

Falkland 1900-2000

Year 1921

(As researched by Jack Burgess)

1st January 1921

Extract from *The Fife News*: **St John's Lodge, No. 35** – “At a meeting of the brethren, held in the Town Hall on Tuesday evening last week, Bro. David Campbell was presented with a wallet of Treasury notes in recognition of his 36 years service as Secretary to the Lodge. Bro. John Drysdale, R.W.M., in a few pleasing remarks, made the presentation, and Bro. Campbell feelingly replied.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Service** – “The Rev. J.K. Russell, B.D., conducted a short Christmas service in the Parish Church on Saturday afternoon.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Christmas Service** – “At the evening service in the Parish Church on Sunday evening, the choir, under the leadership of Mr George Spence, rendered a few Christmas carols. The soloists were Misses Mary Drysdale, Lexia Finlay, Euphemia Grant, and Emma Kennedy. Miss Edmeston presided at the organ.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Christmas Treat** – “As has been her custom for a good few years, the Hon. Mrs A. Maule Ramsay entertained the children of the Public School to a Christmas treat in the Drill Hall on Monday afternoon. The children did ample justice to a good tea purveyed by Mr W.E. Strudley, Bruce Arms Hotel. A most enjoyable time was spent with songs and recitations. Among those present were: -

Provost Jackson, Mr and the Misses Gavin, Mrs James Jackson, Rev. J.K. and Mrs Russell, Rev. J.P. Batchelor, Dr and Mrs Shand, Mrs Leburn and Mr W. Leburn, Mrs and Miss Bonthron, and others.”

8th January 1921

Extract from *The Fife News*: **New Year** – “The New Year was ushered in here very quietly. The shops were closed on Saturday and Monday, and the factory workers are getting a week’s holidays. A good many of the people are taking advantage of the motor charabanc for a day’s outing.”

15th January 1921

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Vital Statistics** – “The following are the statistics of the births, marriages and deaths recorded by Mr George S. Hardie, registrar of the parish of Falkland, for the year ending 31st December 1920: -

Births – 41; Marriages – 16; Deaths – 23; as against Births – 33; Marriages – 8; and Deaths – 28 in 1919.”

22nd January 1921

Extract from *The Fife News*: **War Memorial Institute** – “The final result of the billiard tournament which was played on Saturday night was as follows: -

Alex. Dryburgh, jnr., 101; Thos. D. Hopkins, 70.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **School League** – “Freuchie Public School played Falkland Public School at Orkie Park, Freuchie, in the School League. Freuchie School scored 9 goals and Falkland School 1 goal. The goal-scorers were: -

For Freuchie – Kerr, 3 goals; Hall, 3 goals; Mackie, 2 goals; and Morgan, 1 goal.

The Freuchie boys played a grand game, and will take some beating in the League. Freuchie Public School play the return match with Falkland Public School this week, and hope to gain another two points.”



Falkland School Football Team 1921 (photo part of the Falkland Society collection)

Possible names:

Back Row – Unknown, J. Skinner, G. Baxter, Paton, J. Brown, G. Anderson

Front Row – A. Meldrum, Tom Anderson, Unknown, Alec Hopkins, A. Laverock.

29th January 1921

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Snow** – “The first heavy fall of snow this winter occurred on Monday. The snow continued to fall all day, and by the evening it lay to a depth of six inches, thus pending all outdoor labour.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Falkland Pierrot Troupe** – “The Falkland Pierrot Troupe gave a delightful dance in the Town Hall on Friday evening. The hall was tastefully decorated for the occasion. About 30 couples took the floor to the music of Aird’s band from Thornton. Mr T. Drysdale made an efficient M.C.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football Match** – “A grand football match was witnessed at the Lappy on Saturday last between Strathmiglo “A” and Falkland “A”, which ended in Strathmiglo being defeated by 9 goals to 1. The goal scorers were: - W. Sturdley – 4; J. Walker – 3; and H. Birrell – 2.

So far this season, Falkland has never suffered defeat.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Result of Police Supervision of Licensed Grocer** – “Evidence was led at a J.P. Court on Wednesday, held at Cupar, in the case in which Catherine Salmond, 15 Deri Road, Cardiff, being the holder of a certificate as a grocery and provision dealer, trading in excisable liquors, was charged with having, by the hands of John Salmond, her servant, in her premises situated at Newton of Falkland, trafficked in or sold excisable liquor on a Sunday to Robert Spittal, butcher, High Street, Freuchie, and Wm. Waldie, shepherd, Maryfield, Lathrisk. Two policemen stated that, in consequence of information received, they had arranged to watch accused’s premises on a Sunday night. They heard a harmonium being played in the house, and sometimes hymns; sometimes ‘variety’ tunes and rag-times were sung. Shortly afterwards, two men they knew came along, and went into the house. The lights then went on in the shop, bottles were rattled, and the lights went down. This happened half a dozen times, at least.

One of the men, Spittal, came out after a while, and they noticed he was staggering, as if intoxicated. When he went inside again, he left the door a little way open. The police followed him, and found him in a chair, drinking out of a bottle. He tried to hide the bottle behind his knees when he saw the police. Wm. Waldie said he and Spittal went to call on Mr Salmond, the manager of the shop. They went to the kitchen, and Salmond offered to give them tea. They refused it, as they had just had tea. He then took a bottle of stout from the chiffonier in the kitchen, and offered it to them. Waldie refused it, but Spittal took it. Salmond never went into the shop for the stout. Robert Spittal corroborated Waldie’s statements. He could not say where the stout was taken from. He was holding the bottle when the police appeared. He did not understand why they should have taken the bottle from him. He had taken nothing out of it when the police took it. He thought the police should not have taken away a bottle given to him for friendship’s sake. He did not know how the bottle came to be half empty now. He supposed the police had done that when they tasted it.

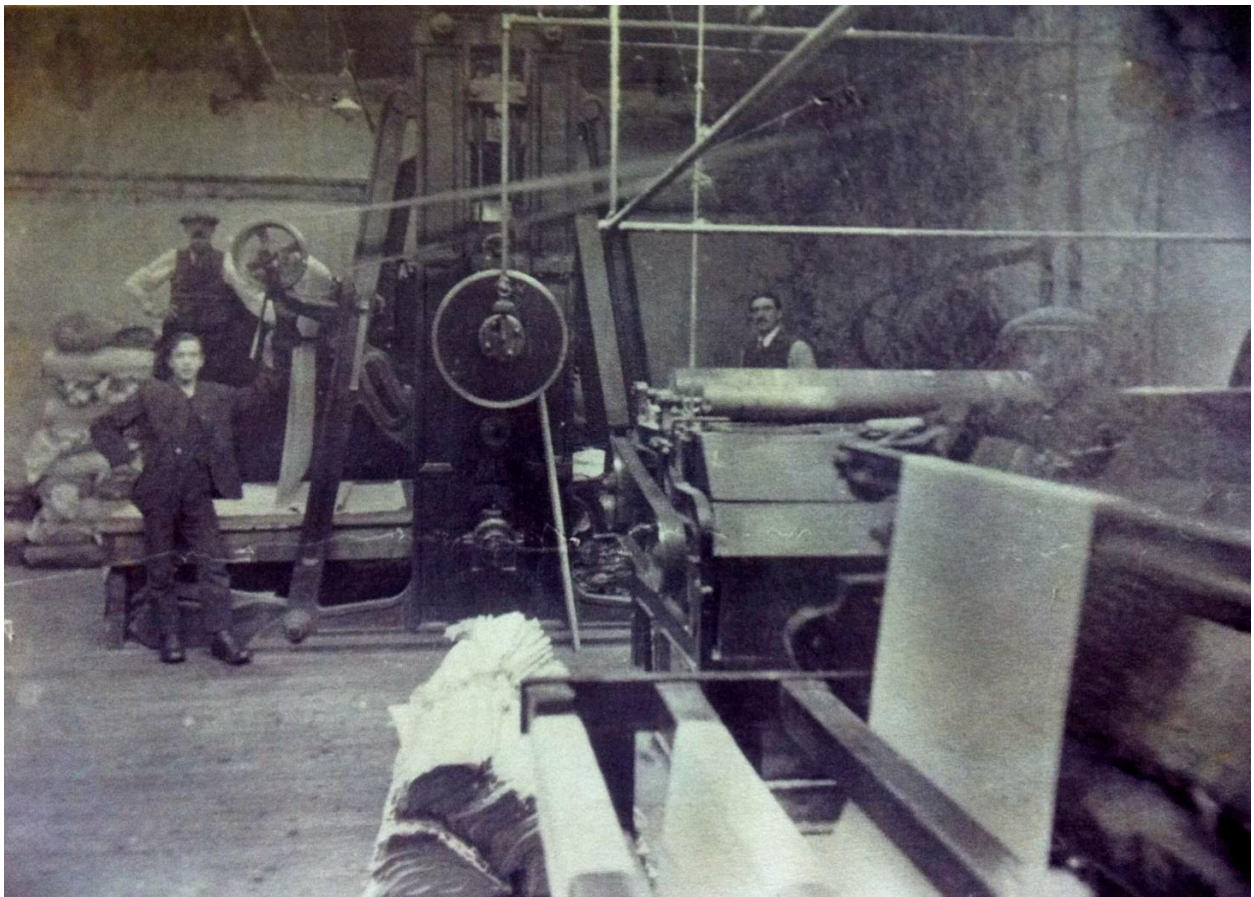
Mr A.E. Grosset, solicitor, Cupar, agent for the defence: “Is it the liquor at the narrow bit of the bottle that is gone? And it is the case, isn’t it, that an inch at the bottom is worth three at the top? (Laughter)

Mr J.K. Tasker, the Procurator-Fiscal, held that the case had been proved against the accused, although the evidence was contradictory. Mr Grosset contended that

the whole proof was futile, because it was directed to the point that the kitchen was licensed premises, whereas it did not come under that category. After consideration, Hon. Sheriff Bruce, who was accompanied on the bench by Messrs A. Lamond, Cupar, and A. Smith, Ceres, said that the Court found the accused guilty of having sold liquor to Spittal only, and imposed a fine of £1 with £1 7s of expenses. Mr Tasker intimated that he intended to drop a charge against Spittal of having consumed the liquor on licensed premises, because he could not prove that Spittal had really consumed the liquor. Mr J.L. Anderson, Cupar, agent for Spittal, then moved that his client be awarded expenses, but this motion was held to be incompetent.”

