Gold Medal, Ross, Keva Jones.

HEAD GIRL: Ailsa Malcolm. HEAD BOY: Len McGill.

HOUSE SHIELD FOR SPORTS 1973: To Fitzroy House.

HOUSE CAPTAINS: Cora McGill and Len McGill.

The following Camp children have been awarded Progress prizes for their work in 1973.

Susan Barnes, Chartres; Andrew Miller, Roy Cove; Davina McKay, Hill Cove; Joanna Fielding, Lively Island; Michelle Binnie,

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Stanley.

11th February 1974

Dear Sir,

I read with some concern the remarks made by the Chief Secretary at the annual prize giving of the Stanley Schools on December 21st.

The education of our children is something that concerns all of us and it is indeed encouraging to see that so many are at last able to benefit from the opportunity of secondary education overseas. But, valuable as these children are to our Colony's future, can we honestly expect them, or even encourage them, to return and face the stigma of the new two tier society which has just been created: a society where the country of one's birth dictates the position he can expect to occupy? I wonder how many parents fully realize the true position of our children. Do they realize that after receiving a sophisticated education and qualifying as a teacher, pilot, doctor or in any other profession, that they return to this Colony at a financial and social disadvantage to their more fortunate colleagues who, purely by accident of birth, have entered the world in the "Mother Country"? Or even in the Republic of Ireland, a country which seems to be able to sit on the fence and enjoy the privileges and benefits of both communities. I refer, of course, to the degrading position we are placed in by accepting the Overseas Service Aid Scheme which pays handsome tax-free allowances, passages and perhaps other benefits to expatriate officers born and recruited in Great Britain. This generally succeeds in setting each and every one on a financial and social pedestal which does little else than create a feeling of bitterness and inferiority among our local people. I would add that this is intended in no way to insult or injure our expatriate officers, for, after all, who can blame them for accepting something handed out on a silver plate?

No, Mr Chief Secretary, let us be completely honest with our children and tell them the unvarnished truth. Explain to them the problem they will have in obtaining the most mundane form of employment when they return with a string of hard earned 0's and 1's. If they are really going to succeed in this world, then it seems they are in the deplorable position of having to seek

their future in a foreign country, for not even Britain will accept them if their parents or grandparents were not born in that country. To echo a remark made recently by one of our Councillors, it seems we are just NOT WANTED: not only by HMG but now by our own administration.

Yours faithfully
H.L. Bound.

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The Chief Secretary concluded as follows:

"It is always a favourite pastime to criticise the government and possibly in the Falklands this is indulged in more than in some other places, so I would like to point out that here now is the opportunity for the public to tell the select committee what kind of government it wants. Here is the opportunity that many people have been waiting for I think. It is often said that there is too much political apathy in the Colony, that when elections are held very few candidates come forward, very few people bother to vote, very few people bother to attend meetings. The result of this is that things perhaps do not proceed as one would like to think that they should do. So now the public, the inhabitants of this Colony have a chance to tell the committee exactly how they think government should be constituted and what constitutional change is needed. I hope many will take this opportunity. Mr. Chairman, I beg to move the motion."

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK continued from page 3:

We say the Government should cease this petty attitude, give the men their £5 and a proper telephone, enable us to sleep easy knowing that we can get a policeman when we need one.

On the subject of telephones a little bouquet for the Post Office. We understand that elderly and poorer folk are being allowed to pay their bills over a period of time instead of in a lump sum. This is a kind and humane gesture that will surely be appreciated.

A STORM AT PORT SAN CARLOS:

We are grateful to Mrs Carol Miller, wife of the manager at Port San Carlos for the following graphic account.

"Whilst I am well aware, in compiling this account, that the whole Islands and not just Port San Carlos suffered the freak storm of December 20th 1973, I feel that it should all be recorded in terms other than barometers, barographs and millibars, for whilst all this is interesting, and statistics are impressive, it does not emphasise the devastating effect it had on the livestock and in turn the industry, especially to the "man in the street".

And so I have compiled this short account of how it happened at Port San Carlos where it left its mark as clear as a branding iron, in its death toll, and robbed us of a prospective £4,000 (which would have been revenue from sale of sheep to C.M.P. or some other such enterprise).... all in the space of 3 hours.

Coming at a time when the wool market is the tops; we have an outlet for our surplus sheep, we no longer have any "waste" in the industry... you have heard the well-worn cliché "we never had it so good".... this was for us something of a "back-hander"... a body blow, call it what you like, anyway it brought us back down to earth with a resounding bump.

During the course of the 12½ years that I have lived in the Islands I have been constantly aware of the changeability and variability of the Falkland weather. Who isn't? But even taking this into account it is hard to accept the suddenness and ferocity of the cataclysmic storm which hit the Islands fair and square on that night of December 20th.

As we stood at the beach at 6 p.m. bidding good-bye to our departing guest we exchanged quips, as one always does, about the weather. It was hot, sultry, flat flat calm. "Something is coming" was the general consensus of opinion, but we were certainly not prepared for what actually DID arrive.

7 p.m.... stifling heat.. It was uncomfortable! Suddenly.. huge drops of rain fell from the skies and within minutes it had become soaking, saturating, tropical torrents.

The Clippies! What could be done? It was all so sudden. I heard telephones ringing and I was at once aware that this

was going to be no ordinary storm. Alan muttered "why do things like this happen the only time we use THAT paddock". It seemed the Rough Sheep Paddock was not considered too hot shelter wise. Alan grabbed his coat and made a desperate rover dash to open the gate. Diversely Bill McKay and Keith Whitney made for the shed aiming to shut as many of the day's 1,050 stunned wethers into the shed. Some of the older sheep had run down the paddock to seek shelter but the younger animals were totally mesmerised by this fantastic deluge of water and the driving blinding 60 knot southerly wind which in itself made even the business of staying upright pretty tricky.. especially at the windy gap, where, contrary to general procedure, the animals made a beeline for the Land-Rover and tried to pack their frames under it - I suppose for warmth and shelter. Alan found it impossible to move the animals, stunned as they were except bodily - an almost impossible task in such a wind.

For three hours I listened to the wind and the rain belting against the window; listened to the elder creak and groan against the house. Long since, the 60 small ditches which run down the hill between the Manager's house and the woolshed had become raging torrents overflowing their banks and rendering the whole hillside a sheet of water wreaking havoc, leaving death and devastation in its wake.

I was glad when I heard the back door slam, but did not bargain for the ghostly sight which met me - frozen, saturated, numb and aching in every limb, unable to do more after humping animals in and out of the rover in a pathetic attempt to find shelter for them in bushes under peat banks, in bullrushes and long grass.

Midnight came.... but now it was all over. It was calm, warm, clear and fresh and beautiful. Until...

"A good 300 dead in the New Paddock said Bill McKay the next morning after making a quick look-see and not liking what he was seeing. THE NEW PADDOCK. Never in the history of this farm have we lost sheep in the NEW PADDOCK. North facing with its beautiful shelter of bullrushes, peat banks, cinnamon grass. LOVELY lovely shelter belts.. only this same superb shelter had become nothing more than death traps providing watery graves for ...300 said Bill totally dazed by this number, 400, 500, 600 said Alan in despair as we Rovered round on Friday afternoon to inspect the field of battle.

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GOVERNMENT INFORMATION:

MARRIAGE FEES. These have recently been increased and the main provisions are as follows:

To the Treasury. Governor's Special Licence - £15; Entry of Notice of Marriage - 60p; Registrar General's Licence - £3; Marriage by Registrar's Ord. - £2.50 and by Governor's Special Licence - £5. These fees are mandatory.

To the Minister. Marriage by Governor's Special Licence - £5; Publication of banns of marriage - 60p; Conducting marriage ceremony - £2.50; Travelling expenses for every mile beyond Stanley - 50p. These fees are mandatory but are accepted by the minister at his discretion.

To the Clerk. Marriage by Governor's Special Licence - £2.50; marriage after banns or on Registrar General's Licence - £1.25.

INCOME TAX rates and allowances have been changed from 1974 year of assessment.

Income Tax is levied on individuals as shown in the following sliding scale. Chargeable income is shown, that is to say, the balance remaining after deductions.

On every £1 of the first	£500	15 per cent (15p)
-do-	next £500	20 " " (20p)
-do-	£500	25 " " (25p)
-do-	£1000	30 " " (30p)
-do-	£1000	35 " " (35p)
-do-	£1000	40 " " (40p)
-do-	remainder of chargeable income	45 " " (45p)

The more important personal allowances and deductions are listed below:

Page 3 of the Statutory Declaration Form		
Item	Full Year	
	Employed	Self-employed
1. Old Age Pension Contributions	£13.52	£31.20
3. Child Allowance	£130	
4. " " (if child at school overseas)	£150	

Item	Employed	Self-employed
5. Wife Allowance	£100	
6. Female relative (whose total income is not more than £200) in charge of children	£100	
7. Dependent relative (whose total income is not more than £200)	£100	
9. Old Age Relief - Taxpayer must be 60 years of age (or over) on the 1st January in the year of assessment. (There is no provision on the form for this deduction and you should, therefore, delete the words at present at Item 9 and insert the words "Old age relief").	Married - two-thirds of the difference between his total income and £600. Single - one-third of the difference between his total income and £600.	
10. Personal Allowance	£230	

POSTAGE. The more important new postage rates are now quoted:
Airmail (external): Aerogrammes, small 6p, large 7p; First class letters: 1p per ounce or part thereof - second class and small packets is half this rate. Surface mail - to U.K. and Commonwealth: 1 oz - 3p; 2 oz - 5p; 4 oz - 7½p; 6 oz - 10p, Parcel Post - 2 lb - 80p; 7 lb - £1.15; 11 lb - £1.65; 22 lb - £2.60. Inland - Letters: 1 oz - 2p; 2 oz - 3p; 4 oz - 4p; 6 oz - 6p. Parcels: 2 lb - 10p; 5 lb - 16p; 8 lb - 20p.

CHIEF SECRETARY'S SPEECH. The following is a summary of the major items in the Chief Secretary's speech on constitutional advance. Mr Layng called for a committee to travel around the Falklands, not to promote their own views, but to obtain the views of the people on constitutional change. It was hoped that the committee would report back to the next Legislative Council. This report, together with the views of His Excellency the Governor, would be sent to the Secretary of State. It might be expected that constitutional changes would then take place in time for the next elections which are due in eighteen months time. He then aired various proposals that had been made and discussed their pros and cons given overleaf in tabular form.

<u>Proposal</u>	<u>Advantages</u>	<u>Disadvantages</u>
Abolish nominated members.	Enforces democracy and destroys Paternalism.	Special interests are not represented. Valuable experience might be lost.
Have one Governing Council instead of 'Legco' and 'Exco'.	Less administration. Bring things into the open instead of secretly as in Exco. Quicker decision making.	Experience in other territories means HMG is likely to be against this.
Upper age limit on Councillors.	Encourage younger people to come forward.	Reduce the already small number of possible candidates.
Civil servants should be permitted to seek election.	More talent made available.	Civil service discipline.
Number of Legco members should be increased proportionately to the population, say 4 Stanley members and 3 Camp members.	More balanced representation than at present.	Dangers of having too large a council.
Deposits payable by candidates should be reduced or removed.	The deposit may have been a deterrent and perhaps more people will be encouraged to seek election.	Non-serious candidates might stand for election.

The question was also raised as to whether Stanley should be divided into constituencies or whether the whole town should return a certain number of members.

The Chief Secretary concluded as follows.

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HERE AND THERE:

Coming Weddings. Notices to marry have been posted on the Registrar's Notice Board between -

Mr Reginald John Davis and Miss Rose Kenny
 Mr Tony Summers and Miss Sylvia Jean Newman

Information Officer. The Government recently announced that Mrs Maria Rowe has been appointed Government Information Officer, in succession to Mr D'Earle Draycott who is retiring shortly. The effective date of the appointment is February 1st 1974. Mrs Rowe was born and brought up in the Argentine but holds a British passport. She speaks English and Spanish fluently. This is a part-time appointment and she will continue to operate the Tourist Bureau.

They've Lost Us Again. Invoices for items ordered by the Falkland Islands TIMES arrived recently. They were marked for Fiji and Tonga!

Miss Meg Laver. A recent visitor to the Falklands Miss Laver comes from South Africa and stayed for six weeks. She is employed as an assistant librarian at the Johannesburg Public Library. As a hobby in her spare time she has recently completed a Bibliography on the Falkland Islands of over 200 pages. This bibliography is a list of books, articles and references to the Falklands published in several languages in different countries - mainly English of course. During her time here she spent quite a lot of time in our library to add to her knowledge. But she said, "I have come back to the Falklands because I really like it here."

Y.P.F. Many local residents have been offended at the calendar issued by YPF (Argentine State Oil Company). The calendar indicates that it presents the Argentine Antarctic. On the July/August page there is a photograph of the YPF installation in 'Puerto Stanley (Islas Malvinas)'. The September/October page depicts an Argentine flag in the foreground attached to an Argentinian ship. In the background is a picture of Stanley. The effect is of the flag flying over Stanley. The photograph has been wrongly printed and shows Stanley back to front.

Penguin. The motor yacht PENGUIN has been sold by Mr Robert Watson to Mr Tony Hardy. Shortly after acquiring PENGUIN Mr Hardy issued a statement saying that he hoped to keep the boat in the island. We understand however that several very good offers have been received from Argentina and that Mr Hardy is very tempted to sell.

School Terms 1974. We thought it would be helpful to list these for reference purposes throughout the year -
Stanley and full-time Camp Schools 10th February - 17th May;
 3rd June - 6th September; 23rd September - 20th December.
Darwin Boarding School 20th February - 17th May; 10th June - 23rd August; 16th September - 20th December. Recognised Camp Teachers all the time to 20th December except sports week or week in lieu; 12th April (Good Friday); May Ball week; 26th August - 1st September; 9th December Battle Day (transferred).

Stanley Public Holidays 1974. January 1st - New Year's Day; 12th April - Good Friday; 22nd April - H.M. the Queen's Birthday and Commonwealth Day; 7th October; 9th December - Battle Day transferred; 25th-27th December - Christmas.

Engagement. The engagement was celebrated in Travalgon, Australia, of Miss Odette McKay and Mr Tom Hislop. Odette is the great niece of Mrs Jane Clarke.

In the Drink or Knocked About. Some folk received their mail extra early when the ANNETTE DANIELSON arrived. One bag fell into the harbour. Fortunately it was rescued immediately and the damp contents were delivered straight away. A much more serious accident resulted in extensive damage to the near-side of the motor-car belonging to Mr Dave Ryan. It is said that an oil drum came loose and battered against the car. Surely this shows the advisability of insuring cargo.

Short wave Radio. The latest poll conducted by the International Short wave Club of Essex, England, was to find the most popular short wave radio station among short wave enthusiasts. Results were: 1st - Radio Netherlands, 2nd - B.B.C., 3rd - Voice of America, 4th - Radio Australia. The only non-Government station in the top 15 was radio H.C.J.B. (Voice of the Indies)

the Christian broadcasters which came 11th. Over 34,000 votes were cast.

A STORM AT PORT SAN CARLOS continued from page 12.

700, 800 was the tally as the tractor and sleigh heaped the poor broken bodies into piles on the Saturday afternoon when Alan and Simon Miller with Robert McKee and Ken and John Berntsen worked all afternoon "tidying" the paddock in scorching sunshine. It had to be seen to be believed!

The dry gullies had obviously become raging torrents of water washing the animals bodily down the hillside and heaping them higgledy piggledy against the fence, under peat banks where they swirled and surged and drowned in a sea of mud.

It was a field of battle, not a traditional one I admit, but nevertheless the field of battle for life, against forces unknown, and more than that, unexpected.

Under the scorching sun of that Saturday afternoon it seemed hard to believe that this had happened. Somehow it seemed unreal, part of a film. This hasn't happened.. not here.. HAD IT?

Ironically the wide open, exposed, total suspect rough sheep paddock suffered only 120 casualties including virtually all the ones transported about. But the New Paddock, so safe, so secure, so protected, robbed the farm of 800 plus fine animals.

I am assured that it could have been worse. I find this hard to accept, though I am sure that it must be so. It must be a unique occurrence in the history of farming in the Falklands that nature has dealt such a sudden and savage blow, certainly it is for this farm. Please God it never happens again."

ADVERTISEMENT:

NOTICE TO STANLEY CO-OP MEMBERS

Members who are liable to income tax are advised not to complete their Statutory Declaration Form until a dividend and interest voucher is received from the society. We are advised that it is hoped that this will be available within 2 - 3 weeks.

R. Rowlands (Secretary)

SPORTS REPORT - Football News by Acting Sports Editor Terry Betts (during absence in U.K. of Patrick Watts).

As there has been no football with visiting ships recently football has been devoted mainly to the league programme. There is now only one more match left to play - between Redsox and Rangers.

Since the last edition of the TIMES there have been seven league matches played the results of which are as follows: Redsox 2 (T. Betts, S. Jaffray) - Mustangs 1 (Almonacid O.G.). Rangers 10 (A. Waton 3, F. Palmer 2, L. Biggs 2, R. Peart, J. Stephenson, B. Morrison penalty) - Redsox 5 (T. Betts 3, P. Shuttleworth, G. Johnson). Mustangs 2 (T. Gibbons 2) - Rangers 0. Mustangs 5 (R. Cave 4, P. Peck O.G.) - Redsox 1 (T. Betts penalty). Rangers 4 (J. Stephenson 3, A. Waton) - Redsox 3 (T. Betts penalty, P. Shuttleworth, J. Lee). Mustangs 1 (P. Weaver) - Rangers 1 (J. Scholes); and last but not least Mustangs 5 (R. Cave 2, T. Gibbons 2, P. Weaver) - Redsox 2 (T. Betts, both goals from the penalty spot).

In the twenty league matches that have been played there have been no less than 107 goals scored. Surely the most goals scored in a single season for a long time.

Although there is still one league match to play it has little importance as far as the championship goes. The champions without any doubt are Mustangs. Once again the most honoured captain in the football league, Ron Betts, has led his team to win the championship. If I had to point out the team's strong point it must be their striking power with Cave and Gibbons scoring 28 of their 45 goals. The champion team was as follows: Ron Betts, D. Allan, T. Allan, R. Cave, R. Felton, A. Foster, T. Gibbons, T. McCallum, M. McKenna, I. McPhee, T. McPhee, C. Muir, R. Peat, T. Peck, J. Simmons, R. Summers, J. Wallace, P. Watts and P. Weaver.

The league table stands like this:

Team	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Goals for	Goals against	Points
Mustangs	14	8	2	4	45	20	20
Rangers	13	3	6	4	33	42	10
Redsox	13	4	7	2	29	45	10

The top goal scorers chart is;

R. Cave 17, T. Betts and T. Gibbons 11 each, L. Biggs 9. Cave must be the league's top marksman. Cave and Gibbons have no more matches to play. Betts would have to score seven times against Rangers or Biggs score nine times past Redsox in the last match to beat him.

Lastly there have been two sending offs - G. Hamilton of the Redsox twice. In the 107 goals there were 7 own goals and 7 scored from penalties.

(Ed. Thanks Terry for stepping into the gap. Would secretaries of sporting organisations please pass on details of any activities that they want to be publicised).

SCHOOL YEAR 1973 continued from page 8.

Fitzroy; Gavin Felton, Beaver Island; Janet Robertson, Port Stephens; Morgan Goss, North Arm; John Jaffray, North West Arm; Michael Sackett, Fox Bay East; Paul Betts, Pebble Island; Stephanie & Patsy McNally, Port Howard; Ian & Michael Triggs, Saddle, Chartres.

SEWING & EMBROIDERY: Trudi & Marlane Porter, Fox Bay East.

Prizes at Port San Carlos donated by Mrs Alan Miller - Arithmetic, Iain Berntsen; Reading, Diana Berntsen; Handwork and Sewing, Violet Clarke; Art & English, Rowan-Katherine Miller; Reading & Good Progress, Gina Berntsen & Anita Short; General all-round ability and Progress, Kirsten Miller.

Tourism and Local Facilities continued from page 23.

In the rumours that a restaurant and children's room is to be added, Mr Les King, proprietor reports that his new diesel minibus is proving profitable and useful. It has eleven passenger seats and is used for transport between the hotel and the airport; and for tourist sightseeing trips. No doubt there is a bit of a worry about how the springing will stand up to the track to the airport until the proper road is built as part of the new airport facilities. An item of interest is that the Upland Goose is putting a caravan at Port Harriet Point - a great place for wildlife - particularly penguins and seals. It is 22 feet long by 9 feet wide. A sketch plan is shown on page 17.

* of the Upland Goose Hotel

BUSINESS NEWS AND OPINION by the Editor:Sheepfarming

We start with a correction. Due to a mental aberration we said last month that the new owner of Sea Lion Island Mr T. Clifton was formerly of George Island. This should of course be Speedwell Island. We understand that he is not moving to Sea Lions at present but will work the farm in his holidays and spare time. In our September 1973 issue we noted the formation of the F.I. Association of Farm Managers. Some more information has now reached us. Its statement of aims reads, "To promote the sheep farming industry by the dissemination of ideas and methods and to obtain a comparative standard of living." Thus although it is concerned with salaries it also emphasises the need for the continuing education of farm managers. Of course many industrial and professional bodies are establishing courses and newsletters etc. with this aim. With rapid developments in every field nowadays this is probably much more important now than it used to be.

Communications. Last month we mentioned the Ward/Hardy report for improving communications within the islands. Basically it is claimed that this mainly U.H.F. radio system would enable "Private conversation to take place between any two subscribers at any time of the day or night simply by dialling the required number". Telephones would be rented at a moderate charge and the major principle thereafter would be 'you pay for what you use' either normal calls, telegrams, international calls etc. Charges would be logged by the prospective Government computer and there would also be built in facilities for private rental of computer time. The system takes in improved broadcasting reception with a provision for television when it comes. The system would be based in Stanley with repeater stations on Mount Kent, Mount Osborne, Mount Richards and Mount Sullivan. It is stated that there is a point near every settlement in direct sight of the peak of these mountains. It is claimed that the total cost would be in the region of £200,000 i.e. some two-thirds of the Lefevre report recommendations and with more benefits. It is thought that installation would take some 5 years being as follows:

Years 1 & 2. Camp network and Stanley rediffusion network.

Years 3 & 4. Conversion of Stanley exchange, installation of new broadcast transmitter and the Camp rediffusion service.

Year 5. Add vision facilities and extend Camp service to outside houses where possible.

So is it goodbye R.T.?

Alginite Industries Ltd. In response to our notes last month Mr M.H.C. Perry, Joint Managing-Director very kindly sent some extra information. He advises that only about 25% of the ordinary shares were offered for sale and hence there is little likelihood of any significant changes in policy etc. certainly in the short term. He also notes that, due to the current economic and political problems in U.K., the shares are currently at a discount (i.e. cheaper than the offer price). If anyone here would like to purchase shares and is not familiar with the procedure just contact the TIMES.

Poultry Farming. Mr John Allan whose job with ESKO will cease when that organisation ceases operation in the Falklands is currently using his spare time to build up a poultry farming business. Initially he will aim at producing oven ready chickens and he is importing eggs for chickens specially bred to provide plenty of flesh for eating. He has purchased the cages from the mink farm for housing the birds. Eventually he hopes to go into ducks and turkey. You need a lot of good fortune as well as sound planning in a venture like this and we certainly hope that things go his way.

Tourism and Local Facilities. We deal with these two together as it is unlikely that anyone is going to make an income from tourism alone. Certainly for some years yet most tourist oriented business are going to have to be undergirded by local trade. During the visits of tourist ships in January Stanley's population was doubled on several occasions! The Guild of Spinners and Handicraft (GOSH) did a very good trade particularly in knitted goods. There was a great demand for garments from home spun wool also for hand knitted fairisle gloves. For bobble hats and ladies white skull caps and little dressed dolls. Larger items such as ponchos, rugs and cushions sold well - the latter apparently to be adapted into shoulder bags! Rita's Hairdressing salon became a cafe on several occasions. The Kelper Store now sell as novelty items bottled peat water (said to add that extra 'x' to your whisky!) and souvenir bags of peat. The Victory Bar, under new ownership, has temporarily closed for modernisation. We understand that there is no truth

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS:

"We rejoice with those who rejoice and sorrow with those who sorrow".

Birthsat K.E.M. Hospital

7th Jan.	Mr & Mrs T.S. Betts (Melody Lee)	son	Severine (8 lb 3½ oz)
10th Jan.	Mr & Mrs W.E. Bowles (Norma Smith)	son	William George Troyd (7 lb 1 oz)
14th Jan.	Mr & Mrs A.J. McLaren (Ellen Smith)	daughter	Jill Mary (7 lb 14 oz)

Overseas

2nd Jan. Mr & Mrs John White in U.K., a son, Matthew Charles.
(Carol is the elder daughter of Mr & Mrs Charlie Madlocks).

27th Jan. Mr & Mrs Wilf Stallard in Wolverhampton, a son,
Simon James. (Mrs Stallard was the former Kay McMullen).

DeathsIn the Falklands

12th Jan.	Masaru Kamite (Japanese Sailor)	aged 27 years
21st Jan.	William Middleton	aged 43 years
21st Jan.	Norman Kenny	aged 70 years
22nd Jan.	Mrs Rebecca Goss	aged 73 years
23rd Jan.	Sydney Lawrence Berntsen	aged 32 years

Overseas

19th Jan. Bert Livermore in Okehampton, U.K.

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM MRS. S. ALLAN:

As Mr William Allan, Aberdeen, is unable to answer letters personally, he and his sons, Sydney and Stanley, wish to thank his many friends for their kind wishes and Christmas Greetings.
.. Good New Year to all.

9, Meadow Place and 15, Ord Street, Aberdeen.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Undoubtedly the most important event in February was the constitutional meeting held, by coincidence, on the same day as the British general election. An honest assessment demands that we recognise that for many Camp sports overshadowed it in interest, yet, the attendance was good. To criticise seems the way to easy popularity nowadays and this meetings critics are already at work yet we feel that it was a promising start to the series. It was rather a formal meeting with the result that many who had sounded

off at great length in bars and at home felt a bit shy of saying anything - and this was a pity.

The best thing about the meeting was that, although some ideas were for small changes and others for great changes, there were no ridiculous suggestions. This is vital for in these dicey days for the Falklands we must be seen in the world as sensible and realistic people.

We close our comment on this matter by pointing out two very real dangers ahead. The first is that we must beware of being stampeded into any action without careful consideration first. We view with extreme disfavour the attempt to get peoples' opinions weighed up by calling out yes or no at a meeting, for those who were there had not had time to think about the speeches that they had heard. Secondly, there were some who apparently wanted to divide the Falklands people into sections. That is the way to sink us. A house divided against itself will fall. We need unity not division. The idea of sectional interests fighting it out in Government is a horrifying idea indeed. As someone said, "we're all in this together". And that applies whether we are young or old, Falkland Islander or expatriate, sick or well, civil servant or farmworker.

FALKLAND NEWSPAPERS

The statement on page 1 of February F.I. Times about a special announcement regarding printing extra news has already been overtaken by history. As a more or less, spur of the moment decision, the Weekly News was born. Even so it has been necessary to hold over some items to next month. The method used to decide priority is an items newsworthiness. By and large too feature items give way to news items. Again we have inserted 4 extra pages. For Camp subscribers there is an insert from Joan Bound (Newsagency). The F.I. Times continues to be good value and we are grateful for your marvellous support.

NOTE TO OVERSEAS SURFACE MAIL SUBSCRIBERS

We are sorry that on occasion you receive three copies together but it is not our fault. Sometimes three months go by before a ship sails from here e.g. there was no surface mail taken between

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REVIEW - a look at the events of our TIMES.

February 2nd. Canon P. Helyer of Christ Church Cathedral returned from a short Camp trip to Pebble and Keppel Islands. A service and slide show were held.

February 4th. The fishery research vessel TAIYO MARU NO. 82 called for the last time. The injured crew member, now fit and well, joined his ship.

February 6th. The tourist vessel ENRICO C landed most of its 896 passengers for a day in Stanley. Camp Teacher Peter Hopkins joined the ship and remained on board when the tourists disembarked so as to sail to Europe - Barcelona or Genoa.

February 8th. It was announced that the Comodoro branch of the Argentine Postal Savings Bank has kindly allocated a bank book to each child at school in Argentina. This carries a free life insurance benefit. Each was also given a book of poems by Martin Fierro.

February 12th. A party of teenage children and farmers returned from a visit to Southern Argentina. (See report page 7).

February 14th. Royal Fleet Auxiliary tanker WAVE CHIEF arrived to supply oil to Admiralty fuel tanks, at 5 p.m.

February 14th. A valentine's Day dance was held in the Town Hall by Dhorne, the music group. Miss Valentine was Miss Julie Kerr.

February 15th. The first strike for many years was held in Stanley. This meant that WAVE CHIEF could not start unloading until Monday 18th. The strike was said to be a token one day protest due to the alleged refusal of employers to negotiate on union claims for a wage increase for hourly paid workers. The General Employees Union was not sure how many people were on strike but said that some 52 members were at the hurriedly called meeting the evening before which decided on strike action. The strike came a day after a session between the union and the employers which ended after only two minutes. It appears that the meeting opened with a statement on behalf of the employers stating that the unions claims were unacceptable. The union's representatives took this to mean that the employers were not prepared to negotiate or make an offer and the union representatives walked out - therefore ending the meeting. In a news release the same day the Government threatened that a prices and incomes policy might be necessary.

February 21st. A new newspaper started up in Stanley called the 'Weekly News'. This is a sister paper to the Times. It contained a long report on the strike, overseas news, radio programmes, Christian Viewpoint, passenger lists, sports news and odds and ends of news items.

February 21st. The perils of serving in the Antarctic were highlighted with the sad death of Mr Trevor Morris, Chief Cook, R.R.S. JOHN BISCOE. Trevor was taken ill during the JOHN BISCOE's present Antarctic voyage and as his condition steadily deteriorated, he was transferred in the Antarctic to an Argentine vessel proceeding to Ushuaia. This vessel arrived at Ushuaia on Wednesday 20th and Trevor was immediately flown to Buenos Aires and admitted to the Hospital Militar.

February 22nd. Over 50 children enjoyed a 'welcome Back to Sunday School Party' at the Tabernacle after the summer break. As well as games and a slide show the teachers prepared a 'Cowboy Supper' of sausages, baked beans and mashed potatoes! This was followed by a nice sticky dessert.

February 22nd. It was announced by the Falkland Islands Sheepowners Association Ltd. that they were conducting a survey to ascertain the amount of local investment they might expect in the new company Falkland Traders Ltd. (see November F.I. Times). No trading figures were published and so members of the public were asked to state, without commitment, how much they would be likely to invest if the terms proved acceptable. The extra amount needed from public subscription is about £71,000. It seems unlikely that this will be realised.

February 22nd. News was given that the Christ Church Cathedral expect to hold their annual bazaar on 31st May and 1st June.

February 22nd/23rd. The splendid Royal Wedding film 'Royal Romance' was shown 5 or 6 times in Stanley to school children and the general public before going off to Camp.

February 23rd. The childrens sports was held on the playing field on a lovely sunny afternoon. It was sponsored by the Working Mens Social Club who provided cash prizes plus cans of orange drink and chocolate biscuits.

February 24th. The Tabernacle re-opened after its summer break with 33 children divided into 5 classes.

February 25th. A serious road accident in Stanley at Speedwell Corner resulted in a serious injury to Mr Jimmy Wallace. Fortun-

ately a Fokker Friendship of LADE was here at the time and he was immediately flown to hospital in Comodoro Rivadavia.

February 28th. The public meeting to recommend on changes to the Falkland Islands constitution was held in the Town Hall - see page 16.

STOP PRESS. We have been advised that the S.O.A. survey to find out the interest in the proposed Falkland Traders Ltd. brought the following results. Number of replies, 69. Amount of money available £19,225. Clearly this is made up of mainly small amounts and is over £50,000 short of the needed amount.

NOTE TO OVERSEAS SURFACE MAIL SUBSCRIBERS - continued from page 2.

Mid-October and Mid-January. In February the Post Office kindly kept the mail open to the last moment so that we could catch a departing ship. We get it to you as speedily as possible.

DURWIN HARBOUR SPORTS - continued from page 19

CARNERS UP: 1st, BEAUTY, K. Whitney; 2nd, BOMBARDIER, E. Goss; 3rd, TONINI, R. Binnie.

JOCKEY'S PLATE: 1st, SUNBEAM, K. Whitney; 2nd, POPPY, L. Whitney; 3rd, DILYS, R. Binnie; 4th, SLIPMAY, E. Goss.

DURWIN PLATE: 1st, TENNESSEE, R. Binnie; 2nd, SEABIRD, E. Goss; 3rd, BETSY, M. Davis.

F.I.B. 600: 1st, BEAUTY, K. Whitney; 2nd, SLIPMAY, E. Goss; 3rd, JOHNNIE WALKER, N. Knight.

NORTH ARM PLATE: 1st, NOVALLLEE, L. Whitney; 2nd, PATIENCE, R. Binnie; 3rd, COLLEEN, T. Phillips; 4th, FAIRY QUEEN, E. Goss.

LA FOND PLATE: 1st, TONINI, R. Binnie; 2nd, SANTA CLAUSE, K. Whitney; 3rd, BOMBARDIER, E. Goss.

PORT SAN CARLOS PLATE: 1st, DIVER, L. Whitney; 2nd, CHARABELLE, W. Morrison; 3rd, BETSY, M. McLeod.

F.I.B. ONE MILE: 1st, THUNDERBOLT, N. Knight; 2nd, BLUE SKIES, Mrs M. Blake; 3rd, FAIRY QUEEN, E. Goss.

F.I.B. 400 YARDS: 1st, SUNBEAM, L. Whitney; 2nd, DILYS, R. Binnie; 3rd, BOMBARDIER, E. Goss.

LADIES RACE: 1st, BLUE SKIES, Mrs M. Blake; 2nd, SUNRAY, Mrs W. Morrison; 3rd, LYNN, Mrs N.A. Knight.

(To be continued next month along with results of Hill Cove Sports)

FARMER'S VISIT

Part of an account of the visit to Tierra Del Fuego by six farmers as guests of the Association Rural of Tierra Del Fuego, by Mr Tim Miller, Port Howard.

Sunday February 3rd

Coach tour which included visits to see an oil drilling rig in action and to an Engineering College where we were amazed at the quality and amount of machinery the apprentices used.

Monday February 4th

Our party flew down to Rio Grande in an elderly Avro 748 belonging to YPF, via Rio Gallegos. The weather was a bit rough and we did everything except fly upside down. It took 5 hours compared to a jet's 2.

At Rio Grande we were met by Mr Oliver Bridges, the British Consul and some of the farmers who were to be our hosts for the week. Here the party split up with Syd Berntsen and Bill Pole-Evans going to Estancia Viamonte as guests of Mr and Mrs Adrian Goodall, and Sydney Miller, Alan Miller, Raymond Robson and myself going north to Cullen Station as guests of Mr and Mrs Pat O'Byrne. At Viamonte the Goodalls run 16,000 sheep on 40,000 acres.

On the way to Cullen we called at Estancia Sarah where we met the manager, David Newing, who will be remembered by some Falkland Islanders before he went to the Argentine in 1937.

Cullen Station runs 43,000 sheep on 160,000 acres and until recently was owned by Waldrons Ltd. Here we met Jaime Serra, the head of the Tierra Del Fuego branch of INTA - the Argentine Agricultural Research Organization - who was advising on a major grasslands scheme for Cullen. Mr Serra speaks English and is shortly going on a six month Scholarship tour of the USA and Australia, he is also very keen to visit the Falklands and have a look at some of our grassland problems.

The shepherd living at the extreme north of Cullen is an Irishman named Slattery who had been to the Falklands with Captain Fugely shortly after the 1914-18 war. His house overlooks the entrance to the Straits of Magellan.

The scenery around Cullen is similar in many ways to the Falklands, completely treeless with diddle-dee and fachine bushes, the latter being very thick in places. The hills were lower, only 2-300 feet

high and flat topped and windswept. The forests don't begin until one gets to Viamonte, about 20 miles south of Rio Grande.

As on most farms in the area, shearing and pressing are done by a contract gang and even the wool classer comes from B.A. Shearing rates are £4.00 per 100 and the farm provides board and lodging. For the full time staff wages are about £40.00 a month for a six day week.

Saturday February 9th

This was the day of the Rio Grande Stock Show, held at the Salesian Mission School near Rio Grande where we met up once more with the school children. There were over 200 Corriedales on show from Chile as well as Argentina, there were also about 40 Herefords from Chile on show.

After the Show we went to Estancia Maria Behty (formerly La Segunda) and saw the world's largest shearing shed, 40 shearing stands and holds over 7,000 sheep. Here we also visited the large Stud Sheds where the Corriedale rams are kept undercover for most of the year.

In the evening we returned to the Salesian Mission for a supper and dance given by the Rural Association.

Monday February 11th

We left Comodoro Rivadavia at 9 a.m. but when only 15 minutes away from Stanley had to turn back because of bad weather in Stanley.

Tuesday February 12th

We left again early and there were sighs of relief all round when two hours out from Comodoro Rivadavia the engine note changed and the 'plane's nose tilted downwards towards Stanley, thus ending a visit to be remembered for a long time.

We are all indebted to L.A.D.E., Aerolineas, YPF and most of all the Rural Association and the Salesian Mission of Tierra Del Fuego who made the trip possible and wish to thank them all for their hospitality.

SPORTS REPORT (Continued from page 15)

Grand Aggregate Hamilton Challenge Trophy: 1st - H. Ford (316); 2nd - R. Betts (315); 3rd - R. Henricksen (314).

Junior Grand Aggregate: 1st - P. Lee (257); 2nd - E. Fuhlenborff (248); 3rd - G. Cheek (247).

Individual Knock-out Handicap: 1st - T. McCallum; Runner-up - P. Lee.

FROM THE EDITOR'S POST BAG

One of the most enjoyable parts of this job is getting letters from all over the world. This month we are sharing a selection with our readers. We hope you enjoy reading them. If the writer is an old friend of yours why not drop them a line, addresses can be supplied on request.

Plymstock, Plymouth, England.

Dear Editor,

Thank you very much for the F.I. Times account; and I enclose cheque for same. I have one small item of news of some friends who spent 3 years in Stanley and will be remembered by quite a few.

"To Mr & Mrs Michael Hodgkinson of South Benfleet, Essex, a son, Nicholas James, weighing 9 lbs, on October 19th."

I would just like to add that I enjoy the F.I. Times tremendously.

Yours sincerely,

E.J. Elliott (Mrs)

Dronfield, Sheffield, England.

Dear Sir,

Reading some of the comments in the Reviews about your economy has it ever been considered of exporting some of the articles that have been made in your cottage industries. If you had a centre for collecting these articles and then exporting them to the rest of the world I feel sure you would have some success if it was marketed right, and this would also go hand in glove with the tourist industry that is trying to be built up.

My reason for suggesting this is there is a revival of this type of industry in such places as Wales etc. and it appears from the news interviews of this revival that people are looking for something more individual than mass produced articles, in fact the second hand shops over here are having a very good spell especially some who export to America.

I know that the wool is marketed over here by Bronte Wools and I have met Mr Smith at the study group meeting, possibly this market outlet could be of further help to the Islands.

Maybe my idea has been thought of before but I know that you have a lot of people in all parts of the globe that hold a keen interest in the islands and would be only too pleased to help you, why not try

a contest in the review for ideas out of all the people who must read the Review you would surely get some good ideas to give food to thought.

Looking forward to my next review.

Yours faithfully,
E. Pursehouse.

Hailsham, Essex, England.

The Editor,

We have taken the F.I. Paper under its several names for over 50 years now, (except when it wasn't printed). We look forward to it and feel "left out" when it fails to arrive. Congratulations for starting it off again all more power to your elbow.

Yours sincerely,
B. & B. Millam.

Papatoetoe, Auckland, New Zealand.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your report on 21st Dec. in the January Issue of the Times regarding Mr Layng's remarks and statements about the Falklands lagging behind Africa, the West Indies and the Pacific Islands in the production of qualified personnel to fill posts now occupied by expatriates.

I feel that Mr Layng should get his facts straight, firstly Britain has poured far more money etc. into these other ex colonies than she ever did into the Falklands to provide these services. Furthermore the Falkland Islands although having the ability and skill to do these jobs were never given the chance of promotion or attaining a position of responsibility.

I myself left the Falkland some 17 years ago for one reason and one reason only, because I could not see any future for me when the government at that time (and possibly still) were bringing in expatriates to do the same work as me and paying them three times the wages, plus passages to and from U.K. If I and other tradesmen had been treated better then maybe we would still be there now.

Many qualified F.I. people have in the past applied for positions in the Falklands which were advertised in the U.K. and other places but had been refused as soon as it was known that the applicants were born in the Falklands, so maybe if Mr Layng took the trouble to look at the facts he would know why the islanders are getting

out and not coming back.

Yours sincerely,
A.R. Skilling.

P.S. Thanks a lot for the TIMES we think its great, keep up the good work

Fordingbridge, Hants, England.

Dear Mr Forrester,

I was delighted to receive the resurrected Falkland Islands Monthly Review in the mail today. Over the years it has proved to be a most useful source of postal history including as it has details of mails in and out, ships calling, and also numbers sold of commemorative issues.

Long may it continue.

Yours sincerely,
Malcolm Barton.

Cupar, Fife, Scotland.

Dear Sir,

My wife and I were delighted to receive our first two copies of the new style Times/Review and are glad to be able to write to congratulate you, on Battle Day.

Hard news about the Islands is difficult to come by when so far away from them and, with the best will in the world, one's faithful correspondents in the Falklands are unable to send all the news. Your re-styled Times/Review fills in many gaps and provides the ideal complement to letters from friends. We look forward to the regular receipt from you of the Falkland Islands Times and Review. More power to your elbow, or perhaps to your pen hand!

In particular we have read with interest your report of the debate in the Legislative Council on the YPF contract and have little doubt that, with the advantage of hindsight, a good bargain has been secured. The provision of regular oil supplies from European sources over the foreseeable future would have been problematical and the colony is fortunate to have been able to secure her oil future in this way. Its an ill wind.....

Yours faithfully,
J.A. Jones.

THE 1974 FLOWER, VEGETABLE AND HOME PRODUCE SHOW:

The flower, vegetable and home produce show was held in the gymnasium on the afternoon and evening of Saturday 9th March. There was a good display of which a small colony such as ours can be really proud. In the evening Mrs E.G. Lewis presented the main prizes. This was followed by the auction of exhibits conducted by Dr J.H. Ashmore in his own inimitable style and being one of the year's best evening entertainments. Thanks to Mr E. Clapp for this list of prizewinners.

The Haskard Challenge Cup and Miniature for most points over all classes: Winner - Mrs R. Rowlands, 55½ points; Runner-up - Mr A. Cletheroe, 32½ points.

A Year's Subscription to "Popular Gardening" for most points in the Vegetable Classes: Winner - Mr A. Cletheroe, 24 points; Runner-up - Mr A.J. Blyth, 12 points.

A Silver Challenge Cup plus Alexander & Brown Certificate for the best collection of Vegetables: Winner - Mrs J. Perry, Goose Green; Runner-up - Mr A. Cletheroe.

A £1 Seed Voucher presented by Alexander & Brown for the most outstanding exhibit in the Potato Classes: Winner - Mr T. Spruce.

"Cookery in Colour" by Marguerite Patten presented by Mrs J.H. Ashmore for most points in the Home Produce Section: Winner - Mrs R. Rowlands; Runner-up - Mrs A. Jones.

A Silver Challenge Bowl presented by Mrs F.L. White for the most popular Flower Arrangement: Winner - No.6, Mrs A.J. Blyth, 50 votes; Runners-up - No.11, Mrs E. Clapp, 42 votes; No.12, Mrs D. Morrison, 40 votes; No.1, Mrs J.H. Ashmore, 39 votes.

Section A. Pot Plants:

French Marigold: 2nd, A. Cletheroe.

Begonia: 1st, D. Cronin; 2nd, Mrs C. Luxton.

Cactus or Succulent: 1st & HC, Miss M. Coutts; 2nd, D. Cronin; 3rd, T. Spruce.

Coleus or Ornamental Foliage Plant: 1st, Miss M. Coutts; 2nd & HC, T. Spruce.

Fern: HC, Mrs L. Barnes.

Fuchsia: HC, Mrs J.S. Smith.

Geranium: 1st, Mrs A.G. Barton; 2nd, Mrs J.S. Smith;

3rd, Mrs R. Rowlands.

Petunia: 1st, Mrs C. Luxton; 2nd, Mrs F. Burns.

Pot Plant - Annual: 1st, 2nd & HC, Mrs A.G. Barton.

Pot Plant - Perennial: 1st, Mrs R. Felton; 2nd, Mrs W. Goss;

HC, Mrs R. Rowlands.

Tree Seedling: 1st, Mrs R.D. Clements; 2nd R. Watson;

3rd, Mrs P. Helyer.

Section B. Cut Flowers.

3 Antirrhinum: 1st, Mrs G. Malcolm; 2nd, Mrs J. Sollis;

HC, Mrs D. King.

3 Calceola: 1st, Mrs A.J. Blyth; 2nd, 3rd & HC, Mrs M.

Barnes.

6 Centaurea Cyanus: 1st, Mrs M. Barnes; 2nd, Mrs J. Sollis;

3rd, Mrs W. Goss; HC, A. Cletheroe.

3 Chrysanthemum (Annual): 1st, Mrs A.J. Blyth; 2nd, A. Cletheroe.

3 Large Daisy: 1st, Mrs D. King; 2nd, Mrs S. Heathman;

3rd, Mrs M. Barnes.

3 Dahlia: 1st, Mrs E. Clapp; 2nd, Mrs J.H. Ashmore & Monsig-

nor Spraggan; 3rd, Toni Donna Pettersson.

3 Dianthus Allwoodii: 1st, 2nd & 3rd, Mrs W. Jones.

3 Sweet William: 1st, Mrs M. Barnes; 2nd & 3rd, Mrs S. Heath-

man; HC, Mrs A.G. Barton & Mrs M. Barnes.

3 Carnation: 1st, Mrs J.H. Ashmore; 2nd, Mrs W. Cletheroe;

3rd, Toni Pettersson; HC, A. Cletheroe.

3 Garden Pinks: 1st, Mrs J. Sollis; 2nd, L. Harris; 3rd,

Mrs W. Goss; HC, Mrs D. Thom.

6 Californian Poppy: 1st, Mrs J.S. Smith; 2nd, Mrs D. King.

3 Geranium: 1st & 3rd, Mrs T. Spruce; 2nd, Mrs T. Fleuret;

HC, Mrs J.S. Smith, Mrs W. Poole & Mrs Porter.

3 Gladiolus: HC, Mrs G. Malcolm.

6 Sweet Pea: 1st, Mrs S. Heathman.

3 Lily: 1st, Darlene Biggs; 2nd, Mrs Luxton; 3rd, Mrs E.

Clapp.

3 Linaria: HC, Mrs W. Goss.

3 Lupin: 1st, Alison Thom; 2nd, Mrs A.J. Blyth; 3rd, Mrs

J.H. Ashmore; HC, Mrs W. Goss.

3 Stock: 1st, Mrs J. Sollis; HC, Mr Cletheroe & Mrs Barnes.

3 Poppy: 1st, Mrs Porter.

3 Rose: 1st, Mrs D.M. Pole-Evans, (Port Howard); 2nd, Mrs Luxton; 3rd, Mrs W. Jones.

3 Pansy: 1st, 2nd & 3rd, Mrs J.S. Smith; HC, Mrs W. Goss & Mrs J. Sollis

3 Flowers - other: 1st, R. Reeves (Hill Cove) & Mrs R. Rowlands; 2nd, Mrs C. Luxton; 3rd, Mrs J. Sollis (2).

Section C. Flower Arrangements.

Flowers & foliage in vase or bowl: 1st, Mrs A.J. Blyth; 2nd, Mrs E. Clapp; 3rd, Mrs D. Morrison; HC, Mrs J. Ashmore.

Children's arrangement flowers (under 10 years): 1st & 2nd, Tonni Pettersson; 3rd, Anna King; HC, Toni Pettersson & Diane Cheek.

"Dinner Table" arrangement: 1st, Mrs A.J. Blyth; 2nd, Mrs H. Luxton; 3rd, Mrs T. Spruce; HC, Mrs P. Helyer & Mrs R. Rowlands.

Section D. Collections.

Collection of outdoor vegetables (8 kinds): 1st, Mrs J. Perry (Goose Green); 2nd, A. Cletheroe.

Collection of salad vegetables (3 kinds): 1st, H. Luxton.

Children's salad arrangement (10-14 years): HC, Ann Keenleyside(2).

Section E. Vegetables.

6 Broad Beans: 1st, Mrs J. Perry (Goose Green); 3rd, Mrs R. Rowlands.

3 Beetroot: 1st, M. Turner; 2nd, R. Reeves (Hill Cove).

1 Head of Cabbage (pointed): 1st, A. Cletheroe; 2nd, O. McPhee; 3rd, R. Hansen (Hill Cove).

1 Head of Cabbage (round): 1st, D. Bonner (Port Howard); 2nd, E. Reive (Green Patch); 3rd, A. Cletheroe; HC, J. Harvey.

3 Carrots (stump): 1st, Mrs W. Poole; 2nd, R. Reeves (Hill Cove); 3rd, Mrs P. Ashley; HC, J. Murphy.

3 Carrots (long): 1st, E. Reive (Green Patch); 2nd, D. Thom.

1 Cauliflower: 1st, D. Thom; 2nd Mrs P. Ashley; 3rd, J. Harvey; HC, M.G. Turner & P.T. Johnson.

1 Cabbage Lettuce: 1st, A.J. Blyth; 2nd, Mrs E.M. Biggs; 3rd, T.G. Spruce.

1 Cos Lettuce: 1st & 2nd, A.J. Blyth.

1 Cucumber: 1st, D. King; 2nd, J.H. Ashmore.

3 Onions: 1st, A. Cletheroe; 2nd, Mrs C. Porter (Fox Bay East);

3rd, W. Cletheroe; HC, E. Reive (Green Patch).

6 Shallots: 1st & 2nd, J. Harvey.

6 Spring Onions: 1st, O. McPhee.

6 Pickling Onions: 1st & 2nd, G. Malcolm.

3 Parsnips: 1st, Mrs J. Perry (Goose Green).

6 Peas: 1st, W. Cletheroe; 2nd, Mrs W. Poole; 3rd, E. Reive (Green Patch).

5 Early Potatoes (red): 1st D.G.B. King; 2nd & 3rd, W.H. Ford; HC, W. Poole.

5 Early Potatoes (white): 1st, R. Binnie (Fitzroy); 2nd, P.T. Johnson; 3rd, R. Hansen (Hill Cove); HC, R. Bonner (Port Howard).

5 Maincrop Potatoes (red): 1st & 2nd, K. Berntsen (Port San Carlos); 3rd, D.G.B. King.

5 Maincrop Potatoes (white): 1st & 2nd, T. Spruce; 3rd, P. McGill; HC, R. Binnie (Fitzroy) (2) & R. Reeves (Hill Cove).

12 Radishes: 1st, W. Cletheroe; 2nd, W.H. Ford.

3 Tomatoes: 1st, F. Whitney; 2nd, 3rd & HC, W.H. Ford.

1 Vegetable Marrow: 1st, W. Cletheroe; 2nd, W.J. Blyth.

3 White Turnips: 1st & 3rd, W. Cletheroe; 2nd, W.J. Blyth.

3 Yellow Turnips: 1st, W. Cletheroe; 2nd, D. Cronin; 3rd, R. Reeves (Hill Cove).

3 Turnip Swedes: 2nd, W. Cletheroe.

Any Other Vegetable: 1st, T. Short (Port San Carlos); 2nd, E. Reive (Green Patch).

Section F. Fruit.

24 Gooseberries (red): 1st, J. Wright; 2nd & 3rd, W. Cletheroe.

24 Gooseberries (green): 1st & 2nd, W.J. Blyth; 3rd, Darlene Biggs.

Raspberries: 1st, Mrs R. Rowlands.

12 Strawberries: 1st & 2nd, W.J. Blyth; 3rd, P. Watts.

Red Currants: 1st, Mrs Porter; 2nd, Canon Helyer; 3rd, G. Malcolm.

White Currants: 1st, W. May.

Any Other Home Grown Fruit: 2nd, D.G.B. King.

Section G. Home Produce. Will appear in next month's issue.

MANAGING A FARM? - YOU MUST BE JOKING

We are grateful to Mr Tony Blake of North Arm for the following which is part of a longer article in 'Big Farm Management, June 1973'.

"The plight of the farm worker is constantly under the spotlight, but what about the farm manager? One manager opens up here on his lot, with one idea to improve the incentives for the job and allow him to sleep a little more soundly at night.

Where, for the farm manager, is the next rung in the farming ladder? Where, in fact, does one go from here?

I am not alone asking this question; there must be many thousands of farm managers and aspiring farm managers who would like to know what the future has to offer. The short answer at present is basically a very raw deal. Managing a farm - you must be joking!

The number of managers who can be said to be actually managing, in the true sense of the word, is very limited. Many may be running a farm on a day to day basis, but that is about the limit of their real power.

No one has yet managed to define to my satisfaction the term farm manager. The average manager, I would say, is responsible for everything the owner does not want to be responsible for himself.

A hired hand

He, the manager, is purely a hired hand. Unlike many of his industrial counterparts, he has little status, no real job security, no pension, no house of his own, nor the way of securing one unless he is able to save, and inflation has made a bit of a mess of this in the last year or two.

His salary usually contains an unseen rent deduction. Death, or personal whims, can leave the manager without a job or a house. If he is over forty he will find it even more difficult than usual to find another job. He is unlikely to have a pension scheme; probably he will have a certain amount of life assurance, but at today's values this is a fast depreciating asset.

The manager's own ill health will usually leave him at the mercy of the state; his untimely death could leave his dependants without a home. To be fair, it is not always as bad as this. Most owners do treat the personal problems of "faithful servants" with

great fairness and generosity, but even so a considerable loss of status and living standard is inevitable.

Ideally, as farm managers, we would like our own professional controlling body. Yet I cannot see it happening; farmers as a breed, are not co-operators. To work it would have to have the support of virtually all farm managers; it would have to establish realistic standards of professional conduct, and maintain them. It would have to be strong enough to get the acceptance of the employers."

PHILATELY NEWS:

The Falkland Islands 5p and 15p Princess Anne Wedding Issue was withdrawn from sale on the 13th February 1974.

The new Tourism Issue was put on sale on the 6th March 1974 and 2432 official first day covers were issued. There are four very attractive stamps, as follows:

2p - depicting a Fur Seal and cub on rocks - with a pale blue sky.

4p - depicts Trout Fishing with an angler on a river bank who has just caught a fish. This stamp has the poorest colouring of the set with a pale blue river, green and yellow bank and a peculiar washed out mountain for a background.

5p - depicts two Rockhopper Penguins against a yellow background.

15p - depicts a beautiful red-breasted military Starling on a branch with a pale blue background.

Strictly speaking there is a mistake on the 2p which says Fur Seal in the singular when, in fact, there are two. But it's a very attractive set and beautiful to look at. We have been promised for our next issue the interesting story behind the design of this set.

SPORTS REPORT (Continued from page 8)

The Bonner Memorial Team Trophy shooting from 200, 500 and 600 yards. Challenge Rose Bowl and Beer Tankards:

1st Team: W. Felton (Capt), J. Bouni, T. McCallum (249).

2nd Team: D. Hansen (Capt), S. Smith, T. Dobbys (243).

3rd Team: G. Cheek (Capt), E. Williams, Keith Sumners (243).

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SPORTS REPORT - RIFLE CLUB by Terry Betts

The Bishop's Trophy was shot off on Saturday the 2nd February, each 900 and 1000 yards. Possible score was 70 points, results as follows:

1st - H. Ford (57); 2nd - Ken Summers (53); 3rd - R. Henricksen (51).

Also on the 2nd the 1st stage Championship shot from 200, 500 and 600 yards with a possible score of 105 points - Doathwaite

Challenge Trophy:

1st - R. Betts (95); 2nd - R. Henricksen (91); 3rd - D. Hansen (90).

The eleven highest scores go through to the 2nd stage, shot off from 500 and 600 yards. Possible score 100 points:

1st - R. Henricksen (89); 2nd - H. Ford (88); 3rd - E. Fuhlendorff (85).

On Saturday the 9th, 2nd stage Championship Falkland Islands Co. Ltd Centenary Challenge Cup. Shooting from 300, 500 and 600 yards. Possible 150 points:

1st - R. Betts (134); 2nd - R. Henricksen (130); 3rd - D. Hansen (129).

Eight members with highest scores go through to the final stage of the Championship Consolation Handicap, shot in conjunction with 2nd stage for those who fail to qualify for 2nd stage:

1st - T. Dobbys (134); 2nd - T. McCallum (131.2); 3rd - J. Bound (130.2).

Falkland Islands Co. Ltd Handicap, shot off from 200, 500 and 600 yards. Possible score 105 points, Challenge Cup and Miniature: 1st - J. Bound (94.2); 2nd - T. Pettersson (94); 3rd - P. Lee (93).

On Sunday the 10th, final stage of Championship shooting from 900 and 1000 yards. Possible 150 points. 2nd stage scores are also calculated:

1st - R. Betts (258); 2nd - R. Henricksen (256); 3rd - D. Hansen (251); 4th - H. Ford (246); 5th - A. Sloggie (235).

Consortium Cup Handicap for all members who fail for 2nd and final stage, shot in conjunction with final Challenge Cup:

1st - T. McCallum (130.8); 2nd - J. Bound (130.2); 3rd - E. Fuhlendorff (126.8).

It was noted that during the final stage of the Championship and Consortium Cup that members recorded up to 27 minutes right wind for several shots. One member remarked "I had all my 20 minutes on but it was alright when the next target was up I could aim at the aiming mark on that one". Incidentally that member featured in the prize list. Well done!

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CONSTITUTION MEETING FEBRUARY 28th 1974

The Public Meeting in the Stanley Town Hall was attended by around 160 people. The idea was to give to the general public an opportunity to publicly present its views to the Select Committee on Constitutional Advance. The Committee comprised: The Hon. T.H. Layng (Chairman), The Hons. L.G. Blake, A.B. Monk and S. Miller (Hon. W. Bowles being in hospital).

The chairman opened the meeting, in an air of expectancy, with a welcome to all present and expressed regret that the Hon. W.E. Bowles was unable to be present. After his opening remarks he threw the meeting open to the public.

Mr Tony Hardy was first to his feet. In an amiable mood he unrolled a large Falkland Islands flag and said he wanted the Falklands to remain British. He was supported by Mr Eric Smith who also spoke up for the needs of Old Age Pensioners.

The first major contribution came from Mr John Bound in a speech that set the tone for the rest of the evening. His main point was that the Legislative Council should be more representative of the various sections of the community - with this written into the constitution. He felt that representatives should be elected from the Civil Service, Labour, Sheepfarming and Independent sectors. He proposed that candidates deposits be reduced by half and that a two Council system should be retained with joint meetings over extra important matters.

Mr Alistair Sloggie supported the idea of candidature from the Civil Service. He also remarked on the wisdom of wider representation.

A visitor from Darwin Harbour, Mr Brooke Hardcastle rose to bring us a tale from his schooldays with an important moral. He said that restrictions on candidates for Legco should be as few as possible, "don't rule out anyone who has something to give".

The subject of the voting age was introduced by Mr John Allan. He favoured a reduction so that 18's and over could vote. He favoured the maintenance of the candidates deposit at its present level of £25. He raised an issue that received a lot of attention afterwards. Mr Allan favoured an increased residence requirement before a person could be a voter or candidate - to 7 years.

Members of Legco should be paid a salary said Mr Jack Ford - equivalent to that of head of a Government department.

Mr John Smith brought a list of points to raise. He supported the proposal for an increase in the residence requirement to 7 years. He wanted a Legco composed entirely of elected members plus the two official members - the Chief Secretary and Financial Secretary. He thought that they should get back their old titles of Colonial Secretary and Colonial Treasurer - to emphasise links with Britain. The question of whether a Governor's or Chief Secretary's first loyalty was to the U.K. or to the Falkland Islands could be resolved by having a Falkland Island Chief Secretary.

A number of people then spoke shortly on various matters.

Mr Pat Johnson was not in favour of Civil Service Councillors - this would be the Government running the Government.

Mr Wallace Hirtle supported the theme of wider representation and said voters could be divided into the 4 groups mentioned by Mr Bound.

Mr Roy Felton did not agree with farmers standing for the Stanley constituency. Mr Sydney Miller said that this applied to him but it was the way the voting went and so he was elected.

Mrs Sheila Ford asked if farm workers could get time off if they were elected.

Messrs Blake and Monk said yes - and this had happened in the past. Mr Layng said that allowances could be made too.

Mr John Smith said that Legco should be held in the evenings so that all could attend.

Mr Tim Blake said it would suit farmers to have it at weekends so that they would not need to be away from the farm so long.

Mr Jack Ford said that there should be no constituencies to avoid losing able people.

Reverend Robin Forrester asked whether the public was being asked to contribute to a genuine change in the constitution or whether it was desired just to patch up the old one.

Mr Tom Layng replied that very radical changes were not likely to be accepted by higher powers and that it was better to proceed slowly.

Mr Bill Goss asked, "what is wrong with the old constitution?" implying that he found it generally satisfactory.

Mr Layng said that the committee had been convened after a lot of public pressure on the matter.

Messrs Des King and John Smith again brought up and supported the proposal to give voting rights to those of 18 plus.

Dr Derek Cox wondered if the matters being discussed were really to the point. He said that the effect of any changes should be to improve the effectiveness of Council and that quite radical alterations would be needed to achieve this. Under questioning from Mr Adrian Monk he said that he had not worked out the details, but that H.M.G. should transfer more of its powers to the F.I. Government, even if it took some years to do it.

This speech changed the course of the meeting for a while and provided a starting point for a number of people who had been considering this. Mr Jack Ford proposed a ministerial form of government responsible to the Legislature. Although Mr Layng said it would increase costs Mr Ford said that this was an inevitable development and we must work towards it. Mr Syd Miller said finding ministerial material was probably asking too much of a small community. "Do you really want to be independent of the U.K. or remain a Colony?" asked the chairman. The Rev. Robin Forrester rose to say that he considered that there was a good, third choice, namely, giving complete control over internal matters, including economic independence, to the F.I. Legislature with the U.K. retaining a kind of parental oversight - especially in foreign affairs and defence. He said that the F.I.'s were perfectly capable of being financially self sufficient and that after taking so much money from the Falklands in the past the British Government had an everlasting obligation to protect its interests. Messrs Sloggie and King rose to support the statement that the balance of flow of money had been in the U.K.'s favour in the past.

There was then an exchange between Messrs King and Forrester in which the former was wholeheartedly in favour of lowering the voting age and the latter said it required more thought.

The chairman then called for the public to call out yes or no to some questions to get the 'feel of the meeting'. Your reporter has his doubts about what was achieved by this for many people were silent and he didn't always agree that the chairman had summed up the feeling accurately. However here are the questions with the chairman's assessment of the 'public feeling'.

1. Abolish nominated members of Legco? YES.
2. Amalgamate Legco and Exco? NO.
3. Retain two Councils? YES.
4. Have an upper age limit on candidates for election? NO.
5. Civil Servants stand for election? YES?

6. Retain candidates deposits? YES.
7. Increase residence qualification period? YES.
8. To what? General chaos and the chairman said 5 years.
A two period system was advocated by Mr Harry Milne 3 years residence for voters and 7 years for candidates.

An interchange between Messrs Ray Clements and Wallace Hirtle produced evidence of a fear that 'expatriates' might dominate the Council but Mr Clements said that we were all expatriates really! Mr Clements also produced an interesting diversion in suggesting that commitment to reside might be included in a residence assessment.

Several people suggested that almost anyone should stand with the appeal, 'Leave it to the voters to decide'.

Mr Layng wound up the meeting by asking for written representatives saying that great value would be attached to a statement that someone had taken time to think about and write about.

D.R. IN HARBOUR SPORTS ASSOCIATION - RESULTS 1974:

- 1ST MAIDEN PLATE: 1st, PATIENCE, R. Binnie; 2nd, MONA LISA, E. Goss; 3rd, BUTTERCUP, M. Blake; 4th, NORTON, T. McMullen.
- 2ND MAIDEN PLATE: 1st, DIVER, L. Whitney; 2nd, WHISKY, T. Phillips; 3rd, TOOTY, T. McMullen; 4th, COLLEEN, E. Goss.
- TROOP HORSES: 1st, TENNESSEE, R. Binnie; 2nd, SLIPPERY, E. Goss; 3rd, POPPY, L. Whitney; 4th, THUNDERBOLT, N. Knight.
- FITZROY CUP: 1st, SEABIRD, E. Goss; 2nd, TONINI, R. Binnie; 3rd, SHADOW, L. Whitney.
- FALKLAND ISLAND BRED 500 YARDS: 1st, BEAUTY, K. Whitney; 2nd, BETSY, M. Davis; 3rd, TIPPERRARY, L. Whitney.
- FALKLAND ISLAND BRED 300 YARDS: 1st, SUNBEAM, L. Whitney; 2nd, BOMBARDIER, E. Goss; 3rd, SANTA CLAUSE, K. Whitney; 4th, DILYS, R. Binnie.
- OPEN 500 YARDS: 1st, JOHNNIE WALKER, N. Knight; 2nd, CHARABELLE, W. Morrison; 3rd, PRINCESS, S. Sinclair.
- SAN CARLOS PLATE: 1st, TENNESSEE, R. Binnie; 2nd, SEABIRD, E. Goss; 3rd, CINDY, M. Phillips; 4th, BLUE SKIES, Mrs M. Blake.
- COLT RACE: 1st, PATIENCE, R. Binnie; 2nd, DIVER, L. Whitney; 3rd, SYMPHONY, E. Goss.
- TROOP OWNERS: 1st, THUNDERBOLT, N. Knight; 2nd, KITTYWELLS, W. Morrison; 3rd (equal), CASTINETTE, T. Phillips & SHADOW, L. Whitney.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS:

"We rejoice with those who rejoice and sorrow with those who sorrow".

BirthsAt K.E.M. Hospital

18th Feb.	Mr & Mrs M. Summers (Jane Goss)	son	Melvyn Mark
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MarriagesIn the Falklands

9th Feb.	Brian Roy MAY and Monica McLEOD
27th Feb.	Reginald John DAVIS and Jane KENNY
2nd March	Tony SUMMERS and Sylvia Jean NEWMAN

DeathsIn the Falklands

10th Feb.	Peter CRAIG	Aged 85 years
17th Feb.	Jill Mary McLAREN	Aged 1 month

No reports of weddings were received. If you would like your wedding reported please get someone to send an account of not more than 250 words and we will be pleased to publish it.

LATE NEWS

News from Peter Hopkins camp teacher, who recently left the Colony on the ENRICO C. The day after he left Stanley he became quite ill and this was diagnosed at the British Hospital in Buenos Aires as bronchitis. He is now home but his illness spoilt the cruise somewhat and he is still receiving treatment. We wish you well Peter and look forward to receiving better news soon.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK:

Here we are again with a mixture of news, comment, information and even a little scandal! Sad to say some items have been pushed out through lack of space. We are grateful for so many appreciative comments about our letters feature last month. We are always pleased to get reactions from our readers - and we include another letters section too.

Our three trial issues of the Weekly News were well received

and so we will start regular publication next week. Issues will not be produced when the Times comes out nor when the Editor is in Camp.

PETITION

The situation revealed by the proposed coffee bar/entertainment centre (see p.15) shows a gap in our legislation. Evidently there is no ordinance to deal with change of use of a building. In Britain, for example, if a person wishes to change his home into a shop, he has to apply for planning permission. This is publicised and if there are objections raised, by neighbours for instance, then a Public enquiry would be held when both sides could present their views. This means that before the person commits himself, say, in spending money on changes or giving up another job, everything is cleared up. It appears that it would benefit us to have similar legislation here.

POWER BASES

With so many changes likely in the near future it is noticeable that various power blocs are being established or are re-asserting themselves with the aim of holding influence outside these islands. The F.I.C. has, of course, long been such an influence. The Falkland Islands Committee in London is growing increasingly active. The Falkland Islands Times is enlarging its circulation overseas and thus building up a company of people all around the world interested in helping the Falklands. When the Falkland Traders Ltd. gets off the ground there will be an island wide trading organisation with strong links to the U.K. It may be that very shortly we will need all the help we can get.

AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

Here is a reply from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Wellington, New Zealand to a letter from Mrs M.R. Skilling of Papatoetoe, New Zealand. We understand that Australia holds a similar opinion.

"Dear Mrs Skilling,

The Prime Minister has directed me to reply on his behalf to your letter of 1 February.

The report in the "Falkland Islands Times" to which you refer, saying that New Zealand voted against the Islanders' desire to remain British, is misleading.

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REVIEW - a look at the events of our TIMES

March 1st. 22 Children from the Sunday School and Junior Choir at Christ Church Cathedral enjoyed a party at the Deanery. After the feast the children went along to the Parish Hall for film entertainment.

March 8th. Notice was given on the Newsletter that it was intended to hold a sailing regatta in Stanley Harbour in a week's time.

March 9th. As reported in last month's TIMES the 1974 Flower, Vegetable and Home Produce Show was held in the Gymnasium.

March 11th. At a short ceremony in Government House, His Excellency the Governor presented the long service and good conduct medal to Colour Sergeant M.G. Trowbridge of the Royal Marines.

March 15th. A news item revealed that Mr Pete Kernode had landed, at the River Malo, a bullet weighing 25 lbs. Its girth was 17 inches and it was 40 inches long.

March 16th meant the official conclusion of the week's sailing and rowing activities. Not having been forewarned the editor was away on holiday this week although we gather that the wind was quite blustery at times but that sailing continued regardless for a lot of the time. 4 Grumete sailing yachts were brought in on the "Bahia Buen Suceso" plus a number of rowing boats. Members of Argentine sailing clubs also came and were joined by young people from Stanley.

At the end of the Regatta there was a Buffet Supper on board the "Bahia Buen Suceso" with speechmaking and a prizegiving. Intimation was given that the Argentine Government through its Navy and Secretary of State for Tourism and Sports would donate 2 Grumetes and 4 rowing boats to the young people of the Falklands. They were handed over to the Youth Club and Boys' Brigade on their behalf. We understand that a meeting will be held shortly to decide on policy and practice in the use of the craft by all young people many of whom do not belong to these two clubs.

Part of the speech made by Capt. M.C. Somoza said, "Last Saturday was a day of happiness for all of us. After three days of competing shoulder to shoulder with the crews of the Club Universitario de Buenos Aires, Centro Marítimo Austral de Río Gallegos, Club Náutico Ushuaia with team spirit and comradeship, a distinct emblem of all nautical sports, we arrived to this very

important event. From now on you will have at your disposal sailing and rowing boats to develop an activity which forges the body and soul of a truly creative school. This beautiful harbour has been the scene of your initiation into the knowledge and rudiments of this noble sport. We have no doubt that this activity will grow in the future into something of a permanent character, not only rowing and sailing but also motor-boating and water-ski-ing and subaquatic sports, fishing, etc., assisted by your enthusiasm, strength and ability shown by you and the companionship in connections existing with youth of other clubs." Part of the speech by His Excellency the Governor was as follows, "I would like, on behalf of the Government and people here, to say how pleased we are that you have managed to pay us a visit. Much has been done in the last few years to improve the links between us and the mainland, but there are limits to what politicians and diplomats can do. There comes a time when the real links are strengthened by ordinary people meeting each other and I regard the sporting link as the best method of all, and that is why during the past week we have enjoyed seeing you all in your colourful yachting gear walking through the streets of Stanley, and it has been a joy to see the white sails of the Grumetes against the background of our harbour. The gift of two of these yachts and some rowing boats to the youth of Stanley is a most generous one, and will do much to foster amongst our young people the love of the sea and the outdoor life. I hope in due course, after further training, we can pay a return visit to you in Buenos Aires or Ushuaia."

March 17th. This week most of the children going to school in Argentina left to start the new school year. Today the largest group of 23 children left for Buenos Aires escorted by Mrs Sadie Clements.

March 18th. Bishop Tucker and Canon Helyer returned from a Camp Trip to San Carlos, Pebble Island, Furvis and Port Howard. The Bishop was on a fortnight's visit and always includes a Camp Trip in his visit. An innovation on his visit this time was a radio interview with Canon Helyer when we learnt a little of the Bishop's background and work and also of the missionary situation in South America.

March 20th. Mr Simmonds the visiting architect left today after examining the following sites and projects. Boarding Hostel in

Stanley for school children; proposed new prison; lighthouse; extension to public jetty, and swimming pool. We now await his report and recommendations.

March 22nd. An interesting news item reported that British farmers have been taking lessons in lassoing. It is claimed that it does not take long to learn and that much time is saved because when only one or two animals are required they can be picked out without rounding up a whole herd or troop. An idea for here?

March 22nd. It was announced from Government House that the new Ministers of State in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office are Mr David Ennals and Mr Roy Hattersley. The new Secretary of State is, of course, Mr Jim Callaghan.

March 22nd. The Immigration Department announced that a total of 93 people departed this week on the 4 international flights. This included departing school children plus visiting yachtsmen, press and photographers.

March 23rd-25th. Harvest Festival weekend was held at the Tabernacle (United Free Church). A display of groceries and garden produce was arranged on Saturday with special services on the Sunday. The goods were packed up and distributed around Stanley to needy folk, elderly people and K.E.M. Hospital. An offering of £21.33 was collected for needy people overseas.

March 24th. Mothering Sunday was celebrated in Christ Church Cathedral (Anglican). Flowers were received on Saturday for children to take home on Sunday. The preacher for the day was the Bishop. After the evening service refreshments were organised in the Parish Hall. Other churches in Stanley were represented. An open invitation was given and thus everyone had an opportunity to meet the Bishop.

March 31st. marked the end of Summer Time and clocks were put back one hour. (As this resulted in the immediate commencement of a very cold, wintry spell perhaps if we kept our clocks on summer time..... we could avoid winter?? Well its a thought!)

April 1st. Mr D'Earle Draycott retired from his post as Superintendent of Education at the end of March and he and Mrs Draycott left the Colony today. We understand that they intend to settle in Mr Draycott's native Cornwall. Both were regular broadcasters and we shall miss their voices. We wish them both happy days ahead.

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BOYS' TRIP TO ARGENTINA

We have been specially asked to include this report compiled by some of the twelve boys who visited the Argentine at the beginning of February under the supervision of Mr F.T. Lellman.

"We left Stanley on Saturday February 2nd and had a good trip to Comodoro Rivadavia. It took 2 hours 10 minutes. On arrival we were met by Sen or Saaveira a representative of Y.P.F. and Senorita Ana Maria Briguela of L.D.E. The Director of the Salesian school from Rio Grande arrived about 1 hour later, and we were taken to Y.P.F. barracks. The bus we travelled in was at our disposal during our stay in Comodoro Rivadavia and was lent by Y.P.F. On Saturday afternoon we were taken to the Army Training Centre for Boys from 15 - 20, we had a tour of Comodoro and ate lunch and supper at the Y.P.F. Club.

On Sunday morning we saw oil pumps, watched drilling for oil, and visited the Don Bosco College. In the afternoon we visited a holiday resort. We enjoyed swimming in the pool, indoor football and later watching television.

On Monday we went to the airport where we had breakfast and then travelled by Boeing 737 to Rio Grande via Rio Gallegos to refuel. During the trip we were allowed into the cockpit with the crew. At Rio Grande we were shown the new gymnasium at the Salesian School and then had lunch. After that we went to the swimming pool at the Y.P.F. compartments. After supper we visited the television studio and got home late.

On Tuesday we went horse-riding in Rio Grande then to Ushuaia by a bus which was provided by the Mayor of Rio Grande. Sen or Martinez went with us. During this trip we visited the C.A.P. meat canning factory. Our evening meal was at the parochial Church and we slept that night at the Youth Hostel.

On Wednesday, after breakfast at the Church, we went shopping for an hour and then travelled by bus to the Chilean border. We passed many camping sites and saw Lake Vaca. We returned to Ushuaia for lunch which was followed by a tour of the City and a visit to Government House. Unfortunately we were unable to see the governor. This was followed by a trip to Rio Grande where we visited a saw mill and also visited the Goodall estancia at Via Monte, where we had supper kindly provided by our host. This consisted of stew, jelly, fruit and Coca Cola. Before returning home we were shown over the

shearing shed and farm buildings.

Thursday's activities included shopping in Rio Grande, with Senora Martinez - we noticed that prices were very high. In the afternoon we went to Mrs Sutherland's for tea.

Friday morning was spent at the army camp and was followed by lunch at the officers club. In the afternoon we visited the Y.P.F. butane gas installations and then went on to see the oil shipping depot and oil transit depot. This was followed by a visit to the Estancia Sara of 70,000 sheep, where we were entertained by David Newing and his charming Chilean wife. We also met Natalie Bertrand, enjoyed an excellent asado, and watched television.

Saturday was the day of the Show. We saw Corriedale sheep and Hereford cattle. We made a tape recording for the National Radio, and then in the evening attended a buffet supper and dance in the gym. There were about 400 people and during the dance there was a fashion parade and prize-giving.

On Sunday we flew to Comodoro by Boeing 737 accompanied by Father Tito. We touched down at Rio Gallegos and Bill Clifton came on board there and talked to us. We were met in Comodoro by Senor Saaveira and Senorita Lizuela and taken to the Y.P.F. barracks as before. We had supper at the Y.P.F. Club then four boys went to the swimming pool and others played football.

On Monday we got as far as the West Falklands but had to return because of fog. We tried to contact Senor Saaveira before our arrival back but had to wait 2 hours for the bus to take us back to the Y.P.F. barracks, but on arrival there a meal was ready for us.

On Tuesday we left at 8.30 local time and this time reached our destination and landed in Stanley at 10 a.m."

REVIEW (Continued from page 5)

April 1st. Today's international flight also took away Mr J.R. Jones who has been relief in the Registrar's Office for the last 6 months during the leave of Mr H. Bennett, J.R.

CHORAL WORK AT CATHEDRAL:

A performance of John Stainer's work "The Story of the Cross" is to be given in Christ Church Cathedral on Good Friday at 7 p.m.

AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND (continued from page 2)

New Zealand has consistently opposed resolutions in the United Nations General Assembly which have suggested that the principle of self-determination does not apply in the case of the Falkland Islands. The resolution adopted last year, which New Zealand supported, did not mention self-determination as such, but declared the need to accelerate negotiations between the Governments of Argentina and Great Britain in order to arrive at a peaceful solution of the conflict of sovereignty between them. In an explanation of our vote the New Zealand representative made a statement supporting the principle of self-determination and emphasizing New Zealand's concern that the views of the Falkland Islanders be respected.

I hope this information will be helpful in removing a mistaken impression which you may have received from the newspaper report."

In our January issue we reported from a Legco meeting as follows. "Mr Pitaluga revealed that in the sovereignty issue in the United Nations two former colonies, Australia and New Zealand, voted against us. (Ed. This 'Blow you Jack' we're alright' shocked many present. Perhaps those readers who live in those countries ought to write to their governments expressing disapproval)."

We are very pleased that this matter was taken up and to hear that our ANZAC friends are supporting us.

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Corrections

Page 1 - 3rd line from bottom should read 'we will include another letters section soon'

Page 20 - 11th line from bottom should read 'extra £71,000'

Letter to the Editor:

... : Port San Carlos,
Falkland Islands.
18th March 1974.

Dear Sir,

On leaving the Falklands after a very enjoyable few weeks, I wish to say that what has marred my time there has been learning of the decision to close the Darwin School, instead of enlarging it and making it the centre for senior education in the Islands.

The children from Stanley could only benefit by spending their last school years, say from 13 onwards, in the Camp, whatever careers they eventually followed, and the Camp children would then have the benefit of the most highly qualified teachers in the Falklands.

I know there are difficulties at Darwin, such as the water supply, and it could be more expensive, but it is vital for the future of the Colony to keep the young camp-minded.

Although it is very late in the day I hope if others feel as I do they will write or talk to their elected members of Council about it.

Yours faithfully,

Anne Cameron

(Mrs N.K. Cameron)

PHILATELY NEWS:

Last month we advised that we had been promised the background story behind the latest Falkland Island Special Issue on Tourism. Our efforts to obtain information have uncovered a riddle.

The basic ideas for the issue were arranged by a small committee consisting of the then Postmaster Mr D.R. Morrison; Tourism Committee Chairman the Hon. ... Sloggie and local stamp expert and enthusiast Brother Venantius (Arnold Roozenaal). The pictures for the 5p Rockhopper Penguins and 15p Military Starling were taken from paintings by resident naturalist Mr Ian J. Strange. The pictures for the 2p Fur Seal and 4p Trout Fishing were from some work done 5 or 6 years ago for an Industry and Tourism issue but which was later shelved. The riddle is that no-one appears to know where the pictures came from. Perhaps we can enlist the help of our readers. Does anyone know the answer?

East Falkland Sports:

Here are the remainder of the results continued from last month. Grateful thanks to Mr Nick Hadden who compiled them for us.

HORSE RACING

CONSOLATION RACE: 1st, BEAUTY, T. Phillips; 2nd, HEATHER, A. Davis; 3rd, TUPPENCE, N. Knight.

CHAMPION CUP 600 YARDS: 1st, BEAUTY, K. Whitney; 2nd, S. NTL. CLAUSE, L. Whitney; 3rd, TENNESSEE, R. Binnie.

CHAMPION CUP 700 YARDS: 1st, SUNBEAM, K. Whitney; 2nd, TONINI, R. Binnie; 3rd, SLIPPERY, E. Goss.

GYMKHANA EVENTS

MAIDEN TROT: 1st, BLOWHARD, E. Goss; 2nd, BUMPER, N. Knight; 3rd, DENISE, Mrs A. Blake.

LADIES TROT: 1st, BLUE ROAN, Mrs A. Morrison; 2nd, MAXIMA, Mrs A. Blake; 3rd, ANNIE, Miss J. Harlecastle.

OPEN TROT: 1st, BLUE ROAN, A. Morrison; 2nd, ADVENTURE, S. Johnson; 3rd, MAXIMA, Mrs A. Blake.

GREYIN GREEN: 1st, T. McMullen & L. Whitney; 2nd, Albert Davis & N. Knight.

LADIES MUSICAL CHAIRS: 1st, Mrs A. Davis; 2nd, Miss J. Harlecastle; 3rd, Miss S. Smith.

THREADING THE NEEDLE: 1st, L. Whitney & Mrs A. Biggs; 2nd, Mr & Mrs N. Knight; 3rd, S. Sinclair & Miss S. Smith.

BENDING RACE: 1st, G. Dickson; 2nd, N. Knight; 3rd, Mrs A. Blake.

RELAY RACE: 1st, T. McMullen & Mrs A. Blake; 2nd, N. Knight & L. Whitney; 3rd, G. Dickson & S. Sinclair.

MILITARY RACE: 1st, T. McMullen; 2nd, M. Loring; 3rd, S. Sinclair.

POTLTO RACE: 1st, G. Dickson; 2nd, M. Loring; 3rd, T. Phillips.

V.C. RACE: 1st, T. McMullen; 2nd, G. Dickson; 3rd, L. Whitney.

BACK TO FRONT RACE: 1st, S. Sinclair; 2nd, T. Phillips.

MIXED MUSICAL CHAIRS: 1st, G. Dickson; 2nd, M. Loring; 3rd, T. Phillips.

DONKEY RACE: 1st, A. Davis; 2nd, T. Phillips; 3rd, R. Binnie.

VARIETY RACE: 1st, A. Davis; 2nd, T. Phillips; 3rd, T. McMullen.

RELAY RACE: 1st, T. Heathman & Miss C. Alazia; 2nd, T. Jaffray & Mrs M. Loring; 3rd, P. Goss & Miss M. Goodwin.

MEN - 220 YARDS: 1st, T. McPhee; 2nd, T. Heathman; 3rd, M. Alazia.

THREE-LEGGED RACE: 1st, T. Heathman & Miss C. Alazia; 2nd, K. Whitney & Mrs H. Ford; 3rd, T. McPhee & Mrs T. McMullen.

MEN - 440 YARDS: 1st, T. McPhee; 2nd, M. Alazia & T. Heathman.

THROWING THE HAMMER: 1st, N. Hadden; 2nd, B. Ford; 3rd, J. Ford.

MEN - 1 MILE: 1st, T. McPhee; 2nd, M. Alazia; 3rd, T. Heathman.

SPAR BOXING: 1st, T. McPhee; 2nd, T. McMullen; 3rd, R. Binnie.

MEN - 880 YARDS: 1ST, R. Summers; 2nd, T. McPhee; 3rd, T. Heathman.

CATCHING THE ROOSTER: (Ladies) - 1st, Mrs L. Phillips.

CATCHING THE ROOSTER: (Children) - 1st, Miss D. Morrison.

WHEELBARROW RACE: 1st, R. Morrison & Mrs R. Dickson; 2nd, T. Heathman & Miss C. Alazia; 3rd, P. Morrison & Miss J. Ford.

VETERANS RACE: 1st, M. McLeod; 2nd, W. Morrison; 3rd, J. Watson.

WOMEN - 100 YARDS: 1st, Miss C. Alazia; 2nd, Miss D. Morrison; 3rd, Mrs M. Loring.

MEN - 100 YARDS: 1st, T. McPhee; 2nd, T. Heathman; 3rd, R. Binnie.

OTHER EVENTS

STEER RIDING: 1st, R. Binnie; 2nd, K. Whitney; 3rd, R. Lee.

DOG TRIALS - NOVICE CLASS: 1st, TED - E. Goss.

DOG TRIALS - OPEN CLASS: 1st, WEST, C.D. Ford; 2nd, DON, S. Johnson; 3rd, TONY - N. Knight;

SHEARING COMPETITION: 1st, Robin Lee, Darwin; 2nd, Peter Goss, Douglas Station; 3rd, Nigel Knight, North Arm.

West Falkland Sports:

Here is an interesting presentation of the weeks events at Hill Cove kindly compiled by Mrs Griselda Cockwell.

The events started on Tuesday morning with the Dog Trials. Each competitor was allowed 15 minutes to bring up and pen 5 sheep with one dog. There was a good number of entries and the trials were not completed by lunch-time so the rest were run off on Friday morning. The competitors must be congratulated on the generally high standard - the trials were a great pleasure to watch. The winners were as follows:

OPEN: 1st, J. Forster with WEST
2nd, L. Morrison with ROY
3rd, P. Short with DOT

NOVICE: 1st, P. Short with DOT
2nd, E. Espe with SPEED
3rd, M. Pole-Evans with DON

During the afternoon the children ran numerous races and made up for it at the childrens' tea party afterwards. Many thanks to the teachers, without whom Tuesday afternoon would not have been quite the same, and to all those who contributed food.

Wednesday of course was Race Day and as all the results have been broadcast already, I will not repeat them here. After a rather dull and even threatening start the weather cleared by late morning which was very fortunate. His Excellency and Mrs Lewis, Lady Dufferin and Mr Trevor-Roper did us the honour of attending the Race Meeting.

There were plenty of entries for most of the races, which is very encouraging and of course makes for a very interesting day for the spectators. Many thanks to all those who acted as Starters, Judges, Clerk of the Course, and the hard-pressed people in the Tote.

On Thursday the Gymkhana and Foot Events were held and again the weather was quite pleasant. There were winners far too numerous to mention; many congratulations to all of them. Thursday evening was the occasion of "Kaleidoscope 2" which was a great success; and for which Greg Edwards and all the performers put in much hard work and enthusiasm.

As I mentioned before Friday morning was taken up with the rest of the Dog Trials. After lunch the Steer Riding was held and as there had been a few spots of rain the grass was agreeably slippery. There were some pretty lively steers and most spectators seemed quite happy to stay in or near their rovers! The winners were as follows:

1st, Ian McPhee; 2nd, Bob McNally; 3rd, Robin Jaffray.

I would like to finish by thanking all those who helped with the events in their various ways, the M.C's at the dances, the "Kaleidoscope" crew, and last but not least, the people of Hill Cove for their hospitality and such an enjoyable Sports week.

The 1974 Flower, Vegetable and Home Produce Show:

Here are the remainder of the prizewinners.

Section G. Home Produce.

Butter: 1st, Mrs J. Perry, Goose Green; 2nd & HC, Mrs R. Ferguson; 3rd, Mrs C. Porter, Fox Bay East.

6 Hen Eggs: 1st, Mrs F.M. Short; 2nd, Mrs J. Smith; 3rd, Miss J. Ford; HC, Mrs. T. Fleuret.

Bottled Rhubarb: 1st, Mrs M. Goss; 2nd & 3rd, Mrs R. Rowlands.

Bottled Gooseberries: 1st & 3rd, Mrs M. Jones; 2nd, Mrs R. Rowlands.

Any Other Bottled Fruit: 1st, Mrs R. Rowlands; 2nd, Mrs M. Jones; 3rd, Mrs C. Rowlands.

Jar of Rhubarb Chutney: 1st, Mrs T. Fleuret, 2nd, 3rd & HC, Mrs M. Jones.

Any Other Chutney: 1st, Mrs M. May, 2nd, Mrs M. Goss, 3rd Mrs P. Ashley.

Jar of Rhubarb Jam: 1st, Mrs P. Ashley; 2nd, Mrs M. Poole; 3rd, Mrs M. Jones.

Jar of Gooseberry Jam: 1st, Mrs D.M. Pole-Evans, Port Howard; 2nd, Mrs M. Jones; 3rd, Mrs P. Ashley.

Jar of Diddle-dee Jam: 1st, Mrs F. Choek; 2nd, Mrs E.M. Biggs; 3rd, Mrs M. Jones.

Jar of Strawberry Jam: 1st, 2nd, 3rd & HC, Mrs R. Rowlands.

Jar of Raspberry Jam: 1st, Mrs E.M. Biggs; 2nd, Mrs K. Berntsen, Port San Carlos; 3rd, Mrs R. Rowlands.

Jar of Diddle-dee Jelly: 1st, 2nd, 3rd & HC, Mrs M. Jones.

Jar of Gooseberry Jelly: 1st, 2nd & 3rd, Mrs R. Rowlands.

Jar of Red Currant Jelly: 1st, Mrs M.J. Blyth.

Jar of Curd: 1st, Mrs M. Goss.

Jar of Any Other Preserve: 1st, Mrs R. Rowlands & Mrs E.M. Biggs; 2nd, Mrs M. Goss; 3rd, Mrs R. Rowlands.

Jar of Marmalade: 1st, Mrs R. Rowlands; 2nd & 3rd, Mrs M. Goss.

Jar of Pickles: 1st & 3rd, Mrs R. Rowlands; 2nd, Mrs F.M. Short & Mrs C. Rowlands.

Rich Fruit Cake: 1st, 3rd & HC, Mrs R. Rowlands; 2nd, Mrs M. Jones.

Victoria Layer Cake: 1st & 2nd, Mrs M. Poole; 3rd, Mrs G. Johnston.

Plain Sponge Cake: 1st, Mrs R. Felton; 2nd, Mrs M. Poole & Mrs R. Rowlands; 3rd, Mrs E. Clapp.

Decorated Sponge Cake: 1st, Mrs O. McPhee; 2nd, Mrs L. Halliday, 3rd & HC, Mrs R. Rowlands.

Any Other Home-made Cake: 1st & 3rd, Mrs R.D. Clements; 2nd, Mrs M. Jones.

6 Buns (Yeast): 1st & 3rd, Mrs J. Bailey; 2nd, Mrs W. Poole; HC, Mrs O. McPhee.

6 Scones: 1st, Mrs G. Johnston; 2nd, Mrs T. Fleuret, 3rd, Mrs P. Helyer; HC, Mrs W. Poole.

6 Plain Biscuits: 1st & 2nd, Mrs E. Clapp; 3rd, Mrs F. Howatt; HC, Mrs R. Felton.

6 Fancy Biscuits: 1st & 3rd, Mrs G. Johnston; 2nd, Mrs E. Clapp.

6 Small Pastry Cakes: 1st & 2nd, Mrs R.D. Clements; HC, Mrs O. McPhee (2).

6 Small Plain Cakes: 1st, Mrs J. Middleton; 2nd, Mrs W. Poole; 3rd, Mrs W. Poole & Mrs T. Fleuret.

6 Small Fancy Cakes: 1st & 2nd, Mrs O. McPhee; 3rd, Mrs E. Clapp; HC, Mrs A.J. Blyth.

6 Bapnadas: 2nd, Mrs R. Rowlands; 3rd, Mrs R.D. Clements & Mrs R. Rowlands.

6 Sausage Rolls: 1st, Mrs A.J. Blyth; HC, Mrs G. Johnston.

1 Savoury Pie or Flan: 3rd, Mrs G. Johnston, Mrs O. McPhee & Mrs J. Bailey.

1 Loaf Wholemeal Bread: 1st, Mrs A. Sloggie; 2nd, Mrs R.D. Clements; 3rd, Mrs J. Bailey.

1 Loaf White Bread: 1st, Miss R. Watts; 2nd, Mrs W. May; 3rd, Mrs J. Bailey (2); HC, Mrs W. Poole & Mrs R.D. Clements.

1 Loaf Currant Bread: HC, Mrs W. Jones.

Any Other Kind of Loaf: 1st & HC, Mrs R.D. Clements; 2nd, Mrs J. Middleton; 3rd, Mrs P. Helyer & Mrs R.D. Clements.

12 Sweets of Any Kind: 1st, Mrs R.D. Clements & Mrs F.M. Short; 2nd, Mrs R.D. Clements; 3rd, W. Clotheroe, Mrs W. Poole & Miss C. Johnston.

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also expected that about 30-40 of the people who offered to subscribe £100 to the new company will not be able to do so. Those people who are concerned will soon be receiving a circular letter from a Unit Trust shortly to be set up with the main purpose of investing the money of local people in local projects such as F.T.L., sheep farms and so on.

NEWS AND NOTES

Tourism Loans

The Falkland Islands Government has revealed that the following loans have been made under the Colony Development Plan.

£3,000 to Mr I. Strange for the New Island Preservation Co. Ltd. to assist in making accommodation suitable for residence by tourists on New Island.

£2,200 to Mr D. Ryan to assist in modernisation to No. Drury Street to enable it to be used as a boarding house.

£2,500 to Mr G. Edwards for establishing a coffee bar.

£500 to Mr J. Allan to assist in the building up of a chicken farm.

This makes £8,200 out of the £10,000 set aside for this purpose. One further loan is under investigation and a further amount of about £350 was granted but later turned down. It is not yet known whether this money will be re-allocated.

Kuspis over proposed Coffee Bar

Much heat has been generated around Stanley particularly in the James Street area concerning efforts by Mr Greg Edwards, presently of Fox Bay West, to open a coffee bar and entertainment centre at 10, James Street.

The first public knowledge of this intention was when a friend said to Mr Laurie Butler of 9, James Street, "Nice of you to have a night club next door, eh?". He passed it off as a joke until he saw a vehicle unloading building materials next door. Mr Butler made further enquiries in great haste and discovered that a Tourist Loan had been made to Mr Edwards out of the U.K. Government Development Aid. As Mr Edwards is an alien this surprised a number of local people including the two Stanley elected members of Legislative Council the Hons. W.E. Bowles and B. Miller. We understand that the Acting Registrar Mr J.P. Jones refused to register the transfer of the property until further enquiries were made even after intervention by Mr J. Leonard acting on Mr Edwards behalf. Legally an alien must be resident over seven years before he may purchase property unless the Governor issues a special licence. Mr Edwards had been here a little over a year. We have received an unconfirmed report that such a licence was prepared and signed but was not given to Mr Edwards after public resistance to the matter began to be felt.

Public feeling largely took the form of petition organised by Mr Butler and signed by 15 people in the immediate neighbourhood of the house in question. The petition was dated 13th March 1974 and addressed to the Deputy Chief Secretary (Acting Chief Secretary) and reads,

"We the undersigned being residents of James Street and the James Street area are disturbed to hear that Mr G. Edwards has been granted a loan to buy property in the James Street - Ross Road area with the intention of running a Coffee Bar and Music Hall on this property.

This is a quiet and orderly residential area and this is the way we want to keep it.

It is felt by those of us who are parents of small children (and there are quite a lot of small children in this area) that this Bar or Club could have nothing but a detrimental effect on our children for obvious reasons.

It is felt that the greatest part of Mr Edwards trade for his Coffee Bar would be from persons leaving the Public House at closing time and not bona-fide tourists at all.

There is already one Snack Bar in Town which is much more advantageously situated than the one proposed by Mr Edwards, and it is common knowledge that this Snack Bar has very little trade before 9.30 p.m.

After all if Mr Edwards is so keen to entertain the tourists, what is to stop him hiring the Parish Hall, Town Hall or St. Mary's Annexe when a tourist ship is in Port William.

It is also a matter of some concern to us that Mr Edwards is an alien who has only lived in the Colony a very short time and we are surprised that Government should hand out such a large sum of money to someone whom so little is known about.

We therefore ask Government to reconsider their decision to allow the property to be used as anything except a dwelling house.

We would repeat that this is a quiet and orderly residential area and that is how we, the inhabitants and rate payers of this area wish it to remain."

Representations have also been made by the two Stanley Legco members to H.E. the Governor and there is talk of resignations offered if this loan is not revoked.

Although not expressed as a main part of the controversy there is no doubt that concern is felt by a number of people over the ra-

ligious implications. Mr Edwards is a member of the Bahai faith and his agent in Stanley Mr Leonard is regarded as their local leader. Much of the Bahai evangelism locally has been based on trying to get through to young people, and older ones too, using music both live and with filmed concerts. Some local residents have voiced their opinion that the plan is to use the coffee bar as a kind of Bahai outreach centre using Mr Edwards's musical abilities and feel that this should not be supported by Government funds. Mr Leonard has strongly denied this intention saying, "we would not allow it."

The situation now is that work on the house has stopped and that the F.I. Government is awaiting the return of the Chief Secretary from a trip to Antarctica before issuing a statement on its further action if any.

Registrar's Statistics

The following figures and comments were issued from the office of the Acting Registrar-General. Grateful thanks to Mr J.P. Jones.

"The following statistics are for the calendar year 1973.

Births in Stanley

Male	19
Female	20
Total	<u>39</u>

There was 1 still birth.

There were no births outside Stanley. The number of births has remained fairly constant in the last few years 34 in 1970, 38 in 1971 and 39 in 1972. But as the population declines the birth rate per 1,000 increases, 16 per 1,000 in 1970, 18 in 1971, 19 in 1972 and 20 in 1973.

Deaths in Stanley

Male	9
Female	<u>3</u>
Total	<u>12</u>

There were no deaths outside Stanley. Deaths in 1970 were 15, in 1971 - 20 and 1972 - 10. The death rate per 1,000 was 7 in 1970, 9 in 1971, 5 in 1972 and 6 in 1973. The average birth rate per thousand over the last four years is approximately $2\frac{1}{2}$ times greater than the average death rate.

Marriages

There were 12 marriages in 1973. There were 15 in 1970, 22 in 1971 and 25 in 1972. Of these 74 marriages in the four years, 48 were Registrar, 16 were Anglican and 10 were Non-conformists.

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There were no Roman Catholic marriages.

The analysis of the 74 marriages solemnised in 1970/73 is as follows:-

	1970	1971	1972	1973	Total
Registrar	8	13	19	8	48
Anglican	3	7	4	2	16
Non-conformist	4	2	2	2	10
Roman Catholic	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>15</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>74</u>

Divorces

There were 5 divorces in 1973. There were 7 in 1970, 7 in 1971 and 3 in 1972.

Population

At the 31st December 1972 the population of the Falkland Islands was 1957 according to the 1972 Census. Based on 1973 arrival and departures recorded, the estimated population at 31st December 1973 was 1,874 giving a population of .39 per square mile based on a land area of 4,700 square miles. The population 20 years ago in 1953 was 356 more - a total of 2,230."

Inward Sea-mail

After the trouble experienced on the first attempt to route sea mail from Britain via Buenos Aires and Comodoro Rivadavia finishing its journey by air, this routeing was stopped. We understand that it is intended to start again shortly confining movement to letters and papers. If this is successful then some attempt may be made to include parcel mail as well.

Airfield

There is still no information available (April 5th) as to whether a contract has been awarded for the construction of a U.K. Government financed permanent airfield at Cape Pembroke. We understand from the Government that it is now very unlikely that the ceremonial 'turning of the first sod' will take place on May 1st.

Industrial Dispute

The Government have announced that an arbitrator has been appointed to settle the dispute between the Stanley employees and hourly paid members of the General Employees Union. Said to have a wide experience of such cases he is Mr S. McDowall of the University of St. Andrews. He was recommended by the U.K. Department of Trade and Industry.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS:

"We rejoice with those who rejoice and sorrow with those who sorrow".

Birthsat K.E.M. Hospital

March 7th	Mr & Mrs Bert Goodwin	son	Derek Samuel (8 lb 10 oz)
March 9th	Mr & Mrs Michael Clarke (Jeanette Newman)	daughter	Angeline Gloria (8 lb 14 oz)
March 29th	Mr & Mrs Patrick Peck (Maureen Coutts)	son	David Patrick (7 lb 13 oz)

Overseas

March 20th Mr & Mrs Chris Lehen of Wellington,
New Zealand, a son, Stephen Paul.

MarriagesOverseas

March 9th Carol WATSON to Dave EYNON, at Dawlish, Devon.

DeathsIn the Falklands

March 18th Mrs Beatrice Orissa Maud HARDING Aged 71 years

BUSINESS NEWS:FALKLAND TRADERS LTD.

The failure of the appeal to the public to provide the whole £71,000 of the capital needed to float F.T.L. has meant a change in the original plan. It is now intended to lease some of the land and buildings required by the new company instead of buying them outright. F.T.L. will now be run as a private company. This means that there will be a limit in the number of shareholders permitted. This will bring two difficulties. The first is that existing shareholders will find it hard to dispose of part of their shareholding because this might put the total over the limit of 50 members allowed. And secondly, prospective new shareholders may not be able to purchase shares - for the same reason. It is

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Summer has at last gone and winter appears to be truly with us. In order to keep summery a little longer we have a holiday from politics this month. With the postponement of the date for the Select Committee on the Constitution to report back we have also postponed our report on the West Falkland meetings. We remind you of the delights of Port Harriet Point - maybe something fresh for newcomers. The Chief Police Officer's West Falkland Tour is reported - and we understand that an East Falkland tour is planned soon, probably by landrover. We draw your attention to our advertisements - read them well, buy what you need - and please mention that you read about the goods in the Times.

No news has been forthcoming from the Executive Council discussions on the proposed coffee bar in James Street. However

we hear that a news release will be given on the Radio Newsletter this Friday evening.

We have been led to understand that Falklands issues are likely to be reviewed by the new Labour Ministers at the Foreign & Commonwealth Office about the middle of May. It seems that the proposed permanent airfield will come under consideration and that maybe we will hear news of a decision soon. In this case we would think that delay is dangerous and that no news is bad news. We have written to the British Prime Minister giving our views in favour of the airfield - have you?

MR A.G. BARTON, C.E.E., J.P. (continued from page 11)
as still being a very desirable way of life. He decided that this year he would advise the Governor that he no longer wished to be considered for nomination to Exco and His Excellency sent Mr Barton a letter thanking him for his "significant contribution to the running of Government".

WANTED: If anyone has a good black and white photograph of the West or East Sports or Stanley Races please could we borrow it for our picture supplement coming soon.

AND SOON THE BUDGET

It is traditional in other countries for the Press to issue copious amounts of advice before their Finance Minister or equivalent produces his budget for the coming year. So we hope that no-one will think it odd or 'cheeky' that we now do so in these columns before our own Financial Secretary speaks on June 4th. These notes are not intended to be treated as predictions for we have no crystal ball - however we would think it likely that there would be few major changes after last years very controversial budget. Income Tax is likely to be untouched for a while after recent modifications to the tax ordinance. Last years budget marked an important step forward when the attempt was made to call a halt to using up reserves and instead, plan for a small surplus. Building on this attempt this year we must look away from the system of budgeting for a year at a time and take steps that will have beneficial results over the long term. Now to concrete proposals.

Retired People. It is very unlikely that the people of the Falklands will be satisfied with any financial statement that does

not provide for a substantial increase in the spending power of 'old age pensioners' now. A concern for others now and for ourselves in the future means that the time for promises is past.

Money Drain. The century-old practice of transmitting profits to the U.K. must stop - and soon. The Government needs quickly to investigate how much money is being lost to the Falklands which has been earned from our resources. There are various ways of ensuring that this is done. One way would be an extra tax over and above company tax. Alternatively an export duty on the value of goods could be levied. Another way is an extra tax on the turnover on a business. The extra amount raised would still belong to the business and would be banked in their name but they would only be allowed to spend it in the Colony. If the business chose to leave the money in the bank then at least the Colony would benefit from the use of the money by the Government. It is continually argued that there is no way for capital to be used here. This is nonsense and once the money was extracted the companies would soon begin to discover ways of using this money. Two areas of activity at once spring to mind. The Colony should not import £30,000 of fruit and vegetables in a year - we should be exporting it. There is also ample scope for the development of leisure industries which are in their infancy here. There is a lot here to turn over in our minds.

Tax on Hobbies. We hope very much that the Government will remove the heavy taxes on the hobbies of shooting and amateur radio. The licence fees for these are exorbitant. The whole point of licencing fees is to cover the cost of controlling guns and amateur radios not to make a proportionately huge profit out of it.

Savings Bank. The tax free interest paid by the Savings Bank robs the poor to help the better off. The poorer people, who do not have the know-how to invest their money elsewhere, do not reap any benefits from the interest being tax free because they do not pay tax or very little. We think that the interest rate should be raised - and the interest paid should be taxable. This would give those with a small income a more helpful return on their money while not greatly affecting the better off.

Small Matters. Funds should be made available to restore a postal delivery service to Stanley at least twice a week. The present practice of most of the town having to go to the post office is ridiculous and must cost business and individuals far more than

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the cost of a postman/woman. The business telephone rate should be graded according to the size of the business. The cost of bringing in fresh produce, particularly milk, from the Camp by air should be further reduced. The radio licence fee should be increased - we do not pay enough for this excellent service. It should only be increased however if there were a guarantee of additional programme time during the day when Campers can receive signals fairly well.

It is likely that most of the above proposals will increase expenditure. The 'Money Drain' proposals will only increase income in the long term. The increased costs should be offset by an increase in Government efficiency and a reduction in staff - long talked about and reported upon but not acted upon.

Finally Mr Secretary your predecessors have evolved a way of presenting their estimates to the public in a way seemingly designed to conceal as much information as possible. It's probably too late now but we appeal that in future years the presentation be simplified so that people can readily understand what is spent, from where it is to be raised - and whether the hearing makes a loss or not! Every Finance Minister is unpopular with someone so we will conclude by wishing you well in your task and not too many sleepless nights!

PHILATELIC NEWSForthcoming Stamp Issues

The Stamp Issues Co-ordinating Committee which plans and co-ordinates the issues of the Falkland Islands, South Georgia and British Antarctic Territory meets at fairly regular intervals and makes suggestions for the stamp issues for the three stamp issuing territories. When the programme is finalised it is submitted to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and then the approval of Her Majesty the Queen is sought. When the designs are prepared they are also submitted to Her Majesty who is a keen philatelist.

The following stamp programme up to the 31st December of this year has been approved -

A set of four stamps commemorating the centenary of the Universal Postal Union is to be released about August. This set is based on the theme of postal transport through the ages and al-

though the designs have no particular relevance to the Falklands it is fitting that this anniversary should not pass without being commemorated, as not only is the Universal Postal Union the oldest international organisation but mail plays an important part in the life of the inhabitants of these Islands. The First Day Cover will depict a Beaver seaplane flying over a map of the Falklands.

A set of two stamps commemorating the centenary of the birth of Sir Winston Churchill will be released on the 30th November in which South Georgia and British Antarctic Territory will also participate. It is unlikely that there will be a First Day Cover for this issue but there will be a souvenir sheet instead and all in all it should be a very important set. Sir Winston Churchill was responsible for sending the battle cruisers to the Falklands which saved the Colony from invasion.

