

# Falkland 1900-2000

## Year 1923

### (As researched by Jack Burgess)

#### 6<sup>th</sup> January 1923

Extract from *The Fife News*: **New Year** – “The New Year was ushered in very quietly in the burgh. When the town clock struck the hour of twelve, there were only a few young people at the Cross, but as one walked round the town, many windows were seen to be lighted, and there were sounds of rejoicing. The outlook for the coming year is favourable, as the works in the district are fairly busy.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – “Falkland Victoria play Ladybank on Saturday. There will be some excitement at Ladybank as this match has been the topic of conversation for some time. The Victoria hope to return with the points.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **New Year Concert** – “Under the auspices of Falkland Ornithological Society, a grand concert was held in the Drill Hall on Tuesday evening. Bailey George Robertson presided over a large audience. The following ably sustained an excellent programme: -

Miss Turnbull, Ladybank; Miss Oswald, Falkland; Miss Allan, Kingskettle; Miss Young, Freuchie; Miss J. Bett, Falkland; Miss Pratt, Freuchie; Mr Scott Rae and Mr J. Ross, Falkland.

After the concert a successful dance was held. The music was supplied by Mr Berry's band, Auchtermuchty. Messrs W. Forsyth and A. Cowan ably acted as M.C.'s. The Secretary, Mr T. Lawson, and Committee are to be congratulated on the success of the show, concert and dance, all held on the same day.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Keen Competition Among Bird Fanciers** – “Falkland Ornithological Society held their fifty-sixth annual show on Tuesday. The entry was so large that both the Town Hall and Drill Hall were required to house the birds. The poultry were in the Drill Hall and pigeons and cage birds in the Town Hall. Owing to the weather there was not such a large attendance of visitors as was expected, although in the afternoon many paid a visit to the show. In some of the classes the judges had some difficulty in deciding the winners. Some fine birds were forward, including some of the Crystal Palace and Edinburgh winners. The judges were: -

Poultry – Hard feather, Mr Wm. Rougvie, Coaltown of Balgonie; soft-feather, Mr James Williamson, East Lochran, Blairadam; pigeons, Mr A. Anderson, Edinburgh; cage birds, Mr James Stevenson, Kelty;

Among the leading winners were Mr David Robertson, Falkland, who won the ‘Hain’ cup. Other leading prizes went to: Poultry – Peter Robertson, Falkland; John Crombie, Falkland. Cage birds – John Nelson, Falkland; A. Grant, Falkland.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Theft from a Public House** – “An ex-soldier’s unfortunate method of celebrating the advent of the New Year had its sequel in Cupar Sheriff Court on Tuesday, when before Hon. Sheriff Osborne, George Hobbs, labourer, West Port, Falkland, was charged with theft from a public house. The indictment set forth the accused did, on 31<sup>st</sup> December 1922, or 1<sup>st</sup> January 1923, break into Lomond Tavern public house, Horsemarket Street, Falkland, occupied by John Fyfe Scott, and did steal six quart bottles of whisky, and one pint bottle of whisky. Accused said he would have to plead guilty, but he remembered nothing about it. He was drunk at the time. This was the first New Year he had spent at home for a number of years, as he had just left the Army. He was sorry it had happened, because the publican and he were the best of friends. He would make up for what he had done, and pay for all damage.

The Procurator-Fiscal (Mr Geo. Brander) – The worst feature is that he forced the window. He knew the place because he had been employed occasionally in it. The whisky was valued at £4.

The Sheriff – Are you employed just now?

Accused – Yes; at the linoleum factory.

The Sheriff – A craving for drink gets many into trouble. There are various ways of satisfying that craving. This is not one of them. You will be fined £4 or go to prison for thirty days.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Fifeshire Traction Service** – “Another firm have taken over the business of the Fifeshire Traction Service. Mr Adams, the former carrier, is still at his usual post.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **The Old Folks Remembered** – “The Civro Concert Co. have given 30 deserving cases in the burgh, coal, tea and sugar. They have given close on £8 to charitable purposes; and have a balance of £4 10s to meet further expenses, as they intend having another concert before the season closes.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Memorial Institute** – “In connection with the above, the following competitions have just been completed: -

Mr C. Oram won the cue in the billiard competition, defeating R. Nellies in the final. Master John Lawson won the domino tournament beating Mr T. Schofield in the final. The winner is one of the young members of the Institute. H. Robson won the draughts competition, and was undefeated.

*The Institute is being well attended this season.*”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **School Children’s Annual Treat** – “The children attending the Public School were entertained in the Drill Hall on Friday afternoon. A splendid programme of music, songs, etc., was given by the scholars. A special feature was the dancing of Miss M. Lawson. The purveying was excellently done by Mr E. Strudley of the Bruce Arms Hotel. Each of the children was presented with a bag of sweets on leaving. Among those present were: -

Mr and Mrs Nisbet, Provost and Mrs T.D. Hopkins, Mr and Miss Gavin, Rev. Mr and Mrs Russell, Rev. Mr and Mrs Batchelor, and Mrs Brown.

A hearty vote of thanks was given the Hon. Mrs Maule Ramsay, Falkland House, for her generosity in providing such a treat.”

### **13<sup>th</sup> January 1923**

Article in *The Fife News*: **Football – Ladybank Thistle v Falkland Vic.:**

“The much discussed Red Triangle match between the above teams took place at Ladybank on Saturday. The meeting at Falkland some weeks ago was a stern fight, the result being 1-1. A good crowd thus expected a great game. Teams: -

*Ladybank – Mill; Grieve and Dowie; Gourlay, Craig and Williams; Turpie, Rutherford, Williamson, Wiseman and Whytock.*

*Falkland – Shields; Richfield and Lee; W. Robertson, A. Robertson and Lawson; Bett, P. Birrell, Strudley, Reid and H. Birrell.*

*Referee – Mr R. Clacher.*

*Captain Strudley won the toss, and Williamson kicked off against a strong sun. Play was confined to the Falkland territory for some time till Lee, with a huge punt, let his left wing off, but the Ladybank defence were giving nothing away, Grieve clearing with something to spare. Turpie got going on the wing, doing some clever things which came to nothing. Rutherford was playing him well with the ball, and one of his crosses went right across the goal without anybody seemingly able to convert. Falkland were now coming into the game, and Strudley let Bett off, but his cross went past. Craig was keeping a hold on Strudley who looked dangerous if he got going. Williamson at the other end worked his way out to the left, turned, and let fly a great drive, which brought Shields to his knees; but the keeper cleared with confidence. Time was wearing on, the Thistle keeping up a constant pressure, but when Williams missed an open goal, it seemed as if their luck was out.*

*Half-time – Ladybank 0, Falkland 0.*

*On resuming, Birrell set off down the Falkland left, but Grieve cleared, and the Thistle returned to the attack. Some fine crosses from Turpie were not improved on. The inside men seemed unable to clinch matters. At length a shot from Whytock, which seemed to be going past, struck the upright, and Rutherford put the homesters one up. This enlivened matters, and play became more robust. Craig got a word from the referee when he brought Strudley down rather suddenly when he was going through. Shouts of ‘penalty’ came from Falkland, when Dowie seemed to handle inside the area; but the same incident occurred at the other end a minute later, when W. Robertson stopped the ball with his arm. Ladybank forced numerous corners, and from one of these, Williams put his side further on the lead, and it seemed all up for Falkland. Play continued even to the end.*

*Final result – Ladybank 2, Falkland 0.*

*Notes – On the whole, Mill got little to do, while Shields had ever to be on the lookout. Grieve was the best back afield, while the Falkland pair were tireless workers. The Thistle forwards were good on the outfield, but weak in front of goal. Falkland never did have a real scoring chance, and 2-0 was a good result.”*

Extract from *The Fife News: **Trespassing in Pursuit of Game*** – “James Baldie, residing at Sharp’s Close, Falkland, was ordered to pay £2 of expenses in Cupar Sheriff Court on Tuesday, by Sheriff Dudley Stuart, for having in a field at Falkland,

*known as Law's field, trespassed in pursuit of game or rabbits. Accused pleaded not guilty of the offence, but was convicted on evidence."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **An 'Omission Through Carelessness'** – "Andrew Venters, licensed grocer, Horse Market Street, Falkland, was charged at Cupar Sheriff Court on Tuesday, before Sheriff Dudley Stuart, with having on 3<sup>rd</sup> November, within his shop at Horse Market Street, exposed for sale by retail, parcels of margarine which did not bear the word 'margarine' in letters of the size demanded by the regulations. On behalf of accused, Mr Anderson, solicitor, Falkland, said his client had the necessary letters on the margarine, but they were rather under the size, and were not exposed as they should have been. He had no intention to defraud, and the margarine, on being tested, was found to be genuine. Mr Venters had never had any similar charge against him before.

*The Procurator-Fiscal (Mr Geo. Brander) – 'It was no doubt an omission through carelessness'.*

*A fine of 10s was imposed."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Municipal** – "The monthly meeting of the Town Council was held in the Council Chamber on Wednesday evening. The following were present: -

*Provost Hopkins, Bailies Hunt and Robertson, Councillors Adams, Chisholm, Skinner, Grant, Drysdale, Nellies, Robertson and Annon.*

*The reports of the various Committees were read and adopted. It was agreed to sell the office used by the Clerk of Works in connection with the housing scheme. It was also agreed to get estimates for cleaning and painting the Town Hall, and see what improvements could be made at the Drill Hall. It was mentioned that the Board of Health had a lady inspector visiting the new houses. The Board of Health asked the Council to see what they could get for the spare pieces of ground at the end of the new houses, to be let for allotments."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – "Falkland Victoria are due to meet Newburgh to-morrow (Saturday) in the first round of the Lindsay Cup, when a good game should be the result.

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Whist Drive** – "A very successful whist drive was held in the Memorial Institute. The following were the lucky winners: -

Ladies – 1. Miss K. Collins, Falkland; 2. Miss E. Kennedy, Falkland; 3. Miss B. Leishman, Freuchie.

Gentlemen – 1. Mr Walter Peggie, jnr; 2. Mr J. Smith, Dunshalt; 3. Miss C. Peggie (who took a gentleman's place).

During the evening a splendid programme of music, etc., was gone through, and ably sustained by the Misses C. Peggie, E. Grant, J. Smith, C. Cowan, and Messrs C. Oram, T. Sutherland, T. Drysdale, T. Schofield, C. Drysdale, Peter Robertson, R. Ness and H. Robson. Mrs Brown and Committee are to be congratulated on the entire success of the whist drive.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golden Wedding Celebrations** – “Mr and Mrs Robert Horne, Oakview, Falkland, who were married at Woodside, Largo, on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1873, celebrated their golden wedding by inviting their relatives and friends to a social gathering in the United Free Church Hall. The beautiful hall was tastefully decorated for the occasion. The Rev. James P. Batchelor presided over a happy company of about 40 guests. After tea, Mr Walter Peggie, in a felicitous speech, proposed the health and happiness of Mr and Mrs Horne. Mr Batchelor suitably replied on their behalf. Thereafter a very enjoyable evening was spent with music, songs, recitations and games. Mr and Mrs Horne have been the recipients of many congratulations and useful gifts.”

### **20<sup>th</sup> January 1923**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **B.O.A.F.G.** – “The annual general meeting of the Lomond Oak Lodge, No. 387, was held in the Town Hall, Falkland, on Thursday last week. The balance sheet for 1922, which showed the flourishing state of the Lodge, was read, and the following office-bearers were appointed: -

W.M. – James Skinner; D.M. – Peter Robertson; P.M. – Geo. S. Hardie; S.W. – Wm. W. Gullon; J.W. – Alex Grant; A.P.M. – Peter Lawson; O.G. – John Reekie; Chaplain – David Munro; Secretary – Jas. S. Hardie; Treasurer – James Lawson; Stewards – Robert Dewar, Henry Birrell; Trustees – Wm. Gray, James Duncan, Geo. S. Hardie; Auditors – Thos. D. Hopkins, Francis Fernie.”

### **27<sup>th</sup> January 1923**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death of Sister of Late Laird of Lathrisk** – “Notice of the death on Sunday at The Gables, Parlack, Somerset, of Mrs R. Wemyss, who before her marriage was Miss Mary Maitland Makgill Crichton, the handsome and

dashing youngest sister of the late young laird of Lathrisk. She married Major R. Wemyss, R.A., in 1903. At the festivities in August 1901, when the late Major C.J. Maitland Makgill Crichton entered into possession of Lathrisk, Largo and Monzie, the deceased lady took a prominent part, making a brilliant reply to the toast of her health, eloquently proposed by Mr J.E. Grosset, solicitor, Cupar.”

Advert in *The Fife News*: **Pianoforte**



Advert placed by Miss Piller, Falkland.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> February 1923

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – “Great interest is being taken in the football match at Myreside to-morrow (Saturday), when Guardbridge are the visitors in the semi-final of the Lindsay Cup. Falkland Victoria hope to make progress in the competition.”

### 17<sup>th</sup> February 1923

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Ornithological Society's Successful Year** – “A general meeting of the Ornithological Society was held on Saturday evening. The Secretary's report showed the Society to be in a flourishing condition. The drawings from all sources were £103 13s 10d, and after meeting expenses a good balance is left to carry forward. Mr David Robertson was appointed President for the year, but the election of the other office-bearers was left over till next meeting. Mr Fernie presented the Society's cup to Mr D. Robertson for the best bird in the show,

*exhibited by a member. The Secretary, Treasurer, and Committee were thanked for their services in making the show such a success."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Weather** – *"Wintry weather is being experienced in the district. On Wednesday morning the Lomonds were covered with snow."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lecture** – *"A large and appreciative audience was present on Sunday evening in the Parish Church, when Rev. Mr Russell gave his concluding lecture on Bunyan's 'Pilgrim's Progress'. He handled his subject in a very interesting and instructive manner. The lecture was illustrated by some very fine limelight pictures."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – *"Newburgh F.C. paid a friendly visit to Myreside on Saturday. The weather was against good football. After a hard game, the result was: -*

*Falkland – 5, Newburgh – 2."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **International Order of Good Templars** – *"A conference of the above was held in the Town Hall, Falkland, on Tuesday evening – Rev. James Batchelor, M.A., presiding. Mr Alex. Munro, Leith, Grand Chief Templar, gave a stirring address on the aims and work of the Order, and he hoped at the close they would be able to open a Lodge in Falkland. A splendid musical programme was ably sustained by Misses Mitchell, Scott, and Webster, Cupar, and Mr Scott Rae, Falkland. At the close the usual votes of thanks were given."*

## **24<sup>th</sup> February 1923**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Blizzard** – *"The blizzard on Sunday was felt keenly in the burgh. Very few were seen out of doors. The places of worship were poorly attended."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Free Gardeners' Dance** – *"A very successful dance was held in the Drill Hall on Friday evening under the auspices of 'Lomond Oak' Lodge, B.O.A. Free Gardeners. The hall was tastefully decorated. Over 50 couples accepted invitations. R.W.M. James Skinner, in opening the proceedings, welcomed all present, and especially the visiting brethren and visitors. Messrs A. Grant and H.*

*Birrell ably performed the duties of floor-masters. The music, which was highly satisfactory, was supplied by Mr W. Anderson's jazz band, Cowdenbeath. The purveying was excellently done by Miss Hardie, Temperance Hotel. Much of the success of the function is due to the Secretary and Committee. Among those who accepted invitations were: -*

*Misses A. Edmiston, E. Grant, E.J. Kennedy, H. Forsyth, K. Bryce, L. and C. Hardie, L. Findlay, C. Peggie, C. Cowan, J. Drysdale, A. Fernie, M. Archibald, M. and C. Lawson, M. Thomson, M. and N. Milne, A. Wotherspoon, K. White, M. and J. Anderson, E. Ashton, M. Birrell, E. McEwan, A. Oswald, M. Drysdale, Meldrum, B. Grant, J. Findlay, J. Ross, E. Hay, Mrs Homden, Misses N. and C. Sturrock, B. Douglas, C. Drysdale, M. and K. Duncan, Murdoch, N. Anderson, J. Bett and H. Wilson.*

*Bros. J. Skinner (W.M.), G.S. Hardie (P.M.), J. Hardie, J. Campbell, T. Drysdale, H. Lee, P. Birrell, J. Oswald, G. Ritchfield, R. Homden, P. Lawson, and C. Beattie. Messrs W. and O. Strudley, P. Stewart, P. McGregor, D. Reid, J. Nelson, J. Archibald, A. Henderson, D. Bell, W. Barclay, T. and J. Imrie, J. Young, C. Oram, T. Schofield, E. Borthwick, J. Nisbet, J. Brunton, W. Hastie, A. Cowan, G. Anderson.*

*Delegates were present from 'Rothes Oak Lodge', A. fair and G. Galloway; 'Pride of Thornton', T. Taylor and A. Speed; 'St John' (35), J. Walker; 'Shepherds', Strathmiglo, J. Lawrie."*

### **3<sup>rd</sup> March 1923**

*Extract from The Fife News: **Whist Drive** – "A very successful whist drive was held in the Memorial Institute, nine tables being fully occupied. Some excitement was seen among the players during the game. At the interval tea was served. The evening concluded with a splendid musical programme. The following took part: -*

*Miss C. Cowan, Messrs Charles Oram, G. Anderson, T. Drysdale, R. Robson, J. Burgon, W. Barclay, and R. Nellies. Miss C. Peggie presided at the piano. The successful whist players were: -*

*Ladies – 1. Miss Maggie Findlay. 2. Miss Jeannie Findlay. 3. Miss Chrissie Drysdale. Booby – Mrs Peter Robertson.*

*Gentlemen – 1. Mr Stirling. 2. Mr Homden. 3. Mr Smith, Dunshalt. Booby – Mr Grieg, Edinburgh. Lucky number – Mr R. Nellies.*

*At the close a vote of thanks was heartily given to Mrs Gulland, Millfield, who had sent the prizes from France, also to Mrs Brown, for the excellent purveying."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Entertaining the Young Members of the Institute** – “Mrs Brown and the Games Committee entertained the younger members of the Memorial Institute from the proceeds of the whist drive of the previous evening. A very enjoyable evening was spent in games, songs, recitations, etc. A splendid tea was served. The way the young people went into the sport must have pleased the Sports Committee.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Accident to School Boy** – “On Saturday, while a butcher’s van was proceeding up the Terrace, Falkland, the horse stumbled, and William Spink (7), who was on the top of the van, fell, and was severely hurt about the head. Dr Mudie, Ladybank, attended and dressed the wound.”



