

Falkland 1900-2000

Year 1925

(As researched by Jack Burgess)

3rd January 1925

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death** – “Lawson – At Bank Street, Falkland, on the 28th December, Margaret Wilson, beloved wife of Matthew Lawson.”

10th January 1925

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Church Services** – “The Rev. R.F.N.Scott, of Strathmiglo, occupied the Parish Church pulpit on Sunday morning. The afternoon service in the U.F. Church was conducted by the Rev. W.J. Auld, of Freuchie.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Holidays Over** – “Work was resumed in the linen and floorcloth factories on Tuesday morning, after the New Year vacation. The Public School re-opened on the same day.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Weather** – “Wintry weather still prevails, and roads are in a deplorable condition. The curlers were out in full force on Tuesday, when a keen ice held on the local rink.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Parish Vital Statistics** – “The Registrar’s returns for 1924 are as follows:-

Births – 42; *Marriages* – 10; *Deaths* – 35

Comparing these figures with the previous year, the births and deaths show an increase of 10 and 4 respectively, and marriages a decrease of 4. Of the deaths

during the past year, seven were over 72, ten over 80, and one over 90 years of age.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Yuletide Gifts** – “As a result of a Christmas dance held in the Drill Hall on 26th December, the Ladies Club have generously distributed parcels containing 1lb of tea and 2lb of sugar to the old folks of the village. £1 1s was forwarded to Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, and donations were handed over to the local Boy Scouts and Company of the Boys’ Brigade.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Meeting** – “At a meeting of Cupar District Committee, held at Cupar on Tuesday, Mr D. Bonthron, Newton of Falkland, was re-elected Chairman.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Promotion for Banker** – “Mr John Baillie, agent of the British Linen Company’s Bank in Falkland, has been promoted to the agency of the Company’s bank in Duns, the county town of Berwickshire. Mr Baillie, previous to going to Falkland, was accountant in the British Linen Bank, Cupar. He was one of the golfers at Hilltarvit, and also assisted Cupar Cricket Club, where his slip fielding was greatly admired. He is a brother of Professor Baillie of Leeds University, and is married to the daughter of the late Mrs Robertson, Struan Park, Cupar. Mr and Mrs Baillie leave for Duns in a fortnight’s time. They will be much missed in Falkland, where they have taken an active interest in all pertaining to the welfare of the Royal Burgh. Mr Baillie is Secretary and Treasurer of the Nursing Association, and is also Secretary of the War Memorial Institute Committee. He has also given his help to the Golf Club and the Freuchie Cricket Club, for which he played regularly, will be weakened by his departure.”

17th January 1925

Extract from *The Fife News*: **B.O.A.F.G.** – “The annual general meeting of the members of ‘Lomond Oak’ Lodge No. 387 was held in the Town Hall on Thursday evening last week, when there was a good attendance. The balance sheet was read and proved the Lodge to be in a highly flourishing condition, as after all claims, sickness benefit and other expenses had been met, the credit balance on the year’s working was £135, which when added to the standing funds gives a total capital of over £1,830. During the year, ten new members were initiated, five of whom were proposed by Brother James Hardie, who thus gains a membership badge for having introduced the greatest number of new members during the past session. Office-bearers for 1925 were appointed as follows:-

W.M. – Brother James Skinner; D.M. – Brother Peter Robertson; P.M. – Brother George Hardie; S.W. – Brother Wm. W. Gullon; J.W. – Brother Peter Birrell; I.G. – Brother Alex. Lawson; O.S. – Brother John Reekie; Chaplain – Brother David Munro; Sick Stewards, Falkland – Brother Peter Lawson; Freuchie – Brother Robert Dewar; Secretary – Brother James Hardie, Rosedale, Falkland; Treasurer – Brother Jas. Lawson; Auditors – Brothers Thomas D. Hopkins and Peter Robertson; Trustees – Brothers George S. Hardie, Falkland; James Duncan, Freuchie; and Wm. Gray, Dunshalt.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – “Springfield F.C. were the visitors to Myre on Saturday afternoon. They fairly ‘put it across’ the locals to the tune of 5 goals to nil.”

24th January 1925

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

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lantern Lecture** – “A lecture illustrated by limelight views, dealing with the Fisher Girls’ Mission, was delivered by Miss Rae in the Parish Church on Sunday evening.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Billiards** – “A friendly match between teams representing Falkland and Freuchie took place at Falkland War Memorial Institute last Thursday evening. The homesters won easily by 5 games to 1.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Concert** – “With a view to swelling the funds necessary for the construction of a tennis court adjoining the War Memorial Institute, a Burns concert was given in the Drill Hall last Friday evening by the Strathmiglo Lyric Concert Party. The Rev. J.K. Russell occupied the chair in the presence of a large audience. The artists, who numbered something like fifteen, were under the able direction of Mr John Hughes from Kirkcaldy. A long and varied programme was excellently upheld by the following:-

Solos – Misses Miller, Taylor, Haxton and Stewart. Messrs Moyes, Robertson, Millar, and Hughes.

Duet – ‘Our Farm’, Mr and Mrs Moyes.

Trio – ‘Wullie Brewed a Peck o’ Maut’, Messrs Turpie, Moyes and Ness.

Quartette – ‘Call John’, Misses Taylor and Oliphant, and Messrs Turpie and Moyes.

Various part songs were finely rendered by the company, and the dancing of the Thistle Troupe of International Dancers was greatly appreciated by the audience. Mrs Wilkie, Strathmiglo, accompanied the dancers, and Mr W.S. Rae played the accompaniments for the vocalists. A very enjoyable dance followed the concert.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Birth** – “At Cemetery Lodge, Falkland, on the 19th inst., to Mr and Mrs Bruce Couper, a daughter.”

31st January 1925

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Boys’ Brigade** – “The local Company of the Boys’ Brigade, under Captain Robertson, attended divine worship in the U.F. Church on Sunday forenoon.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **B.O.A.F.G. Dance** – “The annual assembly of the ‘Lomond Oak’ Lodge was held in the Drill Hall on Friday evening. Weather conditions were of the worst, but this did not daunt those who intended merrymaking, as there would be over fifty couples present. The interior of the hall presented a gay appearance, bunting, streamers, and festoons being much in evidence. Excellent and up-to-date music was discoursed by ‘The Four Aces’ Jazz Orchestra, from Dunfermline, who had to respond to repeated encores. Catering and other arrangements were admirably carried out by a hard-working Committee of ladies and gentlemen, with Bro. James Hardie as Secretary, Bros. C.R. Drysdale and Peter Birrell ably discharged their duties as M.C.’s. The following is a list of the acceptances: -

Misses M. Archibald, J. Anderson, L. Anderson, E. Ashton, A. Adams (Freuchie), Mrs Bartie, Misses M. Birrell, G. Brown, I. Brown (Freuchie), Miss Bell (Ladybank), Misses J. Drysdale, B. Douglas, Dewar, A. Edmeston, H. Forsyth, L. Fernie, E. Grant, R. Grant, C. Green (Freuchie), M. Dall (Freuchie), A. Dalrymple (Freuchie), Misses Dryden (Newton of Falkland), Mrs G.S. Hardie, Mrs J.S. Hardie, Mrs R. Homden, Misses C. Hardie, E. Hay, M. Hendry, C. Hutchison (Thornton), Miss Henderson (Ladybank), Misses E. Kennedy, J. Kennedy, C. Lawson, Mary Lawson, Margaret Lawson, Mrs Lewis, Misses B. Lawrie (Freuchie), M. Lawrie (Coaltown of Balgonie), A. Middleton, J. Morgan (Freuchie), Mrs McDonald (Newton of Falkland), Misses J. Nelson, A. Oswald, J. Smith, Mrs Stewart (Newton of Falkland), Misses B. Todd, P. Thomson (Freuchie) and K. White. Bros. J. Archibald, P. Birrell, J.W., H. Birrell, W. Birrell, W. Bartie, C. Beattie (Freuchie), J. Campbell, C.R. Drysdale, R.S. Drysdale, R. Dryburgh, A. Dryburgh, R. Dakers, A. Fox (Freuchie), G.S. Hardie,

P.M., J.S. Hardie (Secretary), John Hardie, J. Hay, R. Homden, J. Lawson (Treasurer), J. Lewis, P. Lawson, jnr., W. Peggie, W. Robertson, A.A. Robertson, Jas. Skinner, W.M., Jas. Skinner jnr., G. Shields, A. Shepherd (Freuchie), P. Stewart (Newton of Falkland); delegates, Bros. Denny and Wilson from 'Rothes Oak' Lodge; J. Seath and J. Adamson from Lodge 'Pride o' Thornton'; and J. Walker from Masonic Lodge 'St John', No. 35. Messrs G. Anderson, J. Adamson (Cowdenbeath), R. Allan (Freuchie), J. Brown, W. Butters (Markinch), J. Brunton (Markinch), R. Bogie (Kirkforthar Feus), D. Braid (Freuchie), Dewar, A. Dakers, A. Garland (Gateside), G. Hendry, S. Howie, W. Hutchison (Coaltown of Balgonie), J. Jack, A. Lindsay (Coaltown of Balgonie), W. Meldrum, J. Mitchell (Kingskettle); R. McDonald (Newton of Falkland), W. Morton (Drums), A. Munro (Strathmiglo), W. Ness (Kingskettle), C. Oram, A. Robertson (Freuchie), W. Strudley, O. Strudley, W. Stark, T.C. Schofield, and W. Todd."

Extract from *he Fife News*: **Billiards** – “On Thursday evening last week, in the billiard room of the Lumsden Memorial Hall, the return match was played between Falkland and Freuchie, when the former were again victors, this time by 4 games to 2, and a majority of 84 points: Scores:-

Falkland		Freuchie	
W. Strudley	100	A. Fox	88
R. Nellies	85	W. Norman	100
D. Clark	100	R. Robertson	71
C. Oram	100	M. Smart	61
W. Bartie	100	R. Morgan	58
J. Burgon	77	R. Lawson	100
	562		478

7th February 1925

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Selling Weak Whisky at Falkland:**

Publican pleads that price was as weak as the whisky: “Several East Fife publicans were cited to appear before Sheriff Dudley Stuart, at Cupar Sheriff Court on Tuesday, charged with selling whisky below the standard strength. All tendered a plea of not guilty, except Thomas Stewart, Commercial Hotel, Falkland, who was charged with selling whisky on 30th December, by the hands of his wife, to Marshall Gorrie, sanitary inspector. Cupar District, at 30 degrees u.p. – 3 degrees below the standard – and 45 degrees u.p. – 10 below the standard. Accused said he was guilty as far as the charge read, but he had no intention whatever of overcharging or deceiving the public in any way.

The Sheriff – ‘The complaint is that you sold an article which was not genuine whisky but had been adulterated by an admixture of water’.

Accused said that on the date in question the sampling officer called at his place of business. He asked for, and received, two samples from Mrs Stewart. That whisky was under proof, but at the same time the Inspector was not charged for whisky as according to the Act. He was only charged according to the strength of the whisky – in one case he was charged only 10d a glass, and in the other 1s. If the whisky was weak, the prosecution also forgot to state that the price was just as weak as the whisky. (Laughter). Had the sampling officer asked for special or proprietary whisky, he would have been supplied with whisky as prescribed under the Act, and at the same time he would have been charged 1s 4d per glass. It must have occurred to the Inspector that he was getting very cheap whisky, or that Mrs Stewart was making a mistake. If the price were exorbitant, then he was deceiving the public. He would leave it to the Bench to decide.

The Procurator-Fiscal said the first sample was taken from a bottle styled ‘extra special old Scotch whisky’. The second sample of whisky was taken from a barrel which had no label, but there was an illegible label on an adjoining barrel.

The Sheriff – ‘It is not said there was any notice given by card or label. Do you say there was any notice given of the strength of the whisky?’

Accused said that Mrs Stewart omitted to tell the Inspector that she was giving him diluted spirits. After all, those notices and advertisements about diluted whisky only served the purpose of showing a man’s honesty. On the other hand, the spirits might be so far diluted that they were not worth the money asked for them. According to the strength supplied, he did not think he over-charged the public by any means.

Mr J.L. Anderson, solicitor, Cupar – ‘I am not in this case, but in another, in which precisely the same point is raised.’

The Procurator-Fiscal – ‘We will deal with this case.’

Mr Anderson – ‘For the assistance of the Court.’

The Procurator-Fiscal – ‘The Court does not need assistance.’

The Sheriff – ‘What do you want to say, Mr Anderson?’

Mr Anderson – ‘About this point as to the price to be charged, one would think that was irrelevant. In the London Court a well-known Magistrate held, the other day, that that was one of the factors to be taken into consideration by the Court.’

The Procurator-Fiscal – ‘But I have other decisions. I ask your Lordship to dispose of the case that has been heard.’

Accused – ‘May I ask the Bench to let Mr Anderson say a word for me.’

The Procurator-Fiscal – ‘The man has pleaded and I ask your Lordship for judgement.’

Mr Anderson handed up to the Bench a copy of the ‘Daily Mail’, with a paragraph showing the decision in the English Court.

The Sheriff – ‘This case here did raise that point that I referred to, namely, the value and force which has to be attached to a notice, which, of course, is a question that has been much canvassed lately, and has been the subject of varying decisions in our English Courts, and our own Courts here, and particularly in one case which came up in this Court, and went to the High Court of Judiciary. In that case, the High Court refused to follow the law as it had been interpreted in various English decisions, but since then, I see, merely through the daily papers, that the matter has come up again in the English Court, and I rather gather – I am not quite clear about it – that the English Courts are now intending to adopt the more modern view which was laid down in the case of Kinnear, which came through Cupar, so that the matter is now in a very doubtful position at this moment. These observations, however, have not any direct bearing on the case before me at the moment. In the meantime, the Procurator-Fiscal is quite right in pointing out that there are other cases before me. The matter of price as bearing upon the duty to the public is the only point that has been raised by the respondent. Here there was no notice in either case, and I therefore propose to deal with it necessarily upon that footing. I will make the penalty £5 in all - £2 10s on each complaint.’

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Dominoes** – “Mr Charles Oram defeated Mr Thomas Hamilton in the final of a tournament held in the Institute, the score reading 11-6.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Billiards** – “The final round of a billiard tournament was played off on Tuesday evening, when Messrs D. Clark (plus 10) and W. Ross (minus 40) met in opposition. The former won easily.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Burns Night** – “A large and happy company foregathered on the Lomond Tavern on Saturday evening to celebrate ‘Burns night’. Mr Sanderson, Auchtermuchty, occupied the chair. A very enjoyable time was spent. It was decided to form a Burns Club, and the following officials were appointed:-

Hon. President – James F. Scott; President – Thomas Lawson; Treasurer – H. Robson; Secretary – Thomas L. Ross; Committee – A. Burgess, A. Cowan, W. Cation, W. Patterson, and M. Ward.”

14th February 1925

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lantern Lecture** – “A lecture, illustrated by lime-light views, was given by the Rev. W.G. Walker, Ceres, in the Drill Hall on Thursday evening last week. The title of the lecture was ‘A Trip Through Belgium’. Mr Robert Miller operated the lantern.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Concert** – “An excellent concert was given in the Drill Hall on Tuesday evening, when Mr J. Scott Skinner, the ‘Strathspey King’, was supported by a highly talented company. There was a large and appreciative audience.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Billiards** – “Teams representing Falkland and Freuchie 2nd XI’s met in friendly combat at Falkland Institute on Thursday evening last week. Each game was of 30 minutes’ duration, and after some keen tussles, the homesters emerged victors by 4-2. Scores:

	Falkland		Freuchie
J. Dakers	78	C. Davidson	59
G. Baxter	71	G. Allan	49
S. Drysdale	70	R. Lawson	68
J. Lawson	76	H. Wilson	52
W. Ross	43	J. Fleming	52
E. Mather	49	W. Wilson	61
	387		341

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Pulpit** – “Mr George Pearce, Secretary of the London City Mission, occupied the Parish Church pulpit on Sunday morning, and to a large congregation, delivered a descriptive address on the work carried on in the Metropolis by means of the Mission. Mr Pearce also spoke in the U.F. Church during the afternoon.”

21st February 1925

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Dog Show** – “Mr Sturrock’s springer spaniel (‘Falkland Tranquil’) won a first and second at Glasgow Championship Show on Tuesday.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Billiards** – “Falkland Institute 2nd XI billiards team visited Freuchie on Thursday evening last week to play a return march. Freuchie won easily by 4 games to 2.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cinema** – “The Drill Hall was packed on Saturday night, when ‘The Silent Command’ was shown. Serial topical interest, and comedy films completed a first-class programme.”



The Silent Command (1923)

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Masonic** – “A deputation from Provincial Grand Lodge of Fife and Kinross headed by the Right Hon. The Earl of Elgin, Provincial Grand Master, paid a visit to Lodge St John (No. 35) on Thursday evening last week. Satisfaction was expressed with the books and working of the Lodge.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **U.F. Church** – “The Rev. Wm. Ewan, B.D., of Natal, South Africa, occupied the U.F. Church pulpit on Sunday morning. The Rev. A.H. Anderson of Auchtermuchty conducted the afternoon service.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket Club** – “There was a good turnout at the annual general meeting of the members of the local Cricket Club, held in the Town Hall on

Tuesday evening. Mr David Bonthron, president, occupied the chair. The balance sheet was approved, and showed the Club to be in a flourishing condition. Office-bearers for the approaching season were appointed as follows: -

President – Mr David Bonthron; Vice-Presidents – Messrs Walter Peggie and W.N. Dykes; Captain and Secretary – Mr Thos. Drysdale; Vice-Captain – Mr Robt. Hopkins; Treasurer – Mr C.R. Drysdale; Committee – Captain, Vice-Captain, and Messrs A. Cowan, T.C. Schofield, P. Lawson, P. Robertson, and J. Lawson.

It was agreed that the annual dance be held on 27th March, and a Committee was appointed to make the necessary arrangements.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Dance** – “With a view to augmenting the funds of the Ladies Golf Club, an enjoyable dance was held in the Drill Hall last Friday night. Music was supplied by a jazz band from Leven. The arrangements were in the capable hands of the Ladies’ Committee. The following were the acceptances: -

Ladies – Misses N. Anderson, J. Bett, Mrs Barrie, Misses M. Chisholm, J. Dewar, J. Drysdale, C. Drysdale, A. Edmeston, A. Forsyth, H. Forsyth, L. Fernie, J. Finlay, L. Finlay, E. Grant, P. Gavin, L. Gavin, Mrs T.D. Hopkins, Mrs Homden, Mrs Hepburn, Mrs Hardie, Misses E. Hay, C. Hardie, E. Kennedy, M. Lawson, C. Lawson, Mrs Lewis, Misses E. Martyn, A. Meldrum, Miss Melville, Mrs Nellies, Misses J. Nelson, C. Peggie, M. Robertson, J. Robertson, J. Sturrock, C. Sturrock, J. Smith, B. Todd, J. Venters, K. Venters, Mrs Wallace, Miss Bowman (Ladybank), Miss Cumming (Leslie), Miss Dryden (Newton of Falkland), Miss Girdwood (Leslie), Mrs Grainger (Edinburgh), Miss Henderson (Ladybank), Mrs Leburn (Gateside), Miss Lawrie (Freuchie), Mrs Smith (Kirkcaldy), and Miss Thomson (Freuchie).

Gentlemen – Messrs G. Anderson, W. Birrell, W. Bartie, S. Brooman, J. Campbell, J. Drysdale, T. Drysdale, C.R. Drysdale, R. Dryburgh, D. Cowan, R. Dakers, A. Dryburgh, Messrs Dewar, J. Garland, Jas. Hardie, John Hardie, J. Hay, Provost Hopkins, Messrs A. Hopkins, P. Lawson, J. Lewis, H. Lee, R. Nellies, C. Oram, W. Peggie, Alan Robertson, Andrew Robertson, H. Robson, T. Ross, J. Stirling, W. Strudley, T.C. Schofield, A. Smith, G. Shields, W. Todd, J. Walker, A. Archibald (Markinch), D. Braid (Freuchie), J. Brunton (Markinch), K. Brunton (Markinch), N. Bonthron (Auchtermuchty), J. Dalrymple (Freuchie), A. Fox (Freuchie), A. Hill (Ladybank), W. Leburn (Gateside), A. Lindsay (Coaltown of Balgonie), T. Morrison (Markinch), Mr McLeod (Ladybank), W. Ness (Kingskettle), D. Reid (Strathmiglo), A. Robertson (Freuchie), A. Shepherd (Freuchie), Mr Smith (Kirkcaldy), D. Turner (Ladybank), W. Venters (Kirkcaldy), J. Wallace (Kirkcaldy), and T. Watt (Freuchie).

Messrs Jas. Hardie and C.R. Drysdale acted as M.C.’s.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death** – “Morgan – At Falkland Cottages, on the 14th inst., Jane, eldest surviving daughter of Mr and Mrs John Morgan, aged 22 years.”