On the 13th December a four stamp set for the 35th anniversary of the Battle of the River Plate will be placed on sale. This set will depict the four warships which took part in the Battle which was the first major naval engagement of the Second World War, and apart from this has a special significance for the people of the Falklands, as many will remember the gallant crew of H.M.S. Exeter.

REVIEW - a look at the events of our TIMES.

April 9th. M/V Annette Danielson sailed for London carrying mainly 2836 bales of wool, 2 bales of skins and 100 bundles of hides.

April 12th. Good Friday with services at local churches. The choir of Christ Church Cathedral performed the work, "The Story of the Cross", by John Stainer and Rev. D. Munro. A solo was sung by Miss Vivienne Perkins and the singing was accompanied by Mrs Vi Robson at the organ.

April 14th. Mr T. Layng, Chief Secretary, returned on R.R.S. Bransfield after a visit to the Antarctic. Five active British bases, one American, one Chilean and one Russian were visited and a number of abandoned bases were also seen.

April 17th. R.R.S. Bransfield left today for Signy Island and South Georgia. This was her last visit to Stanley this Summer season and was expected to then sail for U.K. via Montevideo.

April 17th. Canon P. Helyer left for a Camp visitation when Goose Green, Darwin School and Darwin were visited and services held.

April 19th. The Government announced "News has been received that the Fisheries Research Vessel 'Taiyo Maru No.82' will be returning to the Falklands for three further periods in which to conduct fishing feasibility trials. When this programme is completed, year round data will have been collected and a comprehensive report will be available to the Government on the economic practicability of establishing a deepsea fishing industry based in the Falklands.

The 'Taiyo Maru' is expected to be operating in Colony waters from April 20th to June 20th, then from July 5th to September 5th and finally from September 20th to November 20th. The vessel will return to Cape Town in order to unload the fish caught and to bunker in between each voyage. These trials will be at no cost to the Colony or United Kingdom Government, and the company will recoup its expenses from the sale of the fish caught. It is encouraging that the results of the first trials conducted in January and February have been good enough to justify the Taiyo Company returning for three further lengthy periods."

April 19th. Mr Stuart Booth advised that the following birds, not usually seen in the Falklands, had been sighted having probably been blown off course during migration: a White Gull; a Least Seed Snipe; a group of Sandierlings mixed with the Ringed Plovers and Sheathbills from the Antarctic.

April 19th. Master Gavin Felton of Beaver Island reported being chased home by a sea lion. He got home very fast!

April 19th. News was given that the dead fish found in the river at Little Chartres by Mr Tony McLaren was a Spurling. This is a dogfish and a member of the shark family. (Editor: And to think they let me paddle across there just a few weeks ago!)

April 22nd. Due to H.M. the Queen's official birthday being on a Sunday the official celebrations were postponed a day. The usual military display was held in the morning when the salute was taken by His Excellency the Governor. A ball for over 100 guests was held in the evening at Government House presided over by the Governor and Mrs Lewis.

April 23rd. A farewell party was held at Chartres for Mr Johnny Price and Mr Tom Foreman.

April 23rd. Rev. Robin Forrester returned from a Camp visit to Keppel Island and Chartres, including The Saddle, Green Hill,

Little Chartres and Top Cookhouse (and the Sheep Dip!).

April 24th. The following were elected by the new Cathedral Council,
Organist and Assistant: Mrs R.L. Robson and Mrs P. Helyer;
Secretary: Canon Helyer; Hon. Treasurer: Miss V. Perkins;
Parish Hall Secretary: Mr N. Pearson; Fuel & Heating Secretary:
Mr R. Felton. The Council themselves are Mr S. Bennett, Mrs S.
Miller, Miss V. Perkins, Dr L. Cox, Mr R. Felton, Mr N. Pearson
and Mr P. Peck.

April 25th. The first privately registered aircraft in the Falklands
arrived today. VP-FAR belongs to Mr Robin Vitaluga and is a
Cessna 172. It has been seen in Falkland skies quite a lot
since then.

April 26th. The 'Select Committee on the Constitution' visited
this week, Hill Cove (with folk from Roy Cove); Port Howard;
Chartres, Fox Bay plus short visits to Weddell Island, New Island,
West Point Island and Carcass Island. This was to hear from
residents their proposals for reform of the constitution.

April 27th. It was announced that due to the arrival of wrong
spares for the Beaver under repair, and the imminence of overhaul
date for the other, that flying would be severely curtailed to
emergencies only. (This has now been partly lifted).

April 27th. It was advised that the darts season would re-commence
today with 12 teams competing.

April 30th. There was published in the 'Weekly News' a copy of a
counter petition to the one published in the April F.I. Times.
It supported the idea of a coffee bar in Stanley and stated that
it would help alleviate the drink problem and help young people
who 'have nowhere to go'. The petitioners felt that the proposed
coffee bar would not have a detrimental effect on the area and
that the cafe would not be used for religious indoctrination.
In reply, Mr L. Butler, sponsor of the petition against this
particular coffee bar, said that he considered the counter
petition largely irrelevant as those who signed it did not live
in the area where it was proposed to site this coffee bar.

CORRECTION. (From Mr T. Betts). I would like to make a correc-
tion to point number ten in the Weekly dated 6th March. The
Darts Club bank balance stands at £178 and not £547.38p. Sorry
about that.

PORT HARRIET POINT

The first of an occasional series on holiday places in the
Falklands.

It has been common to say in the Falklands, 'If only we were
500 or 1000 miles further north, we'd be a real tourist attraction
then. Our beautiful beaches would then be crowded with sun seek-
ing visitors.' However it is rapidly becoming clear that people
around the world in the countries where they can afford overseas
holidays are not satisfied with just sun and sand. People are
looking for holidays with a difference now. We are beginning to
see a trickle of visitors from Europe, U.S.A., South Africa and
South America and, unless thwarted by untoward political actions,
this number is likely to increase.

The Falklands boast a number of places already where holiday
makers (or Falkland residents for that matter) can have a unique
kind of vacation. From the 12th to 23rd March this year I took my
wife and three small children (5, 4 & 2) to a holiday caravan owned
by the Upland Goose Hotel (proprietor Mr D.G.B. King) at what is
normally called Port Harriet Point although, to be precise it is
actually located at Seal Point (see sketch map). Although we
holidayed during the period of late autumn the weather record was
quite good. Out of 11 days we had three hot days, three terrible
days with the rest being reasonable when we could get out for most
of the time. So we were only kept in for a quarter of the time.
By the way it appeared that the weather on Seal Point was appreciably
better than that in Stanley only a few miles away across Port Harriet
and Stanley Common. On a number of occasions, we had dry weather
all day when it rained in Stanley.

The caravan is divided into three small, but adequate, rooms.
It is very comfortably furnished the main items being pull down
double bed and two single beds - all very comfortable; two burner
gas cooker; peat fire in main room; ample cupboard space and
toilet in separate building.

The caravan is well sited being almost surrounded by Jackass
Penguins (Magellanic). There is plenty of scope for passing the
time agreeably. Walk over to a cluster of the penguins who will
then disappear into their burrows. Sit down quietly and after 15
minutes or so they will forget you and begin to reappear, to your

delight and interest. And take some memorable photographs. I estimate that there must be at least a couple of thousand Jackass Penguins within a mile or so.

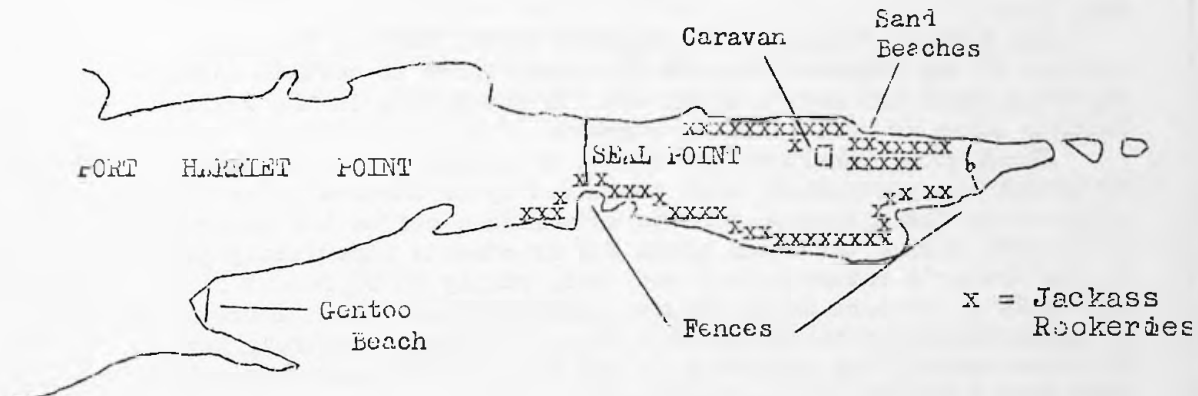
A couple of minutes walk away there are half a dozen sheltered beaches where the wind rarely reaches. There is sand for sand castles (should you feel inclined!), shells to collect and if you are really fortunate there will be a swish of water and a penguin will return to land. If he sees you he will turn round and flap back into the sea at something approaching the speed of light! If he doesn't see you then he will march up the beach, up the bank, and back to his burrow. Then again you might see a number of seals swimming and playing a few yards offshore, as we did. Or if you want to live off the land then pick some of the largest, juiciest and tastiestiddle-dee berries. Just right for after dinner.

We also walked on the rocks to the south. The rocks are great fun for scrambling over but be a little careful in case you step on a fur seal - as we nearly did. Our eldest daughter saw it first when we were about 20 feet away! Apparently it was rest time for he didn't move beyond turning his head to keep a watch on these intruders in his domain. At the tip of the point there is an island reached by a narrow causeway with many seals but we did not reach it. For a day's walking it is wonderful to walk the four miles to the Gentoo Rookery. We (just oldest daughter and self) saw about 250 penguins standing in groups on one of the Falklands loveliest beaches where, even on a calm day, high, powerful waves curled over, depositing in the midst of white foam their penguin friends and picking up the next batch of swimmers.

Are there any disadvantages or drawbacks? Contrary to rumour we did not run out of gas or peat. True one morning the gas did give out but fresh supplies arrived that afternoon, hardly inconveniencing us at all. And now a reserve supply is always left at the caravan. Arrangements have also been made for a supply of peat at the site and when the fire gets going one can be 'snug as a bug in a rug'. The most difficulty was experienced over water as there is no natural supply nearby. However the hotel supplies five gallon containers of fresh water and sea water (-pure, clear and sparkling) can be used for cooking vegetables and washing dishes. Even with three young children with us we found the supply of water to be adequate.

Not a cheap holiday. Nor an expensive one. Certainly a good place for an enjoyable holiday in an interesting, isolated location.

Robin Forrester.



MR. G. BARTON, C.B.E., J.C.

In January Mr Barton retired from service on the Executive Council after unbroken service of 27 years.

Mr Barton arrived in the Colony in 1921 and was a farm cadet at Chartres, then Assistant manager at North Arm. Service at Rebble Island as Manager was from 1926-1943 when he went to Teal Inlet. In 1950 he became Colonial manager of the F.I.C. based in Stanley - until 1964. Mr Barton also served on Legislative Council for several years and has been a J.P. since 1951. He married in 1927.

The most significant event during his period on Exco, he said, was the introduction of flying thus reducing the isolation in the Camp. He remembers being summoned, together with Mr Jack Bonner, by Sir Miles Clifford to try out an experimental helicopter on the Staines - although if he had known how experimental maybe he would have kept away! The biggest change in the business world was that businesses are now run by accountants - in the old days people were happy with a profit whereas nowadays they want maximum profit.

Mr Barton continues to play a part in the S.O.M. and several local companies. He recommends settling and living in the Falklands

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters to the Editor do not necessarily reflect his opinion.
More letters welcome.

P.O. Box 50, Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

Dear Sir,

The article "Rumpus over proposed Coffee Bar" in the April edition of the Falkland Islands Times gave rise to certain misconceptions about the Baha'i Faith and its activities in the Falkland Islands which we would like to correct.

First of all, neither the Baha'i community as a whole, nor Mr Leonard in particular, were consulted by Mr Edwards prior to his application for a tourism loan to establish a coffee bar in Stanley. Mr Leonard became the local agent for Mr Edwards immediately prior to the latter's return to Fox Bay West, simply to represent him in any business matters which required urgent attention. There was no calculated plot to establish a "Baha'i outreach centre", nor for that matter, any intention to use the loan for purposes other than that for which it was obtained.

The Baha'i Faith is totally opposed to attempts to teach or indoctrinate people against their will. Baha'is believe fervently in the truth of their Faith, but they also believe firmly in the right of people not to investigate or accept it if they choose. They do not and will not resort to deviousness in their teaching activities.

Lastly a minor point; there is no "local leader" of the Baha'is in the Falklands. Mr Leonard is simply the elected Treasurer of the Baha'i Local Spiritual Assembly, a body elected annually to administer the affairs of the Baha'is on East Falkland.

Yours faithfully,
D.W. Hardy
Secretary.

Dear Sir,

With reference to Mrs A. Cameron's letter in the April edition. I'm sure Mrs Cameron's feelings regarding Darwin School, are felt by many campers. Perhaps it would have been better if somebody had told Mrs Cameron the true story, that our representatives are

sometimes practically ignored, or that they are out voted. Now we have a Constitutional Committee touring the Islands to get the public's ideas for the future. Perhaps it would be better before looking for future ideas, to get some of the backlog problems cleared up first. For an instance, and I'm sure the major one, that affects about 75% of the working class in the Islands is "PETROL", that the working man can afford. It's been about 18 months now getting debated and I think it's about time the public was heard on this matter instead of some other ideas like "Tourism". Let's see some more letters in the Review "Kelpers", it will make good reading if nothing else.

Yours faithfully,
B. Peck
CHARTRES.

FIRST FALKLAND TOUR

Recently Chief of Police Terry Peck and Marine Corporal Taff Ebsworth went on a goodwill visit to the west. There was also the serious business of looking out the land and studying the application of laws in the Camp. Here is Inspector Peck's account on behalf of them both.

"We embarked on the FORREST at 0900 hours on Wednesday 10th April. A little apprehensive, having been told many tales about the behaviour of FORREST in choppy waters. We were however, assured by crew members that we would have a nor'west wind for the day, and going south about would find the waters very smooth. At 1000 hours listening to the Met forecast on the radio, we were warned of gale force winds from the southwest. They were right, and we had a choppy trip for the rest of the day. That night we anchored in Pyramid Cove. We called at Fitzroy, dropping off Corporal Welsh, and Marines Alsopp and Dunford, who were to walk back to Stanley.

We left Pyramid Cove at 0600 hours on Thursday, arriving at Fox Bay East at 1000 hours. North west winds again for the start, even this was rough, but nothing compared with the afternoon when the wind swung into the southwest. We really had it rough, although one has a job to convince the FORREST crew, but the cook perhaps may have agreed.

Arriving at Fox Bay East, we went ashore, accompanied by Marines Parker and Beckett, who were doing the round trip on FORREST. We were welcomed ashore by Mr Cockwell and George and Charlie Porter, and several others who arrived to meet the ship. We remained ashore for the night
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plus 2 lbs. sugar.

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because and, this is true, the wind had increased and would have caused some difficulty in getting on board again. We were each given a bed at the home of Mr & Mrs Cockwell. This was very much appreciated.

Friday morning, mail was delivered to Fox Bay west by gemini craft, and at 1000 hours we left for Port Stephens. The wind was still south-west and a heavy sea was running. We called at Albezarle and looked over the old sealing station. It was a shame to see large quantities of material going to ruin which I am sure could be put to good use. A large oil tank containing crude oil, was leaking, and most of the beach in front and the jetty, was covered. A number of birds near the jetty were also coated in oil. We were permitted to go ashore further along the coast to visit the penguin rookeries. There were thousands of birds including Upland Geese and Brent Geese. This trip was made in the gemini and I'm certain Taff enjoyed soaking his passengers.

We arrived at Port Stephens at 1700 hours, and were met by Mr & Mrs Robertson, and folk from the farm. The motor cycles were unloaded together with mail, and our personal effects. That evening, we made a few visits to the homes of folk who work at Stephens. The trip from Albezarle was enjoyable, although a heavy sea was running off Cape Meredith, perhaps it was because we realised that we didn't have to endure any more.

The three days that we spent aboard the FORREST were enjoyable even though the balance was a little upset at times. Each day we had sunshine, making it possible to sit out on deck most of the time. To Jack and his crew, we would like to say 'thank you'.

Saturday, we spent the morning checking over our machines, and in the afternoon, rode over to Stephens Peak. Some of the climbs were very steep, and it was a good opportunity to test out the bikes. They behaved splendidly. That night, Taff remained at home catching up on lost sleep; where he lost it I don't know, I went to a film show in the Club. I was fortunate enough to hear Leon play his guitar, there were other musicians in the Club but I gathered they must have been playing earlier. I can vouch for Leon, and I was told from good authority that their group playing is very good indeed. It would be nice if we could hear them on the broadcast some time.

Sunday morning it rained, but cleared off before lunch time. The remainder of the day was warm and sunny. We rode out to Calm Head, accompanied by Richard McRae and Leon Berntsen. The ride out was very pleasant until almost at the top of Calm Head, a fast growing bolson

bog appeared in front of me. Replacements for the front suspension were flown to Fox Bay East. The view from the top of Calm Head was very nice although a bit hazy and very blue, when it was discovered Leon had a busted petrol tank and blown a gasket. A few were blown I think!! The rest of the afternoon was spent in carrying out necessary repairs in readiness for Monday's trip to Fox Bay West. Assistance was willingly given by the gang, and special thanks must go to The Duke who effected the repair to the front suspension. It was a solid job as proved by my stiff arms on reaching Fox Bay.

We left Stephens at 1000 hours Monday, arriving at Fox Bay West at 1600 hours. Actual riding time was 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours. Not very fast, but then we were considering our machines. It was pleasing to see Fox Bay settlement at last, and to have a longed for cup of tea at the home of Deirdre and Elvio Cofre's, where we remained until Thursday. One can get a nice view from the top of the mountains looking west into Port Richards, just south of Lake Hammond Shanty. We did experience a few problems in selecting the right track, but this was overcome by using compass and map. The track was very dry, except for Cow Valley (I think that is its name) which I believe is always heavy going. A few figure of eights was cut on Racecourse Ridge where rain had fallen the night before.

We were made very welcome, and every assistance was given in carrying out minor repairs, and replacing the front suspension on the bikes. Unfortunately most of the gang were out at Spring Point, with Mr Robertson the Manager. We did however, meet a few on Saturday when they attended the dance at Fox Bay East. After all repairs were made, we called on several families and spent three very enjoyable evenings at their homes.

On Thursday afternoon, we rode around to Fox Bay East remaining there until Sunday. We had the pleasure of attending a farewell dance to Pat and Joan Lee, held in the Cookhouse. Mr Plummer was organiser and M.C., and all credit must be given to him for a very enjoyable night. I must spare Jack's blushes!! We made a visit to Coast Ridge, where Mr & Mrs Sue Binnie live. We were accompanied by Charles Roberts, who rode pillion with Taff; his expression was a give-away. I'm convinced he would have reported us for speeding if he could have made contact with a Policeman. We had a couple of enjoyable hours with Sue and Mrs Binnie. Taff, managed to get Sue's motor-cycle running again for him. Some trick riding by Taff on this bike, made us all wonder if perhaps there wouldn't be more repairs to be made. It was still running well when we left.

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Sunday morning finally arrived, amidst a heavy cloud! It began raining about 0900 and continued for most of the day. We left Fox Bay at 1130 and arrived at Shag Cove at about 1330 hours, where we had lunch with Claude and Judy Molkenbuhr. Paul Bonner and Roddy May accompanied us. Gail Molkenbuhr rode pillion with Paul. The ride had its laughs, especially crossing streams or passes. Leaving Shag Cove amidst some speculation about how the novices would get on (I think it was called Twin Stream) at the passes. We managed, with wet feet, and a few awkward moments climbing the opposite banks, but we made it all in one piece. An hour took us into Port Howard, being met at the gate by Toll Keeper Don, who demanded our licences.

We spent a very enjoyable two days at Port Howard before leaving on Tuesday by plane for Stanley. We were unable to meet Mr & Mrs Pole-Evans as they were in Stanley, but arrangement had been made for our visit. Reveille Monday morning was played by Don on a tray. We spent our time visiting and watching the gang at work culling sheep. We finally took leave of the West on Tuesday morning, saying goodbye to all our friends.

To sum up, it was a most enjoyable trip. We would like to thank the Managers and wives of Port Stephens, Fox Bay East and West, and Port Howard, and also Mr & Mrs Cofre, Pat, Don and Vera, and to everyone who made our trip such an enjoyable one in every way. Thank you all.

Terry and Taff.

SPORTS REPORT - Edited by T. Betts

The 1974 Darts Season got into full swing on Saturday 27th April. Twelve teams have entered this year, one more than last season. Two new teams are in the league this year namely 'The Little Jaspers', a team made up from FIC Jetty Gang; and the 'Hypodermics', a team made up from staff of the Hospital. Last season's champions and knock-out winners 'The Snippets' have disbanded after just one very successful season. The teams and players this year are:

GLOBE TROTTERS

T. Betts (Capt)
L. Biggs (V. Capt)
A. Biggs

LITTLE JASPERS

Syd Smith (Capt)
K. Summers (V. Capt)
G. McKay

ROSE "B"

G. Smith (Capt)
Peter Short (VC)
P. Johnson

M. Smith
C. Clifton
F. Betts
M. Peake
DRIFTERS (Ladies)
Miss T. Biggs (Capt)
Mrs A. King (V. Capt)
Mrs D. Lee
Mrs M. Morrison
Mrs A. Miranda
Mrs I. Pearson
Mrs M. Hume

ROSE "A"

T. Pettersson (Capt)
D. Hansen (V. Capt)
A. Whitney
T. Peck
O. Almonacid
T. McRhee
V.T. King

UPLAND GOOSE

Ray Smith (Capt)
G. MacDonald (V.C)
H. Stewart
M. Alazia
J. Lee
M. Luxton
A.J. Henricksen

P. Lee
F. Fori
W. Thompson
Philip Short
VICTORY "A"
A. Alazia (Capt)
H. Fori (V. Capt)
W. Etheridge
J. Middleton
I. McRhee
A.L. Anderson
V. Steen

GLOBE WANDERERS

C. Blackley (Capt)
A. Kiddle (V. Capt)
K. Gaiger
M. Short
M. Smith
N. Jennings
D. Thom

MARINE "A"

J. Griffins (Capt)
G. Owens
J. Jackson
F. Beckett
R. Smith
G. Welsh
T. Parker

L.J. Watson
S. Lyse
D. Stocks
D. Hewitt
VICTORY TIGERS
P. McGill (Capt)
P. Whitney (V. Capt)
Mrs G. McGill
B. Neilson
I. Cantlie
K. Betts
Mrs R. Duncan
HYPODERMICS
D. Cox (Capt)
Miss D. Wilson
Miss R. Helyer
Miss M. Allan
Miss B. Teague
Mrs B. Smith

MARINE "B"

J. Conk (Capt)
M. Dunford
B. Curry
D. Platt
D. Gilson
S. Allsopp
F. Davis

The teams are split up into two groups of six with each team getting two points for a win with the top three teams of each group playing for the championship. The groups are as follows:
HEATHER LEAGUE: Rose "B", Marine "B", Little Jaspers, Hypodermics, Victory "A" and the Globe Trotters.
BEAUTY LEAGUE: Marine "A", Rose "A", Drifters, Victory Tigers, Globe Wanderers and the Upland Goose.

Here are all the results up to the 11th of May.

HEATHER LEAGUE - Sat. 27 April

Rose "B" 5 - Marine "B" 10
Little Jaspers 9 - Hypodermics 6
Globe Trotters 9 - Victory "A" 6

BEAUTY LEAGUE - Sat. 27 April

Marine "A" 7 - Rose "A" 8
Upland Goose 9 - Globe Wands. 6
Victory Tigers 9 - Drifters 6

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

"We rejoice with those who rejoice and sorrow with those who sorrow".

Births at K.E.M. Hospital

31st March	Mr & Mrs A.J. McLeod (Sally Jaffray)	son	LIN JAMES (6 lb 3 oz)
10th April	Mr & Mrs G.H. Dickson (Doreen Alasia)	son	CHARLES GEORGE (7 lb 11 oz)
13th April	Mr & Mrs T. Summers (Sylvia Newman)	son	ROY (7 lb 2 oz)

Marriages In the Falklands

27th April	Stephen Neil JOHNSON & Lily Ann HALL	Office of Registrar General, Stanley
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Deaths In the Falklands

28th April	Arthur Henry DAVIS	69 years
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Overseas

28th March	Mrs Mabel MIDDLETON, United Kingdom.	88 years
16th April	Jack Arthur HARDY, Comodoro Rivadavia.	47 years

SPORTS (continued from page 19)Monday 29th April

Hypodermics 4 - Rose "B" 11	Globe hands. 7 - Marine "A" 8
Victory "A" 4 - L. Jaspers 11	Drifters 6 - Upland Goose 9
Marine "B" 5 - G. Trotters 10	Rose "A" 12 - Victory Tigers 3

Saturday 4th May

G. Trotters 10 - Rose "B" 5	Victory Tigers 5 - Marine "A" 10
Marine "B" 6 - L. Jaspers 9	Globe hands. 7 - Drifters 8
Hypodermics 2 - Victory "A" 13	Rose "A" 9 - Upland Goose 6

Monday 6th May

L. Jaspers 8 - G. Trotters 7	Drifters 2 - Rose "A" 13
Rose "B" 6 - Victory "A" 9	Victory Tigers 9 - Globe hands. 6
Marine "B" 12 - Hypodermics 3	Upland Goose 0 - Marine "A" 15

Saturday 11th May

G. Trotters 15 - Hypodermics 0	Globe hands. 1 - Rose "A" 14
Rose "B" 7 - Little Jaspers 8	Marine "A" 13 - Drifters 2
Victory "A" 9 - Marine "B" 6	Upland Goose - Victory Tigers

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

The view from the Editor's Desk this month looks much brighter than for a long while. The news that a contract has been, or is about to be, awarded to build a permanent airfield is most welcome. £4.2m is not chickenfeed and we hope that it really does represent a permanent commitment to retain the Falklands by H.M.G.

The TIMES has been looking forward for some time to produce a photo supplement. However we really need the co-operation of our readers. Has anyone a decent black and white photo of the last Camp or Stanley Sports that we could borrow please?

And now. What nice weather we have been having. Generally warm and pleasant with plenty of still days. Life seems so much more cheerful when the raging gales are absent, even a little snow isn't so bad.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

"Let us mourn with those who mourn and rejoice with those who rejoice".

<u>Birth</u>	<u>at Comodoro Rivadavia</u>	
8th May	Mr & Mrs R.J. Cockwell a son.	
<u>Marriage</u>	<u>In the Falklands</u>	
18th May	Ian Michael Cantlie & Judith Mary Smith	Cathedral
<u>Deaths</u>	<u>In the Falklands</u>	
25th May	David John MURPHY	54 years
28th May	Bertha Lilian SHORT	77 years

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REVIEW - a look at the events of our TIMES.

May 1st - Infant 2 visited the filtration plant where Messrs Stewart and Anderson showed them round.

May 10th - The Aviation Department announced that completion of the overhaul of aircraft Alpha Lima was in sight after the arrival of the correct spare parts on May 6th.

May 10th - The Guild of Spinning and Handicrafts announced their committee this year is Mrs S. Miller as Chairman/Secretary; Mr S. Miller as Treasurer and Mrs M. Watson as Assistant Secretary. It reported that 42 people were now producing work for the Falkland Home Industries shop.

May 10th - The headmaster of Darwin School issued a report on the Camping activities of the school and mentioned that funds for new equipment were very low.

May 11th - The Tabernacle Gateway Club under its leader Mr G. Went organised a Sponsored walk in aid of the areas badly affected by drought in West Africa. Over 60 walkers joined together and raised over £300. Money has also been received from well wishers in Camp and Stanley bringing the total to £410. The walkers were mainly children aged 2 to 14 plus about 10 adults.

May 13th - Organised by the Argentine Salesian Institute an art exhibition was held in St. Mary's Annexe all last week. Using paintings and slide shows the exposition was part of an event organised in 1972 to commemorate the centenary of Jose Hernandez's publication of the first part of the epic, 'Martin Fierro'.

May 15th - Epic tales too were told of Darwin schoolers returning home during the restriction of Beaver flying hours. Margaret Minnell wrote of the North Arm contingent having to walk when a tractor tyre bust. Quite a number went part way by m/v Forrest. Paul Clark wrote of finishing the last part of the journey by horse. Nicholas Pitaluga writes of the Salvador contingent concluding their journey by Cessna aircraft. For those returning to the outer islands the faithful Beaver turned out.

May 17th - The Government issued a statement detailing some decisions made at the recent meeting of Executive Council. Due to the near impossibility of abbreviating what is already a summary we give two parts in full.

"It was decided that, subject to the negotiation of satisfactory financial arrangements, an agreement should be entered into with

Cable and wireless Limited for the operation of the Colony's external telecommunications links. This agreement will inevitably take a number of months to finalise but Cable and Wireless have stated that all telecommunications staff currently employed by the Falkland Islands Government will be offered continued employment on terms no less favourable than those which they already enjoy."

"The question of the establishment of a coffee bar and music centre in Stanley was discussed and Council advised that the application put forward by Mr Edwards in respect of premises situated between Ross Road and James Street should not be approved. Members considered that public opinion in Stanley was not yet in favour of the establishment of premises of this kind within the town's boundaries."

Decisions were also made to increase Old Age Pensions; to resite the Museum; to frame Air Navigation Rules and to accept an offer by the Argentine Government to sponsor two Spanish language teachers. They are to teach in Stanley Schools and at Adult Education evening classes. The F.I. Government will be responsible for local costs.

May 10th - A fire in the bathroom area, west bedroom and loft of the residence of Mr and Mrs T. Spruce caused serious damage. No one was hurt although Mr and Mrs R. Cockwell and baby son Adam were staying there and Mr Cockwell discovered the fire and alerted the Fire Brigade. Much furniture and furnishings were spoiled.

May 19th - This afternoon a Dedication Service was held in the Tabernacle for the Forrest McWhan Memorial. A plaque was unveiled by His Excellency the Governor who said.

"Reverend Forrester, Members of the Church Council, Mrs McWhan, Ladies and Gentlemen: We are here today to remember a good man and a devoted Son of the Church, Walter Forrest McWhan. His working life of over 31 years was given to this Colony at an eventful period from 1934-1965. Apart from his church activities, he had an extra load to carry during the war years, and he played a full part in the public life of the Islands. This was marked by the award of the M.B.E. in 1948.

But from all that I have heard, Walter Forrest McWhan belonged to the whole community here and set an example for others to follow. He realised how important the need was in a small group of Islands for all of us to be tolerant and understanding

of the views of others so that Christianity gains strength from our unity.

Reverend Forrester, it is with a sense of humility that I unveil this plaque in the memory of Walter Forrest McWhan."

May 20th - Mr and Mrs H. Milne held a Cocktail Party in St. Mary's Annexe to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Congratulations Harry and Madeline and we wish you many more.

May 20th and 21st - The Johnnie Walker Darts Championship was held in the Town Hall and organised by the F.I.C. West Store. A complete chart of the progress of the 132 competitors appeared in the Weekly News. Over 500 attendances were made over the two nights. Champion is Gary Brown of Fox Bay East; 2nd, Pat Lee; 3rd, William Whitney; 4th, Mike Alazia. The lady who got furthest was Miss Joan Davis. The winner of the Ladies Only Competition was Mrs Jenny Smith of Port Louis; 2nd, Trudi Biggs; 3rd, Viv. Perkins; 4th, Margaret Larsen.

HERE IS THE STATEMENT BY MR R. NAPLER REFERRED TO ON PAGE 17

"I consider there is interference in the affairs of the Islands by absentee Landlords and that the Falkland Committee in London is more interested in the interests of these absentee landowners than in the people of the Islands. I mention the above because I have reason to believe that the agreement for YPF to have sole oil selling rights in the Islands is being held up by members of parliament and absentee landowners.

I think that however the Constitution is reformed we must realise some agreement has to be reached with Argentina in the near future, nothing will be gained by stalling them off, now is the time to get a solid working agreement. The Government of Argentina today has been elected by over sixty percent of the electorate and has the support of perhaps ninety percent of the people. We may never get another chance such as is offered today. The Argentine statement on the Falkland question at the U.N. was moderate in tone and it is obvious that they want a just and honourable solution to this problem."

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS (continued from page 2)

Deaths

3rd April
29th May

Overseas

George Mierhoffer, New Zealand 80 years
Agnes Henriksen, Wellington, New Zealand 72 years

NEWS NOTESWedding

Christ Church Cathedral was the scene for a very pretty wedding on Saturday 10th May, when Miss Judith Smith was married to Mr Ian Cantlie, both of Stanley.

Judith wore a long white sleeveless dress made of Polyester Crepe. Over this was a long-sleeved lace coat fastened at the neck. The whole outfit was trimmed with Guipure lace. She was attended by Miss Rita Watts and Miss Betty Wallace, Betty is the niece of the bridegroom. The bridesmaids were dressed in deep purple dresses, made in the same material as that of the bride, white shoes and white hats. They carried bouquets of white flowers. All the materials and accessories were chosen in the United Kingdom by Judith's sister, Una (now Mrs Miles).

The best man was the brother of the groom, Mr Derek Cantlie.

Mrs Rene Rowlands made the dresses, the bouquets and the button-holes.

After the Service, there followed photos and then tea for the family. A visit was made to the Hospital to see the groom's grandmother, Mrs Summers, and a quick flit round the remainder of the Hospital to see the other patients.

A reception was held in the Town Hall for some 150 guests, with an excellent array of eats. This was followed by a supper at the home of the bride's parents, Mr and Mrs Stan Smith. The Town Hall was the scene for a dance from 8.30 to midnight, enjoyed by all.

Ian and Judith would like to thank everyone for making their day such a happy one.

We all wish Ian and Judith many happy years together.

Advance Notices

Annual General Meeting of Stanley Co-operative Society on Tuesday 11th June, 8.15 p.m. in the Town Hall Refreshment Room.

'Bahia Buen Suceso' is expected Stanley 14th to 18th June.

'Annette Danielson' is expected Stanley 15th June.

Youth Club - 17th June - introduction to boxing led by Corporal Ebsworth.

Stanley Badminton Club, Fancy Dress Dance, Friday June 21st, in the Town Hall.

Winter Show in the Gymnasium on 5th and 6th July.

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NEW ARCHBISHOP

We are grateful for the following article from Canon Helyer of Christ Church Cathedral. We would underline the call for prayer for this Christian leader and indeed all leaders in these troublesome times.

"The Canterbury Stakes.

On Tuesday May 15th, 1974, Dr Donald Coggan, Archbishop of York was nominated by the Queen to succeed Dr Michael Ramsey as the next Archbishop of Canterbury.

Yes, Dr Coggan was the favourite in the controversial "Canterbury Stakes" betting organized by Ladbroke's, the bookmakers. They said they had made a loss on the betting, paying out £16,000.

Dr Ramsey announced that he will retire on November 15th, the day after his 70th birthday.

What do we know of the background of our New Archbishop - Elect of Canterbury?

He is a scholar of St John's, Cambridge. He won numerous prizes at Cambridge, including a 1st Class Honours degree in Oriental Languages. He was also "Tyrwhitt Hebrew Scholar" in 1931. He holds the degree of "Doctor of Divinity" from at least seven Universities, no mean achievement. He is a well known Bible Scholar, and has written many religious books.

His Theological training was at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford. He was ordained Deacon in 1934, and priest in 1935. He served a Curacy at St Mary's, Islington, London (an evangelical Church). He was a professor at Wycliffe College, Toronto, Canada 1937-44, then Principal of the London College of Divinity 1944-56 (this a great Evangelical Theological College).

He was consecrated Lord Bishop of Bradford in Yorkminster, January 25th, 1951, and translated to York as Archbishop in 1961. His writings include "The Ministry of the Word" (1946). "Stewards of Grace" (1958) and numerous other books.

Within minutes of the announcement of his nomination Dr Coggan made it plain that he sees the five years he is likely to hold office as a period of evolutionary change for the Church of England.

He forecasts reassessment of the relationship between the Church and Parliament, while insisting that a total "rupture" would be inadvisable. He also looks forward towards the ordination of women clergy.

(To be continued next month)

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ORIS watches - ladies £6 to £12.60; Gents - £6.30 to £15.15. FALKLAND ISLAND souvenir pottery - tea strainers 59p, sugar bowls 29p, cruet sets 87p, storage jars 79p, ash-trays 29p, mini-jardinares 44p, 3" vases 34p. Hand towels 90p, sets £1.92. FILIGREE SILVER jewellery - pendants £1.50 to £3.70, brooches £1.65 to £3.70, crosses £1.65 to £2.05, ear-clips £1.80 to £2.65. LADYBIRD books 17p each.

Goods expected by 'Annette Danielsen':

Colibri gas lighters - various models. Imco petrol lighters 22p and 30p. Brushed nylon sheets (double size only). Falkland Island crested leather goods. Falkland Island crested glassware - sherry glasses, ash-trays, beer mugs etc. Helena Rubinstein cosmetics. Cheek bits, racing switches, brass buckles $\frac{1}{2}$ " and $\frac{3}{4}$ ". Smiths - alarm clocks and battery mantel and wall clocks. Orders are now being taken for 'Crane' dungaree trousers and blouses.

JUNE PURCHASES: Mens/youths singlets (small only) 40p. 40" waist 'Y' front briefs 40p. 'Crane' dungaree jumpers (full and half zip) 36" chest - only £1.90. Working trousers 32" waist 30" leg - only £1.90.

SPEEDWELL STORELEGISLATIVE COUNCIL 1ST DAY REPORT by the Editor

£4.2m PERMANENT AIRFIELD CONTRACT AWARDED
FALKLAND ISLAND COINS TO BE ISSUED
CHEAPER FUEL SOON FROM YPF AGREEMENT
WORLD/HARDY TELECOMMUNICATIONS REPORT REJECTED
MORE TALKS WITH ARGENTINE SOON
OFFSHORE OIL?
POSTAL CHARGES, CIGARETTES, TOBACCO, ELECTRICITY,
COMPANIES TX AND O.C.P. UP.

An exhaustive report of hours and hours of talking on Tuesday 4th June would be impossible and so I confine myself to picking out what seems to me to be the important issues and comments. In my pre-Legco broadcast on Monday evening I said that I didn't expect it to be as 'exciting' as last year and I think that events proved me right. However it certainly was interesting, the Council Members put in a good days work to produce what I would call a lively atmosphere. I again draw attention to the fact that both West Falkland members, the Hons. Bill Luxton and Tim Blake, were not present at this session being away from the Colony on leave. Having given this impression, now to details described under the headings - 1. Proposed future events; 2. Review of past events for various reasons and 3. Comments by the different speakers. They are dealt with in the order they were mentioned.

1. Proposed Future Events

The Governor confirmed that Alginates Ltd. will no longer build a large factory for the manufacture of calcium alginates. Instead a smaller factory will be erected to produce dried milled kelp which will then be shipped to the U.K. for further processing.

There is a possibility of oil being found offshore. Knowledge of likely areas is being built up by surveys and the decision will have to be taken concerning leasing areas offshore for exploration.

Falkland Island Coins will shortly be issued to increase revenue. Talks with the Argentine Government will be resumed soon.

The Ministers of Her Majesty's Government have approved a loan of £4.2 million for the construction of a permanent airfield at Cape Pembroke.

The Chief Secretary announced that it was expected that an agreement would be signed within the next few days between Y.P.F., the Argentine State Fuel Company, and the British Government for the implementation of proposals made some months ago to give Y.P.F. permission to erect an installation for the supply of fuel in the Colony. This includes a provision that fuel prices here will be the same as in Argentina.

The Ward/Hardy Report on inter-island telecommunications was said to be technically impracticable and to cost 2 to 3 times the amount claimed. He denied the likelihood of the assessment being biased. Other equipment would be tested here soon.

The Financial Secretary made the following proposals in his budget address.

Price of electricity in Stanley to increase by half from 2.72p to 4.09p per unit. This is due to increase in fuel costs (from £20 to £70 per ton) - this is subject to the approval of the U.K. Overseas Development Administration who loaned the money to build the new power station.

Duty on Cigarettes to increase from £1.25 to £2.00 per lb. (extra 3.75p on packet of 20).

Tobacco Duty raised from £1.00 to £1.60 per lb.

Duty on Cigars to rise from £2.10 to £3.36 per lb.

Postal Charges to be the same as U.K. rates (generally higher).

Companies Tax to rise from its present 40% to rate not specified.

Capital Allowances on business expenditure to be reviewed. No details were given as to whether they were to be tougher or easier.

The Dependencies would be asked for an increase in grant for administration from £4,500 to £10,000.

Due to increased costs the Ministry of Defence would be asked for £30,000 for lease of FORREST.

Four Commemorative Stamp Issues were expected to add increase in revenue from postage stamps to £70,000.

The Sale of F.I. Coins would, it is hoped, bring in up to £100,000 in extra revenue. (The Chief Secretary later advised that it was hoped that this coinage would be ready in 4-5 months time).

The Chief Secretary remarked that in another territory he had known of an agreement with the Taiyo fishing company bringing in

around £100,000 per year.

2. Review of Past Events

The Governor paid tribute to the Chief Secretary at the end of his two years here for his streamlining of government and increasing of efficiency.

He announced that the internal air service (FIGAS) carried 3499 passengers from July 1973 to April '74, a drop of 8.3% from the same period in the previous year when the number was 3750. Revenue in the two periods showed a reverse trend rising from £17,850 to £25,700. The price of fuel for the 'planes has risen by 56%.

Hon. Robin Pitaluga denounced the practice whereby the Camp only got a weekly mail drop if there were overseas letters to be delivered.

Hon. Adrian Monk said that in his opinion tourists who used the air service were being subsidised. He estimated the cost of flying then as £2,700 which was higher than the revenue received from them of £2322.50.

The Chief Secretary rejected a charge by Hon. Sydney Miller that if so many senior officers in the government administration could be spared on overseas leave at the same time, then this indicated that the government was top heavy! He also rejected a criticism of granting leave to officers at the same time saying that the officers came from different departments and that the gaps between people coming and going were very short.

Hon. Adrian Monk's motion on the introduction of a limited letter collection and delivery was ruled out of order by the chairman as motions involving finance could only properly be introduced when discussing the budget in Select Committee.

Hon. Adrian Monk's motion criticising the government for not having certain rivets in stock for FIGAS use, criticising liaison between the air service and Chief Secretary's Office and calling for a Public Enquiry was defeated 4 - 2 (For - A.B. Monk & S. Miller; Against - W. Bowles, R. Pitaluga, H. Rowlands & T. Layng). Most members seemed to think that the rivets concerned were never normally used and therefore it would not be expected for them to be stocked. Most indicated that they thought the government should have warned the public earlier about the possible curtailment of flying services but that this did not warrant a public enquiry.

The Financial Secretary advised that the government had overspent by £97,125 in 1973/74. (The Chief Secretary reminded members that they had rejected his advice last year to include a provision for

inflation!). In spite of the extra expenditure it was expected that there would still be a surplus to carry to reserves - due mainly to extra Savings Bank Income and extra Postage revenue. It was expected that reserves in July 1974 would stand at £158,000.

3. Comments by the different speakers

The Governor - 'glad we are improving the lot of Old Age Pensioners'. 'I consider that the wool industry has a good future for the Islands'. Services should pay their own way except F.G.S. The fact that in the period 7th January to 21st May 41 emigrated is worrying at a time when the Colony is relatively prosperous'. His Excellency reminded his hearers of the problems of management and said conditions and remuneration must improve.

On the budget - 'Not the slightest attempt at any economies anywhere'. 'Most important consideration is - don't drive Falkland Islanders away'. 'We must use the red pencil - even if it hurts people' said Hon. Sydney Miller. Hon. Robin Italgua, 'we must make strenuous efforts to cut down the costs of running this government'. Hon. William Bowles protested against the planned installation of water meters and said that everyone was against it. Hon. Tom Layng, 'we must lift our eyes from the sheeps back!' H.B. the Governor, 'we don't want to be too pessimistic'.

Various. Hon. Robin Italgua noticed that at the various constitutional meetings no mention had been made of the various standing committees i.e. Development, Education and Public Accounts which presumably meant that they were regarded as defunct. He also said that a qualified veterinary surgeon was needed here. Hon. Adrian Monk said that the major matter should not be the budget but the sovereignty issue. In an excellent, carefully prepared speech, he said 'the Falkland Islands Committee have never been so worried' - the different government has led to a different climate of opinion. 'We must make our position clear, loud and often'. On the constitution meetings he said that while he was sympathetic to the calls for greater democracy this would mean looser ties with Britain. He thought the idea of total integration with the U.K. deserved closer investigation.

Hon. Tom Layng said that as far as he knew there was no change of climate. The policies of the Conservative and Labour parties were the same as far as the Falklands were concerned. He said that the increased cost of the airfield gave the new government an excellent excuse to back out if they so wanted - but they did not take it. He said that the £4.2m grant was unique. It must be the 'largest grant per capita (over £2000 a head) to a territory in the history of the British Empire'.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Inclusion of a letter does not imply the Editor's agreement with its contents. He reserves the right to abbreviate or omit long letters! The first letter, although long, is included as it affects many people in the Colony.

P.O. Box 99, Stanley.

Dear Mr Editor,

In the May issue of the "Falkland Islands Times and Monthly Review" there are suggestions about what the Government should do in the Council meetings. It is suggested that the licence fee for amateur radio be reduced and that other radio licence fees should be increased.

After being obliged to switch off my receiver a countless number of times owing to interference, I am not sympathetic with amateurs operating their transmitters in the town. It seems quite unfair that amateurs can use their transmitters for long periods every day if they wish to do so and at any time of the day or night, while neighbours cannot use their receivers owing to the interference it causes.

The Government issue transmitting licences on condition that no interference is caused in other peoples receivers. That provision is quite inadequate however. Any transmitting at all is bound to cause severe interference in a receiver being used in a house next door. BBC engineers know that it is a foregone conclusion that interference will be caused in receivers situated close to a transmitting aerial. Government as well as B.M.S. have their receivers situated a considerable distance away from their transmitters.

A more practical solution to the problem would be for the Government to introduce legislation limiting the times when amateurs can operate their transmitters in Stanley. At my request the British Post Office has sent me papers on the subject. It is stated that amateurs operating transmitters are not allowed to erect a transmitting aerial close to aerials being used for the reception of other services in the United Kingdom and so cause interference. That would preclude the use of amateur transmitters altogether in the town of Stanley as the houses are situated close enough for interference to be caused.

I think the Government should introduce legislation restricting the hours when amateur transmitters can be operated in Stanley irrespective of whether there are such restrictions in the United Kingdom or not. The rule about not erecting transmitting aerials close to other peoples receiving aerials seems impossible to apply in Stanley.

I am forwarding a copy of this letter to the Hon. Chief Secretary with the hope that one day Government will do something about this problem.

Yours faithfully,
H.E. Slade.

A.J. Walker, 42 Monte Vino,
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7700, Republic South Africa.
10th May 1974

Dear Sir,

I am a stamp collector and am interested in the British South Atlantic Islands. Falkland Islands is one that I specialise in and would like to correspond with someone. I shall be very pleased if you could, through the medium of your paper, ask anyone who is interested in corresponding with me to write to the above address.

My other interests are photography, colour slides and colour prints.

Thanking you,
Yours faithfully,
A.J. Walker.

NEWS NOTES (continued from page 6)

Souvenir for a Stamp Pioneer

Just 40 years after he designed the centenary issue of stamps for the Falkland Islands - the first Commonwealth issue of pictorial stamps - Mr George Roberts, of Wealden Avenue, St. Michaels, has received a souvenir of his work.

At his former home, Falklands, High Halden, now occupied by his son Gordon, Mr Roberts, 80, was presented on Wednesday with a signed copy of a new book about the unique issue.

It was handed to him by the author, Major Ronald Spafford, R.A.M., who was accompanied by Mr D.B. Picton-Phillips, head of Picton Publishing, who are issuing the book.

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PHILATELIC NEWS

We are pleased to see interest in our small section on F.I. stamps is growing. The following is a quotation from a letter kindly written by Major M.N. Spafford, editor of "The Upland Goose", journal of the F.I. Philatelic Study Group.

"I read in the Falkland Islands Times of April 1974 that you were anxious to find out where the pictures came from that were used for the 2p and 4p values of the recent Tourism Stamp issue. I have therefore been making some enquiries for you. The result is as follows.

"A Tourism and Industry" issue for the Falkland Islands was proposed by the Colonial Secretary of the Falkland Islands, Mr W.H. Thompson in April 1968. One of the subjects to be depicted was Trout Fishing and Mr Thompson supplied 4 colour slides and one black and white photograph as source material for the design. Unfortunately he did not give any indication to the Crown Agents of the photographer's name.

The fur seal design was suggested in February 1969 as an alternative to "Sheep Farming". The photograph belonged to Mr W.H. Thompson.

The title of the issue was subsequently changed to "Tourism". Any kudos gained for supplying this information shall go to "The Falkland Islands Philatelic Study Group".

We can add to this from local information. The picture of Fur Seals was supplied by artist Mr Ian Strange. This was a colour slide taken by him at Volunteer Rocks on February 10th 1965. It is thought that the trout fishing picture was supplied to Mr Thompson by Mr David Carr, Colony Dentist at the time - but this is not definite. Mr Strange also advised that his paintings used for the 5p penguins and 15p Military Starling (F.I. Robin) are now in the U.S.A. The Military Starling was painted in January 1968 and the Rockhopper penguins in early 1970. The tourism stamp issue was withdrawn from sale on the 5th June.

REPORT ON WEST FALKLAND MEETINGS TO DISCUSS CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE

Meetings were held in eight places over the period 24th to 26th April 1974. In a short account it is impossible to do justice to

every speaker or point of view. So here is a summary of the significant matters discussed followed by a chart. The representative membership of the Select Committee was Hon. T.H. Layng (Chairman) with the Hons. L.G. Blake and W.E. Bowles. Thanks are due to Mr Ted Clapp who must have spent many days recording the meetings and later writing up minutes.

1. HILL COVE (for Hill Cove & Roy Cove) - 21 people present.

Three interesting new ideas came out of this meeting. The first, supported by Messrs R. Anderson and R. Reeves, was that the elected Union delegate should automatically have a seat on Legislative Council. Although the Committee suggested that the same effect could be achieved by the Head Delegate standing for election in the normal way it was still maintained that there should be a kind of workers nominated member for each constituency. (Editor: it was a pity that no-one thought to ask that if this idea was accepted would the union members not then take part in the general election because otherwise they would have two votes).

Another interesting suggestion was that of 4 Camp Regional Councils, North, South, East and West, each of which would elect a member to the Central Council in Stanley. Each Regional Council would represent certain farms.

The third new suggestion was that candidates should declare their political leanings. There was no discussion on this.

2. PORT HOWARD - 24 people present.

Two different notes are clear in the report of the Port Howard meeting. The first was the repeatedly expressed opinion of Mr D.M. Pole-Evans that the present constitution should not be changed except for some small alterations.

The other matter concerned the need for the approval of the Secretary of State before internal constitutional changes were effected. It was suggested that this was part of the price to pay in being a Colony but Mr T. Miller did not retract his stated desire for less interference from Whitehall.

3. CHARTRES - 16 people present.

It was evident that there was a general feeling at Chartres that the F.I. Government was under too much pressure from the United Kingdom Government on internal matters. Mr M. Barnes, Mr R. Murphy and Hon. W.R. Luxton expressed the view that it seemed as if there was little point in the public expressing their views on constitutional changes as little notice had been taken of

their views in the past. Reference was made to the decisions to close Darwin School, and to refuse a resident doctor on West Falkland, both of which were opposed by Camp public opinion. Mr Layng pointed out the committee had all four elected councillors amongst its membership who would take account of the views expressed at these meetings.

4. FOX BAY WEST (for F.B.W. & F.B.E.) - 27 people present.

The different matters discussed at this meeting were, first, the suggestion by Mr A. Cusworth that there should be elections to both Executive Council and Legislative Council with candidates standing for each of them.

Secondly Mr Layng made an observation that he felt there was quite a scarcity of candidates last election time but that he felt that there had been an 'awakening' since then and that it was possible more candidates will come forward next time.

Thirdly Mr G. Brown raised the question of paying Council members but no opinions were recorded on this matter.

5. REDBELL ISLAND - 10 people present.

No new matters were raised at this settlement but on the question of whether civil servants should be permitted to stand as candidates for election in future councils Mr R. Ferguson made the interesting observation, "they were probably the best of the talent available" (which should cheer them up if nothing else!).

6. NEW ISLAND - 2 people present.

No new matters raised but concern was expressed over 'the power that Whitehall seems to have on Colony matters'.

7. WEST POINT ISLAND - 4 people present.

The question of the payment of Council members was raised at West Point with a desire expressed that this 'ought to be studied' said Mr D. Davidson.

Mr R. Napier made a statement that he had not 'just thought up' but had prepared and written out beforehand. In view of the seriousness of preparation we include it, in full, in News Notes.

8. CARCASS ISLAND - 4 people present.

A majority on Carcass favoured an upper age limit for candidates of 70 years. It was indicated that it was felt to be essential that the outlying islands had their own representative on Legco because it was considered that their problems were different from elsewhere. Another suggestion was that as soon as a suitable person is available a Falkland Islander should be appointed

as Chief Secretary. Mrs K. Bertrani wondered if proposals for a change in the constitution could be taken by Whitehall as an indication of dissatisfaction at being a British Colony. Mr L.G. Blake felt any change in the constitution could only be viewed as a step forward towards a free Government and not as an advance towards independence.

Conclusion. Please note well that all the usual matters, as summarised on the chart, were discussed at these meetings. The items were picked out not necessarily because they were specially emphasised but because they were different from usual.

SUMMARY CHART OF SOME MATTERS DISCUSSED AT CONSTITUTIONAL MEETINGS
(If an opinion was just a majority it is given in small letters, if unanimous or nearly so then in capitals).

Question	Meetings				
	1	2	3	4	5-8
One or two Councils?	-	TWO	Two	One	One
Abolish nominated members?	YES	Yes	YES	YES	YES
Civil servants as candidates?	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	YES
Should age of candidates be lowered?	-	NO	YES	Yes	No
Residential period of candidates - one year?	No	Yes	YES	Few	Few
Residential period for candidates - two years or more?	Even	Few	NO	Yes	Yes
Equal representation of Stanley and Camp?	-	-	YES	YES	Few
Proportional representation?	-	Yes	NO	NO	Yes
Reduce voting age limit to 18?	YES	YES	YES	YES	Yes
Should voters have to reside for one year only?	YES	-	-	YES	Yes
One F.I. Constituency?	-	NO	NO	NO	NO
Keep deposits at £25?	-	YES	YES	YES	Yes
Courts independent of government?	YES	YES	YES	Yes	YES

Many people are afraid of charts but we are sure you will find this easy to follow. It will give you a good idea of how opinion is going on these subjects.

NEWS NOTES (continued from page 14)

Designing stamps was only one of many notable achievements for the Falkland Islands between the two world wars by Mr Roberts, who holds the Imperial Service Order.

A qualified naval engineer, he was sent to the Islands by the Admiralty to supervise the erection of bulk oil storage tanks.

Passenger Movements

The following arrivals and departures by Fokker F.27 will be of interest.

13th May - IN: Mr J. Bound; Mr J.C. 'Tim' Gunn (BAS botanist); Mr & Mrs Hillman (teachers for Darwin School); Mrs M. Rowe; Mrs M. Stewart; Mr J. Wallace. OUT: Mr & Mrs W. Blackley & Alexander; Mr & Mrs L.G. Blake, Alex & Paul; Mr & Mrs B. Hardcastle; Mr & Mrs W.R. Luxton & Stephen; Mr & Mrs J. Thompson, Helen & Linda; Mr J. Wright; Mr S. Booth.

14th May - OUT: Mr A. Lee; Mrs C. Lee; Mrs L. Napier; Mrs L. Robson; Mr R.P. Smith. IN: Mr & Mrs R. Cockwell & child; Mrs J.C. Fanner.

20th May - IN: Mr J. Blyth. OUT: Mr & Mrs D. Cronin & James; Mr & Mrs J. Fowler; Mr & Mrs G. Went & Christopher; Mr F. Gooch; Miss M. Sharpe; Miss P. Rozee; Mr & Mrs D.R. Morrison; Mr & Mrs A. Miller, Rowen & Kirsten; Mr D. Dunford; Mr M. Nichols; Mr A. Hare; Mr A. Tellez Diaz.

21st May - OUT: Mr & Mrs J.D. Barton; Mr A. Chater; Mr D. Hardy; Mrs E. Jaffray & Frank; Mr & Mrs A. McKay, Trudi, Peter, Paul & Una; Mr A. Sloggie. IN: Mr & Mrs B. Conchie; Mr S. Booth.

27th May - IN: Mr J. Hewitt; Mr D. Meanwell; Mrs L. Napier. OUT: Mr & Mrs H. Greenshields & Clare; Mr B. Barnes; Mr & Mrs R. Henricksen & Mark; Mr & Mrs J. Kerr & Julie; Mrs C. Luxton; Mrs E. Knight; Mr & Mrs E. Milner, James & Alice; Mr P. Summers; Mr W. Summers.

3rd June - IN: Miss M.T. Canas & Miss M.F. Canas (Spanish teachers); Mrs E. Jaffray & Frank; Mr A. Lee; Mr J. Peck; Mrs L. Robson; Mr P. Philips. OUT: Mr P. Biggs; Mrs T. Kenny; Mr K. Luxton; Mr & Mrs J. Lauder, Shane & Allan; Mrs E. McLeod; Mr E. Rowe; Mr L. Ross.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK (continued from page 1)

Where the view doesn't look so bright is in the cost of living. Hitting us all harder. Naturally this is affecting the costs of the TIMES and it seems likely that an increase in price will have to come soon, probably in September.

COLONY DEVELOPMENT PLANCapital Expenditure Budget 1973-1978

As there have been frequent mentions of the Development Plan in the past few months, and will be even more in the future, we give below a summary. Intimation has been given that this is not to be regarded as a rigid plan but rather a set of guidelines.

	1973/74	1974/75	1975/76	1976/77	1977/78
<u>U.K. Aid</u>	£	£	£	£	£
1. Fencing Subsidy	50,000	-	5,000	5,000	-
2. Grassland Trials					
Unit Capital Costs	17,000	-	-	-	-
3. Heat cutting machine	2,750	-	-	-	-
4. Grass seed subsidy	-	-	-	2,000	5,000
5. Tourism loans	10,000	-	10,000	-	10,000
6. Handicrafts - loan	750	-	-	-	-
7. Tourist promotion	500	-	-	-	-
8. Minor Roads - Culverts	5,000	-	-	-	-
9. Major Roads - Equip.	-	-	10,000	10,000	5,000
10. Dustcart & Incinerator	4,000	-	-	-	-
11. Broadcasting Equip.	-	-	5,000	3,000	-
12. New Aircraft	-	-	-	30,000	30,000
13. School Hostel	10,000	50,000	20,000	-	-
	100,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
<u>Local Development Fund</u>					
14. Prison	4,000	12,000	-	-	-
15. Minor roads (local costs)	-	10,000	-	-	-
16. Major Roads (")	-	-	15,000	27,000	20,000
17. Trials Unit (")	-	5,000	-	-	-
18. Telecommunications	-	35,500	40,000	20,000	20,000
19. Fencing (Timber)	-	7,000	7,000	-	-
20. Fertiliser subsidy	-	-	7,500	23,000	30,000
21. Water Meters	8,000	-	-	-	-
22. Tourist promotion	250	500	500	-	-
	12,250	70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Can it be that we made a serious mistake last month? Yes indeed. On page 9 the words 'a loan of £4.2 million' should, of course, read 'a grant of £4.2 million' as indicated at the foot of page 12. Sorry folks if it misled you.

A letter from Mr Richard Cockwell of Fox Bay East adds some information to our births column of last month. First his initials should be J.R. not R.J. (those of his father!). Second, his son's name is Mauricio Adam. He says that they called him Mauricio as they were advised that Argentine Law states that a baby must be given the name of a Spanish saint for a first name. (You will recall that the baby was born in Commodore Rivadavia.) Also a groan about our tendency to keep re-

ferring people to another page to complete an article. He's right of course. Last month we ~~excelled~~ ourselves at this and must have had you all not knowing whether you were coming or going. Its not always easy however to always fit articles exactly into a page. Still we've done quite well this month.

We regret that News Extra has not made an appearance this month but unfortunately there is a shortage of paper at the present time. Indeed it may be necessary to cut down the number of pages in the Times for a while.

Lack of space in the June issue meant little room for comment so we will now touch on a news item of last month - namely the Executive Council refusal to allow the coffee bar in James Street or anywhere else in Stanley for that matter for, "members considered that public opinion in Stanley was not yet in favour of the establishment of this kind within the town's boundaries". We feel that this is a strange statement to make. Public opinion that we have consulted seems very much in favour of such an amenity. The real problem is finding a location where it would not be an excessive nuisance to nearby residents. Perhaps the Youth Club centre, when it is completed, will be able to fit in a facility of this sort. Many of the young people especially would be very pleased to see it happen.

Finally there is shortly coming up a 302nd anniversary for the Falklands namely its discovery by the British Captain John Davis on August 14th 1592. It occurs to us that different countries have important patriotic days and that we ought to have one too. U.S.A. have Independence Day, as do many South American and African countries; France has Bastille Day 'le Quatorze Juillet' and so on. Perhaps we ought to have our day. A public Holiday and time for patriotic speeches and festivity. The few we have talked to think it a good idea. What do you think?

CONCLUSION OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL (continued from page 13)

Here are the new rates applicable to the contributory pension scheme from July 1st 1974 (old rates in brackets).

Contributions: Employers 00p (34p); Employees 50p (26p); Total and Self-Employed £1.30 (60p), - these are, of course, tax deductible.

Pensions: Married Men £7.00 weekly; single persons £4.00 weekly.

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The following are some of the items which were received by ANNETTE DANIELSEN in June and are now on sale.

Orange, Litter Lemon, Cola, Soda water, Tonic and Lemonade all 6 oz. cans priced at 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ p per can or £3.00 per carton of 48 cans.

Orange, Cola and Litter Lemon 12 oz. cans priced at 10p per can or £2.20 per carton of 24 cans. Lemonade Shandy at 11p per 12 oz. can or £2.40 per carton of 24 cans.

Peanuts 39p per lb. 1 gallon cans Cooking Oil £3.04.
5 gallon drums Cooking Oil £14.60.

Maxwell House Instant Coffee in 4 oz, 8 oz jars and 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb tins priced at 50p, 97p and £2.60 each.

Custard Powder 12 oz and 22 oz drums 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ p and 33 $\frac{1}{2}$ p each.
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An assortment of Greeting Cards priced at 4p to 7p each.
Two only Senior Play Tents at £6.25 each.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Publication of letters does not necessarily imply the Editor's agreement with their contents.

Last month's publication of a statement by Mr A. Napier (June F.I. Times page 5) brought a predictable response from the Hon. A. Monk, Mr N. Watson and Mrs M. Hirtle. Their views, of course, are well known and so we ask other people, "write and give us your opinions!"

San Carlos,
East Falkland Island.
19th June 1974

Dear Sir,

Mr Roderrick Napier recently made a prepared Statement to the Constitution Committee when they visited West Point Island. This Statement is ambiguous but in view of the serious implications in it I would be very grateful if you would publish this open letter to Mr Napier.

Dear Mr Napier,

I read your prepared Statement to the Constitution Committee with amazement and found it very worrying.

Since you are a Falkland Islander born and a citizen of some substance, your views are important, therefore I think you should clarify your statement especially with regards the last paragraph, so that we all know exactly what you think we should do.

To take the first paragraph: you infer that the Falkland Island Committee is not really acting in the interests of the Falklands but mainly for their own selfish ends. Apart from the fact that, whatever the motives of the F.I. Committee are, their object is to keep British Sovereignty for the Falklands, if that same object is shared by the people of the Falklands then surely we would be silly to reject them?

Whether or not the YPF Agreement was held up as you maintain, is now academic as it will be signed. Whether one should be forced to sign a monopoly agreement of this nature with a Foreign Country because nothing else was offered is also a matter of opinion.

To take the last paragraph of your Statement, this is the most important and the most ambiguous. You say we should stop

stalling and get a solid working agreement now, while we have the chance. Bearing in mind that Argentina has consistently stated that they will be satisfied with nothing less than Sovereignty, what agreement have you in mind? I think you should tell us exactly what you have in mind.

You say Argentina has a Democratically Elected Government, so it has - now. I would remind you that Democracy is a fragile plant in South America. Democracy as we know it that is. It is always liable to be uprooted by the Military.

To return to the Falkland Committee in the United Kingdom: they are acting in their own selfish interests you say and not really in the interests of the Colony. I wonder if you are perhaps not also doing just that yourself. Are you sure you are not putting the Interests of your Argentine based Tourist Industry before that of the Islands? I hope not and when you clarify your Statement I hope it will be apparent that that is not so.

Adrian Monk

Elected Member Legislative Council East Falklands.

12th June 1974

Dear Sir,

I do not share Mr Roddy Napier's view that the Committee for the Falkland Islands do not have the best interests of the people of these Islands at heart.

If the Committee have blocked the signing of the agreement giving YPF the sole rights to sell Petroleum Products in the Falklands then they are in my opinion certainly working on our side.

The signing of the agreement would only tighten the Argentine stranglehold, a stranglehold that we would hope to loosen with the construction of the British Airfield.

I am sure Mr Napier is well aware that the Argentine will settle for nothing less than complete sovereignty over these Islands, and they are now putting us through a softening up period. Remarks like those made by Mr Napier would indicate that the softening up is having the desired effect.

I am sure no loyal 'KELPER' would sell their heritage for a few gallons of cheap petrol. Let us all get our priorities right and get off the fence on this, and other similar matters.

Yours faithfully,

Neil Watson.

Mrs Mary M. Hirtle,
12, Drury Street,
Stanley.
12th June 1974.

Dear Editor,

I was shocked, to say the least, when I read Mr Napier's statement in the June issue of the "Times".

I would suggest to Mr Napier that he should cast his mind back to the day he stood on Carcass Island with those loyal people waiting to meet the Lord Chalfont, and for him to imagine that he is again looking at all those white painted stones his wife had so laboriously and painstakingly prepared and laid out on West Point beach. These stones spelled out the message, for the Lord Chalfont to see as he flew over, "KEEP THE FALKLANDS BRITISH".

Also his late mother's words which were and I quote from the "Express": "Said 81 years old Mrs G. Napier - 'My father came here more than 100 years ago. I would willingly give my life to save the land'. Mrs Roddy Napier, owner of West Point had laid out her message - "KEEP THE FALKLANDS BRITISH".

Yours sincerely,
M.M. Hirtle.

MICHAEL BOUND, who it will be remembered, hitch hiked from Punta Arenas to New York in 1972 and is now reading Political Science at Fairleigh Dickenson University just outside New York, was recently presented with a diploma recording his appointment as an Honours Student for academic achievements, character and service to the University. We also hear that he has now been nominated for a Rhode Scholarship which must indeed be a singular honour for a Falkland Islands' scholar.

STOP PRESS We regret to announce the sudden death of Mr A.G. Barton, C.B.E., J.P. on the afternoon of Saturday 13th July. Our sincere condolences to Mrs Barton and the family. (See May TIMES page 11).

NEW ARCHBISHOP (continued from last month)

"He is already being spoken of by some Churchmen as a 'Care-taker Primate', a sort of 'Anglican Pope John!' chosen to fill the office until a younger potential Archbishop 'comes to maturity'.

Dr Coggan's nomination has for the first time involved direct consultation between the Prime Minister and the standing Committee of Bishops, clergy and the laity.

He and his wife Jean, have two daughters. One is a teacher at the Pilgrim's School, Winchester, and the other a gynaecologist with a Church Missionary Society in Pakistan.

Dr Coggan has recently stated that Britain would only have a healthy society 'when it starts living by some rules again'. He added 'There's a lot to be said for the Ten Commandments'.

But talking to journalists after the announcement that he is to succeed Dr Michael Ramsey as Primate of All England, he vigorously denied that the Church was on a 'sticky wicket'.

'The flow of ordinands was improved. I feel there is very real cause for hope' he said.

He carries his years lightly but with short grey hair, rimless spectacles and a restrained manner, is perhaps a less colourful figure than Dr Ramsey.

Dr Coggan was born in London and educated - in the early days - at Merchant Taylor's School.

Christians of all denominations, not least in these Islands, will want to pray for this new Christian Leader. His opportunities for Christian Leadership, I believe, will be enormous, and so too will be the battles which he will have to lead in this modern world of ours. Perhaps we shall all sing with more feeling and understanding in the days to come that great Christian Battle Hymn...

Onward Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the Cross of Jesus
Going on before.
Christ the Royal Master
Leads against the foe,
Forward into battle,
See, His banners go! "

WINTER SHOW

The 1974 Winter Show was held on the 5th and 6th July. Although the number of entries was down on last years total there was no lowering of standards and much excellent work was on display. It is thought that part of the drop in numbers was due to Camp people having so few shipping opportunities recently but this cannot be the whole reason. The Winter Show committee are to be congratulated on an excellent arrangement of the material submitted. Items drawing special attention were a wooden chain of sixteen links, hand carved by Mr Cecil Bertrand from a single piece of drift wood; a model ship, the Great Britain, beautifully constructed by Mr Mick Loring and an impressive array of different items by Mr Ray Clements including a fine chairman's block and gavel. Overlooking the end where the ladies work was arranged were a cosy looking bride and groom - two dolls each about 2 feet high dressed by Mrs Dot Goss. Surely also there are some good up and coming artists. The efforts of Timothy Withers were particularly noteworthy. The pity is that so many young people with talent never pick up a brush again after they leave school. Is there no way to stop this loss. Clearly Clem is going to have to look out in the future when Timothy McCallum leaves the childrens' section.

An innovation in this years show were some live exhibitions. The entries in the 35mm slide section were projected at intervals to appreciative audience. The F.I. Times took a stand with the Editor showing the equipment used to produce the Times and how it is used. Also a childrens competition was run with the entry forms being duplicated as the children watched. They had to answer questions on the various things exhibited. The Spinners and Handicrafts set out a spinning wheel and their shop was open. This brief account would not be complete without a mention of Mr Roy Barber's humorous exhibition item - a cherry-headed rivet tree (June Times page 11) - demonstrating that now, at least, there are plenty available.

Here is a full list of award winners.

THE HASKARD CUP - for exhibitor with most points in classes B to O inclusive, presented by Lady Haskard - Mr R.D. Clements (122).
BRONZE MEDALLION - awarded to runner-up - Mrs R.V. Goss (171).
THE COMMITTEE CUP to winner of Fleece Wool Section - Port San Carlos.

NEEDLEWOMAN Catalogue and cash voucher presented by Committee of the Winter Show for most points in Sections H, I, J & K - Mrs Molly Barnes.

DO-IT-YOURSELF magazine - year's subscription presented by Mr A.G. Barton for winner of First Prize in Class 1 of Horse Gear Section - Mr Frank Smith.

BRONZE MEDALLION plus £1 gift voucher (presented by Mrs Joan Bound) for child with most points in Show - Timothy McCallum.

FIFTY PENCE Voucher - again presented by Mrs Bound - for runner-up - Timothy Withers.

THE TOM WALLACE MEMORIAL CUP presented by the Dramatic Society for the exhibitor with most points in Woodworking Section - Mr R.D. Clements (122).

WOODWORKER magazine - presented by Mr R.D. Clements - for child with most points in the Woodworking Section - Timothy McCallum.

Section A - Wool - Half-bred Sheep

Ram Hogget - Fine Wool: 1st, 3rd & HC Port Howard.

Ram Hogget - Medium Wool: 2nd Port Howard.

Ewe or Wether Hogget - Fine Wool: 1st & 2nd Port Howard; 3rd Port San Carlos.

Ewe or Wether Hogget - Medium Wool: 1st, 2nd & HC Port Howard; 3rd Port San Carlos.

Ewe or Wether 4-tooth - Fine Wool: 1st & 2nd Port Howard; 3rd Port San Carlos.

Ewe or Wether 4-tooth - Medium Wool: 1st, 2nd & HC Port Howard; 3rd Port San Carlos.

Section A - Wool - Cross-bred Sheep

Ram Hogget - Fine Wool: 1st & 2nd Port San Carlos; 3rd Darwin.

Ram Hogget - Medium Wool: 1st & 2nd Port San Carlos; 3rd Darwin.

Ewe or Wether Hogget - Fine Wool: 1st, 2nd & HC Port San Carlos; 3rd Darwin.

Ewe or Wether Hogget - Medium Wool: 1st, 2nd & HC Port San Carlos; 3rd Darwin.

Ewe or Wether 4-tooth - Fine Wool: 1st, 2nd & HC Port San Carlos; 3rd Darwin.

Ewe or Wether 4-tooth - Medium Wool: 1st & HC Port San Carlos; 2nd & 3rd Darwin.

Section B - Home-spun Wool

Local home-spun wool - fine: 1st Mrs S. Miller; 2nd Mrs Harra-line; HC Mrs S. Miller & Mrs C. Bertrand.

Local home-spun wool - medium: 1st Mrs C. Bertrand; 2nd Mrs R.V. Goss & Mrs J. Phillips; 3rd Mrs W.H. Watson; HC Mrs W.H. Watson, Mrs D. Jennings & Mrs S. Miller.

Local home-spun wool - thick: 1st Mrs W.H. Watson; 2nd Mrs C. Bertrand.

Local home-spun wool - any thickness - children: 1st & 2nd Cora McGill; 3rd Michael Triggs; HC Anna King & Natalie Morhee.

Wool dyed from locally collected natural dye: 1st Mrs P. Helyer; 2nd, 3rd & HC Mrs S. Miller.

Article hand-knitted from local home-spun wool - adults: 1st Mrs W.H. Watson; 2nd Mrs R. Triggs & Mrs W.H. Watson; 3rd Miss J. Newman & Mrs O. McPhee; HC Mrs W.H. Watson.

Section C - Horse Gear

Any single piece of gear: 1st Frank Smith; 2nd F.W. Newman; 3rd J.W. Jaffray & N. Knight; HC F.T. Lellman & Frank Smith.

Section D - Horn Work

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

Section E - Woodworking

Woodworking - adults: 1st C. Bertrand; 2nd R.D. Clements (4); 3rd Miss V. Perkins; HC J.W. Jaffray (3), R.D. Clements (5) & C. Bertrand.

Woodworking with assistance - children: 2nd Toni Donna Pettersson.

Woodworking without assistance - children: 1st Timothy McCallum; 2nd Timothy McCallum & Christopher Barber; 3rd Timothy McCallum; HC Paul Peck, Timothy McCallum & Christopher Barber.

Section F - Model Making

Any model - adults: 1st M. Loring; 2nd N. Bennett; HC M. Loring & N. Bennett.

Any model - children: 1st Peter Coutts; 2nd Timothy Withers & Stephen Jennings; 3rd Stephen Jennings & Colin Ford; HC Timothy Withers.

Section G - Art

Oil painting: 1st, 2nd & 3rd Frank Short; HC Frank Short & John Farrow.

Water Colour Painting: 1st & 3rd R. Pauloni; 2nd John Farrow & Mrs R. Barber; HC S. Goss.

Pen and Ink drawing: 1st R.D. Clements; 2nd J. Smith; HC R.D. Clements & J. Farrow. 2nd J. Farrow also.

Picture of own choice subject - children: 1st John Ferguson & Timothy Withers; 2nd Ralph Harris, Gussie Clauson, Peter Coutts & Nicholas Keenleyside; 3rd Joan Jaffray, Christina Morrison & Timothy Withers (2); HC Christina Morrison & Penny McKay.

Any other form of handiwork - adults: 1st Mr & Mrs R. Barber; 2nd Mrs R. Barber & D. King; 3rd Mrs R. Barber, Sharon McGill & Cora McGill; HC Mrs R. Barber.

Any other form of handiwork - children: 1st Suzy Reive; 2nd Darlene Short; 3rd Michael Allan.

Section H - Knitting

Adult's cardigan: 1st Mrs R.V. Goss; 2nd Mrs G. Johnston; 3rd Mrs H. Finlayson.

Adult's jumper: 1st Mrs R.V. Goss; 2nd Mrs W. Ford & Miss D. Wilson; 3rd Mrs T. Perry, Mrs R. Barber & Mrs B. Minnell; HC Mrs B. Minnell.

Child's cardigan: 1st Miss D. Wilson; 2nd Mrs R. Barber; 3rd Mrs R. Pearson.

Child's jumper: 1st Mrs J.W. Jaffray; 2nd Mrs Joan Middleton; 3rd Mrs R. Pearson; HC Mrs R.V. Goss.

A fair isle garment: 1st Mrs P. Morhee; 2nd Mrs D. Newman; 3rd Mrs J.W. Jaffray & Mrs M. Lang; HC Mrs J.W. Jaffray & Mrs M. Lang.

Any other knitted article: 1st & 3rd Mrs R. Reid; 2nd Mrs T. Felton & Mrs K. Talbot; HC Mrs K. Talbot.

Any knitted article - children: 1st & 2nd Trudi Porter; 3rd Kevin Clapp.

Section I - Crochet

Any other article - wool: 1st Mrs W. Ford; 2nd Mrs E. Barnes; 3rd Mrs C. Goodwin & Mrs W. Ford; HC Mrs C. Goodwin & Mrs D. Newman.

Any other article - cotton: 1st, 2nd (2) & 3rd Mrs E. Barnes; HC Mrs E. Barnes (2) & Mrs R. Triggs.

Section J - Embroidery

Embroidered tablecloth: 1st Mrs R. Barber; 2nd Mrs E. Barnes & Mrs T. Kenny; 3rd Mrs R.J. Davis; HC Mrs R. Barber & Mrs R.J. Davis.

Any other embroidered article: 1st Mrs B. Minnell; 2nd Mrs R.J. Davis (2) & Mrs T. Kenny; 3rd Mrs T. Kenny & Mrs R.J. Davis; HC Norma Thom & Mrs T. Kenny.

Any article in tapestry: 1st Vera Summers; 2nd Susan Barber; 3rd Trudi Jones; HC Susan Barber.

Any article - children: 1st Edwina Smith; 2nd Norma Thom & Natalie McPhee; 3rd Susan Barber & Cora McGill; HC Tracy Talbot, Vanda McDonald; Susan Barber; Trudi Porter & Darlene Short (2).

Section K - Sewing

Any article - adults: 1st Miss D. Wilson; 2nd Mrs R. McKay; 3rd Mrs G. Johnston & Norma Thom; HC Mrs G. Johnston & Miss D. Wilson.

Any article - children: 1st & HC Teresa McGill; 2nd Susan Barber; 3rd Norma Thom.

Section L - Toy Making

Knitted toy: 1st Mrs H. Finlayson; 2nd Trudi Porter; 3rd Mrs R.J. Helyer; HC Mrs W.H. Goss.

Any other kind of toy: 1st Mrs E. Barnes; 2nd & HC Mrs L. Harris; 3rd Mrs R.V. Goss.

A dressed bought doll: 1st & HC Mrs R.V. Goss; 2nd Mrs L. Harris & Mrs R.V. Goss; 3rd Mrs L. Harris.

A doll made and dressed by exhibitor: 1st Mrs R.V. Goss.

Any toy - children: 1st Anna Smith; 2nd Sharon Hewitt & Anna King; 3rd Glynis King; HC Sharon Hewitt & Diana Stewart.

Section M - Rug Making

Locally produced wool rug - un-dyed: 1st J. Short; 2nd Mrs Phillips.

Any other wool rug: 1st Miss F. Clements; 2nd Mrs D. Jennings; HC Mrs D. Jennings & Mrs V.A. Johnson.

Any other mat: 1st Mrs Sarah Peck.

Section N - Photography

Black and white photo of any aspect of life in the Falkland Islands:

1st & 2nd F.C. Newman; 3rd T.G. Spruce; HC D. Betts.

Black and white photo (any subject): 1st, 2nd & 3rd Miss P. Oliver; HC J. Check.

Colour print of any aspect of life in the Falkland Islands:

1st, 3rd & HC (2) W. May; 2nd T. Heathman.

35mm colour slide of a Falkland Islands landscape: 1st M. Loring; 2nd D. Carstairs; 3rd P.J. Helyer & T.G. Spruce; HC D. Carstairs, Mrs T. Spruce & Brenda Blackley.

Section O - Metal Work

Any metal article: 1st R.D. Clements; 2nd Alastair Minto; 3rd N. Bennett; HC R.D. Clements & Timothy Withers.

Results of Falkland Islands Times Winter Show Childrens Competition:

There were 40 entries. 1st Prize £1, Timothy McCallum.

Four second prizes of 25p, Hayley Bowles, Morgan Goss, Richard Short and Martyn Smith. The remaining entries were so good that four third prizes of 10p each were also awarded to, Stephanie Coutts, Glynis King, Marvin Lee and Kenneth McKay.

CONCLUSION OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Last month we reported on the first day of Legco. The following is a summary of the final session on Monday 10th June.

After a minutes silence in respect to the late Duke of Gloucester the Financial Secretary reported back on changes made to the budget in select committee. Of interest are the rejection of the proposal to increase postage rates; to raise Darwin Boarding School fees to £30 per annum per pupil; to delete a proposal to purchase a new lorry (£6000) and a new mechanical excavator (£6000); refusal of a request to spend £1000 on up to date lawbooks for the Registrar's Office. A subsidy of £12000 to the Old Age Pensions Fund was proposed.

Bills passed included higher Old Age Pensions and higher contributions to the fund; a change in the lotteries law giving the Governor wider powers to exempt certain lotteries from taxation; a bill providing for the need to hold a certificate of clearance from the Commissioner of Income Tax before leaving the Colony; a provision that business losses may now be set off against subsequent profits without time limits and an alteration to the Marriage Ordinance giving Ministers of Religion the authority to conduct a wedding, after banns, in any building deemed suitable by him.

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REVIEW - a look at the events of our T.L.M.s.

May 23rd & 24th. The May Ball was held on these two nights.

On the first night Miss Shirley Rozee was re-elected May Queen with Miss Susan Smith second. Mr Paul Bonner was elected Prince Charming on the second night with Mr Robert Rozee second.

May 24th. It was announced that the new Tabernacle Committee was, Chairman: Rev. Robin Forrester; Hon. Secretary: Mr Ian Stewart; Hon. Treasurer: Mr Dave Ryan; other members: Mrs Gladys Thain, Mrs Maui Watson and Miss Rita Watts.

May 24th. Details were given of the appointment of a new Superintendent of Education following the recent retirement of Mr D.J. Draycott. He is Mr B. S. Stocks, B.N. He is said to be 37 years old, a graduate of Manchester University with wide teaching experience in a number of schools in Northern England. He is married with 4 children. He is a language specialist with qualifications in French, Russian and Spanish.

May 27th. The Chief Secretary visited the Youth Club to talk about the matters under consideration by the Select Committee on Constitutional Advance. He also answered questions on a wide number of issues during the course of which he said that he thought that plans were getting well advanced for completing the swimming pool within a year. It was hoped that a solar heating plant would provide sufficient heat to warm the water for the larger part of the year.

May 27th-31st. During the school holidays the Royal Marine detachment at Moody Brook laid on a special week of activities. Here is Miss Teresa McGill's report.

"On Monday morning at 9.30 a.m. we went down to the Senior School to go in the truck to Moody Brook. When we got up there we were split up into groups of eleven and twelve. Then we were shown most of the weapons which the Marines use. We were allowed to handle them. We were shown how to strip a G.P.M.G. and put it back together. After dinner we went down to the assault course. It was quite hard going, going up the course but coming down was straight forward. It was rather soggy too.

On Tuesday we were allowed to fire all the weapons. There was the G.P.M.G., the rifle and many others. After dinner we fired some smoke screens. The Marines showed us

the effect of the two inch mortar on the rocks above. They fired three of these, and the last one did not explode. When these hit the rocks they made a bang which echoed for at least a minute. Again we went to the assault course.

On Wednesday morning we had games in the gymnasium. We were split into 4 teams and then had team games. We were supposed to go in the Gemini's but unfortunately they were broken. We had dinner at home and then met at the Senior School at 2 o'clock. We saw a film called "Carry on Matron". It was a very good film.

On Thursday morning at Moody Brook we saw a film on climbing. Then we went up to the rocks above Moody Brook. We were split into three groups as there were three different rocks which had to be climbed. After dinner we went climbing again. We had a drink of tea at 4 o'clock and then we played around till it got dark. After it was dark we were taken to stand behind a fence, to see a night practice using night illuminants. It was very effective with the illuminations to show where the enemy was. They were mostly white.

On Friday we had to meet on the Government jetty to go on the FORREST to Sparrow Cove. We got there but did not get ashore as it was too rough. Two boat loads were taken as far as they could go but got soaking wet. We had to come back. We were to go to Moody Brook but the Marines were called out. It was quite rough coming back.

I can't say what day I enjoyed best as I enjoyed every day very much. I think it was a very interesting way to spend a week of our holidays. And on behalf of all the children who attended I would like to thank Major Cook and all the Marines who made our holiday a happy one."

May 20th. M.V. Monsunen our 'round the islands' vessel sailed for Punta Arenas, Chile for docking. After a very rough start she later enjoyed fine weather.

May 29th. At a short ceremony this morning at Government House, His Excellency the Governor presented to Ian Readhead the Gold Award of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, for which he qualified before coming to the Falkland Islands. Mr Readhead is a V.S.O. currently working at Darwin School.

May 31st & June 1st. The Christ Church Cathedral Bazaar was held in the Parish Hall. Investigations beforehand revealed extensive preparations resulting in a large display of items

for sale. It is worth explaining to non-residents that with so few social amenities here a bazaar is more than a fund raising event - it is a major social occasion. The bazaar had large crowds attending and £1563 was taken and a profit of £1140 was made.

June 3rd. Sisters Maria Fernanda Canas and Maria Teresa Canas arrived today to teach Spanish in Stanley schools, prepare taped lessons for broadcasting and hold adult evening classes.

June 3rd. At Goose Green Social Club, Mr Roger Hillman, new teacher at Darwin School, was appointed Secretary and Mr John McLeod was elected to the committee.

June 3rd. A small fire was discovered in the bushes of the Deanery but was soon put out.

June 7th. Things go in threes they say and the third fire to occur in a short period was reported today. It occurred at Elephant Beach an outside house of Port San Carlos where Mr Robin Jaffray lived.

June 8th. A press statement from N.P.0901 said, "Marine M.M. Owers was charged by a service court with assault against Mrs M. Hume on 8th June and was found guilty by the Commanding Officer NP 8901 (Major S.H.B. Cook) on 20th June. He was fined £25."

June 10th. The Goose Green Social Club held its first Archery Session where a number of keen bowmen and women achieved some success under the tuition of Nick Hadden. The following evening the darts league got under way with 7 teams competing.

June 11th. Reports came in over the B.B.C. World News that June 10th had been observed as a 'Day of Affirmation' by the Argentine when they reiterated their "irrevocable determination to recover their Malvinas Islands and it is likewise determined to discharge its actions to obtain that National objective", in the words of the Argentine Ambassador in London. The report said that ceremonies were held in Argentine Embassies in many parts of the world. A newspaper report said that ceremonies were held in schools and all units of the armed forces and continued that it 'is seen as a result of resurgent nationalism since the Peronista party returned to power last year.' Argentina has a long-standing claim to the Falklands and there are frequent demands for action in the nationalist press.

June 12th. Under the leadership of science teacher Mr P. Gilding, Senior 3 visited the Stanley Water Filtration Plant where they were shown over by Mr Bob Stewart, Senior Filtration Plant Operator.

June 14th. A supreme court announcement said that today a Decree Nisi was granted to Mr Valdemar Bernitsen on his petition for divorce against Mrs Marlene Bernitsen.

June 14th. A local radio news item revealed that the new Director-General of the Save the Children Fund once attended school here in Stanley. He is Sir Marshall Sir John Lapsley who entered the R.A.F. as just an aircraft apprentice.

June 14th. A news release from the Secretariat stated that Tourism had brought in quite a useful amount of revenue to the Government in 1973/74. One government official said it was towing into position another Pebble Island for the revenue was equivalent to that from a medium sized farm.

June 15th. A whale was sighted off Sheep Point, Speedwell Island by Beaver pilot Bart Conchie and confirmed by Terry and Doreen Clifton of Speedwell.

June 16th. M.v. Lnette Danielson, under charter to the Falkland Islands Company arrived today from the United Kingdom via Harval Fiata. She carried 1200 tons of cargo and several hundred bags of mail. In an announcement the same week the F.I.C. stated that there would be no charter vessel until November thus omitting the September voyage. This was said to be so that a larger ship could be chartered to also bring in the first consignment of materials and equipment for the permanent airfield which will not be ready until October. The announcement was greeted with dismay by Colony residents and traders who had been given no advance notice of the decision so that they might have ordered extra stores. Fears of some food shortages were expressed.

June 20th. In the House of Commons on the 20th June Sir Nigel Fisher asked the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs if he would confirm that there will be no change in the status of the Falkland Islands as a British Colony without the consent of the Islanders.

Miss Joan Lester - Yes. I am happy to confirm that there will be no change in the status of the Islands without the consent of the Islanders.

June 21st. Canon P. Helyer arrived home from a Camp trip to Lively Island, Walker Creek, and Fitzroy. The stay at Lively lasted two nights and a service was held. Transport was by m.v. Forrest.

June 21st. A news report from the Falkland Islands Angling Club gave some statistics on the last fishing season. A total of 529 Trout were taken from the River Malo weighing 1790 lbs. The largest catch was 63 trout totalling almost 300 lbs.

June 21st & 22nd. The Stanley Baskinton Club Annual Fancy Dress Ball was held in the Town Hall. Results were: SNO, WHITE, PRINCE, WICKET QUEEN AND DWARFS - Bob Bostlemann, Frances Peck, Robert Rowlands, Jane Kerr, Rita Watts, Robbie Triggs, Mary-Rose Helyer, Barbara Smith, Jennifer Roberts & Colin Wlyth. ROWLAND'S RAGTIME BAND - Marge & Sheila McPhee, Marilyn Allan, Daisy McKay & Heather Pettersson. LAREE - Norma Thom (Sheik), Jean Thom, Trudi Watson, Timmy Withers & Raymond Poole. STEPTOE AND SON - Mr & Mrs Hoggarth, Clare Morrison & Len McGill. JOHNSTON CONSTRUCTION TEAM - Jean Clapp, Shirley Biggs, Jackie Goodwin & Colleen Ford. THE WRONG SIZED CHERRY RIVETS - Mr & Mrs Tim Dobbys and Mr & Mrs Bill Derntsen. The judges were Mrs Peggy Halliday, Mrs Emma Steen and Mr Mick Knight. The Theme this year on the stage was "Kidney Island Castaway" the backcloth being a hut in the tussock. The beach was along the front of the stage and was made up of large boulders and more tussock complete with a dinghy loaded with "someone's" luxury items. To follow the Theme up another dance was held on Saturday night with 2 prizes for the best castaways. It was pleasing to see some people looking ship-wrecked for the occasion. The Tussock Club Ladies won first prize - Dots Davis & Rose Short. Second was Tarzan and his Lady - May Clements and Barbara Bailey. The judges were, Mrs Velma Malcolm, Mr Adrian Biggs and Mr Barry Ford.

PENFRIEND

Would any one in the Falkland Islands like a penfriend in New Zealand? Please write to:- Miss Alice May, 05 Fitzroy St., Papatoetoe, Auckland, New Zealand. She saves postage stamps (used ones) and has travelled widely overseas, and belongs to the Arts and Crafts Circle of the Country Women's Institute.

PHILATELIC NEWS

We are grateful to Mr Nutt Cartmell of Goose Green for sending us a letter which he has received from Stanley Gibbons Publications Ltd. He sent them for examination a 1p Pig Vine Definitive with a fault which looks as if the printing is printed double giving it a very thick look.

"6th May 1974

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter of 6th April enclosing a most curious example of the current Falkland Islands 1p. definitive, used on small piece of cover.

I can confirm that this variety is not previously known to us and is not included at present, in our stamp catalogues. It is rather difficult to account for the strange appearance of the face value and the various inscriptions, but the most likely explanation is that the mauve cylinder has printed twice, so causing a double impression. I see from your letter that the second example you have found is dated only five days later, and I should think it is virtually certain that there must have originally been one sheet showing this error.

To try and obtain more information on this very interesting variety, we have had enlarged photographs taken, and I have passed a print to Mr James Watson, for him to include in his 'Through the Magnifying Glass' column in 'Stamp Monthly'. If we can find some sort of confirmation of this error, then we would certainly consider listing it in our Elizabethan catalogue, although it may be too late to do this for the 1975 edition now in active preparation.

Many thanks for allowing us to examine this most interesting stamp, which is returned herewith by registered airmail.

Yours faithfully,

D.J. Aggersberg

Assistant Catalogue Editor

P.S. We now feel certain that this is a double print - having seen a similar error on a Mauritius stamp of the same period."

If anyone else has an example of this stamp please let Nutt Cartmell know.

ENGAGEMENT: On 21st June Mr & Mrs John Allan announced the engagement of their youngest daughter Valerie to Mr Ian Clarke, youngest son of Mr & Mrs Ron Clarke.

J O A N B O U N D P.O.Box 178 Telegrams: BOUNDBOOKS

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

"Let us rejoice with those who rejoice"

Births At K.E.M. Hospital

14th June To Mr & Mrs Edward Chandler a son LEE (6 lbs)
22nd June To Mr & Mrs Claude Molkenbuhr a son LEE CHARLES
(8 lbs)

Overseas

22nd May To Dr & Mrs Charles Gallimore of Oakham, Rutland,
a son, ROBERT (7lb 15oz).
6th June To Mr & Mrs Delano Jennings of Lerwick, Shetlands,
a son, DARRYL (10lb 5½oz).
26th June To Mr & Mrs Michael Milne (Betty McGill) of
Glasgow, a daughter, TERESA (9lb 10½oz).

Marriages In the Falklands

10th June Trevor John Berntsen and Marjorie Florence
Anderson at the Office of the Registrar-General
11th June Charles Alexander Albert John McKenzie to Alice
Maud McKenzie at 14, Pioneer Row.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK:

Welcome to the 12th issue of the F.I. Times (and the 184th issue of the Monthly Review). Thank you for all your support, help and encouragement in the past year. Regrettably this is something of a crisis edition as just over a month ago we were advised by the Secretariat, our paper suppliers, that due to inadvertently letting their stocks get low they would be unable to supply any for several months. Naturally this came as a shock but we will do our best to get something out until more paper arrives. We have included more lines on a page and extended margins so that this edition includes about the equivalent of 18 pages of previous editions. Any offers of facsimile duplicating paper for sale or replacement would be appreciated.

In the Falklands August 1st is traditionally the first day of spring rather than the middle of September which would seem to be more appropriate. However the weather although often cold, frosty and snowy has already included some delightful bright windless days - which I think are the best days in the Falklands - sunny, still and crisp.

Our REVIEW page notes that Mr T. Layng has now left the Falklands. This will be viewed with mixed feelings by some people. Undoubtedly he was autocratic at times but he did make an effort to get things

done. Our budget now balances - and long overdue. Broadcasting was rejuvenated. He went out round the Camp and invited criticisms and viewpoints on Government activities etc. Certainly he was a good friend to this newspaper and assisted it on the road to becoming truly independent.

It now appears that F.T.L. is dead, if not buried. The idea of a local company running essential activities such as the major store, dock facilities, butchery etc. was an attractive one. It now appears that insufficient local money is available. There is talk of trying to raise some more money in the U.K. but this seems to me to defeat the object of the exercise which is to remove outside control of essential facilities.

* * * * * OUTWARD BOUND TOURS * * * * *

The NEWSAGENCY proposes to organise a package tour to South America during the latter part of September.

Briefly, the scheme is to offer either a week at Comodoro Rivadavia and the surrounding area or five days in Bariloche with an overnight stop at Trelew. If the Comodoro location is chosen the main attractions would be a day at Sarmiento taking in a visit to the petrified forest and the lakes and fishing areas. Also a day at an Estancia which would include an asado lunch. Other evening and day activities would be arranged. Bariloche, the Switzerland of South America, with its magnificent scenery offers excellent skiing, tours on the lakes and sparkling night life.

Nap and Jean Bond are at present in South America making enquiries and planning the scheme and details of the tour selected will be made available shortly. For those who would be travelling abroad for the first time, every assistance will be given in obtaining passports, foreign currency, etc., and participants will be freed of all the usual problems concerning flights, hotels, meals, etc.....

* * * * * LET YOURSELF GO, YOU'RE BOUND TO ENJOY IT! * * * * *

NEWS NOTE:

The Argentine Government has restricted the sale of contraceptives and prohibited the dissemination of information on birth control, aiming to encourage the population to double to 50 million by the end of the century (source: Bolsa Review).

FALKLAND ISLANDS RECEPTION:

We recently received a sheet of information from the F.I. Committee concerning the reception held in Old Hall, Lincoln's Inn on Wednesday July 10th. There was a copy of a letter from Buckingham Palace, as follows:

"Isabel G. Blake, Esq.,
William R. Luxton, Esq.,
The Falkland Islands Committee.

The Queen sincerely thanks you and all those from the Falkland Islands attending the reception at Lincoln's Inn given by the Falkland Islands Committee in London for your kind and loyal message.

Her Majesty much appreciates your good wishes.

PRIVATE SECRETARY"

There was a copy of the military plans for the 2nd Bu. Scots Guards and Royal Marine Detachment; a copy of the evening's programme; a brief statement on the aims and plans of the F.I. Committee; a 5 page brochure headed 'THE FALKLAND ISLANDS, The Facts and the Figures' - most attractively duplicated; an advertising leaflet from Bronte Woolls (a brand name using only F.I. Wool); a list of members of the F.I. Committee and a leaflet on the new F.I. coinage from the Royal Mint. We assure that all, or some of these, were available to visitors to the reception.

We are indebted to Mr M.J. Dodds, lately a teacher at Darwin School (1967-70), for the following account of the Reception.

"From Falkland Islands British"

This was the message at a reception in London recently given by the Falkland Islands Committee. As it was my first contact with this committee and its activities, I thought my impressions might be of interest to your readers.

I arrived very late, because of delays on the railway journey. The Old Hall at Lincoln's Inn was comfortably filled by some 200 people, standing chatting informally. There were three classes of people present. Islanders, many now resident in Britain, but including several on holiday or business visits to the U.K., numbered about 40. U.K.'s made up both of the other groups. The second, including members of the Falkland Islands Committee, consisted of people with an interest in the islands (whether for family or business reasons, or because of past associations), who are con-

cerned that the continuing threat from the Argentine should be properly appreciated by the British public. It was to help publicise the Falkland case, in the light of recent new developments, that the reception was organized. The point of the reception was the putting across of the islanders wish to remain British to the third set of people invited, M.P.s and press representatives. Unfortunately, the critical party-political situation in Britain now meant that few of the M.P.s who were invited were able to attend, as there was an important vote in the House of Commons. Nevertheless, a display of materials illustrating the Falklands, their life-style and economy, gave an informative glimpse of the islands to those guests who cared to look. The show included a selection of stamps (themselves a great source of information and publicity about the islands); Falkland wool in the early stages of processing (David Smith's, Bradford); pure Falkland Islands yarn (Falkland Island Bronte wool, J.W. Bartley & Son); Falkland Island sheepskins (Jacob Moore); Photographs of landscapes and activities in the islands; and information handouts including the familiar 10 mile to the inch map, with literature outlining the aims and membership of the Committee, and setting out brief details of the history and economy of the islands, emphasising their British traditions and firm desire to remain British.

This topic likewise dominated the several conversations into which I was drawn, and clearly the presentation of this viewpoint is the main business and occupation of the committee.

The highlight of the evening was the parading of the Falkland Island Colours by a party of the Royal Marines, to the accompaniment of military music by a detachment of the 2nd Battalion the Scots Guards, of which the beating of the retreat and the sounding of the last post were the climaxes. The military presence underlined the Britishness of the occasion, and being held in the courtyard, was shared by the guests of another dinner in a neighbouring wing of the Lincoln Inn buildings. Prominent among these were Senor y Senora de Basse, the Argentine first secretary and his wife.

I came away with the feeling that the F.I. Committee is a tool for educating British and world opinion which has not yet achieved its full potential. I was however disturbed to gather that there was apparently some distrust of the committee in the Falklands. If this is so, (whatever the cause), I am prompted to ask, do the islands face a greater threat to their sovereignty

than the direct or indirect pressures by the Argentine Government? The lack of unity in the face of an external threat has heralded the end of communities before. Perhaps the Argentine needs only to sit and wait. If criticism of the Committee is seen to proceed from the Falklands, this is playing straight into the hands of the Argentine propaganda machine, since it will appear to world opinion that the stated aims of the committee in Britain are opposed by the islanders, thus greatly strengthening the case for the "liberation of the Malvinas" from British imperialism. If there are differences between the committee and the islanders, it is imperative that they be sorted out at once".

FALKLAND NEWS:

On July 31st a set of 4 F.I. stamps were issued to celebrate the centenary of the Universal Postal Union. They are headed Postal Transport Through the Ages, but in fact, actually cover only the last 200 years. A circular picture in the centre of each stamp illustrates the subject. They are - 2p: Mail Coach Early 19th Century; 5p: Packet Ships 1841; 8p: First U.K. Aerial Post 1911, and 16p: Civilized Mail 1920's. They are quite pleasant to look at but it is very disappointing that the unique and interesting methods of Postal Movement and Delivery used, and in use, in the Falklands were not spotlighted.

THE FALKLAND ISLANDS COMMITTEE:

As advised on the Radio Newsletter here is a list of Members of the F.I. Committee in London. Their address is Room 402, The London Wool Exchange, Brushfield Street, London EC1 6JH.

M.W. Hunter Christie (Joint Secretary); Captain R.R.S. Fennell, R.N.; Mrs Anne Cameron; The Lady Hurd; James Johnson, M.P.; Ray Carter, M.P.; Russell Johnston, M.P.; Clifford Kenyon, CBE., JP; R.R. Barton, F.G. Mitchell (Joint Secretary); Sir John D. Barlow, Bt. (Chairman); Sir Miles Clifford, KBE., CMG., LD., Hon. FRCS; Sir Nigel Fisher, MC., MP; William Clark, M.P.; Michael Clark Hutchinson, M.P.; Major R. Stafford, R.A.; Richard Suxton; W.J. Grierson, M.B.E.; Leolin Price, Q.C.; Sir Peter Scott, C.B.E., D.S.C.; David Ainslie. The late A.G. Barton was also a member.

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This month we are offering you a list of items taken at random which we feel will be of interest to you.

Glass Grip Tight Feeding Bottles 22p each. Plastic Freeflow Feeding Bottles 15p each. Grip Tight Teats 2p each. Tobaccon Tablets 17p bot. Boracic Lint 5p pkt. Zinc Oxide Plaster 1" x 1 yd 4p. Assortment of Bandages. Lighter Wicks 1p each. Nuts and Raisins 6p pkt. Chewing Gum in Spearmint, Peppermint and Fruit Flavours 2p pkt. Crackers 2p and 14p pkt and 23p per lb. Cakes by the well known brand SLIKES - Dundee, Rich Fruit, Brandy, Continent 1 and Irish Whisky, priced from 85p to 95p each. Dessert Sauces in Pineapple, Raspberry and Milk Chocolate Flavours at 22p bot. Tomatoes 33p and 17p tin. Carrots 23p and 14p tin. Beetroot 18p tin. We are able to offer a large variety of Breakfast Cereals - Special K 23p, Rice Krispies 25p, Alpen 28p and 57p, Variety Pack 29p, Puffin Puffin Rice 25p, Rice Krispies 23p, Corn Flakes 21p and 30p, Spoon Size Shredded Wheat 19p, Coco Krispies 26p, Sugar Crunches 22p, Wheat-atix 16p and 30p, Frosties 19p, Porridge Oats 25p, Zucaritas 21p and Pop 20p per kt. Tomato Juice 15p. Runner Beans 17p. Old Oak Chicken, Hot 2 lb., Tongue priced at £1.38, £2.25 and £1.30. Garden Peas 10p to 80p per tin. Baked Beans 12p to £1.25 per tin. Hot Dog Sausages in 100's, 50's and 20's at £2.35, £1.25 and 52p per tin. Sardines in Oil and Tomato 19p tin. Salmon 41p tin.

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We import from Co. Mayo when space is available on the aircraft fresh fruit and vegetables. It is regretted that we are unable to accept orders for these latter items. Ask a friend to get some for you, or call yourself and choose your requirements. We will pack your selection and have it despatched.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Publication of letters does not necessarily imply the Editor's agreement with their contents. He reserves the right to edit them if necessary.

The Editor's Post Box has been doing well this month and we include 5 contributions from our readers. You can't keep Des Peck down and we begin with an attempt at verse by him in response to recent articles and correspondence.

Dear Sir,

KEEP THE FALKLAND ISLANDS "BRITISH"

I stood at our bedroom window
And as far as the eye could see
There is nowhere like dear old Stanley
Which is so peaceful, and so free.

Tourists are amazed at its beauty
The colourings are fantastic to see
That's why we intend to stay "British"
And live in peace by the sea.

Peace and goodwill you will find here
And loyal to the crown as you know
So keep the old flag flying
And never let these islands go.

It was Captain John Davis who discovered these islands
In the year "fifteen ninety-two"
And may his soul rest in peace
And we stay "British" through and through.

Yours sincerely,
Des Peck.

Stanley. 2nd August 1974.

Dear Sir,

Viewpoint on Sovereignty Issue

I am Argentine, married to a Falkland Islander, with two Argentine born children and a third a Kelper, therefore in this issue I must stand on the side-line.

I watched with interest the events which lead to a referendum being called to support the Falkland Islands Committee Rally in London on July 10th.

What never ceases to amaze me is that many of those people who

so fervently say "We want to remain British" are the same ones who accept Argentine scholarships for their children. Surely they must see that their children are being taught to hold a viewpoint contrary to their own. These children, particularly as they move up into secondary education, are learning all about the Argentine's claims to these Islands. I think parents will be dismayed to find that next time they say "we want to remain British" the first ones to shout them down will be their own children.

Has this not occurred to anyone else?

Who determines the length of contract for a new Chief Secretary?

In the various Constitutional meetings held a few months back, the majority felt that a person should be resident in the Islands a minimum of one, two or even more years before being allowed to stand for election. The idea behind this being that nobody could fully grasp a given situation unless they had been here long enough to understand all the aspects of the case.

I feel very strongly that a Chief Secretary, who plays such an important role within these Islands, should be here a minimum of three years, preferably four, and the first year should be completed under a Governor who has himself been at least a year in the Islands.

Yours faithfully,
Ann Robertson

Mrs Vi Bonner received the following, apparently duplicated, addressed quite simply to: The House Holder, 40 Ross Road, Port Stanley, Falkland Islands, South America. We'd like to know if any others were received. We suspect that if 'COLD KELPER' came here he'd (or she'd) soon get a hot reception!

CALLING FALKLAND ISLANDERS

Unite together for the common cause of freedom, if united you are strong, but divided you are alone. The British have nothing to offer you but exploitation and desolation, your standard of living will never be any better while the English land owners have the lions share of the profits, and keep you all as peasants, can you really say to yourself? I am going for a holiday this year, and really enjoy myself, no you cannot because you have not got the money and because your wages are too low compared with present market price for wool, under British Colonial rule. The motto is keep them poor, and look up to us as your masters, we will not pull the wool over your eyes. Britain no longer has any use for

Falklands, she has told you that some two years ago, it is no longer useful as a naval base, Argentine has a much brighter future for Falklands, - a forty hour week, two weeks holiday a year with extended leave, so as you can all bask in the sun off the River Plate and stay at a reasonable hotel - no slogging in the peat bog from sunrise to sunset to provide for the following winter. You may think you are getting a fair deal, but you are not. I leave it to you to decide, think how much better off you would be under the rule of your friendly Argentina.