**Falkland Butcher circa 1916**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **The Near East** – “On Sunday evening there was a large attendance in the Parish Church when Mr Deas of the Jewish Mission gave an interesting lecture on the Near East, touching on the following places: -

*Smyrna, Beirut, Constantinople, Jerusalem and Nazareth, etc.*

*The lecture was fully illustrated with lime-light views, and was highly appreciated.”*

## 10<sup>th</sup> March 1923

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Silver Wedding** – “An interesting event took place on Saturday evening in Commercial Hall, Falkland, when Mr and Mrs Wm. Bett celebrated their silver wedding. There were 40 guests present, including three grand-children. The happy couple were the recipients of many useful presents and hearty congratulations.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Billiard Match** – “An interesting billiard match took place in the Memorial Institute on Tuesday evening between teams from Falkland and Kinglassie. Details: -

<b>Falkland Memorial Institute</b>		<b>Kinglassie Welfare Institute</b>	
Chas. Oram	120	W. Soutar	118
David Clark	50	Jas. Black	120
Thos. Drysdale	109	Alex. Moir	120
Robt. Nellies	120	Robt. Black	95
Alex. Cowan	92	J. Williamson	120
Wm. Strudley	108	W. Lindsay	120
	<b>596</b>		<b>694</b>

Chas. Oram won the special prize for the biggest break.

Extract from *The Fife News*: **The Cinema** – “A special treat is in store for the patrons of this popular house to-morrow night (Saturday) at 5.45 and 8.15, when the greatest of all Scotch films, ‘Rob Roy’ will be shown. Special music will be rendered at the piano by Mr W. Scott Rae, and Mr John Kay will play pipe selections. A motor car will run from Freuchie Post Office every 7 minutes from 5 o’clock for the first house, and 7.30 for the second. It will also make return journeys after each performance at a low fare.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Town Council** – “At the monthly meeting of the Town Council held on Wednesday evening, those present were: -

Provost Hopkins, Bailie Hunt, Councillors Adams, Robertson, Nellies, Grant, Horne, Annan and Skinner.

*The offers for cleaning the Town Hall were opened, and it was agreed to accept the offer of Mr Tom Ross, Falkland, at £14 17s 6d. After a good deal of heated discussion regarding the letting of the Drill Hall for pictures, it was agreed to delay for a fortnight to consider the offers. As the offers lodged for the Clerk of Works hut were too low, it was agreed that the Committee put in an offer for the hut to the Board of Health.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Unsuccessful Claim for Betting Debts** – “*Sheriff Dudley Stuart issued the action in which George Wardlaw, his interlocutor at Cupar on Tuesday in commission agent, 223 St Clair Street, Kirkcaldy, sued W.E. Strudley, Bruce Arms Hotel, Falkland, for £36 14s 6d, said to represent bets put on by defender in March, April and May 1922. For the defence it was contended that the money in question was a gambling transaction, irrecoverable by law. The accuracy of the account was not admitted. His Lordship has assoilzied defender from the conclusions of the action. In his note the Sheriff said the pursuer founded upon a letter written by defender, which, he averred, amounted to an engagement to pay the sum due and enforceable against defender. The authority relied on was the case of Hyams v Stuart. Defendant there had given a cheque to plaintiff for his betting losses, and, in consideration of the plaintiff agreeing to hold over the cheque and refraining from declaring defendant a defaulter, the latter promised to pay the balance due in a few days. This was held to be a new contract, upon which plaintiff was entitled to recover. If pursuer here was able to show that there was a new contract, the case quoted would be applicable, but pursuer’s reply to defender’s letter clearly showed there was no such contract. On the contrary, he explicitly refused to accept defender’s suggestion that he should take payment by instalments, and insisted upon payment in full, the alternative being legal proceedings. Pursuer described defender’s letter as importing engagement, by which he (the Sheriff) assumed he meant a promise. He thought it was not a ‘promise’ in the legal sense, for a promise was presumed to be accepted. It was, in his view, an ‘offer’, which required acceptance to be raised into an obligation. And it was not accepted by pursuer. His case, therefore, rested solely upon a betting transaction, which the law would not enforce.*

*For pursuer, Mr W. Napier, Kirkcaldy; for defender, Mr R. Osborne Pagan, W.S., Cupar.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Farmer’s Breach of Contract** – “*In his interlocutor issued at Cupar on Saturday, Sheriff Dudley Stuart has found for pursuer in the action brought by Mr James Gardiner, potato merchant, York Place, Perth, against Mr James Maxwell, farmer, Templelands, Falkland, for £45 for failure to carry out a contract to deliver four tons of Majestic seed potatoes to pursuer. The Sheriff in his*

findings showed that on 14<sup>th</sup> November 1921, the defender agreed to sell to the pursuer, through his representative, Mr Donald McPhee, a quantity of Majestic seed potatoes, not less than three tons, at the price of £8 per ton. The pursuer was to send the defender bags for the dispatch of said potatoes; and intimation when he desired them to be put on rail. In reply to a letter from the defender, dated 10<sup>th</sup> December, the pursuer wrote, on 13<sup>th</sup> December, that he was sending the bags for the potatoes, and on 14<sup>th</sup> December requested the defender to load the same. On 17<sup>th</sup> December, the defender replied that he had not received the address to which the potatoes were to be sent, to which the pursuer replied that the address had been already sent to the station. The defender did not dispatch the potatoes, and on 30<sup>th</sup> January 1922 wrote to the pursuer that he proposed to plant them. In reply, on 31<sup>st</sup> January, the pursuer said he required the defender to load the potatoes, in terms of his contract. The defender failed to deliver them to the pursuer. The Sheriff finds in law that the defender, having sold said potatoes to the pursuer, and failed to deliver the same, is in breach of contract, and liable in damages therefor; assesses the damages due to the pursuer at the sum of £21 10s; and discerns against the defender for said sum accordingly; finds the pursuer entitled to expenses. In his note, the Sheriff says:

‘The defender admits that he agreed to sell a quantity of Majestic seed potatoes to the pursuer, but maintains that it was not four tons, but only that ‘he was to get what I had’. It is unfortunate that Mr McPhee, who made the bargain, did not produce his note-book, in which he says he entered it at the time. But the defender’s letter, written on the same day, estimates the quantity as ‘over three tons’ and I think he must be bound by that. The defender’s main answer is that the pursuer was to take the potatoes at once, and pay within a week. His letters do not support this version of the matter, but, I think, plainly contradict it. I think it is clear that his failure to deliver the potatoes was a breach of contract, inferring liability for damages. I estimate the pursuer’s loss as follows: -

The defender’s price was £8 a ton; 3 tons at £8 is £24. But the pursuer had to pay £13 a ton to fulfil his contract of re-sale. The difference is £15. The expenses of dressing – 10s a ton – falls to be added, viz, £1 10s, and I shall allow the sum of £5 claimed in respect of travelling expenses. The total is £21 10s, for which the pursuer will have decree”

Agents – For pursuer, Mr J.K. Tasker, solicitor, Cupar; for defender, Mr R. Osborne Pagan, W.S.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Service of Song** – “A musically illustrated service, entitled ‘Won by a Child’ was given by the members of the Band of Hope in the Parish Church before a good attendance. Rev. J.K. Russell read the connecting passages, and Mr Robert Miller operated the lantern. The opening chorus, ‘On one

and all', by the company was finely rendered. Miss M. Drysdale sang 'The Beggar Boy' with fine feeling. 'The Wanderer's Song' was contributed by Mr R. Herd. Miss M. Thomson sang very sweetly 'The House of Prayer'. The duets, 'Kindness one to another' and 'Beautiful Home', were very well rendered by Misses J. and C. Drysdale. Miss B. Anderson did justice to her solo 'When Billows Swell'. 'The Lord's Prayer' by Miss J. Douglas; 'The Beautiful Gate', by Miss Oswald; 'I Must be True', by M. Lawson; 'Another Hand is Beckoning', by Miss E. Page; and the choruses by the company, 'Lord Thine Own', 'The Land of Canaan', 'Joyful will the Meeting be', completed a very successful service. Miss Edmiston was a splendid accompanist, and Mr Spence is to be congratulated on his training of the children."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Masonic Assembly** – "A successful dance under the auspices of Lodge St John 35, was held in the Drill Hall on Friday evening. The hall was tastefully decorated for the occasion. The music, which gave entire satisfaction, was supplied by Mr Adamson's band, Kingskettle. The catering was undertaken by a Ladies' Committee, and was all that could be desired. It would be superfluous to describe the ladies' dresses, as each seemed to vie with another in elegance. Among those who accepted invitations were: -

Provost and Mrs Hopkins, Mr and Mrs John Garland, Mr and Mrs John Drysdale, Mr and Mrs J. Munro, Mr and Mrs John Ross, Mr and Mrs John Lewis, Mr and Mrs John Abernethy, Mrs Ross, Mrs Hamilton, Mrs Michie, Mrs Cation, Misses Edmiston, Kennedy, Meldrum, C. and A. Cowan, J. and M. Anderson, Munro, Kingskettle, C. and M. Lawson, Douglas, Wishart, Ross, Findlay, Forsyth, Wotherspoon, Thomson, Brown, J. and C. Drysdale, Jackson, Hardie, Millar, M. and L. Robertson, McAughey, Anderson, Messrs Anderson, Burgon, Brown, Broomon, Birrell, Borthwick, Brunton, Coutts, Cowan, Dowie, Drysdale, Dakers, Douglas, Gullon, R. Hopkins, Jackson, Joss, Lawson, Lee, Lister, McEwan, Oram, Robertson, Ross, Richfield, Scott, Schofield, Speed, Strudley, Skinner, Todd, Walker.

Representatives were present from Rothes No. 532; St Clair of Balbeggie, No. 867; St Cyre No. 121; and the local Lodge of Ancient Free Gardeners."

### **17<sup>th</sup> March 1923**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Social** – "On Friday evening, a successful social meeting was held in the United Free Church. Rev. Mr Batchelor presided over a large audience who were treated to as fine a magical programme as has been given by the church. The choir of 30 voices, under the baton of Mr Walter Peggie, jnr., was assisted by several members of the Parish Church choir, and they rendered some very excellent pieces. Mr Batchelor, in opening the proceedings, stated he was pleased to see so many present, and he likened the meeting to a huge family

*gathering. The choir sang the anthems 'The Lord shall Reveal', 'Son of my Soul', and 'The Radiant Morn' in a masterly style, the solo parts being excellently done. The quartette 'The Lord is my Refuge', sung by Misses Edmestone, Grant, Thomson, Peggie, and Messrs Grant and Anderson, delighted the audience. Mr T. Williamson's solo was of a high standard. 'The Lost Chord' by Miss Horne was sung with a feeling which touched everyone present. Miss Kirkwood sang sweetly the solos 'Come, Smiling Liberty', and 'Jerusalem'. The 'tit-bit' of the evening was the action song 'Japanese Fans' by five young scholars from the Sunday School. Short and pithy addresses were given by Rev. Mr Reid, Dundee, Rev. J. White, Ceres, Rev. D. Affleck, Ladybank, and Rev. J. Russell, Falkland. Miss C. Peggie ably presided at the organ. Mr Walter Peggie is to be complemented on the musical part of the programme. At the close, Mr A. Anderson, Town Clerk, moved a vote of thanks to the speakers, artists, and to all who had assisted in making the evening such a success."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Choir Social** – *"The United Free Church choir and friends held a very enjoyable social on Tuesday evening in the Church Hall. A splendid programme was gone through, including songs, recitations, games, dances, etc. Tea was served at intervals."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket** – *"The annual general meeting of Falkland Cricket Club was held in the Town Hall on Thursday evening. Mr David Bonthronne presided over a good attendance. The reports showed the Club to be in a flourishing condition, there being a balance in hand of £15 3s 11d. It was also stated that improvements had been made on the pitch at Scroggie. The following office-bearers were elected:*

*President – Mr David Bonthronne; Vice-president – Mr George Gavin; Secretary and Treasurer – Mr T. Drysdale; Captain – Provost T.D. Hopkins; Vice-captain – Mr T. Schofield. Committee – Peter Kennedy, Andrew Findlay, Peter Robertson, John Reekie, John Terras, David Stark, Robert Hopkins.*

*The following is the list of fixtures:*

<i>April 28</i>	<i>Springfield</i>	<i>Away</i>
<i>May 5</i>	<i>Kelty XI</i>	<i>Away</i>
<i>May 12</i>	<i>Roths</i>	<i>Home</i>
<i>May 19</i>	<i>Vacant</i>	
<i>May 26</i>	<i>Cupar XI</i>	<i>Home</i>

<i>June 2</i>	<i>Leven</i>	<i>Away</i>
<i>June 6</i>	<i>Freuchie</i>	<i>Away</i>
<i>June 9</i>	<i>Dunnikier</i>	<i>Home</i>
<i>June 16</i>	<i>Tayport</i>	<i>Away</i>
<i>June 23</i>	<i>Roths</i>	<i>Away</i>
<i>June 30</i>	<i>Markinch</i>	<i>Away</i>
<i>July 4</i>	<i>Kennoway</i>	<i>Home</i>
<i>July 7</i>	<i>Kelty XI</i>	<i>Home</i>
<i>July 14</i>	<i>Springfield</i>	<i>Home</i>
<i>July 20</i>	<i>Kennoway</i>	<i>Away</i>
<i>July 21</i>	<i>Tayport</i>	<i>Home</i>
<i>July 26</i>	<i>Freuchie</i>	<i>Home</i>
<i>July 28</i>	<i>Markinch</i>	<i>Home</i>
<i>Aug 4</i>	<i>Dunnikier</i>	<i>Away</i>
<i>Aug 11</i>	<i>Kennoway XI</i>	<i>Home</i>
<i>Aug 18</i>	<i>Leven</i>	<i>Home</i>
<i>Aug 25</i>	<i>Nairn</i>	<i>Away</i>
<i>Sept 1</i>	<i>Cupar XI</i>	<i>Away</i>

Advert in *The Fife News*: **Cinema:**



Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cinema** – “On Saturday last, ‘Rob Roy’ was the special feature shown at this popular house, both ‘houses’ being packed. To-morrow (Saturday) night at 5.45 and 8.15, Thos. H. Ince’s great film, ‘Hail the Woman’, will be screened. This colossal production shows a story in which one can ‘live’ as he sees the picture.”



## Scene from 'Hail the Woman' (1921)

### 24<sup>th</sup> March 1923

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cinema** – “Quite a treat is in store for the patrons of the cinema to-morrow (Saturday) night, when Douglas Fairbanks appears in ‘The Three Musketeers’ (12 reels). It is the same film that ran at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London, with such pronounced success.”



**The Three Musketeers (1921)**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Drill Hall Letting** – “At a special meeting of the Town Council, after considering the applications for the let of the hall for a cinema, it was agreed to re-let the hall to Mr Gilbert, the present tenant.

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Whist Drive** – “An enjoyable whist drive was held in the Memorial Institute on Wednesday evening last week, over 40 being present, including players from Freuchie, Strathmiglo and Auchtermuchty. Tea was served in the interval, after which a splendid musical programme was gone through, the following taking part: -

Miss E. Grant, Miss C. Cowan, and Messrs Chas. Oram, John Senior, H. Robson, R. Ness, T. Schofield, and G. Anderson.

Winners of prizes: Ladies – 1<sup>st</sup> Mrs R. Homden; 2<sup>nd</sup> Miss C. Drysdale; 3<sup>rd</sup> Miss E. Grant; Booby Miss C. Cowan. Gentlemen – 1<sup>st</sup> Mr Chas. Oram; 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr Robert Nellies; 3<sup>rd</sup> Mr Peter Robertson; Booby Mr Wm. Todd.

At the close, a vote of thanks was awarded to those who had given the prizes – Provost T.D. Hopkins, Mr Walter Peggie, and Mrs John Garland. The Games Committee were also thanked. Mrs Brown, Messrs Chas. Oram and Councillor P. Robertson made excellent arrangements.

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death – Greig** – “On the 18<sup>th</sup> inst., at Lomond Crescent, Falkland, Captain Greig, aged 74 years.”

### **31<sup>st</sup> March 1923**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Memorial Institute** – “In the consolation billiard competition final, Provost T.D. Hopkins beat Mr C. Drysdale by 100 to 70.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – “Falkland Victoria travel to St Andrews to play a friendly match on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> April, with the following team: -

Shields, Richfield, Lee, Robertson, McGregor, Lawson, Bett, O. Strudley, W. Strudley, Reid, and Birrell.

All those wishing to travel with the team should notify W. Strudley by 31<sup>st</sup> March.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Billiards** – “Falkland beat their near rivals last night in the Memorial Institute.