28th February 1925

Article in *The Fife News*: **A Falkland Publican’s Technical Offence – No Notice of Strength of Whisky** – “Sheriff Dudley Stuart heard evidence, in Cupar Sheriff Court on Monday, in the case in which Mrs Betsy Weeper, Stag Inn, Falkland, pleaded not guilty of having, on 30th December last, sold whisky to M. Gorrie, Cupar district food and drugs inspector, which had been reduced to 44.5 degrees u.p. 9.5 degrees below the standard strength. Accused was defended by Mr J.L. Anderson, solicitor, Cupar. Mr George Brander, county procurator-fiscal, prosecuted. Mr Gorrie stated that on 30th December last he visited the Stag Inn, Falkland, occupied by Mrs Weeper, and asked for three glasses of whisky. After that was supplied, he asked the price, and paid for it. The price was 3s. After paying for it he informed Mrs Weeper that the whisky was bought for the purpose of having the whisky analysed.”

Mr Brander – “Was anything said to you, before the purchase was made, about the strength of the whisky?”

Witness – “Attention was directed to the label after the purchase. The label stated ‘Diluted spirits, 48 u.p., 1s per glass’”

Mr J.L. Anderson – “You asked for whisky. What is whisky?”

Witness – “Whisky is spirit diluted to the extent of 35 degrees u.p.”

Mr Anderson – “You frequently purchase those samples from various licence-holders. What do you usually pay for whisky?”

Witness – “1s 4d.”

Mr Anderson – “I suppose we may take it that for legal whisky 1s 4d is the usual price?”

Witness – “I understand from the trade that it does not pay them to sell it at less than 1s 4d, though I have got it for less.”

Mr Anderson – “This bar of Mrs Weeper’s is a very small bar. Is it something approximate to the size of the famous Springfield bar of Kinnear?”

Witness – “It is a much better bar – a larger bar.”

Continuing, witness said that since the case of Kinnear was decided, nearly all the publicans in the district had notices in their bars.

Mr Anderson – “If you had felt that after that notice was exhibited to you, you had suffered any prejudice by the disclosure of that notice, I suppose the prejudice could easily have been overcome. You did not give her an opportunity to reconsider the matter, seeing she had been a moment late in seeing the notice?”

Witness – “I could not; the bargain was finished.”

Mr Anderson – “You think that technically you were prejudiced, although that prejudice could be removed by your saying: ‘I would rather cancel this bargain, now that I have seen this notice’. On the question of prejudice, is the price a fair element to come into the question?”

Witness – “Well, I asked for whisky, and when the public ask for whisky, they expect to get it. Price is a secondary consideration.”

Mr Anderson – “Whether you were charged 1s or 1d for that glass, you consider you should have got whisky.”

Witness – “I wished whisky.”



Stag Inn

The Defence

“Mrs Weeper said she was in the side bar when she heard someone coming into the main bar. Before she saw who it was, she heard a voice asking for three glasses of whisky. She had her tickets down, because she was cleaning the cranes of the jars, and she said: “I can’t sell before I put my tickets on my jars.” She then saw it was Mr Gorrie, and said, “Will I put the whisky in separate glasses, or in a bottle?” He replied: “I said three glasses of whisky”. “Then”, said Mrs Weeper, “I will put it in three separate glasses”. She brought the large notice into the bar when she was supplying the whisky. In answer to the Sheriff, Mrs Weeper said her tickets usually stood on the cranes of the jars. She put them up when she handed over the whisky. Asked if Mr Gorrie saw them, Mrs Weeper said, “Well, his assistant was smiling when he saw me coming out with them.”

The Sheriff – “Well, he was going to get a glass of whisky. (Laughter) Suppose he did smile; what about it?”

Mrs Weeper, at the close of her evidence, said: “I knew Mr Gorrie. It was not that I was cheated through not knowing him.”

The Sheriff – “I suppose if he had been an ordinary customer, he would have had the whisky drunk before the notice came.”

Mr Anderson – “Had the whisky been drunk, prejudice would have been suffered.”

Mr Brander – “It is only fair to say that Mr Gorrie had nothing to do with this prosecution. He merely sends in his report, and it is left in the hands of the County Council. He knew nothing about this prosecution until he was cited as a witness.”

Mr Anderson – “I am sure Mr Gorrie does not think I have made an attack on him.”

The Sheriff – “No, no. There is no attack.”

The Sheriff said it was certainly a point in the respondent’s favour that the notices were there for use. The question was whether the notices were brought to the attention of the Inspector. One could not overlook the fact that there was a conflict of evidence. Mr Gorrie was quite clear about it, and the respondent’s evidence was that in point of fact she did not supply the whisky, or sell it, or take the money until she had called Mr Gorrie’s attention to the terms of the notice. He preferred the evidence of Mr Gorrie and his assistant, and he must therefore reach the conclusion that a technical offence had been committed, in respect that the whisky had been sold without notice being given to the Inspector. He would impose a penalty of £2.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Snow** – “Heavy snow commenced to fall on Monday morning, and continued till about mid-day to a depth of about three inches. Rain fell during the afternoon and the roads were in a slushy condition.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Band** – “The band of the 1st Cowdenbeath Company of the Boys’ Brigade accompanied the praise at a service held in the Parish Church on Sunday forenoon. The local and Strathmiglo Companies connected with the Boys Brigade movement were also in attendance at the service. There was a large congregation.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Concert** – “There was a large audience in the Drill Hall on Friday evening, when a concert was given by the members of the local Choral and Musical Appreciation Class. This class, which is run under the auspices of the Lumsden Bursary Trust, Parish of Falkland, has been held weekly in the Public School during the winter by Mr D. C. Walker, L.R.A.M., Director of Music to the Fife Education Authority. The choir, which number some fifty voices, carried through the various items in a very capable manner, thus demonstrating the efficiency of Mr Walker’s teaching. At intervals, songs by Mrs Hood and violin solos by Mr James Soutter, both of Kirkcaldy, were exceedingly well rendered. The programme submitted was as follows:-

Part-song by choir – ‘As Torrents in Summer’; Song by Mrs Hood – ‘The Young Nun’; Violin solo by Mr Soutter, ‘Last two movements of 9th Concerto’; Part-song by choir – ‘He is gone on the Mountain’; Unison song by choir – ‘Come, Gladsome Spring’; Song by Mrs Hood – ‘My Mother Bids Me Bind My Hair’; Three-part song (female voices) – ‘Ye Banks and Braes’; Violin solo – Mr Soutter, ‘Romance’; Part-song (choir) – ‘O, Moonlight Deep and Tender’; Unison-song (choir) – ‘Where’er You Walk’; Violin solos – Mr Soutter, ‘Liebeslied’ and ‘Schon Rosmarin’; Two seafaring songs by the choir in unison; Part-song (choir) – ‘Alexander’; Song by Mrs Hood – ‘The Dream of Home’; Part-song (choir) – ‘The Miller’s Wooing’.

Both Mrs Hood and Mr Soutter had to respond to repeated encores.”

7th March 1925

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – “A friendly match between the locals and a team from Leven, was played at the Myre on Saturday afternoon. After a hard and unnecessarily rough game, Falkland emerged winners by 2 goals to 1.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Pulpit** – “Mr Dickson, a temperance evangelist from Edinburgh, occupied the Parish Church pulpit on Sunday morning, and delivered an interesting address to a fairly large congregation.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Billiards** – “Falkland Institute team travelled to Kingskettle on Thursday evening last week, and played the Kettle team in a friendly match. The result was a draw of three games each. The second strings met at Falkland, and the homesters won by 5 games to 1.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Bible Class Social** – “The annual social meeting of the members of the U.F. Church Bible Class was held in the Church Hall on Tuesday evening, when there was a good turnout. After a dainty tea, served by the ladies, a varied programme of songs, games, etc., was carried through. When the hour for departing arrived, the general feeling was that the evening had passed all too quickly, as the company had spent a most happy time together.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cantata** – “A sacred cantata, entitled ‘Roses and Rue’, was given by members of the Band of Hope, under the leadership of Mr George Spence, in the Parish Church on Thursday evening last week. Solos and duets were rendered as follows:-

‘The Roses are Blooming’ by Miss Flo Stark; ‘Jesus, be my Guide’ by Miss J. Douglas; ‘I Wandered from the Path’ by Miss A. Oswald; ‘Be Strong in the Rightful Endeavour’ by Misses Oswald and N. Anderson; ‘Dreaming of Home’ by Misses M. Wallace and Ina Lawson; ‘How Great the Love’ by Misses M. Lawson and N. Anderson.

Miss Edmiston played the accompaniments. A story in conjunction with the singing was read by the minister, Rev. J.K. Russell, and lantern slides depicting scenes in the story were shown. Mr Robert Miller operated the lantern.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **The Effect of a Punctured Tyre** – “Wm. Bryce, farmer, Pitillock Farm, Falkland, was charged at Cupar Sheriff Court on Tuesday, before Sheriff Dudley Stuart, with having on the Cupar and Kirkcaldy road, near Edenwood House, driven a motor car recklessly and caused it to collide with a dogcart driven by Jessie Groom, cook, Lawfield, Ladybank, whereby she was thrown from the said dogcart, and injured. Mr J.L. Anderson, who appeared on behalf of accused, and tendered a plea of guilty, said accused wished to express his very great regret at having inadvertently been the cause of that unfortunate accident. He was glad to say that the consequences, either to person or property, were happily not serious. Any damage that had to be repaired would, of course, be done by accused. He had had great difficulty in advising his client in that case, because although there was ample room for his client’s car to pass the trap which he was overtaking, he was quite satisfied that the real cause of the accident was due to the fact that immediately before the accident, although his client was not then aware of it, he had

a puncture in the near back wheel of his car. In fact, it was rather a serious tear, and accused only discovered it after the accident took place. He drew up in almost two car lengths from the point of impact, and therefore one might infer that he was not going at any great speed at the moment of impact. Everyone who had driven a motor car knew – he had experienced it himself – that if one of the wheels punctured and became flat, one was astonished at the difficulty of steering. If one had experienced it for the first time, one could not account for the swerving of the car when one of the tyres was down. The reason, of course, was that when one of the wheels was down, the whole equilibrium of the car was affected. It was only when Mr Bryce was about to re-start the car that he noticed the flat tyre. That quite explained how the car swerved into the trap. There was adequate room to pass at that time. The Procurator-Fiscal said that the lady who was driving the trap drew very close into her proper side of the road. For some time before the impact, when the motor car came right up to her, the accused was observed going at what one skilled witness said was an excessive speed. The car went right into the back of the dog-cart. The horse bolted, and the lady was thrown out. Her back was severely bruised, and she was confined to bed for some time afterwards. The horse ran for two or three hundred yards. It was a quiet horse, and was practically at walking pace when it was run into. There was nothing said about the puncture at the time. Whether that was the cause of the swerving or not, he did not know. The shafts of the dog-cart were broken, and there was nearly £30 of damage done to it. The Sheriff – “Fined £3.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: - **Birth** – “Shanks – At Falkland Wood, Falkland, on the 28th Feb., to Mr and Mrs Alexander Shanks, a daughter.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death** – “Tait – At Station House, Falkland Road, on 26th Feb., Mary Renton, beloved wife of Wm. Tait, stationmaster.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death** – “Taylor – on 2nd March, at Glen Newton, Newton of Falkland, Andrew Taylor, aged 87 years.”

14th March 1925

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Pulpit** – “The Rev. A.H. Anderson, Auchtermuchty U.F. Church, occupied the Parish Church pulpit on Sunday morning. Both services in the U.F. Church were conducted by Mr A.R.E. MacInnes, a student from Kirkliston.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Billiards** – “Teams representing Falkland and Leven met in friendly combat at the local War Memorial Institute on Thursday evening last week. After several stirring encounters, the ultimate verdict was a draw of three games each, with a points majority of 53 in favour of the homesters. Scores:

Falkland		Leven	
C. Oram	100	B. Vettraino	50
W. Bartie	87	A. Blyth	100
R. Nellies	90	A. Chalmers	100
D. Clark	100	J. Visocchi	93
T. Drysdale	100	R. Beveridge	33
W. Strudley	52	A. Abbie	100
	529		476

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – “Glorious weather prevailed on Saturday afternoon, when Falkland F.C. and Crosshill Hearts opposed each other in a friendly match at the Myre. The locals ran out easy winners by four goals to nil.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Social** – “The annual social and dance promoted by a Committee composed of employees from the linen and floorcloth factories was held in the Drill Hall last Friday evening, when the holding capacity of the building was taxed to its utmost, there being about two hundred persons assembled. When tea was over, the company were treated to a splendid concert. A long and varied programme was ably upheld by the following:

Solos – Miss M.J. Thomson, ‘Down the Vale’, and ‘Jessie’s Dream’. Miss J. Bett, ‘Mare o’ Mine’, and ‘The Nameless Lassie’. Miss A. Oswald, ‘Garden of Happiness’. Mr Charles Oram, ‘Danny Boy’, and ‘There’s a Wee Bit Land’. Mr W.S. Rae, ‘The Village Blacksmith’, and ‘Gallop Dick’.

Duet – Misses Oswald and Grant, ‘List to the Convent Bells’.

Two violin selections entitled ‘Fantasia’, and ‘In the Highlands’, were played by Mr Marshall Stark, and two recitations were contributed by Mr Thomas Drysdale. Misses Joan and Lily Thomson, dancers from Buckhaven, gave a fine exhibition of the ‘Highland Fling’, ‘Death of the Rose’, ‘Chicken Dance’, and ‘Irish Jig’. Scotch and American medleys were rendered in splendid manner by the Four Aces Band from Dunfermline. At the commencement and mid-way through the programme, short speeches were made by Mr George Robertson and Provost Hopkins, the respective managers. At the dance which followed, there was a huge turnout, excellent music being supplied by ‘The Four Aces’. Messrs N. Robertson and P. Birrell acted as M.C.’s.”

21st March 1925

Extract from *The Fife News*: “**Service** – “Rev W. Gemmil Mitchell, Freuchie, officiated at the evening service in the Parish Church on Sunday.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – “Crosshill Rovers were the visitors at the Myre on Saturday afternoon to play the local team in a friendly game. After a well contested encounter, Falkland went under by 2 goals to 1.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “The local course is now in playing order, and one or two players have had a preliminary round. It is expected that several new members will enrol during the coming season. Mixed foursomes will be held on Saturday, 28th March, this being the opening item on the programme for the season.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Whist Drive** – An enjoyable whist drive and dance in aid of the local Company of the Boys’ Brigade, was held in the Liquorstone Temperance Hotel last Friday night. Unfortunately, there was a poor turnout, but enthusiasm made up for lack of numbers, as play all through was of a keen nature. Prize-winners were as follows:-

Ladies – 1. Miss E. Kennedy, 182; Mr C.R. Drysdale (playing as lady), 182; consolation, Mrs Brown.

Gentlemen – 1. Mr Charles Oram, 190; 2. Mr Thos. Hamilton, 179; consolation, Mr Geo. Shields.

A guessing competition was won by Mr Thos. Drysdale.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **A New Regulation** – “William Gilmour Meldrum, motor driver, residing at Royal Terrace, Falkland, admitted on Tuesday, at Cupar Sheriff Court, that on 11th February, on the Cupar-Kirkcaldy highway, and at a part near Thornton, where the bridge spans the River Lochty, he drove a motor lorry with another motor lorry as trailer, and failed to have a duplicate identification plate at the rear of the trailer.

Sheriff Dudley Stuart – “This seems to be a new rule. I gather that previous to this new regulation it was unnecessary, in the place of a vehicle being trailed, to have an identification plate on the trailed vehicle. You are admonished.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Billiards** – “The Institute team had two home engagements during last week, their opponents being Kingskettle on Thursday evening, and Recreation Club, Kirkcaldy, on Saturday evening. The Kettle team received a rather severe drubbing, but the other match was more evenly contested, as the following scores indicate:-

Falkland		Kingskettle	
C. Oram	100	J. Meldrum	68
R. Nellies	100	W. Crockett	56
W. Bartie	100	A. Mitchell	87
T. Drysdale	100	R. Smith	61
C.R. Drysdale	100	A. Scott	78
W. Strudley	100	W. Peggie	42
	600		392

Falkland		Recreation Club	
C. Oram	150	J. Doig	128
R. Nellies	99	J. Anderson	150
T. Drysdale	122	A. Christie	150
A. Cowan	109	D. Greig	150
C.R. Drysdale	150	A. Hall	123
D. Clark	100	J. Christie	51
	730		752

28th March 1925

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death – Annan** - “At West Port, Falkland, on 24th inst., Walter Annan.”

4th April 1925

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Social** – “The members of the Parish Church Bible class held an enjoyable social meeting in the Liqueorstane Temperance Hotel. After a dainty tea, served by the ladies, a pleasant evening was spent in songs, dances and games.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “The local golf course was opened for the season on Saturday afternoon, when a mixed foursomes competition was held. There was a large turnout of members, and play was keen all through. Miss J. Drysdale and Mr G. Hepburn, with a score of 55, were the winning couple. Miss E. Grant and Mr J. Wallace being runners-up with 61. At the close of the match, the players were entertained to tea by the Ladies Golf Club.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **C.C. Dance** – “What is usually considered one of the events of the season, viz., the Falkland C.C. dance, was held in the Drill Hall last Friday night. As on former occasions, the function was an unqualified success, there being over fifty couples assembled. Excellent music was provided by the R.A.F. Orchestra from Leuchars. All arrangements were ably carried out by an energetic Committee, while the catering was in the competent hands of the ladies. Messrs Thos. Drysdale and T.C. Schofield were efficient M.C.’s. The following is the list of acceptances:-

Ladies – Misses J. Anderson, M. Anderson, B. Anderson, E. Ashton, Miss Allan (Kingskettle), Mrs Bartie, Misses M. Birrell, J. Bett, Mrs Brown, Miss Bell (Ladybank), Misses C. Cowan, M. Chisholm, J. Drysdale, M. Dowie, M. Douglas, B. Douglas, M. Duncan, M. Dryden (Newton of Falkland), J. Dewar (Lathrisk), A. Edmeston, H. Forsyth, L. Finlay, L. Fernie, E. Grant, A. Grant, E. Hay, Mrs Homden, Misses M. Hendry (Lathrisk), M. Haxton (Strathmiglo), K. Henderson (Ladybank), Mrs Hopkins, Misses E. Kennedy, J. Kennedy, C. Lawson, M. Lawson, C. Melville, A. Middleton, E. McEwan, E. Nelson, J. Nelson, C. Peggie, J. Robertson, J. Ross, J. Smith, C. Sturrock, M. Smith, Miss Spier (Markinch), Miss Todd, Miss Turnbull (Ladybank), Miss A. Wotherspoon, Miss West (Leslie), Miss Webster (Ladybank).

Gentlemen – Messrs G. Anderson, J. Abernethy, J. Adamson (Cowdenbeath), A. Archibald (Markinch), W. Bartie, G. Baxter, J. Brunton (Markinch), K. Brunton (Markinch), J. Beattie (Freuchie), E. Borthwick (Aberdour), A. Cowan, J. Campbell, J. Coutts, T. Clarke (Kirkcaldy), W. Currie (Kirkcaldy), T. Drysdale, C.R. Drysdale, R.S. Drysdale, R. Dakers, A. Dryburgh, J. Douglas, A. Douglas, A. Dewar, J. Dewar, W. Dewar (Lathrisk), W. Fisher (Kirkcaldy), A. Fox (Freuchie), T. Hamilton, J. Hay, Provost Hopkins, A. Hopkins, G. Hendry, W. Hastie (Drumdreel), E. Harvey (Leuchars), D. Joss (Markinch), P. Lawson, H. Lee, A. Lindsay (Coaltown of Balgonie), J. McEwan, W. Malloch (Dunshalt), T. Morrison (Markinch), R. Nellies, C. Oram, Wm. Robertson, A. Robertson, H. Robson, A. Robertson (Freuchie), D. Reid (Strathmiglo), W. Strudley, G. Shields, A. Smith, T.C. Schofield, J. Skinner, A. Shepherd (Freuchie), W. Todd, J. Walker, W. West (Leslie).”

11th April 1925

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – “Teams representing the 1st Falkland and 4th Kirkcaldy Companies of the Boys’ Brigade met in a friendly match at the Myre on Saturday afternoon. The result was a draw of 3 goals each. The players were afterwards entertained to tea in the Liquorstone Temperance Hotel, and the remainder of the evening was happily spent with songs, dancing, and games.”



Liquorstone Temperance Hotel

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Services** – “Rev. Mr Ritchie of Milnathort, officiated at both morning and evening services in the Parish Church on Sunday.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Spring Holiday** – “Monday was observed as the annual Spring holiday, works and shops being closed. Heavy rain fell during the greater part of the day, thus causing several would-be travellers to alter their plans.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death** – “Kennedy – At Balmblae, Falkland, on Sunday, 5th inst., Robert Kennedy, aged 64 years.”