5th February 1921

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Social and Dance** – “The employees of the S.C.W.S. (Ltd.), Pleasance and St John’s Works, held a most successful social and dance in the Drill Hall on Friday evening – Mr Geo. Robertson presiding. The musical part of the programme was sustained by Misses M. Oswald, B. Peggie, Janet Bett, Mary Drysdale, A. Oswald, Dinah White and C. Cowan, Messrs W. Gould, T.C. Schofield, H. Lee, and J. Balfour. A small sketch, entitled “The Kitchen Rebellion” was given by the Misses Edmeston, Grant, Finlay, and Lawson. Miss Edmeston played the accompaniments. The dance, which followed the social, was enjoyed by everyone.”



**Finishing Department, Linen Factory, Pleasance Works:
St John's Works Floorcloth Factory**

Tom Grant, Jo Skinner, Andrew Finlay and Peter Birrell

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Picture House** – “The local picture house was opened on Tuesday, when the powerful drama “J’Accuse” was shown. The hall was packed to overflowing.”

12th February 1921

Extract from *The Fife News*: **School League Fixture List:**

15th January – Freuchie (9) v Falkland (1) at Freuchie; Kingskettle (1) v Ladybank (0) at Kingskettle

22nd January – Falkland (0) v Freuchie (4) at Falkland; Ladybank (5) v Kingskettle (0) at Ladybank

29th January – Kingskettle (2) v Freuchie (2) at Kingskettle; Auchtermuchty (3) v Ladybank (1) at Auchtermuchty

5th February – Freuchie (2) v Kingskettle (1) at Freuchie; Ladybank (0) v Auchtermuchty (0) at Ladybank

12th February – Auchtermuchty v Kingskettle at Auchtermuchty; Falkland v Ladybank at Falkland

19th February – Kingskettle v Auchtermuchty at Kingskettle; Ladybank v Falkland at Ladybank

26th February – Freuchie v Ladybank at Freuchie; Auchtermuchty v Falkland at Auchtermuchty

5th March – Ladybank v Freuchie at Ladybank; Falkland v Auchtermuchty at Falkland

12th March – Falkland v Kingskettle at Falkland; Freuchie v Auchtermuchty at Freuchie

19th March – Kingskettle v Falkland at Kingskettle; Auchtermuchty v Freuchie at Auchtermuchty

League Table

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
<i>Freuchie</i>	4	3	0	1	17	4	7
<i>Auchtermuchty</i>	2	1	0	1	3	1	3
<i>Ladybank</i>	4	1	2	1	6	4	3
<i>Kingskettle</i>	4	1	2	1	4	9	3
<i>Falkland</i>	2	0	2	0	1	13	0

19th February 1921

Extract from *The Fife News*: **War Memorial Institute** – “Mr Alex. Grant defeated Mr T.D. Hopkins in the final of the billiard tournament.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death – Page** – “At Easter Upper Urquhart, Gateside, suddenly on Saturday, 12th inst., Christina, aged 6 years; Cam, aged 4 years, beloved children of George Page, farmer.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **The Gateside Burning Tragedy** – “Much sorrow was felt in the town when the news spread of the double burning fatality to the two children of Mr George Page at a fire which occurred on his farm at Easter Upper Urquhart, near Gateside, on Saturday afternoon. Mr Page is a native of Falkland, and resided there until a few years ago, when he left to take up farming. The funeral to Falkland Cemetery on Wednesday afternoon was largely attended. Much sympathy is extended to Mr Page in his sad loss.”

26th February 1921

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Linen Factory** – “Owing to the continued depression in the linen trade, the working week in the Pleasance Linen Factory has been reduced to three days.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Pictures** – “The local pictures are still attracting good houses. The serial picture, “The Black Secret”, featuring Pearl White, is now being shown on the screen every Thursday.”



Advert for the film 'The Black Secret' (1919), starring Pearl White.

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Co-operative Women's Guild** – “The members of the Co-operative Women's Guild held a social meeting in the hall adjoining the Commercial Hotel on Monday evening, Mrs Hardie presiding. Delegates from Auchtermuchty Men's and Women's Guild were present, also, the Board of Management of the local Society. Addresses were given by Mr D. Ford, president, and Mr McGillivray of the Auchtermuchty branch, and Mr James Skinner, president of the local branch. With songs and games, a very enjoyable evening was spent.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **A Road like a Quagmire** – “Cycling on the footpath between Freuchie and Newton of Falkland was the offence libelled on Wednesday, at a J.P. Court held at Cupar, against Boswell Braid, housekeeper, Smithy House, Freuchie; George Kirkland, farmer, Bowhouse Farm, Auchtermuchty; Alexander Dryburgh, labourer, Annfield, Falkland; and James Augustus Beddie, poultry farmer, Easter Pitmenzies, Auchtermuchty parish. Messrs A. Lamond, Cupar, and Andrew Smith, Ceres, were on the bench. Mr A.E. Grosset, solicitor, Cupar, said the accused Beddie was unable to be present that day, as he had to attend his mother's funeral. He (Mr Grosset) knew from experience that that part of the road was very bad. It was like a quagmire. There had been a cycle track on the path, and the accused followed it. Similar excuses were made by the other accused. Mr Lamond said he knew the place very well, and had been on the footpath himself, and could sympathise with others. It was, however, the only safe place that the foot passengers had to walk on, so cyclists must keep clear of the footpath. Mr Smith said he would not like it to go abroad that a bit of road was justification for riding on the footpath. The law must be upheld. The alternative to a bad bit of road was

walking. Mr J.K. Tasker, the Procurator-Fiscal, said footpaths were getting to be more or less cycle tracks. Fines of 2s 6d each, with 10s of expenses were imposed.”

Article in *The Fife News*: **Howe of Fife Inter-Scholastic League:**

“This league is still working away quietly and very smoothly. It would appear that Ladybank, Freuchie or Auchtermuchty will be the destination of the Lumsden Cup. The positions in the League are very interesting. Kingskettle is now out of the running entirely, as also is Falkland. This week Freuchie meet Ladybank on their own ground, and much local interest is evinced in this game. It should help to decide the championship. Kingskettle put up a fine performance against Auchtermuchty on Saturday. Plucky Falkland! They fulfilled their fixture with Ladybank, even although they had only seven men. More will be heard of them as the season advances. It is only a little practice that is required to bring them up to the scratch.

Results of Saturday’s Games:

Kingskettle – 3 Auchtermuchty – 0; Ladybank – 7, Falkland – 0.

On ground of first-named Clubs.

Fixtures for To-Morrow (Saturday):

Freuchie v Ladybank – at Freuchie; Auchtermuchty v Falkland – at Auchtermuchty.

League Table:

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Ladybank P.S.	6	3	2	1	19	6	7
Freuchie P.S.	4	3	0	1	17	4	7
Auchtermuchty P.S.	4	2	1	1	5	5	5
Kingskettle P.S.	6	2	3	1	8	11	5
Falkland P.S.	4	0	4	0	3	26	0

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death – Hopkins** – “At Bruce Buildings, Falkland, on the 22nd inst., Robert, aged 7 months, son of Robert Hopkins.”

5th March 1921

Article from *The Fife News*: **Football – Kettle 2nd XI v Falkland:**

“The above game was played on Saturday at Kettle on a very greasy pitch. The home team were very light compared with Falkland, but in many cases “brains are better than brawn”, as was seen later on. Kettle soon got on the lead through Fogge, who scored a fine goal. Shortly afterwards, they were two up after a fine play by the left wing. Falkland came more into the game, and after a scramble at goal-mouth, scored. On resuming, Kettle had a lapse, and Falkland equalised, and were soon on the lead by a goal. The homesters pulled up, and equalised through Angus. Final result – 3-3.

It was quite a credible result, looking to the greasy pitch. For Kettle, Smart and Barclay were good defenders, and the halves were extremely good, especially Harper and Miller. Turner, Angus, and Fogge were the best of the forwards. For Falkland, outstanding were Strudley, Bett and the outside left. With the same team, few 2nd XI’s will equal Kettle.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Band of Hope** – *“The members of the Band of Hope, under the leadership of Mr Geo. Spence, rendered the cantata entitled “Christ and the Children”, illustrated with limelight views, in the Established Church on Friday evening. The Rev. J.K. Russell read the story. In the singing of the choruses, solos, and duets by the children, much praise is due to Mr Spence for his work during the winter months. The soloists were: -*

Misses Bessie Anderson, Janet Bett, Annie Oswald, Margaret Lawson, Jenny Drysdale, Mary Drysdale, Emma Hay, Mary Anderson, and Mary J. Thomson. Miss Edmeston presided at the organ.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **U.F. Church Bible Class Social** – *“The members of the U.F. Church Bible class held a social meeting in the Church Hall on Tuesday evening – Rev. J.P. Batchelor presiding. With songs, games, etc., a very pleasant evening was spent.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Ploughmen’s Curious Conduct** – *“Wm. Harvey, James Mayhew, and John Galloway, all ploughmen residing at Kilgour Farm, Falkland, pleaded guilty at Cupar Sheriff Court on Tuesday, before Sheriff Dudley Stuart, of having, on 5th February (1) conducted themselves in a disorderly manner, and committed a breach of the peace; and (2) maliciously placed a set of harrows across a service road, to the danger of the lieges. Mr Geo. Brander (the Procurator-Fiscal) said the accused were the worse for liquor, and were creating a great disturbance on the road. A fine of 10s was imposed on each.”*

12th March 1921

Advert in *The Fife News*: **Falkland – House for Sale** – “House for sale consisting of eight apartments, in High Street, Falkland. The house is most advantageously situated near the Palace, and is eminently suitable for Business Premises and Dwelling-house combined. Immediate entry. Apply to Geo. Gavin, Estate Office, Falkland Palace, Falkland.”