<b>Falkland</b>		<b>Freuchie</b>	
C. Oram	100	R. Robertson	62
D. Clark	100	E. Borthwick	39
T. Drysdale	100	D. Philip	87
R. Nellies	100	L. McDonald	73
W. Strudley	100	W. Barclay	96

T.D. Hopkins 100 W. Livingstone 92

**TOTALS 600 449**

*Falkland won by 151 points.*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Billiards** – “The Falkland team travelled to Kinglassie in the return match and were defeated by 32, the scores being:

<b>Falkland</b>		<b>Kinglassie</b>	
C. Oram	128	Souter	150
W. Strudley	150	Lindsay	107
T. Drysdale	142	Moir	150
C. Drysdale	89	Williamson	150
R. Nellies	132	Black	150
D. Clarke	150	Mclvor	116
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>791</b>		<b>823</b>

Extract from *The Fife News*: **United Free Church Mission** – “Special services have been held in the U.F. Church every evening and have been well attended. Excellent addresses were delivered by Mr Everstone. The solos by Mrs Everstone, and Miss Gray, Dunshalt, were much appreciated.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Local Enterprise** – “Mr W. Strudley has opened a putting green in his garden. It is in a good condition.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Sowing** – “Sowing is now quite general in the district. The farmers are taking full advantage of the good weather.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Dance** – “Under the auspices of the Falkland Girls’ Club, one of the most successful social events of the season was held in the Drill Hall on Friday evening. The decorations were tastefully arranged. The music was of the

best and was supplied by Anderson's band, Cowdenbeath. Messrs T. Schofield and T. Drysdale efficiently performed the duties of floor-masters. The purveying was in the hands of the ladies' Committee, and was all that could be desired. The Ladies' Club, with Mrs Brown as convener, are to be congratulated on the entire success of the assembly, the proceeds of which will help to swell the funds of the local Cricket Club. Among those who accepted invitations were: -

Ladies – Miss Anderson, Misses J. and M. Anderson, Miss E. Anderson, Miss Archibald, Miss Birrell, Miss Bruce, Miss Cowan, Miss C. Drysdale, Miss J. Drysdale, Miss M. Dowie, Miss L. Fernie, Misses Forsyth, Misses Findlay, Miss Gavin, Miss Edmestone, Miss Grant, Miss E. Hay, Mrs Hopkins, Miss Jackson, Miss Hutchison, Misses Kennedy, Mrs Lewis, Miss C. Lawson, Miss McEwan, Misses Meldrum, Miss Oswald, Miss Peggie, Miss Ross, Miss Sturrock, Miss Todd, Miss M.J. Thomson, Misses Venters, Mrs Wallace, Miss Wishart.

Gentlemen – Mr Atchibald, Mr J. Archibald, Mr Barclay, Messrs Birrell, Mr Borthwick, Mr Burgon, Mr Brunton, Messrs Bogie, Mr Coutts, Mr A. Cowan, Mr A. Duncan, Messrs Drysdale, Messrs Dakers, Mr Dollar, Mr Dalgleish, Mr Gavin, Mr Hardie, Mr Hepburn, Provost Hopkins, Mr Jack, Mr Joss, Mr Lawson, Mr Lewis, Mr Lee, Mr Lister, Mr Malloch, Messrs Marshall, Mr Morrison, Mr J.M. McEwan, Mr R. Ness, Mr C. Oram, Mr A. Robertson, Mr Ross, Mr H. Robson, Messrs W. and A. Robertson, Mr G. Richfield, Mr T. Schofield, Mr W. Strudley, Mr J. Stirling, Mr W. Todd, Messrs J. and W. Venters.”

### **7<sup>th</sup> April 1923**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Collection** – “Mrs Hunt has been able to forward £10 to the Blind Asylum as her collection in the burgh.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death – Ness** – “At Beechgrove, Falkland, on 3<sup>rd</sup> April, Catherine Dowie, widow of Robert Ness, late of Liqueorstane, aged 81 years.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death** – “There passed away on Tuesday one of Falkland's old residents in the person of Mrs Robert Ness, who with her husband were long proprietors of the Liqueorstane Temperance Hotel.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Town Council** – “The usual monthly meeting of the Town Council was held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday evening – Provost Hopkins presiding. There were also present Bailies Hunt and Robertson, Councillors Annan, Drysdale, Nellies, Grant, Horne, Adams, and Robertson. Reports from the various Committees were read and adopted. The Provost, on behalf of himself and

the Council, wished Mr Francis Fernie, the Town Clerk's assistant, who is leaving to fill another situation in Edinburgh, every success. He (the Provost) was sure he would always remember his experience in Falkland. Mr Fernie, in a few words, thanked the Council for their good wishes."

Advert in *The Fife News*: **Cinema**



Mary Pickford in 'Little Lord Fauntleroy'

### **14<sup>th</sup> April 1923**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Rural Library** – "A box of fifty new books has arrived for the Rural Library. These books are given out each Thursday evening from 6.30 to 7.00 and it is hoped that adult readers will take advantage of them."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Billiards** – “Kinglassie Welfare Institute team met Falkland’s in the memorial Institute on Saturday, when the result was a win for the visitors. Scores: -

<b>Kinglassie</b>		<b>Falkland</b>	
J. Black	120	C. Oram	93
J. McIvor	103	D. Clark	120
A. Moir	75	T. Drysdale	120
R. Black	120	R. Nellies	77
J. Swain	120	T.D. Hopkins	80
J. Williamson	120	C. Drysdale	73
	<b>658</b>		<b>563</b>

Falkland paid a visit to Freuchie on Thursday last week, and returned victors. Scores: -

<b>Falkland</b>		<b>Freuchie</b>	
C. Oram	100	R. Robertson	78
D. Clark	100	E. Borthwick	43
T. Drysdale	81	D. Philp	100
R. Nellies	100	T. Livingstone	98
T.D. Hopkins	100	W. Livingstone	81
W. Strudley	76	W. Barclay	100
	<b>557</b>		<b>500</b>

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Dance** – “The Ladies’ Club have handed over to the Cricket Club £9, the proceeds of their dance.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Snow** – “The Lomonds donned their white cloak on Tuesday, when there was a fall of snow in the district.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “The golf course was opened on Saturday. The Captain’s team, led by Bailie George Robertson, beat the vice-Captain’s team, led by Mr Walter Peggie, by one match. After the match, tea was served in the Golf House.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – “The Victoria returned victorious on Saturday, from St Andrews, having beat the Rangers by 5 goals to 1.”

Advert in *The Fife News*: **Cinema**



### 21<sup>st</sup> April 1923

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Whist Drive** – “A very successful whist drive was held in the Memorial Institute on Thursday evening last week – about 50 players taking part. Mrs Honden presided. The prizes were gained by the following: -

Ladies: 1 – Miss Polly Gavin, 2 – Miss Jean Findlay, 3 – Mrs T.D. Hopkins. Booby – Miss J.A. Gavin.

Gentlemen: 1 – Mr Wm. Strudley, 2 – Master Alex. Hopkins, 3 – Mr J. Archibald. Booby – Mr R. Dakers.

Guessing competition, Mr Wm. Strudley.

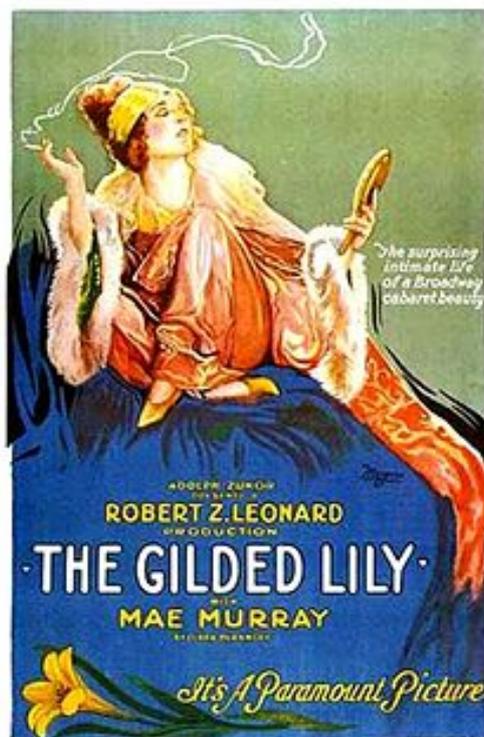
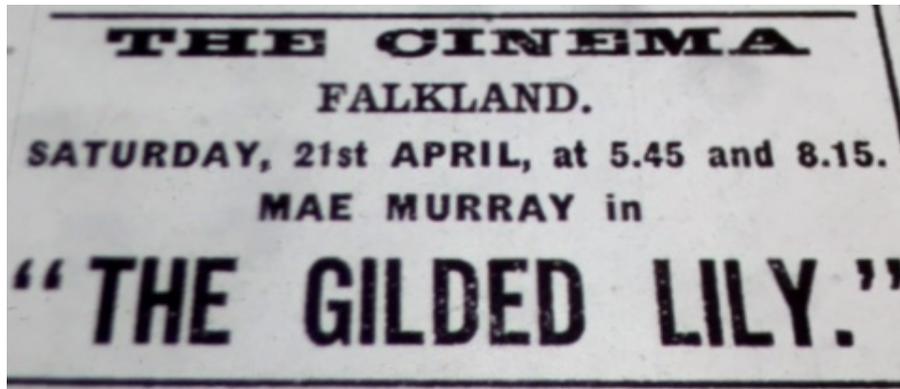
At the interval an excellent tea was supplied by the Ladies’ Committee, after which a splendid musical programme was gone through by the following: -

Misses N. Forsyth, E. Grant, A. Edmiston, C. Cowan, and Messrs T. Drysdale, P. Robertson, G. Anderson, H. Lee, W. Strudley, H. Robson, and Mr Honden.

A vote of thanks was passed to the donors of prizes, also to the following: -

Mrs Brown, Mrs P. Robertson, and T. Drysdale for the excellent arrangements made for the company. It was agreed to have the final drive in a fortnight – Ladies v Gentlemen.”

Advert in *The Fife News*: **Cinema**



The Gilded Lily (1921)

### 28<sup>th</sup> April 1923

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Store Dividend** – “At the Committee meeting of Falkland Equitable Co-operative Society, it was agreed to declare a dividend of 1s 8d per £1.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Putting** – “A match is arranged for to-morrow (Saturday) between Giffordtown Putting Club and Falkland memorial Institute, to be played on Strudley’s Green, which is in a splendid condition.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket** – “The members of the Club have been hard at practice in preparation for their match to-morrow (Saturday) at Springfield, when the following team is expected to travel: -

Provost T.D. Hopkins (Captain), John Venters, Robert Hopkins, Chris Drysdale, Tom Drysdale, Tom Schofield, William Stark, Jas. Shields, M. Robertson, Jas. Ross, and J. Allan.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Straying Horses** – “At a J.P. Court held at Cupar on Wednesday, before ex-Bailie Lamond, Hon. Sheriff Honeyman, and Mr F.W. Christie, Edenview, Cupar, John Docherty, a hawker, residing at The Myres, Falkland, was charged with permitting two of his horses to stray on the road. The police evidence was that the horses were allowed to go on the highway late at night, and there had been two accidents through motor cyclists running into them. The horses were ultimately found at Buckhaven. Accused said he pleaded guilty to a certain extent.

The Clerk (Mr R. Osborne Pagan, W.S.) – ‘What is the extent?’

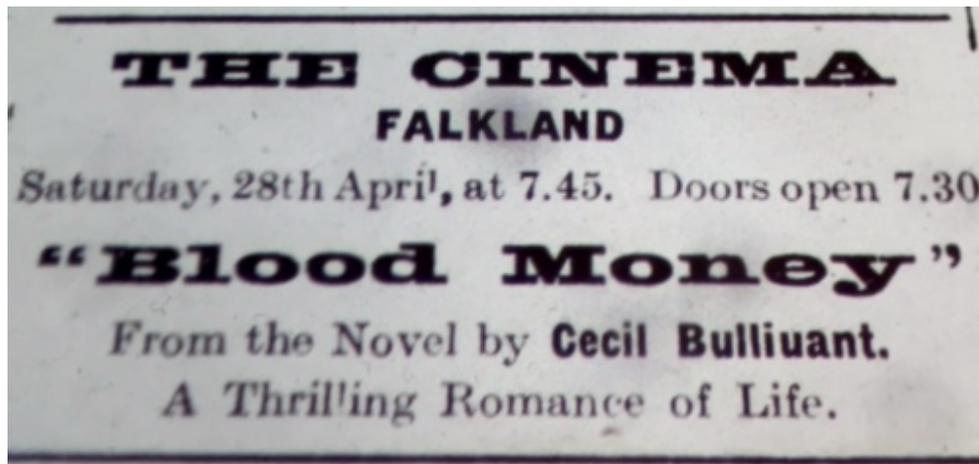
Accused said he tried to get stabling for his horses on 6<sup>th</sup> April, but was unsuccessful. He took his horses to the Myre, where he had to pay 3s 6d a night for them. As it was a cold night, he fastened them up with a piece of wire. The horses got out, and strayed on to the road.

Mr Christie – ‘You could not have tied them up.’

Accused – ‘It is the sweethearts that go down there. They take down the wire to get past.’

A fine of 10s, with 10s of expenses was imposed.”

Advert in *The Fife News*: **Cinema** –



### 5<sup>th</sup> May 1923

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Springfield v Falkland** – “Springfield opened the season with Falkland as their visitors, and thanks to Garland’s fine bowling, 7 for 12, and the stand made by this bowler and Glen, gained a good victory. Scores – Springfield 88 (J. Garland 32, W. Glen 22), Falkland 47.

*Bowling for Falkland – J. Ross took 6 wickets for 35 runs.*

*An excellent service of tea, under the management of Mrs Stewart, assisted by Misses A. Morgan, M. Wallace, and N. Donaldson, was greatly appreciated.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – “Howe of Fife football is losing another clever player in W. Middleton, Markinch, Victoria Rangers clever centre. He is emigrating to Australia, and sails on the 23<sup>rd</sup> inst., to join his two brothers in business ‘Down Under’. All are natives of Falkland.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Royal Wedding** – “The Royal wedding was honoured in Falkland on Thursday last week by the town bell being rung. Flags were hoisted at the Town Hall and several business and private residences. The schools were closed for the day.”



## Royal Wedding

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Turnout of 'Specials'** – “A muster of the Falkland Special Constables took place on Thursday evening last week, under their chief, ex-Provost Jackson, and the local constable, when they had a march out, all looking fit and business-like.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Whist Drive** – “The last whist drive of the season was held on Thursday evening last week in the Memorial Institute, a good attendance being present. The following were the winners: -

*Ladies* – 1. Miss J. Kennedy. 2. Miss A. Meldrum. 3. Miss E.L. Kennedy. 4. Mrs Homden.

*Gentlemen* – 1. Mr J. Drysdale. 2. Mr A. Homden. 3. Mr S. Grierson. 4. Mr H. Robson.

At the interval tea was served by the Ladies' Committee, after which an excellent musical programme was gone through by the following: -

*Misses* Cowan, Forsyth, and *Messrs* T. Drysdale, A. Homden, T. Schofield, H. Robson, and J. Drysdale.

At the close a hearty vote of thanks was given to the donors of the prizes: -

*Miss* Strudley, *Mrs* Drysdale, *Miss* Findlay, and *Mr* Homden; also to *Mrs* Brown, *Mr* T. Drysdale, and *Mr* P. Robertson for the splendid arrangements made for the entertainment.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Town Council** – “The usual monthly meeting of the Town Council was held on Wednesday night – Provost Hopkins presiding. Also present were: -

*Bailies Hunt and Robertson, Councillors Annan, Skinner, Nellies, Drysdale, Horne, Adams, Chisholm, and Robertson.*

*The reports of the various Committees were read and adopted. Dr Morris, the medical officer of the burgh, sent in his report, which stated that the health of the burgh was of a high standard. The population stood at 788. Births for the year were 10, and deaths 11. Five petrol licenses and one for the slaughter-house were renewed.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Important Appointment of Falkland Gentleman** – “Mr Aeneas G. Gavin, only son of Mr George Gavin, Falkland Palace, has received an important appointment with the West African Trading Corporation, and sails for Calibar on the 23<sup>rd</sup> inst. In Mr Gavin’s departure, the district will lose a good sportsman, and Stratheden will miss their clever goalkeeper. Our best wishes go with him.”

Advert in *The Fife News*: **Motor Car For Hire**



Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death – Kerr** – “On 26<sup>th</sup> April, at Southbank, Falkland, and late of Hill Farm, Dunfermline, Margaret, youngest and last surviving daughter of the late Henry and Margaret Kerr, of Leadburn, Peeblesshire.”

