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SPRING IS SPRUNG!

"You can tell Spring is on the way" - so went a remark by one member of our staff on noticing the Mallards on the Dock Feeder which runs behind Head Office. These birds plough their way up and down foraging for food, but of latter days we have not seen the duck, presumably now sitting on eggs. We are waiting for the first signs of the ducklings. In the domestic gardens, blackbirds, thrushes and similar birds are gathering material for their nests and concentrating on raising their families and their song is sweeter by the day. Added to these sounds of the countryside is the noise of the lawn mowers now emerging from garages and sheds after the winter - no doubt to be followed by the aching limbs of their users!

Apart from the trees now showing green, as opposed to brown, buds, the City of Cardiff is ablaze with daffodils. Last year the City received a gift of a considerable amount of daffodil bulbs from the people of The Netherlands - a gift which they apparently give to a different European city each year. This year we see the increased benefit of this gift, which all adds colour to the dull days of early Spring. The squirrels and pigeons are still active in the trees and a lonely moorhen chugs its way up and down the Feeder. We are reliably informed that birds of a different ilk are still observed from the front windows of the building - when anyone has time, of course!

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SHIP AND SHORE NEWS

OBITUARY: We offer our deepest sympathy to Mr. P.D. Smith, Catering Officer, on the passing of his father on the 22nd March.

We also offer our sincere condolences to Captain M.W. Slayman on the death of his father on the 3rd April.

MRS. J.B. CUCKOW: It is with regret that we heard of the passing of Mrs. Winifred Cuckow on 9th April in America, where she lived near her daughter. Mrs. Cuckow was the widow of Mr. J.B. Cuckow, a Second Officer in our employment for many years. We understand Mrs. Cuckow died following an operation.

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BIRTHS: Graham and Jean Faulkner are delighted to announce the birth of Jonathan Alexander on 2nd April. The baby weighed in at 7 lb. 3 ozs. and it seems he must have kept Father up as he was born at 4.30 a.m. Our congratulations to both Mother and Father on their happy event.

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APOLOGY: We must apologise to **Captain M.J. Bellamy** (ex "SKEENA") for the omission in last month's Newsletter, when we failed to give acknowledgment to him for the information which formed the front page article. This omission was entirely due to the fact that the Newsletter in March was produced in a very short time because of pressure of work. We do thank **Captain Bellamy** for going to the trouble of submitting the article and for the time he took in working out all the calculations.

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EXAMINATION SUCCESSES: Our congratulations to the following on obtaining their Certificates:

Mr. K.F. Bean - Class 4 Motor                      Mr. M.J.C. Lockwood - Class 2 Motor  
Mr. N.J. Millward - Class 2 Motor

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WELCOME: We welcome Miss Susan Penny, Telephonist/Typist, London Office and Mr. Richard Vincent, Postal Clerk/Messenger, London Office (who replaces the previous Postal Clerk) on joining the Company.

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ATTACHMENTS TO NEWSLETTER

GCBS CAMPAIGN FOR "SPECIAL CASE" BUDGET TREATMENT: We attach a News Release on this subject received from the General Council of British Shipping.

"IT'S NOT WHAT YOU SAY".... This article appeared some months ago in one of the Newspapers and we thought readers would be amused at the lighthearted view of the school reports we have all had in our lives.

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EARLY PUBLICATION

Due to the approach of Easter, the Newsletter has had to be typed earlier than usual, in order for it to be ready for posting with the payslips immediately after the holiday. Therefore, any items received after 13th April will be included in the May issue.

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SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD

Across: 1. Shipwreck 9. Spinal 10. Masterful 11. Script 12. Repentant  
13. Assume 17. Aye 19. Rigging 20. Ariette 21. Oar 23. Burgoo 27. Avalanche  
28. Legend 29. Animosity 30. Not one 31. Denseness.  
Down. 2. Hoaxer 3. Petrel 4. Rarity 5. Chutney 6. Spaceship 7. Antiquity  
8. Slotmeter 14. Dribbling 15. Aggregate 16. Disowning 17. Ago 18. Ear  
22. Advance 24. Clamps 25. Unison 26. Chutes.

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LATE NEWS

We have just heard that **Captain W. Lawday** had been admitted to hospital for an operation. We understand it is not serious and we send him our best wishes for a good recovery. **Captain Lawday** is now at home again convalescing.