Intimation in *The Fife News*: **Demonstrations of the “International Junior” Tractor:**

“We have pleasure in announcing that we are giving demonstrations of the International Junior Tractor as follows: -

1. Friday, 11th March 1921 – Rennie Hill Farm, Anstruther. By kind permission of Wm. Fleming, Esq.
2. Monday, 14th March 1921 – Forthar Farm, Freuchie. By kind permission of Wm. Bonthron, Esq.
3. Wednesday, 16th March 1921 – Lower Luthrie Farm, Luthrie. By kind permission of J. Arbuckle, Esq.
4. Friday, 18th March 1921 – Pitlochrie Farm, Gateside. By kind permission of R.D. Thom, Esq.

The demonstrations will commence at 10.00 a.m. each day, and when conditions permit, will include ploughing, grubbing, cultivating and threshing. The “Scott” Patent Tractor Drawbar will be used. A cordial welcome will be given to all interested.

The Fifeshire Traction Service Co., Ltd., The Liqueorstone, Falkland. Telegrams – “Traction”, Falkland. Telephone – Falkland 10.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Services** – “Mr Cannon, a representative from the London City Mission, preached at both services in the Established Church on Sunday.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **St John’s Lodge, No. 35** – “The brethren of the St John’s Lodge held their annual assembly on Friday evening in the Drill Hall, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion. About 80 couples took part in the grand march, which was led off by R.W.M. Drysdale and Mrs Drysdale. Delegates were present from King Robert de Bruce Lodge, St Cyres Lodge, Lodge Rothes, and

Balgonie Lodge. Mr Adamson's band from Kingskettle supplied the dance music. Bros. J. Ross and J. Walker made efficient M.C.'s."

19th March 1921

Article in *The Fife News*: **Proposed Sale of Portions of Falkland Estate:**

"Consequent on the excessive burdens of taxation landed estates are now called on to bear, an application for authority to sell outlying portions of the estate of Falkland was before the Court of Session on Tuesday, when the Court made a remit to two surveyors to report as to the advisability of selling any portion or portions of the estate. It is contemplated to retain a considerable portion of it, including the mansion house, the policies and several farms. The application does not affect in any way the Palace of Falkland. The estate belonged to the late Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart, and was inherited by his infant son, Master Michael Duncan David Crichton-Stuart, who is this month six years of age, and the application is made by his mother as his tutrix. She has come to the decision with great reluctance, and after careful consideration, but the course has been dictated simply by the crushing burden of taxation now borne by landed proprietors."

26th March 1921

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Unexpected Death of the Palace Guide** – *"Mr Andrew Hillock, who has acted as guide at Falkland Palace for the past twenty years, died suddenly in the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary on Monday night, whither he had gone for a slight operation three weeks ago. To appearance he was making a good recovery, but he succumbed to a heart attack. In his capacity as Palace guide, he became well known to visitors from all parts of the country. Prior to this appointment, he was foreman of the late Marquess of Bute's excavators who were searching for the Palace foundations, and he thereby gained an intimate knowledge of the ruins. He was regarded as an institution in Falkland, and was known to many visitors who liked to make his acquaintance. His wife predeceased him a few years ago."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Howe of Fife Domino League** – *"The second round ties in the Howe of Fife League were played last week, and resulted as follows: -*

Cupar – 68; Kettle Crown – 77

Freuchie – 65; Lomond, Falkland – 72

Newburgh – 76; Bruce Arms, Falkland – 68

Forester's Arms, Falkland – 83; United Service, Falkland – 72

9th April 1921

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Spring Holiday** – “Monday was observed as the Spring holiday here, the shops and works being closed for the day. The favourable weather conditions tempted a good many visitors to the town, and quite a number of the townsfolk took advantage of the motor charabanc for a day's outing.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cinema** – “The local Cinema is still attracting good houses. The serial film, entitled “*The Terror of the Range*”, is now being shown.”



Advert for the film *The Terror of the Range* (1919) starring Betty Compson and George Larkin.

This was an American Western film serial directed by Stuart Paton. (The film is considered to be lost)

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Housing** – “A good start has been made with the housing scheme, the first lot of houses being in the process of erection.”



Lomond Crescent circa 1921

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Pierrot Troupe** – “The Falkland Pierrot Troupe are giving their second entertainment in the Drill Hall to-morrow (Saturday) evening. The proceeds are in aid of the War Memorial Institute.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Dance** – “The members of “Lomond Oak Lodge” held their annual assembly in the Drill Hall on Friday evening last. About 40 couples took part in the “grand march”, which was led off by Bro. Jas. Skinner and Miss Anderson. Mr Aird’s band from Thornton supplied the dance music. Brothers Alex. Grant and Jas. Hardie made efficient M.C.’s.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Howe of Fife Domino League** – The semi-final tie in the Howe of Fife Domino League between Forresters Arms, Kingskettle, and Lomond, Falkland, took place at Kingskettle on Saturday last, and resulted in a win for the visitors by three chalks, the scores being: -

Falkland – 72; Kingskettle – 70. The individual scores were as follows: -

Forresters Arms	Lomond (Falkland)
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Wm. Peggie (Capt.)	11	G. Page	3
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G. Campbell	11	R. Stark	8
T. Huges	8	W. Stark	11
L. Webster	11	H. Birrell	9
H. Speed	5	A. Cowan	11
R. Moutrie	11	W. Low	8
F. Beaton	9	P. Robertson	11
C. Munro	4	A. Cairo	11
	70		72

The final tie between Lomond, Falkland, and Newburgh, will take place at Ladybank on Wednesday first, when the handsome trophy will be presented to the winners. The trophy, which has been supplied by Mr D. Adamson, jeweller, Cupar, bears the following inscription: - "Howe of Fife, Domino League, presented by Captain A.J. Thomson, Ladybank.", and there are blank shields mounted on the cup where the winners' names will be inscribed."

16th April 1921

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Pierrots** – “The Falkland Pierrot Troupe gave their second entertainment in the Drill Hall on Saturday evening – Provost Jackson presiding. Quite an amusing programme was gone through. Among the different items that amused the audience were: -

“The Guttermerchants”, “The Two Giddy Flappers”, and the “Gay Little Girls from Japan”.

The sketch entitled “Is Marriage a Failure?” was very well acted. Much credit is due to Mrs Hopkins, who has had the training of the troupe, also Mrs Brown, who ably assisted. The proceeds go in aid of the War Memorial Institute.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **School** – “The Public School re-opened on Tuesday after the Easter holidays.”

Article in *The Fife News*: **Howe of Fife Domino League:**

“The final tie in the Howe of Fife Domino League took place in the Royal Hotel, Ladybank, on Wednesday evening, the contesting teams being Newburgh and Lomond, Falkland. The game was played by eight men a-side, and after a keen contest, the Lomond ran out winners by five chalks, the final scores being: -

Lomond – 77; Newburgh – 72

At the close of play, the handsome rose bowl, presented by Captain A.J. Thomson, was handed over to the winners by Mrs Thomson, and was accepted by Mr James Adams, Falkland, on behalf of the winners. Captain Thomson, in his opening remarks, referred to the success of the League, and said that the enthusiasm displayed by the contesting Clubs merited the hope that the League would fill a long felt want in the district. He had no doubt that the best team won, at least they had won, and therefore were bound to be the best team. (Laughter and applause). He congratulated the winners, and at the same time sympathised with the losers, and hoped that Newburgh would have better luck next time. Mr Adams, in reply, thanked Captain Thomson for the handsome trophy which he had presented to the League, and said that he was delighted to have the honour of accepting the custody of the trophy for a year, or perhaps longer, as the cup was going to Falkland, and they (the Lomond team) were determined that its stay would be of a lengthened period. He also thanked Mrs Thomson for so kindly handing over the cup. On the call of Captain Thomson, the secretary, Mr F.S. Steel, Cupar, was cordially thanked for carrying through the secretarial duties. The individual scores were as follows: -

Lomond, Falkland		Newburgh	
W. Stark	11	J. McPherson	7
R. Stark	6	J. Smith	11
A. Cura	11	A. Gardiner	10
D. Robertson	7	R. Melville	11
W. Lowe	11	R. Galloway	6
N. Birrell	9	J. Lennie	11
J. Adams	11	J. Sutherland	10
A. Cowan	11	D. Blyth	6
	77		72

23rd April 1921

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Whist Drive and Dance** – “A whist drive and dance in aid of the Falkland and District Nursing Association was held in the Drill Hall on Wednesday evening last week. The prize-winners were: -

Ladies – 1. Miss J. Thomson, Strathmiglo; 2. Mrs Terras, Strathmiglo; 3. Miss C. Cowan, Falkland.

Gentlemen – 1. Mr Alex. Fraser, jnr., Falkland; 2. Mr J. Garland, Gateside; 3. Mr Peter Robertson, Falkland.

Thomson’s Band from Ladybank supplied the dance music.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Whist Club** – “The return match between Freuchie and Falkland, played at Freuchie, resulted in a win of 11 tricks for Falkland.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Howe of Fife Inter-Scholastic League – Season 1920-1921**

Teams	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Ladybank P.S.	8	5	2	1	27	8	11
Auchtermuchty P.S.	8	5	2	1	15	9	11*
Freuchie P.S.	8	4	3	1	23	16	9
Kingskettle P.S.	8	4	3	1	12	12	9*
Falkland P.S.	8	0	8	0	4	36	0

*Awarded two points as Falkland failed to fulfil fixture.

Ladybank P.S. are Champions of the League this season, and holders of the Lumsden Cup for one year”

30th April 1921

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Pierrot Troupe** – “Mr and Mrs T.D. Hopkins entertained the members of the Falkland pierrot troupe and a few friends to a supper in the Bruce Arms Hotel on Wednesday evening. A very enjoyable time was spent. During the evening, Mr T.C. Schofield, on behalf of the troupe, and in a few fitting remarks, presented Mrs Hopkins with a butter dish and Mrs Brown with a pair of vases in recognition of their kindness during the winter months. Mrs Hopkins and Mrs Brown both feelingly replied. Provost Jackson, president of the War Memorial Institute, who

was present, intimated that as a result of the efforts of the troupe, the sum of £30 had been handed over for the benefit of the Institute.”