## **12<sup>th</sup> May 1923**

Article in *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Kelty XI v Falkland:**

*“Falkland travelled to Kelty on Saturday and fairly upset Kelty XI. Bowling for Falkland – Jas. Allan had 7 wickets for 13 runs, and Jas. Ross 3 for 14 runs.*

*Score – Kelty XI – 31 (E. Allan 10). Falkland – 99 (J. Allan 21, R. Hopkins 17).”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Opening of Putting Green** – *“A good attendance was present on Thursday evening last week, when Dr Shand formally opened the putting green. In his remarks, he stated he was a great believer in all outdoor sports, as they were beneficial to old and young. He was sure the green would be a success, and be well supported both by the residents and visitors to the burgh. During the evening tea was served to the company by Mrs Strudley. At the finish of the game, a vote of thanks was given to the Doctor, also to Mr and Mrs Strudley for entertaining the company that evening.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Pinder’s Royal Circus** – *“Pinder’s Royal Circus paid a visit to the Myre on Thursday last week, when they had a fair attendance who enjoyed a splendid performance of horsemanship, etc. The children were pleased with the antics of Jumbo.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Co-operative Society** – *“The half-yearly meeting of the Falkland Equitable Co-operative Society (Ltd.), was held in the Town Hall on Monday evening. Bailie Hunt presided over a good attendance. The balance sheet was read and adopted. The proposer and seconder were Messrs James Oswald and Jas. Nelson. The sales for the past six months were: -*

*Grocery - £4,168 2s 8d, a decrease of £922 10s 4d; drapery - £840 17s 10d, an increase of £62 7s 9d. The increase of membership was 11.*

*Although there was a strong feeling against the decrease in dividend, after the President gave a full explanation, it seemed to satisfy those present. The service also came in for some strong comments, and it was agreed to close one hour for dinner and half-an-hour for tea at times when the business was quietest. The following were appointed to the Committee in place of those retiring: -*

*Messrs James D. Walker, Peter Robertson, and James Oswald.”*

## **19<sup>th</sup> May 1923**

Intimation in *The Fife News*: **Property To Let:**

*Falkland – To Let, with immediate entry, Dwelling-house, situated in favourable position, consisting of 2 Public Rooms, 7 Bedrooms, Kitchen, Scullery, and Outhouses, with 1 1/3 acres of Ground attached; premises suitable for purposes of a Temperance Hotel, Boarding House, or Poultry Farm. Apply to George Gavin, Estate Office, Falkland Palace, Falkland, Fife.”*

Article in *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Rothes (Leslie) v Falkland:**

*“Falkland were in rampant form on Saturday when they beat Leslie by 79 runs. P. Robertson was top scorer with 45 runs. J. Ross bowled well and took 6 wickets for 22.*

*Score – Leslie – 59 (R. Barclay 14). Falkland – 138 (P. Robertson 45, T. Drysdale 41).”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Show** – *“At the fat stock show at Cupar on Friday, the first prize bullock was shown by Mr Alex. Shanks, Falkland Wood, and brought the top price of £47 2s 6d.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket** – *“Falkland C.C. have as their visitors to Scroggie to-morrow (Saturday) Dunbog C.C. when a good game is sure to be witnessed.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Thunderstorm and Heavy Fall of Snow** – *“The weather vagaries of the week in the burgh were quite eclipsed on Tuesday, when Falkland was visited by a violent thunderstorm. A little after five o’clock the storm broke with a flash of lightning followed by a peal of thunder. The sky became overcast and the storm increased in intensity. The lightning became more lurid and frequent, and the thunder came nearer. The clouds broke, and the hailstones beat down. In a short time there were two inches of snow lying. The wet conditions continued throughout the evening.”*

## **2<sup>nd</sup> June 1923**

Article in *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Falkland XI v Freuchie XI:**

“Freuchie XI visited Scroggie on Thursday evening last week, and in very boisterous weather, were beaten by 27 runs. Scores: -

<b>Freuchie XI</b>			<b>Falkland XI</b>		
W. Barclay	run out	17	R. Birrell	c. Bell, b. Morgan	6
W. Cochrane	b. Robertson	4	P. Lawson	run out	35
R. Bell	b. Robertson	18	R. Page	b. Morgan	1
G. Balfour	c. Drysdale, b. Strudley	6	W. Strudley	b. Bell	14
J. Fleming	c and b Robertson	9	C. Drysdale	c. Sub, b. Morgan	9
J. McCleish	c. Robertson, b. Lawson	14	P. Birrell	b. Barclay	10
A. Henderson	b. Lawson	0	J. Robertson	b. Barclay	0
J. Morgan	b. Lawson	3	R. Drysdale	c and b Morgan	4
J. Baird	st. Birrell, b. Page	0	J. Shields	b. Barclay	9
Sub	st, Birrell, b. Page	1	R. Dakers	not out	6
Sub	not out	0	J. Skinner	c and b Bell	2
	Extras	6		Extras	9
	<b>Total</b>	<b>78</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>105</b>

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Empire Day** – “The Public School had a holiday on Monday in commemoration of Empire Day.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – “Two prominent players of Falkland Victoria F.C., W. Strudley and T. Shields, may be seen in the ranks of a well-known Southern Club next season. Both have been asked to play a trial game.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket** – “The match, Cupar v Falkland, was postponed last Saturday, but was played on Thursday. A report will appear next week.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Pic-nics** – “Several pic-nic parties have been visiting the burgh this week, and, even though the weather was cold, they all seemed to enjoy themselves, many of them climbing the Hill.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket** – “Falkland C.C. were disappointed last Saturday, Dunbog, failing to fulfil their engagement at Scroggie. Cupar C.C. are due at Scroggie to-morrow (Saturday), when it is expected a fast game will be witnessed.”

### **9<sup>th</sup> June 1923**

Advert in *The Fife News*: **Property For Sale:**

“For Sale, with early actual possession, desirable self-contained Dwelling-house ‘Southbank’, Falkland, consisting of 5 Apartments with W.C. and other conveniences. Also Outhouses, including 2 Stalled Stables, having separate entry from South Street. The property is central and conveniently situated. Freehold. Offers to Alexander Anderson, Solicitor, Falkland, on or before 30<sup>th</sup> June. 31<sup>st</sup> May 1923.”

Business Announcement in *The Fife News*: **Messrs Ramsay & Smith**



Article in *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Leven v Falkland:**

“At Leven on Tuesday. Score – Leven 22 (A. Martin 6); Falkland 24 (T. Drysdale 7).”

Article in *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Falkland 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v Rothes (Leslie) 2<sup>nd</sup> XI:**

“Played at Falkland. Score – Rothes 59 (R. Barclay 23, W. Dewar 15); Falkland 51 (J. Muir 14, H. Birrell 10).”

Article in *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Falkland v Cupar XI:**

“This postponed match was played at Scroggie, Falkland, on Thursday night last week. The bowling tit-bit of the evening was that of Lawson for Falkland, who took six wickets for 6 runs.

Score – Cupar XI 132 (A. Wilkie 40, T. Smart 32); Falkland 54 (W. Stark 17, P. Lawson 12).”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket** – “At Falkland on Saturday, Falkland will play Dunnikier with the following team: -

*T.D. Hopkins, T.C. Schofield, W. Stark, J. Venters, T. Drysdale, R. Hopkins, Jas. Ross, P. Lawson, C.R. Drysdale, R. Baths, M. Robertson.*”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Town Council** – “The monthly meeting of the Town Council was held in the Town Hall, Provost Hopkins presiding. Reports of the Convenors of the Finance, Sanitary, Roads and Housing Committees were read and adopted. The offer of John Duncan, Myreside, to remove the town refuse for £26 per year was accepted. A letter was read from the Postmaster at Cupar re postmen’s half-holiday. The Council agreed that the local postmen get Saturday afternoon, and that callers at the Post Office would receive their letters from 6.30 to 7 p.m. It was agreed to accept the County Council’s offer to repair the Newton road within the burgh.”

Article in *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Freuchie v Falkland:**

“At Freuchie on Wednesday. Bowling for Freuchie – Croall had 4 wickets for 18 runs; Barclay 1 for 37; Duncan 4 for 25; Honeyman 1 for 11. For Falkland – J. Allan had 3 wickets for 18 runs; W.M. Venters 1 for 26. Scores:

<b>Falkland</b>			<b>Freuchie</b>		
T.C. Schofield	c. McLaren, b. Barclay	3	J. Lindsay	b. Allan	48
C. Drysdale	c. Cochrane, b. Honeyman	15	J. Jack	run out	0
W. Stark	b. Croall	1	P. Gillespie	not out	8
W.M. Venters	b. Duncan	25	J. Baillie	b. Allan	8
T. Drysdale	lbw, b. Croall	35	D. Duncan	b. Allan	1
J. Venters	b. Duncan	2	W. Cochrane	b. W. Venters	0
P. Lawson	b. Duncan	4	H. Barclay	not out	0
J. Allan	b. Duncan	0	J. Honeyman	DNB	
P. Robertson	st. Grant, b. Croall	4	R. McLaren	DNB	

R. Hopkins	c. Lindsay, b. Croall	0	A. Grant	DNB	
R. Battes	not out	2	E. Croall	DNB	
	Extras	13	Extras		17
	<b>Total</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>Total for 5</b>		<b>82</b>
			<b>wkts</b>		

## **16<sup>th</sup> June 1923**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Missionary Lecture** – “Rev. Mr Smith delivered a lecture on his missionary work in Nyasaland before a good congregation in the Parish Church on Sunday evening.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “Miss J. Venters won the ladies’ medal on Saturday in the stroke competition out of a splendid entry.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Band** – “The Coaltown of Balgonie Prize Band played an excellent programme of music at the fountain on Sunday afternoon.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket** – “Falkland C.C. travel to Tayport to-morrow (Saturday) with the following team: -

*T.D. Hopkins (capt.), T. Schofield, T. Drysdale, P. Lawson, C. Drysdale, J. Allan, J. Ross, R. Hopkins, J. Reekie, R. Battes, and M. Robertson.*”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Alarming Accident in Pleasance Works** – “Shortly after starting work in Pleasance Linen Works on Monday morning, a rather alarming accident occurred. One of the cylinders in the dressing machine blew to bits, and one of the dressers, Mr W. Stark, who was nearest the machine had a miraculous escape from instant death, escaping with a splintered foot. Had he been a little nearer, the accident would have been fatal, as the machine next to the cylinder was badly damaged. Mr Stark is progressing slowly.”



**Pleasance Linen Works circa 1920's**

Article in *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Falkland v Dunnikier:**

“At Falkland. Score – Falkland 139 for 7 wickets (P. Lawson 55, T.D. Hopkins 37 not out). Dunnikier 56 (C. Henderson 20, P. Condie 11).”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Birth – Nicol** – “At Westfield, Falkland, on the 8<sup>th</sup> inst., to Mr and Mrs Wm. Nicol, a son.”

**23<sup>rd</sup> June 1923**

Business Announcement in *The Fife News*: **D. Cowan**



Extract from *The Fife News*: **Boys' Brigade** – “A company of the Boys Brigade has been formed in Falkland. Messrs William Robertson and Robert Wallace have been very successful in their recruiting, and between 30 and 40 boys have been enrolled. Drill has commenced on the Myre.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Band** – “A movement is on foot to revive the Falkland band. Application is to be made to the Town Council to find out where the instruments of the former band have gone.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket** – “Falkland C.C. travel to Leslie to-morrow (Saturday) to play Rothes with the following team: -

T.D. Hopkins, T. Drysdale, T. Schofield, P. Robertson, C. Drysdale, R. Hopkins, J. Ross, J. Allan, J. Venters, P. Lawson, R. Hopkins.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Sports Ground Opened** – “The splendid sports ground gifted by Major Lumsden, Freuchie, to Falkland Public School was formally opened on Saturday, when the annual school sports were held. There was keen competition in most events. Provost Hopkins acted as judge. The arrangements were admirably carried out by Mr Nisbet, headmaster, and staff. Prize list: -

Flat Race (boys under 10) – 1. Findlay Drysdale. 2. Jack Lawson. 3. Willie White.

*Flat Race (boys under 12) – 1. Willie Drysdale. 2. David Shankes. 3. Alex. Shankes.*

*Flat Race (boys over 12) – 1. Gaston Bonthrone. 2. Marshall Stark. 3. Fred Coutts.*

*Flat Race (220 yards) – 1. Gaston Bonthrone. 2. Jack Wallace. 3. Marshall Stark.*

*Long jump (boys over 12) – 1. Gaston Bonthrone. 2. Marshall Stark. 3. Fred Coutts.*

*Hop, Step and Leap (boys over 12) – 1. Gaston Bonthrone. 2. Marshall Stark. 3. Jack Wallace.*

*Throwing Cricket Ball – 1. Gaston Bonthrone. 2. Marshall Stark. 3. Fred Coutts.*

*Flat Race (girls under 10) – 1. Ella Fraser. 2. Janet Findlay. 3. Mary Baxter.*

*Skipping Race (girls under 10) – 1. Ella Fraser. 2. Mary Baxter. 3. Nellie Bett.*

*Flat Race (girls under 12) – 1. Cathy Lawson. 2. Margaret Fraser. 3. Ina Grieve.*

*Skipping Race (girls under 12) – 1. Cathy Lawson. 2. Nancy Mather. 3. Margaret Fraser.*

*High jump (girls under 12) – 1. Janet Robertson. 2. Agnes Baxter. 3. Jessie Balfour and Cathy Walker, equal.*

*Egg and Spoon Race (girls under 12) – 1. Jessie Balfour. 2. Flora Stark. 3. Margaret Shields.*

*High jump (girls over 12) – 1. Agnes Baxter. 2. Jessie Balfour. 3. Janet Robertson.”*

Article in *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Tayport v Falkland XI:**

*“At Tayport. Score – Tayport – 21 (R. Ingram 9). Falkland 19 (P. Lawson 11).”*

Extract in *The Fife News*: **Death – Hepburn** – *“At Eglantine Cottage, Falkland, on 13<sup>th</sup> inst., Janet, elder daughter of the late Andrew Hepburn, Kirkcaldy.”*

### **30<sup>th</sup> June 1923**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket** – *“Falkland C.C. travel to Markinch to-morrow (Saturday) with the following team: -*

*Provost T.D. Hopkins (Capt.), T.C. Schofield, C.R. Drysdale, P. Lawson, T. Drysdale, James Ross, R. Hopkins, J. Allan, P. Kennedy, M. Robertson, R. Battes.*

*Falkland 2<sup>nd</sup> XI play Markinch 2<sup>nd</sup> XI at Falkland.*”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Moderator** – “Rev. J.K. Russell, Falkland, Moderator of the Presbytery of Cupar, has been appointed moderator of the Strathmiglo Parish Church Session during the vacancy caused by the death of the Rev. Hugh Brown.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf Club** – “As in most country towns during the dark years of the war, games of all kinds in Falkland were practically abandoned. Perhaps no game suffered more than golf. The few old members of the Club who remained had no heart or even courage to shoulder a ‘bag o’ sticks’ while their fellows were handling instruments of a very different kind. The natural result was that the Myre once more fell into its crude state of neglect, and the whins flourished. The Volunteers will remember what it was like on their ‘field days’. The Town Council, who have always been patrons of the Golf Club, in so far that they allow them to spend their money freely in improving the surface of the Myre without rent or customs of any kind, responded, as they did to all the calls of the Government by putting the Green Myre and a few acres eastward under the plough. The ground yielded, to the surprise of most of the burgesses, fair crops of potatoes and corn, and a surplus to the Common Good. The successors of the wise city fathers, however, have rather gladly abandoned the care of their property to the sportsmen, and they further encouraged the Golf Club to resume their Royal and Ancient game as is proper in the old burgh. A handsome contribution was granted by the unanimous vote of the Council to the funds of the Club. Worthy efforts are being made to renew the interest in golf, and with no little degree of success. As an instance, the Myre witnessed a gay crowd of ladies and gentlemen with their caddies and ‘gallery’ on Wednesday evening. The ladies, as usual, fully excelled in enthusiasm and prowess when it is well known that the most of the members in that section of the Club are beginners. It appears very probable that the fair players may soon outshine the old hands on level footing. The members are showing keenness in view of the approaching fete or cake and candy sale to be held in Falkland Palace grounds for the purpose of raising funds to clear off the debt incurred in re-making the course. In the interests of the town and the game, it is fit and proper that all classes should on this occasion support the ‘gowfers’, as happened in the memorable days of 1906.”

Article in *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Rothés (Leslie) v Falkland:**

“At Leslie. Score – Rothés – 75 (J. Ramsay 23 n.o.); Falkland – 105 (P. Hopkins 41 n.o., J. Allan 16)”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Marriage – Young – Adams** – “At Thistle Bank, Lomond Crescent, on the 21<sup>st</sup> inst., by the Rev. J.K. Russell, Robert Young, only son of Mr and Mrs David Young, The Brae, Gateside, to Annie Bell, only daughter of Mr and Mrs James Adams, Thistle Bank, Falkland.”