**ALL AT SEA.....**

m.v. EASTERN VALLEY

Captain R.I. Crawford  
 Deck Officers T.H. Jowett, M.R.Lovibond, R.A.Hall  
 Radio Officer R.H. Smith.  
 Engineer Officers D.Harrison, D.A.Roberts, M.G.Evans  
 M.J.Hopewell.  
 Electrician E.M. Bennington.  
 Catering L.A.L.Rodrigues.

m.v. OLMECA

Captain P.J. Boroughs  
 Deck Officers M.Slayman, P.D.Codd, R.B.Webb.  
 Radio Officer E.G. Bromham  
 Engineer Officers E.R. Morgan, A. Hobin, A.C.Coombs  
 M.G. Adams. M. Holman  
 Electrician N.J. Whitfield  
 Catering D.C. Fernandes

m.v. WESTERN VALLEY

Captain R.V. Duncan.  
 Deck Officers K. Jones, J.C.Neale, S.A.Hembury  
 Radio Officer D.P. Bidmead.  
 Engineer Officers W. Gill, K.Rowney, M.P.Owens  
 P.Collins.  
 Electrician F.C.Brown.  
 Catering J.B. Sequeira.

m.v. YAQUI

Captain T.R. McNulty  
 Deck Officers A.A.Field, P.C.Coles, S.Brown  
 Radio Officer B.J. Carter  
 Engineer Officers B.M. Draper, W.A. Bruce, K.Warner  
 P. Cocker  
 Electrician J.E. Atkinson  
 Catering E. Dias

m.v. NORTHERN VALLEY

Captain L.R. Staines.  
 Deck Officers I.C.Stutt, R.W.Davies, E.J.Naughton  
 Radio Officers J.R. Mathews, R.C. Masters  
 Engineer Officers R.E.Diamond, J.Hocking.  
 Electrician P.M.Deschamps. A.R.Parker.  
 Catering Officer K.W.G.Hampton  
 M. Gones  
 Cadets P.J.Gallie, T. Stanford, S.J.Thomas

m.v. LACANDON

Captain K. Milburn  
 Deck Officers A. Thomson, P.C.Roberts,  
 D.A. Littler  
 Radio Officer A.S. Goldstone  
 Engineer Officers D. Archbold, P.D. Slade,  
 M. Williamson, W.P. Heyman  
 Electrician D. Osborne  
 Catering O. Rebello

m.v. TACONA CITY

Captain J.C.Lee  
 Deck Officers J.S.Murray. C. Swindells. I.Cowan  
 Radio Officer K.H. Sellar  
 Engineer Officers L.M. Williamson, R.A.Rees,  
 M.J.C.Lockwood, D.B.Evans  
 Electrician J.P. Crawford  
 Catering Officer R.G. Pierce

m.v. AMPARO

Captain R. Skinner  
 Deck Officers B.R.Hopper, J.M.Smith,  
 S.F.Broderick  
 Radio Officer M.Savory  
 Engineer Officers P.W. Evans, A.Doubler, D.E.Simons,  
 H. McLundie  
 Electrician D.J.C.Harnett  
 Catering Officer C.J.Harry  
 Cadets J.R.GreenSPAN, P.C.Davies.

m.v. SKLENA

Ships Company:

Captain R.K. Stuart, R. Baker, A.C. Prosser,  
 A. Williamson, D.S.H. Thomson, G. Hughes, P. Price,  
 R.H.Reed, J.A. Akhurst, K. Baines, A.A. Gouldie,  
 P.C. Tate, D.W. Sturdy, M.J. Bowen, W.D. Shepherdson,  
 A.Viner, K. Walsh, D. Long, S. Hurrell, S. Seagraves,  
 G. Moore, M.J. Evans, S. Hird, G. Weekley, K. Shire,  
 B.V. Williams, A. Trabert.

m.v. BIBI

Captain J. Pearsall  
 Deck Officers P.M.Baverstock. A.P.Morris.  
 A. Abel.  
 Radio Officer P. Bradley  
 Engineer Officers D.N.Amey, K.R.Negele, R.M. Stead,  
 M.R.Penny, I.J.Morgan.  
 Electrician D. Grant  
 Catering Officer L. Slawinski  
 Cadets D.R.Hilton, M.A.Worsnop,  
 R. Williamson.

m.v. SILVIA SOFIA

Captain B.A.G. Boyer  
 Deck Officers B.T.Hernaman, G.P.Eyles, R.W.Eacott  
 Radio Officer R.G. Miller  
 Engineer Officers N.B.Shilstone, K.D.Morgan,  
 M.R.Preece, A.J.Salter, D.A.Williams  
 Electrician K. Bean  
 Catering Officer L. Haywood

The above disposition lists were correct at the time of printing

## SHIPS POSITIONS

As at 16th April, 1984

m.v. "EASTERN VALLEY" This vessel, presently operating under Time Charter account Island View Shipping, sailed Tamatave 7th April with a cargo of 10399 metric tons Chrome Ore. Vessel anchored Richards Bay 12th April and berthed bunker pier 15th April. After bunkering 720 tons IFO/65T DO for I. V.S. account, vessel shifts to load berth am 16th April and after loading Silico Manganese, Ferro Chrome and Titanium Slag, sails pm 19th for Port Elizabeth, where she is due to arrive the 20th, and after completion of loading operations sail the 21st for discharge port, Rotterdam. Vessel will proceed to Rotterdam at 12.5K and arrive around 11th May, and after completion of discharge operations will redeliver from Time Charter around 15/20th May. Vessel's future business has not yet been arranged.