Balmblae (circa 1920's)

18th April 1925

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – “Falkland F.C. had Cardenden Hearts as opponents in a friendly match at the Myre on Saturday afternoon. The homesters were defeated – the first time for several weeks – by 4 goals to 2.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **School** – “The Public School was re-opened on Tuesday morning, after a week’s Easter vacation.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **General Assembly** – “Bailie George Robertson has been appointed representative of the Royal Burgh of Falkland to attend the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “The first gentlemen’s monthly medal competition for the season was held on Saturday afternoon, when there was a good turnout. The winner was Mr Alex. Hopkins with a score of 86. Messrs J. Drysdale and J. Wallace tied for the place of runner-up with 90.”

25th April 1925

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Dance** – “The great north dance takes place tonight (Friday) in the Bruce Arms Hotel.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cantata** – “There was a large congregation in the U.F. Church on Sunday evening, when the choir, under the leadership of Mr W. Burgon, rendered the sacred Easter cantata, entitled ‘From Cross to Crown’. Solos were sung by Mrs Bartie, Miss Bella Peggie, Messrs G. Anderson, T. Drysdale, J. Peggie and J. Burgon. Miss C. Peggie played the accompaniments.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – “A friendly football match between teams representing the local Company of the Boys’ Brigade and Auchtermuchty Boy Scouts was played at the Myre on Tuesday evening. The result of a keen encounter was a draw of two goals each.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Billiards** – “The final of the annual tournament for a medal presented by Mrs T.D. Hopkins was played off at the War Memorial Institute on Tuesday evening, when Messrs T. Drysdale and Wm. Strudley met in opposition. The match, which was 200 up, was strenuously contested all through, both players being in tip-top form. T. Drysdale eventually ran out winner by six points.”

2nd May 1925

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Meeting** – “At a meeting of Cupar Presbytery at Cupar on Tuesday, the Clerk (the Rev. H.Y. Arnott, Newburgh) said for the first time in his recollection, Falkland burgh had appointed a representative to the General Assembly. Bailie George Robertson would represent Falkland.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Presentation to Lady Treasurer** – “At the annual business meeting held at Falkland on Saturday afternoon, of Cupar U.F. Church Presbytery Women’s Foreign Mission – the Rev. J.P. Batchelor, Falkland, presiding – Mrs Struth, Cupar, was presented with a solid silver brush, comb, and mirror in case, with the following inscription:-

'Presented to Mrs Struth in appreciation of her 17 years' service as Treasurer, by the Committee of the Women's Foreign Mission of Cupar U.F Presbytery. 25th April 1925.'

The presentation was made by Mrs Craig, Balmalcolm, who said Mrs Struth had made a good Treasurer and done a lot of work. Mrs Struth made an appropriate reply. Thereafter an address was delivered on 'Old Calabar' by Mrs Arnot, who had been associated with Mary Slessor's home in West Africa. Mrs Hutchison, Logie and Gaudry U.F. Manse, succeeds Mrs Struth as Treasurer."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Billiards** – "Strathmiglo billiard team visited the War Memorial Institute on Thursday evening last week and played the locals in a friendly match. The result was an easy victory for Falkland by 4 games to 2. Details:

Falkland		Strathmiglo	
C. Oram	130	J. Allan	81
T. Drysdale	112	Rev. R. Scott	130
D. Clark	130	G. Leburn	58
R. Nellies	130	T. Thomson	99
W. Strudley	98	J. Robertson	130
C.R. Drysdale	130	W. Seath	97
	730		595

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – "Kelty Corinthians provided the opposition for Falkland F.C. at the Myre on Saturday afternoon. Play was of a strenuous nature all through, and the Kelty men eventually ran out winners by 4 goals to 3."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket** – "In view of the opening match with Rothes (Leslie) C.C. at Scroggie Park tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon, the local players have been busy practicing during the week-end, and hope to start off with a victory. The Secretary, Mr Thomas Drysdale, has drawn up a list of excellent fixtures for this season, as follows:-

May 2	Rothes (Leslie)	Home
" 9	Dunnikier	Home
" 16	Open	
" 23	Dunfermline Carnegie	Away
" 27	Kirkcaldy	Away
" 30	Cupar 2 nd XI	Home
June 3	Kennoway	Home
" 6	Freuchie	Away
" 13	Kelty	Away
" 17	Kennoway	Away
" 20	Springfield	Home

" 24	Kirkcaldy	Home
" 27	Dunnikier	Away
July 1	Freuchie	Home
" 4	Roths (Leslie)	Away
" 11	Courier XI	Home
" 10	Cupar 2 nd XI	Away
" 25	Open	
Aug 1	Nairn's	Home
" 8	Markinch	Away
" 15	Springfield	Away
" 22	Kelty	Home
" 29	Nairn's	Away
Sept 5	Markinch	Home

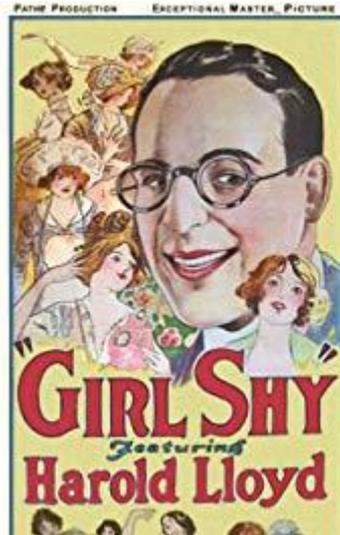
9th May 1925

Extract from *the Fife News*: **Birds** – “The cuckoos and swallows have arrived. This is a sign of better and warmer weather. Let us hope so.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “Miss Jenny Drysdale was the winner of the ladies monthly medal competition, which was played on Saturday afternoon.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket Teas** – “The teas at the match between Falkland and Roths (Leslie) on Saturday afternoon were kindly provided by Mrs Peter Robertson, High Street.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cinema** – “A screamingly funny eight-reel comedy entitled ‘Girl Shy’ with Harold Lloyd (Winkle) in the leading role, was screened on Saturday night. Serial, topical and interest films completed a first-class programme. At both showings, the hall was packed.”



Girl Shy (1924)

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Motor Cycling Club** – “The members of the recently formed Howe of Fife and District Motor Cycling Club assembled at the Liquorstane on Sunday afternoon, and went for a pleasant run to Lochearnhead.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Sacrament** – “The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper was dispensed in the Parish and U.F. Churches on Sunday morning. The thanksgiving service in the evening at the respective places of worship were conducted by the Rev. J.H. Bryden, Markinch, and the Rev. W.L. Craig, Balmalcolm.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – “A match between teams representing Falkland Boys’ Brigade and Auchtermuchty Boy Scouts was played at the Myre on Tuesday evening. The result of a hard tussle was a victory for the visitors by 3 goals to 2.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Billiards** – “A tournament between players of Freuchie and Falkland Institutes, which has been in progress for the past two months or so, is now in the closing stages, and the semi-final draw is as follows:-

S. Howie, 40 (Freuchie) v T. Drysdale, scratch (Falkland) to be played at Freuchie; and C.R. Drysdale, 20 (Falkland) v D. Clark, scratch (Falkland).

The latter tie was played on the local table on Tuesday evening. Play was of an even nature all through, and Drysdale ran out winner of a good game by 5 points. The match was 150 up.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Co-operative Society** – “The half-yearly general meeting was held in the Town Hall on Monday evening. Mr Thomas Jackson, chairman of the Society, presided over a small turnout of members. The balance sheet showed the ‘Store’ to be in a healthy condition, as the sales indicated an increase of about £200, as compared with those of the previous six months. The Chairman said he was pleased to intimate that a dividend of 2s 6d per £1 to members and 1s 3d to non-members would be paid, this being an increase of 2d per £1. Mr Geo. S. Hardie moved that the Committee have electric light installed in the shop – Agreed. On behalf of the Market Sports Committee, Mr Riley asked if the Society would favour with a donation towards the market funds, and that the shop be closed on that afternoon (Saturday, 20th June), so as to allow the employees a few hours leisure. This was also agreed to. All the retiring office-bearers of the Society were re-elected. The Management is as follows:-

President – Mr Thomas Jackson; Secretary – Mr Wm. W. Gullon; Treasurer and Manager – Mr Wm. Bartie; Committee – Mrs E. Mather, Mrs J. Paterson, Mr Jas. Walker, Mr Peter Robertson, Mr James Oswald, Mr James Lawson, Mr David Clark, Mr James Peggie.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman, on the motion of Bailie Hunt.

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Falkland v Rothes (Leslie)** – “Played at Scroggie Park, Falkland, on Saturday afternoon. It certainly looked as if weather conditions were going to put a “damper” on the burgh men’s opening fixture, as rain was falling at the commencement, and during the earlier part of the game. Happily, however, it only proved to be a passing shower, and Old Sol beamed forth in full glory. Winning the toss, T. Drysdale, the home Captain, decided to take first lease of the wicket, and sent his brother and Schofield in to face the bowling of Orr and Buchan. Schofield was run out before the scoring was opened, and this early reverse seemed to affect the rest of the team, as the side was disposed of for the meagre total of 42 runs. For Leslie, Dewar and Galloway took the score to 18, before a separation was effected by Allan penetrating the former’s defence. Allan had now struck a deadly length, and with the exception of Galloway, the batsmen could do nothing with his bowling. The rate of scoring was painfully slow, as the visitors were now displaying extreme caution. When the sixth wicket fell 37 runs were on the board, and excitement was rising as Orr the Captain took his place at the crease. Ramsay and he passed the homesters total by two runs, when the latter was bowled by Allan. The visiting Captain then gave the signal to draw stumps thus claiming a three wicket victory. This action raised the ire of the spectators and some scathing remarks were hurled at the Leslie skipper. The time was only something

like twenty minutes past five, and both players and onlookers alike who had looked forward to a pleasant afternoon's cricket, were dumfounded at Orr's decision. By no means were the Leslie side grudging their victory, but the abrupt manner in which the game was concluded caused unpleasantness. Bowling for Rothes, Orr claimed 4 wickets for 15 runs. Buchan 3 for 15, and Grant 2 for 10. All the visitors' seven wickets were captured by Allen at a cost of 15 runs. Scores: -

Falkland

C.R. Drysdale, c. Dewar, b. Buchan	2
T.O. Schofield, run out	0
D. Lawson, b. Orr	7
W. Stark, c. Speed, b. Buchan	1
J. Allen, hit wicket, b. Orr	0
P. Robertson, c. Innes, b. Buchan	0
R. Hopkins, c. Speed, b. Orr	4
M. St Clair, b. Grant	11
T. Drysdale, not out	7
R. Dryburgh, b. Grant	4
J. Ross, st. Dewar, b. Orr	4
Extras	2
Total	42

Leslie

J. Dewar, b. Allan	11
G. Galloway, c. Robertson, b. Allan	23
J. Speed, b. Allan	0
A. Innes, b. Allen	3
A. Dewar, c. St Clair, b. Allen	0
J. Buchan, b. Allen	0
J. Ramsay, not out	2
C. Orr, b. Allan	0
A. Grant, A. Buchan and H. Denny did not bat	
Extras	5
Total for 7 wickets	44

16th May 1925

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “The gentlemen’s monthly medal competition, held on Thursday evening last week, and on Saturday afternoon, was won by Mr John Drysdale with a score of 83. Provost Hopkins was runner-up with 89.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Pulpit** – “The Rev. W. Gemmil Mitchell, Freuchie, occupied the Parish Church pulpit on Sunday morning. The Rev. J.K. Russell

conducted the service in the U.F. Church, to allow the Rev. J.P. Batchelor to take Mr Mitchell's place at Freuchie."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Dunnikier v Falkland** – “Played at Scroggie Park, Falkland, on Saturday afternoon. Shortly before two o'clock, rain began to fall, and increased in volume for half an hour. Although it was fair when the game commenced, the wicket was in a very sodden condition. The homesters were represented by the same eleven as that which had played against Rothes the previous week. Bain and Campbell opened for the visitors against the bowling of Allan and Lawson, and showed they were out to hit, fifty appearing on the board in a very short time. Various bowling changes were made, but all to no purpose, and though both batsmen had one or two 'lives', runs continued to come freely, until Schofield was put on at the north end. He broke the spell by having Campbell caught in the broadfield. Leck, who was next in, gave Bain every assistance in collecting runs, and the latter was now opening his shoulders to some purpose. The second wicket fell at 89, Leck being clean bowled by Schofield, and Bain followed shortly afterwards, being taken in the slips after compiling a forceful 57. The following batsmen did little, and Allan had the hat-trick by clean bowling Rough, Kilpatrick and Cuthbert with successive balls. The visiting Captain then applied the closure, with the total at 113 for nine wickets. The sun was shining brightly, and the wicket had dried to some extent when Drysdale and Robertson took their places at the crease. While the former was content to 'door', Robertson set about the bowling, and 20 was hoisted without loss. At 24, Drysdale was taken at the wicket, and only one run was added when Robertson was caught in the outfield. Lawson and Stark gave the score a substantial lift by contributing 10 and 11, respectively. It seemed as if the burgh men would yet make a fight for it, but Kilpatrick and Bain were in rampant bowling form, and the remainder of the home side were skittled out for 11 runs, the innings closing for a total of 59. The bowling analyses are as follows:-

For Falkland – Allan – 4 for 23; Schofield – 3 for 16; and Lawson – 1 for 30.

For Dunnikier – Kilpatrick – 6 for 23; Leck – 2 for 7, and Bain – 2 for 10.

Scores:-

Dunnikier	
J.C. Bain, c. Drysdale, b. Lawson	57
R. Campbell, c. Drysdale, b. Schofield	18
W. Leck, b. Schofield	10
A.M. Brown, c. Lawson, b. Schofield	1
J. Brough, b. Allan	5
W. Carrie, run out	7
D.H. Fisher, b. Allan	0
N.L.W. Aitken, not out	8
G. Kilpatrick, b. Allan	0

J. Cuthbert, b. Allan	0
T. Baptie, not out	0
Extras	7
Total for 9 wickets (Innings closed)	113

Falkland

C.R. Drysdale, c. Campbell, b. Kilpatrick	6
P. Robertson, c. Bain, b. Leck	19
P. Lawson, lbw, b. Leck	10
W. Stark, b. Bain	11
T. Drysdale, b. Kilpatrick	0
J.S. Allan, b. Bain	0
M. St Claire, c. Brown, b. Kilpatrick	5
T. Schofield, b. Kilpatrick	4
R. Hopkins, c. Campbell, b. Kilpatrick	0
J. Ross, c. Leck, b. Kilpatrick	1
R. Dryburgh, not out	1
Extras	2
Total	59

23rd May 1925

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cinema** – “A special show was given in the Hall on Tuesday evening. The chief item was ‘The Hunchback of Notre Dame’, with Lon Chaney playing the leading part. Topical and comedy films were also screened. The hall was packed at each showing.”



The Hunchback of Notre Dame (1923)

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football**- “A friendly game between Falkland F.C. and Kennoway Burnside was played at the Myre on Wednesday evening. The pitch was in a deplorable condition due to heavy rain during the afternoon. Play was keen, and scoring heavy. The result was a draw of 4 goals each.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “A match between the ladies and the gentlemen was played on Thursday last week. Play was over 14 holes, and the ladies were allowed that number of bisques. The result was as follows:-

Ladies		Gentlemen	
Miss J. Venters	½	Mr J. Wallace	½
Miss K. Venters	0	Mr T. Drysdale	1
Mrs Drysdale	0	Mr T.C. Schofield	1
Miss Forsyth	0	Mr J. Drysdale	1
Miss Drysdale	1	Mr A. Venters	0
Miss Grant	1	Mr C.R. Drysdale	0
Miss Edmeston	1	Mr H. Lee	0
	3 ½		3 ½

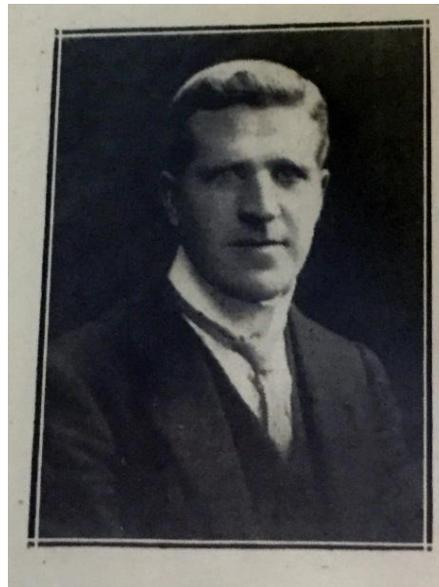
On Saturday afternoon, sides representing Falkland and Auchtermuchty Ladies' Golf Clubs met in friendly rivalry on the local course. Every member of the home side suffered defeat, thus giving the visitors a 6-0 victory.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Billiards** – “The final of the Freuchie-Falkland tournament was played last Friday evening at the War Memorial Institute, the contestants being Messrs T. and C.R. Drysdale. The latter player had a concession of 20 points, but as play progressed, T. Drysdale gradually reduced the leeway, and ran out winner of an exciting tussle by 1 point. The final scores were 150-149.”

30th May 1925

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Mr Alexander Anderson** – “Mr Alex. Anderson, solicitor and town clerk, Falkland, is a native of Morayshire. He was trained to the law in the office of Messrs Cooper & Wink, solicitors, Elgin. After serving his apprenticeship, he remained for some years as an assistant, and thereafter proceeded to Edinburgh, where he was with the firm of Messrs Mackenzie, Innes & Logan, W.S., while taking the usual law classes. He passed the final examination, qualifying as a law agent in April 1903. In 1904 he was appointed as managing clerk to the late Mr Charles

Gulland, writer, and Town Clerk of the Royal Burgh of Falkland. On Mr Gulland's death in 1909, Mr Anderson took over his business, and also received the appointment to the Town Clerkship and other public duties. Mr Anderson also holds the joint agency of the British Linen Bank at Falkland. He has recently assumed as a partner in the law and factorial business, Mr Melville St Clair, solicitor, Edinburgh."



Mr Alexander Anderson

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Markinch 2nd XI v Falkland 2nd XI** – “Played at Scroggie Park, Falkland, on Saturday afternoon. The outstanding feature of the match was Dryburgh’s work with both bat and ball. He captured all the visitors wickets at a total cost of nine runs, and followed this up by scoring twenty-three, being highest run-getter for the Falkland side. Bowling for Markinch, Hill claimed four wickets for 18, Morrison three for 8, and Waddell three for 16. Scores:-

Markinch 2nd XI	
W. Hill, c. Shields, b. Dryburgh	0
R. Mackie, c. Cowan, b. Dryburgh	0
A. Morrison, b. Dryburgh	3
D. Thomson, b. Dryburgh	0
W. Gamba, b. Dryburgh	3
G. Logan, b. Dryburgh	0
K. Waddell, b. Dryburgh	5
G. Todd, not out	2
A. Jack, b. Dryburgh	0
W. McArthur, b. Dryburgh	0
J. Mackie, c. J. Lawson, b. Dryburgh	1
Extras	3
Total	17

Falkland 2nd XI

T. Shields, c. and b. Hill	0
J. Lawson, b. Hill	0
H. Birrell, b. Hill	0
P. Birrell, b. Waddell	0
R. Dryburgh, b. Morrison	23
H. Lee, b. Waddell	1
G. Anderson, b. Waddell	1
C.R. Drysdale, lbw, b. Waddell	6
A. Cowan, c. Gamba, b. Morrison	0
P. Lawson, b. Morrison	0
S. Drysdale, c. Mackie, b. Hill	2
Extras	2
Total	46

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Dunfermline Carnegie v Falkland** – “At Venturefair Park, Dunfermline, on Saturday afternoon. The visitors batted first, and 20 was hoisted without loss. Rain then drove the players to the pavilion, and after about half an hour’s wait, they decided to venture forth again. The score was taken to 52 for 3 wickets when the teams had again to seek shelter, and the game was eventually abandoned.”