## **7<sup>th</sup> July 1923**

Intimation in *The Fife News*: **Estate** – Mrs Catherine Dourie, or Ness - £1,345 13s 0d.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket** – “Falkland have Kelty XI as their visitors at Scroggie to-morrow (Saturday).”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Putting** – “Giffordtown putting team easily beat the Institute team at Falkland on Tuesday evening.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Fine** – “James Douglas, commission agent, Victoria Terrace, Falkland, was fined £1 at Cupar Sheriff Court on Tuesday, for riding a motor bicycle at 17-30 miles per hour on 7<sup>th</sup> June on the Auchtermuchty-Falkland public highway.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Bursaries** – “The following scholars have been successful in winning bursaries, and go to the Bell-Baxter School, Cupar, after the vacation: -

Marion Mungo, Mary Hunt, Agnes Bruce, Robert Muir, and John Dryden.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Parish Church Pic-nic** – “The annual Sabbath school pic-nic was held on Saturday, nine hay carts conveying the company to Lathrisk, where tea was served and games were held. On Sunday, the scholars received their prizes. The Rev. J.K. Russell stated that he had an invitation to the Royal garden party at Holyrood on Wednesday.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Town Council** – “The usual monthly meeting of the Town Council was held on Wednesday evening – Provost Hopkins presiding. An

*application was before the Council from the S.C.W.S. for a toom to put the soil taken from the excavations in connection with the floorcloth works extension. It was agreed to arrange this. The Council were pleased to see that the Provost, along with his wife, was to represent the burgh at the Royal garden party at Holyrood next Wednesday. The Town Clerk and Mrs Anderson are also invited."*

Article in *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Falkland 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v Markinch 2<sup>nd</sup> XI:**

*"At Falkland. Bowling for the home team – W. Strudley took three wickets for 18 runs, P. Robertson, two for 14, J. Shields, one for 1, and C. Baxter, 2 for 6. For the visitors, A. Wilson had four for 25, and J. Barclay four for 23.*

*Score – Markinch XI – 56 (G. Hopkins 18, F. Noble 13). Falkland XI – 54 (P. Robertson 19, P. Lawson 13)."*

Article in *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Markinch v Falkland:**

*"At Markinch. Bowling for Markinch – A. Grant had five wickets for 26 runs, and G. Campbell five for 10. Bowling for Falkland – J. Allan had six for 24, J. Ross, two for 26, and T.D. Hopkins, one for 2.*

*Score – Falkland – 37 (C.R. Drysdale 15). Markinch – 80 (R. Campbell 31 not out, R. Muckersie 23)."*

Article in *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Falkland v Kennoway:**

*"Falkland was heavily beaten at home on Wednesday.*

*Score – Falkland – 44 (T. Drysdale 13, J. Venters 11). Kennoway – 106 (D. Gillespie 27, J. Lister 26)."*

Article in *The Fife News*: **Falkland – 'The Beloved Residence of the Stuart Kings':**

*"The following letter to the editor appeared in to-day's Scotsman: -*

*'I have read with great interest the article by Sir John Lorne MacLeod in The Scotsman of 9<sup>th</sup> inst., on 'The Making of Scotland'. One point, however, I think he is mistaken in. He speaks of the Princess Elizabeth being born in Dunfermline. She was born in Falkland, as is mentioned in a poem by the late Charles Gulland on 'The Archway of Falkland Palace', in which the following lines occur: -*

*'And thou, O Fife, wert destined to bestow  
The future dynasties upon the State,  
For in Dunfermline Charles first saw the light,  
Elizabeth, in Falkland, children both  
Of the sixth James were they, and destiny  
Hurled the descendents of the martyred King  
From Britain's throne, from there she seated firm  
The offspring of Elizabeth to reign  
Congenial o'er the realm  
Thus Falkland gave Elizabeth, and she in turn bestowed  
Upon our land a freedom-loving line of Monarchs'  
As a lover of the beautiful Royal burgh, I may say that Falkland would be gratified  
were Their Majesties to come and view the historic Palace – the beloved residence  
of the Stuart Kings.  
I am, etc., G."*

## **21<sup>st</sup> July 1923**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket Selection** – “Falkland v Tayport to-morrow (Saturday) at Falkland. Falkland team: -

*Provost T.D. Hopkins (Capt.), T.C. Schofield, T. Drysdale, R. Hopkins, R. Battes, C.R. Drysdale, J. Ross, John Venters, Jas. Allan, P. Lawson, Tom Sutherland.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cyclist's Narrow Escape** – “While a young lady (Miss Beattie, Freuchie) was cycling along South Street, a car driven by Mr Robertson, Dunfermline, came up Back Wynd, when a collision took place. Luckily the lady jumped clear, but the back wheel of her cycle was badly damaged.”

Article in *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Falkland v Springfield:**

“At Falkland. Score – Springfield – 51 (W. Stewart 19, S. Cameron 14). Falkland – 115 (T. Drysdale 27, R. Battes 24).”

Article in *The Fife News*: **Putting Match at Falkland:**

*"Falkland beat the visitors by 8 matches to 3 in a putting match on Wednesday.*

*Details:*

<b>Visitors</b>		<b>Falkland</b>	
<i>John Young, Kirkcaldy</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>Miss Grant</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>D. Lister, East Wemyss</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>Miss Kennedy</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>C. Stevens, Kirkcaldy</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>Miss Edmeston</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>H. Wise, Leven</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Miss H. Forsyth</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Miss Grieve, East Wemyss</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>P. Kennedy</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>D. Joss, Markinch</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>C.R. Drysdale</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>D. White, Cambuslang</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>T.C. Schofield</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>R. Speed, Kirkcaldy</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Miss J. Finlay</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>D. Simpson, Kirkcaldy</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>W. Strudley, Snr</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>- Elder, Kirkcaldy</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>S. Grierson</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>J. Fitzpatrick, Glasgow</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>Miss C. Peggie</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>T. Sutherland, Glasgow</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Jas. Archibald</i>	<i>0</i>
	<b>3</b>		<b>8</b>

### **28<sup>th</sup> July 1923**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Garden Fete** – “A garden fete, cake and candy sale, was held in the Palace grounds on Thursday last week in aid of the local Golf Club. Provost T.D. Hopkins, in introducing Mr D. Bonthron, Newton of Falkland, said that Mr Bonthron was always ready to assist Falkland sport, as he took a great interest in sport of all kinds. Mr Bonthron, in a few well-chosen and humorous remarks, declared the sale open, and hoped all would open their purse strings. At the close, Bailie G. Robertson moved a vote of thanks to all who had assisted in any way to make the fete a success, and he had great pleasure in congratulating them that day on the takings, which almost reached £70. Among the stall-holders were: -

*Mrs T.D. Hopkins, Miss Martin, Mrs Thomson, Miss Venters, Mrs Drysdale, Miss Forsyth, and many willing assistants. Winners in competitions: -*

*Pitching competition – Mr T. Drysdale.*

*Clock golf – Mr A. Archibald, Mrs McDougall.*

*Shooting – Miss C. Peggie.*

*Free gifts, Mrs J. Wallace, Mrs Strudley, Mrs T. Wallace, Mrs T. Drysdale, Mrs A. Galloway, Miss Martin, Miss M. Mather, Mr W. Morton, Miss A. Anderson, Mr D. Clarke.*

*One of the attractions of the day was Mr D. Hain's pipers and dancers, who gave a splendid display."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Putting Match** – "Great interest was taken in the return match at Strudley's Green between visitors and locals. Scores: -

<b>Visitors</b>		<b>Falkland</b>	
<i>John Young, Kirkcaldy</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>Miss Grant</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>T. Lister, East Wemyss</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>Miss J. Drysdale</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>C.F. Steven, Kirkcaldy</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Miss Edmiston</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>H. Wise, Leven</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>Miss K. Forsyth</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Miss Grieve, East Wemyss</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>R. Sime</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>D. Joss, Markinch</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>C.R. Drysdale</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>James Grieve, East Wemyss</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>J. Adams</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>A. Speed, Kirkcaldy</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Miss J. Findlay</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>G. Fitzpatrick, Kirkcaldy</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>Miss C. Peggie</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>W. Joss, Dunfermline</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>S. Grierson</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>A. Archibald, Markinch</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>Miss L. Findlay</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Miss Tossach, Dunfermline</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>W. Strudley</i>	<i>1</i>
	<b>6</b>		<b>4</b>

*At the close of the game, the company was entertained to tea in the garden by Mrs Brown, assisted by the Ladies Committee. The captain of the visitors thanked the Falkland putters for the very enjoyable games they had taken part in."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Putting March – Big Win for Auchtermuchty** – “A splendid turnout was present to see the fight between the near rivals on Tuesday evening. The match was played on Strudley’s Green. ‘Muchty easily proved the victors. At the close of the game, Mr J. Howie, captain of the visitors, thanked the Falkland team for their sporting spirit and also their hospitality. They hoped to return the compliment when Falkland paid the return visit. Councillor P. Robertson suitably replied for the home team. Mrs Brown and the Ladies’ Committee served tea.

Scores: -

<b>Falkland</b>		<b>Auchtermuchty</b>	
W.E. Strudley Snr.	1	W. Fraser	0
Miss Kennedy	0	J. Smith	1
Miss Edmestone	1	J. Dick	0
Miss Drysdale	0	R. Curr	1
Miss Grant	0	W. Rennie	1
W. Peggie	0	G. Brunton	1
R. Sime	0	R. Ferlie	1
W.E. Strudley Jnr.	0	J. Mckendrick	1
T. Drysdale	1	J. Howie	0
S. Grierson	0	J. Bonthron	0
P. Robertson	0	J. Scott	0
Provost Hopkins	0	J. Leven	0
Mrs Thomson	0	W. Dowie	1
	<b>3</b>		<b>7</b>

*Falkland Putting Club play Burnturk this (Friday) evening at Falkland.”*

Article from *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Falkland v Tayport**

“There was a splendid turnout at Scroggie, Falkland, on Saturday, many visitors being present. Scores –

Falkland – 84 (R. Battes 15); Tayport – 51 (H. Gould 11).”

### **4<sup>th</sup> August 1923**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Putting Match** – “There was a splendid turnout at Strudley’s Green on Friday evening when an interesting match was played between Coaltown of Burnturk and Falkland. The visitors were victorious. Details: -

<b>Falkland</b>		<b>Burnturk</b>	
Miss Grant	0	Miss Beveridge	1
Mr W. Ross	0	Miss Kirkcaldy	1
Miss J. Drysdale	1	Miss Lindsay	0
Miss Edmestone	0	Miss Alexander	0
Mr W. Grierson	0	Mr G. Wilkie	0
Mr S. Drysdale	0	Mr J. Wilkie	1
Mr J. Walker	0	Mr J. Steedman	1
Mr R. Sime	0	Mr Jn. Steedman	1
Mr T. Sutherland	0	Miss Alexander	1
Mr H. Robertson	1	Mr R. Alexander	0
Mr W.E. Strudley	0	Mr John Angus	0
Mr P. Lawson	1	Mr J. Balsillie	0
Mr J. Shields	0	Mr J. Kirkcaldy	1
Mr P. Kennedy	1	Mr J. Beveridge	0
Miss Anderson	0	Mr J.G. Angus	1
	<b>4</b>		<b>8</b>

After an enjoyable game, tea was served in the gardens by Mrs Brown and the ladies’ Committee.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Town Council** – “The monthly meeting of the Town Council was held on Wednesday evening – Bailie Hunt presiding. There were also present Bailie G. Robertson, Councillors Annan, Nellies, Drysdale, Horne, Adams

and Chisholm. The reports of the various Committees were read and adopted. It was stated that the housing scheme had cost £25,000, which is a bit over the estimate. The offer to paint the 29 street lamps in the burgh by T. Ross was accepted. The cost is £3 16s. Permission was granted the Ladies Club to take up a collection on the 18<sup>th</sup> on behalf of the District Nurse. They are to hold a fancy dress parade.”

Article in *The Fife News*: **Falkland Victoria F.C.’s Sound Position:**

“The annual meeting of the Falkland Victoria F.C. was held in the Town Hall – Councillor James Adams presiding. The Treasurer’s report showed a credit balance of £3 12s 6d. The President said he was pleased to see the good financial position of the Club, as it was very encouraging. The following office-bearers were elected: -

President – Councillor James Adams; vice-President – Mr Alexander Grant; Secretary – Mr Tom Drysdale, High Street, Falkland; Treasurer – Mr W.E. Strudley jnr.; Committee – Messrs G. Stark, T. Patterson, T. Hamilton, J. Archibald, R. Dall, and J. Campbell.

At the close of the meeting, the President intimated that the signatures of most of the old players, including that of W. Strudley, who was stated to have signed for Thornton Rangers, had been obtained. It was agreed to make application to enter the Cupar and District League.”

Article in *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Falkland v Markinch:**

“There was a good turnout at Scroggie, Falkland, on Wednesday evening, when Falkland defeated Markinch. The tit-bit of the match was the bowling of J. Robertson, Falkland, who had 5 wickets for 10 runs, including the ‘hat trick’. Score: -

Falkland – 68 (M. Robertson 27, P. Lawson 12); Markinch 43 (A. Jack 12).

Falkland travel to Kirkcaldy to-morrow (Saturday) to play Nairn’s.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Birth – Adams** – “At Cross Wynd, Falkland, on 26<sup>th</sup> July, to Mr and Mrs W.J. Adams, a daughter.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Marriage – McKenzie and Duncan** – “At the Bruce Arms Hotel, Falkland, on the 27<sup>th</sup> July, by the Rev. J.P. Batchelor, John James, second son of the late Mr and Mrs McKenzie, Dunbar, to Clementina, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Duncan, Myreside Farm, Falkland.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death – Dryburgh** – “At Falkland, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> July, Alexander Dryburgh, late of Kinglassie, beloved husband of Eliza Weir Skinner, aged 56.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death – Melville** – “At Falkland, on the 28<sup>th</sup> July, George Melville, in his 81<sup>st</sup> year.”

### **11<sup>th</sup> August 1923**

Article in *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Dunnikier v Falkland:**

“At Kirkcaldy. Bowling for Dunnikier – R. McLaren had one wicket for 8 runs, C. Henderson four for 24, and D.C. McIntosh five for 41. For Falkland, P. Allan had seven for 8 runs, and P. Lawson three for 5. Score: -

Falkland – 82 (J. Shields 22, R. Battis 21); Dunnikier – 14 (P. Hankinson 7).”

Article in *The Fife News*: **Visit of French Scouts:**

“A party of French Scouts, who are at present in this country, are expected in Edinburgh for a two-day visit on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> inst. They are meantime at Worksop, England, with the Worksop College Troop, and leave there on the 9<sup>th</sup> to make an itinerary in Scotland, so as to see as much of the loch and mountain scenery as possible during the next fortnight. Both Glasgow and Edinburgh will be visited, but it is not intended to be much about the towns. A great deal of walking will be done by the party, which consists of four youths, accompanied by Comte Marty, the International Commander of the Eclaireurs of France. Trains will only be taken on the longer stretches, and steamers where necessary on the West Coast. They will arrive in Glasgow on the 9<sup>th</sup>, and will proceed thence through Argyllshire and Perthshire, and on the 20<sup>th</sup> will be due at Falkland, and on the 21<sup>st</sup> at West Wemyss, coming thence to Edinburgh the following day, and they will return to London by steamer from Leith. At Falkland, the Palace will be visited, and at West Wemyss the training camp for Scout officers.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death – Adams** – “At Cross Wynd, Falkland, on 2<sup>nd</sup> August, Elizabeth Francis Mary Holland, beloved wife of William J. Adams, aged 25 years – Sadly missed.”

## **18<sup>th</sup> August 1923**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Road** – “The road between Falkland and Dunshalt is at present closed during repairs.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Fancy Dress Parade** – “To-morrow (Saturday) is sure to be a red letter day, as a grand fancy dress parade and sports are to be held on behalf of the District Nurse. Freuchie will get a visit of the paraders. Tullis Russell’s Silver Band has been engaged for the event.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – “The Victoria opened the season on Thursday, when they visited Freuchie in a friendly. To-morrow (Saturday) they have Newburgh at home in a Cupar and District League match. At a meeting of the Committee on Tuesday evening, the President, on behalf of the Club, presented Mr J. Duncan, Myreside, with a walking stick, in recognition of the interest he has taken in the Club. Mr Duncan suitably replied.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Putting – St Clair, Kirkcaldy v Falkland** – “There was a splendid turnout to witness the tussle between the two teams, when some exciting games were played. At the close, tea was supplied to the visitors. Details:

<b>Falkland</b>		<b>St Clair</b>	
C.R. Drysdale	1	A. Speed	0
Miss Edmestone	0	E. Simpson	1
T.C. Schofield	1	W. Sturrock	0
T. Drysdale	1	A. Walker	0
S. Grierson	0	H. Peebles	1
Miss L. Finlay	0	G. Aird	1
Miss N. Forsyth	1	A. Gray	0
Miss E. Grant	1	M. Gray	0
Miss J. Drysdale	1	W. Sharp	0
S. Drysdale	0	R. Speed jnr.	1
W. Anderson	0	D. Dorward	1

<i>J. Muir</i>	1	<i>J. Joss</i>	0
<i>Miss N. Finlay</i>	0	<i>J. Brunton</i>	1
	<b>7</b>		<b>6</b>

Article in *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Falkland v Strathmiglo:**

“*Played at Falkland on Wednesday evening. Scores:*

*Falkland – 159 (T. Drysdale 30, P. Robertson 24). Strathmiglo – 53 (W. Buick 9).*

*Falkland meet Leven to-morrow (Saturday). Falkland team:*

*T.D. Hopkins, T. Schofield, T. Drysdale, R. Battes, R. Hopkins, J. Allan, P. Lawson, J. Shields, P. Robertson, C.R. Drysdale, and J. Muir.”*

### **25<sup>th</sup> August 1923**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – “*Falkland Victoria travel to Newburgh to-morrow (Saturday) in the Cupar and District League, with the following team:*

*T. Shields, A. Burgess, H. Lee, D. McGregor, J. Abernethy, J. Myles, D. Bett, M. Robertson, W. Bett, D. Lister, B. Dall.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket** – “*Falkland play Nairn’s at Kirkcaldy to-morrow (Saturday). Falkland team:*

*Provost Hopkins, T.C. Schofield, J. Allan, C.R. Drysdale, R. Hopkins, J. Shields, R. Battes, P. Lawson, J. Ross, J. Venters, T. Drysdale.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Putting Match** – *Married Men v Single. Played on Strudley’s Green. Scores:*

<b>Married</b>		<b>Single</b>	
<i>H. Robertson</i>	0	<i>E. Sargent</i>	0
<i>A. Speake</i>	0	<i>W. Meldrum</i>	1
<i>D. Bett</i>	0	<i>H. Lee</i>	1
<i>W. Gould</i>	1	<i>G. Richfield</i>	0

<i>M. Robertson</i>	1	<i>H. Birrell</i>	0
<i>J. Skinner</i>	0	<i>J. Campbell</i>	1
<i>W.E. Strudley Snr.</i>	0	<i>C.K. Drysdale</i>	1
<i>J. Mather</i>	0	<i>T. Shields</i>	1
<i>B. Dall</i>	0	<i>W.E. Strudley Jnr.</i>	1
<i>P. Baxter</i>	1	<i>J. Archibald</i>	0
<i>J. Abernethy</i>	0	<i>W. Ross</i>	1
<i>R. Sime</i>	0	<i>J. Muir</i>	1
<i>W. Patterson</i>	1	<i>J. Hutchison</i>	0
	<b>4</b>		<b>8</b>

Extract from *The Fife News: Fete* – “A fete and sports on behalf of the district nurse were held in Falkland House grounds. There was also a fancy dress parade. The paraders marshalled at the Palace led by the Tullis Russell Silver Band, and followed by an Indian Prince on a charger. They marched through the streets of the burgh to the avenue in the grounds, where the judging took place by the Hon. Mrs Maule Ramsay, Falkland House, and Mrs Gulland, Millfield. Among the prize-winners were:

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‘Shiek’ Miss Venters; ‘Brigand’ Mr W. Robertson; ‘Moor’ Mr W. Wallace; ‘Prince Charlie’ Lord David Crichton-Stuart; ‘Robin Hood’ Master Michael Crichton-Stuart; ‘Coolie’ Miss P. Gavin; ‘Belgian peasant’ Miss L. Gavin; ‘Tarzan’ Mr J. Wilson; ‘Sweep with Ladder’ W. Dalrymple; ‘Indian Boy’ James Wardrop; ‘Cook’ John Bett; ‘Little Boy Blue’ Miss M. Taylor; ‘Steve Donoghue’ Miss Kate Lawson; ‘Japanese’ Miss Jenny Wallace; ‘Father Christmas’ Miss Ina White; ‘Cherry Ripe’ Miss Claude Ramsay; ‘Bo-Peep’ Miss Mary Cario; ‘Weldon’s Journal’ Miss Mary Anderson.