COLD KELPER.

PO Box 26247, Epsom,
Auckland, New Zealand.

The Falklands has many friends overseas and we now hear from two of them.

3064 Marcel Rd, Montreal.
H4R1B1, P.Q. Canada.
June 11, 1974

Dear Sir,

I first visited your islands in 1947 and again in 1950 as a member of the Falkland Islands Dependencies Survey and made many fine friends there. Over the past years (24 years) I have often wondered if my friends are still there or now living in England or some other country.

Perhaps by publishing this letter in your paper may awaken some pleasant memories and I will be only too pleased to write them.

Thanking you.

Yours truly,

D. Farmer (Dennis Farmer)

76 Rownhams Road, North Baddesley,
Southampton SO5 9JP, Hants, England.
1st July 1974.

Dear Editor,

I have just met two young men T.T. Betts and B. Irving from the Falkland Islands who are attached to the "Bransfield". This meeting has brought to me many nostalgic memories of the "Battle of the Falkland Islands". The day 8th December 1914 - when we sank the German Fleet.

I was, at the time, Yeoman of Signals, H.M.S. Kent, under the command of Captain John D. Allen.

I will never forget the warm welcome which the people of the Islands gave us then. They provided us with all the hospitality they could afford.

It is so wonderful to know that a Commemoration Service in honour of those men who lost their lives during battle takes place every December 8th at the Cenotaph. I am certain that each surviving man of the Fleet would be pleased to hear of such devotion.

You will have by now realised that I am fairly ancient. I was, in fact, ninety-three years old on June 27th 1974.

By this letter I wish to convey to the People of the Falkland Islands my heartfelt thanks for all they did for us then - and may they prosper, God Bless You.

Yours sincerely,

.....C. Hill.

Thank you all for your letters. And now a request for a pen-friend.

Mrs Una Thompson, 5, Pekurn Crescent, Chigwell, 7011, Tasmania, Australia - general interest plus stamps and penfriends.

Used to write to Wendy Buckland but has lost contact. (If you read this Wendy - here's your chance to start up again).

Finally we advise readers that Mr R. Napier does intend to reply to the letters published in last month's Times but is at present abroad.

STANLEY GOLF CLUB: (from Major Simon Cook, R.M.)

Stanley Golf Club is small but flourishes under the Chairmanship of Mr Des King. The administration is in the capable hands of Mrs Betty Miller.

The 9 hole course is very interesting and it is easy to reach from Stanley, being only a mile from the War Memorial. The par for twice round, e.g. a full 18 holes, is 72. The only real problem being the greens, which are not particularly even.

The club is anxious to attract new members, because several of the members are getting on in years and if the club is to continue to prosper - then young blood is needed. With this aim in view Mr Harry Milne has agreed to teach/coach prospective players and the club has obtained some clubs which can be lent out.

In Oct/Nov a golf Championship will be held, consisting of an open championship, a doubles championship and a ladies championship. Details of these tournaments will be advised in due course.

If anybody is interested in joining the Club, or learning to play - whatever his or her age - they should contact Mrs Betty Miller at Ross House or telephone 91.

PERMANENT AIRPORT:

Visitors to the Falklands during the week July 29th to August 5th were Mr Martin King and Mr Kenneth Cadman of Johnston Construction Ltd. who are the contracting firm for the permanent airfield. Mr King is a director of the company and will probably visit the Colony from time to time. Mr Cadman will be second-in-charge of the permanent staff here.

It is expected that those from overseas working on the project will begin arriving in September and the build-up will mean 30 - 40 employed by Christmas. There is good employment news for any local people who wish to offer their services. Mr King took pains to emphasize that residents will be employed as much as possible. Apart from obvious needs such as manual workers there will be vacancies for cleaners, cooks etc. for the hostel accommodation. Some office staff will also be required. There may be other vacancies. Anyone who is interested in a job or wants more information should contact Mr Jack Ford. By the spring of 1975 there may be up to 90 people working on the airport - both local and expatriate workers. It is expected that 12 - 15 families will be coming out. Of course these extra people will mean increased trade for local stores and bars. However there will be also an opportunity for gardeners to make some money too. It is intended to buy local produce e.g. fresh vegetables etc., where possible for the workers restaurants. Peat cutters will also be needed. The emphasis seems to be "We'll get on with the airport, you give us all the backing support you can".

Clearly there will be much additional accommodation necessary and it is likely that various buildings will be erected - probably to the east of Stanley. Some will be hostel-type for single men and there will also be some private homes. We understand that Johnston Construction are negotiating with E.S.R.O. for the purchase of housing etc.

Setting out work will begin as soon as engineers start to arrive. Special machinery required will arrive by ship in late November 1974. Work will build up to a peak by spring 1975 and it is hoped that the airport will be completed by about March/April 1976. Obviously local stone will be used for foundations etc. and it is probable that quarrying will take place in the Mary Hill area. The final surface of the 1250 metre runway will be asphalt. Mr King mentioned that Johnston Construction Ltd is a medium sized construction company, has experience of this type of work, and looks forward to working here.

THE LATE A.G. BARTON:

Many older people feel that with Mr Barton's passing an institution has been removed from their midst. The younger ones have been denied, in the providence of God, the opportunity to get to know this man who had such a close link with many of the significant events of our Colony's past. On the evening of July 19th His Excellency the Governor broadcast an appreciation which we quote in full.

"AN APPRECIATION OF THE LATE MR A.G. BARTON, C.B.E., J.P."

Good Evening Ladies and Gentlemen:

Tonight I wish to pay my personal tribute to a colleague and friend, Arthur Grenfell Barton: in so doing I know I am speaking on behalf of all the people in the Islands who knew and respected him.

Arthur Grenfell Barton came to the Falkland Islands in 1920 at the age of 19 as a cadet for the Chartres Sheep Farming Co. Ltd. In 1923 he became Assistant Manager at North Arm and stayed until 1926, when he was appointed Manager, Dean Bros. Ltd. at Pebble Island. In 1927 he married Dorothy Felton, and it was at Pebble that Mr and Mrs Barton spent so many happy years together. In 1943 he moved to Town Inlet and from 1959-1964 he was Colonial Manager and Local Director of the Falkland Islands Company.

In public life Mr Barton was equally active, being appointed a Member of the Legislative Council in 1950 and later of the Executive Council in 1952. He remained a Member of the Executive Council until he resigned earlier this year. At the time of his resignation, in a letter of thanks which I wrote to him, I mentioned inter alia that surely it must be unique to have served on the Executive Council for so long. And the other interests - Chairman of the West Falkland Sports Association for a number of years, Chairman of the Stanley Sports Association for 25 years, Chairman of the Horticultural Society, Director and/or Chairman of six private farming companies in the Colony, and a keen supporter of all sporting activities - particularly cricket. I will personally look back on those occasions when he interviewed so many prominent people as guests of Visitors' Book. And last, but not least, he was a staunch supporter of the church and the Christian way of life, and no doubt it was this faith that gave him the strength to do so much.

But the foregoing list of achievements, impressive as it is, does not show us the man. It is of Barty, or A.G. as he was affectionately known to his friends, that I wish now to speak. I first met A.G. on my arrival in Stanley in January 1971, and in fact my first trip to camp was with a family party in his Land Rover when we went to the Murrell: incidentally, it was my first experience of being bogged. I quickly realised his worth and his integrity, and his advice and guidance to me - particularly during the first few months - were invaluable. For a man of his age and experience he was far from being inflexible on political or other matters, but once he had made up his mind on an issue he was rock-like in sticking to it. If he disagreed with me (and he was a dauntless opponent at times) he never let it interfere with our personal relationship. Oft, with a stern visage, he had an irrepressible sense of humour which always broke through even on the most solemn occasions and I recall with pleasure the many asides made by A.G., accompanied by a turn of the head and that impish grin which made all of us see the funny side of a situation.

And now he has gone and the Falklands will never be quite the same place without him. He will be remembered, not only for the contribution he made to the Islands on the official level, but for the innumerable acts of kindness which he extended to many people in all walks of life. And the fact that the Colony stood still last Tuesday till, I hope, help a little to sustain Mrs Barton in the loss of her beloved husband, Arthur Grenfell Barton."

SPORTS REPORT by Terry Betts:

Darts - Lee Again

Out of the 142 players taking part in the 1974 Governor's Cup, Pat Lee the 1971 winner won again. The standard of darts in this years tournament was fantastic. By the time the tournament had reached the quarter finals, there were only three players still in that had not reached a final before. Mike Mazia, Ian Clarke and Royal Marine Ray Smith being the three players in question, however all these lost at this stage. Mike Mazia lost 2-0 to Pat Lee, Ray Smith lost 2-1 to Stan Smith and Ian Clarke lost 2-1 to William Whitney, and the result of the other match was Gary Brown 2 Les Biggs 1. In the semi-finals Pat Lee beat Stan Smith 2-1, while in the other semi-final match we saw the best darts played off all by William Whitney, who must have made Gary Brown feel quite sick, and Turbo won through to the final 2-0. In the final Pat Lee beat

William 2-1. I don't want to take anything away from Pat's win but in my opinion William Whitney stood head and shoulders above everyone else in this year's Governor's Cup.

Rose "A" win back title

The 1974 Kendall Cup has once again been won by the Rose "A", who beat the Globe Trotters in the final match of the season 9-6. To pip the Little Jaspers by 2 points, Rose "A" finished with 16 points, Little Jaspers 14 points, Globe Trotters and Royal Marine "A" 10 points each. The Rose "B" won the Challenge Shield to make a fitting little double for the Rose. Victory "A" took the Knock-out by beating Little Jaspers 9-6 in the final. There is now only the Chief Police Medals to play for, but the Rose "A", Rose "B" and Victory "A" are not able to play in this tournament as they have all won a major title this year.

Lee takes Handicap Knock-out

The last eight players of the Handicap Knock-out, gathered together in the Victory Bar on Friday the 2nd of August to play off the last three rounds of this tournament. In the quarter finals Pat Lee beat Ian Cantlie 2-1, Fred Ford beat Ali Biggs 2-1, Harry Ford beat William Whitney 2-1 and Mike Alazia beat Ian Beckett 2-1. In the semi-finals Pat Lee beat Mike Alazia 2-1, and Fred Ford beat Harry Ford 2-0. The final ended in victory for Pat Lee who beat Fred Ford 2-0. In the final Pat Lee started and finished in ten darts with scores of 101, 60, 100 and first dart in tops.

REVIEW - a (brief) look at the events of our TIMES.

June 25th. 'Monsunen' arrived from Punta Arenas carrying a full load of coal and timber.

June 26th. 'Annette Danielson' sailed for Gravesend via St. Vincent.

June 28th. Mr T. Layng left the F.I. after two years service here as Chief Secretary.

June 28th. In the Magistrate's Court Mr R. McKay was acquitted on a charge of driving without due care and attention.

June 28th. Mr Bob Ferguson of Weddell Island reported killing a fox and found in its stomach a complete lambs liver plus skin and wool - also bodies of other lambs killed by a single bite from the stomach.

June 29th. A social evening was held in the Tabernacle schoolroom.

June 30th. A target shoot was held at Weddell Islands. Gents

winner: Joe Short; Ladies: Mrs Betty Short.

Early July. S.O.A. and G.A.U. annual meetings in Stanley. After sudden death of S.O.A. chairman Mr A.G. Barton an Acting Chairman, Mr Robin Fitaluga of Salvador, was elected. It was also discovered that due to insufficient money being available it is unlikely that Falkland Traders Ltd. will not proceed.

July 13th. Whist Drive at Goose Green Social Club.

July 16th-18th. Stanley Badminton Club Mixed Doubles Tournament.

Winners: Rene Rowlands and Bob Gilson, who beat Frances Peck and Michael Luxton in the final.

July 18th. Canon Helyer returned from a visit to San Carlos and outside house Hord of the Bay cottage.

July 19th. Parish Social evening in St. Mary's Annex.

July 19th. In the Magistrate's Court Mr Raymond Robson was convicted of dangerous driving and fined £50 with a 3 year disqualification. Mrs Y. Alazia and Mrs M.R. Berntsen convicted of house-breaking and stealing therein and bound over in sum of £20 to keep the peace and be of good behaviour for 1 year.

July 19th. Darwin Shipping Ltd. announced that it was now expected that the next charter vessel would leave the U.F. in September. (We are advised that a further vessel will leave 1 to October/early November with airport equipment).

July 20th. Young people of Stanley enjoyed some sailing races in Stanley harbour using the yachts Santa Cruz and Ushuaia presented by the Argentine Navy.

July 21st-23rd. Using the visiting Argentine Navy vessel Bahia Buen Suceso various artistic activities were arranged by a group of artists from the 'Fondo Nacional de las Artes'. Mime, dancing and musical performances were held in the Town Hall. Arts and crafts exhibitions were held on the ship.

July 27th. The Childrens Fancy Dress Party organised by the Working Mens Social Club was held in the Town Hall. The prizes were presented by Mrs Lewis.

NEWS NOTE:

Mr Fred Goach on holiday in Norway writes to tell of the astonishing fact the Argentine grown apples are cheaper there than in the Falklands!

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS:

"We rejoice with those who rejoice and sorrow with those who sorrow".

BirthsAt K.E.M. Hospital

July 3rd	To Mr & Mrs T.J. Anderson (Jenny Whitney)	dau	GEORGINA CAROL
July 4th	To Mr & Mrs K. Baillie (Virginia Morrison)	son	KIM
July 13th	To Mr & Mrs L. Hirtle (Shirley Biggs)	dau	MICHELLE
July 20th	To Mr & Mrs D. Davidson	dau	ELIZABETH

Overseas

June 30th To Mr & Mrs Donald Jaffray of Rugeley, Staffs.,
England, a daughter, GINA LYNDON (61b 2oz).

MarriagesIn the Falklands

July 9th Albert Faulkner ALAZIA and Maggie Ann McMULLEN at the
Office of the Registrar-General.

Overseas

April 27th Mr J.T. Smith and Rhona Jacobsen in Southampton, U.K.
July 12th Sidney Hales and Phyllis May Rozee at Swallow Church,
Lincolnshire, U.K.
(Reports on the last two next month, we hope!)

DeathsIn the Falklands

July 5th	Mrs Ann ROBERTSON	Aged 79 years
July 13th	Arthur Grenfell BARTON	Aged 73 years
July 17th	Chris Thomas Levett JONES	Aged 65 years
July 26th	Mrs Edith Ann BIGGS	Aged 80 years

NEWS NOTE:

The Apprenticeship Board now comprises - Chairman: Mr B. Turner; Superintendent of Education (ex-officio); Employers Representative: Mr R.D. Clements; Operatives Representative: Mr W.E. Bowles; General Secretary, G.E.U.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

This edition. I am glad to say that notwithstanding the paper shortage mentioned last month we have a TIMES out for September. Thanks to Mr Harry Milne who had a search made in the F.I.C. stationery store which led to the discovery of a large pile of duplicating paper surplus to requirements - which I was able to buy. Its a different size to usual but 'beggars can't be choosers'. This has led to the changed presentation for it would have looked stupid turning this smaller paper round and folding it in half. This shape will have to stay for 2 or 3 months.

It is pleasing that the quality of printing is much improved this month. I was dreadfully ashamed of last months standard and apologise for it. Due to the paper shortage it could not be reprinted. The problem was in the handling of our new equipment but we think we have this all sorted out now.

We start a new Times year with this thirteenth issue since the change of ownership. This will remain at 5p per issue. This doesn't mean that our costs haven't risen - inflation hits the Times like everyone else. For instance paper is now over three times the price of a year ago. However, we have absorbed part of the increase but the main reason for the price remaining the same is that the F.I. Government has provided a subsidy amounting to approximately 1p per copy - for which I am extremely grateful. If it were not for this you would have had to pay at least 6p from now on.

Finally the Review section has been carried over to next month to make way for all these wedding reports.

Falkland Island Centenarian. In a telephong call the other day Mr Harold Bennett, our Registrar-General, advised me of the hundredth birthday of a F.I. born lady Miss Ann Elizabeth Coulson. The place of birth is not recorded but it seems likely that it was Stanley and the date - 31st July 1874. Surely you will all wish to join in sending greetings to her in California, U.S.A., where she now lives.

Petitions. The other day I was presented with a piece of paper purporting to be a petition requesting the abandonment of the project to instal water meters in Stanley. This led me to investigate the proper method of presenting a petition from the Legislative Council Standing Rules and Orders. First, the petition should be addressed to the Legislative Council not, say, to the Government or to an individual within the administration. The front sheet should contain a statement giving the reasons for raising of the petition and also relevant information to the petition and should finish with a request, in the form of a summary, called a 'prayer', e.g. "We ask the Legislative Council

to cancel the proposed plan to install water meters in Stanley."

If you want the petition to be taken seriously then I think that minors should not be allowed to sign it. Certainly people should not sign on behalf of others nor should they sign it more than once. (The recent petition to 'Keep the Falklands British' was, apart from its hasty inception forbidding discussing in advance, rendered somewhat foolish by people signing it on behalf of their families; some signed it more than once in different places and children, who couldn't have much of a clue what it was all about also signed it. This makes us look foolish to the whole wide world.).

Here is the official way for local petitions. "Every petition must be presented by a member who shall be responsible for seeing that it complies with the following provisions (otherwise it will not be received by the Council); a) it is addressed to Council; b) it is properly and respectfully worded; c) it concludes with a prayer setting forth the general object of the petition; d) no documents are attached; e) when asking for a grant of public money or the release of a debt to public funds the recommendation of the Governor thereto has been signified; f) it has at least one signature on the sheet on which the prayer of the petition appears, and has at least the prayer at the head of each subsequent sheet of signatures." (my underlining). Of course, if you want proper publicity for your petition then send a spare copy to your newspaper!

Outward Bound. We have come to expect enterprise from Joan Bound (Newsagency) and the latest venture was outlined in an advertisement in August for a package holiday in Southern Argentina. The result is that on October 7th Joan and Nap Bound expect to fly out with five holidaymakers who will pay £150 each for a week's holiday. Perhaps they might be a little disappointed at such a small start to Outward Bound Tours but I don't think they ought to be. It's such a new idea here - and the majority of people are not in the habit of taking an annual holiday away from home.

Who pays the bill? Why, you and me of course, the good old taxpayer. A number of people have expressed to me their annoyance that the home of Mr and Mrs Stocks was not ready for occupation when they arrived even though it was known for months that they were coming. This meant that the whole family of six had to stay in the Upland Goose for a week longer than necessary adding over £200 extra to the bill. It really is disgraceful. I understand that the Education Committee are investigating the matter.

Christian Faith. Mr Stocks provocative comments (see page 9) make one think deeply. The idea of Christian Religious Teaching in schools is a relic of the days when it was taken for granted that a large proportion of the population were practicing Christians. In those circumstances it was right and proper that their children should receive Bible teaching at school. (In Britain, Religious Education is, I believe, the only subject which must, by law, be taught in school). It appears that at the present time the Falklands cannot be regarded as a Christian country. Of course it is not a simple matter to decide but it is obvious that most people here have rejected the Christian way. Perhaps the two clearest indicators are that the majority do not live the Christian life nor gather on Sundays for meetings with other Christians for worship, instruction and encouragement. Yet a most curious fact emerges in Britain where Opinion Polls have revealed that some 90% of the population, although rejecting the Christian way for themselves, want their children to have Bible teaching in school.

Where does this all lead us? To take a new look at Scripture Teaching in school? To leave it to the Sunday School teachers? Whatever happens it seems to me a pity that Christians, the people who brought education to the people, should be pushed out altogether. I suppose the best answer is for all subjects to be understood in a Christian way.

And you? I'm delighted that so many people over the past few months have taken the trouble to pick up their pens and write to the Times. And many people say that they look at the letters page first. So if you have a viewpoint about something mentioned here or some other matter - just let rip and send your letter to me.

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THINKING OF CHRISTMAS

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The prices quoted are those ruling at the time of this advertisement going to press. We reserve the right to alter prices at any time should it be necessary.

We welcome orders from Camp at any time, and these will receive our careful attention. Orders received for items which are sold out will be passed on to another trader to supply, unless the customer instructs us otherwise. Place your orders now and perhaps save disappointment.

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WEDDINGS:

There are five wedding reports this month. Thanks to all the correspondents.

Dwenda Smith to Stephen Rice

The wedding took place in Auckland, New Zealand on 8th March 1974 of Dwenda, eldest daughter of John and Hazel Smith formerly of Port Stanley to Stephen Rice of Manurewa, Auckland.

Dwenda was a lovely bride in her short sleeved gown of white hailstone embroidered nylon with scalloped hemline and sleeve edge over a heavy crystalline satin. Her gown was complimented by the beautiful hat Dwenda chose to wear, which was a wide brimmed picture hat of hailstone embroidered nylon with the scallops on the brim edge, decorated on the crown with small white and delicate pink flowers, made complete by a bow of sheer pink and white nylon at the back with streamers flowing to the hemline.

The bridal party consisted of three bridesmaids, the adult and chief one being a friend of Dwenda's. Zoe Smith, sister of the bride was junior bridesmaid and Priscilla Wickenden daughter of Alicia Wickenden (nee McPherson) was flower girl. All three bridesmaids looked lovely in pink nylon embroidered with white flowers over deep pink crystalline, they wore white brimmed hats with sheer pink nylon around the crown with

short streamers at the back and they carried baskets of flowers.

A reception for 120 guests was held from 5.30 - 8 p.m. followed by a supper dance from 8.30 p.m. to 1 a.m. to which more guests arrived to make up 250 and was enjoyed by all.

Dwenda is hoping to take Steve to visit her birth place in the not too distant future.

Rhona Jacobsen to Jimmie Smith

This marriage took place on Saturday 27th April in Southampton and the account was sent by Mr L. Bedford of Birmingham.

"The bride was dressed in a full length dress of champagne coloured silk and lace with a wide brimmed hat to match. The maid of honour, Mrs Kay Berntsen, wore a full length dress of blue trimmed with white. The duties of best man were ably carried out by Mr Owen Smith, brother of the groom.

A reception was held in Jukes Hall, Shirley from 4 p.m. until 11 p.m. and approximately 120 guests were invited. A marvellous buffet was provided and prepared solely by the bride and groom.

The wedding cake, a two tiered square, was made and decorated by Mrs Mark Whitney. A centre piece of fresh red roses topped the cake. Everyones comment "delicious".

Music was provided for dancing and a real Kelpers evening was enjoyed by everyone.

The bride and groom left Heathrow Airport for a week's honeymoon in Bergen, Norway."

Phyllis Rozee and Sidney Hales

(Thanks to Mrs Joyce Kerr for this account).

"The marriage of Phyllis Rozee to Sidney Hales took place at Swallow Church on the 12th of July. Swallow is a beautiful little village tucked away in the Lincolnshire Wolds.

Phyllis looked very lovely in a charming dress of white net over nylon, Victorian styled, high waisted, sleeves that billowed from the elbow and caught at the wrist, a full skirt with a deep frill at the bottom, and completed by a frilled train. Phyllis wore a two tiered veil ornamented by a spray of orange blossom, and carried a bouquet of deep red roses.

The bridegroom was in Naval uniform, and his sister, the only bridesmaid, wore a full length pink dress trimmed with white lace, and carried a posy of mixed roses.

The reception afterwards was held at the Village Hall, and Phyllis and Sidney left later that evening for their honeymoon in London."

Lynda Dickson and Michael McRae

(Account by Mrs Ann Robertson).

"The wedding of Lynda Dickson and Michael McRae took place at Port Stephens on Saturday 24th August. The simple marriage ceremony, performed by Mr Peter Robertson, was held at the Manager's house at 3.30 in the afternoon and this was followed by drinks while several amateur photographers were busy recording the event.

Later on a buffet supper was held in the hall. The magnificent spread was enjoyed by all and after a short interval dancing got underway. Six musicians with accordians, guitars, mouth-organ and drum helped to make this go with a swing. At midnight refreshments were served and the wedding cake was cut.

The bride looked charming in white lace over a pale blue brocade dress and matching head-dress, made by her mother, Mrs Mildred Dickson. She was attended by her younger sister, Valerie, wearing pink. The duties of bestman were performed by the bridegroom's brother, Richard.

Unfortunately, due to bad weather, some expected visitors were unable to attend, but the Weddell schooner arrived with eight people.

Lynda and Michael will be making their home at Port Stephens."

Claudette Anderson and Richard McDonnell

Informality and happiness was the theme at the Stanley Registrar's Office on Saturday, August 31st, when Claudette Anderson only daughter of Mrs M. Turner of Stanley was married

to Richard McDonnell, eldest son of Mrs M. Mulligan of London.

Claudette, who in the absence of her father, was given to Richard by Ian Campbell, looked charming in a full length dress of white crepe. The elegance of the gown lay in its simplicity and was complimented by the bride who wore a large white boater styled hat.

Arlette King was matron of honour and wore a gown of African Violet crepe and a large picture hat similar in style to that of the bride's. Suzy Reive and Michelle King looked sweet in full length dresses of Daffodil Yellow crepe. The bride and her attendants all carried small posies attractively arranged by Mrs Peggy Halliday.

Richard and his best man, Jessie James, looked very smart in their Royal Marine blue uniforms with white peak caps.

After the short ceremony during which many photographs were taken, the bridal party along with their family and close friends, adjourned to the home of Ian and Nadine Campbell where champagne flowed and toasts were proposed.

At 6 o'clock a reception for 130 friends was held at Moody Brook and here a mention must be given to Mrs June Goodwin who had made and decorated the three tier wedding cake which was the focal point of the table setting. The cake was a gift to the couple from the bride's mother. Mrs Emma Steen and Mr Jock Innes too had done a superb job on all the other delicacies that were available.

At 7 o'clock Claudette and Richard cut the cake using the Commanding Officer, Royal Marines sword amidst more popping of champagne corks. The best man then called for silence and telegrams from family and friends abroad and in the Falklands were read and more toasts proposed.

The young couple left Moody Brook shortly before 8 o'clock and visited friends in the Stanley hospital before adjourning to their flat at Church House.

Claudette and Arlette's dresses were designed and made in England and were a gift from Claudette's father Mr Hugh Anderson. Mrs Mary Henricksen was responsible for Suzy's and Michelle's and these were made to the very high standard we now expect of Mrs Henricksen.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters on any subject are welcome. They are published on the understanding that the Editor does not guarantee the accuracy of their contents nor does he necessarily agree with opinions expressed therein.

Estancia Condor, Rio Gallegos,
Prov. de Santa Cruz, Argentina.
2nd September.

Dear Sir,

The enclosed is a copy of a letter to the 'Cold Kelper'.

"Dear Cold Kelper,

I have read your letter in the August F.I. Times and it is apparent that your ideas of life in the Falklands are out of date and those referring to Argentina untrue. As a Kelper born and bred at present working in Argentina here are a few corrections.

Wages on the farms in the Falklands are linked to the profits of the industry in the form of a monthly bonus related to the price of wool and production costs. This is not so in Argentina, neither do Argentine farm workers receive an automatic cost of living bonus every three months.

Farm workers in the Falklands receive three weeks holiday, as compared with their Argentine counterpart's two. Furthermore, every four years Falkland Island farms pay for a passage to Buenos Aires for an employee and his wife - something unheard of here.

Working hours on farms in Argentina are much longer than in the Falklands, the standard of living much lower than in the Falklands. Not all small farm settlements have electricity here, let alone single outside houses.

Because of the distances, it would be virtually impossible for the Falklands not to have links with Argentina, but I am one Kelper who says a firm no to anything to do with sovereignty, I am proud of my British Nationality. Argentina has a tremendous potential wealth and perhaps the time may come in the future, when she has a more stable system of Government and way of life, when we might benefit from some sort of an agreement BUT on our terms.

Finally, let me say, that by writing such a letter under a false name you appear to me, to be the sort of person who isn't worth bothering about anyway. What are you afraid of? There are occasions for pseudonyms but this is not one of them."

Yours faithfully,
Tim Miller.

Fox Bay West.
August 21, 1974.

Dear Sir,

After spending some time shopping and buying food recently in one of the Buenos Aires suburban supermarkets, I was disheartened to see the very favourable local prices for goods there compared to those same Argentine commodities being sold here in the Falklands. To show just one example:-

Can someone please explain why a bottle of Argentine Gin clearly labelled at 15 pesos (which is about 60p sterling) is sold here at £3 per bottle? Obviously we are having to pay so-called "import duty" but surely not at this high rate? One can't help noticing the many Argentines who arrive in this Colony that buy up all our English goods. Are they paying any export duty on what they take out of this country? They pay the same prices as we pay. Why then are the Falkland Islanders obliged to pay such an exorbitant price for 1 bottle of Argentine made gin?

Reliable sources tell me that a bottle of English gin fetches £7-£8 or more on the black market in B.A. No wonder we only have Argentine gin available in our store these days!

In general can't something be done about the English goods that arrive in the Colony for the people here in the Islands? Do we have to take a back seat and watch these precious stores being quickly sold in large quantities to the "tourists"? By the time the Camp orders come around - there's usually nothing left.

Yours sincerely,
Robin Robertson.

New Island.
28th August 1974.

Dear Sir,

EDUCATION

As a parent I am naturally interested in this subject. I am mainly concerned about two aspects; secondary education and camp education. In this letter I'll stick to secondary education, put my views and hope there's enough feeling on the matter for me to be inundated with replies, polite or otherwise.

One of the main aims of secondary education, must be to give all children the chance of obtaining a sufficiently high standard of knowledge to enable them to go on to fields of higher education, university etc. This inevitably means the chance to take G.C.E. examinations if this further education is to take place in England.

In the Falklands at the moment it seems to be the policy that the greater majority of the brighter children are sent to Argentina. What is the point of this, regarding further education, when the examinations at the end of it are C.S.E. exams, only grade one of which is recognised as equivalent to G.C.E. (and that grade is extremely difficult to obtain).

I would imagine that most of these children will return with no chance to go on to

Further education in England. Are C.S.E. results recognised qualifications in Argentina? I'm not sure about that.

Surely the answer is to provide a G.C.E. stream in Stanley school!

The main arguments against appear to be (a) too expensive (b) difficult to obtain qualified staff.

If all overseas scholarships were stopped as then unnecessary, would that not provide more money? Not all G.C.E. subjects need extensive facilities e.g. Maths, languages English. "I find it hard to believe that now that pay is equivalent to U.K. rates more and more suitable applicants could not be attracted here. We have assets in these Islands that more and more people are seeking.

If secondary education in Stanley could cope with all ranges of ability and give the bright children every chance to continue on to a higher education, I for one would feel much happier. I feel that my children must be given this chance. If they fail, at least it was not denied them.

Yours faithfully,
Derek Evans.

Finally from Mr Fred Newman of Port Stephens there comes a note which he has forwarded from Mr Dave Bonnet, late of Fox Bay West and now of Scotland. He says, "Does anyone know who ordered this craft?"

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ROSNEATH, DUNBARTONSHIRE.

The drawing was dated 1963, and the order never fulfilled so I was informed.

Dave.

REVIEW OF FALKLAND ISLANDS JOURNAL 1973

Unfortunately there were various delays in the publication of the F.I. Journal 1973 but it was, as usual, well worth waiting for. This is the seventh edition and was, the foreword advises, issued under the direction of an editorial committee comprising the late A.G. Barton; John Smith; Ian J. Strange and Mrs Maria M. Rowe.

The contents cover the following - Visits by the "San Giuseppe II"; Introduction of Stock to the Falkland Islands; Loss of the "Leopold" on Grand Jason Island in 1858; Justice and Police Force; Fred Newman's Voyage, 1901; Extract from Capt. R. Fitzroy's Report on the state of the Falkland Islands, 1833; the Duke of Edinburgh's Visit to Stanley in 1871; Opinions on the Falkland Islands; Admiral Sturdee's Patent of Baronetcy presented to the Falkland Islands and the Foreword to the Stanley Sports Association 50th Meeting Programme. All this for 40p. There is no doubt in my mind that this is a bargain. There are four pages of photographs and the articles are of excellent quality. For me the most interesting articles were: the account of Fred Newman's 62 day voyage from Teal Inlet to Stanley - via Buenos Aires where he was blown in his home made boat; also Mr Barton's 'Foreword' in his distinctive style. But they are all worth reading.

The only fault I would find is not a serious one. It is rather irritating not to have page numbers and an index so as to facilitate easy reference to the articles.

The Editors say they will be pleased to receive comments for future issues. They intend to continue publishing "articles of factual interest on the Falklands. Politics will not be entered into, nor will it be possible to publish readers' letters". The F.I. Journal is obtainable from the Secretariat. Overseas readers may order from the Times office price 40p plus postage to their country.

R. Forrester.

DEATH OF CAPTAIN DARIO TRENTIN

Falkland Island friends of Capt. Dario Trentin will be saddened to hear of his death at the age of forty on Sunday 14th July 1974. He twice sailed to Antarctica with Captain Cat. He joined "San Giuseppe Due" in Stanley on December 20th last year and acted as navigator. He qualified as an architect in Venice. He learned to fly during his Air Force service and was later employed as a pilot by Alitalia.

Ironically, for a man who travelled the world, sometimes in dangerous ways, he died in his home village of Cona di Venezia, Italy. He borrowed a friend's new racing motor-bike, took a curve too fast, lost control and crashed against a house. He died a few minutes later.

NEW SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION

Mr Barry Stocks the new 'S of E', as he is often known, arrived with his wife and family on 5th August. After giving him a month to settle in and find his feet I went along to ask him some questions. He is a key man in the Government Administration for he holds the final responsibility for determining the future of our children. If they are poorly educated the opportunities open to them will be far fewer than if they are well educated.

I asked him first about the Day Conference of Teachers on August 27th about which we had heard so much. He said that the purpose of it was to get everyone together for a sharing of views. He told me that quite a number of the staff in the Education Department had never met each other before. The idea was that it would provide an opportunity, not for him to air all his views, but for the members of staff, from Stanley and the Camp, to acquaint him with their views on what was happening in Education here; to share viewpoints and experiences among themselves and to establish principles for action in several areas. Mr Stocks said that he was very pleased with the conference and that he considered that we have a good bunch of teachers. His Excellency the Governor emphasised the importance of the event by holding a Cocktail Party at Government House the same evening for all participants in the conference and their spouses.

It is essential for anyone working in a field like Education to have a personal philosophy for his job, a set of rules that he works by that have been built up from his training and experience. When I asked Mr Stocks for his guidelines and how he expected to apply them here he said that education is not just the passing on of facts to be learnt, but rather preparation for living. This is not to be interpreted as training for jobs. Some people say don't overeducate Camp children in case they will not want to work there and then the farms will be without workers - does he agree with this? "No", he said, "education should open up choices for people". Indeed he didn't feel that education in different places should be treated as separate departments. He wants to see the education system unified to give the same opportunities to everyone. At the present time educational work is divided up between Stanley Schools; Darwin School; Travelling Teachers and those away on Overseas Scholarships. "The Falkland Islanders are one people", he said, "the educational system must be unified to benefit them all". He also felt that education is not to be regarded as only a job for the professional teachers. He claimed that it is a community responsibility and that parents and teachers must work together.

This was a good opportunity to ask the question, "Well then what do you think that we parents ought to do to best assist our children's education?" He was unhesitating in his first point which was that he considered that a stable home background was the best help parents could provide. If parents provide a happy, steady home background i.e. remaining with their children during their childhood, sharing interest in what the children do, giving encouragement when the child has made an effort or finds things difficult rather than just criticising - these are the things that help enable a child to be well balanced and make the most out of what school provides. Good parents will

also make sure that there are plenty of good books around the home - not just cheap cartoon strips. He also reminded me that teachers were always pleased to meet parents at times other than official open days to discuss any problems that may arise. Well, I certainly got what I asked for there!

At this juncture I asked him a few questions that required shorter answers. Was there any action over the proposed plans for a school complex in Stanley to replace Darwin School? He said that he had received them and together with the school staff had reviewed them. Quite a number of suggestions for improvements had been made and the Governor has asked for a full report.

I said that I had heard that the Royal Marines had offered help to the school. He said that it was true. Major Cook had been invited to address the day conference on the subject of 'Outdoor Pursuits' covering not only P.E. and sports but such things as orienteering, cliff-climbing etc. He said that the Marines had offered their considerable resources and expertise and the staff were at present working out how they can best be used.

We discussed recent rumours that said that the Government policy would in future limit teachers to serving a maximum of two tours only. How long did he think teachers should serve? He felt that 6 to 10 years was quite long enough otherwise a teacher would, in the Falklands isolation, fail to give of his best. He would be deprived of the new ideas, stimulus etc. that is available in larger communities. Maybe this period of service could be lengthened if refresher courses were undertaken - perhaps such refresher courses should be compulsory anyway for teachers when in Britain - in addition to their leave. The difficulty was to balance the need for stability and for freshness. One matter that would affect the likelihood of teachers staying and would also affect future recruitment was the conditions in the houses provided. He felt that these were below standard and great improvements were needed.

Campers will want to see and meet the new 'S of E' so I asked him if he intended to make some tours. He said that he was making arrangements to go out to Camp pretty soon. He had already met the Camp Teachers in conference and was beginning to get to know their problems. He hoped that he could meet the Campers in their own homes as well as at meetings which might be arranged. He hoped that Camp Teachers would be able to come in for seminars on a regular basis to stimulate them and exchange ideas with each other and with teachers in the larger schools. He had not had time to look into the Bell Report suggestion of tape recorded school lessons on cassettes but he thought that he liked the idea and would pursue it to see what it offered.

We also discussed the subject of Religious Education as I had noticed that R.E. teachers were not invited to the day conference on August 27th. He said that he did not agree with teaching R.E. in school. I said I thought this was strange as I knew he was an active Christian. He said he had thought it out and felt that the Christian faith was not well served by religious teaching in schools. "It puts people off", he said. It is taught as a subject when it is a way of life. He said he didn't like the present situation where the children were divided up into different groups according to the denominational background of their parents.

Mr Stocks has signed on initially for a tour of two to three years. He feels that the Education Committee is behind him and that parents seem interested in Education. He obviously has a lot of ideas and dedication and we wish him well in his job.

NEW V.S.O'S FOR EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Arriving by 'plane on September 9th were three more members of Voluntary Service Overseas - an organisation that channels able young people to serve in developing countries for pocket money only. It is felt that the opportunity to travel and gain new experiences is also part of the reward.

David Lampshire comes from Chelmsford, Essex, is interested in sports and has recently passed G.C.E. 'A' levels in Geography, Physics and Chemistry. Another sports enthusi-

ast is James (Jimmy) Yuill who hails from Sutherland, Scotland. He is a competent musician playing piano, guitar and banjo. David Williams is keen on rifle shooting and so should feel at home here! He is a police cadet with Hampshire Constabulary. Interested in social work he served as assistant house-parent in a childrens home.

CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE TAKES TO THE ROAD AGAIN

Chaired by the Deputy Chief Secretary with the Hons. S. Miller and A.B. Monk the Constitutional Committee hopes to complete the following programme. As before the secretary will be Mr M.C. Clapp.

Date	Time	Place
Sept. 17th	10.00	Port Louis (for Pt.L., Johnson Harb., Green Patch and Rincon Grande).
Sept. 17th	14.00	Port San Carlos.
Sept. 17th	20.00	San Carlos (overnight stay).
Sept. 18th	11.30	Douglas Station (Douglas, Salvador and Teal Inlet).
Sept. 18th	20.00	Goose Green (overnight stay).
Sept. 19th	10.30	North Arm.
Sept. 19th	14.30	Fitzroy.

MULL EXPERIMENT WITH FALKLAND'S GRASS

We have received from Mrs E. Ferguson a cutting from an unnamed Scottish Newspaper with the above heading. It is subtitled, "May revolutionise livestock rearing in Scotland"! We understand that the Tussac referred to was in fact grown by Mr MacRae's mother Mrs Clara MacRae. Here is part of the article.

"A Mull crofter has succeeded in growing an unusual strain of grass which he thinks could be of the greatest significance in revolutionising livestock-rearing techniques in the West Highlands.

The crofter, Mr R.D. MacRae, Bunessan, gave details of his experiments at a meeting of the North Argyll Executive Committee of the N.F.U. which was held in Oban on Tuesday.

The grass is an unusual kind of tussock found almost exclusively on the Falkland Islands of which Mr MacRae is a native. Two years ago his brother who is on the crew of the research vessel, John Biscoe, brought back to Mull about a dozen tussock plants which Mr MacRae cultivated. The first year the plants simply held their own but this year, said Mr MacRae, they had seeded well and were giving every sign of developing.

Added Mr MacRae, who began crofting on Mull three years ago: "I think it is the first time that this kind of grass has ever been grown successfully in this country. It is an extraordinarily valuable livestock food on which both cattle and sheep thrive wonderfully. I feel that if it could be properly analysed and developed, it might well revolutionise farming in the West Highlands."

Mr MacRae said that in the Falklands, even poor cattle put on this grass came into wonderful bloom within six weeks. Sheep achieved top condition in just over three weeks.

It was a highly nutritious grass and one of its major advantages was that it kept green all the year round. "It would certainly help to solve our winter feed problem," said Mr MacRae.

The grass seemed to thrive on the sort of highly acid soils generally found in the West Highlands.

Members of the committee agreed to seek the support of the West of Scotland College of Agriculture in investigating the potential of this grass.

Mr Archie MacLeod, the college adviser for North Argyll, who was present, said he thought the college would be very interested in Mr MacRae's experiments."

SPORTS REPORT - This month is Rifle Shooting.

OUR BOYS AT BISLEY

Bisley the Mecca of rifle shooting since 1860 (then at Wimbledon), set in the beautiful green countryside of Surrey, is the home of the National Rifle Association of Great Britain. The N.R.A.'s declared object of "fostering marksmanship throughout the Queen's Dominions" is exactly what has been achieved over the years. Today Bisley with its happy atmosphere of informality, draws rifle teams and competitors from all over the Commonwealth, pitting their skills against the wind and light. Bisley has a special flavour all its own, that endears the place to those who know it and draws them back year after year.

This year Robin Henricksen and his scratch team (Bill Coutts, Alastair Sloggie and Keith and Terrence Summers) are to be congratulated on an excellent performance against heavy odds. While the team did not win it should not be overlooked that they had but one top class shot at Bisley and in the circumstances the results were extremely good. In a letter to the local Chairman regarding the team's efforts, the Secretary of the N.R.A., Air Commodore A.B. Riall, C.B.E., wrote "As always the Falkland Islands image was splendidly maintained at Bisley.....". This sums up the position admirably.

With the target dimensions considerably reduced this year the most noteworthy effort was Robin's fantastic score of 145 out of a possible 150 over three ranges in the "Kolapore". This is of international class - well done Rob. His 46 ex 50 at 900 yards in the "Corporation" earned him 17th place in the prize list. Bill Coutts' 48 ex 50 at 800 yards in the "Clock Tower" gained him 29th place in this competition. There were probably over 1,000 competitors in the individual competitions and to have two from here with such high placings speaks for itself. Other commendable scores in the individual events were:

A. Sloggie 47 ex 50 in the "Daily Telegraph" (300 yards)

R. Henricksen 47 in the "Daily Mail" (500 yards) and 46 in the "Alexandra" (600 yards).

Detailed scores in the team events were:

<u>"Junior Overseas"</u>	<u>200x</u>	<u>500x</u>	<u>600x</u>	<u>Total</u>	
Henricksen	32	33	31	96	
Coutts	30	33	31	94	
Sloggie	29	31	29	89	
Summers, K.	30	28	30	88	367
(Kenya won with 378)					

<u>"Junior Kolapore"</u>	<u>300x</u>	<u>500x</u>	<u>600x</u>	<u>Total</u>	
Henricksen	47	48	50	145	
Sloggie	44	46	45	135	
Coutts	40	49	45	134	
Summers, K.	46	47	41	134	548
(Kenya won with 557)					

<u>"Junior Mackinnon"</u>	<u>900x</u>	<u>1000x</u>	<u>Total</u>	
Henricksen	46	43	89	
Sloggie	45	43	88	
Summers, K.	42	44	86	
Coutts	39	43	82	345

(in this competition Falklands beat Kenya by 4 points, Guernsey and Jersey being the leading scorers).

The team was coached by Mr D.F. Cantlay of the City Rifle Club with his usual efficiency. Mr Cantlay is one of the more renowned coaches at Bisley and the results reflect great credit on him.

Our gratitude goes out to Mr W.J. Grierson, M.B.E., for his 'on the spot' reports

which reached us so quickly. Bill was our Club Secretary for many years and has represented the Colony at Bisley.

Finally, the team were accorded a long session in the Commonwealth Club with Mr Ben Ford, M.P., a co-opted member of the N.R.A. Council and a very keen shot. It is gathered, by implication, that marksmanship was not the only subject discussed!

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

"We rejoice with those who rejoice and sorrow with those who mourn."

Births

At K.E.M. Hospital

August 18th	To Mr & Mrs R.E. Dickson (Iris Ford)	son	Steven Charles (5lb 15oz)
August 31st	To Mr & Mrs I. Jaffray (Eileen Stewart)	daughter	Lisa Jane (8lb 14oz)

Overseas

July 23rd	To Mr & Mrs Basil Barnes of Carterton, New Zealand	son	Roger Thomas (7lb 5oz)
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Marriages

In the Falklands

August 3rd	Gerard McKay and Paulina Agatha Kiddle in Christ Church Cathedral.
August 24th	David Michael McRae and Gloria Linda Dickson at Port Stephens.
August 31st	Richard Lawrence McDonnell and Claudette Anderson at the Office of the Registrar-General.

Deaths

In the Falklands

August 20th	Carl Patrick Fleming BIGGS	Aged 73 years
August 30th	Cecil Francis KING	Aged 82 years
August 31st	Nellie McWHAN	Aged 70 years

Birth weights omitted from August TIMES. Georgina Anderson (9lb 2oz); Kim Baillie (5lb); Michelle Hirtle (6lb 11¹/₂oz); Elizabeth Davidson (7lb 15oz).

Our overseas subscription list is at present being revised. Would you like to send the TIMES to your friends, relatives, colleagues overseas? Rates are £1 for surface mail (12 issues) and £3 for airmail (14 issues). (Over 50 people have changed to airmail during the last year as it gets there so much quicker and more regularly). A note will be enclosed with all new subscriptions and renewals so that they can thank you.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

I'm sorry that the Times is so late this month. The reason is that I had to be in Camp at the usual publication time. Of course my pastoral work must come first. And I can't be in two places at once! While I was in Camp I saw several interesting things. I visited the newly decorated teenage room at the Goose Green Social Club. It is very colourful. Purple and orange hit you between the eyes - but very tastefully done. And music at earsplitting volume! Nutt Cartmell showed me his very interesting collection of P.I. stamps - including some imperfections. Although they went back over many years. I was amazed hardly any had anything to do with sheep. There was nearly another serious fire at North Arm. A chimney support on the Manager's House was well ablaze but very fortunately Mrs Lyn Blake spotted it. What a mercy that was.

Help! Quite often people approach me and ask for help on different matters. Recently a nasty rumour got back to me which suggested I was making a pile out of it! What happens is this. If a company ask for help etc. then I charge a fee (which always goes to the Tabernacle of course). If a private person wants help or advice then I do it for the love of helping as part of my work as a pastor. If ever I can help you then you only need to ask. I don't promise to have the answer but I'll do my best. Often it helps just to talk it over with someone outside the family, doesn't it?

F.I. Committee. The formation of a local branch of the Falkland Islands Committee has brought about an interesting situation. Presumably it will be grateful for all our support in the coming months. It raises, however, some interesting questions. One wonders why its formation was rushed through so quickly? An announcement one week and its all done the next. It certainly cut out the chance of this newspaper pointing out to you readers the issues involved. Also, in what areas is the local committee going to give advice to its London parent? Nothing on this was settled at the meeting.

The most interesting question of all to me is, who is this local committee going to speak for? The situation is this. The London Falkland Islands Committee appears to be in contact with a number of important people. They have stated that their aim is to pass on to these important persons the views of the Falkland people on different matters. The London committee wanted a local committee formed to pass on the views of the Falkland people to them. However, the local committee only represents the 120 or so people who turned up at the meeting. So who does it speak for?..... As it, at present, does not speak for all the residents but only a small percentage of our population what attention

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WEDDING REPORTS

Shirley Hirtle and Fred Hetherington

At 10.00 a.m. on Saturday, 17th August, at the Registrar's Office in Caernarvon, Wales, the wedding was solemnised between Rose Ann Shirley, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Wallace Hirtle, of Stanley, and Frederick Joseph Hetherington of Birmingham, England. The two witnesses were Shirley's mother, who had flown to Britain for the occasion, and Mr Harland Greenshields of Douglas Station. Mrs Janet Greenshields and Clare were also present.

After the ceremony photographs were taken by a photographer of the Caernarvon Herald and the party then went, by car, to the Greenshields' family home. There toasts were drunk to the health and happiness of Shirley and Fred, after which the party had luncheon at the Beehive Restaurant.

Later the two-tier wedding cake, a present from the bride's parents, was cut and sampled at the couple's home. The cake was made and decorated by Mrs Marjorie McPhee and taken to Wales by the bride's mother.

We wish the newly-weds every happiness in the years ahead. Shirley and Fred would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who sent messages of goodwill on 17th, and for the many presents received.

Bonita Anderson and Jim Fairfield

The wedding took place at the office of the Registrar on Saturday the 28th September, between Bonita, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Anderson, of Stanley, and Royal Marine Jim Fairfield.

Bonita, who was given away by her father, looked very pretty in a full length gown of white nylon net over heavy taffeta. The gown had a net yoke and the high waistline was finished with a satin belt which matched the three banded frill on the bottom of the skirt. Bonita wore a white picture hat which was set off to advantage by her long dark hair. She carried a bouquet of mixed flowers. She was attended by her sister Dilys and small niece Anita Tomlinson who both looked charming in full length gowns of pink flocked nylon over taffeta and carried posies of flowers. These gowns were all made by the bride's mother, and the flowers were arranged by Mrs Peggy Halliday.

Jim was very ably supported as best man by Corporal Ossie Parker. Jim and Ossie looked very smart in their blue dress uniforms.

The reception was held in the Town Hall as was also the supper for some 30 guests, the catering for which was all done by Mrs Anderson, while the catering for the reception was in the capable hands of Marine Dave Platt and Mrs Anderson. Two other helpers who made the proceedings flow smoothly, especially as bartenders at the reception, were marines Griff Griffiths and Micky Dunford, and Micky Dunford needless to say later entertained the supper guests with some songs, while the best man, Ossie Parker, made a very to the point speech, read the many telegrams and proposed a toast, after which Bonita and Jim cut the beautiful two-tier wedding cake, made by Mrs June Goodwin and given to Bonita and Jim by Mr and Mrs Richie Anderson, with the O.I.C.'s ceremonial sword - with all the wedding cakes in this detachment I think Major Cook will have to have it sharpened when he goes home.

Photographs were taken by Marine Eddy Birch and Richie Anderson.

We would like to wish Bonita and Jim every happiness in the future.

FOR SALE NOTICE

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CABLE AND WIRELESS LIMITED

On October 1st Cable & Wireless Ltd. took over the responsibility for running the Colony's external telecommunications. The new local manager is Mr R. Roden (Telephone 389) and his office is in the B.A.S. building in the grounds of Government House, Stanley. A booklet published by Cable and Wireless reveals that worldwide the group employs over 10,000 people. They operate radio stations, satellite earth stations, inland telephone systems, over 50,000 miles of submarine cable and at the time of publication had a cable-ship fleet of 6 vessels. An intriguing article offers "Your own satellite?". (Ed. Perhaps that is what you Camp Folks need who don't receive Stanley clearly or at all?).

LOOKING BACK

"There is nothing new under the sun." (The Bible - Ecclesiastes chapter 1).

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

J O A N B O U N D (NEWSAGENCY)

The following CHILDRENS ANNUALS will arrive this month and advance orders can now be taken -

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STOCK RETURNS

The 1973/74 Stock Returns were published in the September Government Gazette. The most important figures are reproduced below together with some details from the past for comparison. The pre-war figures are from the Davies Report on The Grasslands of the Falkland Islands.

<u>Period</u>	<u>Sheep shorn per year</u>	<u>Wool clip(lbs)</u>	<u>Clip per sheep(lbs)</u>
1909-13	712,000	4,762,500	6.69
1914-18	683,000	4,655,300	6.81
1919-23	659,000	4,598,500	6.98
1924-28	621,000	4,144,500	6.67
1929-33	611,000	3,933,600	6.44
1934-38	607,000	4,018,400	6.61
1968/69	565,807	4,650,000	8.22
1969/70	570,678	4,641,000	8.13
1970/71	568,996	4,576,000	8.04
1971/72	573,401	4,369,000	7.62
1972/73	564,776	4,417,000	7.82
1973/74	553,285	4,389,000	7.93
The breakdown within the Falklands for 1973/74 is:			
East F.	312,216	2,379,300	7.62
West F.	180,282	1,481,600	8.22
Islands	60,787	528,200	8.69

M/V MONSUNEN

Coastal Shipping Ltd's vessel arrived back from Punta Arenas in the early hours of Saturday 12th October loaded with timber. We are advised that the next three voyages are as follows:

Voyage C25 Depart Stanley 17th October 74 for - Pebble, Saunders, Hill Cove, Carcass Island, West Point Island, Roy Cove, Chartres, Dunnose Head, Weddell Island, New Island, Dyke Island (to move sheep), Port Stephens. Voyage C26 Depart Stanley 26th October 74 for - Salvador, Rincon Grande, Teal Inlet, Moro (for Douglas Station), Port Louis, Johnson Harbour, Green Patch. Voyage C27 Depart Stanley 2nd November 74 for - San Carlo Port San Carlos, Port Howard (JLW), Fox Bay East and West, West Swan Island (400 sheep for Stanley).

M/V FORREST

This vessel, continuing under Royal Marines (Ministry of Defence) charter, is expected to be involved in defence exercises during the visit (October 14th-28th) of Major P.J. Saunders, Fleet Royal Marine Officer. Published itinerary is October 22nd - Green Patch (to be confirmed). October 28th-31st Fitzroy, Walker Creek, Goose Green, Fitzroy.

WANTED

Local stamp enthusiast who would send stamps and first day covers to two overseas addresses upon receipt of cheque from overseas - on a regular basis. Anyone willing to help please contact the Editor.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

My 'post bag' has been bulging this month and I enclose a selection of the very interesting letters I received. You are reminded that publication does not necessarily mean the Editor's agreement with the contents. We begin with a lovely letter from Mr Jack Abbott which was inadvertently omitted from last month's issue.

"Stanley.

Dear Sir,

Perhaps I may be permitted space in your monthly magazine. I had hesitated writing before on the grounds of my recent arrival in the Falklands but several letters in recent issues on the subject of sovereignty made me decide to write and give readers my reasons for emigrating from the U.K. to these islands.

For I am an immigrant! Due to a personal tragedy I emigrated from England on the 13th September 1973, thus reversing a recent trend here. And why did I migrate? Because on two recent visits here, in 1968 and 1970 I found so much that was worthwhile. The pace of life was slower. And wherever I went in these islands I found friendliness in young and old alike.

And your islands themselves are so beautiful and all my interests, ornithology, photography, fishing etc. are available to all. But the biggest asset to me is that you are all of British stock or very nearly so, having a British way of life which to me is a very precious thing. I have been fortunate at the age of 70 to have lived in various countries, all British, Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, Norfolk Island in the South Pacific and for many years on Salt Spring Island in British Columbia and of course the British Isles.

And now I am about to build my permanent home in Stanley and I am very very happy to be here. I am old enough to know what I want.

And above all I have so much for which to be grateful in the Falklands. They gave me a wonderful wife and when I lost her, sanctuary. And now life has purpose again and I am no longer lonely.

Yours etc.

Jack Abbott."

"Carcass Island.

28th September 1973.

Dear Sir,

I would like to congratulate Mr Tim Miller on his excellent reply to 'Cold Kelper'. I think it is fairly obvious that 'Cold Kelper' is ashamed of what he wrote seeing that he hid behind a pseudonym.

If everything is so good in the Argentine why do visiting Argentines buy up British goods in Stanley shops?

Keep the Falklands British.

Yours sincerely,

Kitty Bertrand."

Next, a letter from the Rev. Paul Charman, former Pastor of the Tabernacle.

"Dear Sir,

It is good to be able to say 'hello' to friends in the Falklands through the 'Times'. Diane and I follow the news carefully and our children still have a keen interest in the Islands though, sadly, their memories are fading.

We all keep very well: Diane is teaching in a local church school, Ruth is in the school netball team, Elizabeth is learning to play the recorder and Stephen enjoys nursery school. I am working in North and East London trying to find ways of increasing fellowship between the many West Indian and English Christian churches. We are thankful to God for all His blessings and joy which He gives.

Please take this as an invitation to call to see us at 286 Central Park Road, East Ham, London E.6. Telephone 01-471-1546.

Yours sincerely,
Paul Charman."

Finally this month some humour. You need to read the Philatelic News first. The author, from the U.K., offers it under the pen name STAMP COLLECTOR.

"SPURIOUSER AND SPURIOUSER

With apologies to Lewis Carroll.

I'll tell thee everything I can
There's little to relate,
I saw a strange Crown Agents man
A - sitting on a gate
"Who are you Agent man?" I said
"And how is it you live?"
And his answer trickled through my head
Like water through a sieve.
He said "I look for stamp designs
Garish, bright and cheap.
Many of my job-lot lines
Would make you want to weep.
"See here!" he said, "This tuppenny stamp,
This Falklands U.P.U.
The Stanley Stagecoach leaves for Camp
At twenty five past two,
To catch the Windsor Mail
And sell these stamps abroad!"
"You're sure to land in Jail!"
I said, "For making such a fraud!"
I shook him well from side to side
Until his face was blue:
"Tell me really how you live," I cried
"And what it is you do!"
He said, "I seek a new idea
To bring the Falklands cash,
The local talent squad I fear,
Is just a load of trash."
"Why not commemorate the Church?" I said
The scenic hills? The sheep?"
"By jove! You've hit it on the head;
A CHURCHILL MINI SHEET!"
I said "I like to lick the stamps not sheets
This practice ought to cease!"
He cried, "We'll not stick to shearing sheep,
It's you we're out to fleece!"
And now if e'er I think in ten years time,
I'll feel a little blue
For the very many of us who
Will have had no more to do
With the Falkland Islands Government
And with Crown Agents too
And will leave them a-stewing in their juice,
The greedy men who slew
The Philatelic Goose! "

PHILATELIC NEWS

There was no philatelic corner in September but we make up for it with an extended section this month.

First, a copy of a letter addressed to "The Chairman, Falkland Islands Stamp Issue Committee, Government House, Port Stanley, Falkland Islands" from Mr R.J.B. Leppard, Chairman of the F.I. Philatelic Study Group.

"Dear Sir,

Following the participation in the omnibus issue of stamps for the Centenary of the Universal Postal Union and the issue of these stamps by the Colony, our Study Group wish to register the strongest protest that is possible.

In 1966 your Committee stated that its future policy with regard to Commemorative issues was:

1. To restrict such issues to a maximum of two per year.
2. Not to participate in future omnibus commemorative issues.
3. To commemorate only those events or persons which concerned the Colony.
4. That the designs would be relevant to the Colony.

The Falkland Islands issue for the Centenary of the U.P.U. flagrantly disregards all the above promises.

The 1966 declaration was welcomed by all philatelists, and collectors of the stamps of the Falkland Islands have no wish to see the Colony follow the dreadful example of some former British colonies which would only result in bringing both your committee and its policy into disrepute. The decision to issue a Souvenir Sheet for the coming Churchill Centenary issue only aggravates a sadly declining standard.

We are well aware that "Philatelic Revenue" is an important part of the Colony's finances but we suggest that any future and continuing departure from the policy declared in 1966 may well result in killing the goose that lays the golden eggs.

A copy of this letter has been sent to the Chief Secretary, Government House, to the Editor of the Falkland Islands Times and to the Secretary of the Falkland Islands Committee in London.

Yours faithfully,
R.J.B. Leppard."

Major R.N. Spafford, Editor of "Upland Goose" the study groups bulletin, has kindly sent me some background information of which there is only space to give a summary. First, a quote,

"As you will read, the matter of concern is twofold:

- a. The simply dreadful U.P.U. issue of stamps.
- b. The proposed Miniature Sheet, which it is proposed to tack onto the Sir Winston Churchill issue."

2. We need to be aware that the reason for making special issues is mainly to satisfy the interest of stamp collectors. After all, the regular definitive issues are all that is required for postage purposes. However, these stamp collectors have clear ideas on what are 'good' stamps and 'bad' stamps. According to the major stamp collectors societies special issues that have nothing to do with the country of issue like our U.P.U. issue are 'bad'. Also issues with bits and pieces attached, like the proposed Churchill issue, are considered undersirable.

3. The largest stamp collectors society in the world, the American Philatelic Society, has a 'Black Blot' award to stamp issues which it considers have philatelic deficiencies. Recently a 'Black Blot' award was 'given' to the Republic of Nauru for an issue similar to our proposed Churchill issue with commemorative sheet. Major Spafford

considers that the Falkland Islands may be similarly disgraced if the Churchill issue goes ahead.

Here is a copy of His Excellency the Governor's reply to Mr Leppard's letter.

"Dear Mr Leppard

I am writing to acknowledge your letter of 14 September in which you register a protest against the Islands' stamp policy, and in particular against the omnibus issue marking the Centenary of the UPU.

Responsibility for stamp issuing policy is, of course, a matter for the Government, which relies for advice and guidance from HMG: as you are aware, all designs and the number of issues have to be approved in London. The Colony Government and its advisers are aware of the dangers of inappropriate issues and are very conscious of the need to maintain the excellent reputation of the Falkland Islands and its Dependencies in the philatelic world.

Naturally, stamp policies, like other policies, have to be modified from time to time and the Government is not necessarily bound by decisions taken in 1966. The UPU issue was made with the approval of HMG and the popularity of the issue was shown by the fact that all the stocks in the Crown Agents stock bureau were sold out within a few days. It is true that this year has seen more commemorative issues than usual but all the issues have a relevance to the Falklands: I trust it is not the opinion of your Study Group that the Colony should not be taking part in the Churchill Centenary.

The issue of a souvenir sheet for the Churchill issue is an innovation as far as the Falklands are concerned, but, here again, we acted upon advice from London and we see no reason why we should not as an experiment explore the prospects of the sale of souvenir sheets. However, if your Study Group wishes to elaborate further why it dislikes the issue of souvenir sheets, we will certainly consider your representations.

May I add that we value advice and criticism from bodies such as the Falkland Islands Philatelic Study Group, but it is difficult for us to carry on a dialogue if correspondence is copied to the press and to other organisations.

As you have sent a copy of your letter to the press, I am sending a copy of my reply to the Editor of the Falkland Islands Times.

Yours ever,
E.G. Lewis,
GOVERNOR. "

LOCAL FALKLAND ISLANDS COMMITTEE

On the evening of Tuesday 15th October about 120 people gathered in the Town Hall for a meeting called by Hon. Sidney Miller. Ostensibly it was to discuss the possible formation of a committee to liaise with the F.I. Committee in London. It seemed, however from the broadcast announcement and also from the mood of the meeting that most of those present had already decided that there should be a local committee. The committee was elected by the 'show of hands' method. Those proposed for chairman who declined were - A.B. Monk; N. Watson; R.V. Goss; Mrs A.G. Barton; W. Goss; D. Williams; P. Short. The 'election' was between Messrs D. King; S. Miller; J. Abbott and W.E. Bowles. Mr J. Abbott was selected by most of those present. Those proposed for vice-chairman who declined were R.V. Goss; R. Pitaluga; Mrs V. Malcolm; R. Forrester and J. Smith. The voting was between A.B. Monk; D. King and N. Watson. Mr N. Watson was selected by a

handsome majority. Those nominated for secretary/treasurer who declined were Mrs V. Malcolm; J. King and W. Hirtle. Mr S. Miller was called to the position by a kind of popular acclaim. All those proposed for the seven committee seats accepted nomination except for Mr W. Goss who declined. The seven elected were, with the votes received, Mrs V. Malcolm (99); G. Cheek (81); A.B. Monk (76); W. Hirtle (69); V. Steen (65); D. Hewitt (56) and D. Peck (51). Those who did not receive sufficient votes were M. Morrison; Mrs B. Miller; Rory Morrison; M. Barnes and W. Berntsen.

MOODS IN THE MEETING It was very clear that many of the people present felt that they had come to do something and would not be put off by too much talking. Presumably most of those who were against the formation of a local liaison committee stayed at home. Although urged by two Legco. members to have nominations to the committee by various bodies e.g. General Employees Union and Civil Service Association etc. the meeting was quite against this. It appeared that there was a difference of opinion as to division of representations between Camp and Stanley. In the end several names of Camp people were proposed but not elected. (It is fair to surmise that if the meeting had been swollen with another 100 Campers the results might have been very different).

SPEAKERS Contributions to the meeting in the form of short speeches were made by the following.

Hon. S. Miller: said we ought to have a local committee of influential and representative people to liaise with the London Falkland Islands Committee. He reviewed the events leading up to the formation of the L.F.I.C. He said it was quite often a source of irritation to the British Government - to our benefit. He said M.P.'s were primed with rather awkward questions. He didn't think that this local committee would be welcomed by the F.I. administration. He said that donations for the committee's expenses, such as hiring the town hall, stationery etc., would be welcome.

Hon. L.G. Blake (Hill Cove): said the London committee wished to stress that, "they are there, to see what we want, happens." He felt that it is important that we form a close liaison with London. He said that he had been advised that the L.F.I.C. was seeking ways to establish a permanent high commission for small territories such as ours. He forcefully repudiated the possibility of the L.F.I.C. ever being activated by commercial or political motives. He did not think that the request to form a separate local committee implied lack of confidence in the Legislative Council's ability to represent the F.I. people.

Hon. W.R. Luxton (Chartres): spoke forcefully on the subject of the need for unity within the Falklands and the desirability of unitedly supporting a local committee. He said that he had been reassured by his meeting in London with the L.F.I.C. and felt sure that they "will follow whatever we wish."

Major R.J. Goss: expressed thanks to L.F.I.C. for its work and to S. Miller, L.G. Blake and W.R. Luxton for preparing for this public meeting. He thought that councillors should not be on the local committee and therefore he was not prepared to stand. He said it would be useful to have a small committee on each farm.

Mr A.T. Blake (North Arm): said that he did not think it to be a good idea to call out names of people proposed without thought. He said it was courteous to ask people in advance. The people he had discussed the matter with at North Arm wanted Mr A.B. Monk on the committee.

Rev. R. Forrester: felt that if a local committee were formed it should be found out in advance whether the L.F.I.C. would pass on local views when they were against the personal interests of the L.F.I.C. members. He didn't see that a local committee was necessary because the Legislative Council was elected to represent the electorate in all matters. However he offered the facilities of the F.I. Times if a local committee were formed.

Mr H. Milne: supported the view that the L.F.I.C. would not allow commercial motives to influence their actions. He stressed however that the L.F.I.C. were not asking for instructions but for guidance.

Mr J. Abbott: when taking over the chair spoke of his high regard for the Falklands

saying in a humble yet proud way, "No one could love these islands more than I do." He said that he was permanently settled here and his Will gave directions that he was to be buried here!

At the closure of the meeting a motion of respect and gratitude to the late A.G. Barton was carried overwhelmingly.

NEWS ITEMS

Hon. S. Miller

At the recent meeting to form a local committee to liaise with the London F.I. Committee the Hon. Sidney Miller revealed that he did not intend to stand for re-election at the next Legislative Council elections.

Examination Successes

Congratulations to the following who have passed at Ordinary level in G.C.E. (University of London).

Kathleen Dobbys and Teresa Dobbys: English Language, General Science, Mathematics and Geography. Len McGill: English Language, General Science and Mathematics. Ailsa Malcolm (A grade) and Terry Allan: English Language. Peter King (private student): Art.

Congratulations to David Hardy in England who has succeeded in City and Guilds Examinations as follows: Mathematics - Credit; Telecommunications Principles and Radio Communications - Distinction.

Congratulations to 14 year old Elizabeth Clifton, daughter of Tom and Bridget of Middlesborough who has been awarded the following prizes for modern dancing, O.T. dancing and ballroom dancing - 3 silver medals, 3 bronze medals, 3 gold medals and gold bar. Also a shield for winning first prize in a competition to 'make up your own dance'.

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can the British Government or foreign governments give to its statements? Not very much attention one would think. We live in a democracy - or at least in a partial one. In a democracy the people who speak for us should be those whom we elect at a properly held election. Constitutionally the only body who should speak for the Falkland people is the Legislative Council. If the public do not think that Legco members properly represent its views then the time for action is now, by contacting them, and if that does not work, then by using their votes in the next general election. If the Legislative Council thinks it does not properly represent the Falkland people and therefore needs a local branch of the Falkland Islands Committee to do it, surely it ought to down tools and call fresh elections now so that councillors who do represent the people can get on with the job!

Your Comments. I was surprised after my comments of last month that I didn't provoke anyone to write in. I hope this time that I've manage to get someone to look around for pen and paper. Goodbye until next time.

REVIEW - a (brief) look at the events of our TIMES

We apologise that first two entries are so old. For some reason the information did not reach us earlier. They are still included however for the sake of completeness.

June 29th. A party for the children of the church was held at St. Mary's.

July 7th. A serious road accident occurred in the early hours of the morning. Land-rover driver was Raymond Robson and passengers were Terry Allan, James Halliday, Roy

Felton and Russell Summers. All except Terry Allan were detained in hospital but the injuries were not very serious - mainly bad cuts, bruises and shock.

August 3rd. A group from Darwin School had an expedition consisting of L'rover to Cerritos Corral, walk to Cerritos Rocks, climb to Osborne 2, walk along to Osborne 1, then (? stagger) to the school caravan, and back. Walking climbing distance was about 9½ miles. There was plenty of snow on the mountains 9"-12" making the going difficult at times. Leaders: Mr P. Trevelyan, Mr R. Hillman, Mr T. Engley with Charles Ross, John Ferguson, Robert Finlayson, Tony Hirtle, David Ford, Isabella McLeod, Elizabeth Berntsen and expedition chronicler Brian Aldridge.

August 3rd & 4th. Two nighter was held at Goose Green with over 150 people counted at one time. Apart from the usual dancing there were football, various indoor games, films, fancy dress, entertainment by the Royal Marines 'Naafi Romp Band' and much eating.

(We expect to bring Review up to date next month)

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

"Let us rejoice with those who rejoice and sorrow with those who sorrow".

<u>Births</u>	<u>In the Falklands</u>		
Sept. 4th	Mr & Mrs K.W. Gaiger (Phyllis Clifton)	son	William Charles (6lb 8oz)
Sept. 7th	Mr & Mrs T. Phillips (Carol Clifton)	dau	Gillian Carol (7lb 10oz)
Sept. 13th	Mr & Mrs K.W. Halliday (Joyce Llamasa)	son	Jeffrey James (6lb 14oz)
Sept. 30th	Mr & Mrs J. Harvey (Valerie Betts)	dau	Sheila (6lb 13oz)

Overseas

March 19th To Mr & Mrs Mick Wayne in Taunton, Somerset, a son, Andrew (8lb 10oz).

<u>Marriages</u>	<u>In the Falklands</u>	
Sept. 9th	Michael RENDELL and Phyllis Mary OLIVER at the Office of the Registrar General.	
Sept. 14th	Francis David SMITH and Alice Maud ANDERSON at Port Howard.	
Sept. 20th	James Steven FAIRFIELD and Bonita Doreen ANDERSON at the Office of the Registrar General.	
Sept. 26th	James MILLER and Betty LARSEN at North Arm.	

Overseas

? In Punta Arenas, Chile, Juan Carlos Ampuero to Susan Ross.

<u>Deaths</u>	<u>In the Falklands</u>
Sept. 2nd	Alfred Manfred Wilfred MAY aged 68 years.
Sept. 10th	David James Henry McMULLEN aged 65 years.
Sept. 16th	Richard Bertram LARSEN aged 71 years.
Sept. 25th	Catherine Alice CHRIST aged 89 years.

Overseas

Sept. 16th	Stanley FULBROOK of Oxford, England, aged 68 years. (beloved husband of Ellen née Berntsen).
?	Roderick SMITH in the British Hospital, Buenos Aires, aged 23 years.

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IS THE LIGHT STILL SHINING?

This is not a religious newspaper but it is published by a Christian. Perhaps a short Christmas Message will be welcomed by some of our readers.

To the left of this message is a candle burning brightly. This can remind us of what the Bible says about the coming of Jesus Christ to earth: 'The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.' Yet as we look around the world we do not, at first, see much light. In Europe, Asia, Africa, North and South America, the Middle East - everywhere there is discord, violence and corruption. Has the light gone out? Has the light of God's Son left this world? I do not think so, indeed I know it hasn't.

It depends whether we look at things nationally or personally. As we look closer at the world scene, including our own islands, we can see that although the Light does not shine in a national sense, yet it does in an individual way. In each country we will find individuals whose lives shine with what Christians believe is the light of the Spirit of Jesus Christ living within them.

When we compare the darkness of a life before Christ becomes a part of it, with the light of afterwards, then we know for sure that Christmas is for real, that life has a meaning, that Christ is alive, and that the Light is still shining on.

A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS
TO ALL OUR READERS —



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The Society would like to take this opportunity of wishing all its Shareholders and Customers a Very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

COOPCOOPFROM THE EDITOR'S DESKOur Heading

A note from the Hon. Robin Pitaluga regrets the disappearance of the F.I. Coat of Arms from the cover of the Times. He hopes there is a simple explanation! Yes it is simple. Purely a matter of economy. Up to July 1974 our cover was printed at the Government Printing Office. On that date new printing rates came into effect and I reluctantly decided that the cover printing would have to cease - and with it the coat of arms. However all is not lost. From December I hope to have a duplicated cover heading - including the coat of arms - and, with a bit of good fortune, in colour too.

Other Islands

Quite out of the blue I recently received copies of Newspapers from two other small islands. The first was from Lundy, in the Bristol Channel. Lundy is about $3\frac{1}{4}$ miles by $\frac{3}{4}$ mile - you can row around it in good weather in a long afternoon! It has a population of about 30. They have a splendid journal the 'Illustrated Lundy News' issued quarterly which is edited and illustrated by Mr John Dykes. Interestingly his father visited the Falkland Islands in 1933. We are going to swap publications and pass on any interesting items to our readers. From Inspector Walter Felton comes the loan of some copies of the Alderney Journal. A fine little paper about the size of the Times but issued fortnightly and with pictures. Some people may be aware that I have been investigating the possibilities of pictures being used regularly in the Times but it does appear that a large capital outlay is required so I am looking into the various possibilities. The 20th May edition includes a photograph of the Rev. Norman Robinson new minister of the Methodist Church in Alderney. Rev. Robinson is the father of Mr Jeremy Robinson one of the new staff at the Cable and Wireless installation here in the Falkland Islands. Before Mr and Mrs Robinson came here they visited Alderney and met Mrs Daisy Hansen once of Carcass Island. She misses the Falklands but loves it on Alderney and they say she is in excellent spirits.

Little Vibeke Longborg

Some eyebrows were raised when our charter ship reached Stanley as it seemed so small. There were also some hard feelings when it was discovered that the ship had been too small for the requirements and that much freight, including personal effects booked many months

ago, had had to be left behind. I was one of those affected as most of our children's Christmas presents were left behind. However the indefatigable Neil Watson in the Darwin Shipping explained that it appears that many shippers did not book their space until not long after the ship had been chartered. It also seems that the chartering of a smaller ship than usual coincided with a number of shops ordering extra goods for the Johnson Construction Team, Y.P.F. workers, and summer tourists. So it does appear that it was "just one of those things." Good news is that the R.F.A. tanker is bringing down all the personal effects left behind and should arrive at the end of November.

Cold Kelper

I am now able to report that this week I have had the dubious honour of being added to Cold Kelper's correspondence list. (See Aug. & Sept. Times). A letter from Mrs Elle Clarke at Port San Carlos encloses her copy. (Incidentally it was addressed to The Cook, Port Carlos East!). She says she has written to the Auckland post office to see if they will reveal who holds P.O. Box 26247.

Swiss Review of World Affairs

It is nice to see a mention of the F.I. Times in the above journal - quoting from our November 1973 leading article. It gives a knowledgeable survey of our way of life and emphasizes the desire to remain British. It describes the Falklands as being in a state of 'economic stagnation' and ascribes a large part of the responsibility to the Falkland Islands Company. The article comes to a morbid conclusion - "Merrie Olde England at the end of the world ... but for how much longer? Too small for political independence, and without any genuine need for it, the people of these islands are sticking doggedly to their British status. Yet, in view of London's colonial policy in recent years, it seems probable that Britain will yield to Argentina's pressure sooner or later."

Your Will

How to conclude on a really morbid note. You can't can't take it with you, you know! Your money and property, that is. Quite often people bring me problems of a financial nature and I've noticed that quite often these are caused by someone dying without leaving a will. If you want your possessions to go where you choose, and if you want to save your loved ones a lot of trouble and worry, I would strongly urge you to get a proper Will drawn up. Even a few hundred pounds can cause problems. Also it gives you a chance to get down in writing your thanks to people and organisations who have helped you on lifes journey.

Double Issue

To those overseas readers who, of course, did not hear my radio announcement regarding the delay in producing this F.I. Times let me explain. Due to the kindness of LADE I was enabled to visit the Argentine during the beginning of November in connection with my work at the United Free Church. This meant of course that I wasn't here to produce the Times. A double issue for November/December seemed the best way to catch up. You will probably notice that some items are a little old and were produced in October. (It is now evident that it is not possible to get that F.I. shield back at the head of this paper before January).

Price Increase or Smaller Contents?

On the 'Vibeke Lonborg' arrived our long awaited new paper supply. My editorial face lit up with joy when told the news. However it soon registered a miserable scowl when the price was discovered! The paper sent is a better quality than that previously used and costs three times that of the last consignment! This means that in the sixteen months I have run the Times the cost of paper has risen twice and is now five times what it was when I started and seven times what it was when Mr W. Hirtle was the publisher. A decision will have to be made on whether to put the price up or have a smaller newspaper. What are your views?

QUESTIONS IN PARLIAMENT

Mr E.W. Hunter-Christie, Joint Hon. Secretary of the London F.I. Committee has kindly supplied us with the following. They are somewhat old now, ^{omitted} through pressure of space earlier, but they are still useful for two reasons, 1. they show the scope of the activity of the L.F.I.C. and, 2. they record answers to questions on matters permanently affecting all of us who live here.

Mr Michael Clark Hutchison (Con. - Edinburgh, South) - To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, what plans exist for visits by ships of the Royal Navy to the Falkland Islands in the next six months.

A N S W E R (Mr William Rodgers) - It is not our practice to reveal details of future operations by H.M. Ships although HMS ENDURANCE normally visits the Falkland Islands in the course of her annual survey programme in the Antarctic.

Mr Michael Clark Hutchison (Con. - Edinburgh, South) - To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, how many regular British Army or Marine units are stationed in the Falkland Islands.

A N S W E R (Mr William Rodgers) - A Royal Marine detachment is based in the Falkland Islands. There are no British Army units there at present.

Mr Hard - To ask the Minister of Overseas Development, what steps she is taking to improve the medical facilities at present available to the inhabitants of the Falkland Islands.

A N S W E R (Mrs Judith Hart) - Following a report by a professional hospital administrator improvements have been made in the organisation and running of the King Edward Memorial Hospital at Stanley. Development Aid funds have been made available for the purchase of additional hospital equipment. Recruitment of a medical officer to fill the one existing vacancy is proceeding satisfactorily.

Sir Nigel Fisher - To ask the Minister for Overseas Development, if she will consider topping up local salary scales for doctors, teachers and others in the Falkland Islands, where personnel recruited in the United Kingdom receive more than local people with the same work and qualifications.

A N S W E R (Mrs Judith Hart) - No Sir. The supplementation arrangements are specifically to assist in the recruitment and retention of expatriate staff for posts in the Falkland Islands for which no suitably qualified local candidates are available. The revision of salaries for locally recruited officers is a matter for the Falkland Islands Government.

Sir Bernard Braine (Southeast Essex) - To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, if, in view of the repeated declarations of representative bodies in the Falkland Islands that the people there wish to remain British, he will reaffirm that in any talks with the Argentine Government the subject of sovereignty will not be discussed and that the wishes of the Islanders in this regard will at all times be respected.

A N S W E R (Mr David Ennals) - I confirm that the Falkland Islanders have been, and will continue to be, consulted about any talks between the British and Argentine Governments concerning the Falkland Islands; there will be no change in the sovereignty of the Islands without their consent.

Sir Bernard Braine - To ask the Minister of Overseas Development when it is expected that the airfield to be constructed at Cape Pembroke in the Falkland Islands will be completed and operational.

A N S W E R (Mrs Judith Hart) - Provided the work goes according to present plans, I expect construction of the Falkland Islands permanent airfield to be completed in April 1976. It is possible that the airfield may be operational shortly before this.

Sir Bernard Braine - To ask the Minister of Overseas Development, what steps will be taken to ensure that Falkland Islanders are given the necessary training to equip them to take

a responsible role in controlling and operating the new Cape Pembroke airfield.

A N S W E R (Mrs Judith Hart) - The Governor is aware that a small increase in staff may be necessary to enable the Falkland Islands Government to exercise overall control of the permanent airfield when it is built. I will consider sympathetically any request that the Falkland Islands Governor may put to me for specialised professional and technical training to be provided to enable local officers to take a responsible role. The day to day operation of the airfield will have to be considered at a later stage in connection with the airline, or airlines, using the airfield.

Sir Bernard Braine - To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, what representations have been made to him on behalf of the Falkland Islands regarding a proposal to grant a monopoly of the supply of petroleum products for that territory to the Argentine State Oil Company, Y.F.F; and if he will take action to prevent this.

A N S W E R (Mr David Ennals) - There have been discussions between the British and Argentine Governments concerning a draft Agreement under which the Argentine State Oil Company (YPF) would supply the Falkland Islands with certain petroleum products.

The Falkland Islands Executive and Legislative Councils were fully consulted about this proposal and have endorsed it. I therefore hope that the Agreement may be signed shortly. (We are advised that the Agreement has now been signed and arrangements are already being made for its implementation - Ed.).

WEDDING REPORT

Betty Larsen and Jimmy Miller (Thanks to Mick Loring for this account).

The wedding took place at North Arm on Saturday 28th September between Miss Betty Larsen, eldest daughter of Mr & Mrs R. Larsen of North Arm, and Mr Jimmy Miller, son of Mr & Mrs S. Miller of Port Howard.

The wedding ceremony took place at 2.30 in the manager's house, with Mr A. Blake as acting registrar officiating. Prior to the ceremony a minute's silence was asked for, in memory of Betty's grandfather, Mr Richard Larsen, who had recently died.

Given away by her father, Betty looked very attractive in a beautiful white full length gown of terylene lace, which had long sleeves. The neckline was trimmed with tiny sequins and made complete by having a bow at the back. The dress was bought in England. Betty's shoulder length veil was a three tiered terylene lace, held in place with a white band of rosebuds. She carried a bouquet of mixed roses and carnations artistically arranged by Mrs Vi Morrison.

The bridal party consisted of the matron of honour, Mrs Iris Tasker, looking very smart in a salmon pink coat and dress of terylene lace, with matching headdress, offset by her silver accessories; plus three bridesmaids, Nicola Miller, a sister of the groom, Suzanne McCormac, a niece of the groom and Josephine Larsen, sister of the bride. All were very pretty in short Milano satin dresses, in a shade of deep rose pink with a delicate daisy trimming, made by Mrs Kay McCallum. They also wore silver accessories and carried posies of pink and turquoise flowers with matching headdresses bought by Mrs Rene Grierson in England. The groom and his bestman Dennis Tasker looked smart in charcoal grey suits with white rose buttonholes.

The mother of the bride looked elegant in a blue two piece suit, trimmed with white and matching accessories.

Mrs Iris Tasker and Miss Mandy Lewis were responsible for the attractive hair styles.

After the ceremony the bride received four lucky horseshoes, presented by John Morrison, Edgar Morrison, Charles Dickson and Pequita Loring. Many photographs were taken as the bride and groom made their way to the community hall where 110 guests marvelled at the reception prepared by the ladies of the settlement - the centre piece being the magnificent 3-tiered octagonal cake, made and decorated by Mrs Sheila Hadden of Goose Green. The cake was a gift from the bride's parents. During the reception the cake was sampled

and enjoyed by all. The manager having taped the many messages of congratulations relayed the telegrams, the residual being read by the bestman. At 5 p.m. the bride and groom received 40 close friends and relatives at a champagne party held at the manager's house. This was followed by a buffet supper set in the community hall, where 110 guests enjoyed the delicious delicacies and savouries, not to mention the punch. At this stage full credit must be given to Mrs Fanny Ford, Mrs Vi Morrison and Mrs Olive Morrison for the organisation of making and arranging a superb spread far exceeding that of the guests appetites.

At 9.30 a.m. a dance began and many musicians took to the rostrum and a lively dance was the enjoyment of all concerned. At 11.30 yet more food was layed before the already bloated guests, and the last dance was called at 3 a.m.

Betty and Jimmy have set up home at North Arm after spending a week's honeymoon at Port Howard, and would like to thank all concerned for making their day such a happy occasion.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

One of the greatest pleasure's enjoyed by an Editor is his mailbag. And the more the merrier - even if they disagree with him! Publication of any letter does not necessarily imply agreement with the contents or that statements made have been checked for accuracy. They are printed in the order in which they were received.

An open letter to the Chief Secretary, Stanley.

"Dear Sir,

Talks on the Proposed New Constitution

If the Constitutional Committee had succeeded in reaching Douglas Station on the appointed day, I would have asked the following question: "How much feeling is there within the islands that the Constitution should remain unchanged?" The answer I would have received can only be a matter of conjecture now, but I am aware that there is some feeling that things should not be altered, and quite frankly I am joining the ranks of those who feel this way.

In May 1973, towards the end of the Select Committee on the Estimates, one or two members of Leg.Co. proposed that the Secretary of State be petitioned to grant us a new Constitution which would in the main, consist of making Leg.Co. an all-elected body. I was the only member opposed to this but was persuaded to change my mind because my fellow members felt that we must present a united front to Whitehall. Many times since then I have regretted my change of heart and nothing that I have seen or heard of the various constitutional talks has caused me to think that it was the correct thing to do. Some good sense has been talked at the various meetings, but there has been a lot of rubbish as well. If nothing else the talks have convinced me of what I have always thought - that these islands and their population are too small to support an all elected Council, but we are being propelled towards one by people who are worried about our external image and local criticism of the so called "Cowboy Council". I say hang our external image, anyway it is probably only unwelcome to the many people and countries which cannot run their own affairs properly.

Criticism of any Council can be expected and should be expected particularly by the present one, but not because we have made bad decisions, but because we have had to make some which we knew would be unpopular however unavoidable. Many were dictated by factors over which the Council has little or no control and we have put right some which were niggling and ill-advised.

It is of course an unbalanced Council and very much biased in favour of the farming industry, but perhaps this is not such a bad thing when one remembers that in spite of the increasing tourist interest, the Kelp Company's continued if not very active presence, the coming and going of fishing vessels and the recent visit of a Canadian oil man, wool is

still the economy on which these islands rise and fall, and looks like remaining so for a few years yet. It must also be remembered that the public of its own free will voted three of the "cowboys" on to this Council and one electoral area made no attempt to put up an alternative candidate. It is also true to say that given the unique circumstances of these islands, a Council composed entirely of say members of the jetty gang, would have made few different decisions to those we have made. The freedom of movement in Leg.Co. is mainly confined to fairly narrow channels.

At the next election, if we have an all elected Council, it would not be difficult for the employees section of the public to fill every seat, taking an understandable view that now it is their turn. This would be no disaster as there are plenty of capable people outside the Sheep Owner's Association, but it would lead to the same ill-feeling and lack of trust which our present unbalanced Council attracts.

1. I propose that the Constitution of the two Councils remains unchanged.
2. Following an election which would be conducted in the usual way, the Governor would, instead of appointing the two nominated members unilaterally, call a meeting of his ex-officio and four elected members, to discuss the selection and appointment of the two additional members, in order to produce the best possible balance in the light of the election results.
3. All six members of the Legislative Council so produced would then vote two of the elected members to serve on Executive Council as before.
4. The Governor would then consult with his full Legislative Council on the selection of two suitable people for his nomination to Executive Council.
5. None of what I propose would require much if any change in the laws of the Colony but would give the general public a much greater influence in the membership of the Councils without the dangers inherent in the possibility of people being elected with tiny and not truly representative majorities.

In case the foregoing should be misconstrued as an attempt by me to ensure a safe seat for myself without contesting an election, I will state quite categorically that whatever the outcome of the Constitutional Talks, I will not be a member of the next Legislative Council, either elected or nominated. Some continuity is desirable but other people must have an opportunity to influence our current or future affairs.

Finally, whatever is done with the Constitution, let us be able to look back and say 'We did it ourselves'. We do not want another expert and yet another Report.

Yours faithfully,

R.M. Pitaluga

Nominated Independent Member of the
Legislative Council."

"Mrs Barbara Dunford, c/o 131 Charden Rd,
Rownes, Gosport, PO13 OEE, Hants, England.

Dear Sir,

My son - DAVID - has recently spent a holiday back home with me after 5 years in the Falklands - Fox Bay East - and I would like to thank him through your paper for looking after me when I was ill and also to wish him a very happy birthday on 27th October. We met many Falkland Islanders who live back here now and I was overcome by their friendliness - especially dear Annie Bonner - who many of you know at Fox Bay. She talks a lot of her life in the Falklands.

I hope you can print this for Dave's Mum.

Thank you.

Barbara Dunford."

(O.K. here it is Mrs D. - always pleased to receive a letter such as yours - Ed.).

Dear Sir,

With regard to the letters in the Review from Hon. A.B. Monk, Mrs Hirtle and Mr N. Watson.

First Mr Monk's letter in which he asks me to clarify what I said and say what I thought should be done.

To my mind the one and only important matter at this moment that Council members should concern themselves with, is getting agreement with Argentina on the future of these Islands, therefore talks must be started again as soon as possible, sovereignty will almost certainly be discussed, but surely the people of these Islands have a right to know what offers Argentina is making. Is it Dual Administration? Or total union with Argentina? What guarantee would we have for such things as our internal Air Service, Old Age Pensions, Medical Services etc. to continue, would the Islands be bilingual, can the Islanders retain their British passports? All these and many other matters should be discussed.

It is I think most important that any proposals that Argentina may make for the future are explained to the people in a fair and unbiased manner. Hot headed speeches by Council members and others should be avoided, and if opinions from the people are wanted, this should be by secret ballot.

The Tourist Company which I presume Mr Monk refers is not Argentine based, and has been operating in these Islands long before the 1971 communications agreement with Argentina.

Mrs Hirtle's letter is so inaccurate that I do not propose to comment, except to suggest that Mrs Hirtle gets her facts correctly.

Mr Neil Watson does I agree express the opinion of the majority of Islanders at this moment. However, surely there can be no harm in having a dialogue with Argentina on these problems? The fact that we forbid discussion in advance does, I am sure, create a bad image for the Islands in the United Nations.

Yours faithfully,

R.B. Napier,

West Point Island."

'Dear Editor,

I would like to reply to a letter from Mrs Hirtle in the July issue. I would like to tell Mrs Hirtle that my husband had nothing to do with the Union Jacks and banners that were on Carcass Island and West Point at the time the Lord Chalfont called at these Islands. Things have changed since that date November 1968 (for the better I may add). We, the people of these Islands, knew very little of Argentina then. What we did hear about the country was in my view incorrect. I have been five times to Argentina and found nothing but good about the place. It has its problems like all countries, but these do not affect the average person. We have a lot to thank Argentina for - without the air link and weekly flight I am sure we would feel very cut off from the rest of the world. If Argentina had not put the airfield in I doubt if we would ever have had one.

I would also like to say I did not paint any stones on the beach and I have never been the owner of West Point Island.

Yours sincerely,

Lily Napier,

West Point Island."

We print the next letter with full address and telephone numbers for the advantage of you Scots stranded in Sassenachland! You are invited to contact Mr MacLeod direct if the R.S.C. can help you.

(Your letter came by seamail Mr MacLeod and only arrived at the end of October - hence the delay in publishing it - Ed.).

"The Royal Scottish Corporation,
37, King Street, Covent Garden, WC2 E8JS.
Telephone: 01-240 3718 (3 lines).
14th May 1974.

Dear Mr Forrester,

I am writing to ask you if there is a local Scottish or Caledonian Society in your part of the World and if so what its strength of Membership is and the nature of its functions?

Apart from wanting to collate some statistical information, my enquiry stems from the fact that here we are in occupation of a large house from which we administer the funds of a Charity to aid needy Scots in London.

During the day we have surplus space and thought it may serve a useful purpose if we put a rest room at the disposal of travel-weary Scots who come into London on their way North and of necessity have to await somewhere before the scheduled train service to Scotland. We would like to know what you, as emigre Scots, think of the idea?

Also we should like to disseminate the knowledge among overseas Scots that the rooms here are used in the evenings by various Scots Bodies for their own entertainment.

We should like very much to be of some real service to Overseas Scots as well and look forward to having your views on this matter and how you think this can be achieved along the lines which I have suggested.

Yours sincerely,
Norman MacLeod."

"Dear Sir,

For some unfathomable reason you have appeared and do appear to be violently against the London Falkland Island Committee and the formation of a local committee. Why is this I wonder?

The formation of a local committee was suggested in the letter to all households from the London Committee during the winter, so I would suggest that there has been no "rush" involved in the formation of the local committee.

The local F.I. Committee will speak for us all, make no mistake about that - and why you must drag in the boring Camp versus Stanley subject is beyond me. This Committee is not political in any sense.

As to what this Committee can do - why be so scathing Mr Editor?

I very much hope that the first thing it will do will be to raise the matter of Doctors with its parent Committee. I was away all winter and my information may be incorrect, but I understand we had several applicants and as yet no appointments. The London Committee is very well placed to deal with just this sort of situation, and probably the only people who can prod the Crown Agents or whatever into some semblance of movement. This kind of thing concerns us all and not just "the 120 or so people who turned up at the meeting." I hope that anyone who feels as I do on this subject will write to the Chairman of the local Committee, and on any other subject of importance to the inhabitants of the Islands as a whole.

I don't know if the London Committee reads the F.I. Times but I sincerely hope they will not take your comments as universal feeling in the Islands. If they did one could not blame them for washing their hands of us.

Finally let me say that I have no one to grind. I did not meet a single member of the London Committee while I was on leave in England, and indeed only know one or two.

Yours faithfully,
Sally Blake,
Hill Cove."

(Here are the answers that Mrs Blake requests. 1. A careful reading of my views in last month's Times reveals no attack at all on the London Falkland Islands Committee, it

appears to be very useful and helpful. 2. The "Camp versus Stanley subject" was mentioned because it was fiercely debated at the public meeting. A faithful reporter must give a full account of his impressions. 3. I am scathing about the idea of a local committee for the reasons given last month - mainly that it is the Legislature's job to represent the people. Or is the Legislature now to be regarded as a dusty ornament on the shelf?!! (Surely not - Ed).

VISITING SHIPS

We are advised of the following arrivals in the next few months.

Cabo San Gonzales - early November.
H.M.S. Endurance - November 10th; December 7th.
R.R.S. John Biscoe - November 15th.
Bahia Buen Suceso - ? November 28th.
Atlas Scan (Johnsen Construction Charter) - End November.
Lindblad Explorer - (approximate dates in Pt. Stanley) December 8th;
 January 12th; February 1st and February 19th.
R.R.S. Bransfield - December 9th and 23rd.
Cabo San Roque - January 18th; February 1st and February 28th.
Enrico C - February 1st.

INTERVIEW WITH THE CHIEF SECRETARY by the Editor.

Recently the new Chief Secretary Mr Arthur Monk kindly gave me over two hours for an interview. The following is the result.

CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE. Mr Monk said that there would not be a further public meeting in Stanley prior to the committee's report being presented to Legco. He said that he had been advised that one had not been planned and that it was felt to be unnecessary. I disputed this and said that one had been promised and that some people had been saving fire for it!

PEAT CUTTING MACHINE. I enquired as to the progress of getting the machine into operation. The C.S. said that this equipment, a tractor equipped with McConnell arm had been tried but was unsuccessful although identical equipment at San Carlos was working perfectly. The arm would be modified. It was also thought the tractor, a Massey Ferguson 135 might be under powered. If this was found to be so it would be sold and replaced. I asked whether it was intended to sell peat to the public. The C.S. said that it was mainly intended for government peat requirements. He thought peat supply to the public was a matter for a private business venture.

BETTER SEAMAIL SERVICE FROM U.K. Mr Monk said that it would be impossible at present to bring seamail in by air due to the limit on freight capacity on the F.27. Maybe it would be possible to do this when the main airfield was operational. Possibly also shipping from London to B.A. could link up with the Argentine coastal ships visiting here between charter vessels. However no definite information on an immediate improvement was likely to be forthcoming soon.

PHILATELISTS CENSURE. I questioned Mr Monk closely on the accusation by the F.I. Philatelic Study Group that the change of stamp issuing policy would ultimately ruin our good reputation in Philatelic circles, and eventually lead to a reduction in income from this source. He rejected this contention saying that the expert, long term view of the Crown Agents was that some experimentation with our stamp issues could be helpful. He said that he wondered if, in fact, the adverse comments and publicity by philatelic bodies might do more damage to us than the change in stamp issuing policy.

MAINTENANCE COSTS ON AIRFIELD. Many people have remarked on the probable heavy running costs when the airfield is complete. I told Mr Monk that no Government department had been able to supply me with information on this. He admitted that it appeared that the Government had not prepared any figures on this. I said that I thought it was appalling that we should be committed to receiving something (for which, no doubt, we are grateful) but which might land us with heavy upkeep costs. He said that this, of course, started before he came but future costs were now being looked at.

LOCAL FALKLAND ISLANDS COMMITTEE. It would seem that the formation of a L.F.I.C. called for some sort of Government comment as the L.F.I.C. presumed to be a rival to it in expressing what are claimed as Falkland Islands opinions. However the Chief Secretary countered my question with another. "Why", he said, "should the Government feel that it had to comment on the situation?" He noted that of course it does not replace the Legislature and that it should best be regarded as a 'ginger group'.

GRASSLAND TRIALS UNIT. It seemed in opportune time to note that according to the Colony Development Plan this unit should now be in action so I asked what was happening. The Chief Secretary said that the matter was under active consideration. The Government was in contact with the U.K. O.D.A. and it was hoped that a proper agricultural department could be established. This should have, if it was really to fit our needs, a qualified vet, a stockman, a horticulturalist as well as highly qualified academics in the grassland field. Maybe a Forestry Officer should be appointed to look into the possibilities for here. No active recruitment was taking place as yet. This is the policy formulation stage.

OIL. I mentioned to Mr Monk that definite evidence was available that various oil companies were interested in prospecting around the Falkland waters and further afield e.g. Berwood Bank. Had the Government anything to say on this? He said that the Government did have a number of applications for concessions to drill for oil but that it did not intend to issue any at present. The report by a team from Birmingham University, based on their work here last summer, had to be received and evaluated by H.M.G. He felt it would be foolhardy to rush on ahead of this. He also noted that at present our territorial limits around the coast were 12 miles. International conferences were being held to decide whether further areas up to 200 miles or so should be designated economic zones on something similar. This could well affect the issue of concessions. I also suggested that it seemed important to ensure that all mineral rights accrued to the Government rather than to individuals or farms. Mr Monk felt that this could be dealt with, if necessary, when the time came.

FISHING. Mr Monk said it seemed likely that the experimentation period re starting a fishing industry here would last a while longer yet. Two Taiyo Maru ships would be around this summer. He thought that our best hope would be the establishing of a fish processing plant here. The difficulty about collecting royalties was the enforcement of those that didn't want to pay. I put it that some conservationists had suggested that damage might be done to our wildlife through fishing. It had been suggested that penguins might be caught in nets, as had already happened, also feeding patterns for penguins and seals established over hundreds of years might be irrevocably spoilt. Mr Monk wondered whether this wasn't a matter of priorities. What were we preserving wildlife for? Presumably for humanity. If humanity didn't get its food then there would be no-one to appreciate the wildlife. It seemed to me that the C.S. wants us to take a moderate position, if it exists, and not be pushed to an extreme in either direction, over-fishing or no-fishing.

OTHER INFORMATION. Plans are being made to upgrade housing for contract expatriate employees to a comfortable but not lavish standard. A small housing committee is to be formed to advise on standards and the allocation of quarters.

Council housing will also be looked at to see if it meets acceptable standards.

The government is costing various alternatives in an effort to find a way of improving Camp radio reception.

MORE LETTERS

Carcass Island.

3rd November 1974.

Dear Sir,

I would like to thank you for all the information given in the F.I. Times regarding the forming of a local F.I. Committee.

While I think it was a pity that the forming of this Committee was rushed through with so little information being given to outlying farms beforehand I feel that this can be rectified now that the Committee is formed. This is surely a matter for unity and should not be divided up into East, West and Stanley.

There is one point I would like to raise; why was a circular sent by the L.F.I.C. in May of this year not made available to ALL the adult population of this Colony? When I was in Stanley in August I asked several people their opinions on this circular and none had even heard of it. These people included a shop-owner, a senior shop assistant (and their wives) and two other well informed persons. The circular appears to have been sent to farm managers through the S.O.A. (I think) and I would not have seen it either if a friend had not shown it to me. I think this circular should be sent now, to some responsible person on each farm and made available to all persons in Stanley as well. I suggest that it should be sent to the foreman or union delegate on each farm rather than to the Managers again as they already have the copy sent in May. One cannot expect the local F.I. Committee to be very effective if the people on the Committee do not know all that the L.F.I.C. have sent here in the past by way of information.

I would like to conclude by saying how pleased I am that Mr Jack Abbott has been elected as Chairman.

Yours sincerely,

Kitty Bertrand.

Carcass Island.

Tuesday November 19th 1974.

Dear Readers,

Do you like receiving letters? I do. As most of my mail comes from Britain I can almost certainly, weather permitting, expect a mail-drop each week. Not everyone is so fortunate. Four weeks have now passed since mail was dropped to Sedge Island, in which time over 20 letters plus other items of mail have accumulated in Stanley.

I think it ridiculous that, to qualify for a mail-drop, one must have overseas mail. What is so magical and all important about mail from abroad? It implies that local mail is unimportant. All mail is important to the person to whom it is addressed and no-one has the right to decide otherwise, particularly on the arbitrary basis of the stamp on the envelope. If Mr McBeth were never to receive overseas mail, how long would he have to wait for his local letters?

I heard yesterday that the subject of mail-dropping will be raised at the December meeting of Legco and that Mr McBeth has been assured by the Chief Secretary that the matter will be investigated. Let's hope it's more than just talk and that Mr McBeth and others similarly placed will get the service to which they should be entitled, as they subsidise it through payment of Government taxes.

Christina Harradine.

REVIEW

August 6th. Eighteen members attended a Stanley Badminton Club Team Tournament in the Gymnasium. Alan Smith's team won by one game. The club thanked the P.W.D. especially Ron Clarke for installing new lighting more suitable for badminton than that which was previously used.

August 7th. The Encounter Club, organised on Wednesday afternoons during winter for the older people, held a 'thank you' occasion for one of the younger helpers Mrs Tina Harradene who has moved to Carcass Island.

August 14th and 15th. A 'crib' championship was organised by Charlie Blackley. In the final Ken Summers beat Sydney Smith by 2 games to 1.

August 23rd. News reached us that Mr Bill Luxton was learning to fly while on leave - at Shoreham, Sussex. He passed his exams and has been issued with a Private Pilots Licence.

August 23rd. A radio news item revealed that Mr Andres Imblom previously of Hculder Brothers in B.A. has moved to British Caledonian Airways. One of his jobs was to meet people coming to the Falklands. He would be pleased to hear from friends. (Address: Coronel Diaz 1552, Piso 8,30 or B.U.A. offices).

August 24th. In a most serious fire the bunkhouse at North Arm was burnt down in the early hours of the morning. The enormous, wooden, two storied building was completely burned down in 1½ hours despite valiant efforts to save it. No one was burnt. The cause of the fire is unknown.

August 26th. Reverend Robin Forrester returned from a pastoral visitation to New Island, Saunders Island and Pebble Island.

August 26th. Mrs Edith Harvey celebrated her 90th birthday.

August 27th. In the magistrates court Mr C.W. Short was convicted of driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of drink and of driving a motor vehicle without a policy of insurance in respect of third party risks.

August 27th. The Argentine Tanker "Florentino Ameghino" arrived in Port Stanley to refill the Y.P.F. storage tanks with fuel for the F.27 aircraft.

August 28th. Many Stanley school children visited the "Florentino Ameghino" this afternoon.

August 29th. An innovation on the Stanley radio system was a phone-in-request programme in the evening. This has been repeated several times late at night.

August 30th. The "Taiyo Maru 82" on a survey fishing trip around the Falklands called in to Stanley for crew movements. A good catch of hake was reported.

August 30th. A formal notice was issued by the S.O.A. and F.I.C. regarding the proposed Falkland Traders Ltd. that, "unsurmountable difficulties have been encountered, and that it has been decided to abandon this project."

August 31st. The Supreme Court pronounced a decree nisi of divorce on the petition of Mrs Gladys Mabel Johnson.

September 3rd. A party of six named as Betty, Gladys, Mick, Colin, Ted and Paul returned from a cold and wintry fishing trip to the Malc. Disasters to the vehicles meant they had to walk part of the way home. However they did catch a fair number of fish. And enjoyed themselves.

September 4th. Stanley Schools were open in the evening for the annual Parents' Evening.

September 6th. Canon P. Helyer returned from a long camp visitation to Speedwell Island, Port Stephens, Fox Bay East and West, Dunnose Head, Chartres, Teal River, Hill Cove and Roy Cove.

September 6th. A letter was read over the air from the London based Tear Fund thanking walkers and sponsors who participated in the recent Gateway Club sponsored walk. It stated that the £410 raised would be used to drill holes for water in drought-stricken Ethiopia.

September 10th. Mr Dave McMullen died at Lively Island of a self inflicted bullet wound

to the brain. Mr McMullen had been ill for some time including periods of temporary mental instability.

September 14th. The B.A. Herald of today's date announced the signing of an oil agreement between Britain and Argentina.

"Great Britain and Argentina yesterday signed an Agreement under which Y.P.F., the State Oil Utility, acquires the rights to supply petroleum products to the Falkland Islands, at prices ruling in Argentina.

It will have the practical effect of reducing the current price of petrol in the islands, by at least 50 percent.

For the supply of diesel oil, YPF's rights will be limited to exclude major users. The latter will retain the right to negotiate bulk purchase contracts, with suppliers of their choice.

A second Agreement was also signed to facilitate trade and the carriage of goods, between the islands and the Argentine mainland.

In London, British Officials said that both Agreements had been under discussion for some time, and had been approved by the Legislature of the islands."

September 16th. Mr Arthur Monk the new Chief Secretary arrived today on a three year contract.

September 24th. News was received that the "Vibeke Lonberg" left Gravesend today for the Falklands via Mar del Plata; very heavily loaded with cargo and mail.

October 7th. Canon and Mrs P.J. Helyer returned from a visit to Buenos Aires and Comodoro Rivadavia. Canon Helyer also visited Montevideo. Highlights were meeting the Archbishop of Canterbury plus school and hospital visits.

October 9th. In the Supreme Court the Acting Judge granted a decree nisi of divorce to Mr Robert Andrew Eric Hirtle.

October 12th. M/V Monsunen returned from Punta Arenas with a load of 266 tons of timber.

October 14th. Colony dentist Robert Watson returned from a visit to the Argentine where he was hosted by various medical colleagues.

October 15th. At a meeting in the Town Hall a local branch of the Falkland Islands Committee was formed (see report October issue).

October 24th. The following announcement was released from Government House.