6th June 1925

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Band** – “Dysart Colliery Band visited the East Loan on Saturday afternoon and rendered a programme of splendid music.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket Teas** – “The teas at the match between Falkland and Cupar on Saturday afternoon were kindly provided by Mr Walter Peggie Snr.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket** – “The “local Derby” between Freuchie and Falkland takes place at Freuchie to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon, and the Royal burgh team will be as follows:-

T. Drysdale (Capt.), R. Hopkins, T.D. Hopkins, C.R. Drysdale, J.S. Allan, T.C. Schofield, W. Stark, M. St Clair, P. Robertson, R. Dryburgh, and J. Ross.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Boy Scouts** – “The local troop hold their Scout week from 7th to 13th June. Church parade will be held on the former date, and on the following day (Monday), a shooting competition will be entered into and continue during the week until Saturday evening at 5.30. On the Saturday afternoon (13th) a cake and candy sale will be held in the Palace grounds. The opening ceremony will be performed by Major G.J. Lumsden, County Commissioner. A camp fire sing-song will take place in the evening, and there will be in attendance contingents of Freuchie, Kettle, and Markinch Scouts. Scoutmaster Wallace and the boys are working eagerly and hard, and the event should be a great success.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Cupar 2nd XI v Falkland** – “Weather conditions were far from ideal when the above teams met at Scroggie Park, Falkland, on Saturday afternoon. A cold wind – more in the nature of a gale – was blowing across the pitch, and rain fell at intervals. The homesters won the toss, and batted first. They opened with great care to Barclay and Mason. The first three overs were “maidens”, and the first eight only bore three runs. Barclay accounted for Schofield and Lawson in the same over, but W. Stark brightened afternoon by a couple of fours off Mason. After he and T. Drysdale had been disposed of, the remainder all broke their ducks, but were all out for 43. Both bowlers trundled well, and Kirkcaldy was clever behind the sticks. Donaldson again distinguished himself for Cupar, but was foolishly run out. Mason alone showed determination. The tail failed to make good their opportunity of snatching runs, and Allan’s bowling got the better of them. He dispatched the last four men at a cost of one run. Bowling for Cupar, Barclay claimed six wickets for 16 runs, and Mason three for 22. For Falkland, Allan bagged seven for 12, and Lawson two for 24. Scores:-

Falkland	
C.R. Drysdale, b. Mason	5
T.C. Schofield, b. Barclay	3
P. Lawson, c. Rollo, b. Barclay	0
W. Stark, c. Donaldson, b. Barclay	10
T. Drysdale, b. Barclay	5
J.S. Allan, c. Geddes, b. Mason	1
M. St Clair, b. Mason	1
R. Hopkins, st. Kirkcaldy, b. Barclay	4
T.D. Hopkins, run out	4
R. Dryburgh, c. Kirkcaldy, b. Barclay	4
T. Shields, not out	1
Extras	5
Total	43

Cupar 2nd XI	
A. Donaldson, run out	14
A.D. Porter, b. Allan	1
J. Irving, c. R. Hopkins, b. Allan	3

H.M. Kirkcaldy, b. Allan	6
E. Rollo, lbw., b. Lawson	2
D. Whyte, c. Dryburgh, b. Allan	5
D. Lawson, c. T. Drysdale, b. Lawson	0
R. Mason, not out	8
T. Barclay, b. Allan	3
R.H. Russell, b. Allan	0
W. Geddes, c. Lawson, b. Allan	1
Total	43

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Falkland v Kennoway** – “Played at Scroggie Park, Falkland, on Wednesday evening. Bowling for Kennoway, Brown claimed six wickets for 11 runs, and Rankine two for 17. For the homesters, Lawson secured six for 14, and Allan four for 22. Scores:-

Falkland

C.R. Drysdale, b. Brown	5
T.C. Schofield, run out	8
P. Lawson, run out	2
T. Drysdale, b. Rankine	0
P. Robertson, b. Brown	2
J.S. Allan, b. Brown	3
W. Stark, b. Brown	4
R. Hopkins, not out	1
R. Dryburgh, b. Rankine	3
P. Birrell, c. Cooper, b. Brown	0
T. Shields, c. and b. Brown	0
Extras	4
Total	32

Kennoway

D. Rankine, b. Lawson	0
J. Lister, c. T. Drysdale, b. Allan	0
J. Gillespie, hit wicket, b. Allan	0
G. Honeyman, c. C. Drysdale, b. Lawson	9
D. Gillespie, lbw., b. Lawson	10
P. Gillespie, lbw., b. Lawson	7
J. Ramsay, b. Lawson	2
J. Cooper, b. Lawson	1
D. Brown, lbw., b. Lawson	5
J. Wilkinson, not out	2
J. Finlay, b. Allan	0
Extras	1
Total	37

13th June 1925

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “Miss Jenny Drysdale won the ladies monthly medal competition last Friday evening. Miss Jean Venters was runner up.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Scout Week** – “The local troop, under Scoutmaster Wallace, attended the Parish Church on Sunday morning, and the U.F. Church in the afternoon.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Excursion** – “The annual excursion of the employees of the linen and floorcloth factories, along with their friends, took place on Saturday. The journey was made by charabanc to Loch Lomond, where a very pleasant time was spent.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Freuchie v Falkland** – “The supposed friendly rivalry between these Clubs was not greatly evident on Saturday by any abnormal attendance of spectators at the match in the Recreation Park, Freuchie. Play was marked, not by anything striking with bat or ball, but rather a disposition to take the match as a good friendly one. Indeed, the outstanding features of the game were the methods of exit by two well-known Falkland players. Bowling for Falkland, J.A. Allan had four wickets for 37, and Schofield two for 9. For Freuchie, Duncan had four for 28, Dalrymple five for 22, and Lindsay one for 1. Scores:-

Freuchie

J. Lindsay, c. Robertson, b. Dryburgh	21
D. Duncan, c. R. Hopkins, b. Allan	32
J. Jack, lbw., b. Allan	0
J.D. Dalrymple, lbw., b. Allan	1
J. Fleming, c. Allan, b. Schofield	15
R. Allan, b. Allan	0
K. Beveridge, b. Ross	9
A. Grant, c. Dryburgh, b. Schofield	5
D. Chalmers, not out	3
A. Livingstone, b. Ross	0
J. Beattie, b. Robertson	1
Extras	6
Total	93

Falkland

C. Drysdale, c. Allan, b. Dalrymple	2
T.C. Schofield, c. Lindsay, b. Duncan	8
J.S. Allan, b. Duncan	0
P. Robertson, st. Grant, b. Duncan	11
T. Drysdale, b. Dalrymple	1
W. Stark, b. Duncan	2

R. Hopkins, c and b Dalrymple	16
M. St Clair, b. Dalrymple	7
T.D. Hopkins, b. Lindsay	3
J. Ross, c. Chalmers, b. Dalrymple	0
R. Dryburgh, not out	0
Extras	2
Total	52

20th June 1925

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “A friendly match was played over the local course between teams of Falkland and Kinghorn ladies resulted in an easy win for the visitors by 5 games to nil. Scores:-

Falkland		Kinghorn	
Miss J. Drysdale	0	Miss Simpson	1
Miss J. Venters	0	Mrs Early	1
Mrs T. Hopkins	0	Miss Gibson	1
Miss H. Forsyth	0	Miss Wigh	1
Miss K. Venters	0	Miss Nicol	1
	0		5

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Boy Scouts** – “A very successful cake and candy sale in aid of the funds of the local troop was held in the Palace grounds on Saturday afternoon. Major G.J. Lumsden, Cupar, County Commissioner, performed the opening ceremony. The cake and candy stall was in charge of Mrs Brown, Misses E. Grant, A. Edmiston, and J. Ross, who saw to the rapid disposal of the good things in this department. Mrs Jas. Birrell, Misses M.J. Thomson, M. Birrell, J. Anderson, A. Oswald, and L. Anderson attended to the tea stall, which did a roaring trade. Sweet lavender was sold by Miss A. Paterson. Amusements and competitions were an attraction and also proved a profitable source of revenue. Various prize-winners were as follows:-

Treasure Hunt – Mr T.C. Schofield

Clock Golf – Mr G. Shields

Bean Guessing Competition – Miss E. Middleton

Guessing Weight of Cake – Mr C. Oram

Shooting Competition (Ladies) – 1st Miss J. Drysdale, 2nd Miss C. Peggie

Shooting Competition (Gentlemen) – 1st Mr C. Oram, 2nd Mr D. Clark.

The total amount realised was £24 8s 5 ½ d, certainly a handsome sum. A camp-fire sing-song was held at the East Loan in the evening. Parties of Scouts from Markinch, Kettle and Freuchie were in attendance, and Scoutmaster Ross of Kettle acted as Camp-Fire Chief. The event attracted a large crowd of onlookers, and a collection taken amounted to £1 4s. Just before the sing-song came to a conclusion, Scoutmaster Wallace took the opportunity to thank all who had contributed towards the success of the sale. Now that the local troop are well off in the matter of funds, the Scoutmaster intends looking out for suitable premises for the purpose of having commodious recreation gymnasium, and work rooms. Several local gentlemen are taking an interest in the movement, and Mr John Reid of the British Linen Bank has consented to act as treasurer.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Kelty v Falkland** – “The above teams met at Kelty on Saturday afternoon. The homesters took first lease of the wicket against the bowling of Lawson and Allan. The former maintained a deadly length, and backed up by fine fielding, disposed of the Kelty side for 30 runs. Drysdale and Lawson opened for the visitors, and the first named was out first ball from Reid. Dryburgh livened things up a bit, but did not hit anything and everything. The Kelty total was passed with six wickets down, and the remaining four collected 14 runs, the innings closing for 46. This was Falkland’s first victory for the season. Bowling for Falkland, Lawson captured seven wickets for 8 runs, and Allan two for 22. For Kelty, Forrester had four for 17, and Reid one for 14. Scores:-

Kelty	
T. Hunter, b. Allan	2
H. Forrester, lbw., b. Lawson	0
T. Anderson, b. Lawson	0
P. Roger, c. Shields, b. Lawson	3
H. Hodge, c. Shields, b. Allan	11
R. Stevenson, c. Birrell, b. Lawson	0
R. Reid, c. Ross, b. Lawson	10
T. Bain, b. Lawson	0
J. Martin, not out	3
H. Hood, b. Lawson	0
J. Burt, run out	1
Total	30

Falkland	
C. Drysdale, b. Reid	0
P. Lawson, b. Bain	4
R. Dryburgh, b. Bain	12
R. Hopkins, c and b Bain	2
T. Drysdale, c. Forrester	5
W. Stark, run out	4
J. Allan, b. Forrester	5
J. Ross, c. Burt, b. Bain	4

<i>H. Birrell, b. Forrester</i>	8
<i>T. Shields, b. Forrester</i>	2
<i>P. Birrell, not out</i>	0
Total	46

27th June 1925

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “A mixed foursomes competition was held on Thursday evening last week, and was won by Miss H.S. Forsyth and Mr Jas. Wallace. Miss Jean Venters and Mr Thomas Drysdale were runners-up.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Services** – “In the absence of the Rev. J.P. Batchelor, who is on holiday until the end of the month, the services in the U.F. Church on Sunday were conducted by the Rev. J. Landels Love, of Toronto, Canada.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Will Falkland Do It?** – “Cupar Cricket 2nd XI are having an uninterrupted run of successes, and it appears there is not a junior side in the county who can hold them in check. One of their stalwarts stated this week that they should go through the whole fixture card without defeat. The only side who may upset them is Falkland. Falkland, he says, are a very dangerous side with the bat on a hard wicket, and it is just possible, if the wicket is hard at Duffus Park, Cupar, on 18th July, that Cupar may get a check, but if the wicket is soft, Cupar are pretty confident of ‘diddling them out’. It is hoped Falkland will send a hot side to Cupar, including some of their old swipers, and give the ‘mighty’ a fright.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Boy Scouts** – “With a view to further increasing the funds of the local Scout troop, shooting and football competitions were held at the Myre on Saturday (games day) afternoon. A sum of £2 4s 4d was realised. Prize-winners at the shooting were:-

1. J. Robertson. 2. R. White.

The local troop of Boy Scouts and 1st Falkland Company of the Boys’ Brigade, under Scoutmaster Wallace and Captain Robertson, attended divine worship in the U.F. Church on Sunday afternoon.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Market and Games** – “After a lapse of several years, Falkland market and games, along with a children’s treat, were held in the Common Myre on Saturday afternoon. The weather was all that could be desired, and there

was a huge crowd of spectators. A money gift for distribution among the children attending the treat was kindly donated by Major MacDonald, Commercial Hotel. Buckhaven Town Band played selections during the afternoon and also dance music in the evening. 'Shows' and amusements were rather scarce, but what were on the ground received good patronage. Entries were large in the various sports events, and competition was keen. The results are as follows:-

Local Events – Girls' Races Ages 12 to 14 years – 1. C. Lawson, 2. E. Lawson, 3. K. Lawson. 10 to 12 years – 1. M. Wallace, 2. M. Baxter, 3. B. Dryburgh. 8 to 10 years – 1. M. Hopkins, 2. G. Lawson, 3. M. Douglas, 4. A. Dryburgh. 6 to 8 years – 1. J. Hopkins, 2. H. Riley, 3. C. Haxton. 4 to 6 years – 1. J. Brunton, 2. E. Martin, 3. H. Abernethy.

Boys' Races Ages 12 to 14 years – 1. W. Drysdale, 2. B. Stark, 3. J. Baxter. 10 to 12 years – 1. R. Craig, 2. J. Lawson, 3. W. White. 8 to 10 years – 1. J. Paterson, 2. J. Lawson, 3. D. Oram. 6 to 8 years – 1. J. Scott, 2. T. Honeyman, 3. N. Martin. 4 to 6 years – 1. R. Dall, 2. McEwan, 3. D. Robertson.

Married Ladies' Race – 1. Mrs McKenzie, 2. Mrs Dall, 3. Mrs Bett.

Single Ladies' Race – 1. B. Douglas, 2. J. Nelson, 3. K. Duncan.

Married Mens' Race – 1. J. Morgan, 2. J. Scott, 3. R. Dall.

Single Mens' Race – 1. W. Strudley, 2. T. Shields, 3. A. Dakers.

Ladies' Race (over 50 years of age) – 1. Mrs Bett, 2. Mrs Duncan.

Mens' Race (over 50 years of age) – 1. H. Robertson, 2. P. Baxter, 3. J. Panton.

Band Race – 1. A. Briggs, 2. W. Dall, 3. A. Thomson.

Open Events – One Mile. – 1. G. Guide, Buckhaven. 2. A. Johnston, Kettle. 3. A. Munro, Strathmiglo. Half-mile – 1. W. Strudley, Falkland. 2. W. Bell, Cupar. 3. D. Ford.

100 Yards Sprint – 1. R. Sharp, Thornton. 2. T. Scott, Leslie. 3. J. Mackie, Markinch. One-mile Cycle Race – 1. D. Cameron, Strathmiglo. 2. A. Barker, Kirkcaldy. 3. J. Morgan, Falkland

Running High Leap – 1. W. Mitchell, Freuchie. 2. H. Rennie, Auchtermuchty. 3. T. Corstorphine, Cupar.

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Falkland v Springfield** – “Glorious weather prevailed when these teams met at Scroggie Park, Falkland, on Saturday afternoon. The visitors won the toss, and batted first on a fast and dry wicket. Allan and Lawson were in fine bowling form, and Springfield were soon dismissed for 19 runs.

This seemed easy meat for the homesters, but a different tale was told as the respective batsmen took their places at the crease. Stewart was found difficult to play, and he made the ball bump a bit, so causing many mis-hits. Falkland were disposed of for 26. Bowling for the homesters, Allan captured five for 6, and Lawson five for 11. For Springfield, Stewart claimed seven for 12, and Garland three for 13. Scores:-

Springfield

S. Cameron, b. Allan	1
J. Garland, b. Lawson	2
T. Arthur, b. Lawson	3
J. Lackie, b. Lawson	0
W. Glen, b. Allan	0
W. McDougall, c. Lawson, b. Allan	8
W.D. Stewart, c. C. Drysdale, b. Allan	1
G. McDougall, c. C. Drysdale, b. Allan	1
W. Stewart, c. Dryburgh, b. Lawson	0
D. Easson, b. Lawson	0
J. Ritchie, not out	1
Extras	2
Total	19

Falkland

C.R. Drysdale, c. Cameron, b. W.D. Stewart	7
T.C. Schofield, c. W. Stewart, b. Garland	2
R. Dryburgh, c. Garland, b. Stewart	6
R. Hopkins, c. McDougall, b. Stewart	1
J. Ross, hit wicket	0
P. Lawson, c. W. McDougall, b. Garland	5
J.S. Allan, b. Garland	0
M. St Clair, c. Easson, b. Stewart	1
T. Drysdale, b. Stewart	3
W. Stark, c. Lackie, b. Stewart	0
H. Birrell, not out	0
Extras	1
Total	26

4th July 1925

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Pulpit** – “Rev. James Bell, Auchtermuchty, occupied the U.F. Church pulpit on both Sunday morning and afternoon.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Excursions** – “The members of the U.F. Church had an enjoyable outing on Saturday. Aberfeldy was the destination, the journey being

made by charabanc. The children attending the Parish Church Sunday School, along with their parents and friends, assembled at the Church on Saturday afternoon, and were conveyed in carts, kindly granted by the local farmers, to Lochieheads, Auchtermuchty, to hold their annual pic-nic. A very happy time was spent."



Parish Church Sunday School Pic-nic

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Falkland v Freuchie** – “Played at Scroggie Park, Falkland on Wednesday evening. Bowling for Falkland, Lawson had three for 16, Allan two for 29, Schofield one for 8, and Ross one for 13. For Freuchie, Croall claimed three for 18, and Duncan two for 8. Scores:-

Freuchie

<i>D. Duncan, c. Lawson, b. Allan</i>	2
<i>J. Jack, c. Schofield, b. Lawson</i>	4
<i>J. Dalrymple, c. Hopkins, b. Lawson</i>	20

S. Campbell, lbw., b. Allan	4
P. Peebles, b. Lawson	1
E. Croall, b. Ross	9
J. Fleming, c. Birrell, b. Schofield	6
A. Grant, not out	14
K. Beveridge, not out	6
G. Allan and A. Livingstone did not bat	
Extras	6
Total, for 7 wkts., dec.	72

Falkland

C.R. Drysdale, b. Croall	7
T.C. Schofield, b. Duncan	6
P. Lawson, c. Grant, b. Duncan	5
W. Stark, b. Croall	2
R. Hopkins, b. Croall	0
J.S. Allan, not out	6
T. Drysdale, not out	0
R. Dryburgh, J. Ross, H. Birrell And T. Shields did not bat	
Extras	2
Total for 5 wickets	28

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Dunnikier v Falkland** – “Played at Dunnikier Policies, Kirkcaldy, on Saturday afternoon. Bowling for the visitors, Lawson captured six wickets for 10 runs, and Allan three for 15. For Dunnikier, Bain had eight for 16. Scores:-

Dunnikier

J.C. Bain, b. Lawson	21
W. Currie, b. Allan	0
W. Tainsh, b. Lawson	0
J. Heggie, run out	0
N.L.W. Aitken, c. T. Drysdale, b. Lawson	0
A. Leck, c. Allan, b. Lawson	1
T.M. Clark, lbw., b. Lawson	1
W. Cooper, b. Lawson	0
T. Baptie, c. Shields, b. Lawson	3
D. Fisher, not out	0
J. Cuthbert, c. Dryburgh, b. Allan	0
Extras	6
Total	31

Falkland

C.R. Drysdale, b. Bain	9
T.C. Schofield, b. Bain	0
N. St Clair, b. Tainsh	1
P. Lawson, b. Bain	17
W. Stark, b. Bain	0

J.S. Allan, c. Cuthbert, b. Currie	4
R. Hopkins, c. Leck, b. b.Bain	4
R. Dryburgh, b. Bain	1
T. Drysdale, not out	5
H. Birrell, b. Bain	2
T. Shields, b. Bain	1
Total	44

11th July 1925

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “The ladies’ monthly medal competition was played off on Tuesday evening. Miss J. Drysdale was the winner with 97 – 6 – 91, and Miss K. Venters runner-up. Play was over 14 holes.”

Extract from *The Fife News* – **Picnic** – “The U.F. Church Sunday school annual picnic was held on Saturday afternoon, when the children, along with parents and friends, journeyed in carts to Wellfield, Strathmiglo. The weather was all that could be desired, and a very enjoyable time was spent.”

Extract from *The Fife News* – **Golf** – “All the competitors for the Lathrisk Cup (annual competition) have now handed in their cards, the best score being returned by Mr John Drysdale, who thus takes custody of the trophy until next season. His total was 174, less 16 – first round 85, second round 89. Mr George Robertson was runner-up.”