The winners in the children’s sports were: -

Boys under 10 years – 1. W. Drysdale. 2. Bert Stark.

Girls under 14 – 1. J. Duncan. 2. Jean Lawson. 3. Ina Lawson.

Boys under 14 – 1. M. Stark. 2. W. Drysdale. 3. Bert Stark.

Thread the Needle Race – F. Stark, M. McKillop, K. Kinnear, Jean Lawson, N. Mather.

Hurdle Race – W. Drysdale, M. Stark, J. McEwan, John Finlay, B. Stark, F. Drysdale.

*Wheel Barrow Race – G. Finlay and T. Allan; T. Drysdale and R. Craig; W. Drysdale and W. Paxton.*

*Boot and Shoe Race: Boys – M. Stark, W. Paxton, B. Stark. Girls – J. Lawson, B. Anderson, M. Lawson.*

*During the afternoon Rev. J.K. Russell moved a vote of thanks to the Hon. Mrs Maule Ramsay and Mrs Gulland for the judging of the paraders. Mrs Ramsay, in reply, stated that it gave her great pleasure to be present that day, but she found great difficulty in deciding the winners, as there were many worthy of a prize. Mrs Brown, Mrs Birrell, Mr Oram and assistants are to be congratulated on the success of the fete. It is estimated that about £50 will go to the District Nursing Association. During the afternoon, Tullis Russell's Silver Band, under the baton of bandmaster Mr John Haldane, played selections and supplied the dance music."*

Article in *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Freuchie 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v Falkland 2<sup>nd</sup> XI:**

*"At Freuchie on Thursday night. Scores: Freuchie – 135 (J. Morgan 69, R. Allan 26). Falkland – 116 (P. Robertson 51, C. Drysdale 29)"*

Article in *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Falkland v Leven:**

*"Played at Scroggie. Scores: Leven – 21. Falkland – 124 (P. Robertson 44, M. Robertson 15no)"*

### **1<sup>st</sup> September 1923**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Rural Library** – *"Fifty new books have been received for the Rural Library. Included in the collection are works by the following authors: -*

*R.L. Stevenson, Arnold Bennett, Blackmore, Crockett, Dumas, Compton Mackenzie, and Hutchison.*

*The books will be issued on Thursday evenings between 6.30 and 7 in the Public School.*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – *"The Victoria will meet Stratheden to-morrow (Saturday) at Strathmiglo with a reconstructed team, in the Cupar and District League."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket** – “Falkland C.C. travel to Cupar to play their last fixture of the season, with the following team: -

*Provost Hopkins (captain), C.R. Drysdale, J. Allan, J. Ross, T. Drysdale, J. Muir, J. Venters, R. Battis, J. Shields, P. Lawson, T.C. Schofield, R. Hopkins.”*

### **8<sup>th</sup> September 1923**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – “Falkland Victoria meet Freuchie Rovers tomorrow (Saturday) at Myreside Park in the Cupar and District League with the following team:-

*T. Shields; Alf. Burgess and H. Lee; Douglas McGregor, M. Robertson and Andrew Robertson; S. Grierson, T.C. Schofield, W.E. Strudley, H. Birrell and R. Dall. Reserves – J. Abernethy and W. Bett.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **The Queen’s Thanks** – “Provost Hopkins received the following letter on Tuesday from Sir Ralph Anstruther, Lord-Lieutenant of the county:

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*‘I beg to append copies of letters received by me relative to the Queen’s visit to Fife on 30<sup>th</sup> ultimo. They speak for themselves, and I should like to be allowed to add to them my personal thanks for the great assistance you gave me in making suitable arrangements, on very short notice. It is, I am sure, a matter of great satisfaction to all concerned that all passed off so successfully.’*

*The copies of the letters enclosed are as follows: -*

*Letter, Sir Derek Keppel, Master of the Household, Balmoral Castle – ‘My dear Anstruther, I am commanded to write you one line to express to you the Queen’s thanks for all the trouble you took yesterday to make Her Majesty’s visit to Falkland and Melville so very pleasant. It was a most enjoyable day, and all your arrangements were thoroughly appreciated’*

*Letter from Lord Elphinstone, Carberry Tower, Musselburgh – ‘My dear Anstruther, before leaving this morning, Her Majesty the Queen asked me to write you a few lines to express her sincere thanks for all the arrangements made for her comfort and convenience during her visit to Cupar, Falkland, and Melville yesterday. Her Majesty was very much interested in all she saw, as well as much gratified at the warmth of her welcome throughout the entire length of the route.’*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Claim** – “A claim by Thomas Drysdale, High Street, for a Local Government vote was disallowed at a Registration Court held at Cupar on Thursday. Claimant has already a Parliamentary vote, but he secured it as a lodger. The Assessor said the claimant must show the value of his lodging to be £10 a year before he could claim a Local Government vote. The rent of the house in which he lived was £8.”

Article in *The Fife News*: **Stratheden v Falkland – Cupar and District League:**

“Played at Strathmiglo. The meeting of Stratheden and the new comers to the League to wit – Falkland, on Saturday revealed to the officials of the respective Clubs, two facts of vital importance. To the homesters, the need for a ‘stiffening up’ in certain positions, and to the visitors the fact that they will have to adopt a different method of play, if they are to gather points in the competition. We understand that Stratheden have the men ready who will, it is hoped, be able to give the team that ‘punch’ which will be required to win matches. The visitors seemed quite pleased to have run the wearers of the green to a goal on Saturday, but they had in their opponents a side as yet merely in the experimental stage, without that understanding with one another, vitally important to the making of a successful team. We fancy the men from the Royal burgh will get a shock or two at no very distant date. The weather on Saturday was showery, rain falling during most of the game. This, coupled with other attractions, was perhaps to blame for the very modest turnout of spectators. Mr Walker, Ladybank, started the following teams: -

Stratheden – Legg; Hart and J. Maxwell; Lockhart, Petrie and Wilson; Chapman, Reid, McDougall, F. Maxwell, and Ness.

Falkland – Shields; Abernethy and Lee; McGregor, M. Robertson and A. Robertson; Bett, Strudley, Stark, Dall and Birrell.

Chapman won the toss, and elected to face the rain and what wind was blowing. The homesters attacked right away, but this was unproductive of anything tangible. Hart conceded a corner which was cleared with ease, to be followed by McDougall forcing another at the Falkland end. Dan Reid’s parting shot, however, good though it was, counted for nil. A foul shy off A. Robertson was well directed into the Falkland goalmouth, but Shields held with confidence. Wilson’s pass out to Ness was too strong, and from the throw-in, Stark got possession to shoot high over. The Greens came again, but McDougall hesitated when well set, and the chance went, a-begging. Birrell was given an opportunity to show his paces and got off, but shot behind, when a cross would have been more profitable. Bett next had a try, but it was abortive. Abernethy was forced to kick out for relief. Reid again forced a corner for Strath, but Shields cleared at the expense of another, which was fruitless. Falkland’s attacks on Legg were spasmodic. Chapman shot narrowly past from a foul off Lee. The Greens were certainly having most of the chances going this half.

*McDougall scraped the top of the crossbar with a lovely effort, with Shields at the other end. Wilson next did a bit on his own, and after beating three opponents he saw his parting shot go narrowly past the foot of the upright. Falkland wakened up and crowded down on Legg, who saved a point blank shot at six yards' range. This was the first direct shot the Strath keeper had got. Back came the homesters, and Chapman forced two corners in quick succession, from the second of which Dan Reid smartly headed past Shields. Bett made a mess of his shot at Legg's end, and then Ness forced an unproductive corner. Falkland tried hard to count, and after Legg came out in a crowd to save, McGregor shot past a tenantless goal. Stark in the Falkland centre made poor attempts with his chances, and failed repeatedly to gather the ball. Falkland's shooting was generally of the 'wild' variety. Birrell again put wide on the next Falkland raid.*

*Half-time: - Stratheden 1, Falkland 0*

*McDougall kicked off in a temporary burst of sunshine, but this was short lived, the rain coming on as bad as ever. The play at this juncture developed into a real nippy game, and the first bit of excitement came when Ness headed past the post from close in, after Maxwell had missed a fine cross. The Falkland goal at this juncture ran a series of narrow squeaks, but the fine play of the defence, and that especially of Shields and Lee, saved the situation with a bit of luck. Abernethy was too prone to kick out when pressed. Jack has lost much of the dash he used to exhibit when he played for the Strath. Falkland showed more method this half, and, led by Birrell, who had gone centre, made a few dangerous looking raids into Strath territory, but these were terminated by Hart and Maxwell, the latter clearing well. From a free kick off McGregor, Chapman got down to put over a fine cross, which Abernethy glaringly deflected past the far post with his arm. This incident was apparent to all save the referee, the latter evidently failing to notice the infringement, which was lucky for Falkland. A fruitless corner was the only result. The homesters seemed to be tiring, and the opposition were not slow to take advantage, Birrell forcing a corner in the next rush. Chapman followed with another, and Maxwell had a try. Falkland's shooting had improved very little, for both M. Robertson and Bett shot wide of the mark. They were, however, having the best of the game at this period. Birrell was offside in a promising raid, and again Abernethy kicked out at the other end, when pressed. The home keeper saved from Birrell at the expense of a corner, which gave Falkland no reward. The visitors pressed more, and Maxwell gave another, which was equally useless. Stratheden did not have the force in their attacks which characterised their play in the opening moiety. Petrie at centre-half, of whom we heard glowing reports, seemed in need of training. He has all the physical qualities of a fine pivot. A lot of aimless kicking was indulged in by both sides, and it looked as if the visitors might score at any moment, but they lacked the necessary finishing power which begets goals. There was no more scoring, and a very uninteresting game, in which good football was conspicuous by its absence, ended, Stratheden 1, Falkland 0.*

*The play on the whole was of a scrappy nature, the only flashes of combination coming from Chapman and Reid; and that on few occasions. Legg, although not as yet imparting the confidence that was reposed in Gavin, kept a clean sheet, and his save in the first half, of a six yards shot, showed him to be a fearless keeper. Hart and Maxwell, though showing nothing brilliant, stuck tenaciously to their work. Lockhart is a find, and once he gets one or two of the rough edges off, he will make a valuable player. Petrie, as already mentioned, was off colour. Wilson put in a power of work and was if anything the best half afield. Chapman was well watched, but along with Reid did quite a lot of good work. McDougall is prone to work too much and it would pay him to cut this out a lie further up-field. Maxwell and Ness made a solid, if not artistic left wing. The men who mattered on the Falkland side were Shields, Lee, McGregor, and Birrell; the veteran Stark was lost at centre, but shone better in the inside position. M. Robertson was not a success as pivot, and the Falkland officials must try a re-arrangement of their team before they can get the best out of it."*

### **15<sup>th</sup> September 1923**

**Article in *The Fife News*: *The Late Charles Gulland, Falkland 1840-1909. An Appreciation*:**

*"In his series of articles on 'Poets and Poetry of Fife', appearing in the Fife Advertiser, the Rev. A.T. Richardson deals in Saturday's issue with the life and writings of the late Charles Gulland, Falkland. This gifted poet and accomplished author, he says, was born at Falkland on the 26<sup>th</sup> February 1840. He obtained his elementary education in the parish school, and at the age of twelve entered the Edinburgh Academy, where his exceptional abilities soon made themselves manifest. After a distinguished career as a student at the University, where he succeeded in gaining, among others, the poetical prize under Professor Pillans, he spent a few years in London preparing himself for his later work. In 1865 Mr Gulland returned to join his father in business at Falkland as a solicitor and banker. He was also associated with his father in the town-clerkship of the burgh, an office he held throughout the long period of forty-three years. He passed to his rest on 6<sup>th</sup> August 1909.*

*There are few more romantic, old-world towns than Falkland. It nestles 'neath the shadow of the Lomonds, the watch towers and impregnable strongholds of ancient Fife. It is the centre of a locality full of inspiring tradition, and is the guardian of the stately Palace of the Stuart Kings. Amid these surroundings Mr Gulland found much inspiration, and devoted such time to the cultivation of the Muse as he could afford from an otherwise busy life. And in his poetic efforts he was conspicuously successful, as may be seen by his published works. These include: -*

*'Sylvanus, Netherton, and other Poetical Works', published by William P. Nimmo, Edinburgh (1867); 'After', a poem (1875); 'The Fairies of Falkland', a Metrical Romance (1876); 'The Lomond Hills', a poem (1877); 'Scottish Ballads, and other Poems' (1881). In 1895, 'Poetical and Dramatic Selections' from his works, containing 'Lomond Hills', 'Fairies of Falkland', historical tales, and miscellaneous poems and songs, were published by J & G Innes, Cupar; and these were followed in 1903 by 'Queen Mary and Darnley', a drama from the same publishers.*

*Many of Mr Gulland's early productions made their first appearance in the columns of the Fifehire Journal where he was ever a welcome contributor. All his work gives evidence of mature thought and careful finish. It shows depth of feeling and much power, and is characterised by precision and clearness. As a ballad writer, whether tragic or humorous, he shows considerable powers of narration, his descriptions being lively and vigorous.*

*While he is scrupulously faithful to the spirit of the times depicted, he succeeds in investing them with a charm and fascination of romance, which gives to them a new interest. In the pageant of the past we hear again the ring and rattle of action, the mirth and melody of the old home life, the quaint manners and customs of the simple and the great. We live again in the brave days of old, for they are reproduced vividly, naturally, and with graphic power. His dramatic piece entitled 'Wallace' will repay close reading and careful study."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Letter** – "A letter has been received stating how greatly the Queen admired the Palace gardens. The way they were laid out and the colouring were simply splendid, it was said, which says much for Bailie Hunt's taste."

Article in *The Fife News*: **Football – Falkland Victoria v Freuchie Rovers (Cupar and District League)**:

*"There was a large turn-out at Myreside, Falkland, on Saturday, when the local team had the pleasure of seeing a hard and fast game. There was not a dull moment from the beginning to the end of the match, each team being eager to score. Some very fine runs were made; Strudley shining in that respect. Both goalkeepers did well. Freuchie had the best defence. They were a much heavier team, but Falkland fought well, and were value for a draw. Morrison, Haxton and Forrester did well for the visitors, and for the home side, Strudley, McGregor, and Shields were often in the picture.*

*Final score – Falkland Victoria – 4, Freuchie Rovers – 6.*

*Falkland team – Shields; Burgess and Lee; Robertson, McGregor and P. Birrell; Lister, Strudley, Stark, Schofield and H. Birrell.*

*Freuchie team – Forrester; Blackwood and Ruthven; Peebles, Oswald and Haxton; Barclay, Ferguson, Morrison, Henderson and Archibald.*

*Referee – Mr J. Macnaughton, Strathmiglo.”*

## **22<sup>nd</sup> September 1923**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Pass Certificate** – “Miss Jeannie Lister, Falkland, has been awarded a pass certificate (elementary) in pianoforte, issued by the Associated Board of the Royal Academy of Music. Miss Lister was a pupil of Miss Zoe Murray, teacher of music at the Bell Baxter School, Cupar.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Alterations** – “At a Dean of Guild Court, plans were passed for alterations on South Bank, Falkland, for Mr Love. Part of the premises is to be used as a chemist’s shop.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – “Falkland Victoria meet the Bellevue at Station Park, Auchtermuchty, to-morrow (Saturday) in the first round of the Scottish Juvenile Cup. Falkland’s team will be chosen from the following: -

*T. Shields, H. Lee, J. Hay, F. Fernie, J. Abernethy, A. Robertson, D. McGregor, S. Grierson, W. Strudley, H. Birrell, O. Strudley, W. Bett, T.C. Schofield, P. Birrell.”*

Article in *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Falkland Averages:**

*“Falkland Cricket Club played 23 matches, of which 13 were won, 7 lost, and 3 drawn. Total runs scored amounted to 1748 for 209 wickets, against total for opponents of 1324 runs for 220 wickets.*

### **Batting**

<b>Name</b>	<b>No. of Ins.</b>	<b>Times n.o.</b>	<b>Runs</b>	<b>Average</b>
<i>P. Robertson</i>	7	-	134	19
<i>T. Drysdale</i>	20	1	267	14
<i>J. Shields</i>	8	-	94	11.7
<i>R. Hopkins</i>	21	3	192	10.6
<i>Provost Hopkins</i>	12	2	93	9.3

<i>M. Robertson</i>	12	2	92	9.2
<i>P. Lawson</i>	21	1	175	8.75

### **Bowling**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Overs</b>	<b>Runs</b>	<b>Wkts</b>	<b>Average</b>
<i>P. Lawson</i>	73.3	117	27	4.3
<i>J. Allan</i>	200.4	381	76	5
<i>J. Ross</i>	172.5	376	59	6.4

### **29<sup>th</sup> September 1923**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Heather Day** – “A successful heather day was organised by Mrs Nisbet, who handed over almost £5 for the funds of the Children’s League of Pity. The collectors were: -

*Agnes Baxter and Ina Brown - £1 12s 11 ½ d; Flora Stark and Marjory Herd - £1 5s 6d; Lizzie Skinner and Jean Douglas - £1 3s 5 ½ d; Cathy Walker and Margaret Shields – 15s 7d.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football – Scottish Juvenile Cup – 1<sup>st</sup> Round**

“Score – Bellevue – 2, Falkland Vics – 0”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death – Taylor**

“At Falkland, suddenly, on 24<sup>th</sup> inst., Annie Louisa, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Wm. Taylor, 40 Albany Street, Edinburgh.”