m.v. "NORTHERN VALLEY" This vessel, operating under Time Charter account United Arab Shipping Co., sailed Antwerp 30th March with a cargo of 9978T Steel Pipes and Generals for discharge Kuwait. Vessel arrived Port Said 2200 8th April and after transiting the Suez Canal, sailed Suez 0136 10th April. Vessel is presently proceeding towards Kuwait, where she is due to arrive 0530 19th April and after completion of discharge sail 24th and will redeliver from Time Charter passing Muscat outbound 26th April. Vessel then delivers under Time Charter account Island View Shipping on arrival Pilot Station Durban or Richards Bay in Charterers option around 8th May, and after completion of loading will sail around 12th May for the Continent. Vessel's discharge ports are, as yet, unknown, but she will arrive Continent around 25th May and redeliver from Time Charter around 30th May.

m.v. "TACOMA CITY" This vessel berthed Farmers Export Elevator, Ama (New Orleans) 3rd April and after loading a cargo of 24944.127 metric tons Corn sailed Ama 4th April for South Africa. Vessel is presently proceeding at 13K on 25T IFO and is due to arrive basis Cape Town 30th April. Discharge ports have not yet been declared, but the intention is Cape Town, East London or Durban and is expected to complete discharge around 5/10th May. Vessel's next business has not yet been arranged.

m.v. "WESTERN VALLEY" This vessel presently operating under Time Charter for account Island View Shipping, sailed Port Elizabeth 28th March with a cargo of 26128 metric tons Anthracite and Manganese Ore for discharge Dunkirk and Antwerp. Vessel is presently proceeding at economic speed and is due to arrive Dunkirk around 0600 20th April and after discharging her cargo of Manganese Ore, sails the 21st for Antwerp, arriving 22nd to discharge her cargo of Anthracite, and is expected to complete, and redeliver around 24th April. Vessel then delivers under Time Charter account United Arab Shipping Co. at Antwerp around 24th April and after loading the intended cargo of Steel Pipes is due to sail around 29th April. Vessel then proceeds to Port Said, arriving around 8th May and after transiting the Suez Canal, sails Suez 9th May for Kuwait for discharge. Vessel will arrive Kuwait around the 18th May and after completion of discharge will sail 23rd May and redeliver from Time Charter passing Muscat outbound around 25th May.

m.v. "SKEENA" This vessel sailed Yokkaichi 2150 14th April with 3253T Cargo = 3127 Auto's for discharge U.S. West Coast/B.C. Vessel is presently proceeding to the U.S.A. at full speed and is due to arrive Los Angeles/Long Beach around 27th April and sail 28th for Benicia/Richmond 30/30th, Tacoma 3/3rd May, and her final discharge port New Westminster arriving 4th May and completing and sailing same day. Vessel then calls Vancouver/Nanaimo arriving 4/4th May and after completion loading sails 6th for Japan for discharge. Vessel's first port Japan is Sendi, arriving 19th May, sailing 20th for Chiba, arriving 21st May and completing discharge and sailing around 22nd May.

m.v. "AMPARO" This vessel, presently operating under Voyage 10 Eastbound sailed Tampico 0700 14th April for Le Havre, where she is due to arrive early am 27th April and after completion of cargo operations sails 28th for Antwerp, arriving 29th April. Vessel then proceeds under Voyage 10 Westbound sailing Antwerp approximately 30th April for Hamburg 1/2nd May, Bremen 3/4th, Le Havre 6/8th and Felixstowe 9/9th. Vessel then proceeds under Voyage 11 Eastbound possibly calling at Houston (dates unknown). Vessel then calls Coatzacoalcos 23/23rd May, Vera Cruz 24/31st May, Tampico 1/3rd June and finally Coatzacoalcos 4/5th June. Vessel then proceeds back to Continent, arriving Antwerp around 19th June. The above dates very uncertain, as we are awaiting a more accurate itinerary from T.M.M.

m.v. "BIBI" This vessel operating under Voyage 22 Eastbound arrived Osaka 0148 15th April and is due to sail 0930 17th for Yokohama, arriving and sailing 18th April. Vessel then proceeds to Oakland, arriving 29th April and sailing same day for Long Beach 30/1st May and Manzanillo 3/6th May. Vessel then proceeds under Voyage 22 Westbound, arriving Salina Cruz 8th May, sailing 9th, for Mazatlan 12/12th May, Long Beach 15/16th and finally Oakland arriving 17th May and sailing same day. Vessel then proceeds back to Japan, where she is due to arrive Yokohama around 29th May.