7th May 1921

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Sacrament** – “*The sacrament of the Lord’s Supper was dispensed in both the Parish Church and the United Free Church on Sunday morning.*”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cuckoo** – “*The cuckoo was heard on Sunday for the first time this year.*”

14th May 1921

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Service of Praise** – “*The choir of the Parish Church under the leadership of Mr Geo. Spence, rendered a few anthems, solos, and duets in the church on Sunday evening. Miss Edmeston presided at the organ. Unfortunately the attendance was small.*”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf Club** – “*A meeting with a view to resuscitating the Golf Club was held in the Town Hall on Friday evening – Mr David Bonthron presiding. The Myre, where the course is situated, was under cultivation during the war, and in order to help to put the course in playing condition, the Town Council have handed over the sum of £50 towards the expenses of renovation. It is hoped that the course will be open for play in a month or so.*”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Picture House** – “*The local Picture House is still proving a great success. The serial picture entitled “The Third Eye” commenced on Thursday last week.*”

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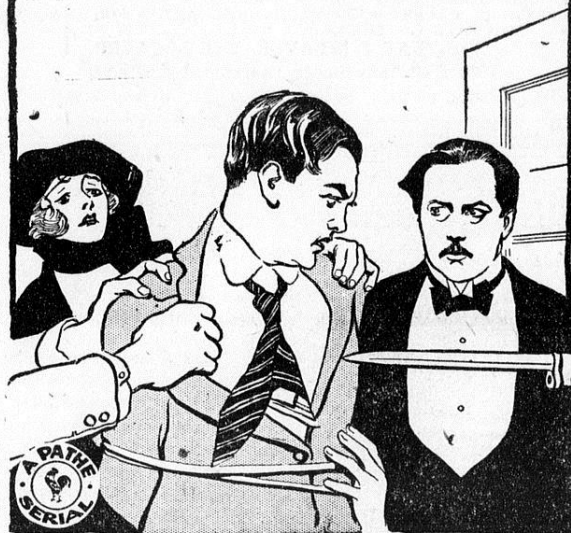
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28th May 1921

Extract from *The Fife News*: **School** – “The Public School was closed on Monday for Empire Day.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **House Reception** – “Captain and the Hon. Mrs Archibald Maule Ramsay are lending their house, 87 Lancaster Gate, London, for the reception after the marriage of Mr Ralph Cazenove and Miss Edith Thomson at St Mark's, North Audley Street, on 8th June. Mrs Ramsay, it will be remembered, was formerly Lady Ninian Crichton Stuart, and her three children, Miss Ismay and

Miss Claudia Crichton Stuart, and their brother Michael, who is six this year, are to attend the bride, as well as Miss Priscilla and Miss Helena Perrott, the young daughters of Sir Herbert and Lady Perrott, and Miss Jessica St. Aubyn who is Captain and the Hon. Mrs Frances St. Aubyn's three-year old girl. Mr Cazenove is the eldest son of Mr and Mrs Edward Cazenove, of Cottesbrooke, Northampton, and his bride the daughter of Mrs L.S. Thomson, of London and New York."

4th June 1921

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Victoria Day** – *"Thursday was observed as Victoria Day here."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Picture House** – *"The serial picture, entitled "Barabbas", is now being shown at the local picture house."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Farm Letting** – *"The farm of Easter Cash, on the Falkland estate, extending to 420 acres of arable land, has been let to Mr Alex. Shanks, Falkland Wood, at an increase of 30 per cent on the present rental. Consequent on an application being before the Court of Session for permission to sell the outlying portions of the Falkland estate, the let is for only one year with the option of purchase."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Fire** – *"On Thursday evening last week, about seven o'clock, a fire was discovered to have broken out at a two storey building situated at the top of the Cross Wynd. Great alarm was caused for a short time, the roof being thatched; but a willing band of volunteers speedily removed the furniture from the houses and with a good supply of water, the fire was soon got under without very much damage being done."*



Top of Cross Wynd

11th June 1921

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Co-operative Women's Guild** – “The members of the Co-operative Women's Guild, along with their children, held a very enjoyable picnic in the Triangle Park on Saturday afternoon, when games, dancing, and sports were gone heartily into by all present. The weather was all that could be desired. At the finish of the outing, all marched to the Fountain, where they dispersed for home, everyone being highly delighted with their day's enjoyment.”



The Fountain circa 1921

18th June 1921

Intimation in *The Fife News*: **Lumsden Bursary** – “Falkland School Management Committee – Lumsden Bursary. Applications are invited for the above Bursary, open to Present and Former Pupils of Falkland and Freuchie Public Schools. Particulars with Schedules of Application may be had from the Clerk, James S. Hewetson, Solicitor, Auchtermuchty, with whom applications must be lodged on or before 5th July 1921.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Presentation** – “At an informal social meeting of the members of the United Free Church on Monday evening, Miss Burgon, who has acted as voluntary organist for a number of years, was presented with a beautiful silver tea service on the occasion of her approaching marriage. The Rev. J.P. Batchelor, on behalf of the congregation, in a few well-chosen words, made the presentation, to which Mr Walter Peggie, on behalf of Miss Burgon, suitably replied.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf Club** – “A general meeting of the Golf Club was held in the Clubhouse on Tuesday evening – Mr D. Bonthronne presiding. The following office-bearers were appointed: -

Captain – Mr D. Bonthron; vice-Captain – Mr Walter Peggie; Secretary and Treasurer – Mr John Baillie; Committee – Messrs G. Robertson, A. Venters, and T.C. Schofield.

It was arranged to have the formal opening ceremony on Saturday first at 2 o'clock."

25th June 1921

Article in *The Fife News*: **Burgh of Falkland:**

"The Provost, Magistrates, and Councillors of the Burgh of Falkland have enacted Bye-laws for regulating the use of the Myre and other areas of Common Ground within and near said Burgh, and on application by Initial Writ to the Sheriff for confirmation of same, he has issued the following deliverance: -

"Cupar, 16th June 1921. The Sheriff-Substitute, having considered the foregoing Writ, fixes Thursday, the 28th Day of July 1921, at 11 a.m., within the Sheriff Court Room, Cupar, as the time and place for the hearing of the Writ and of any Objections thereto, any person desiring to object to the Bye-Laws being required to give to the pursuers notice of the nature of his objections TEN DAYS before the said diet of hearing, and appoints the pursuers to give at least one month's notice of the time, place and purpose of the said diet by advertisement in the Fife News newspaper, and to intimate that a copy of the proposed Bye-Laws of which confirmation is sought may be inspected at the Office of the Town Clerk, Falkland, at all reasonable times for ONE MONTH prior to said diet. (Signed) Dudley Stuart."

All of which notice is hereby given. Alex. Anderson, Town Clerk, Town Clerk's Office, Falkland, 17th June 1921."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – *"Work in connection with the restoration of the golf course was so far advanced as to enable a formal opening of the greens to be made on Saturday. The opening ceremony was gratefully performed by Mrs Bonthron, Newton House, who, on the call of Mr Robertson, was accorded a hearty cheer after driving off the first ball. A match was thereafter engaged in by sides, Captain v vice-Captain, resulting in a win for the Captain's side by one match. Mr and Mrs Bonthron kindly entertained the players and their friends to an excellent tea in the Club House."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **School Sports** – *"With a view to preparing for the sports meeting of the schools within the Falkland district, the local scholars carried out very successful sports at Scroggie Park on Friday afternoon. The sports, which were varied, were all keenly contested."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Annual Market** – “The annual market and games was held in the Myre on Saturday. Buckhaven Prize Band, which was in attendance, played a few selections in the afternoon and dance music at night. Owing to the scarcity of coals, the absence of the usual merry-go-rounds, etc., which always have a great attraction for the children, was a big disappointment. The games, which were purely local, were keenly contested by the young folks.”

2nd July 1921

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Sunday School Picnic** – “The children of the Parish Church Sunday School held their annual outing on Saturday afternoon. They were conveyed in carts, lent by the neighbouring farmers, to Balbirnie estate, near Markinch. The weather being all that could be desired, the children spent a very enjoyable afternoon, and all came home quite pleased with their outing. Sunday was the closing day of the Sunday school in view of the summer holidays. A great many of the children received prizes for attendance and merit during the past session. Mrs Doig, one of the teachers, presented the prizes.”

9th July 1921

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf Club** – “With a score of 98, Mr George Anderson won the monthly medal competition on Saturday.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Pic-nic** – “The members of the winding department of Pleasance Linen Works held their annual pic-nic on Saturday afternoon. They were conveyed by motor charabanc to Leven, where a most enjoyable afternoon was spent.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Pinder's Circus** – “Pinder's Circus visited the town on Tuesday evening, and gave a performance in the Myre. “Jumbo”, the elephant, was a great source of amusement.”

16th July 1921

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Choir Excursion** – “The members of the Parish Church choir held their annual excursion on Saturday. They were conveyed by brake to

Perth, going by way of Glenfarg and returning via Newburgh. The weather being ideal, a most enjoyable day was spent."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Pic-nic** – *"The children of the United Free Church Sunday School, held their annual picnic on the Church Green on Saturday afternoon. With the usual games and races a most enjoyable afternoon was spent."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Dunnikier Colliery Prize Band** – *"Dunnikier Colliery Prize Band gave a band concert in the East Loan on Sunday afternoon. There was a large attendance, and the anthems, solos, and selections were thoroughly enjoyed by every one."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Collection** – *"The sum of £3 6s 3d has been collected by Mrs Laing, Wellbrae, in aid of the Edinburgh Royal Institution for the Education of Deaf and Dumb Children."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Pretty Wedding** – *"Falkland was astir on Thursday when Miss Burgon, only daughter of Mr Wm. Burgon, fish merchant, was married to Mr John Barrie, Glasgow, in the U.F. Church, Falkland. Miss Burgon, who was until recently organist in the U.F. Church, is very popular, and was lately presented with a silver tea service by the choir and friends. The Rev. J.P. Batchelor, M.A. officiated. The bridesmaid was Miss Belle Peggie (cousin of the bride), and the best man was Mr Walter Peggie. A reception was held in the Church Hall, when over 50 guests wished the young couple every happiness. The bride's wedding dress was of grey crepe de chene embroidered with silver. She wore a veil with orange blossom and heather, and her shoes were of grey suede. Her bridesmaid was sweetly dressed in rose pink crepe de chene with brown aeroplane hat and grey suede shoes. The young bride left in a smart travelling costume of nigger brown gabardine, and she wore a chic toque."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Birth – Robertson** – *"At Back Wynd, Falkland, on 27th June, to Mr and Mrs Peter Robertson, a son."*

23rd July 1921

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Schools** – “The Schools were closed on Friday for the summer holidays.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Visitors** – “A great many visitors are in the village this week, every available room being occupied.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Girl Guides** – “A Company of the Cupar and Ceres Girl Guides have been billeted in the town for the past week. They attended the morning service in the Parish Church on Sunday, and gave an entertainment in the Palace grounds on Monday evening.”

