

Falkland 1900-2000

Year 1927

(As researched by Jack Burgess)

1st January 1927

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Factories** – “In spite of the prolonged coal strike, the Floorcloth Factory continued at full blast during the past year, and trade prospects in these works are bright for some time to come. Things have been pretty slack in the Linen Factory, but more work is looked for during 1927.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Clubs** – “The Lomond Vale F.C. have been going strong for the past month or two, and the Cricket and Golf Clubs are setting their houses in order for next season. There was nothing really outstanding in the world of sport in the village during the year.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Christmas** – “Christmas festivities seemed to be on a lesser scale than formerly. Shopkeepers, however, report that their turnovers were up to expectations.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Fever Epidemic** – “There is an epidemic of scarlet fever in the village at present, and several children have had to be removed to Auchtermuchty Hospital. Owing to the outbreak, various functions, including the school children’s annual treat, have had to be postponed.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf Dance** – “The annual dance at Christmas time under the auspices of the Golf Club, was held in the Drill Hall on Friday. Over sixty couples were present. Excellent music was discoursed by the Imperial Band from Cowdenbeath. All the arrangements were successfully carried through by a hard-

working Committee, and the catering was ably attended to by the ladies. The duties of M.C.'s were discharged by Messrs T.C. Schofield and T. Drysdale. The acceptances were as follows:-

Ladies – Miss L. Anderson, Miss Anderson, Kilgowrieknowe; Miss Andrews, Freuchie; Miss G. Brown, Miss A. Baxter, Mrs Brown, Miss J. Clark, Miss H. Craig, Miss M. Craig, Miss Chisholm, Miss Crichton, Miss Cowan, Gowrie Cottage; Miss M. Carmichael, Dunshalt; Miss J. Drysdale, Miss Dewar, Lathrisk; Miss Dalrymple, Freuchie; Miss A. Edmeston, Miss Ellis, Glasgow; Miss Ellis, Cupar; Miss L. Fernie, Miss J. Finlay, Miss L. Finlay, Mrs Garland, Miss Grant, Miss R. Grant, Miss Gavin, Miss E. Gavin, Miss B. Grant, Freuchie; Mrs Grainger, Edinburgh; Miss C. Hardie, Miss E. Hay, Mrs Hopkins, Miss Henderson, Miss Hepburn, Miss Jack, Miss Hill, Strathmiglo; Miss Hendry, Lathrisk; Miss J. Kennedy, Miss King, Freuchie; Miss J. Lister, Miss J. Lawson, Miss C. Lawson, Miss Mary Lawson, Miss Margaret Lawson, Mrs Leburn, Gateside; Misses Lindsay, Newton of Falkland; Miss Legge, Miss Melville, Miss A. Middleton, Miss Mungall, Balreavie; Miss Mechie, Auchtermuchty; Miss J. Mckendrick, Auchtermuchty; Miss J. Nelson, Miss E. Page, Miss Paterson, Dunshalt; Miss M. Robertson, Miss J. Robertson, Miss J. Ross, Mrs Schofield, Miss Strang, Misses Sturrock, Chancefield; Miss M. Thomson, Miss Todd, Purin; Miss J. Venters, Mrs Wallace, Dunfermline.

Gentlemen – Messrs G. Anderson, J. Anderson, Kilgowrieknowe; S.H. Brooman, P. Birrell, Banks, Perth; Bogie, Freuchie; D. Braid, Freuchie; C. Beattie, J. Drysdale, T. Drysdale, C.R. Drysdale, R.S. Drysdale, A. Dryburgh, J. Duncan, T. Cowan, Gowrie Cottage; R. Dakers, A. Dakers, J. Dewar, Lathrisk; A. Dewar, Lathrisk; J. Dalrymple, Freuchie; J. Donaldson, A. Fox, Freuchie; J. Gillespie, Markinch; P. Gillespie, J. Gillespie, Kennoway; F. Grainger, Edinburgh; T.D. Hopkins, A. Hopkins, J. Hay, J. Hardie, T. Imrie, J. Hendry, Lathrisk; A. Hill, Strathmiglo; J. Hill, Strathmiglo; Henderson, Markinch; D. Joss, Markinch; R. Kennedy, J. Kerr, Freuchie; J. Lawson, R. Laing, Newton of Falkland; J. Laing, Newton of Falkland; J. Law, Freuchie; W.G. Leburn, Gateside; F. Mather, J. McEwan, W. Morton, Drums; J. Murray, Freuchie; J. McDonald, Freuchie; C. Oram, W. Peggie, D. Paterson, Dunshalt; J. Robertson, A.A. Robertson, J. Reekie, H. Robertson, Robertson, A. Robertson, Freuchie; D. Reid, Strathmiglo; W. Strudley, M. St Clair, T.C. Schofield, W. Stark, M. Stark, G. Shields, Shaw, W. Urquhart, Newton of Falkland; J. Wilkie, Newton of Falkland; T. Wilkie, Newton of Falkland; J. Wallace, Dunfermline; R. Young, Balmalcolm.”

8th January 1927

Extract from *The Fife News*: **School** – “The Public School re-opened on Tuesday morning after the Christmas and New Year vacation.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Vital Statistics** – “The registration statistics for the parish of Falkland for the year were:-

Births – 49; Deaths – 25; Marriages – 19, as against the previous year’s figures:-

Births – 35; Deaths – 31; Marriages – 12.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **New Year** – “The New Year was ushered in quietly. Places of business, shops, etc., were closed as usual, and several of the townsfolk availed themselves of the cheap travelling facilities offered by the Railway Company.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Service** – “Rev. W.J. Auld, Freuchie, conducted both morning and afternoon services in the U.F. Church on Sunday.”

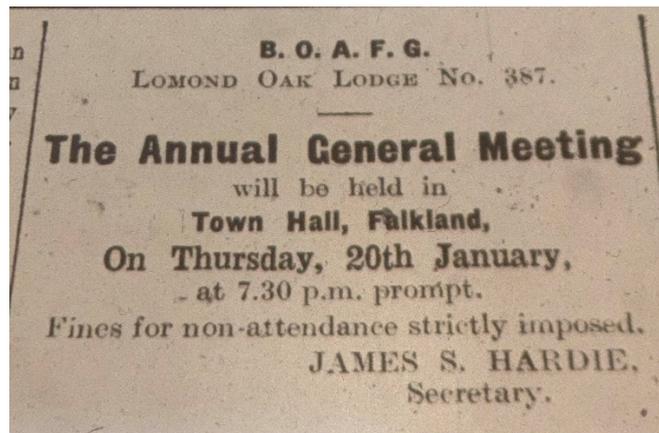
Extract from *The Fife News*: **Weather** – “Heavy snow fell during the early hours of Wednesday morning to a depth of about one and a half inches. By the evening, frost had set in, and the roads were in a treacherous condition.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Dance** – “Under the auspices of the Rover Scout Pipe Band, a dance was held on Hogmanay night in the Drill Hall. There was a large assembly, and music was supplied by the Carlton Dance Orchestra from Lochgelly. Messrs J. Kay and W. Birrell acted as M.C.’s.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Treat** – “The U.F. Church Sunday School Christmas treat, which was postponed on account of the scarlet fever epidemic, was held in the Church Hall on Wednesday evening, when there was a large attendance of pupils, along with parents and friends. After a splendid tea, a programme of games, songs, and music was carried through, and during the evening “Santa Claus” distributed presents among the children. A very happy time was spent.”

15th January 1927

Public Notice in *The Fife News*: **B.O.A.F.G.**



Article in *The Fife News*: **Football – Michael Colliery v Lomond Vale**

“Michael Colliery entered the third round of the Fife Cup on Saturday afternoon at the expense of Falkland Lomond Vale. The match was played at East Wemyss. The visitors monopolised play until half-time, when they were leading by one goal to nothing. The homesters, however, asserted themselves, and by the time the final whistle blew, had popped on six goals to the Vale’s two.”

Extract in *The Fife News*: **Pulpit** – *“Rev. J.H. Bryden of Markinch occupied the Parish Church pulpit on Sunday morning.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Presentation** – *“On the occasion of his wedding, Mr George Hobbs was met by his fellow-workers in the Floorcloth Factory, and presented with a handsome clock. Mr John Drysdale handed over the gift, and Mr Hobbs suitably replied.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Children’s Treat** – *“The annual treat to the children of Falkland by the Hon. Mrs A. Maule Ramsay, House of Falkland, was given in the Drill Hall, tea being supplied to the children, who also received gifts on retiring.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Crichton-Stuart Debutante** – *“Among girls who are expecting to make their debut this year is Miss Ismay Crichton-Stuart, eldest surviving child of the late Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart and the Hon. Mrs Archibald Maule Ramsay. She was born in 1909.”*

22nd January 1927

Article in *The Fife News*: **Football – Lomond Vale v Kennoway Rovers**

“These teams met under Cupar and District League auspices at Falkland on Saturday. The Vale took the field two men short. Though thus handicapped, they played a strong game, and were somewhat unlucky to be two goals down at the interval. Play in the second half was of a give-and-take nature, and no further scoring took place, Kennoway thus annexing both points.”

Extract from *The Fife News* – **Lantern Lecture** – *“A lecture on John Knox, illustrated by limelight views, was given in the Parish Church on Sunday evening by the Rev. J.K. Russell. There was a large congregation. Messrs Charles Ross and Wm. Robertson manipulated the lantern.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Service** – *“Mr Davidson, assistant to Rev. J.H. Bryden, Markinch, conducted the morning service in the Parish Church on Sunday.”*

29th January 1927

Extract from *The Fife News*: **B.O.A.F.C.** – *“At the annual general meeting of the Lomond Oak Lodge (387) B.O.A.F.C., Falkland, held in the Lodge Room – R.W.M. James Skinner presiding – the Secretary submitted the balance-sheet, which showed the Lodge to be in a very satisfactory condition, with a fund in hand of over £2,119, and a membership of 168. The Lodge had paid out in sick money during the year £162, and £86 for the previous year, making a net gain in funds for the year of £119. Office-bearers were elected for the current year as follows:-*

R.W.M. – James Skinner; D.M. – Peter Robertson; P.M. – George S. Hardie; S.W. – William W. Gullon; J.W. – Peter Birrell; I.G. – Alexander Lawson; O.G. – John Reekie; Treasurer – James Lawson; Secretary – Jas. S. Hardie, Rosedale, Falkland; Auditors – Thomas Drysdale and Robert Kennedy; Trustees – James Gray, James Duncan, and George S. Hardie; Sick Stewards – Falkland, Peter P. Lawson, Freuchie, Robert Dewar.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death – Hopkins** – “At South Street, West Falkland (suddenly), on the 22nd inst., James Mowbray Wyse, son of Robert Hopkins, plumber.”

5th February 1927

Article in *The Fife News*: **Storm**

“Chimney cans, slates, and tiles were flying in all directions in Falkland, where one or two roofs were completely stripped. Many trees around the district were uprooted, but, fortunately, no personal injury was reported. A heavy coping stone on one of the windows high up on the Parish Church spire was torn away, and carried right round to the other side before coming to earth via the roof of the church. Consumers of electric light had their supplies cut off for a time. About seven o’clock in the evening, two violent peals of thunder accompanied by two very vivid flashes of lightening, and a heavy hail shower caused some alarm, but happily little damage.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Services** – “Mr James C. Gordon, M.A., Edinburgh, conducted both morning and afternoon services in the U.F. Church on Sunday and delivered eloquent addresses.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Dance** – “The B.O.A.F.G. ‘Lomond Oak’ Lodge (No. 387) annual dance was held in the Drill Hall last Friday night. The hall was tastefully decorated for the occasion. There was a small assembly owing to the inclement weather conditions. Splendid music was supplied by the Imperial Band from Cowdenbeath. The following Committee had charge of the arrangements:-

Bros. J. Skinner, T. Drysdale, R. Kennedy, A. Dryburgh, Jas. S. Skinner, I. Birrell, J.S. Hardie (Secy), and Jas. Lawson (Treasurer). Assistance with the catering was given by the following ladies:-

Mrs Birrell, Mrs Skinner, Mrs Homden, Misses J.K. Drysdale and J. Anderson.

Bros. P. Birrell and J.S. Skinner discharged the duties of M.C.’s.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Burns Supper** – “A supper to celebrate the anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns was held in the Commercial Hotel on Thursday last week. Mr Thomas Williamson occupied the chair. The haggis was piped in by Mr J.

Kay. 'The Immortal Memory' was proposed by Mr H. Baxter, and other toasts submitted were:-

'The King and Royal Family' by the Chairman; the 'Imperial Forces' by Dr Cameron, reply by Mr D. Riley; 'The Lassies' by Mr R. Brown, reply by Mr T. Drysdale; 'The Town and Trade of Falkland' by Councillor Grant, reply by Councillor Hendry.

Songs were rendered by Messrs J. Abernethy, D. Riley, H. Baxter, W. Paterson, P. Shields, G.S. Hardie, T. Grant, Hector Robertson, J. Fernie, T. Williamson, W. West, and Dr Cameron.

A Burns Club was formed, with the following as office-bearers:-

President – Mr Thomas Williamson; vice-President – Mr H. Baxter; Secretary – Mr T. Drysdale; Treasurer – Mr D. Riley; Committee – Messrs W. Bartie, P. Shields, G.S. Hardie, R. Hendry, and Dr Cameron.”

12th February 1927

General Notice in *The Fife News*: **Fife Education Authority**

“Falkland School Management Committee – Applications are invited for the post of Secretary to the above Committee, to be lodged with the undersigned not later than 28th current, who will supply all particulars. James S. Hewetson, Clerk to Falkland S.M.C., Low Road, Auchtermuchty. 7th February 1927.”

Article in *The Fife News*: **Football – Falkland L.V. v Stratheden**

“Falkland Lomond Vale and Stratheden met under Cupar and District League auspices at Falkland on Saturday afternoon. After a keen encounter, the local team ran out winners by 2 goals to nil. Bett and Adamson were the scorers.”

Western Section League

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
<i>Milton Violet</i>	9	8	0	1	37	4	17
<i>Markinch V.R.</i>	7	6	0	1	31	8	13
<i>Prinlaws</i>	8	5	3	0	23	7	10
<i>Kennoway</i>	7	3	4	0	13	15	6

<i>Falkland</i>	8	3	4	1	13	29	7
<i>Freuchie</i>	10	2	8	0	6	35	4
<i>Stratheden</i>	9	0	8	1	12	37	1

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Services** – “Rev. Wm. Borthwick, B.D., Leuchars, conducted both morning and evening services, and also the Bible Class and Sunday School in the Parish Church on Sunday.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Missionary’s Visit** – “Rev R.H. Macalister, Rajputana, India, occupies the U.F. pulpit at 2 p.m. on Sunday. Mr Macalister has given twenty years’ service in the Indian Mission field. His duties have brought him into contact with every condition prevailing in India, and his address will dispel many doubts regarding that great country.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **U.F. Church** – “The annual business meeting was held in the Church Hall on Wednesday evening, when the Rev. J.P. Batchelor presided over a good turnout. Mr Alexander Anderson, treasurer, submitted a satisfactory financial report. After tea had been served, an appropriate address was delivered by Rev. A.H. Anderson, Auchtermuchty. Songs were rendered by Miss Horne and Miss Anderson (Auchtermuchty), and Mr James Burgon. Miss C. Peggie acted as accompanist.”

19th February 1927

Article in *The Fife News*: **Football – Milton Violet v Falkland L.V.**

“The above met at Public Park, Milton of Balgonie, in a Cupar and District League game. The ground was very greasy, and made it impossible for the players to keep their feet. The Violet had Barrie at right back. After an absence of a few weeks, he played as well as ever, and has few equals as a defender. The whole forward line cried off owing to work. Teams:-

Violet – Bell; Barrie and Robertson; P. Cooper, Fleming and Harley; Nicholson, Hutchison, Wishart, A. Cooper, and Peggie.

Vale – Dewar; Anderson and Sinclair; Anderson, Stewart, and P. Birrell; W. Birrell, Shields, Reekie, Adams, and H. Birrell.

Referee – Mr J. Martin, Ladybank.

Captain Fleming won the toss, and defended the top goal. Milton took up the attack right away, but poor finishing on the part of the forwards kept them from scoring. Nicholson forced Sinclair to give away a corner, which was put past. Robertson, with a rocket shot, rattled the cross-bar. Fleming had a try, which Dewar did well to save. Stewart was playing a grand game, but was getting too much to do. He tried hard to get his forwards set agoing, but it was no use against the Violet's strong half-back line. The Vale's raids were few and far between. A. Cooper, with an overhead kick, almost caught Dewar napping, but he managed to clear. Such strong pressure was bound to tell. After 20 minutes play, A. Cooper gave Wishart a lovely pass, from which he made no mistake. The Vale came away strongly, and a miskick by Robertson almost let W. Birrell through, but the back made a good recovery and cleared. Barrie was the next to make a mistake. Bell came out to clear, and a misunderstanding between the two almost resulted in the Vale opening their account. Fleming, however, came to the rescue. The Violet took up the attack again, and Fleming, with a rocket shot, beat Dewar. Shortly afterwards, Cooper tried a shot, and Stewart, endeavouring to clear, put through his own goal. The Vale made another attack, in which Robertson was drawn up for handling in the penalty area. Stewart took the kick, and made no mistake. This finished the scoring for the first half, the Violet being well worthy of their lead, Bell only handling the ball twice.

The second half started with the Violet taking up the attack. They kept rattling in shots from every angle, but Dewar proved himself a clever 'keeper. He had many good saves, and but for him his side would have been beaten by a larger score. The Violet were awarded a penalty, Fleming took the kick, but banged the ball well past the post. Cooper scored the fourth goal with a splendid shot.

It was a very poor game, and it was just as well the Violet's regular forwards were not playing. Hutchison went off after the re-start of the second half. He received an injury to one of his knees a few weeks ago, and unfortunately it gave way again. The Violet's defence played well, as also did A. Cooper in the forward line. Stewart was outstanding for the Vale, and Dewar did extra well in goal.

Result – Violet – 4; Vale – 1”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Missionary's Visit** – “On Sunday afternoon, Rev. R.H. Macalister, Rajputana, India, occupied the U.F. Church pulpit. He delivered an address on mission work in that far away quarter, and the discourse, which was very interesting, was listened to by a large congregation.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Billiards** – “The second elevens of Falkland and Freuchie Institutes met at Falkland on Tuesday evening. The homesters won by 4 games to 2. W. Ross on the home side had a 30 break. Details:-

Falkland		Freuchie	
R. Dakers	80	R. Grieve	79
F. Coutts	69	R. Livingstone	61
J. Lawson	101	P. Kinnear	81
W. Ross	83	J. Fleming	61
J. McEwan	43	R. Lawson	90
R. Clark	38	A. Livingstone	120
	414		492

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Woman’s Guild** – “Falkland Parish Church Woman’s Guild held their monthly social evening in the vestry, Rev. J.K. Russell presiding. The guests of the evening were Rev. J. Taylor and Mrs Taylor, Collessie. Tea was served by the Ladies’ Committee, and solos were sung by Misses Annie Oswald and Mollie Craig. A mandolin selection was given by Miss J. Drysdale, violin duet by Misses Margaret Lawson and Georgina Brown, and a sketch by the Misses M. and M. Lawson and Jeannie Lister. Rev. Mr Taylor gave a short lecture on ‘Laughter,’ which was much enjoyed. Miss M. Henderson and Miss N. Forsyth were accompanists.”

Article in *The Fife News*: **Prosecution Against Falkland Publican Fails**

Interesting Decision

“An interesting point was raised, in Cupar Sheriff Court, on Tuesday, in the case in which James Scott, Lomond Tavern, Falkland,, pleaded not guilty of having, on 29th December sold to Marshall Gorrie, sampling officer, three glasses of rum which had been adulterated by the admixture of water, and reduced to 38.2 degrees under proof.

Accused was defended by Mr L.W. McInnes, W.S. (Messrs Drummond, Johnstone & Grosset, Cupar).

Mr Gorrie said that when he asked for rum, accused proposed to open a bottle of proprietary rum. Witness, however, asked to be supplied from a barrel on the shelf, on which was marked in half-inch letters, 'Fine old rum'. Witness paid 3s for the three glasses, and he then informed Scott he was taking the rum for the purpose of analysis. Accused's reply to that was 'That is diluted rum.' Witness said: 'I am afraid that you are rather too late in telling me that; the bargain is complete.' Accused said the bargain had not been completed, as he had not lifted the money.

Cross-examined, witness admitted that there was a placard up in the bar, stating that all spirits sold there, unless otherwise asked for, were reduced to 48 degrees u.p. When he saw the placard first of all, it was obscured by a ram's head. Accused apologised for this and lifted the ram's head down.

Ian Goodfellow, assistant sanitary inspector, Cupar, gave corroborative evidence.

In the witness-box, accused said that he told Mr Gorrie that it was impossible to sell rum at 35 degrees u.p. at 1s per glass. Rum at 38.2 degrees u.p. was pretty good for a shilling.

Sheriff Dudley Stuart – 1s a customer not entitled to think he is getting something rather better than the ordinary is he sees a label, 'Fine old rum'. Does that not make his mouth water? (Laughter)

Accused said the jar was originally a whisky one, with a whisky advertisement on it. Before he went to bed with flu, he put the rum label on it, to let the assistant know where to find rum.