Extract from *The Fife News* – **Putting** – “A friendly match between teams representing Falkland and Coaltown of Burnturk was played at the Liquorstone green on Friday evening. The local team were soundly beaten by 11 ½ games to 4 ½. After partaking of the ‘cup that cheers’, the players adjourned to the Drill Hall and spent a pleasant hour or two in songs and dancing. Scores:-

Falkland		Burnturk	
Mr C. Beattie	0	Mr Wilkie	1
Miss H. Forsyth	0	Miss J. Fairbairn	1
Miss J. Nelson	0	Miss Steedman	1
Mr J. Lawson	1	Mr J. Steedman	0
Mr H. Lee	½	Miss Alexander	½
Miss A. Edmeston	0	Mr Balsillie	1
Mr C. Oram	1	Mr H. Beveridge	0
Mr H. Robson	0	Mr J.B. Steedman	1

Miss J. Ross	0	Miss Ferguson	1
Mr G. Shields	1	Mr J. Angus	0
Miss J. Anderson	0	Mr P. Simpson	1
Miss B. Todd	0	Mr Alexander	1
Miss L. Nelson	0	Mr J.W. Angus	1
Mr C. Ross	0	Mr R. Alexander	1
Miss J. Drysdale	1	Mr E. Ferguson	0
Mr G. Anderson	0	Miss Kirkcaldy	1
	4 ½		11 ½

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket** – “‘Courier’ XI from Dundee are the visitors at Scroggie Park tomorrow (Saturday). Falkland will be represented by the following:-

R. Hopkins (capt.), C.R. Drysdale, T.C. Schofield, P. Lawson, W. Stark, J.S. Allan, M. St Clair, J. Ross, R.S. Dryburgh, H. Birrell, and P. Birrell.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Milk Deficient in Fat** – “In Cupar Sheriff Court on Tuesday, John Anderson, dairyman and farmer, Kilgowrie Knowe, Falkland, was fined £4 by Sheriff Dudley Stuart, for selling two samples of milk below the standard – 2.66 per cent of fat, and 2.76 respectively. Mr I.W. McInnes, W.S., stated that the milk had not been tampered with, but it would be difficult for his client to establish that. A good number of Mr Anderson’s cows were in calf at the time, and this probably explained the condition of the milk. Mr Anderson’s son, however, had stupidly sold the milk without mixing it.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Falkland v Howe of Fife Rugby XI** – “This match took place at Falkland on Friday evening last week. The visitors won the toss, and batted first, running up a total of 90. Lindsay, who contributed 65, was missed at the wicket early on, and after this ‘life’, he treated the spectators to some hefty hitting, until he mis-hit a ‘full tosser’ from Schofield. Falkland started off fairly well, and it seemed as if Allan and Stark would pull the match out of the fire, but Lindsay’s lobs proved a temptation, and in having a ‘go’ at them, the batsmen were either caught or stumped. Bowling for Falkland – Schofield had 1 wicket for 0 runs, Lawson 5 for 43, and Allan 4 for 42. For the Howe, Lindsay claimed 5 for 5, Parkes 4 for 20 and Coulter 1 for 15. Scores:-

Howe of Fife

R. Bonthron, b. Allan	3
N. Bonthron, c. Schofield, b. Lawson	2
W.C. Coulter, b. Allan	0
J. Lindsay, c. Drysdale, b. Schofield	65
J. Todd, c. Schofield, b. Lawson	2
W. Russell, b. Lawson	0

S. Parkes, b. Allan	4
G. Watt, c. Schofield, b. Lawson	3
E. Croall, b. Lawson	3
J.R. Morris, not out	0
D. Bonthron, c. Schofield, b. Allan	4
Extras	4
Total	90

Falkland

C.R. Drysdale, b. Parkes	7
T.C. Schofield, b. Parkes	7
P. Lawson, c. D. Bonthron, b. Coulter	6
M. St Clair, b. Parkes	0
J.S. Allan, c. and b. Lindsay	23
W. Stark, st. Coulter, b. Lindsay	14
R. Hopkins, c. Morris, b. Lindsay	1
H. Birrell, b. Parkes	0
R. Dryburgh, c. and b. Lindsay	0
P. Birrell, not out	0
T. Shields, st. Coulter, b. Lindsay	0
Extras	6
Total	64

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Extract from *The Fife News*: **Collection** – “A collection was taken in the parish on behalf of the Royal Society for Home Relief to Incurables, Edinburgh, amounted to £5 17s 7d. The collectors were Misses A. Meldrum and A. Wetherspoon.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Public School** – “The Public School closed last Friday for the annual five weeks’ summer vacation. The usual presentation of prizes took place.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “The ladies’ annual rosebowl competition was held last Friday evening, when there was a good turnout. With a score of 121, minus 10 – 111, Miss H.S. Forsyth won the trophy, and Mrs J. Drysdale was runner-up. Play was over 18 holes.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Parish Church** – “The Rev. J.K. Russell is away on holiday till the end of the present month, and in his absence, Mr George Pearce, of

the London City Mission occupies the Parish Church pulpit on Sunday morning. The Rev. J.H. Bell, Auchtermuchty is to conduct worship on the remaining two Sundays."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket Teas** – *"Mrs Bonthron, Newton House, Newton of Falkland, generously provided the tea at the match between Falkland and 'Courier' XI on Saturday afternoon."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket** – *"Falkland C.C. have an important fixture tomorrow (Saturday) when they meet Cupar 2nd XI at Duffus Park. The Royal burgh team, who hope to maintain expectations, expressed in the Fife News a few weeks ago, is as follows:-*

T. Drysdale (Captain), R. Hopkins, C.R. Drysdale, T.C. Schofield, P. Lawson, J. Allan, W. Stark, P. Robertson, T.D. Hopkins, M. St Clair, and H. Birrell."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **School Sports** – *"The Public School sports were held in the Sports Park on Thursday afternoon last week in glorious weather, and the event attracted a large crowd of spectators. A band of willing helpers gave the teachers every assistance, and all the events were carried through without delay. The results are as follows:-*

Girls, over 12 years:

Skipping Race – 1. Cathie Lawson, 2. Agnes Smith, 3. Agnes White.

Egg and Spoon Race – 1. C. Lawson, 2. A. White, 3. Ina Lawson.

Thread and Needle Race – 1. C. Lawson, 2. I. Lawson, 3. A. Smith

Flat Race – 1. C. Lawson, 2. I. Lawson, 3. J. Nelson

Potato Race – 1. I. Lawson, 2. J. Nelson, 3. C. Lawson and K. Lawson (equal)

High Jump – 1. M. Hopkins, 2. J. Nelson and C. Lawson (equal).

Girls, under 12 years:

Flat Race – 1. J. Finlay, 2. M. Spence, 3. M. Baxter.

Skipping Race – 1. R. Fraser, 2. M. Baxter, 3. M. Wallace.

Egg and Spoon Race – 1. R. Fraser, 2. M. Spence, 3. M. Wallace

Thread and Needle Race – 1. M. Baxter, 2. M. Wallace, 3. M. McBain

High Jump – 1. R. Fraser, 2. M. McBain, 3. M. Wallace

Girls, under 10 years:

Flat Race – P. Hopkins, 2. B. Fraser, 3. M. Wilson.

Skipping Race – 1. B. Dryburgh, 2. J. Hopkins, 3. G. Lawson.

Egg and Spoon Race – 1. A. Dryburgh, 2. P. Hopkins, 3. M. Douglas.

Girls, over 6 years:

Flat Race – 1. M. Wilson, 2. L. Wallace, 3. P. Thomson.

Girls, under 6 years:

Flat Race – 1. I. Martin, 2. J. Stark, 3. J. Keay.

Boys, over 12 years:

Flat Race – 1. G. Finlay, 2. W. Drysdale, 3. R. Stark.

Three-Legged Race – 1. J. Birrell and W. Drysdale, 2. T. Grant and W. Page, 3. G. Finlay and D. Henry.

220 Yards – 1. G. Finlay, 2. R. Stark, 3. W. Page.

Sack Race – 1. W. Drysdale, 2. J. Birrell, 3. W. Dryburgh.

Potato Race – 1. G. Finlay, 2. R. Stark, 3. W. Dryburgh and W. White (equal).

High Jump – 1. W. Drysdale, 2. W. Page, 3. D. Henry.

Long Jump – 1. G. Finlay, 2. W. Drysdale, 3. W. Page.

Under 12 years:

Long Jump – 1. J. Lawson, 2. R. Craig, 3. W. White and J. Nelson (equal)

High Jump – 1. F. Drysdale, 2. A. Lawson, 3. J. Lawson.

Flat Race – 1. F. Drysdale, 2. R. Craig, 3. J. Paterson.

Three-Legged Race – 1. F. Drysdale and R. Craig, 2. J. Nelson and W. White, 3. J. Lawson and J. Anderson.

Sack Race – 1. F. Drysdale, 2. J. Cowan, 3. J. Walker.

220 Yards – 1. F. Drysdale, 2. R. Craig, 3. W. White.

Under 10 years:

Flat Race – 1. H. Shanks, 2. G. Sturrock, 3. D. Oram.

Sack Race – 1. H. Shanks, 2. P. Thomson, 3. K. Drysdale.

Over 6 years:

Flat Race – 1. S. Hamilton, 2. J. Scott, 3. John White.

Under 6 years:

Flat Race – 1. T. Page, 2. D. Robertson, 3. E. Burgess.

Obstacle Race – 1. J. Birrell, 2. G. Finlay, 3. W. Drysdale.

One-Legged Race – 1. W. Drysdale, 2. D. Henry, 3. F. Drysdale.

Leaders of the first three teams in the Relay Race were: - J. Birrell, W. Dryburgh, and Janet Nelson.

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Falkland v Courier** – “These teams met at Scroggie Park, Falkland, on Saturday afternoon. The wicket was all in favour of the batsmen, but with the exception of Dun, the visiting side gave little trouble, and were soon disposed of for 50 runs. In taking a catch in the outfield, Drysdale sustained a bruised hand, and took no further part in the game. The Falkland batsmen quickly got a grip of the Courier bowling, and passed the opposition’s total three wickets down. A great partnership then ensued between Lawson and T.D. Hopkins, over 90 runs being put on for the fourth wicket. Both batsmen were certainly ‘missed’ and taking advantage of these chances, treated the spectators to a merry display of hitting, raising the score to 136 before a separation was effected. In his contribution of 94, Lawson had 15 fours. The innings closed at 172 with seven wickets down. Bowling for Falkland, J. Allan had four for 22, and P. Lawson six for 23; for Courier, D. Grimmond had two for 41, McNab two for 18, and Laing two for 23. Scores:-

Courier

J.K. McNab, b. Lawson	3
R.J. Foggie, c. Hopkins, b. Lawson	7
A.R. Laing, lbw., b. Allan	0
R.G. Grant, c. Schofield, b. Lawson	6
R.T. Stewart, b. Allan	3
D. Grimmond, c. Dryburgh, b. Allan	4
P. Dun, c. Stark, b. Lawson	14
Ian Chapman, c. Drysdale, b. Lawson	2
G.W. Blow, b. Allan	0
W.L. Slater, b. Lawson	5
H. Thomson, not out	3
Extras	3
Total	50

Falkland

T.C. Schofield, b. Dun	8
P. Lawson, c. Blow, b. Laing	94
J.S. Allan, c. Stewart, b. McNab	9
M. St Clair, lbw., b. McNab	0
T.D. Hopkins, c. Chapman, b. Laing	36
W. Stark, c. Slater, b. Grimmond	1
R. Hopkins, not out	11
R. Dryburgh, c. Foggie, b. Grimmond	4
H. Birrell, not out	5
Extras	4
Total	172

25th July 1925

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Holidays** – “The linen and floorcloth factories closed down last Friday night, the former for a fortnight, and the latter a week.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Services** – “The Rev. Charles Walls, of St Paul’s U.F. Church, Perth, conducted both morning and afternoon services in the U.F. Church on Sunday.”

1st August 1925

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Leven v Falkland** – “Played at Silverburn, Leven on Thursday afternoon last week. Bowling for the visitors, Dryburgh captured 3 for 9, P. Lawson 3 for 18, C. Drysdale 1 for 4, and J. Lawson 1 for 6. For Leven, Keith had 3 for 3, Chalmers jnr. 3 for 14, Chalmers snr. 2 for 17, and McLean 1 for 28. Scores:-

Leven	
A. Chalmers snr., b. P. Lawson	4
G. Meikle, b. P. Lawson	0
J.C. Hutton, run out	0
W. McLean, b. Dryburgh	13
A. Chalmers jnr., b. Lawson	4
R. Keith, b. C. Drysdale	8
A. Taylor, not out	20
J. Meilke, b. Dryburgh	0
J. Galloway, b. Dryburgh	0
R. Pattison, b. Schofield	1
J. Dryburgh, b. J. Lawson	3
Extras	21
Total	74

Falkland

<i>P. Lawson, b. McLean</i>	1
<i>W. Stark, c. Hutton, b. Chalmers jnr.</i>	13
<i>R.S. Drysdale, b. Chalmers snr.</i>	6
<i>T.C. Schofield, c. Hutton, b. Chalmers jnr.</i>	4
<i>C.R. Drysdale, lbw., b. Chalmers snr.</i>	0
<i>R. Hopkins, b. Keith</i>	29
<i>R. Dryburgh, b. Chalmers jnr.</i>	7
<i>T. Sutherland, b. Keith</i>	0
<i>J. Lawson, run out</i>	0
<i>A. Cowan, b. Keith</i>	2
<i>P. Birrell, not out</i>	0
<i>Extras</i>	5
Total	67

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Short Leet** – “The Rev. J.P. Batchelor, U.F. Church, is on the short leet for the vacant charge of York Place U.F. Church, Perth.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket Teas** – “Mrs Bartie, Lomond Crescent, kindly supplied the teas at the match between Falkland and Dunfermline Carnegie on Saturday afternoon.”

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

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Parade** – “In aid of the local Nursing Association, a fancy dress parade will be held on Saturday afternoon, 8th August, at 1.30pm.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Putting** – “A competition held at the Liquorstane (Mr Henderson’s) putting green resulted as follows:-

Ladies – 1. Miss J. Drysdale, 2. Miss J. Nelson.

Gentlemen – 1. Mr D. Cowan, 2. Mr M. Millar.

8th August 1925

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Putting** – “Another competition held at the Liquorstane course resulted as follows:-

Gentlemen – 1st Mr M. Miller, Dunfermline; 2nd Mr W. Landels Love, Falkland.

Ladies – 1st Miss Lindsay, Dundee; 2nd Miss Leitch, Dundee.

Girls – 1st Ella Mitchell, Dundee; 2nd Jean Lindsay, Greenock; 3rd Gracie Miller, Dunfermline.

Boys – 1st W. Drysdale, Falkland; 2nd Jas. Nelson, Falkland; 3rd W. Henderson, Edinburgh.

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “There was a large turnout of members to compete for the ladies’ monthly medal last Friday evening. Miss Jean Venters was the winner with a score of 88, less 6 – 82, and Miss Jenny Drysdale, runner-up, with 90, less 5 – 85. Play was over 14 holes.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Factory** – “Work was resumed in the Linen factory on Monday morning at the usual hour, after a fortnight’s vacation.”

15th August 1925

Article from *The Fife News*: **Aiding – Falkland and District Nursing Association** – “For the third year in succession, a fancy dress parade was held in Falkland on Saturday afternoon in aid of the funds of Falkland and District Nursing Association. The weather was delightful, and this, no doubt, accounted for the huge turnout of competitors. The costumes and dresses on view were exceedingly varied, and certainly indicated that some of the wearers must have spent a lot of time and patience in preparing for the event.

After assembling at the Fountain, the procession, headed by the Tullis Russell Silver Band, from Markinch, paraded through the principal streets of the town, and then proceeded to Falkland House Park for judging. The judges were Hon. Mrs A. Maule Ramsay, House of Falkland; Mrs Rae-Arnott, Lochieheads, Auchtermuchty; and Miss Balfour, Balbirnie House, Markinch. Owing to the variety of dresses worn, the judges took some time in completing the arduous task of selecting the prize-winners. The verdict was as follows:-

Ladies:

Most Original Costumes – 1st Marjory Bryce, ‘House to Let’; 2nd Euph. Grant, ‘Danger Signal’; 3rd Netty Young, ‘Lemons’

Most Comical Costumes – 1st Janet Nelson, ‘Muddle of Sex’; 2nd May Innes (Auchtermuchty), ‘Felix the Cat’; 3rd Cathie Lawson, ‘Birds Custard’.

Girls, 8 to 14 years – 1st Isa Dakers, 'Result of Motor Accident'; 2nd Marion McLaren, 'Jack in the Box'.

Girls, under 6 years – 1st Alice Bett, 'Oxo'; 2nd Betty Grant, 'Colleen'; 3rd Chrissie Hopkins, 'Balloon Girl'.

Gentlemen:

Most Original Costumes – 1st Alex. Dryburgh, '19th Century Cyclist'; 2nd Wm. Birrell, 'Cowboy'; 3rd Hector White (Auchtermuchty), 'Chinaman'.

Most Comical Costumes – 1st James Nelson, 'South Seas Islander'; 2nd Wm. Robertson, 'Sandwichman'; 3rd Frank Mather, 'Fireman'.

Boys, 8 to 14 years – 1st Gordon Sturrock, 'Jackdaw'; 2nd Andrew Cation, 'Costermonger'; 3rd Wm. Dryburgh, 'Tramp'.

Boys under 6 years – 1st Tommy Robertson, 'Turk'; 2nd Willie Robertson, 'Pirate', 3rd Robert Nellies, 'Red Indian'.

The prizes for the best dressed lady and gentleman were won by Jean Nelson as 'Early Victorian Lady', and Harry Lee as 'All Sports'. Lizzie Nelson as 'Pascall's Sweets' and Harry Lee also received prizes for having made the highest money collections during the afternoon.

After the work of the judges was concluded, Mr D. Bonthron, Newton of Falkland, thanked these three ladies for having carried through their difficult task in such an able manner, and also Mrs Brown, Dundrennan, and assistants for the arranging of the parade. In the park were numerous side-shows, such as shooting, dart-throwing, coconut shies, and walking the plank, and all these attractions proved to be profitable sources of revenue. A nine hole putting course also received excellent patronage. Mr J. McKay's Balmoral troupe of international dancers gave a pleasing display, and excellent music was also discoursed by the Tullis Russell Band.

A gratifying feature during the afternoon was a visit from Commander the Hon. A.D. Cochrane, M.P. for East Fife. It is expected that a result of this effort, the Nursing Fund will benefit to the extent of about £50, which reflects great credit on all concerned. The names and costumes of some of the competitors are as follows:-

Lizzie Page, 'Gipsy'; Agnes Edmeston, 'Black and Yellow Pierrot'; Lizzie Skinner, 'Lux'; Spencer Miller, 'Irish Colleen'; Emma Hay, 'Irish Colleen'; Georgina Brown, 'Boy Scout'; Bessie Douglas, Jean Anderson and Jenny Drysdale, 'Advertisement for B.D.V. Cigarettes'; Nessie Anderson, 'Kodak Camera'; Mrs J. Scott, 'Gipsy'; H.S. Forsyth, 'Balloon Girl'; Lizzie Nelson, 'Pascall's Sweets'; Annie Oswald, 'The Safest o' the Family'; Mary J. Thomson, 'Sweet Lavender'; Maggie Thomson, 'Pierrot'; Chrissie Hutchison, 'Indian Princess'; Jean Lawson, 'Green Wig'; Bessie Anderson, 'Jazz Pierrot'; Cathie Bett, 'Sweet Lavender'; Agnes Baxter, 'Pierrot'; Mrs F. Suttie,

'Jester'; Mrs H. Skinner, 'Pierrot'; Dorothy Young, 'Robertson's Marmalade'; Mrs Clarke, 'Colleen Soap'; Annie Anderson, 'Balloon Girl'; Buntly Murray, 'Clown'; Jean White, 'Gipsy'; May Thomson, 'Harlequin'; Cathie Skinner, 'Crackers'; Alice Bett, 'Oxo'; Nellie Bett, 'Night'; Mary Spence, 'Spring'; Jeannie Spence, 'Japanese Lady'; Etta Scott, 'Knut'; Mary Mather, 'Balloon Girl'; Jessie Dakers, 'Footballer'; Margaret Oswald, 'Rainbow Girl'; Agnes Mather, 'Egyptian Water Girl'; Isobel Love, 'Modes'; May McBain, 'Fry's Cocoa'; Marjory Douglas, 'My Weekly'; Betty Bryce, 'Answers'; Marjory Wemyss, 'Pierrot'; Kate Skinner, 'Glaxo'; Betty Grant, 'Irish Colleen'; Bella Dryburgh, 'Bonny Blooming Heather'; Jeannie Dryburgh, 'Little Rambler'; Annie Dryburgh, 'Bluebells of Scotland'; Mary Bryce, 'Hawaiian Maids'; Mary Cairn, 'Court Jester'; Peggy Robertson, Margaret Grant, Isabel Gray, Janet Hepburn, Nancy Scott, Helen Wallace, Betty Wallace, Lexia Wallace, 'Flower Girls'; Robert Craig, 'Beaver the Tramp'; Tom Grant, 'Brooke Bonds Tea'; James Mather, 'Boxer'; James Nelson jnr., 'Clown'; Jack Mather, 'Knut'; James Scott, 'Warning Signal'; George Love, 'Gibb's Dentifrice'; John Bett, 'Hairdresser'; James Honeyman, 'Ole Bill'; Tom Honeyman, 'Balloon Boy'; Jackie Anderson, 'Wee Willie Winkie'"

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Collection** – “A collection in aid of the local Nursing Fund taken at the match between select Kennoway and Falkland teams off Thursday evening last week, realised over 30s.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “The gentlemen's monthly medal competition was held on Thursday evening last week. Mr Andrew Venters was the winner.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket** – “Falkland travel to play Springfield tomorrow afternoon (Saturday), with the following team:-