6th August 1921

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Band Concert** – “The Kirkcaldy Trades Band visited the town on Saturday afternoon, and gave a few selections. Unfortunately, the weather was very broken.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Pulpit** – “The Rev. P.W. Lilley, of the U.F. Church, Freuchie, occupied the pulpit of the Parish Church on Sunday morning.”

13th August 1921

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Harvesting** – “Harvesting operations have started in the district. Mr John Young, Myreside, had a field of corn cut at the end of last week, and the crop was thrashed on Monday.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Flag Day** – “The annual flag day on behalf of the Wounded Soldiers and Sailors Garden City Association, organised by Mrs Baillie, British Linen Bank House, was held on Saturday. The collection realised £3. The following ladies acted as collectors: -

Misses Kennedy, C. Cowan, J. Anderson, C. Lawson, J. Kennedy, M. Drysdale, M. Anderson, A. Oswald.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf Club** – *The monthly medal competition was held on Saturday. The medal was again won by Mr George Anderson, with a score of 93.*”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Band** – *“Barry, Ostlere & Shepherd’s Band gave a selection of music in the town on Saturday afternoon. The music was much appreciated by the people.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death** – *“Much regret was felt in the town when it was known that Mr John Richardson had died suddenly at his home in Edinburgh. He was for over 30 years headmaster in Falkland Public School. It is only a month ago since he paid a visit here to his daughter, Mrs Robert Miller, Westlea.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Birth – Shanks** – *“At Falkland Wood, Falkland, on the 6th inst., to Mr and Mrs Alexander Shanks, a son.”*

20th August 1921

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Alleged Assault on Farmer** – *“George Dowie, cattleman, Newton of Falkland, pleaded not guilty, at Cupar Sheriff Court on Thursday, before Sheriff Dudley Stuart, of having on 21st July, on the public highway between Freuchie and Falkland, opposite Newton of Lathrisk Farm, occupied by George Barclay Duncan (1) conducted himself in a disorderly manner and committed a breach of the peace; and (2) assaulted the said George Barclay Duncan, seized hold of him, and threatened him with violence. Trial was fixed for a later date.”*

3rd September 1921

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Sunday** – *“Sunday was “stookie” Sunday.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Schools** – *“The schools were opened last Tuesday after the five weeks’ holidays.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Conference** – “The annual conference of the Fife and Kinross Co-operative Societies was held in the Drill Hall on Saturday afternoon. About 60 delegates attended the meeting.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death of an Old Inhabitant** – “An old inhabitant passed away on Tuesday morning last week, in the person of Mr Robert Sharpe, at the advanced age of 93 years. Up to within a week before his death, he was able to take his customary walk. For nearly thirty years he acted as manager of the Falkland Co-operative Society. He was a prominent Free Mason, and is believed to have been the oldest Free Mason in Scotland. Deceased leaves a widow, a son and a daughter. The funeral took place on Friday, and was attended by the members of Lodge St John, No. 35. The Rev. D. Begbie, Chaplain of the Lodge, conducted the service at the grave.”

10th September 1921

Extract from *The Fife News*: **A One Winged Partridge** – “On Friday last, while Mr Paterson of Falkland was going through the Lappie Park, he came across a partridge with one wing. The bird, which was fully developed in every way, rose from the ground on Mr Paterson’s approach, and flew in a circle over twenty yards, and then dropped under cover. This it did every time Mr Paterson approached. Ultimately, he caught the bird and killed it. This is, indeed, a ‘rara avis’.”

Article in *The Fife News*: “A Storm in a Teacup” – Falkland Charge of Assault Not Proved:

“Sheriff Dudley Stuart heard evidence in Cupar Sheriff Court on Friday, in the case in which George Dowie, cattleman, residing at Newton of Falkland, pleaded not guilty of having on 21st July, on the public highway, leading between Freuchie and Falkland, at a part opposite Newton of Lathrisk, occupied by George Barclay Duncan (1) conducted himself in a disorderly manner, and committed a breach of the peace, and (2) assaulted the said George Barclay Duncan, seized hold of him, tripped him, and threatened him with violence.

In the witness-box, Mr Duncan, the complainer, said he was an auctioneer and farmer, residing at Newton of Lathrisk. At about 9.15 p.m. on the date libelled, accused accosted him at the top of the road leading to his farm. Accused’s language was very bad, and he threatened to knock witness’s brains out. Witness moved down the road, and accused came rattling after him, and kicked him on the leg. His attitude was so intimidating that witness was forced to go on to the public road, and seek refuge in one of the ploughmen’s houses. He was unable to enter

the house, however, because the occupants were so afraid of accused that they had locked their door. Witness, therefore, went down through a field to his own house. Half an hour later he was followed by accused, who came down to the house and commanded the servant to open the door, so that he could get in to knock witness's brains out. Witness said he had given accused no provocation. Accused had been on holiday, and witness had sent his wages along to his house, enclosed in an envelope with a note showing how the amount was made up. Accused's housekeeper, he had heard, had opened the envelope, and probably this was what annoyed accused. He was the worse of drink when he accosted witness.

Cross-examined by Mr A.E. Grosset, for the defence, witness denied that he had been asked by accused to leave his wages with the maid. He had always treated the accused with kindness."

A Ploughman's Locked Door:

"George Redpath, ploughman, Newton of Lathrisk, said he overheard a quarrel between Mr Duncan and Mr Dowie. Mr Duncan came running to his house to get in, but the door was locked because "the bairns were greetin'." Mr Dowie was cursing and swearing, and threatened to strike Mr Duncan. He would say Mr Dowie was the worse of drink. Matthew Condie, general merchant, Newton of Falkland, said he was standing at the end of the road when the disturbance began. Prior to that time he had been in the public-house at Newton of Lathrisk, and had heard Dowie say he was going to knock somebody's brains out. When witness saw the two men at the top of the road, Duncan was running away, and Dowie was trying to run after him. Witness thought it was a most amusing sight. Asked what he thought it was all about, witness said it was apparently all about a piece of paper that Dowie was holding in his hand.

The Sheriff – "It is not the only scrap of paper that has caused trouble." (Laughter)

Witness added that he thought Dowie had had 'a little dram'.

John Barclay, foreman with Mr Duncan, said he had seen the mark of a bruise on Mr Duncan's leg, and had been told it had been caused by a kick from Dowie."

The Defence:

"For the defence, Wm. Young, papermill worker, living at Falkland, said he heard Mr Dowie asking Mr Duncan what he meant. Mr Duncan's reply was, "You bastard, you are sacked from tonight." Duncan then went away, and Dowie followed him up, to see what his explanation of the note was. The language was not very bad, although it was not nice. In answer to Mr J.K. Tasker, witness said Dowie was "very near sober."

Mr Tasker – "I don't know what you call drunk in Freuchie. (Laughter) Do you suggest he was sober?"

Witness – “I don’t suggest he was drunk. Mr Duncan ran away like a ‘muckle schule laddie’. (Laughter). Dowie never left the high road.”

The Sheriff – “That rather suggests that Dowie was threatening him in some way. MR Duncan is a big man, you know. He would not be likely to run unless the other man was threatening him in some way or another.”

Witness – “Yes, he is a big man, but he is a big coward.” (Laughter).

Accused’s Explanation:

“The accused said he was on holiday, and he had had a drink or two to celebrate the occasion. His pay was usually left with the maid at the house. That was the first time he had ever had his money sent to his own house, and there had never been a note enclosed except at the term, when there was a squaring up. He asked Mr Duncan civilly what he meant by sending the note. There was an argument. After Mr Duncan disappeared, accused went civilly down to his kitchen door and rapped. He had had rows twenty times worse with Mr Duncan in the turnip shed, and there had been nothing said about them. If Mr Duncan had waited to give him an explanation, there would have been no more about it. “Mr Duncan says he has been kind”, continued accused, “he has been kind enough in one way, in giving me plenty hard work and plenty cheek.” (Laughter)

The Sheriff – “Was there any offence in sending a note with your wages? It is good business to put a thing in black and white, isn’t it?”

Accused – “There would have been nothing about it if he had talked to me plainly when I asked him about it.”

The Sheriff – “I am afraid I am as much in the dark as ever as to why there should have been any grievance.”

In summing up, the Sheriff said he thought the whole matter was more or less a storm in a teacup. He did not think there had been any serious attempt at assault. With regard to the breach of the peace, he was not going to hold that proved. It was his impression that there had been a little hastiness in lodging the complaint.”

17th September 1921

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Pictures** – “The Picture House on Mondays and Fridays have been attracting good houses. *The Son of Tarzan* was the star picture on Monday.”



Still with Karla Schramm from the Film 'The Son of Tarzan' (1920)

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Holiday** – “Mr and Mrs Baillie, Bank House, are at present on holiday.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – “Falkland gained a good victory over Markinch here on Saturday in the Cupar and District League. In the first half, Bett and Strudley both netted twice and gave a 4-0 lead. In the second half, the visitors secured a goal, but the homesters added another 3 and won 7-1. The visiting team played fine football, but their shooting was very weak and let them down. Lee and Hay proved a fine defence for Falkland, and Strudley led a good attack with Robinson and Bett prominent men. On Saturday, the match is a friendly against Auchtermuchty here.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Old Juniors v Juveniles** – “This proved an interesting match at Bank Park on Wednesday night, and a strong fight ended in a draw – no scoring. The older men were the better team, but the Juveniles goalkeeper defied all their efforts. The defence of the young team was decidedly good. Prominent among the old stagers were Bob Hopkins, Walker, and Fernie, and P. Robertson in goal caused considerable merriment.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Dominoes** – “The ‘Lomond’ have their side ready for the ‘Howe of Fife’ League. They are the present holders of the Thomson Cup and are determined to do everything possible to have their names again inscribed upon it. Mr Adams has the following side together: -

P. Robertson, B. Dall, H. Birrell, H. Cowan, R. Stark, W. Stark, T. Paterson, C. Hopkins, D. Lister, A. Wallace, and C. Jones and A. Peters are reserves.