John Syme, Falkland, who was in accused's bar when Mr Gorrie got his samples, said accused told Mr Gorrie the rum was diluted, and called his attention to the notices in the bar.

The Sheriff's Decision

In delivering his judgement on Thursday, the Sheriff said that Mr Gorrie, casting his eyes about him, saw what he thought was a printed notice, such as publicans exhibit with regard to the strength of the liquor which was sold, and he asked the respondent if that was a notice. Apparently it was partly concealed by a ram's head – probably a snuff-mull, and when respondent took off the ram's head, Mr Gorrie read the notice, which bore the words 'All spirits sold here, unless otherwise asked for, are reduced to 48 degrees u.p. Price 1s per glass.' Mr Gorrie then ordered three glasses of rum, and respondent proceeded to supply, or at all events to begin to supply, Mr Gorrie with rum from a bottle. Mr Gorrie said he did not want that, and demanded the rum out of a barrel which was standing behind the counter, and bore upon it the label 'Fine old rum.' He (the Sheriff) took the words 'otherwise asked for' to mean that if one asked for a special brand, one was bound to get it, and there could be no question then of any dilution. Here there was a barrel which was just a barrel from which rum was supplied. The notice 'Fine old rum' was just the fine

language which nobody paid any attention to when someone advertised his goods. He had reached the conclusion that here there was in fact a distinct intimation of dilution, and there was no dispute about the fact that Mr Gorrie had read that notice, and had read it before he gave the order for the rum. On the whole matter he had reached the conclusion that he ought to hold that there was, by virtue of that notice, sufficient intimation to Mr Gorrie that he was not going to be supplied with standard rum. He thought the prosecution must fail, and the respondent was entitled to be free of it.”

26th February 1927

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Billiards** – “The return match between players representing Strathmiglo and Falkland was played at Falkland on Wednesday last week, when the visitors gained a victory by 31 points. Details:-

Falkland		Strathmiglo	
C. Oram	213	J.S. Allan	250
T. Drysdale	250	G.C. Leburn	244
	463		494

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cantata** – “The children attending the Band of Hope, under the leadership of Mr George Spence, church organist, rendered their annual cantata in the Parish Church on Thursday night. On this occasion, the service of song was entitled ‘Stony Ground’. A story in conjunction with the singing was read by Rev. J.K. Russell, and scenes therein were depicted by lantern slides. The various choruses and solos were rendered in an excellent manner, and Mr Spence deserves high praise for his work during the winter. Solos and duets were rendered as follows:-

‘The Voice of the Spirit’, Finlay Drysdale; ‘The Shining Way’, Jack Anderson; ‘As the Land of Many Waters’, Nellie Bett; ‘Kissed By The Angel of Peace’, Kate Lawson; duet, ‘Pray it Through’, A. Oswald and N. Anderson; ‘What do we Owe but Love’, Mary Bryce and May McBain; ‘Lamp of my Feet’, Jean Douglas; ‘Seeking for Me’, Maggie Thomson.

The accompaniments were played by Miss Edmeston.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Social and Dance** – “The annual social meeting, organised by a Committee of the employees of the Scottish Co-operative Wholesale Society, Ltd., was held in the Drill Hall on Friday evening. Provost Hopkins, manager of St John’s Floorcloth Works, presided over a very large assembly. After a splendid tea, the company was entertained to an excellent concert, the long and varied programme of which was ably sustained by the following artists:-

Songs – ‘Sons of Bonnie Scotland’ and ‘Angus MacDonald’, Miss Dall, Freuchie; ‘Daddy’ and ‘The Perfect Day’, Mrs Geo. Hobbs, Freuchie; ‘Charlie is my Darling’ and ‘The Bonnie Brier Bush’, Miss Oswald, Falkland; ‘The End of the Road’ and ‘The Floral Dance’, Mr R. Allan, Freuchie; ‘Phil, the Tinkers Ball’ and ‘Mother McCree’, Mr P. Shields, Falkland; ‘Upper Ten and the Lower Five’, Messrs Allan and Shields; ‘Flow Gently Sweet Afton’, Mr John Drysdale.

Recitation – ‘The Broken Bowl’, Mr John Drysdale.

Two violin solos were excellent rendered by Mr Marshall Stark. Misses L. and J. Thomson from Buckhaven gave a delightful display of dancing.

The managers of the respective works viz:- Provost Hopkins, Floorcloth, and Bailie Robertson, Linen Factory, each gave a retrospect of business during the past year. Before the concert closed with the ringing of ‘Auld Land Syne’, Mr John Drysdale proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman. Thereafter a dance was held, there being over 60 couples present. Music was supplied by Davidson’s Jazz Band from Cardenden.”

5th March 1927

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Services** – “Rev. W.D. Beattie, Monimail, conducted both morning and afternoon services, and also the Bible class in the U.F. Church on Sunday.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Appointment** – “Mr Melville St Clair, of Messrs Anderson & St Clair, solicitors, Falkland, has been appointed Clerk to Falkland School Management Committee, in succession to Mr J.S. Hewetson, Auchtermuchty, who resigned owing to health reasons.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Billiards** – “The return match between Freuchie and Falkland was played at the latter Institute on Tuesday evening, when the visitors won easily by 4 games to 2. Details:-

Falkland		Freuchie	
T. Drysdale	100	T. Livingstone	71
D. Clark	75	W. Normand	100
W. Bartie	56	R. Robertson	100
A. Cowan	72	J. Jack	100
P. Robertson	100	H. Wilson	96
C.R. Drysdale	60	R. Morgan	100
	463		567

12th March 1927

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

“Falkland Lomond Vale turned up at Kennoway four men short to play the local Rovers in a Cupar and District League game. Four Kennoway men donned the Vale’s jerseys, and it was decided to play the match under friendly auspices. The home team won easily by 6 goals to nil.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Billiards** – *“A challenge match between the first and second teams was played at the Institute on Tuesday evening, when the seniors won by 4 games to 2, with a points majority of 132. Details:-*

1st Team		2nd Team	
T. Drysdale	100	W. Ross	47
D. Clark	100	J. Lawson	53
A. Cowan	52	F. Coutts	100
T.C. Schofield	98	A.A. Robertson	100
C.R. Drysdale	100	J. McEwan	58
P. Robertson	100	A. Meldrum	60
	550		418

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Alleged Breach of the Peace** – “In Cupar Sheriff Court, on Friday, before Hon. Sheriff Stark, Margaret McCathie, house-keeper, Newton of Falkland, pleaded not guilty of having on 22nd February, at the front door of Allan Park House, Falkland, occupied by Alexander Anderson, solicitor, conducted herself in a disorderly manner, and committed a breach of the peace. Trial was fixed for to-day (Friday).”



Allan Park House, Falkland

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Concert** – “Under the auspices of the Parish Church Women’s Guild, a concert was held in the Drill Hall on Wednesday evening. Rev. J.K. Russell occupied the chair. Songs were rendered by Messrs J. Drysdale and T. Williamson, and Miss Cowan gave a reading, while Miss Lister played a pianoforte solo, and Misses M. Lawson and G. Brown and Mr Marshall Stark rendered violin selections. Two sketches entitled ‘Maisie’s Coming of Age’, and ‘That Piece of Silk’ were also contributed by members of the Guild.”

19th March 1927

Article in *The Fife News*: **Football – Falkland Lomond Vale v Prinlaws United**

“Lomond Vale and Prinlaws United met in a Cupar and District League game at Falkland on Saturday afternoon. The home team were beaten by 5 goals to 2, and thus another defeat was added to their already long list. The play of the Vale has greatly deteriorated lately, and on Saturday they were outplayed all through. Anderson and Bett were the homesters goalscorers.”

Article in *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Falkland Club’s Fixtures**

Mr C.R. Drysdale, secretary of Falkland C.C., has arranged the following attractive list of matches for the Club, and some stirring encounters should be witnessed at Scroggie Park during the summer:-

April 30	St James C.C. (Leith)	Home
May 7	Freuchie	Home
May 11	Springfield	Away
May 21	Kirkcaldy XI	Home
May 25	Nairn (Kirkcaldy)	Home
May 28	Kelty	Away
June 1	Kennoway	Home
June 4	Markinch	Away
June 11	Kelty	Home
June 15	Freuchie	Away
June 18	Stratheden	Away
June 25	Ward Foundry (Dundee)	Home
June 30	Howe of Fife Rugby XI	Home
July 2	Dunnikier	Away
July 9	Markinch	Home
July 13	Kennoway	Away
July 16	Springfield	Home
July 19	Nairn (Kirkcaldy)	Away
July 23	Cupar XI	Away
July 30	‘Courier’ (Dundee)	Home
Aug 6	Ward Foundry (Dundee)	Away
Aug 13	Cupar XI	Home
Aug 20	Ellanby (Dundee)	Home

Aug 27 Stratheden Home
Sep 3 Dunnikier Home

Extract from *The Fife News*: **U.F. Church** – “To mark the close of another winter session, the members of the U.F. Church Bible class held a social meeting in the Church Hall on Thursday evening last week. The attendance was perceptibly smaller than on former occasions, due to the prevalence of illness in the village. After a dainty tea served by the ladies, the evening was spent in songs and various games, in which one and all took part wholeheartedly. A very happy evening was brought to a close with the singing of ‘Auld Lang Syne.’”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket Club** – “A meeting was held in the Town Hall on Tuesday evening, when there was a good turnout. Mr Thomas Schofield occupied the chair. Office-bearers for the season were appointed as follows:-

President – Mr David Bonthron; vice-Presidents - Messrs W.H. Dykes, Walter Peggie snr., and Provost Hopkins; Captain – Mr T.C. Schofield; vice-Captain – Mr Peter Lawson; Secretary – Mr C.R. Drysdale; Treasurer – Mr M. St Clair; Committee – Messrs A. Cowan, T. Drysdale, T. Grant, R. Hopkins, J. Lawson, P. Robertson, and Captain and vice-Captain.

Practice will commence about the middle of April. The Club is in a sound financial position.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Masonic Dance** – “A dance under the auspices of Lodge St John (No. 35) was held in the Drill Hall on Friday night, and passed off very successfully. There were between fifty and sixty couples present, and excellent music was supplied by the Four Aces Band from Dunfermline. Delegates were present from Lodges King Robert the Bruce, Ladybank, and Balgonie, Markinch; also from Lomond Oak (No. 387) of the B.O.A.F.G. R.W.M. Bro. James Skinner, in the name of the Lodge, extended a hearty welcome to one and all. Bros. Harry Lee and James Walker discharged the duties of M.C.’s, and the catering arrangements were in the capable hands of a Ladies’ Committee.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Woman Who Thought She Had a Grievance** – “In Cupar Sheriff Court on Friday, before Hon. Sheriff Stark, Margaret McCathie, housekeeper, Newton of Falkland, admitted that she had, on 22nd February, at the front door of Allan Park House, Falkland, occupied by Alexander Anderson, solicitor, conducted herself in a disorderly manner, and committed a breach of the peace.

The Sheriff said accused had probably acted under a misapprehension. She apparently thought she had a grievance, but whether it was a real one or not, it was not for him to say. If she would promise to behave herself, he would put her on probation for six months. He trusted there would be no further trouble.

Accused – ‘Certainly there will not’.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Birth – Schofield** – “At Elmlea, Falkland, on the 11th inst., to Mr and Mrs T.C. Schofield, a son.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death – Clark** – “At Loan House, Falkland, on 15th (of pneumonia), Wee Eric, dearly beloved sonnie of Edward and Janet Clark, aged 6 ½ .”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death – Dick** – “At Balmblae, Falkland, on the 9th inst., Peter Dick, builder, aged 62.”

2nd April 1927

Public Notice in *The Fife News*: **Parish of Falkland Meeting of the Heritors**

“A Meeting of the Heritors in the Parish will be held in the Town Hall, Falkland, on Monday, the Eighteenth day of April, Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-Seven, at Three o’clock Afternoon.

To receive and consider Letter from the Secretary to the General Trustees of the Church of Scotland, with Architect’s Reports, on the condition of the Church, Manse, and other Property held by the Heritors of Falkland Parish, with his relative Specification and Estimate for Repairs, and to resolve on the course to be followed, and to transact any other competent business.

This intimation is given in terms of the Church of Scotland (Property and Endowments) Act, 1925. Alex. Anderson, Solicitor, Falkland, Clerk to the Heritors. 25th March 1927.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Whist Drive** – “Under the auspices of B.O.A.F.G. Lomond Oak Lodge (No. 387), a very successful whist drive, followed by a dance,

was held in the Drill Hall on Friday night. Fifteen tables were occupied at the whist. Music for the dance was supplied by the 'Dixie' Orchestra from Thornton. Prize-winners were as follows:-

Ladies – 1. Miss Agnes Baxter; 2. Miss Mary Lawson; consolation – Miss Lizzie Fernie.

Gentlemen – 1. Mr Alex. Robertson, Freuchie; 2. Mr A. Archibald, Markinch; consolation – Mr Wm. Stark jnr.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “The local course was formally opened for the season on Saturday afternoon, when Miss Jenny Drysdale, captain of the Ladies’ Club, drove off the first ball in the presence of a large turnout of members. Mixed foursomes were then taken part in, and the winners were:-

Mr D. Clark (playing as a lady) and Mr Alex. Hopkins. The runners-up were Miss J. Drysdale and Mr J. Drysdale. Play was over 15 holes.

At the close of play, the members were entertained to tea – kindly provided by Mr A. Venters, captain of the Falkland Golf Club – in the Clubhouse.”

Article in *The Fife News*: **Falkland S.M.C. – Potato Holidays as Formerly**

“The monthly meeting of Falkland District School Management Committee was held in the School, Falkland, on Monday evening – Mr J.S. McGillivray, Auchtermuchty, presiding in the absence of Mr J. Kirk, Gateside.

Mr M. St Clair, Falkland, the newly appointed Clerk, was present for the first time.

A letter was read from Miss Duff, daughter of the late Mrs Duff, headmistress, Gateside, thanking the Committee for sympathy in her late bereavement.

Mr Muirhead, convener of the Strathmiglo sub-Committee, reported that as instructed, they had examined the entrance to the school there, and found it to be dangerous, while the offices were requiring attention. It was agreed to include these in the list of summer vacation work for the various schools, which were submitted to the meeting at a later stage, prior to being forwarded to Kirkcaldy.

The attendance reports from the various schools showed percentages as follows:- Dunshalt – 85.8%; Strathmiglo – 84.8%; Auchtermuchty – 83.7%; Freuchie – 82.7%; Falkland – 65.3%. All over there were few cases of serious infections, the small attendance at Falkland being caused by numerous cases of mumps.

Rev. J.K. Batchelor, Falkland, brought under notice the desirability of fixing the summer holidays, and this initiated a discussion as to whether these should be

divided into summer and potato holidays, as formerly, or all taken at mid-summer. Mr Gray, Auchtermuchty, moved that the holidays be divided, and an amendment that there be no potato holidays was moved by Rev. Batchelor, seconded by Mr Scott, Freuchie.

A full and free discussion ensued, during which no new facts or arguments were elicited, and a vote resulted in the motion being carried by 8 votes to 3.

It was unanimously agreed that the summer holidays begin on Friday 8th July, and extend for five weeks and a day, the date of the potato holidays to be fixed at a later date."

9th April 1927

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Billiards and Draughts** – “Teams representing Falkland and Newburgh met in friendly combat at Falkland Institute on Thursday evening last week. The visitors won at both billiards and draughts by 4 games to 2, and 6 games to 3, respectively. Details:-

Billiards

Falkland		Newburgh	
T. Drysdale	110	L. Ballantyne	120
D. Clark	68	A. Goodall	120
W. Bartie	120	G.C. Clunie	58
A. Cowan	105	D.A. Wallace	120
W. Ross	79	H. Bon throne	120
F. Coutts	120	T. Hay	112
	602		650

Draughts

Falkland		Newburgh		
Wins		Draws		Wins
1	G. Rattray	0	A. Pearson	1

1	<i>P. Robertson</i>	0	<i>G.C. Clunie</i>	1
1	<i>W. Peggie jnr.</i>	1	<i>H.R. Annan</i>	0
0	<i>J. Douglas</i>	1	<i>W. Wotherspoon</i>	1
0	<i>H. Robson</i>	1	<i>A. Taylor</i>	1
0	<i>A. Wishart</i>	0	<i>W. Ross</i>	2
3		3		6

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Spring Holiday** – “Monday was observed as the annual Spring Holiday. The factories, shops, and places of business were closed for the day, and many of the townsfolk took advantage of the cheap travelling facilities offered by the Railway Company.”

16th April 1927

Announcement in *The Fife News*: **Parish of Falkland**

“A Meeting of the Heritors in the Parish will be held in the Town Hall, Falkland, on Monday, the Eighteenth day of April, Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-Seven, at Three o’clock Afternoon,

To receive and consider Letter from the Secretary to the General Trustees of the Church of Scotland, with Architect’s Reports, on the condition of the Church, Manse, and other Property held by the Heritors of Falkland Parish, with his relative Specification and Estimate of Repairs, and to resolve on the course to be followed,

And to transact any other competent business.

This intimation is given in terms of the Church of Scotland (Property and Endowments) Act, 1925.

Alex Anderson, Solicitor, Falkland, Clerk to the Heritors. 25th March 1927.”

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

“Falkland will be able to place on the field the same side that did duty last season. Although the team last year finished too often on the wrong side, they hope to make

amends this summer. Mr T.C. Schofield again holds the reins of captaincy, and Mr Peter Lawson is vice-captain again. The pitch at Scroggie Park has been receiving attention throughout the winter, and with an extra little work during the next two weeks should be in first-class condition for the opening match on the 30th. Practice will commence in about a week's time, and several of the members are expressing their keenness to be in harness again.

A new fixture of note, which by the way, is the opening match at Scroggie Park, is with St James' C.C., a Leith combination. Mid-week matches have also been arranged with the recently formed Thornton Club. It is pleasing to note that acquaintance has also been renewed with such Clubs as Nairn's (Kirkcaldy), Kirkcaldy 2nd XI, and Courier (Dundee). All the other matches, which complete an extensive fixture list, are on the same lines as formerly."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **School** – *"The Public School re-opened on Tuesday morning after the Easter vacation."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – *"Falkland Thistle and Dunshalt United met in a friendly encounter at the Myre on Saturday afternoon. The visitors won a hard game by 5 goals to 3."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lectures** – *"The second of a series of lectures under the auspices of the International Bible Students Association was held in the Town Hall on Friday evening. There was a very small attendance."*

30th April 1927

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Pulpit** – *"Rev. A.H. Anderson, Auchtermuchty U.F. Church, occupied the Parish Church pulpit on Sunday morning."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Snow** – *"There was a fairly heavy fall of snow on Monday forenoon, as a result of which both the East and West Lomonds were covered with a mantle of white."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **S.M.C.** – “Falkland District School Management Committee, at a meeting in Falkland School, Mr J.S. McGillivray, Auchtermuchty, presiding, were informed that the attendances had been well maintained. Freuchie, leading with 92.1 per cent, followed by Auchtermuchty with 91.4 per cent. The Empire Day holiday was fixed for Monday, 23rd May.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket Club Dance** – “The annual dance under the auspices of Falkland Cricket Club was held in the Drill Hall on Friday night. Between fifty and sixty couples were present, and excellent music was provided by the Imperial band from Cowdenbeath. The catering arrangements were in the capable hands of a Ladies’ Committee. Messrs R.S. Drysdale and J. Lawson discharged the duties of M.C.s. The acceptances were as follows:-

Ladies – Miss E. Anderson, Miss J. Anderson, Miss A. Anderson, Mrs James Birrell, Miss A. Baxter, Miss Chisholm, Miss H. Craig, Miss M. Craig, Miss C. Cowan, Miss J. Drysdale, Miss A. Edmeston, Miss J. Finlay, Miss A. Finlay, Miss E. Fernie, Miss E. Grant, Miss R. Grant, Misses Gavin, Miss Hay, Miss Henderson, Miss C. Hardie, Mrs Homden, Miss C. Lawson, Miss Mary Lawson, Miss Margaret Lawson, Miss C. Melville, Miss J. Nelson, Miss H. Nelson, Miss A. Oswald, Miss C. Peggie, Miss E. Page, Miss J. Robertson, Mrs Schofield, Miss M.J. Thomson, Miss Brewster (Leslie), Miss M. Constable (Auchtermuchty), Miss Carmichael (Dunshalt), Miss I. Chapman (Auchtermuchty), Misses Dryden (Newton of Falkland), Misses Dalrymple (Freuchie), Miss M. Farmer (Strathmiglo), Miss M. Lawrie (Milton of Balgonie), Misses Lindsay (Newton of Falkland), Miss M. Leven (Auchtermuchty), Miss D. Livingstone (Burntisland), Miss J. McKendrick (Auchtermuchty), Miss Michie (Auchtermuchty), Miss Reid (Freuchie), Miss Swanson (Auchtermuchty).