"Appointment of the next Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Falkland Islands

The following announcement was made in London this morning -

"Her Majesty the Queen has been pleased to approve the appointment of Mr Neville Arthur Irwin French M.V.O. as Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Falkland Islands in succession to Mr E.G. Lewis, C.M.G., O.B.E., whose term of office expires in January 1975. Mr French is expected to take up his appointment shortly afterwards."

Mr French, a regular member of Her Majesty's Diplomatic Service has been, until recently, Counsellor and Head of Chancery at the British Embassy at Havana.

The following are details from Mr French's curriculum vitae -

Born 1920; Fleet Auxiliary 1939-45; Colonial Administrative Service and H.M.G. Overseas Civil Service 1948-63; Retired as Principal Assistant Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Tanganyika; Central African Office 1963; Commonwealth Relations Office 1964; First Secretary and Head of Chancery, Rio de Janeiro, 1966-69 and then First Secretary in the F.C.O. before taking up his appointment in Havana. Mr French is married with one son and two daughters."

October 25th. A local radio news item revealed that Miss Alice Keenleyside has passed her teachers training course at Homerton College, Cambridge. She received a distinction in education and credit in art. She expects to start training at Mill Hill in January, as preparation for serving with a Roman Catholic missionary organisation in East Africa for two years.

October 25th. A letter from Mr Ken Mills in Papatoetoe, New Zealand tells of his transfer to a job preparing wages for about 400 people each week. Zena is busy too and Derek is doing well at school and is now taller than his mother. Derek is thinking of taking

- up accountancy. (Now there's a sensible lad - Ed!). He enclosed a newspaper cutting showing a giant petrel found nearby with a tag which indicates a Falkland Island origin.
- October 26th. m/v Vibeke Lonborg arrived today from U.K. via Mar del Plata. She was loaded 'to the gills' including 14 vehicles and 290 fuel drums on deck. Most local stores were expected to suffer from the fact that many tons of cargo had to be left behind due to insufficient space on the ship.
- October 29th. A king penguin visited Stanley this week finding the old rubbish dump particularly interesting!
- November 1st. It was announced that this years scholarships have been awarded to Stephanie Coutts and Nicholas Pitaluga. Our congratulations to you both. You have a lot of hard work and interesting things ahead of you.
- November 1st. It was reported from North Arm that a tussac bird was discovered nesting in the bale press head.
- November 5th. At the A.G.M. of the F.I. football league the following new Committee was elected. Chairman: Ron Betts; Secretary: James Lee; other members - Bob Gilson, Terry Betts, Ian McPhee and Terence McPhee.
- November 9th. Football result. Stanley 2 - Royal Marines 7.
- November 10th. The usual ceremonies were held to mark Remembrance Day.
- November 11th. Mr Benoni Cayrus of the Seventh Day Adventist Church visited the colony for a week. He brought films from the British Council. On Saturday 16th he gave a slide show on Egypt and the Holy Land.
- November 11th. The Superintendent of Education, Mr Barry Stocks and Mrs Stocks, returned from a two week visit to the Argentine and Uruguay where they visited schools attended by F.I. children.
- November 13th. Football result (friendly match). Stanley 1st 11: 6 - H.M.S. Endurance 1
- November 14th. R.R.S. John Biscoe returned to Stanley from the Antarctic. She visited Dohmer Island but was prevented from visiting the American base Palmer Station and the British base Argentine Island by bad ice conditions.
- November 15th. News was released from the Falkland Islands Co. that m/v Sonja Bewa had been chartered to make three round trips U.K. to the F.I. beginning December 1974.
- November 15th. The Argentine Naval transport 'Cabo San Gonzalo' entered the harbour this evening. The purpose of the visit was to unload 2,300 tons of materials and equipment needed for the installation of fuel storage facilities by Y.P.F. (Argentine State Fuel Company).
- November 15th. A news release from Johnston Construction Ltd. revealed that marking out work for the new airfield is well under way. Both the runway and most of the main access road from Stanley had been delineated. Drainage work was also under way.
- November 20th. Rev. Robin Forrester returned from a two week visit to the Argentine including Bahia Blanca, Chillar, Mar del Plata, Buenos Aires and Comodoro Rivadavia. Highlights were school and hospital visits and meetings with the leaders of the Argentine Bible Society, Baptist Denomination and independent churches missionary work.
- November 21st. Six young men returned to Stanley from Buenos Aires where they had been guests of sailing enthusiasts. Most of their week was spent sailing on the River Plate. They were Messrs. Colin Blyth, Robert Triggs, Lewis Clifton, Ian McPhee, Michael Allan and Terence Allan.
- November 22nd. The Russian Fishing Trawler 'Atlant' anchored in Port William this morning. One of the crew was brought ashore and later operated on in K.E.M. Hospital, Stanley, for appendicitis. She returned two days later to collect him. Post-operative care was to be given by the doctor on board ship.
- November 22nd. Earlier this month during a periodical inspection of Government fuel installations, a seepage of oil was discovered at the base of one of the large storage tanks at the Power Station.
- Action was taken to draw off the oil from this tank, into other tanks, ventilate it and then enter it to locate the leak. At the bottom of the tank there was about two

inches of black sludge and the PWD had the thankless and unpleasant job of getting rid of this into several small drums. They accomplished this with skill, the steel base of the tank was then thoroughly cleaned. The Superintendent of Works and Chief Engineer Nosedá of YPF, then inspected the interior. The leak could not be detected by the naked eye, even under a very bright light. Mr Nosedá then contacted YPF headquarters in Argentina, by radio, asking for leak locating equipment to be flown in, but fortunately this equipment and materials were available on the Cabo San Gonzalo, which was in port. The necessary repair was later effected.

November 22nd. Lively news items are beginning to appear with increasing frequency from the squash and golf clubs. The Stanley Squash Club is running a competition ladder. The Golf Club is arranging a number of competitions. Coaching is available for both sports by contacting Major Simon Cook on telephone 162.

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PEDRO McLEOD - MALVINESE

The Argentine Magazine GENTE (PEOPLE) published at the end of October included a four page article, with large photographs, with Peter McLeod as subject. The article was based on the fact that he has renounced his British citizenship to take up Argentine nationality. Photographs show his National Identity Card No. 12,045,643; feeding pigeons in one of the large squares with a bottle of coke at his feet; several pictures with street backgrounds; and one showing Peter receiving his Identity Card from the Argentine President Mrs Peron. We understand that this story was carried in the major newspapers and also on television.

Here are some quotes from the article translated by Mrs V. Malcolm and Mr Bob Peart. "The Falkland Islands, are Argentine or they ought to be." "I didn't do it, like the world suppose, as a challenge to Argentine sovereignty in the Islands. Simply, because I can see with my own eyes the advantages etc. The Falkland Islanders are good friends of ours. Recently they are taking much more interest in the Argentine. Negotiations are going on at official levels for establishing relations and for the Falkland Islands and Argentines to know each other." "He was in the May Plaza when the workers met to agree on some Work Law (or other) and he found himself in the front rank outside the Presidential Palace. He listened to the words of the President and when she finished he shouted several times 'Viva Maria Estela'. Quickly he was approached by someone near him - Juan Debeli of the National Port Administration who asked me 'Are you English' 'No' I answered 'Argentine'. Without doubt he said, 'you have an English accent, where were you born'. 'In the Falklands' I said, 'but I want to be an Argentine, and do you know why. Because I truly feel I am an Argentine and I want to have the same obligations and rights as my compatriots. Our Falklands are geographically far away, but very close in travel and communications'." "The National Port Authority secured a job for him with YPF in the Falklands. I don't know if I will go and stay on the Islands or get a job as Radio Operator on a boat." "In all there are some 400 Falkland Islanders who are interested in acquiring Argentine citizenship. In general they don't realize what South America really is. There they live a peaceful life. They don't want a sudden change. I do."

There are a number of inaccuracies in the article some of which you will notice above. Certainly you would have great difficulty finding 40 inhabitants who wanted to become Argentine, never mind 400! There is no doubt however that this has given the Argentine a lot of useful propaganda for home consumption.

Anyone desiring to see the article should see Mr Colin Blyth.

THE FOLLOWING ARE BANK HOLIDAYS IN 1975

Wednesday 1st January	-	New Years Day.
Friday 28th March	-	Good Friday.
Monday 21st April	-	The Queen's Birthday and Commonwealth Day.
Monday 6th October	-	Peat Cutting Monday.
Monday 8th December	-	Anniversary of the Battle of the Falkland Islands (1914).
Thursday 25th, Friday 26th and Monday 29th December	-	Christmas Holidays.

ANGLICAN EXODUS

Canon Helyer advises that he is not offering himself for a further contract of employment with Christ Church Cathedral when his present contract expires. He and Mrs Helyer expect to leave the Falklands about Easter 1975.

Bishop and Mrs Tucker will also be leaving South America about the same time.

Bishop Tucker has resigned from his present position and it is expected that a Spanish speaking bishop will be appointed in his place.

Dr and Mrs Tucker expect to be in the Falklands from December 9th to 30th. As this will be their last visit here it will be in the nature of a farewell. Plans are - 9th to 11th, Deanery; 11th to 20th, West Point Island and San Carlos; 20th to 30th, Upland Goose Hotel.

OTHER INFORMATION (continued from page 11)

The Legislative Council have already approved the installation of water meters in Stanley. If this is to be stopped they will have to reverse their decision.

No provision was made when allocating the fencing subsidy to farms for measuring to see if efficiency and/or production were improved as a result.

It was expected that the aviation department would need to be equipped with new aircraft by 1977/78. It was necessary that efforts be made to ensure that the Beavers carried more passengers per flight. Concrete proposals from tourism operators were needed before firm plans could be made to buy an extra plane or engage an extra pilot.

PRICES IN ARGENTINA by the Editor

During my visit to the Argentine I made a note on some prices in the shops. Quite a few people in the Falklands buy fruit from the Argentine and will be interested to see these. I found little difference in Comodoro Rivadavia, Bahia Blanca or Buenos Aires. For your information the air freight rate from C.R. to Stanley is 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ p per lb. These prices have been converted from Argentine Pesos to Pounds at the rate of 23 to £1. (If you were in the Argentine and able to change English pounds in a Cambio the price would be about half those given).

Apples	12-14p per lb.	Oranges	8p per lb.
Tomatoes	11-12p per lb.	Strawberries	57p per lb.
Grapefruit	10 $\frac{1}{2}$ p per lb.	Radishes	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ p large bunch
Minolta Camera SRT 101	£337	1974 Fodor Guide to S.A.	£9.78
Minolta Camera SRT 303	£266	Nescafe 170 grams	95p
Minolta Camera SRT 100	£203	Lux Soap standard size	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ p
Gas Cylinder - 10 litres	96p		

By and large most food prices appeared to be about the same as in the F.I. with the exception of bulky items which were cheaper.

W O O D B I N E S H O P

We would like to thank our customers for their kind support during 1974 and to wish them all a Very Merry Xmas and a Bright and Happy New Year.

A Merry Xmas and all Happiness for the coming year to all relations and friends.

From: Lizzie, Aub and Sonia.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

"We rejoice with those who rejoice and sorrow with those who mourn".

BirthsIn the Falklands

Oct. 3rd	Mr & Mrs L. Clifton (Jan Alazia)	son	Kevin (6lb 13oz)
Oct. 10th	Mr & Mrs T. Beattie (Betty Morrison)	son	Ian Robert Ewen (7lb 10½oz)
Oct. 16th	Mr & Mrs G. Mitchell (Fay Harvey)	dau	Tansy (9lb 4oz)
Oct. 16th	Mr & Mrs R. Reid (Pamela McLeod)	dau	Naomi Renee (7lb 10½oz)
Oct. 22nd	Mr & Mrs T. Clarke (Fiona Bonner)	son	Jonathan Terence (7lb 8oz)
Nov. 6th	Mr & Mrs J. Newell (Trudi Johnson)	dau	Paula Michelle (8lb 4oz)
Nov. 16th	Mr & Mrs R. Lee (Susan Pole-Evans)	son	Christopher (9lb 1½oz)
Nov. 23rd	Mr & Mrs M. McRae (Linda Dickson)	dau	Mandy (7lb 3½oz)
Nov. 30th	Mr & Mrs R. Newman (Marlene May)	son	Terence (9lb 3½oz)

Overseas

Oct. 14th To Mr & Mrs Ross Mulholland (formerly Rosemarie Rowlands) of New Zealand, a daughter, Alison Marie (7lb 5oz).

November To Mr & Mrs W. Pell (née Winifred Oliver) of Nottingham, U.K., a daughter, Adeline.

MarriagesIn the Falklands

Oct. 5th Malcolm Roy TRISE and Sheila FORD at North Arm.

Nov. 30th David Stephen LIDCROFT and Diana Leigh WORSLEY at the Office of the Registrar General.

Nov. 30th John Francis COLBERT and Nicola Jane MILLER at St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Overseas

Nov. 6th Mr James Hugh ANDERSON and Mrs Christine McCORMACK in Totton, Southampton.

DeathsIn the Falklands

Oct. 4th Christina LEE aged 49 years.

Oct. 22nd Daisy Beatrice Louisa Mary SHORT aged 66 years.

Oct. 30th Annie Elizabeth Jane JOHNSON aged 73 years.

CORRECTION

We have been advised a correction to an entry in our August issue. The baby daughter born to Mr & Mrs D. Jaffray (née L. Royans) on the 30th June 1974 is named GINA RUTH MARY.

POST OFFICE STAMP NEWS

The following information regarding recent stamp releases may be of interest to some readers.

The U.P.U. issue, although criticised by some people, realized some £18,000 in revenue. Sir Winston Churchill commemorative issue - first day sales of this issue, in Stanley, amounted to £927.90, including 998 First Day Covers. To date the Post Office has sold over 2,000 of the special souvenir sheets. Total revenue from this issue is expected to be in the region of £30,000.

The issue to commemorate the 35th Anniversary of the Battle of the River Plate was placed on sale today and in Stanley the sales amounted to over £950, including 1312 First Day Covers. This issue will be on sale for the next three months.

(*today being the 13th December 1974)

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Greetings to everyone again, and although it's a bit late (!) best wishes for 1975. Our overseas readers will, no doubt, be pleased to hear that we had some wonderful weather over Christmas, indeed a whole fortnight of good weather - mind you we have had plenty of the other kind of weather before and after it!

The Governor. On January 20th Mr & Mrs E.G. Lewis left the Colony after Mr Lewis had served four years as Governor. He was known as a cautious person but who could be unorthodox at times. He worked here during a turbulent period in world and local affairs, and usually sought, to use his famous metaphor, "to pour oil on troubled

waters" - although not everyone agreed with this policy. We wish them both well in the future.

Cost of Living and Shortages. The cost of the consumer of what is available has, like everywhere else, rocketed recently. The price of mutton has risen by some 80%. Beef likewise. As this is from 5p to 9p per lb. overseas readers might not think this too hard. Traditionally however, home produced meat has been priced low and has counter-balanced the high prices of imported foods which bear such tremendous freight costs. It was once explained to me that farms were prepared to sell cheaply as most of the people in Stanley were either relatives of, or retired, Camp employees. Perhaps the recent flood of folk from overseas has changed the farmer's minds.

James Bond? The case with which Mr Deroath entered the Colony without his 'white card' must raise questions as to the Argentine Government's efficiency in security (see report page 13). He displayed supreme confidence and bluffed his way here and is to be congratulated on his acting abilities. It is worrying that someone can quite easily come here armed. What was to stop him attempting to hijack the aeroplane? Supposing a terrorist group had hired him to work for them?

Pesos. News has just reached us that the Falkland Islands Government will not be accepting any more Argentine pesos for exchange into F.I. pounds. Evidently the Treasury cannot find an outlet, at a suitable rate, for the pesos it buys. This situation highlights a very embarrassing situation for the Argentine Government. Most of these pesos for exchange come from tourists from the Argentine. One of the arguments of the Argentine Government for taking over the Falklands is that things would be so much better for us as a result. Yet those who are inhabitants of Argentina, given the choice, prefer to do their shopping here. And these purchases are not mainly touristy items such as souvenirs, cameras etc. but foodstuffs, clothing, and household goods.

News from two Johns. I was pleased to receive a letter recently from John Bailey (ex ESRO) from West Germany. He says that he expects to be there for a while yet. His wife Barbara has been off to Spain on a house-buying mission. Sunny days ahead! The other John is John Harradine - much nearer home who says, "We are very much enjoying life here on Carcass - it's a lovely island and the wildlife is superb. There are many geese and they are keeping me very busy with numerous experiments, recordings, counts, etc. It

has taken a while to get everything started but at last results are beginning to come in." (Next issue I hope to have part of an article extitled "The Goose Problem" from "The Falkland Islands Magazine" of September 1904!).

Low Wool Prices. We have not failed to notice from our editorial desk the great drop in wool prices and include this note to draw the notice of overseas readers to this serious matter. We hope to have an article on this next month. Also next month part of a very interesting letter from that friend of the Falklands Miss Meg Laver - on the subject of Tussac Grass. Indeed there is so much already for the next issue that I wonder how I shall fit it all in! About the F.I. Times. Last issue I mentioned that either the price of this newspaper would have to increase or the size cut down due to increased costs - and asked for comments. Those who have spoken to me on this subject opted for putting the price up - I anticipate that it will be 7p now for each monthly issue. (But for the government subsidy it would be 8p). I'm afraid that subscribers will find their subscriptions ending a little earlier. It is not intended to have a two monthly paper regularly but circumstances forced it this time. Our proper heading with the F.I. badge has still not appeared but I continue hoping!

Personal. I very much enjoy this opportunity to 'talk' to you all personally in this column. Thank you everyone who writes or helps me in any way.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

The last meeting of 1974 took place on December 4th. One is amazed at the perseverance shown by the members in view of the difficulty of getting action through Legco. Without any research facilities of their own, with little opportunity for preparation they soldier on to see what can be achieved. One feels impelled to do all one can to help them by criticism, suggestions and support.

As usual the Governor started the day with a speech. As this was his last Legco speech he first reviewed two major matters over his four years here. Concerning our major industry he noted that from wool prices being depressed, to high prices, and now a downturn was the pattern - and made optimistic comments about the medium to long term prospects. Secondly His Excellency remarked with satisfaction at the change in our communications pattern - from sea to air.

Other actual or prospective revenue earners were noted by the Governor. The final fishing trials of The Taiyo Maru Company were being carried out; inquiries had been received from a U.K. company re shore based King crab fishing; he confirmed that Alginates would now only export dried milled kelp and not the finished product; oil - no consideration for prospecting licences should be given until more information was available.

In a review of the Governments activities Mr Lewis noted, among other things. The financial year ended June 1974 had a surplus of income over expenditure of £116,000 boasting ordinary reserves to over £200,000 (Ed: that's under 3 months expenditure!). The downward trend in wool prices would not hit tax revenue until 1976/77. Increased revenue had been received from stamp sales. F.I. coinage was expected to contribute soon. Good news was expected soon on the restoration of passage entitlements to the U.K. for senior civil servants. Best wishes to Dr and Mrs Ashmore on their imminent retirement from F.I. Government service. The new Superintendent of Education had arrived and was expected to 'rationalise the system at home and abroad'. A wider curriculum in local schools was to be expected. The transfer to Cable & Wireless Ltd of the external telecommunications had been smoothly accomplished - the main advantage was the backup resources available in times of changing technology. It was good that there was a flow of young men as recruits to the F.I. Defence Force. He was also pleased at the 'general consensus of opinion' found by the Select Committee on the Constitution on major issues. This committee is due to report at the next Legco. Comments on relations with the Argentine centred on a plea for greater understanding.

The speech ended with thanks to all here from himself and Mrs Lewis and best wishes to everyone for the future.

A useful part of Legco is the debate on various motions put forward by the members. These show the kind of things that members are really concerned about. Therefore this time the motions passed are given in full.

1. In view of the difficulties we experience in recruiting medical staff, despite the fact that we are told that the terms we offer are competitive with those offered by other territories, that this council requires the administration (Proposer: Hon. A.B. Monk) to do all in its power to ensure that our recruitment procedures are as effective as can possibly be (Amendment Proposer: Hon. Chief Secretary).

2. It is the wish of this House, that H.E. the Governor should on behalf of the people of the F.I. extend to H.M. the Queen an invitation to visit the Falkland Islands as soon as is convenient to Her Majesty (Proposer: Hon. W.R. Luxton).

3. This Council considers that the Colonial Government should take immediate steps to invite interested parties to apply for licences to examine the possibilities of drilling for oil, both onshore and within territorial waters (Proposer: Hon. W.R. Luxton). (Makes every endeavour to expedite the analysis of the survey commissioned by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and undertaken by Professor Griffiths, in the hope that this reveals oil bearing structures within our waters, or under our land. Government should take all necessary steps to frame a comprehensive licencing policy, with a view to granting licences on terms most favourable to the Colony). (This defected amendment proposed: Hon. Chief Secretary).

4. This Council considers that we should become fully participating members of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association as soon as possible (Proposer: Hon. W.R. Luxton). And the administration is required to ascertain the full facts, regarding the alleged non-receipt of two letters and a telegram, inviting us to attend the London Conference, and report to this House in full (Amendment proposed: Hon. A.B. Monk).

5. This House wishes to make known to H.M.G. in the U.K. its distress at not being informed of the kind offer that the development aid was to be on a loan basis (Proposer: Hon. L.G. Blake). The House asks that future aid be a direct grant and not a soft loan (Amendment Proposer: Hon. S. Miller).

6. This House considers now is the time to examine applications for oil exploration licences, in view of the Colony's almost certain future economic difficulties, in order to take advantage of any oil available in the Colony or its waters as soon as possible (Proposer: Hon. L.G. Blake).

(More on Legco next month).

CANDIDATE FOR LEGCO?

It is expected that elections for Legislative Council will be held towards the end of the year. It is important that more candidates stand for election this time. To make democracy work effectively the voters must have a choice of candidates with different backgrounds, different social levels and with different experi-

ences. Now is the time for YOU to think of offering yourself for election.

Maybe you think that you couldn't do it - or couldn't do it well. Now don't think like that. With a bit of preparation most people with a reasonable amount of intelligence and common-sense could make a success of it. Like anything worthwhile it needs to be worked at. Or maybe you think it not worthwhile because you wouldn't get elected. That's not too important. If you don't get elected the experience gained will stand you in good stead for next time you try. Also you will have helped make democracy work and thus even in running for election you will have helped this country. Yet again - you might be successful!

You might wonder what 'bit of preparation' would prove useful in preparing yourself. Here are some suggestions. 1. Read the F.I. Times! Decide for yourself whether you agree with the opinions stated - and why? If decisions are recorded think to yourself, "Would I have done that?". 2. Listen to the radio, especially to Legco recordings etc. 3. Question Legco members when you get the chance. Ask them why they said certain things etc. 4. Subscribe to the Government Gazette (£3 per year from the Secretariat). With this you get a complete record of every word said at Legislative Council sessions; prospective ordinances; stock returns, etc. Not all of it is easy to understand but most of it is quite straight forward. 5. Buy Government Reports when they come out, and the Treasury Estimates - that shows where the Government has spent our money in the past, and how it plans to spend it in the future. 6. It would be jolly useful to subscribe to a U.K. newspaper, (I'm sure Bound Books will arrange it for you). If you live in Stanley copies of newspapers are often available in the library. If you consider you've had a good education you can choose your own paper. If you don't think you have, the choice is difficult as the papers for working people are usually the rabble rouser, glamour girl type! The Daily Mail might be useful. (Daily Telegraph if you fancy one a bit highbrow). 7. Talk politics. With everyone. Not so much to tell people what you think, but to find out what others are thinking. Politics is about people. Cultivate an interest in other people. Observe what makes life good and bad.

Finally a couple of warnings. Being a successful Legco member is not a case of knowing everything and telling people what to do. Its more, patiently finding out things - facts and what

people want and need - and using what you find out. Secondly, under our present constitution it is not possible to influence events a great deal. Whoever is elected the teachers still have to be paid, the roads still have to be mended, sick people still must receive treatment and so on. To stand for election with the hope of making great changes is unrealistic. Again patience comes in. Joined with determination. To find out where change is possible, and to persevere until you see action.

So, as you can see, there's not so much to worry about. I hope no-one will think it presumptuous offering this advice but it really is best for the Falklands to have more candidates. And all good fortune to all who, 'have a go'.

PHILATELIC NEWS

You may be interested to read the following, of which no news has been given locally, quoted from "The Upland Goose" (by permission of Major Spafford).

"On 2nd October, the news broke about the Falkland Islands Government's proposal to transfer the marketing of their new issues from the Crown Agents to a dealer, who was anxious to take this on. On Monday, 7th October, Mr Leppard and Major Spafford attended a meeting at the Communications Operations Department at The Foreign & Commonwealth Office. This is the department of the British Government responsible for the stamp issuing policy of British Dependent Territories. Our objections to the issue of undesirable philatelic material, bad designs and the proposed new production and promotional policy were presented, well received and apparently in general terms agreed, though no promises could be expected or were made. On Friday, 25th October, Mr Leppard, Mr Barton and Major Spafford attended a meeting at the Falkland Islands Company offices with Mr J.E. Comben, O.B.E., who is the Fiscal Advisor to the Falkland Islands Government, and who had been charged by the Governor with looking into the possibilities of a specified dealer taking over the marketing of the Colony's stamps. Mr F.G. Mitchell sat in attendance. A full and frank discussion took place and Mr Comben promised to report our views back to the Governor, including a request to stop the issue of the proposed Churchill Miniature Sheet."

Editorial comment is as follows, again to quote.

"We maintain that whilst stamp dealers may know what philatelists want and will buy, they are far too personally involved in selling philatelic material and making profits for their own firms, to be sufficiently detached to be directly responsible for handling the production of stamps of a country. Whilst we have every reason to have the greatest respect and confidence in stamp dealers - indeed we number many excellent dealers amongst our membership - our belief is that stamp dealers should stick to buying and selling stamps after issue and should not be involved in either the production, promotion or sales of stamps before issue. We believe that the temptations and dangers for any firm so involved are far too great, and that some of the results of these dangers might not become apparent for many years, whatever safeguards and supervision might be exercised from above.

Surely the best answer must be to continue the present arrangements with the Crown Agents, who are not involved in dealing and whose security has been well tested and proved over a century; but in our view, however, it is imperative that the Crown Agents bring up to date their methods and enterprise of philatelic promotion and it is equally imperative that the Crown Agents correctly discover and advise the Governments of stamp issuing countries of the type of material that the serious philatelists will support in order to retain their present clientele.

We hope that the eventual decisions taken by the Falkland Islands Government may dispel all our fears for the future stamp policy. As you might guess your Committee has been working very hard on the matter and we are delighted to report that your Committee has been consulted by the Falkland Islands Government representatives. These representatives have said that before a decision is taken they want to be quite certain that nothing they propose could detract from the long term interests of the Government and in particular of the Colony's high philatelic reputation."

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suitably fortified, sang a carol together. Carol singers were Christine Peck, Caroline Middleton, Sharon Hewitt, Sarah Stocks, Ian Goss and Odette Goss. The play ended with Father giving a Bible reading from the account of the first Christmas and then leading the family and its guests in a short prayer of thanksgiving for Christmas. The audience joined in some carol singing and, after the play, joined in the thanksgiving prayer. The Narrator was Odette Goss.

Thanks to everyone who helped in any way, particularly parents and teachers. People really did enjoy it."

December 17th. Peter Thomas King and Ronald William Roberts were both convicted of driving a motor cycle at a speed in excess of 20 m.p.h. and were fined £5 each.

December 17th. Johnston Construction gave a party in the Globe Hotel for the Jetty Gang, Johnston Construction personnel and the ship's crew of 'Hercules Scan' as an expression of appreciation for the very fast unloading of the vessel.

December 18th. Football result - Mustangs 2 (P. Watts) - Rangers 0.

December 18th. In the Commons Mr Ian Gow asked the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, whether he would make a statement on the Constitutional future of the Falkland Islands. Mr David Ennals: Last January the Governor appointed a select Committee from the elected members of the Falkland Islands Legislative Council to ascertain the views of the Electorate on possible changes in the constitution and to make recommendations on the form such changes might take. It has yet to make its report.

Mr Gow: What discussions have the Government had with the Government of the Argentine about the future status of the Falkland Is.?

Mr Ennals: There have been several discussions between Ministers of Her Majesty's Government and Ministers of the Argentine, one occasion being as recent as last week. It is the wish of both Governments to keep in touch and I assure the House that it remains the policy of this Government, as of previous Governments, that no change in the present British Sovereignty over the Falkland Islands shall be made against the wishes of the Islanders.

December 20th. Raymond Peter Smith was charged with and pleaded guilty to the offence of careless driving and fined £4.

STANLEY SPORTS ASSOCIATION RACE MEETING

A good meeting was held this year on December 26th and 27th. Good in that there were plenty of entries in most races, fine weather, and the usual interested support from the spectators. Just under £600 was at stake in cash prizes plus a whole host of other items. The Champion Jockey with 30 points was Keith Whitney, who took £133 in prize money. Ron Binnie took £100 and Jim Pemberton £95. And they earned it for the exciting entertainment given to the cheering spectators. Somewhat further behind were Henry Smith and Eric Goss. But surely thanks go to all who took part especially the younger jockeys getting experience for the days when they will be up at the top of the list.

Thanks also go to all the race officials. We note that this was the last meeting for one of the Vice-Presidents Dr Jim Ashmore. We thank him for his part in the S.S.A. and wish him happy racing where next he goes.

Now here are the results kindly compiled by Patrick Watts.

1. Maiden Plate 600 yards
1st PADDY, J. Pemberton; 2nd JUDY, R. Binnie;
3rd BEAGLE, R. McKay; 4th CLIPPER, K. Whitney.
2. 200 Yards Foot
1st T. McPhee; 2nd V. Berntsen; 3rd G. Johnson.
3. Kelper Store Prize 600 yards
1st BEAUTY, K. Whitney; 2nd IONE, R. Evans;
3rd LILLIAN, J. Pemberton; 4th SHAMROCK, H. Smith.
4. Potato Race Ladies
1st Nicky Hansen; 2nd Jenny Smith; 3rd Glenda Watson.
5. West Falkland Plate 800 yards
1st TONINI, R. Binnie; 2nd SPINAWAY, J. Pemberton;
3rd SEABIRD, E. Goss; 4th SANTA CLAUS, K. Whitney.
6. One Mile Foot
1st T. Costello; 2nd T. McPhee; 3rd Alcroft.
7. Trotting Race 1 mile
1st RED HEATHER, Daisy McKay; 2nd LUCKY, Mrs S. Johnson;
3rd PALONIA, R. McKay.
8. Pony Race 300 yards
1st KILDARE, D. Rozee; 2nd WILLIE, R. Rozee; 3rd TULA, S. Poole.
9. Wheelbarrow Race Mixed
1st P. Bonner & Rosie Allan; 2nd T. McPhee & Jenny Smith;

- 3rd M. Luxton & N. Hansen.
10. Chief Secretary's Plate 600 yards
1st SUNBEAM, K. Whitney; 2nd RAMBLER, J. Pemberton;
3rd BOMBARDIER, E. Goss; 4th KITTY WELLS, W. Morrison.
11. Sack Race
1st Paul Bonner; 2nd T. McPhee; 3rd R. Rozee.
12. Governor's Cup 700 yards
1st BEAUTY, K. Whitney; 2nd TONINI, R. Binnie;
3rd SEABIRD, E. Goss; 4th IONE, R. Evans.
13. Musical Chairs
1st D. Whitney; 2nd J. Pemberton; 3rd N. McKay.
14. Rincon Grande Plate 900 yards
1st SHAMROCK, H. Smith; 2nd PADDY, J. Pemberton;
3rd SPINAWAY, M. Wallace; 4th TENNESSE, R. Binnie.
15. Ladies' Trotting Race 1 mile
1st BELLA, J. Gilding; 2nd BEAUTY, D. McKay;
3rd BLUE ROAN, O. Morrison.
16. Relay Race Mixed
1st Rosie Allan & T. McPhee; 2nd Bernadette & Gerard Johnson;
3rd A. King & V. Berntsen.
17. The A.G. Barton Frize 500 yards
1st BEAUTY, K. Whitney; 2nd RAMBLER, J. Pemberton;
3rd BOMBARDIER, E. Goss; 4th PATIENCE, R. Binnie.
18. Stepping 100 Yards
1st R. Henricksen; 2nd C. Barber; 3rd Sharon Smith.
19. Berkeley Sound Plate 600 yards
1st TONINI, R. Binnie; 2nd SUNBEAM, K. Whitney;
3rd IONE, R. Evans; 4th LILLIAN, J. Pemberton.
20. Backwards Race 80 yards
1st Dave Williams; 2nd T. Costello; 3rd D. Carstairs.
21. Tug-o-War
1st R. Betts' team; 2nd Falkland Islands Defence Force.
22. Trotting Race 1 mile
1st BELLA, J. Gilding; 2nd BLUE ROAN, W.D. Morrison;
3rd RED HEATHER, D. Whitney.
23. Three Legged Race 80 yards Mixed
1st A. King & V. Berntsen; 2nd N. Keenleyside & Alison King;
3rd Veronica Platt & T. McPhee.
24. Andrew Bruce Trophy 600 yards
1st PADDY, J. Pemberton; 2nd IONE, R. Evans;

3rd SEA BIRD, E. Goss; 4th MISS PAULIE GIRL, R. Binnie.

25. 100 Yards Foot

1st R. Betts; 2nd D. Williams; 3rd S. Cook.

26. Troop Race 300 yards

1st SUNBEAM, K. Whitney; 2nd RAMBLER, J. Pemberton;

3rd DILYS, T. Summers; 4th PATIENCE, R. Binnie.

27. Veterans' Handicap Race 80 yards

1st A. McLeod; 2nd M. McLeod; 3rd S. Cletheroe.

28. Chartres Plate 500 yards

1st BEAUTY, K. Whitney; 2nd TONINI, R. Binnie;

3rd SPINAWAY, M. Wallace; 4th LILLIAN, J. Pemberton.

29. 440 Yards Foot

1st D. Williams; 2nd T. McPhee; 3rd T. Costello.

30. Port San Carlos Prize 440 yards

1st KITTY WELLS, W.D. Morrison; 2nd RAMBLER, M. Wallace;

3rd SLIPAWAY, I. McPhee.

31. Ladies' Sack Race

1st Darlene Short; 2nd Mandy Bonner; 3rd R. McBeth.

32. Defence Force Club Race 500 yards

1st SUNBEAM, K. Whitney; 2nd PADDY, J. Pemberton;

3rd QUICKSILVER, E. Goss; 4th DILYS, T. Summers.

33. Ladies' Race 80 yards Foot

1st Nicola Hansen; 2nd Darlene Short; 3rd Rosemary Allan.

34. V.C. Race

1st D. Whitney; 2nd T. Heathman; 3rd R. Binnie.

35. David Smith Plate 600 yards

1st BEAUTY, K. Whitney; 2nd TONINI, R. Binnie;

3rd SPINAWAY, M. Wallace.

36. Douglas Station Plate 440 yards

1st PATIENCE, R. Binnie; 2nd RAMBLER, J. Pemberton;

3rd DILYS, T. Summers.

37. Ladies' Gallop 500 yards

1st MISS PAULIE GIRL, Ailsa Malcolm; 2nd MONTE, Mrs R. Evans;

3rd RED HEATHER, Daisy McKay.

38. Young Jockeys' Race 500 yards

1st SHAMROCK, G. McKay; 2nd PADDY, T. Summers;

3rd SILVER BLAZE, Ailsa Malcolm.

39. Gretna Green

1st Dennis Whitney & Neil McKay; 2nd Ron Binnie & Daisy McKay.

40. Long Jump

1st R. Betts 18'0"; 2nd D. Carstairs 17'8";

3rd D. Lampshire 17'0".

41. Consolation Race 500 yards

1st DILILA, O. Summers; 2nd SUNBEAM, B. Betts;

3rd PEGGY, N. Watson; 4th POPPY, R. Binnie.

42. Pony Race 400 yards

1st ABALINE, K. McKay; 2nd BAMBI, I. McKay; 3rd KILDARE, D. Rozee.

43. Salvador Prize (Champion Race) 800 yards

1st TONINI, R. Binnie; 2nd SEA BIRD, E. Goss;

3rd SHAMROCK, H. Smith.

44. Woolbrokers' Plate (Champion Race) 600 yards

1st BEAUTY, K. Whitney; 2nd LILLIAN, O. Summers;

3rd BOMBADIER, E. Goss.

45. Association Race 500 yards

1st SUNBEAM, R. McKay; 2nd PADDY, L.R. Anderson;

3rd SILVER BLAZE, W. Duncan.

Champion Jockey - K. Whitney, 30 points.

DEPORTATION

On December 30th Mr Geoffrey Deroath and Miss Gillian Lipscombe arrived by F27. At the customs Mr Deroath declared a .38 Revolver and ammunition. Naturally this aroused interest in him and a search of his luggage revealed more ammunition (.22) although no further gun. Miss Lipscombe was not searched. He said that he had been threatened by Argentine terrorists due to his working as a bodyguard in B.A. He later spoke of ample funds abroad, secret service connections and influence in high places. No evidence was produced for any of his claims. The couple bluffed their way here without white cards by showing L.A.D.E. officials a leather passport cover with a City of London crest on it, convincing them that they were Embassy officials! Following a Government order the couple were detained on Saturday January 4th and deported two days later as 'undesirable immigrants' under the Immigration Ordinance. We understand that information was obtained from overseas showing that the couple were known criminals.

EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH SENOR BLANCO

Recently, when I was in Buenos Aires I was able to meet with Senor Blanco head of the 'Malvinas Department' of the Foreign Affairs Ministry. The result is the following interview. It should be noted that the name 'Malvinas' was used by him in his replies and is therefore reported as he said it - much the same as I used the name Falklands in my questions - I hope that people here do not object to this polite gesture.

Finally by way of introduction I wish to answer an objector who said, "Why give space to their point of view, you're doing their public relations work for them?" The answer is that it is my opinion that for far too long the Falkland people have been treated as if they have little right to know anything about their affairs. As a Christian I believe in freedom of speech providing it is courteous and not vulgar. While I run this paper such points of view will be published if they are news of interest to the public. The public in the Falklands, although mainly loyal to the Queen, are interested to hear what the Argentine Government has to say for itself. Here is the interview. Due to the unusual nature of relations between the Republic of Argentina and the Falkland Islands the answers are given in full to avoid any chance of misrepresentation.

"1. Is the Argentine Government happy with the progress made in involvement with the Falklands?

His Answer: The Argentine Government deems itself so far satisfied inasmuch as:

a. The Republic has always upheld the principle according to which the interests of the inhabitants of the Islands should be the first thing to consider in the matter of the opening of communications. This regard for needs and feelings of the individual and the community is a traditional trait of our institutions, as contemplated in the National Constitution. Such concern and generous outlook has prompted men and women from all over the world to come to our country, looking for a more humane way of life, as well as for economic and social progress. Every inhabitant of the country, without any discrimination, enjoys equally and in the most ample fashion all civil rights pertaining to him as a human being, no matter whether he is a citizen or not.

In this connection, it has a bearing on the subject to recall those people hailing from the Islands who, at the turn of the century, travelled to Patagonia to work there; among them there was a John Hamilton, who laboured nearby Rio Gallegos as a hired hand and a shepherd and later returned to Stanley, the owner of a big fortune. Consequently, he was able to purchase extensive property and leave his descendants important pieces of and as an inheritance.

b. The Argentine Government has given sincere and true compliance to Resolution 2065 (XX) of the General Assembly of the United Nations, paying due regard to the development of communications and the promotion of the islanders' welfare, as a collateral implication of the negotiations between both Governments - Argentine and British which tend to the achievement of a final and peaceful solution to the conflict of sovereignty.

c. So have the United Nations recognized - by Resolution A/RES/3160 dated December 14th, 1973 - the incessant efforts made by my Government, in order to facilitate decolonization and promote that welfare I believe that the population of the Islands knows of these efforts as well.

d. Thus, satisfaction has been likewise given to the heartfelt feelings of brotherhood that the people from the mainland of Argentina experience towards the people of Malvinas and which are so well known and interpreted by its national Government.

2. Does the Argentine Government have plans to further this involvement in the wake of air travel, educational scholarships, and fuel supplies?

As long as there is nothing indicating the need to act otherwise, the Argentine Government will proceed as it has done up to now, and go on to develop what already exists. Concerning future furtherances, it might well expand its action if the better interest of the islanders shows it advisable.

3. What changes would be likely in the event of transfer of sovereignty to the Argentine? e.g. in local laws, property ownership, running of public affairs, taxation, military service, etc?

The least possible and only those which may entail more benefits for the population of Malvinas. As a mere example, I should like to assert that private property is guaranteed and protected by the Argentine Constitution, and that no tax law or military draft regulations will, by no means, impair or affect illegally the interests of those who inhabit the Islands at present. It is also important

to state that double nationality will be recognized to those same people.

Furthermore, the Argentine political system is a federal one, which means that every province has its own government - provinces are autonomous - set up in accordance with the local constitution and the institutions that each one passes and gives for itself, respectively. These constitution and institutions are the expression of the free will of its people. The only proviso conditioning those texts is that they must agree with the principles and regulations of the National Constitution whose pattern they must follow.

The idea of "local law" has been received in the Argentine constitutional law, so that the responsibility for provincial or municipal affairs lies essentially with provincial or municipal governments, that the people have elected in the course of due electoral process.

4. Does the Argentine Government agree with the secrecy surrounding the inter governmental talks and the proposals it is making to the British Government?

The character of confidentiality attached to the negotiations has been agreed to, by both parties - the Governments of the Republic of Argentina and the United Kingdom - from their inception. This is not unusual for this kind of diplomatic means of solving disputes between States. On the contrary, it is an old and generally useful practice, at least during some essential stages of diplomatic intercourse. But it is not applicable to the proposals introduced by the respective delegations and eventually carried, during the rounds of conversations which have been held on the subject of the opening and development of communications between the mainland and the Islands, as well as to the activities therefrom derived.

5. Would the Argentine Government be prepared to talk on the subject of dual sovereignty or guaranteeing the independence of the Falklands?

The position of the Government of Argentina on this matter has been officially, clearly and repeatedly stated. The Malvinas Islands are a part of the national territory and whenever a solution to the dispute is achieved, the Islands and their population will enjoy all the rights corresponding respectively to any province and their inhabitants on the mainland.

6. Would it not be useful for the Argentine Government to make direct contact with the representatives of the Falkland Islands people with a view to better understanding of each others positions? The Argentine Government already has a threefold contact with the islanders through which it knows of their aspirations and interests. This contact is always being encouraged and fostered and those aspirations and interests are duly contemplated. Many instances illustrated this assertion, and I think everybody in the Islands is well aware of this fact.

As I said, contacts have been maintained during the three rounds of conversations on promotion of communications (1970/71 and 72); the Argentine Government in the Special Consultative Committee in Port Stanley and last but not least, by way of the efficient action of the several State enterprises that operate in Malvinas and individuals working for them. Let alone those contacts engaged at person level by tourists, beneficiaries of scholarships and medical care facilities, scientists, artists, etc. My Government is open in this connection to all kind of suggestions which any islander would like to offer, whether directly or through the representative in Port Stanley; the ideas so channelled - for which introduction I already thank them - will be the object of the most serious study and eventually implemented if they prove feasible and conducive, after having been considered on their merits.

May I, to close, extend my kindest regards to everyone in the Islands especially to those whom I have met during my brief visits to Port Stanley; and state my recognition to your paper insofar as it - through this conversation - contributes to clarify and make better known to the islanders, the general position of the Argentine Government regarding some of the subjects arising from the question of the Malvinas Islands.

Thank you Senor Blanco."

APPOINTMENT

Holmested Blake & Co. are pleased to announce the appointment of Mr R. Hansen to the post of Assistant Manager as from the 31st October 1974.

We offer hearty congratulations to Ray on this recognition of his abilities by Holmested Blake.

PEN-PALS

If I were to publish all the requests for pen-pals that I receive there would be pages every month - so just once in a while I include a selection of requests. Here they are:

"Dear Sir!

I am a 14 years old Swedish boy and I be very grateful if you will put my name and address in your newspaper, because I looking for a pen-pal in your country.

My greatest hobbies are collecting stamps and coins. I will send Swedish, Denmark and Norway stamps and Swedish coins to my pen-friend.

Thank you sir!

My name is: Magnus Malmberg.

My address: Humlevagen 9, 642 00 FLEN, SWEDEN."

"Jose David Ferriz,
arquitecto,
Calz.de los Misterios 668-A.
Mexico 14 D.F.

Esteemed Sirs,

I am a Mexican architect, whom hobbies are meeting people in other countries, having correspondence with them, and interchange of stamps of mail, used or brand ones, for collecting.

As I don't know anybody at Falkland Islands, I'm resorting to you, asking for correspondents among your people, philatelists, and any people who likes to interchange ideas, post cards and friendship.

I will appreciate so much any help you could give me for the success of my trying.

Very truly yours,
Jose David Ferriz."

"Jennifer",
Liedna St.,
Fgura, Malta.

Dear Sir,

I write this letter to introduce me for a pen friend in your islands. I am 21 years old and my hobbies are: geography, collecting colour postcards, seashells, coins and fossils, and corres-

ponding to every one who write to me. I am very interested about Falkland Islands in stamps too.

I hope receive a reply to my call from your fantastic islands in the South Atlantic Ocean.

Thank you sir.

Yours sincerely,
Alfred Xuereb.

P.S. Sir, if you want something from Malta please tell me soon."

"58A Roy Street,
Palmerston North,
New Zealand.

Dear Sir,

I am wondering if any Falkland Island folk would care to correspond with a New Zealand woman, and if you would publish a request for a pen-friend by myself in your newspaper?

I am 55 years of age, married and am employed as a clerk by a Live-stock Improvement Association, so someone who lives on a farm may find my letters of interest. I am very interested in my garden, both flower and vegetable, and enjoy writing and receiving letters, especially if they come from the more remote part of the world. I have an interest in world affairs and reading, as well as knitting for my grandchildren. One of my grandchildren is a keen stamp collector, and I always take an interest in her hobby though I do not collect myself.

Yours faithfully,
(Mrs) M. Browne."

"C. Manley,
5/11 William Street,
Frankston, Vic., 3199,
Australia.

Dear Sir,

I wish to ask for a female pen-pal, any age.

All letters answered.

I'm 23 years old, single guy, interests: stamp collecting, swimming, travelling, corresponding, pop music.

Yours sincerely,
C. Manley."

"Dear Sir,

I read some time ago about your islands, and became very interested about them, and now I want to have a pen-pal from the Falkland Islands.

I am a boy from Sweden, in North Europe, 21 years old and just now studying at an institute of technology here in Sweden.

My interests are: collecting of view cards, coins and labels from beers.

I promise to try to answer all the letters. If you also send a photo of yourself, I'd be more than happy.

My name and address: Marcus Ojmark,
Temperaturgatan 87,
S-41741 Gothenburg, Sweden."

"Arawhata Rd.,
No 1 R.D.,
Levin, New Zealand.

Dear Sir,

Sometime ago I received a copy of your very interesting little magazine from a pen-pal I was then writing to. I have since lost contact with her and would very much like another friend to write to. I am very interested in the Falklands. My main hobby is stamp collecting. Also interested in the Girl Guides and gardening. I am married to a farmer and have 5 nearly grown up children.

Hoping that I may find someone to write to.

Yours sincerely,
Gwenyth J. Hayes."

"R. Callaway,
12, Bramdean Drive,
Leigh-Park,
Havant, Hants, PO9 4RT.

Dear Sir/Madam,

As a stamp collector, I'm writing to you to ask if I may be listed in your "Pen-pal page" in your magazine "Monthly Review".

Thanking you in anticipation,

I remain yours faithfully,

R. Callaway (Mrs)."

FALKLAND ISLANDS COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Parliamentary Meeting

In December the Falklands branch of this committee distributed a letter from its London centre. This concerned a meeting held in the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association which was addressed by Argentine Senator Hipolito Solari Yrigoyen. Details are given here for the benefit of our overseas readers.

"The reception provided an opportunity for the Senator to meet a cross-section of Parliamentary interest and also members of the Committee. About 20 Parliamentarians were present including -

Rt. Hon. James Prior, M.P.	E.G. Pattie, M.P.
Sir Nigel Fisher, M.P.	John Wells, M.P.
Sir John Gilmour, M.P.	Lord Shackleton
Richard Luce, M.P.	Michael Clark Hutchinson, M.P.
Victor Goodhew, M.P.	Patrick Wall, M.P.
William Clark, M.P.	Tom Dalvell, M.P.
Sir Bernard Braine, M.P.	Sir John Hall, M.P.
David James, M.P.	Anthony Kershaw, M.P."

Mr John Biggs-Davidson welcomed the Senator on behalf of the C.P.A. and stated that the United Kingdom wished to maintain a friendly relationship with Argentina. Considering the circumstances a conciliatory sort of speech might have been expected. However the Senator chose this an occasion to make a long speech denouncing the British position and made the following points.

- "1. There are only 2,000 people in the Colony and therefore the Argentine claim to sovereignty was not an important issue for Britain.
2. The vast majority of nations had decided that a solution to the problem must be achieved and that solution was transfer of sovereignty and the end of Colonialism.
3. That Britain was shedding herself of Colonies and sooner or later, if the Falkland Islands was the remaining one, that too would go.
4. Britain could no longer afford to keep the Falklands from 7,000 miles distance.
5. The people of the Falklands looked only to Britain which whilst commendable was unrealistic. They should look to the mainland.

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SEA TRUCKS

Falkland residents who are used to seeing the sea trucks belonging to the m.v. Monsunen and to Alginates Ltd. might be interested in the following news item. The Government of the Sudan is spending £500,000 to purchase 20 sea trucks for an experimental project. They will be fitted out as fully equipped floating hospitals with the addition of towed rafts of similar construction. They will go to a place, let down the front - and the patients will come on board. These sea trucks will be used in Southern Sudan, mainly on the River Nile.

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- "6. The talks should continue with a view of transfer of sovereignty.
7. If an Islander struck a match this would have come from 7,000 miles away - it should have come from 300 miles away.
8. With a transfer of sovereignty the Islanders would enjoy all the benefits of Argentine citizenship and would be looked after."

The politicians present were clearly annoyed.

"Sir Bernard Braine said that he wanted to make it quite clear that all parties in the House were resolved that there would be no transfer of sovereignty unless the Islanders wished it. Their views were paramount and no pressure would be brought to bear upon them. Mr William Clark said that the numbers of population were not material to the issue - the wishes of a population of 2,000 could be respected by Britain on exactly the same principles as a population of 20,000,000. Another M.P. said that in any event the cost of matches would be higher from Argentina."

The judgement of the Joint Hon. Secretaries of the London Falkland Islands Committee was.

"The reception was very successful. The Parliamentarians present are all friends of the Colony but, if anything, they were even more determined to ensure that the Islanders' wishes would be honoured. As was said by one of them afterwards - 'How could we let the Colony and its British inhabitants go to these people'. We hope you will find this report reassuring."

Local Committee

On the 20th December the following report was issued by Mr Jack Abbott, Chairman of the local committee. Here is part of the report.

"Since the Committee was formed there have been four meetings held, mainly at Westholme, Stanley. At the latest Mrs Betty Miller, who volunteered to do the work, was appointed Secretary. This was made necessary by the resignation from that position of Mr Sydney Miller, who with his heavy commitments of Legco and Exco, found it necessary to resign. Mr Miller is remaining however on the Committee.

Our first meeting dealt with the medical problem and our letter to the London Office was immediately acted upon with useful results.

Last week we met the two visiting F.C.O. officials Messrs Hall and Relton and a long interesting discussion ensued which covered

a great many of the problems currently facing these islands - sovereignty, oil, communications etc. It would appear that these officials from H.M.G. are well conversant with, and sympathetic to, our many requirements.

Should any camp residents have a problem or suggestion to put forward that comes within the jurisdiction of this Committee, please forward it to me and we will see what can be done."

Secretary's Visit

On January 10th Mr Abbott advised that Mr E.W. Hunter-Christie (or Bill Christie as he prefers to be known), one of the joint Hon. Secretaries of the London Committee, was in the Colony. This was for the purpose of getting a first hand account of the population's problems and views. He has made great efforts to meet different sectors of the population in Stanley, both individuals and groups. He has also made a tour of Camp mainly North of West Falkland and Lafonia on the East.

Mr Abbott concluded his announcement as follows.

"Mr Christie wishes to round up his visit with a public meeting in the Town Hall which has been fixed for 8 p.m. on Saturday 25th and in view of Mr Christie's stature in England it is hoped that this meeting will be well attended; he will welcome questions from all quarters. Mr Christie has flown out to the Falklands at the expense of the F.I. Committee in London, and our branch Committee here feel strongly that his local flying and incidental expenses should be looked after here.

It is the least we can do to show our appreciation and thanks to not only a most capable person but also to a most likeable personality.

Many people made donations to the Local Committee when it was formed in October, but very many others were not present nor available and if any such would care to send or arrange a donation to our Hon. Treasurer at Ross House, these would be very welcome because local air travel expenses for non-residents can add up to a considerable total.

There is no charge on our Committee for any expenses on my account."

OIL

A recent visitor to the Falklands was Mr Bruce Wilson of Chimo

Management Services, Vancouver, Canada.

His organisation is acting on behalf of a group of six oil companies in seeking a licence to carry out a seismic survey into the possibility of locating oil in the offshore area of the Burdwood Bank to the south of the Falklands and possibly onshore. This could mean up to 18 months work with a possible start being made within two months of a licence being obtained. He said that his company was prepared to invest between £750,000 and £1,000,000 in the survey. Mr Wilson said that he regarded his talks with the British Government as favourable. His company and those which he represents regard the Falklands as a British Crown Colony and negotiations would be through the British Government and the Falkland Islands Government. The companies which Mr Wilson represents, besides his own, are:-

ASHLAND OIL, CANADA (Pioneers in offshore drilling)

ASAMARA OIL CORPORATION LTD., CANADA

CORAL PETROLEUM INCORPORATED, HOUSTON, TEXAS

SUNLIGHT OIL CANADA LTD.

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He wishes it to be known that he disassociates himself entirely with the remark made by one Honourable Member at the recent meeting of Legislative Council to the effect that if no agreement could be reached with the British Government, he would enter into negotiations with the Argentine Government.

WEDDING REPORTS

Phyllis Oliver and Michael Rendall. Sincere apologies that, due to an oversight, this report was not given earlier. Thanks to Vivienne Perkins for this report.

Monday morning, 9th September, started off as just another nice sunny, warm day. But this was to be a very special day for two happy people. Not only were they going off on a fortnight's holiday, it was their wedding day. Yes, the wedding day of Phyllis Oliver and Mike Rendall of the Royal Marines.

Phyllis and Mike kept their happy secret for some eight to ten weeks, and only a handful or so were privileged to have been trusted with their secret.

And so it was, that at 10 a.m. on Monday, Phyllis and Mike

were married by special licence in the Registrar's Office. The marriage was witnessed by Mike and Elizabeth Knight. From the Registrar's Office, the happy group went down to Christ Church Cathedral. Here, joined by the remainder of those who knew of the occasion, Padre Helyer conducted a short, simple service of blessing upon their marriage. This I thought was that little something extra, which seemed to make all the difference.

For the occasion, Phyllis wore a colourful floral two-piece suit, and carried a lovely little bunch of white and mauve crocuses. Mike looked equally smart in a navy blue pin-striped suit.

After the short service, the group gathered outside the Cathedral for some photographs. The day couldn't have been nicer for such an occasion. No fuss, no bother. Plenty of sun, and very little wind.

Phyllis would dearly have loved to have been married in the camp, but, with the absence of her parents, and Mike with no relations in the Islands, they decided that it would be a quiet affair. Their wish was granted. This relieved the burden from anyone's shoulders and no-one was hurt.

After the Church gathering, the bride and groom made their way to Colonia Cottage in John Street, the home of Fred and Cecilia Gooch, where a small champagne party was held, and more photos taken. The photographers were Eddie Burch, Royal Marines and Mike Knight.

The happy couple left the Colony by the F.27 on that day, for their honeymoon in Bariloche.

I am sure that everyone will join with me, in wishing Phyllis and Mike every blessing, and many happy years together.

Shirley Berrido and Peter Seeley

Christ Church Cathedral was the scene of a very pretty wedding on Saturday the 7th December when Miss Shirley Berrido was married to Mr Peter Seeley. Shirley, given in marriage by her Uncle Tom Berrido, looked lovely in a dress made of white Polyester crepe with a guipure lace yolk. She wore a shoulder length veil ornamented by a white rose and carried a bouquet of red roses.

The bridesmaids, Miss Dilys Pole-Evans and Miss Trudi Jones, were dressed in pale pink dresses made in the same material and style as that of the bride. They each wore a pink flower in their hair and carried posies of red roses backed by white net. The bouquet and posies were arranged by Mrs Peggy Halliday.

The duties of best man were ably carried out by Mr Dave McKay.

The dresses were all beautifully made by Mrs Clare Morrison. Mrs Arlette King was responsible for the very attractive hair styles.

A reception was held in the Town Hall for some 300 guests with an excellent array of eats.

The cake, a gift from Clare and Pat Morrison, was made by Mrs Emma Steen and beautifully decorated by Mrs Gail Steen.

Shirley and Peter would like to thank Clare and Pat Morrison, Laura and Dave McKay, Glenda and Neil Watson and everyone for making their day such a happy one. They would like to say a special thank you to Mrs Helyer for the lovely flower arrangement in the Cathedral.

Marjorie Hume and John Adams

The wedding took place in the Office of the Registrar General on Friday, 20th December, between Marjorie Hume and Marine John Adams. Marjorie, who was given in marriage by Nigel Pearson, looked very attractive in a full length Empire line dress in cream polyester, with pink lace trimmings. Matching pink flowers completed her bouffant hair style.

The bridesmaids, Myriam Booth and Joanna Pearson wore dresses of Empire line in Maroon polyester with cream floral yoke and sleeves. Marjorie's and Myriam's and Joanna's dresses were all beautifully made by Mrs Mary Henricksen. Mrs Arlette King arranged the hairstyles. The bouquet and flower arrangements were carefully attended to by Mrs Helyer. Mr Kevin McKurdy carried out the duties of best man and he and John looked very smart in their blue uniforms.

Following the wedding, the bridal party went to the Cathedral, where friends joined the service of blessing given by Canon Helyer. After the service photographs were taken by Richie Anderson and Gusie Parker at the home of Doug Fowler. This was followed by a reception in the Town Hall for 150 guests. Later in the evening 15 people attended a wedding supper at the Upland Goose Hotel.

Marjorie and John would like to thank all those people who helped to make their wedding day such a happy one.

Veronica Davis and David Platt

On Saturday the 21st December, Canon Helyer conducted the wedding service at Christ Church Cathedral between Veronica, youngest daughter of Dots and the late Arthur Davis of Stanley and marine David Platt, second son of Mr and Mrs C. Platt of Bridgewater, Somerset.

Given in marriage by her brother Bill, Veronica looked beautiful in a full length gown of white nylon with insertions of lace and ribbon. The style was simple with a gathered skirt, full cuffed sleeves and frilled neckline. Her bouffant veil was held in place by a flowered headdress. She carried a bouquet of mixed flowers beautifully arranged and presented by Mrs Rene Rowlands. The wedding dress was chosen in England by Vivien Hayward and was a gift to the bride by Mrs Mary Henricksen.

Veronica was attended by three bridesmaids - the Misses Vivien Betts, Teresa McGill and Glynis King. These girls looked very pretty in Victorian styled dresses of white cotton embossed with yellow flowers and wore matching flowers in their hair. They carried lovely Victorian posies arranged by Rosie Helyer.

The duties of best man were ably carried out by Marine Ian Beckett. Both Dave and Ian looked very smart in their blue uniforms.

After the ceremony a reception was held in the Town Hall where many friends gathered to drink the health of the happy couple and sample the 3-tier wedding cake made by Mrs Jean Dobbys.

At 6 o'clock the bridal party with relations and close friends enjoyed a delicious supper at the home of Mr and Mrs Harry Stewart.

Dave and Veronica wish to express their thanks to Polly, Harry and Vi for the supper, Jock and Eddie for the buffet, Micky and Griff for the running of the bar, Jean Dobbys for the beautiful cake, Steve and Ray for their duties as ushers, Richie, Aussie and Steve for photographs and last but not least, Dots for everything.

Thank you to all for these accounts, some by anonymous contributors. If you wish to have your wedding recorded in the TIMES please make sure an account is forwarded to the Editor.

BOOK REVIEW

Stanley Seasons and Other Poems by R.J. Poole.

This is a privately published book of twenty three poems by Stanley school teacher Bob Poole. The title poem in crisp phrases pictures the four seasons with a Falkland Islands flavour. (We might be forgiven, perhaps, for suggesting that it is possible to taste all the seasons in one day here - they are not always strewn out through Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter). There are other poems inspired by the Falklands noting such things as the Battle Monument, R.M.S. Darwin (as she was), with peat getting several (dis?)

incurable mentions. War figures several times, perhaps with overtones of opposition.

The personality of the writer comes through in the poems that are thoughtful. One can just hear Bob saying "Yes - a fire is nice" (Page 9) and hear him assuring us that the chief of the glories of India (for which he asserts it was added to the Empire), "Is a nice hot, refreshing cup of strong tea." (Page 31).

There is some humour in this small book but the main mood is sad. The age in which the poet lives is not greatly desired by him. We might even call him a drop-out! The years are "bittersweet". (Page 22).

Books are expensive these days - even more so privately published ones. However we recommend this book at 28p to all lovers of the Falklands written by one who has made his home here for a good few years now. It can be obtained from the F.I.C. West Store. Overseas readers may order from the F.I.T. office at 35p including postage.

CAPTAIN F.W. WHITE, O.B.E. (DECEASED) .. AN APPRECIATION

The following emanates from the Falkland Islands Company Ltd. for which grateful thanks.

The sudden death of Captain F.W. White on Saturday 11th January has come as a great shock to his many friends in these Islands.

"Freddie" as he was known to all was born in Southshields, County Durham in 1916. He was the only child of Captain and Mrs A. White.

On 13th December 1939, Freddie first arrived in the Colony on board the oil tanker SAN CASTO of which he was the third officer. He was stationed in Stanley until March 1944 and during this time met Elena Jane Pitaluga whom he married on 20th July 1940. Two children were born of this marriage, Ian in 1946 and Stephanie in 1950.

Upon leaving the Colony in 1944 he continued to serve on the SAN CASTO until being appointed Master of the LAFONIA in 1946. He brought this vessel out from England when she was purchased by the Falkland Islands Co. Ltd., and later transferred to the FITZROY. His service with the Falkland Islands Company continued when he became Master of the DARWIN in 1957 and he held this command until his own departure from the Colony in 1968.

In 1966 he was awarded the O.B.E. for his services to the Colony and in 1968 was appointed an elder brother at Trinity House.

He was serving in this appointment when he died suddenly of a cerebral haemorrhage at his home in Felpham, Sussex.

His funeral took place on Thursday 16th January at Chichester, Sussex.

R.R.S. SHACKLETON

We are advised that R.R.S. Shackleton which was in Falkland waters summer 1973/74 is due to come our way again next summer. She is first due to go to the Indian Ocean and will then come to Falkland waters. Readers will recall that Shackleton was used in her last visit here, amongst other things, to survey the sea bed to discover if it was of a similar formation to that which is known to be oil bearing.

WILL ALL OUR KELP BE USED UP? by Fred Gooch

The observation made at the recent Legislative Council meeting and broadcast over the air to the effect that - "WOULD ALGINATE INDUSTRIES CUT ALL THE KELP IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS, AND WHEN THERE WAS NONE LEFT GO ELSEWHERE." - surprised me greatly coming from a camp dweller, because on many occasions campers have told me of their experiences cutting a clear way through the kelp in shallow water to facilitate the passing of animals or boats, how in a very few weeks, it cannot be distinguished where it had been cleared, so rapid is the regrowth rate.

Many experiments and observations have been carried out here by us on the resultant regrowth rates of *Macrocystis* after cutting at intervals of three, four and six months between cuts. One can rest assured that three harvests per year in the same zone seems to be the ideal ratio which assures an undiminishing supply of mature growth at each cutting.

Rather misleading also was the statement that Alginat Industries would exhaust their supplies from Northern Europe before coming here. This the Company would never do. Absorb the available supplies to the maximum of regrowth rates is the correct term to use. The procedure there as everywhere is to wait for it to grow once more; a longer cycle with *Ascophylums* than as found with the South Atlantic *Macrocystis*.

Harvesters of seaweed all over the world have a very good record, and have never been guilty of exhausting supplies of their raw materials as we have unfortunately seen with the fishing and whaling industries, in which case a few unscrupulous nations have eliminated almost completely the supply of fish and whale meat with its many by-products by ruthlessly over-fishing and disregarding completely the future propagation of species of fish and marine mammals.

Alginat Industries relies on supplies of weed meal for processing in their Scottish factories not only from their own collecting and drying centres in the British Isles, from Northern Europe and Iceland, but also from many parts of the world, perhaps principally South Africa where large quantities of the giant kelp called Ecklonia are constantly shipped to them for processing. In fact the Company absorbs all the available supplies in the world in order to maintain their present rate of demand for alginates, which commodity is exported to all parts, only about 15% of the total production being for United Kingdom consumption.

In the Falkland Islands the year 1976 is the aim for our first production plant, with 1978 as the year when full production will be in operation (it is assumed). The sale of alginates depends on the state of world economy which of course effects in turn the rate of expansion of any company.

100 YEARS AND STILL STANDING by Roger Hillman.

The Stone Corral at Darwin celebrated its 100th Anniversary in November.

Many conflicting thoughts surround the builders and actual date, but the generally recognised date for the original construction having been completed, is November 1874.

The most widely mentioned name of a builder is that of Jimmy Steel who also built the house at Parragon and the small stone house alongside the jetty at Goose Green.

The Corral is 86 feet in diameter with walls about 5 foot thick and ten feet high.

The mathematicians of Darwin School have calculated that there must be well over 100,000 stones in the construction.

Although the Corral is seldom used for its original purpose it stands as a monument to workmanship and still of previous gener-

ations and no doubt an attraction to visitors. It is also put to good use as a venue for numerous games by Darwin School children.

To celebrate the Historical event an Asado was organised and attended by a number of the inhabitants of Goose Green, Darwin and a much travelled socialite from North Arm and his family.

Meat was cooked on an open peat fire, and under a canvas shelter salads and rolls were dispensed and dispatched by the grateful recipients with a glass or two of wine.

Afterwards a large fire was lit in the Corral and the congenial spirit of the evening continued in the warm glow of the fire and the music of the accordion and guitar.

A very pleasant evening was spent in the historical setting ideally suited to this purpose, and all that were there I feel would like to express our sincere thanks to Iris and Denis Tasker and Sharon and Denis Middleton who put in hours of hard work to make the evening the success it was.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fox Bay West.
December 30th

Dear Sir,

I felt that I must write to you. After reading this month's Falkland Islands Times it hurt me to see the letters published in Nov-Dec edition. I for one do not always agree with the Legco decisions. But they were elected to represent the people of the Falklands, by the people. Therefore if matters turn out wrong we must take some of the blame. It's a hard and thankless job. I feel its about time that we join together as a family again. We have a lot to be thankful for in this colony. Most of all we have peace. No strikes, wars or bombing. Our country is a beautiful one. So let us all join together to survive. The hard times are here but we are not alone. The world is in a very bad state at the moment, but I pray with God we will overcome.

Gary N. Brown.

2 Meadow Close,
Hailsham, Sussex.

Dear Mr Forrester,

Thank you very much for the October issue of the Falkland

Islands Times. I have replied to the Governor's letter. I should make it perfectly clear as he raised the point that our Group did not object to the Churchill Centenary issue as such but only to the decision to include a Souvenir Sheet.

As well as being interested in the stamps of the Falklands I am interested in the Islands and being an old fashioned patriot I am very much on the side of those who wish to preserve their connections with Britain. I view with dismay and resentment the subtle pressure to align the Falklands with Argentina.

Yours sincerely,
R.J.B. Leppard.

REVIEW - a look at the events of our TIMES

November 17th. The first football match of the league season was held today. The result was Mustangs 1 (Ron Betts), Rangers 1 (Lachie Ross).

November 20th. Football result Rangers 3 (T. Baillie, T. Ebsworth & Beckett (own goal)), Redsox 2 (T. Betts).

November 21st. A group of seven Royal Marines went to Darwin for a long weekend of activities. Here are some notes by our Darwin School reporter Brian Aldridge. "We had a film called 'Don't let him die'. This was a good film about first aid which will help us with our Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme preparations. After the film we had a weapon display during which Sgt. Neale told us about each type of weapon in turn. After he had described them we were allowed to have a look at them and then the Marines took them outside and fired each in turn. After supper we had a film called 'Alias Jesse James' which the Marines had brought out with them. On Saturday morning we had live firing in which all the top two classes took part. We were allowed to fire the S.L.R. rifle, the G.P. machine gun, the sub-machine gun and the two inch mortar. We were firing into the water and also at some old drums on the bank. At the end we all had a go at firing the Very pistol and throwing coloured smoke grenades, it was all good fun. After we had finished firing we had to pick up all the empty cartridge cases, clips etc. Some of the boys have now got seven or eight hundred of these. After lunch we were supposed to see an Assault Engineer and Booby Trap display

but by this time it had begun to rain and Jim Fairfield had to alter his plans and show us some small booby traps indoors. These could all be made with bits and pieces you could find about the house as well as a book bomb and a letter bomb of the type used by the IRA." So you Campers had better watch it while your children are on school holidays!

November 25th. Canon P. Helyer of Christ Church Cathedral set off on a Camp Visitation to Johnson's Harbour (where he was shown a paddock named after him 'Canon's Paddock'), Port Louis, Green Patch and Port San Carlos.

November 27th. The Royal Fleet Auxiliary tanker arrived in Port William. The main purpose of course, was to replenish the naval and Government fuel supplies. Many people however were pleased to see her for a very different reason. All the personally marked cargo left behind by the 'Vibeke Longberg' was brought by 'Cherry Leaf'.

November 27th. Football result - Redsox 0, Mustangs 7 (M. Luxton 3, L. Biggs 2, B. Peart & K. Kadman).

November 29th. A progress report from Johnston Construction Ltd. noted that the number of staff and operatives who had recently arrived in the Colony was swiftly building up. Comments on the work were. "Last week saw a change of emphasis from the Airport into Stanley where we have levelled an area and concreted a foundation slab at Brandon Road. On the slab we shall erect a prefabricated building which will provide living accommodation for our operatives. Work has also been commenced on preparing foundations for five bungalows on Davis Street. These bungalows will be of a similar prefabricated construction and will be occupied by the Consulting Engineers' staff and families. Rendell, Palmer and Tritton are the Consulting Engineers who have designed the airport and their staff, lead by Bill Maidman, will watch the construction of the airport and check that the works meet the requirements of their design. At the Airport, Ian White has continued with the setting out work and Graham Jones has been looking at the various rocks, sands and other materials on Cape Pembroke Peninsular. Samples of these materials have been taken and laboratory tests are being carried out to investigate their suitability for the construction of the runway and other works."

November 29th. The F.I. Red Cross announced that Colony contributions to the U.K. Earl Haig Fund now amounted to £204.85.

November 29th. Local radio news items revealed that copies of veterinary surgeon Bob Bostelman's notes on Hydatid Cysts had been distributed throughout the Falklands as part of the continuing eradication programme; that Mrs Gladys Robson had transferred from the Post Office to the F.I. Government Air Service office; that Mrs Rene Rowlands has been appointed Radio Telephone Operator to succeed Mr Neville Bennett who has been promoted to the KEM Hospital as Clerk/Storekeeper; that one American Stamp Dealer has ordered £18,000 worth of the Churchill Commemorative issue and that the Tourist Cruise ship will visit the Falklands six times this summer (agents are Bound Books).

November 29th. Cable and Wireless Ltd., responsible for the Colony's external communications, reported as follows. "Progress continues to be made on all fronts, setting out for the relocation of antennas on Sappers Hill has been completed. Willy Bowles is soon expected to commence work on excavating mast and stay foundations. The rigging team have, despite adverse weather conditions, managed to get all the gantry poles for the new feeder runs at the Wireless Station located. Work has commenced on installing the framework for the new suspended ceiling at the Wireless Station and Willy Bowles's merry men, Ian Cantlie and Pete Seeley are gaily sawing and hammering away. On the staff side, Adrian Newman has moved from the rigging team and is undergoing training as Watchkeeping Mechanician. Mickey Knight who is well known in the community is leaving for the UK on the 2nd December, he and Liz are making their way home via Brazil and the USA where they will be visiting Liz's mother. We wish them both good luck and success in their next posting which is Bahrein in the Persian Gulf. On the same plane will be John and Jan Cheek with young Miranda and Rosalind enroute to the UK. John is going to attend a course of Technical Training at the Cable and Wireless Engineering College in Porthcurno Cornwall. On the public service side, to cope with calls from the YPF construction team to their families in Argentina, additional Radio Telephone schedules to Buenos Aires have been arranged. In reorganising the external services, the Morse Code twice daily telegraph schedule to Argentina has been concerted to teleprinter operation."

November 29th. Classes 1 and 2 of the Senior School had the good fortune to take a trip to Kidney Island accompanied by Mr John Farrow and Mrs Phyllis Rendall. "The party set out at 2.15 p.m.

and travelled out through the Narrows. The tanker "Cherry Leaf" was anchored in Port William and we had a good view as we sailed past. The sea was reasonably calm although several of our number succumbed to sea-sickness. We arrived at Kidney Island at 3.40 and travelled ashore aboard the Gemini. We then split into two groups. Here is Gavin Short's account of happenings on the island. 'We left the beach and made for the top of the island through the tussac. As it had rained shortly before arrival the party was quite wet by the time they reached the top. We then went down over the other side and saw a Johnny Rook nest. Walking over the top of the tussac we saw some seals.' Ronald Rozee continues the account. 'The tussac was very high. We took photos of birds and saw Shags, Logger Ducks, Jackass Penguins, Kelp Geese, Tussac Birds and many others. We then started back through the tussac, and all managed well, apart from Gavin Short who fell in a hole and had to be pulled out.' Stephen Poole adds - 'We found a Kelp Goose nest with four eggs in. When walking over the tussac we saw seals underneath us.' Trudi Jones of the other group writes. 'The first thing that our group saw were tourists. We followed the beach and saw a Logger Duck, it was very tame. Then we saw some Kelp Geese with their young chicks and then some Shags. We saw two Oyster Catchers and they had an open nest with one egg in it. We got to a point and we decided to go in the tussac and it was very wet. In the tussac we saw a Red Backed Buzzard and many Tussac Birds. We were soaking wet so we went back out on to the beach.' On the journey back the FORREST was accompanied by a school of Dolphins. There were two distinct varieties that chased backwards and forwards in front of the bows jumping out of the water. They appeared to be travelling at great speeds. On return to school it was discovered that Dolphins take a rise in the bow wave of ships which carry them along in a similar way to a surfer who rides the waves on a surf board."

November 29th. Life goes on in the Antarctic. The R.R.S. John Biscoe is at present moored alongside the jetty at King Edward Point, having recently returned from a visit to the South of the Island in order to assist a field party. Most of the stores and equipment to keep the Base going for another year have been landed and it is anticipated the ship will attempt a visit to Signy Island in the very near future. Weather around the South Georgia area has not been too kind, something similar to that experienced in

the Falklands over the last three weeks and the joint Royal Navy and B.S. Diving project at Cooper Bay, on the southern end of the island, has been held up by adverse weather conditions, we understand however that things are going well now, and some very useful work indeed has been accomplished. A little while back we reported that the R.R.S. Bransfield had experienced very rough weather whilst on passage from the United Kingdom to Norfolk, Virginia. It now transpires that during this severe storm, she suffered damage to her rudder and it has been decided that she should enter the dry-dock at Bethlehem Steel in Baltimore.

Bert Conchie, in one of the Survey's Twin Otter aircraft, has also suffered from adverse weather conditions but possibly in a more pleasant way - he left Adelaide for McMurdo but had to delay five days at the American Pole Station where, we understand, the facilities are fabulous and recreation luxurious. Bert is now busy working with the Americans on various flying projects. At the Bases all goes well, with programmes - both field and static - progressing satisfactorily, despite some setbacks weather-wise.

December 1st. Football result - Rangers 5 (Ebsworth, Ross, Platt 2, Peck) - Mustangs 0.

December 1st. Gina Berntsen and Rowan Miller went on a wild flower collecting expedition at Port San Carlos. Rowan's mother Mrs Carol Miller noted two interesting peculiarities. The pale maidens were all multiheaded, most with four bells per stem - and with 'huge flowers'. The scurvy grass flowers instead of the usual lilac tinged edges to white flowers were completely coloured 'a really bright lilac'.

December 4th. Football result - Rangers 5 (Ross, Baillie 2, Curry, Bonner) - Redsox 2 (Colbert).

December 6th. H.M.S. Endurance arrived in Stanley for bunkering and the Battle Day celebrations.

December 6th. A letter was read over the radio from Sister Monica Mary of the YPF Hospital, Comodoro Rivadavia. She noted that she had been able to visit 32 of the 50 former patients of the hospital. She thanked everyone for friendship both in Stanley and Port Howard.

December 7th. Mrs Robin Robertson of Fox Bay West considered that a new record had been set up for travel from Buenos Aires to F.B.W. She noted that children travelling home from school in Argentina had done so in 9 hours. 10 children were flown to

different Camp location more or less, straight after the Fokker F.27 arrived from the Argentine.

December 7th/8th. I had the pleasure of joining in two of Darwin Boarding School's annual events. The first was on Saturday afternoon - the school sports. I didn't exactly join in this but, along with parents from Goose Green, Darwin and Walker Creek, was an interested spectator. On a somewhat chilly afternoon an excited group of children enjoyed a varied programme of serious and fun races for prizes given by the teachers. I am eagerly awaiting the developing of my slides showing the senior boys struggling to properly wear tights etc. Farmers on the look out for strong men need not fear however. Tossing the Caber gave them an opportunity to use their rippling muscles - ably demonstrated by teacher Mr Jim Woodward. Actually the weather had been fine the day before with most children bathing in the creek or sea, according to age and ability.

On Sunday I led the annual School Carol Service - ably assisted by the headmaster Mr Peter Trevelyan and pupils Masters John Ferguson, Nicholas Pitaluga and Gavin Browning.

December 8th. Miss Pauline Lynx Biggs was born on board H.M.S. Lynx on 28th June 1967. To mark Lynx's retiral from service exactly seven years later Pauline was presented with a silver replica of Lynx's Bell. The presentation took place on H.M.S. Endurance and was made by the ship's captain and accompanied by a decorated cake.

December 8th. Special parades and a Cathedral service was held to mark the 60th Anniversary of the Battle of the Falklands.

December 9th. Among the arrivals on today's aircraft were Bishop and Mrs Tucker (see Nov/Dec Times), and Messrs Hall and Selton of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

December 10th. The Girls Brigade held their combined Christmas Party and 21st birthday with tea for over 40 girls. Part of the report given was as follows. "Some forty girls attended and played games until 6.30 p.m. when they sat down to a hearty tea and ice cream specially made for the occasion and most gratefully appreciated. After tea there were more games and at 7.30 p.m. approximately, that most welcome visitor, Father Christmas arrived, bringing a small gift for all Members of the Explorer Section and Junior Members of the Girls' Brigade. Before he departed Father Christmas received many kisses of appreciation from happy little girls. 1974 has been a more interesting year

for the Girls' Brigade. We were extremely fortunate in having Mrs Valerie Bennett and Mrs Jennifer Forrester to take First Aid Classes, while Mr Lellman continued his ever popular basketball class. Mrs Heather Pettersson also gamely volunteered to take a Junior Toy-making Class, and the results of this class were very evident at the Winter Show where the work was exhibited. The Explorer section again functioned enthusiastically under the guidance of Mesdames Winnie Luxton and Heather Pettersson, and they terminated their season on 19th October with a Social Gathering in the Parish Hall for parents. The Social opened with tea and cakes served by most willing small waitresses. After tea Natalie McPhee thanked the parents for attending and Julie Thain read the Explorers prayer. All the girls then sang the Girls Brigade hymn and Christine Peck, Jackie Jennings and Bernadine Biggs read Explorers' Readings."

December 10th. I was fortunately able to attend the A.G.M. of Goose Green Social Club. It was very well attended. The accounts showed the club to be in a very healthy position financially. The activities showed a profit over the year enabling the club to spend large amounts on new items - mainly a billiard table; and oil fired heating unit and linoleum. The Chairman suggested that not enough use was made of the indoor facilities - except the bar! Archery had been started during the winter - in the woolshed. More equipment had been ordered. The social events, especially the two-nighter had been successful. The decoration of the teenagers room was complete. He thanked the retiring committee for their help.

The new committee is:- President: Mr Brooke Hardcastle; Chairman: Mr Nick Hadden (when he is on leave Mr Robin Lee will deputise); Secretary/Treasurer: Mr Roger Hillman; Bunkhouse Rep.: Mr Trevor Lowe. Other members: Mrs Sharon Middleton, Mrs Liz Shepherd, Mrs Carol McLeod and the Messrs. Tony McMullen (Shepherds Rep.), Dennis Tasker, Hookey Finlayson and Finlay Ferguson. No teenage committee was elected as there were not enough using the room at present. It was asked if the senior schoolchildren might be able to come down and use it. After discussion on other matters the president thanked everyone who had worked to make the club successful during the year. He said the club was to be run by the people for the people. Everyone should do something.

December 11th. Rev. Robin Forrester of the United Free Church re-

turned from a visit to Darwin School and Goose Green.
December 11th. Football result - Redsox 3 (J. Colbert 3) - Mustangs 1 (McDonnell).

December 11th. A radio news item offered free holidays in Argentina for F.I. children by the Rotary Club of Argentina. Hosts were requested for Argentine children to holiday here. (The response was very small and action has been put off until more interest is shown). Other items revealed - Telephone No. 4 is now the Tourist Office; Stanley schoolmaster Bob Packer is going to join the staff of Darwin School next term; Mr Des O'Shea from Portsmouth has been engaged by the F.I.C. as Schoolteacher/Store-keeper at Walker Creek.

December 12th. The Danish vessel 'Hercules Scan' which is under charter to Johnston Construction Ltd, arrived in Stanley Harbour. She commenced discharging the impressive array of machinery on deck, which included caterpillar tractors, scrapers, road rollers, trucks, bowzers, JCB's and a stonecrusher. The total volume of the cargo is 3,500 cubic metres of which 1,300 is on deck and 2,200 in the holds. The 'Hercules Scan' has a crew of 15 and includes the Captain's wife and two children aged 3 years and 3 months.

December 13th. Argentine Naval Transport 'Bahia Buen Suceso' was immobilised when leaving the east jetty, by a nylon line fouling her propellor. It was freed later in the day and she left Stanley in the evening.

December 13th. Airport constructions company Johnston Construction Ltd reported as follows. "The past two weeks has seen the continuation of foundation works for the bungalows on Davis Street and the excavating of drainage trenches at the Airport Site. Work has also continued on material sampling and laboratory testing for which we have been kindly allowed to use the equipment and facilities at the Alginate Laboratory. We have now established a temporary office at Crozier Place and have also made ready a store building which will house a large quantity of machinery spare parts. Thursday saw the arrival of the 'Hercules Scan' in Stanley which, we understand, had a good passage from U.K., apart from some rather bad weather through the Bay of Biscay. Most of the heavy earthmoving plant is on deck - some of the items weighing up to 35 tons. These are being offloaded using the Scan's derricks which are capable of lifting up to 50 tons."

December 15th. Both Christ Church Cathedral and the Tabernacle presented Christmas plays - but at different times so as not to clash themes with an international flavour. As last years play accounts were very brief we give them in full this year.

First Christ Church Cathedral. "The Road to Bethlehem" written by Maragaret Cropper and adapted and produced by Mrs Helyer. The play placed special emphasis on the theme "children of all nations". With the switching off, of the lights in the main body of the church, attention was focused on a curtain covered space near the altar.

Padre, having read several passages from the Bible the children acted out the story. There were the shepherds (Michael Jones, Anton Livermore and Gavin Short) watching their flocks when an angel (Jacqueline Stewart) appeared to tell them to follow the star. We also met the three Kings on the road. These were Cora McGill, Teresa McGill and Trudi Jones. They were carrying their gifts to the King. Their page Adele Jones was keeping them on the right road.

Then the children on the road appeared. These were Alison Thom an English child, Sharon McGill a Falkland Islands child, Anna King a Bolivian, Glynis King a Japanese, Neil Rowlands an Eskimo, Natalie McPhee a Chinese, Betty Wallace an Indian and Susan Butler as an Arab. All were dressed in national costume and carried a gift appropriate to their country, for the King.

As the play closed the children on the road, the Kings, and the Shepherds grouped round Joseph and Mary namely Jennifer Rowlands and Josephine Stewart who were guarded by three angels, Diane Cheek, Jacqueline Stewart and Daneila Clark. While they sang "Praise Him Praise Him" some of the younger members of the Sunday School also dressed in national costume brought gifts to the manger.

During the play at appropriate times solos were sung by Len McGill, Vivienne Perkins and Catherine Rowlands.

Much praise should go to Mrs Helyer and all her helpers for the hard work put into producing such colourful and authentic costumes which were shown to the best advantage by the children when walking the road, i.e. the aisle of the church.

The Cathedral being so big it is sometimes difficult for the speakers voice to be heard but the children all spoke up loud and clear, obviously a credit to their producers.

Mrs R.L. Robson was at the organ.

Then from the Tabernacle.

"Christmas around the World" was the title of the play performed in the comfortably full Tabernacle schoolroom. Altogether thirty children took part plus the ever hard working Sunday School teachers Mrs Forrester, Mrs Thain and Mrs Stewart. It seems that around here a Minister's wife has to double as a play director and my wife was no exception, nobly taking on the brunt of the rehearsing. Here is a brief account of the play.

Act 1 showed the traditional nativity scenes. Mary and Joseph were Patricia Card and Stephen Ford. They received startling news from an angel, played by Kathryn Forrester, who told them that Mary would have a baby. Mary was shocked as she was not yet married, but this didn't seem to worry the angel who said that God would give her this special baby. Later on the shepherds were visited by the angel, and they in turn visited the new-born Jesus. Actually there were considerably more shepherds than toy sheep but no one seemed to mind. They were Kerena and John McDonald, Lisa Watson, Rachael and Isobel Bennett, Katrina Clarke, Jenny Ryan, Barbara Steen, Neil Hewitt, Keren Forrester and Helen Howatt. These little ones said their lines beautifully clearly.

The remaining three acts were set in the present day. Act 2 was Christmas with a starving family in Bangladesh who had some joy on Christmas day when missionaries arrived in the nick of time with a little food. Mother was Avril Goss, who also sang a nice solo; the complaining children were John Thain, Duncan Stocks and Vanda McDonald. Father was Errol Goss.

For Act 3 we moved to a Communist prison. Beatings and torture were as usual on Christmas Day. One person who was in gaol for no other reason than that he was a Christian, was able to help another badly beaten prisoner, and gave him a Christmas present of the single bean in his otherwise clear, coloured water, called soup. The prisoners were Sharon Hewitt and Sarah Stocks. The cruel wicked guard was Ian Goss. Interestingly, this Act was based on an actual incident in a Roumanian prison.

In Act 4 we arrived in the Falklands. The family on stage were clearly very grateful for all the good things that they had - a good cheer went up when the Christmas Lamb was brought on. Father was Craig Stocks and mother Julia Thain. They appeared to have their children well under control - Paul Watson, Denise Card and Anneze McDonald. Carol singers were welcomed in and seemed to enjoy invisible orange juice and biscuits along with the family who,

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHSBirthsIn the Falklands

Dec. 2nd	Mr & Mrs B. Morrison	son	CRAIG BASIL (8 lb 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ oz)
	(Cathy McMillan)		
Dec. 17th	Mr & Mrs T. McPhee	dau	SARA (6 lb 8 oz)
	(Sheila Finlayson)		
Dec. 25th	Mr & Mrs J.R. Robinson	son	TIMOTHY RIVETT (7 lb 8 oz)
	(Cable & Wireless)		
Dec. 30th	Mr & Mrs R. McCormick	son	RICHARD PAUL (7 lbs)
	(Pauline Miller)		
Jan. 16th	Mr & Mrs D.R. Jones	son	STEVEN (8 lb 7 oz)
	(Doreen Harrison)		
Jan. 20th	Mr & Mrs M. Trise	son	MALCOLM SHANE (6 lb 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ oz)
	(Sheila Ford)		

Overseas

Oct. 17th To Mr & Mrs Rod Russell of Southampton, a son STUART
(7 lb 14 oz). Mrs Russell was formerly Miss Joan Thompson.

MarriagesIn the Falklands

Dec. 7th	Peter George SEELEY and Shirley Eva BERRIDO at Christ Church Cathedral.
Dec. 20th	John Harvey ADAMS (RM) and Marjorie Rose HUME at the Office of the Registrar General.
Dec. 21st	David Alan PLATT (RM) and Veronica Shirley DAVIS at Christ Church Cathedral.
Dec. 23rd	Peter Robert SHORT and Emily Christina SHOREY at the Office of the Registrar General.
Dec. 23rd	John Alexander BERNTSEN and Ellen Rose CLARKE at Port San Carlos.
Jan. 4th	Kevin Barrie McCURDY (RM) and Trudi Irene BIGGS at Christ Church Cathedral.
Jan. 18th	John David BLACKLEY and Candy Joy LANG at Chartres.

DeathsOverseas

Nov. 18th	Mrs Elsie Toogood in Bath, Somerset aged 82 years (formerly Elsie Cull of New Island).
Dec. 23rd	Mrs Marjorie Helena Browning of Stanley in the British Hospital, Buenos Aires, aged 61 years.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

"If I were Lord of Tartary,
Myself and me alone,
My bed would be of ivory,
And beaten gold my throne."

- but I'm not, of course, and thus turn to producing another Falkland Islands TIMES. Almost certainly this is the last but one, issue. Overseas readers will not be aware that I recently advertised to see if there was anyone interested in taking it over before I leave the Falklands (which will probably be towards the end of July). But no takers. What will probably happen to the TIMES is this. I have delayed 6 weeks from the last issue and thus produced this larger issue. In about a further 6

weeks I will produce a mammoth issue using up all the news to date. Now if someone does come forward to take it over well and good. If not, I will wait a while to give further opportunity and then return subscriptions - which I am still accepting at the moment.

Of course there is a fair bit of work involved but not too much - and a reasonable income is produced. However the great reward is the appreciation expressed by people at home and overseas who, whilst not always agreeing with opinions expressed, are glad that someone is producing the local paper.

CULTURE?

That quotation from Walter de la Mere with which I began my column this time is a reminder that we have had quite a number of attempts to give us some 'culture' recently. Mr Joe Booth who arranges film shows in the Parish Hall obtained "The Mikado" which was given a number of showings; Mr Bob Poole's book of poetry was reviewed in the last F.I. Times; entertainers on the visiting cruise ship REGINA PRIMA gave two musical concerts with a programme ranging from passionate South American love songs to items from a professional jazz band; we were treated to an interesting historical lecture by Mr E.W. Hunter-Christie (see p.24 f) and finally we recall an excellent exhibition of water colours by local artist Mr Romeo Pauloni.

DENTAL EDUCATION

A few weeks ago I asked Mr Robert Watson our Colony dentist if he would write a short article on the above subject. However he was a step ahead of me and gave me a copy of a new leaflet. Called 'Teeth for Life' and printed in our government Printing Office it is free to anyone who asks. The front tells of the extra dangers to the teeth of modern man, stressing the trouble caused by sugar products and food which is much more refined than that eaten by our ancestors. Then there is a description of two common types of disease affecting teeth and gums. On the other side are instructions, with diagrams, advising the correct way to brush your teeth and gums.

TO QUOTE OR NOT TO QUOTE

I recently received the following letter from Mr John Harradine.

"Dear Mr Forrester,

On reading the January/February issue of the Times I was surprised and annoyed to find that you had printed (pages 2

and 3) part of that which I had written to you in a private letter. What I said originally about the progress of the goose study is of course no less true for having been put into print but if I had intended it for publication I might well have written it differently.

I gather you believe in freedom of speech - fair enough but I think it would have been courteous to have approached me before publishing a private communication, even if it were of great interest.

Yours faithfully,

John Harradine."

Sorry John, but it's fair to say that when writing to an editor of a paper it is usually assumed that, unless marked so, is not of a confidential nature. However, funnily enough, the same thing happened to me recently! I wrote to the Editor of a Christian weekly and was surprised to receive shortly afterwards an advance copy with my letter spread over half a page.

AND FINALLY.....

Not all the hoped for features could be included this month - mainly due to the three lists of results which I have published in this edition. Goodbye for now.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

<u>Births</u>		<u>In the Falklands</u>	
Feb. 2nd	To Mr & Mrs G.W. Betts	son	OWEN (8 lb 7 oz)
	(Geraldine Johnson)		
Feb. 17th	To Mr & Mrs G. McKay	son	GLYNN ROBERT
	(Paulina Kiddle)		
		<u>Overseas</u>	
Jan. 13th	To Mr & Mrs G. Edwards of California, U.S.A., a	daughter (8 lb 3 oz) named AMARA LAYLI.	
Jan. 30th	To Mr & Mrs F. Alstadt of Comodoro Rivadavia, a	son - AXEL.	
Feb. 8th	To Mr & Mrs G. Mills of Scotland, a son -	ROBERT ALEXANDER.	

Marriages

The wedding took place in Colchester on 17th February between Willie Skilling and Joy Durrel of England. Willie is the second son of Mr & Mrs C.J. Skilling who left the Falklands 22 years ago and went to live in Rowhedge, England. Their two daughters Emily and Mary who are married also live in Rowhedge. Willie and Joy are making their home in Rowhedge.

Deaths

<u>In the Falklands</u>	
Feb. 12th	Mrs Audrey Orissa STEWART Aged 56 yrs.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

"Stanley.

Dear Sir,

During the last visit of the tourist ship REGINA PRIMA, I called at the Globe Hotel Bar. While was there some tourists entered the bar. In one corner of the bar there were at least 12 personnel from H.M.S. ENDURANCE. These men (if they can be called men) were in my opinion, very rude and ignorant, making loud whistles, cat calls and barking like dogs, among all this the word wogs was shouted.

I wish to stay British, and I want to see these Islands remain British as much as any other true Britisher. But I don't like to see rudeness to visitors no matter what nationality they are. And I wish it to be known, that this rudeness was not caused by Falkland Islanders. We have always had a good name for politeness and hospitality, let's keep it that way.

Just think, these men belong to Her Majesty's Service (Senior Service). I think they are a disgrace to that service.

Johnnie Blyth."

"606 - 5926 Tisdall Street,
Vancouver 13, British Columbia,
Canada, V5Z 3N2.
December 1, 1974.

Dear Sir,

Would you please publish this letter in your newspaper as I am most anxious to obtain new friends in your part of the world who have the same hobby as I have.

I collect postage stamps and would like to correspond with people who would exchange stamps with me. I have only recently renewed my hobby as for years I looked after my invalid mother.

I offer in exchange for postage stamps, postcards, newspapers, literature of Canada and British Columbia and stamps of my country as a fair exchange.

I promise to answer all letters received from stamp friends and hope to hear from many,

Sincerely,
Elsie Williams."

"Falkland House,
Slade Road, Slade,
Ilfracombe, N. Devon.
3rd February 1975.

Dear Sir,

Reading in the September issue an article stating that the Falkland Islands is no longer a Christian Colony. It makes me feel very sad as I am a true Falkland Islander. It is just over five years since my husband and I left those dear little Islands, it is a disturbing feeling to read such an article.

The people must have lost their Christianity since we left. Consider Ireland today, every day there are killings, bombing and other corruptions going on, also in England. Surely out there, there is nothing like that, compare that with the people in the F.I., are they unchristian? If they did kill and destroy, then they would be.

Perhaps it is the Clergyman's fault that the neglect of his flocks in the camp might be the cause of the people drifting from the Christian way of life. When we lived there Dr McWhan was a familiar figure around the camp; he used to travel about from house to house spreading the Gospel; I'm sure lots of people miss his cheery smile when he came into their homes to spend a few hours or even a night. There is a chapter in 2nd Corinthians Chapter IV Verses 3 & 4 - But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost. 4th verse - In whom the God of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. The 5th verse goes on to say - For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.

I must close on those words which I think is in perfect keeping for the Island people. People in the Falklands please look at your Bibles more often. If it is true about no Christianity there, why let yourselves go, and end up like most of the poor Irish.

Dear Mr Editor I hope my letter is not too long. Because I'm a Salvation Home Member I do feel deeply for anybody going on the wrong path.

I remain,
Yours sincerely,
Rosina W. Llamosa."

"Irish House,
92, Irish Town, Gibraltar.
3rd December 1974.

Dear Sir,

I have learnt about your publication through the brochure "Guide to Stanley" very kindly sent me by your Postmaster.

I am a stamp collector and am interested in contacting persons in your country with the same hobby who would like to exchange stamps of the Falkland Islands and Dependencies for those of Gibraltar, particularly stamps of older issues. I wonder whether you could kindly make this known through your publication, and would of course be only too glad to send you a remittance for the cost involved in case this has to be done by means of an advertisement.

With anticipated thanks for your kind assistance to the above request, I remain,

Yours sincerely,
E. Serruya."

"Carcass Island.
9th February 1975.

Dear Sir,

I have recently seen the September issue of the Times and would like to comment on the religious education part of the interview with the Superintendent of Education.

Assuming the statements attributed to Mr Stocks have been correctly represented from the original interview they seem to me to underline the place of religious education in school which he apparently does not accept. If "Education is ...preparation for living." which "...should open up choices for people", and if "It is a community responsibility..." in which "...parents and teachers must work together.", then how can he be opposed to teaching religious education in school "...when it is a way of life"? If it is a way of life then surely it should be part of the life of the school, which itself is a most important part of the life of a child? If education is to open up choices then surely by omitting religious education some choices are denied to a child? If education is a community responsibility then surely religious education is a part of that responsibility which the school should undertake?

I realise religious education is difficult to teach and that, in general, the way a topic is taught influences considerably its

impact on the pupil. Surely difficulties should stimulate efforts to overcome them rather than cause the whole subject to be rejected?

While Mr Stocks is entitled to his views on this subject, as is everybody else, I hope that, if he is contemplating any change in policy, he will respect the wishes of those parents who believe in the importance of a general or specific religious education in school as a continuation of their own teaching at home.

Yours sincerely,
John Harradine."

Thanks to Mr Ken Mills of Papatoetoe for this letter. The letter from the Epsom Postmaster is given below.

"58 Ashlynn Ave.,
Papatoetoe, Auckland,
New Zealand.
19th February 1975.

Dear Sir,

I have been able to obtain the name of box holder 26247 from the Epsom Postmaster and a copy of the Postmaster's letter is enclosed for your information. You will recall that this is the box number used by "Cold Kelper".

Mr L. Barnes is Mr Les. Barnes son of the late Mr Frank and Mrs Barnes now of New Zealand. Mr & Mrs Frank Barnes lived at one time in Jubilee Villas.

I do not know Mr Les. Barnes but no doubt he will be remembered in the Falklands.

With very best wishes.

Yours sincerely,
Ken Mills."

"Post Office,
EPSOM.
18th February 1975.

Dear Sir,

I have now received the permission from Box Holder 26247 to forward their name.

The box is rented by a Mr L. Barnes.

Yours faithfully,
J.L. Hill
Postmaster."

DARWIN HARBOUR SPORTS ASSOCIATION RESULTS

1. Maiden Plate 500 yards
1st MISERE, E. Goss; 2nd SAGEBRUSH SAM, S. Morrison;
3rd BLACK SUZIE, Mrs N. Knight.
2. Maiden Plate 500 yards
1st GARNET, I. McPhee; 2nd SILVER SPRING, S. Morrison;
3rd BLACK SUZIE, N. Knight.
3. Troop Horses 600 yards
1st TENNESSE, R. Binnie; 2nd FLASH, S. Morrison;
3rd SLIPAWAY, E. Goss.
4. Fitzroy Cup 700 yards
1st TONINI, R. Binnie; 2nd SNOW GOOSE, S. Morrison;
3rd SHAMROCK, K. Whitney.
5. Falkland Island Bred 500 yards
1st BEAUTY, K. Whitney; 2nd QUICKSILVER, E. Goss;
3rd PEGGY, H. Rozee.
6. Falkland Island Bred 300 yards
1st SUNBEAM, Mrs T. Anderson; 2nd RAMBLER, R. Binnie;
3rd BOMBADIER, E. Goss; 4th RHUMBA, S. Morrison.
7. Open 500 yards
1st SNOW GOOSE, S. Morrison; 2nd BLUE SKIES, E. Goss;
3rd DONIAZADA, Miss S. Monk.
8. San Carlos Plate 500 yards
1st FLASH, S. Morrison; 2nd SLIPAWAY, E. Goss;
3rd KITTY WELLS, W. Morrison.
9. Colt Plate 450 yards
1st BEAGLE, I. McKay; 2nd CORRIE, T. Blake.
10. Troop Owners 600 yards
1st THUNDERBOLT, N. Knight; 2nd KITTY WELLS, W. Morrison;
3rd TEX RITTER, A. McBain.
11. Owners Up 500 yards
1st TONINI, R. Binnie; 2nd BEAUTY, K. Whitney;
3rd QUICKSILVER, E. Goss.
12. JOCKEY'S PLATE 400 yards
1st SUNBEAM, K. Whitney; 2nd BOMBADIER, E. Goss;
3rd RAMBLER, R. Binnie.
13. Darwin Plate 700 yards
1st SHAMROCK, K. Whitney; 2nd SNOW GOOSE, S. Morrison;
3rd DONIAZADA, Miss S. Monk.
14. Falkland Island Bred 600 yards
1st TONINI, R. Binnie; 2nd FLASH, S. Morrison;

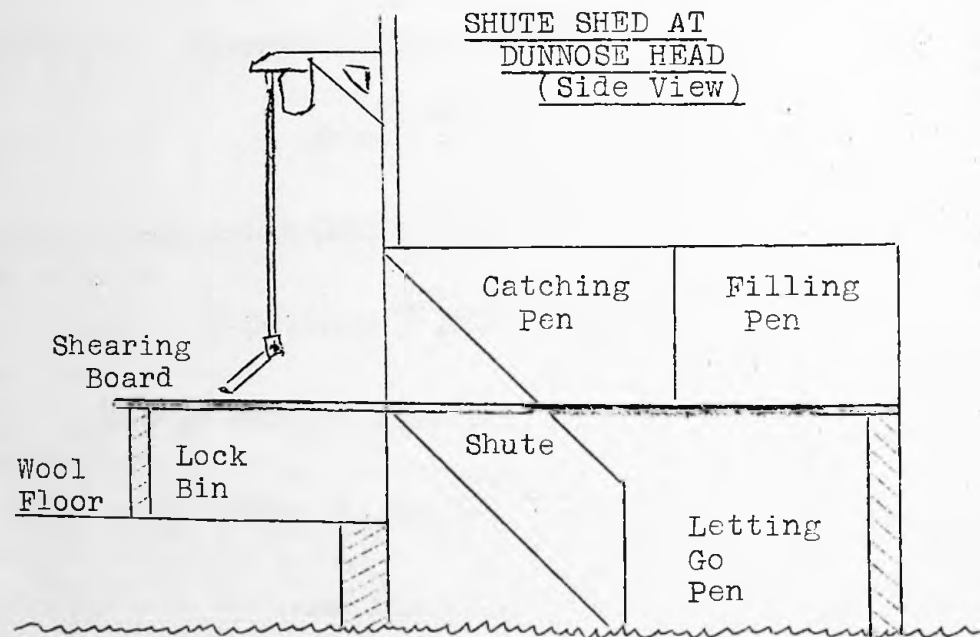
- 3rd SLIPAWAY, E. Goss.
15. North Arm Plate 600 yards
1st BEAGLE, N. McKay; 2nd MISERE, E. Goss;
3rd SILVER SPRING, S. Morrison.
16. Lafonia Plate 500 yards
1st BEAUTY, K. Whitney; 2nd SNOW GOOSE, S. Morrison;
3rd QUICKSILVER, E. Goss.
17. Port San Carlos Plate 400 yards
1st PEGGY, H. Rozee; 2nd RHUMBA, F. Clausen;
3rd JUDY, W. Morrison.
18. Falkland Island Bred 1 mile
1st TENNESSE, R. Binnie; 2nd SAGEBRUSH SAM, S. Morrison;
3rd THUNDERBOLT, N. Knight.
19. Falkland Island Bred 400 yards
1st BOMBADIER, E. Goss; 2nd RHUMBA, S. Morrison;
3rd THUNDERBOLT, N. Knight.
20. Ladies Race 500 yards
1st SUNBEAM, Mrs T. Anderson; 2nd DONIAZADA, Miss S. Monk;
3rd SALLY, Mrs D. Masters.
21. Consolation Race 300 yards
1st GOLDEN GLORY, S. Morrison; 2nd LYNN, R. Rozee;
3rd CALIPYSO, M. Summers.
22. Champion Cup 600 yards
1st BEAUTY, K. Whitney; 2nd TONINI, R. Binnie;
3rd FLASH, S. Morrison.
23. Champion Cup 700 yards
1st TENNESSE, R. Binnie; 2nd BOMBADIER, E. Goss;
3rd SHAMROCK, K. Whitney.

HORTICULTURAL SHOW (continued from page 20)

Gardening Book for the exhibitor obtaining the most points in the vegetable classes. For the best collection of vegetables Mr A. Cletheroe won a Silver Challenge Cup plus Alexander and Brown Certificate. Mr Don Davidson won the £1 seed voucher presented by the Scottish Seed House, Messrs Alexander & Brown, for the most outstanding exhibit in any of the potato classes. The Challenge Cup presented by Mrs J.H. Ashmore for the exhibitor with the most points in the home produce section was won by Mrs Rene Rowlands. Mrs Jean Morrison won the Silver Challenge Bowl presented by Mrs E.J. White for her flower arrangement. With the most points in the flower section Mrs D. Williams was the winner of the Challenge Cup presented by Mrs E.G. Lewis. The prizes were very kindly presented by Mrs French. In the evening Dr Ashmore was the auctioneer.

SHUTE SHED

Thanks to Mr Taffy Evans for the notes and to Mr Richard Cockwell for the diagram.



During my visit to Dunnose Head last season I was asked if I could suggest any alterations for the improved working of the shearing shed. I suggested that a raised-floor shute shed would be the most suitable.

The term "shute shed" describes a system where the shearers shears his sheep alongside his catching pen and lets his shorn sheep go down a shute passing under his catching pen. The wool floor in this case is at a lower level than the shearing board, thus the wool boy stands on the wool floor, picks up the fleece from the shearing board which is at waist level, turns around and throws the fleece directly onto the wool table without any walking.

On the 13th February of this year I visited Dunnose Head to see the alterations to the shed in operation. I found shearing in full swing and everybody very pleased with the new system.

The shearers said that they got used to the system very quickly and found that their work was simplified due to the short

distance that they had to drag the sheep and the fact that there was no wool or wool boy on the board to obstruct them.

The wool handling was greatly improved as the wool is thrown straight onto the tables from the board, no shearers being over six foot from a table. The piece wool is thrown directly into the piece bins, these being at the head of the free-standing tables. All the sweepings fall onto the wool floor and are swept under the shearing board, which space is used as a bin for this purpose.

This system has proved to be the most efficient use of space as the rough sheep holding capacity of the shed has been increased by 50% without any enlargement of the building other than the covering of the letting-go area.

The shearers' comment was "This is a 100% improvement on any shed that we have worked in the islands. We hope that many other farms will follow suit."

My thanks go to Packe Brothers Manager for having carried out my suggestions and also to Pat Short for having done an excellent job of the alterations, using all second-hand materials and never having seen a shute shed before.

I hope that many of you will make a point of visiting Dunnose Head to see the first and only shute shed in these islands. I feel that it would be worth while and I shall be very disappointed if people do not take the time and trouble to make a visit.