R. Hopkins (capt.), C.R. Drysdale, T.C. Schofield, P. Lawson, J.S. Allan, P. Robertson, W. Stark, M. St Clair, R.S. Dryburgh, J. Lawson, and R.S. Drysdale.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Markinch v Falkland** – “This match took place at Scroggie Park, Falkland, on Saturday afternoon, in ideal weather. The visitors batted first, and were dismissed rather easily for 37 runs. The only batsman who offered any great resistance was young Morrison, who batted about half an hour for 10. The visitors' total did not seem difficult to surpass, but with the Falkland batsmen it must have been a case of 'wind up' or of takings things too easy, as seven wickets were down for 30 runs. However, Allan came to the rescue with 14 not out, and received valuable assistance from Strudley and Lawson, with 7 and 4 respectively. The innings closed for 48. Bowling for Falkland, Allan captured five

wickets for 19 runs, Lawson four for 9, and Dryburgh, one for 2. For the visitors, Morrison had four for 19, and Taylor three for 26. Scores:-

Markinch

T. Morrison, lbw., b. Allan	4
R. Mackie, c. Schofield, b. Lawson	4
W. McRae, lbw., b. Allan	0
W. Gamba, c. and b. Lawson	4
A.G. Taylor, b. Allan	5
A. Chalmers jnr., b. Allan	2
J. Wannan, b. Allan	0
J. Barclay, b. Allan	2
R.M. Wright, b. Lawson	2
A.A. Morrison, b. Lawson	10
G. Mitchell, not out	2
Extras	2
Total	37

Falkland

C.R. Drysdale, b. Taylor	1
M. St Clair, b. Morrison	0
T. Schofield, run out	3
P. Lawson, b. Morrison	6
J. Allan, not out	14
R. Robertson, b. Morrison	7
R. Hopkins, b. Taylor	0
W. Stark, run out	3
R. Dryburgh, run out	0
W. Strudley, lbw., b. Morrison	7
J. Lawson, c. Wright, b. Taylor	4
Extras	3
Total	48

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Falkland v Kennoway** – “A match between select teams representing Kennoway and Falkland, was played at Scroggie Park, Falkland, on Thursday evening last week. A collection was taken for the Nursing Fund. Bowling for the visitors, D.R. Duncan had seven wickets for 25 runs, and D. Rankine three for 15. For Falkland, P. Lawson claimed four for 22, J. Morgan, two for 9, M. St Clair one for 5, and J. Allan, one for 28. Scores:-

Falkland

C.R. Drysdale, c. Lister, b. Duncan	0
J. Jack, c. Lister, b. Rankine	3
P. Lawson, c. Duncan, b. Rankine	0
P. Robertson, b. Duncan	26
J. Allan, b. Duncan	0
J. Morgan, b. Rankine	1

M. St Clair, lbw., b. Duncan	3
A. Grant, lbw., b. Duncan	6
R. Dryburgh, not out	1
W. Stark, b. Duncan	0
T.C. Schofield, b. Duncan	0
Extra	1
Total	41

Kennoway

G. Honeyman, c. Dryburgh, b. Lawson	18
P. Gillespie, lbw., b. Lawson	10
D.R. Duncan, st. Grant, b. Lawson	9
J. Gillespie, c. Dryburgh, b. Morgan	4
H. Wilkinson, c. Dryburgh, b. Morgan	4
D. Gillespie, not out	4
J. Wilkinson, b. Lawson	1
J. Lister, c. Morgan, b. Allan	9
J. Grieve, lbw., b. St Clair	2
J. Ferguson, not out	3
D. Rankine, did not bat	
Extras	2
Total	66

22nd August 1925

Extract from *The Fife News*: - **Putting at Coaltown of Burnturk** – “A good game was enjoyed by the Coaltown and Falkland players last Friday evening on the village green. Much fun was afforded by the trickiness of the green which made play very exacting. The home team came out winners of a very interesting game. A golf ball was won each by Mr George Shields, Falkland, and Mr Alexander Steedman, Coaltown, for the best score. The company were entertained in the Jubilee Hall at tea by the ladies of the Coaltown Club. Dancing was afterwards gone into with much enthusiasm. Misses Grant, Edmonstone, Drysdale, Wilson, Ferguson, Messrs J. Cowan, John Kirkcaldy and Walter Peggie added much to the delightful evening with music, vocal and instrumental. During the evening, Mrs Brown and Mrs Grant (Falkland) presented a beautiful bouquet to Mrs Ferguson in appreciation of their visit to the Coaltown. Details of the match:-

Coaltown		Falkland	
Mrs Balsillie	1	Mrs Brown	0
Mrs Fairbairn	0	Mr C. Drysdale	1
Mrs Ferguson	1	Miss Edmonstone	0
Miss Steedman	1	Mr S. Drysdale	0
Miss Kirkcaldy	1	Miss Grant	0
Miss Fairbairn	½	Mr G. Shields	½
Miss G. Mitchell	0	Miss J. Nelson	1

Miss R. Mitchell	1	Mr H. Lee	0
Mr J. Steedman	1	Mr W. Peggie	0
Mr E. Ferguson	½	Mr Cowan	½
Mr J.W. Angus	1	Miss Drysdale	0
Mr J. Wilkie	0	Mr J. Lawson	1
Mr R. Wilkie	1	Mr W. Currie	0
Mr J. Balsillie	1	Mr G. Anderson	0
Mr A. Steedman	1	Miss L. Nelson	0
	11		4

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Springfield v Falkland** – “The C.C. had Falkland as their visitors on Saturday at Cochrane Park. Springfield batted first, and at the first wicket down, 12 showed on the board when W. McDougall was bowled. S. Cameron (capt.) joined T. Arthur and both gave a sound display of good cricket, carrying the total to 37 before S. Cameron fell to Schofield. A rot then set in. The remaining batsmen only added 6 runs. Falkland opened with Drysdale and Schofield, against the bowling of J. Garland and it soon became evident that Garland was in deadly form, getting through Drysdale’s defence the second ball of his first over. He was also successful in dismissing T.C. Schofield in his next over. P. Lawson and P. Robertson brought the score to 20, but the rest of the batsmen were dismissed for 13 runs, and Springfield won by 7. Bowling for Falkland, J. Allan had 1 for 9, T. Schofield, 1 for 14, P. Lawson, 0 for 8, P. Robertson, 6 for 9, J. Lawson, 1 for 1. Bowling for Springfield, J. Garland had 6 for 6, and W. Martin 3 for 31. Scores:-

Springfield

T. Arthur, b. Robertson	20
W. McDougall, b. Allan	3
S. Cameron (capt.), b. Schofield	12
J. Lackie, st. Stark, b. Robertson	1
W. Martin, b. J. Lawson	0
W. Glen, b. Robertson	0
W.D. Stewart, c. Schofield, b. Robertson	4
J. Garland, c. T. Lawson, b. Robertson	0
W. Denholm, run out	1
J. Ritchie, not out	0
W. Litts, b. Robertson	0
Extras	5
Total	46

Falkland

C.R. Drysdale, b. Garland	0
T.C. Schofield, b. Garland	1
P. Lawson, c. Denholm, b. Martin	14
P. Robertson, b. Garland	9
J. Allan, c. Cameron, b. Garland	1

M. St Clair, run out	0
W. Stark, c. Glen, b. Garland	2
R. Hopkins, b. Martin	4
S. Drysdale, b. Martin	1
J. Lawson, not out	4
H. Birrell, b. Garland	1
Extras	2
Total	39

29th August 1925

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – “A meeting was held in the Town Hall on Saturday evening, when there was a good attendance. The object of the meeting was to appoint officials for the purpose of forming a capable Juvenile Club in the village. The following were elected:-

President – Mr D. Riley; Vice-President – Mr T. Hamilton; Secretary – Mr H. Lee; Treasurer – Mr G. Anderson; Committee – Messrs J. Campbell, J. Abernethy, A. Cowan, W. Bartie, A. Burgess, and J. Scott.

It was decided that when things had been set in order, the Club apply for admission to the Cupar and District League. In a friendly match between the locals and Kelty ‘Our Boys’ F.C. at the Myre on Saturday afternoon, the visitors were victorious by 3 goals to 1.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “A bisque competition, played over the local course on Thursday evening last week, resulted in a win for the ladies by 5 matches to 2. Play was over 9 holes. Details:-

Ladies		Gentlemen	
Miss Venters	1	T. Drysdale	0
Miss J. Drysdale	½	T.C. Schofield	½
Miss H. Forsyth	½	J. Drysdale	½
Mrs Drysdale	1	C.R. Drysdale	0
Miss J. Nelson	1	H. Lee	0
Miss Martyn	0	A. Venters	1
Miss Edmeston	1	R. Anderson	0
	5		2

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Putting** – “An interesting match was played at the Liquorstane Green last Friday evening, when sides representing the local putting and cricket teams met in friendly combat. The outcome was a win for the putters by 6 games to 3. Following the match, a stroke competition was played over 18 holes,

prizes – kindly gifted by Mr John Young, Kirkcaldy – being awarded to the lady and gentleman returning the lowest scores. Miss Jenny Drysdale and Harry Lee were the winners. Details:-

Putting Team		Cricketers	
Miss L. Nelson	0	T. Drysdale	1
Miss J. Drysdale	1	S. Drysdale	0
J. Young	1	P. Lawson	0
Miss J. Nelson	1	J. Lawson	0
Miss A. Edmeston	1	P. Birrell	0
Miss H. Forsyth	1	G. Shields	0
W. Strudley	1	A. Robertson	0
H. Lee	0	T. Shields	1
Miss J. Anderson	0	D. Cowan	1
	6		3

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Falkland v Kelty** – “The above teams met at Scroggie Park, Falkland, on Saturday afternoon. Kelty batted first, and ran up a total of 137, six members of the side having double figures. The rate of scoring was very slow, as the visitors’ innings lasted over two hours. Falkland were left with only a little over an hour to get the necessary runs, and made a determined effort to do so. Fifty appeared on the board in thirty minutes, due to some hefty hitting by Robertson, who contributed 32. The brothers Drysdale also materially assisted, having 17 and 11 respectively. When time was called, the Falkland total was standing at 80 with seven wickets down, a very good draw. Bowling for Falkland, Allan claimed three for 26, C. Drysdale two for 6 and J. Lawson two for 20. For the visitors, Reid had five for 31, and Hodge two for 9. Scores:-

Kelty	
T. Hunter, c. P. Lawson, b. St Clair	19
T. Anderson, lbw., b. Robertson	16
T. Bain, b. J. Lawson	24
P. Johnston, c. and b. P. Lawson	24
R. Reid, lbw., b. J. Lawson	0
J. Burt, c. Hopkins, b. Allan	10
J. Hynd, c. Allan, b. C. Drysdale	26
J. Martin, b. Allan	5
P. Rodger, b. C. Drysdale	3
H. Hodge, c. Hopkins, b. Allan	1
A. Pryde, not out	2
Extras	7
Total	137
Falkland	
P. Robertson, c. Anderson, b. Reid	32
T. Drysdale, b. Hodge	17

P. Lawson, b. Reid	2
R. Hopkins, c. Hunter, b. Reid	6
C.R. Drysdale, b. Reid	11
J.S. Allan, b. Hodge	3
W. Stark, b. Reid	5
S. Drysdale, not out	0
J. Lawson, not out	0
M St Clair and G. Baxter did not bat	
Extras	4
Total	80

5th September 1925

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “A match between teams representing Ladybank and Falkland Ladies’ Clubs was played over the local course on Friday evening last week. The visitors won easily by 9 games to 1. Details: -

Falkland		Ladybank	
Miss J. Drysdale	0	Miss Patrick	1
Miss J. Venters	0	Miss B. Craig	1
Miss H.S. Forsyth	0	Mrs Affleck	1
Mrs T.D. Hopkins	½	Mrs Sellars	½
Mrs J. Drysdale	0	Miss Gilchrist	1
Miss Martyn	0	Mrs Peebles	1
Miss Chisholm	½	Miss B. Mudie	½
Mrs Grainger	0	Miss Mudie	1
Miss A. Edmeston	0	Miss M. McGregor	1
Miss J. Nelson	0	Miss Bowman	1
	1		9

12th September 1925

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Markinch v Falkland** – “Markinch 1st XI played their last match of the season in John Dixon Recreation Park, Markinch, on Saturday, when they entertained Falkland. The visitors batted first, and opened with P. Robertson and T. Drysdale, the former being out to a good catch by T. Morrison off Taylor, with the score at 17, of which Robertson had 16 runs. S.F. St Clair then partnered Drysdale, but the latter was dismissed with 2 runs to his credit. The former, with his score at 25 was clean bowled by T. Morrison. With Falkland’s total at 87, the locals got a good start from their opening pair, Thos. and John Morrison, the former having 23 runs, and the latter 10. However, time intervened, and with 4 wickets to fall and 16 runs for victory, the match was drawn. Scores:-

Falkland

<i>P. Robertson, c. Morrison, b. Taylor</i>	16
<i>T. Drysdale, c. and b. Macrae</i>	2
<i>S.F. St Clair, b. Morrison</i>	25
<i>C.R. Drysdale, run out</i>	4
<i>W.K.R. White, b. Macrae</i>	11
<i>J. Allan, b. Morrison</i>	7
<i>P. Lawson, c. A. Morrison, b. Wannan</i>	1
<i>R. Hopkins, c. Wright, b. Morrison</i>	5
<i>M. St Clair, c. Gamba, b. Wannan</i>	9
<i>W. Stark, not out</i>	5
<i>J. Lawson, b. Morrison</i>	0
<i>Extras</i>	2
Total	87

Markinch

<i>T. Morrison, b. S.F. St Clair</i>	23
<i>John Morrison jnr., c. P. Lawson, b. Robertson</i>	10
<i>W. Macrae, c. Allan, b. Robertson</i>	11
<i>R. Mackie, st. White, b. Allan</i>	7
<i>A.G. Taylor, c. Drysdale, b. Robertson</i>	5
<i>W. Gamba, c. M. St Clair, b. Allan</i>	5
<i>J. Wannan, not out</i>	5
<i>A.A. Morrison, not out</i>	2
<i>J. Barclay, R.M. Wright and G. Thomson did not bat</i>	
<i>Extras</i>	4
Total	72

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Arrival** – “Captain and the Hon. Mrs A. Maule Ramsay of Falkland House have arrived at Kellie Castle, their Forfarshire residence.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “The ladies’ monthly medal competition was played off on Saturday afternoon, when Miss Jean Venters proved the winner. Mrs Grainger was runner-up.”

19th September 1925

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Pulpit** – “The Rev. A.J. MacKenzie, of the United Christian College, Madras, occupied the Parish Church pulpit on Sunday morning.”

Extract from *The Fife News* – **C.C. Averages** – “During the season just concluded, Falkland played 23 matches, of which 6 were won, 10 lost, and 7 drawn. 1,133 runs were scored for the loss of 193 wickets, as against opponents’ 1,556 runs for 195 wickets. The individual averages are as follows:-

Batting:

Name	Innings	Not Out's	Runs	High Score	Average
P. Robertson	11	0	173	32	15.73
T.D. Hopkins	5	1	57	36	11.25
P. Lawson	21	1	204	94	10.20

Bowling:

Name	Overs	Runs	Wickets	Average
P. Robertson	23.3	72	12	6.00
J.S. Allan	209.5	448	70	6.40
P. Lawson	211.1	406	60	6.77
M. St Clair	41	103	10	10.30

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football – Cupar Hearts v Falkland** – “Cupar Hearts have Falkland at Duffus Park on Saturday first in a Cupar and District League fixture. The Cupar team has been strengthened for this match, and reads as follows:-

Dowie; Taylor and Duncan; Anderson, W. Duncan and Gordon; Rodger, Muirhead, Gibson, Soutar and Gordon. Reserve – Kiddie.

Kick-off 3.30pm. Referee – J. McNaughton, Strathmiglo.

26th September 1925

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Collection** – “The annual collection in aid of the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, taken at the linen and floorcloth factories, amounted to £8 9s 9d.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “A mixed foursomes competition on Saturday afternoon attracted a large turnout of members. The winning couple were Miss Jean Venters and Provost Hopkins, with a score of 79. Mr and Mrs W. Venters were runners-up with 86. Play was over 14 holes. The players were entertained at tea at the close of the match.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Dance** – “A very successful dance, under the auspices of the local Company of the Boys’ Brigade, was held in the Drill Hall last Friday evening. Music was supplied by Rankine’s ‘B.P.’ Jazz Band from Cowdenbeath. Messrs Andrew Dakers and Wm. Birrell ably acted as M.C.’s.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Sale of Work** – “A sale of work and cake and candy, in aid of the local Cricket Club, is to be held in the Palace grounds on Saturday afternoon. Mr D. Bonthron, Newton House, is to perform the opening ceremony at 2.30.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Heather Day** – “In aid of the Scottish Children’s League of Pity, a collection was taken in the burgh on Saturday afternoon. The sum of £4 0s 1 ½ d was realised. Mrs Nisbet, Schoolhouse, was Convener, and the collectors were:-

Misses Ina Grieve, Nancy Mather, Ina Lawson, Agnes White, Mary Bryce, Isa Dakers, Margaret Thomson, Cathie Lawson, Kate Lawson, and Agnes Brown.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **A New Departure For Football Players** – “In Cupar Sheriff Court today (Wednesday) before Hon. Sheriff Osborne, four youths were charged with having on 22nd and 23rd August, forced open the locked door of a showcase fastened to the wall of the drug store in Back Wynd, Falkland, occupied by Mrs Catherine Mckenzie or Clerk, and stolen therefrom a quantity of perfume, powder, bath salts, and various medicines. The accused were Wm. McFarlane, miner, Netherton Farm Cottages; Wm. Thomas Easterbrook, miner, 68 Nasmyth Place; and Wm. Hodge, miner, Brierlea, all parish of Beath; and Daniel Ward, miner, 4 Main Street, Lumphinnans. Accused admitted taking perfume from the case, but denied opening it. The Procurator-Fiscal, in accepting that plea, said there had been a football match in Falkland, and accused were there. The offence happened in the early morning. The goods taken were valued at £1.

Sheriff Osborne – ‘This is a new departure for football players. Sometimes they are disturbers of the peace when coming back from football matches. It is the first time I have had before me football players, or intending football players, guilty of theft. You will each pay £1, or go to prison for ten days.’”



Back Wynd (circa early 1900's)

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football – Cupar Hearts v Lomond Vale, Falkland** – “The Cupar Hearts received an unexpected reverse on Saturday, when they fell to the Lomond Vale by the odd goal in seven, in a Cupar and District League game. The Cupar lads secured the lead of three goals within twenty minutes from the start, D. Gibson scoring twice, and W. Duncan having the other. This seemed to put the home Club in a winning position, but the visitors kept pegging away, and gradually reduced the leeway, and at half-time the score stood at three goals to two for the Hearts. In the second period, the visitors scored another two goals, and with Duncan missing a penalty, the home team had to retire defeated.

Final result – Falkland 4, Cupar Hearts 3.

3rd October 1925

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death of Octogenarian** – “There passed away on Sunday morning, one of the oldest residents of the village, in the person of Mr David Campbell, aged 85 years. Deceased was a very enthusiastic Freemason. He joined the craft as far back as 1864, and acted as secretary for Lodge St John (No. 35) for over 50 years. The remains were laid to rest with full Masonic rites in Falkland Cemetery on Tuesday afternoon. Mr Campbell’s wife predeceased him some years ago.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Pulpit** – “The Rev. Roderick Murchison, M.A., sub-Warden of the New College Settlement, Pleasance, Edinburgh, occupied the pulpit at both morning and afternoon services in the U.F. Church on Sunday, and delivered interesting discourses on the work carried on in that quarter.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Harvest Thanksgiving** – “The harvest thanksgiving service was held in the Parish Church on Sunday morning – the Rev. J.K. Russell officiating. The church was open on Saturday evening and Sunday morning and afternoon for the receiving of goods and produce. These were dispatched on Monday to the various hospitals.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Presentation** – “An interesting ceremony took place on Thursday evening last week in the Parish Church vestry, when the members of the choir met to honour Mr George Spence (Leslie), organist of the church. Mr Spence has completed 25 years in that capacity and to mark the occasion, Miss Jean Finlay, on behalf of the choir members, presented him with a handsome clock, suitably inscribed. Mr Spence thanked one and all for their kindness. A pleasant hour or two was spent on song and story.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – “The Lomond Vale received their exit from the Scottish Juvenile Cup at the hands, or rather the feet, of Guardbridge United at Falkland on Saturday afternoon. The locals started off briskly enough, and tasted first blood. This early reverse wakened up the Brig, who afterwards outplayed Falkland, and ran out easy winners by 4 goals to 1. The frittering away of chances in front of goal and lack of ‘wind’ proved the undoing of the burgh team.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **A License That Had Expired** – “James Ramsay, motor haulage contractor, Liquorstone Garage, Falkland, was charged at a J.P. Court, held at Cupar on Wednesday, with having in High Street, Freuchie, used a motor lorry for which he had no license. Mr T.W. Davidson, solicitor, Cupar, who appeared on behalf of accused, said the lorry was out for repair from the end of June. The license was taken out quarterly, and when the lorry was again in working order, Mr Ramsay forgot that the license had expired. A fine of £3 was imposed.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Aiding C.C.** – “To augment the funds of the local Cricket Club, a sale of work, produce and cake and candy was held in the Palace on Saturday afternoon. The function was to have been held in the grounds, but heavy

rain necessitated goods and wares being transferred inside the building. The opening ceremony was performed by Mr David Bonthron, Newton of Falkland, president of the Club. Crowds of purchasers were soon gathered round the various stalls, and stocks rapidly diminished. The amusements, including 'walking the plank', 'Aunt Sally', coconut shies, clock golf, shooting, etc., which were outside, suffered greatly on account of the inclement weather conditions. A splendid programme of music was discoursed by the Kirkcaldy Boys' Brigade Orchestra. It is expected that as a result of the sale, the Club will benefit to the extent of about £40, which success is in no small measure due to the Secretary, Mr Thomas Drysdale, along with a hard working Committee. The stall-holders were as follows:-

Work Stall – Miss H.S. Forsyth (Convener), Miss J. Drysdale, and Miss A. Edmeston.