The ‘Bruce Arms’ team will be chosen from: -

T.B. Thomas, A. Cairo, W.E. Strudley, C. Oram jnr., A. Lawson, A. Speake, M. Robertson, D. Lister, J. Ramsay, W. Gould, James Peggie and P. Lawson.

The draw takes place on Monday.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Presentation** – “On the eve of her departure for Canada to be married, Miss Jessie Anderson, Brunton Street, was presented in the Established Church vestry with a handsome travelling rug from the teachers of the Sunday School. Mr David Galloway, the superintendent, in making the presentation, remarked on the useful work she had done among the children. Miss Anderson feelingly replied. Miss Anderson has been the recipient of over 100 presents from her fellow-workers and friends, and she carries with her the best wishes for her future happiness.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Children’s Sports** – “On the invitation of Captain and the Hon. Mrs A. Maule Ramsay, Falkland House, the children of the Public School help sports in Scroggie Park on Saturday afternoon. The various races, high jumping, etc., were all keenly contested by the youthful competitors. A great number of useful and handsome prizes were presented by Mrs Ramsay at the finish of the sports. A most enjoyable afternoon was spent.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **A Worthy Old Couple** – “Mr James Wallace, County Cottage, Cardenden, who commenced work on the land at the age of 10 years, has now laid down his spade and shovel at the age of 72 to live in retirement for the rest of his life. His first employment was on Sorbie Farm in the Kingsmuir district. He laboured nine hours a day for 6d, and at the age of 12 he was in charge of a ‘pair’ on Stravithie Mill, near St Andrews, his wages then being £11 10s per year, with meal and milk. For nearly fifty years he was in farm service, and brought up a family of thirteen to manhood and womanhood on a very small wage. Fourteen years ago, Mr Wallace left farm service and went to Cardenden district as a road surfaceman under Fife County Council. He and his good lady, who is only three months younger, are to

take up their abode in Falkland. Mr Wallace was born at Cairns Mill, near St Andrews, and his wife at Star, Markinch.”

24th September 1921

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football – Auchtermuchty v Falkland** – “A friendly match was played in Bank Park, Falkland, on Saturday, before a fair turnout of spectators. Teams: -

Auchtermuchty – A. Anderson, R. Lochart, A. Howie, W. Elder, D. Leven, H. Rennie, F. Thomson, C. Bett, J. Berry, J. McKendrick, A. Galloway.

Falkland – A. Robertson, G. Hoy, H. Lee, W. Robertson, G. Richfield, P. Birrell, C. Beattie, W. Bett, W. Strudley, H. Birrell, B. Dall.

Referee – A. Knight, Markinch.

H. Birrell and W. Strudley scored for Falkland in the first half. In the second half, Falkland seemed to improve. Falkland pressed the visitors a good deal. Shortly after the interval, R. Lochart scored off a penalty for Auchtermuchty, after which there seemed to be more life in the game. W. Bett scored a lovely goal for Falkland. Taking the game all over, Falkland should have had more goals to their credit. The shooting before goal was weak. Falkland’s defence was good. Auchtermuchty played a fair game, and it was their first match of the season.

Score – Falkland – 3; Auchtermuchty – 1 “

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Pulpit** – “The Rev. G.W. Walker, Ceres, occupied the pulpit in the Parish Church on Sunday morning. He made an appeal to the congregation in aid of foreign missions.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – “Star Bluebell meet Falkland Victoria on the Bank Park to-morrow (Saturday) in the Cupar League.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cinema** – “A good audience turned out at the Cinema on Monday night to see the splendend picture ‘Tinsel or Gold’. Tonight (Friday), the leading picture will be ‘Impossible Catherine’, which is sure to draw a large crowd.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Dominoes** – “Now that the nights are drawing in, Domino Clubs are getting busy. Local competitions are in full swing, and great rivalry exists between the members.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Bird Show** – “A public meeting was held on Friday to arrange to revive the bird show, which has not been held for several years. The following were appointed office-bearers: -

President – Mr J. Fernie; vice-President – Bailie Angus; Treasurer – H. Birrell; Secretary – T. Lawson, West Port; Committee – Messrs J. Crombie, J. White, Wm. Caution, D. Robertson, T. Grant, P. Robertson, and D. Lister.

It was arranged to hold a bird and poultry show on 3rd January 1922. It was stated that several special prizes had already been promised, and the Committee were looking forward to having a very successful show.”

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

“An interesting football match was played in the Bank Park on Wednesday night, before a large turnout of spectators. Teams: -

Falkland Select – P. Robertson, R. Hopkins, R. Willis, J. Abernethy, M. Robertson, D. Lister, C. Oram, P. Robertson, A. Cowan, D. Stark, J. Walker.

Falkland Victoria – T. Shields, H. Lee, J. Hoy, P. Birrell, G. Richfield, W. Robertson, H. Birrell, B. Dall, W. Strudley, W. Bett, C. Beattie.

Referee – R. Bryce

After a hard twenty minutes play, Strudley headed a lovely goal. Victoria got the second by a shot from C. Beattie, which simply rolled past the goalkeeper. In the first half the Victoria were the superior team. The second half saw a change of play, the Select getting the best of the game. Hopkins sent in a beautiful shot, which the goalkeeper could not hold. Near the close, D. Stark and C. Oram scored, which gave the Select the lead. Owing to darkness setting in, the game was difficult to follow. On the merits of the game, it should have been a draw.

Score – Victoria – 2, Select – 3.”

1st October 1921

Article in *The Fife News*: **Football – Falkland Victoria v Star Bluebell:**

“Falkland Victoria met Star Bluebell in the Cupar League at Bank Park, Falkland, on Saturday. Teams: -

Star Bluebell – J. Blackwood, J. Harper, J. Wilkie, H. Fairbairn, C. Wilkie, W. Harley, R. Armit, D. Shaw, G. Wilkie, G. Young, G. Barry.

Victoria – F. Shields, J. Hay, H. Lee, W. Robertson, G. Richfield, P. Birrell, C. Beattie, W. Bett, W. Strudley, H. Birrell, R. Dall.

Referee – R. Foreman, Springfield.

The first half opened with some grand runs by Star, the wind and sun helping the visitors very much. After about twenty minutes, G. Wilkie scored a lovely goal for the Star, after which the Victoria seemed to get more life in them, and G. Richfield had a grand run for goal, but just failed to score. The second half saw a change of play. The Victoria pressed the visitors continuously, but the defence was good. Strudley put in some hard work, just failing to score twice by inches. Wilkie again scored for the visitors. On the day’s play, the visitors deserved their win. Their defence was good, and the goalkeeping excellent. Victoria’s play was disappointing. Their weak spot was their shooting at goal.

Score – Victoria – 0, Star – 2.”

Article in *The Fife News*: **Freuchie Theatricals Help Falkland Footballers:**

“Fife, and particularly the ‘Howe of Fife’ has long been famed for its musical inhabitants. Their reputation in the world of music stands high; but these days they are adding to their accomplishments, the histrionic talent. Last year, Cupar, Newburgh, Ladybank, and Freuchie all had their amateur theatrical shows, and each was highly successful and warmly received. Auchtermuchty used to run its Dramatic Club, and the hope is expressed that again it may come to life, but Freuchie have ‘opened the ball’ for the coming winter, and on Saturday last they played ‘The Sleeping Beauty’ to a crowded house in the Drill Hall at Falkland.

Mr John Senior, postmaster, Freuchie, is largely responsible for the company, and to him and his Company great praise is due for the hard work they have achieved. Costumes and effects have all been provided by the Company themselves, and the beautiful dresses worn by the ladies – not to mention the final elaborate creation of the dame comedian – speak highly of the taste and industry of the needleworkers in the village.

Saturday’s performance was for the benefit of the Football Club, and Mr Jas. Adams, in introducing the Company, spoke of the generous support that was being extended to the Club, and of the kindness of their Freuchie neighbours in helping them that

night. Football, he said, was a manly healthy game, and those who indulged in it were filling their lungs with fresh air that fitted them for their daily labours.

'The Sleeping Beauty', for the composition of which we believe Ladybank pens were responsible, is really a pantomime. It opens with the village lads and lasses frolicking on the village green, and singing 'Hey ho! Come to the Fair'. To them enter the Baron and his Baroness with their lovely daughter 'Althea'. Soon 'Prince Charming' arrives, and follows the accepted custom of falling in love with the beautiful maiden; but the 'Wicked Fairy', as wicked fairies always do, tries to frustrate Cupid's designs by plunging the entire populace into sound slumber. She is thwarted, however, in her attempt by the greater power of 'The Good Fairy', who secures the future happiness of the young couple.

'Baron Hard-up', as the name implies, is an impecunious member of the aristocracy. He was impersonated by Mr R. Robertson, who looked the part splendidly, and was a mild and obedient husband in the presence of his masterful, yet giddy wife. The 'Baroness', in the hands of Mr John Senior, was admirably portrayed. The Freuchie Post-master is a born actor. His facial expressions were splendidly controlled, and he was never at a loss to keep the show merrily going with his side-splitting antics and his witty local hits. As the Baroness arrived in the 'Rolls Royce' she had 'just purchased from The Fifeshire Traction Service Co.' – it was really a wheelbarrow – the audience was convulsed with laughter, and she was equally in her element in her cooking lesson with the ingredients 'bought at Venters', as she was in narrating her love episode 'comin' thro' the rye', with its possible ending in her marriage announcement in the 'Fife News'. Her attire in the early stage was her work-a-day outfit, but when she blossomed forth at the end of the performance, her raiment was of gorgeous colour, and a fashionable head-dress with ostrich plumes, completed the picture.