Gentlemen – Messrs G. Anderson, D. Anderson, G. Baxter, H. Birrell, P. Birrell, W. Birrell, D. Cairns, E. Coutts, J. Campbell, T. Drysdale, C.R. Drysdale, R.S. Drysdale, A. Dryburgh, J. Dewar, John Hay, T. Imrie, R. Kennedy, John Lawson, P. Lawson, E. Mather, J. McEwan, C. Oram, J. Oswald, T. Ross, J. Robertson, H. Robson, J. Skinner, T.C. Schofield, J. Smith, M. St Clair, G. Shields, W. Tod, A. Archibald (Markinch), E. Borthwick (Aberdour), Bogie (Freuchie), J. Brewster (Leslie), D. Braid (Freuchie), J. Donaldson (Pitlessie), A. Fox (Freuchie), P. Gillespie (Kennoway), J. Gillespie (Kennoway), Gordon (Kinglassie), T. Hamilton (Freuchie), D. Joss (Markinch), A. Lindsay (Coaltown of Balgonie), A. Robertson (Freuchie), and H. White (Auchtermuchty).

7th May 1927

Article in *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Falkland v St James’ (Leith)**

“At Scroggie Park, Falkland, on Saturday afternoon. Owing to the heavy hailstorm, this match was abandoned after half an hour’s play. The visitors batted first, and had lost three wickets when a stoppage was called.

St James

<i>J. Davies, not out</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>A. Christie, b. P. Lawson</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>G. Armstrong, b. P. Lawson</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>J.E.V. Jenkins, b. P. Lawson</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Total for 3 wickets</i>	<i>5</i>

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket** – *“A ‘local derby’ takes place at Scroggie Park, Falkland, to-morrow (Saturday), when Falkland and Freuchie are in opposition. The match is timed to start at 3 p.m.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Communion** – *“The sacrament of the Lord’s Supper was dispensed in the Parish and U.F. Churches on Sunday morning. The thanksgiving services at the respective places of worship in the evening were conducted by the Rev. W.G. Mitchell, Freuchie, and Rev. Edward Beal, Strathmiglo.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf Disappointment** – *“Cupar were due to play Falkland in a League match on Tuesday night. They left with the 5 o’clock bus, but at 5.05 p.m. a wire was received cancelling the fixture owing to rain. Last year when this match was played at Falkland, great disappointment was felt that Cupar’s team did not include R.W. Peattie, the boy world champion. On Tuesday, Peattie was to have played first for Cupar, and his promised appearance had been notified to the Falkland Secretary. A warm welcome would have been his had the weather permitted play, for when the Cupar team arrived they met the Falkland bell-ringer going through the town announcing to all would-be spectators that the match had been cancelled.”*

Past Winners

R&A Boys Amateur Championship

Year up	Venue	Winner	Result	Runner-
1925	Barnton	R W Peattie (Cupar)	4&3	A McNair (Eastwood)
1924	Coombe Hill	R W Peattie (Cupar)	2 holes	P Maneuvrier (France)

14th May 1927

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

“There was a large gathering of spectators present to witness the ‘clash’ between the above teams at Scroggie Park, Falkland on Saturday afternoon. Weather conditions were ideal, and the wicket was in first-class order. Captain Lindsay named the right side of the coin, and sent the homesters in to face Dalrymple and Campbell. Drysdale and Baxter seemed to be affected with the ‘beginning-of-the-season’ feeling, and were easily disposed of. Schofield, along with Lawson, played much better, and augmented the score somewhat. T. Drysdale mishit a short one into Grant’s safe hands. Robertson and Hopkins – both smiters- made things hum while they were still together, until ‘Peter’ was smartly stumped, and his partner soon followed him. The remaining batsmen gave little trouble, and the tenth wicket fell at 63.

Freuchie opened with their well-known pair, Lindsay and Duncan, against P. Lawson and Birrell. Both batsmen were rather cautious, and Duncan was given out ‘leg before’ with 5 to his credit. His captain had reached a similar figure when he was clean bowled by P. Lawson. The home bowlers were now doing well, and half the visiting side were out for 27. Campbell and Jack, however, came to the rescue, and received splendid backing from Smart and Henderson. Jack was rather lucky in carrying his bat, but nevertheless put up a stern fight, and pulled the game out of the fire for his side. Taken all over, the homesters gave their well-known rivals something of a fright.

Bowling for Freuchie, Campbell had three wickets for 20 runs; Livingstone, two for 7; Duncan, two for 10; and Dalrymple, two for 25. For Falkland, J. Lawson claimed two for 8; P. Robertson, two for 9; P. Lawson, two for 23; Birrell, two for 27; and Hopkins, one for 0. Scores:-

Falkland

<i>C.R. Drysdale, c. McDonald, b. Campbell</i>	2
<i>G. Baxter, c. Campbell, b. Dalrymple</i>	3
<i>T.C. Schofield, b. Dalrymple</i>	6
<i>P. Lawson, c. Smart, b. Campbell</i>	14
<i>T. Drysdale, c. Grant, b. Campbell</i>	4
<i>P. Robertson, st. Grant, b. Livingstone</i>	13
<i>R. Hopkins, c. Livingstone, b. Duncan</i>	13
<i>H. Birrell, c. Lindsay, b. Livingstone</i>	5
<i>J. Lawson, b. Duncan</i>	1
<i>G. Anderson, run out</i>	0
<i>J. Skinner, not out</i>	1
<i>Extra</i>	1
Total	63

Freuchie

<i>J. Lindsay, b. P. Lawson</i>	5
<i>D. Duncan, lbw., b. Birrell</i>	5
<i>J. Dalrymple, c. C. Drysdale, b. P. Lawson</i>	3
<i>S. Campbell, lbw., b. J. Lawson</i>	12
<i>J. Jack, not out</i>	27
<i>J. Fleming, c. Hopkins, b. J. Lawson</i>	0
<i>D. Smart, c. Schofield, b. Robertson</i>	13
<i>A. Grant, c. Anderson, b. Robertson</i>	3
<i>A. Livingstone, c. Anderson, b. Birrell</i>	1
<i>A. Henderson, run out</i>	9
<i>V. McDonald, c. Schofield, b. Hopkins</i>	2

Extra

1

Total

81

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “The ladies’ monthly medal competition was won on Monday evening by Miss Jane Nelson with a score of 101 less 10 – 91. Miss Jenny Drysdale was runner-up. Play was over 15 holes.”

21st May 1927

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Services** – “Rev. Charles Hutchison, Gauldry, conducted both morning and afternoon services in the U.F. Church on Sunday.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **An Overlook** – “James Douglas, potato merchant, Victoria Place, Falkland, who admitted in Cupar Sheriff Court, on Tuesday, before Sheriff Dudley Stuart, that he had driven a motor bicycle without being licensed, said it was just an overlook. He had been busy, and had forgotten to renew his license. He had had a license for ten years. A fine of £1 was imposed.”

28th May 1927

Article in *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Falkland v Nairn’s XI**

“The strong going Kirkcaldy combination sustained a set back at Scroggie Park, Falkland, on Wednesday evening. Batting first, the visitors ran up a total of 73, to which Taylor 18, Gardiner 18, and N.W. Mitchell 13, were the chief contributors. Falkland surpassed this total by 13 runs, chiefly through the efforts of Coulter, Birrell, and the brothers Drysdale. At one stage of the innings matters were certainly anything but rosy, as six wickets fell for one run, but the later batsmen gave their side victory. By bowling Drysdale, Schofield, and Robertson with successive balls, N.W. Mitchell secured the ‘hat trick’. Bowling for Falkland, P. Lawson took six wickets for 21 runs, Coulter two for 12, J. Lawson one for 12, and Birrell one for 17. For Nairn’s, N.W. Mitchell had four for 20, Pattinson four for 38, and Taylor two for 23. Scores:-

Nairn’s

<i>T. Mitchell, c. St Clair, b. P. Lawson</i>	0
<i>W. Taylor, lbw., b. J. Lawson</i>	18
<i>J.L. Bell, c. Robertson, b. P. Lawson</i>	0
<i>F.T. Walker, c. St Clair, b. Birrell</i>	7
<i>W. Pattinson, c. Robertson, b. P. Lawson</i>	4
<i>J. Gardiner, c. Anderson, b. Coulter</i>	18
<i>A.D. Penman, c. Robertson, b. Coulter</i>	2
<i>A. McBain, lbw., b. P. Lawson</i>	4
<i>N.W. Mitchell, c. Finlay, b. P. Lawson</i>	13
<i>A.F. Leck, not out</i>	3
<i>F. Fairbairn, c. Schofield, b. P. Lawson</i>	0
<i>Extras</i>	4
Total	73

Falkland

<i>C.R. Drysdale, b. N.W. Mitchell</i>	14
<i>W.C. Coulter, c. Gardiner, b. Pattinson</i>	26
<i>P. Lawson, c. Penman, b. Pattinson</i>	0
<i>T.C. Schofield, b. N.W. Mitchell</i>	0
<i>P. Robertson, b. N.W. Mitchell</i>	0
<i>G. Finlay, b. N.W. Mitchell</i>	0
<i>H. Birrell, b. Pattinson</i>	17
<i>T. Drysdale, b. Taylor</i>	11
<i>M. St Clair, lbw., b. Pattinson</i>	2
<i>G. Anderson, c. Pattinson, b. Taylor</i>	9
<i>J. Lawson, not out</i>	2

Extras	5
Total	86

Article in *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Falkland v Kirkcaldy 2nd XI**

“At Scroggie Park, Falkland, on Saturday afternoon. The weather was dry, but cold and windy, when these teams met before a goodly number of spectators. Kirkcaldy took the first knock, M. McLean and Napier facing P. Lawson and Birrell. Runs came at a steady pace right from the outset, both batsmen getting their scores from shots chiefly on the leg side. The opening pair had reached 36 between them when Napier was well held at leg. The brothers McLean were now together, but a fast one from Dryburgh sent the opening batsman back. Henderson and McLean had a bright partnership yielding 25 runs, before the former was smartly run out. Wickets now fell more quickly to the home trundlers, and the next four men were dismissed for 21 runs. The last pair, however, put up a good show, especially Hutchison.

Drysdale opened for Falkland with a four off Henderson, and the last two balls of that bowler’s over were similarly treated by Lawson. The batsmen scored at a rapid pace, and 40 appeared on the board in about twenty minutes. Lawson was clean bowled by MacDonald for a merry 24, which included five boundaries. Only four runs were added when Drysdale was smartly taken at the wicket. Schofield and Dryburgh put on about 20 when together, and things were certainly rosy for the homesters at this stage. Matters assumed a different aspect when some of the ‘rabbits’ were easily dismissed, but Finlay – a boy of only 14 summers – and Anderson played a sterling game, and pulled the match out of the fire for their side.

Bowling for the homesters, P. Lawson claimed four wickets for 46 runs; R. Dryburgh, three for 7; and J. Lawson, two for 13. MacDonald was the visitors’ best trundler, having seven for 34, while Turner had three for 36. Scores:-

Kirkcaldy 2nd XI

M. McLean, b. Dryburgh	15
G. Napier, c. Anderson, b. Dryburgh	23
W. McLean, c. and b. P. Lawson	10
W. Henderson, run out	17
T. Turner, lbw., b. J. Lawson	2
J. Brown, b. P. Lawson	5
M. Bryan, c. Schofield, b. J. Lawson	0

<i>C. McDonald, b. P. Lawson</i>	5
<i>A. Oliphant, c. J. Lawson, b. P. Lawson</i>	1
<i>D. Grant, not out</i>	6
<i>D. Hutchison, c. Anderson, b. Dryburgh</i>	13
<i>Extras</i>	9
Total	106

Falkland

<i>C. R. Drysdale, c. Bryan, b. Turner</i>	17
<i>P. Lawson, b. McDonald</i>	24
<i>T.C. Schofield, lbw., b. Turner</i>	10
<i>H. Birrell, b. Turner</i>	2
<i>R. Dryburgh, c. Bryan, b. McDonald</i>	15
<i>G. Baxter, c. and b. McDonald</i>	0
<i>T. Drysdale, c. Henderson, b. McDonald</i>	4
<i>J. Lawson, b. McDonald</i>	1
<i>G. Finlay, not out</i>	11
<i>M. St Clair, lbw., b. McDonald</i>	0
<i>G. Anderson, lbw., b. McDonald</i>	11
<i>Extras</i>	19
Total	114

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Pulpit** – “Rev. J.H. Bryden, Markinch, occupied the Parish Church pulpit on Sunday morning.”

Article in *The Fife News*: **Golf – Cupar beat Falkland**

“Cupar and Falkland met on Friday night in a Central Fife League match, when the former won on both courses.

AT CUPAR

Cupar		Falkland	
<i>C. Morrison</i>	1	<i>P. Robertson</i>	0
<i>J.B. Cruickshank</i>	1	<i>J. Hay</i>	0
<i>D. Traill</i>	1	<i>M. St Clair</i>	0
<i>G.O.H. Grant</i>	1	<i>A. Venters</i>	1
Total	4		0

AT FALKLAND

Cupar		Falkland	
<i>R.W. Peattie</i>	1	<i>J. Lindsay</i>	0
<i>A.W. Douglas</i>	1	<i>J. Banks</i>	0
<i>W.J. Honeyman</i>	1	<i>D. Drysdale</i>	0
<i>A. King</i>	0	<i>A. Wilson</i>	1
Total	3		1

4th June 1927

Notice in *The Fife News*: **Fife Education Authority – Falkland School Management Committee**

Lumsden Bursary

“Applications are invited for the above Bursary, open to present and former pupils of Falkland and Freuchie Public Schools. Particulars with Schedules of Application may be had from the Clerk, Melville St. Clair, Solicitor, Bank Buildings, Falkland, with whom applications must be lodged not later than Tuesday, 21st June 1927.”

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

“At Kelty on Saturday afternoon. Drysdale and Lawson opened for the visitors against the bowling of Bain and MacDonald. The former batsman was sent back

early and Birrell filled the vacancy. He played the bowling and let Lawson do the scoring, and 44 was reached before Birrell was caught in two minds by Forrester. The third wicket partnership was very fruitful, and Lawson batted splendidly and scored fast. He also received valuable assistance from Dryburgh, who scored pretty freely. The latter's place was taken by St. Clair, but this batsman did not stay long. Baxter batted nicely and Lawson gave a splendid display. He got runs all round the wicket and kept the ball low. A fast one from Reid for through Baxter's guard. Shortly after Drysdale came to the crease Lawson had the misfortune to be caught on the boundary when only two runs short of his century. His was a glorious display of batting occupying an hour and a quarter, and his total included 16 fours, 3 threes, and 3 twos. The closure was applied at 151 for 6 wickets.

The homesters opened disastrously, five wickets being down for 15 runs. MacDonald and Martin's wickets were carelessly thrown away, and when the tea interval was called things looked anything but cheerful for Kelty. On resuming, A. Martin tried to stop the rot, but Reid was out to a mishit. Bain and Martin, though not collecting many runs, played well for a time, and caused changes to be made in the bowling. These changes, however, brought about their downfall, as J. Lawson claimed both their wickets. The innings closed for 39.

Bowling for Kelty, Reid took three wickets for 36 runs, Bain one for 22, MacDonald one for 23, and Hynd one for 23. For Falkland, J. Lawson had three for 2, P. Lawson three for 10, Dryburgh one for 2, and Birrell one for 16. Scores:-

Falkland

C.R. Drysdale, c. Forrester, b. Bain	4
P. Lawson, c. A. Martin, b. McDonald	98
H. Birrell, b. Forrester	4
R. Drysdale, b. Reid	14
M. St Clair, c. and b. Reid	1
G. Baxter, b. Reid	12
T. Drysdale, not out	6
G. Anderson, not out	0
G. Finlay, J. Lawson and J. Skinner did not bat	
Extras	12
Total for 6 wickets (declared)	151

Kelty

<i>J. Hynd, c. C.R. Drysdale, b. P. Lawson</i>	1
<i>T. Hunter, b. P. Lawson</i>	4
<i>J. MacDonald, run out</i>	0
<i>H. Forrester, c. St. Clair, b. Birrell</i>	7
<i>J. Martin, run out</i>	2
<i>A. Martin, b. J. Lawson</i>	7
<i>R. Reid, c. Dryburgh, b. P. Lawson</i>	1
<i>T. Bain, b. J. Lawson</i>	8
<i>J. Brown, b. J. Lawson</i>	0
<i>J. Burt, hit wicket, b. Dryburgh</i>	0
<i>W. Hunter, not out</i>	0
<i>Extras</i>	9
Total	39

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Holiday** – “Thursday last week was observed as Empire Day in the village.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket** – “Owing to the heavy rain on Wednesday, the match between Falkland and Kennoway was cancelled.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Services** – “Rev. W.J. Auld, Freuchie, officiated at both morning and afternoon services in the U.F. Church on Sunday.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Servant Girl’s Lapse** – “Mary Henderson, described as a general servant, admitted on Friday in Cupar Sheriff Court, before Hon. Sheriff Stark, that she had, while employed at Pitillock Farmhouse, Falkland, stolen articles

of clothing and other goods from a bedroom. Mr P.J. McPherson, depute Procurator-Fiscal, stated that a bad feature of the case was that accused, when she knew the police were coming to make inquiries, burned some of the articles. The remainder were found in the kitchen cupboard. Hon. Sheriff Stark said he would give accused a chance to recover herself. He would put her on probation for six months."

Article in *The Fife News*: **Falkland District School Management Committee**

"The monthly meeting was held in the School at Falkland on Monday evening, Mr A. Grieve, Freuchie, in the chair.

The Clerk read a note of the work proposed to be done by the Works Department of the Authority during the holidays on the various schools in the district, which was substantially all that had been asked by the Committee.

In response to the request for suggestions for next winter's continuation classes, the only suggestion made was for a vocal music class at Auchtermuchty, and it was agreed to forward this to the organiser.

A letter was read from Mr Kirk, late of Gateside, who removed from the district in April, resigning his position as Chairman, but retaining membership of the Committee. On the motion of Bailie Robertson, Falkland, the resignation was accepted, and it was agreed not to fill the vacancy meantime.

The percentages of attendance at the schools in the district during the past month were reported to be as follows:-

Dunshalt, 96.4; Strathmiglo, 95; Auchtermuchty, 94.7; Freuchie, 93; Gateside, 93; Falkland, 88.5. There were very few cases of epidemic disease.

A circular was read from the Authority, specifying a number of trophies for school sports, competition for which was meantime in abeyance. Suggestions were also enclosed as to how these trophies could be utilised. The first suggestion, to set apart a trophy for each form of sport, the ultimate winner to be the county champion, was not viewed with favour, the impression being that in this way several trophies might be won by big centres. It was resolved to support the idea that the trophies should be distributed among such areas as the Authority considered suitable. It was also agreed to apply for one of these for the district, to be allocated to some form of girls' sport.

At the close of the meeting, the Falkland and Freuchie sub-Committees met as trustees for the Lumsden Fund, when arrangements were made to advertise the annual distribution of grants."

Article in *The Fife News*: **Golf – Falkland v Leslie**

“Falkland golfers were beaten by Leslie in a Central Fife League match on Tuesday evening. Details:-

AT LESLIE

Leslie		Falkland	
<i>J.S. Davidson</i>	1	<i>G. Robertson</i>	0
<i>A.P. Crichton</i>	1	<i>J. Hay</i>	0
<i>H.P. Dewar</i>	1	<i>T. Drysdale</i>	0
<i>A. Wallace</i>	1	<i>J. Drysdale</i>	0

AT FALKLAND

<i>R. King</i>	1	<i>J. Lindsay</i>	0
<i>W. Porter</i>	1	<i>J. Banks</i>	0
<i>T.C. Spence</i>	0	<i>P.C. Wilson</i>	1
<i>J. Crichton</i>	1	<i>D. Braid</i>	0
	7		1

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

“Ladies match at Falkland

Falkland		Markinch	
<i>Miss J. Drysdale</i>	0	<i>Mrs A. Law</i>	1
<i>Miss J. Venters</i>	1	<i>Mrs J. White</i>	0
<i>Miss H. Forsyth</i>	0	<i>Mrs Mitchell</i>	0
<i>Miss B. Reid</i>	1	<i>Miss Cochrane</i>	0
<i>Miss B. Reid</i>	0	<i>Miss Cargill</i>	1
<i>Mrs J. Drysdale</i>	0	<i>Miss Gould</i>	1
<i>Miss E. Grant</i>	1	<i>Miss Nicholson</i>	0

Article in *The Fife News*: **Golf – Auchtermuchty v Falkland**

AT AUCHTERMUCHTY

Auchtermuchty		Falkland	
<i>P.W. Cormack</i>	1	<i>J. Banks</i>	0
<i>J.C. Forgan</i>	1	<i>G. Hay</i>	0
<i>T. Donaldson</i>	1	<i>J. Venters</i>	0

AT FALKLAND

<i>W. Caldwell</i>	1	<i>G. Robertson</i>	0
<i>J.H. Bell</i>	1	<i>T. Drysdale</i>	0
<i>J. Forgan</i>	1	<i>J. Myles</i>	0
<i>H.B. Fowlis</i>	1	<i>D. Braid</i>	0
	7		0

11th June 1927

Notice in *The Fife News*: **Falkland Property for Sale**

“The following LANDS and PROPERTIES in and near to the ROYAL BURGH of FALKLAND are for SALE:

Subjects	Rental or yearly value
1. Farm of Templelands, including land adjoining and Hill Pasture	£90 0 0
<i>Extending to 56 acres or thereby. Tenant, John Brown</i>	
2. Small Farm of Myreside and lots of land.	£37 10 0
<i>Tenant, John Duncan</i>	
3. Land – Lots at Back Dykes, South Street, Wellbrae,	£47 5 0

Canonbury (excluding site of House), Myre (Camia Land)

Tenants, William Duncan, Alex. Elder, and others

4. Stable and Loft, part used as Garage, Back Wynd £5 4 0

Tenant, Dr Tait

5. Houses, Shop (vacant), and Stores fronting High Street £20 10 0

And Brunton Street.