RICHARD PEARSON

A news item from the New Zealand Herald concerned the National Shearing Championship at Masterton. Mr Richard Pearson, who left the Falklands in 1973, came ninth in the Intermediate Semi-Finals. The closeness of the marking is shown by the fact that only 3.26 points separated the top twelve in his group. Richard is the first non-New Zealander to qualify at these championships.

CORRECTION

On page 13 of the January/February Times there was a news item headed deportation. The man's name, obtained from an official source, given as Mr Geoffrey Deroath is incorrect. It should have read Mr Jeffrey Jess Le Vance de Roath.

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RECORD REQUESTS

As some people, especially those overseas, may not be aware of programmes accepting requests for folk in the Falklands we give the following details.

'Calling the Falklands' broadcast by the B.B.C. London each Sunday. Address requests to "Calling the Falklands, B.B.C. World Service, Bush House, London", (preferably several weeks in advance if a special date is required).

'Children's Hour' each Saturday - broadcast by the F.I. Broadcasting Station. For infants and children of school age. Address: "Children's Hour, The Studio, Stanley".

'Friday Hour' - weekly for adults. Address: "Friday Hour, The Studio, Stanley".

'Special Requests' - two or three times a week for hospital patients and elderly people. Send to "Special Requests, The Studio, Stanley".

All these programmes accept requests from residents and non-residents of the Falklands but must, of course, be for residents here. Remember to name who the record is for, and to give your own name and address.

PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS

Falklands Future

In the Commons on 10th March 1975 Mrs Lena Jeger asked the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs what considerations he has now given to the question of the sovereignty and constitutional future of the Falkland Islands, what representations he has received from other countries on this matter, and what replies he has sent. Mr David Ennals: Her Majesty's Government have no doubt as to their sovereignty over the Falkland Islands. There have been exchanges from time to time with the Argentine Government about the future of the Falkland Islands. The nature of such exchanges is of course, confidential. The findings of the Falkland Islands Select Committee on Constitutional Reform have not yet been considered by the Legislative Council."

Falklands Development

In the Commons on 10th March 1975 Mrs Lena Jeger asked the Minister of Overseas Development, what proposals she has agreed for the development of the Falkland Islands, and what improvement in the standard of living of the population has been achieved over the last two years. Mrs Judith Hart: "Her Majesty's Government is contributing to the Falkland Islands Development plan at an annual rate of £50,000 fifty thousand sterling. This is in addition to the four decimal two million sterling approved for the building of a permanent airfield.

Allowing for the differences in environment the islanders enjoy a standard of living as high as that of the United Kingdom."

ROYAL SOCIETY OF ARTS EXAMINATION SUCCESSES

Congratulations to the following.

ENGLISH: Pass - T. McCallum, R. Poole, C. Barber, D. Clarke, Una Summers, Shelley Livermore. Pass with Credit - Bernadette Johnson.

ARITHMETIC: Pass with Credit - C. Barber, Shelley Livermore, S. Clifton, T. McCallum, R. Poole, D. Clarke.

SHORTHAND: Una Summers - 50 words a minute; Bernadette Johnson - 60 words a minute.

TYPEWRITING: Pass - Cherry Robson, Una Summers, Dilys Anderson, Julia Kerr. Pass with Credit - Bernadette Johnson.

CHILDREN'S SPORTS MEETING 1975 - ORGANISED BY THE WORKING MENS' SOCIAL CLUB - Prize Winners:

Boys & girls aged 10 - 12 - 100 yards: 1st, Gary Livermore; 2nd, Robert Short; 3rd, Anton Livermore.
Boys & girls aged 8 & 9 - 80 yards: 1st, John Thain; 2nd, Frederick Short; 3rd, Paul Summers.
Boys & girls aged 5 - 7 - 60 yards: 1st, Rose Mary Short; 2nd, Helen Howatt; 3rd, Stephen Ford.
Boys & girls aged 3 & 4 - 40 yards: 1st, Kevin Hewitt; 2nd, David Chattel; 3rd, Allan Steen.
Boys & girls aged 13-15 - 100 yards: 1st, Carol Johnston; 2nd, Sharon Hewitt; 3rd, Cheryl Johnson.
Boys & girls aged 10-12 - Four-legged race: 1st, Anton Livermore, Derek Pettersson & Stephen Jennings; 2nd, Anna King, Toni Pettersson & Tracey Peck; 3rd, Peter Roberts, Martin & Jeremy Smith.
Boys & girls aged 8 & 9 - Three-legged race: 1st, Christine Peck & Natalie McPhee; 2nd, Avril Goss & Vanda MacDonald; 3rd, Joanna Pearson & Shona Rozee.
Boys & girls aged 5-7 - Three-legged race: 1st, Helen Howatt & Patricia Card; 2nd, Sharon Smith & Corina MacDonald; 3rd, Isobel Bennett & Sheila Butler.
Boys & girls aged 3 & 4 - 40 yards: 1st, Kevin Hewitt; 2nd, David Chattel; 3rd Allan Steen.
Boys & girls aged 10-12 - Variety Race: 1st, Gary Livermore; 2nd, Robert Short; 3rd Anton Livermore.
Boys & girls aged 8 & 9 - Variety Race: 1st, John Thain; 2nd, Frederick Short; 3rd Paul Summers.
Boys & girls aged 5-7 - Variety Race: 1st, Diane Cheek; 2nd, Patricia Card; 3rd, Roy Jennings.
Boys & girls aged 13-15 - Variety Race: 1st, Christopher Barber; 2nd, Kenneth McKay; 3rd, Richard Short.
Boys & girls aged 12-15 - Slow Bicycle Race: 1st, Derek Pettersson; 2nd, Ian McKay; 3rd, Erwin Allan.
Boys & girls aged 8-11 - Slow Bicycle Race: 1st, Stephen Jennings; 2nd, Neil Rowlands; 3rd, Gary Livermore.

Boys & girls aged 10-12 - Wheelbarrow Race: 1st, Derek Pettersson & Robert McAskill; 2nd, Robert Short & Ray Smith; 3rd Duncan Stocks & John Corlett.

Boys & girls aged 8 & 9 - Wheelbarrow Race: 1st, John Thain & Derek Jennings; 2nd, Kevin Clapp & Zackerie Stephenson; 3rd, Craig Stocks & Neil Rowlands.

Boys & girls aged 5-7 - Hopping Race: 1st, Rose Mary Short; 2nd, Roy Jennings; 3rd, Stephen Ford.

Boys & girls aged 10-12 - Relay (teams of two, mixed):

1st, Teresa Johnson & Gary Livermore; 2nd, Robert Short & Ray Smith; 3rd, Tracey Peck & Stephen Jennings.

Boys & girls aged 8 & 9 - Relay (teams of two, mixed):

1st, John Thain & Roy Jennings; 2nd, Mathew Shaw & Irvin Summers; 3rd, Neil Rowlands & Graham Minto; Shona Rozee & Joanna Pearson.

Boys & girls aged 13-15 - 150 yards: 1st, Richard Short;

2nd, Christopher Barber; 3rd, Cheryl Johnson.

Boys & girls aged 5-7 - Backwards Race: 1st, Corina MacDonald;

2nd, Margaret Butler; 3rd, Sharon Smith.

Boys & girls aged 11-15 - Consolation Race: 1st, Darlene Short;

2nd, Trudi Jones; 3rd, Neil Ford.

Boys & girls aged 8-10 - Consolation Race: 1st, Neil Rowlands;

2nd, Julia Thain; 3rd, Paul Summers.

Boys & girls aged 5-7 - Consolation Race: 1st, James Peck;

2nd, Frank Jaffray; 3rd, Barbara Steen.

Boys & girls aged 3 & 4 - Consolation Race: 1st, David Chattel;

2nd, Stewart Stocks; 3rd, Alayne Betts.

Boys & girls aged 13-15 - Bicycle Race (Front Road):

1st, Christopher Barber; 2nd, Paul Rowlands; 3rd, Kenneth McKay.

Boys & girls aged 10-12 - Bicycle Race (Front Road):

1st, Gary Livermore; 2nd, Derek Pettersson; 3rd, Robert Short.

Boys & girls aged 8 & 9 - Bicycle Race (Front Road):

1st, Neil Rowlands; 2nd, John Thain; 3rd Craig Stocks.

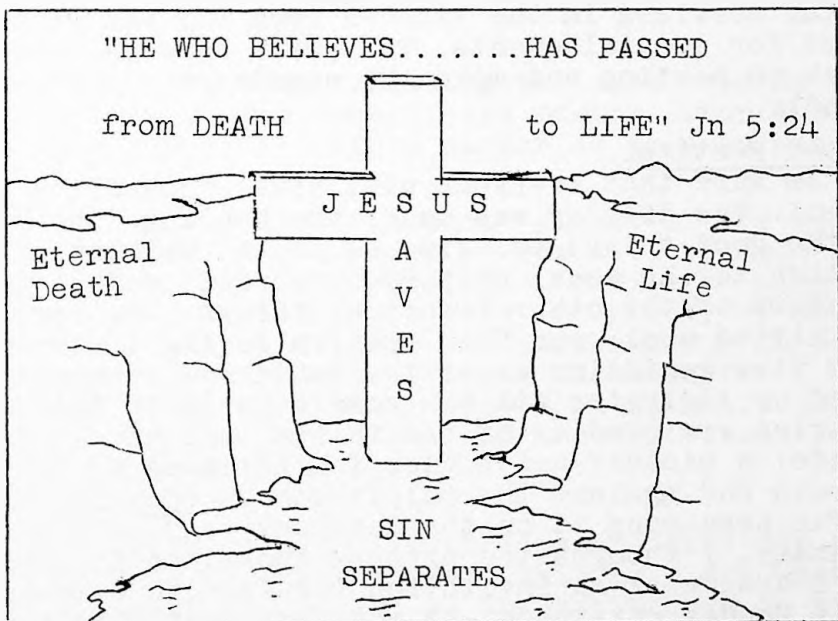
WEDDING: (Thanks to Mrs Pat Luxton for this account)

Candy Lang and John David Blackley

The wedding between Miss Candy Joy Lang of Chartres and John David Blackley of Fox Bay West took place at Chartres on Saturday 18th January 1975 at 3.30 p.m.

The bride, elder daughter of Mr & Mrs W.F. Lang was given in marriage by her father.

Behold th' amazing sight!
 The Saviour lifted high;
 The Son of God, His soul's delight,
 Expires in agony.



For whom, for whom, my heart,
 Were all those sorrows borne?
 Why did he feel that cruel smart,
 And wear that crown of thorn?

For us in love he bled,
 For us in anguish died;
 'Twas love that bowed his sacred head,
 And pieced his precious side.

TABERNACLE NEWS ITEMS by The Pastor

Mrs McWhan

I would like to remind everyone that I have rec'd an anonymous gift of £40 to use in some way in memory of Mrs McWhan. The donor, who lives overseas, said it could be used on something permanent or not, just as I wish. But please let me have some suggestions.

Evening Services

At a recent meeting the Council agreed to hold evening services in the kitchen room for the winter, except for special events. This will save us about £2 a week on heating and make the service much more friendly.

Harvest Festival

I am sure that everyone will have enjoyed the Harvest Weekend. The display was under the heading 'Thank you Lord for the good things you give us in the Falklands.' In addition to the usual display of garden produce there were reminders of the other important things i.e. raw, spun and knitted wool; our fuel peat; a daylight screen showing a view reminding us of the wonderful scenery; kindly loaned by Alginates Ltd was some samples of Sodium Alg.; groceries reminded us of the things that come in from outside; a picture and a glassful reminded us of sunshine and rain and against the pulpit was an open Bible. We had fun arranging it on the Saturday; enjoyed the services on Sunday. I thought the display looked so interesting that I broadcast an invitation for folk to come in and see it Monday afternoon - I was very gratified that so many people took up the invitation. On Monday evening the goods were auctioned and £25.07 was received.

Church Secretary

We are pleased to welcome Mr Jeremy Robinson who has kindly agreed to the request to become Hon. Church Secretary. Jeremy is the son of the Methodist Minister on Alderney, Channel Islands. We also sincerely thank Mr Iain Stewart for all the work he has done while he held office (and at other times too). We wish him well as he will be away in UK taking various courses. Both work for Cable & Wireless Ltd.

Sunday School

Nearly 40 attendance prizes were given at the prize-

giving on March 2nd when Sunday School recommenced after the summer break. Thank you to Mrs Jean Morrison for presenting the prizes on behalf of the church. A few days before this 41 children gathered for the 'Welcome back to Sunday School Party'. We welcome Mrs Margaret Stocks to our Sunday School staff - she has kindly offered to help for this year. We say goodbye, and thankyou, to Mrs Hulda Stewart after six years loving service in the infants department. We hope to see Miss Rita Watts back after April 14th.

Pastorate

As you will know I am expecting to leave towards the end of July. The Church Council are making efforts to secure the services of another pastor as soon as possible.

Bookstall

I am sorry to say that the book 'Almost 12' is again out of stock. (This is the story of sex for children given in the setting of love and marriage). I will be pleased to accept orders - price 35p. There are plenty of other titles in stock, all at UK prices. 'Tortured for Christ', 'The New Johnny Cash'; 'Five Pioneer Missionaries'; 'Dear Ann' (dating for girls); plus Bibles, childrens colouring and Bible story books and others. Please let me know if you would like a book.

Gift Day

The Church Council has fixed this years gift day as Whit Sunday. This is the 18th May. This is a day when we make special offerings to God as thankofferings to him for all the good things we enjoy. In the past three years several hundred pounds have been gifted in this way. I would suggest that you pray and ask the Lord what he would have you give. It is so much more spiritual than just making up an amount oneself. We hope to receive a Christian film for showing on the Saturday 17th.

Social Evening

We hope to have another social evening probably at the end of June or early July. There will be time for a friendly chat with everyone and again we hope to have a film.

World Literature Crusade

Most regular attenders at services will be aware that the above organisation in the United States has gifted

£900 (£375) to assist us in our work. The gift was given specifically to pay for Christian Literature and to pay for the cost of Camp travel. I have bought 2000 copies of 'God's Answer' from the Scripture Gift Mission. This booklet is a sort of mini-Bible. It contains a series of questions all of which are answered in the very words of Scripture. Thus I believe it will be very useful for all who find the Bible quite a big book and aren't too sure where to start. I hope that these booklets are on the Charter vessel.

Bible Correspondence Courses

Another answer for those who would like to know more about the message of the Bible is a correspondence course. Emmaus is the biggest school of this kind in the world. Its success is probably due to the fact that the courses are very easy to understand. Each course is a book that gives an introduction to the subject. This is followed by questions and you have to tick which of the given answers is right. These tests are then sent in for marking. At the end of the course a certificate is given. Courses available here so far are: For Adults 'What the Bible Teaches'; For Children 'Things Jesus Said and Did' (suitable for 9 years and upward). More details from me.

Serial

Just a reminder that Sunday Morning services for the next few weeks are devoted to a tour through the Old Testament. I am picking out the major events and showing how they relate to the salvation teaching of the New Testament and to life.

Bible Story Cassettes

I am preparing a set of Bible Story Cassettes for free loan. The first set is 'Joseph and his Brothers'. I hope they will be ready soon.

Sunday Services - all welcome

- 10.00am Sunday School - graded classes 3 years and up.
- 10.45am Singing - S.School plus adults who come early for Morning Service which begins at 11am approx.
- 7.00pm Evening Service.

May God bless every one of you with the knowledge of his Son, and the joy of his presence. Amen.

Candy looked charming in a full-length gown of white crimplene with a high neck, full sleeves and long train. The hem and sleeves were bordered with daisies. Her shoulder length veil was also scattered with daisies and held in place by a spray of orange blossom. She carried a bouquet of mixed flowers and fern. The dress was chosen by Mrs Joyce Price in Portsmouth, England.

The groom was attended by Gil Giles also of Fox Bay West. Candy's bridesmaids were - her younger sister Sandra, Brenda Blackley sister of the groom, and Annagret Hume cousin of the bride.

Sandra and Brenda wore full-length dresses of Aquamarine with high necks and full puff sleeves, white head-dresses and shoes and carried small bouquets of mixed flowers. Annagret wore a yellow dress, white head-dress and carried a posy of colourful daisies.

The bridesmaids dresses were made by Mrs Joan Porter, the hair styles by Mrs Marjorie Adams and the flowers designed by Mrs Summers of Stanley.

The bride's mother wore a blue lurex dress with white accessories and the bridegroom's mother wore a blue two-piece suit and white accessories.

The ceremony took place in the Manager's house, W.R. Luxton acting as Registrar, after which many photographs were taken by the guests and the official photographer Marine John Adams. Paul Barnes and Carol Hume both presented horseshoes to the bride.

At 4 o'clock the reception was held in the Cook-house for 150 guests who had travelled from Port Howard, Fox Bay East and West, Port Stephens, Hill Cove, Beaver Island, Teal Inlet and Stanley.

The place of honour was reserved for the beautiful square 3-tiered wedding cake made and decorated by Mrs Marjorie McPhee of Stanley. We must also give credit to the bride's mother, Chubby, who provided a magnificent spread of savoury dishes making them all but the Empanadas and cheese straws so kindly provided by our cook Mr Jock Halliday. The telegrams were ably read by the best man and the reception finished at 6 o'clock.

At 9.30 p.m. a lively dance began in the Cook-house and continued until 4 a.m. At midnight coffee and cakes prepared by Mrs Duncan, Mrs Hobman and Mrs Barnes were served.

Candy, John and their families wish to thank everyone for making their wedding day one to remember. Especially Mr & Mrs Jock Halliday and the boys in the Cook-house for all the preparation before and all their hard work after, the MC of the dance Mike Biggs and all the people of Chartres.

FLOWER, VEGETABLE AND HOME PRODUCE SHOW - 1975 WINNERS

Section A. Pot Plants: HC = Highly Commended

FRENCH MARIGOLD: HC A. Cletheroe.

BEGONIA: 1st & 3rd Mrs A. Lee; 2nd Mrs S. Heathman.

CACTUS OR SUCCULENT: 1st, 2nd & 3rd Miss M. Coutts; HC Mrs S. Heathman.

COLEUS OR ORNAMENTAL FOLIAGE PLANT: 1st Mrs D. Williams.

FERN: 1st Mrs L. Halliday; HC Miss M. Coutts.

FUCHSIA: 1st Mrs W. Jones.

GERANIUM: 1st Mrs W. Poole; 2nd Mrs S. Heathman; 3rd Mrs C. Luxton.

PETUNIA: 1st Mrs C. Luxton; 2nd & HC Mrs A. Lee.

SCHIZANTHUS: 1st Mrs C. Luxton.

POT PLANT - ANNUAL: A. Cletheroe 1st.

POT PLANT - PERENNIAL: 1st Mrs S. Heathman; 2nd Mrs A. Lee; 3rd Miss M. Coutts; HC Miss M. Coutts & Mrs R. Rowlands.

TREE SEEDLING: 1st Miss M. Coutts; 2nd & 3rd Mrs R. Rowlands; HC W. Poole & A. Alazia.

Section B. Cut Flowers

ANTIRRHINUM: 1st D. Thom; HC Mrs D.J. Sollis;

CALENDULA: 1st Mrs S. Heathman; 2nd Mrs D. Williams; 3rd Mrs McGill.

CENTAURIA CYANUS: 1st Mrs D. Morrison; 2nd Mrs D.J. Sollis; 3rd A. Cletheroe.

CHRYSANTHEMUM (ANNUAL): 1st Mrs S. Smith; 2nd Mrs D. Morrison; 3rd Mrs H. Bennett.

LARGE DAISY: 1st Mrs Bertrand; 2nd Mrs S. Smith; HC Neil Ford.

DAHLIA: 1st & 3rd Monsignor Spraggan; 2nd Mrs A.J. Blyth.

DIANTHUS ALLWOODII: 1st & HC Mrs W. Jones; 2nd Mrs D.J. Sollis.

SWEET WILLIAM: HC Mrs R. Felton.

CARNATION: 1st & 3rd Mrs R. Rowlands; 2nd W. Cletheroe.

GARDEN PINKS: 1st Mrs W. Goss; 2nd Mrs D. Morrison; 3rd Mrs W. Jones.

CALIFORNIAN POPPY: 1st Mrs D. Williams; 2nd & 3rd Mrs D. Morrison.

GERANIUM: 1st Mrs E. Clapp; 2nd Neil Ford; 3rd Mrs R. Rowlands.

SWEET PEA: 1st & 3rd Mrs D. Williams; 2nd Mrs D. Davidson.

LILY: HC Mrs H. Bennett.

LINARIA: 1st Mrs E. Clapp; 2nd Mrs Bertrand.

LUPIN: 1st Mrs T. Pettersson; 2nd Mrs D.J. Sollis.

STOCK: 1st Mrs D. Morrison; 2nd A. Cletheroe.

POPPY: 1st Mrs S. Heathman.

ROSE: 1st Mrs D. Davidson; 2nd Mrs R. Felton.
 PANSY: 1st, 3rd & HC Mrs D. Williams; 2nd Mrs W. May.
 FLOWERS - OTHER: 1st Mrs D. Williams; 2nd Mrs R. Rowlands;
 3rd Mrs A.J. Blyth; HC Mrs S. Smith.

Section C. Flower Arrangements:

FLOWER & FOLIAGE IN VASE OR BOWL: Mrs D. Morrison (67 votes);
 2nd Mrs J. Kerr (50 votes); 3rd Mrs E. Clapp (39 votes).

CHILDREN'S ARRANGEMENT OF FLOWERS (under 10 years):

1st & 3rd Diane Cheek; 2nd Jane Harris.

"DINNER TABLE" ARRANGEMENTS: 1st Mrs J. Kerr; 2nd & HC Mrs P.
 Helyer; 3rd Mrs D. Morrison.

Section D. Collections:

COLLECTION OF OUTDOOR VEGETABLES (8 kinds): 1st A. Cletheroe;
 2nd A.J. Blyth.

CHILDREN'S SALAD ARRANGEMENT (10-14 years): HC Toni Donna
 Pettersson.

Section E. Vegetables:

BROAD BEANS: HC D. Davidson.

HEAD OF CABBAGE (POINTED): 1st D. Thom; 2nd Mrs R. Rowlands;
 3rd E. Morrison.

HEAD OF CABBAGE (ROUND): 1st W. Poole; 2nd D. King;
 3rd R. Hansen

STUMP CARROTS: 1st D. Davidson.

LONG CARROTS: 1st A. Cletheroe; 2nd D. Middleton;

3rd E. Morrison.

CAULIFLOWER: 1st D. Thom; 2nd A.J. Blyth; 3rd H. Luxton.

CABBAGE LETTUCE: 1st W. Poole; 2nd A.J. Blyth; 3rd F. Betts.

CUCUMBER: 1st A.J. Blyth; 2nd Mrs D.J. Sollis.

ONIONS: 1st Mrs K.J. McPhee; 2nd A. Cletheroe; 3rd M. Turner.

SHALLOTS: 1st D. Thom; 2nd W. Poole; 3rd P. Peck.

SPRING ONIONS: 1st T. Fleuret.

PARSNIPS: 1st D. Davidson; 2nd & 3rd D. Middleton.

PEAS: 1st & 2nd W. Poole; 3rd Mrs R. Rowlands; HC S. Heathman.

RADISHES: HC W. Cletheroe.

TOMATOES: 1st & 2nd H. Ford; 3rd D. Williams; HC A.J. Blyth.

VEGETABLE MARROW: 1st A.J. Blyth.

WHITE TURNIPS: 1st & 2nd Miss V. Perkins; 3rd A. Cletheroe.

YELLOW TURNIPS: 1st A. Cletheroe.

TURNIP SWEDES: 1st P. Peck; 2nd H. Ford; 3rd A. McLeod.

RED EARLY POTATOES: 1st F. Betts; 2nd & HC E. Morrison;
 3rd W. Cletheroe.

WHITE EARLY POTATOES: 1st & 2nd D. Davidson; 3rd R. Binnie;
 HC R. Hansen.

RED MAINCROP POTATOES: 1st D. Davidson; 2nd E. Morrison.

WHITE MAINCROP POTATOES: 1st R. Hansen; 2nd A. Cletheroe;
 3rd D. Davidson; HC A.J. Blyth.

ANY OTHER VEGETABLE: 1st, 2nd & HC A.J. Blyth; 3rd D. Davidson.

Section F. Fruit:

RED GOOSEBERRIES: 1st Mrs A. Cletheroe.

GREEN GOOSEBERRIES: 1st H. Luxton; 2nd Miss B. Pearson.

RASPBERRIES: 1st Miss B. Pearson; 2nd Mrs R. Rowlands.

STRAWBERRIES: 1st T. Fleuret; 2nd A.J. Blyth; 3rd A. Cletheroe.

RED CURRANTS: 1st Mrs M. Porter; 2nd P. Helyer; 3rd Miss B.
 Pearson.

WHITE CURRANTS: 1st Mrs S. Heathman; 2nd Miss B. Pearson.

BLACK CURRANTS: 1st A. Cletheroe.

ANY OTHER HOME GROWN FRUIT: 1st Miss B. Pearson.

Section G. Home Produce:

BUTTER: 1st Mrs K.J. McPhee; 2nd Mrs W. Jones;
 3rd Mrs R. Rowlands; HC Mrs C. Alazia.

HEN EGGS: 1st Mrs C. Luxton; 2nd & 3rd Mrs S. Smith.

BOTTLED RHUBARB: 1st & 2nd Mrs R. Rowlands; 3rd Mrs W. Jones.

BOTTLED GOOSEBERRIES: 1st Mrs R. Rowlands.

ANY OTHER BOTTLED FRUIT: 1st & 3rd Mrs R. Rowlands;
 2nd Mrs W. Jones.

RHUBARB CHUTNEY: 1st, 3rd & HC Mrs W. Jones; 2nd Mrs W. Goss.

ANY OTHER CHUTNEY: 1st Mrs K.J. McPhee.

RHUBARB JAM: 1st, 2nd & 3rd Mrs R. Rowlands.

GOOSEBERRY JAM: 1st Mrs A. Lee; 2nd & 3rd Mrs R. Rowlands.

DIDDLE-DEE JAM: 1st, 2nd & 3rd Mrs W. Jones.

STRAWBERRY JAM: 1st, 2nd, 3rd & HC Mrs R. Rowlands.

RASPBERRY JAM: 1st & 3rd Mrs W. Jones; 2nd Mrs R. Rowlands.

DIDDLE-DEE JELLY: 1st Mrs A. Lee.

GOOSEBERRY JELLY: 1st & 2nd Mrs R. Rowlands.

RED CURRANT JELLY: 1st Mrs B. Pearson; 2nd Mrs R. Rowlands.

CURD: 1st D. Ridley; 2nd Mrs P. Helyer.

ANY OTHER PRESERVE: 1st Mrs R. Napier; 2nd Mrs R. Rowlands;
 3rd Mrs W. Goss.

MARMALADE: 1st & HC Mrs R. Rowlands; 2nd Mrs A. Lee;
 3rd Mrs W. Goss.

PICKLES: 1st, 2nd & 3rd Mrs R. Rowlands; HC Mrs K.J. McPhee.

RICH FRUIT CAKE: 1st, 2nd, 3rd & HC Mrs R. Rowlands.

VICTORIA LAYER CAKE: 1st Mrs R. Rowlands; 2nd Mrs P. Helyer;
3rd Mrs W. Jones.

PLAIN SPONGE CAKE: 1st & 2nd Mrs W. Poole.

DECORATED SPONGE CAKE: 1st & 2nd Mrs R. Rowlands;
3rd Mrs L. Halliday; HC D. Ridley (2).

ANY OTHER HOME-MADE CAKE: 1st & HC Mrs R. Rowlands.

YEAST BUNS: 1st Mrs W. Jones; 2nd Mrs P. Summers;
3rd Mrs P. Helyer.

SCONES: 1st Mrs W. Poole; 3rd Mrs T. Fleuret.

PLAIN BISCUITS: 1st Mrs P. Summers; 2nd Mrs W. Poole;
3rd & HC Mrs T. Fleuret.

FANCY BISCUITS: 1st Mrs P. Summers.

SMALL PASTRY CAKES: 1st Mrs P. Helyer; 2nd Mrs P. Summers.

SMALL PLAIN CAKES: 1st Mrs T. Fleuret; 2nd Mrs P. Summers.

SMALL FANCY CAKES: 1st, 3rd & HC D. Ridley; 2nd Mrs R. Rowlands.

EMPANADAS: 1st, 2nd & 3rd Mrs R. Rowlands.

SAUSAGE ROLLS: 1st & 2nd Mrs R. Rowlands; 3rd Mrs P. Summers.

SAVOURY PIE OR FLAN: 1st Mrs R. Rowlands; 2nd Mrs P. Helyer.

WHOLEMEAL BREAD: 1st Mrs P. Helyer; 2nd Mrs R. Napier.

WHITE BREAD: 1st Mrs P. Summers; 2nd Mrs R. Felton.

CURRENT BREAD: 1st Mrs D. Jones; 2nd Mrs W. Jones.

ANY OTHER KIND OF LOAF: 1st & 2nd Mrs R. Felton; 3rd Mrs P. Helyer.

SWEETS OF ANY KIND: 1st, 2nd, 3rd & HC D. Ridley.

The Horticultural Society Secretary Mr Neville Bennett has kindly provided the following notes.

The Horticultural Society's Annual Show was held on Saturday 1st March. The doors of the Gymnasium were opened to the public at 3 p.m. As you entered the hall the first view was of a mass of flowers - the whole north wall was lined with the cut flowers and pot plants. On either side of the aisle were vegetables. Turning to the right one could see the usual excellent display from Government House. The south wall was lined with the home produce cookery. To the east of the entrance and to the west, the remainder of the vegetable selection. The flower arrangements were in the north west corner of the hall and the dinner table arrangement just in front of the G.H. stand.

The winner of the Haskard Challenge Cup and Miniature for the exhibitor with the most points over all classes was, for the third year running, Mrs Rene Rowlands. Mr John Blyth won an Illustrated

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WOOL PRICES

A number of reports on the world wool price situation have been broadcast in recent weeks. It does not appear to be useful to reproduce them here in full. A fair summary is: Reports from Australia and New Zealand show that the governments of these countries have been 'buying in' wool, through their respective Wool Corporations, at guaranteed prices. This means, in effect, that manufacturers of wool based items throughout the world do not want the wool that is being grown. These Wool Corporations buy the unwanted wool produced in their countries at a low price, but designed to be enough to keep the farms in business. The Wool Corporations then stockpile the wool which they hope they will be able to sell when, and if, demand for it increases. A report from the Argentine said that many farms had paid off most or all of the employees. Many were greatly overdrawn at the bank and faced bankruptcy. The reports from New Zealand and Australia gave correspondents opinions that prices have now reached their worst. However the marketing agents for Falkland Island wools continue to prophesy poor returns for a good while yet.

CABLE AND WIRELESS LIMITED

In a recent news report the Company gave the following summary of its operations. We have been advised, by the way, that Cable and Wireless is wholly owned by the British Government.

"Our responsibilities are in the operation of the overseas communications of the Islands.

We work the following services:-

Radio Telephone Services from Stanley to London, from mid-day to 1 p.m. Mondays to Fridays, which covers all telephone destinations except the Argentine and Uruguay, which are catered for in a separate schedule between 2 p.m. and 9 p.m. Mondays to Saturdays.

Radio Telegraph circuits are operated to the whole world via London, and although the Cable Office in the Town Hall is open from 8 a.m. to noon, and from 1.15 p.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays to Fridays, communication with the outside world is maintained for 15 hours a day, and for 7 days per week.

In addition, communication by telegraph and telephone to ships on the high seas is part of our responsibilities.

Outside of the public telephone and telegraph business, we also operate on behalf of B.A.S. the circuits to the bases in the British Antarctic Territories, and to the research ships during

the summer season.

The bases traffic circulates on a private telegraph circuit to the United Kingdom, which B.A.S. leases from this Company and which our staff operate for B.A.S.

This Company is also responsible for operating the Stanley terminal of the public telegraph circuit with Fox Bay. Our assumption on the 1st of October 1974, of the overseas telecommunications, together with the absorption of the Government's telegraph clerks, has made this Company's operation of this internal Falkland Islands circuit a logical step. The acceptance in Stanley of traffic destined for delivery within the Falkland Islands, is still however, a Government Post Office responsibility. Cable and Wireless merely acting as a carrier for the Post Office in the circuit between Stanley and Fox Bay.

Delivery of all telegrams both local and overseas, is carried out by the Government messenger.

A further service is provided to the community by Cable and Wireless, in that we have accepted the responsibility of keeping an emergency listening watch on the Government inter-island R/T during certain hours, when Government personnel and NOMAD (Royal Marine Radio Station) are not on duty. This is for urgent or medical matters only."

S.S. GREAT BRITAIN

We who live in the Falklands have almost a surfeit of information about the Great Britain Project. For expatriate Falkland Islanders starved of news we give the following short news item from the Daily Telegraph.

"The steamship 'Great Britain', 3,000 tons, the first screw-driven iron ship to cross the Atlantic, is to have a permanent home in Bristol dry dock.

The city council yesterday agreed to a three-year lease at a "peppercorn" rent.

This decision ends controversy over whether Brunel's great ship might impede future redevelopment of the area.

The 'Great Britain' - which was launched from Bristol in 1843 - was salvaged off the Falkland Islands in 1970. Since its return to Bristol it has been undergoing restoration.

£10,000 profit
The "SS Great Britain Project", a registered charity,

made a £10,000 profit last year when about 112,000 visitors paid up to 25p a head to inspect the hull.

Mr Richard Gould-Adams, project chairman, said last night: "The ship even in her present condition is arousing a steadily increasing interest. But it is perfectly clear to me it may take 20 years to restore her completely."

Various schemes have been undertaken to raise money. Mussels which grew inside her while she lay beached in the Falklands and timber-cladding from the hull have been sold as souvenirs.

Meanwhile the Navy has discovered iron masses buried under the sand of Dundrum Bay, off Northern Ireland. These could be the rudder or iron lifeboats lost when the ship went aground between 1846-47."

THE BOYS BRIGADE

Most of us are familiar with the uniform of our local B.B. However there exists some confusion as to the reason for existence and scope of the Boys Brigade. Therefore we give some extracts from the annual report of the Boys Brigade and next month we shall have some notes on its purpose by the president, the Earl of Elgin. From the Annual Report:

"Membership. World membership is over 268,000, nearly 4,000 up on last year. But in the British Isles the boys' total of 137,350 was nearly 2,500 down. There was also a slight fall in the British Isles in the number of officers - down by 178 to 16,125. Overseas, however, almost every total was up, with 144 more officers and 79 new companies. Says the report: "The pressures on leadership continue undiminished." It remains difficult to get the 1,500 new leaders needed each year.

Christian content. The Brigade is to reaffirm the Christian aims and content of its work, following a report by a special working party. There will be "a challenge to all officers to examine and renew our commitment to our Lord Jesus Christ in the service of boys and His Church".

Joint activities. The joint liaison committee of the B.B. and the Girls' Brigade has produced suggestions for joint activities, with guidance notes on joint enrolment services and camps. Further notes on parades and displays are planned. The joint committee has also started discussions with other youth organisations, recognising that many companies work with them within the community of their church.

Service. Among work done by B.B. boys the report lists: help in hospitals for the mentally handicapped, tidying-up operations, sponsored walks and swims, tree planting, paper collection, and other activities."

FALKLAND ISLANDS COMMITTEE NEWS - by the Editor

Visit of U.K. Secretary

January saw the arrival in the Falklands of one of the Joint Hon-Secretaries of the U.K. Falkland Islands Committee - Mr E.W. Hunter-Christie. Bill Christie, on his first visit, was very busy whilst here. He made a long Camp trip accompanied by Mr Jack Abbott local branch chairman. This gave an opportunity to visit all settlements and to speak to over 300 people. Mr Abbott said that more invitations were received than could be accepted in the time available. Much of the inter-settlement travel was overland giving Mr Christie a good opportunity to get a little of the feel of Camp. Meetings were held at most places.

In Stanley Mr Christie busied himself with brief visits to many people both in their homes and in public places such as bars.

The major public event was an open meeting in the Town Hall which was very well attended. Mr Abbott welcomed Mr Christie who then delivered a 35 minute speech detailing what he considered to be the historical and legal basis for Britain's right to retain sovereignty over the Falklands as long as the Islanders wish it. It was one of the best speeches heard in the Falklands for a long while. Mr Christie is a barrister and all the skills and training of the 'professional' speaker came to the fore. He held his audience well. Of course he was speaking to an audience that wanted to be convinced and that made his task easier, nonetheless it was a sparkling performance. (This speech has been published as a booklet and will be reviewed elsewhere in the F.I. Times.)

The remainder of the meeting was given over to discussion, and questions and answers with Mr Christie in the 'hot seat'. Some of the information was new - and some not. Here is a selection from Mr Christie's opinions. The Colony has a prosperous future; local decision making should be increased; dominance by sheep must be ended - there should be a land based fishing industry involving sea fish plus mussels, clams, krill, trout, king crab also geese; "I do not believe that any British Parliament would hand over any British People to any foreign power without its (i.e. the people's) agreement."; not happy about the way young

Falkland Islanders express their will to defend their country; "Argentina will not attack nor allow unofficial action"; "Diplomats have failed to put your case to the world"; the U.K. government has failed to honour its agreement to provide an external shipping service although the Argentine has kept its promise to provide an air service; British Civil Servants have, although unauthorised to do so by Ministers, secretly raised Argentina's hopes of a transfer of sovereignty; the F.I. Executive and Legislative Councils have been kept in ignorance of important information on matters facing the Colony; the U.K. government put Argentina first and the F.I.'s second - but there is a principle involved. "You do not sell a people"; the new airport should be longer to allow full international flights; if oil was discovered in exploitable quantities the Falklands should benefit to the extent of 40-50% of the gross selling price - be careful you get the best advice; it would be logical to sell any oil to Argentina whose own oil production fell last year - also to the rest of South America and the U.S.A.; Falkland Islanders should be given an opportunity to speak for themselves in the United Nations as the Gibraltarians were; the British Parliament should be asked to pass an Act forbidding any transfer of sovereignty without Parliamentary approval; it would be useful publicity for the Falklands cause to ask for an internationally supervised referendum to show the international Community what the people of the Falklands want with regard to the sovereignty issue; an eminent person should be appointed Governor or Lieut. Governor rather than a career diplomat; a possible answer to the sovereignty problem would be integration with the United Kingdom in the same way as the Channel Islands. As a conclusion a motion was passed reaffirming loyalty to the British Crown.

I understand that similar issues to these were dealt with in the Camp meetings.

My impression of the visit was that of an American style presidential campaign. Indeed in a radio interview with Mr Christie I described it as 'almost a royal progress' and he did not disagree. In the same interview I asked what tangible results he expected to come from his visit. The main results he said were that he could now speak with first hand experience of the situation in the Falklands and that he would be better able to assist the London F.I. Committee.

Correspondence

Mrs Miller has sent the following letter to the Editor. Below it we give the Editor's reply!

"Dear Sir,

I have been instructed by this Committee to write to you concerning the "Exclusive Interview with Senor Blanco", as published in the January/February issue of the Falkland Islands Times.

The Committee regard your article as blatant Argentine propaganda and take note of the fact that as the Times is maintained partly by a subsidy from the Falkland Islands Government, this in turn means that the local taxpayer's money is being used to disseminate the insidious propaganda of the Argentine Foreign Office.

The Committee is further alarmed by the fact that this newspaper is sent all over the world and it is not difficult to imagine Argentine pleasure at realising that South American countries and other friends of the United Nations Committee of Twenty Four are now able to think that the Falkland Islands would appear to be happy to disseminate such information.

The Committee further takes exception to your main introductory paragraph where you say "the public in the Falklands, although mainly loyal to the Queen....."

A sentence such as that, and the underlining is of course mine, could mean to overseas readers that there is a considerable minority here who are not loyal subjects.

The Committee would ask you to print this letter.

Yours faithfully,

Betty Miller

Honorary Secretary,
Falkland Islands Committee
(Local Branch)"

"Dear Mrs Miller,

I thank you for your letter of March 12th on behalf of the F.I. Committee (Local Branch). As it makes an attack on my editorial policy I think a defence is justified.

First to answer your three points:

1. When the subsidy was offered to the F.I. Times it was made clear that it would not be accepted if any attempt was made to influence the editorial policy. To its credit the Government has kept to its bargain.
2. I feel that it is an emotional overstatement to call the Blanco interview 'insidious propaganda'. The definition of this description is 'information secretly or craftily propagated'. Instead it was a plain and straightforward newsworthy item on a matter of great public interest.

3. The quote re the public being 'mainly loyal' bears in mind that there are a number of aliens resident in the Falklands. A quote from the Nov/Dec issue makes it quite clear, 'Certainly you would have great difficulty finding 40 inhabitants who wanted to become Argentine'.

A criticism made to me verbally that, I think, is valid, is that the questions in the interview might have been better phrased. Put this down to amateurism!

Overall, I think that there is little likelihood of overseas readers being misinformed. 12 out of the 15 F.I. Times to date contain statements favourable to the retention of British sovereignty over the Falklands. What might alarm them is the Committee's apparent desire that only one side of an important public matter should be presented. Those familiar with the British way of life will know that a responsible newspaper is expected to give space to differing points of view in controversial matters.

Your Committee may recall that at a public meeting six months ago I offered the facilities of the F.I. Times if a local branch of the F.I. Committee were formed. Regrettably this offer has not been taken up - indeed readers would probably be surprised to learn that I have not yet been offered one news item.

Letters are always welcome, critical or otherwise, and all are published if they are intelligible and courteous; so I thank your Committee for its interest.

I think that the nub of the matter is that both the F.I. Committee (Local Branch) and the F.I. Times are committed to the maintenance of loyalty to the British Crown. We are just a little divided over how this can best be demonstrated - but I don't think that this need worry us too much.

Yours sincerely,
R.W. Forrester,
Editor."

POPPY DAY APPEAL 1974

The Royal British Legion Poppy Day collection for November 1974 amounted to £238.55 from Camp and Stanley. This was augmented by £109.18 from the Royal Marines Open Day giving a total of £356.20. Expenses were £8.47 and thus £347.73 was sent to the Legion's Funds. The appeal was organised by the Falkland Islands Branch of the British Red Cross Society.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

As I look across the editor's desk it is rather untidier than usual! Preparing this edition at the end of six weeks Camp visiting, in the midst of packing, and without my wife as she has gone on ahead to England, has resulted in some disorder - and then some! With my family gone I have also received some insights into, and sympathy with, the problems of those who live on their

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As some have queried what the editorial policy of this paper is the following is reproduced. It is taken from the banner over the F.I. Times stand at 1974 Stanley Winter Show:

THE FALKLAND ISLANDS TIMES

- seeks to encourage interest in the Falklands all around the world.
- supports a continuance of loyalty to the British Crown.
- is a watchdog on public affairs in the Colony.
- believes in the spread of ideas and opinions.
- will use facts to kill rumours.
- explains and discusses important issues of the day in its Editorial Column.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL by the Editor.

The main meetings of the Budget session of Legislative Council were held Tuesday 17th June onwards. I am only giving a brief outline of the proceedings. To commence, the features of the budget that will affect most people.

Aircraft boarding fees from £4 to £4.50.

Spirits Duty from £1.37½ to £1.69 per bottle.

Tobacco, Wines & Cigars duty up.

Hospital inpatients fees for residents from 95p to £1.50 per day in public wards.

Darwin Boarding School fees from £30 to £36 per year.

Telephone from £10 to £12 per year (double for business subscribers).

Rediffusion fee from £3 to £5.

Electricity, per unit, from 4.09p to 4.34p.

Radio advertising at new rate of 2½p per word with minimum of 40p.

Overseas postage rates. Small air letter forms from 6p to 7½p and airmail letter from 8p to 10p per ½ oz.

Government house rents up by 10%.

Old Age Pensions Up - Single persons from £4 to £5, and married couples from £7 to £8 per week.

Question Time

The following information was given in reply to members' questions. No visit of H.M. the Queen, or member of the Royal Family is planned before 1978 due to the inconvenient location of

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DEPOPULATION

It was in the 5th copy of the Weekly News in May 1974 that I first drew attention to this serious problem in a news item headed, "They're leaving in droves". Afterwards the previous Governor mentioned the problem in his speech to Legco in June 1974, and Bill Christie drew attention to it when he was here. At the time I published my previous report a senior member of the Government said to me, "what do you expect me to do? Go and ask them why?" I was, for once, speechless. I am pleased to see therefore that the Legislative Council has set itself the task of finding out why people are leaving their homeland. One presumes that the usual answers will be given: lack of job opportunities, poor Camp education, etc. What these kind of answers really say is that we need better government. And there is no doubt that there is a 'credibility gap' between the Government and the people. I was in a number of different houses when the recent Legco proceedings were broadcast, and people indicated that they felt it had little to do with them.

My own feeling is that the real problem is a leadership crisis. We are not throwing up leaders in our midst. History shows that real advances in a country are achieved by leaders. In the Bible when God wanted to do something he appointed not a committee but a leader - a Moses, a King David, a St. Paul. In recent times great work was done by individuals such as George Washington, General San Martin, Mahatma Gandhi and, of course, Sir Winston Churchill. Of course if leadership is taken by wrong hands we have a Joseph Stalin or an Adolph Hitler. Good leadership achieves advances, unites the people and the Government and creates confidence.

CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION

It is very disappointing not to be able to present to you, the people who live here and for whose benefit the Colony is supposed to exist, details of the proposed revision to the Falklands Constitution. You will recall that it was 'laid on the table' during the recent Legislative Council sessions. Recently I approached the Secretariat to obtain a copy to present the details to you, but was surprised with the answer, "It's confidential, you can't have it." After all the hoo-hah about getting people's opinions - planes flying about, recordings on radio, minutes distributed, public meetings etc. I consider that the people who co-operated so willingly should get a first look at

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AGREEMENTS WITH ARGENTINA

Many people have expressed interest in the agreements made by Great Britain and Argentina with respect to the Falkland Islands. These are too long to publish here but given below are some of the paragraphs of immediate interest.

First the 5th August 1971 Communications Agreement:

Parts 1 and 2 of the Exchange of Notes.

- " 1. (a) Since divergence remains between the two Governments regarding the circumstances that should exist for a definitive solution to the dispute concerning sovereignty over the Falkland Islands, nothing contained in the Joint Statement referred to above and approved by our two Governments on today's date shall be interpreted as:
- (i) a renunciation by either Government of any right of territorial sovereignty over the Falkland Islands: or
 - (ii) a recognition of or support for the other Government's position with regard to territorial sovereignty over the Falkland Islands.
- (b) No acts or activities taking place as a consequence of the Joint Statement referred to above having been put into operation and while it is in operation shall constitute a basis for asserting, supporting, or denying the position of either Government with regard to territorial sovereignty over the Falkland Islands.
2. Either Government may denounce this agreement subject to six months' prior notice in writing."

Parts 2, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12 and 16 of the Joint Statement.

- " 2. The Argentine Government should issue a document, in the form annexed, to residents of the Falkland Islands irrespective of their nationality who wished to travel to the Argentine mainland, which would allow them free movement within it. A document in the same form issued by the Argentine Government should be the only document needed by residents of the Argentine mainland for journeys to the Falkland Islands.
7. The British Government should take the necessary measures to arrange for a regular shipping service for passengers, cargo and mail between the Falkland Islands and the Argentine mainland.
8. The Argentine Government should take the necessary measures to arrange for a regular service of weekly frequency by air for passengers, cargo and mail between the Argentine mainland and the Falkland Islands.
9. Pending the completion of the airfield at Port Stanley, the Argentine Government should provide a temporary service by

by amphibian aircraft between the Argentine mainland and the Falkland Islands for passengers, cargo and mail. This service should be reviewed from time to time in the light of progress in the construction of the airfield mentioned above.

10. In order to facilitate the movement of persons born in the Falkland Islands, the Argentine Government should take the necessary measures to exempt them from all obligations related to enlistment and military service. The British Government should declare that in the Falkland Islands no obligations for enlistment for military service exist.

12. Both Governments should study and exchange views on measures to facilitate trade and to permit a greater ease of commercial transactions.

16. The Argentine Government should be prepared to co-operate in the health, educational, agricultural and technical fields if so requested. The Argentine Government should arrange for places to be available in schools on the Argentine mainland for children of residents of the Falkland Islands and should offer scholarships which should be published from time to time, the number of which should be decided upon in the light of local requirements. Both Governments should continue to exchange views on the matters referred to in this paragraph."

Secondly the Y.P.F. agreement dated 13th September, 1974. Here there has been selected the paragraphs thought to be of general interest.

- "1. (a) With effect from the date of completion of the construction of the storage plant referred to in paragraph (3) of this agreement, or such earlier date as may be agreed in the Special Consultative Committee, YPF shall, subject to the provisions of sub-paragraph (b) of this paragraph, be responsible for the supply and marketing of the products referred to in paragraph (ii) of this agreement which are consumed in the Falkland Islands.
- (b) (i) The provisions of sub-paragraph (a) of this paragraph shall not apply in respect of products used by the armed forces of the United Kingdom.
 - (ii) Such associations, corporations and other bodies as may from time to time be agreed in the Special Consultative Committee may obtain gas

- oil either from YPF or from any other source..
- (iii) If and for so long as YPF are unable to supply the Islands' needs in respect of any of the products referred to in paragraph (11) of this agreement YPF shall not have any obligation to do so and these products may be obtained from any other source..
- (3) YPF shall make the necessary arrangements for the construction of a storage plant for fuels and lubricants, including tanks, pumping equipment, pipelines and buildings, hereinafter referred to as "the storage plant", and shall supply the materials and equipment required for its construction, operation and maintenance. They may also modify the two overhead electric power lines which at present cross the site and bury them underground. They shall employ mainly personell from the Argentine mainland, but with the participation of local personell.
- (6) YPF or their representatives shall station in the Falkland Islands the personell necessary to look after the storage plant and the other installations. The composition of the operation and maintenance team shall be agreed as in the Special Consultative Committee.
- (8) The United Kingdom Government shall take the necessary measures so that the YPF tankers may use the private East jetty without the payment of any fee or tariff, and take on drinking water at the same jetty also without any charge.
- (10) The frequency with which YPF shall supply the storage plant shall be approximately every four months.
- (11) The products to be supplied by YPF shall be the following:
 - Super petrol
 - Kerosene
 - Gas-oil
 - Aero-fuels
 - Lubricants
 - Asphalts
- (12) The prices of these products in Port Stanley shall be those in force on the Argentine mainland. Payment may be made in Argentine or British currency. If payment is made in local currency the United Kingdom Government shall exchange it for convertible pounds sterling and pay any bank charges thereby incurred.
- (15) Not duties or taxes shall be applied in the Falkland Islands on the introduction, distribution or sale of YPF products.

- 16. The Argentine Government may construct and maintain a jetty, should it deem it appropriate, for the docking of vessels supplying the storage plant.
- 20. This agreement shall remain in force until 31st December 1976 or until the expiry of notice given in accordance with paragraph (18) of the Joint Statement and with paragraph (2) of the Exchange of notes. After 31st December 1976 either of the two Governments may denounce this agreement subject to six months' prior notice in writing.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Many readers tell us that they turn to this feature first. I hope you enjoy reading this selection, (for there is not room for all of them), as much as I enjoy receiving them.

94 Monks Croft,
Cheltenham,
Glos.

Dear Sir,

I have read with regret the various reports in the British press describing the pressures currently being applied by the Argentine Government to exercise sovereignty over the Falkland Islands. Although I have never visited the Islands, nor met any of the residents, I nevertheless wish you every success in your campaign to remain British: I have no doubts as to the justice and correctness of your cause. I write simply as an ordinary citizen of the United Kingdom.

Yours Faithfully,
(Mr.) B. Scott.

(Ed. Thank you Mr. Scott. One spontaneous letter such as yours will bring encouragement to a lot of people).

Waverley House,
Nevill Rd.,
Crowborough,
Sussex.

Dear Mr. Forrester,

I have thoroughly enjoyed the year's subscription to your F. Times.

The Bertrands stayed with us when they came to England, and we enjoyed their visit so much we are hoping they will repeat it. I lived in Australia for a number of years, and had a lot of friends who lived in the lonelier parts, so Cecil & Kitty were like a breath of fresh air to us.

I wish you luck in your fight to stay British - politics can be a dirty game.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs. Diana Rollason.

Flat 2,
67, Haverstock Hill,
London, N.W.5.

Dear Sir,

I have written to the Falkland Islands Company Limited in London with regard to obtaining postage stamps of the Falkland Islands of which I am a collector. I was told that these stamps are in great demand and that all stamps that came into the offices of the Falkland Islands Company had already been promised. They have accordingly referred me to yourself if you might be able to put me in touch with a correspondent to enable me to improve my collection of Falkland Island stamps.

I look forward to hearing from you within the very near future.

Yours faithfully,
Jonathan A. Methiss.

840 Springland Drive,
Apt. 132,
OTTAWA, Ontario,
Canada K1V 6L6.

Dear Mr. Forrester:

Thank you for your reply of the 17th January, which reached me in exactly eight days, arriving with a letter from New York City that had been posted 9th January!

As to your question regarding how I learned of the F. I. Times, the answer is that I work as a proofreader for one of our local English-language daily newspapers (the Ottawa Citizen: paid daily circulation, about 100,000) and our library gets brochures from the British High Commission. Among these was a 6-page booklet of information on the Falkland Islands, and in reading of a place so very much on the other side of the world from me, and seeing there that there was the possibility of getting some direct news from that place, I decided to write to you.

I should be curious to know if anyone else in Canada is on your subscribers' list.

Again, thank you for your letter.

Sincerely,
James D. Scheer.

(Ed. Thank you Mr. Scheer. It is interesting to see a result from F.I. publicity. Yes there are several subscribers' in Canada - also at least 16 other countries).

West Point Island.

Dear Sir,

May I offer my support for your reply to the criticism by the Falkland Island Committee local branch, to your publication of the interview with Senor Blanco.

Much as I wish to see these Islands remain British, I believe that it is still highly desirable that both sides of the argument be considered. Indeed, I believe that the Committee should have read the interview rather more carefully. It stated only one fact clearly, that what the Argentine government is offering the Falkland Islander is Argentine citizenship. Personally I have no doubt as to the desirability or otherwise of that. Apart from this the whole article was a collection of verbose and ambiguous statements, and I do not believe that any reading Islander would be deceived by such vague promises.

Whilst I continue to agree with the principles of the Falkland Islands Committee, I think the local branch should take great care not to allow itself to become branded as an unreasoning fanatical group. This would do far more harm than good to the Islanders case. Attitudes such as that adopted over the Senor Blanco interview, and previous local issues have only served to divide local loyalties. If we, a population of less than 2,000, cannot keep together on this vital issue, what hope of success have we?

Let us work to keep the Falklands British, and open-minded.

Yours faithfully,
Mrs. Margaret Davidson.

49, Green Road,
Reading,
Berkshire,
England.
RG6 2BS.

Dear Sir,

I should very much like to have a pen-friend in your country. Please will you print my name and address in a corner of your newspaper stating my request. I should be extremely grateful if you were to do this. I am a 32 year old Englishman and my hobbies are: writing, reading and travelling.

Yours faithfully,
Anthony Lee.

P.O. Box 482,
Florida,
1710.

Dear Sir,

I am a serious stamp collector of the stamps of the Falkland Islands and am looking for one or more correspondents who would like to receive good stamps of the British countries in Southern Africa on an exchange basis. This is a genuine enquiry and I would be prepared to correspond on other matters of mutual interest.

I am a member of the Falklands Islands Study Group and would appreciate your advising your readers of my interest in the stamps of your Islands. Any assistance that you can give me would be appreciated.

Kind regards,
Yours sincerely,
D.G. Crocker.

South Wales.

Dear Sir,

I have just been reading Des Peck's letter to the Times about Port Stanley. It brought tears to my eyes. I have been away from the Falklands now for thirty one years but there is not many days pass that I don't think of my home the Falklands. I am very proud to be a Falkland Islander. I hope one day to come back. I hope and pray that it will always stay British. May I add how much I enjoy reading the Falkland Islands Times.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs. Murial Herbers.

10919-62 Ave.,
Edmonton, Alberta,
Canada, T6H 1N3.

Dear Sir,

I'm wondering if you could please put me in contact with someone who would be interested in corresponding with a 46 year old Canadian who is interested in learning more about your Falkland Islands. I enjoy reading, travel, stamps, viewcards, rocks and letters from penfriends.

Yours truly,
Mrs. George R. Hislop.

7, Montgomerie St.
Catrine,
Ayrshire, Scotland

Dear Sir,

Having in the past six years, having taken up the hobby of stamp collecting, I find I become more infatuated with the Falkland Islands & Dependencies. I have been receiving the odd stamp recently from a friend whose father is in the Falkland Islands. Sad to say, he is going blind and correspondence will cease, so I did not write to him. His daughter kindly furnished me with your papers address, and so I write to enquire of any such person or club you may know, who would be willing to exchange used postage stamps with me. It could be either on a large or small scale, as I am a member of a local stamp club here.

Yours sincerely,
Terry Harrison.

The following letter from Miss Mag Laver is more of an article! I publish most of it as it is so interesting. Maybe Miss Laver should have taken up writing instead of Librarianships!

802 Westmorland,
O'Reilly Road,
Berea,
Johannesburg,
2001,
Rep. of S. Africa.

Dear Mr. Forrester,

I always beam with delight when I reach my flat after work and find a copy of the "Falkland Islands Times" lying near the door. I know that nothing will get done until I have read every word, including all the advertisements. Sad to say, though, my pleasure has been dimmed in the last few issues as I read of the deaths of people I knew, and my mind flies to recall conversations, contacts, occasions of encounter with the person just deceased. Mrs. Beat Harding, Mr. Barton, Mrs. McWhan and Dario Trentine - they were friends to me, though I might not have been considered by them in so close a relationship since they knew me so briefly. My mind's eye pictures them - as it does so many others in the Falklands, at the least suggestion or reminder of my visits there.

Dario was on the Beaver flight I took in March 1971, and then on the "Darwin" when I too had to leave the Falklands by ship. Imagine my surprise at finding "San Giuseppe Due" and Dario back in the Falklands when I returned 35 months later! I told him I had come to collect the photographs from that first Beaver flight that he had never

sent on to me.

Mrs. McWhan was also on that northward trip of the Darwin and I regarded her with considerable awe because she received over fifty (or so the word went) radio telegrams from Falklanders, wishing her bon voyage and speedy restoration of her health. I received a few myself and I was enchanted with them for giving me a last tenuous link, all unexpected, with the Islands I could not bear to leave. Another reason for my special interest in her was that Forrest McWhan had been her husband - and his book, a library copy, was the final spark to light the fires that compelled me to visit the Falklands. I had the book open at the illustrations, one by one, night after night on the window-sill above my sink as I washed the dishes, speculating and day dreaming (though it was night-time!) about what it must be like to walk down that street and to stand near that building. Mr. Barton was to me the very embodiment of the Falklands - resistant to onslaughts, full of vigour, threaded through and through with abilities and resourcefulness, as every typical Kelper is. I could only guess at the influence he had on Falkland Islands life in the 3 main periods of his life there, as farmer, as F.I.C. Manager and then after retirement in public life.

My short acquaintance with Mrs. Harding when she was ailing could not give me more than a glimpse of the life of a West Falkland wife of past decades, but I just longed to draw on more and more of her reminiscences of events and people and places. So clearly imprinted in her mind were they, that she could carry them to a stranger (me) in just a few words.

As regards the September 1974 'F.I. Times', I admire very much what you are doing in the face of the paper shortage to maintain the journal's publication. Perhaps its cold comfort to you, but the librarian in me finds this a very interesting 'history' for the future -- of why the format was suddenly changed, and how the editor coped, and what everyone said about the change! Please could you send me (airmail) a copy of the 1973 'Falkland Islands Journal'?

I heartily endorse your complaint at no pagination! In my bibliography of Falkland Islands books, journals, etc. I had to assign page numbers myself, so as to be able to quote accurately where an article was to be found.

Now something else from the September F.I. Times -- on page 10 you refer to Mrs. E. Ferguson's cutting re tussac grass (I'd love to know the date, and the name of the Scottish news-paper) but I must inform you (and perhaps Mr. McRae, and Mrs. E. Ferguson and anyone else) that tussac grass was being grown in Scotland in 1849! Here are details to support my statement:-- John Scobie, writing on "Growth of the Tussac in the Isle of Lewis", and at Holm, both in the

the Hebrides, felt that sea-spray was needed to make tussock thrive (Royal Agric. Society Journal (of Botany) 1st series, volume 10, pages 182-184, 1849). A few years later, the same journal (Volume 13, page 474, 1852) quotes tussock in a table of miscellaneous crops grown in Great Britain.

Further, Governor R.C. Moody wrote articles on tussock in the same journal (Again 1st series, volume 4, pages 17-21, 1843, and volume 5, pages 50-52, 1843), but in this case about tussock in the Falklands, but this important man despatched a parcel of 6 pounds' weight of tussock seed for a hard-up "labouring-class settler, Jergen Christian Detleff", for sale, and for experimental growing in the Orkney and Shetland Islands - perhaps the origin of John Scobie's crops? That collecting of 6 lbs. of tussock seed must have taken a good deal of effort, don't you think?

Yours sincerely,

Meg Laver.

Tristan da Cunha.

Dear Editor,

being a Kelper and having lived there most of my life, it gives me great pleasure to write and tell you how much I enjoy receiving the "Times".

The "Review of the Month" is most interesting to overseas readers, as I find such items are often missed from normal correspondence. You are doing a grand job so please keep up the good work.

My husband and I have been on Tristan for 20 months now and have enjoyed our tour of duty very much. Ian holds the post of Superintendent of Posts and Tels. We will be going to U.K. on leave sometime in June and returning Tristan Jan/Feb 1976.

It may be of interest to many Islanders to learn that Mr. Stan Trees has today been appointed Administrator of Tristan da Cunha. He will arrive on the island sometime in June accompanied by Mrs. Trees. He once worked in the Falklands.

Yours faithfully,

Dorothy Anderson.

(Ed. Thank you for the tid-bits of news. We are always grateful to readers who send bits of news.)

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Daer Mr. Forrester,

Thank you for your letter of 10th September last,

and for all the various issues of "The Falkland Islands Times" which have now been arriving with fairly good regularity.

I enjoy reading these periodicals very much, for it is the only thing which keeps me in touch with the Islands which I have adopted as my prime source of study and interest. I never had the good fortune to visit them yet, but I hope that, perhaps, this might be my dream when I retire in a few years' time.

However, there was one letter in the last issue which attracted my attention, and that was from Reg Leppard. I have known Reg for quite a long time, and we both are Members of the Falkland Islands Study Circle, and both wear the Falkland Islands tie with justifiable pride on all major functions.

Reg says that as well as being interested in the stamps of the Islands he is interested in the Falklands and is very much on the side of those who wish to preserve their connections with Britain. He also views with dismay and resentment the subtle pressure to align the Falklands with Argentina. I would so much like to associate myself with these sentiments, and I feel it is the generally accepted fact that of all of us in the Study Circle and who take pride in wearing your tie - and there are a good many of us here - would echo the sentiments expressed here.

Perhaps my method of collecting stamps is somewhat different from most collectors. I am more interested in the picture on the stamp or the reason for its issue, and, together with picture or photographs if possible, search out the information, and mount the entire in such a way that it will prove of interest to others to read, learn and understand. In this way I feel that the Islands can very much more be brought to people's notice. In fact, all being well, I shall be showing some 45 sheets of stamps from my collection from what is to be called The Festival of Stamps at the Royal Festival Hall in London in May.

Having expressed to you my method of collecting, I wonder if you might be in a position to assist me on one topic where, so far, all information has completely baffled me. I refer to the history of the Falkland Islands Defence Force. I would be most grateful if you could possibly pass on my wish to someone who might know the full story of this Defence Force and its full history. I even have been able to gather together one or two photographs, but the story has so far completely eluded me.

Thank you once again for all the periodicals which you make so interesting to read and enjoy, and hoping I might have the pleasure of hearing from you again in the near future.

Yours sincerely,
G.Moir, D.F.C. F.R.G.S.

(Ed. Can anyone help out Mr.Moir with his Defence Force request ? Does a written history exist ? Please could you reply c/o The Times as the material would be good to publish. Your P.S. Mr. Moir has been referred to Mr.B.Stocks our Supt.of Education).

Stanley.

Dear Sir,

Not so very long ago the Falkland Islanders were happy with a life of isolation. They were content with what most visitors referred to as a place of tranquillity in a troubled world - they were proud of it!

Now dreams of vast industries and of economic and social advantages coming from wider contacts with the outside world have led to great psychological changes, so great in fact that perhaps the Kelper is being tossed around in uncertainty.

The Kelper has always been prepared to take a back seat.. At public meetings most of the intellectual 'Ping-pong' comes from expatriates - not even at least first generation Islanders.

In many cases these people are married to Islanders and have children born here, but they must be of a different mental philosophy. As the Kelper is not inclined to independent reaction, representation is only apparent not conclusive. When the local Falkland Islands Committee was formed we were annoyed by an apparent pre-organisation, having listened to arguments against this - put most strongly by an expatriate - we put aside a true Kelper and at the proposition of an expatriate we elected an expatriate chairman.

Is a show of hands to represent us real if we show them in silence and uncertainty ? (One of those hands was mine).

Expansion aimed at becoming economically self sufficient in the various fields alleged to be possible can only lead to the extinction of the Kelper. If the Kelpers are to survive - as a people apart - we must not look always to expansion, but pause to consider if our identity is in danger and at what point it would be nice to stop. Thats if we care!

Or is the Kelper dead already? Its possible for I think they would be asking: - What is the simplest way we can live in todays world ? - and them that don't like it could nip off and marry an Eskimo and become Prime Minister or whatever it is they do.

Kelpers keep the Falklands! and that theme could eventually abolish established monopolies for everybodys benefit.

Yours sincerely,
Eddie Anderson Jnr.

British Government Overseas Aid.

The large gift from U.K. aid funds for the F.I. Permanent Airfield, and other smaller gifts and loans, arouses interest in Britain's aid to developing countries generally. Figures released by the British Government show that the official aid programme is expected to increase by 14% in the next 4 years. That 14% increase is over and above the increases caused by inflation. The aim is to spend £384 million in development aid by 1978/79. This amount will be added to so as to maintain its spending power against inflation. The United Nations have got a target of 0.7% of a nation's annual wealth produced to be spent on development aid. Britain was well below this last year but is said to be seeking to reach it. It is claimed that its performance, as a percentage of annual national wealth produced, is better than the United States, West Germany or Japan.

NEWS ITEMS

Stanley Volunteer Fire Brigade.

Mr. R. Stewart, Superintendent, has appealed for more members. Interested persons should contact him on telephone 254.

Air Fares

L.A.D.E. has announced the following new fares, effective from 16th June, 1975.

Stanley to Comodoro Rivadavia	£25.80
Comodoro Rivadavia to Buenos Aires	£25.10
Stanley to Buenos Aires	<u>£50.90</u>

Paul Charman

Paul has sent news that he is now involved in a new project funded by the Methodist Church. He says "We want to discover the facts about the church-going practices of black Christians - numbers, locations, etc., and we want to pass this information in general terms to Methodist and 'West Indian' congregations in order that understanding be increased and fellowship made more possible."

Public Library Committee.

In the April 1975 Gazette the composition of the new committee was announced as being: Chairman (Superintendent of Education) Mr. B.S. Stocks, members - Mrs. S.H. Farrow, Mrs. P. Rendell, Mrs. H. Johnston, Mr. S.A. Booth and Mr. J. Abbott.

New J.P.

The same Gazette reveals that Mr. Brooke Hardcastle was appointed a Justice of the Peace on 30th October 1974. It appears that this is the first such appointment for over five years.

Exercise Classes

A new activity each week are Ladies Physical Exercise Evenings. Classes are held each Wednesday 8-9 p.m. in the Drill Hall. Organiser is Mrs. B. Brown - telephone 362.

West Falkland Dog Trials

The following is a brief account of the West Falkland Dog Trials held on Saturday the 10th May at Fox Bay East.

There were twelve entries and despite the bitterly cold weather all the dogs were run by three o'clock in the afternoon. However it was unanimously agreed that due to the weather it had not been a fair trial on either dogs or handlers, and if Sunday proved to be a better day a re-run would be held on that day.

Although it was still cold Sunday was a much finer day and all the dogs were run before lunch. The standard of all the dogs entered was particularly high and everybody who entered is to be congratulated on the way that their dogs had been prepared for the competition.

The final result was as follows:

<u>OPEN:</u>	1st.	L. Morrison Roy,	2nd.	L. Morrison Shell
	equal 3rd.	P. Short Nap,		P. Robertson Wolf
<u>Novice</u>	1st.	L. Morrison Shell,	2nd.	A.P. le Evans Toby
	3rd.	E. Chandler Gwynne.		

Falkland Islands Committee.

The U.K. F.I. Committee has sent us the following:-

" In response to many offers of help and financial assistance the United Kingdom Falkland Islands Committee has decided to form an association "FRIENDS OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS".

There will be no formalities attaching to membership and nor is it the present intention to hold formal meetings. The Committee propose to issue an annual news-letter to members but regard the objects of the association as principally a means of quickly mobilising support should a political crisis develop and a source of funds to finance the Committee's work.

The minimum annual subscription is £1. In order to conserve funds a receipt will not be issued. Subscriptions should be made payable to the Committee and sent to Room 402, The London Wcol

Exchange, Brushfield Street, London E1 6EW.

Wilson - King Ltd.

In a radio programme recently Mr. Des King, Stanley hotelier and Mr. Bruce Wilson of Vancouver, Canada were interviewed by John Smith regarding the formation of the above new company. They are hoping to dramatically increase the flow of tourists from next summer. Features of the intended operation are: 250 people a year at 15 a week; charter an F.27 each Tuesday to bring them across; based at Upland Goose Hotel but taken out for native and historical observation, shooting geese, fishing etc. by own Beaver. The market aimed for is those wealthy persons, particularly North Americans who want something really different. Mr. Wilson is not really known here although he has visited 4 times of short duration. He is reported to be an entrepreneur for oil companies, an international 'Mr. Fixit'.

Engagements

The following engagements have been announced recently.

Miss Jane Kerr and Mr. Mick Harrison.

Miss Carol Bonner and Mr. Rodney Lee of Port Howard.

Miss Maria Kirk and Mr. Trevor Browning on 22nd May.

Miss Alva Berntsen and Mr. Tom Keane on 30th May.

Miss Christine Jewkes (of Weymouth) and Mr. Kelvin Summers on 14th June.

WEDDINGS:

We have received the following Wedding reports.

Gwyneth Pole-Evans and James Forster

On the 3rd May the marriage took place at Hill Cove between Miss Gwyneth (Ginny) Pole-Evans and Mr. James (Jimmy) Forster. Gwyneth was given in marriage by her father Mr. Tony Pole-Evans. She looked beautiful in a long white dress of grosgrain trimmed with guipure lace. She was attended by two bridesmaids, Charlene McKay and small neice Lisa Pole-Evans. Charlene looked charming in a yellow dress trimmed with daisies, Lisa was sweetly dressed in Kingfisher velvet.

Kenneth Morrison carried out the duties of 'best man' and he and the bride-groom were both smartly attired.

On leaving the managers house the bridal party walked through a guard of honour formed by shepherds on white horses.

A reception was held for the 98 guests who, amongst other things, sampled the magnificent 4 tiered wedding cake made

and decorated by Doug. of Stanley House. Later supper was served for everyone, and during the dance coffee was available.

Gwyneth & James wish to thank all who helped with the arrangements, and for making this day such a happy one.

Jeannie Howatt and George Mackie

The wedding between Miss Jeannie Howatt, youngest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Howatt of Stanley and George Mackie of Peterhead, Scotland took place at the Registrars Office, Fareham on Saturday the 17th May 1975 at 11.30 a.m.

Jeannie looked very attractive in a full length mint green nylon dress, with full cape sleeves. The bodice was gathered at the bust and had a deep V back and front. She carried a bouquet of yellow roses and freesia. To complete her outfit Jeannie wore cream shoes and a wide brimmed cream hat.

Her nephew Stephen presented her with a good luck horse-shoe after the ceremony.

The witnesses were Joan Ruston and Peter Dudley.

A small reception was held at the White Cockade Hotel, Fareham, where messages of congratulations were read by the best man and the heart shaped cake cut by Jeannie and Mac. Guests then enjoyed an excellent cold buffet attractively displayed at one end of the room.

Valerie Allan and Ian Clarke

The Wedding took place on Saturday 10th May at 3pm in Christ Church Cathedral, of Ian younger son of Mr. & Mrs. Ronny Clarke, of Stanley, and Valerie youngest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John Allan also of Stanley. Unfortunately the weather left a lot to be desired, but they say 'Happy the Bride the rain rains on'. After a bad start with poor Valerie loosing her veil on the way up the steps to the Cathedral, a very pleasant service was conducted by the Rev. Weed, assisted by Mr. Stan Bennett. The Cathedral Choir sang and Mrs. Vi Robson played the organ.

The Bride who was given in marriage by her father, wore a full length, 2 tiered dress of cream chiffon with elegant medieval sleeves and a bodice of cream embroidered lace. A long 4 tiered veil of cream net was held in place by an arrangement of cream variegated ivy leaves. She carried a delicate bouquet of peach rose buds mixed with variegated ivy and white Scotch Heather. The Bride was attended by her two elder sisters, Marilyn and Rose-marie the former being Chief Bridesmaid, also in attendance was Wanda Clarke, neice of the Bridegroom. They were in full length dressed of marine green crepe, with round neck lines and attractive

cape sleeves. Wanda's dress was trimmed with white lace and had a high neck-line. Marilyn and Rosemarie wore attractive gold chain chokers and carried unusual balls of mixed flowers suspended from streamers of white velvet and wore bands of contrasting turquoise flowers in their hair. Wanda carried a Victorian posy of mixed flowers and wore a white Alice band of flowers in her hair. Floral decorations were done by Rosie Helyer and the beautiful hair styles by Rita Watts. The bridesmaids' dresses were made by Mary Henriksen and the bride's dress and veil were sent from U.K.

The bride's mum wore an attractive suit of cream and yellow, yellow floral hat and brown accessories. The bridegroom's mother wore a green suit and an impressive brown fur hat.

A reception was held in the Town Hall for 250 guests. The exceptionally beautiful three tiered wedding cake was made and decorated by Mrs. Dolly Ford, great aunt of the bride, who also provided the many splendid 'eats', and given to the couple by the brides parents. A superb supper was held for 30 close friends and relatives of the bridal couple at Emma's Restaurant, given by the bridegroom's parents. At this the best man David Clarke, elder brother of the groom, made a short speech and read the telegrams. About 300 people later enjoyed a dance held in the Town Hall with records played by Myriam and Dhome played free of charge as a gift to Valerie and Ian, who would like to say thank you to all those who helped to make their day such a memorable one.

PHILATELIC NEWS - from the Post Office.

The Sir Winston Churchill and River Plate Battle stamp issues were withdrawn from sale on the 13th March. Official First Day Covers are still available from the Post Office. The next Colony issue will be 5 stamps to be released in connection with our new coins. These stamps will depict the birds etc. which appear on our new coins and should be a very colourful set. Further information regarding these issues and their release dates will shortly be made public.

First Day Covers of the South Georgia and British Antarctic Territory Sir Winston Churchill issue were placed on sale at the Stanley Post Office on the 27th March. Covers were franked at Signy Island in the South Orkneys on the 10th December and at South Georgia on the 14th December. Many people have asked why we have placed them on sale so late. The long delay is attributed to a number of unforeseen and unavoidable circumstances. Firstly the 'John Biscoe' was unable to reach an Antarctic Post Office on her first Southern voyage - covers were therefore posted at Signy Island during the vessel's second southern voyage and there had only recently been an opportunity to return them to Stanley. The South Georgia covers were

unfortunately delayed in transit to the Falklands and were therefore not available to go south on the 'John Biscoe' in November. Fortunately we were able to despatch them to South Georgia by the 'Lindblad Explorer'.

The three stamp issue to commemorate the 200th anniversary of Captain Cook's possession of South Georgia was released at South Georgia on the 26th April during the 'Bransfield's' last visit of the 1974/75 season. Stamps and First Day Covers have been on sale at the Stanley Post Office since Wednesday the 7th May and will be available for three months or until stocks are exhausted.

PUBLIC BEHAVIOUR - by the Editor.

Recently three appeals for an improvement of public behaviour have been broadcast. The first on 21st March came from Police Chief Terry Peck. Here is part of what he said "There are times when the Force feels compelled to draw the attention of the public to certain cases, or happenings which are taking place within our small community, and I feel that this may be an opportune moment to do so.

The number of children within Stanley appears to have increased considerably over the last year or two. Very little is offered in the way of entertainment with the result that the children have to seek their own sort of amusement. We were all children once, but we still had to be chastised for breaches of discipline either by our parents, teacher or sometimes the Police. If late, there has been a spate of damage caused to the homes of a number of people. Windows have been broken, a small vacant house broken into, and walls disfigured by writing, often of obscene words. Police inquiries have resulted in these offences being attributed to a handful of small boys and girls. Many of the places where damage has been caused belong to elderly people. To effect repairs to property today is very expensive, to say nothing of the inconvenience caused to people.

Another serious matter is causing the police grave concern, Recently my Officers have had to visit ships and remove young girls between the ages of 12 and 16 found in the cabins of seamen. Frequently my Officers have been forced to remove these young girls from the areas of public houses at 10 o'clock at night. Many of these girls have been seen by police officers in out-of-the-way places as late as 2 o'clock in the morning. Not all of these young people drink, but a number of them do. Twice in the last week two girls were found late at night very much the worse of drink. Damage to the ladies toilets in the Gymnasium building has been caused by some of these same girls who use it as a meeting point.

I am appealing to the parents of all children to exercise proper care and control. You should have some idea where your daughter or son

is at night. It is your responsibility as parents to discipline the children if they misbehave. by appealing to you as parents, I hope that this will be sufficient and not require me to enforce the law relating to the Children and Young Persons Act of 1933, in which parents and guardians together with their children may be prosecuted."

This was followed by an article by Mr. Joe Booth who runs the Parish Hall film shows. On the 6th June he called attention to childrens' rowdyism, noisiness, damaging electricity meters and even tipping over the drums of gas-oil which were for the Parish Hall central heating plant.

On the 20th June Mr. Bill Jones, manager of Hardy's Cinema, complained of rowdyism, noisiness and throwing things around by adults. He appealed for this to stop.

It appears that in this age it is a case of everyone should be able to do what they like regardless of the effects on others. Parents are under particular pressure because it only wants one parent to let their children do as they please and most of the rest of the parents become afraid of being thought square. Someone sent me the following article from, of all sources, the News of the World of June 18th 1972 headed "O.F. - so I'm a square by Rosalie Shann;- " I'm blown if I'll go along with educationalist Michael Lloyd-Jones who suggests we give over our sitting-rooms for the teenagers to make love.

"If young people are not able to do their lovemaking at home, in comfort and privacy, they will be driven out into the streets, into furtive experiences on lonely commons, in dark alleys or the backs of cars," he says. "And then who is to blame for the consequences?"

Well, speaking as a realistic mum with her feet planted firmly on the ground, I'd have thought that the consequences of making love in a draughty alleyway would be a streaming cold. Or, if you happen to be in the back of a mini, a crick in the back. Whereas the consequences of making love in the front room in front of a cosy fire is quite possibly - a baby.

The trouble seems to me, is that far too many parents read the sort of dangerous nonsense advocated by Mr. Lloyd-Jones and, although they may secretly disagree, they go along with it because they're afraid they'll be classed as old-fashioned and out of touch.

We need more parents brave enough to say: "I don't give a damn if you think I'm old-fashioned, this is how its going to be" When young people reach the age of majority, and start work-

ing and leaving home, what they do is their own affair.

But what they do when they're minors and living under your roof is very much your affair.

This may sound naive, especially when there's always someone around to retort: "Oh, don't be daft. Who can stop them? If they're going to do it, they're going to do it."

But are they? Anyone who has actually tried making love in an alley or a mini or a haystack will know that its not nearly as easy as it sounds.

But if teenagers had the front room at home, and possibly an empty house too, well, could you blame them for taking advantage? And the consequences? Not only a possible baby but also, I guarantee, underneath it all, the disappointment of the young people themselves.

Because, whatever they may say, they don't really approve of super-permissive parents."

Or as has been available in the Bible for 5000 years " He who spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is diligent to discipline him (or her!). Proverbs 13:24.

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the Falkland Islands. (Ed. My Editor's Desk comments were written in advance of my seeing Legco minutes. It is obvious that my apprehension was justified). The Government parried a question on the possible employment of a Veterinary Officer. No action had been taken on the vet's recommendation that precautions be taken to avoid the introduction of foot and mouth disease on the footwear of travellers to the islands - stricter precautions were being taken in other directions. The Government was considering the increase of personal allowances to compensate the increased taxation that was significantly reducing cost-of-living increases. The likelihood of a wife's earnings being taxed separately was remote but a measure of relief might be given. The results of the fishing trial carried out by a Japanese trawler would not be made public. An application for an oil exploration licence, on and offshore the Falklands, has been received from a North American company since the last session of Legislative Council. The Government was not in favour of a Prices and Incomes Board.

Select Committee on the Constitution

Only the bare outlines on the recommended changes to the Constitution were made public. These are: 1. Six elected members; 2. Legco Members to serve on Exco in rotation; 3. Electoral Wards to be: Camp, Stanley, East Camp, West Camp, East Stanley and West Stanley - in two elections; 4. Councillors to have certain special interests as a small

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REVIEW - a look at some of the events of our TIMES

Due to lack of space in previous issues we have fallen behind with Review - but it will be up-to-date with this issue. Please note that this Review is of the 'extra' things that happened. All the usual work went - the sheep were sheared (at much improved rates of pay); M.V. Monsunen sailed from place to place around the islands, delivering supplies and collecting wool, the B.A.S. bases were serviced as usual, and so on. Most items are from Stanley as we do not receive very many news items from camp.

December 22nd. Football result. Rangers 4 (Baillie 2, Gary Hewitt 1, own goal) - Redsox 1 (T. Betts).

December 25th. Christmas Day.

December 29th. A Memorial Service for Mrs. M. Browning was held in the Tabernacle.

January 2nd. The following telegram was received by the Governor from the Secretary of State at the F.C.O. "At the beginning of the New Year I send to you and to the Governments and peoples of Britain's Overseas Territories my warm and sincere good wishes. 1975 will bring fresh challenges to you and to all of us who are concerned for the welfare and prosperity of those who live in the Dependant Territories. I take this opportunity to assure them and you that I and my colleagues have very much in mind the interests of the people of the territory under your administration".

January 3rd. Sister Monica Paul of Comodoro Rivadavia acknowledged receipt of a box of clothing from the Falklands. This was given to poor children in the city.

January 5th. Football result. Mustangs 5 (Betts 2, Biggs 2, Luxton 1) - Redsox 4 (Colbert 2, Cook 2).

January 8th. Football result. Mustangs 1 (Biggs) - Rangers 0.

January 10th. A 'progress' report was broadcast from Johnston Construction Ltd. Highlights were: the bogging of a bulldozer; arrival of the first Argentine workers; erection of living accommodation was begun at the East end of Davis Street; work was begun on the run-way itself with the removal of vegetation and top soil; quarry work begun at Mary Hill; sabotage of a machine with sand and stones in the diesel tank. A warning was given to keep clear of machines and quarry when work is in progress.

January 10th. Cable & Wireless Ltd. reported progress in preparation for aerial rigging at Sappers Hill. Five more staff had been taken on including two school leavers. More time had been requested and received for telephone time between London and Stanley over Christmas and New Year.

January 10th. Roger Hillman is now acting headmaster at Darwin School taking over from Peter Trevelyan returning to U.K.

January 10th. It was announced that Treasury Senior Clerk, Michael Luxton, would be leaving on January 20th for a six months course in U.K. in Accounting, Audit and Income Tax. The course is financed by British Technical Assistance.

January 12th. Football result. Redsox 3 (B. Ford 1, Summers 1 and own goal) - Rangers 2 (Baillie & Curry).

January 15th. Football result. Mustangs 4 (Biggs, Luxton, Watts 2) - Redsox 0. Giving league positions Mustangs 11, Rangers 9, Redsox 4.

January 17th. Italian cruise ship 'Enrico C' visited today with 912 tourists - mainly Argentine and Brazilian.

January 18th. Cruise ship 'Cabo San Roque' and 'Lindblad Explorer' visited Stanley today.

January 18th. Y.F.F. workers organised a dance in the Town Hall. Profit of 352.50 was donated to the hospital.

January 19th. Russian scientific ship 'Academic Knipovich' was in Stanley to leave the body of the Chief Engineer for onward transmission to Moscow. Also took on water.

January 19th. Repairs were completed to the temporary Argentine airstrip. Work was also underway on the construction of a radio beacon.

January 20th. The following farewell message was broadcast from His Excellency the Governor, Mr. E. C. Lewis "Today, after four years in the Islands, my wife and I leave Stanley en route to the United Kingdom, and we would like to take this opportunity of saying goodbye and to thank you for the friendship which has so readily been extended to us during our time here. Before coming to the Falkland Islands, I, like many others no doubt, imagined the Islands to be more bleak than in fact they are, and we will take away with us memories of splendidly sunny days such as the last West Falklands Sports at Hill Cove and the East Falklands Sports at North Arm, and, more recently, the races in Stanley over the Christmas period; days spent on the Murrel and the Malo; visits only too short to the Chartres and Warrah Rivers and to Swan Inlet, and the relaxed happy calls to the farm settlements on HMS Endurance. We will miss it all very much. We have problems still (which country does not) but in the Falklands we also have many advantages which make life here extremely pleasant. I have faith in your future and will continue to follow your progress with interest and affection. No doubt we will have the chance of meeting many of you again in the United Kingdom. Goodbye and Good Luck from both of us."

January 21st. Fishing vessel 'Taiyo Maru 85' was in port.

January 22nd. M.V. 'Sonja Bewa' docked in Stanley from U.K. under charter to F.I.C. with Colony supplies and seamail.

January 22nd. Tourists were in Stanley from 'Regina Prima' (3rd visit).
January 23rd. Canon Patrick Helyer returned from a pastoral visit to Salvador.
January 27th. The new Governor and Commander-in-Chief His Excellency Neville Arthur Irwin French, M.V.O. arrived in the Falklands. He was sworn in in his various capacities as Governor, Judge and High Commissioner of the B.A.T. He was then introduced to the 'prominent' residents.

January 30th. Visiting barrister Mr. Eric William Hunter-Christie was admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of the Falkland Islands. His application was heard by His Lordship, Arthur Monk, Acting Judge. The Acting Judge welcomed Mr. Christie. Mr. Christie made the following short speech "My Lord,

On this occasion I have no application to make to Your Lordship, but perhaps I may, in view of the unique nature of the occasion, be allowed to say a very few words. I am deeply honoured and proud to be the first member of the English Bar, or indeed of any Bar in the Commonwealth, to become a member of the Falkland Islands Bar.

I am confident that there will be others who will follow me. Barristers or Advocates or Solicitors from the English Bar, the Scottish Bar or the Bar of Northern Ireland; or it may be from other countries of the Commonwealth which practise English now as does the Falkland Islands.

With easier communications and with the commercial prosperity which I foresee coming to this country I confidently expect to be the first of many Commonwealth Lawyers to come here and to appear in this Court. "

February 2nd. Tourist vessel 'Regina Prima' visited for the 4th time.

February 5th. M.V. 'Lindblad Explorer' visited again.

February 7th. Today's P27 took away a consignment of young ladies married to Royal Marines who served in the Falklands this year. Names - Mrs. Marjorie Adams (was Hume), Mrs. Claudette McDonnell (was Anderson), Mrs. Bonita Fairfield (was Anderson), Mrs. Veronica Platt (was Davis), Mrs. Trudy McCurdy (was Biggs), and Mrs. Nicola Colbert (was Miller). Also Miss Shirley Rozee engaged to a marine, and Mrs. Arlette King who claimed her marine when he had served here previously. We understand that this event resulted in newspaper and television reports in Britain.

(Subsequently Miss Julie Clarke and Miss Vivienne Betts also left to marry marines).

February 13th. Cruise Ship 'Regina Prima' visited Stanley for the 5th time. However the nearly 500 passengers found all shops but three were closed. 'Regina Prima' is Greek owned and Panamanian registered and was chartered to an Argentine Government company. It had two (at least!) captains. The Argentine one had refused to allow the courtesy British flag, Red Ensign, to be flown, maintaining Stanley is an Argentine port for each visit here. Many residents had expressed anger at the local governments refusal to take action and its willingness to grant clearance to the ship for the previous four visits. Finally traders took matters into their own hands and closed down for the day. It was felt that this was hard on the tourists who were ordinary holidaymakers but that a protest had to be made. The incident captured the international news headlines for a day. We heard later that the refusal to fly the flag was the result of non-cooperation between different Government departments in Buenos Aires. On its final visit the 'Regina Prima' still did not fly the courtesy flag, in spite of the intervention of the F.I. Chief Secretary, and the ship was not cleared and sailed without landing any tourists.

February 14th. H.M.S. 'Endurance' left the F.I. after spending its usual summer season here.

February 19th. Repairs to a fault in the hydraulic system of M.V. 'Monsunen' was completed today thus ending being out of commission for a week.

February 21st. A news item from the Tabernacle (United Free Church) gave details Sunday School re-opening; availability of leaflets to help parents of young children guide their spiritual growth; opening of Falklands branch of Emmaus Bible Correspondence School and details of Christian literature to be distributed around the islands.

February 21st. As we don't have much Rifle Association news we give the whole of this competition report.

The 1975 Local Bisley Meeting commenced on Saturday 8th February, in conditions which were quite good for long range shooting. The first competition was the "Bishops Trophy", shot over 900 and 1,000 yards. The winner was R. Henricksen who scored 29 at 900 yards and 33 at 1,000 yards, for a total of 62, second was youngster Gerard Johnson with 57, third P. Watts 57, and J. Bound was fourth, also with 57.

The first stage of the Association Championship followed, and the victor here was Harry Ford with 92, which included a 34 at 600 yards, R. Betts was second, and T. Pettersson third, both with 89.

The first day ended with the competition new called the Open 500 and 600 yards. This was shot at 600 yards first due to the

deterioration of light and conditions, the leaders after this range being Doug Hansen on 44, and Stan Smith and Robin Henriksen with 43 out of a possible 50. After 500 yards Doug emerged as the winner with a score of 46, giving a total of 90. Robin also scored 46 to gain second place with a total of 89. Tony Pettersson was third with 83.

The meeting continued on Saturday the 15th February. The second stage of the Association Championship was the first event, shot over 300, 500 and 600 yards. R. Henriksen won this with a score of 135, made up of a 45 at each of the three ranges. Second was T. Pettersson with 131, and third D. Hansen with 130, R. Betts was fourth, also with 130.

The Consolation Handicap competition was shot off in conjunction with the second stage, being open to those competitors who did not reach the 2nd stage. The winner was Ian McLeod, with a gun score of 122, plus a bonus of 11.2, giving him a total of 133.2, with Keith Summers being runner-up with a total of 126.8.

Next to be competed for was the Falkland Islands Co. Ltd. Handicap Trophy, and again R. Henriksen was the victor, having a score of 95. Only .8 behind was Charles Coutts who scored 87, plus a bonus of 7.2, for a total of 94.2. Harry Ford was third with a gun score of 92, plus 1.3, total 93.3.

The third and final day commenced with the Final Stage of the Championship which is shot over 900 and 1,000 yards, with the scores of the second stage carried forward. After 900 yards T. Pettersson led with 54 plus 131 giving him 185, two points ahead of D. Hansen. However, at 1,000 yards, in atrocious wind conditions, Doug picked up the 2 points and he and Tony finished the competition level on 233, seven clear points ahead of the next man R. Betts on 226. Tony and Doug then had to decide who was to be the Champion for 1975 by a Tie-Shoot, and this was finally won by Doug Hansen, who scored 9 points to Tony's 8.

The Consortium Cup, open to those who did not reach the final stage of the Championship, was won by P. Watts with the highest score of both competitions of 104 plus 9.2, for a total of 113.2. Ian McLeod was second with 122.8.

The final competition of the meeting is always the Team Event, in which the winners receive a Challenge Rose Bowl, and Tankards. E. Fuhlendorff's team won with a total of 250, the other two team members being I. McLeod and D. Clarke. R. Henriksen, P. Watts and Keith Summers were second with 247.

The Grand Aggregate was won by R. Henriksen with 334, and the Junior(;) Grand Aggregate went to D. Hansen with a score of 265.

Despite the poor weather conditions all members thoroughly enjoyed the meeting, and the Committee and members would like to thank the team of markers Phil Summers, who was Butts Officer, Jimmy Watson, Len McGill, Roy Felton and Paul Pesk, for their efficient and hard work which was carried out in very unpleasant conditions.

February 21st. F.I. Committee News items were: The London branch is now known as United Kingdom Falkland Islands Committee - over £400 had been sent to London to assist with the expenses of Bill Christie's visit to the Falklands; the U.K. F.I. Committee had advised that they were concentrating on Defence matters for the moment. Local Chairman Jack Abbott would pass on news of developments.

February 24th. Sir Peter Watkin-Williams, Supreme Court Judge arrived for a weeks visit. His weeks activities included the swearing in ceremony; a public reception; various social engagements, the hearing of three cases (one divorce, one Income Tax, one child custody order) together with familiarisation with the local scene. It is intended that Sir Peter will visit the Colony at infrequent intervals.

February 25th. Canon P.J. Helyer of Christ Church Cathedral returned from a Camp Trip to Port Howard, Pervis, Pebble and Keppel Islands.

February 26th. Twenty elderly residents attended a tea given by the Womens Corona Society in St. Mary's Annex.

February 26th. The F.I. General Employees Union held its A.G.M. The new Executive Committee is; Chairman Mr. Fred Burns, Vice-Chairman Mr. Pat Johnson, Members - Messrs Pat Lee, Colin Goodwin, Mick Clarke, Neil Jennings, Gerard McKay, Davie McKay, Ken Summers, Willie Morrison and Jimmie Watson. Reserves - Messrs Davie Hewitt and Fred Ford. General Secretary - Dick Goss. Trustees - Messrs Fred Reive and Fred Whitney.

February 27th. Tabernacle Sunday School 'Welcome Back Party'.

February 28th. Stanley School acknowledged the gift of the book 'Living World of Animals' from Mr. A.C.A. Hill of Southampton who served on H.M.S. 'Kent' at the Battle of the Falklands in 1914.

February 28th. Annual Prize-giving Dance of the Stanley Darts Club was held in the Town Hall.

February 28th. The winners of two shearing competitions were announced. East Falkland at Goose Green - 1st Mr. Ron Binnie, 2nd Mr. Tony Heathman. West Falkland at Fox Bay West - 1st Mr. Rodney Lee, 2nd Mr. John Blackley.

February 28th. The cruise ship Cabo San Roque discharged 700 passengers for the day in Stanley.

March 3rd. Tabernacle Sunday School re-opened after the summer break.

March 5th. Fourteen members were present at the Womens Corona Society A.G.M. The new committee is Secretary: Mrs. P. Summers; Treasurer: Mrs. R. Barber; Members Mrs. R. Felton and Mrs. D. Cronin. Founder member Mrs. J. Ashmore was presented with a farewell gift by Mrs. N. French.

March 7th. On behalf of the Stanley Sports Association Dr. J. Ashmore was presented with a Royal Doulton figurine of a stallion on a baseplate. This was a farewell gift - Dr. Ashmore is leaving the Colony shortly. He has occupied a number of posts in the association, lastly as a vice-president.

March 7th. F.I. Committee news revealed a symposium to be held at the F.C.O. London. It was hoped that two Legislative Council members would attend. Subjects to be discussed were oil exploration right of entry to the U.K., exclusion from scheduled territories and activating defence of these islands. Action was being taken to regain contacts with the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.

March 11th. 70 to 80 people attended a meeting to inaugurate a Parent/Teacher Association under the chairmanship of Mr. S. Booth. Two committees were formed. Junior School - Chairman Mr. R. Poole, members: Mrs. I. Stewart, Mrs. O. McPhee, Mrs. M. Stocks, Mrs. R. Forrester (reserve), Messrs L. Harris and L. Butler. Senior School - Chairman: Mr. S. Booth, Member: Mrs. T. Peck, Mrs. R. Barber, Mrs. K. Cadman (reserve), Messrs T. Shaw, W. Hoggarth and B. Barnes. On matters affecting both schools those committees will combine.

March 11th. Hospital staff held a farewell party for Dr. & Mrs. Ashmore. Good wishes were expressed and Dr. Ashmore was presented with a silver salver and silver goblet.

March 12th. Argentine Ship Bahia Buen Suceso visited Stanley. She discharged over 500 tons of cargo consisting mainly of cement for the British airfield and fuel tanks and supplies for the Y.P.F. fuel installation.

March 13th. Canon P. Helyer returned from a Camp visit to Hill Cove and Fitzroy.

March 13th. M.V. 'Sonja Bewa' was caught in the U.K. Dock Strike. After an appeal by Mr. F.G. Mitchell of London F.I.C. Office the strikers agreed to work the vessel due to our unique dependence on it. Local union leader Mr. Dick Goss sent a cable thanking the dock workers. The incident aroused considerable attention from the media.

March 14th. His Excellency the Governor paid an informal visit to Stanley School.

March 14th. A news item from Pop Group Dhome was as follows:-

Dhome is sorry to have to say goodbye to Gerard Robson who has left for the camp life at K.C. Simon Goss has now joined the line up on lead guitar, otherwise the band remains the same with Terry Allan on rhythm guitar and vocals, Charlie Aenleyside bass and vocals, Pete King on drums and Tim Wintringham on keyboards and vocals. The group has added a little to its range of sound with the help of some electronic boxes and also a stylaphone. They are experimenting quite a lot with new songs, some fairly unusual and some relatively complicated arrangements as in "Foot Stomping Music". As it takes time to build up a new repertoire, (it used to be over 30 different songs) quite a lot of the material is of the 'jam variety' leaving plenty of scope for instrumentals and solos.

March 17th. Congratulations to Miss Barbara King, at school in Montevideo, who passed six G.C.E. 'O' levels.

March 17th. Mr. Randolph Goss arrived in Stanley today from New Zealand - which he left on the 15th - which must be a record.

March 19th. A tea-party for elderly folk was attended by thirty people at Government House and organised by Mrs. N. French.

March 21st. Stanley Darts Club A.G.M. voted in the following committee. Chairman; Barry Neilson, Vice-Chairman: Terence McPhee, Secretary/Treasurer: Vivienne Perkins, Members, Mrs. Glenda McGill and Messrs. Ian Cantlie, Peter Short, Pat Lee, Fred Ford, Bob Sanders and T. McIntyre. Mr. Cyril Betts is president.

March 26th. News was given of 'Friends of the Falklands' branches being organised in the North of England and the Southampton area.

April 2nd. News was given of the long awaited appointment of more medical officers. Dr. Lee was expected to arrive in May and Dr. Dunnett in September.

April 4th. M.V. Monsunen, the Colony's sea link between the settlements and Stanley was taken out of commission for main engine overhaul and replacement of a badly worn crankshaft,

April 7th. Organised by Mr. Peter Short (and with the encouragement of the Co-op committee) a traders meeting was held in the Parish Hall. A subsequent meeting was held in the Co-op office. The number attending was small but did represent a majority of traders by turnover. The aim is to be able to organise joint approaches to the Government and larger concerns when trading needs would make such an approach useful.

April 9th. Canon P.J. Helyer returned to Stanley from visiting Darwin and Goose Green.

April 10th. Cable & Wireless Ltd. Manager Mr. Ron Roden completed a visit to Antarctic bases made for the purpose of studying the communications set-up.

April 11th. R.R.S. 'Bransfield' crew organised a dance in the Town Hall. Miss Cherry Robson was chosen as Miss Bransfield with Miss Marilyn Allan as runner-up.

April 11th. The Secretariat issued the following news item
"The first member of the Grasslands Trials Unit, Mr. C.D. Kerr has been appointed and is expected to arrive in the Falklands in July. Mr. Kerr who is in his late thirties will be accompanied by his wife and three children. It is expected that he will be based in Stanley initially. Mr. Kerr who was a student at the East of Scotland College of Agriculture, has the Scottish Diploma in Agriculture and the National Diploma in Agriculture. Since leaving the College in 1968 Mr. Kerr has been a member of the Hill Farming Research Organisation based at Argyll and Kincardine. This has involved him in many aspects of farming which should prove of considerable value to him in his work in the Falklands. Before going to College he worked as a shepherd in Scotland."

April 13th. The Cathedral family and invited friends held a farewell in the Parish Hall for Canon and Mrs. Helyer. Speeches were made and the Governor presented Canon Helyer with a cheque as a farewell gift. (Much hilarity was caused by the Governor's little practical joke on Mr. Stan Bennett by pretending that he had not been given the cheque to hand over. But H.E. didn't let him look too long for it!).

April 15th. The Senior School P.T.A. organised a successful film show in the Art Room. It was crowded out.

April 18th. Congratulations to the following who have passed the following subjects at G.C.E. 'O' level in Montevideo: Colleen Alazia passes in English Language, English Literature, Geography, Biology, Art. John Draycott pass in Spanish. Nicholas Keenleyside passes in English Language, History, Maths, Art. Gavin McMillan passes in English Language, Geography, Economics, Spanish, Art. Nicola Reive passes in English Language and Geography. These are not necessarily the only passes these youngsters have obtained.

April 21st. The birthday of Her Majesty the Queen was celebrated in fine style. For the first time in a number of years the weather was bright and warm. H.E. the Governor reviewed the parade of Royal Marines, Falkland Island Defence Force and Girls Brigade. After the raising of the Royal Standard, Royal Salute of 21 guns and three cheers for Her Majesty the Governor took the salute at a march past. Afterwards a reception for 120 guests was held at Government House. This started indoors but due to the warm weather it concluded on the lawns.

April 22nd. Mr. Tom Aldridge of Main Point, Hill Cove Farm, report-

ed 0.7 in. of rain fell in the three hours between 2 and 5p.m.
April 24th. A news item from the F.I. Committee announced the setting up of a 'Welfare Committee' in London under the chairmanship of Mr. Maurice Drake, Q.C. Those in difficulties in London are asked to contact Room 402, London Wool Exchange, Brushfield Street Telephone 01-247 37833. A letter from Mr. Cecil Bertrand brought forward the idea that the long term policy for the Islands should be small tenant farmers.

April 25th. As a result of continuing sickness at Darwin School a visit was made by the Senior Medical Officer Dr. Derek Cox. He decided that the school should be closed until improvements were made to water supply, sanitation and the provision of hygienic working surfaces. Arrangements were made to close the school forthwith and send boarders home. (In fairness to the Government it is worth pointing out that repairs and renovations have been put off due to the expectation of the closure of Darwin School and the provision of a school hostel in Stanley to enable children to be educated in Stanley. According to the Development Plan the main part of the hostel should have been completed but, in fact, the plans have yet to be approved).

April 25th. Proud mother, Mrs. D. Keenleyside gave news of her son, Mr. John Lang, who works as a systems analyst with Air New Zealand being seconded to a special research team of the International Air Transport Association in Geneva.

April 25th. Joan and Nap Bond recently returned from Buenos Aires announced that they had concluded successful negotiations for more tourists to visit the Falklands next summer.

April 26th. Charter vessel 'Sonja Bewa' arrived from London via Mar del Plate.

April 26th. A farewell progressive supper followed by a dance was held at Port Howard on Saturday 26th. April for Mr. & Mrs. Victor Summers at which some 55 people were present. The evening began with drinks in the recreation hall followed by the main course at the Manager's house and sweet at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Syd Lee. A short but pleasant sing-song, then everyone again collected in the hall for a lively dance. During this the Manager made a short speech mentioning the changes that had taken place in the 33 years that Victor had been at Port Howard, 28 of which he had been foreman. Buildings and fences erected, plumbing to all houses, installation of an electric light plant and wiring of all buildings, bridges and dams built, many of which were Victor's personal working, and in all, in some way he had taken part by supervising. To Iris, his wife, born at Port Howard, who has helped virtually everyone connected with the farm at some time or another, was given

en a big thank you. The Manager concluded by thanking Victor and Iris for all they had done and presented them with a gift subscribed to by many at Port Howard, with the hope that they would have many happy years of retirement.

April 29th. News was received from Mr. Freddie Jones to say that he was working on the 'A.E.S.' again but that the ship had just been sold to a Greek Company.

April 30th. What is thought to be an earth tremor was felt late this afternoon at Goose Green, some Darwin Farm outside houses and Port Howard. The amazing thing is that some people noticed it and recorded things falling from shelves etc. and others living next door noticed nothing.

May 7th. The U.K. F.I. Committee which already has Labour, Conservative and Liberal members has supplemented this with a Scottish National Party Member - Mr. Donald Stewart, M.P. for the Western Isles. It was also announced that the following have become Vice-Presidents of the new 'Friends of the Falklands'

The Right Honourable Lord Shackleton, K.G., O.B.E.

The Right Honourable Viscount Boyd of Merton, C.H.

The Right Honourable Viscount Thurso of Ulbster, J.P.

May 8th. The Junior Section of the P.T.A. held a country dancing and social evening. Donations to P.T.A. funds were acknowledged from Falkland Islands Co. Ltd., Johnston Construction Ltd. and Cable & Wireless Ltd. and thanks given.

May 9th. It was announced that Mr. Bob Stewart had been appointed Superintendent of the Stanley Volunteer Fire Brigade.

May 9th. From Johnson's Harbour came the following snippets of news. A root of Doonpearl potatoes lefted from Mr. Osmond Smiths garden had 24 eating potatoes, 6 marble size, 30 in all - the lot weighed 18 lbs. The largest potato weighed 1 lb. 14 ozs. A cabbage cut from Len Clifton's garden after all the outside leaves had been taken off was ready for cooking weighed 10 lbs.

May 9th. And from New Island. Mr Derek Evans reported this morning that a quantity of Squid started coming ashore last night and more this morning. The largest were about 2 feet long.

May 13th. At the Stanley Badminton Clubs A.G.M. the following new committee was elected. Chairman: Brian Summers, Secretary: Rene Rowlands, Treasurer: Francis Peck, Committee Members: Julia Kerr, Rosemarie Allan, Marine Jesty, Rita Watts, Jane Kerr, Sgt Smith.

May 16th. The Treasury announced that the base metal proof sets

of the new Falkland Islands coinage were selling well at £4.50 per set (nominal value 10p + 5p + 2p + 1p + $\frac{1}{2}$ p = 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ p!) 500 sets were sold locally. 18 Gold sets at approximately £450 per set had been ordered locally.

May 17th. North Arm Social Club organised a dance in the Community Hall.

May 18th. A farewell tea was organised for Mr. and Mrs. R. Forrester in the Tabernacle Schoolroom. Although Mr. Forrester does not leave until July 21st Mrs. Forrester was leaving early and therefore the farewell was brought forward. Afterwards an informal service was held around the tea table.

May 18th. The new committee of the Working Mens Social Club was elected at the A.G.M. and is: Chairman: John Leonard, Vice-Chairman: Lewis Clifton, Secretary: Colin Blyth, Assistant Secretary: Eddie Anderson and Treasurer: Russell Summers.

May 19th & 20th. The 'Johnnie Walker' Darts Championship Darts Tournament was held in The Town Hall, Stanley, on the evenings of May 19th and 20th. The Tournament was very well attended, some 540 persons attending during the two evenings. Entries this year were much the same as last year, there being 132 competitors.

The whole Tournament went off in a very pleasant atmosphere, with a good-natured, sporting tension mounting with each match during the second evening.

The prizes were presented by Mrs. Milne, Mr. Milne presenting those for the Ladies Tournament.

The winners this year were as follows:-

OPEN TOURNAMENT 1st Mr. S. Morrison, 2nd Mr. F. Jenkins,
3rd Mr. T. Costello, 4th Mr. S. Smith.
LADIES TOURNAMENT 1st Mrs. Glenda McGill, 2nd Mrs. Margaret Goss,
3rd Mrs. Judith Cantlie, 4th Mrs. Veronica Watts.