The Misses Reid performed 'Althea' and 'Prince Charming' with much acceptance. A particularly pleasing tableau was the opening of the second act, when 'Althea', Miss Bella Reid, 'the sleeping beauty', was discovered waking from the epidemic of drowsiness. Miss Bessie, as 'Prince Charming', was a striking figure in gaily-coloured breeches and tunic, and her song 'Bubbles', with winsome Miss Margaret McVicar in the foreground with soup bowl and pipe, was a delightful interlude.

As the 'Good Fairy', Miss Jack, acted with fine grace and refinement, and clad in pure white with fairy wand and chaplet, she looked the traditional 'Good Fairy' of our youth. Likewise, Miss Adamson appeared to have stepped from the pages of Hans Anderson. Black was the sinister colour of her drapings, and her chimney-pot hat and ambling gait added to the effect with which, as the 'Wicked Fairy', she whispered her curses. 'Sandy', a Highlander, and 'Nellie', a maid, were in good hands in Mr W. Barclay and Miss Wallace, and their duet, 'Some People', received hearty applause. Mr J. Hunter made a splendid 'Bill', the broker, the man who dogged the footsteps of the Baron in the hopeless quest of receiving payment.

Miss Gilmour as 'Gertrude' spoke her lines clearly and well. She was also responsible, together with Miss Agnes Nelson, for the excellent dances that interspersed the piece. The tiny dancers were: -

Mary Beattie, Lizzie Morgan, Olive Thomson, Ina Young, Lizzie Baird, Agnes Paton, Ina Braid, and Mary Bell; while solo dances were neatly executed by Mary Beattie and Ina Young.

Of the vocal numbers, the Misses Nelson deserve special mention for the excellence of their duets, 'Sleep, Star of Love', and 'City of Laughter'. Their voices blended beautifully, and the audience would gladly have had more. Miss Cochrane, as accompanist, had no small part to play; but she was well able for the task. The members of the chorus were: -

Misses Barbara Grant, Rachel Watt, Joan Morgan, Phemie Speed, Mary Nelson, and Georgina Nelson, and Messrs David Low, Charles Beattie, James Burgon, David Philp, and Alex. Fox, and so well did they do their work that the audience could scarce forbear to join them in their finale 'Open your hearts, and let the sunshine in'."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cinema** – "The cinema was well attended this week. On Monday the drama was 'Broken Ties', and tonight (Friday) 'The Trap' will be screened."



Advert for 'The Trap'(1919)

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Diphtheria** – “Diphtheria was discovered to have broken out in Falkland this week. A little girl was removed to the hospital on Tuesday.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Accident** – “A rather serious accident occurred to Captain Ramsay, Falkland House, on Tuesday morning. It is feared some of his ribs are broken. Latest news is that he is progressing as favourably as can be expected.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf Club** – “The Golf Club played off their first ties for the Lathrisk Cup on Saturday. Some keen games were witnessed.”

Article in *The Fife News*: **Dominoes – Lomond (Falkland) v Bruce Arms (Falkland)**:

The local ‘Derby’ took place on Wednesday night in the Bruce Arms Hotel, between the Lomond and Bruce Arms teams. Great interest was manifested in the tie. The Bruce Arms ran out the winners by three chalks. The individual scores were: -

Lomond		Bruce Arms	
A. Cowan	11	F. Thomas	4
P. Robertson	11	W. Strudley	8
H. Birrell	4	A. Cairo	11
J. Robertson	7	D. Lister	11
R. Stark	3	P. Lawson	11
W. Stark	11	A. Lawson	7
T. Patterson	10	C. Oram	11
R. Dall	11	M. Robertson	8
	68		71

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Extract from *The Fife News*: **Diphtheria** – “Another case was taken to hospital on Friday from the same household in Sharp’s Close.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Factories** – “The linen factory was closed down for three days from Thursday night last week owing to machinery repairs. The operatives are now looking to having full time. The floorcloth factory is on full time.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Autumn Holiday** – “Monday, being the autumn holiday, the works and shops were closed for the day, but owing to the wet weather, there were few people travelling. The picture house was crowded in the evening, when a good variety programme was given.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Collection for Infirmaries** – “Last Sunday, at morning service in the Parish Church, the Rev. Mr Russell read letters of grateful thanks from Edinburgh and Perth Royal Infirmaries for the harvest gifts of the congregation collected at the church door on the previous Sunday morning. This collection in kind was the first ever made in Falkland, but that the experiment was successful and promises well for other years may be judged from the following assortment of the offerings: -

4 pairs rabbits, 9 dozen eggs, 40lb apples, 4lb tomatoes, 2lb grapes, 1 ½ cwts. of vegetables, 2lb tea, 2 cakes, 16 2lb pots jam.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Marriage** – “To-morrow (Saturday), the marriage takes place at Aberdeen of Mr D.A. Williamson, Secretary and Director of the Fifehire Traction Service Co., Ltd., The Liqueorstone, to Miss Christian McKenzie, youngest daughter of Mrs McKenzie, of Dunmail, Cults, Aberdeen. Mr Williamson, who is a nephew of Mr David Bonthron, Newton of Falkland, came to the district two years ago after his demobilisation from commissioned rank in the Royal Engineers attached to the Flying Corps. His Directors acquired The Liqueorstone, and are carrying on a successful business in motor traction and in agricultural tractor work there. Mr Williamson has proved an asset to the district. He is Secretary and one of the leading players of the newly-formed Howe of Fife Rugby Football Club, and has done much to encourage the sport in the ‘Howe’. Last year he was one of the forwards of Kirkcaldy Rugby Club. Miss McKenzie, to whom he is being married to-morrow, is well known in Cults, Aberdeen, where, during the war, she identified herself with Red Cross and canteen work. The good wishes of the people of the Howe are extended to the young couple, who are to take up residence at Burnside Cottage, Newton of Falkland.”

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

“Saturday witnessed the most exciting match of the season owing to the decisions of the referee, which were received both by players and spectators with no great favour. In fact, during the progress of the game, Falkland Victoria lodged a protest against the referee. Some good play was shown by both sides. The first goal went to the visitors but it seemed off-side, and another goal allowed was a foot over the bar. The only real goal awarded in the game was a lovely shot by H. Birrell for the home team. The latter also secured a goal which went over the bar after striking the goal-keeper. Teams: -

Ladybank – J. Mill, R. Walker, J. Dowie, A. Gourlay, J. Lowe, J. Williams, A. Turpie, D. Rutherford, D. Henderson, A. Wiseman, D. Lowe.

Victoria – T. Shields, J. Hoy, H. Lee, P. Birrell, G. Richfield, P. Lawson, W. Strudley, R. Robinson, W. Bett, R. Dall, H. Birrell.

A match was to have taken place on Monday between Victoria and Auchtermuchty, but had to be postponed owing to the weather.”

Article in *The Fife News*: **Dominoes – Lomond v Bruce Arms:**

“Great interest was taken in the return match in the Domino League between the ‘Bruce Arms’ and the ‘Lomond’, which took place on Wednesday night at the ‘Lomond’, when the ‘Lomond’ more than reversed their defeat last week. Details: -

Bruce Arms		Lomond	
A. Cairo	11	T. Paterson	10
C. Oram	10	R. Stark	11
A. Lawson	5	P. Robertson	11
M. Robertson	11	C. Hepburn	10
D. Lister	8	A. Cowan	11
W. Gould	6	J. Robertson	11
*F. Thomas	-	R. Dall	-
P. Lawson	6	W. Stark	11
	57		75

R. Dall was late in arriving to play for the 'Lomond', but turned up just as the last tie was played, and the Captain of the Bruce Arms team refused to allow him to play, although it was only 9.10 p.m. The Lomond play Ceres next week at Falkland.

15th October 1921

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

“Falkland Victoria travelled to Newburgh on Saturday and played the Tayside Athletic in the Cupar League. Some very interesting play was witnessed. The goal-keeping by the Victoria was the best seen in the district for some time. Shot after shot was saved. The score would have been very much larger if the defence had weakened. The following did some fine work: -

T. Shields in goal, J. Hay, back, W. Strudley and R. Dall.

Goal scorers for Victoria, C. Beattie and R. Dall.

Teams: -

Athletic – George Dow, Hugh Bonthron, J. Williamson, J. Murdoch, Charles Paterson, R. Batchelor, D. Watson, R. Angus, J. Duncan, T. Barchelor, A. Allan.

Victoria – T. Shields, J. Hay, W. Barclay, P. Birrell, W. Robertson, P. Lawson, W. Strudley, R. Dall, W. Bett. Reserve, C. Beattie.

Referee – R. Adams, Ladybank.

Score – Athletic – 4, Victoria – 2.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cinema** – *“A thrilling picture was shown at the Cinema on Monday, and a splendid variety programme was given.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Police Court** – *“A Leslie hairdresser was fined £2 on Monday for being the worse of liquor and creating a breach of the peace on Sunday.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Wedding Presentation** – *“An interesting event took place at the garage of the Fifehire Traction Coy. on the eve of the marriage of the manager, Mr D.A. Williamson, who was presented with a lovely silver cake stand. Mr Kerry, in a few well-chosen remarks, commented on the manner in which the management of the Company and staff had worked together, and he said they felt they could not let the opportunity of expressing their appreciation to Mr Williamson*

pass. He and the staff wished Mr Williamson and his future partner, health, happiness, and long life together. Mr Williamson, in reply, said it touched him very much to see that night the feelings expressed of the staff in that manner, and he thanked them for the beautiful gift. He also hoped there would be nothing to jarr the pleasant working between management and staff. He commented on the fact that all the male members of the staff had fought together in the Great War. Patriotism was, he remarked, a glorious thing, but at the same time, he thought those that were lucky to return home from the fight for freedom, were not receiving the encouragement they deserved.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Marriage – Williamson – McKenzie** – “At Aberdeen, on 8th October, by the Rev. J. Esslemont-Adams, D.S.O., M.C., B.D., David Arnot Williamson of Falkland to Christian, youngest daughter of the late Mr Archibald McKenzie and Mrs McKenzie of Dunmail, Cults, Aberdeen. At home – 10th and 11th November, at Burnside Cottage, Newton of Falkland.”