Cake and Candy Stall – Mrs Brown (Convener), Miss E. Grant and Miss C. Lawson.

Produce Stall – Miss P. Gavin (Convener), Miss M. Smith and Miss Cowan.

Tea Stall – Mrs Birrell and Mrs Bartie (joint Conveners), with Misses M.J. Thomson, J. Finlay, L. Finlay, J. Nelson, J. Ross, C. Peggie, M. Birrell, J. Anderson, B. Anderson, and L. Anderson.

Lemonade Stall – Misses L. nelson and B. Douglas.

Shooting – Mr R. Hopkins.

Aunt Sally – Mr John Lawson.

Clock Golf – Mr C.R. Drysdale.

Coconut Shies – Mr T. Grant.

Lucky Dip – Mr T.C. Schofield.

Walking the Plank – Mr S. Drysdale.

10th October 1925

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Stay** – “Captain and the Hon. Mrs Ramsay have concluded their stay at Kellie Castle, Arbirlot, and have returned to London.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Service** – “The Rev. W. Gemmell Mitchell, Freuchie, conducted the morning service in the Parish Church on Sunday.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Collection** – “The annual collection, taken in aid of the Royal Blind Asylum and School, Edinburgh, realised £9 13s. Misses J. Drysdale and L. Nelson were the collectors.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – “In a Cupar District League match between the Lomond Vale and Newburgh Strathtay, played at Falkland on Saturday, the locals emerged victors after a strenuous game, by 4 goals to 3. Compared with the previous Saturday’s display, the Vale showed a great improvement, due mainly to alteration of the forward line.”

Cupar and District League Table, up to and including 3rd October

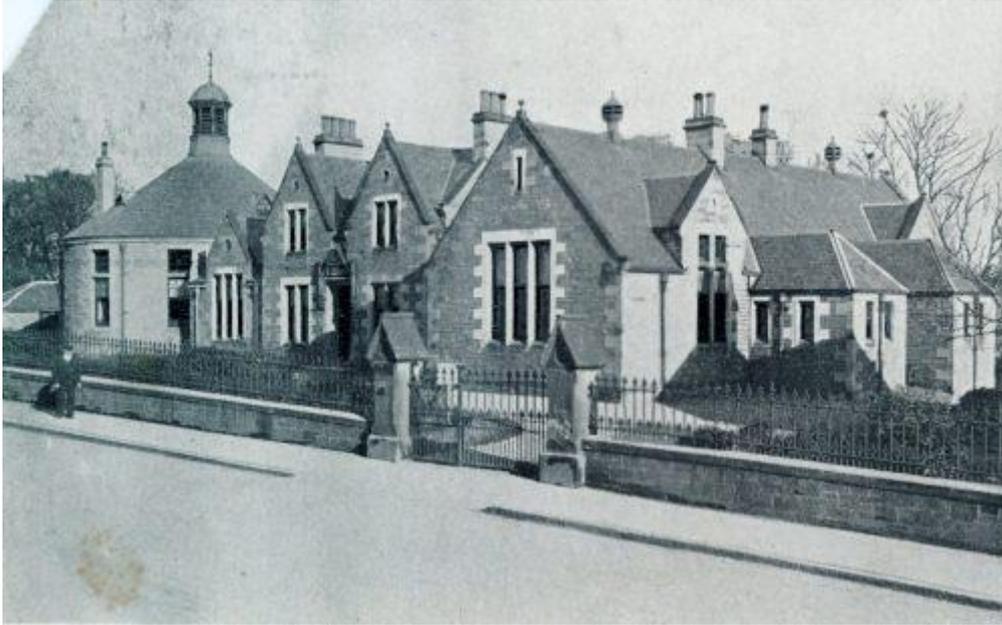
Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Prinlaws U.	3	3	0	0	8	2	6
Markinch V.R.	3	2	1	0	13	4	4
Falkland	2	2	0	0	8	6	4
Freuchie Rovers	2	1	1	0	4	3	2
Guardbridge U.	2	1	1	0	3	3	2
Cupar Hearts	3	1	2	0	7	11	2
Kettle Vale	1	0	1	0	0	2	0
Newburgh S.	2	0	2	0	4	11	0
Kennoway U.	2	0	2	0	3	8	0

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Gifts to Infirmaries** – “As a result of the appeal on behalf of the various Infirmaries at the harvest thanksgiving service, the following gifts of goods and produce were collected:-

13 $\frac{3}{4}$ lb tea, 31lb sugar, $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. assorted groceries, 3 cakes, 1 box shortbread, 5 chickens, 2 pairs rabbits, 16 doz. Eggs, 78lb jam, $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt. apples and assorted fruits, 11lb grapes, 3 cwt. potatoes, 1 cwt. assorted vegetables.

A sum of £5 2s 3d in money was also collected. The institutions to benefit were:-

Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, Perth Royal Infirmary, Dundee Royal Infirmary, the Deaconess Hospital, Edinburgh and Kirkcaldy Cottage Hospital.”



Kirkcaldy Cottage Hospital (opened 1890)

17th October 1925

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Holidays** – “The Public School closed down on Friday afternoon from three weeks’ ‘potato’ holidays.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – “The local Boys’ Brigade team and Auchtermuchty Boy Scouts met in a friendly game at the Myre on Saturday afternoon. The visitors went under by 5 goals to 2.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Service** – “The Rev. Mr Wedderburn of Manchuria, conducted an evening service held in the U.F. Church on Sunday. This service was held under the auspices of the National Bible Society, and the congregation were treated to an interesting discourse.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Social** – “The Ladies’ Committee of the Unionist Association held a social evening in the Drill Hall, when there was a large turnout. After tea was served, short addresses were given by Commander Cochrane, M.P. for East Fife, and Miss Maitland, organising secretary. A select programme of songs, recitations and music was then sustained by the following:-

Mrs George Morgan, Nisbetfield; Miss Hutton, Cupar; Miss Taylor, Auchtermuchty; Miss Bonthron, Newton House; Mr T. Dryburgh, Orkie; Mr G. Watt, Caldwell. Mrs D. Arnot of Weddersbrae acted as accompanist.

The duties of Chairman during the evening were capably discharged by Mr David Bonthron, Newton House.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Dance** – “Under the auspices of the local Ladies’ Golf Club, a successful dance was held in the Drill Hall on Friday evening. About 45 couples assembled and excellent music was discoursed by ‘The Four Aces’ Jazz Orchestra, from Dunfermline. Mr T.C. Schofield ably discharged the duties of M.C. The catering arrangements were in the capable hands of a ladies’ Committee. The list of acceptances was as follows:-

Ladies – Misses J. Anderson, B. Anderson, M. Birrell, C. Cowan, M. Chisholm, J. Drysdale, Mrs J. Drysdale, Misses J. Dewar, A. Edmeston, L. Fernie, A. Forsyth, L. Finlay, P. Gavin, L. Gavin, E. Grant, R. Grant, E. Hay, Mrs Hopkins, Misses M. Hopkins, E. Kennedy, J. Kennedy, C. Lawson, M. Lawson, Mrs Lewis, Misses A. Middleton, L. Nelson, J. Nelson, Mrs Nellies, Misses C. Peggie, M. Smith, B. Todd, M.J. Thomson, J. Venters, K. Venters, K. White, Misses Dryden, Newton of Falkland; Miss Bowman, Ladybank; Miss Henderson, Ladybank; Misses Turner, Ladybank; Miss Smith (Dunshalt).

Gentlemen – Messrs J. Archibald, G. Anderson, G. Anderson jnr, H. Birrell, P. Birrell, W. Birrell, S. Brooman, J. Campbell, D. Cairn, J. Drysdale, T. Drysdale, C.R. Drysdale, S. Drysdale, A. Dryburgh, J. Dewar, J. Hay, J. Hardie, Provost Hopkins, Messrs A. Hopkins, T. Hamilton, J. Kay, J. Lewis, H. Lee, C. Oram, T. Ross, J. Skinner, W. Strudley, O. Strudley, G. Shields, A. Smith, T.C. Schofield, M. St Clair, J. Wallace, A. Archibald, Markinch; D. Braid, Freuchie; E. Borthwick, Aberdour; J. Dalrymple, Freuchie; A. Fox, Freuchie; D. Joss, Markinch; A. Lindsay, Coaltown of Balgonie; J. Law, Freuchie; H. McLeod, Ladybank; A. Robertson, Freuchie; D. Reid, Strathmiglo, W. Smith, Dunshalt; D. Turner, Ladybank.”

24th October 1925

Advert in *The Fife News*: **For Sale** – “Border-Leicester Ram Lambs for Sale. Apply DYKES, Westfield, Falkland.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Service** – “The Rev. D. Laird, Springfield, conducted the evening service in the Parish Church on Sunday, and the Rev. J.K. Russell occupied the pulpit at Springfield.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Boys' Brigade Football** – “In a friendly game at the Myre on Saturday afternoon between the teams of the 1st Falkland and 4th Kirkcaldy Boys' Brigade Companies, the homesters were victors by 4 goals to 2.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Fare to Edinburgh** – “For some reason none can explain, the fare from Falkland Road to Edinburgh and back, if booked direct, is 6s 4d, but if a return is taken to Kirkcaldy, the fare is 2s 6d, and if at Kirkcaldy a return to Edinburgh is bought, it costs 3s, a total of 5s 6d, and a saving of 10d!”



Falkland Road Station

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Potatoes** – “While digging in his garden, potatoes reared from the potato apple, Mr John Steedman, Balmbrae, unearthed one ‘shaw’ yielding a fine crop of over 9lb in weight. Mr Steedman intends naming these potatoes ‘The Goal’. What do the neighbouring gardeners think of this?”



Balmblae (circa 1920's)

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – “*Freuchie Rovers did not find the Lomond Vale the ‘easy meat’ they expected when the pair clashed at Freuchie on Saturday afternoon. In fact, the burgh team had as much, if not more, of the play than their opponents, partly due, no doubt, to the encouragement they received from the large contingent of Falkland supporters. To hold Freuchie to a draw of three goals each was good work on the part of the Vale, and no doubt neighbouring Clubs will be sitting up and taking notice.*”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Town Council** – “*The ‘greetin’ meeting of Falkland Town Council was held in the Town Hall last Friday evening – Provost Hopkins in the chair. The following were nominated for the five seats:-*

Messrs Patrick Hunt, P. Robertson, R. Nellies, D. Robertson, D. Riley, and T. Williamson.

The first four are former Councillors. Nominations for the Parish Council comprised the present members, viz:-

Messrs W. Peggie, J. Garland, A. Fraser and P. Robertson.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Gave His Motor License To His Son** – “*Ernest Mathers and Frank Mathers, a father and son, both residing at New Houses, Falkland, were charged at Cupar Sheriff Court with a joint contravention of the motor regulations. The father, it was alleged, had lent his motor cycle license to his son.*

Both accused pleaded guilty, and Frank Mathers, the father, said he was in the side-car, and his son was driving. It was the first time his son had driven, and they had gone only 500 yards when they met a policeman. Accused told the policeman the license was his. The boy was 18, and had a license of his own now.

The Sheriff – ‘You are each fined 10s’

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football – Freuchie Rovers v Lomond Vale (Falkland)** – *“At Freuchie, in the Cupar and District League. Freuchie won the toss, and took advantage of the strong wind blowing down the pitch. The Rovers were soon around Gavin in the Lomond Vale goal, but their efforts were spoiled by the wind. Freuchie scored in about twenty minutes through Strudley. Some time later, during a scramble in Falkland’s goal, the referee awarded a goal to Freuchie. Near half time Strudley was brought down in the penalty area, and from the spot Harley scored. After the cross-over, Falkland were more aggressive, and reduced the leeway. Soon afterwards a Freuchie defender had the misfortune to head through his own goal. Falkland were all out for the equaliser, which was not long in coming, a long shot which seemed to be going by, being deflected by the wind and going in. Freuchie had a few raids this half, and Gavin did well to stop some shots, while a few chances were missed. The game ended with the score at Freuchie Rovers 3, Lomond Vale 3.”*

31st October 1925

Notice in *The Fife News*: **Falkland parish Church Woman’s Guild** – *“A General Meeting of the above will be held in the vestry, on Thursday, 5th November, at 7 p.m., when a Resolution, approved by the Guild Committee, will be moved:-*

That the Guild Fund raised primarily towards the Building of a Church Hall be now utilised for the Lighting of Church and Manse with Electricity.”

(Signed) J.K. Russell.

Advert in *The Fife News*: **For Sale** – *“Wireless Set, complete, with D.E. Valve, Headphones, Accumulator and Spare Coils. Fitted free. SUTTIE, Falkland.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Funeral and Deposit Society** – *“The funds of this Society were disbursed on Saturday afternoon. During the year there were five deaths, meaning a levy of 2s each on members, and 1s on half-members.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Song-Lecture** – “Under the auspices of the Parish Church Women’s Guild, a song-lecture entitled “Scottish Humour in Song and Story” was given by Mr Allan Beveridge, Edinburgh, in the Drill Hall last Thursday evening. Rev. J.K. Russell presided over a large audience. Mr Beveridge gave an able exposition of his subject, and there was not a dull moment from start to finish. Many of the jokes he ‘cracked’ caused the audience to rock with laughter. His rich baritone voice also did full justice to the Scottish songs rendered. Miss Edmiston acted as accompanist.”

Article in *The Fife News*: **Bruce Arms Hotel, Falkland** – “The last application was by Robert Hendry, at present residing at the Commercial Hotel, Falkland, for the full hotel license for the Bruce Arms Hotel, Falkland, at present in the name of Mr Strudley. Mr Pagan stated there was also an application by the Hon. Mrs Ismay Lucretia Mary Maule Ramsay, of House of Falkland, for a transfer of the certificate to her. Mr Strudley did not oppose either of these applications for transfer, and in the circumstances, it was for the Court to say whether they considered either of the parties suitable to hold a certificate. The Court could not remove the certificate, because that was the November Court, but, if they did not transfer the certificate to one or other of the parties, they left it in the hands of a man who did not want it.

The Chief Constable reported that Mr Strudley was leaving the hotel on the expiry of his lease of the premises. Mr Hendry had held a certificate from 1913 to 1925 in Glasgow, which he conducted with satisfaction. Since then he had been assisting his brother-in-law in Falkland, getting a knowledge of hotel work. The application by the Hon. Mrs Maule Ramsay would be allowed to drop if the transfer was granted to Mr Hendry.

Mr McInnes, who appeared for both parties, stated that in view of the fact that the Bruce Arms belonged to the Falkland estate, that Mr Strudley was leaving the premises at November, and that Mr Hendry had purchased them with entry at November, the double application was put in. If they granted the application to Mr Hendry, he would crave leave to withdraw the other application..

Bailie Hunt moved that Mr Hendry’s application be granted. He was a thoroughly respectable gentleman, and had learned the trade through his brother-in-law, who conducted a very superior and respectable business in Falkland. It was a very old established business, and it was quite desirable it should be carried on. Mr Niven seconded, and the transfer was granted.

Mr Pagan intimated, in connection with doctors lines, that the health in the district must be very good, for there had not been any. (Laughter).”



Bruce Arms (circa 1920's)

7th November 1925

Advert in *The Fife News*: **Property for Sale – Falkland.** “For Sale, by Public Roup, within the Writing Chambers of Pagan & Osborne, Writers, Cupar, on Tuesday, 24th November 1925, at Three o'clock Afternoon, Dwelling-house known as St Andrews House, Falkland, containing 2 Public Rooms, 5 Bedrooms, 3 Attic Rooms, Kitchen, Scullery, 2 W.C.'s and Bath.

Immediate Entry, with Possession. No Feu Duty. Upset Price - £350.

The House can be seen by applying to Mr Fraser, Joiner, Falkland.

For further Particulars, apply to the Subscribers, who have the Title Deeds and Articles of Roup. Pagan & Osborne, Writers, Cupar.”



St Andrews House, Falkland

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

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Artist’s Success** – “Mrs Laing, Wellbrae, has obtained a first-class scholarship certificate from the British and Dominion School of Drawing for a black and white drawing.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Municipal Meeting** – “The three new candidates standing for election to the Town Council, viz:- Mrs Brown and Messrs D. Riley and Thomas Williamson, addressed a meeting of the ratepayers in the Drill Hall on Monday evening. Provost Hopkins presided over a large turnout.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Motor Club’s Trial Run** – “East Fife Motor Club met at Falkland for a reliability trial round Falkland Hill and on to Glentarkie, Abernethy and back. They had lunch in the Bruce Arms Hotel, Falkland, and then covered the circuit again.”

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. At the respective places of worship, the evening thanksgiving services were conducted by Rev. W. Gemmel Mitchell of Freuchie, and Rev. J.T. Boag, Strathmiglo.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Municipal Election** – “There were eight candidates for five seats on Falkland Town Council, and the following is the result of the poll declared on Tuesday:-

Successful – Peter Robertson – 145 votes; Patrick Hunt – 141 votes; Daniel Riley – 139 votes; Robert Nellies – 121 votes; John Drysdale – 118 votes.

Unsuccessful – Mrs M. Brown – 105 votes; Thos. Williamson – 103 votes; David Robertson – 80 votes.

There were seven spoilt papers.

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Co-operative Society** – “The half-yearly general meeting of the members of the Falkland Equitable Co-operative Society Ltd., was held in the Town Hall on Monday evening – Mr Thomas Jackson, Chairman of the Society, presiding over a large turnout. He gave an outline of the work done and improvements carried out in the shop during the past six months. The balance-sheet was submitted, sales in the grocery department showing an increase of over £500, while the drapery department sales were about £100 down. Various items on the document called for comment, and many lively passages took place, especially with regard to the Society’s horse. Office-bearers for the ensuing term were appointed as follows:-

Chairman – Thomas Jackson; Secretary – Wm. W. Gullon; Treasurer and Manager – Wm. Bartie; New Committee members – Mrs Janet Paterson (re-elected), Miss Mary Anderson, Messrs. D. Clerk (re-elected), P. Lawson, and John Ross.

The dividend, which is 2s 6d per £1 to members and 1s 3d to non-members will be paid out to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by Bailie Hunt.”

Article from *The Fife News*: **Falkland’s Lady Candidate – Mrs Brown to Fight Again** – “For the first time in the history of the Howe of Fife, a lady candidate came into the municipal battlefield. She was Mrs Mary Brown, Falkland, a lady who has done a great deal in her day for the good of the Royal burgh. When, in Falkland, money is required for any special object, the promoters never find Mrs Brown in any other mood than willing to assist. Cricketers, golfers, footballers, and the poor of the

burgh have all reason to praise the organising energy she devotes annually for their benefit, and therefore, when candidates were called for to oppose the 'old brigade' in the municipal chamber, it was not surprising that Mrs Brown should be asked to come into the field. The good lady was not difficult to persuade, for she holds the view that the 'fathers' of the town can do with a 'prod on' and she was willing to assist in adding ginger to their efforts in looking after the burgh affairs. She all but succeeded in entering the Council, for she headed the list of unsuccessful candidates."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football – Prinlaws Secure Points at Falkland –**
"Lomond Vale and Prinlaws United met under Cupar and District League auspices at Falkland House Park on Saturday afternoon. The visitors were a sweet-moving team, and time and again broke through the Falkland defence. However, Gavin in goal for the locals, gave a great display, and saved his side from a heavy defeat. The homesters front rank was not – although rather subdued – altogether idle, but rashness caused the missing of one or two 'pinches'. Prinlaws won by 2 goals to nil. W. Walker, Ladybank, had charge of the game."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football – Leuchars B.B. Beat Falkland B.B. –**
"Leuchars B.B. football team met Falkland B.B. in a match on Saturday last. Both teams were well matched. Falkland's fast forward line being well held by Leuchars' strong defence. The game resulted in a fine win for Leuchars 4; Falkland 1."