### **6<sup>th</sup> October 1923**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Town Council Assessments** – “At a special meeting of the Town Council the abstract of accounts for the year was gone over and it was found that the debt of the burgh was on the decline. The fund standing at the credit of the Common Good (£237 5s 9d) was considered satisfactory. After hearing the Finance Committee’s report, the following assessments were fixed for the year 1923-24: -

Owners, 1/8 ½ d per £1 which is 2d more than last year; 3/3 ½ d per £1 on occupiers, which stands the same as last year.

Reference was made to the road rate (1/- per £1) which was caused by the heavy traffic passing over the roads of the burgh.”

### **13<sup>th</sup> October 1923**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Harvest** – “The harvest in the district is now practically over, and the crops have been fairly good. Potato lifting is in progress. The schools close today (Friday) for the potato holidays, and will be closed for three weeks.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – “The Victoria have at Myreside Park tomorrow (Saturday) St Andrews Rangers in the first round of the Edwards Cup, when a hard match is expected.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Harvesting Over** – “Despite the changeable weather, the farmers in the district have now got all their crops safely gathered in, and in good condition. Most of them are now busy lifting potatoes, of which there are fairly good crops.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Church Parade** – “The local Boy Scouts and Boys’ Brigade had their first church parade on Sunday. The Scouts were under the command of Scoutmaster J. Baillie, Bank House, and Instructor R. Wallace. Messrs Wm. Robertson and A. Dakers were in command of the Boys’ Brigade. Both Companies looked smart in their new uniforms. They attended the Parish Church in the forenoon when Rev. J.K. Russell (Captain of the Brigade), gave an interesting address. In the afternoon, the United Free Church was attended, when the chaplain, Rev. Mr Batchelor, addressed the boys. The officers are to be congratulated on the general smartness of the company.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Town Council** – “At the monthly meeting of the Town Council the following were present: -

Provost Hopkins, Bailies Hunt and Robertson, Councillors Horne, Annan, Robertson, Adams, Skinner, Nellis, Chisholm, Grant and Drysdale.

An application from the Burgh Assessor for an increase in salary was read, and after some discussion the Clerk was notified to write the Assessor that the Council could

*not see their way to grant an increase meantime. The Provost read over the list of retiring Councillors, who are: -*

*Councillors Horne, Chisholm, Skinner, and Adams.*

*Councillor Adams does not come forward again, as he has removed from the burgh, but the other retiring Councillors will likely meet the electors again.”*

## **20<sup>th</sup> October 1923**

Article in *The Fife News*: **Football – Falkland Vics v St Andrews Rangers:**

*“The patrons at Myreside Park were treated to a stirring game on Saturday, when the Falkland Victoria met St Andrews Rangers in the first round of the Edwards Cup. Some fine footwork was shown by some of the home side. The game was only five minutes gone when Douglas McGregor put in a lovely shot, which gave the Rangers’ goalkeeper no option. The visitors soon retaliated and put in the equaliser, after which they were never seen in the picture in the first half. When the whistle blew at half-time, the score was Falkland 4, Rangers 1.*

*At the restart, the visitors seemed to grasp the game more and made several strong attempts to score, but failed. Falkland dropped away in the second half of the game. There was too much individual play nearing the end. Dall put in a powerful shot from the penalty line which went with some force into the net. Final score – Falkland Victoria 5, St Andrews Rangers 1.”*

Advert in *The Fife News*: **Falkland Parish Church Women’s Guild Concert**



Advert placed in Fife News

**27<sup>th</sup> October 1923**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Billiards** – “The opening match of the season was played in the Institute on Thursday evening last week when Auchtermuchty were easily defeated by five games to one. Scores: -

<b>Falkland</b>		<b>Auchtermuchty</b>	
C. Oram	100	W. Fraser	54
D. Clark	100	H. Rennie	78
S. Grierson	100	J. Barrie	56
T. Drysdale	100	F. Thomson	33
R. Nellis	100	J. McBain	19
H. Brown	94	J. Leven	100
	<b>594</b>		<b>340</b>

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death of Banker** – “The death took place in Glasgow last week of Mr James Mackersie, who was for a considerable number of years

agent of the Clydesdale Bank, Coatbridge. He was the son of Mrs Oliphant, Gowrie Cottage, Newton of Falkland, his stepfather, Mr Andrew Oliphant, being the tenant of a small farm there. Educated at Dollar Academy, Mr Mackersie spent the whole of his working career in the services of the Clydesdale Bank, chiefly in the West of Scotland, and was regarded in banking and insurance circles as a very shrewd man of affairs. Two years ago Mr Mackersie retired and went to live in Glasgow. The funeral, which was of a private nature, took place at Falkland Cemetery on Monday afternoon.”

Article in *The Fife News*: **Football – Falkland Victoria v Prinlaws Utd:**

“The above teams met at Myreside Park, Falkland, in the Cupar and District League. Falkland started with the wind against them. It spoiled the finer touches of the game. Both teams were eager for the points; in fact at times too eager, as with a little more steadying, the score for the Vics would have been greater. The visitors were the first to open the scoring when Robertson, by the aid of the wind, got the ball between the posts. Although the Victoria were seldom away from the Prinlaws goal, the half-time whistle blew with the score standing: - Falkland 0, Prinlaws 1.

On resuming the change soon made itself felt when Stark sent the ball into the net, which made the home supporters rejoice. It was not long till Strudley’s efforts were rewarded by the best shot of the game, which left the visitors’ goalkeeper no option. Shortly afterwards a third was registered from a corner kick. With about a quarter of an hour to go Strudley was injured and had to be carried off the field, and Falkland had to play with ten men. Nearing the close, Robertson got another for his side, and when time was called, the result was: - Falkland Victoria 3, Prinlaws United 2.

The forwards of the visitors were good, but the defence weak. The goalie runs too much with the ball in his hands. The home forwards were too speedy for the United, but only required to steady a little at goal to increase the score. The defence was easily superior, the goalkeeper having very little to do.”

### **3<sup>rd</sup> November 1923**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Chemist** – “The long-felt want of having a chemist in the burgh has now been met, as an up-to-date shop has been opened by Mr W.L. Love in Horsemarket Street.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Mr Robert Nellies** – “Mr Robert Nellies, who has been manager of the Co-operative Society, has resigned, and is opening a grocery establishment in Falkland in Commercial Buildings. During his managership the Co-

*operative Society has greatly increased in the burgh, and the best wishes of the members go with him in his new venture.”*



**Robert Nellies Shop**

Extract from *The Fife News: Town Council Election* – “The electors in the burgh have shown very little interest in the forthcoming election, as only three nominations have been made viz: -

*David Horn, David Chisholm, and James Skinner – all former Councillors.*

*It will fall to the Town Council at their first meeting to elect a Councillor ad interim.”*

Extract from *The Fife News: Concert* – “Under the auspices of the Parish Church Women’s Guild, a concert and dramatic entertainment was given in the Drill Hall. The Rev. J.K. Russell presided over a crowded audience. Miss Russell, sister of the Chairman, opened the programme with a pianoforte selection, which was well received. The younger members of the Guild performed in an able manner in the sketches, ‘A Friendly Understanding’, and ‘Jackets’, each doing the part very well. Solos by Miss Forsyth, Miss Oswald, and Miss Drysdale were admirably rendered.

*Rev. W.G. Mitchell, Freuchie, sang his solo in fine voice. Mr John Ross excelled himself as a comedian. The recitation by Mr T. Drysdale was splendidly rendered. The Misses Forsyth, Edmiston and Russell, and Mr D. Clark made efficient accompanists. Altogether the entertainment was a big success. The collection taken at the linen and floorcloth factories in aid of Edinburgh Royal Infirmary amounted to £7 0s 3d.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Co-operative Society** – “The half yearly general meeting of the members of the Falkland Equitable Co-operative Society was held in the Town Hall on Monday evening, Bailie Hunt in the chair. The sales for the half-year show an increase of over £468 on the previous six months. Bailie Hunt declared a dividend of 2s 4d in the £1 to members and 1s 2d to non-members. The sum of £5 5s was voted towards the Redding Disaster Fund. It was announced that Mr Bartie of Montrose Co-operative Society has been appointed manager of the store in place of Mr Robert Nellies, resigned. Retiring members of Committee at this term are Messrs Hunt, Lawson, Peggie, Jackson, R. Hopkins, T.D. Hopkins, treasurer, and W. Gullon, secretary. Bailie Hunt was re-elected Chairman, Messrs Lawson, Peggie, R. Hopkins and T.D. Hopkins members of Committee: Mr T. Jackson, treasurer, and Mr W. Gullon, secretary.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Postman’s Foolish Negligence** – “Charles Moir Jones, postman, residing at Hillfoot, Falkland, was charged at Cupar Sheriff Court on Tuesday, before Sheriff Dudley Stuart, with having between 1<sup>st</sup> April and 1<sup>st</sup> October (1) from the garage at Westfield Farm, Falkland, stolen two wood chisels, one oil stove, one plumber’s saw, two pairs pliers, one block cleaner, one screw bit, two centre bits, and one small plated wrench: and (2) from a lockfast sawmill at Chancefield, Falkland, stolen one plane, one setsquare, and one screw bit. Mr J.K. Tasker, solicitor, Cupar, who appeared on behalf of accused, said the circumstances were such that it seemed to him accused had no option but to tender a plea of guilty. The facts were that accused was making a chest of drawers for his wife, and he noticed a number of tools at this place which he thought would aid him in doing the work more expeditiously. From time to time he borrowed those tools, with the intention of returning them. But, unfortunately, he retained them for a considerable time, and in the end did not return them. The fact that he had left the name of the owners on the tools showed that he had no intention of keeping them. The owner of the tools had no desire to press this charge. The serious point was that this young man was in the service of the Post Office, and as a matter of course he had lost his job over this. It was rather unfortunate for his young wife, because he had come out of the Army with a thirteen years’ record which was very, very good indeed. He was in receipt of a pension from the Army, and he very much feared that the pension would go, too, because this was a conviction of theft. The Procurator-Fiscal (Mr

George Brander) said accused was the postman of the district for a couple of years, and in the course of delivering his letters he seized the opportunity of taking the articles libelled.

The Sheriff – “I am at a loss to understand how a man who did not mean to be dishonest should have imperilled his position as you have done; not only imperriled it, but lost it through foolish negligence. Of course, you have pleaded guilty of theft, and we must treat it as such. You are fined 40s.”

Article in *The Fife News*: **Football – Kettle Vale v Falkland Victoria:**

“Teams:

Kettle Vale – Crawford; Harper and Wilkie; Shaw, Doig and Smart; Blackwood, Robertson, Moutrie, Young and Barry.

Falkland Victoria – Shields; Hay and Lee; P. Birrell, Abernethy and Dall; Lawson, Bett, Strudley, Grierson and H. Birrell.

Referee – J. Macnaughton, Strathmiglo.

The above teams met in a Cupar and District League match in the Public Park, Kingskettle, on Saturday. Falkland won the toss and the Vale kicked off towards the north goal. Falkland soon returned to the other end, but off-side spoilt the run. Immediately after, Barry was fouled close on the 18 yards' line, but Shields held Smart's shot. Young next became prominent with some smart play, and forced a corner. Barry placed well, but Doig drove over the bar. Kettle were settling down, and after a nice run by their left wing, Moutrie was given a great chance, but he hung too long and his shot was blocked. Falkland pressed and forced a fruitless corner. Then Strudley opened the scoring. Wilkie was to blame for this goal, as he had plenty of time to clear. Shaw placed a nice ball for Blackwood, but the outside man drove high over the bar. Offside spoiled Falkland on two occasions. Strudley being the chief offender. After forty minutes' play Moutrie scored a fine goal for Kettle. Just before half-time Robertson added number two for the Vale. Half-time, Kettle 2; Falkland 1.

On the resumption of play, both ends were visited. A beautiful cross by Barry was cleared at the expense of a corner. Young again showed some nice football, and let Blackwood away on the run. The outside man crossed, and Moutrie had a shot which looked like being over the goal-line, but the goalkeeper cleared. Away came Falkland and Crawford was tested. From a foul kick Doig gave Robertson a great chance, but he drove recklessly past the post. Robertson was brought down in the box and the referee awarded a penalty, which Robertson converted. Falkland returned to the other end and Strudley and Harper came to blows. After the ball had swung in front of the Falkland goal, Barry added no. 4 for the Vale. Robertson

scored no. 5 immediately after. In the last few minutes of the game, Birrell secured Falkland's second goal. Final result – Kettle 5, Falkland 2.

Best for Kettle, Harper, Shaw and Barry. For Falkland, Abernethy and H. Birrell.”

## **10<sup>th</sup> November 1923**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Communion** – “Communion was celebrated in the Parish and U.F. Churches on Sunday morning.

Extract from *The Fife News*: **School** – “The Public School re-opened on Monday morning after the potato-lifting holidays.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lecture** – “A very successful lecture and concert, in aid of the U.F. Church organ fund was held in the Drill Hall on Thursday evening last week. Rev. J.P. Batchelor was in the chair. Rev. Mr Agnew, of Old Cumnock, delivered his subject, ‘Characteristics of a Tommy in France’, very effectively, and sang a few appropriate songs. Miss C. Peggie was accompanist.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Engagement** – “The engagement is announced between William Sharpe, son of the late E.F. Currie Esq., of Southbank, and Burnhead, Liberton, and Mrs Currie, Millfield, Falkland, and Muriel Elizabeth, elder daughter of James Fiddes Esq., of Rubislaw, Den House, Aberdeen.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: ‘**Characteristics of Tommy in France**’ – was the subject of a very interesting lecture given by Rev. Hugh Agnew, Old Cumnock, Ayrshire. The lecture was illustrated with songs, in some of which the audience heartily joined. Rev. J.P. Batchelor, who presided, in moving a vote of thanks to the lecturer, said he was pleased to see so many present, as the lecture was to help the church organ fund. Miss C. Peggie made an efficient accompanist.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **War Memorial Institute** – “The annual general meeting of the members of the War Memorial Institute was held in the reading room on Monday evening – Mr Walter Peggie presiding. The Treasurer submitted the financial report, which was satisfactory. On the motion of Mr T. Drysdale, it was decided that a half-size billiard table be placed in the Institute for the boys. A putting green is to be layed out in the garden, and the work is to commence at once. Mr

*Peggie was elected president: Miss Martyn, Mrs Robertson, and Mr James Douglas, members of Committee; Secretary, Mr T.C. Schofield; Treasurer, Mr John Baillie."*

Article in *The Fife News*: **Football – Falkland Vics v Auchtermuchty Bellevue:**

*"The above teams met at Myreside Park, Falkland, on Saturday, in a Cupar and District League match. Falkland won the toss, and elected to play with the advantage of the wind. Bellevue, through Reekie, kicked off, and immediately got to within shooting distance of Shields, but W. Findlay sent them to the right about and the ball found touch. A spirited dash by Grierson was the next exciting incident, but was robbed by Nairn after Cotton had been left. Grieve and Bett then made rapidly to the Vics territory, and Abernethy conceded a corner, which was well cleared by the home defenders. Strudley was next prominent with a grand solo run, but was bundled off the ball when in the act of shooting. A 'ding dong' struggle proceeded with the Vics showing the better advantage until the interval. Half-time – Vics 0, Bellevue 0.*

*The second half commenced in hurricane fashion, the Bellevue doing most of the pressing. Lee conceded a corner and Bett, sending over a beauty, Marshall had nothing more to do than send it home for No. 1. This seemed to knock the heart out of the Falkland players, but they stuck gamely to their task, which, however, proved too much for them. Before the end, Reekie had his 'hat trick' and Cotton added another, bringing their total to five. Final result – Falkland Vics 0, Auchtermuchty Bellevue 5. Teams: -*

*Falkland – Shields, Lee, Findlay, Robertson, Fernie, Abernethy, Grierson, Philp, Strudley, Birrell and Strudley.*

*Bellevue – Howatson, Leven, Nairn, Cotton, Blyth, \_\_, Marshall, Pearson, Reekie, Grieve and Bett.*

*Referee – Arch. Terras, Thornton.*

*There was an attendance of 400."*

### **17<sup>th</sup> November 1923**

Extract from the *Fife News*: **Captain Maule Ramsay** – *"Captain Maule Ramsay and the Hon. Mrs Maule Ramsay of the House of Falkland, have purchased Kelly Castle, Forfarshire."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Kirkin' of the Council** – “The Provost, Magistrates, Town Councillors, and Town Officer attended the Parish Church in the forenoon, and the United Free Church in the afternoon on Sunday.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Snow** – “On Tuesday, a heavy fall of snow took place in the district, and the ‘Lomonds’ had on their white garments.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Poppy Day** – “Poppy Day was well supported in the burgh. Mrs Miller, West Lea, and assistants had a ready sale, the amount collected being £18 8s 7d.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Remembrance Day** – “Remembrance Day was solemnly observed in the burgh at 10.45. The ex-Service men were under Lieutenant W.M. Venters and Sergeant-Major John Dryden. The Boys’ Brigade, under Lieutenants Robertson and Dakers. Scoutmasters John Baillie and Robert Wallace. They proceeded to the Parish Church where an inspiring address was delivered by the Rev. J.K. Russell. There was a large congregation. After the service, the company adjourned to the vestibule of the church when some lovely wreaths were placed on the Memorial. Among them were those from the Boy Scouts by Scout Harris, Boys’ Brigade, J. Neilson; ex-Service men, Mr T. Drysdale. Piper Imrie played ‘The Flowers of the Forest’, and before dispersing all sang the National Anthem.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Billiards** – “On Monday evening, Mr Jas. Burgon won a billiards tournament in the Institute by defeating Mr H. Brown in the final.”