Tenants, James McKenzie and others

6. Five Houses and Gardens, South Street East, and Wellbrae £29 1 4

Tenants, Henry Birrell and others

7. House (3 storeys), Brunton Street, and 2 Small Houses etc., £19 18 8

Sharp's Close.

Tenants, Mrs B. Anderson and others

8. Proportion of Cumolo Allotment, Lomond Hill, Garden £0 18 10

Adjoining Bruce Arms Hotel.

Grazing tenant, per Robt. Miller and A.C. Macdonald

9. Canonbury Feu etc. £3 5 0

Tenant, P. Cameron

For further particulars, apply to ANDERSON & ST CLAIR, Solicitors, Falkland."

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

"Dismissed for a meagre total of 55 runs, matters did not look very bright for Falkland in the John Dixon Park, Markinch, on Saturday, but the visitors' bowlers were equal to the occasion and had all the home wickets down for 18. Falkland made a fair start, but C.R. Drysdale, who has not been too fortunate this season, was the only batsman who played confidently. Markinch made a sorry show, six of the side failing to score, and after A.A. Morrison was dismissed, there was a procession.

Bowling for Markinch, A.G. Taylor had five wickets for 14 runs, Andrew Jack, four for 19; and A. Morrison, one for 16; while for Falkland, H. Birrell had five for 0, P. Lawson, three for 2, J. Lawson, two for 8; and R. Dryburgh, none for 5. Scores:-

Falkland

<i>C.R. Drysdale, c. A. Jack, b. Taylor</i>	18
<i>Peter Lawson, b. Morrison</i>	6
<i>T.C. Schofield, c. Alex. Jack, b. Taylor</i>	8
<i>H. Birrell, c. Mackie, b. And. Jack</i>	0
<i>R. Hopkins, c. Gamba, b. Taylor</i>	5
<i>G. Baxter, b. Taylor</i>	1
<i>R. Dryburgh, b. And. Jack</i>	1
<i>T. Drysdale, b. Taylor</i>	0
<i>M. St Clair, c. A. Morrison, b. And. Jack</i>	0
<i>G. Anderson, b. And. Jack</i>	7
<i>J. Lawson, not out</i>	3
<i>Extras</i>	6
Total	55

Markinch

<i>A.A. Morrison, c. T. Drysdale, b. Birrell</i>	7
<i>W. Splitt, b. J. Lawson</i>	3
<i>Andrew Jack, b. P. Lawson</i>	2
<i>Alex. Jack, b. P. Lawson</i>	0
<i>A.G. Taylor, c. Hopkins, b. P. Lawson</i>	0
<i>F.T. Morrison, b. Birrell</i>	3
<i>Wm. McArthur, b. Birrell</i>	0
<i>Wm. Gamba, c. Baxter, b. Birrell</i>	0

<i>Geo. Mackie, b. J. Lawson</i>	1
<i>D.S. Watson, c. Baxter, b. Birrell</i>	0
<i>D. Barclay, not out</i>	0
<i>Extras</i>	2
Total	18

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Sports** – “At the Strathallan School Sports on Tuesday, D. Shanks, Falkland Wood, gained first in the High Jump under 16.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Scouts** – “Scoutmaster Wallace has made arrangements for the local Boy Scout Troop to encamp at Kingecraig, Kilconquhar, from 16th to 23rd July.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Scouts’ Cricket** – “Falkland Boy Scouts have a strong cricket team. On Saturday they played the Kingskettle Scout team, and gained an overwhelming victory. The Kettle boys could only muster a total of 19 runs, while the homesters, for the loss of seven wickets, scored 145, of which John Lawson had 52 not out. On the previous two Saturdays, the Falkland team gained big wins over Markinch and Auchtermuchty, respectively.”

18th June 1927

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

“Falkland sustained an unexpected setback at the hands of Kelty at Scroggie Park, Falkland, on Saturday. The visitors batted first on a good wicket, and got a fine send off by Hynd and Martin. Hynd was smartly taken in the slips, while Martin gave an easy return. Hunter and MacDonald were easily disposed of, but Reid augmented the total with a merry 18. He was ably backed up by Brown, who carried his bat for 13, though missed before he had opened his account. The innings closed for 68. Although there were several smart catches taken by some of the home team, the fielding was not up to previous standards.

Kelty’s total was not by any means formidable, but it turned out to be too much for Falkland. With the exception of Hopkins and Baxter, the team never batted

confidently. The latter batsman was the only one of the side to reach double figures. Reid and Bain, who bowled well throughout the entire innings, claimed five wickets for 12 runs and four for 25 respectively. For Falkland, P. Lawson had four for 19, J. Lawson three for 12, Birrell two for 25, and Dryburgh one for 11. Scores:-

Kelty

<i>J. Hynd, c. Schofield, b. J. Lawson</i>	13
<i>A. Martin, c. and b. Birrell</i>	11
<i>T. Hunter, b. Birrell</i>	0
<i>J. MacDonald, b. Dryburgh</i>	0
<i>R. Reid, b. P. Lawson</i>	18
<i>J. Martin, c. Birrell, b. P. Lawson</i>	6
<i>T. Bain, c. Dryburgh, b. J. Lawson</i>	5
<i>J. Brown, not out</i>	13
<i>A. Pryde, c. Dryburgh, b. P. Lawson</i>	0
<i>L. Keay, b. P. Lawson</i>	0
<i>A. Burt, c. Drysdale, b. J. Lawson</i>	1
<i>Extra</i>	1
Total	68

Falkland

<i>C.R. Drysdale, b. Bain</i>	5
<i>P. Lawson, c. Hynd, b. Reid</i>	1
<i>T.C. Schofield, c. Hynd, b. Reid</i>	0
<i>R. Dryburgh, b. Reid</i>	2
<i>R. Hopkins, c. Keay, b. Bain</i>	8
<i>G. Baxter, c. Keay, b. Bain</i>	12
<i>H. Birrell, b. Bain</i>	2
<i>G. Anderson, not out</i>	2

<i>M. St Clair, b. Bain</i>	0
<i>J. Lawson, b. Reid</i>	1
<i>J. Skinner, run out</i>	4
<i>Extras</i>	5
Total	42

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

“The meeting of Falkland and Freuchie at the latter place on Wednesday evening did not produce a game of any special interest. Freuchie had little difficulty in dismissing their opponents, Duncan taking four wickets for a run a-piece, and Keith having the remaining six for 18. These bowlers between them took four wickets with six balls. The Falkland score of 42 included a dozen extras. Freuchie’s innings would have been a rather poor one had not Duncan and Campbell done so well. Scores:-

Falkland

<i>C.R. Drysdale, b. Keith</i>	1
<i>W.C. Coulter, b. Keith</i>	2
<i>P. Lawson, b. Keith</i>	4
<i>R. Hopkins, c. Fleming, b. Keith</i>	14
<i>P. Robertson, b. Duncan</i>	0
<i>G. Baxter, c. Smart, b. Keith</i>	0
<i>T.C. Schofield, c. Lindsay, b. Duncan</i>	0
<i>H. Birrell, c. Dalrymple, b. Duncan</i>	7
<i>T. Drysdale, c. Campbell, b. Keith</i>	2
<i>G. Anderson, c. Grant, b. Duncan</i>	0
<i>M. St Clair, not out</i>	0
<i>Extras</i>	12
Total	42

Freuchie

<i>J. Jack, b. Lawson</i>	1
<i>J. Fleming, c. Baxter, b. Lawson</i>	8
<i>J. Dalrymple, b. Lawson</i>	4
<i>S. Campbell, c. Lawson, b. Birrell</i>	29
<i>A. Livingstone, lbw., b. Birrell</i>	0
<i>D. Duncan, not out</i>	52
<i>J. Lindsay, c. Baxter, b. Lawson</i>	4
<i>K. Beveridge, run out</i>	1
<i>D. Smart, not out</i>	4
<i>A. Grant and R. Keith did not bat</i>	
<i>Extras</i>	2
Total	105

Article in *The Fife News*: **Wedding in Falkland Parish Church – Latham – Duncan.**



Miss Anne Duncan & Mr Bryan Latham

“Falkland Parish Church was the scene on Wednesday of one of the prettiest wedding ceremonies ever witnessed in this part of Fife. The bride, Miss Anne Duncan, is one of the twin daughters of Mr and Mrs George Duncan, Newton of Falkland, well known in agricultural circles in Perth and Fife. Miss Anne Duncan received her early education at the Bell-Baxter School, Cupar, and was subsequently, along with her twin sister, Miss Cathie Duncan, a pupil at Brentwood Boarding School, Southport. Both the sisters are possessed of outstanding musical ability, and many Cupar people retain pleasant recollections of their sweet singing and graceful dancing at Bell-Baxter concerts a few years ago.

Mr Bryan Latham, the bridegroom, is a member of the well known London timber firm of Messrs James Latham Ltd.

The large numbers of the general public who assembled at the church were sufficient criterion of the interest taken in the ceremony. No more romantic setting could be found for such a function than the Parish Church of Falkland, situated within a stone’s throw of the historic Palace, and in the shadow of the Lomonds. The streets of the town were bathed in golden sunlight as the bridal party drove up, and in her lovely gown of silver lace, the bride, who was given away by her father, seemed an impersonation of the spirit of June. Her veil of Brussels net was embroidered at the hem with a design of lovers’ knots, and a coronet of white heather and orange blossom held the veil in place on her head. The long waist of the silver lace gown was defined by a spray of orange blossom and white heather. A fragrant sheaf of white arum lilies formed the bridal bouquet, and an exquisite necklace of pearls gave an effective finish to the toilette. A small purse bag carried by the bride, made from encrusted pearls, diamante, and aquamarines, was the gift of her bridegroom’s sister-in-law, Mrs Russell Latham.

Bridesmaids with Crinolines

There were five bridesmaids – Miss Cathie Duncan, twin sister of the bride; Miss Margaret Duncan, younger sister; Misses Doris and Helen Latham, sisters of the bridegroom; and Miss Maisie Gray, Glasgow. They wore picture frocks of sea-green taffetas, with quaint tight bodices and crinoline skirts. Shoulder-knots of flowers had pendent from them cyclamen ribbons, and the broad silver tissue filets worn round their heads were finished with cyclamen ribbons and flowers. They each carried shower bouquets of pink bud roses, and their fine mesh silver chain bags were the gift of the bridegroom.

Inside the church, which is said to be one of the finest of its type in Scotland, Mr Hunt, Falkland Palace garden, had carried out an effective scheme of decoration with white tulips, roses, and greenery, and the bridal group at the flower-embowered altar made an arresting picture.

Mr Douglas Latham, brother of the bridegroom, was best man.

Officiating clergymen were the Rev. J.K. Russell, Falkland; and the Rev. John Gilmour, Holyrood Abbey Church, Edinburgh. Gentlemen who efficiently performed the duties of ushers, were Messrs Hugh and George Symington, Dundee; Jack Andrews, London; Dick Frew jnr., Ayr; and T. Dryborough, Orkie.

While the register was being signed, Mr Dryborough gave a masterly rendering of the solo, 'O Isis and Osiris Guide Them'. Miss Zoe Murray, L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M., presided at the organ.

The Reception

After the ceremony, a reception was held at Newton of Lathrisk. There was a marquee erected on the lawn, and tea tables were prettily decorated with gladioli and gypsophila. In a bower of greenery and flowers were seated an orchestra from Edinburgh, who under the direction of Mr Thomson, A.L.C.M., Ladybank, played selections. Mrs Duncan, mother of the bride, was gowned in black chenille georgette with collar and vest of white crepe de chine. Her black hat was ornamented with a Paradise plume. Her bouquet was on deep pink roses. In black, relieved with ecru lace, and wearing a black hat, came Mrs Latham, mother of the bridegroom. Her bouquet was also of roses. Miss Isobel Duncan, the youngest sister of the bride, who was unable to undertake the duties of a bridesmaid because she is at present an invalid, was a charming figure in almond green georgette, with a deep straight flounce of panne velvet. Her hat was of ivory knitted Reslaw straw, and her beige shoes matched her shoulder knot. Mrs Russell Latham came in pink lace, veiled with georgette, and a pink picture hat. The grey ninon toilette of Mrs Ethel Ford, London, was worn with a picture hat of pale cyclamen."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Pulpit** – "Rev. J.H. Bell, Auchtermuchty, occupied the Parish Church pulpit on Sunday morning."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Weather** – "The weather during the week-end was much warmer and more seasonal. There were many day-trippers in the burgh, and pic-nic parties on the hillside were much in evidence."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Scouts** – "Scoutmaster Wallace has entered a team from the local troop to compete for the County Flag on 2nd and 3rd July. The team comprises a patrol leader and patrol second and six Scouts."

25th June 1927

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

“Those who attended the Stratheden – Falkland match at the Public Park, Strathmiglo on Saturday, in expectation of seeing and enjoying a good match must have been woefully disappointed. Fifty-two runs were made by 13 of the 22 players, and the combined innings occupied barely an hour and a half. The bowling of the respective sides was the predominating feature of an otherwise poor game, if we omit the two decisions of the umpires which were called in question in the cases of Buchanan of Stratheden and Baxter of Falkland. The less said of these decisions the better, and it is to be hoped they will in no way effect the good feeling between the Clubs concerned. The umpire’s decisions are final, and both players and spectators should remember this.

The homesters took first lease of a wicket, which was remarkably fast despite the previous two days rain. D. Thomson and Low met the bowling of P. and J. Lawson, and Low went to the former with 8 on the board. His fellow batsman followed when two more had been scored. The partnership of Allan and J.E. Thomson was expected to be profitable, but the former was out to J. Lawson before he had counted. ‘J.E.’ opened with a boundary nicely snicked off P. Lawson, but he was run out after he had made 3 more, all singles. The other seven batsmen averaged one apiece, and although the bowling was unquestionably of a deadly order, it would pay some of the home side to forget individualism and go in for team work. The innings closed at 23.

The home side realised that after their display, something bright was expected of them, and the field work was consequently, until near the close, of a crispy description. Low and Allan were apparently ‘on the dot’ and four Falkland wickets went for 10 runs, including the smiter, P. Lawson who fell early to Allan. Schofield looked like giving trouble, and he had made 7 before he was bowled by Low. The next three wickets produced 8, and the eighth fell with Falkland one run more than Stratheden’s total. The remaining batsmen threw discretion to the winds, and lashed out. Bowling for Falkland, J. Lawson had five for 10, and P. Lawson four for 12. For Stratheden, J.S. Allan had five for 17, and W. Low, four for 13. Scores:-

Stratheden

<i>D.H. Thomson, b. P. Lawson</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>W. Low, b. P. Lawson</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>J.S. Allan, b. J. Lawson</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>J.E. Thomson, run out</i>	<i>7</i>

<i>J. Wannan, c. Anderson, b. P. Lawson</i>	3
<i>J.L. Wilson, b. P. Lawson</i>	0
<i>A. Chapman, b. J. Lawson</i>	1
<i>W. Bewick, b. J. Lawson</i>	0
<i>R. Buchanan, b. J. Lawson</i>	2
<i>E. Brown, not out</i>	0
<i>W. Chapman, b. J. Lawson</i>	1
<i>Extra</i>	1
Total	23

Falkland

<i>C.R. Drysdale, b. Low</i>	0
<i>T. Drysdale, run out</i>	6
<i>G. Baxter, c. Buchanan, b. Allan</i>	3
<i>P. Lawson, b. Allan</i>	0
<i>T.C. Schofield, b. Low</i>	7
<i>G. Anderson, b. Allan</i>	1
<i>R. Dryburgh, b. Low</i>	2
<i>R. Hopkins, c. J.E. Thomson, b. Low</i>	0
<i>H. Birrell, b. Allan</i>	6
<i>G. Finlay, b. Allan</i>	5
<i>J. Lawson, not out</i>	0
Total	30

Article in *The Fife News*: **Falkland Market and Games**

“Falkland annual market and games and children’s treat were held in the Myre, Falkland, on Saturday afternoon. Following the custom of previous years, the Band – Leslie Prize Band on this occasion – played throughout the principal streets of the

burgh. On returning to the Cross, where the children were assembled, the procession, headed by the band, adjourned to the Myre. There was a large gathering of spectators, and the weather, except for a slight shower of rain, was quite favourable. During the afternoon the band discoursed selections, and, at intervals, dancing displays were given by the Balmoral Troupe, the music being supplied by Piper J. Kay.

In all the events there were large entries and competition was very keen. The results were as follows:-

Local Events

Flat Race:

Girls (12 to 14 years) – 1. M. Bryce, 2. N. Bett, 3. M. King

Girls (10 to 12 years) – 1. D. Lawson, 2. M. Baxter, 3. J. Finlay.

Girls (8 to 10 years) – 1. G. Hopkins, 2. H. Riley, 3. M. Wilson.

Girls (6 to 8 years) – 1. R. Dall, 2. S. Duff, 3. J. Stark.

Girls (4 to 6 years) – 1. C. Mitchell, 2. B. Baldie, 3. J. Ferguson.

Boys (12 to 14 years) – 1. F. Drysdale, 2. J. Lawson, 3. J. Baxter.

Boys (10 to 12 years) – 1. J. Paterson, 2. Wm. Simpson, 3. J. Cowan.

Boys (8 to 10 years) – 1. J. Bett, 2. W. Speake, 3. G. Brown.

Boys (6 to 8 years) – 1. R. Dall, 2. D. Robertson, 3. A. Baldie.

Boys (4 to 6 years) – 1. J. Flockhart, 2. R. Nellies, 3. A. Munro.

Old Ladies (over 50 years) – 1. Mrs Duncan, 2. Mrs Quinn, 3. Mrs Baxter.

Married Ladies – 1. Mrs Abernethy, 2. Mrs Bett, 3. Mrs West.

Single Ladies – 1. Cathie Lawson, 2. J. Lawson, 3. J. Munn.

Old Men (over 50 years) – 1. J. Fernie, 2. J. Smith, 3. P. Shields.

100 Yards Handicap – 1. T. Carswell, 2. J. Anderson, 3. T. Shields.

Open Events

One Mile Flat Race – 1. McFarlane, 2. Drummond, 3. Laing.

Half-Mile Flat Race – 1. J. Smith, 2. W. Danskin, 3. W. Bell.

100 Yards Sprint – 1. Scott, 2. Seath, 3. Nicol.

Half-Mile Cycle Race – 1. A. Blake, 2. R. Thompson

220 Yards Sprint – 1. R. Craig (Coaltown of Balgonie), 2. E. Gordon (Auchtermuchty), 3. J. Anderson (Falkland)

2nd July 1927

Article in *The Fife News*: **Golf – Falkland Ladies Lose**

“The return match between Falkland and Auchtermuchty ladies was played over the Falkland course on Monday evening. The visitors proved the stronger side, winning all five games. Play was over 15 holes. Details:-

Falkland		Auchtermuchty	
Miss Drysdale	0	Miss Bell	1
Miss Venters	0	Mrs Caldwell	1
Miss Forsyth	0	Mrs White	1
Miss Nelson	0	Miss Lindsay	1
Miss Peggie	0	Miss Lindsay	1
	0		5

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket** – *“Falkland C.C. travelled to Dundee on Saturday to play Ward Foundry, but the match was cancelled as the downpour of rain showed no signs of slackening, and the members of the visiting team availed themselves to various pieces of entertainment during the time at their disposal.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **The Eclipse** – *“Many people foregathered on the slopes of the East Lomond on Wednesday morning, in the hope of witnessing the eclipse of the sun, but their hopes were doomed to disappointment. The sky was heavy and cloudy, and although a fleeting glimpse of the partially darkened sun was got, the sun did not break through till near mid-day.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Sunday School Excursions** – *“The U.F. Church Sunday School annual excursion was held on Saturday afternoon, when the*

children, along with parents and friends, journeyed by charabanc to Leven. Despite the inclemency of the weather, a very happy time was spent as the party were able to secure a place of shelter. Owing to the heavy downpour, the Parish Church children's outing had to be cancelled, much to the disappointment of the youngsters. The party was to have journeyed in corn carts to Chapel, Kingskettle."

9th July 1927

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

"At Dunnikier. The home team took first lease of the wicket. Coulter and Tainsh made a splendid start, and after the former was sent back, Tainsh continued for a merry 32, included in which were three sixes. The other eight batsmen made feeble resistance, and the last wicket fell at 67.

Falkland started shakily. C.R. Drysdale and Lawson were easily dismissed, but T. Drysdale and Baxter, followed by Hopkins, put on over 30 runs. The 'tail', however, refused to wag. The remainder of the side could only muster 16 between them, and when 12 runs short of the home total, the innings came to an end.