14th November 1925

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Weather** – *"It was bitterly cold during the week-end, and the Lomonds had a coating of snow on Sunday morning."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Kirkin'** – *"The 'kirkin' o' the Council' took place in the Parish Church on Sunday morning. From a text appropriate to the occasion, the Rev. J.K. Russell delivered an eloquent sermon."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf Club** – *"The annual general meeting of the members was held in the War Memorial Institute on Monday evening, when there was a good turnout. Mr Alexander Anderson occupied the chair. The balance-sheet showed a debit balance of £7 2s 6d. Various ways and means were discussed, as to clearing off the deficit, and it was eventually agreed that a concert, followed some time later by a dance, be held during the winter. A committee, with Mr T. Drysdale*

as convener, was appointed for this purpose. The following honorary members were elected:-

Patrons – Mr J.A. Patullo and Captain A. Maule Ramsay; President – Mr David Bonthron; Vice-Presidents – Messrs A. Shanks and J. Lindsay.

Office-bearers for the ensuing year are as follows:-

Captain – Provost Hopkins; Vice-Captain – Mr A. Venters; Secretary – Mr J. Drysdale; Treasurer – Mr John Reid; Committee – Captain, Vice-Captain, and Messrs W. Peggie, G. Robertson, A. Anderson, M. St Clair, T. Drysdale, T.C. Schofield, and H. Lee. Green Committee – Captain, Vice-Captain, Secretary and Treasurer.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Girl Guides** – “A Company of Girl Guides has been formed in the village. Twenty-one girls have enrolled, and Miss Melville is to be in command. At a meeting held in the War Memorial Institute, Mrs Hutchison, District Commissioner from Kirkcaldy, addressed the members of the troop. In connection with the movement, a local ladies’ Association has been formed, with Mrs Russell as president, Mrs Nisbet as vice-president, and Miss Martyn as secretary.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Town Council** – “At the first meeting of the new session, held in the Town Hall last Friday evening, the following Committees were appointed:-

Burgh General, Sanitary, Water and Lighting – Councillors Grant (convener), Drysdale, Horne, Chisholm, Skinner and Riley.

Dean of Guild – Provost Hopkins (convener), Councillors Chisholm and Robertson.

Finance – Bailie Hunt (convener), Bailie Robertson, Councillors Grant, Robertson, Horne and Nellies.

Roads, Bridges and Streets – Bailie Robertson (convener), Councillors Nellies, Chisholm, Jack, Skinner and Riley.

Housing – Provost Hopkins (convener), Councillors Chisholm, Drysdale, Horne, Robertson and Nellies.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football – Falkland and St Andrews B.B. Teams All Square** – “A friendly match between teams representing Falkland and St Andrews Boys’ Brigade Companies was played at the Myre, Falkland, on Saturday afternoon. The result was a draw of 4 goals each, although the visitors were the better side.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football - Cupar and District League Table, up to and including 7th November**

Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
<i>Prinlaws U.</i>	6	6	0	0	15	3	12
<i>Markinch V.R.</i>	5	4	1	0	19	5	8
<i>Falkland</i>	5	3	1	1	13	12	7
<i>Cupar Hearts</i>	5	2	3	0	13	19	4
<i>Kettle Vale</i>	5	2	3	0	13	13	4
<i>Freuchie Rovers</i>	4	1	2	1	8	9	3
<i>Guardbridge U.</i>	3	1	2	0	4	5	2
<i>Kennoway U.</i>	3	0	3	0	3	11	0
<i>Newburgh S.</i>	4	0	4	0	7	18	0

21st November 1925

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Poppy Day** – “The annual collection in aid of Earl Haig Fund for disabled ex-Service men amounted to £17. As usual, Mrs Miller, Westlea, had charge of the arrangements.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Accident to Foreman** – “As the result of injuries sustained in an accident at Falkland Floorcloth Works, Henry Robertson, foreman printer, was removed to Perth Infirmary. He was removing a roll from the machine when it slipped and jammed his leg against the barrow and fractured the limb below the knee. Dr Shand was called, and ordered his removal to Perth Infirmary.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **No Parish Council Election** – “There will be no election for the landward district of Falkland Parish Council as the places of the retiring Councillors, Messrs William Pratt and William Grant, have been filled by the nominations of Mr Jack Lindsay, Eden Valley House, Freuchie, and Mr Alexander Shank, Dykeside, Freuchie.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Remembrance Service** – “A special service of remembrance was held in the Parish Church on Sunday morning. There was a large congregation, which included the local ex-Service men, troops of Girl Guides and Boy Scouts, and the Company of the Boys’ Brigade. The ‘Last Post’ and ‘Reveille’ were sounded by Mr John J. Ross, while Piper John Kay played the ‘Lament’.

Wreaths were placed at the memorial tablet by the Scouts and ex-Service men. The Rev. J.K. Russell officiated."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Sharp Sentence of Local Labourer** – “John Alexander Fleming, labourer, Falkland, was sentenced to six months’ imprisonment at Cupar Sheriff Court on Thursday, by Sheriff Dudley Stuart, for an offence under the Criminal Law Amendment Act. Mr I.W. McInnes, W.S. (Messrs Drummond, Johnstone & Grosset, Cupar), in a statement made on behalf of accused, said he was 56 years of age and had been married for 32 years. Up to the present he had been of very good character. On the Sunday in question, he had been out with some friends and was under the influence of drink, when the offence was committed. The Sheriff, in imposing sentence said: ‘It is depressing to see a man, who has apparently been a respectable man up till now, brought to Court on a charge of this kind – a very serious charge. The offence to which you have pleaded guilty is, unfortunately, one which is becoming increasingly common, and I feel it my duty to impose certainly a fairly substantial punishment in this case. I have listened to what has been said on your behalf, but young girls must be protected from assaults of this kind by men, whether drunk or sober. Your sentence is six months.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Institute Affairs** – “The annual general meeting of the members of the War Memorial Institute was held in the reading room on Monday evening – Mr Walter Peggie snr. presiding. The balance-sheet was adopted. Office-bearers for the ensuing year were appointed as follows:-

Secretary – Mr T.C. Schofield; Treasurer – Mr John Reid; New Members of Committee – Messrs Charles Oram, W. Peggie jnr., and Mr W. Peggie snr. (re-elected); Games Committee – Messrs Charles Oram (convener), Thomas Drysdale, and James Douglas; Library Committee – Rev. J.T. Batchelor (convener), Mrs Robertson, and Mr Reid.

The question of installing electric light in the building came up for discussion, and it was agreed that the matter be left with the Management Committee for their decision. Various other points were also raised, and were referred to the respective Committees. The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Billiards – Falkland v Ladybank** – “An interesting match took place at Falkland War Memorial Institute on Thursday evening last week, when teams of Falkland and Ladybank players met in friendly combat. The result was a draw of three games each, with a points majority of 40 in favour of the homesters. Scores:-

Falkland		Ladybank	
C. Oram	85	R. Dall	100
T. Drysdale	82	A. Turpie	100
D. Clark	100	J. Mill	61
R. Nellies	100	D. Low	52
W. Bartie	100	T. Watson	87
W. Strudley	73	J. Smart	100
	540		500

28th November 1925

Extract from *The Fife News*: **No Offers for Property** – “The dwelling-house known as ‘St Andrews House’, Falkland, was offered for sale by public roup on Tuesday, in the writing chambers of Messrs Pagan & Osborne, Cupar. There were no offers at the upset price of £350, and the sale was adjourned.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Rifle Competition in '75** – “A reader has handed us a report of a rifle competition at Cupar in 1875 between Cupar and Falkland. The names of those who shot for Falkland will interest our older readers. They, and their scores were:-

Captain Cousin – 40; Sergt. Williamson – 35; Cpl. Green – 33; Pte. Morgan – 29; Cpl. Millar – 26; Sergt-Instr. Kilgour – 43; Cpl. Galloway – 29; Pte. Webster – 42; Col-Sergt. Sutherland – 38; Sergt. Webster – 33.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Dance** – “Under the auspices of the Lomond Vale F.C., a very successful dance was held in the Drill Hall last Friday night. There was a large assembly, and splendid music was supplied by the Dixie Five Jazz Band from Cowdenbeath. Messrs Thomas Hamilton and John Campbell ably discharged the duties of M.C.’s.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Masonic** – “The following have been elected office-bearers of Lodge St John (No. 35) for the ensuing year:-

R.W.M. – Bro. John Garland; I.P.M. – Bro. John Drysdale; D.M. – Bro. James Jackson; S.M. – Bro. T.D. Hopkins; S.W. – Bro. John J. Ross; J.W. – Bro. Harry Lee; Secretary – Bro. W.W. Gullon; Treasurer – Bro. James R. Walker; S.D. – Bro. Matthew Condie; J.D. – Bro. Wm. Patterson; B.B. – Bro. D. Stoddart; Architect – Bro. Alex. Fraser snr.; Director of Ceremonies – Bro. P. Robertson; Sword-bearer – Bro. David Munro; Marshall – Bro. Wm. Gould; Director of Music – Bro. David

Clark; I.G. – Bro. R. Wallace; Tyler – Bro. John Walker; Auditors – Bros. Alexander Anderson and Robert Miller.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Tribute** – “At Falkland, Rev. J.K. Russell, in the Parish Church, delivered an eloquent and touching tribute to the memory of the late Queen.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football – Falkland Boys Brigade Team Well Beaten** – “At the Myre, Falkland, on Saturday afternoon, the local Boys’ Brigade and Balgonie Scotia ‘A’ teams met in a friendly encounter. The homesters were never in the hunt, and retired well trounced by 4 goals to 1.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Curling – Falkland beat Auchtermuchty** – “Stratheden Club, Auchtermuchty engaged their neighbours from Falkland in a three-rink match for the Caledonian medal, when the visitors gained a meritorious victory. Result:-

Stratheden		Falkland	
John White	9	W. Bonthron	22
L. Bonthron	20	W. Peggie	11
Wm. Murray	20	D. Bonthron	23
	49		56

At Falkland, keen ice held for the greater part of the week, and the ‘roarin’ game’ attracted large crowds of players during the afternoons and evenings to the local rink.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Billiards** – “Teams representing Freuchie and Falkland met at the Falkland War Memorial Institute on Wednesday evening. The homesters were easy victors by 5 games to nil. Details:-

Falkland		Freuchie	
C. Oram	100	W. Normand	85
T. Drysdale	100	R. Morgan	54
D. Clark	100	R. Robertson	46
R. Nellies	100	A. Livingstone	60
W. Bartie	100	A. Watson	61
	500		306

On Thursday last week, a team of younger players from Freuchie paid a visit to Falkland, and beat a similar team there by 195 points. Scores:-

Freuchie		Falkland	
W. Wilson	83	W. Ross	50
J. Fleming	75	J. Lawson	73
R. Livingstone	72	J. McEwan	78
A. Livingstone	111	J. Shields	41
R. Lawson	101	G. Nicholson	43
H. Wilson	78	F. Coutts	40
	520		325

The return match was played in the Lumsden Memorial Recreation Room at Freuchie, on Wednesday evening, when Freuchie again won. Scores:-

Freuchie 2nd		Falkland 2nd	
G. Allan	118	W. Ross	40
R. Lawson	97	J. McEwan	43
A. Livingstone	92	G. Shields	64
W. Wilson	82	J. Lawson	82
A. Fulton	49	F. Coutts	88
	438		317

5th December 1925

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Church Union** – “At Kirk Session and congregational meetings held in the U.F. Church during last week, it was agreed that the main obstacles to Church Union had been removed.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **School Management Committee** – “The monthly meeting of the District School Management Committee was held on Monday evening – Mr J.S. MacGillivray, Auchtermuchty, presiding in the absence of Mr J. Kirk. The percentages of attendance were reported as follows:-

Freuchie – 92.9; Falkland – 88.8; Dunshalt – 78.2; Auchtermuchty – 87.6; Strathmiglo – 90.8; Gateside – 91.9.

There were a few cases of whooping cough at Dunshalt. Rev. J.P. Batchelor, Falkland, drew the Committee’s attention to medical certificates being requested for children absent from school, and asked who was to pay for a doctor’s visit for this purpose in the case of trivial ailments. The Committee considered that the expenses must be borne by the parents or guardians. It was also pointed out that in the case of a child frequently unable to attend school, it would probably suffice to obtain one

doctor's certificate that the child was not in normal health, and would attend school as much as possible. The general feeling was that this certificate should only be used to prevent possible malingering. Rev. J.P. Batchelor was appointed to represent the Committee at the opening of the extension to the Authority's offices at Kirkcaldy on Saturday. For the forthcoming Christmas and New Year holidays, the schools in the district will close on 24th December, and re-open on 5th January. For the ensuing spring holidays, the schools will close on 2nd April and re-open on 13th April."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Billiards – Strathmiglo Outpoint Falkland** – “Falkland Institute Billiard team were the guests of the Strathmiglo Men's Recreation Club Billiard team at their clubrooms at the Town Hall, Strathmiglo, with the following results:-

Strathmiglo		Falkland	
T. Thomson	94	C. Oram	100
D. Reid	64	R. Nellies	100
W. Seath	100	C.R. Drysdale	71
J.A. Allan	100	T. Drysdale	40
G.C. Leburn	100	D.C. Clark	87
Richard Miller	98	W. Bartie	100
	553		498

12th December 1925

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Billiards** – “A tournament has been inaugurated at Falkland War Memorial Institute in aid of St Dunstan's Hospital. Ties are to be of 150 points up, and 32 players have entered. The first-round draw is as follows:-

R. Nellies (15) v H. Davenport (25); J. Ross (50) v C. Oram (scratch); D. Reid (Strathmiglo)(20) v R. Morgan (Freuchie)(25); A. Wilson (50) v A. Livingstone (Freuchie)(50); P. Robertson (45) v P. Lawson (85); C. Baxter (45) v F. Coutts (50); T. Shields (85) v T. Drysdale (scratch); W. Bartie (15) v A. Cowan (25); W. Ross (40) v T.D. Hopkins (25); W. Peggie jnr. (60) v R. Dakers (85); A. Robertson (80) v T.C. Schofield (45); R. Robertson (Freuchie)(15) v J. Lawson (45); J. Dakers (40) v H. Robson (60); C.R. Drysdale (25) v A. Watson (Freuchie)(50); J. McEwan (60) v W. Normand (Freuchie)(25); W. Strudley (25) v D. Clark (scratch).”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death of Mrs Gulland** – “Her many friends in this district learned with regret last week of the death at Cheltenham on Tuesday, of Mrs Gulland, late of Millfield, Falkland, and widow of Mr Charles Gulland, town clerk,

banker and factor. Two years ago Mrs Gulland sold her residence in Falkland to Mr W.S. Currie, Edinburgh, and previous to her death she had been residing in Gloucestershire. Her late husband, when banker in Falkland and factor of the Lathrisk estate, was well-known for his poetical works, and for the inspiration for many he was indebted to his wife, who figured as the heroine in several of his dramatic pieces. In 1895 he published a large volume of selections, chief among which were 'The Lomond Hills' and 'The Fairies of Falkland', and in 1903 he published 'Queen Mary and Darnley': a Drama. The beautiful surroundings of Falkland and its history appealed greatly to Mr and Mrs Gulland. Mrs Gulland was predeceased by her husband about twenty years ago, and had previously suffered the sad loss of her only son, Mr Roland Gulland, in 1903.

Mrs Gulland and her daughter, Miss I.M. Gulland, were staunch Unionists when resident at Millfield, and were generous givers to all good works. When the Queen visited Falkland in 1923, she accepted from Mrs Gulland a special copy of one of the late Mr Gulland's poems. Mrs Gulland took a keen interest in the public life of the community of Falkland and its immediate surroundings. One of her chief interests was Falkland and District Nursing Association, of which she was Secretary and Treasurer for many years, and for which she did much good work. She is survived by three daughters, Mrs Tarbolton, Edinburgh; Mrs Hinds Howell, London; and Miss I.M. Gulland, who was residing with her mother at Cheltenham. The funeral took place on Saturday last, when the services were conducted by Rev. J.K. Russell, Falkland. The pall-bearers were:-

Dr Macintosh, Edinburgh; Mr George D. Ballingall, W.S., Edinburgh; Mr Tarbolton, Edinburgh; Dr Hinds Howell, London; Rev. J.K. Russell, Falkland; Mr A. Cook, Elie; Mr Alexander Anderson, Falkland; and Mr Wm. Coutts, Falkland (deceased's old gardener)."

19th December 1925

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football – Falkland Feeble at Markinch** – "Markinch Victoria Rangers had Lomond Vale F.C. from Falkland in a Cupar and District League match in John Dixon Park, Markinch. The visitors were no match for the more experienced Rangers, who had as easy victory, as the score indicates, the locals scoring seven goals to the visitors' one. The scorers for the Rangers were D. Bissett (3), Watson (2), and Scobie and Logan one each."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Billiards – Strathmiglo v Falkland** – "The return match between Strathmiglo and Falkland teams was played at Falkland War Memorial Institute last Thursday evening. The homesters won 4 games to their opponents' 2, while the latter were ahead on points by a majority of 68. Details:-

Falkland		Strathmiglo	
C. Oram	100	T. Thomson	95
T. Drysdale	31	J.S. Allan	100
D. Clark	100	G.C. Leburn	97
R. Nellies	100	J. Robertson	99
W. Bartie	55	Rev. R.F. Scott	100
C.R. Drysdale	100	W. Seath	63
	486		554

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Pulpit** – “The Rev. J.D. Glennie, Ladybank, occupied the Parish Church pulpit on Sunday morning.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Dance** – “Under the auspices of the local Boy Scout troop, a very enjoyable dance was held in the Drill Hall last Friday evening. Excellent music was supplied by Doig’s Quadrille Band from Kinross. Mr John Kay discharged the duties of M.C.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Ex-Service Men** – “The local branch of ex-Service men held a re-union dinner in the Bruce Arms Hotel last Friday evening, when about 60 members attended. Toasts of ‘The Imperial Forces’ and ‘Fallen Comrades’ were replied to by Major A.C. Macdonald and Rev. J.K. Russell. The musical side of the programme was upheld by the following:-

Rev. J.K. Russell, Messrs C. Oram, M. St Clair, T. Drysdale, T.C. Schofield, H. Lee, T. Williamson, W. Paterson, Jas. Peggie, W. Peggie jnr., D. Riley, and S.H. Brooman. Mr D. Bonthron, Newton House, occupied the chair. One and all spent a very happy time.”

26th December 1925

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football Off** – “Owing to the pitch being snowbound, the match between Lomond Vale F.C. and Markinch Victoria Rangers was declared off on Saturday afternoon.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Billiards** – “The second round draw of the St Dunstan’s tournament is as follows:-

H. Davenport (25) v James Ross (50); R. Morgan (Freuchie)(25) v A. Livingstone (Freuchie)(50); P. Robertson (40) v C. Baxter (45); T. Drysdale (scratch) v W. Bartie (15); T.D. Hopkins (25) v R. Dakers (85); A. Robertson (80) v R. Robertson

(Freuchie)(15); J. Dakers (40) v A. Watson (Freuchie)(50); W. Normand (Freuchie)(25) v D. Clark (scratch)."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Girl Guides** – “The local troop, numbering twenty-two, along with the members of the Ladies’ Association, held a social meeting in Hardie’s tea rooms on Monday evening. A programme consisting of a recitation by Miss D. Young; violin and pianoforte duet by Misses M. Lawson and J. Lister, and a piano forte solo by the latter, together with dances and games was very much enjoyed. Prizes awarded by Mrs Nisbet, vice-President of the Ladies’ Association, for an observation game, were won by Misses K. Lawson and J. Lister.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **James Ramsay** – “James Ramsay, haulage contractor, residing at Liquorstane, Falkland, was fined 10s at Cupar Sheriff Court on Tuesday, by Sheriff Dudley Stuart, for having on 11th December, allowed his motor car to stand at Methillbrae without a light.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Weather** – “A severe snowstorm ravaged the district during the week-end. Commencing on Friday, with the exception of a few hours on Saturday, the downfall continued until Monday morning. The snow was lying to a depth of eight or nine inches.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **‘Unlively Falkland’** – “Reverting to ‘Stylus Swift’s’ notes regarding lack of ‘go’ in the Royal burgh, the following is a list of what is happening this week:-

Monday – Girl Guides’ party

Tuesday – Cinema – ‘The Ten Commandments’



Wednesday – Boy Scouts’ concert in aid of the old folks.

Thursday – School children’s treat, and

Friday – Golf Club dance”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **The Light that Failed** – “What’s wrong with the gas in Falkland? On Sunday evening the service in the Parish Church had to be discontinued owing to lack of light. This is the first time the gas has failed during worship, although the occurrence is anything but rare throughout the town during the week. In view of the fact that so many of the townsfolk have installed electric light, one would think that instead of a shortage, there should be a surplus of gas.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death – Lambert** – At Pleasance, Falkland, on 21st inst., Miss Isabella Lambert, in her 84th year.”