May 22nd. Over 500 people attended the May Ball. Miss Bernadette Johnson was elected May Queen and Miss Francis Peck was runner-up.

May 23rd. At the Prince Charming Ball Mr. Terence McPhee was voted Prince Charming for the third time. Runner-up was Paul Peck.

May 23rd. The Ministry of Overseas Development has advised of the appointment of Mr. A. Hague for duties in the Education Department as an Infant and Junior Teacher in Taped Cassette Lessons. Mr. Hague's duties will include the visiting of Camp settlements and teaching by means of prepared taped lessons covering all ability ranges in all subjects.

This appointment is on Technical Assistance Terms, for approximately 18 months, and is a result of a recommendation made by Mr. Bell the Education Adviser who visited the Colony in 1973.

Mr. Hague will be accompanied by his wife and infant son.

May 24th. His Excellency the Governor and the Hons. Sidney Miller, Adrian Monk and Willie Bowles left the Falklands by chartered L.A.D.E. flight en route for Rio de Janeiro. Their purpose was to have consultations with the Rt. Hon. David Ennals, Minister of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office who was visiting South America.

May 24th. Goose Green Social Club. Saturday 24th May saw a special whist drive at the Club.

It was to take the form of a farewell to Mr. & Mrs. Perry who had served in the Cook House at Goose Green for 21 years.

10 tables were filled and we sat down to 30 hands of whist with very good refreshments at half-time, provided by Phyllis Finlayson, Sheila Hadden, Iris Tasker and Sharon Middleton.

At the end of the cards Brook Hardcastle expressed the thanks of everyone for the excellent work done by Mr. & Mrs. Perry during their time at Goose Green which went far beyond their normal duties.

Mrs. Hardcastle presented Mrs. Perry with a clock and a cheque, from money donated by people throughout the area.

Winners of the Whist. Travelling prizes: Zena Wemyss, Hooky Finlayson. Ladies 1st Anna Smith, 2nd Edith Smith. Booby: Rhoda McBain. Gents 1st Pat Alazia, 2nd John Ford, Booby: Nat Berntsen.

May 26th. The Senior Medical Officer announced a plan of Camp Medical Visits which would usually be made on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

May 27th. Mrs. Eileen Hardcastle claimed a long distance record for telephone calls from the Falklands. This day she spoke to Auckland, New Zealand from Darwin via Stanley and London. This must be some 19-20,000 miles and she said it was very clear too.

May 30th. On his return from the U.K. Mr. Jack Abbott local F.I. Committee Chairman said that he had had various useful meetings with the U.K. F.I. Committee, and with various people interested in the Falklands at a seminar organised by the F.C.O. He said that the seminar was confidential and no minutes were taken. He would not give any details of what had been discussed. He said he thought the Minister of State, Mr. David Ennals, was "very committed to our future".

May 30th. The Library Committee gave details of change of opening hours for the Stanley Public Library for a trial period. The times are Monday - Friday 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. They also appealed to the public for suggestions on ways to improve the library.

May 30th. 'Bahia Buen Suceso' sailed today after bringing cargo from Argentina.

May 30th and 31st. Trade was very good at the annual Cathedral Bazaar. Great interest was shown by many people who crowded the Parish Hall to buy things at the well laid out stalls, join in the various games and/or buy supper in the refreshment room. At the first count takings were £1651.73. On behalf of the Cathedral Council their Treasurer Miss Vivienne Perkins offered 'a big thank you' to everyone who contributed.

June 3rd. News was given in the Buenos Aires Herald that a new Bishop has been elected for the Anglican diocese of Argentina to replace Bishop Cyril Tucker who resigned in March. The new Bishop is the Rev. Richard Stanley Cutts who is presently Dean of the cathedral church of St. Mary and All Saints, Salisbury, Rhodesia. Mr. Cutts is Argentine born and was educated in Argentina and U.K. We understand that Christ Church Cathedral, Stanley no longer belongs to the same diocese as the Argentine.

June 6th. From the Education Department "Two staff changes. The first is simply a change of location for Ron Murray who will be moving to the Senior School in Stanley after a pretty fair spell at Chartres. Ron has been asked to reintroduce music into the curriculum but he will have other teaching duties as well. The second concerns another member with musical talents - this time a completely new member. We are told that the Spanish teacher who is coming to replace Maria Fernanda, Senorita Teresa Volpi is not only an excellent linguist with recent teaching experience in a language laboratory in Buenos Aires, but also a keen guitarist and folk singer."

June 12th. Children of Stanley Junior School returned to their classrooms after an unexpected three day holiday. A boiler belonging to the central heating was discovered to be damaged on Monday. The school was closed for repairs by the Public Works Department.

June 13th. The Customs and Harbour Dept. announced that due to the absence on leave of Mr. Jack Sollis the following appointments have been made for M.V. 'Forrest'. Acting Master Mr. Nutt Goodwin and Acting Engineer Mr. A.J. Blyth.

June 13th. Aviation Dept. Announcement "Chief Technician Doug Fowler will be leaving the Colony on Monday 23rd June after completing a two year tour with the Government Air Service. His relief, Chief Technician Bridges, Mrs. Bridges and two children are due to arrive in Stanley on Monday 16th June".

June 16th. Legislative Council was in session. (Report elsewhere)

June 14th. The Governor made the following announcements. The

The Hon Robin Pitaluga had been awarded an O.B.E. in the Queen's Birthday Honours List. Major the Hon. R.V.Goss O.B.E. E.D. was promoted to Lieut- Colonel in the Falkland Islands Defence Force. A further announcement was that Superintendent Terry Peck had been awarded the Colonial Police Medal. (Bishop Tucker was also awarded the O.B.E.).

June 20th. Stanley Badminton Club celebrated their 25th Anniversary with their annual Fancy Dress Dance. It was attended by some 350 or more people, a third of which arrived in fancy dress costume. The hall was gaily decorated for the occasion by some of the club members and the theme this year was 'Holland' with a backcloth on the stage of gaily painted fields of tulips and a windmill and around the walls were more windmills, the work of Jane Kerr and Rene Rowlands. His Excellency the Governor and Mrs. French arrived about eleven o'clock. H.E. presented the prizes for the winners of the three competitions. 1st The Stone-run Beetle - Hector Anderson, 2nd A Viking - Bessie McKay, 3rd Garbage Collector - Vivienne Perkins. 1st 'Leg-co' - Jean & Tim Dobbys & Kath & Bill Berntsen, 2nd 'Eight Draws in a Row' - Marge McPhee & Sharon Halford, 3rd Three 'Face Cards' - Glenda Ford, Lynda Ashfield and Jenny Thompson, in the large groups 1st The Circus - Agnes & Bill Hoggarth, Minnie & Jim Watson, Cora & Len McGill, Clare Morrison, Teresa Dobbys and Susan Coutts. 2nd Dad's Army - Dave Jones, Neil Jennings, Pete Seeley, Harry Card and Tony Summers. 3rd Noddy Toys - Hulda Stewart, Rita Latts, Sue & Joe Sheehy, Jean Thom, Charlene Short, Graham Clarke, Eyan Morrison, Susan Smith, Marvin Clarke and Lol Morgan.

The judges were Nadine Campbell, Mary Cronin and John Smith. June 20th. Stanley Darts Club gave news as follows, "We have been donated two further prizes for the Darts League. These have been very generously given by the Victory Bar, and our thanks have been submitted to the proprietor. First the Cinzano Shield and Miniaturs, for all teams to compete for, to be run on the same conditions more or less, as those for the League's own team knock-out competition. The second one is the Cinzano Ladies Knock-out Shield, which will be an individual knock-out competition between all ladies playing in the League. We hope that this will encourage more ladies to join the League in future seasons.

June 21st. Continuing their 25th Anniversary the Stanley Badminton Club organised a Country and Western dance. Judges Willie May, Ron Murray and Mrs. Nellie Anderson awarded best costume prizes to Mrs. Vi Bonner and Mr. Hector Anderson.

June 21st. M.V. 'Monsunen' sailed for Punta Arenas, Chile for her

annual docking operation. She will return with a load of timber.

June 27th. News was given that a Winter Show would not, after all, be held this year. The reason given was that there were insufficient people available to run it. Volunteers to take on the Chairman's or Secretary's jobs were asked to contact Mrs. Rene Rowlands or Mrs. Sadie Clements. (Ed. No appeals were made for assistance prior to this date. The Winter Show is normally held in the 3rd week of July).

June 27th and 28th. The Goose Green Two-nighter started with a supper organised by Sharon Middleton and produced by the ladies of Goose Green. The hall was decorated with tussac and was the scene of the dance that followed. Saturday afternoon featured the traditional football match - Goose Green v. Visitors. This game appears to have been marked by all sorts of irregularities - and was enjoyed! Then a film and the Fancy Dress dance. Winners were Colleen Morrison - Golliwog, Ingrid Jaffrey - clown, Graham Clarke - female Harold Wilson, Thomas Duplett - Gaucho, Rhoda McBain - Has Been Ballet Dancer, Sharon Middleton - Tortoise, Iris Tasker - Hare, John Birmingham Miss John Birmingham. Judges Miss J. Bozza, Messrs. D. McIntyre, and J. Halliday.

June 30th. Rev. Robin Forrester, Pastor of the Free Church, The Tabernacle concluded a long series of camp visits to Bluff Cove, Goose Green and Darwin, Port Howard including Manybranch, Port Stephens, Fox Bay East, plus the four Salvador Water ports, three Berkley Sound and Bluff Cove by M.V. 'Monsunen'. He commented: "Some homes were missed due to lack of time but I hope to be back to visit again".

July 2nd. The first issue of Falkland Islands coinage was released for public use.

July 4th. A news release from the Tabernacle (United Free Church) it was indicated that the high extra costs of fares for Pastor(s) and family(s) between Stanley and U.K. The Church Gift Day realized £313. A gift of £357 was received from a Christian in Hong Kong and £375 from Christian friends in the U.S.A. The comment was made, "we give thanks to God that our heads are being kept above water and His work at the Tabernacle goes forward".

July 4th. News was given that the repairs and renovations at Darwin were complete and the school was expected to open to boarders on the following Monday.

July 10th. M.V. 'Sonja Bewa' was expected to arrive at Mar del Plata. Arrival was delayed due to general strike and Public Holiday in Argentina. She was due into Stanley Monday 14th

July.

WEDDING

Shelley McKay and Ken Morrison.

Last Saturday afternoon Hill Cove was once again the scene of a wedding, when Shelley McKay and Ken Morrison were married. The wedding ceremony was conducted by Mr.L.G.Blake.

Shelley was given in marriage by her father, Mr.Richie McKay. She looked very beautiful in a long white dress of crystal satin trimmed with guipure lace. The dress had a high waistline, and eye-catching medieval sleeves. Her shoulder length veil was held in place with a spray of white rosebuds, and she carried a bouquet of red and cream roses and ferns.

Shelley had two bridesmaids, her younger sisters Davina and Penny. Both girls looked pretty in their long dresses of pink and lilac floral polyester. They wore white roses in their hair and carried small posies.

Mr.Rodney Lee ably carried out the duties of best man, both Ken and Rodney were extremely smart in charcoal grey suits.

The brides mother looked very attractive wearing a green dress with cream hat and shoes. The bridegroom's mother was very smartly dressed in a navy dress with white accessories.

The bride's and bridesmaids dresses were chosen in England by Mrs.Marge Adams.

After the wedding ceremony the many guests (who had arrived from Port Howard, Fox Bay, Saunders, Pebble, Chartres, Roy Cove and Stanley) went to the 'point' settlement where a reception was held in the recreation hall, during which everyone sampled the delicious wedding cake, made by Mrs.Emms Steen and decorated by Mrs.Gail Steen.

At 7p.m. a supper was attended and enjoyed by everyone. A dance followed, which continued until the early hours of Sunday morning.

Shelley and Ken are making their home at Port Howard. They would like to thank the ladies of Hill Cove who helped with the catering, and everyone who helped to make their wedding day so enjoyable.

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the results.

WINTER SHOW

Quite a bit of criticism has been heard about the Winter Show being called off at the last minute. Many people who have been busily knitting, carving, drawing etc. will be very disappointed. However, it is worth pointing out that there is a tremendous amount of back ground work involved and all too few people to do it. For one I'm very thankful to those who have put so much work

into the show in the past. One person has suggested to me that we are too small to have it annually and that, instead, we should have it every two years and make a real big effort. What do you think? Write in and tell me.

POT-POURRI

Poor old 'Aunty Falkland Islands Co.' gets knocked down so often that I was delighted to have drawn to my attention two items to reverse that trend. I am very concerned that so few people put money by 'for a rainy day' and mentioned this to a Camper on an F.I.C. farm. He showed me his Provident Fund A/c. This is a scheme of compulsory saving. There are contributions by the worker, interest by the F.I.C. plus a bonus added by them related to their profits. The account I examined showed that this was definitely to the employees benefit and very worthwhile. I understand that some other farming companies run similar schemes. I also noted that the F.I.C. has appointed a permanent teacher/book-keeper for almost all their sizeable settlements. This is not a perfect arrangement, for various reasons, but surely is to be commended as a distinct improvement. As one or two other farms have something similar.

A good part of my recent time in Camp was spent on the West Falkland. Medical matters still occupy people's minds. I have twice been in homes on the West during a Medical emergency and the distress at the doctor being so far away is evident. If anyone imagines that the issue of having a doctor on the West is dealt then they are out of touch with the people.

In the Secretariat there is a photograph showing Her Majesty The Queen making a visit to the British Colony of Hong Kong. One hopes that the momentum has not been lost in the campaign for the Queen to visit her Colony of the Falkland Islands.

F.I. TIMES

I had expected to be able to announce a new editor in this issue. However, the prospective editor has had to withdraw due to pressure from his employer. It is possible that some kind of conflict of interest might have arisen between the two jobs and so I feel that this pressure should not be criticised. At the present I expect to return to the Colony in about three months, and if this plan works out, then the Times will be granted a reprieve. In order to ensure a proper holiday I will not be answering F.I. Times mail for the period I am away - but keep writing and sending subscriptions, ready for starting up again on a regular basis. For all the help since I took over I wish to thank the
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'WHAT IS CHRISTIANITY?'

Here is an answer to that question by Dr. T. Wilkinson Riddle, taken from the Christian Herald.

Basically, Christianity is the good news, that Almighty God has broken the silence by sending His only begotten Son to this earth. In His short life of 33 years, He wrote no book, created no political creed, but demonstrated by His teaching, His compassion, and, ultimately, by His sacrificial death, that Love is greater than hate, and holiness more potent than evil. In other words, Christianity is Christ, crucified, risen and exalted. All this is enshrined in the New Testament, especially in the four Gospels. Every seeker should begin with the second Gospel, the Gospel of Mark, which is not only the shortest of the four, but the least technical. Whether the critics like it or not, Christianity stands or falls with Christ.

What, then, is meant by being a practising Christian? It is more than an intellectual approval of His teaching. It is more than admiration for His Person; it is more than a wistful attempt to follow Him (as one might follow Karl Marx); it is more than going to church or chapel; more than being baptised, confirmed or registered as a member of a group. It has nothing to do with the Pope, the Archbishop, the Ministers. All these things are secondary and not fundamental.

Being a Christian is to submit to Christ by faith and prayer in a definite act of the will; it is a personal acceptance of God's mercy in Christ Jesus; it is to receive a full and complete pardon for all past sins, and the gift of a new life for the future. Just that. Many changes will follow from such a new relationship, in which Christ will be all and in all; but that is the simple, New Testament way, in which the Christian life begins.

THE STORY OF A LITTLE BLUE BIRD.

(We seek to please all the people so here is a story for you to read to your young children. Thank you Gavin Felton for sending it to us. I'm sorry we have no room for your lovely pictures. Look-out when the mail comes - you might find a nice surprise! Gavin says this is a true story).

This is the story of a little blue bird. The bird tells the story.

"Tweet -hello children. I am a little bird. Why not come with me and I'll tell you about my adventure. I am a little blue-bird. As you know we blue-birds are very small and have to search for our food in the grass." It was a warm summer morning.

"Me, Johnny Thrush and Little Jenny Wren were standing on a big flat piece of rock, crumbs was our dinner. On this island as you may know there are many dangers. Our worst one is CATS and sometimes a hawk will chase us. One day while I was searching for food a black and white cat pounced on me. While I was in his jaws a human being was coming up to the cat whose name was Sooty. I was terrified because I knew cats never let little birds go when they get them - but eat them all up. At this stage I must have blacked out. As I was coming to I found I was in a box. Then I heard someone say, "I think he's dead we'll have to bury him". They shut the lid again and went away. After a while the little boy who took me from the cat came to get me to bury me, but found me on my feet. He was so pleased that he got some crumbs for me, shutting the lid on me to keep me safe. Sometime passed and then the boy's mother opened the lid to look at me. I was so well and happy that she held the lid open and I flew out. I perched on the wash-house chimney. I ruffled my feathers and sang a song of thank you to the kind humans who saved me."

Then I flew away to freedom, happy to be still alive."

The end.

IMPACT OF LARGE-SCALE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS.

The following is part of a Church of Scotland report published in 1974. In spite of its length it is important enough to be included in full. I have a great deal more on the same subject that I would like to print but space forbids!

"So far Easter Ross has been a major area affected by oil-related industrial development, coming soon after the siting of the aluminium smelter at Invergordon. While on the face of it the influx of large-scale industry offering more employment opportunities and higher incomes may seem to be something to be welcomed, very serious problems have been created for the local community. An extreme shortage of suitable accommodation has caused house values to increase sharply and has made it necessary to use inferior accommodation, as in ships used as labour camps, and the introduction of large numbers of workers, away from their own homes and rootless in the community, with inadequate recreational facilities. Thus intolerable tensions and pressures, both for the incomers and for local residents, not surprisingly build up. Traditional essential industries, unable to compete in the labour market with the high wages offered by the new industries, are deprived of employees. Schools become over-crowded. Transport facilities come under strain. Shift-working takes its toll of family life.

Many incoming families do not settle down in the area, while

often the local inhabitants find it impossible to accept a completely new and unaccustomed urban industrial society. This can lead to marital breakdowns. As a result the number of cases dealt with by the Social Welfare Department of Ross and Cromarty has increased by between two-and-a-half and three times during 1973. This excludes cases due to drink. In this connection a quotation from an "Impact Analysis on Oil Platform Construction at Loch Carron" published for the Scottish Development Department by Sphere in August 1973 is relevant. "Experience on locations in Easter Ross has shewn that a combination of men with no immediate family ties, a large disposable income, and little to occupy their spare time, can lead to a good deal of drinking. This must rank as a primary source of worry within the area" (page 170) since the police force in Wester Ross is very small and were reinforcements necessary these would have to be drawn from Dingwall, some seventy miles away over single-track roads. Were similar developments to take place in the Loch Carron area, judging by the experience of Easter Ross, it seems obvious that the police force in the West would have to be considerably increased; for in Easter Ross the police report that overnight custody cases have increased from January 1972 to May 1973 as follows: Invergordon from twenty-eight to 225, an increase of 492 per cent, and Tain from ten to seventy-one, an increase of 610 per cent.

If such unfortunate consequences arise from the new large-scale developments in Easter Ross, where, compared with other Highland areas, there is already a reasonable level of population and prosperity, how much more disastrous may be the effects of such large-scale industrial development upon other areas, notably in the West mainland and in the islands, where the population is smaller and the communities are economically and socially weaker. This is what concerns those who contemplate some proposed developments (e.g., at Drumbuie in Wester Ross and at Stornoway in Lewis) with misgivings. There is fear that for quick gains and temporary benefits irreparable damage may be done, both to the natural environment and to local communities and their culture.

It is increasingly felt, therefore, that industrial development may be too dearly bought, and there is a growing conviction that such development must be wisely controlled and directed. It has been convincingly argued that a "growth-centre" policy of development cannot successfully be applied to marginal and peripheral areas. In such areas - usually relatively remote and thinly populated - large-scale industrial development may swiftly swamp

the indigenous population and destroy long-held cultural values and traditions, both religious and non-religious, as well as disrupt local industries (such as agriculture and fishing) that use local resources. There is no doubt that any over-sized development out of scale with the size and strength of the local community can entail exploitation of a locality, and without regard for social and cultural consequences.

It is essential, therefore, that industrial development should be wisely planned, directed, and controlled, bearing in mind the interests of the local area.

On the other hand oil developers in Orkney and Shetland appear to have avoided the most grievous problems met with in Easter Ross. The imposition of stringent planning conditions; the acquisition by the local authority through Act of Parliament of land, harbours and foreshores required for development; the imposition of a throughput charge for oil landed in the area - all these enable the local population to safeguard their environment and share in the benefits of industrialisation."

UK/FALKLANDS SURFACE MAIL SERVICE

We have a fine relationship with 'The Upland Goose' Journal of the Falkland Islands Philatelic Study Group. We are allowed to poach from their journal and they from the F.I. Times! The following interesting article appeared in the March 1975 issue under the above heading.

"In the last issue of The Upland Goose, reference was made to the 'Deterioration of the UK/Falklands Surface Mail Service' (page 124). Our member, Mr. F.G. Mitchell, has clarified the situation as follows: the British Government did not mention in the Communications Agreement to provide a monthly shipping service between the Falklands and Argentina. The Agreement stated that "the British Government should take the necessary measures to arrange for a regular shipping service for passengers, cargo and mails between the Falkland Islands and the Argentine mainland". The British press inferred from this that the British Government would be taking over the shipping service from the Falkland Islands Company. This was untrue. In Press Release No. 110, dated 12th July, 1971, the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, after denying the press reports, stated: 'There has been continuing consultation between H.M.G. and the (Falkland Islands) Company, who have for many years provided the shipping service from the Falkland Islands. Even after the construction of an airfield at Port

Stanley, for which H.M.G. accept responsibility, and the inauguration of an air service to Argentina, the Falkland Islands Company will continue to operate the external shipping service for cargo, passengers and mail'.

When the cost of operating a cargo/passenger ship (A.E.S.) became too high, the Falkland Islands Company reverted to a purely cargo ship, but only after offering to continue the service under subsidy. The Falkland Islands Company still operate the cargo and mail service and a passenger service is unnecessary. The Falkland Islands Company offer a minimum of four sea mail opportunities; September, December, March and June. In 1974, there were five sailings. Additionally the 'Monsunen' visits the mainland normally once a year. The Falkland Islands Company have never failed to carry sea mail from the U.K. and they always advise the G.P.O. of sailings. The B.A.S. ships also carry mail.

(A Christmas parcel and magazine posted by the Editor during the first week of October and well before the GPO advertised last date of posting for Christmas by Surface Mail - 17th October - was not delivered until 28th January, 1975).

I reply as follows:-

"Dear Major Spafford,

Your members will probably not wish to get involved in a controversy over mail but I would like to correct a wrong impression given in your March 1975 issue. Not many people here share Mr. F.G. Mitchell's apparent satisfaction with the sea service between the U.K. and the Falklands. As the years go on it deteriorates rather than progresses. Many people have expressed to me dissatisfaction at the poor mail service. Even in my four years here it has gone from a regular 12 times a year via R.M.S. Darwin, plus the service by B.A.S. and Royal Navy Ships, to its present irregular fashion. At its worst last year we had no sea mail between June and October.

There are also some people who do not regard the provision of a passenger service as unnecessary but would prefer to travel by sea.

Maybe something can be done about it. Maybe not. It should not be assumed that I am blaming the Falkland Islands Co. Ltd. because I am not. However, neither should it be assumed that people here are satisfied with the present arrangements.

Yours sincerely,
Robin Forrester.

BOOK REVIEW

CONDEMNED AT STANLEY by John Smith.

When I asked for a review copy of this book I imagined I would be getting a somewhat dry piece of history. Instead a totally fascinating and absolutely charming book was handed to me. It contains a plan of Stanley Harbour showing the location of each of the wrecks therein. There are 13 pages with impressive sketches of the wrecks and interesting features of them. There are notes on the 15 wrecks in Stanley Harbour, also on the 'Great Britain' and 'Fennia'. Extracts from the log book of the 'Fennia' give a graphic account of how the ship encountered terrible weather when seeking to round the Horn. The damage sustained caused her to return to be - 'condemned at Stanley', like most of the others. An introduction has been contributed by the Director of the San Francisco Maritime Museum. 'Condemned at Stanley' is published by the National Maritime Historical Society, New York price \$1.50. Copies are obtainable from John Smith in Stanley at 60p (by airmail \$1). This book is heartily recommended. From the P.I. Magazine and Church Paper April 1913.

As the 'Lady Elizabeth' the three masted ship at the extreme north-east of the harbour, features in John Smith's book, it means that the last sentence of the following article was not fulfilled. By the way, a note in the margin of the paper suggests that Capt. Petersen wasn't the Captain, but the Mate, on her first visit in 1889.

"The barque 'Lady Elizabeth', under the charge of Captain Petersen, put into Berkley Sound on March 12th, after having had a terrible experience round the Horn. She encountered very heavy gales when she was about 58 deg. south and 76 deg. west, the result being that her deck cargo was all lost, and four men were washed overboard; the latter consisted of one Norwegian, two Swedes and one Finn. Another had four ribs broken, and was brought to the Victoria Cottage Home, Stanley. The 'Lady Elizabeth' was towed into Stanley by the 'Samson' under the charge of Captain Thomas, on March 15th.

The barque, which belongs to Tvedasbrand, Norway, was bound from Vancouver to Delagoa Bay, with a cargo of timber. It is a curious coincidence but in 1889 the same ship brought the bricks and cement for the Cathedral and also the wood for the Tabernacle; Captain Petersen was also in command at that time. We hear that she will be re-fitted after all, and will be able to continue her voyage".

GAS EXHIBITION.

We understand that 'Gas del Estado' is sponsoring an exhibition for Stanley in August or September. 'Gas del Estado' is the Argentine state gas company. It is to gas what Y.P.F. is to oil. The intention is for a number of companies to exhibit gas fittings suitable for permanent installation e.g. gas stoves, water heaters, fires etc. It is also intended to instal gas systems in some houses in Stanley. It usually means taking out alternative fuel sources such as peat or oil. A large gas cylinder, which can be changed when empty, is placed outside the house. From this point pipes go to all the places where the gas fittings are stationed. This system should not be confused with portable gas heaters etc and is used in many countries where there is no mains gas supply.

MORE PHILATELIC NEWS.

Our local shipping artist and historian John Smith has just completed eleven months work in preparation for the next definitive stamp issue. Working on a commission for the Falkland Islands Government he has completed 15 pictures of ships that had mail carrying contracts for the Falklands. Two samples were sent to the Crown Agents last November and were found to be suitable, and the remainder have just been despatched. The pictures are approximately 18" x 13". It is thought that not all 15 pictures will be used. This will not be known until it is decided in what denominations the stamps will be issued. The pictures are now the property of the F.I. Government and it is to be sincerely hoped that after the stamp people have finished with them they can be mounted and displayed in some public place. The paintings are of the following ships given in date order from 1842. Hebe, Nautilus, Amelia, Fairy, Blackhawk, Foam, Memphis, Oravia, Falkland, Fleurus, Lafonia, Fitzroy, Merak N, A.E.S., and Darwin.

CONSULTATIONS WITH MINISTER OF STATE

On May 23rd the Governor and the Hons. S. Miller, W.E. Bowles and A.B. Monk left the Falklands by chartered flight en route for Rio de Janeiro. This 'little expedition', as the Governor called it, was said to be for the purpose of consultations with Britain's Deputy Foreign and Commonwealth Minister the Rt. Hon. David Ennals M.P. Mr. Ennals was in Rio for a conference of British diplomats in South America.

Before leaving Mr. French said that no negotiations were to take place. After the return of the party he gave an outline of the matters discussed. Mr. Ennals had stated that there was no change in the British Government position or sovereignty also that

it was 'committed to the defence of overseas territories' - a quote from the last Defence Review; he stressed the likelihood of a change in the way of life here if oil were discovered and exploited. In regard to oil it was stated that the oil industry's reactions to the geological report was being assessed and steps taken to update F.I. mining legislation. Mr. Ennals did not agree with the Councillors' suggestions that an economic review could exclude taxation; nor could he agree, without extra justification, to present a case in Parliament, for alterations to the runway under construction to enable it to be altered to be suitable for international flights.

The Legislative Councillors also brought forward the following view points: they were happy to be good neighbours with the Argentine but did not want to be absorbed by them; the need for modern weapons for local defence forces; the lack of satisfaction with sea communications.

Speculation (of course!) was rife before the team left, and afterwards - especially in view of the suddenness with which the trip was arranged. Some people still express the view that the whole story has not yet been told.

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beginning or introduction to the principle of ministerial responsibility. The report was supported by all members except Mr. R. Pitaluga (see his reasons in letter in F.I. Times). The report has been forwarded to the Secretary of State with a request that it be implemented at the next General Election.

Other Matters.

Membership of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association was approved. It was hoped that this would result in an increasing knowledge of our affairs and friendship of British parliamentarians. A committee was set up consisting of the Chief Secretary and Hon. Adrian Monk to investigate the population decline and to make recommendations to reverse the downward trend. A motion was passed thanking the British Government for the permanent airfield and asking that it be added to in order to enable it to take aeroplanes flying internationally. Strong pressure was put on the Government to take action soon in granting oil exploration licences. The Hon. A.B. Monk proposed a state lottery. It was felt that more must be done, with British Government help, to encourage investment from inside and outside the Colony. Outlet was also given to the view that the Government Administration was not allocating enough attention to agricultural matters.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

" We rejoice with those who rejoice and sorrow with those who mourn".

Births			
In the Falklands			
March 26th.	Mr. & Mrs. G. J. Butler	dau	Isabel Joan (Joan McLeod) (7lb 7oz)
April 13th.	Mr. & Mrs. J. Hobman	son	Luis Alphonzo (Marilu Desideria) (8lb 2oz)
April 13th.	Mr. & Mrs. A. McLaren	son	Kevin Derek (Ellen Smith) Charles (8lb 2oz)
May 8th.	Mr. & Mrs. W. F. Morey (RM)	dau	Danielle Tina (Doreen Anderson) (8lb 10ozs)
May 16th.	Mr. & Mrs. L. Smith	son	Ian Lars (Janice Murphy) (7lbs 1/2oz)
May 28th.	Mr. & Mrs. A. K. Dunn	son	Gareth Ian (Janice Miller) (9lbs 9ozs)
June 12th.	Mr. & Mrs. O. Summers	son	Colin Owen (Veronica Buse) (6lbs 15ozs)
June 20th.	Mr. & Mrs. R. Cockwell	son	Benjamin William (Grizelda Fanner) (10lbs 1oz)
June 21st.	Mr. & Mrs. J. R. Cooke	son	Andrew James (Carol Alburey) (8lbs)
June 21st.	Mr. & Mrs. M. N. Summers	dau	Lynn Jane (Jane Goss) (7lbs)

Overseas

Feb. 27th.	Mr. & Mrs. Juan Ampuero, Punta Arenas, Chile, a daughter, Andrea Joanna. (Mrs. Ampuero was Miss Susan Ross).
April 21st.	Mr. & Mrs. Peter Felton of Reading, England a son John Paul (9lbs)
May 3rd.	Mr. & Mrs. Ron Buckland a son, Colin Michael in the U.K. (Mrs. Buckland was Miss Wendy Ross).
May 29th.	Mr. & Mrs. John Tranter of Northampton, Yorks, a son Rory (6lbs 5ozs).
June 2nd.	Mr. & Mrs. Owen May of South Wales, a daughter

Marriages.

May 3rd.	Gwyneth May Pole-Evans to James Forster Hill Cove
May 10th.	Valerie Anne Allan to Ian Clarke Christ Church Cathedral
May 17th.	Margaret Rose Goodwin to Peter Goss Office Registrar General

Deaths

In the Falklands

April 1st.	George McLeod	Aged 74 years
April 18th.	Fredrick Browning	" 67 "
May 3rd.	Mrs. Alice Harvey	" 81 "
May 7th.	Mrs. Elizabeth Violet Morrison	" 65 "
May 28th.	David George Goodwin	" 65 "
June 4th.	Lester Louis James Alazia	" 33 "
July 5th.	Mrs. Mary Edith Harvey	" 90 "

Overseas

Dec. 11th. 1974	James David Goss, in Punta Arenas aged 33 years who left the Falklands in 1906.
March 9th. 1975	Frederick Albert Ashley, at Felstead, Essex aged 73 years who left the Falklands in the 1950's.
March 26th.	Edward Ross, in Buenos Aires, Argentina aged 33 years.
April 1st.	Mrs. Beryl Vega in California, U.S.A. aged 49 years. Mrs. Vega was formerly Beryl Swain.

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following Government Departments for their help - Legal Dept., Post Office, Studio, Secretariat & Treasury, Police and P.W.D. Also Falkland Islands Company, F.I. Committee, Shopkeepers and advertisers, all distributors in Camp and Stanley. My contributors, typists, binders, printers and of course you, dear readers, without whom there would be no point in producing the paper at all. And as I won't be here on August 14th, the 383rd Anniversary of the discovery of the Falkland Islands by Captain Davis may I say, 'A happy Falkland Islands Day to you all!'

From the F.I. Magazine & Church Paper March 1917.

We used to have a little ham
But now for it we sigh
We have to do without our ham
Because the price is high
Also some other things and prices as well, its all good for Storekeepers.

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It was rumoured a little while ago, that our mail steamer had been sunk; - probably by a vivid attack of imagination.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

"The time has come," the Kelper said
"to speak of many things..."

With the cold and wet Summer that we have been experiencing I can't imagine many folk speaking of cabbages and in these Southern latitudes we don't often speak of kings BUT there seems to be plenty to talk about lately. Much of the talking is done in pubs and clubs, so for those who don't frequent either and for many Campers there is no way that many Islanders can obtain first hand knowledge of what the other half thinks. However, once again you have the opportunity to share and air your views. I think you will agree that, especially in this day and age and in such a small community as ours, it is important that we try to appreciate one another's problems and foster an understanding of other people's ideas. It is intended that page six of the next edition of the TIMES will be devoted to readers' letters. Suggestions for and criticism of the paper will be read with interest and although I appreciate that it will be impossible to please everybody we shall endeavour to produce a paper that will satisfy the majority.

EDITORSHIP - Although this has changed I am happy to say that the policy remains the same and for those of you who have not read the May/July 1975 issue, I reproduce the appropriate part of its second page;

THE FALKLAND ISLANDS TIMES

- seeks to encourage interest in the Falklands around the world.
- supports a continuance of loyalty to the British Crown.
- is a watchdog on public affairs in the Colony.
- believes in the spread of ideas and opinions.
- will use facts to kill rumours.
- explains and discusses important issues of the day in its Editorial Column.

As some of you already know, Robin Forrester left the Falklands in July with the intention of returning about October. However he is now engaged with the Shaftesbury Society in a Mission in north London and does not anticipate coming back in the near future. I am sure that many of you wish him well in this work and are grateful to him for producing a lively and interesting paper for almost two years.

FIRE!

The tragic fire at 44, Davis Street on the morning of 28th October has of course had its repercussions. Sadly it seems that it is only when incidents of such magnitude occur that something is done. Stanley now has two more fire sirens- one less than a hundred yards from where No.44 once stood, the other being on Ross Road near the Secretariat- and water hoses have been flown in. However there is still some cause for concern as it appears that the only type of fire-extinguisher available for purchase is a 2 kg dry powder model primarily for use on Class B and C fires at a cost of over £40 ! and at present fire insurance rates you can insure your house for £10,000 for that money .

In the Newsletter of 16th August last it was announced that response from Camp settlements for copies of the 'Fire Prevention and Fighting' pamphlet which was ' to be available soon', was good. What happened to it? Could it be that it is on a shelf with the new Telephone Directory?

WHO TAKES PRIORITY?

Much has been made lately of an emigrant group who are interested in coming to settle in the Falklands. In an article in the May/July TIMES Robin Forrester mentioned the subject of DEPOPULATION. It did not surprise me that the Secretariat had little response when they invited suggestions from Islanders as to what assistance might be offered the group. Whilst it is realised that the Colony would benefit from such artisans, surely our first priority is to get to the root causes of our depopulation and concentrate on keeping our youth and those who have given these Islands many of their years?

PIRATE PAPER?

Some readers are no doubt aware that Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Hirtle have recently started producing a paper which they have called a Mini-Review. However it is noted that the paper is headed 'Falkland Islands Monthly Review'. Therefore I would like to point out to readers that this could lead to confusion as the full name of this publication is 'The Falkland Islands TIMES and Falkland Islands Monthly Review. Any person wishing to provide material for future editions of the paper you are now reading is asked to address it to The Editor, P.O.Box 60

FINALLY.... I would like to take this opportunity to offer my sincere thanks to those people who have been so helpful to me in the preparation of this my first TIMES

The SPEEDWELL store has just opened a selection of cassette tapes.

Also available; GRUNDIG radios and cassette recorders, SEIKO and ORIS watches, crested glassware, ASAHI-PENTAX cameras & lenses, crested leather souvenirs, contraceptives, shopping bags, BEAR BRAND tights etc;

NEWS in BRIEF

Drinka бага milka day. Recently Mr. Chris Spall of Callaghan Rd., Dairy changed from the old method of using bottles for his milk. The last voyage of ANNE BEWA brought him a milk-bagging machine and umpteen thousand polythene milk sachets. Both Chris and the majority of his customers are agreed that this is a great improvement on the bottling method.

Falklands First Female Police-officer. Mrs. Rose Livermore is to become our first policewoman. Rose is transferring from the Public Works Dept., and we understand her clerical post will be taken over by Mr. Stan Smith.

More about Flags.

The Queen-size Union Flag which flew outside the Secretariat was stolen during the late hours of Battle Day. Fortunately another one was available and we hope this one will last a considerable time as they are an expensive item.

Some people may have observed the Governor's Personal Marine Standard flying outside Government House on Battle Day- this flag is usually flown aboard ships which His Excellency is visiting.

Two flags are to be flown daily at the FIC's dockyard- they are the Union Flag and the old Diamond/F House Flag.

Sir! Come navigating?

One wonders if Lindblad Explorer passengers became giddy recently as it was announced in the Colony Provisional Programme for December that the ship would call at West Point on the 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th!

Ewe tack the high road.

Brandon Road residents were probably pleased to hear the recent Govt. announcement inviting tenders for reinstating the surface of Brandon Road. Some townsfolk are hoping that the postwoman will be reinstated at the same time.

Air Traffic Controller/Airport Superintendent.

Several men applied for this post and the successful applicant, who will have to undergo a period of training in the Motherland, was Gerald Check.

Telstar.

Americans Jack Fried and Ed. Monteban have been seen quite often at the Ionospheric Observatory at the East end of Davis St., They are employed by the Defence Mapping Agency and working on a project for NASA. They arrived with their families in October and expect to depart about next June.

Battle Day.

Many folk were disappointed on the morning of 8th December when they discovered that the planned programme of events was altered at the eleventh hour. Although the day dawned warm and sunny the 'unsettled weather' was given as the reason why the usual parade at the Monument was scratched.

Touched Bottom.

It has been reported that RRS JOHN BISCOE sustained minor hull and propeller damage when she touched bottom at Bellingshausen (Antarctica) recently.

New Schoolmaster for Hill Cove.

Mr. Dustin Dornbrook who flew out to Hill Cove with his family in October, will be taking over duties of teacher from Miss Nicky Hansen. Dustin will also be the farm's Storekeeper and Book-keeper.

The WEATHER

	SUNSHINE HRS.		RAINFALL	WIND	TEMPERATURE
	Total.	Average	in mm	Daily av in knots	Daily av deg Celsius
JULY	62.0	2.0	39.1	10.5	1.9
AUGUST	116.0	3.7	35.9	10.2	2.5
SEPTEMBER	141.8	4.7	48.2	11.7	4.3
OCTOBER	178.9	5.8	21.3	12.2	6.1
NOVEMBER	212.1	7.1	61.8	13.5	6.5
DECEMBER	205.9	6.6	69.5	11.0	7.3

OBITUARY - Mr. E.G. Rowe

Ernesto Guillermo Rowe was born of British parentage in Buenos Aires on the 11th January 1896. Much of his childhood was spent in Rosario. In 1923 he came to the Falklands as Auditor-in-charge of the business known as Estate Louis Williams. He was soon to become Manager of the business and later owner. Mr. Rowe was appointed Uruguayan Vice-Consul in 1950.

He was a founder-member of the Colony Club and there, as in all his enterprises, he was known and respected for his independence of mind which has contributed so much to the life of these Islands. One wonders if it is possible to recognise how much? He himself lived for a period of time longer than half the established life of this Colony itself, and he gave of his experience, both here and elsewhere, much that has been of great value- but often 'behind the scenes'.

(The second paragraph is an extract from the funeral address given by the Chaplain of Christ Church Cathedral on Christmas Eve)

F.I.B. FOOTBALLERS

While on leave recently in England John and Ileen Smith stayed with Ileen's sister Noreen, who, with her ex Royal Marine husband Strom Bolder manage the 'Drum Major'- a Charrington public house- at Deal.

One of the Bolder's sons, 17 years old Robert, is well on the way to making a name for himself in U.K. football playing in goal. So far he has collected ten major trophies and has played for Kent teams and is now playing as a semi-professional with one of them. He had also been in trial matches with Southampton and Charlton.

Another of Noreen's sons, Anthony, was playing for Deal Town Reserves.

MAINLY for OVERSEAS READERS

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Thinking of visiting the Falkland Islands? If you are then why not book a room at BYRON HOUSE- a guest house run by the editor's wife. Our rates are £5 per day for full pension and £3 for bed & breakfast.

SHIPPING. (July/Dec '76)

Vessel	Nat.	Arrived	Departed	for
SONJA BEWA	Danish	July 15th	July 26th	U.K. via St.Vincent
BAHIA BUEN SUCEÑO	Argentine	August 29th	Sept. 4th	Buenos Aires
ANNE BEWA	Danish	October 19th	October 25th	High Seas
JOHN BISCOE	Brit.	October 30th	November 1st	Antarctica
BAHIA AGUIRRE	Arg.	October 31st	Same day	Buenos Aires
JOHN BISCOE	Brit.	November 18th	November 25th	Antarctica
MIKHAIL SOHOV	Russian	November 28th	Nov 29th	"
LINDBLAD EXPLORER	Panamanian	Dec 4th(West Point)	Dec 7th	South Georgia
BAHIA BUEN SUCEÑO	Arg.	Dec 5th	Dec 7th	Buenos Aires
SHACKLETON	Brit.	Dec 9th	Dec 12th	High Seas
CABO SAN GONZALO	Arg.	Dec 10th	Dec 15th	Comodoro Rivadavia
BRANSFIELD	Brit.	Dec 17th	Dec 21st	Antarctica
JOHN BISCOE	Brit	Dec 29th	Still in port	New Year's Eve.

During 1975 some 46 ships(excluding Forrest & Monsunen) were cleared.

Comparison of vessels and ship-borne tourists 1970-1975;

	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975
No. of ships cleared inc.						
o'seas voyages Monsunen/Forrest	39	36	34	39	48	49
No. of tourists/passengers	146	419	1,620	3,189	3,999	6,201

The following article is reproduced from the December issue of The Upland Goose which is the Journal of the Falkland Islands Philatelic Study Group;

FALKLANDS MEDIA IN JEOPARDY

The only newspaper printed in the Falkland Islands is due to cease publication because of the lack of an Editor. Indeed regular issues of the government subsidised Falkland Islands Times have already ceased publication. The present Editor, Robin Forrester, is due to leave the Islands permanently; at the moment he is visiting the UK and will then go on to visit the United States. He will return to the Islands for a few weeks, when he hopes to publish one more issue, before the press finally closes down, unless a volunteer comes forward to carry on. This means, of course, that until a newspaper is restarted, no regular local Falkland Islands news can reach the outside world.

We also hear that the government run Falkland Islands Radio Station, which is the only local media left to the people, is suffering from government censorship of programmes and news items.

(Ed. And so say all of us?)

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 1976.

Apart from January 1st the following dates have been set aside as Public Holidays in Stanley;

Friday 16th April....	Good Friday
Wednesday 21st April..	Her Majesty the Queen's Birthday
Monday 4th October...	October Bank Holiday
Wednesday 8th December..	Anniversary of the Battle of the Falklands
and Sat 25th, Mon 27th, Tues 28th and Wed 29th December..	Christmas Holidays

Results of the Stanley Sports Association's Sixty-third Annual Meeting
held on the 26th and 27th December 1975.

Event No.	Entries	Placed 1st	2nd	3rd
1. Maiden Plate	12	Sapphire(R.Binnie)	Jabina(J.Pemberton)	Blowhard (T.Goss)
2. 200 yards(foot)		G.Hardcastle	C.McBain(RM)	T.McPhee
3. Kelper Store Plate	9	Beauty(K.Whitney)	Quicksilver(T.Summers)	Paddy (J.Pemberton)
4. Potato Race(Ladies)		Mrs.S.Halford	Miss R.Allan	Mrs.G.Watson
5. West Falkland Plate	14	Spinaway(W.Watson)	Tonini(R.Binnie)	Lilian(J.Pemberton)
6. One Mile(foot)		J.Pollard(RM)	C.McBain(RM)	J.Barton
7. Mile Trot		Ballerina(M.Goss)	Rocket(Mrs.L.Blake)	Gina(C.McDonald)
8. Pony Race		Nonnie(P.McKay)	Bambi(I.McKay)	Willie(R.Rozee)
9. Wheelbarrow Race(Mixed)		Rosemary Allan/Paul Bonner	Glenda Neil	Watson and 3rd Cora McGill/T.Rozee
10. Chief Secretary's Plate	14	Patience(R.Binnie)	Sunbeam(K.Whitney)	Rambler (J.Pemberton)
11. Sack Race(Mixed)		P.Bonner	T.McPhee	V.Berntsen
12. Governors Cup	10	Beauty(K.Whitney)	Paddy(J.Pemberton)	Shamrock(H.Smith)
13. Musical Chairs		Spot(J.Pemberton)	Longstar(N.McKay)	Beauty(P.Gilding)
14. Rincon Grande Plate	10	Shamrock(H.Smith)	Quicksilver(T.Summers)	Spinaway(W.Watson)
15. Ladies 1 mile trot	10	Beauty(Daisy McKay)	Lucky(Lil Johnson)	Mistake(Sharon Halford)
16. Relay Race(Mixed/foot)		Rosemary Allan/C.McBain	Sharon Halford/T.McPhee and 3rd Cora McGill/L.Limburn	
17. The A.C.Barton Prize	13	Sunbeam(K.Whitney)	Patience(R.Binnie)	Peggy(D.Rozee)
18. Stepping 100 yds		V.Berntsen	Ewan Morrison	D.Thom
19. Berkley Sound Plate	12	Beauty(K.Whitney)	Lilian(J.Pemberton)	Shamrock(H.Smith)
20. Backwards Race (Foot)		T.McPhee	R.Kelland	G.Hewitt
21. Tug-o' War	was won by F.I.D. Force team against Falkland Club team			
22. Mile Trot(Open)		Beauty(Daisy McKay)	Red Feather(R.Binnie)	Lucky(N.McKay)
23. Three-legged Race		Mrs S.Halford/T.McPhee	Miss C.McGill/L.Limburn and 3rd Miss J.Hardcastle/T.Cousins	
24. Andrew Bruce Trophy	II	Quicksilver(T.Summers)	Lilian(J.Pemberton)	Diver(T.McPhee)
25. 100 yds(foot)		G.Hardcastle	L.Limburn(RM)	M.Keenleyside
26. Troop Race	9	Patience(R.Binnie)	Rambler(J.Pemberton)	Dilys(T.Summers)
27. Veteran's Handicap		Mrs.Lotty McAskill	M.McLeod	M.Jones
28. Chartres Plate	8	Sunbeam(K.Whitney)	Sunshine(Mrs M.Betts)	Spinaway(N.Watson)
29. 440 yds(foot)		G.Hardcastle	L.Limburn	J.Pollard
30. Port San Carlos Prize	5	Beauty(L.Whitney)	Peggy(D.Rozee)	Silverblaze(Miss A.Malcol)
31. Ladies Sack Race		Cora McGill	Susan Whitney	Glenda Watson
32. Defence Force Club Race	II	Sunbeam(K.Whitney)	Patience(R.Binnie)	Paddy(J.Pemberton)
33. Ladies 80 yds(foot)		Sharon Halford	Cheryl Johnson	Cora McGill
34. V.C.Race(Gymkhana)		K.Whitney	D.Whitney	V.Steen
35. David Smith Plate	II	Tonini(R.Binnie)	Quicksilver(T.Summers)	Lilian(J.Pemberton)
36. Douglas Station Plate	6	Sunbeam(L.Whitney)	Rambler(J.Pemberton)	Patience(R.Binnie)
37. Ladies Gallop	9	Beauty(Mrs Masters)	Sunshine(Mrs Betts)	Tears(Mrs Halford)
38. Young Jockey's Race	10	Shamrock(Mrs Halford)	Peggy(D.Rozee)	Paddy(T.Summers)
39. Gretna Green(Gymkhana)		R.McKay/R.Rozee	D.Whitney/D.Rozee	V.Steen/Mrs Halford
40. Long Jump		G.Hardcastle	L.Limburn	R.Betts
41. Consolation Race	6	Clipper(I.McPhee)	Bombardier(M.Goss)	Nijinsky(A.Betts)
42. Pony Race	5	Willie(R.Rozee)	Bambi(I.McKay)	Silverblaze(Susie Betts)
43. Salvador Prize	6	Shamrock(H.Smith)	Lilian(J.Pemberton)	Quicksilver(T.Summers)
44. Woolbrokers' Prize	6	Beauty(K.Whitney)	Tonini(R.Binnie)	Sunshine(Mrs Marion Betts)
45. Association Race	3	Beagle(Bikey Anderson)	Judy(Alec Betts)	Silverblaze (Billy Duncan)

Champion Jockey at this meeting was Keith Whitney with 23 points and
Runner-Up was Ron Binnie with 21½ points.

REVIEW SECTION

- July 18th- final of Governor's Cup Darts Competition. Winner T.McKenzie (RM)
Runner-up Les Biggs.
- July 19th - Championship Sheep-dog Trials. Won by Pat Short with Nap
-Mr. Robin Pitaluga fell asleep at the wheel of his Landrover which
mounted pavement outside Police Station and struck fence & stationary vehicle.
- July 23rd- In the Magistrate's Court Douglas Station Ltd., was ordered to pay
Teal Inlet Ltd., £130.43 plus costs in respect of repairs to a boundary fence
carried out by Teal Inlet Ltd.,
- August 2nd - Children's Fancy Dress Party organised by Working Men's Social
Club held in Town Hall.
- August 13th -Infant & Junior School P.T.A. open evening.
- August 31st - Monsunen arrived back from Punta Arenas.
- September 12th - Opening of Exhibition of Appliances by Gas del Estado at
St. Mary's annexe. Although un-announced beforehand the Exhibition was
opened by the Governor.
- After much speculation about vet Mr. Bob Bostelman it was
announced in a Newsletter that he would not be returning.
- September 20th- Charter vessel ANNE BEWA sailed for Stanley from Gravesend.
- September 26th - In the Magistrate's Court a YPF employee was fined £20 and
disqualified from driving for 12 months for driving whilst under the influence
of drink. For driving with no lights he was fined £4.
- October 4th - Presentation at Government House of Colonial Police Medal to
Chief Police Officer, Supt. T.J. Peck.
- October 18th - Sponsored Walk organised by Women's Corona Society and
assisted by Royal Marines, the proceeds of which were in aid of our elderly
folk.
- November 3rd - Sir John Gilmore and Dr. Colin Phipps of the
Commonwealth Parliamentary Association arrived for a fortnight's visit.
- November 4th - The business known as Betts & Whitney became Whitney & Son.
- Forrest sailed for dry-docking at Punta Arenas.
- November 7th- Falkland Is. Co. Ltd., announce reduction in petrol price (£1.90
to £1.30 gal.)
- November 9th - Remembrance Day parade and service.
- Service at St. Mary's to commemorate 100th Anniversary of the
arrival of first resident Roman Catholic priest, Rev Father Foran.
- football match interrupted by unexpected flight of Argentine
Air Force 'plane.
- November 24th - Forrest arrived back from Punta Arenas.
- December 3rd - Annual General Meeting of the Falkland Islands Committee
- December 5th- Dr. Gemel from Dunedin University gave an interesting talk and
slide show in the Town Hall on the subject of Hydatid Disease.
- December 16th 5th & 6th. St. Mary's Bazaar
F.I. Co. Ltd., announce diesel up from 36p to 41p a gallon.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES and DEATHS

"We rejoice with those who rejoice and sorrow with those who mourn."

<u>Births</u>	<u>At K.E.M. Hospital-Stanley</u>
July 8th	Mr & Mrs S. Sinclair (Celia Turner) daughter Veronica Joyce
July 23rd	Mr & Mrs J. Berntsen (Ellen Stewart) daughter Elaine Ellen
August 1st	Mr & Mrs K. Baillie (Virginia Morrison) daughter Diana Julia
August 10th	Mr & Mrs D. Limburn (Monica Bonner) son Sean Roderick
August 21st	Mr & Mrs R. Smith (Heather Murphy) daughter Patricis Anne
August 29th	Mr & Mrs D. Shepherd son Colin David
Sept' 13th	Mr & Mrs D.A. Ryan (Bridget Harvey) daughter Nicola Rose
Sept' 30th	Mr & Mrs R. Henriksen (Jill Ford) daughter Natalie
Oct' 17th	Mr & Mrs P. Seeley (Shirley Berrido) daughter Carmen Jayne
Dec' 13th	Mr & Mrs D. Davidson son Hamish
Dec' 23rd	Mr & Mrs Pat Morrison (Clare McGill) son Glyn Richard Patrick
Dec' 24th	Mr & Mrs D. Dornbrook daughter Mara Noelle
Dec' 28th	Dr. & Mrs. Cox daughter Heather

Marriages

May 16th	Olaf Berntsen and Jeanette Berntsen	at Port San Carlos
June 28th	Ken Morrison and Charlene McKay	at Hill Cove
July 4th	Richard Fogerty and Brenda Blackley	at Port Stephens
July 24th	Robin Goodwin and June Goss	at Registrar General's Office
July 26th	Renaldo Gustavo Reid and Colleen Clifton	at the Cathedral
August 23rd	Anthony Trevor Lowe and Susan Bonner	at Port Howard
Sept' 20th	Rodney Lee and Carole Bonner	at Port Howard
Oct' 31st	Alan Cusworth and Alana Smith	at Registrar General's Office
Oct 11th	Thomas Keane and Alva Berntsen	at Port San Carlos
Dec' 20th	Michael Harrison (RM) and Jane Kerr	at the Cathedral

Deaths

	<u>in the Falkland Islands</u>	
July 29th	George Charles Short	Aged 79 years
August 14th	Alfred Peter Anderson	Aged 72 years
August 20th	David Brown McKay	Aged 69 years
August 22nd	William Henry Charles (Ben) Watson	Aged 71 years
Sept' 19th	Annie Elizabeth Lehen	Aged 73 years
Oct' 7th	Annabella McKay	Aged 87 years
Oct' 20th	Hector Charles Barnes	Aged 44 years
Nov' 10th	Peter Smith Thain	Aged 45 years
Nov' 16th	Kitty Elliott Clifton	Aged 43 years
Nov' 25th	Vera Alice Lang	Aged 38 years
Dec' 3rd	Edward Victor Johnson	Aged 75 years
Dec' 6th	Isabella Bowles	Aged 80 years
Dec' 17th	Florence Eveline Berntsen (Lol)	Aged 80 years
Dec' 22nd	Ernesto Guillermo Rowe	Aged 79 years
	and in Buenos Aires	
Dec' 29th	Margaret Ann Biggs	Aged 58 years

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SUN SHINES for SHACKLETON.

January 3rd 1976 for many Islanders will be remembered as Shackleton Day. The morning dawned warm and sunny- the finest we had had for some time.

At around 9 a.m. HMS Endurance, carrying Lord Shackleton and his Economic and Fiscal Survey team, steamed into the Harbour firing a seventeen gun salute to His Excellency the Governor. A crowd of about two hundred people gathered at the East entrance to Government House and to their delight Lord Shackleton with the Governor alighted from their car when they arrived just after 10 a.m. Three cheers were given in response to which Lord Shackleton said "I shall do all I can to help you." The Governor then introduced him to some members of the Community and photographers were busy while Lord Shackleton posed for them. The highlight of the welcome was when he asked a lady for her Union Flag which he held high and waved it for all to see.

Lord Shackleton and his team, comprising of economist Mr. P. Mould, oil expert Mr. R. Johnson, finance expert Mr. P. Williams, fisheries expert Mr. G. Eddy, animal husbandry expert Mr. R. Williams, sociologist Mr. R. Storey and Foreign and Commonwealth Office Secretary Mr. D. Keeling travelled extensively and spoke to many people during their twenty-eight day visit to the Falklands.

The secrecy which surrounded the team's arrival prevailed at its departure as few people knew that when oil-tanker RFA Tide Surge weighed anchor on Saturday 31st January she was carrying ten supernumeraries!

ARGENTINE AGGRESSION ANGERS ISLANDERS.

The 'Shackleton incident' last week has angered, annoyed or bewildered many Islanders.

At around 10.30 a.m. on the morning of Wednesday 4th February the RRS SHACKLETON was steaming for Port Stanley in a position roughly 78 miles south of Cape Pembroke Light. Out of a fog bank loomed a ship of the Argentine Navy. The SHACKLETON, in accordance with international maritime practice, dipped her ensign. Shortly afterwards it was observed that the flag signal 'stop your engines' was being flown aboard the Argentine destroyer 'Almirante Storni'. SHACKLETON'S Captain P. Warne switched on his radio to a VHF channel only to hear the destroyer ordering him to heave-to as it had orders to escort the SHACKLETON (which initially the destroyer was calling 'Endurance') to Ushuaia an Argentine port in Tierra del Fuego.

After Captain Warne intimated that he did not intend heaving-to and that if the destroyer wanted to escort his ship anywhere they could take

it to Port Stanley, the Argentine ship fired across SHACKLETON'S bow. During some time of silence on the radio the destroyer followed the research ship well up the coast and when about ten miles off the Lighthouse veered to the north-east leaving SHACKLETON to enter port where she arrived at about 5-30 in the evening with HMS Endurance, which had been coming at full-speed round the north coast, not far behind.

The incident resulted in Britain and Argentina protesting to one another and today we hear that both countries have taken the matter to the United Nations. HMS Endurance and RRS SHACKLETON are still in Port and have both had their programmes unnecessarily interrupted. It is understood that Britain is seeking assurance from Argentina that SHACKLETON can continue its work without further harassment while Argentina wants Britain to ask for her permission for SHACKLETON to carry on with her programme.

NEW IMMIGRATION POLICY?

The Welfare Committee have submitted a Draft White Paper on British Nationality-Falkland Islands to the Home Office on immigration. It states that;

1. Falkland Islanders should have returned to them the right to hold United Kingdom passports, so as to enable them to enter and leave the United Kingdom with the same freedom as British subjects who are citizens of the United Kingdom.

2. This will give them the unique position among citizens of British Colonies; but this is justifiable and necessary because of features which in other ways makes the position of the Falkland Islanders unique.

Some of the other points mentioned in the Draft were; that almost 100% of the population have their family origins in the United Kingdom; that the only language spoken in the Islands is English; that Islanders have no close ties with any country other than the U.K.; that the number of people involved is about 350; and that the issue of United Kingdom passports to this small number of people should not cause any problems in the U.K.

This draft paper goes on to mention that in 1974 there were at least two cases in which Islanders were refused entry into the U.K. and they continue to be excluded. The paper concludes "Where Falkland Islanders wish for some reason to leave the Falkland Islands it is understandable and natural that they should normally look first to what they rightly regard as their Mother Country and 'Home'. They should have the right to enter the United Kingdom; and only the right to a United Kingdom passport will give them this".

Whilst the approval of the above would be good news to the people concerned it is probably seen by others as another subtle move by Her Majesty's Govt., to help us OUT.

CORRECTION.

My attention has been drawn to an incorrect statement in the August-December 1975 edition.

Mr. Pitaluga was driving a car and not a LandRover and he only struck a stationary LandRover and not a fence also. I sincerely apologise to Mr. Pitaluga for any offence caused by the inaccurate statement.

Although there were about ten minor offences heard at the Magistrates Court on the 13th January I cannot report on them as the Court can't now give details of any cases and as Cause Lists are not now given it is not easy to be at the Court when cases are heard.

NEWS IN BRIEF

NEW CURRENCY NOTES

Falkland Islands £10 notes have been introduced, the first being put into circulation on the 19th January.

NEW YEAR'S HONOURS

His Excellency the Governor Neville Arthur Irwin French Esq, M.V.O. to be a Companion of the most distinguished order of St. Michael and St. George (CMG). Douglas Roy Morrison (Deputy Chief Secretary) to be an Officer of the most excellent Order of the British Empire (OBE). Vernon Thomas King (Head Printer) to be a Member of the most excellent order of the British Empire (MBE).

BURSAR'S VISIT

Mrs Lillian Lichtenberger who is the Bursar of the British School in Montevideo and a sister to Mrs French visited the Islands for a fortnight in January.

SOLE CATCH!

Robert Maddocks of Fox Bay set a crab pot on January 2nd and when he tried to lift it on the 4th he found it too heavy so towed it to the beach. Upon opening he found over 450 crabs!

UNAUTHORISED FLIGHTS

Two unauthorised flights were reported on 25th and 26th January. One aircraft which was seen to the North of Stanley was identified as an Albatross and the other was photographed at Saunders Island.

TRAVELLERS BY AIR

During January there were seven flights to Stanley of Fokker 27 aircraft. 135 people, of whom 36 were tourists, arrived and 122 of whom 44 were tourists departed.

SHEEP-TALK

In December Gary Mitchell of Goose Green shored 347 ewe-hogs in a 7 hours 40 minutes day.

SEY SHIP?

Italian tourist ship 'Enrico C' was due to call at Stanley on Saturday 17th January. Some reports indicate that she was sighted but she did not call in. However it has been confirmed that the 3rd cruise which included a visit on Saturday 31st January had been cancelled.

AIRCRAFT BEACON

The VOR beacon which is used as a navigational aid for the F27 aircraft and is situated near the landmark on Stanley Common does not now operate 24 hours a day. The beacon transmits on a VHF and transmits the letters MLV.

ALFA ROMEO

The only privately owned plane in the Falklands, a Cessna 172 Skyhawk owned by Mr Robin Pitaluga has not been seen recently making its frequent flights from Salvador to Stanley. The aircraft sustained damage to its propeller whilst attempting a take-off.

THAT SETTLES IT!

Mrs Stan Miller of Port Howard recently received a letter from an Argentinian in Argentina addressed:- Port Howard, West Falklands, ENGLAND. Stan received a letter from a London mail-order house which read "We were sorry to hear we could not supply the goods you received" !

CASSIN'S PEREGRINE FALCON by A.R. Chater

Later one sunny afternoon a solitary Dominican Gull (*Larus Dominicanus*) still wearing the grey feathers of it's second summer, flew leisurley across Stanley Common. Suddenly it shrieked and swerved upward, but too late to avoid the powerful talons which penetrated it's shoulder and stabbed it's heart. The gull died instantly and within seconds was lying on the ground wings twitching as if in afterthought about what they should have done.

Characteristically Cassin's Falcon (*Falco Peregrinus Cassini*) had stooped down on the gull from several hundred feet, always an electrifying sight as it can reach speeds in excess of 100 miles per hour. Cassin's is the South American race of the Peregrine Falcon, locally known as the Sparrow Hawk. It is widely distributed in both old and new worlds and has been used in falconry for centuries. It occurs throughout the Falklands, nesting on sea cliffs and inland crags from late September. The female (falcon) is about 19" long while the male (tiercel) is smaller at around 16". Both are similarly marked and unmistakable. They have a dark moustacial marking on the face, slate grey or brown black, white to buff under side barred with grey or rufous brown, a large hooked bill and yellow legs equipped with enormous talons. Straight flight is fast and dynamic. The wings beat with great rapidity between glides. Often the hawk will be seen at considerable height circling on thermals. Calls consist of chattering shrieking and squeaking and may be heard from afar. They are shy birds and difficult to approach. Indeed their eyes are larger and far more sensitive to movement than our own so it is impossible to creep up unseen. Often they will perch on a prominent rock or fence post surrounded by scolding small birds.

Peregrines will take prey ranging from diminutive finches, mice and rats (also domestic chicks) to the Upland Goose. This latter is far larger than the predator itself. Kills are turned on their backs, plucked and eaten while warm. Only the meat from the breastbone is eaten, the rest providing food for the scavengers.

In some northern countries (e.g. Britain and United States) the peregrine has suffered much from the spraying of crops. Being at the summit of food chains, many of which begin with seeds, they are subject to a build up of poison which may kill them or affect their breeding ability. Fortunately there are no such problems here and the peregrine continues to flourish as it has done for thousands of years.

PENFIRENDS CORNER

The following people would like to correspond with people in the Falklands:

Mr G.K.B. Cullin of 4, Westcliffe Road, Portland, Dorset DT5 2HP. England

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Mark Rogers (Aged 16) 10, Fox Close, Kimberworth Park, Rotherham S61 3BE
England.

Mr Sanjay Mundra, 39, Shrivtolla Street, Calcutta 700070, India.

Editor's note.

The second letter on page six was written by Mrs. Kitty Bertrand.

PRESS REVIEW

From time to time different people are sent press cuttings and for the benefit of the many who do not get the opportunity to see them the TIMES hopes to summarise some of them.

The Bournemouth Evening Echo of 13th November, carries a fairly lengthy article headed "Delicate Mission for Lord Shackleton" in which it reports on the pending visit by Lord Shackleton to South Georgia in HMS Endurance to visit his father's grave. The article gives the usual facts and figures about the Islands and mentions that his Lordship has worked in "Sensitive areas" before, being on a special mission to Aden in 1967 to negotiate British withdrawal. The paper goes on to mention that Lord Shackleton is Deputy Chairman of Rio Tinto Zinc, at one time he lived with a tribe of head-hunters in the Borneo jungle, set out to join the army, but joined the R.A.F. (in which he became a Wing Commander) when he heard that the R.A.F. were looking for men who could speak Eskimo, and was honoured with a life Peerage in 1958.

In the Guardian (the date of which I am not sure of) Patrick Keatley has written an article headed "South Sea Oil". This is not the only one I have seen which speaks of Britain's appeasement of Argentina. It also mentions that neither Labour nor Tory ministers have been able to marshal tough, compelling arguments to justify the slide to sell out. An incorrect statement in this article spoke of H.M.S. Endurance having to steam 1,200 miles north of the Falklands area to embark members of the Shackleton team.

The Buenos Aires Herald of Saturday January 17th has its Editorial column devoted to "The integration of the Islands" in which it states that Argentina sees Britain's refusal to discuss Sovereignty as irritating and irrational. The paper says that conviction that the Islands are Argentine is close to most Argentine hearts and that Argentina's blindspot is its failure to take into consideration the views of the Islanders themselves.

The same paper of Sunday January 18th carries an article headed "The riddle of the firing of Arauz Caster" which also has a photograph of the ex Argentine Foreign Minister being made "a pioneer of Argentine Sovereignty in the Islas Malvinas" the day before he was fired. He received his diploma from Mrs Sobrino, Peronist Deputy representing Tierra del Fuego, who had proposed that Argentina's President and Britain's Queen should hold a summit meeting to solve the conflict over the Islands.

Another interesting article is in the January 20th edition of the Times which is headed "The Falkland Islanders may be no more than pawns in a game Britain does not want to win", this article mentions that the slippery slope of appeasement has now accelerated and that Argentina now virtually controlled all entry and exit documentation. It reports that Dr. Colin Phipps who visited the Islands last November has said that there is only a 10 - 1 chance of discovering a commercially viable oil-field and that if oil was discovered it would create even more difficulties between the British and Argentine governments. Like another British daily it says that H.M.S. Endurance is to be scrapped. It gives the history of the Falklands and speaks of the loyalty to the British Crown and the fact that the income from wool contributes some £2 million of hard currency to Britain's balance of payments. The article concludes "But, after all, the Falklands are 7,000 miles away and there are only 1957 Islanders living there."

Dear Sir,

I was very happy to see the Times back in print. During the present troubled times we Falkland Islanders have never been asked our opinions nor have been given a chance to express them. It is only through independent papers like yours that we can be heard.

And what then of these troubled times? Are we in the Falkland Islands just a pawn in the game these days? Whilst Britain and Argentina argue the point we find ourselves slowly drifting towards dependence on Argentina in many matters. Again and again we have shown our loyalty to Britain but Britain has only responded with pacifying words. If Britain is committed to the Falkland Islands it should make it very clear in the form of financial assistance. True, they have given us an airstrip but that will only help de-population which at present I think is British Government policy. Perhaps Lord Shackleton's survey will force into the open Britain's long term aim for the Islands and we will see if we are being sold down the river. One or two other points I think need airing:

CIVIL ORSHIP In recent months articles have appeared in the British press and elsewhere concerning the Islands but we in the Islands have never heard them broadcast on the only means of mass communication, the radio. All Falkland Islanders have a right and the Government a duty to keep us informed on all comments made regarding the Islands be they political or not.

TEMPORARY AIRSTRIP It was gratifying to hear that our non-elected Council decided after three years that the temporary airstrip was unsafe when used by the F27. Was it the same Council that decided when the Argentines were 20 minutes from the jetty with materials to extend their strip, that seeing they were here we had better let them go ahead? (Our Government also suffers from lack of communication it seems).

I must question Argentina's motives for extending their strip. Considering Argentina's present economic problems they are wasting a lot of money in extending their strip which will only be in use a short while before the permanent airstrip comes into operation. Reducing the payload on the F27 and holding off phasing them out would make more sense.

Our days as Falkland Islanders are numbered if we and our Government keep accepting without questioning the aims of all concerned with the Islands. If Britain won't help us and we don't want Argentina we must look elsewhere before it is too late.

Yours,

A not so calm, but ever vigilant Falklander.

Carcass Island
23rd January 1976

Dear Editor,

Congratulations on starting the F.I. Times again, a newspaper is vital in these Islands today. Regarding the Mini Review I would agree the similar title is confusing but the more papers the better, would I be suggesting something very dreadful if I ask, why not call this paper "The Falkland Islands Times" and drop the "Falkland Islands Monthly Review" part of the title?

FLAGS; I do not understand how the Union Flag could be stolen during the late hours of Battle Day. Surely the flag was lowered at sunset when the person taking the flag was in full view?

I am looking forward to your next edition,

Mrs Revonne Roth
758 S. Lazona Dr.
Mesa,
Arizona 85204, U. S. A.

Dear Sir,

I am most interested in corresponding with women in your lovely spot of the world and becoming friends. I have just read a most interesting book about your Islands and found it so interesting that I feel I have been there.

I am a middle aged mother of two and a housewife. I live in Mesa, Arizona in the southwest deserts of this state. I am so interested in history and I feel the Falklands have a wealth of it. Your lovely Islands are rarely heard of in my part of the world. I feel I must know more.

Could you please publish my plea for friends? Sincerely thanking you for your help.

Sincerely,
(Sgnd) Mrs Revonne Roth

SHIPPING

<u>Vessel</u>	<u>Nat.</u>	<u>Arrived</u>	<u>Departed</u>	<u>For</u>
RRS JOHN BISCOE	British	In port New Year's Eve	January 1st	Punta Arenas
HMS ENDURANCE	British	January 3rd	January 10th	South Georgia
RRS BRANFIELD	British	January 4th	January 8th	Antarctica
LINDBLAD EXPLORER	Panamanian	January 4th	Same day	Antarctica
RRS JOHN BISCOE	British	January 6th	January 8th	Antarctica
ACADEMIC KNIPOVITCH	USSR	January 3th	January 9th	
CABO SAN GONZALO	Argentine	January 14th	January 18th	Buenos Aires
ENRICO C	Italian	January 17th	January 17th	Buenos Aires
ANNE BEWA	Danish	January 18th	January 26th	United Kingdom
LINDBLAD EXPLORER	Panamanian	January 13th	Same day	Antarctica
RFA TIDE SURGE	British	January 26th	January 31st	Curacao
HMS ENDURANCE	British	February 4th		
RRS SHACKLETON	British	February 4th		
ACADEMIC KNIPOVITCH	USSR	February 9th	February 11th	
CABO SAN GONZALO	Argentine	February 5th	February 11th	Buenos Aires
LINDBLAD EXPLORER	Panamanian	February 5th	Same day	Antarctic

ROUND THE WORLD YACHTSMEN

At approximately 6 p.m. on Friday January 16th the Norwegian yacht "preciosa" entered Stanley Harbour. Many people thought that the yacht was in a race but soon discovered that the 16½ metre craft had come from Rio de Janeiro on its way round the Horn. "Preciosa" has a crew of four who built the aluminium craft in Norway. The yacht left Stanley in the early hours of January 31st, rounded the Cape safely on the 4th February and we understand that her crew intend to cruise her round the South Pacific for about a year.

The Financial Times London/Sydney Clipper Race entry "CS & RB II" arrived in Stanley Harbour at approximately 3 a.m. on January 31st to effect repairs to a mast spreader. The Italian craft which carries a crew of 7 (including one Briton and one woman) left to re-join the race at approximately 3 p.m. on Wednesday 4th February.

JANUARY WEATHER

January 1976 was a remarkably sunny but wet month with less wind than usual and temperatures about normal. Average daily sunshine 9.1 hours which is the highest for any month since comparable records have been kept at Stanley Met. Office. Total rain fall was 89.9 mm (3.54") being about 25mm above average making January 1976 the wettest January since 1967.

The average temperature was 9.2 deg. C (48.7 deg. F) - highest temperature was 21.4C (70.5F) and lowest was 0.9C (33.6F). The average wind speed was 10.4 knots the highest gust being 51 knots. There were 3 hours when the average hourly wind speed was of gale force and 385 hours when the wind speed was 10 knots or less.

There were 6 occasions on which ground frost was recorded which is 4 more than usual for this time of year.

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES

Births At K.E.M. Hospital, Stanley.

January 11th	To Mr & Mrs Ian Jeffray (Eileen Stewart)	a son WAYNE FRIL	(9lbs 14oz)
" 13th	To Mr & Mrs John Ford (Hazel McLeod)	a son PAUL	(8lbs 6oz)
" 24th	To Mr & Mrs Reg Davis (Aase Kenny)	a son IAN JOHN	(6lbs 12oz)
" 29th	To Mr & Mrs Terry Clarke (Fiona Conner)	a daughter SUSANNE	(7lbs 7oz)

Overseas.

January 3rd in Scotland to Mr & Mrs Alan Keep (Shirley Rozee) a son
DAVID ALAN

Marriage In the Falklands

January 3rd Miss Teresa Binnie and Royal Marine Frank Michael Jenkins
at the Office of the Registrar-General.

Forthcoming Marriages

Caroline Porter and Ken Aldridge
Kathleen Mary Ferguson and Atilio Segundo Laffi
Cecilia de Rosario Dias and Valdemar Lars Berntsen

Deaths

In Cornwall on 5th January - Robert James Burns aged 56
In Southampton on 10th January - John Lehen aged 46
In Yorkshire on 30th November 1975 - Mrs Amelia Corrie (nee Osborne) aged 71

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NEW CONSTITUTION SETBACK.

The announcement by the Governor on Friday 27th February informing us of the delay in the approval by the Privy Council of our proposed new Constitution came to most people here as an unpleasant surprise- but then here in the Falklands we are becoming accustomed to unpleasant surprises.

What was not announced and yet what would probably not have been very surprising was the reason for the delay; it being that the new Constitution was not acceptable to a foreign country who want a bigger say in our affairs-Argentina. Apparently some Councillors(elected ones)wanted His Excellency to tell us why the new Constitution had not been approved by the British Government- and this he was not prepared to do. Had he broadcast the truth on our own radio station it would have caused noises in Buenos Aires and this our Masters would not like. The report of the Select Committee on the Constitution was submitted to Her Majesty's Govt., some time ago and there has been ample time in which to make the necessary amendments before the next General Election. It seems that the approval was stalled last December when the British Ambassador in Bogota gave a press conference in which he happened to mention that the Falkland Islands was soon to have a new Constitution. Argentina saw this change in our Constitution as a deliberate attempt to forge closer links between ourselves and the Motherland which of course our 'neighbours' do not want. They hastily made it known that such a move would cause further deterioration in Anglo-Argentine relations- the result being that the British Government have not recommended approval of our new Constitution to the Privy Council.

As a result of this fiasco we are obliged to hold a General Election (the date of which has now been set for 17th-21st May) under the existing Constitution which means that out of the nine members of the Legislature (including the Governor who is President) only four will be elected by the populace- the other four members being the Chief Secretary the Financial Secretary and two nominated by the Governor.

Had the new Constitution been approved we would have still had a Legislative Council of nine but six of the members would have been Elected Members.

1976 promises to be a most crucial one in the history of the Falkland Islands.

HOW TO MAKE FRIENDS AND INFLUENCE PEOPLE!

To many people in the Islands tonight's Broadcast Announcement from L.A.D.E. in which they referred to the F27 service as an 'internal' flight, must have been yet another irritating and provocative statement in the great Malvinas Saga. What may have escaped their notice is the amazing way in which our 'friendly neighbours' are trying to influence our choice of sovereignty. Whilst the flight, to the Argentinians is 'internal' we may not pay for the service in pesos nor indeed at the same price! For, although the cost of a ticket to Buenos Aires from here now costs £100.10 (an increase of nearly 100%) and which must be paid in sterling, the same journey paid for in pesos in Argentina costs under 6,000 pesos or, at our exchange rate approximately £10. Now that's what I call neighbourly!

(The above item was contributed.)

HORRIFYING HYDATIDOSIS.

The scene was the British Hospital in Buenos Aires in January this year. A young boy, virtually skin and bone, lay on the operating table. During the four and a half hour operation doctors removed no less than sixty-four hydatid cysts- fifty-four of which were marble size and three of which were the size of a large hen-egg.

The boy was seven years old Tony McLaren of Chartres whose health had slowly been deteriorating since he was four. Tony's blood has been changed and he now has to have two injections a week for the next three years.

Doctors in Buenos Aires believe that he still has about five hundred pin-head size cysts in his stomach. After the operation Tony was fed for about a week through a tube and another tube drained his stomach of fluid for about five days.

The terrible hydatid disease is still with us and complacency must give way to vigilance.

REPATRIATING the KELPER.

There have been several press cuttings concerning the Falklands lately and as this one has a different slant I reproduce it in full. It is a letter to the Daily Telegraph headed 'Falkland Islands';

SIR- It is quite obvious that the next(if not this) Labour Government intends to hand over the Falkland Islands to Argentina.

With the appalling example of what was done to the poor Tristan da Cunhaans in front of them, perhaps those people who have some influence will take enough interest, ahead of time, to see that any Falkland Islanders who would like to do so could be transferred to some place with a comparable climate to their own.

Their lives would follow much the same pattern of sheep rearing etc.- for instance on the islands which are now uninhabited off the north and west coasts of Scotland.

N.L.Godfrey.

Ottawa.

SPEEDWELLSTORE-

Expected by Anne Bewa- Nylon boiler suits at only £6.50
Crane brand dungaree jumpers and trousers. Imco petrol lighters, a new selection of Devon pottery and Crested leather gifts.

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WORKING MEN'S CLUB CHILDRENS SPORTS MEETING 1976

RACE 1. 100 YARDS AGED 10 to 12

1st Gary Livermore 2nd John Thain 3rd Frederick Short

RACE 2. 80 YARDS AGED 8 and 9

1st Helen Howatt 2nd Paul Watson 3rd Patricia Card

RACE 3. 60 YARDS AGED 5 to 7

1st Rosemary Short 2nd Roy Jennings 3rd David Chatell

RACE 4. 30 YARDS AGED 3 and 4

1st Herman Morrison 2nd Kevin Hewitt 3rd Johnathan Butler

RACE 5. 100 YARDS AGED 13 to 15

1st Derek Pettersson 2nd Bobby Short 3rd Anton Livermore

RACE 6. 4 LEGGED RACE AGED 10 to 12

1st Toni Pettersson Alison Thom Anna King
2nd Debbie Johnson Sharon McGill Maxine Bridges

RACE 7. 3 LEGGED RACE AGED 8 and 9

1st Natalie McPhee and Jacqueline Jennings 2nd Paul Watson and Errol Goss
3rd Pauline Biggs and Patricia Card

RACE 8. 3 LEGGED RACE AGED 5 to 7

1st Lisa Watson and Dawn Betts 2nd Zane Hirtle and Neil Hewitt
3rd David Chatell and Jamie Tomlinson

RACE 9. 40 YARDS AGED 3 and 4

1st Rachael Bennett 2nd Kevin Hewitt 3rd -

RACE 10. VARIETY RACE AGED 13 to 15

1st Derek Pettersson 2nd Darlene Short 3rd Bobby Short

RACE 11. VARIETY RACE AGED 10 to 12

1st Gary Livermore 2nd Peter Roberts 3rd Martin Smith

RACE 12. VARIETY RACE AGED 8 and 9

1st Karina McDonald 2nd Anneze McDonald 3rd Paul Watson

RACE 13. VARIETY RACE AGED 5 to 7

1st Rosemary Short 2nd David Chatell 3rd Frank Jaffray

RACE 14. SLOW BICYCLE RACE AGED 12 to 15

1st Ian McKay 2nd Derek Pettersson 3rd Irwin Allan

RACE 15. SLOW BICYCLE RACE AGED 8 to 11

1st Neil Rowlands 2nd Stephen Jennings 3rd Derek Jennings

RACE 16. WHEELBARROW RACE AGED 10 to 12

1st Philip Rozee and Brian Bramley 2nd Peter Roberts and Robert McAskill
3rd Martin Smith and Richard Jones

RACE 17. WHEELBARROW RACE AGED 8 and 9

1st Frederick Short and Zacharie Stephenson 2nd Paul Watson and Alan Berntsen
3rd Pauline Biggs and Patricia Card

RACE 18. HOPPING RACE AGED 5 to 7

1st Rosemary Short 2nd Roy Jennings 3rd David Chatell

RACE 19. RELAY (TEAM OF TWO) AGED 10 to 12

1st Gary Livermore and Stephen Jennings 2nd John Thain and Robert McAskill
3rd Frederick Short and Richard Jones

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CHILDRENS SPORTS MEETING Continued:

RACE 20. RELAY (TEAMS OF TWO) AGED 8 to 9

1st Karina McDonald and Julie Thain 2nd Diane Cheek and Patricia Card

RACE 21. RELAY (TEAMS OF TWO) AGED 5 to 7

1st David Chatell and Julie Kerr 2nd Grahame Kerr and Stephen Ford
3rd Anita Lee and Teresa Clifton

RACE 22. 150 YARDS AGED 13 to 15

1st Derek Pettersson 2nd Darlene Short 3rd Bobby Short

RACE 23. CONSOLATION RACE AGED 11 to 15

1st Frazer Wallace 2nd Susan Berntsen 3rd Ian McKay

RACE 24. CONSOLATION RACE AGED 8 to 11

1st Anneze McDonald 2nd Diane Roberts 3rd Neil Rowlands

RACE 25. CONSOLATION RACE AGED 5 to 7

1st Neil Hewitt 2nd Barbara Steen 3rd Terence Short

RACE 26. CONSOLATION RACE AGED 3 and 4

1st Coral McGill 2nd Toby Ashfield 3rd Miranda Cheek

RACE 27 and 28 TUG OF WAR

RACE 29. BICYCLE RACE AGED 13 to 15 (FRONT ROAD)

1st Derek Pettersson 2nd Frazer Wallace 3rd Michael Allan

RACE 30. BICYCLE RACE AGED 10 to 12 (Front Road)

1st Peter Roberts 2nd Gary Livermore 3rd Toni Pettersson

RACE 31. BICYCLE RACE AGED 8 and 9 (FRONT ROAD)

1st Natalie McPhee 2nd Robert Whitney 3rd Paul Watson

DARWIN HARBOUR SPORTS ASSOCIATION SPORTS MEETING AT FITZROY . 2ND MARCH 1976

1. MAIDEN PLATE 500 YARDS

1st MIDGET R. Binnie 2nd TINY T. Summers 3rd JOHNNIE WALKER D. Whitney
4th ROBIN HALL J. Felton

2. MAIDEN PLATE 500 YARDS

1st BONITA N. Knight 2nd CHISPA J. Felton 3rd GWEN J. Pemberton 4th TULIP E. Goss

3. TROOP HORSES 600 YARDS

1st PADDY J. Pemberton 2nd MISERE E. Goss 3rd CHIQUITA T. Summers

4. FITZROY CUP 700 YARDS

1st LILIAN J. Pemberton 2nd TENNESSE R. Binnie 3rd QUICKSILVER T. Summers
4th SPINAWAY R. Rszee

5. FALKLAND ISLAND BRED (F.I.B.) 500 YARDS

1st JOBEENA J. Pemberton 2nd NUNA J. Anderson 3rd LANDY T. Summers
4th ELENA Lyn Blake

6. FALKLAND ISLAND BRED 300 YARDS

1st PATIENCE R. Binnie 2nd BOMBADIER E. Goss 3rd RAMBLER J. Pemberton
4th CHIQUITA T. Summers

7. OPEN 500 YARDS

1st PADDY J. Pemberton 2nd MISERE E. Goss 3rd TINY T. Summers

8. SAN CARLOS PLATE 500 YARDS

1st SANTA CLAUS K. Whitney 2nd LILIAN J. Pemberton 3rd SPINAWAY A. Arkless
4th SAPPHIRE R. Binnie

FITZROY SPORTS Continued

9. COLT PLATE 450 YARDS
1st TULIP E.Goss 2nd TEARS T.Morrison 3rd -
10. TROOP OWNERS 600 YARDS
1st QUICKSILVER T.Summers 2nd TENNESSE R.Binnie 3rd NOVA LEE L.Whitney
4th THUNDERBOLT N.Knight
11. OWNERS UP 500 YARDS
1st BOMBADIER E.Goss 2nd SANTA CLAUS K.Whitney 3rd CHISPA J.Felton
12. JOCKEY'S PLATE 400 YARDS
1st BETSY E.Goss 2nd PEGGY N.Watson 3rd QUEENIE K.McKay
4th RAMBLER J.Pemberton
13. DARWIN PLATE 700 YARDS
1st PADDY J.Pemberton 2nd SPINAWAY R.Rozee 3rd QUICKSILVER T.Summers
14. FALKLAND ISLAND BRED 600 YARDS
1st PATIENCE R.Binnie 2nd LANDY T.Summers 3rd COLEEN E.Goss
15. NORTH ARM PLATE 600 YARDS
1st MAYPOLE D.Rozee 2nd MISERE E.Goss 3rd BONITA N.Knight
4th TINY T.Summers
16. LAFONIA PLATE 500 YARDS
1st SAPPHIRE R.Binnie 2nd BETSY E.Goss 3rd -
17. PORT SAN CARLOS PLATE 400 YARDS
1st QUEENIE K.McKay 2nd CHIQUITA T.Summers 3rd TIPPERARY L.Whitney
18. FALKLAND ISLANDS BRED ONE MILE
1st TENNESSE R.Binnie (IN 1 minute 30 seconds) 2nd MISERE E.Goss
3rd LILIAN J.Pemberton
19. FALKLAND ISLAND BRED 400 YARDS
1st PATIENCE R. Binnie 2nd PEGGY N.Watson 3rd BOMBADIER E.Goss
20. LADIES RACE 500 YARDS
1st ROBIN HALL J.Felton 2nd SALLY V. Masters 3rd PINZA J.Anderson
21. CONSOLATION RACE 300 YARDS
1st CLIPPER K.Whitney 2nd BEAGLE T.Morrison 3rd GREY DOG T.Anderson
4th STEP IT & TAKE IT K.McKay
22. CHAMPION CUP F.I.B. 600 YARDS
1st PATIENCE R.Binnie 2nd SANTA CLAUS K.Whitney 3rd QUICKSILVER T.Summers
23. CHAMPION CUP OPEN 700 YARDS
1st PADDY J. Pemberton 2nd TENNESSE R. Binnie 3rd MAYPOLE D.Rozee
- CHAMPION JOCKEY: Ron Binnie 27½ points 2nd: Eric Goss 23½ Points
3rd: Jim Pemberton 21½ Points
- CHAMPION HORSE: PADDY AND PATIENCE 4 Wins each
2nd TENNESSE 1 win 3 seconds
3rd SANTA CLAUS 1 win 2 seconds

FITZROY SPORTS GYMKHANA EVENTS 3RD MARCH

1. MAIDEN TROT 1 MILE
1st TICKY T.Blake 2nd BAMBI Trudi Morrison 3rd AGNES R.Binnie
2. RELAY RACE - FOOT
1st Patrick & Bonny Watts 2nd Neil & Glenda Watson 3rd T.Heathman & Susan Lee
3. GRETNA GREEN - MOUNTED
1st D. Whitney & R.McKay 2nd T.Summers & K.Whitney 3rd T.Anderson & M.Lyse
4. MENS 220 YARDS FOOT
1st G.Hardcastle 2nd K.Plummeridge 3rd P. Watts
5. MUSICAL CHAIRS - LADIES
1st J. Hardcastle 2nd S.Halford 3rd S. Lee
6. THREE LEGGED RACE
1st P. & B. Watts 2nd T.Mcphie & S.Halford 3rd M. & G.Watson
7. THREADING THE NEEDLE - PART MOUNTED
1st R. Binnie 2nd G. McKay 3rd R.McKay
8. MENS 440 YARDS - FOOT
1st K. Plummeridge 2nd P. Watts 3rd J.Pemberton
9. BENDING RACE - MOUNTED
1st K.Whitney 2nd R. Binnie 3rd T.Blake
10. LADIES TROTTING RACE - 1 MILE
1st T. Morrison 2nd S. Halford 3rd S.Lee
11. MENS 1 MILE - FOOT
1st P. Watts 2nd D. O'Shea 3rd B. Hewitt
12. RELAY RACE - MOUNTED
1st T.Morrison & J.Anderson 2nd D.Rozee & T.Summers 3rd R.Rozee & L.Whitney
13. MILITARY RACE - MOUNTED
1st D. Whitney 2nd F.Knight 3rd G.Hardcastle
14. POTATO RACE - MOUNTED
1st R. Binnie 2nd T. Blake
15. CATCHING THE ROOSTER Mrs Bonnie Watts
16. V.C. RACE - MOUNTED
1st N.Knight 2nd D. Whitney 3rd T.Summers
17. BACK TO FRONT RACE - MOUNTED
1st D. Whitney 2nd J.Hardcastle 3rd R.Rozee
18. MENS 880 YARDS - FOOT
1st P. Watts 2nd D.O'shea 3rd B. Hewitt
19. MUSICAL CHAIRS - MIXED
1st J. Pemberton 2nd T.Summers 3rd D.Whitney
20. VETERANS RACE 40 YARDS - FOOT
1st G. Stewart 2nd H. Ford 3rd L.Whitney
21. LADIES 100 YARDS - FOOT
1st S. Halford 2nd G.Watson 3rd B.Watts
22. DONKEY RACE - MOUNTED
1st K. Heathman 2nd R.Rozee 3rd D.Whitney

FITZROY SPORTS GYMKHANA EVENTS Continued

23. MENS IOC YARDS FOOT

1st G. Hardcastle 2nd J. Pemberton 3rd T. McPhee

24. VARIETY RACE - MOUNTED

1st D. Whitney 2nd E. Knight 3rd K. Heathman

25. OPEN TROT - 2 MILES

1st RED HEATHER T. Morrison 2nd AGNES R. Binnie 3rd CALIFORNIA D. Rozee

26. TUG O' WAR: CAMP beat STANLEY 2 straight pulls.

SHEEP DOG TRIALS OPEN

1st "WEST" - Ben Ford 2nd "TANYA" - Nigel Knight 3rd "Bounce" - Tony Anderson

SHEEP DOG TRIALS NOVICE CLASS

1st "SPIN" - Tony Anderson 2nd "SILVER" - Derek Rozee

SHEEP SHEARING COMPETITION

POINTS LOST

1st	Peter Goss	187½
2nd	Ron Binnie	204
3rd	Tony Heathman	206

STEER RIDING

1st Ian McPhee 2nd Ron Binnie 3rd D. Rozee

CANADIAN'S INTEREST IN FALKLANDS AIR SERVICE

In a recent News Release by Mr Bruce Wilson (See page 18 of the May/July 1975 edition) it was revealed that Managing Director of Canada's Lamb-Air, Mr Jack Lamb had held discussions with our Government as to the possibilities of assisting them in the implementation of a new air service or upgrading the present operations.

Mr Lamb, with his vast experience in the Arctic, feels that he can solve a number of the local air service problems. He envisages using twin engined Otter aircraft which could operate from our new airport (Cape Pembroke) on Tundra tyres. These tyres are of the low pressure type which are used in Lamb-Air's North Canadian operations. The aircraft could then land and take off on very short grassy paddocks. In addition to the Otter the company would use an Allouette II helicopter to back it up in emergency medical evacuations.

Mr Wilson also stated that, contrary to popular opinion, helicopters have been so refined and advanced in technology that they are no longer a machine only air-forces and Governments can afford to operate. The Allouette II for example has a turbine engine, requires little maintenance and burns the same fuel as a diesel land-rover. At the same time, helicopters do not fall out of the sky if the engine should cease to function. They can be auto-rotated to the ground in the event of engine failure much more safely than a fixed wing aircraft.

POINT to PONDER.

Should he who supplies the spoon do all the stirring?

SHIPPING

VESSEL	Nationality	Departed	Arrived	High Seas
RRS SHACKLETON	British	4th February	17th February	High Seas
HMS ENDURANCE		4th February	18th February	
FMS WESER	W.German	20th February	22nd February	
WALTHER HERWIG	W.German	20th February	22nd February	
RRS JOHN BISCOE	British	20th February	21st February	Antarctic
RRS BRANSFIELD	British	29th February	2nd March	Punta Arenas
BAHIA BUEN SUCESO	Argentine	5th March	7th March	Puerto Belgrano

FEBRUARY WEATHER

February was a warm, sunny and dry month with considerably less wind than usual. Total rainfall was 33.5mm (1.31") which is about 20mm less than usual at this time of the year. Average wind speed was 9.4 knots with 433 hours when the average wind speed was 10 knots or less and the highest gust recorded was 47 knots. Average temperature was 10.3 deg. C (50.5F) and the highest was 19.8 deg C (67.6 F) and the lowest temperature was 2.8 deg C (37.F).

NEWS IN BRIEF. On the 12th February the Falkland Islands Trading Co. Ltd., reduced the price of petrol from 85p to 75p a gallon

THE LAST FAREWELL. At about 1930 hours on Tuesday February 17th the R.R.S. SHACKLETON left the Public Jetty and steamed up the Harbour until she was abreast of Government House where she turned before making what is seen as her final departure through the Narrows. On Friday 20th we heard a farewell message from the ship.

HIGHER FREIGHT RATES. On the 2nd March Coastal Shipping Limited announced that with immediate effect there would be an increase of 25% on freights carried by their coasting vessel MONSUNEN. The minimum freight charge is increased from 35p to 44p and the freight charges on a mutton carcass from 73p to 91p.

POLICEMANS HOLIDAY? Chief of Police, Terry Peck with his family flew out on Tuesday 2nd en route to the United Kingdom for his leave. After delays in Comodoro Rivadavia they finally arrived in London on the 9th. The family have not been away since 1970 and the Chief has been the last two years without a holiday. He is due to commence a course at the Police College, Bramshill on 29th March which will last well into June. The family are due back at the end of June. Some holiday!

AMERICANS PURCHASE FALKLAND HULK. America's National Maritime History Society recently celebrated the acquisition of the wreck the "Vicar of Bray". The Society have purchased the "Vicar" from the Falkland Islands Trading Co. Ltd., for the grand sum of one United States dollar. The ship, which has been here since 1880 is by the jetty at Goose Green and the Society hope to persuade the U.S. Navy to recover the ship as a training project. The "Vicar's" medicine chest which belongs to Mr Frank Howatt can be seen in the museum.

WOOL SALE. It was announced last night that due to a strong demand for a minimum of 1,000 bales of Falkland wool there would be a sale in London on 15th March.

PONY EXPRESS. MONSUNEN arrived back in Stanley from a camp voyage late on Sunday 29th February. The bags of mail she was carrying arrived at the Post Office at approximately 10.15 a.m. on Monday 8th March.

NEWS in BRIEF (Continued)

Tractor accident. On Sunday 22nd February Bill Berntsen was setting out to cart another load of peat at San Carlos when his tractor toppled over and trapped him underneath. Bill was under the tractor for about four hours before anyone found him and about another three hours before he was freed. He sustained a broken arm and severe injury to a leg and foot.

Water shortage at Darwin. Darwin Boarding School could not re-open for the first term on 18th February due to a shortage of water. It was announced last night that the school will re-open on Tuesday 16th March but as there is still a domestic-staff shortage the children will have to help with chores.

Youth Club. The Youth Club seems to be suffering from lack of support. However members of HMS Endurance made themselves busy recently at the half-finished Youth Club building on the waterfront to the north of the Telephone Exchange. At a dance held on Friday 27th February over £40 was raised to boost the Club's dwindling funds.

Keppel Island to be sold. Mr Simon (Sam) Miller, present Manager of Roy Cove is buying Keppel Island (owned by Dean Bros. Ltd.,). Keppel is one of the larger islands of the West Falklands and historically is one of the most interesting. It was here that Allen Gardiner's Patagonian Missionary Society civilised some of the Fuegian Indians and where Thomas Bridges perfected his knowledge of their language which he called Yahgan. In 1865 the Patagonian Missionary Society became the South American Missionary Society (SAMS) who sold Keppel to Dean Bros. in 1911.

Thoughtful Thompson. Former Colonial Secretary Mr W.E. Thompson who is now the Town Clerk of Brightlingsea, Essex has suggested that he take a cut of £500 in salary and move to a less expensive office. Soon after his departure from the Falklands in 1969 Mr Thompson became Commissioner in Anguilla.

Kelper crew. Local lads Terry Allan and Alistair Minto joined the charter ship 'Anne Bewa' before she left here on 26th January. The ship is on her way back having left Gravesend on 3rd March with cargo and 235 bags of mail. Terry's older brother David is (along with fellow Islander Rodney Ford) serving on the 'Port Nicholson'. Having worked on various Port Line ships David has just completed his third round trip to New Zealand.

Almost 'in the bag'. The courier was all set to take the Diplomatic Bag to Buenos Aires on the 17th February. Alas he couldn't square up his Income Tax so he wasn't allowed out of the Colony. Instead a Marine took it.

Pretty flamingoes. Mr Simon Miller of Roy Cove sighted two flamingoes on Dunbar pond on 5th February.

Next Superintendent of Public Works. Mr Tom Royans who was S.P.W. here in 1973 will be returning later this month to take up his hold post. At the moment we do not know if he will be using a Mini for a runabout or whether he will need a tractor.

Unusual sight. A helicopter from HMS Endurance was seen landing by the side of Ross Road almost opposite the Secretariat on Monday 16th February. She was bringing empty gas cylinders from Mangeary light.

Tourism. Although the sum of £5,000 was set aside in the Estimates for Tourist Development, no applications for loans were considered by the Standing Finance Committee.

NEW CAMP RADIO TELEPHONE SYSTEM

In a Government Press Release of 19th February it was announced that the Camp R/T Committee had made recommendations as to the replacement of the old Berry's valve R/T sets which have been in use since 1950.

The Committee recommended that a pilot scheme to evaluate the equipment and system using a six channel, 150 watt output, 12 volt DC supply SSB transceiver made by Aero Electronics Ltd; be set up as a matter of urgency, and as a result of which four of these sets have been ordered. The sets will operate on the two channels which are used on the existing Berry sets (2.0 and 4.5 Mhz) using a simple whip aerial. The base station in Stanley will have facilities to enable Camp telephone calls to be connected direct to the Stanley telephone exchange.

If the pilot scheme proves successful it is recommended that the entire existing R/T system be replaced by AEL sets.

DITTY FROM DESMOND

Mr Des Peck, owner of the Philomel Store, recently left for a holiday in England. From time to time he composes songs and poetry - which are usually topical - and last December organised a programme for Battle Day (8th December) in which two of his songs were sung, one of them being "There will always be a Falklands". When he returns I shall seek his permission to reproduce them. But in the mean time here are his thoughts about our litter problem:

While walking along Ross Road today
I thought this was a sin
Some people had been drinking
And throwing away the tin.

Where did they throe the tin you'll say
On to someones nice green lawn
And when the owner collected them up
I'm sure he must have sworn.

Where can we put the tins they'll say
Tins like orange, beer and bitter
This calls for dustbins on the poles
To collect up all the litter.

I must say that in any place I've been
You'll see drums on poles to keep the Town clean.
So with this poem it may to the trick
And We'll see dustbins on poles - and quick!

WEDDING REPORT

Saturday the 14th February was a perfect day with sun-shine for all the hours of daylight. It was also the wedding day of Nicola, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Ray Hansen of Hill Cove and Michael, only son of Mr and Mrs Henry Luxton of Stanley.

The bride, dressed in an off-white, full length chiffon gown, looked most attractive as she arrived at Christ Church Cathedral on her father's arm. The sleeves of Nicola's dress formed a cape effect gathered from the neckline, and she wore a picture hat. The Matron-of-Honour was Mrs Shelly Morrison (a first cousin of the bride) who also wore a picture hat and a red chiffon. full

length dress with a round neck-line and skirt gathered at the waist. Bridesmaids were Alison Thom (a friend of the couple) Lisa Watson and Cara McKay (Second cousins to the bride). Michael's Best Man was Mr James Lee.

A supper for about fifty guests was held in St. Mary's Annexe, which was followed by a reception and dance in the town hall.

Nicky and Mike are grateful to everyone who made their day such a happy one.

COURT CASES

19th February; Michael John McKay pleaded guilty to and was convicted of permitting someone who was not the holder of a licence to drive a motorcycle. and was fined £10.

Derek Raymond Summers pleaded guilty to and was convicted of dangerous driving and fined £15. For driving without an insurance policy he was fined £20 and disqualified from holding or obtaining a driving licence for one year.

Russell John Summers pleaded to and was convicted of two charges of speeding and was fined £5 for each offence.

20th February; Alberto Luis Miguez (YPF employee) pleaded not guilty to but was convicted of speeding and was fined £5.

(For the benefit of overseas readers we would point out that the only roads in the Islands, some of which are in such a poor state of disrepair and whose total length is about 15 miles, are in Stanley our capital. The speed limit on these "Roads" is 20 m.p.h.)

23rd February; John Birmingham was fined £5 for allowing a person who was not the holder of a licence to use a firearm (Air-rifle).

Dr. Bernard Lee was charged on two counts of speeding, of being parked so as to cause an obstruction to other road users and of not displaying a front licence plate.

The hearing of these four charges covered much of the mornings of 24th and 27th and most of the afternoon of 24th. The doctor kept the hearing lively with his cross examination of witnesses (four of whom were Police Officers) The Court adjourned until the morning of Thursday 4th March when the senior Magistrate dismissed the information on one of the speeding charges and of causing an obstruction but convicted the accused on the second speeding charge and of not displaying a front number plate. For each of these two offences Dr. Lee was fined £5.

A full report of the hearings would have made most interesting reading, but space does not permit it.

MCSE NEWS in BRIEF.

Return of the Redwing. Ian Campbell's 30ft 'Redwing' crewed by its owner and Mr Terry Reive returned to Stanley on Wednesday 3rd March after its annual Falkland Cruise. The weather was ideal for the trip which commenced on February 19th and Redwing was even able to call at Grand & Steeple Jasons.

Salvage of hardware.

Supplies Officer Tony Carey along with Head machanic Rudi Clarke and carpenter Terry Clarke sailed on RRS John Biscoe on February 21st. They have gone to South Georgia to recover hardware which Government have purchased from a whaling company who once operated there.

BIRTHS MARRIAGES, ENGAGEMENTS and DEATHS.

Births. In the K.E.M.Hospital;

Feb' 17th to Mr & Mrs John Robinson (Johnston Constr.Ltd.,) a daughter Katherine Emma weighing 8lbs 7oz

March 4th to Mr & Mrs Tommy Costello(JCL) a son Jarlaf Martin (8lbs 7oz)

In England;

Feb' 11th to Mr & Mrs Graham Went a son Richard Graham weighing 8lbs.

(Graham & Wendy were teachers in the Stanley Schools in 1973 and

Wendy was the Falklands first female VSO when she came here in 1963)

Marriages. In Stanley;

Feb' 14th Nicola Hanson and Michael Luxton

Feb' 28th Cecilia de Rosario and Valdemar Lars Berntsen

At Fox Bay East;

Feb' 28th Caroline Porter and Kenneth Aldridge

At Roy Cove;

March 6th Kathleen Ferguson and Atilio Laffi

In England;

Feb' 20th Dennis McLeod and Sheila Gray.(Dennis is the son of Mr Archie McLeod and was at one time a crew member of RMS DARWIN)

Feb' 7th Debbie Lowe and Jimmy Anderson(Jimmy and Debbie left the Falklands last December)

Engagements.

Sybellia(daughter of Mr & Mrs Douglas Goodwin) to Terence (son of Mr & Mrs Keith Summers)

Trudi(daughter of Mr & Mrs Rex McKay) to Michael (only son of Mr & Mrs Tony Carey

Maria Teresa Canas(Argentine Spanish teacher) to Roger Davis(JC Ltd)

Carol Minto to Chris Black(RM)

Deaths. In the Falklands;

Feb' 21st Mrs Kathleen Anderson aged 69 years

In Canada;

Feb' 8th The Rev Eric Charles Wilcockson,OBE - an Honorary Canon of Christ Church Cathedral since 1967

In Australia;

Feb' 23rd Mrs Elizabeth Hessey aged 66 years (Mrs Hessey was a sister to Mrs.Jane Clarke.

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BRITISH GOVERNMENT AGREES to OUR NEW CONSTITUTION.

After reading the article about the New Constitution setback in the TIMES of 11th March and being informed a few days later that in fact the British Government had approved the changes and would implement them as soon as possible most readers will be wondering if my article was wild speculation. It was not. The article was based on information from an Elected Member of the 1966 Legislative Council and who is a member of the Executive Council and which was confirmed by another Council member soon after the article's publication.

At long last the horizon does not look quite so cloudy and events and announcements during the last three weeks would, at the outset, help to reassure the inhabitants of a British Colony who WANT to stay that way, that after all Britain may decide not to sell us out for £10 million (or was it only £7M?). There is much mistrust in the World today and the Falklands are not without their share but then when we see how we have been misguided, manipulated and ill-informed in the past can one wonder why?

Perhaps at long last Her Majesty's Government have realised that we will not be wooed or forced into an undesirable union with a foreign country - even for a dowry of £7M (£10M?)

Recent moves and announcements will be seen by some Islanders as a diplomatic antidote whilst to others they will be merely an attempt to sugar the pill! Whilst we all await the outcome of Lord Shackleton's report one thing is certain - that the newly formed Labour Cabinet has a marathon task ahead of it if it wishes to restore the Kelpers' confidence in Her Majesty's Government.

CENSORSHIP - a word of the past?

In the Aug/Dec 1975 edition of the TIMES we carried an article on censorship which was reproduced from 'The Upland Goose'. Overseas readers may be interested to know that during the last few weeks our local Friday night Newsletter has included newspaper cuttings which three months ago would not have been read. Even the locally produced 'Magazine' programme recently featured comments from three Stanley residents about a lengthy TIMES (U.k. 22nd March) article about the Falklands. (The Magazine programme scheduled for February 11th was not broadcast when, shortly before it was due to go on the air our Chief Secretary - who is at present enjoying a holiday in sunnier climes - heard at the Colony Club that the programme included an account of the 'Shackleton' incident as recorded on the ship's bridge on the morning of 4th February.

NEW APPOINTMENT of DEPUTY GOVERNOR.

In an announcement from Government House this evening it was revealed that Her Majesty's Government had created a new appointment-that of Deputy Governor of the Falkland Islands and Dependencies. The new appointment had already been notified to and welcomed by our Executive Council. The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs has made it clear that the new post is required due to the increased work load on Government House during recent years. Until the necessary Constitutional amendments have been made in London and Stanley, the person appointed-Mr Gordon James Augustus Slater aged 54 years- will be known as the Deputy Governor designate.