Bowling for Falkland, P. Lawson took five wickets for 31 runs, and Birrell four for 10. For Dunnikier, Kilpatrick had five for 16, Currie, two for 6, Coulter, two for 7, and Tainsh one for 21. Scores:-

Dunnikier

W.C. Coulter, c. and b. P. Lawson	12
W. Tainsh, b. Birrell	32
W. Currie, b. Birrell	5
H. Hutchison, c. Anderson, b. Birrell	5
W. Brown, st. Baxter, b. Birrell	1
J. Cuthbert, run out	1
D. Murray, not out	4
J. Hutchison, c. Hopkins, b. P. Lawson	4
W. Cooper, b. P. Lawson	0
G. Kilpatrick, b. P. Lawson	0

<i>Sinclair, b. P. Lawson</i>	0
<i>Extras</i>	3
Total	67

Falkland

<i>C.R. Drysdale, c. Sinclair, b. Kilpatrick</i>	0
<i>T. Drysdale, c. Kilpatrick, b. Tainsh</i>	12
<i>P. Lawson, b. Kilpatrick</i>	1
<i>G. Baxter, c. H. Hutchison, b. Coulter</i>	9
<i>R. Hopkins, b. Coulter</i>	12
<i>H. Birrell, b. Kilpatrick</i>	5
<i>T.C. Schofield, b. Currie</i>	2
<i>R. Dryburgh, b. Currie</i>	2
<i>G. Finlay, b. Kilpatrick</i>	0
<i>G. Anderson, not out</i>	3
<i>J. Lawson, c. and b. Kilpatrick</i>	4
<i>Extras</i>	5
Total	55

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “The ladies’ monthly medal competition was won by Miss H.S. Forsyth, with Miss J.M. Nelson runner-up.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Graduation** – “Miss Grace C.G. Bonthronne, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Bonthronne, Newton of Falkland, was capped M.A., at the graduation ceremony at Edinburgh University on Friday last week. Miss Bonthronne is proceeding to France next week to prosecute her studies there.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Drumhead Service** – “A drumhead service was held on the East Loan on Sunday afternoon, when there was a large congregation. The Girl Guides and Boy Scouts, and Rover Scout Pipe Band were in attendance. Rev. J.K. Russell, minister of the Parish Church, officiated.”

16th July 1927

Notification in *The Fife News*: **B.O.A.F.G. Lomond Oak Lodge NO. 387**

“Meeting of 21st July postponed owing to Trades Holidays. Half-Yearly meeting in Town Hall, Falkland, on 4th August, at 7.30 p.m. Fines for non-attendance.”

Notification in *The Fife News*: **Falkland Unionist Association**

“A Grand Cake & Candy Sale will be held in Falkland Palace Courtyard on Thursday, 21st July, at 2.30 p.m.

To be opened by Commander Cochrane, D.S.O., M.P.

Speaker – Allan Beatson Esq.

Cake and Candy Stall; Tea Stall; White Elephant Stall; Produce Stall; Clock Golf and various other Side Shows; Falkland Boy Scouts’ Pipe Band and Troupe of Dancers.

Chairman – Provost Hopkins.

All Cordially Invited. Admission by Silver Collection.”

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

“At Kennoway on Wednesday evening. Bowling for the homesters, Brown took six wickets for 20 runs, and Duncan four for 32. For Falkland, Lawson had three for 26, Drysdale, one for 4, and Coulter one for 26. Scores:-

Falkland

W.C. Coulter, c. D. Gillespie, b. Brown	10
D.D. Dewar, b. Brown	5
C.R. Drysdale, b. Brown	2

<i>J. Fleming, b. Duncan</i>	0
<i>P. Lawson, b. Brown</i>	10
<i>P. Robertson, b. Duncan</i>	17
<i>R. Hopkins, b. Duncan</i>	7
<i>A. Livingstone, c. J. Gillespie, b. Duncan</i>	0
<i>K. Beveridge, b. Brown</i>	1
<i>M. St Clair, b. Brown</i>	0
<i>G. Finlay, not out</i>	0
<i>Extras</i>	2
Total	54

Kennoway

<i>D.R. Duncan, b. Coulter</i>	11
<i>P. Gillespie, c. Fleming, b. Lawson</i>	28
<i>G. Honeyman, b. Lawson</i>	4
<i>A. Oliphant, c. Hopkins, b. Lawson</i>	7
<i>D. Brown, b. Drysdale</i>	12
<i>D. Gillespie, not out</i>	7
<i>J. Gillespie, not out</i>	3
<i>W. Armit, A. Rankine, J. Wilkinson</i> <i>and H. Wilkinson did not bat.</i>	
<i>Extra</i>	1
Total	73

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

“At Scroggie Park, Falkland, on Saturday afternoon. Winning the toss, the home team took first lease of the wicket. The first four batsmen were soon disposed of, but Lawson and Robertson made a firm stand. Both hit out merrily, and in his 25 ‘Peter’

had five boundaries. The remainder of the side made feeble response, and the innings closed at 59.

Markinch never adopted suitable tactics by which to reach the home total. The Falkland bowlers were certainly in deadly form, but the visitors did not attempt to force the pace. They gave a dispirited display, and took nearly an hour to collect their first ten runs. A.A. Morrison and Jack were the most profitable batsmen.

Bowling for Markinch, T. Morrison took three wickets for 10 runs; A.A. Morrison, three for 20; S. Campbell, two for 5; and A. Taylor, two for 23. For the homesters, Lawson had six wickets for 6 runs; Birrell, two for 6; Robertson, one for 4; and Hopkins, one for 7. Scores:-

Falkland

C.R. Drysdale, c. Gamba, b. Taylor	7
T. Drysdale, c. and b. A.A. Morrison	4
R. Hopkins, c. Taylor, b. A.A. Morrison	0
H. Birrell, c. and b. A.A. Morrison	6
P. Lawson, c. Campbell, b. T. Morrison	14
T.C. Schofield, c. F.T. Morrison, b. Taylor	0
P. Robertson, b. Campbell	25
R. Dryburgh, c. F.T. Morrison, b. T. Morrison	2
G. Finlay, c. Taylor, b. T. Morrison	0
G. Anderson, c. and b. Campbell	0
M. St Clair, not out	0
Extra	1
Total	59

Markinch

T. Morrison, c. T. Drysdale, b. Lawson	2
A.A. Morrison, c. St Clair, b. Lawson	9
J. Barclay, b. Birrell	0

<i>S. Campbell, c. St Clair, b. Birrell</i>	0
<i>A.G. Taylor, b. P. Lawson</i>	1
<i>F.T. Morrison, c. St Clair, b. P. Lawson</i>	0
<i>W. Gamba, c. C.R. Drysdale, b. P. Lawson</i>	0
<i>W. Hill, c. C.R. Drysdale, b. P. Lawson</i>	1
<i>G. Mackie, b. Hopkins</i>	0
<i>A. Jack, c. St Clair, b. Robertson</i>	8
<i>D. Watson, not out</i>	3
Total	24

Article in *The Fife News*: **Golf – Falkland Competition**

“Play in the Lathrisk Cup competition at Lathrisk reached a conclusion on Saturday. Mr Alex. Hopkins, with a score of 177 less 16 – 161, won the trophy, while the runner-up was Mr A. Wilson with 179 less 16 – 163. Play was over 36 holes.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Pulpit** – *“Mr George Pearce, of the London City Mission, occupied the Parish Church pulpit on Sunday morning, and delivered an interesting address on the work done by the Mission in the Metropolis.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Scouts’ Camp** – *“The local troop, under Scoutmaster Wallace, leave to-morrow (Saturday) for a week under canvas at KinCraig Farm, Kilconquhar.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Holidays** – *“The linen factory closed down on Thursday night and the floorcloth factory closes to-morrow (Saturday) for the summer vacation and will re-open on Monday morning, 25th inst.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Choir Trip** – *“The Parish Church choir drive was held on Saturday, when a party of about thirty left in the morning by charabanc for Crieff. Although rain fell at the outset, the weather cleared up as time went on, and the company spent an enjoyable day. The outward journey was made via Milnathort,*

Glendevon, and Gleneagles, while the homecoming was through Methven and Perth.”

Article in *The Fife News*: **Falkland School Sports**

“These sports were to have taken place on Thursday afternoon last week, but owing to the inclement weather, were postponed until the following morning. There was a large crowd of spectators, and Mr Nisbet, the headmaster, and his staff were ably assisted by many willing helpers. Competition was keen, and all the events were eagerly contested. Medals kindly gifted by Mr A. Shanks, Falkland Wood, for the girls and boys over 12 years of age scoring the highest number of points, were won by Jenny Finlay and John Baxter, with 13 and 12 points, respectively. Mr David Bonthron handed over the prizes to the various winners.

At the close of the sports, the children assembled in the school, when Rev. J.P. Batchelor presented books to the prize-winners for proficient work during the session just ended. The school then closed for five weeks’ summer holidays. The results of the sports were:-

Girls

Flat Race:

Over 12 – 1. Jenny Finlay, 2. Mary Bryce, 3. Mary Baxter.

Under 12 – 1. Georgina Lawson, 2. Nancy Bayne, 3. Bertha Fraser.

Under 10 – 1. Jenny Hopkins, 2. Mary Derrick, 3. Hetty Riley.

Under 8 – 1. Helen Abernethy, 2. Nellie Derrick, 3. Grace Mather.

Under 6 – 1. Margaret Laverock, 2. Effie Williamson, 3. Mary White.

Egg and Spoon Race:

Over 12 – 1. Jenny Finlay, 2. Mary Bryce, 3. Mary Baxter.

Under 12 – 1. Marjory Douglas, 2. Blanche Dryden, 3. Sarah Hardie.

Under 10 – 1. Margaret Wilson, 2. Hetty Riley, 3. Jenny Hopkins.

Thread and Needle Race:

Over 12 – 1. Jenny Finlay, 2. Nellie Bett, 3. Mary Bryce.

Under 12 – 1. Bertha Fraser, 2. Nancy Bayne, 3. Sarah Hardie.

Skipping Race:

Over 12 – 1. Jenny Finlay, 2. Mary Baxter, 3. E. Hendry.

Under 12 – 1. Georgina Lawson, 2. Sarah Hardie, 3. Blanche Dryden.

Under 10 – 1. Jenny Hopkins, 2. Mary Derrick, 3. Peggy Thomson.

High Jump:

Over 12 – 1. Kate Skinner, 2. Mary Bryce, 3. Jenny Finlay.

Under 12 – 1. Blanche Dryden, 2. Georgina Lawson, 3. Nancy Bayne.

Boys

Flat Race:

Over 12 – 1. John Baxter, 2. John Pearson, 3. Alex. Lawson.

Under 12 – 1. Harry Shanks, 2. Willie Simpson, 3. Douglas Oram.

Under 10 – 1. John White, 2. Stanley Hamilton, 3. George Brown.

Under 8 – 1. Tom Page, 2. John Flockhart, 3. David Robertson.

Under 6 – 1. Walter Thomson, 2. John Shanks, 3. Alex. Munro.

Three Legged Race:

Over 12 – 1. Robert Craig and Finlay Drysdale, 2. Thomas Grieve and David Hardie, 3. John Lawson and Robert Douglas.

Under 12 – 1. Douglas Oram and Harry Shanks, 2. Douglas Martin and Denholm Baxter, 3. Willie Speake and Kennedy Drysdale.

Under 10 – 1. Andrew Baldie and Robert Dall, 2. James Lewis and Tom Wallace, 3. Walter Davidson and Norman Martin.

Sack Race:

Over 12 – 1. Tom Grieve, 2. Robert Smith, 3. John Walker.

Under 12 – 1. Harry Shanks, 2. Denholm Baxter, 3. Peter Thomson.

High Jump:

Over 12 – 1. John Baxter, 2. Wm. White, 3. David Hardie, John Lawson, and Robert Smith (equal).

Under 12 – 1. Douglas Oram, 2. Harry Shanks, 3. James Munro.

Long Jump:

Over 12 – 1. John Baxter, 2. Robert Smith, 3. G. Fotheringham.

Under 12 – 1. Harry Shanks, 2. Wm. Simpson, 3. Douglas Oram.

Blindfold Race:

1. Robert Douglas, 2. John Baxter, 3. David Peebles.

220 Yards:

Over 12 – 1. John Baxter, 2. John Walker, 3. Robert Smith.



Pupils from Falkland School Circa 1927

Back Row: George Cation; Tom Collins; Tom Page; Willie McEwan; Unknown; John White; James Scott; Unknown; David Robertson; Nick Mitchell.

Second Row: John Flockhart; James Broman; Wm. Douglas; Unknown; David Mackie; George Robertson; Unknown; George Laing; Willie Hardie; John Shanks.

Third Row: Unknown; Grace Mather; Sarah Duff; Daisy Archibald; Anne Gibb; Anne Lewis; Unknown; Mary White; Betty Duff.

Front Row: Eddie Burgess; Unknown; Marion Dall; Janet Hepburn; Ellen Wallace; Willie Robertson.

23rd July 1927

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

“Falkland made a poor show at home on Saturday when Springfield were the visitors. The bowlers of both teams had the upper hand throughout, and scoring was low and slow. Bowling for Springfield, J. Lackie had four wickets for 24 runs, J. Garland three for 22, and W. Stewart three for 2. For Falkland, J. Lawson had three for 5, W.C. Coulter two for 14, P. Robertson, two for 6, and P. Lawson, one for 8. Scores:-

Falkland

<i>W.C. Coulter, c. C. Garland, b. Lackie</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>P. Gillespie, st. Dowie, b. Lackie</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>P. Robertson, c. C. Garland, b. Lackie</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>M. St Clair, c. J. Garland, b. Lackie</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>R. Hopkins, b. J. Garland</i>	<i>16</i>
<i>G. Baxter, c. Stewart, b. J. Garland</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>P. Lawson, c. Cameron, b. Stewart</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>T. Schofield, b. Stewart</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>G. Anderson, c. and b. Stewart</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>J. Lawson, not out</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>J. Dakers, c. Dowie, b. J. Garland</i>	<i>0</i>
Total	48

Springfield

<i>S. Cameron, b. J. Lawson</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>T. Arthur, b. Schofield</i>	<i>20</i>
<i>J. Lackie, b. J. Lawson</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>D. Porter, lbw., b. J. Lawson</i>	<i>0</i>

<i>J. Garland, b. Coulter</i>	14
<i>L. Dowie, b. P. Lawson</i>	1
<i>C. Garland, run out</i>	3
<i>W. Stewart, c. and b. Robertson</i>	4
<i>W. McDougal, not out</i>	3
<i>W. Glen, hit wicket</i>	1
<i>W. Denholm, b. Robertson</i>	0
<i>Extras</i>	11
Total	57

Article in *The Fife News*: **Unionists Meet at Falkland**

Major Lawson Opens Sale:

“At the historical palace of Falkland on Thursday, the local Unionist Association held a cake and candy stall on behalf of the funds of the Association. There was a large crowd at the opening ceremony, which was performed by Major A. Lawson of Annfield in the unavoidable absence of Commander the Hon. A.D. Cochrane, M.P. for East Fife, the company including many visitors to Falkland and district. Provost R. Hopkins presided, and introduced Mr Allan Beatson, Edinburgh, who gave a short address.

Provost Hopkins said he had to apologise for the absence of Commander Cochrane. In Parliament just now the Scottish estimates were being discussed, and that being so their member must of necessity be there. They had with them Mr Beatson, who had a reputation as an orator, which reputation in Scotland at any rate he gained at Leith, for he was the candidate there in the recent by-election.

Mr Beatson said that the Liberal party as a whole, and particularly its leader, Mr Lloyd George, and its new Chairman, Sir Herbert Samuel, had been talking a great deal in recent days of what they described as a revival in Liberalism throughout the country. They based that revival on the three recent by-elections – Leith, Southwark, and Bothwell. On these three rather nebulous victories, the leaders of the Liberal party had founded their assertion that there was a revival of Liberalism throughout the country, but to his mind nothing could be more unfounded. He said these things to them because he did not want them in East Fife to be entangled in the net that Mr Lloyd George was so ably spreading. It was a game, and there was no greater

adept at playing the game than Lloyd George. Actually in the country there was no sign of any such revival. He (Mr Beaton) wanted them seriously to think whether there was really in the Liberal party that strong stable bulwark in the shape of an alternative Government that it was absolutely necessary they should find unless the country was to be brought to degradation by a Socialist Government. In regard to the coal industry, he could not see how the Liberal party was in a position to do anything more than the Government had done already to assist in that important industry. As regards agriculture, the Liberal party's proposals were concerned entirely not with the real problems of the present moment, but with the system of land tenure in which no farmer was interested. (Hear, hear.)

The real problem with regard to agriculture was markets, and all those inquiries as to a system of land tenure did not touch the problem even in the most remote way. The agricultural population of this country, when they came to weigh up the relative merits, and the honesty of the Conservative party, would, he was sure, support such an honest attitude towards this problem rather than support the attitude of the Liberal party, with its cheap-jack-quack remedies which everybody knew could have no effect on the agricultural industry of this country. Socialism, at all costs, must be defeated, and that was impossible by mere negation. They must choose between the destructive ideas of socialism on the one hand, and the constructive progressive ideas of modern Conservatism on the other. (Applause.)

Major Lawson, Chairman of the East Fife Unionist Association, apologised for the absence of Commander Cochrane and his wife, who, he said, had done everything in his power to be there that afternoon, but there was a very important debate in the House of Commons the previous night affecting the herring industry and harbour grants, and in these the Commander had a very great interest. The only grain of comfort he could offer them was that the Commander had taken a house in East Fife, and would be there after Parliament rose, and next year he hoped to take another house for a few months in a different part of the county.

If they turned up the roll of the first Burgesses of Falkland in 1431, they would see the name of Lawson, while his father was born there in 1807, and as a boy was taken up to the top of the Lomond Hills to see the bonfires lit in connection with the Battle of Waterloo. His father's uncle was Town Clerk of Falkland for a record of 50 years.

Major Lawson appealed for increased lists of yearly subscriptions even of small amounts, and pointed out that they had secured the services of an excellent woman organiser, Miss John, who would take up duty at the end of September. He was confident she was the right woman in the right place. In the years between elections, it was difficult to keep up interest in political matters, and he was glad to see such an attendance there that afternoon. They were now up against a very dangerous foe in the Socialist party, whose active members were working beside working men instilling their poison.

He was not telling any secrets when he stated that Commander Cochrane had been able to secure very great advantages for a certain part of the constituency where some matters had been overlooked. He asked them to give three cheers for Mrs Maule Ramsay and her husband for granting them the use of Falkland Palace for that afternoon.

The function was held in the spacious courtyard, which is bounded on two sides by the Palace, and on the remaining sides by luxurious trees. The stalls were under the care of the following:-

Cake and Candy – Mrs D. Bonthron, Newton of Falkland; Miss Sturrock, Chancefield; and Miss Lindsay, Bank House, Newton of Falkland.

Produce – Mrs Cowan, Gowrie Cottage; Mrs Sturrock, Chancefield; and Mrs Morgan, Kilgour.

Lemonade – Miss B. Douglas, Falkland; Miss J. Douglas, Falkland; and Miss J. Lawson, Falkland.

Teas – Miss Ness, Falkland; Miss Hepburn, Falkland; Mrs Douglas, Falkland; and assistants.

White Elephant Stall – Miss Gavin, The Palace.

There were humerous side shows which were under the care of members of the local companies of Girl Guides and Boy Scouts. A troupe of dancers added to the entertainment. Owing to the rain, the majority of the stalls had to be removed into the corridor of the Palace.”

30th July 1927

Article in *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Cupar 2nd XI v Falkland**

“At Cupar on Saturday. Bowling for Cupar, Smart had three for 35, J. Downie, one for 12, and C.T. Barclay, one for 26. For Falkland, P. Lawson had six for 11, and J. Lawson, three for 22. Scores:-

Falkland

<i>G. Baxter, b. Downie</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>P. Lawson, b. Smart</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>R. Hopkins, b. Smart</i>	<i>14</i>

<i>T. Schofield, b. Barclay</i>	28
<i>M. St Clair, lbw., b. Smart</i>	0
<i>G. Anderson, b. Hastie</i>	11
<i>G. Bonthron, b. Hastie</i>	1
<i>S. Drysdale, not out</i>	2
<i>J. Lawson, b. Hastie</i>	0
<i>J. Dakers, b. Hastie</i>	2
<i>W. Stark, c. and b. Hastie</i>	0
<i>Extras</i>	6
Total	79

Cupar 2nd XI

<i>A.E. Edmond, run out</i>	1
<i>T. Barclay, b. P. Lawson</i>	5
<i>D. Hastie, c. and b. J. Lawson</i>	5
<i>A. Paterson, c. Baxter, b. P. Lawson</i>	0
<i>J. Wilson, b. J. Lawson</i>	4
<i>J. Smart, c. Schofield, b. P. Lawson</i>	0
<i>S. Thomson, b. J. Lawson</i>	5
<i>R. Anderson, c. Schofield, b. P. Lawson</i>	1
<i>J. Downie, c. St Clair, b. P. Lawson</i>	8
<i>W.G. Kyle, b. P. Lawson</i>	1
<i>W. Heggie, not out</i>	3
Total	33

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Service** – “Dr Just, St Andrews, conducted the morning service in the Parish Church on Sunday, in the absence of Rev. J.K. Russell, who is on holiday. Dr Just is to occupy the pulpit again to-morrow.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Work** – “Work was resumed in the linen and floorcloth factories on Monday morning, after a week’s vacation.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cake and Candy** – “The drawings at the cake and candy sale and fete in Falkland Palace grounds last week amounted to £35.”