m.v. "LACANDON" This vessel sailed Guaymas 1900 14th April with a cargo of 22000 metric tons Copper Concentrates for discharge Hamburg. Vessel is due to arrive Manzanillo 1700 16th April for bunkers and is expected to ship 1400T IFO/130T DO and sail 17th April. Vessel then arrives Balboa 23rd April and after transiting the Panama Canal, sails Cristobal 24th April for Hamburg. Estimated time of arrival Hamburg is around 10th May and is due to complete discharge around 13th May. We are awaiting future itinerary from T.M.M.

m.v. "OLMECA" This vessel, presently operating under Time Charter account Furness Withy anchored Vancouver 12th April and is expected to berth Portland, Oregon, 19th April due to congestion. After loading a cargo of 22000T Grain at Portland, Oregon, vessel is expected to complete and sail pm 20th April for Acajutla for discharge. Estimated time of arrival Acajutla around 30th April, but as prospects in that port are unknown, we can only estimate that vessel will complete discharge and redeliver around 5/10th May, but we are awaiting itinerary from T.M.M.

m.v. "SILVIA SOFIA" This vessel, operating under Voyage 18 Eastbound sailed Manzanillo 0700 15th April after shipping 2261T IFO, 266T DO, and discharging 304 metric tons Generals/51 x 24' Empties. Vessel arrived L. Cardenas 15th April and after completion of discharge operations, sails the 17th for final discharge port, Acapulco, arriving 18th April and completing discharge and sailing 20th April. Vessel then proceeds under Voyage 18 Westbound, arriving Salina Cruz 21st April to load 96 x 20' PTA, + 2500 metric tons B/B PTA and sail the 22nd for Guaymas, arriving 25th to load 11000 metric tons Copper Concentrates and sail 27th April for her first discharge port, Keelung. Vessel is due to arrive Keelung 13th May, sailing 14th for Busan/Ulsan 15/19th May, Hibi 20/22nd May and finally Yokohama 23/23rd May. We are awaiting further itinerary from T.M.M.

m.v. "YAQUI" This vessel operating under Time Charter account Sanko sailed Antwerp 12th April with 24763T cargo for discharge USEC/US Gulf. Vessel is presently proceeding towards her first discharge port, Bridgeport, at economic speed, where she is due to arrive around 23rd April and sail 24th for Newark 25/26th, Camden 27/28th, Wilmington 29/30th and finally Houston, where she is due to arrive 5th May and complete and redeliver from Time Charter around 10th May. We are awaiting future itinerary from T.M.M.



"Packed with platitudes" it was said of school reports in an edition of the "Education Guardian". "Not if you can crack the code" was the reply:

IT'S NOT WHAT YOU SAY....."

Satisfactory progress	I can't think of a single interesting thing about him/her.
A born leader	Runs a protection racket
Easy going	Bone idle
Lively	Thoroughly disruptive
Good progress	If you think his/her work is bad now, you should have seen it a year ago.
A sensitive child	Never stops whining.
Helpful	Creep
Reliable	Grasses on his mates
Adventurous	Will break his neck before the year's out
Has difficulty in forming stable relationships	I can't stand him either
Expresses himself confidently	Cheeky little bastard
Enjoys all P.E. activities	Thug
Has a lot of minor illnesses	Truants regularly
Friendly	Never shuts up
Easily distracted	Hasn't produced a single piece of good work all year.
Works better in a small group	Daren't take my eyes off him/her for a second
Imaginative	Lies and cheats regularly
Expresses himself clearly	Foul mouthed
Keen to do well	Egotistical
All his work is of a high standard	He/she has ambitious middle-class parents
Does not accept authority easily	Dad's doing time
Is easily upset	Spoilt rotten
Often appears tired	Stays up till all hours watching horror movies or is into glue sniffing
Works better at practical activities	Totally illiterate
Good with his hands	Light fingered
A rather solitary child	Smells or has nits
Independent minded	Totally obstinate
Determined	Completely lacking all scruples
A good sense of humour	Teases other kids unmercifully
Enjoys extra-curricular activities	Flogs cigarettes
Inclined to day-dream	In one ear and out the other
Reads well aloud	In love with his/her own voice
A quiet child	Lacking any individuality whatsoever
Easily influenced	The form fall-guy
Popular at Play Centre	Sells pornography
A vivid imagination	Never short of an excuse
A very inquisitive mind	Often caught playing Doctors and Nurses
Does not give classes his full attention	Smokes in the lavatories
Often needs guidance	Never out of the Head's study
Chooses his friends carefully	National Front.