Mr Slater's salary and all other costs associated with the new appointment will be borne entirely by the British Government. It is hoped that the appointment will be seen as an earnest of Her Majesty's Government's resolve to maintain and enforce the British Government's presence and close interest in the Colony's affairs.

His Excellency the Governor intends that Mr Slater's appointment, apart from the other advantages deriving from it make possible increased contact between Government and Camp through touring by His Excellency and his Deputy.

Mr Slater who is due on Thursday 6th May and is a career member of Her Majesty's Diplomatic Service has served in Port Moresby, Karachi, Dacca, Vancouver, Kuala Lumpur and Lagos. He will reside initially at Flagstaff House during the absence from the Colony of Mr Jack Abbott.

THREE CHEERS for CHICHESTER.

In a message given by the Governor on Saturday 27th March it was announced that a British warship is due to make a two week visit to the Falklands. The ship is the HMS CHICHESTER a modified Salisbury class frigate of 2,360 tons with a length of 340 feet and beam of 40 feet. Her Captain is Commander R.P. Warwick who joined the Royal Navy as a cadet in 1954. Commander Warwick who is married with three children has held his present appointment since September 1974.

HMS CHICHESTER carries ten officers and one hundred and fifty-seven ratings. She was first commissioned in 1958 and since early 1973 has been a guard ship at Hong Kong.

In his short speech announcing the visit His Excellency stressed that the ship's visit was purely routine- which immediately makes one imagine that it is not. We would suspect that when the ship leaves, like the RFA TIDESURGE she will be carrying VIP supernumeraries.

Although the announcement was made on the 27th March we understand that the charter ship Anne Bawa which sailed from Gravesend on 3rd March was carrying cargo consigned to the frigate.

THE MANY AMONG THE FEW!

Next Wednesday the 21st April will bring the traditional parade along Ross Road and tonight's announcement gave me that little bit of material needed to fill this space. Some invited guests in their 'representative capacity' will be present on a chosen spot of ground on Victory Green. In a small place like Stanley where probably no more than 100 to 150 people will turn out to watch the parade it seems ridiculous as well as a waste of time and taxpayers' money in the writing and printing of invitations to the chosen few among the few. One would imagine that if the Government notice did not sound so discriminatory that more people would feel disposed to attending this ceremony.

THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

A Political prison for 2,000 British subjects in the South Atlantic.

A place where ingress and egress for all travellers, except V.I.P'S is controlled by Argentina.

That even Armed Services personnel have to obtain a permit before they can enter the Colony via the Argentine is disturbing enough and increases the detention camp atmosphere.

That the Falkland Islands in the hands of an oppressive harsh regime would be ideal for concentration camps, has been noted and discussed.

The Argentine desire to build a Naval Base in the Falkland Islands and their repeated endeavours to convince H.M. Government that it would be to their mutual advantage is another cause for concern. The U.S.A. is also very interested, but an American/British Base would upset her relations with the Spanish speaking republics. The solution (disasterous for us) an American/Argentine Base in the Falkland Islands, built with U.S.A. expertise and money.

U.S.A. long interest in the Falklands has recently been highlighted by the presence of numerous C.I.A. and their obvious finger in the Political pie.

C.I.A. presence anywhere has also meant unlimited dollars to achieve and manipulate projects they are interested in. A foreignbase in the Falkland Islands will lead to even greater restrictions on travel than encountered at present.

Prohibitive increase in air travel and air freights would seem to indicate an ulterior motive other than the one given for the lengthening of the temporary airstrip.

It is our sincere hope that the organization working on our behalf and world opinion, will provide H.M. Government with enough backbone stiffening to prevent the disgraceful repetition of the Diego Garcia and the Ocean Island affair. In both cases, broken promises and slick dealing has obliged these dispossessed people to try to obtain some recompense through the courts.

Evasive and ambiguous ansewrs, given by H.M. Government spokesmen in the Falkland Is. and U.K. over the years in reply to searching questions on their policy regarding the Falkland Is. future can only be taken as a direct warning of duplicity and deceit.

The recent plausible explanation as to why the changes in the Island's Constitution to make it more democratic by increasing the number of Elected Members is postponed, carry the all too familiar verbal hallmark of previous reasons and explanations given. Perhaps there are more questionable agreements to slip through Government Council before prepondence of Elected Members make it difficult or impossible to do so. As the Claiming Power is not prepared to consider any solution except Sovereignty, it is clear that no amicable working solution is possible.

All this makes it imperative that the permanent airfiled be made suitable to take long distance aircraft and a sea-link with the British Ascension, St. Helena, Tristan, South Georgia and Falkland Islands be given fair consideration.

Contributed by: KELPER (One of the pawns)

POINT to PONDER (with the Elections in mind)

Who shall we elect to represent us?

Far better a Jonah than a Judas!

COURT CASES.

15th March; Gary McGill was convicted of breaking battens on the Govt., House hay paddock fence during the late hours of Sunday 29th February. He was fined £5 with £3.05 damages and forfeited his bond of £50.

On the same charge was Derek Raymond Summers who was fined 5 and bound over in the sum of £50 for a year.

John Birmingham was fined £20 and was bound over in the sum of £50 for a year for effecting a public nuisance. He rang the Police station claiming that the Police were needed on Davis Street. The call was a hoax and therefore constituted an offence.

31st March; Rudi Thomas Clarke pleaded guilty to and was convicted of driving without due care and attention and fined £5. Mr. Clarke was on Govt., business at appx. 0900 hrs on February 13th when a JCB he was driving struck a Mini-car.

Anthony Michael Carey pleaded to and was convicted of driving without due care and attention and was also fined £5. Mr. Carey was driving down Barrack St., at appx. 10.15 p.m. on Tuesday 23rd March when he scraped the Land Rover belonging to Mr. H.L. Bound of the Newsagency. The stationary Rover's front bumper corner tore off the near side door sill of Mr. Carey's vehicle.

2nd April; Timothy Dobbys was convicted of driving without due care and attention and was fined £5

5th April; Leonard Lloyd Hirtle of Port Louis was convicted of driving whilst under the influence of alcohol and was fined £30 and disqualified from driving on Stanley roads for a year.

First Prosecutions under the Hydatid Eradicator (Dogs) Ord r 1975 were heard in the Magistrates Court on 31st March.

The two persons prosecuted were Mr. A.T. Blake and Mr. Charles David (Ben) Ford, both of North Arm. Mr. Blake is the Manager of the farm as well as being one of the sixty-five Inspectors appointed by the Governor under Section 12a of the Dogs Ordinance (Cap 21.)

Mr Ford pleaded guilty to and was convicted of feeding sheep-livers to his dogs on Sunday 18th January. He was fined £100

The Prosecution's case against Mr. Blake (who pleaded not guilty to leaving sheep offal in an uncovered receptacle contrary to the Order) was not a sound one as the only witness used in evidence against him was Mr Ford. Your reporter was of the opinion that the Prosecution should have had more witnesses from North Arm especially as the charge against Mr. Blake arose from a visit by a Police officer to North Arm at Mr. Blake's request!

The assistance of the Police was requested by Mr. Blake who, as Manager, was experiencing difficulty in obtaining the cooperation of some people there in the enforcing of the Ordinance. When the Police officer flew to North Arm on 23rd January he observed five drums containing offal by the killing-house. Four of the drums were covered by a wooden lid which, in the opinion of the Police officer (who under the Dogs Order is also an Inspector) could be moved by a large dog or strong wind, the other drum having no lid on it.

In his address to the Court Mr. Blake (who conducted his own defence) submitted that no offence took place on 23rd January as the offal contained in the fifth drum was more than 28 days old. He also claimed that the Police made no attempt to ascertain how long the lid had been off the drum, how it had been removed or how long the offal in the exposed drum had been in it. Mr. Blake also claimed that the Police made no approach to himself regarding the matter verbally or in writing.

Mr. Blake was found guilty and fined £150. Both Mr. Ford and Mr. Blake have given notice of appeal and this test case gives rise to doubt as to the effectiveness of the implementation of the Dogs Order.

SHIPPING

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<u>VESSEL</u>	<u>NATIONALITY</u>	<u>ARRIVED</u>	<u>DEPARTED</u>	<u>FOR</u>
HMS ENDURANCE		12th March	16th March	Montevideo
RRS JOHN BISCOE	British	18th March	19th March	U.K.
GEDANIA (Yacht)	Polish	20th March	22nd March	Buenos Aires
RRS BRANSFIELD	British	30th March	3rd April	U.K. via Antarctica
HMS ENDURANCE		2nd April	10th April	U.K. via Montevideo
ACADEMIC KNIPOVITCH	USSR	2nd April	6th April	
RACONTEUR (Yacht)	Australian	4th April		
ANNE BEWA	Danish	4th April	7th April	Ushuaia

MARCH WEATHER

March was a cold wet month with less sun and wind than is usual for this time of the year. Total rainfall was 73.5mm(2.89") which is about 25mm more than usual. Average wind speed was 11 knots with 376 hours when the average hourly wind speed was 10 knots or less and 4 hours when the average speed was gale force. The highest gust was 53 knots recorded late on the 4th. The daily average sunshine was 3.9hrs. The average temperature was 7.1 degrees C (44.8F) the highest temperature recorded was 15.8 degC (60.4F) and the lowest 0.4 deg C (32.7F). It was the coldest March since 1948 with 10 occasions on which ground frost was recorded.

AND ALL I ASK IS A TALL SHIP AND A STAR TO STEER HER BY

For a few years now it has not been uncommon for yachts to put into Stanley especially in our Summer season. One such vessel arrived in Stanley on the 20th March. She was the Polish staysail schooner "GEDANIA" with approximate length of sixty eight foot and fifteen foot beam with two sixty eight foot masts. The 41 ton craft was specially built and owned by a yacht club in Gdansk (Gedania being the latin name for this Baltic port). She was crewed by nine men and she took on an extra crew member in the form of Nick Hunter who had been a boatman at South Georgia since November 1974 and who was in Stanley awaiting a passage to South America. "Gedania" left Poland in July last and has been to Greenland, the Canadian Arctic, Panama Canal, Galapagos Islands, Callao and Antarctica (Adelaide Island, Palmer Station, Bellinghausen). Cooking is done on a kerosene stove and the yacht carries 3 tons of fresh water and about 3½ tons diesel fuel. "Gedania" was bound for Buenos Aires and hopes to arrive back in Poland next September.

A much smaller craft, the Australian 2.5 tons "RACONTEUR" slipped into Stanley Harbour at about 7 a.m. on April 4th. We understand that the vessel put-in for the repair of her rudder, and is crewed by a man and woman.

£10 (Plus postage) paid for a good copy of Boyson's "Falkland Islands" (1924) Also wanted: any Argentine magazine articles on the Falkland Islands, Falkland Islands Journal number 1, Falkland Islands Centenary - a short notice by J.M. Ellis and Falkland picture postcards (Pre 1960) Please contact:

Mr James Fitzgerald
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Stanley
29th March 1976

Dear Sir,

It is with deep concern that I read in the edition of the Times 11th March, the true facts, concerning our new constitution. It's about time H.M. Government was TOLD WHAT WE ARE DOING instead of asking them CAN WE DO IT. They say 'there will be no change of sovereignty against the wishes of the people'. WHAT PEOPLE? The Kelpers or our so called "Masters".

Then just one week after publication of the Times, we hear a news release from Government House, that the constitution has been approved by H.M. Government, but are now awaiting the report from Lord Shackleton - is this just marking time, and if so, for what?

With reference to our so called "Roads". It's about time a motorists union was formed here in Stanley, and demanded from the Government that priority be given to road repairs, or that the motorists refuse to pay the annual road tax. The state that the roads are in now Government should pay vehicle owners compensation for damages because when it come to breaking springs and halfshafts on the roads it's just past a joke.

It looks to me as if our problems are all in one place, in the Bottom Drawer along with the Y.P.F. fuel agreement and what we are still waiting to be put on sale.

I remain,
Yours faithfully,
B. Peck

Carcass Island
28th March 1976

Dear Sir,

I wonder if other readers have noticed an amusing mistake on the last page of the article "Penguins of the Falklands" by I.J. Strange in the 1974 volume of the "Falkland Islands Journal" in which he refers to the Johnny Rook as a 'rapture' ! The mistake appears three times so it is evidently not a printer's error. (Johnny Rooks in a state of ecstasy perhaps?)

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the new Editorial Committee on producing such an interesting Journal. I, for one, will be looking forward to the 1975 volume which I understand they hope to bring out in June.

As a shareholder in Roy Cove which was first settled by my Grand father, the late William Wickham Bertrand, I find the article "Bense Islands" by S. Miller in this 1974 Journal quite fascinating.

Yours faithfully,
Kitty Bertrand

Kennedy House
Stanley
31st March 1976

Dear Sir,

May I refer to your leading article in the F.I. Times of March 11th front page, New Constitution Setback.

It is my personal belief, confirmed by the House of Lords in the House on March 17th, Broadcast and circulated widely in the Islands, with the Economic Survey Report and the new changes in our Constitution probably on the horizon simultaneously; it would seem obvious that HMG should advise the Privy Council accordingly so that the timing of both issues is right.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR CONTINUED

I feel confident that the Economic Report and recommendations will present us with a future to look forward to. If they advise serious changes in our administration, it will affect the Constitution; and with the changes the Select Committee proposed, which is that of the people, the timing of these issues is vital.

My personal view is of optimism, and trust in H.M. Government. We are still a dependent territory and fully committed to H.M. Government for external affairs and defence. Let's not forget.

W.E.B.

30th March 1976

Dear Editor,

It seems ironical for such a small place and population, that we have not only Britain and Argentina but our own Government battling for our well-being, pushing us this way and that, at times suppressing all initiative of the people. No wonder we have a reputation for being apathetic.

Part of the trouble stems from the faceless wonders who being born of the right name and entering the right schools find themselves in the right jobs in Whitehall, carefully making the wrong decisions.

Having secured a nice secure job in the civil service, the generous servants then decide on a course of action which will affect the Islanders life for all time to come.

"They will benefit wholeheartedly by uniting with Argentina", they say. So slowly and surely all Government policy grinds in that direction, forcing us whether we like it or not on our neighbours.

So that these powers to be may at last retire to their cottage in the country to tend the roses and Ascot, safe in the knowledge that they've done their bit for us.

But we are left holding the can, to live out here in the mess they created.

As far as Argentina goes, it wouldn't be so bad, if they could learn to run their own country properly, without troubling us.

Yours, Anonymous.

P.S. Not because I fear Whitehall, but I don't wish to become a political dissenter in Argentina's eyes, and end up on their short list when they take over. As an afterthought, I believe the Falklands should counter claim Argentinas claim, by seeking possession of Patagonia. It's just as worthy a claim as theirs.

Dear Editor,

Readers will be interested to know about the treatment of the schoolchildren who returned to Buenos Aires on the 16th March. These facts are not, I think, generally known. The children arrived in Comodoro Rivadavia at 2.30pm then waited for five hours without being given a meal before leaving for Buenos Aires in a Hercules transport plane. The flight lasted three hours. The plane was half full of cargo, noisy and vibrated excessively. The seats(?) were made of string and at least one girl sat on the floor rather than keep bumping her friends. Another said, "It was very noisy so you had to shout to hear each other, real army type."

At Buenos Aires airport people who arrived to meet the children were not at first allowed in and it was midnight before most of the children got to bed. We all know how well the children have been treated in the past. Let's hope the above will not be repeated in July.

Yours faithfully,

A concerned adult.

NEWS IN BRIEF

FURTHER INCREASE IN AIR FARES

An announcement from Government House on 5th April said that urgent and vigorous representations through the F.C.O. in London and the British Embassy in Buenos Aires about the recent huge increase in air-fares between Port Stanley and Buenos Aires via Comodoro Rivadavia have been made. It also informed of notification by LADE that there had been a further increase from £100.10 to £125 in the fare from Stanley/Buenos Aires.

H.M.S. "ENDURANCE" ENTERTAINS SENIOR CITIZENS

On Monday 15th March Stanley's Senior Citizens were given a supper party at the town hall by the crew of HMS Endurance. About seventy elderly people enjoyed a cold buffet which was followed by dancing and singing.

DONATION TO SWIMMING POOL FUND

The 'Great Britain' Project have donated the handsome sum of £2,000 to our Swimming Pool Fund which was established in 1964. The fund now stands at £8,728.

STAMP NEWS

Proof sets of the Colony's Sheep Farming stamp issue are on show at the Secretariat. The set which has been designed by Mike Peake and will be released on Wednesday 28th April consists of: 2p Gathering, 7½p Shearing 10p Dipping and 20p Monsoon loading wool.

It is proposed to have a Christmas stamp issue in 1978 and the public, especially children are invited to submit designs or suggestions to the Postmaster.

DISAPPOINTING TURNOUT FOR P.T.A. MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Parent Teacher Association of the Junior School was held in the school hall on Tuesday 16th March. Only seventeen parents attended representing 15 children out of the school's one hundred and four children.

NEW HEADMASTER FOR SENIOR SCHOOL

Stanley Senior School's new Headmaster who is expected to arrive on 22nd April is Mr Francis O'Reilly from Manchester. Mr O'Reilly who will be bringing his wife Maria and two daughters, taught languages at the British School in Montevideo between 1966 and 1969.

FALKLANDS SECOND SKYHAWK

Saturday the 20th March saw the arrival of the Colony's second privately owned aircraft, a Cassna Skyhawk. The 'plane, which arrived from North America and was delayed in Buenos Aires, is owned by Chartres Sheep Farm and is registered as VP FAS (Alfa Sierra)

HORTICULTURAL SHOW

The Falkland Islands Horticultural Society's Flower, Vegetable and Home produce Show was held at the Gymnasium on Saturday 13th March. There was a record of 1,094 entries, and for the first time there was a display of produce from the hospital garden.

THE EARLY BIRD?

At Teal Creek recently Sandy Coutts found a Logger duck's nest with eight almost hatched eggs in it.

THE PLAYGROUP made an encouraging beginning on March 18th. The Playgroup, organised by Mrs. Jan Cheek is held at St. Mary's Annexe on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2-4 p.m. About fifteen children, most of whom are between the age of two and four, enjoy the facilities offered by this helpful service.

The Playgroup would welcome gifts of outgrown toys or games.

NEWS IN BRIEF Continued

AND NOT ENOUGH INDIANS!

The following promotions in the Falkland Islands Defence Force were announced recently: Force Sgt. Major H.T. Luxton to Second Lieutenant and Colour Sgt. B.W. Ford to Second Lieutenant. In a recent local radio programme the outgoing O.I.C. Royal Marines Naval Party 890I said that he hoped more young men would join the force this winter.

HARVEST AUCTION

On Monday 29th March an auction of Harvest produce was held at the Tabernacle. The sum of £77.40 was raised for Church funds.

RED CROSS SALE

The Falkland Islands branch of the British Red Cross Society held a sale of clothing, cakes and raffle tickets. Teas were served and the function realised £204.

TRAVELLERS BY AIR

In February there were seven flights of Fokker 27 aircraft between Stanley and Comodoro Rivadavia. One hundred and three passengers arrived of whom twenty two were tourists and one hundred and twenty one passengers departed, of whom thirty were tourists. The March figures were: six flights, ninety one arrivals of whom twenty four were tourists, one hundred and forty five departures of whom thirty three were tourists.

NEW FIRE FIGHTING GEAR ARRIVES

Stanley's Volunteer Fire Brigade received ninety lengths of plastic/nylon hose by air recently. This now gives them one hundred lengths which, unlike the old canvas hose does not need drying. A new pump, air compressor and three pieces of breathing apparatus have also been received.

BLACK-NECKED SWAN THE WINNER

The Sheep Owners Association Trade Mark Design Competition was won by schoolmaster John Farrow's Black-necked swan emblem. Second was Mrs Kitty Bertrand's Albatross emblem and third Mr Ray Clement's ram's head.

FOOTBALL NEWS

This season's league champions were the Rangers who beat mustangs 2-1 in a play-off match on Sunday 28th March. The league cup was presented by Mr Dolan Williams. In the traditional Champs v the Rest game on Sunday 11th April (drawn two goals each) play was called off about ten minutes before time when Ron Murray (a member of our diminishing Police Force) broke his right leg.

G.C.E. O LEVEL RESULTS

DEREK CLARKE (Stanley School) Integrated Science. British School, Montevideo: COLLEEN ALAZIA Spanish. GAVIN McMILLAN Maths. ALISON KING English Language, Spanish and Geography. JOHN BARTON English Language, Geography and Maths. In Buenos Aires, JAMIE ROBERTSON English Lit. English Language, History, Geography, Biology, Spanish and Maths. KIM ROBERTSON English Language, English Lit. and Geography.

Well done !

PETROL RATIONED.

As only one hundred and fifty drums of the three hundred ordered from Mar del Plata arrived on the 'Anne Bewa' the Falkland Is. Co. Ltd., announced on the 5th April that petrol (which has been increased to 90p gallon) will be rationed to five gallons per week for private vehicles.

LUCKY CHILDREN. The children of class Junior 4 were shown around HMS Endurance on Monday 5th April at 10 a.m. Their trip included a visit to the bridge and engine-room.

BIRTHS MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

BIRTHS in the K.E.M. Hospital Stanley

March 14th to Mr and Mrs Les Harris (Jill Goss) a son KARL (8lbs 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ oz)
March 23rd to Mr and Mrs Roger Hillman of Darwin School a son CHRISTOPHER
(7lbs 15oz)
March 25th to Anne Strange and Tony Chater a son THOMAS FREDERICK (6lbs 7oz)
March 30th to Mr and Mrs Ronnie Anderson of Dunnose Head a son RUPERT WILLIAM
(7lbs 11oz)
April 6th to Mr and Mrs George Butler (Joan McLeod) a daughter CAROLINE MARY
(7lbs 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ oz)
April 13th to Mr and Mrs P. Jemyss (Zena Halliday) a son CHARLES (8lb 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ oz)

Overseas

Feb' 27th In England to Mr and Mrs Peter Trevelyan a son ADRIAN (9lbs 5oz)
(Rosemarie and Pate were teachers at Darwin School)
March 10th In Scotland to Mr and Mrs John McLean (Jennifer Duncan) a daughter
HAZEL LOUISE

MARRIAGES in Stanley

March 20th Trudi Watson and James Lec (at the Tabernacle)

DEATHS in Stanley

March 25th Mrs Lucy Robson aged 71 years
in Comodoro Rivadavia
March 20th Mr James Watson aged 78 years
in New Zealand
March 29th Gerald Hardy aged 24 years

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ELECTION RESULTS

The final results of our General Elections held under the old Constitution were announced last Friday evening. Mr L.G.Blake was re-elected to represent the West Falklands defeating his only opponent Mr A.D.Cusworth by 97 votes to 70

For the East Falklands Mr A.B.Monk was also re-elected when he defeated his only opponent Mr B.Hardcastle by 155 to 41 votes.

The two Stanley seats were contested by the Messrs W.E.Bowles, J.Smith and D.G.B.King. Mr William Edward Bowles was re-elected to the Legislature gaining 328 votes. The second seat being won by Mr John Smith with 343 votes. Mr King polled 145 votes.

The Stanley voting represented a poll of only 68.58% with the East polling 80.72% and the West 80.86%. The combined poll representing 73.82% of the Electorate was described by official sources as 'satisfactory'. These figures do not do much in dispelling the feeling abroad that the Falklanders are politically apathetic. Many people have their own views as to why polling- especially in Stanley was so low. The fact that our New Constitution is to be implemented is probably the main factor and many are probably anticipating another Election in the not too distant future when there will be six seats contested- three each from Stanley and the Camp.

Last night it was announced that the Messrs H.L.Bound and A.B.Hadden have been nominated by the Governor to be Legislative Councillors.

The constitution of the new Legislature which is due to hold its first meeting on the 15th June is therefore:

President -His Excellency the Governor; Ex Officio-The Hon the Chief Secretary and the Hon the Financial Secretary; Elected Members-A.B.Monk Esq JP, Lionel Geoffrey Blake Esq JP, John Smith Esq and William Edward Bowles Esq; Nominated Independent Members-Alexander Burnett Hadden Esq BEM and Horace Leslie Bound Esq MBE, JP

Fortunately the system by which the Governor nominates two members to the Legislative Council will be abolished under the New Constitution.

DELAY of SHACKLETON REPORT

In a message from His Excellency the Governor on May 1st we were informed that the Economic and Fiscal Report on the Falkland Islands by Lord Shackleton had been further delayed and that it would not, as hoped, be on sale to the public during the first half of May. Two main reasons for this were given; the first being due to the fact that Mr Anthony Crossland had recently replaced Mr James Callaghan as Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and has inherited Mr Callaghan's extensive commitments for important overseas visits including one to China; secondly Lord Shackleton wished to present his Report to the Foreign Secretary personally and to ensure that it is properly understood by Her Majesty's Government.

In a personal message to the Governor, Lord Shackleton emphasised that the Survey was a very much more arduous task than anyone had appreciated before they embarked upon it. He added that he believed the people of the Islands would find it very positive report which could make a real contribution to the future of the Colony.

Meanwhile we anxiously wait, as, no matter what local topic is discussed the same thought prevails "It all depends on the Shackleton Report".

SENDING THEM TO KEEP THEM

It is pleasing to see that at last the Government, in some respects at least, has started to plan for the future. That may sound an odd statement to many when there is nothing more unsettled than the future of the Kelper. But we must at least try to look on the brighter side in which case the jobs requiring training courses in the Motherland and advertised during the last six months will be seen by many as the chance that our younger citizens have been denied for far too long. It would be unfair not to mention that a few people have been sent to the United Kingdom for training - but far more posts could have been filled years ago by trained 'locals'. In bygone days the official view was 'train them and you lose them' but after a re-think it has been realised that we have lost many through the lack of opportunity. The advertisement for a person to train as a pilot for our air service brought no less than 14 applications which has been narrowed to a short list of 5 (four of whom are F.I.B.) However the method of selection comes into question here as only some of the applicants were interviewed and of those who were not some were well qualified educationally while one known applicant did not even receive a reply! The selection of the successful applicant of those short listed is not going to be easy. The English born candidate has qualifications exceeding those of the F.I.B. applicants but one wonders what public opinion will be if a comparatively new-comer to the Islands is given the job.

YET ANOTHER TURN of the SCREWS

From time to time we in the Falklands are subjected to bullying tactics from our 'neighbours' - control of external travel in the form of the infamous 'white card' and the dictating of the air fares for the service they operate, the prevention of the Shackleton Team to travel here by air and the act of aggression on the RRS SHACKLETON. The latest one is the imposition of a 'customs charge' on a 1 kg package consigned from England that arrived last Thursday May 20th. The package contained veterinary vaccine and when the consignee went to collect it from the LADE office they were told that there was a charge of appx £14 in respect of Argentine customs charges as it was deemed necessary to inspect it in Comodoro Rivadavia to make sure that it did not contain prohibited drugs. To add insult to injury it was quite obvious that the package had not been opened en route, only the address altered from Falkland Islands to Islas Malvinas. The cost of the customs 'inspection' was about 1,600 pesos which in Argentina would amount to appx £4 at the official rate - but then of course not being Argentine we are expected to use the strange, unexplained and 'special' rate of about 98 pesos to the £.

Stanley,
3rd May, 1976.

Dear Sir,

In recent months I have read your monthly publication with mixed feelings of both pleasure and irritation. My pleasure comes from the repeated demonstrations in your pages that, at last, we have a medium of public communication which is not in awe of the "Establishment", either local or overseas. It is obvious that your own independent spirit has encouraged others to make some of their thoughts public. The irritation I feel is caused by the general lack of constructive criticism to be found in your paper.

As a community we are all experts at any and everybody else's job, with the special ability of being able to expose "their" faults to "our" entire personal satisfaction. Ability or virtue we seldom recognise - unless we can qualify it in some way which will lessen its degree.

By all means let us have open criticism and comment - we have been starved of this for too long - but let us offer an alternative. It requires little effort to see that something is wrong; a little more to see why, and yet more to find a way of correction. It is probably this habit of destructive rather than constructive criticism which has caused this Colony as a whole to lose sight of the word PROGRESS and to adopt the apathetic attitudes that are so noticeable among us. One, which appears to be almost a national trait, has most of us believing that the world owes us a living. From this flows another which insists that most responsibilities should be the burden of somebody else. We are satisfied with what our forefathers provided or did to the point that ten good reasons can invariably be found for not doing something either new or different. We are prophets of doom for almost every novel enterprise be it large or small.

Some years ago Mr. A.B. Monk wrote a letter to the Editor of the Times, in which he said that the Colony as a whole was devoid of a community spirit. This is as true today as it was then. Maybe more so. It is certainly one of the more noticeable aspects of the apathy which grips us.

These are all signs of a degenerating society. This opinion, which, incidentally, is not mine alone, is further confirmed when one sees how our small society is so fragmented. How many small Clubs, societies, groups and cliques we have! Seldom co-operating with each other and, in the main, jealous not only of what they have themselves but also of any gain, real or imagined, which any of the others might obtain.

Additional proof of our degeneracy is provided by our attitude to the younger members of our society. Because we are not progressive we are disapproving of much that they either do or wish to do and are unwilling to either assist them, or provide any outlets or guidance for the energies and curiosities of youth which we appear to have forgotten. The poor support for both the P.T.A. and the Youth Club amply demonstrate this facet of our apathy and should give us all, the Administration in particular, cause for shame.

The most noticeable expression of our apathy is probably to be found in the amount and the manner in which alcohol is consumed in this tiny society. Mostly it is done as a substitute for more meaningful activity, and a large number of us would achieve more and feel better if we took a little less of it. A solution to far too many of our problems, both private and otherwise, is sought at the bottom of a glass, - in spite of the fact that we know it is rarely there.

The foregoing comments on some aspects - there are others - of the Falkland Islands malaise will produce different reactions from different readers.

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Like most generalisations they touch some of us all the time and all of us some of the time. Some readers may applaud some parts and be irritated by others, depending on their own views and experiences. Many, I'm afraid, will take some parts as a personal insult. This is not my intention but such a reaction is to be expected from members of a society which is no longer progressive. Our conviction that we know all the answers makes us very sensitive to any criticism, be it direct or implied. We take this sort of thing very personally and, unfortunately, we react all too often in the same manner.

It is possible that this combination of smugness and sensitivity, as much as economic considerations, has been the cause of this society not making any serious attempt to implement many of the recommendations made to it by a succession of advisers whom it has seen fit to either hire or borrow, (mostly the latter).

Having said all that I cannot withdraw without offering the "alternative" that I bemoaned the lack of at the start of this letter. The symptoms are fairly easy to deduce; the cure must be a matter of some speculation. I am tempted to wait and see what your other readers have to offer but this would be further evidence of the Falklands malaise and it is this that we must resist.

So far all I have done is to attempt to demonstrate that something is wrong. This is the part that requires little effort. Why it is wrong need not concern us here but could well give you material for a "bumper" edition, and it is the part which requires more effort. The part which requires most effort is that at which we are now arrived. How do you cause a society to become progressive? How do you stop people from either looking over their shoulder or burying their heads in the sand, and get them to look with interest and optimism to the future? (Let's not blame too much onto the Argentines, - they are only a recent and incidental aggravation of a problem which began, almost certainly, several generations back.) What is it that creates a Community spirit and subdues the selfish interests which will otherwise tend to cause it to disintegrate?

The answers are more likely to be complex than simple, which is unfortunate but we must attempt to make a start somewhere. I am assuming, rather arrogantly I'm afraid, that a large number of your readers recognise the problem in broadly similar terms and consider that our society is non-progressive but would wish it to change for THE BETTER.

Probably for us the first step should be to cut down on our "blind" criticism of other people and organisations. If we were to enquire for factual information rather than rely on quite so much hearsay, we might well find we had little or no grounds on which to criticise, - or would make a modified and (let's hope) constructive one. An equally important step is to ask ourselves why we want to criticise something. We might often, to our discomfort, find that it is to cover an inadequacy in ourselves. Overcoming these inadequacies should leave us precious little time to ferret out the shortcomings of our neighbours and could also serve to improve us as individuals and therefore society as a whole.

The manner of most of our lives here is not really as busy as we would have others believe. With a little effort we could often fit in some other activity but we claim not to have the time. I wonder! Is it not sometimes because we are afraid we might have to take on some small responsibility? And I am not, here, just thinking of the organised clubs and societies. There are many ways of being responsible. That may sound rather like a sermon, and I suppose in a way it is. Which brings us to religion. For many of us the Churches have little relevance and less attraction but this should not stop us from realising that the code of basic social conduct which they all advocate, is one which is appropriate to any human society which wishes to retain its self respect.

We, in these islands, have the potential and the ability to make ourselves into a Community which will command the respect of much larger societies. Until we do we cannot expect to be taken seriously and must accept that others, whom we don't necessarily approve of, must act on our behalf.

Yours faithfully,

R.D. Clements.

Stanley
20th May 1976

Dear Sir,

I was grieved this evening to hear Mr John Smith state in his election speech that religious education in Stanley Schools had been "suddenly stopped". This statement is completely untrue. Religious education has been taught since last August, by professional teachers, at all levels in the schools in Stanley and members of the clergy have been free to take the whole school for assembly at the beginning of the day.

All that was stopped was the abominable procedure of splitting each class into three groups i.e. Church of England, Roman Catholic and Tabernacle for the purpose of this religious education. Surely in 1976 A.D. we can teach our children to read and study the basic truths of the Bible without involving them in denominational doctrine? - a practise which has led to not a little trouble in Northern Ireland.

Yours sincerely,
Margaret Stocks.

DES PECK is still on holiday in England but he wrote the Times a letter recently in which he gave us the words of a song called "There will always be a Falklands" composed by him and sung to his own music for a special Battle Day programme broadcast on the 8th December last year. The first verse forms the chorus which is repeated after each of the other four verses:

There will always be a Falklands
With peace and liberty
That's why our Navy fought and died
To keep our dear land free

Then remember in the last war
When Langdorf thought he could
Destroy the British navy
Until he met Harwood

We all know what was the outcome
Of the battle which we fought
The Battle of the River Plate
Which made Captain Langdorf snort

After running into Monte
For repairs and to bury his dead
He blew his famous Graf See up
And chose suicide instead

So rally all you Islanders
Get your British flags up high
This is our National Day of course
And one we hope won't die!

BOARD of HEALTH The following persons have been appointed members of the Board of Health for the year 1976;

The Senior Medical Officer-Chairman

The Medical Officers

The Hon.S.Miller,J.P.

Superintendent of Public Works

The Hon.W.E.Bowles

The Hon.L.G.Blake,J.P.

The Chief Police Officer

OBITUARY - GEORGE ROBERTS I.S.C.

George Roberts was born on the 27th January 1885 and spent his early teenage years employed at Chatham Dockyard where he became Inspector of Works in 1905. In 1905 he was sent by the Admiralty to Gibraltar to work on the reconstruction of the Naval Hospital, Oil Fuel Installations and improvements to the water supply. During the 1914-18 War he was employed on laying the anti-submarine boom across the English Channel and he also assisted in the preparation for the Naval raids on Ostend and Zeebrugge.

In 1921 the Admiralty sent him to the Falklands to supervise the construction of the two oil fuel storage tanks at the Camber after which he was asked to take on the task of improving the sanitation, water supply, certain modernisation projects and the new roads in Stanley. He became Chief Water Authority 1927-38. Acting Colonial Engineer 1927, Supt. of the Fire Brigade 1928-32 Chairman of the Board of Health 1928-38. Colonial Engineer 1928-38, Director of Public Works and Justice of the Peace 1930-38. In 1949 he was elected a Member of the Legislative Council and a Member of the Executive Council from 1932-38. Mr Roberts was Harbourmaster and Registrar of Shipping at Stanley 1937-38. Philatelists will remember him as the designer of the greater part of the two issues of Falkland Islands Stamps - the 1933 Centenary Issue and the 1938-49 Pictorial Definitive Issue.

Beside erecting the Battle Memorial (1926), restoring Matthew Brisbane's grave and making the foundation stone for the uncompleted swimming pool, the most striking evidence of his time working here is the Whalebone Arch which was erected as a monument on the occasion of the Falkland's Centenary with the four whalebones from two sperm whales found by Mr Roberts on the beach in front of the old Town Hall.

Mr Roberts died quite suddenly but peacefully in England on 25th March aged 91 years.

NEW HYDATID TEST

Most Islanders will remember that a few years ago a test, designed to detect Hydatidosis in humans, was carried out here. They will also remember that Hydatid cysts have been found in people on which the test was negative.

Hitherto tests for the detection of Hydatidosis have been unreliable in that they have produced false reactions - people, like those mentioned above on which the test showed negative have been found to be infected whilst some on which the test has shown a positive reaction have not been infected.

However after an experimental period of two years experts in this field have developed a far better test that, although not 100% perfect, shows no record of any false positive reactions. To conduct the new test would be very expensive but as Britain is a subscribing member of the Panamerican Health Organisation we in the Falklands would be eligible to enjoy the services offered by it. Due to the risk of introducing foot and mouth disease in the reagent both Australia and Britain refuse to import any from Buenos Aires and of course it would not be wise for us to import any here. Therefore if the new test is arranged blood samples would be taken here, the serum separated and after being frozen would be sent to the zoonosis laboratories in Buenos Aires where the tests would be carried out.

During a recent visit to Buenos Aires our Senior Medical Officer Dr. Derek Cox met the head of the zoonosis section of the Pan American Health Organisation (who, incidentally is a Puerto Rican) which is a branch of the World Health Organisation.

TURKEY VULTURE by A.R. Chater.

Featured in the film "McKenna's Gold" there is a desert scene in which a particular shot of circling "Turkey Buzzards" is repeated several times as an old Indian lies dying in the sand. Other such sinister roles in films and books have contributed to this bird's unwarranted reputation as a bringer of death. What then are the true facts about the Turkeys which line up patiently on a fence waiting for a certain shepherd to awaken after a previous night's binge, or peck the eyes out from newborn lambs?

The Turkey Vulture (*Carthartes Aura Falklandica*) to give it's correct name, is one of the American Vultures (*carthar tidae*), a family which includes the Condors of the Andes. It is common and widespread throughout the Islands, often seen alone, gliding on outstretched slightly uplifted wings. These latter are long, broad, and deeply fingered - ideal for soaring. Turkeys cover vast areas of land in search of food which for them consists mainly of carrion. Both their eyesight and sense of smell are very keen. However they can make some croaking and hissing noises.

Adults have horn-coloured, hooked beaks, bare red heads (a matter of good sanitation) brown legs and brown, talonless feet. Immature birds are altogether duller, with grey-brown beaks, heads and feet, but like the adults have brownish black plumage. Wingspan is varied between five and six feet (Condors may exceed ten feet). They nest away from settlements often on tussac islands. Two and sometimes three eggs are laid in a mere scrape under a rock, a tussac bog or in a cave, during September and October. From these, which are white, spotted and spattered with red-brown, usually only one chick is raised, and the young are fully fledged by late January and early February.

The question of whether Turkeys kill sheep and lambs has long been debated and no doubt many a shepherd has his answer. However, it is unlikely that any sheep being attacked would have lived much longer and indeed many a cast or trapped animal must have been saved by some one investigating a suspicious gathering of vultures. If any one reading this article has a first hand account of Turkey Vultures killing anything I would be very interested to hear from them.

The commonness of this bird in the Falklands can be attributed to the vast amounts of carrion available. Probably most significant to the vultures are the bodies of sheep, seal, and penguins. In the rookeries of the latter two they waddle about eating droppings as well as carcasses, and act as a kind of garbage disposal officer.

Shy and retiring, the Turkey isn't really such a bad character (although there remains a price tag round it's skinny neck) and some people have found them charming pets, even gentle and affectionate!

PENFRIENDS CORNER

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Mrs Joyce Bastin

12,Woodwater Lane,Exeter EX2 5LL Devon who has two daughters (aged 15 and 12) and works as an audio typist-collects stamps and postcards.

APRIL WEATHER

This month's temperatures were about normal for the time of year with a little more rain than usual but less wind. Total rainfall was 56.9mm (2.24") which is about 8mm more than usual for April. The average daily wind speed was 11.7 knots (4 knots less than usual) with 354 hours during which the speed was 10 knots or less and 10 hours of gale force winds. The highest gust recorded being 63 knots on the 26th. The daily average sunshine was 4.1 hours (20 minutes per day more than average). The average temperature was 5.8 deg.C (42.5F) which was above average for April. Highest temperature recorded at Stanley Met. Office was 14.4 deg C (58F) on the 6th and the lowest was -1 deg C (30.2F) on the night of 15th/16th. There were 13 occasions on which ground frost was recorded.

A TOUCH OF HUMOUR

The following is contributed by Mr Cecil Bertrand of Carcass Island, and is a copy of a letter which appeared in the Argentine paper "Standard" dated 13th November 1898. The writer of the letter was a grandfather of Cecil's son-in-law. In our next edition we hope to carry the reply to "J.M.'s" enquiry.

Dear Editor,

As I am thinking of taking a trip to the Falkland Islands I should feel obliged if you would give me a little information in regard to that place.

If the natives of the Islands have any particular language?

Are they to be trusted without carrying firearms?

As the Captain of a fine whaler told me the natives were a fine race of young men but very treacherous, very much resembling the Pitcairn Islands but the women were very fat and clumsy and walked in a way resembling the penguins, not having the activity of the South Sea Island native.

Is there any trade to be done with them?

Would some glass beads be acceptable to the girls?

I am taking some of McDougall's dip with me as I hear there are some scabby sheep running half wild on the Islands. I choose McDougall's as I believe there are a few shipwrecked Scotchmen minding sheep there.

On my return I will give you full particulars in regard to the customs and habits of the inhabitants.

Yours,
"J.M."

Editor's note.

We are indebted to Major R.N.Spafford for allowing us to use his book The 1933 Centenary Issue of the Falkland Islands from which the information for Mr Roberts' obituary was taken.

NEWS IN BRIEF

AIR TRAVELLERS. During April 69 passengers arrived by F27 (six flights) of whom 12 were tourists. Some 109 passengers departed of whom 14 were tourists.

HOUSING SHORTAGE. Stanley's housing shortage has become acute. In a recent public notice Government stated that in an attempt to alleviate the situation in which it found itself short of quarters for its staff consideration was being given to purchasing suitable accommodation. Owners wishing to dispose of property were asked to contact the Chief Secretary's office immediately. One would have thought that our Administration should be encouraging people to stay, not sell out and pull out!

WORKING MEN'S SOCIAL CLUB TO GO MIXED. At a recent general meeting of the Working Men's Social Club it was unanimously decided to open the Club to female membership. The club, which was founded in the 1920s and has some of the finest indoor sporting facilities in Town will later be styled the Stanley Social Club. Membership costs only £6 per annum.

NEW PILOT FOR F.I.G.A.S. Mr John Lavine the Canadian pilot who brought the Colony's second privately owned aeroplane from North America in March returned to the Colony on 6th May to take up the post of relief pilot during the absence on leave of Ian Campbell.

WEST STORE MANAGER RETIRES. Mr Fred Reive who has for the past forty years worked for the Falkland Islands Co. Ltd., retired last week. At a drinks party on the 20th May Fred, who since 1973 has been Manager of the West Store and who departs on leave on Thursday 27th May, was presented with an electric wrist watch by F.I.C. Stanley Employees.

SUCCESSFUL APPEAL. On the 10th May the Supreme Court ruled that the fine of £100 imposed upon Mr Charles David Ford, who had been convicted under the Hydatids(Dogs) Order by the Magistrates Court, was excessive. The fine was reduced to £75(The maximum fine for the first offence under the Dogs Order is £200).

TABERNACLE SALE. On Saturday 15th May a sale of clothing, cakes and vegetables and beef was held in the Sunday School room. The function, at which many folk enjoyed afternoon tea, realised the sum of £161 for the Church funds.

EXHIBITION AT ST. MARY'S Also held on Saturday afternoon of 15th May was an art exhibition. Over 200 people viewed pen and ink drawings by Australian visitor Louise Laverack and water colour paintings of local birds and sketches of his baby son by Tony Chater. Also exhibited were three beautifully hand knitted from homespun wool pullovers made by Annie Strange. The colours of these pullovers were all made from natural dyes.

SHIPPING. We do not have a shipping section this time as the only over-seas shipping movements concerned the M/v "Anne Bewa" which returned from Ushuaia on the 17th April to load 524 bales wool and 20 tons general cargo after which she sailed for London via Cape Verde Islands on the 19th.

JUNIOR SCHOOL P.T.A. On April 22nd a Bring and Buy Sale and Teas were held at the Junior School. The sum of £42.96 was raised towards the purchase of black-out curtains for the hall.

MAY QUEEN 1976. The May Ball organised by the Girls & Boys Brigades was held in the Town Hall tonight. The May Queen 1976 is Miss Janet Hardcastle of Darwin, runner up being Miss Cheryl Johnson.

VARIETY SHOW. Last night a crowd of about 500 people enjoyed a variety show at the Town Hall. All seats were taken and several people stood. The show, the proceeds of which will be donated to the Youth Club, involved many local singers and a visiting North American lady and a Chilean Senorita who is working at Government House. The show, which ran for some three and a half hours concluded with all artistes and the audience singing together and at about 11.30p.m. the National Anthem was sung.

FALKLAND ISLANDS ANGLING CLUB. During the last trout fishing season (ending here on 30th April) this club's total catch was 273 fish with a total weight of 1,014 lbs. Tony Smith of the outgoing Naval Party 8901 set up a new record catching a twenty pounder. During the season a sixteen by six foot porch was added to the hut at the Malo to enable anglers more space in which to stow gear.

A HEFTY ROOT. Recently Theodore Fleuret dug a root of Kerrs Pinks potatoes consisting of 22 potatoes weighing a total of 11 lbs.

WET CARGO. When the Annie Bowa arrived back in Stanley from Ushuaia she was carrying 2,528 bales of wool, most of which were wet. The Captain of the vessel requested a survey in Stanley. After conflicting views about the condition of the wool and its safety risk some farms withdrew their bales for shipment. A further 524 bales were added and the vessel was due to unload the wool from Ushuaia in Rotterdam before proceeding to London.

A.I.L. MANAGER'S VISIT TO SCOTLAND. Whilst on a tour of duty in the Isle of Lewis recently Mr Fred Gooch, the Falklands Manager of Alginat Industries Ltd., met Roddy Morrison who is the uncle of the FIC East Jetty Foreman Billy Morrison. He also met 88 year old Donald McLeod who, still hale and hearty, worked for the Blake family at Hill Cove and in Patagonia.

ANOTHER USE FOR ALGINATES. The French have found yet another use for alginates, the price of which now reaches £2,000 per ton. They have found that sodium alginate particles as opposed to silver iodide and sodium chloride can be used to disperse fog.

FALKLAND MAPS AT LONDON FAIR. Four manuscript maps drawn by Captain Thomas Britflower in 1768 depicting scenes of life at Port Egmont, Burnt Island and Saunders Island of people shooting, egging and fishing will be offered for sale at London's Antique Fair from 9th-19th June, for the sum of £3,000 (three thousand pounds).

GYMNASIUM ROOF DAMAGE. A survey of the Gymnasium roof was held last month following glass falling into the building after strong winds and heavy rain. It has been found necessary to effect major repairs to the glass frames in the roof. A recent public notice warned users of the building that they did so at their own risk. The existing roof was erected in 1930.

THAT TROUBLESOME GATE! (or should we say the people who use it?)

Despite a public notice broadcast for three evenings from 29th April warning people about damaging or of leaving the Common Gate open at the east end of Davis Street it has been damaged and left open yet again. We understand that the gate, which was a new one, has disappeared. It is understood that Johnston Construction Ltd., have undertaken to repair the gate, repair culverts and make the pasalibre (Cattle Grid) useable.

New Telephone Directory. Government are assessing the demand for advertising space in the new telephone directory. The proposed rate is in the region of £10 per half page. Our latest directory is dated October 1974 but we understand that telephone subscribers should see a new one in about a month's time.

More about Flags. In a recent circular from the Harbour Master we were informed that the correct flag for privately owned ships is the Red Ensign undefaced. For Government vessels i.e. m/v Forrester the correct flag is the Blue Ensign defaced with the Colony Badge. In addition to the undefaced Red Ensign privately owned ships may also fly the Blue Ensign defaced with the Colony Badge.

N.I.P.Co. to be wound up. Mr I.J. Strange who along with Mr R.B. Napier owns New Island which is run as the New Island Preservation Co. Ltd., has filed a petition to the Supreme Court for the winding up of the Company.

Headmaster Retires. At a short ceremony recently at the Senior School Mr Stuart Booth who has been teaching here for 25 years, the last 11 of which he has been Headmaster Stanley Schools, was presented with a set of crystal wine glasses. With his wife Jessie Mr Booth plans to spend his retirement in the Falklands.

Darts Competition Results. Mr Pat Whitney was the winner of the Johnnie Walker Darts (Open) Competition held at the Town Hall on the evenings of 21st and 22nd May, the runner up being Mr Sidney Smith. Winner of the Ladies competition was Mrs Glenda McGill and runner up was Mrs Maly Lee.

New Transmitter. Government are renting a transmitter from Cable & Wireless Ltd which is being used for evening transmissions from our Broadcasting Station on 2370 KHz. Reports indicate that reception on this frequency in the Camp is a great improvement on the old transmitter. The C & W set has a far greater output than the Government transmitter which is about thirty years old.

New B.A.S. Headquarters. H.E. Prince Philip the Duke of Edinburgh opened the new Headquarters of the British Antarctic Survey in Cambridge on May 7th

Legal Department Statistics. The Supreme Court granted 4 divorces in 1975 compared with 7 in 1974. In 1975 there were 32 births, 15 marriages and 22 deaths compared with 39 births, 24 marriages and 25 deaths in 1974. Last year 12 people were placed on the Black List compared with 16 in 1974. A total of 32 cases were heard in 1975 against 34 in 1974. In brief - 1975 was a quieter year!

Falkland Islands Committee. The Chairman of the Local Committee Mr Jack Abbott left the Colony en route to the U.K. on 15th April and hopes to have meetings with committee members there. Copies of acknowledgements to the Local Committee's appeal of 19th February addressed to all Members of Parliament of the United Kingdom can be seen in the West Store.

Airport Manager for Falklands. Mr Bala Kanagasabai was among the arrivals to the Colony on 22nd April. He has been engaged by the Commonwealth Secretariat under the Technical Assistance Scheme to establish the new airport at Cape Pembroke. Mr Kanagasabai, who is impressed by the Islands' rugged beauty is from Sri Lanka (formerly Ceylon) and served with the Royal Air Force in England for six years as a navigator. He has worked in the field of airport management, at which he is an expert, in Canada, Australia and the Middle East under Technical Cooperation Schemes. From 1971-73 he worked with the United Nations International Civil Aviation Organisation in Montreal.

Mr Kanagasabai is married and hopes that his wife will join him during the second year of his appointment. Until today he was using the Conference room at the Secretariat for an office but he is now using the bungalow opposite the Defence Force Club known to some folk as 'Shackleton House'.

BIRTHS MARRIAGES and DEATHS

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

April 26th to Mr and Mrs John Harradine a son ANDREW DAVID (8lbs 1½oz)

May 12th to Mr and Mrs Ron Binnie(Linda Cantlie) a daughter
JULIET ANN(7lbs 4oz)

May 17th to Mr and Mrs Nigel Knight a son KEITH ANDREW (6lbs 9oz)

in England

April 2nd to Mr and Mrs Peter Hume(Julia Binnie) a daughter DONNA MARIE

April 9th to Mr and Mrs Graham Mills a son RICHARD GRAHAM (7lbs 12 oz)

Graham worked for ESRO for a few years and left the Falklands in 1971

Marriage

April 24th at Port Howard- Jane (second daughter of Mr and Mrs Don Bonner) to Mr William Cunningham. The Rev. G. Smith officiated at the wedding ceremony. Jane and William left the Colony on 13th May en route to Ireland where they will be making their home.

Forthcoming Marriages

Terence Summers and Sybella Goodwin

Simon Goss and Elizabeth Triggs

Robert Peart and Rose Livermore

Deaths in Stanley

April 20th Mr Donald William McAskill aged 80 years

May 21st Mr John Summers Jaffray aged 71 years
and Mrs Elena Maud Ione(Nellie) Reive aged 65 years

in England

In April Mrs Bella O'Sullivan (Lang) aged 74 years

14th April Mr Roger McLaren aged 56 years

in Chile

April 26th Mrs Florence Yonge(Hansen) aged 75 years

in the United States of America

April 13th Mr Leslie Nicholson aged 84 years. Mr Nicholson left the Falklands in 1961.

Mainly for Overseas Readers. The Editor's 'in tray' is full of your letters for which I am most grateful. However due to other commitments it is becoming more obvious that most of them probably will not get answered. For those of you who have wondered if you have a copy of the TIMES missing, please note that the edition following that dated August/December 1975 was dated 11th February 1976.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING June 15th-25th

The first meeting of the new Legislature which was primarily a Budget Session was delayed by inclement weather which prevented Camp members from being in Stanley by 10 a.m. on Tuesday 15th June.

After inspecting a Guard of Honour in the Gymnasium at approximately 2.30 p.m. His Excellency the Governor officially opened the Legislative Council meeting when Stanley members were sworn in. Proceedings were then adjourned until 10 a.m. on Wednesday 16th when, after the swearing in of the rest of the members with the exception of the Elected Member for the West Falklands, the Governor delivered his opening speech. At the conclusion of the speech the proceedings were again adjourned until 3 p.m. that afternoon by which time the remaining member had arrived from Hill Cove. The main business of that afternoon being the motion of thanks to the Governor for his speech. Friday the 18th brought motions moved by Elected Members and the day's business at the Court and Council Chamber ended at approximately 12.40 until the Select Committee (comprising of all Members) studied the Estimates. After nearly a week of difficult and thankless deliberations the Select Committee re-assembled at the Town Hall at noon on Friday 25th. After the reading of several Bills the Motion for Adjournment was proposed by the Chief Secretary and the House stood adjourned sine die at approximately 6p.m.

Summary of H.E. the Governor's opening speech.

The Governor began his address by welcoming both old and new Members and paid tribute to Members of the last Council, in particular to Mr Sidney Miller for more than forty year's service to the Colony in many spheres as well as on Executive and Legislative Councils. After commenting on the understandable disappointment that the recent General Election was held under the existing Constitution Mr French said that it was reasonable to expect that another election held under the new Constitution would be held during the next twelve months. Of the Shackleton report, which is in the hands of the printers, he said that the delay reflected the complexity of the task, rather than any leiscurling and that most thoughtful people would take the view that the Report and the British Government's decisions on it would almost cert-

ainly amount to a great watershed in the life of the Colony. On financial matters His Excellency said that through the windfall from the surplus income of the Savings Bank, revenue was expected to yield over £110,000 more than the original estimate and that the Colony's ordinary reserves should exceed half a million pounds at the start of the new financial year commencing July 1st but that a deficit of £83,000 was forecast for the coming year with Expenditure estimated at £1,126,000 and Revenue at £1,043,000. A major item of the Expenditure was provision for the operational costs of Cape Pembroke airport and depending on the results of the pilot scheme, the sum of £36,800 for the new Radio Telephone network.

At the end of the last financial year the Government Savings Bank had some 1,900 depositors with over £1,332,000 to their credit. About £45,000 was expected to accrue from the three recent commemorative issues of the Heraldic Arms, New Coinage and Sheep Farming stamps. On remarks made by some people about the Colony having a swollen and cumbersome bureaucracy His Excellency held firmly to the view that, far from being inflated, the Secretariat in particular, and most Government Departments labour under serious disadvantages of staff shortages and lack of continuity.

Turning to highlights of Departmental activities he commended the performance of the depleted Police Force during resignations, illness and overseas leave. However a Superintendent and Sergeant had been recruited under technical assistance terms and that it was intended that they should lead and instruct local members of the force. After mentioning news of the Aviation and Education departments the Governor went on to say that, because of the perennial staff shortage and tight finance, the upkeep of buildings and the repair of Stanley roads continued to be a major headache as did the maintenance of the aged official transport and the water filtration plant. The Grasslands Trial Unit was making good progress and were carrying out large scale experiments at Darwin and Salvador to measure the effects of a two pasture system as had been developed in the United Kingdom. His Excellency said that Government is giving every possible encouragement to Falkland Islanders and other career makers who were well identified with the Colony by training courses here and overseas.

A special vote of thanks was owed to Messrs Ashfield and Thompson of Rendell, Palmer and Tritton for giving their expert and honorary assistance in the preparation and drawings and estimates for the swimming pool which, it was hoped, would be started during the next twelve months.

Commenting on the Colony's attainment of full membership of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, His Excellency said that it was envisaged that the successful visit by the Hon. Mr Blake and his wife to the CPA conference in New Delhi last October would be followed up by sending a representative to the next CPA conference to be held in Mauritius towards the end of this year.

In the field of external affairs the Governor said that the past year had been eventful and at times almost too exciting and reminded us that it was all too easy to forget that the British Government retained complete responsibility for the conduct of our external affairs and determines defence policy. Over the past twelve months we had shared the stress and anxieties created by Argentina.

After recalling some of the more encouraging features of our relations with the Argentine people with whom we lived and worked His Excellency said he felt sure that we would like to see such co-operation develop, particularly in the commercial sector. He continued "Against this highly compressed background, I would commend to you my own belief that in the foreseeable future the security and prosperity of this British Crown Colony will best be achieved by an evolving, harmonious and profitable relationship with our great neighbour on the South American Continent. Ultimately success must spring from the hearts and minds of the human beings involved. But one of the keys to achieving this must lie in the efficient and imaginative conduct of British diplomacy, and as I remarked during my speech to Council a year ago, by its very nature much of what takes place in this sphere must be confidential or handled with great discretion. I would again urge you to be patient and place your trust in the integrity of the British Government and it's will to implement, to the best of its ability, policies in the interests both of the people of these Islands and of its wider concerns in Latin America and indeed throughout much of the world. We can only hope and pray that the British Government's strivance for a stable, realistic understanding of the Colony's rights and aspirations, will be matched by some comparable effort by Argentina to achieve a sound design for living with us as good friends and neighbours.

To finish, I would like to quote from my words of a year ago. I said then that the Colony required 'Pride in the past, combined with flexibility and imaginative a statesmanlike acceptance of the need for change'. Today I would add to this an urgent call for an end to the petty, outmoded divisions which still hamper our society. Never was the need greater for unity and a fresh breadth of vision."

Summary of debates on motions moved by members in Legislative Council on Friday 18th June:

Mr L.G. Blake member for West Falklands asked the administration to prepare and put before the Council legislation needed to give the Government statutory powers to control prices and incomes. Mr Blake observed that a high rate of inflation being experienced was manufactured here as well as being imported and that although traders deserved a reasonable living, any high profit margin which they may impose could influence the cost of living which others had to bear the burden of. He said that the budget had risen from £235,000 to over one million pounds since he joined Council (1964) and that although not suggesting its immediate use, legislation should be prepared to control the profit margin on basic stores.

Mr J.B. Monk (East Falklands) who seconded the motion said that any statutory prices and incomes board would have to consider such aspects as the monopoly nature of our largest trading concern which might have some bearing on the situation.

Mr W.E. Bowles (Stanley) had no personal objection to the proposal but urged caution and further study. He was sure that the Shackleton Report would contain references to inflation but asked two questions about the proposal. Was the taxpayer going to profit by it? Was the Department to be set up to run it going to pay its way?

The Financial Secretary opposing the motion said that legislation for the control of prices was not needed at this stage.

The Chief Secretary, urging that the motion be rejected said that no one quarrelled with its intention but such a statutory board would generate a need for extra staff and without precise information it was likely to do more harm than good. However he thought it might be useful to consider something along the lines of Britain's National Economic Development Council which would require only occasional consultation between importers, traders, retailers and consumers possibly with a Government Representative to keep an official eye on progress.

The motion was lost by four votes to two.

The second motion moved by Mr B. Monk urged that Government broadcasting service should be administered and run by an autonomous body free of Government control and financed like the B.B.C. by an annual grant from the Government, plus licence fees. The purpose of the motion was to ensure free discussion on the radio without intervention from the administration. Mr Monk said that in proposing the motion he thought that the need for it was obvious and that free speech was essential in a democratic community.

Mr L.G. Blake seconding, said that no democracy could claim to be completely free when there was any degree of censorship even when this filtering process was done from the best motives and with kid gloves.

Mr W.E. Bowles (Stanley) said that he was all for freedom of speech and thought that there was a relative amount of free speech permitted to anyone who went to the broadcasting studio - programmes like "Magazine" and "Visitor's Book" has contained interviews and commentaries which were not censored. He hoped that in the not too distant future we would have some more comments on the subject, but that for reasons of caution and not opposition he would abstain from the voting.

Mr John Smith (Stanley) rose to support the motion and said that the proposal could give new impetus to our broadcasting and revitalise it to some extent.

The Chief Secretary opposed the motion and at some length gave details about the constitution of the B.B.C. He felt that our broadcasting service was probably as autonomous as the B.B.C. and if there was any editing of programmes the editor was responsible to the Legislative Council and could be removed but he could not think of an instance where this power had been abused.

Mr H.L. Bound (Foxton) supported the views expressed by the Chief Secretary, Financial Secretary and Mr Bowles and said that he would oppose the motion.

The Mover of the motion hammered home his point when he referred to the recent ITV documentary in which the Governor was reported to have said that the Executive Council requires the Chief Secretary to exercise a degree of control. Striking the table, Mr Monk added "if that's not censorship, what is?". In reply to this challenge the Governor spoke for approximately five minutes during which time he pleaded with Members not to quote from the ITV tape as it had been heavily edited and that he had given the interview without any preparation and that along with many others he did not feel much pleasure after listening to the recording and thought that it could be damaging to the Colony. H.E. said that during his time as Governor there had been no censorship and that regarding the 'Shackleton Incident' (see April TIMES-front page) he felt that with all respect to broadcasting officials the tape should have been broadcast immediately, not when HMG were negotiating the safe passage of the ship.

The motion was not pursued any further and a break for 'smoko' taken.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

San Carlos
The East Falkland Islands
15th June 1976

Dear Sir,

In your May issue you published a very thoughtful well written letter from Mr Clements: I would like to congratulate Mr Clements.

Obviously this letter is very thought provoking indeed: if I may summarise what he says in a few words then I think these words are "Instead of just moaning do something about it". I have heard us described, though not perhaps in these words, as a GI'ME society, GI'ME this, GI'ME that. Lack of money does of course hold up our development and improvements to existing works; that lack would not be so great if we arranged our taxation affairs so that most of the money earned here, stayed here, of course, but that's another subject! Money plays a part in all development and improvements but in many cases is mostly spent on the labour to do these things.

If we looked around our Community both the Stanley and Camp parts and said to ourselves "this or that is the most important thing to put right or improve for the benefit of the Community" we might find we could improve it or put it right without much money at all; how? Suppose we save our time instead of money, suppose we gave only one week each year to a Community project. Utopian and absurd you might say: I wonder. 1000 Adults working one week a year is equivalent to 20 Adults working a whole year! Quite a lot can be done by 20 Adults working together for a whole year.

Communities would have to define the most pressing needs and agree to work together on them; Employers and Employees alike. The chances are that if all contributed their time and Employers and owners their equipment, in many projects not much money would be required and the Standard of Living in the Community would be improved. As important as the improvements to roads, Camp tracks or whatever might be to the Community, I think that the fact that people were getting together and doing things for themselves, for their own collective benefit, would be far more important. Falkland Islanders are notably generous with their money when asked to contribute to some disaster Fund or Charity, if we all donated some time for the benefit of the Community I believe we would find it more rewarding.

ADRIAN MONK

Stanley

14th June 1976

Dear Editor,

In answer to Mr A.R. Chater's article in the May issue.

I don't profess to know all the fancy names and what have you about this bird, but it is a Bringer of Death. A shepherd does not have to awaken after a previous nights binge to see what Turkey Buzzards are doing (this is what they are commonly called in the Falklands) if he is doing his work, they will kill the new-born lambs before they get on their feet and torture the cast mother.

For instance a good shepherd has a good dog and a good dog is: what is needed when shepherding a ewe flock, if you come on a cast ewe with a strong lamb and the lamb tends to take off, the dog knows his work, and without being told he plays around on the outside of the

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR Continued

lamb while you are working on the cast ewe, this is called holding. The same thing applies if you pick up a ewe and the lamb has not quite got on it's feet the dog will hold the ewe and in most cases they will mother up and you can then ride away. This sometimes takes an hour or more. In the case of a ewe that has been down a day or more it is sometimes necessary to drag her to a water hole and then wet the other side to balance her up, this very often works, it is also known that a heavy rain will sometimes help a cast sheep onto it's feet even if no-one has tended it. But, if a ewe is down with her eye picked out you take the lamb from her, no matter how short a time she has been down she is in so much pain that she will defy the dog and it is impossible to get them to mother up, what happens then? If the shepherd has a heart at all, he will not kill the lamb but will take it home, that of course is just one more chore for the Mrs, to rear it.

The mention of carrion available. In my days of shepherding I have found that Turkey Buzzards would rather pick the eyes out of a cast sheep or other parts of it than eat a sheep that had been skinned only the day before just a few yards away. I have proved this by going over the same ground two days in succession. In my opinion no price is too high for turkey beaks. With less shepherds today the death rate and torture must be much greater.

The mention of turkeys as pets is quite true, I know of one instance where two reared from chicks were great pets, in fact where ever the children went their mother knew where they were because the Turkeys were hovering over them. But what happened? The father rode into the settlement one day for stores, the Turkeys went with him, they rested on a peat bin waiting for him to go back home, but before he left, the manager shot them and cut their beaks off. These birds were not known to go out to Camp at all.

A.F. ALAZIA

94A Whitechapel High Street
LONDON

28th May 1976

Dear Sir,

I was disturbed to read in the Election address of Mr A.B. Monk the statement that "Playing the 'cut ourselves off from South America game' is playing the FIC/Charrington Gardner Game; they have the monopoly." Now that the election is over I would like to comment on this particular sentence.

The Falkland Islands Company is owned by Charrington Gardner Locket & Co. Ltd. but in view of the special nature of it's role in the Colony it has been given a high degree of autonomy within the Charrington Group. No decision of the Company Board has been affected by pressure from Charringtons.

Commercial decisions of the Company are not affected by political considerations although it would be true to say that the wishes and interests of the people of the Colony are an important influence. Our chartered vessel calls at Mar del Plata not because the British Government has entered into a Communications Agreement with Argentina but because it is presently in the interest of the Colony that it does so. The policy is constantly under review.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR Continued

I would like to make it quite clear that F.I.C. has no monopoly of trading in the Colony. What we have is an obligation to provide essential services that no one else will undertake. In 1973 the Company offered control of these services to the sheepfarming industry and Falkland Islanders but the offer was not taken up. It is significant that whereas a monopoly will always command a premium upon sale the assets and business offered by us were at a figure below market value.

Yours faithfully,

F.G. MITCHELL
Managing Director.

San Carlos
East Falkland Islands

15th June 1976

Dear Sir,

The Grasslands Trial Unit have a vet now, and a very good thing too. At the time of writing I have not met the Gentleman but I have no doubt he is an excellent man and well qualified. I certainly welcome him here.

What happened to Bob Bosselman, why did he not come back? Bob wanted to come back here. I am sure nearly everyone here will agree with me that Bob was an exceedingly nice chap. He was also very well qualified, and was prepared to go anywhere by any means of transport to tend sick animals or give advice. So if he wanted to come back what happened? Executive Council decided that they did not want him back, just that.

The official reason given why they did not want Bob back was because they said the service conditions he wanted were more than the Colony could grant; they never seemed very excessive to me. Bob of course got the wrong side of one or two Influential persons whose ideas he criticised; but then Bob was an expert and they were not. Did Bob not come back because his demands were too high or, did Bob not come back because he wounded the vanity of a few small minded people in high places by criticising their Policies? A pity anyway, we don't often have the chance of getting a person so likeable, so well informed and energetic as Bob out here.

Will Taffy Evans be coming back here again? Not if SOA get their way, some of SOA perhaps I should say.

Here is an extract from a SOA circular recently issued, I quote "Government enquired if we required a visit by the Shearing Instructor next season. Following the Board Meeting in March, we advised that a further visit is desirable but preferably not by Mr Eifon Evans. We suggested that an attempt be made to recruit a New Zealander for the job Etc Etc". Well, Well now we know, the SOA Board don't want Mr Taffy Evans, I wonder why? Was he unpopular with Shearers? Perhaps he could not teach? Were the Shearers here ever asked for their opinions? I don't think any of these things were why Taffy is not wanted.

Taffy was not the world's fastest shearer but he was a damn good one AND he could teach. Furthermore I believe he was popular amongst the majority of the people. He is, however a blunt sort of chap who calls a spade just that. He criticised one or two people in high places who thought they knew it all, poor fellow, you must not do that out here.

ADRIAN MONK

SHIPPING

Vessel	Nationality	Arrived	Departed	For
HMS CHICHESTER--		31st May	11th June	U.K.
RFA ORANGELEAF		2nd June	6th June	"
MART SAAR	USSR	6th June	7th June	Fishing Grounds
BAHIA BUEN. SUCESO	Argentine	18th June	22nd June	Buenos Aires
CABO SAN PIO	"	24th June	30th June	San Julian(Arg)
ANNE BEWA	Danish	27th June		

RACONTEUR-Australian yacht still in Harbour

MAY WEATHER

May brought less wind than usual for this time of year with rain and temperatures about normal but less sunshine.

Total rainfall was 53.5mm(2.11") which is about 1mm less than usual. Average wind speed was 10.3 knots (6 knots less than is usual) with 431 hours when it was of 10 knots or less and 27 hours during which it was of gale force. The highest gust recorded at Stanley was 64 knots on the 3rd. The daily average sunshine was 2.1 hours which is about 20 minutes a day less than usual for this time of year. The average temperature was 4.4 deg C (39.7F) the highest being 11.5 degC(52.7F) on the 14th and the lowest -1.7 degC(28.9F) on the night of 6th/7th. There were seventeen occasions on which ground frost was recorded, this being two less than is normal for May.

WEDDING

Livermore- Peart

The Falklands' first and only Policewoman Rose Livermore and Special Constable Bob Peart were joined together in Holy matrimony by the Registrar General on Saturday 5th June at 4 p.m.

Rose, who wore a long dress of blue lace over nylon and a white, wide-brimmed picture hat, was attended by Mrs Pamela Summers. The groom along with his best man Mr Billy Morrison looked very smart in their dark suits with pink carnations in their button-holes.

After visiting friends and relations in the Hospital Rose and Bob drove to the Upland Goose Hotel where with twenty five guests they enjoyed a delicious supper prepared by Mrs Mary Livermore. Some three hundred guests attended the Wedding Reception in the Town Hall where the Wedding cake, made by Mrs Kath Berntsen and given to the couple by Kath and Bill and decorated by Mrs June Goodwin, was sampled by all.

The bride and groom had a thoroughly enjoyable day and wish to extend their appreciation to one and all.

Editor's note.

Long delays are not confined to the Shackleton Report. Although dated 30th June this edition was not completed and put on sale until 12th July. However we hope to have the next edition out before the end of July when we hope to carry a summary of the remainder of the Leg.Co. meeting.

It has been suggested that the TIMES should be published fortnightly and although it is realised that this would be ideal it is not something that I could promise. However when I bring myself up to date with other jobs and get more organised I shall certainly endeavour to produce a twice monthly paper-depending on demand.

NEWS in BRIEF

Air Travellers. There were four flights of the F27 aircraft during May. Some 56 passengers arrived of whom 7 were tourists and 91 passengers departed of whom 8 were tourists.

Queen's Birthday Honour. In this year's Queen's Birthday Honours, Major Sam Demrose was awarded an OBE. Many Islanders will remember Sam and his wife Tulip when he commanded Naval Party 8901 in 1965/66.

Islander returns for business visit. On May 27th Mr David Nowing returned to the Falklands after an absence of 38 years. He was representing a party who ship live sheep to the Lebanon and had discussions with the Sheep Owners Association about the possibility of arranging shipments of sheep from the Falklands.

'Glory Hour' extended. HMS Chichester's visit brought a busy programme of sporting and social events. On Sunday 6th June the Public Houses were open from 11a.m.-1p.m. instead of the usual Noon-1p.m.

A well'Ernd Retirement. After forty-two years in the Telephone and Broadcasting Section of the P & T Dept, Mr Ernest Fuhlendorff retired today. Ern started as an apprentice in 1934 and became Senior Technician and Broadcasting Officer in 1973.

British Colonial Airways officials pay flying visit. Mr Healy and Mr Maronetti of BCA in Buenos Aires made a short visit on 3rd June when they flew in by F27 to present the Falkland Is.Co.Ltd., with a shield inscribed 'Agents Performance Award 1975' in recognition of services rendered by the Company.

Southern Television team leader writes to Governor. Mr Michael Finlason of the 11V camera team who visited the Falklands in March/April wrote a letter to H.E. the Governor in which he thanked H.E. for the hospitality and interesting interview which he gave the team. Mr Finlason hoped that the film would go a long way towards helping the people of the Falklands and that the team could have asked for no more in the way of friendly help and co-operation.

Hijacked DC4 Pilot visits British Embassy. Captain Ernesto Fernandez Garcia whose DC4 aircraft landed on Stanley Racecourse in 1966 after being hijacked while on a flight from Buenos Aires to Rio Gallegos, called at the British Embassy recently to deliver two sets of photographs depicting various aspects of the incident. One set has been forwarded to the Governor and the other is for HRH Prince Philip who apparently congratulated Capt. Garcia on the skill with which he landed the 'plane. In handing over his gift Capt. Garcia made it clear that there was no political motive behind his gesture; he merely wished to express his gratitude to all the people in the Islands who assisted him during the incident.

Religious Education Circular. A circular to all parents of children attending the Infant/Junior School was recently sent out informing them that Government had instructed the schools to make provision on the time-table for R.E. on a denominational or sectarian basis. This follows an Executive Council decision (in the absence of the Supt. of Education and the Chief Secretary and after representations by Monsignor Spraggon) to allow the Clergy back in the schools to continue with the practice of denominational teaching.

103 copies of the circular were sent out and of the 94 returned 51 indicated that they did not want sectarian Religious Education taught while 16 wanted their children to be taught RE by a representative from the Anglican Church, 11 for teaching by the Roman Catholic Church and 5 for the United Free Church (Tabernacle).

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

May 25th to Mr & Mrs Valdemar Berntsen a daughter SUSANA CAROLINE

(61lbs 8 oz)

May 30th to Mr & Mrs Richard Fogerty (Brenda Blackley) a son PHILIP JOHN

(61lbs 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ oz)

MARRIAGES

May 28th at St.Mary's Church; Elizabeth, daughter of Mr & Mrs Robert Triggs of Chartres to Simon, youngest son of Mr & Mrs Bill Goss of Stanley.

May 29th at Christ Church Cathedral; Sybella, youngest daughter of Mr & Mrs Doug Goodwin of Rincon Grande to Terence, elder son of Mr & Mrs Keith Summers of Stanley.

June 5th at the Registrar's Office; Rose Livermore to Bob Peart.

ENGAGEMENT

Doreen Jaffray and Lewis Morrison of North Arm

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IT'S OUT!

CO-OPERATION- the Key-word.

The long awaited Shackleton Report was published simultaneously in the Colony and United Kingdom on Tuesday 20th July. The 450 odd page report composing of two volumes--the first containing some 344 pages devoted to an analysis of the overall economy of the Falklands and their surrounding waters assesses the development potential and points out opportunities, constraints, and the likely impact of development and the second containing 108 pages summarising the first volume and goes on to discuss and propose development strategy, presents recommendations for a policy and programme for economic development and discusses the financial implications and the arrangements which the Team judge to be necessary to implement them-- was placed on sale at the Secretariat at 11.30 a.m. and by the time Councillors and other eligible people were presented with theirs, there were only 70 odd copies available for the general public at £8 per copy and all of which were already ordered.

No doubt the Campers who had ordered copies were annoyed when they learnt that their copies would be held at the Secretariat until their remittances had been received and in many cases were frantically sending telegrams (at the new rate of 3p per word?) to relatives or friends asking them to pay for, collect and dispatch post-haste to save waiting for a second visit of the Beaver aircraft.

The much broadcast Government Commentary on the Report sounded two notes of warning about it. Firstly it was not a magic wand which would dispel overnight the problems facing the Colony. The report was an independent one and its recommendations and their financial and political implications call for a careful and detailed study by Her Majesty's Government and at this stage no comment should be expected about acceptance of any of the recommendations. Much had to be done and high on the list were consultations with the people of the Islands and with other interested parties for, as the Report points out, there are also wider political and financial considerations including a framework for co-operation with Argentina. Secondly for Her Majesty's Government to receive an accurate picture of the Islanders' views on the Report requires as many Islanders as possible to study it thoroughly. The Commentary went on to say that the least helpful attitude of all would be to skim through the Report for selective quotations to be deployed in support of political points. (Ed. This statement caused considerable annoyance to those who felt that after paying £8 for the Report they were quite free to interpret it as they wished.) The commentary concluded by advising responsible citizens to read and re-read the Report and get together with others to discuss it and

when opinions have been formed pass them on to Councillors or commit comments to paper and send them to the Chief Secretary. (Ed. Or better still to the TIMES)

SUMMARY of SOME of the REPORT'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

As the TIMES does not possess its own copy of the Report yet and we do not have much time in which to study the borrowed one I shall only summarise some of the recommendations contained therein.

Constitution. Although this was not directly within the Terms of Reference of the Survey it was considered that government changes were vital to the implementations of the recommendations; these being the establishment of the post of Chief Executive who would be directly responsible to the Governor in Council and which post would replace the office of Chief Secretary and the appointment of a Political Adviser to assist the Governor.

External Air Service. The extension and strengthening of the Cape Pembroke runway by 900 metres at an estimated cost of £3-£4 million. The Report emphasises that without such an extension there is strong doubt whether tourism, fisheries and other diversifying potential would be realised to any significant degree.

Grasslands Trials Unit. The extension of this Unit by the addition of a scientific officer, a technical assistant and a general farm assistant.

Agricultural Department. This department to be set up for the administration of ordinances and regulations relating to agriculture, administration of Crown lands, provision of information, operation of advisory services and research development. Suggestions for staffing were; Agricultural Development Officer to head the department; an Agricultural Officer and Advisory Assistant in the Administration and Advisory Division and two Scientific Officers, one field technician, one laboratory assistant and one general farm assistant in the Research and Development Division.

Knitwear production. A careful local assessment of the likely availability of full and part-time labour with regard to the establishment of an expanded knitwear industry.

Tourism. It is suggested that the Government should encourage and control development starting with a development study and to consider concessionary finance for Island-based accommodation and travel facilities. Legislation to control standards of accommodation and the development of this industry should be drafted at an early date.

Internal Air Service. A review of the current prices charged for internal air travel with the aim of gradually decreasing the level of subsidy. Regarding the replacement of the two Beaver aircraft, the need for flexibility in view of possible developments in the economy as well as capital and operating costs should be borne in mind.

Investment and Banking. It is recommended that high priority be given to establishing new institutions to encourage local enterprise and investment making maximum use of local savings.

On other services the Report envisages the development of building, vehicle repair, road transport haulage, dry cleaning and shoe repair if the economy expands and the banking facilities recommended should provide the necessary incentive for local entrepreneurs to extend their activities from part-time or embark on new ventures. Financial assistance or subsidy would be justifiable in some instances such as the production and distribution of an effective, frequent and regular newspaper. The Report recommends that the reintroduction of a local newspaper should be strongly encouraged.

SHACKLETON REPORT - U.K. Press Comments

Publication of the Survey was widely reported in the British press. The possibility of off-shore oil and the fisheries potential was the main lead. There were comments on the financial gains to Britain from taxation of remittances sent to this country and on possible future problems with Argentina.

The Times leader said-"Lord Shackleton has felt obliged to sidestep the political implications. There is the linked problem of Britain's relations with Argentina and the logical as well as political impossibility of off-shore economic development without co-operation from the Argentine Government. Furthermore, it is a pity that Lord Shackleton's report could not spell out more categorically that such co-operation, as the 1971/72 transport agreement showed, is very much in their (the Falkland Islanders) own interest. It is difficult to envisage how HMG could justify spending thirteen million pounds in aid over the next five years on a population who enjoy a per capita income comparable to the UK when there are very poor countries whose aid is threatened at this time.

Another Times article by David Spanier is headed-"Falklands Report urges local incentive". and says that British aid will not succeed unless accompanied by local action to reverse past policies.

In the Guardian, Patrick Keatley comments that the Islands, far from being a burden on the British taxpayer, have financially benefitted the UK due to taxes on personal and company remittances. There is also an Associated Press report in the Guardian calling for talks with Argentina on oil exploration in the region.

The Financial Times carries three factual reports on the very large fisheries and off-shore oil deposits mentioned in the Report.

Hugh O'Shaughnessy says-"Whitehall is likely to put to the Falklanders forcefully that if they do not accept that their economic future depends on closer links with Argentina the outlook for them is bleak."

A leader article in the Financial Times makes the point that few of the developments recommended in the Report can be implemented without co-operation between Britain and Argentina. It goes on to say that without an agreement with Argentina, development of oil and gas reserves would be almost impossible, if only because of the heavy defence commitment involved. It would also be extremely difficult to go ahead with a major fishing development without such co-operation. It adds that it should be made clear to the Argentine Government that they are being offered co-operation not with Britain alone but with the European Community. In conclusion it says that at the very least the Falklands are a Community as well as a British responsibility and the British Government should not be shy on saying so.

PHILATELIC NEWS.

The Philatelic Bureau recently announced the release of the following Commemorative Issues;

In November/December 1976-

British Antarctic Territory

Whales Issue -a set of four stamps value 46p (First Day Cover 55p)

South Georgia.

Discovery Investigations Issue-a set of four stamps value 46p
(First Day Cover 55p)

In February 1977-

Silver Jubilee Issue-The Colony, South Georgia and the British Antarctic Territory will each issue a set of three stamps (50p) the First Day Covers costing 60p

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING June 15th-25th.

In this edition I was hoping to summarise the remainder of the Leg Co. business but as the laborious task of producing the transcription has not yet been completed, the Government Gazette containing it has not yet been placed on sale so I shall only comment briefly on some of the matters discussed.

Questions for Oral Reply. There were eleven questions for oral reply and in many cases the Chief and Financial Secretaries in answering questions seemed to think that it would be prudent to await the Shackleton Report.

Councillor J. Smith asked how much money from Colony Development funds expended on the YPF installation and when was it expected to be operational. The Chief Secretary gave the reply in which he said that the sum of £5,532 had been withdrawn from the fund and that the installation would not be operational until a new jetty had been constructed to pipe the fuels ashore or until a guarantee given that such a jetty will be built and such guarantee be accepted by the Argentine authorities.

Another question asked by the same Councillor asked if Government intend to draw up a contingency plan against the possible introduction of Foot and Mouth Disease and also to install preventive measures at the air terminal and jetties as a safeguard against the disease. There were several supplementary questions on this subject and among the answers given were: that Government had already taken precautions against the risk by the restriction of the importation of certain foodstuffs; that one day FMD will almost certainly enter the Colony; that the last vet (Mr Bob Bostelman) made recommendations to Government about the possible risks of FMD entering the Colony; Government had ordered disinfecting mats for eventual use at the airport and looked into the possibility of using them on tourist vessels; and that the Chief Secretary would discuss with the Vet, Customs Officer and Harbour Master to see what could be done about preventing the dumping of waste food from visiting ships into the Harbour as FMD could be transmitted on the bone and it was this part of a carcass that was likely to be thrown away.

Budget. The Select Committee approved the following revenue increases for the 1976/77 year;

Import Duties

Beer, lager etc.,	from 11p to 33p per gallon
Spirits	from £9.60 to £12 per gallon
Wines	from 60p to 78p per gallon
Sherry, Port & Vermouth	from 60p to 90p per gallon
Cigars	from £3.50 to £4.20 per lb
Cigarettes	from £2.40 to £2.88 per lb
Tobacco	from £2 to £2.40 per lb

Other increases;

Telephone rental from £12 to £15 per annum
(business rate £24 to £30)

Internal telegrams from 2p to 3p per word

House rents for Government quarters - approximately 10% increase.

The Select Committee also requested Government to consider increasing Registration of Trade Marks & other registration fees along with Port Dues, Pilotage and allied charges.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

During the Meeting it was announced that the Governor had appointed Mr Sidney Miller to be a Member of the Executive Council and that the Unofficial Members elected Councillors L.G. Blake and J. Smith to represent them on the Executive Council.

CAMP TRACKS- The following article which was written by a Camper was submitted at the end of June but due to its length was held over;

Dear Editor,

I would like to submit this article in the hope that it provide further thought on how we could try and improve our Camp tracks throughout the Falklands. Regardless of the findings of the Shackleton Report I feel we should press on with improving our Camp tracks without waiting for outside help. It is something that could be tackled ourselves as a united effort by most of the working population resident here and if undertaken could go some way in creating a whole-hearted common goal for the community.

The proposal is for the creation of a Charitable Trust for purposes beneficial to the community. This Trust would raise the necessary funds from the various registered and non-registered company farms and then use the funds for the construction of All Weather-All Year tracks or AWAY tracks for short.

Establishing Trust. A figure of some £200,000 would be raised on an acre-owned basis. There being some 2,676,700 acres of mainland involved, this figure would be the base-line of the 100% capital required. Approximately 26,767 Acres would represent 1% of capital or £2,000. As the F.I.C. owns around 1,299,000 acres or 59.4% of capital the F.I.C. would donate a sum of £118,000 towards the fund. A farm of 150,000 acres or 5.62% would donate £11,420- with the smallest non-registered mainland farm of 25,700 acres contributing 0.962% or £1,934. As a charitable trust it would or could avoid the usual taxation clauses and in the ordinary way it would be eligible to compensation for capital employed on machinery etc., I was hoping to figure out some formula whereas with expert financial juggling a sum of £200,000 could be loaned from some international monetary organisation, using the capital as security and the loan invested in a good balanced portfolio-the original capital being used for the purchase of necessary equipment. This would necessitate further donations from the farms- say around an extra fifth plus interest per year on a five year loan. Over a period of years the investment of £200,000 should yield a good sum of interest for road maintenance. Perhaps one day it would be possible to channel the original sum back to the farms and leave a still considerable sum out of the interest to gain further interest.

Planning. Having reached this stage it would then be necessary to compile a comprehensive map of routes to be taken by the new tracks. Firstly an overall plan of the Falklands which is then divided up into areas covering each farm followed by further division into sections of track to be completed stage by stage. This would call for very careful planning and co-ordination of everyone involved. Topographical features would be anticipated and studied with areas for draining, levelling, sites for bridging and quarry work noted in advance.

Equipment. Among the major items to be considered for purchase would be the following; a bulldozer, a large JCB, a couple of 20 cu. yard four-wheel drive tippers and a roller for consolidation. I'm afraid that this order would have to be doubled- one lot for the West and one for the East. A selection of large diameter pipes for culverts plus a quantity of materials for bridging purposes. This doesn't include any equipment which would be needed for quarry work. It may prove worth while to send a local man away for a course on explosives and demolitions-anyhow with or without a scheme for roads it would still be worth while to have a trained man on hand in the Colony for this kind of work. He would be worth his weight in TNT

Labour. To keep prices of construction rock-bottom, labour would be drawn from the farms with the bulk of the work of general labour being done during the off-season period. Some men though would have to work right through with the capital equipment to avoid it lying idle. Men would work at ordinary

farm rates and top management would do their bit by lending their expertise at low rates. Above all we want to keep this a community project with everyone enthusiastic to see the task completed as quickly and efficiently as cheap as possible. There should be no quibbling over who does what and he's earning more than me. Labour relations on all sides should run as smoothly as possible. As long as everybody is put in the picture from the word go, all should operate correctly.

The Track. Suffice to say that it would be negotiable in most weather with the exception of snow which tends to cause havoc with the best roadways in the World. It would be wide enough for most single line traffic with an adjoining hard shoulder to be used in the event of meeting traffic coming from the opposite direction. The finished surface should permit an average speed of 20-30 m.p.h. to be maintained in comfort which should revolutionise overland travel here, doing for us what the Concorde has done to conventional jet travel. Materials used would have to be simple and plentiful though the quarrying sites wouldn't be of great importance in relation to the track as I imagine the tracks would have to start at the source of material otherwise the heavy equipment would soon churn the ground up to a mass of mud.

Conclusion. That we need some kind of major road improvement in our overland travel is fairly obvious but just how much our community ills can be traced to this over riding fault may not be at first appreciated. Our social life should take a good upswing-just to be able to visit neighbouring farms easily such as in the evening and return the same. It would be possible to run a small car rather than the ubiquitous Landrover the latter being a heavy, expensive machine to operate anyway. Hidden savings to the farms would be enormous. I doubt if any farm could arrive at the thousands of pounds it costs the Falklands every year in work performed by sending tractors and Landrovers to and fro for business. To think of all these machines at present grinding and labouring over tortuous tracks which meander all over the place in an effort to avoid the worst spots. I would like to think that sometime in the future it would be possible to instal the ultimate to this scheme- that being a ferry link to the East and West. Then it would be possible to inaugurate a regular mail, freight cum passenger service delivering all and sundry fresh into Stanley. Perhaps it would be possible to be whisked into town by ambulance from the far West in an emergency without having to wait three or four days for conditions to ease to permit flying.

One could go on and on with the possibilities which I feel are within our grasp-especially when one considers that most other internal travel systems were financed by private entrepreneurs and all these systems opened up their countries to the benefit of all.

This system offers the best of both worlds-the trust offered by the farms and the response by the labour force to do a good cheap job. It would serve as an example to the rest of the World what we as a community are capable of.

MODUS OPERANDI

Carcass Island.

21st July 1976

Dear Editor,

I have been asked by Miss Meg Laver whether I know who wrote under the pseudonyms 'FIGARA' and 'THULE' in the Falkland Islands Weekly News in 1939/40. I cannot remember myself although I think I knew at the time. I wonder if you or your readers can help? Also who was the artist 'NOD' who did little cartoon pictures of 'Life in the Falklands' in the mid 1940s? Finally Miss Laver asked if I knew who was the author of the poem on the

outside cover of the booklet by Forrest McWhan which was sold in aid of St Dunstons? I cannot remember the poem although I think I have a copy of the booklet somewhere but can't remember where it is. I thought the was what we know as 'The Song of the Falklands'.

I was interested to see the suggestion that the 'Times' should be published fortnightly and hope that you will be able to manage this in due course, we all look forward to our outspoken little paper.

Yours sincerely
(Sgnd) Kitty Bertrand

San Carlos
East Falkland Island.
24th July 1976

Dear Sir,

In your June issue Mr F.G. Mitchell commented on something I wrote in my Election manifesto. Though I took up quite a lot of your space in the June issue I would be grateful if you would allow me to reply to Mr Mitchell.

Mr Mitchell said in the 1st sentence of the last paragraph of his letter-I quote; "I would like to make it quite clear that the F.I.C. has no Monopoly of trading in the Colony" end of quote. This is what Mr Mitchell wrote in the 1975/76 issue of 'Britain Overseas' winter number-I quote; "The ancilliary services are not sufficiently attractive financially to attract much competition but are operated responsibly by the Company in what are virtually monopoly conditions." end of quote. Well alright, I will settle for virtual Monopoly, after all Mr Mitchell should know; the Shackleton Team on page 19 of their Report would seem to settle for virtual Monopoly as well. Maybe the Monopoly is operated responsibly by FIC now; FIC however is a wholly owned subsidiary of another Company. Well yes, subsidiaries no matter what Mr Mitchell says, do what the owning Company says. Maybe the owning Company's Policy is benevolent now but tomorrow it may not be so benevolent and FIC may be told to "squash us a bit harder than now".

Anyway thank you Mr Mitchell for putting me right; Virtual Monopoly not Monopoly.

(Sgnd) Adrian Monk.

HYDATID PARASITE

While listening to the weekly Newsletter I was more than shocked when I heard the result of the Supreme Court concerning the hydatid. I believe the hydatid disease is getting worse instead of better or maybe we are just learning more about the disease and that makes it sound worse. I was a dog owner myself once and hope to be again someday with let's say a difference. When first the rules came out about caging dogs I was one of the worst to kick up. But there is a time when one has to swallow his pride.

I have just come back from the British Hospital in Buenos Aires where I watched a brave little boy (Neil Clifton) go through the operation for the second time. Was it someone like myself who wouldn't cage his dogs that caused that little boy the pain and family expense? Not forgetting the Government expense. It certainly changed my way of thinking. I would like to make a few suggestions; 1) Instead of putting up the telephone rental in Stanley put the dog licences up. 2) Any dog found to be running around Stanley to be reported by anyone to an inspector and must be destroyed straight away by the vet- by the proper means of course. At least it would help to clean up the grass patches in Stanley and help to make the grass safe for children to play on. I am sure they are not safe by any means now as one morning alone I saw four different

dogs on the children's Playing Field and they were not dogs that live close to this area. So it seems that some people let their dog out in the morning for a run on its own. Why? Is it to save their own yard? It is easy to say "I have handled dogs for 30-40 years or more and never got hydatid disease" (So have I) We are lucky so why not all pull together and help clean the disease up for ever- unless we do we will never be clear of the killing disease.

There are some things I would like to know; Why is it that in the Camp the Managers are the inspectors? Would it not be better if a none dog owner was an inspector? Would it not be possible for an inspector to visit farms without warning? It is very encouraging that the Government are spending £1,200 for equipment etc, for testing the people of the Islands- but surely prevention is better than cure!

V.L.Berntsen.

WHERE HAVE all the POLICEMEN GONE? Gone to better jobs every one!

By the time this edition is put on sale, our Chief Police Officer, who has been on leave and training in the Motherland, will probably be back in the Colony. It is also possible that the two officers mentioned in the Governor's address to the recent Leg. Co. meeting who have been recruited 'to lead and instruct local members of the force' will have arrived- only to find a skeleton crew or perhaps a token force sounds more appropriate.

About a year ago the Police Force had a full complement of full time officers using 'Specials' only occasionally. For the past four months or so through leave, sickness and resignations the Specials have formed the backbone of the Force and the remaining regulars (two constables and a Policewoman) have shouldered responsibilities normally borne by senior officers. Until the attitude of the Administration regarding the Police Force changes one can't foresee any improvement in the situation. About three years ago a Foreign and Commonwealth Office Inspector of Colonial Police visited the Islands and submitted his report. How many of his recommendations have materialised?

Last July when the then Inspector retired after eighteen and a half years service and the Sergeant promoted to Inspector and a Constable to Sergeant, we were (for overseas readers I should mention here that I joined the Force in May '55 and left last October) looking forward to a small celebration at Government expense. However the Men at the Top decided that the invitation list was too long! The Administration should be aware by now why people are leaving the Police Force (one of the remaining two regular constables is due to leave at the end of this month to go back to work in the Camp and our Policewoman is due to leave in October) as usually when an officer leaves he is interviewed by or on behalf of the Chief Secretary and all apparently give the main reason for leaving as the poor salary. £840 per annum with a Cost of Living Allowance of £690 is hardly going to attract men who are virtually on call 24 hours a day seven days a week and subject to Police Regulations which among other things requires them to tender three months notice of resignation. Contrary to what some people believe, a policeman's job here is not a cushy number.

If the salary of Police Constables was to be brought into line with that of a Senior Clerk in our Civil Service (£1,104-£1,356) then the Force would probably attract older or perhaps married men who would feel that a career in the Falkland Islands Police Force, with its long hours and sometimes unpopular duties, would be worthwhile.

No sir. Offering limited accomodation 'in certain circumstances' is not enough. They want a carrot-not a handful of straw!

Point to Ponder-

Opinion is private property which the law cannot seize.

NEWS in BRIEF.

SECOND HYDATID APPEAL SUCCESSFUL. Mr F. Cooke, the Colony's Legal adviser who paid a month's visit (13th May to 13th June) to work on the revision of the Islands' laws, was appointed to act as Supreme Court Judge on 11th June to hear the Appeal of Mr A.T. Blake who had been convicted under the Hydatid Eradication (dogs) Order on 31st March (see page 4 of April TIMES) Mr Blake appealed on the grounds that he was wrongly prosecuted as he was not the owner of the farm and that the offal in the exposed drum was older than 28 days. The judge's verdict was that the charge could not stand as he was not satisfied with the Prosecution's case and there had been a confliction of evidence. The fine of £150 was set aside.

WETTEST MARCH at PORT HOWARD. March this year was the wettest on record at Port Howard with rainfall at 94.7mm (3.73"). The average rainfall for the previous twenty-six years there was 51.69mm (2.04")

CHARRINGTONS CHAIRMAN GIVES ASSURANCES. In his annual statement to shareholders and under the heading 'Sheepfarming' Mr Rowland Hall, Chairman of Charrington, Gardner Locket Ltd., said "On your behalf, I should like to assure the Islanders that, in spite of their remoteness are very conscious of their various difficulties and frustrations and they may rely on our whole-hearted co-operation and goodwill".

NEW FILM OFFICER. The new Film Officer, who succeeds Mr Peter Short, is Mr Vernon Steen. The duties of this part-time Government post paying £200 per annum are the ordering and distribution of the films in the Film Library.

ANNUAL DRY DOCKING. The Falklands' coasting vessel m/v Monsunen sailed for Punta Arenas (Chile) at 1700hrs on Friday 2nd July. After experiencing heavy seas the vessel finally arrived at her destination during the morning of Thursday 8th. (This voyage usually takes about 3 days).

RUBY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY. On Sunday 18th July Mr & Mrs Bill Goss celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary. Unfortunately the couple could not celebrate this occasion together as Bill was in Punta Arenas with the Monsunen.

FREEDOM of STANLEY for ROYAL MARINES. A recent proposal by Councillor John Smith that the Royal Marines be conferred the honour of the Freedom of Stanley has been followed up through the Foreign & Commonwealth Office and approved by the Ministry of Defence. The proposal has been welcomed by Lt General Sir Peter Whiteley KB OBE who is the Commandant General of the Corps. It is envisaged that the Freedom Ceremony will take place on 8th December, which is our Battle Day, but will be treated as a distinct and separate event.

PROSPECTIVE IMMIGRANTS. A new style of Public Notice was broadcast recently. It was a list of people who are seeking employment in the Falklands. (One of the Shackleton Report recommendations is the establishing of a regularly updated register of farm jobs, business opportunities and vacant houses which can be regularly published locally and provided to potential immigrants)

L.A.D.E. ANNOUNCE CHEAPER FARES. After the escalation of air fares on the Fokker 27 aircraft operated by LADE and which is the only link with the outside world announced a reduction in the fares from Stanley to Buenos Aires. The fare which was \$100.10 in April was recently reduced to £57.30. The fare at 27th July has been further reduced to £55.88

CHEAPER DIESEL-DEARER PETROL. The Falkland Islands Co. Ltd., recently announced that the price of diesel had been reduced from 41p to 40p per gallon. However due to the sharp rise in the cost of drums at Mar del Plata petrol has been increased from 90p to £1.32 per gallon.

A DAY to REMEMBER! Sunday 27th June will not be forgotten in a hurry. Gale force winds and savage snow squalls swept the Falklands in what was the roughest day here for many years. Considerable damage was done to property and the look-out hut near the Hooker's Point air-strip blew over injuring the Royal Marine sentry on duty. The roof of the Johnston Construction Ltd., office at Cape Pembroke blew away and materials and equipment lost. Although the storm tore down power lines causing power failure the intrepid linesmen were out restoring the electricity supply. The yacht FLYDD broke loose from her moorings but thanks to the crew of the FIC tender LIVELY she was saved from being dashed upon the shore at the east end of the Harbour.

DERBY SWEEPSTAKE. This year's sweepstake on the Derby and organised by the F.I. Football League raised over \$400 for club funds. League champions this year were Rangers who beat Mustangs in a play-off 2-1. Our third league team in the Falklands is called Redsox. The winners of the six-a-side tournament were Mackeson's Mob skippered by James Lee.

SHEEPDOG TRIALS. This year's Championship Sheepdog Trials held at the Sixty Acre paddock in Stanley on Sunday 25th July were won by Les Morrison of Hill Cove with Shell scoring 112 out of a possible 135 points. Second was Fenton Hirtle of Roy Cove (previously of Hill Cove) with Judy. In third place there was a tie between Raymond Evans of Pebble Island with Sweep and Nigel Knight of North Arm with Tania.

DOG INSPECTORS RESIGN. Two of the Colony's inspectors under the Dogs Ordinance have resigned; they being Mr. A.T. Blake of North Arm and Mr S.R. Miller of Roy Cove, both of whom are farm managers.

APPRENTICESHIP BOARD RECONSTITUTED. The Apprenticeship Board is now; Chairman-Mr R.D. Clements; Ex-Officio-Supt. of Education; Representatives of Employers-Supt. of Public Works and Manager Cable & Wireless Ltd.; Representatives of Operatives-General Secretary of General Employees' Union and Mr W.E. Bowles

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS. Early this year Government advertised for persons interested in training as mechanics with the Air Service to make application. Although we could not get Official confirmation we understand that five people applied and the successful applicants subject to satisfactory medicals were Mr Vernon Steen who is a senior clerk in the Post Office and Mr John Coutts who is at present working with JCL.

NEW SPANISH TEACHER. The new Argentine Spanish teacher arrived on Sunday 18th July. She is Senorita Maria Eugenia Greco from Mar del Plata who replaces Maria Teresa Canas who left the Islands recently after marrying Mr Roger Davis who was working here with JCL

CAMP COMMUNICATIONS. A recently broadcast Government announcement said that the problem of communications with the Camp, especially during the hours of darkness, is continually under review. A series of tests is being conducted in this field and they include; 1) Tests between Fox Bay, Cable and Wireless, Saunders Island and the Stanley Broadcasting Studio to try to ascertain the most favourable frequencies.

2) Tests between Fox Bay and Darwin with a view to utilising a tone alarm system.

3) Tests throughout the night between Stanley and various Camp stations.

4) The upgrading of Fox Bay Station by installing a more powerful transmitter is also being investigated.

(Editor's note; The names of the two successful air mechanic applicants was confirmed officially)

TEMPORARY AIRSTRIP. The extension of the temporary airstrip at Hookers Point by Argentine engineers was completed towards the end of June. The strip which was 800 metres long now has a length of 1200 metres.

CHILDREN'S FANCY DRESS PARTY. The annual Children's Fancy Dress Party organised by the Stanley Social Club (Working Men's Social Club) was held in the Town Hall on Saturday 17th July. A dance in the Town Hall the same evening raised £60 for the Party Fund.

POWER HOUSE FEED TANK LEAK. After reports of a strong smell of diesel oil during the evening of Sunday 18th July it was discovered that the 7,000 gallon feed tank at the Power House was leaking. Power House staff assisted by others pumped the remaining fuel into one of the larger tanks and the loss of fuel was minimal thanks to their swift action.

NEW LIBRARY HOURS. Following an experimental change of Stanley Library hours on Thursdays from 5-7p.m. to 3-5p.m. the Library Committee have announced that Tuesday's opening time has also been changed. Hours are now; Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 5-7p.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays 3-5p.m.

SHIPPING. Apart from Monsunen's dry-docking trip the only other deep sea movement was that of the charter ship ANNE BEWA which departed for the United Kingdom via St. Vincent on July 7th carrying 2,863 bales of wool, 32 tons of general cargo (mostly personal effects) and 10 bales of wet, salted sheepskins. The next charter voyage will be made by the ANNETTE DANIELSEN which is due to leave the U.K. on 27th August.

AIR TRAVELLERS. There were five flights of the F27 aircraft in June. Sixty-two passengers arrived of whom one was a tourist and one hundred and thirty passengers departed of whom two were tourists.

HOUSE PARENTS for DARWIN SCHOOL. The newly created posts of House Parents for Darwin Boarding School have been taken by Mr & Mrs Neville Bennet, who, with their two children Isobel and Rachael, are due to fly out to Darwin shortly.

TROUBLESOME TANKER. On the morning of Sunday 20th June the water tanker belonging to Argentine personnel engaged in the extension of the Hookers Point airstrip ran back down Villiers Street and through the corrugated iron fence of the property of Mr Ray Campbell at the junction of Villiers St and John St (opposite the Speedwell Store). The post shed which was full acted as a buffer and consequently, although not smashed down, was twisted. The next morning the same vehicle was being driven up the same hill when it ran back into the fence of Power House causing minor damage.

GOVERNOR'S CUP. The Governor's Cup Darts Competition held at the Town Hall last night and tonight and had 149 entries was won by Les Biggs who beat Mike Smith in an exciting final by 2 games to 1. In the Ladies Rose Bowl Competition Paulina McKay was victorious over Joan Middleton. This part of the tournament had 37 entries.

KELPER CENTENARIAN. On Thursday 29th July the Governor sent a congratulatory telegram to Mr Jim Pitaluga, who is now residing in Cornwall, on the attainment of his 100th birthday.

CPA REPRESENTATIVE. It was announced tonight that the Hon. L.G. Blake had been selected by the Falkland Islands Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association to represent it at the CPA conference to be held in Mauritius from 18th-30th September. Mr Blake who is the Manager of Hill Cove and the elected Member for West Falklands on the Legislature represented the Colony at last year's CPA conference in New Delhi.

JUNE WEATHER.

June brought less wind than is usual for this month with more rain and less sunshine than normal.

Total rainfall was 63.4mm(2.5") which is about 16mm more than usual. Average wind speed was 12.3 knots(4 knots less than usual) with 35 hours when it was of gale force and 312 hours when it was 10 knots or less. The highest gust recorded at Stanley was 88 knots(100 m.p.h.) on the 27th. The daily average sunshine was 1.6 hours which is 12 minutes less than usual for this time of year. The average temperature was 2 deg C(35.6F) the highest being 7.2 deg C (44.96F) on the 10th and the lowest minus 5.4 degC(22.28F) on the 26th. There were twenty one occasions on which ground frost was recorded, this being one more than the June average.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES and DEATHS.

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

July 14th to Mr & Mrs Basil Morrison (Cathy McMillan) a daughter
ANGELA CATHERINE (10lbs 6oz)

Marriage in Christ Church Cathedral on July 31st

Rowena, older daughter of Mr & Mrs W. McBeth of Sedge Island to
Derek, third son of Mr & Mrs Nigel Summers of Stanley.

and in Southampton;

Landy Harrison and Petty Officer G. Edwards on the 12 June

Forthcoming Marriage; Margaret Nightingale and Reginald Anderson

Deaths. in Tasmania on 14th July, Mr Andy Halliday aged 76 years.
(Andy left the Islands about 1960)
in Stanley;

July 22nd Mr George Douglas Smith aged 71 years

July 27th Mrs Sarah Craig Cartmell aged 75 years

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STRICKEN BEAVER SHIPPED BACK to STANLEY.

August 1976.

When m/v FORREST arrived in Stanley on Wednesday 18th August she was carrying the dismantled Alpha Lima Beaver aircraft, one of the two 'planes that form our internal air-service. The aircraft, now a write-off, capsized at New Island on the 11th August at approximately 1500 hrs whilst taxiing towards a dinghy carrying its passengers who were due to fly to Stanley, when it was struck by a freak wind commonly known here as a 'woolly'. The unlucky pilot was the tall Canadian John Lavine who first came to the Falklands when he piloted a Cessna Skyhawk aircraft from America on March 20th (see April TIMES). After being approached by Government he agreed to act as relief pilot during the absence on leave of Ian Campbell and he returned to the Islands on May 6th.

Although the accident occurred after John had clocked up over 200 hours flying here giving him a tally of over 4,300 flying hours since he became a pilot ten years ago at the age of sixteen, he has been grounded but asked to fly in an emergency until the return of Ian Campbell on September 9th. It was in this role that he flew to Darwin on Saturday 28th. Although not officially announced there was a Board of Inquiry into the incident. Many people were annoyed as this is not the first time a freak wind has capsized a Beaver but it is the first time a pilot has been grounded as a result. There were pathetic Government announcements about the incident and the subsequent collapse of the air-service due to the hospitalisation of our second pilot Jim Kerr who is also the Director of Civil Aviation here. None of the news releases expressed what a miracle it was that Big Bad John escaped from the aircraft unscathed by sliding down one of the 'planes floats to the waiting dinghy after the cockpit started to fill with water.