6th August 1927

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

“Played on the Public Park, Thornton, on Thursday last week, on a soft wicket. Bowling for Thornton, A. Wilson had six wickets for 14 runs, T. Ross three for 16, and W. Jackson one for 0; while for Falkland, P. Lawson had five for 3, J. Lawson two for 7, and H. Birrell three for 4. Scores:-

Falkland

<i>P. Lawson, c. Wilson, b. Ross</i>	1
<i>G. Baxter, b. Wilson</i>	1
<i>H. Birrell, b. Wilson</i>	5
<i>J. Schofield, b. Wilson</i>	5
<i>J. Finlay, c. Kidd, b. Wilson</i>	2
<i>A. Cowan, c. Seath, b. Wilson</i>	0
<i>J. Lawson, b. Ross</i>	11
<i>J. Dakers, b. Ross</i>	1
<i>G. Walker, b. Jackson</i>	3
<i>J. Hutton, not out</i>	0
<i>P. Robertson, b. Wilson</i>	1

Extra	1
Total	31

Thornton

J. Jackson, b. J. Lawson	2
J. Greig, b. P. Lawson	4
T. Ross, c. Cowan, b. J. Lawson	0
A. Wilson, c. and b. P. Lawson	1
A. Black, b. Birrell	2
T. McDonald, c. Robertson, b. P. Lawson	0
B. Seath, b. P. Lawson	0
J. Douglas, b. Birrell	4
W. Kidd, c. Cowan, b. P. Lawson	1
L. Munro, c. and b. P. Lawson	0
R. Main, not out	0
Extras	3
Total	17

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket** – “Owing to the inability of Courier (Dundee) to raise a team, Falkland C.C. were without a match on Saturday.”

13th August 1927

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

“Ward Foundry (Dundee) were to have visited Falkland on Saturday afternoon, but were unable to raise a team, and the fixture was consequently cancelled. To fill the vacancy, a side was got together from the employees in the Floorcloth Works, and a pleasant game ensued. Bowling for the Floorcloth XI, P. Lawson took five wickets

for 13 runs, and J. Lawson four for 27. For Falkland, H. Birrell was the best bowler, having three for 29. Scores:-

Falkland

<i>R. Dryburgh, b. J. Lawson</i>	4
<i>H. Birrell, b. P. Lawson</i>	8
<i>F. James, b. J. Lawson</i>	0
<i>R.S. Drysdale, b. J. Lawson</i>	4
<i>J. Skinner, b. P. Lawson</i>	0
<i>C.R. Drysdale, b. P. Lawson</i>	11
<i>R. Hopkins, c. P. Lawson, b. J. Lawson</i>	10
<i>J. Morgan, b. P. Lawson</i>	1
<i>G. Anderson, not out</i>	5
<i>G. Finlay, b. McBain</i>	12
<i>W. Stark, c. G. Stark, b. P. Lawson</i>	4
<i>Extras</i>	9
Total	68

Floorcloth XI

<i>T. Lister, c. C. Drysdale, b. Hopkins</i>	5
<i>D. Smart, b. Birrell</i>	20
<i>G. Baxter, run out</i>	29
<i>P. Lawson, b. Birrell</i>	44
<i>J. Lawson, b. Finlay</i>	5
<i>A. Cowan, b. Finlay</i>	1
<i>G. Stark, run out</i>	2
<i>G. Richfield, b. Birrell</i>	1
<i>J. Dakers, b. Birrell</i>	0

<i>C. Oram, b. Finlay</i>	0
<i>D. McBain, not out</i>	0
<i>Extras</i>	3
Total	110

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

“These teams met at Falkland on Thursday last week. Bowling for Falkland, Birrell had one for 4, Lawson five for 6, Robertson one for 4, and Finlay one for 0. For Thornton, Keddie had five for 20, and Bunyan four for 34. Scores:-

Thornton

<i>A. Bunyan, b. J. Lawson</i>	0
<i>W. Jackson, b. Lawson</i>	6
<i>J. Douglas, c. Baxter, b. Birrell</i>	0
<i>G. Campbell, b. Lawson</i>	2
<i>E. Brown, run out</i>	1
<i>J. Williamson, c. and b. Robertson</i>	1
<i>T. Ross, run out</i>	3
<i>J. Keddie, b. J. Lawson</i>	1
<i>J. Graham, b. J. Lawson</i>	0
<i>A. Watson, not out</i>	1
<i>J. Patterson, b. Finlay</i>	0
<i>Extras</i>	7
Total	22

Falkland

<i>G. Finlay, c. Ross, b. Bunyan</i>	1
<i>R. Dryburgh, run out</i>	9

<i>H. Birrell, b. Bunyan</i>	0
<i>G. Baxter, c. Williamson, b. Bunyan</i>	22
<i>J. Lawson, b. Keddie</i>	10
<i>T. Lister, c. Graham, b. Keddie</i>	1
<i>G. Anderson, c. Patterson, b. Bunyan</i>	1
<i>C. Drysdale, c. Douglas, b. Bunyan</i>	0
<i>J. Weekers, b. Keddie</i>	1
<i>P. Lawson, not out</i>	9
<i>R. Robertson, c. Graham, b. Keddie</i>	1
<i>Extra</i>	1
Total	56

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Services** – “Rev. James Bell, Auchtermuchty, conducted both morning and afternoon services in the U.F. Church on Sunday.”

20th August 1927

Article in *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Cupar 2nd XI v Falkland**

“Cupar 2nd XI travelled to Falkland on Saturday to fulfil their return fixture with the local eleven. They were strengthened by the inclusion of R.N. Cranston, D.M. Craig, and C.C. Edmond. Falkland’s skipper, winning the toss, batted first on a very soft wicket, sending in C.R. Drysdale and G. Baxter to face the bowling of D.M. Craig and D. Dalrymple. Craig started off well, bowling G. Baxter third ball, and having T. Schofield caught by A.J. Edmond at point next ball – two for 1 run. P. Lawson, next man, played away cautiously, then Craig got C.R. Drysdale caught by C.C. Edmond at mid on – three for 14, quite a good start for the visitors. R. Hopkins now joined P. Lawson and the big hitting commenced. He hit Dalrymple for three boundaries before he fell to a grand catch in the outfield by D. Hastie, Cupar’s skipper. With the score at 30, C.C. Edmond was called upon to relieve Dalrymple of the bowling. P. Lawson, after adding another two boundaries, was caught by Cranston at the wickets. P. Robertson, next man in, was well held by A.J. Edmond with one hand at point off his brother’s bowling. The remaining batsmen did not hinder long, being all

got rid of by D.M. Craig, who bowled excellently throughout the innings. He had the splendid analysis of eight wickets for 19 runs. Falkland's total was 59 runs.

Cupar 2nd XI commenced their innings with A.J. Edmond and S. Thomson. The opening was disastrous, Edmond being caught at point, first ball, off P. Lawson's bowling. R.S. Cranston, next man in, helped to liven things up. S. Thomson, after hitting a good four, and a brace, was bowled for 6. D. Hastie, the skipper, did not break his duck, being caught at point. Three wickets down for 19 was a bad start, but worse was to follow, as D.M. Craig and R.S. Cranston left with the score at 20. L. Rollo, next to the crease, helped to improve matters for the visitors. A. Patterson, however, did not stay long, being caught for a duck. C.C. Edmond joined Rollo, who hit three grand boundaries, but in trying to secure another, he was clean bowled for a well played 13 runs, and was top scorer for Cupar. D. Dalrymple, who followed, was caught before opening his account. J. Wilson, next helped Edmond to pinch a good few short 'uns', but in attempting an extra short run, 'C.C.' was run out. C.B.C Brown, the 2nd XI's last hope stuck it well for a few overs, and was well caught close in. Cupar's total only amounted to 50 runs. Scores:-

Falkland

C.R. Drysdale, c. C. Edmond, b. Craig	6
G. Baxter, b. Craig	0
T. Schofield, c. A. Edmond, b. Craig	0
P. Lawson, c. Cranston, b. Craig	24
R. Hopkins, c. Hastie, b. Dalrymple	13
P. Robertson, c. A. Edmond, b. C. Edmond	1
H. Birrell, b. Craig	7
G. Finlay, not out	4
G. Anderson, c. Rollo, b. Craig	0
J. Lawson, b. Craig	0
J. Dakers, c. Dalrymple, b. Craig	1
Extras	3
Total	59

Cupar 2nd XI

<i>A.E. Edmond, c. Hopkins, b. P. Lawson</i>	0
<i>S. Thomson, b. P. Lawson</i>	6
<i>R.S. Cranston, c. J. Lawson, b. P. Lawson</i>	12
<i>D. Hastie, c. Hopkins, b. P. Lawson</i>	0
<i>D.M. Craig, c. Schofield, b. J. Lawson</i>	1
<i>L. Rollo, b. P. Lawson</i>	13
<i>A. Paterson, c. J. Lawson, b. P. Lawson</i>	0
<i>C.C. Edmond, run out</i>	5
<i>D. Dalrymple, c. Robertson, b. Birrell</i>	0
<i>J. Wilson, not out</i>	9
<i>C.B.C. Brown, c. Anderson, b. P. Lawson</i>	0
<i>Extras</i>	4
Total	50

Bowling Analysis:

Cupar 2nd XI	O	M	R	W
<i>D.M. Craig</i>	10.3	1	19	8
<i>D. Dalrymple</i>	5	0	22	1
<i>C.C. Edmond</i>	5	1	15	1
Falkland				
<i>P. Lawson</i>	10	3	21	7
<i>J. Lawson</i>	4	0	15	1
<i>H. Birrell</i>	6	0	10	1

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket** – “On Saturday, the Falkland Boy Scouts team added another victory to their already unbroken list. They met the Freuchie team at the Myre, and put the latter out for 16 runs, while the local lads scored 57. Bowling for the home side, Finlay Drysdale took five wickets for 4 runs.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Rain** – “With the heavy rain of Sunday, several houses at Balmblae were threatened with flooding, the burn rising so high. Rain water also rushed down the road from the other side, and many of the householders had an anxious time.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **‘The Twelfth’ on the Lomonds** – “Reports from the Lomond Hills show that birds are in excellent condition. Coveys, however, are not so large, as in some past years. Good sport was got by Captain Maule Ramsay, House of Falkland, and Major Spencer, on the East Lomond Hill. On the West Lomond, Mr A.N. Thomson, Wester Upper Urquhart, Strathmiglo, who had with him Mr James Guild, Perth; Mr John Cargill, Dundee; Mr George Bonthron, Auchtermuchty; and Mr John Thomson, Strathmiglo, had 15 braces of grouse, a few rabbits, and some snipe.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Sewage Difficulties** – “Improvements in housing facilities at Balmblae are retarded by the low value of the property, according to Mr M. Gorrie, sanitary inspector to Cupar District Committee, who states in his annual report of the Falkland Special Water District:

Balmblae – In this district, the supply is obtained from the Burgh of Falkland Scheme, which is an abundant one. The supply to inhabitants is mostly by pillar wells. The property in this particular area is not of a very high value, and consequently progress and improvements to secure better housing facilities is much retarded. A water-course or mill lade, which passes down through the village, frequently becomes offensive through householders depositing refuse and slop water therein, through want of a proper sewer. The provision of a sewer connected up to the town’s sewerage scheme is feasible, but I understand financial and other difficulties stand in the way of consummation of this proposal meantime.”

27th August 1927

Article in *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Falkland v Ellanby (Dundee)**

“The weather was very disagreeable when the above teams met at Falkland on Saturday. The visitors won the toss, and batted first on a wet wicket. Buckenham was dismissed in the first over, and Miller and Robertson soon followed. Paterson and Finlay, however, batted well, and put a different complexion on matters. The remaining batsmen, with the exception of Wishart (10), gave little support, and the innings closed at 55.

Drysdale and Lawson opened for the homesters, but neither gave much trouble. Hopkins and Baxter were the pair who won the match for Falkland. Both opened their shoulders without hesitation, and the visitors total was passed in a very short time. After these two had been sent back, Robertson and Schofield carried on splendidly, 'Peter' treating the spectators to some of his old time hitting. With the score at 97 for four wickets, the Falkland skipper called a halt.

Bowling for Falkland, J. Lawson took three wickets for 16 runs, P. Lawson three for 20, and Birrell two for 15. For Ellanby, Buckingham had three for 33. Scores:-

Ellanby

<i>E.C. Buckingham, c. C. Drysdale, b. P. Lawson</i>	0
<i>N.K. Millar, c. Skinner, b. P. Lawson</i>	3
<i>W. Robertson, run out</i>	5
<i>R. Paterson, c. Robertson, b. J. Lawson</i>	12
<i>F.E. Finlay, b. Birrell</i>	13
<i>D.N. Brown, run out</i>	2
<i>R.T. Stewart, b. P. Lawson</i>	6
<i>A.E. Lindsay, b. J. Lawson</i>	0
<i>A.R. Scott, b. J. Lawson</i>	0
<i>T.J. Wishart, c. and b. Birrell</i>	10
<i>J. Adam, not out</i>	0
<i>Extras</i>	4
Total	55

Falkland

<i>C.R. Drysdale, b. Buckingham</i>	6
<i>P. Lawson, b. Scott</i>	9
<i>R. Hopkins, c. Wishart, b. Buckingham</i>	33
<i>G. Baxter, c. Brown, b. Buckingham</i>	23
<i>P. Robertson, not out</i>	19

<i>T.C. Schofield, not out</i>	6
<i>H. Birrell, G. Finlay, G. Anderson, J. Lawson and J. Skinner did not bat.</i>	
<i>Extra</i>	1
Total for 4 wkts	97

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “Miss H.S. Forsyth won the ladies’ monthly medal competition on Friday evening. Miss Jean Venters was runner-up.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Outbreak of Fire** – “An outbreak of fire was discovered on Monday, about 11 p.m., in the turning mill at Millyard, Falkland, occupied by Mr David Galloway. Some passers-by saw the flames, and raised the alarm. Cupar Fire Brigade was summoned, and the local people threw buckets of water with such good effect that the flames were almost extinguished when the Fire Brigade, under Firemaster D. MacDonald, arrived. It was estimated that the damage done amounted to about £50.”

3rd September 1927

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

“The return game between these teams was played at Falkland on Saturday afternoon. The visitors made no bones about the fact that they were out to wipe off their previous defeat; but again, on this occasion, they found the home team too good for them. There was a strong west wind blowing, but the weather was fine and sunny. D.H. and R.G. Thomson opened against the bowling of P. and J. Lawson. The former bowler had the aid of the wind, and sent them down very fast. In his second over he bowled D.H. Thomson, and in the next got Allan taken in the slips. Low was also caught by T. Drysdale, and a good length ball disposed of Wannan. Wilson was really the only batsman to give any trouble, and his 16 were well compiled. Lawson made short work of the remainder, and the innings closed at 41.

The brothers Drysdale opened for the homesters, and both got runs easily. T. Drysdale was bowled in attempting to drive Low, while his brother fell to a good length one from Allan. Baxter laid about him with freedom, but Hopkins was caught and bowled after hitting a boundary. Robertson was beaten by Low in attempting to strive for the winning hit. P. Lawson, who followed, played a splendid innings. He

treated the bowling with scant respect, and with able assistance from J. Lawson and Finlay, the score went up by leaps and bounds. The last wicket fell with a total of 91. P. Lawson was really the 'star' turn, he having eight wickets for 12 runs, and afterwards contributing 35. Also for the homesters, Birrell had one for 4, J. Lawson one for 18. For Stratheden, Low took six for 42, Allan three for 36, and D.H. Thomson one for 12. Scores:-

Stratheden

<i>D.H. Thomson, b. P. Lawson</i>	2
<i>R.G. Thomson, b. P. Lawson</i>	8
<i>J.S. Allan, c. T. Drysdale, b. P. Lawson</i>	0
<i>W. Low, c. T. Drysdale, b. J. Lawson</i>	0
<i>J. Wannan, b. Birrell</i>	5
<i>J.L. Wilson, c. Baxter, b. P. Lawson</i>	16
<i>W. Bewick, b. P. Lawson</i>	2
<i>A. Chapman, not out</i>	5
<i>R. Buchanan, b. P. Lawson</i>	0
<i>E. Brown, c. T. Drysdale, b. P. Lawson</i>	1
<i>W. Chapman, b. P. Lawson</i>	0
<i>Extras</i>	2
Total	41

Falkland

<i>C.R. Drysdale, b. Allan</i>	7
<i>T. Drysdale, b. Low</i>	10
<i>G. Baxter, b. Low</i>	13
<i>R. Hopkins, c. and b. Allan</i>	4
<i>P. Robertson, b. Low</i>	4
<i>P. Lawson, b. D.H. Thomson</i>	35

<i>R. Dryburgh, c. Allan, b. Low</i>	0
<i>H. Birrell, b. Low</i>	2
<i>J. Lawson, b. Allan</i>	7
<i>G. Finlay, b. Low</i>	7
<i>G. Anderson, not out</i>	1
<i>Extra</i>	1
Total	91

Article in *The Fife News*: ***The Falkland-Stratheden Cricket Match (by one of the Scribes)***

“Behold, there came word unto Falkland by the hand of the King’s Messenger, that which was written by the scribe of the cricket tribe of Miglonians, the same whose camp is by the river which is called Miglo (and after it is called Eden), saying, ‘We, the Miglonians, will come unto thy camp, even unto Scroggie, on the twenty and seventh day of the eighth month (the same being the seventh day of the week), to strive against thee, yea to vie with thy tribe, even with bat and ball shall we come, as it was arranged in the beginning.

Therefore, I counsel thee, pray that no rain fall upon the earth on that day Selah. And it came to pass, that when the twenty and seventh day of the eighth month had come (the same being the seventh day of the week), behold, the Miglonians arose, and girt they on white raiment, and came in a fiery chariot, yea even to Scroggie, the camp. And there was with them also many who came up to see the tribes strive, even with bat and ball, and behold there were women among them also.

Now the Chief Scribe, who is in the chief city of that region, even Cupar (where abideth the judges and lawyers, the scribes, and tax-collectors), spake unto me, saying, ‘Lo, it hath come to my knowledge that the Miglonians will this day go up, yea even to Scroggie, which is in Falkland, by the Mount called Lomond, to strive against the cricket tribe thereof. Get thee out, therefore, unto this place, and write what thine eyes shall see, and whatever thine ears shall hear, and when thou hast made an end, come again unto me.’

Therefore departed I from his presence, and entering into my fiery chariot, I and my shuvver, behold we came to the Inn, which is in Falkland, by the Mount Lomond. Therefore when I had come down, I commanded my shuvver, saying, ‘Tarry here till I

come again, moreover enter thou not into the Inn, or peradventure thou may steer zig-zag in the way.’ Then went I on foot even unto Scroggie, the camp.

Now there were many there, men and woman, and youths and maidens also, and the wickets were pitched in the midst of the camp. And I looked, and beheld there were many whom I know. Now, therefore, beheld I.R.R.O., the scribe of the Miglonians, a man of mighty stature (across), and there was there also another scribe from that region; a tailor, also, who is known abroad in Cupar and the region round about, who aforetime wore white raiment, and was of the cricket tribe.

Then, came together D.H. (the captain of the Miglonians), of the tribe of the Thomsons, and P.L., the captain of Falkland. And one cast a coin of the realm on high, and the other named the superscription, ere even it fell upon the earth. Now therefore went out two of the Miglonians to bat, and the men of Falkland compassed them round about. And there went out two judges also, and one was the scribe that was with the Miglonians. Then cast I mine eyes round the borders of the camp, and I espied one, John, a Miglonian, who had come up in his chariot, and behold he sat beneath an oak.

Now when the game had begun, behold Peter, whose surname is Lawson (he hath no dealings with J.B. of that tribe) bowled, which being interpreted meaneth he cast the ball; and behold he capsized many wickets, yea he bowled cunningly so that none of the Miglonians could stand against him and prevail. And it came to pass that when the Miglonians had made an end of coming out to the wickets, behold they had made two score and three, and J.E. of the tribe of the Thomsons, a mighty swiper, was not with them. Then said I unto a youth, ‘How cometh it that J.E. is not here in the camp? And he answered, saying, ‘Behold, he hath gone to a far country, even unto the coasts of Spain and Portugal’.

Then went out the Miglonians to compass the men of Falkland round about, even as the latter had done unto them. Two of the tribe of the Drysdale went then out, and Allan and William, whose surname is Low (he is not the grocer of that name), cast the ball at them but behold they were not afraid. Therefore swiped they the ball even unto the borders of the camp with great swipes, and the people (of Falkland), who sat beneath the trees, cried with a loud voice, for they were glad. And it came to pass that the men of Falkland prevailed, for there were few who swiped not greatly, Hopkins (who is no relation to the Governor of that place), and Lawson, and the other Peter (he is not the painter, but selleth the meat of oxen and sheep), and when they had made an end, behold they were four score and eleven.