Article in *The Fife News*: **Football – Falkland Vics v Stratheden**

“These teams met at Falkland in a Cupar and District League game. Owing to the referee turning up late, a game of thirty-five minutes each way was played. The home team won the toss and kicked into the south goal. Craig set the ball a-rolling for Stratheden, and they very soon made ground towards the Vics’ goal. However, a bye-kick was the outcome of their movement, and from the resultant kick, Strudley received the ball, passed it out to Myles, and he returning it to Birrell, the latter put it past. The Vics, not to be denied, were soon back at the visitors’ goal, and from a scrimmage in front of goal, Myles sent the leather well home. The half-time whistle blew with the homesters doing most of the pressing.

*Half-time – Vics, 1; Stratheden 0.*

*On resuming, the Vics took the game in hand and did almost what they liked with the Stratheden stalwarts, and it was no more than their due when Strudley rattled in a beauty to count No. 2. The Stratheden players did not seem to favour the referee, and were becoming outrageous. A penalty was granted Stratheden for an infringement by one of the Falkland players, and Maxwell scored. Back Stratheden came, and again a penalty was given them, this time for a trip up, and Maxwell scored again. After a fast and hard fought game, the final whistle blew with the scores level. Falkland Vics – 2; Stratheden 2.”*

### **24<sup>th</sup> November 1923**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Ornithological Society** – “A meeting of the members of the Ornithological Society was held in the Town Hall on Tuesday evening for the purpose of appointing a Committee to carry out arrangements for the coming show. The following were elected: -

*President – John Fernie; Secretary – Thomas Grant; Treasurer – Peter Robertson; Committee – W. White, R. Hopkins, H. Birrell, J. Robertson, D. Robertson, C. Hepburn, T. Paterson, and J. Nelson. Freuchie Members – D. Hain, A. Bissett, R. Wallace, and \_\_ Houston.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Dance** – “Under the auspices of the Young Women’s Guild, a very successful dance was held in the Drill Hall on Friday evening. The proceeds were handed over to assist the Boys Brigade and Scouts Companies in the burgh. The hall was tastefully decorated by Lieut. Robertson and Scoutmaster Wallace. Messrs T. Drysdale and T.C. Schofield ably performed the duties of M.C.’s. Thomson’s Jazz Band, Ladybank, supplied a first-class programme. The purveying was in the capable hands of Mrs Brown, Mrs Kennedy and assistants. The promoters are to be congratulated on the entire success of the event. Those present were: -

*Miss J. Smith, Mr A. Robertson, Mr and Miss Reid, Ladybank; Mr Young, Miss Sturrock, Chancefield; Mr Angus, Burnturk; Mr Yetts, Mr Douglas Turner, Giffordtown; Mr Dow, Rossie, Auchtermuchty; Mr P. Leburn, Gateside; Mr Hunter, Mr Thomson and Miss Thomson, Strath; Mr Malloch, Dunshalt; Mr Dalrymple, Freuchie; Mr E. Borthwick, Freuchie; Messrs Brunton, Markinch; Mr Morrison, Markinch; Mr Dalgleish, Misses Gavin, Falkland Palace; Mr and Mrs Wm. Leburn, Mr Lawson, Mr McGregor, Strathmiglo; Messrs, Mrs and Miss Birrell, Falkland; Misses Kennedy, Falkland; Misses Findlay, Misses Forsyth, Messrs and Miss Drysdale. Miss Fernie, Balmblae; Mr J. Walker, Mr Grierson, Messrs Dakers, Mr and Mrs Harry Brown, Mr*

and Mrs Lewis, Miss Kate Venters, Misses Meldrum, Misses Milne, Miss Fleming, Mr P. Lawson and Misses Lawson, Mr C. Anderson jnr., Mr C. Oram, Misses Duncan, Myreside; Mr and Miss Todd, Mr Morrison, Markinch; Miss Douglas, Miss E. Anderson, Miss Fowlis, Miss McCulloch, Auchtermuchty; Mr Garland and company, Gateside; Miss Oswald, Miss J. Smith, Miss White, Balmblae; Misses Anderson, Miss C. Cowan, Miss A. Cowan, Miss D. Cowan, Miss C. Peggie, Mr D. Reid, Mr W. Strudley, Miss Thomson, Mr and Miss Hardie, Mr and Miss Archibald, Miss Hay, Miss Nelson, Miss O. Drysdale, Mr C. Beattie, Miss M. Drysdale, Mr and Misses Hastie, Mr J. Stirling, and Mr G. Dryden.”

#### Article in *The Fife News*: **Football – Falkland Vics v Kettle Vale**

“These teams met at Myreside Park, Falkland, on Saturday, in a Cupar and District League game. The homesters won the toss and elected to kick into the south goal, with the advantage of the wind. Play started in hurricane fashion, and from a cross from the right, W. Strudley broke through and gave the homesters the lead. Five minutes gone, and one up – the spectators became erratic, the referee warning them now and again. Kettle settled down to a long swinging game, and when least expected gained the equaliser, Moutrie scoring. There was no holding of Kettle now, and before the interval, Moutrie added two more for the visitors and W. Strudley one for the homesters. Half time – Vics – 2, Kettle – 3.

The second half was an eventful one and full of thrills and physical feats rather than footcraft. There were some escapes at both goals, but no goals were forthcoming. The final whistle blew with no further addition to the score. Final result – Falkland Vics – 2, Kettle Vale – 3. Teams: -

Falkland – Shields, Hay and Lee, Richfield, Myles and Lawson; Bett, Birrell Strudley, Birrell and Strudley.

Kettle – Crawford, Harper and Wilkie; Shaw, Doig and Smart; Blackwood, Robertson, Moutrie, Young and Barry.

Referee – R. Macnaughton.”

#### **1<sup>st</sup> December 1923**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Farmer’s Bankruptcy** – “The statutory oath in bankruptcy was administered on Thursday last week in Cupar Sheriff Court by Sheriff Dudley Stuart to Mr James Maxwell, farmer, Templeland, Falkland. Mr A.E. Grosset, solicitor, Cupar, the trustee, said he had no questions to ask. Mr R.C. Davidson, solicitor, Cupar, appeared for the creditors. The statement of affairs

showed assets amounting to £288 and liabilities, £624 16s – a deficiency of £336 16s.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Dance Class** – “Miss C.N. Burgess, who has been conducting a dancing class in the Drill Hall, held her finishing ball last Friday evening. About 45 couples were present.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Police Transfer** – “P.C. Wilson, from Methil, commenced duties on Thursday in place of P.C. Muir, who has been transferred to North Queensferry.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket Meeting** – “The annual general meeting of the members of the local Cricket Club was held in the Town Hall last Friday evening. The financial report was submitted, and showed the Club to be in a healthy condition. Office-bearers for the ensuing season were elected as follows: -

President – David Bonthron; vice-President – George Gavin; Secretary – Thomas Drysdale; Treasurer – C.R. Drysdale; Captain – Provost Hopkins; vice-Captain – Jas. Allan; Committee – Captain, vice-Captain, P. Kennedy, A. Finlay, J. Reekie, D. Stark, P. Robertson, R. Hopkins, and A. Cowan.

Just before the meeting closed, Provost Hopkins presented the bowling prize to Peter Lawson.”

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### 8<sup>th</sup> December 1923

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Pulpit** – “The Rev. Mr Ritchie of Milnathort occupied the Parish Church pulpit on Sunday morning.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Billiards – Falkland War Memorial Institute v Strathmiglo** – “These teams met at Falkland on Monday evening in a friendly match, which resulted in an easy victory for the homesters by 6 games to nil. Scores: -

<b>Falkland</b>		<b>Strathmiglo</b>	
T. Drysdale	100	Rev. R. Scott	98
D. Clark	100	J. Allan	92
S. Grierson	100	D. Reid	96
C.R. Drysdale	100	A. Wilson	59
J. Burgon	100	R. Mcnaughton	78
J. Shields	100	R. Little	95
	<b>600</b>		<b>518</b>

### 15<sup>th</sup> December 1923

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Pulpit** – “Miss Liddell, a Church of Scotland missionary from Nyasaland, occupied the Parish Church pulpit on Sunday morning, and gave an address on mission work. Rev. Mr Auld, Freuchie, conducted both services in the U.F. Church.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death of Zulu War Veteran** – “Mr Jas. Heggie, who has been resident in this burgh for a number of years, passed away at his house last Friday evening. Deceased was in his 75<sup>th</sup> year. He fought in the Zulu war, and was also stationed in India and Gibraltar. During the late war, Mr Heggie did great work as a recruiting sergeant. He was a native of Monimail.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Experimental Pig-Rearing at Millfield** – “Cupar District Committee agreed on Tuesday, at their monthly meeting at Falkland, to grant permission to Mr W.S. Currie to carry on the trade of pig-rearing, etc., at Millfield, Falkland. The Sanitary Inspector’s report stated that the business was to be carried on by erecting small wooden huts for the pigs in a field adjoining Millfield, and that the pigs were to be pastured on the field. A small plantation of timber was to be utilised for shelter, and the whole scheme was to be conducted on up-to-date, experimental lines.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Election of Masonic Office Bearers** – “The brethren of Lodge St John (No. 35) met in the Lodge-room, when the following office-bearers were installed for the year: -

R.W.M. – Brother John Garland; I.P.M. – Bro. John Drysdale; D.M. – Bro. James Jackson; S.M. – Bro. James Skinner; J.W. – Bro. John J. Ross; Secretary – Bro. William W. Gullon; Treasurer – Bro. James R. Walker; S.D. – Bro. Tom L. Ross; J.D. – Bro. Harry Lee; Steward – Bro. William E. Strudley; I.G. – Bro. Charles Ross; Tyler – Bro. John Walker; Auditors – Bros. Alexander Anderson and Robert Nellies.”

## **22<sup>nd</sup> December 1923**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lecture** – “A lantern lecture on the ‘Oberamergau Passion Play’ was given in the Parish Church on Sunday evening by the Rev. J.K. Russell.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Billiards** – “Mr Charles Oram defeated Mr Harry Brown in the final of a billiard tournament in the Institute last Saturday evening.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Sudden Death** – “On Saturday afternoon, while taking a walk in her garden, Mrs John Steedman, Balmblae, suddenly collapsed. She was conveyed to her house, and expired shortly afterwards. Mrs Steedman, who was 73 years of age, had enjoyed good health.”



**Balmblae (circa 1920's)**

### **29<sup>th</sup> December 1923**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Snow** – “A heavy fall of snow was experienced on Tuesday, and made everything seem Christmas-like.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Christmas Treat** – “The annual Christmas treat given to the school children by the Hon. Mrs A. Maule Ramsay, was held in the Drill Hall on Tuesday evening.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cantata** – “A sacred cantata, entitled ‘The Messiah’s Coming’, was rendered by a combined local choir in the Parish Church on Sunday evening.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Boys’ Brigade** – “The local Company of the Boys’ Brigade, who are a go-ahead lot, held a very successful social and concert in the

*Drill Hall on Monday evening. Rev. J.K. Russell occupied the chair, and there was a large and appreciative audience. Songs were given by Misses A. Forsyth, M. Dowie, M. Drysdale, Mr D. Coward, and members of the Brigade. Recitations were rendered by Messrs T. Drysdale and A. Meldrum. Misses Young and Beattie of Freuchie, accompanied by Piper J. Kay, gave a varied dancing display. A mandoline duet was rendered by Miss J. Drysdale and Mr J. Nelson, and members of the Brigade gave a bar-bell exercise. Misses N. Forsyth and A. Edmeston were accompanists at the piano.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Christmas Dance** – “This annual dance organised by the Ladies’ Club, was held in the Drill Hall last Saturday evening. About 50 couples took the floor to the music of Anderson’s Band from Cowdenbeath. The Ladies’ Club, consisting of Mrs Brown, Mrs Kennedy, Misses E. Grant, A. Edmeston, E. Kennedy, J. Finlay, L. Finlay and C. Peggie deserve great praise for the successful way in which everything was carried out. Messrs T. Schofield and T. Drysdale acted as M.C.’s. Among the acceptances were the following: -

*Ladies – Misses J. Nelson, H. Nelson, J. Drysdale, C. Drysdale, E. Ashton, A. Middleton, M. Lawson, M. Birrell, P. Gavin, L.A. Gavin, M. Gavin, J. Sturrock, C. Sturrock, J. Anderson, M. Anderson, B. Anderson, H. Brown, E. Hay, M. Smith, J. Smith, C. Hardie, Mrs Homden, Mrs Birrell, Misses E. Kennedy, J. Kennedy, C. Cowan, A. Forsyth, H. Forsyth, Mrs Lewis, Mrs H. Brown, Misses B. Todd, L. Fernie, M. Archibald, H. Imrie, A. Edmeston, E. Grant, R. Grant, C. Peggie, J. Finlay, L. Finlay, N. Anderson, R. Brunton, Markinch; Bryce, Kirkcaldy; M.J. Rennie, Strathmiglo; Dick, Cupar; M. Braid, Freuchie; J. Lawrie, Freuchie; P. Thomson, Freuchie, Dewar, Lathrisk; and Mrs W. Leburn, Gateside.*

*Gentlemen – P. Lawson, W. Robertson, R. Wallace, S. Grierson, T. Drysdale, C. Drysdale, J. Starling, Jas. Brown, A. Grant, D. Cowan, H. Wilkie, T.C. Schofield, J. Lewis, J. Brown, W. Todd, Jas. Walker, M. Lawson, R. Dakers, A. Robertson, Freuchie; W. Robertson, Auchtermuchty; W. Malloch, Dunshalt; R. Bogie, Freuchie; F. Braid, Freuchie; E. Borthwick, Freuchie; J. Angus and G. Wilkie, Burnturk; T.G. Brown, M. Milner and A. McWilliam, Glasgow; Dewar, Lathrisk; D. Anderson, Edinburgh; W. Bonthron, Freuchie; W. Leburn, Gateside; J. Venters, Glasgow; G. Hepburn, Kinghorn; D. Joss, J. Harper, J. Brunton, K. Brunton, T. Morrison, J. Morrison, Markinch; Wallace, Kirkcaldy; D. Deas, C. Orr, Leslie; A. Duncan, Dunshalt; and J. Dalrymple, Freuchie.”*

## *Falkland Almanac*

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### **Falkland Palace**



*"We produce here, and old drawing of the Palace at Falkland to whose historic interest we are indebted for the visit Her Gracious Majesty the Queen paid us in August. But Falkland alone cannot claim all the honour of the visit, for the old burgh of Auchtermuchty lays hold to a share. It is said that it was the clever reply of Provost Fowlis, Auchtermuchty, at the Garden Party at Holyrood that brought Falkland to the royal attention. When the Provost was presented to His Majesty, he was asked – 'And where is Auchtermuchty?' To which Provost Fowlis at once replied: 'Near your Majesty's Royal Palace at Falkland'. And so it was, they say, that the Queen, when staying at Carberry Tower, decided to spend a day viewing the old Palace at Falkland.*

*Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> August, was the chosen day, and the Howe of Fife will long remember it. Her Majesty arrived at Falkland Road Station by special train at 11.20am, where she was met by Sir Ralph Anstruther, our highly-respected Lord Lieutenant. The motor run to the Palace impressed the Queen, for the lovely scenery was made gay by the display of flags and decorations on every wayside house. At Falkland, the young voices of the school children mingled with the deeper throated cheers of the inhabitants, and the ex-soldiers were lined up in full strength to honour the Queen. One aged veteran showed how briskly the patriotic blood*

*coursed through his veins by braving the elements in a bath chair which was placed in the centre of the line. At the gateway to the Palace, Mrs Maule Ramsay was presented to the Queen, and within the courtyard, the Hereditary Custodian of the Palace, young Master Michael Duncan David Crichton Stuart, dressed in his highland garb, received Her Majesty. The Queen was greatly interested in all the ancient buildings, and she inspected closely the scratching on the chapel wall of 'Marie', our unfortunate Queen of Scots. She also signed the visitors' book in the Guide's Room. After luncheon at the House of Falkland, the royal party proceeded via Freuchie and Ladybank to Melville House, where Mrs R.S. Millbank Leslie Melville was hostess at tea.*

*Provost Pagan, Cupar, had forty-eight hours' notice of the Queen's visit to his vicinity, and he conceived the happy idea of asking her to lay on the Cupar War Memorial, a wreath of flowers. In the short time at his disposal, the Provost got in touch with the proper quarter, and the people of the county town were overjoyed when they learned that his request was to be granted.*

*When the Queen motored slowly into the town shortly after 4.30, she was accorded a hearty reception. At the steps to the Memorial, Provost and Mrs Pagan were presented to her, and after placing a beautiful tribute at the base of the memorial, she chatted with Mr Gamley, the artist, Major Anderson, who was in charge of the Ex-Service men, and Lieut. Adamson, who headed them. The little Mars Boys, who had played spirited music before she arrived, and the Cupar Pipe Band, were also recognised by the Queen, and when she left the town by special train at 5 o'clock, the railway line was thronged with loyal subjects. It was a memorable day in the annals of the 'Howe'."*