When I asked Capt. Lavine if he had been told to miss out New Island if he thought there was any risk involved (the mean wind speed was about 35 knots) he replied "No Sir! In fact when I asked Jim if it wasn't rather late to be leaving for New Island (he did not leave Stanley until after 1230hrs) he said that I had plenty of time".

BAD BLOOD at HOSPITAL. It was announced on Saturday 4th September that a Board of Inquiry was to be convened to investigate the dissension between the Colony's three 'doctors. The hopeless situation in which apparently Doctors Cox and Dunnett are at loggerheads with Dr. Lee has been going on for some time and no doubt is another problem which Government hoped would go away (I seem to remember a Councillor at the June Leg. Co. meeting refer to us having our heads in the sand!). The dispute came into the open after a short broadcast on 4.5Mhz by the Senior Medical Officer Dr. Cox in which he gave the reason why there would be no more 'Doctor skeds' and said that he and Dr. Dunnett would be withdrawing from all duties other than emergencies due to a dispute with Government. Executive Council have met more than once over the matter and although I can't get anyone to confirm it, it appears that the Board comprises of the Chief Secretary and Councillors Goss and Smith.

More on these major talking points next time.

LETTERBOX

Wilmette, Illinois,
U.S.A.
9th August, 1976.

Dear Sir,

As a stamp collector in North America, I decry any action to take away Falkland stamp issues from the Crown Agents. Please make a stand for sensible philatelic policy and not promulgate vast, new and meaningless "label" type stamps.

Yours faithfully,
W.E. Robertson.

Stanley.
5th August, 1976.

Dear Editor,

I'd like to air my views on Lord Shackleton's recommendations to Philately.
Ref. to: Economic Survey of the Falkland Islands.
Chairman: The Rt. Hon. Lord Shackleton KG PC OBE.
Volume 1 of 2 Government Finances and Public Services. Outlook pp 327-329.
Volume 2 of 2 Strategy, Recommendations & Implementation, published July, 1976.
Chapter 2C - Implementation and Finance.
Government Recurrent Finances p. 102.

As a Philatelic collector of Falkland Islands stamps I feel strongly that the recommendations on Philately should NOT be implemented.

I'd like to make it stronger by pointing out if the Crown Agents cease to be the production and marketing authority, I for one will cease to buy Falkland new issues. Also I will discontinue sending them overseas to friends.

Surely it would be better in the long term interest to have a steady growth than to get rich quick, for say maybe two years. Before Falklands stamps died out. Ref: St. Vincent.

As yet I've never known of anything that was done in an aggressive way to be a success. I'd like to hear other people's views on our Philatelic future.

Yours faithfully,
Brenda Whitney.

Fox Bay West,
West Falklands,
Falkland Islands.
5th August, 1976.

Dear Sir,

I feel I must write after reading the absurd statement by a TIMES (London) leader which was published in your paper last month.

The report I refer to was as follows, and I quote:- 'It is difficult to envisage how H.M.G. could justify spending thirteen million pounds in aid over the next five years on a population who enjoy a per capita income comparable to the U.K. when there are very poor countries whose aid is being threatened at this time' end of quote. I can think of many men, alas now in history most of them that would tear this statement to shreds for many different reasons.

To name but a few:-

Does this gentleman (?) know how much during the last fifty odd years H.M.G. have ploughed back into the Colony after taking so much in the way of Taxes from the proceeds of 'Our National Product'. Correct me if I am wrongly informed but I think it was as high as two million in 1914 or thereabouts.

It would also do this questioned gentleman a power of good to walk up to, study and contemplate the War Memorial in Stanley. Thirteen million looks rather a sick gesture to a proud group of names etched into a block of stone.

It is a plausible and honourable thing when a rich nation helps 'poor countries'. How can this gentleman imply that Britain is rich?

It seems to me that this gentleman would wish that the Falklands be given to someone else, (no prizes for correct guesses) after all Britain seems to have been in the giving mood for the last thirty or so years but one thing that this man doesn't seem to realise is that the countries we have given back were to their own people. Isn't it different with us, are we not BRITISH?

Finally I would like to see this gentleman come to the Falklands, give up his colour tele, large detached suburban residence not forgetting his and his wifes car, his high salary with the Times and all the perks that go with the job and enjoy his so called 'per capita income with the U.K.' all on £08 per capita month.

Yours faithfully,
Peter Walmsley.

Falkland Islands Co. Ltd.,
94a Whitechapel High St.,
London E1 7QY.

Dear Sir,

I apologise for again raising this question of monopoly but Adrian Monk's letter of 24th July cannot go unanswered.

The Concise Oxford dictionary defines monopoly as "exclusive possession of the trade in some commodity, this conferred as privilege by State." The Company has not a monopoly within this definition but it has a "Virtual Monopoly" because no one else is interested in setting up in competition. This is a measure of the responsible way in which the Company operates these ancillary activities.

Of course, as Adrian states, there would be a change of policy now that we are a wholly owned subsidiary but I believe this to be unlikely with Charringtons. But one thing is certain, however, and that is neither I nor my colleagues would be party to harsh policies.

Yours faithfully,
F.G. Mitchell
Managing Director.

Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

Dear Sir,

I thought the letter of Modus Operandi on Camp Roads should be an inspiration to us all and I hope something comes of his ideas. What about our Stanley Roads?

Why do we sit back and wait for somebody else to renew these? Why not get on with it ourselves? As far as I know our Government has road making machinery available. Supposing a Public Meeting was called and everyone from 16 to 60, or even 70!, of both sexes volunteered to work week-ends road making - after all gardens can be worked in evenings once peat is out. Then Mr. Royans and experts like John Rowlands could be asked to draw up a plan of work. I suppose an early start could be made on rock crushing, and shouldn't we start a campaign to raise money to buy cement? After all if we can carpet our hospital we can surely cover our roads!

As Kelpers, we are renowned for the ability to turn our hands to anything. I'm sure the community spirit is here, we just want some leaders to stand-up and get us going. Let us all get on with helping ourselves to improve our Islands, build up the community, and STAY BRITISH.

Yours faithfully,
R. Miller.

Hill Cove,
Falkland Islands.
16th August, 1976.

Dear Editor,

Further to your comment in the July edition of the Times, referring to the Government's reluctance to part with Shackleton's report unless accompanied with confirmation and a cash with order basis.

This cash with order basis, has long been a peculiarity mainly to be found with Government, whereas most other traders in Stanley are quite happy to accept bona-fide orders from the camp, and to dispatch the goods without prior payment, Government deems it fit to demand cash with order.

Now this can be quite annoying for those of us living in the camp, especially when the transaction requires to be completed by two trips of the Beaver, which can be a prolonged affair.

Does Government fear that intending buyers might do a bunk from the Colony without paying? I would have thought it easier to abscond from Alcatraz than the Falklands.

I suppose its a case of rules is rules! start to bend them and you'll lead to anarchy, civil disorder, government collapse and gracious - revolution!

Really it only highlights the gulf between the administration - secretariat and the camp, which could be helped by making all top civil servants serve a 12 month probationary period in the outback, sorry the far west, to appreciate more accurately the problems of camp life.

Yours faithfully,
Mr. Ron Reeves.

P.O. Box 148,
Stanley.
17th August, 1976.

Dear Sir,

For only the second time during this Century we are about to witness the Silver Jubilee of our Sovereign.

To-date the only known celebration to mark this event is the issue of a set of stamps. Surely we who want the world to know that we are British and intend to remain so, are going to demonstrate our Britishness on this very important occasion by jubilation, a public holiday and the accompanying pageantry that normally forms part of such occasions, a heritage of which we are justly proud.

However, I sat through the Budget Session of Legislative Council but did not hear any mention of any provision of funds to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. As 6th February, 1977 is now less than 6 months hence, I hope our Administration will be taking steps to provide an interesting and fitting programme of events to celebrate such an auspicious occasion, which will prove to the world we mean what we say, when we proclaim "KEEP THE FALKLANDS BRITISH".

Yours faithfully,
Velma Malcolm

WHAT ARE WE DOING TOGETHER????

Its a known or supposed fact that in small communities, such as ours, there is usually a high standard of communal co-operation.

It would seem that Falkland Island farmers are an exception. Each farm remains a strictly closed unit with very little if any combined effort being made to combat problems that we have in common.

Take for example the KED problem, here we are on the verge of defeating a common enemy, victory could be ours with a little communal co-operation.

How many farms, that are free of keds, have offered help to their neighbour, that still has the problem??

How many farms along the Wickham Heights have got together to attempt to clear the area of stray sheep??

I think that the answer to both these questions is NONE.

What are we doing about Keds then, we are putting forward legislation to fine farms that have keds.

Will legislation help the farm that is short of shepherds to get some more??

Will legislation improve the standard of shepherding ensuring clean gathers??

Will legislation rid the Wickham Heights of stray sheep??

Will legislation stop keds from becoming immune to dip as in the past??

Will legislation stop re-infection from a neighbour who still has the problem??

I think the answer in all cases is NO.

What will this legislation do??

Will legislation cause ill feeling against the administration??

Will legislation cause managerial depression when the problem is beyond the control of the management??

Will legislation cause ill feeling between neighbours, in cases of re-infection??

Will legislation cause increased pressure on a depleted and over stressed labour force, probably driving them from camp if not the Colony??

I think the answer in all cases is YES.

What should we do then??

Should we send shepherds and labourers, at cost, to help that neighbour that just can't quite get rid of the beasts??

Should we get together and clean gather the Wickham Heights??

Should we generally work together to eradicate a common enemy to the benefit of the Colony??

Should we take a good look and see if there is anything else we can do in the same spirit??

I think the answer in all cases is YES.

A.T. BLAKE

STANLEY SWIMMING POOL

At a meeting in Stanley on 6th August the Trustees for the proposed new swimming pool were given a portfolio of seven drawings together with detailed schedules of work and quantities for the project. The donors, who had undertaken the work in their own time on an honorary basis, were Mr. Brian Ashfield and Mr. Phillip Thompson.

The receipt of this material takes Stanley one step nearer the realisation of a century old aspiration. The new material complements the feasibility study on the project undertaken by a firm of consulting engineers just under a year ago.

The site of the pool is to be in the old power station building. The pool will be built up above ground level, with dressing rooms and other facilities below. It will have a filtration plant, a mechanical ventilating system, and special plant to use waste heat from power station generators to warm the water of the pool.

Mr. Harold Rowlands, the Financial Secretary said that a substantial sum of money was already available to get the project launched. It included donations from the public in both the Camp and Stanley; and from the Government.

Another £2,000 is available from the Great Britain fund on demand, and an application has gone to the European Economic Community for further financial help.

Mr. Tom Royans, Superintendent of Public Works, who produced a design for the pool three years ago, was at the meeting as was Mr. Clem Clements, another of the Trustees. The meeting was chaired by the Deputy Governor, Mr. Gordon Slater.

The Trustees are now considering ways of raising further funds. It was stated after the meeting that some organisations and firms had already offered help of various kinds.

The Committee warmly thanked Messrs Ashfield and Thompson for their contribution which would mean a considerable saving in the project.

JULY WEATHER

July this year was the coldest, snowiest and sunniest for ten years with slightly more rain and less wind than usual.

Total rainfall was 52.2mm (2.05") which is about 7mm more than the July average. The average wind speed was 13.3 knots (2 knots less than usual) with 13 hours when it was of gale force and 301 hours when it was 10 knots or less. The highest gust recorded at Stanley was 52 knots on the 30th. Daily average sunshine was 3.1 hours which makes July this year the sunniest on record. The average daily temperature was 1.5 deg C (34.7 F) the highest being 6.5 deg C (43.7 F) on the 20th and the lowest -5.5 deg C (22.1 F) on the 26th. There were 16 occasions on which snow covered half the ground and 25 occasions on which ground frost was recorded this being 4 more than the July average.

WEDDING

- MacBeth - Summers

Christ Church Cathedral was the scene of a very pretty wedding on Saturday 31st July when Rowena, eldest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Wally Macbeth of Sedge Island and Derek, third son of Mr. & Mrs. Nigel Summers of Stanley were married by the Reverend Gerald Smith.

Unfortunately the bride's parents could not be present due to unfavourable weather conditions preventing the Beaver from lifting them from Sedge Island and she was given away by her brother Raymond. Rowena's bridesmaids were Marilyn Bonner and little Annaliese Clarke, also Marie younger sister of the bride. Hair styles were by Rita and Mrs. Kay McCallum made the beautiful dresses. The flowers for the bouquets were from Comodoro Rivalavia being a present from Matron of the K.E.M. Hospital where Rowena works as a nurse and which were expertly arranged by Mrs. Rene Rowlands.

Derek's best man was Mr. Neil McKay and both he and the groom were dressed in dark suits with carnation buttonholes. Due to the Wintry road conditions the bridal party had to use Land Rovers to be conveyed to the Hospital to visit patients and duty staff then on to the Town Hall for the reception followed by supper at Emma's.

The day's celebrations concluded with a lively dance in the Town Hall.

NON ALIGNED CONFERENCE Calls for Handover

The recent Conference of Non Aligned countries held in Colombo demanded the restoration of the sovereignty over Guantanamo, the Panama Canal Zone and the Malvinas respectively to Cuba, Panama and Argentina who were the rightful owners of these territories.

The declaration went on "In the special and particular case of the Falkland Islands, the Conference firmly supported the just claim of the Argentine Republic and urged the United Kingdom to actively pursue the negotiations recommended by the United Nations for the purpose of restoring that territory to Argentine sovereignty thus ending that illegal situation that still prevails in the extreme southern part of the American continent".

(Ed. The Declaration on the granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples adopted by the United Nations General Assembly states; "All peoples have the right to self-determination; by virtue of that right they freely determine their political status and freely pursue their economic, social and cultural development")

NEWS in BRIEF.

INCREASE FOR PENSIONERS. We failed to report the increase of the O.A.P. and Contributions made at the Legislative Council Meeting on June 25th. After a determined bid by Councillor Flake to improve the lot of our Pensioners the Legislature went into Select Committee at approximately 4.30 p.m. on the final day of the session and Council resumed at about 5.15 when it reported to His Excellency that the amendments proposed by Councillor Blake and seconded by Councillor Adrian Monk had been approved. The result being that Pensioners are to receive an extra £1 per week as from the 1st July and single folk will now receive £6 per week and married couples £9. Contributions will be increased at the 1st January 1977 from; Employers 80p - 92p per week, Employees 50p - 62p per week and self-employed persons £1.30 - £1.54 per week.

HOSPITAL VISITING COMMITTEE. The Hospital Visiting Committee for 1976 comprises of Mrs. Hulda Stewart 'Chairman, Monsignor Spraggon and Mrs. Hermine Johnston who replaces Mrs. Valerie Bennett who resigned when she went to work at Darwin.

UPLAND GEESE VISIT the TOWN. Both visitors and residents now have an added attraction to Stanley. For about a month now a small flock of Upland Geese, consisting of a goose and five ganders have been grazing peacefully on Victory Green opposite the UPLAND GOOSE Hotel. They had also been observed on the green outside the Secretariat.

NEWS of ISLANDERS ABROAD. Mr. David Hardy of the radio division, Metropolitan Police (London) has been promoted to Telecommunications Technical Officer Grade 2. David left the Islands in 1973 returning for a brief visit last year.

Peter Felton (younger son of Mr. Roy Felton of Stanley) has been appointed Deputy Headmaster at Whitenights School, Earley near Reading while his wife Jennie now has a B. Ed. degree (2nd Class Honours) from Reading University.

OUR BOYS at BISLEY. Falkland Islanders have yet again displayed their high standard of marksmanship at the annual Bisley Camp at Woking (England). The Falklands Rifle Association with a membership of just over twenty and represented by Ron Betts, Tim Dobbins, Robin Henriksen, Gerald Cheek and Owen May was competing against many countries including the USA. The Falklands were 3rd in the Junior Kelapore with a score of 561 (Winners were Barbados with 573 and 2nd the USA with 568). In the Junior McKinnon the Falklands team were 4th with 352 points (Winners were Jersey 360, 2nd Guernsey with 357 and 3rd Barbados 353). In individual competitions Robin won the Sudan with 99 points and won the gold medal with Gerald being second with 97 points and winning the silver medal.

FALKLAND ISLANDS JOURNAL 1975. The Journal has now been placed on sale and can be obtained from Mr. Sidney Miller, Ross House, Stanley. The price is 50p or 80p including 2nd class air-mail.

SEMINAR at FORT SAN CARLOS. The second Camp Teachers 'Work-in' at Port San Carlos was held over the weekend 23-26th July. It was confined to teachers from the permanent settlement schools and enabled them to discuss new teaching methods, exchange ideas and help each other solve problems as in any staffroom.

RED CROSS SOCIETY'S BINGO NIGHT. A Bingo evening organised by the Red Cross Society to raise funds for the purchase of carpet tiles for the Hospital was held at the Town Hall on Friday 13th August. Another fund raiser in the form of a dinner dance is planned for Saturday 11th September.

BAHAI FESTIVAL.

Over the weekend of September 11th, the Bahai's of Stanley are having a festival. Study classes will be held during the day and on Friday and Sunday evenings there will be a social gathering at the Upland Goose Hotel where invited guests will watch slide shows and share refreshments and music.

FILM on FALKLANDS. The Government have been negotiating to obtain a copy of the Southern Television film on the Falklands (see page 9 of June TIMES) and it has recently been announced that a print will be available shortly.

CHARTER SHIP OUTWARD BOUND. The ANNETTE DANIELSEN sailed from Gravesend (London) for the Falklands on Friday 27th August and apart from cargo is carrying 149 bags of letter mail, 3 bags registered mail and 161 bags of parcels.

TOURIST SHIPS VISITS. The Italian liner EUGENIO C is due to call at Stanley on a day's visit on 31st January next. The LINDBLAD EXPLORER is due to call on 21st January and 18th February before making its usual call to West Point, Carcass and New Islands.

SENIOR SCHOOL P.T.A. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. Due to a poor turn-out, the Annual General Meeting of the Senior School Parent Teachers Association, scheduled for 11th August, could not be held. Only 11 parents (representing 6 children) attended the meeting at the school which has 57 children on the register.

SHOOTING INCIDENT VICTIM EVACUATED to BUENOS AIRES. A special flight of the F27 aircraft was laid on by LADE on Monday 9th August to evacuate Mr Nelson Vidal who sustained a bullet wound to the lower stomach during a shooting incident at Roy Cove on Saturday 6th. The incident occurred after a family quarrel when Robin Ross, a stepson of Vidal, was about to go shooting geese and was approached by Vidal in a threatening posture and drunken state.

COURT CASES. In the Magistrates Court on 17th August, Mr T. Costello (Johnston C. Ltd) was fined £15 for tampering with a vehicle without authority. The offence took place soon after 2 p.m. on 29th July when Costello released the hand-brake of the Police Land Rover which had been placed in the gateway on the south side of the temporary airstrip to prevent vehicles crossing at the time of take-off of the F27. After the hand-brake had been released the defendant pushed the Police Rover with the vehicle he was driving and proceeded to cross the strip.

For failing to comply with a Police 'No Crossing' sign at the same place on 12th August, Messrs J. Towse, B. Morrison and W. Morrison were each fined

£5.
GOLDING ISLAND SOLD. Dean Bros. Ltd., have sold the Golding group of islands (North West Falklands) to Mr Fenton Hirtle of Roy Cove.

JOBS GALORE! It was recently revealed that there were 41 vacancies in the Camp: for 25 shepherds, 1 tractor driver, 3 mechanics, 2 cowmen/gardeners, 2 boys, 6 handymen and 2 navvies. These figures excluded 5 farms for which vacancy figures were not available.

IT'S A SMALL WORLD. Australian tourist Mr Charles Sharp who spent a week here from 26th August/2nd September recently met Richard Pearson in Western Australia. Richard was one of an eight-man shearing team at Macberrie Station (about 180 miles NE of Geraldton) which runs 16,000 sheep on some 450,000 acres.

NEXT EDITION. Once again we are behind with a TIMES. However we shall have the next edition out before the end of September and in fact it is already in the pipeline. We shall have more interesting letters (including one of the SOA Sub Committee's 'Reports Report' which we hope to summarise) the reason for the forthcoming visit by the Bishop of Argentina and, hopefully, more about flying doctors.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES and DEATHS.

Births

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

August 10th to Mr & Mrs Tony Summers(Sylvia Newman)a daughter DONNA (8lbs)

August 18th to Mr & Mrs Delhi Berntsen(Florence Browning) a daughter
LYNETTE (6lbs 2oz)

in England;

August 9th to Mr & Mrs Rex White(Teresa Llamosa) a son DOMINIC CHARLES(7lbs8oz)
Teresa is a grand daughter of Arthur and Rosie Llamosa late of Port Howard

Engagements

Paul Biffen(JCL) and Teresita Clecia Volpi(Argentine Spanish Teacher)

in New Zealand;

August 14th Linda Clifton(daughter of Mr&Mrs'Gug'Clifton)and Frank Bilish
of Yugoslavia

Marriages

at Dunbar(Roy Cove)

August 28th Margaret Nightingale and Reginald Anderson
in England;

August 14th RAF Cpl.Michael Alazia,eldest son of Mr & Mrs Bob Alazia of Roy
Cove to Ann Oxtoby of Holland.

in San Lorenzo,Argentina.

August 14th Susan,eldest daughter of Mr & Mrs Charles Coutts of Stanley to
George Diego Marciello. The brides parents and sisters travelled to Argentina
for the wedding. The groom met Susan when he was working here with Y.P.F.

Deaths

August 16th Robert Lionel Robson JP aged 76 years

August 30th Edward Andrew Robson aged 71 years
in England;

July 23rd Rodney de Saram who served as a Medical Officer here in 1958

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ONE BEAVER-NO PILOTS. Air Service Crisis Worsens.

When Falkland Islands Government Air Service pilot Ian Campbell returned from leave on September 9th, it looked as if the Air Service would soon be operating as usual thus ending the crisis mentioned in the August TIMES. Ian wasted no time and was in the air doing a scheduled flight on Friday 10th. However on Sunday 12th it was announced that he would not be flying 'tomorrow or the rest of the week'. Apparently he did not pass a medical examination that day thus rendering him unfit to fly. Jim Kerr flew out on Thursday 16th Sept' to undergo a medical examination in Buenos Aires and has since gone on to the U.K. for treatment. Ian was ordered to Buenos Aires for a medical and he flew out by last Friday's (24th) F.27.

Meanwhile Mr Bill Luxton of Chartres has given invaluable support with his Cessna Skyhawk 'plane while Government are exploring various avenues in its endeavour to recruit the services of temporary pilots. M/v FORREST has been doing her share of carrying mail and passengers in an attempt to alleviate the problem and tonight her itinerary for the next three weeks was announced.

After being approached for finance to help pay for two Beaver aircraft on offer in Canada, Her Majesty's Government have agreed to provide a loan of up to £50,000 interest free and 32 years allowed for repayment. Total cost of the two aircraft including a spare set of floats is reckoned at £115,000.

MEDICAL DISPUTE. The members of the Board of Inquiry into the dispute between the Colony's three doctors were named in the evening of the day on which the August TIMES was placed on sale. We have very little to report other than a recent Government announcement informed us that a Doctor Baker who is a Medical Adviser to the Ministry of Overseas Development would be coming next month to participate in the Inquiry.

BRITISH ANTARCTIC SURVEY will be reducing its Stanley staff to one and will dispose of all its holdings in the Falklands. In a short broadcast on September 2nd His Excellency the Governor tried to assure people here that the reduction of the Survey's presence in the Falklands was an internal BAS administrative matter unconnected with any aspect of Government policy.

SUMMARY of SHEEP OWNERS ASSOCIATION SUB-COMMITTEE'S REPORTS REPORT.

The S.O.A. Sub-Committee Reports Report examines more than 26 previous Reports on the Falklands over the past 50 years and adopts those recommendations which have present-day and foreseeable application. It is constructed under ten subject headings with reference to the previous reports.

The work which is mainly concerned with Agriculture (upon which the Colony is wholly economically dependent), was commenced more than a year ago and completed before publication of the Shackleton Economic Survey.

What follows are some of the recommendations only;

Crucial to the development of Agriculture is a road system on both main Islands with a ferry link. Low cost 'dirt' roads are sufficient.

The flow of revenue leaving the Colony should be stopped, permitting investment in land improvement. Further funds should be made available to this end with proper banking facilities.

One of the more important costs is that of energy. The implementation of the YPF Agreement is most important to the development of the Industry.

Legislation must be passed to minimise the possibility of any new disease occurring and plans laid to eradicate them when they occur.

Reducing farm size should prevent the under-capitalisation and under-utilisation which now exists. A Wool Marketing Commission would guarantee prices and permit sensible management planning for future development and these advantages could apply to meat marketing. The funds made available to the Board could be used for development.

The Senior School education must be concentrated in one place (Stanley) to permit G.C.E. 'O' level standard; scholarships should be provided for higher and further education only. Agriculture should be taught in schools and Larwin School used for extra-curricular activities and Agricultural education.

Necessary to provide a home market for Agricultural products and more intensive farming is an increase in population which provides its own revenue (industrial development in oil, fishing and alginates). Comparative figures with UK (an industrialised country) would indicate a theoretical Camp population of 16,500 and that of Stanley greater than half a million. Amusing calculations but they do show the theoretical scope for development.

The social aspects considered by the Report are highly critical of the absence of a democratic Governmental system and is responsible for frustration and social apathy - the political system seems designed to strangle every good idea.

The Government as it is now makes decisions on specialist subjects not necessarily with the advice or presence of those in areas responsible for things such as Medicine, Education and, in particular, Agriculture. Such attitudes lead again to social apathy and failure. The long list of Reports over which no action has been taken speaks for itself.

Editor's note; the first two lines of Ron's letter at page 5 should read ...some/clown leaves the gate open, and finally rule three-thorough cultivation and manuring. All these three aspects are conducive to excellent grass production.

LETTER BOX

Major R.N. Spafford,
29 Queens Road,
Weston-Super-Mare,
BS23 2LH.
25th July, 1976.

The Editor,
The Falkland Islands Times,

Dear Sir,

It is entirely the decision of the Falkland Islanders and their elected Government, whether they accept the report and recommendations of Lord Shackleton in piece or as a whole.

Not surprisingly members of the Falkland Islands Philatelic Study Group consider those paragraphs concerning your magnificent and much envied heritage - your stamps - to be ill considered and ill informed. Although Lord Shackleton had access to copies of certain confidential letters concerning the views of our Study Group, at no time did he or any member of his team consult or discuss Philately or stamp issuing policy with the Study Group. We understand that neither Lord Shackleton nor any member of his team has any knowledge about Philately or about the ethics of a stamp issuing policy. The Falkland Islands Philatelic Study Group are not "purists" as described by Lord Shackleton: we are realists. From past experience we know what will happen to your stamp issues and your revenue from that source, if you abandon the Crown Agents for a stamp dealer to run your issuing policy, production or marketing. We would hate to see your precious heritage thrown into the same gutter as the Philately of St. Vincent and their "Grenadines" for example.

Should you choose to abandon the Crown Agents and go instead for a "get rich quick" policy and to hell with the future, instead of steady growth, I for one, who at present buy a sheet of every stamp you produce, will never buy a Falkland stamp again. If other Philatelists throughout the World feel alike, they must say so now, so that the Falkland Islanders can decide. It is their choice. We believe we know what their choice will be.

Yours sincerely,
R.N. Spafford

Editor The Upland Goose and Research Co-Ordinator, The Falkland Islands Philatelic Study Group.

Up Country,
Glayshears Hill,
Headley, HANTS.
31st July, 1976.

Dear Sir,

Leave Well Alone

What a shame it would be to kill the Falkland Islands philatelically - I, for one, an enthusiastic collector for more than 25 years would never buy another Falkland Island stamp if Falkland Islands leaves the Crown Agents and thus leaves the stamps of your country to moulder in a possible philatelic graveyard.

Yours faithfully,
G.A. Pattman (Mrs.)

Hill Cove,
Falkland Islands.
16th August, 1976.

Dear Editor,

I have lived and worked at Hill Cove for ten years now, and to date have digested most of the material available on the Falkland Islands, from Shackleton's report to William Davies of 1939. I base the following on my experience living at Hill Cove.

To anyone unfamiliar with perhaps the largest afforested area in the Falklands, and I'm in daily contact with this unique bit of environment. It may be interesting for readers to know just how vast the change in climate is due to this thick band of spruce.

You have to experience it to believe it, whilst on many occasions the wind howls and shrieks on the windward side, whilst on the leeward all is quiet and tranquil, and very, very warm (providing the sun is out). It is quite comfortable to sunbathe on the leeward side yet stroll to the end of the belt of trees and the rull blast of the wind takes your breath away.

These trees stand as a living testimony to anyone who declares that trees don't grow in the Falklands. These do and infact are increasing in height some 12 - 18" per annum now.

Now what makes this piece of ground any more different to the rest of the adjoining paddocks, and as far as I can see none, the trees were planted, took, grew and are now thriving, jostling each other to reach the sunlight.

Some specimens on the leeward side measure some 6 feet in girth and tower 40 feet towards the heavens, and they're growing all the time, not like a wire fence which costs hundreds to put up and starts to deteriorate from the word go, in the time taken for these trees to mature most fences are ready to collapse with old age. Yet year by year these trees poke their heads up and increase the sheltered area to the leeward, no fence yet invented has these capabilities.

If you have the energy, and scrabble around at the foot of these trees you will find numerous young seedlings growing, so infact not only do trees grow-thrive in the Falklands they actually defie the rules and regenerate themselves, which just isn't on.

Now with all this mountain of expert advice on grassland improvements, which must have utilised a few acres of softwood to produce the paper its written on, we come to the next phenomenon and that is how to improve ones grassland.

Now in my profession as gardener I find that my hardest task is that of preventing the growth of grass in my gardens, yet paradoxically the farmers are trying hard to establish the growth of better grass. My experience has shown and many gardeners should be able to bear this out, leave a garden for a season and it transforms itself into an admirable bit of grassland, cocksfoot waist high, huge clumps of yorkshire fog. Yes I've had my fair share of clearing neglected ground.

Why is it that grass should grow so luxuriously, so abundantly, so vigorously in a garden? Especially when neglected, also I've found grass to grow and spread quite happily right through the extremes of winter-time.

Here then in the garden lays the rules, the rules to grow healthy grass, grass comparable to anywhere in U.K. The rules are thus:- One, shelter - shelter from the winds, two - shelter from unrestricted grazing unless some

slowly leaves the gate open, and finally the... and manuring. All these three aspects are conducive to excellent grass production.

Garden sites are no different to any other piece of adjoining ground, go back a hundred years and the site was probably just an ordinary piece of camp.

So there you have it in a nutshell, shelter the ground, keep off the stock, give it thorough cultivation, rotating crops of turnips, greens and whathaveyu and the problems are solved. Send home the experts get out your spades and dig, dig for victory!

This coming summer, when it eventually arrives and most folk are being blown from pillar to post, you will find me reclining in a deck-chair down in the Forest in my bermuda shorts with a glass of iced bacardi rum in one hand and my Shackleton report in the other.

If the Falklands should find themselves well and truly isolated from the rest of the world due to some catastrophe, like the collapse of the western world, Hill Cove will be able to supply intending house-owners with the necessary logs to build their cabins.

Also we ought to stop knocking ourselves and being inferior, we have all the potential here to create an Utopian existence free from all the stress and strains of modern life. We should say to overseas visitors, come to the Falklands and learn to live as life is meant to be lived. On this score I would recommend folks to obtain a copy of E.F. Schumacher's paperback called 'Small is Beautiful' there are some good tips quite relevant to our life in the Falklands. Why chase after the industrialised way of life, is Britain very happy? How about the U.S. the most advanced country in the world, are they very happy with their lot?

The Falklands are the Falklands, we shouldn't keep comparing ourselves with the U.K. We grow the finest vegetables going, our meat is supposed to be low grade but has more taste and goodness than anything you can buy in the butchers shop, you can't whack our mutton, boils and all. Our lamb surpasses anything, not even New Zealand lamb can beat it for taste. Our milk is good, with plenty of guts in it, just look at the graze that the cows roam over, do they suffer from the fantastic array of disease that afflict the so called pedigrees of other countries, read A.L. Hagerdorn's volume on Animal Breeding!

There must surely be scope for export of live cattle for breeding purposes, after all if they can thrive here, they can thrive anywhere from Alaska to the Ukraine.

Besides there is a great fad in the western world for health foods, why don't they buy our meat, meat which is completely unadulterated from all the fancy chemicals that are shoved down the throats of the pedigrees to keep them healthy. Not much fear of consuming too much saturated animal fats from our stock, very good for the arteries.

Eat Falkland Island meat and every mouthfull gives you a tang of mountain freshness, cool as the very waters that spring forth from the mountain tops.

No we've got to stop impersonating the western worlds ideals and create our own, and have a fuller more healthy life which would be the envy of other nations much larger than ours, who are hopelessly bogged down in a sea of bureaucracy and crisis with a sea of pollution and filth closing in on all sides, with everyone striving to grab more and more and give less and less - is that the life we want?

If the world is supposed to be entering a grave crisis we'd better make sure that the Falklands are well able to stand on their own, by producing our own basic wants, the essentials of life, namely:- water, food, shelter and clothing in that order.

Yours faithfully,
Ron Reeves.

Carcass Island,
26th August, 1976.

Dear Editor,

Most people will by now have seen the Shackleton Report, and a very comprehensive Report it is. I wonder if others have noticed with concern as I did that it advises that Falkland Islands stamps should be managed by an independent agent instead of the Crown Agents which now are the production and marketing authorities for our stamps. This to me is a very dangerous idea - I KNOW that serious stamp collectors would very soon cease to buy our new issues as I do not think there is any way to safeguard the long term interests in this way and the Falkland Islands could very soon become a 'dead' country philatelically as I believe happened to St. Vincent. I know that I would no longer buy new issues for a collection. The Crown Agents have managed our stamps very well for many years and we have a good name in the stamp world, once lost we would not regain it. To me this suggestion is similar to a farmer overstocking his land in boom years only to find himself left with useless eroded land for ever more.

I would suggest that the Falkland Islands Study Group should be consulted as to their views and any suggestions they may have.

Yours sincerely,
Kitty Bertrand.

P.O. Box 175,
Stanley.
24th August, 1976.

Dear Sir,

May I, through the courtesy of your paper, congratulate the Sub Committee of the S.O.A. upon their "Reports Report". It is unfortunate, but perhaps not surprising, that the Government did not take a lead in this matter. But at least the job has been done, even if one might wish that a little more padding had gone into it.

The striking thing about this report, apart from the large amount of work and time which already busy men have put into it, is that the authors have obviously not edited out the portions which are self critical and this is an approach which many will find refreshing - not to say unexpected.

If the attitudes adopted by this Sub-Committee are an indication of the general attitude of the S.O.A., then there may be some hope for us yet. It is, do you think, too much to hope that we may see similar signs of an intelligent interest in the Colony's future from, say, the G.E.U. and the Government?

Yours faithfully,
R.D. Clements.

Stanley
21st September, 1976.

Dear Editor,

In your last edition you mentioned that you would publish the reasons for the visit of Bishop Richard Cutts. Anglican Bishop in Southern Argentina and Uruguay, which has taken place this week.

I would be glad if you could convey to your readers that the reasons have been given in full, insofar as it is possible in a matter which is both complex and wide-reaching, by myself, in a broadcast sermon of 1st August. Copies of this sermon are still available from me if readers wish to avail themselves of a complete account of the situation which has led to Bishop Cutts' visit.

What is, perhaps, more important at this stage, is to convey the effect of Bishop Cutts' visit, and this has been twofold. Firstly, the Bishop has reassured our Anglican Community, both the Cathedral Council and others who have met the Bishop, that he fully understands our position and is sympathetic to it; secondly, the Bishop has assured us of his support and friendship in this matter.

Naturally no decisions have been made at this stage and this was neither expected, nor is it possible at this moment. Bishop Cutts will continue negotiations about our Jurisdiction on our behalf and this has the full and unanimous approval of the Cathedral Council.

Yours sincerely,
The Reverend Gerald Smith (Snd)
Priest-in-Charge,
Christ Church Cathedral.

Stanley,
21st September, 1976.

Dear Editor,

I would like to comment on the article concerning the stray sheep on the Wickham Heights by Mr. A.T. Blake.

Has any-one ever thought of a simple way of getting rid of these, not just with the few shepherds on horse-back, but a line of men on foot.

Has any-one ever thought of approaching the Government and getting an organised line of men made up of Royal Marines and F.I.D.F. spread right across the mountains assisted by the shepherds on the low land to collect the sheep as they were chased out of the mountains.

A man on horse-back is handicapped where stone-runs and swamps are concerned but a man on foot can go straight on ahead he can also climb on rocks and see if there is anything hiding behind it without any fear of losing his horse.

This done in the fine weather when it is possible to sleep out for a night or two should not only get rid of the stray sheep, but also the wild cattle, and the forces would not only get exercise but would get rifle practice as well because no doubt anything that defied them or tried to break back would be shot anyway.

I am no green-horn to the mountains or the ways of animals and I really think if this was done in mid summer when we only have about five hours darkness

it would pay off, and infact if worked with a full moon there would not be any total darkness.

Yours faithfully,
A.F. Alazia.

SITUATIONS WANTED

The following people are seeking employment in the Falklands:

Mr. Stephen Kissure, 171 Clonkeen Road, Blackrock, Co. Dublin, Ireland. Mr. Kissure is interested in work in one of the following fields - tourism, kelp, education or harbour. In the event of his being offered employment he is prepared to pay part or all of his fare to the Falklands.

Miss Anne McGregor, 3 Queens Gardens, Ilkley, West Yorkshire, England. Miss McGregor has recently completed a three year course at a College of Education in England. The course was directed at the Junior range and she took Rural Science as her main subject with subsidiary courses in mathematics, art and outdoor pursuits. She is also trained in typing and other commercial subjects.

Mr. P. Palmer, 1 Station Villas, Bank Road, Pilning, Bristol, England, is willing to take any farm employment. He has experience of dock work and at the moment is a tanker driver.

Mr. Gregory Allen, Combesatchfield, Silverton, Exeter EX5 4DE, Devon. Mr. Allen is trained as a potter and has some experience as a Youth Leader. He was brought up in a rural area and has varied farming experience. His major interests are conservation and self sufficiency.

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

AUGUST WEATHER

The second half of August this year was notable for the very dry, relatively warm and strong Northwesterly winds.

Total rainfall was 20.8mm (0.82") which is about 25mm less than usual and the driest August since 1958. The average wind speed was 15.1 knots (about 1 knot below average) with 32 hours when the average hourly wind speed was of gale force and 231 hours when it was 10 knots or less. The highest gust recorded was 55 knots on the 17th. Daily average sunshine was 3.7 hours which is about 35 minutes more than normal. The average daily temperature was 3 deg C (37.4°F), the highest being 12.8 deg C (55.04°F) on the 21st and the lowest -2.4 deg C (27.68°F) on the 18th.

There were 20 occasions on which ground frost was recorded which is 2 less than usual at this time of year.

STOP PRESS The Newsreader of the Newsletter for Friday 17th Sept informed us that Government had decided to stay with the Crown Agents and regarded its duty as to maintain the highest prestige and standard for its philatelic policy.

The TIMES received many letters on the subject of the Shackleton Report recommendations, all of which advocated that our stamp issuing policy should remain unchanged.

COURT CASES.

In the Magistrates' Court on Wednesday 15th September Michael John McKay was fined £200 and bound over in the sum of £100 and ordered to pay £19.34 damages when he was convicted of breaking into the home of Mr. R.V. Goss in the early hours of Sunday 5th September.

On Friday 17th September there were four cases heard. Mr. Colin McDonald pleaded guilty to having a shotgun in his possession without holding a licence and was fined £5.

Mr. Sidney Miller pleaded not guilty to failing to comply with an 'IN ONLY' sign at the East Drive to the Secretariat from Ross Road on Friday 27th August. The Senior Magistrate deferred his decision on the case after hearing a Police Constable and one other witness testify that they had seen Mr. Miller's car disappear from Ross Road towards the Secretariat and re appear driving into Ross Road. On Thursday 23rd September the Magistrate dismissed the information given. (A peso for your thoughts!)

Mr. Louis James Watson was convicted of careless driving and fined £5 resulting from an accident on 23rd July when his vehicle collided with a car owned and driven by Mr. Joe Booth. Mr. Watson was driving his Landrover up Dean Street, and failed to give way to Mr. Booth who was driving East along Fitzroy Road, (I have witnessed several 'near misses' at the intersection of St. Mary's Walk/John Street and Barrack Street, the latest of which was Friday 24th September when a Landrover almost collided with the Senior Magistrate's Landrover which had the right of way). Far greater caution needs to be exercised when negotiating many of Stanley's road-crossings. It never fails to amaze me how there has never been a serious accident involving a child from the stretch of road from the 'Co-Op' to the Junior School where there is usually a line of vehicles during the day and along which many drivers travel without due care.

Mr. Roger Martin (working for Johnston Construction Ltd.) was fined £20 and disqualified from holding a driving licence for 12 months after he had pleaded guilty to driving while under the influence of alcohol on Sunday 1st August. The Landrover Mr. Martin was driving ran off the road and onto the foreshore opposite Government House. A few moments after the Court had risen it was reconvened after an appeal that Martin was the only person licenced to convey explosives for Johnston Construction Ltd. and the disqualification was removed and the fine increased to £30 (Thirty pounds)

NEW POSTAGE RATES.

The following new postal rates will come into effect on 1st Oct '76

AIR MAIL Letters- 11p per 1/2oz; Aerogrammes-8p and 9p
Second Class-6p per 1/2oz; Post Cards-7p; Parcels 1lb-£2.50 with each additional 1lb at £1.50
SEA MAIL Letters- United Kingdom & Commonwealth-4p per oz
Other parts of the World- 8p per oz
Parcels- 2lb-£2.45; 7lb-£3.20; 11lb-£4.00; 22lb-£5.25

LOCAL MAIL

Letter rates remain unchanged but parcel rates will be;
2lb-15p; 4lb-25p; 7lb-30p; 11lb-40p and 22lb-75p

INTERNAL TELEGRAMS will from October 1st 1976 be charged at 3p per word (increased from 2p) with a minimum charge of 21p

THESE ARE OUR MOUNTAINS by Mrs. K. Bertrand.

This morning when I wakened up there was a Tussac-bird twittering on the stone wall outside my bedroom window, it was one of a pair which always make a nest in the wall. I went out to the kitchen and drew back the curtains, a Rock Wren was singing on the hedge, the sky was pale blue with a few little pink clouds. The sea was a soft gentle blue and I could see Hill Cove mountains over twenty miles away. I opened the window wide to the clear pure air. When I filled the kettle the water was as clear as crystal. In fact it was a beautiful spring day and I suddenly thought how we Kelpers take these things for granted.

No pollution in the water, no smog in the air, no bombs nor racial unrest. No snakes and no stinging nor biting insects not even any dangerous animals. No floods nor famines nor earthquakes nor tidal waves.

So often when we have the tourists from the "Lindblad Explorer" ashore here they mention the water, it seems to impress them more than anything else, that and the wonderful air. Last year two people walked from the East Bay to the settlement and as it was a hot day they were very thirsty, I offered them tea but they said "first may we have a drink of water?". When I told them they could have safely had a drink from any of the springs they had passed on the way they could hardly believe me.

When I was in England three years ago (having not been there since I was a child) I thought it was very beautiful, I do not think anywhere could be more beautiful than the English countryside and if I could not live in the Falklands I would rather live in England than anywhere else that I have seen or read about. There was one thing however which I found most noticeable - the haze. Even when we drove into the heart of the country or went up on top of some hill it was impossible to see for a great distance like we do here. I would ask how far away a village was that seemed to be a long way off, only to be told it was three or four miles and when the sun set it was always as if behind smoked glass. We only see the sun like that if there has been a great forest fire in southern South America. I remarked about this to a friend - and her 17 year old son was most interested, he said, "I thought the setting sun always looked like that". This was in the south of England well away from heavy industry and everyone said that there was much less smoke in the air than there used to be.

One Falkland Islander said to me that in all his travels nothing gave him greater joy than coming through the Narrows and seeing the little town of Stanley. A girl once said she longed for the white grass camps she knew as a child. Still another, a man, said when we were flying in answer to my remark that the land looked beautiful "It is always beautiful". To me, Paradise could not be better than Carcass Island on a fine spring day. We all have our own picture of this land which we remember forever - because, well because - these are our mountains.

SHIPPING

Vessel	Nationality	Arrived	Departed	for
BAHIA BUEN SUCESO	Argentinian	Sept' 19th	Sept' 21st	Buenos Aires
ANNETTE DANIELSEN	Danish (Supply Ship)	arrived Sept' 25th	from U.K. via	Mar Del Plata

NEWS in BRIEF.

Government Savings Bank. The maximum holding of a depositor with the Government Savings Bank has been increased from £10,000 to £25,000.

The interest of the Savings Bank will be increased from $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ to 5% as soon as possible after 30th September, 1976.

Trainee Pilots. After a considerable period of suspense for the five applicants short-listed for the trainee pilot posts with the Falkland Islands Government, Air Service (see page 2 of May TIMES) it was recently announced that the two successful candidates were Derek Clarke and Ian McFhee.

Those not so silly Cows. The problem of animals coming into the Town is not a new one. Various people have been blamed during the last year or so and the problem has become so acute that a meeting of senior Government Officials has been arranged for this week. Perhaps they will discover that the cows walk over the pasalikres (Cattle grids).

Police Inspector's Visit Off. The newsletter of 10th September included a cutting from a Scottish newspaper which stated that Inspector David Laing who had sold his car and let his home after being selected for secondment to the Falkland Islands Police Force would not now be coming (see page 8 July TIMES).

Sgt. Morrison of the Dumfries and Galloway Constabulary arrived on September 17th to take up duties with the local Police Force.

Superintendent's Premature Departure. Owing to contractual difficulties our Superintendent of Education, Mr. B.S. Stocks will be leaving the Colony in December with his family. Mr. Stocks was not due to leave until August '77.

Loans. The sum of £3,000 has been earmarked in the 1976/77 Estimates for available loans for Islanders who have emigrated and wish to return to the Islands.

Air Travellers. There were six flights of the F27 aircraft in July. Some 409 travellers arrived of whom 16 were tourists and 85 passengers departed of whom 13 were tourists. Figures for August; six scheduled flights bringing 49 passengers of whom 3 were tourists and 63 passengers departing of whom 6 were tourists.

On August 12th a young South African tourist was refused entry and left on the return flight as he did not have sufficient funds to finance a stay in the Islands.

Higher Freight Rates. Darwin Shipping Ltd., recently announced that due to the weakness of sterling which is mainly responsible for a 20% rise in diesel costs, they have introduced a currency surcharge of $12\frac{1}{2}\%$ on all freights on their Charter ships with immediate effect.

FIC Appointments. The Falkland Islands Co. Ltd. have made the following appointments; Mr. Finlay Ferguson to be Manager of Lively and Speedwell Islands group farms from 1st November, Mr. Eric Goss to be Manager of Darwin Farm and Mr. Tim Miller to be Assistant Manager, Mr. Ron Binnie to take over as Manager of Fitzroy Farm at the end of the coming season.

Increase in diesel price. The Falkland Is.Co.Ltd., announced tonight that the price of diesel oil is increased from 40p to 48p per gallon with immediate effect.

Research Group interested in Canopus gun.

The Kent Defence Research Group has expressed interest in one of the Canopus guns situated on Stanley Common near the site of Cape Pembroke airfield. The Group want to install a breech loading gun of this type in the newly restored New Tavern Fort at Gravesend.

Outward Bound. Mr. Graham Bound departed on Thursday 16th September for the United Kingdom. Graham, who had been serving as a Police Constable, has been awarded a scholarship to Warwick University. Graham's brother Michael is studying at Rutgers University (USA) for an M.A. degree in Classical Archaeology. Mr. Robin Lee who has been Assistant Manager at Darwin left for New Zealand last Friday (24th) where he will be attending Lincoln Agricultural College in Christchurch.

Taiyo takes the plunge. The Taiyo fishing company of Japan, who did some research into coastal fishing at Darwin and Chartres last year will be returning shortly for more trials. They propose to charter the FIC Darwin farm's auxilliary ketch 'Penelope' with Mr. Eddie Anderson (Snr) as skipper. If the results are positive the Taiyo company may form a local company with FIC and general public participation.

Camp wages UP. October 1st is traditionally the date on which the new agreements between the Sheep Owners Association and the General Employees Union come into force. Camp workers will soon earn over 100% more than what they would have been earning five years ago. An outside shepherd in 1971 would have earned £43.08 per month and will now earn £92.31. A farm labourer in 1971 would have earned £37.40 but will soon earn £81.85.

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

September 21st to Mr. & Mrs. Joe Newell (Trudi Johnston) of Fox Bay West
a daughter CARA JANE (7lbs. 15oz.)

September 23rd to Mr. & Mrs. Ron Dickson (Iris Ford) of Cape Dolphin
a son MICHAEL KEITH (6lbs. 8oz.)
in England;

August 20th to Mr. & Mrs. Ian White (who were working in the Falklands)
a son MAXWELL JULIAN (7lbs. 4oz.)

Engagement.

in Southampton;

July 31st Linda Frances Thompson to Philip Long. Linda is the youngest daughter of Jack and Violet Thompson late of Stanley.

Marriages.

in Stanley;

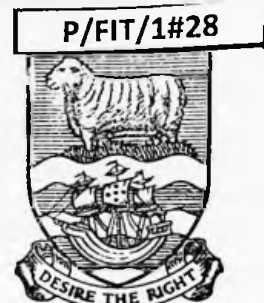
September 18th at St. Mary's Church, Paul Biffen and Teresita Volpi.

in Southampton;

July 10th Colin Grierson, son of Mr. & Mrs. W.J. Grierson to Avril, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Munden. Colin and Avril are making their home in Bassett, Southampton.

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IN THE SUMMER of HIS YEARS.

It is with deep regret that we have to report the death of Captain Ian Campbell MBE, after a 'plane accident on the afternoon of Thursday 14th October.

Little is known about the cause or circumstances of the accident to the Colony's remaining Beaver aircraft Alpha Kilo which took off from Brenton Loch at about 3 p.m. on its return to Stanley with Ian as its pilot and with one passenger Dr. Bernard Lee. The weather was inclement—there being a north-easterly wind with steady rain—and the radio was out of action.

Search parties set out after the 'plane was overdue and the m/v FORREST which was at North Arm sailed for the Lively Is. area. The Broadcasting Studio remained open throughout the night and many people stayed up in the hope that the next hourly bulletin would bring good news. The following day many more people joined the search; on foot, horseback, Land Rover, boats and Bill Luxton with his Skyhawk 'plane. All were hampered by rain and poor visibility.

At about 3 p.m. on Friday 15th, Capt. Jack Sollis of FORREST reported that the Beaver had been spotted. Apparently she was upside down and aground near a reef to the East of Johnsons Is. in Mare Harbour (Choiseul Sound) with only a small section of her floats visible. Anxiety turned to relief when an unconfirmed report spoke of both men being found alive and well. Even the music from the Studio changed to a more cheerful tone, only to change again when it was realised that Ian had not been found. FORREST returned to Stanley at about 10 p.m. that night with Dr. Lee who had been discovered on the reef to the east of Johnsons Is. and who was suffering from a moderately severe degree of exposure. (Dr. Lee left the Colony on 28th October with his family for medical treatment in Buenos Aires and has since flown on to England).

Despite extensive and intensive searches which included a search of the area by an Argentine P27 aircraft and local divers there was no trace of Ian and on Tuesday 20th it was announced that a party of Royal Marines would be based on Johnsons Is. for the next two weeks or so.

A party of sixteen men, seven of whom were divers, organised by the Chief Police Officer decided to carry out a further search of Mare Harbour and set out on Sunday 31st October by Land Rover and by sea in the NANCY and SEAGULL on Monday 1st November.

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It seems ironical that it was this group who had no Government support(those taking part were required to sign a disclaimer which virtually said that what they were doing was pointless) and for whom assistance by Royal Marines on Johnsons Is. was forbidden by their Commanding Officer, should be the ones who discovered Ian's body on November 2nd near the spot where Alpha Kilo had grounded.

Flags flew at half mast yesterday and on that cold, grey afternoon of the funeral the Colony came to a standstill. Shops and offices were closed and the Camp settlements were able to the short service which was broadcast. Over 400 people came to pay their last respects to someone who was looked upon not as just another pilot but as everybody's friend and helper.

It will be a long time before many will realise that the youthful looking 42 year old, who invariably before take-off would turn with a smile from the cockpit and say "Everybody O.K?", is no longer with us. It is sincerely hoped that, as a befitting memorial to Ian, our own airport nearing completion at Cape Pembroke will be re-named Cape Campbell.

EXECUTIVE COUNCILLORS RESIGN.

During an emergency Executive Council meeting held on the morning of Monday 18th October, Councillors Smith and Miller walked out after they had stressed the importance and urgency of an independent inquiry into the accident to Alpha Kilo with the participation of one or more Inspectors from outside the Colony, and as a result of which the Council table was yet again thumped and voices raised. After much pressure and embarrassment, which included a most informative conversation on 4.5 Mhz in which it was said that much wool had been pulled over EX.CO's eyes, it was announced that evening that the Governor had appointed the Deputy Governor to establish a Board of Inquiry into the accident. The announcement which was read before the one informing us of the resignations attempted to give the impression that 'the Governor's action automatically followed his receipt of official notification of the accident' (4 days after!)

On Tuesday 19th a crowd of people visited homes of Stanley Councillors to express their support for the action taken by John Smith and Sydney Miller and show their lack of confidence in the Administration. At about 7 p.m. on Wednesday 20th a crowd of over 200 people gathered in Murdo's paddock to demonstrate their mistrust in the administration of Governor French and Chief Secretary Mr Arthur Monk and at which most Councillors (including Councillors Blake, Monk and Hadden who had travelled in from the Camp that day) attended.

On 21st October it was announced that a team of three from the Accident Investigation Branch of the Dept. of Trade in London and headed by Mr G.C. Wilkinson would be arriving on the 28th. On Friday 22nd in what could be described as an attempt to bridge a widening gap between the people and Administration, Councillor Adrian Monk gave a talk over the air. Space is running out here but comments will be found in this edition's LETTERBOX to which I will add just one-- the announcement about our next Governor was most timely in that it is seen as a diplomatic move to take the heat off a potentially explosive situation.

A FAIRY STORY by Don Davidson, West Point Island

Once upon a time, there lived in the far south a fair princess called Malvina, whose beautiful features were as yet unmarked by the hand of time. She was an orphan and perfectly happy to remain so, but Queen Brittania, King Fleur de Lys and King Espana all thought otherwise. Queen Brittania was more persuasive than the others and after some time became her step mother.

Although not actively unkind to her step daughter, Brittania was not averse to drawing on her meager resources for her own uses and before long Malvina's health was affected. Over the years her complexion became more and more raddled and alas her bloom of youth has gone forever, despite some half hearted attempts at plastic surgery.

When Brittania adopted Malvina, she had so many step children she didn't know what to do and it was inevitable that some were not given the love, care and attention which was their due. Over the years, some were married off, others just left the family fold and still others, like Malvina, were just neglected.

Brittania was not all bad and as the realisation that all was not well with Malvina and perhaps influenced by the fact that there was oil and fish on her lands, started to take a little interest in her welfare.

But what of handsome prince Silver Land her near neighbour, who for many years has had evil designs on the Princess, not for her personal attributes but for her position and her use as a pawn in the internal game of politics. He planned no glittering marriage but wished her just as a concubine and after a brief honeymoon to be relegated like Cinderella to the ashes. He has even threatened to take her by force, but Brittania sent thirty knights on white chargers to defend her and the Prince quailed in his shoes.

Secretly Brittania would like the association to take place, or at least for Malvina to have an affair with the Prince, but the Princess has shouted so loudly against any break with her step mother who has had, at least on the surface, to defer to her wishes. The Prince put the problem before an uncle they have in common, but he has so much trouble in keeping his own large household in a semblance of order, that he has come up with no acceptable solution to the situation.

Meanwhile, Malvina's health has gone from bad to worse, while already ailing from apathy, civilservicitis and a bad dose of the virtual monopolies, she has been stricken by a major circulatory disease; the left valve of the heart has gone, the right being kept going by a pacemaker. A complete transplant is being largely financed by step mother and it is hoped that it will arrive before any of her other organs are damaged. The medical bulletins have contained considered and interim statements which have left her people little the wiser but the promised definitive statement may reveal all.

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Her fairy godfather paid her a visit recently and his promise of a new constitution might yet come in time to save her flagging health, this along with other pills and potions could well help her recovery, but first she has to find the necessary rats, mice and pumpkins before the magic wand can be waved.

Alas, the tale cannot end with Malvina living happily ever after with her doting step mother, no Brittania's health is poor as well and on the near horizon lurks Prince Silverland ready to take her by force if necessary and take her to a fate worse than death.

The following article was written by Mr. Colin Young who is a Specialist Adviser in Red Deer at the North of Scotland College of Agriculture and who was working in the Falklands as a Grasslands Officer in 1964.

In his book on the Falkland Islands, Ian Strange suggests that there would be a potential on the Islands for the production of reindeer meat. While not agreeing that the reindeer would be the most suitable animal, I do feel that there is much to be said for the concept of farming an animal which can utilise the existing poor quality pastures.

About six years ago this idea was put forward in Scotland and as a result an experimental red deer farm was established. These animals would be more suited to Falkland Island conditions than reindeer as the red deer on Scottish hills eats a large quantity of heather and hopefully it would also find diddle-dee and white grass palatable.

Deer farming in Scotland is about to move out of the experimental stage with one or two commercial farms being set up at present. On such farms, deer will be totally enclosed and handled in a similar manner to a domestic sheep stock. Methods for taming deer have been devised and farmed animals are extremely easy to handle - even being trained to respond to a whistle as driving by dogs or humans has proved difficult. Farming is, of course, not the only method of exploiting deer in Scotland as there is a thriving deer stalking industry which, as well as providing sport, produces a large amount of venison for export.

Venison is a high quality meat and at present the price of shot venison is around 50p per pound. A large percentage of the carcass is prime cuts and the meat is very lean. This makes it particularly suited to present day tastes.

New Zealand also has a deer farming industry. There are many more deer farms there than in Scotland but the stock are not so well domesticated or so intensively managed. Again, the main venison production is from hunting.

As well as venison production there is an almost limitless market for certain deer by-products in the Far East. Deer antlers at a certain stage of growth are particularly sought after.

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There would appear to be a potential in the Falklands for some sort of red deer production industry based on either wild or semi-domesticated population. Complete domestication as we have in a small way in Scotland calls for a lot of expensive fencing and this may or may not be justified depending on the price of the final product.

It is possible that red deer have been tried and failed on the Falklands but if not it could be worth introducing a few as this is the only way the suitability of the grazing can be tested. It is also possible that some other wild animal could be introduced as the basis of a meat production industry but my own experience is restricted to red deer which put up a very impressive performance on poor ground in Scotland.

NEXT FALKLANDS GOVERNOR.

It was announced on 26th October that Her Majesty the Queen has been pleased to approve the appointment of Mr James Roland Walter Parker OBE as our next Governor and Commander in Chief.

Mr Parker, who is 56 and married, recently left his post in The Gambia where he had been British High Commissioner since 1972. He will succeed Mr N.A.I. French CMG., MVO, who arrived in the Colony on 27th January 1975 and whose term of office ends in January '77. Hitherto Falkland Governors have served for 4-6 years.

PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION.

In the House of Commons on the 20th October Mr David James asked the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs what plans for celebrating the Queen's Silver Jubilee are being made by the Governor and people of the Falkland Islands. Replying, Mr Ted Rowlands said,

" On the recent advice of the Executive Council to the Governor, the Queen's Silver Jubilee will be celebrated in the Falkland Islands during a week in June, probably from the fifth to the eleventh. A number of suggestions are under consideration but the final form of the celebrations, both in Stanley and on the farming settlements, will be decided by a widely representative committee of citizens and officials."

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Upon observing new parking signs in the Government House area of Ross Road as a result of a thoughtless motorist being parked near that famous residence, a West-End-er was inspired to comment thus;

On looking out the other morn,
It being shortly after dawn,
What vision did my eye espy
Reaching up towards the sky?
A giant daffodil o'er sidewalk looming?
No, 'twas an eyesore sign forbidding parking !

STOPPRESS Monday 8th- The first of the replacement Beaver aircraft (Alpha Tango) landed at Hookers Point strip 2.50 p.m. today. Holed on edge port side wing after striking bird 1/2 hr out of Stanley at altitude 7,000 feet.

WINTER '76

Darwin School is lacking water,
So should you send your son or daughter,
But if you don't they won't get taught,
As travelling teachers are down to naught.

The wind it blows at a rate of knots,
Poor old John he got the lot,
That Beaver will not fly no more,
John was quickly shown the door.

The Forrest ploughed thro wind and rain,
Returned Old Lima to town again,
Then the D.C.A. took to his bed,
Just a slight illness the C.S. said.

From Darwin School our children came,
By boat and rover Not a plane,
The rovers shuttled down the track,
Relief was great when they got back.

Next we had the Doctors fight,
Which left the R/T patients in a plight,
Perhaps our aches and pains must wait,
Until we hear the Doctors fate.

Campbell's return, we shout Hurray,
The C.S. then reports NO FLIGHTS TODAY,
Medical reasons known to some,
Leave us Campers feeling numb.

Pregnant Mums by Cessna fly,
Relief is great you hear their sigh,
Thanks from all concerned do flow,
Well done Bill, a dammed good show.

Oil and fisheries are sought,
According to the Shack Report,
Don't let the Argies have their way,
Leave the Yanks to save the day.

The cry is Kelpers do not stray,
But nought is done to help us stay,
The King Penguin cannot go,
For it's a Royal tourist show.

And so to end, we can but hope,
That Government will finally cope,
Restore to us our peace of mind,
The tranquil life we wish to find.

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Editor's note. The above poem and Mr Wallace's letter on page
3 were received just after the 27th September edition was
placed on sale.

42, Davis Street,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Dear Sir,

With the dust now settling on one Shackleton report at least, I would like to give my opinion; which I hasten to add may make no further mention of that popular work.

I have heard somewhere that these Islands became self supporting in 1880, and have heard much speculation of what 1980 will bring. It would be nice to be self sufficient; the trouble is, when we are - if we are - sufficient in the future there will be very little of what we now see as 'self' left.

The saga of failed industrial enterprise in the Falklands is well known to all, and many have been only too pleased to add Alginat Industries (which still hangs in the balance) to the list. However, none of these failures have prevented us from talking on, we're now on the scent of vast industries such as oil.

We know little of how viable these resources may be, but we are told that if development succeeds, we will be nicely sustained; even if it may mean the end of what many would wish to cling to.

Perhaps our condition of passionate loyalty to the Crown - as a defence against Argentina's claim to the Islands - makes us prepared to accept ideas we would never have entertained a short while ago.

The word "politics" is to most people here, synonymous of the sovereignty issue; but it may be a good idea to look closer home, at our political system, which - despite minor innovations such as the illusive new constitution - has some room for change. Think of the censorship designed to prevent any number of cranks, (that's us!) from expressing extremist views.

Also there is the class system, which has been, to a great degree, responsible for what is seen as lack of opportunity for young people in the Islands. This system seems not to follow any law of wealth, ownership or ability, but be dependent on the inheritance or acquisition of certain family connections.

A great deal of money is now being spent; putting us deeper and deeper into a compromising position, and further from self determination, making way for real development and exploitation as quickly as possible.

With a fraction of this sum we could, perhaps, have gone some way to re-establishing self sufficiency. So obviously its not just for us!! and we're asking for more?

While we can't close our doors to the world, lets leave them on their hinges.

It is unfortunate that a large number of people grow more affectionate to the Islands relative to how far they can get away from them. However, before we encourage people to come back, or introduce new blood, it would be nice to weed out those people who just can't wait to get away. If we were left with those that really do care - no matter how few - perhaps we could get on with the job.

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Also there are those who are our most ardent supporters while in a position of some importance and security; who, only too frequently, thin out if that security is eroded.

The local population is sadly deficient in persons qualified in the professions, and those contracted from abroad aspire to super-human status. There is no chance of this being changed in the short term; thus, if large development was to proceed even at a moderate or slow pace, it is unlikely that we would play any significant part.

Lets decide what we want, and be prepared to say what we think even if it doesn't conform with that which is fabricated to be the norm.

Yours faithfully,
Eddie Andersen JNR.

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Davis Street,
Stanley.
9th September 1976.

Dear Ed,

The events of the past weeks have given rise to much doubting of our administration's ability to run the day to day affairs of our community, the bulletins from the Chief Secretary have been largely evasions and contained nothing that any good 4.5 listener was not already aware of.

Many questions are still unanswered, and so far there has been little attempt to keep us well informed.

The incident at New Island resulted in the loss of one of our aircraft, and, with the hospitalisation of our other pilot, caused many campers inconvenience and much anxiety. Yet we did not hear officially of the grounding of our pilot nor did a whisper of the results of any inquiry reach us.

Only rumours -- which add to the unrest and concern.

Two of our doctors are forced into a rather desperate demonstration of their discontent by Governments inaction, and when people all over the Islands are wondering what caused this sad state of affairs, all we hear from our administration is a pathetically biased announcement, snivelling that the doctors had not informed the Government of their intention.

The administration seem incapable of conducting the simplest of our affairs in anything resembling an open and honest manner. I hear that our own people supposedly in positions of some authority are not allowed to make any real decisions without first trotting up to the chief secretary and getting his approval.

"Keep taking the pills" seems to be Exec's current maxim. Shrouded in secrecy and, reportedly, constantly hampered by the Governor's directives on "Correct Procedure", they meet regularly at dead of day in a building on the outskirts of Stanley. At some recent meetings Mr. John Smith was the only elected member present. (Good on Yer John!)

Did someone mention a Junta !

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The Governors speech on the radio the other evening served only to reassure us that, behind those bars, Deputy Governor and assorted Private Secretaries, He is still alive and well, and, presumably, residing in deepest Government House.

Yours faithfully,
Stuart Wallace.

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Carcass Island.
29th September, 1976

Dear Sir,

We would like to record our appreciation and thanks to Kitty and Cecil (Bertrand) who with the 'Foam' have travelled 102 miles during the past few weeks to bring us three mails.

Their first trip to Grave Cove, to rendezvous with the unfortunate Alpha Lima drew a blank, as the pilot informed that the requested West Point and Carcass mail had not been loaded. This was a big disappointment as the 'Foam' had waited a week in West Point for this flight to take place. Recent trips have been to Dunbar on the 2nd and to Saunders Is. from the 6th to 11th where they collected mail and urgently needed veterinary supplies which Ian took out on his flight of the 10th for our sick cow. The next day they received more mail for both islands from the 'Monsunen' at Saunders.

Our sincere thanks also to the many kind people who have collected and passed our mail along the track during Government's inability to get FIGAS operational again. It is obvious that Government does not reply on FIGAS for the delivery of it's over-seas mail.

Yours faithfully,
Rob & Lorraine McGill.

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P.S. At the time of writing, the 'Foam' is being prepared for another mail collecting trip to Dunbar.

Fort San Carlos.
24th October, 1976.

Dear Sir,

I refer to the broadcast by the Elected member of the Legislative Council for the East Falklands on the nights of 21st & 22nd.

I attended the Public Meeting in Stanley at which some 200 people advised the councillors of their complete lack of confidence and indeed, mistrust of the Government Administration. It was extremely obvious that these people were deeply concerned, and coupled with the many telegrams from Campers, fully supported the actions of the two councillors who resigned from Executive Council.

These resignations and subsequent R/T conversation brought all the councillors together in Stanley for a General Meeting with the official Administrators.

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The broadcast by the Elected Member for East Falklands was supposed to quell our anxieties and inspire confidence. I wonder how many listeners were so "inspired". I most certainly was not.

It was suggested that we should all be calm and patient. This is true up to a point, but it is obvious to me that the peoples patience has been stretched beyond normal limits.

It was further suggested that we should all be quiet and not speak about these things so as not to provide ammunition for Argentine Propaganda. It has become apparent that our Administration has been quietly hiding some problems and/or not informing Council or taking proper action. Surely it is better for us to stand up united and earn the respect of the World. "Soft soaping" and uttering soothing noises only gives cause for contempt.

Let us face the facts. If Mr. Sydney Miller had not had his R/T conversation, Council would not have met and the Mis-Administration would have gone gaily on.

Yours sincerely,
Alan C. Miller.

P.S. Whilst in Stanley I heard so many rumours and stories so very definitely not true that I implore all people in Stanley and in the Camp to listen carefully when you are being told a yarn or telling one, ensure that the facts are true. There is nothing worse than rumours and false stories to undermine a persons confidence in themselves. In the Falklands we have no Daily Newspaper to keep us informed of current happenings. We have to rely on word of mouth which soon gets the facts distorted.

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West Point.
26th October, 1976.

Dear Sir,

As one of the people who were outspoken on the R.T. recently, I would like to reply to Mr. Monks speech on behalf of Ex. Co. and Leg. Co. members made on the 22nd of October.

Firstly I was speaking to my elected representative Mr. L.G. Blake, on matters which were worrying me deeply, and in the only way available to people on islands at the present time, the R.T.; exercising my right as a British citizen, to free speech. I do not ask members to agree with what I say but I expect them to uphold my right to say it.

Secondly Mr. Monk exhorted us to consider the facts before speaking, how can we, when we don't have the facts, this is what worries me most and is what I was trying to get through to my representative. I have tried to get the facts, I have written to the secretariat on several occasions and the only answer I have had is a slip of paper saying ' Your letter of the - is being attended to ', then nothing more. I did get one variation, 'Your letter of the - has been mislaid, please repeat'. I did, back comes slip one, then nothing more.

On the 16th August 1976, I sent a letter to the undermentioned, with the following results.

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His Excellency the Governor - No Acknowledgement / Chief Secretary - Acknowledged / The Hon. J. Smith - Acknowledged / The Hon W.E. Bowles - No Acknowledgement / The Hon. L.G. Blake - No Acknowledgement, but mail conditions and his overseas trip probably prevented it, as he normally answers letters. The Hon. A.B. Monk - A very full and prompt answer.

In my talk to my representative, after which eight camp stations on the East and West came up and agreed with me, the only statement I made which I can think might come under the ire of the councils, is that I expressed the opinion that, "we are living under what could virtually be called a benevolent dictatorship". Now one of the things about a benevolent dictatorship, is that people can live their lives as they wish as long as they keep their opinion to themselves and don't criticize the actions, or lack of them, of government. My opinion has not been changed by Mr. Monks speech.

Here I would like to follow advice given in a letter to 'The Times' by Mr. R.D. Clements, that one should always provide constructive criticism. As an aside, I hope that Clem & Sadie with their combined talents and knowledge of local affairs, will not be lost to the Colony, but might be offered some position in the implementation of The Shackleton Report.

People are unsettled because of, lack of facts and lack of contact with the administration, which breeds mistrust. The provision of facts should be easy, if members of Leg. Co., with their new access to heads of department, give regular radio talks to keep people up to date, also why wait for December to answer questions?

The administration already has the answer to the lack of contact, to quote from the Times of the 15th April 1976.

"His Excellency intends that Mr. Slaters appointment, apart from other advantages deriving from it, make possible increased contact between Government and Camp through touring by His Excellency and his Deputy."

Let's get it underway, what better time than now, when communications are difficult and I'm sure people will get a better idea of the problems besetting Government and vice versa. I hope, that if they get round to it, they will follow Lord Shackleton's example and really meet the people and not make a pilgrimage round managers houses, for if I might end with another quote from our excellent paper The Times, which is attributed to His Excellency in the 30th June 1976 edition, "Today I would add to this an urgent call for an end to the petty, outmoded divisions which still hamper our society. Never was the need greater for unity and a fresh breadth of vision." - and if I might add Freedom of Speech.

Yours faithfully,
Don Davidson.

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Ross House,
Stanley. 29th October, 1976

Dear Sir,

In these difficult times with the plunging value of the pound sterling, we in this small British community cannot afford either to mumble and complain and yet at the same time do nothing much to help ourselves, nor can we afford to tolerate any sort of Administration that fumbles and shows no drive to adopt strong policies.

Very recently by radio-telephone undisguised criticism was used by this writer to stir the Colony's people and in particular to awaken your Members of Council to some of the facts of the Administrative performance.

People were stirred and response was Colony wide, but the combined Councils which sat in total secrecy as is customary seem to have produced something of a damp squib.

True enough in a subsequent broadcast which he told us was his own manufacture, one Member made lofty remarks, to use his own words, about "talking in an immoderate way on the radio in deplorable bad taste which does harm to relations with Argentina."

Whilst the writer is well aware that to develop and exploit major oil or fishing exploration, a harmonious commercial relationship with our large neighbour is desirable and indeed essential, it is nonsense to infer that criticism of our own internal politics must be kept from Argentine ears. This kind of pussy-footing towards a foreign country does nobody any good. Any internal criticism is within our own family of people and we are totally uninterested in any degrading appeasement of foreign opinion.

That attitude has both annoyed and worried me during the recent Ex. Co. years.

The point which that Councillor missed was that the talking on the radio-telephone by me both stirred people up and brought all the Councillors into Stanley.

But after that Council meeting it now would seem that the credibility of some Councillors has ebbed somewhat - with one very notable exception who had the extreme political courage during his first Council year to walk out of an Executive Council meeting.

However that is all now behind us and we must build energetically and immediately for the future with a rejuvenated and an inspired Council; it is a waste of time to talk about trying to understand and appreciate an Administration which is failing us.

Your Councillors need definitely and very rapidly to pool ideas and not only put them across the table, but put them across strongly and effectively and refuse to accept evasions and bromides.

We are unlikely to receive financial help for a while from Britain in her present very serious economic difficulties, but there is money available within this Colony and we can help ourselves by building our own loan fund so that keen and progressive Islanders can launch out on some of the schemes that the Colony lacks and for which it is crying out. The current fishing exploratory voyage of "Penelope" can well be one of the best things that we have ever seen to start; as the writer understands it, if their discoveries of crab and fish stocks are successful, and we so far understand them to be very encouraging, local money can soon be subscribed to form an efficient local company.

This is only one thing we can do when we study Shackleton, but above all imagination and very definite push is required by Councillors to get the Administration not only into gear but operating with energy and drive.

These are very lovely Islands that we live in and we should take to heart and absorb the facts that Mrs. Kitty Bertrand wrote in her article in the Times of 27th September. So many of us feel as Mrs. Bertrand does about our Islands, but it is not enough unfortunately just to live in them. We have by our own efforts got to improve them and our effective way of life - and we shall not do that without imagination, determined drive and hard work,

Yours very sincerely,
Sydney Miller.

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CLIMATE REPORT

September this year was a cool month with slightly more sun and slightly less rain but with average wind.
Total rainfall was 30.2mm (1.2") which is 5.5mm less than usual. Average wind speed was 15.2 knots with 26 hours when it was of gale force and 172 hours when it was 10 knots or less. The highest gust recorded was 57 knots on the 3rd. Daily average sunshine was 4.5 hours which is about 18 minutes more than the September average. The average daily temperature was 2.9 degC (37.2") the highest being 15.1 degC (59.18") on the 25th and the lowest -5.6 degC (21.9") on the 18th.
There were five days when snow covered more than half the ground and nineteen occasions on which ground frost was recorded.

SHIPPING

Vessel	Nationality	Arrived	Departed	for
ANNEETTE DANIELSEN	Danish	Sept' 25th	Oct' 3rd	United Kingdom
CABO SAN GONZALO	Argentine	Sept' 28th	Oct' 9th	Buenos Aires
MRS JOHN BISCOE	British	Oct' 22nd	Oct' 24th	South Georgia
MRS JOHN BISCOE	"	Nov' 4th	Nov' 6th	Antarctica

BIRTHS in the R.E.M. Hospital, Stanley.

Oct' 1st to Mr and Mrs Jimmy Forster (Gwyneth Pole-Evans) of Hill Cove a daughter AMANDA (7lbs 4oz)
Oct' 5th to Mr and Mrs John Blackley (Candy Lang) of Chartres a son SHANE DAVID (5lbs 7oz)
in England;
Oct' 1st to Mr and Mrs Frank Jenkins (Theresa Binnie) a son SHAWN EDWARD (6lbs)
in Bahrain;
Oct' 1st to Mr and Mrs Mick Green (Myrna Cleadell) a daughter MICHELLE COLLIER (8lbs 2oz)
(Mick was a relief pilot R.I.C.A.S. in 1966)

WEDDING Teague-Collins

On Saturday October 9th. 1976 at St. Mary's Church, the marriage of Miss Barbara Teague, Nursing Sister at King Edward Memorial Hospital, and of Rhosllanerchrugog, North Wales, to Sergeant John Collins R.M. N.P. 8901 of Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, was celebrated.

The Bride wore a long white, nylon chiffon dress, and carried a Bible, was given away by Mr. Ray Smith. The two young bridesmaids Miss Sharon Smith and Miss Anita Lee, were very pretty in long dresses of turquoise lawn, carrying a small spray of daffodils.

The Bridegroom and the Best Man Sergeant Major John Windybank R.M. looked immaculate in their "Blues".

There was a reception in the Town Hall, where the Bride and Bridegroom cut the beautiful three tiered cake, made and decorated by Mr. Doug Ridley. A supper followed at the Upland Goose, and the celebrations continued with a dance at Moody Brock.

A HAPPY CHRISTENING FOR JOHN ANTHONY WALSH

There was a good representation from the Falklands at the christening of John Anthony, son of Lieutenant Commander John Walsh, RN, and Vil, both of whom will be remembered by their many friends in the Islands. The ceremony took place on Sunday, 12 September, on board HMS "PALMCUTH" at Portsmouth and this was followed by a reception in the Wardroom where the health of John Anthony was toasted.

The Falkland contingent consisted of Mr and Mrs Pitaluga, Mr and Mrs Harland Greenshields plus Clare and the former Governor and Mrs. Lewis. Before proceeding to Portsmouth all the above were entertained to drinks at the Southampton home of Mr and Mrs Clark of the FIC.

WEDDING Jewkes-Summers

On Saturday 4th September at the Weymouth Register Office, the wedding of Mr Kelvin Summers, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Phil Summers of Stanley, and Miss Christine Jewkes, daughter of Mr and Mrs M.C. Jewkes of Weymouth took place.

Kelvin's parents, being on holiday in England at the time, were able to be at the wedding and his younger sister Una attended the bride who wore a cream polyester crepe dress with train and a matching Juliet cap and veil and who carried a bouquet of gold, yellow and orange roses and a silver horseshoe which was sent to the couple by the bridegroom's small nephew Roy.

A signed harpoon head from a whaling station at South Georgia was given to the couple by some of the crew of HMS ENDURANCE with whom Kelvin was serving before he left the Navy a short while ago.

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PUBLIC APATHY and OFFICIAL SUPPRESSION

I often wonder if there are many people in these islands who would deny that these two subjects haunt us like a cancerous disease and whether the latter has grown out of the former or vice-versa. Another illness from which we appear to suffer is that of tolerance but perhaps that is one of the drawbacks of living in a small community where, rather than offend or embarrass people we know well and with whom we live as well as work, we tolerate their actions and policies even though we realise that in some cases they are obstacles in the path of progress and efficiency. How many of us complain in the right quarters about some of our uncivil servants who act sometimes like mini-Hitlers, or express their concern about the sorry state of our Police force (now down to one regular constable and two 'specials') or the way animals still roam the Town or question the upsurge in expenditure on the upkeep of Government House or many other things that spring to mind when desiring the right. As for suppression (using the least sinister meanings) we could give many instances such as the Alpha Lima (New Island) accident. It was never publicly announced that there had ever been an Inquiry but after reporting an incorrect statement made in the House of Commons on 15th Nov' a Government announcement stated - 'As the public will be aware a formal investigation under the Colonial Air Navigation Order was in fact held by the Chief Secretary who was appointed Inspector for the purpose and he was assisted by the Supt. Civil Aviation and the Airport Manager.' Then of course we have the more flagrant type of suppression - censorship which, contrary to the belief of some, we do suffer. A most recent example of this was when, after the completion of the last edition of the TIMES and due to the embargo on all F.I.G.A.S. operations (including medical flights) there were some 160 copies of the paper at the Post Office awaiting dispatch to the Camp and as it was obvious that most Campers would not be able to read theirs for some time, I submitted page 3 of it (Don Davidson's Fairy Story) for inclusion in the 19th November Newsletter. However when I rang the Chief Secretary, who appears to be responsible for much unrest here lately, to ask him why it had not been read he told me that newsreaders did not make a practise of reading newspaper articles (a downright lie) and that as 'editor' of the Newsletter programme he considered it unsuitable.

Until more people stand up and let themselves be counted there is an increasing danger that the aforementioned diseases will become terminal. The writing has been on the wall for some time now and it is up to us to heed the warning before it is too late.

BIG BAD JOHN RETURNS.

Few of us ever dreamt that when we waved farewell to Capt. John Lavigne on September 16th we would see him in this corner of the Globe again. However after much rumour and speculation the tall Canadian ferry pilot, who has become something of a hero after he was made a scapegoat after the Alpha Lima capsized at New Island (see August TIMES) turned up in the Islands on 22nd November after an epic journey from St. Louis, Missouri, U.S.A. after a 16 day journey with the Colony's second replacement aircraft, Alpha Victor, on floats. (Alpha Tango piloted by Tim Rudy arrived here on wheels at Hookers Point strip on November 8th after an 8 day journey which would only have taken 7 days when due to poor visibility, he diverted to Rio Gallegos when he was off West Falkland on Sunday 7th).

Capt. Lavigne kept officials and welcomers waiting on the Monday evening when his ETA was estimated at about 1815 hrs as he was reported over Chartres at approx. 1730 and at which place he dropped in on. A broadcast message ordered him to fly to Fox Bay to overnight and clear customs but by this time he was heading for Stanley.

John, who flew out on Thursday 25th told the TIMES that although he was subjected to rigorous customs formalities and was expected to make out a report as to why he landed at Chartres first, he was happy to be back to visit old friends and was sorry that he had not been able to stay longer. When I asked him if he had been asked to stay for a while as a temporary pilot he replied "No I haven't but in any case I could not have as we are very busy". Governor French who entertained John twice before he left sent the following cable to Univair Int. Ltd., in St. Louis for whom John is working:- 'Beaver float plane Alpha Victor arrived safely in Port Stanley late yesterday, Monday, evening. Aircraft appears to be in perfect condition, but John Lavigne has clearly had a most exhausting trip and is to be warmly congratulated on having completed the flight. Almost none of the landing points were equipped to deal with a float plane and he encountered constant difficulties in fuelling, mooring and other operations. He was forced to spend several nights aboard the plane and had long periods with insufficient sleep and food. There are lessons to be learned from this. Best thanks for your co-operation.'

GOVERNOR'S PREMATURE DEPARTURE. On 16th November Governor French gave a broadcast address in which he announced that due to the desire of Her Majesty's Govt., to discuss with him directly a number of issues raised by the Shackleton Report he would be leaving the Islands on December 2nd. His Excellency said that although Councillors felt strongly that he should return to the Colony after discussions with Ministers on the future of the Falklands, it would be an unjustifiable charge on public funds.

After the feelings of Councillors about the Governor returning for a few weeks had been passed on to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office it was announced on Nov' 18th that it would not be possible to revise the firm arrangements which had been made for Governor French's successor to take up his appointment and that our Governor Designate Mr. James Roland Walter Parker, OB E would be leaving London on 12th December to assume the Office of Governor and Commander-in-Chief on Thursday, 16th December.

Upon the departure of the Governor French our Deputy Governor Designate Mr. Gordon Slater was sworn in as Acting-Governor.

LETTERBOX

San Carlos.
November 23rd.

Dear Sir,

Having read the Nov. edition of the Falkland Islands Times I must first of all admit to feeling somewhat nauseated by Mr. Don Davidson's 'Fairy Story', surely for that piece of writing The Classroom Wall would be a better choice of publication?

Then having read Mr. Davidson's letter to the Editor and other letters, I feel that it was time someone threw in a few hard facts about Councillors in general and possibly Mr. Monk in particular.

First of all to Mr. Davidson's credit he does admit that among the letters he wrote to Govt. officials, Mr. Monk is the only one who replied fully and promptly.

Next to the RT conversation you refer to Mr. Davidson when you understandably wished to know what was happening in Stanley at that time. It was a pity, as events have shown, that you did not speak either to your own Elected Member or to the Elected East Member. They are the people representing you, chosen by you, and no doubt you would have received sensible and enlightening news of events in those difficult times.

Now to a point later in Mr. Davidson's letter in which he asks "why wait until December for Members to publicly answer questions" Because Mr. Davidson, Members are working men who have to earn their living. Leg. Councillors are not paid. Why do they become Members of Leg. Co., because they feel they can contribute in some small measure, to the good of the Colony. Not for them the lovely long weekends, their spare time is spent, most willingly I may add, in dealing with Gov. business, answering their constituents letters and patiently phoning and believe me the San Carlos line is not always good, the people in Stanley who might be able to help with your problems.

Next to a point in Mr. Sydney Miller's letter, he quotes that at least his talk on the RT 'got the Councillors into Stanley'. Certainly he did. Certainly at that stage it was necessary. However, does Mr. Miller quite realise that for Mr. Monk and Mr. Hadden to get into Stanley at that time of the year it took 13 hours hard slogging driving over the roughest possible Camp - after of course Mr. Monk had first made his way to Darwin. On reaching Stanley they had 10 minutes literally for tea and then to a meeting of some 200 people. Followed for Mr. Monk by discussions with various people who wished to talk to him until one o'clock that night. Followed by a practically off the cuff broadcast. There you have it. Again they are about to take to the long track to Stanley for more Meetings - and I expect the Broadcast. Not an easy life nor at the moment a particularly rewarding one.

Yours sincerely,
Nora Monk.

Editor's notes:

- 1/ Paragraph two of the letter written by Mr. Davidson begins 'Firstly I was speaking to my elected representative'
- 2/ The Classroom Wall is a locally produced publication of poetry and prose written by children taught in the Camp.

Dear Editor,

23rd November, 1976.

Reading the TIMES I was most interested in A.T. Blake's version of how to get shepherds. The managers of today have my sympathy not being able to obtain 100% gangs but had not the 'foot on the neck' been applied years back then maybe all the young folk who have gone overseas would have stayed and been good shepherds. If the same manner and respect had been applied to men in those days as I know the managers practise today then the outlook would have been much brighter and there would be no problem.

Percy Peck.

THE FOLLOWING LETTER WAS SENT TO THE FOUR ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND THE FALKLAND ISLANDS TIMES:-

West Point Island.

26th October, 1976.

Dear Sirs,

Referring to Adrian Monk's recent broadcast, I was deeply disappointed that Leg Co/Ex Co could issue such a condemnation of some recent R.T. conversations.

I find it astonishing that they should call for unity at a time when I have never seen the people united in their censorship of the current administration.

I found much of the statement to be lacking in understanding of the feelings of local people. How can you ask a group of people whose very lives have and still are being gambled with, to show restraint, as the position continues to worsen. Rome may not have been built in a day, but accidents - mortal accidents do happen in a day. If we do not use the R.T. what alternative have we? To write? Many people find it difficult to put their thoughts on paper, and we always have to contend with erratic mails. Most demoralising is the lack of response letters often get.

So on this basis, in a crisis of confidence, we are asked to show restraint.

Granted SOME, repeat Some, of the recent conversations were a little hysterical, but often they are the only information we have. How otherwise would we on the West have known anything about some recent events? - e.g. The reasons behind the Ex-co resignations, the public meetings in Stanley. Government tells us nothing. The broadcasting system is silent. Our Leg-co members tell us nothing - though admittedly in the case of our representative on the West, because he was probably as much in the dark as we were. I am sure if a more free public debate was the rule here in the Islands, the hysterical tone of such conversations would disappear.

I am quite sure that our R.T. system is avidly monitored on the Coast, but do you honestly think that anything we may say here will have the slightest effect in the United Nations. Argentina will continue to pass her futile motions and most of the 'Third World' countries will continue to support them through ignorance. We must realise that our skins are the wrong colour to make any impression at the U.N. in the current prevailing attitudes. One wonders how long we must wait before Britain has the fore-sight to co-opt a Falkland Islander to its delegation to put our own case when the need arises.

It has been greatly encouraging to see the local people finding their own voice, after long being accused of apathy. We have been given this year a blue-print for our future. How can we have confidence in this administration to carry out these recommendations if we cannot trust them with purely local matters? Their dealings with the people have been high-handed and completely out of touch. Unless there is a considerable improvement local opposition will mount.

This is a time to encourage the people to find their voice and to pressure for changes. Local opinion is just beginning to flex its political muscles and our Leg-co members should be standing with us, helping to get this administration by the tail while it is running, and give it the really good shake up it needs. It was encouraging to hear that Leg-co is to hold more public discussion - it is a start. But why are not all Leg-co AND Ex-co meetings broadcast? Why do Leg-co members not hold R.T. conversation times with their constituents? I know this may have been tried in the past and failed, but the situation is different now - we are at a crisis point, both with this government and in the development of the Colony. I don't think there would be any lack of questions now. We have a new Deputy Governor, what is he doing? If they wish to find out local opinion on the Shackleton Report, he should be out with Leg-co members, travelling all settlements until government knows.

By criticising our recent means of expressing ourselves, -you and all members of Leg-co run the risk of smothering the embryo of political awareness which is just beginning to emerge. You should be standing with us, and not de-meaning our efforts. Remember gentlemen who elected you.

Yours sincerely,
Margaret Davidson.

THE FOLLOWING LETTER WAS WRITTEN TO MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MRS MARGARET DAVIDSON AND THE FALKLAND ISLANDS TIMES:-

San Carlos,
Falkland Islands.
15th November, 1976.

Dear Sirs, Madam,

Referring to a letter written by Margaret Davidson dated October 26th.

I agree entirely with a great deal of what Margaret Davidson says. No-one supports free speech more than I do: No-one wants a more Democratic form of Council than I do. No-one is more aware of Administrations shortcomings than I am, or has felt more frustrated than I have on occasions.

I share another problem with Margaret Davidson in that I very often don't know what's going on either. I do have a slight advantage over Margaret Davidson in that I am connected with Stanley by a telephone of sorts, in spite of this however it is surprising how often I learn about things through contacts rather than through Official sources.

I go back to free speech and the first Paragraph of Margaret Davidson's letter. The right of free speech brings responsibilities as well. Criticisms, questions, doubts, condemnations Etc. should be made in a reasonable moderate manner, especially over the Radio.

I can only imagine that either Margaret Davidson did not listen to my little talk or reception was bad that night. If she had heard she would have realised that I in no way condemned freedom of speech: only immoderate scurrilous speech.

If Margaret Davidson thinks that nothing we say makes the slightest difference in the United Nations then I am afraid she is living in 'Cloud cuckoo land'. Without strong lobbying of members of Parliament by FI Committee members and others in the past it is doubtful if we would still be British. If when we disagree with the Administrations actions, or lack of them, we indulge in scurrilous comments about senior Officials or Her Majesty's personal representative then we do nothing to strengthen the British Governments resolve to keep us British and everything to help that part of Argentina's case which is that, we are a downtrodden Colonial population under a despotic Expatriate regime.

Whether Messrs S. Miller and J. Smith were right to resign from Ex-co is a matter of opinion, my views may be different from Margaret Davidson's. In the case of the former, I think he had no option, in the case of the latter I think he should have stayed on. However, it is worth remembering that Messrs L.G. Blake and R.V. Goss did not resign and, to take another point in Margaret Davidson's letter: The Hon. L.G. Blake was certainly FULLY in the picture. It is also worth remembering that two very experienced level headed persons namely, Messrs W.H. Goss and W.E. Bowles agreed to take the places of the above two persons.

Finally, I would like to point out that I recently introduced a Motion in Legislative Council that would have taken the control of our Broadcasting from the Administration and put it in the hands of an Autonomous body of citizens. The idea being to dispense with Administration censorship and to encourage more public debate on matters of interest and a better news service. In the course of the debate on this the Ch. Secretary 'fogged' the issue with a lot of verbal 'red herrings'. Anyway the Motion was lost because the majority of Legislative Council Members opposed it. I got the impression at the time that they believed in freedom of speech but doubtful if we were in all respects ready for it, thinking that our broadcasts might often degenerate into slanging matches, I entirely disagreed with that thinking and still do, though I am bound to admit my confidence was somewhat shaken when I listened to some and I repeat, some of the comments made on the R/T within the last few weeks.

Thank you Mrs. Davidson for sending me a copy of your letter and I am very interested in your views. You may rest assured that I would be the last person to discourage the 'growing political awareness' of the people.

With regards to what Mrs. Davidson calls the 'Blue-print' for our future: Mrs. Davidson must realise that the implementation of this largely rests with the Br. Government. In my view unless the Br. Government lengthens and strengthens the Permanent Airstrip we can say goodbye to any worthwhile development for many years, if not forever.

Yours sincerely,

Adrian Monk.

THE FOLLOWING WAS SUBMITTED BY THE FALKLAND ISLANDS COMPANY LIMITED
AND DATED 5TH NOVEMBER, 1976:-

Announcement by the Board of Directors.

The Falkland Islands Company, having considered the Shackleton Report arguments in favour of establishing more tenant or owner-managed farms, is willing to make land available for that purpose, if a satisfactory scheme can be drawn up in consultation with the Falkland Islands Government.

At the same time it is pointed out that because of economies of scale, the Company contributes to the Colony's revenue a greater share of corporate taxation than is represented by its share of farm land; and that there would therefore be less danger of an adverse effect on the economy if experimental subdivision took place on one of the independent farms presently available for sale.

The Company is presently considering other measures to implement the recommendations in the Shackleton Report, more particularly and urgently the provision of housing finance and home-ownership and security of tenure on farms.

In diversification of the economy, an in-Shore fishing survey is presently being undertaken in the Colony jointly with the Japanese Company TAIYO. Discussions are also taking place with a view to fishing blue whiting for fish meal and fish oil. This would be a wholly British venture which would bring in over £1m gross of foreign currency earnings.

Discussions have also been held with North America interests for the development of tourism.

The Company concurs with Lord Shackleton's opinion that without an extension to the present airfield diversification of the Falklands economy is unlikely. It is now certain that diversification would bring substantial benefits to Britain's economy.

Diversification of the economy would create a stronger local market and lead to the introduction of small industries and trades, particularly small scale farming units which are not viable in an economy based solely on sheep farming for wool.

OCTOBER WEATHER

October 1976 was the least sunny October since at least 1951. The average daily sunshine was 4.16 hours-nearly an hour and forty minutes a day less than what would usually be expected at this time of year. The total rainfall was 77.1mm(3.03")-over double what is normal in October and the wettest October since 1941. The average temperature was 5.2 deg C(41.36F)-just about normal for the time of year. The highest temperature recorded was 15.6 deg C(60.08F) on the 30th and the lowest was -1.4 deg C(29.48F) in the early morning of the 1st. The average wind speed was 18.3 knots-about 1 knot higher than is usual in October. The highest gust recorded during the month was 53 knots on the 23rd. There were 12 hours when the average hourly wind speed was of gale force and 127 hours when it was of 10 knots or less. There were 9 occasions when ground frost was recorded.

In brief; wet and less sunny with a little more than usual wind and temperature just about average.

NEWS IN BRIEF Silver Wedding. Emily and Eddy Lilley of 22, Albion St. Rowhedge, Colchester celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on 27th October. Emily is the eldest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. C.J. Skilling who left the Falklands 24 years ago.

Philatelic News. Suggestions are invited from the public for subjects for stamp issues for the Colony and South Georgia. Any persons having ideas about stamp issues are requested to submit them to the Secretariat as soon as possible.

It was announced recently that the Colony's next Definitive stamp issue of vessels which have carried mail to and from the Islands between 1842 and 1973 will not now be available before August '77. The stamps are prepared from drawings by local artist and historian John Smith and the final art-work of which will be given to the Corps of Royal Marines in connection with tomorrow's Freedom Ceremony.

Freedom of Stanley. Colonel Sir Stuart Pringle arrived last Thursday to represent the Commandant General of the Royal Marines at tomorrow's conferment of the Freedom of Stanley upon the Corps. A Royal Marine Bugler also arrived specially for the occasion. The days proceedings will commence with the Ceremony at Government House followed by a 17 gun salute, helicopter fly-past and Royal Marine march past at Victory Green, a reception for some 450 people has been arranged at the Town Hall from 12.30 - 1.30 p.m. A gymkhana will be held at 3 p.m. and an informal dance at the Town Hall from 10 p.m. - 1 a.m. will conclude the day's celebrations.

Fashion Show postponed. The commercially sponsored Argentine fashion show which was to have taken place in Stanley at the end of November has been postponed due to illness among the group concerned. It is hoped to arrange the show here in or about March '77.

First Landing by Jet. An F-28 jet of the Argentine Air Force landed on the temporary air-strip on Saturday 13th November at approx. 10.40 a.m. after a 44 minute flight from Rio Grande (Tierra del Fuego). Several people went out to the strip to view the first pure jet aircraft to land in the Islands.

A Thank-you from Jim. Dorothy and Thomas Goodwin write on behalf of Mr. Jim Pitaluga to thank all of those people who sent messages and cards on the recent attainment of his 100th birthday.

Public Library Committee. The composition of the Library Committee to control and manage the Public Library is:- Chairman-Supt. of Education, Members - Mrs. G. Johnston, Mrs. G. Cheek, Mrs. M. Luxton, Mrs. F. O'Reilly and Mr. S.A. Booth.

I'm a Gnu ? If you are thinking of coming to or leaving the Falklands and you possess a Colobus badius gordonorum (not a gordonslater) you had better leave it where it is as it is one of the Almighty's hundreds of creatures, which, by a proclamation of 22nd June 1976 made under Section 35 of the Customs Ordinance (Chapter 16), is forbidden to be imported or exported. If you would like to know the names of the other 576 you can read them in the Gazette No. 11 dated 3rd September 1976 price 60p obtainable from the Secretariat.

Ruby Wedding. Mr and Mrs James Sarney of Carnoustie, Scotland recently celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversary. James and Betty were married in Stanley on the 26th August 1936.

Police Sergeant returns to Scotland. Sergeant Fred Morrison of the Dumfries and Galloway Constabulary who arrived here to join the local Police Force on September 16th departed the Colony on October 9th and returned to Scotland. Sgt. Morrison experienced accommodation difficulties here and a trunk of personal effects which apparently arrived in Buenos Aires by the same flight as himself on 13th September and arrived here on 30th September had had both locks wrenched off, apparently by Argentine Customs officials.

Have Camera Will Travel. A Pentax camera body was stolen from the SPEEDWELL STORE by a crew member of the BAHIA BUEN SUCEÑO on the 21st September. Thanks to the efforts of Captain Castagna and Vice Comodoro Carnelli here and the Authorities in Buenos Aires the camera was recovered when the ship docked in that port and sent back to the shop.

Another successful Bazaar. Gross takings at this year's bazaar at St. Mary's held on the evenings of Friday 3rd/Saturday 4th amounted to £2,520.

Air Travellers.

Month	No. of flights	Arrivals/Tourists	Departures/Tourists
September	5	112	5
October	4	122	10
November	4	97	23

Falkland Islands Journal. Wool Brokers David Smith & Co. are sending a copy of the 1974 and 1975 F.I. Journals to all buyers of Falkland Wool. United Kingdom readers of the TIMES may obtain copies of the Journal from Mr. F.G. Mitchell at the F.I.C. office at 94a Whitechapel High Street, London E1 7RH at 45p + 9p postage for the '74 edition and 50p + 9p for '75.

News of an Islander. Alexander McGill left the Islands in 1973 to join the Merchant Navy in which he has travelled to most parts of the world. Alec married in London in 1973 and now manages a chain of boutiques and has bought a house in Moreton Wirral. Alec with his wife Nuala would be most pleased to receive a visit from Kelpers and can be found at 14, Millers Way, Garden Het Est., H cylake Rd., Moreton Wirral, Merseyside, Liverpool. Telephone 051-678-6718.

Temporary Doctor. During the absence of Dr. Bernard Lee, who has gone to the U.K. for medical treatment, the Colony has only two doctors. However, it was announced this evening that the Ministry of Overseas Development have notified Government that a Dr. Summers who has previously worked in St. Helena and Auguilla would be prepared to come to the Colony for four months from mid-January.

Executive Council Appointments. Following the resignations of Councillors Smith and Miller from the Executive Council (see page 2 of 6th November TIMES) Mr. W. Bowles has been elected to replace Councillor John Smith and Mr. W.H. Goss, J.P., to replace Councillor Sydney Miller.

Pixilated Penguins. A West Falkland reader has observed that the Jackasses were eight days late returning this year and asks "Did they have trouble with their white cards?"

Machinery fire at airport. Dense black smoke from the permanent airport site could be seen from Stanley on the afternoon of Saturday 27th November when the tar machine caught fire. Nobody was injured and Johnston Construction Ltd., signalled their Redhill, Surrey, Head Office who have arranged for a replacement to be shipped by the mid-December sailing of ANNETTE DANIELSEN. Meanwhile the Public Works Dept., have loaned JCL its tar machine which is much smaller than the burnt out one holding two drums of tar as opposed to about twelve.

No Scholarships this year. The annual overseas scholarship examination was held in Stanley recently. The Scholarship Board met to consider the results of the eight candidates but none had done well enough in each of the four subjects to justify an award.

Badminton Club. It was announced this evening that as attendances had been poor recently, the Stanley Badminton Club would be closing until further notice.

Stanley Cup. The 1976 Stanley Cup Competition was won by Stan Smith with 125 points. Second was Doug Hansen with 123 points and third Henry Luxton with 120. There were 12 entries in this Open competition organised by the Rifle Club on or around Battle Day and shot off over two, three and five hundred yards.

Raconteur sails North. The 24 foot Australian yacht RACONTEUR which put into Stanley on 4th April headed for home via the Carribbean on 24th November. The fibreglass craft built in Sydney in 1972 left Brisbane on 24th December, 1974 and came by way of Pitcairn Island, Easter Island and the Chilean coast. RACONTEUR, which lost her rudder near Staten Island, was crewed by civil engineer Bill Hatfield and Social Nurse Barbara Braddock. Whilst in Stanley Bill worked with JCL and Barbara at the Hospital.

Silver Jubilee Celebrations. The Colony's celebrations of Her Majesty the Queen's 25th Anniversary of her ascension to the throne were to have been held next June. However, it has now been decided that the celebrations would best be combined with the joint sports meeting planned to be held in Stanley during the week commencing 21st February.

Government Posts. The post of Assistant Supt. of Public Works has been reinstated and it was announced recently that Senior Carpenter Basil Morrison had been appointed to the post which will pay approx. £1,000 per annum more than the post of Senior Carpenter.

Mr. Bill Roberts who for the past 2 years has been with Cable & Wireless Ltd., assumed the post of Communications Officer from the 1st December. For those of you who are as puzzled as I was, this post is a re-styling of Broadcasting Officer and Senior Technician which was held by Mr. Ernie Fuhlendorff until his recent retirement.

Belated Bag. A Diplomatic bag dispatched from FCO on 6th April and marked 'Priority' arrived here on 14th October.

Well Wishers. I would like to express my sincere thanks to the three people (two overseas and one local) who have made donations to the TIMES. There is just one more issue due before this year's subscription runs out and at the moment I am not accepting subs. for next year as I am undecided as to whether I shall be carrying on. In the meantime I shall be pleased to hear from anyone in the Islands who would be prepared to take over the press for a year.

PRESS COMMENT

Charrington's Review, a new publication which reports the activities of the Charrington Group for the year up to 31 March 1976 contains a special feature about the Falklands entitled - "Britons who feel let down by Britain".

"Question: when does a British Government force a group of British people into dependence on a foreign power which covets their land - deliberately prising loose the tenacious ties which bind them to their home country?

Answer: when these people have no vote at Westminster, number only 2,000, and live 7,000 miles away - in the Falkland Islands. Under successive Governments, the Foreign Office has given away point after point to the Argentinians, who have territorial ambitions over the 4,000 windswept square miles of moorland and rough grazing which make up the Falklands. Under a Government agreement, all access to the Islands is via the Argentine - although Argentine law insists that young Falkland Islanders are liable for military call-up. Under a Government agreement, the Argentine state oil company has a monopoly of the supply of oil to the islanders. Under a Government agreement, the airstrip being built near Stanley, the capital, will only be long enough to take short range planes from the Argentine. At one time, medical and education services too were becoming increasingly dependent on the Argentine, because applicants for posts in the Islands were being discouraged.

A sorry story.

It is a sorry story, much of it the result of bowing to pressure from the United Nations De-Colonisation Committee. If the Committee had its way, the Islands would of course simply become a colony of the Argentine instead of Great Britain, exchanging the tutelage of the homeland for that of a country with which they have no natural ties at all. But in the curious moral climate which prevails in that towering slab-sided pile in New York, this is perfectly acceptable. The Islanders find it a little ironic that the Foreign Office has actually taken a stronger line with Spain over Gibraltar than it has with the Argentine over the Falklands. Gibraltar is largely inhabited by people of Spanish descent. But of course it is very much closer than the South Atlantic; and British voters go to Gibraltar on holiday.

"Lots of people do actually worry whether it's worth planting their gardens this year or painting their houses," says Joan Spruce, a fifth-generation Islander. "It might be handed over next week." And her husband Terry says, "We get the feeling that the Government are trying to force the islanders to say, "All right, we'll go over to the Argentine", and the islanders are very much against this. They want full contact with Britain, to live their own life, but now they think the British Government are selling us out - 90% of the islanders believe this".

A point which rankles particularly is that anybody travelling between Britain and the Islands has to apply to the Argentine Government for a "white card" permit. "You feel like a prisoner with this silly little piece of paper," says Mrs. Spruce.

And Mrs. Bessie Franks, a former resident and mother of a present one, says: "We're British through and through, and very loyal, and the Argentine is an alien country." The islanders also suffer severely from the Immigration Act. They don't ask for any specially favourable treatment. It just strikes them as a little odd that the number of Chilean Marxists granted entry to Britain in recent months has been more than the total Falkland's population. When the son of one of the Falkland Island Company's foremen came here to stay with his uncle and aunt he was peremptorily given a week to leave the country. The Company's intervention won him an extension; but in order to get it he had to go 7,000 miles back to the Falkland Islands and wait there for a work permit to be sent to him. The working of the act is making it extremely difficult to keep up the family ties which mean a great deal when you are 7,000 miles away. In many cases it is actually impossible for some of the islanders to get home. "Even though I've got a British passport, I'm only allowed into the country for six months in every year. I couldn't come here and settle," says Jimmy Alazia, a third-generation Falklander. "If the Argentine took over, it looks as though Canada would be the only place I could go to."

The bill?

One of the most telling comments comes from Mr Hadden of Goose Green. "People are beginning to worry that we're getting so much from the Argentine because some day we're going to get a bill for all this and the price will be sovereignty."

The Government's attitude is believed to stem in part from a belief that the Islands could not be a viable self-supporting community on their own; but the Falklanders themselves dispute this. Given the right encouragement, there are enough natural resources to support vigorous growth. Wool, the main concern of the Falkland Islands Company, Charrington's subsidiary, already provides a firm basis. There is potential for fisheries; there is abundant seaweed from which valuable alginates can be made; agriculture could be developed; there may well be oil. But potential investors in all of these are reluctant to come forward while - to quote Mrs Malcolm of the Falkland Islands Committee - "everyone feels insecure."

Now the Islands are waiting for the Shackleton Report on their future. A firm statement of intent could be a turning point in the lives of 2,000 very loyal Britons.

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Baha'i Teachings for the Family of Mankind

Trust in God and be unmoved by either praise or false accusations.... depend entirely on God.

Set all thy hope in God and cleave tenaciously to His unfailing mercy.

Ed. Rather than run into 14 pages again I am closing down for this edition. Births, Shipping, Court cases and other items for News in Brief are being held over until the year's final edition which should be out by mid-January.