Tell it not in Springfield, publish it not in Cupar, for wherefore is he that can say ‘This, and this also did the men of Falkland aforetime unto the Miglonians? And all the people departed from the camp, and the cricketers also; for the cricket season is far spent, and the football is being kicked abroad in the land, and moreover the morrow was the Sabbath. And behold, as I went unto my chariot at the Inn, I saw John, and

with him was another called John also; and they sat in the chariot of the first, and went unto the West, but went I to the East, even unto Cupar.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Pulpit** – “*Rev. Mr Scanlan, the recently inducted minister at Strathmiglo, occupied the Parish Church pulpit on Sunday morning.*”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Subscriptions** – “*The annual subscriptions taken at the linen and floorcloth factories in aid of Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, amounted to £4 14s and £4, respectively.*”

10th September 1927

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

“Falkland completed its season’s programme in meeting Dunnikier at home on Saturday. The ball beat the bat all through, but the local team managed to secure a narrow victory. Bowling for Dunnikier, Bain took five wickets for 20 runs, Currie four for 10, and Stewart one for 14. For Falkland, P. Lawson had six for 28, Birrell two for 6, and J. Lawson one for 6. Scores:-

Falkland

<i>G. Baxter, c. Cuthbert, b. Stewart</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>P. Lawson, c. Brown, b. Currie</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>T. Drysdale, b. Currie</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>R. Hopkins, b. Currie</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>W.C. Coulter, lbw., b. Bain</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>P. Robertson, c. Stewart, b. Bain</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>H. Birrell, c. Campbell, b. Bain</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>T.C. Schofield, c. and b. Bain</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>J. Lawson, c. and b. Bain</i>	<i>0</i>

<i>G. Finlay, c. Brown, b. Currie</i>	1
<i>G. Anderson, not out</i>	2
<i>Extras</i>	3
Total	48

Dunnikier

<i>D. Fisher, c. Drysdale, b. P. Lawson</i>	0
<i>R. Campbell, b. P. Lawson</i>	0
<i>J. Heggie, run out</i>	0
<i>T. Stewart, c. Schofield, b. P. Lawson</i>	7
<i>H. Hutchison, c. Finlay, b. P. Lawson</i>	6
<i>J.C. Bain, c. P. Lawson, b. J. Lawson</i>	17
<i>W. Currie, c. Anderson, b. P. Lawson</i>	3
<i>D. Murray, not out</i>	6
<i>J. Cuthbert, b. Birrell</i>	0
<i>W. Brown, b. Birrell</i>	0
<i>N. Aitken, c. Birrell b. P. Lawson</i>	1
Total	40

Extract from *The Fife News* – **Harvest** – “Harvesting operations are now in full swing, and crops are reported to be very good.”

Extract from *The Fife News* – **Service** – “Mr Alexander Calder, of Portobello, conducted the services in the U.F. Church on Sunday.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Marriage – Joss-Finlay** – “At the Liquorstane Temperance Hotel, Falkland, on 2nd September, by the Rev. J.K. Russell, assisted

by the Rev. J.H. Bryden, David Alexander, youngest surviving son of Mr and Mrs Joss, Henderson Place, Markinch, to Alexandra, fourth daughter of Mr and Mrs Finlay, Lomond View, Falkland.”



Liquorstone Temperance Hotel, Falkland (circa 1920's)

17th September 1927

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Residence** – “Hon. Mrs A. Maule Ramsay and family will be in residence at Falkland House until about the end of the month. Captain Ramsay was there during the week-end.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Dance** – “Under the auspices of the Pipe Band, a dance was held in the Drill Hall on Friday night, when there was a fair attendance. Music was supplied by the Balmoral Orchestra.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **On Holiday** – “Mr Alex. Bonthron, elder son of Mr David Bonthron, Newton of Falkland, is at present home on holiday from London. He and his brother, Mr Gaston, have commenced training for the Rugby season, and will be playing with the London Scottish teams this winter.”

Article in *The Fife News*: **Death of Falkland Native at Ely**

“The death has taken place at The Lomonds, Ely, Cambridgeshire, of Mr Henry Downie, in his 78th year. A son of the late Mr and Mrs Henry Downie, Falkland, Mr Downie had an interesting career. At the age of 14, he entered a branch of the City of Glasgow Bank, and after eight years there, was transferred to the head office in Glasgow. Following the failure of the bank, Mr Downie, who in 1874 married Miss Elizabeth Wallace, of Falkland, by whom he had two sons, Mr Henry Downie, a partner in his father’s business, and Mr Andrew Downie, who, at the age of 19, passed away in London in 1899, following an illness, came to Ely to reside.”

Article in *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Lawson Leads at Falkland**

“During the season just finished, Falkland played 22 matches, of which 13 were won and 8 lost, the other being abandoned. 1,394 runs were registered for the loss of 200 wickets, at an average of 6.97 per wicket, against opponents’ 1,216 runs for 196 wickets, an average of 6.20 per wicket. The individual averages are as follows:-

BATTING	Innings	Times Not Out	Total Runs	Highest Score	Average
P. Lawson	20	1	272	98	14.32
R. Hopkins	16	-	161	33	10.06
P. Robertson	13	1	87	25	7.25
G. Baxter	16	-	120	23	7.50
C.R. Drysdale	16	-	100	18	6.25
T. Drysdale	12	1	66	12	6.00
R. Dryburgh	10	-	51	15	5.1
T.C. Schofield	16	1	75	28	5.0

BOWLING	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
P. Lawson	228	96	375	84	4.46
J. Lawson	114.5	40	176	37	4.76
H. Birrell	108	33	223	28	7.96

24th September 1927

Intimation in *The Fife News*: **Parish of Falkland**

“A MEETING of the HERITORS will be held in the TOWN HALL, FALKLAND, on MONDAY, 17th October 1927, at 12 o’clock Noon – to receive reports of Committee and Architect on remits at former meetings, and to transact other competent business.

ALEX. ANDERSON, Clerk to the Heritors.

Falkland, 22nd September 1927.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Heather Day** – *“Heather Day, in aid of the Scottish Children’s League of Pity, was held here on Saturday. The arrangements were in the hands of Mrs Nisbet, Schoolhouse, and the following were the collectors:-*

Agnes Brown and Mary Baxter, Mary Wilson and Annie Wilson, Peggy Hopkins and Kate Skinner, Mary Mather and Cathy Skinner, Betty Bryce and Nellie Bett, Bertha Fraser and Lizzie Hendry.

The sum of £5 5s 10d was realised.”

1st October 1927

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Notable Visitors** – *“During the week there have been several notable people at Falkland House as guests of Captain and Hon. Mrs Maule Ramsay. Among them were Lady Jean and Lady Mary Crichton-Stuart, Lord and Lady Maud Carnegie, and the Earl of Dumfries.”*

8th October 1927

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Pulpits** – *“Rev. J.K. Russell, Parish Church, and Rev. J.P. Batchelor, U.F. Church, exchanged pulpits on Sunday morning.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Autumn Holiday** – “Monday was observed as the annual autumn holiday. The Public School and various places of business were closed for the day, and the splendid weather prompted many of the townsfolk to avail themselves of the cheap travelling facilities offered by the Railway Company.”



Falkland Road Railway Station

15th October 1927

Extract from *The Fife News* – **Hon. Mrs Maule Ramsay** – “The Hon. Mrs Maule Ramsay and family left Falkland House on Saturday for London.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “The annual competition for the ladies’ rose bowl was held on Saturday afternoon. Miss Jean Nelson, with a score of 120 less 10 – 110, was the winner of the trophy, while Miss Jean Venters and Miss Jenny Drysdale were runners-up, each having 122 less 6 – 116. Play was over 18 holes.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Parish Church** – “The Parish Church Sunday School and communicants’ class enrolments were taken on Sunday, and the first of the winter evening services was held. Rev. J.K. Russell is to give a series of addresses on ‘Women of the Bible.’”

22nd October 1927

Extract from *The Fife News*: **School** – “The Public School closed on Friday afternoon for a three weeks’ potato lifting vacation.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Funeral and Deposit Society** – “The annual meeting was held in the Town Hall on Saturday evening. Death claims and expenses cause a levy of 2s per member and 1s per half member.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Churches** – “On Sunday, the morning service in the Parish Church and the afternoon service in the U.F. Church were conducted by the Rev. R.A. Frank Knight, Secretary of the National Bible Society of Scotland. He gave interesting accounts of the work carried on in various parts of the world by the Organisation.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Rates** – “The total rates for the burgh of Falkland amount to 10s 4d in the £1, of which occupiers have to pay 5s 9 ½ d and owners 4s 6 ½ d. The various rates are as follows:-

Town Council, lunacy, registration, etc., 4d on each.

Roads, streets, etc., 1s 3d on each.

Public health, 2 ½ d on each.

Water, 1 ½ d on each.

Sewers, 6 ½ d on each.

Burgh general, 1s 3d on occupiers.

A total of 2s 5 ½ d on owners and 3s 8 ½ d on occupiers.

Education Authority, 1s 6 ¾ d on each.

Parish Council – Poor, 6d on each; Burial Ground, ¼ d on each.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Whist Drive** – “Under the auspices of the local Cricket Club, a very successful whist drive was held in the Drill Hall on Friday night. Twenty

tables were occupied, and Mr C.R. Drysdale acted as timekeeper. The prize-winners were:-

Ladies – 1. Miss M.S. Thomson, Strathmiglo – 194; 2. Miss Margaret Lawson – 193; consolation – Miss E. Anderson; travelling prize – Mrs Duncan.

Gentlemen – 1. Mr C.R. Drysdale – 196; 2. Mr D. Wemyss, Kirkcaldy – 190; consolation – Mr W. Currie, Kirkcaldy.

At a dance which followed, there was a large turnout. Splendid music was provided by the Balmoral Orchestra, and Messrs Stewart Drysdale and Geo. Baxter were the M.C.'s.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Town Council** – “The annual meeting of the ratepayers was held in the Town Hall on Tuesday evening, Bailie Hunt occupying the chair. The retiring members of the council, at this time are, Provost Hopkins, Bailie Robertson, and Councillors Drysdale and Jack. These gentlemen, excepting Councillor Drysdale, who was not present, gave accounts of their stewardship during their terms of office. All four were nominated and seconded for re-election.

The chairman intimated to the meeting that the council had a scheme in hand for the erection of public lavatories at an early date. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman, proposed by Councillor Riley.”

29th October 1927

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Services** – “Mr James C. Gordon, M.A., Edinburgh, officiated at both morning and afternoon services in the U.F. Church on Sunday.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Harvest Thanksgiving** – “The harvest thanksgiving service was held in the Parish Church on Sunday morning, Rev. J.K. Russell officiating. The annual appeal for gifts in kind and money on behalf of the hospitals met with a splendid response from the congregation. The goods dispatched on Monday included 60lb. jam, 14lb. tea, 45lb. sugar, 6lb. grapes, 20lb. apples, ¼ cwt. Vegetables, 1 box mixed groceries, 6 sections of honey, and 12 chickens. A sum of £8 15s was also collected. The Institutions to benefit are Perth, Dundee, and Edinburgh Royal Infirmaries, Deaconess Hospital, Edinburgh, and Kirkcaldy Cottage Hospital.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **War Memorial Institute** – “The annual general meeting was held in the Reading room on Monday evening, when there was a fair turnout of members, Mr Walter Peggie, snr., presiding. The balance sheet showed a loss of £45 on the year’s working, the billiard table drawings alone being £15 less than the previous year. The members of the Committee to retire at this term were Messrs W. Peggie, snr. (ineligible for re-election), W. Peggie, jnr., and C. Oram. Mr W. Peggie, jnr., was re-elected along with Mrs Robertson and Mr R. Dakers. An appeal is made to the young men of the village to rally round and become members of the Institute and help to keep it on a self-supporting basis. At a later Committee meeting, Mr Thomas Drysdale was appointed Chairman of the Institute.”

Article in *The Fife News*: **Cupar District Licensing Court**

“Mr Braid appeared on behalf of Mr James Fyfe Scott, Lomond Tavern Public House, Horse Market Street, Falkland, and asked that the present house occupied by the applicant, which was attached to the licensed premises, be used as additional rooms in connection with the licensed premises. This would mean that the applicant would be ‘living off’, as he had obtained another house.

Provost Anderson, Newburgh, said he thought it was a commendable idea.

The Chairman – ‘It is evident that the licensed businesses along there are extending. (Laughter.)’

5th November 1927

Article in *The Fife News*: **Falkland School Management Committee**

“The monthly meeting of the Committee was held in Falkland Public School on Monday evening.

Prior to the commencement of business, the Clerk intimated that Rev. George Scanlan, Strathmiglo, was present as the Authority’s representative in room of Mr Kirk, Gateside, who left some time ago, and Mr Scanlan was unanimously appointed Chairman.

Miss B. Heggie, Gateside, was appointed cleaner in Gateside School.

Exemption was granted to a boy with a good record attending Gateside School.

The attendance reports for the various schools during the past month were as follows:-

Gateside – 94.3 per cent; Strathmiglo – 94.3; Auchtermuchty – 90.9; Dunshalt – 98; Falkland – 92.2; Freuchie – 92.4.

It was reported that the conference of Committees in the Cupar area to consider the matter of uniform holiday was to be held in Cupar to-day (Friday). Bailie Robertson, Falkland, and Mr Muirhead, Cash, are the delegates.

A circular was read from the Authority suggesting certain arrangements for financial supervision, and Bailie Robertson was appointed to attend to this and report monthly.”

*Extract from The Fife News: **Service** – “The service preparatory to Communion was held in the Parish Church on Sunday evening when the young communicants took their vows in face of the congregation.”*

*Extract from The Fife News: **Football** – “Lomond Thistle met Dundonald Star in a friendly encounter on Saturday afternoon. The visitors had all the play and were easy winners by 8 goals to 3.”*

*Extract from The Fife News: **Sudden Death** – “The death occurred suddenly on Thursday last week of Mrs Venters, wife of Andrew Venters, grocer, Horsemarket Street. She took ill about mid-day, and passed away in the evening. Mrs Venters was 61 years of age, and is survived by her husband and a grown up family.”*

*Extract from The Fife News: **Lantern Lecture** – “Under the auspices of the Parish Church Woman’s Guild, a very interesting lantern lecture entitled, ‘A trip to the Holy Land’, was given in the Drill Hall on Friday evening by Hon. Sheriff Stark, Cupar. Rev. J.K. Russell occupied the chair, and a vote of thanks was given the lecturer on the motion of Bailie Robertson. There was a large attendance.”*

*Extract from The Fife News: **Death – Panton** – “At Falkland, on the 31st October, Janet Andrew Kemp, beloved wife of Joseph Panton.”*

*Extract from The Fife News: **Death – Venters** – “At Falkland, suddenly, on Thursday, 27th October, Catherine Christie Martin, beloved wife of Andrew Venters, merchant, Falkland.”*

12th November 1927

Extract from *The Fife News*: **School** – “The Public School re-opened on Monday morning after three weeks’ potato-lifting vacation.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Debutantes** – “Among Scottish debutantes this year will be Miss Ismay Crichton Stuart, whose mother – the widow of Lord Ninian Crichton Stuart, and now the wife of Capt. Maule Ramsay – entertained Princess Maud and Lord Carnegie at Falkland House on the occasion of the Perth Race functions.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Communion** – “The sacrament of the Lord’s supper was dispensed in the Parish and U.F. Churches on Sunday morning. The thanksgiving services at the respective places of worship in the evening were conducted by the Rev. W.G. Mitchell, Freuchie, and the Rev. A.H. Anderson, Auchtermuchty.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Whist Drive and Dance** – “Under the auspices of the East Fife Unionist Association, a very successful whist drive was held in the Drill Hall on Friday night. Twenty-three tables were engaged, and Mr David Bonthronne acted as timekeeper. At the close of play, the prize-winners were announced as follows:-

Ladies – 1. Miss Mungall, Balreavie – 192; 2. Miss J. Lindsay, Newton of Falkland – 191; consolation – Miss L. Anderson, Westfield – 142.

Gentlemen – 1. Mrs Bonthronne, Newton of Falkland (playing as a gent)- 201 ½ ; 2. Mr A.A. Robertson, Falkland – 187 ½ ; consolation – Mr M. Condie, Newton of Falkland – 133.

Travelling prizes – Miss Bella Todd, Purin, and Mr T.C. Schofield, Falkland.

There was a large company at the dance which followed. Music was provided by the Bellevue Orchestra from Auchtermuchty.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Town Council** – “At a meeting of the Council, held on Friday evening, the various appointments were made:-

Provost and Magistrates – Provost Hopkins, Bailies Hunt and Robertson (all re-appointed). The Provost will also act as Dean of Guild, representative to Fife County Council, and a member of all Committees.

There were no changes in the Committees from last year. Councillors Robertson and Grant are to assist Provost and Magistrates in town business and Common Good. The Conveners of the Committees are as follows:-

Roads and Bridges and Streets – Bailie Robertson.

Finance – Bailie Hunt.

Burgh General, Sanitary, Water and Lighting – Councillor Grant.

Hall Letting – Councillors Grant and Nellies.

Representative to Licensing Court – Bailie Hunt.

The various representatives to Committees under the County Council's control were re-appointed with the addition of Councillor Robertson, as representative to the Veterinary Inspector Joint Committee. Mr Robert Strachan, who has been town officer for many years, tendered his resignation, as he wished to retire, and he was thanked by the Council for his services. Mr Strachan is over 84 years of age."

Article in *The Fife News*: *Displenish Sales – Balreavie, Falkland*

"The displenish sale at Balreavie, Falkland, which is being vacated by Mr J. Mungall, was conducted on Thursday last week by Mr J. Brodie on behalf of Messrs Speedie Brothers, Cupar. Notwithstanding broken weather, there was a large attendance and good competition. Prices:-

Haims, 8s; bridles, 11s; saddles and britchens to £2 15s; brechams, 8s; backbands and chains, 4s; cream separator, £3 7s 6d; scales and weights, £1; wheel jack, 12s; vice, 17s 6d; grindstone, 12s 6d; bellows, £3 5s; anvil, 15s; coup cart, £5 10s; drill plough, £5; turnip barrow, £4; spring-tooth harrows, £1 10s; turnip cutter, £2; horse rake, £2; saddle harrows, £1; potato digger, £3 15s; cultivator, £2 15s; henhouse, £4 15s; bullocks, £18 5s; heifers, £18 5s; stirks, £14 5s; cows, £17 and £17 10s; calf, £8 15s; hens, 3s 3d; pullets, 4s; cockerels, 4s; stacks wheat to £7 15s; cats to £8; hay to £7 5s; potatoes – 'Majestic', £7 per pit; 'Golden Wonder', £6 5s."

19th November 1927

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Service** – “The morning service in the Parish Church on Sunday took the form of a service of remembrance, when the congregations of the U.F. and Parish Churches met together. Revs. J.P. Batchelor and J.K. Russell, the respective ministers, officiated. The Provost, Magistrates, and Town Council were present. Ex-Service men under the command of Major A.C. Macdonald, Girl Guides and Brownies under Captain Melville, with a large company of the Boy Scouts under Scoutmaster J. Ross, were also present. Wreaths were laid on the memorial in the vestibule of the church from each of these bodies. The ‘Last Post’ and ‘Reveille’ were sounded by Mr David McBain, and the Lament was played by Mr John Kay.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Poppies** – “Mrs Robert Miller, Westerlea, and her assistants, realised a sum of £17 11s 5d by the sale of poppies for Earl Haig’s Fund.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Band of Hope** – “The opening meeting of the Band of Hope was held in the Parish Church on Saturday afternoon, but, unfortunately, the attendance was rather small. The ‘Golden Key’ is the title of the piece to be studied this year.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Show** – “In the poultry classes at Lochgelly, Glencraig, Lochore and District Ornithological Society’s annual show at Lochgelly on Saturday, at which there were over 1,000 entries, Messrs White & Fernie, Falkland, were among the leading prize-winners.”

Extract from *The Fife Show*: **Social** – “Under the auspices of Markinch Co-operative Society Ltd., a very enjoyable and successful social and concert was held in the Drill Hall on Friday evening. Mr Robert Todd, president of the Society, occupied the chair in the presence of a company of over two hundred. After a splendid tea, the concert was held, and at the close everyone favourably commented upon the first-class entertainment that had been given. The talented artists, who all hailed from Glasgow, were:-

Misses MacSwann and Ramage, and Messrs Anderson and Laurence.

Mr P.G. Terras, Markinch, played the accompaniments. A splendid address was delivered by Bailie Malcolm, a Director of the S.C.W.S. The school children were entertained to tea, and a cinematograph exhibition in the Drill Hall in the afternoon.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Local Lady's Death** – “A well-known local lady in Mrs Mary Brown, Horsemarket Street, died in Dundee Royal Infirmary on Wednesday, after an illness of three months' duration. She had undergone two operations, the second only last week. The wife of ex-Bailie John Brown, Mrs Brown did a great amount of work for the Royal burgh. When money was required for any special object, the promoters invariably enlisted the services of Mrs Brown, who had wonderful organising ability. Cricketers, golfers, footballers, and the poor in the burgh have all reason to praise the energy she devoted for their benefit. In the Unionist interests, she was an ardent worker, and as a member of the Committee of the local branch of the East Fife Unionist Association, she did much to further the candidature of Commander the Hon. A.D. Cochrane, M.P., when he successfully fought Mr J. Duncan Millar, K.C. In 1925 Mrs Brown stood for Falkland Town Council, but was defeated at the poll. Last year, however, when she again stood, she had the honour of being returned as the first lady member of the Council, and since then she took her full share of municipal work. Her death at the age of 58 years will leave a big blank in the town, where she was highly respected. Much sympathy has been extended to her husband, son, and daughter.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Church Electric Lighting** – “The Rev. J.K. Russell, Parish Church, writing in the *Presbytery of Cupar Magazine* on the above subject, says:-

‘I am happy to be able to record the conclusion of what has been a rather long-drawn-out matter. On 14th December 1925, the Heritors gave their consent to the installation in the Church of a system of electric lighting. A Committee, including the members of Kirk-Session, representatives of the Heritors, and members of the congregation, was set up on 9th January 1926; Mr David Bonthron, Newton House, being appointed convener. It was resolved to appoint an architect to draw up a scheme, and Mr George Young, Perth, accepted nomination; the firm of Oliver Melville, Kirkcaldy, being the successful contractors for the work. There has been much worry, many meetings, and an infinite amount of care expended, but at a meeting held in the vestry on 19th September, the Convener reported to the Committee that the work was finished; the accounts were presented and passed, and the Committee discharged. The Kirk-Session having been entrusted with the funds for this scheme by the Woman's Guild, have duly minuted the proceedings connected with the work, and their part will be finished when they report to the Guild what has been done, and render an account of their stewardship of the Guild moneys, and their renewed thanks for such a munificent gift to the church.’

26th November 1927

Article in *The Fife News*: **Football – Lomond Thistle v Newburgh Violet**

“A friendly match was played at Falkland on Saturday afternoon between Lomond Thistle and Newburgh Violet. Play was scrappy all through, and the visitors won by 5 goals to 2. The weather conditions were very bad, and consequently there was only a handful of spectators.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Appointment** – *“Mr T. Drysdale, who is accountant in the British Linen Bank, Falkland, has been appointed the local collector of county rates.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Pulpit Tribute** – *“A large and representative gathering of the public was present at the funeral of the late Mrs Brown, Horsemarket Street, Falkland, to the local cemetery on Saturday afternoon. Included among the mourners were the Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors of the burgh, Boy Scouts under Scoutmaster Ross, and representatives of the many organisations with which Mrs Brown was associated. The graveside ceremony was most impressive, Rev. J.K. Russell officiating.*

At the morning service in the Parish Church on Sunday, Mr Russell paid glowing tribute to Mrs Brown. He said:-

‘There is one honoured grave, on which the flowers are yet fresh, upon which it is fitting that we, as a congregation, should lay our tribute. If ever there was one who fulfilled the law of Christ and bore others’ burdens, it was Mrs Brown. Her days were an unselfish sacrifice to the interests of the whole community. She was a familiar figure in the home of sickness and of mourning. Never did infirmity or sore need appeal to her woman’s heart in vain. But it was the War that revealed her character most surely as a clear-sighted organiser, a fervid patriot, a patient worker for whom no task was too insignificant, no preparation too arduous, no labour too exacting. To see her leading her band of children to the hills for moss-gathering; to look into her house laden with sacks of sphagnum, bales of paper, or masses of bottles, all gathered with the one burning aim, was to realise something of that outpoured energy that never seemed to tire. Was it a local interest such as the Nursing Fund or the War Memorial Institute, again Mrs Brown took the matter in hand, and brought it to a triumphant success? The young folks knew to whom they could always appeal for help, whether for a cricket tea, a Scout concert, or a whist drive. Her place in the Town Council was a token of the confidence her fellow-townsmen placed in her record of service. No soldier in the field ever won laurels more deservedly than she did in our narrow sphere. The old writer finishes his portrait of the idea! Hebrew woman (Proverbs xxxi., 31) with words which we may quote as truly fitting:-

‘Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates’

We thank God that such a life has been given to us for example and inspiration. Surely upon her has come the blessing of the Master:-

'Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.'

We remember, with true sympathy, those whose lives have been left bereaved and solitary by her passing, commending them, and all the sons and daughters of sorrow, to Him who hath said:-

'As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you.'

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death – Horne** – “At Oakview, Falkland, on the 18th inst., Mary Leslie, beloved wife of Robert Horne, late of Aberlady and Aberdour, in her 81st year.”

3rd December 1927

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Girl Guides** – “The half-yearly meeting of Falkland and Freuchie Girl Guides' Local Association was held in the War Memorial Institute, Falkland. Mrs James Jackson, Chapelyard, who had acted as president for the past year, resigned from office, and Miss Lumsden, Eden Valley House, Freuchie, was appointed in her stead. Mrs Nisbet, Schoolhouse, vice-president, and Miss Martyn, West Port, secretary, agreed to continue in office.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Parish Church** – “Mr Lauder, of the Social Work Committee of the Church of Scotland, occupied the Parish Church pulpit on Sunday morning, and delivered an interesting address on the work of that organisation throughout Scotland. He continued his subject at the evening service, and to a large congregation spoke of the splendid undertakings which they had on hand. Lantern slides were shown to depict the nature of the mission. Messrs Charles Ross and Wm. Robertson manipulated the lantern.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Whist Drive** – “A series of whist drives are to be run in the War Memorial Institute during the winter and the first took place in the Reading Room on Wednesday evening. Fifteen tables were engaged, and Mr Alex. Cowan acted as time-keeper. The prize-winners were:-

Ladies – Miss J. Drysdale – 195; consolation, Mrs Baird – 148.

Gentlemen – S. Brooman – 188; consolation, Mr Staig (Freuchie) – 143.

Article in *The Fife News*: **Falkland District S.M.C.**

“The monthly meeting of the Falkland District School Management Committee was held in Falkland School on Monday evening.

Mr J.S. Macgillivray, Auchtermuchty, presided in the absence of Rev. G. Scanlan, and briefly welcomed Councillor Coventry, Auchtermuchty, the newly appointed representative from the Auchtermuchty Town Council.

The offer of Mrs Mitchell, Auchtermuchty, was accepted for supplying the sports requirements of the schools in the district during the ensuing year.

The attendance reports showed the percentages of attendances in the various schools to be as follows:-

Gateside, 91.7; Strathmiglo, 91.9; Auchtermuchty, 88.9; Dunshalt, 98.8; Falkland, 92.1; Freuchie, 90.5.

All the schools had suffered from infectious diseases, Auchtermuchty being the worst with 34 cases altogether, of which 31 were measles.

The Clerk read a minute of the meeting of delegates from Cupar, Newburgh, Ladybank, and Falkland districts, in regard to the uniformity of holidays, and this was supplemented by Bailie Robertson, Falkland, one of the local delegates. In accordance with the recommendations, the following holidays were fixed:-

New Year, from 30th December to 6th January inclusive; Easter, from 2nd April to 9th April inclusive; Summer holidays to commence on 2nd July, and to run for six weeks.

A report on evening school attendance was submitted, and showed satisfactory attendances at all four centres – Freuchie, Dunshalt, Auchtermuchty, and Falkland.

It was stated that Auchtermuchty proposed to establish a school library of books useful for subjects being taught to classes, and it was agreed to sanction the appropriation for this purpose of balances from evening school socials.

There is to be no meeting in December.”

10th December 1927

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Whist Drive** – “Under the auspices of the Lomond Thistle Private Pipe Band, a whist drive and dance was held in the Drill Hall on Friday evening. There was a poor turnout. Prize-winners at the whist were:-

Ladies – 1. Miss Mary Lawson; 2. Miss Kate Lawson; consolation, Miss E. Anderson.

Gentlemen – 1. Mr R. Laing, Newton of Falkland; 2. Mr J. Laing, Newton of Falkland; consolation, Mr J. Smith.”

17th December 1927

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Churches** – “Rev. Wm. Borthwick, B.D., Leuchars, occupied the Parish Church pulpit on Sunday morning. Both services in the U.F. Church were conducted by Mr W.H.D. Page, Edinburgh.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – “The local Boy Scouts received a severe drubbing from the Strathmiglo troop at home on Saturday. The Falkland side had little chance against their opponents, who were years older, and won by 9 goals to 1.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Ex-Service Men** – “The local branch of the ex-Service men held their annual dinner in the Bruce Arms Hotel on Friday evening, when Mr David Bonthron presided over a large and representative turnout. Mr D. Anderson piped the company to the table. Toasts during the evening were:-

‘The King’, by the Chairman; ‘The Imperial Forces’, by Major A.C. MacDonald, reply by Councillor Riley; ‘Fallen Comrades’, by Rev. J.K. Russell; ‘The Committee’, by the Chairman, reply by Mr R.A. Wallace, Secretary.

Mr Anderson played several selections on the pipes, while the following rendered vocal items:-

Rev. J.K. Russell, Messrs J. Nelson, T. Drysdale, W. Paterson, T. Hamilton, W. Peggie jnr., J. Collins, J. Sim, A.C. MacDonald, D. Riley, J. Dryden, C. Wilson, and J. MacDonald. Mr W. Peggie jnr., acted as accompanist.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Co-operative Guild** – “Under the auspices of the Falkland branch of Markinch Co-operative Women’s Guild, a social meeting was held in the Town Hall on Tuesday evening, Mrs G.S. Hardie, President of the branch,

presiding over a very large company. Delegates were present from Markinch, Windygates, Milton of Balgonie, Kennoway, Thornton, and Buckhaven. After tea, an enjoyable time was spent, songs, recitations, etc., being given by members of the organisation.”

24th December 1927

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Dance** – “Under the auspices of the Balmoral Combination, a dance in aid of the old folks of the burgh was held in the Drill Hall on Friday night. There was a good turnout. Mr James McEwan performed the duties of M.C. Among the acceptances were:-

Ladies – Misses Brown, Lindsay, Anderson, Lawson, Traill, Oram, Mann, Thomson, Hastie, Page, Grant, Wotherspoon, Bett, Oswald, Harrow, Smith, and Mrs Kay.

Gentlemen – Messrs Dowie, Dryden, Urquhart, Laing, Lawson, Birrell, Anderson, Dewar, Wilkie, Oram, Coutts, Smith, Grant, and Hay.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Masonic** – “At a meeting of Lodge St John (No. 35), the following office-bearers were installed for the ensuing year:-

R.W.M. – Bro. Jas. Skinner; I.P.M. – Bro. John Garland; D.M. – Bro. John Drysdale; S.M. – Bro. Thos. D. Hopkins; S.W. – Bro. Chas. Oram; J.W. – Bro. Thos. L. Ross; Secretary – Bro. David Clark; Treasurer – Bro. Chas Ross; S.D. – Bro. Matthew Condie; J.D. – Bro. Wm. Paterson; I.G. – Bro. Chas. Hepburn; Tyler – Bro. John Walker.”

31st December 1927

Article in *The Fife News*: **1927 in the District – A Retrospect**

Falkland

“Trade at the Floorcloth Works during the year has been exceptionally brisk. There has been no lack of orders, both in the home and continental markets. Several of the departments during the twelve months have wrought night and day, and others have had to work overtime to cope with the orders on hand. During the prolonged general depression in trade throughout the country, the floorcloth and linoleum industry has been very active, and present conditions still warrant a feeling of

optimism to those engaged in the manufacture. There is every indication that the first six months' trade in 1928 at St John's Works will be a record one, many orders being on the books for delivery during that period.

Employment in the linen factory during the year has been fairly well maintained and the output for the period has been considerably greater than last year. The linen industry is, however, hampered by the high price of flax, which has ruled throughout the year, and in regard to which a good deal of uncertainty at present exists. It is also hindered by what is felt by many to be unfair Continental competition. Still, with it all, the prospects for the coming year may be described as hopeful.

The community suffered a severe loss through the death of Mrs Brown, Horsemarket Street, in November. That lady was well respected far and near. She held the distinction of being the only lady member of Falkland Town Council. Mrs Brown was a great organiser and social worker, and no one ever appealed to her in vain.

A noticeable incident during the year was the transfer of the interests of the members of Falkland Equitable Co-operative Society Limited, to Markinch Co-operative Society Limited. In connection with the latter, a Women's Guild was formed and is having a successful run.

The Palace, as usual, during the summer months, was the centre of attraction for innumerable visitors."

Article in *The Fife News*: **Christmas Eve Dance at Falkland**

Lady Golfers Entertain

"The annual Christmas Eve dance of Falkland Ladies' Golf Club was held on Friday night in the Drill Hall, Falkland. About 60 couples were present, and danced to music provided by the Algerian Dance Band, Kirkcaldy.

The general arrangements were in the capable hands of the following Committee of ladies:-

Misses Janet Drysdale, Janet Ross, K. White, C. Lawson, and C. Drysdale.

The gentlemen who assisted were Mr John Dalrymple, secretary; Messrs T. Drysdale, C. Drysdale, S. Drysdale, D. Braid, H. Lee, and R. Kennedy.

Miss L. Gavin, Falkland Palace, chose scarlet chiffon velvet, made in sheath fashion, with a deep hem of chinchilla. Miss Melville, Falkland, came in old rose chenille georgette. Dull blue silk was worn by Miss Shiells, Falkland, and Miss Brown, Falkland, had donned almond green marocain. Miss Mechie, Auchtermuchty, was

gowned in pink crepe-de-chene, with touches of silver, and Miss Lister, Falkland, attended in sea-green crepe-de-chene with a rose on one shoulder. In jade green crepe-de-chene came Miss Lawson, Falkland, and Miss Anderson had elected to wear brick marocain. Miss Archibald favoured a gown of lemon crepe-de chene, with a lace overdress. Miss Gibson, Markinch, attended in parma silk. A rose and grey toilette was that of Miss Robertson, Falkland; while Miss M. Robertson's gown was a rust-coloured marocain. Miss J. Dalrymple, Freuchie, had elected to wear almond green satin and cream lace. In scarlet crepe-de-chene came Miss A. Dalrymple. Miss A. Fleming, Freuchie, was wearing a gown of pale fawn satin. Miss Beattie, Freuchie, was gowned in lemon silk. In jade marocain with cream lace, was Miss Douglas, Falkland. The parma georgette gown of Miss Dryden was draped with silver lace.

Blue Satin and Apple Green Silk

Ceil bleu satin was worn by Miss Agnes Martin, and Miss Mitchell came in apple green silk, with touches of gold lace. Miss Hay's gown was pale green, with gold, and Miss Jean Wilson's toilette was a jade green silk, with dyed silk draperies. Miss Cowan, Gowrie, Freuchie, favoured black crepe-de-chine. Café au lait georgette was worn by Miss Anderson, Kilgowrie Knowe. Miss Lindsay, Newton of Falkland, was wearing jade silk. The cyclamen blue gown of Miss Todd had an accordion-pleated skirt. Miss M. Craig wore pale green, with a deep hem of rust. Miss Dewar, Lathrisk, chose a gown of Hussar blue, with a hem of gold lace, and Miss Henry was gowned in pale blue. The peach-coloured satin gown of Miss Craig had a vest of silver lace. A gown of pale green ninon, with a floral pattern of roses, was worn by Miss Honeyman, Falkland. Miss Dryburgh's gown was an old rose silk; while Miss Baxter wore black lace. Miss Page's gown was a rust-coloured silk. In cyclamen pink silk, with silver, came Miss Grant, Falkland. Miss Skinner was gowned in cinnamon silk. The toilette of Miss Nelson was almond green georgette, and Miss E. Drysdale had elected to wear café au lait marocain. Miss Fernie wore black satin; Miss Hardie's gown was pale fawn satin; in cyclamen silk was Miss Leven, Auchtermuchty; Miss Paterson, Dunshalt, pale blue silk; Miss Janet Drysdale, pink, with cyclamen; Miss Janet Ross, pale green marocain; Miss K. White, ivory ninon, patterned in blue; Miss C. Lawson, floral-patterned ninon; Miss C. Drysdale, cyclamen pink and gold; Mrs T. Drysdale wore flame georgette, with diamante; and Miss McKendrick, Auchtermuchty, had donned gold lace, relieved with blue.

The following accepted invitations:-

Ladies – Miss E. Anderson, Falkland; Miss E. Anderson, Kilgowrieknowe; Miss Archibald, Falkland; Miss A. Baxter, do; Miss M. Beattie, Freuchie; Miss G. Brown, Falkland; Misses H. and M. Craig, do; Miss B. Cowan, Newton of Falkland; Mrs J. Drysdale, Falkland; Mrs T. Drysdale, do; Miss J. Drysdale, do; Miss E. Drysdale, do; Miss C. Drysdale, do; Misses B. and J. Douglas, do; Miss Mary Dryburgh, do; Miss J. Dewar, Lathrisk; Misses Dalrymple, Freuchie; Misses Dryden, Newton of Falkland;

Miss Ellis, Cupar; Miss E. Fernie, Falkland; Miss Fleming, Freuchie; Miss R. Grant, Falkland; Miss E.A. Gavin, do; Miss M. Gibson, Markinch; Miss C. Hardie, Falkland; Miss D. Honeyman, do; Miss M. Harrom, do; Miss E. Hay, do; Miss M. Hendry, Lathrisk; Miss Chrissie Lawson, Falkland; Miss Mary Lawson, do; Miss J. Lawson, do; Miss Lindsay, Newton of Falkland; Mrs Lewis, Falkland; Miss J. Lister, do; Miss M. Leven, Auchtermuchty; Miss E.A. Mather, Falkland; Miss L. Mitchell, do; Miss Martyn, do; Miss C. Melville, do; Miss Mechie, Auchtermuchty; Miss J. McKendrick, do; Miss J. Nelson, Falkland; Miss E. Page, do; Miss C. Peggie, do; Miss Paterson, Dunshalt; Miss J. Robertson, Falkland; Miss Ross, do; Miss M. Robertson, do; Miss E. Skinner, do; Miss M. Shields, do; Miss A. Smith, do; Miss B. Todd, Purin; Miss K. White, Falkland.

Gentlemen – Messrs G. Anderson, Oaklea; D. Anderson, Kilgowrieknowe; G. Allan, Freuchie; C. Beattie, Falkland; P. Birrell, do; D. Braid, Freuchie; D. Caird, Falkland; J. Campbell, do; F. Coutts, do; J. Drysdale, do; T. Drysdale, do; C.R. Drysdale, do; R.S. Drysdale, do; W. Dryburgh, do; D. Dryburgh, do; A. Dryburgh, Markinch; J. Duncan, Falkland; J. Dewar, Lathrisk; A. Dewar, do; J. Dalrymple, Freuchie; N. Fulton, do; A. Grant, do; J. Hay, Falkland; R. Kennedy, do; H. Lee, do; J. Lewis, do; A. Lindsay, Coaltown of Balgonie; J. McEwan, Falkland; A. Meldrum, do; F. Mather, do; D. McBain, do; A. Morton, Drums; J. Mackie, Freuchie; C. Oram, Falkland; W. Peggie, do; D. Paterson, Dunshalt; A. Robertson, Freuchie; W. Stark, Falkland; M. Stark, do; J. Smith, do; M. St Clair, do; G. Shields, do; H. White, Auchtermuchty; R. Young, Balmalcolm.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Christmas** – “We had a white Yuletide after all! Snow fell throughout Saturday night, and continued on Sunday to a depth of about two inches. Shops in the burgh were busy on Christmas Eve, and children eagerly awaited the advent of Santa Claus.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Masonic** – “The members of Lodge St John (No. 35) celebrated St John’s Festival on Saturday evening. The function was held in the Commercial Hotel, and the company sat down to a splendid dinner served by Mr R. Hendry. Thereafter a happy time was spent in song and story. Vocal numbers were rendered by Bros. Paterson, Oram, Wilson, Ross, Condie and Wallace. Delegates were present from Auchtermuchty and Thornton.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cantata** – “The evening service in the Parish Church on Sunday was entirely musical, when the choir, under Mr George Spence, rendered the Christmas cantata, ‘The Prince of Peace’. Solos were rendered by Misses A. Oswald and H.S. Forsyth, and Mr Spence. Misses J. Drysdale and A. Anderson,

and J. Douglas and E. Grant rendered duets, while a quartette was taken part in by Misses Grant, Forsyth, Anderson, and C. Drysdale. Miss A. Edmeston played the accompaniments on the organ. There was a large congregation.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Christmas Treat** – “There was a large attendance at the Falkland United Free Church Sunday School party on Tuesday evening, when a very happy time was spent with tea, games, songs, and recitations. Santa Claus visited the gathering, and from a beautifully decorated tree distributed gifts to the children. An interesting event during the evening was the presentation to Mr Walter Peggie, of the Diploma of Honour granted by the Youth Committee for long and valuable service in the Sunday School. Mr Peggie has been a teacher for forty-four years, and for twenty-six years of that time acted as superintendent. The teachers also showed their appreciation of Mr Peggie by presenting him with a copy of the Revised Hymnary. The Rev. J.P. Batchelor presided over the gathering.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death – Hamilton** – “At Cross Wynd, Falkland, on the 26th December, Christina Sharp, aged 71 years, wife of the late John Hamilton, blacksmith.”