22nd October 1921

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Potato Lifting** – “Potato lifting has been general in the district for the past week, and the crop is good. The schools are shut up for three weeks during the potato lifting.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Municipal Meeting** – “A public meeting was held in the Town Hall on Monday night to hear what the retiring Councillors had done during their term of office. Bailie Angus occupied the chair. At times the meeting was a bit lively. The retiring Councillors were: -

Provost Jackson, Councillors D. Chisholm, P. Robertson, and W. Duncan.

The Chairman first called upon Councillor Chisholm, who was willing to stand again. Provost Jackson then faced the electors, and went over the work on the Board. He stated he had now been in the Council for 20 years, and he had seen many changes. The work of the Council had increased very much. He was pleased to state that the Common Good, instead of showing a deficiency, had a credit balance of £140. The next thing he dealt with was the housing scheme. They were putting up, he said, houses for 20 tenants at an outlay of £20,000, which would cost the ratepayers 4s 5d per £1. The Provost said that the rents could not be fixed until the Board of Health had approved of the houses, or they might have had some of them let at November. Owing to some difference with the Gas Coy., no pipes had been put in the new street yet, but he hoped that if prices came down a little, they might get electric light for them.

The Provost next touched on the keeping up of the main roads. The Council were trying to get as much as they could from the Ministry of Transport to help to keep the roads in a better condition. The by-laws for the Common only needed the signature of the Secretary for Scotland. These by-laws would give the Council the power to regulate the Myre when occupied by 'shows' etc., and also power to remove vagrants. The Provost stated that he wished to retire at the present time, but if pressed to stand again, he was willing to give his services. The Chairman asked if there were any questions. George Robertson asked what excess in valuation had been put on the Provost's, Bailie Brown's, and Bailie Angus's properties this year.

The Provost – "That is for the Assessor."

Mr Robertson – "Who is the Assessor responsible to?"

The Provost – "No one."

Mr Hopkins stated that the factories had their assessments increased 25 per cent. Other tenants had their rents increased, but the rentals of the Provost (£46), Bailie Brown (£7), and Bailie Angus (£19), all stood at the same figure, because they were owners as well as occupiers, and his (Mr Hopkins') rental (£26) was much in excess compared with theirs. An ex-soldier in the audience asked the Council to inspect his house, which, he said, was four feet under the ground, and assessed at £8. The following were proposed and seconded to stand for election: -

Provost Jackson, George Robertson, Tom Grant, Peter Robertson, David Chisholm. Mr George Robertson stated that he would stand to oppose the Provost."

*Extract from The Fife News: **Cinema** – "On Monday night, the Cinema was well attended, and a splendid programme was given, including the serial, 'Son of Tarzan', Pathe's 'Pictorial', and the grand drama, 'Smouldering Embers'. On Friday, 'Are Passions Inherited' will be the star picture."*

*Extract from The Fife News: **Dominoes – Lomond (Falkland) v Ceres** – "An interesting match was played at The Lomond on Friday night between Ceres and Lomond, when the Lomond ran out the winners by 16 chinks. During the evening the Captain of the visiting Club thanked the members of the Lomond for their hospitality. Score – Lomond 81, Ceres 65.*

Lomond Team – R. Dall (11 chinks), T. Patterson (11), C. Hepburn (6), H. Birrell (11), W. Stark (11), A. Cowan (9), P. Robertson (11), R. Stark (11)."

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Extract from *The Fife News*: **Dominoes – Ceres v Lomond (Falkland)** – “The Lomond travelled to Ceres on Friday evening and ran out winners by 15 chalks. Only one player was beaten,, but no wonder owing to his adventure earlier in the evening, having had a narrow escape of fire at his premises. Score – Ceres 69, Lomond 84.

Lomond Team – Dall (11 chalks), Robertson (11), W. Stark (11), Birrell (11), Adams (7), R. Stark (11), Cowan (11), Patterson (11).”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Dominoes – Auchtermuchty v Lomond (Falkland)** – “Auchtermuchty were at home to the Lomond of Falkland on Wednesday evening, and as the result of a keen evening’s play, the home team suffered defeat by 10 chalks. Score – Auchtermuchty 74, Lomond 84.

Lomond Team – Adam (11 chalks), Stark (11), Paterson (9), Stark (10), Dall (10), Cowan (11), Birrell (11), Robertson (11).”

Extract from the *Fife News*: **Nominations** – “Great interest is being taken in the forthcoming municipal election. The following have been duly nominated: -

Charles Jackson, David Chisholm, Peter Robertson, Tom Grant, and George Robertson.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Municipal Handicap** – “The runners for the above have not been seen running their trial gallops, but the odds are on ‘Tom’ and ‘Geordie’.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Fire** – “On Friday night some children were playing, throwing sparklers in the air, when one landed on the roof of the Lomond Tavern, which is thatched. The roof soon took fire, but on the prompt action of Mr Adams and willing workers, it was soon put out before any damage was done. The fire caused some excitement during the few minutes it lasted.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Error** - “In our report of last week’s municipal meeting, Provost Jackson was represented as having stated that “they were putting up houses for 20 tenants at an outlay of £20,000, which would cost the ratepayers 4s 5d per £1”. This was a printer’s error, and incorrect. What the Provost said was that the cost would be “4-5d (four fifths of a penny)”, which is the maximum assessment that can be imposed under the Housing Scheme Act.”

5th November 1921

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football – Falkland Victoria v Springfield** – “Falkland Victoria met Springfield in the Cupar League on Saturday on Bank Park, Falkland. The visitors had the best of the play, but owing to their late arrival, the referee decided on a replay. At the finish of the game, Springfield led by 4 goals to 1.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Band** – “Cupar Pipe Band paid a visit to Falkland on Saturday evening, and played a very enjoyable programme of music at the Fountain before a large attendance of the public.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Memorial Tablet** – “Brigadier-General Cheape, C.M.G., D.S.O., M.C., has kindly consented to unveil the memorial tablet in the War Memorial Institute to-morrow (Saturday).”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Co-operative Society** – “Falkland Equitable Co-operative Society’s half-yearly general meeting was held on Monday evening. There was a large attendance of members. Mr James Skinner, President, occupied the chair. The Secretary, Mr W.W. Gullune, submitted the balance sheet of the past six months, which showed the Society to be in a flourishing condition, with £182 increase in sales. The President, Secretary and Treasurer were re-elected, and Messrs R. Hopkins, G. Hardie, F. Mather, and James Lawson were appointed members of Committee.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Essay Competition** – “In connection with the Parish Church Sunday School, an essay competition on one of the minister’s sermons delivered during the summer was engaged in by the scholars attending the Sunday School. Miss Jeanie Lister proved the successful competitor, with an essay on the ‘Thanksgiving Service’. Mrs Russell presented the winner with a lovely gold brooch.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket Club** – “A public meeting was held in the Town Hall on Monday night to restart the Cricket Club for next season. Mr Schofield read the report for 1919, which showed a deficiency of 16s. He stated that he had been promised assistance from Captain Ramsay and other gentlemen in the district, and the young ladies had offered to help in raising funds for the Club, and hold a meeting next Tuesday to further arrangements.”

Extract from *The Fife News: **Municipal Election*** – “In connection with the above, Provost Jackson held a rallying meeting in the Town Hall on Monday night. The hall was crowded. Seldom has the hall been so full. Mr Hunt, in introducing the Provost, spoke of the service the Provost had given to Falkland, and hoped the electors would again return the Provost to the Council. Provost Jackson then addressed the electors, and went fully into the burning question in Falkland – the valuation of the various buildings, including houses and factories – and he compared them with others in the surrounding villages. A few questions were asked and answered. The Provost was thanked for his address. Immediately after the Provost’s meeting, Mr George Robertson addressed the electors. Councillor Hopkins, in introducing Mr Robertson, said he hoped that the electors would put Mr Robertson or Mr Grant at the top of the poll. He touched on the valuation, and said the valuations of owner-occupiers had not been increased, when the valuations of all other ratepayers and factories had been increased 20 to 30 per cent. This was a disgrace. (Applause). Mr Robertson, in his remarks, stated that Councillor Hopkins had just taken the words from his mouth, as the valuation trouble was his main object in coming forward at the present time to oppose the Provost, as he felt that a grave injustice had been done to the ratepayers of Falkland. If elected, he would see that fair play was given all round. He also hoped the electors would do their duty and go to the poll. He stated that he did not for one minute think that in Falkland, they had not a man, or men, who could not take the head of affairs, and give the lead, filling the position as well, if not better, than it was at present.

Result of the poll – Great interest was taken in the poll on Tuesday, and a great crowd waited on the result in the evening. The Town Officer declared the result as follows at 9.5 p.m.: -

G. Robertson – 201

T. Grant – 186

D. Chisholm – 143

C. Jackson – 142

Unsuccessful: P. Robertson – 140

After the poll was declared, Mr George Robertson thanked the electors for putting him at the top and for the support given to Mr T. Grant. He said they would do their utmost to look after all classes of the ratepayers. (Applause).”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Police Court** – “A labourer from Cardenden district appeared before Provost Jackson on Monday for being the worse of liquor on Sunday. He pleaded guilty, and was fined 10s.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Dominoes – Freuchie Institute v Bruce Arms, Falkland** – “Freuchie Institute met Bruce Arms, Falkland, at Freuchie on Thursday last week, and secured their first win in the League by 3 chalks. Score – Freuchie Institute 77, Bruce Arms, Falkland 74.

Bruce Arms Team – Lawson (7 chalks), Cairo (11), Strudley (5), Lister (11), Lawson (7), Oram (11), Thomas (11), Gould (11).”

12th November 1921

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Howe of Fife Domino League – Lomond, Falkland v Auchtermuchty** – “The Lomond had as their visitors in the League last week, Auchtermuchty, which they defeated by 22 chalks. Score – Lomond 83, Auchtermuchty 61.

Lomond Team – Scott (11 chalks), R. Stark (11), Cowan (11), Paterson (8), Dall (10), Robertson (11), Hepburn (11), W. Stark (10).”

Article in *The Fife News*: **Football – Falkland Victoria v Balcurvie Bellview:**

“Falkland Victoria had as their visitors to Bank Park, Falkland, on Saturday, Balcurvie Bellview, in a friendly match. Taking the game all through, the play was only fair. About twenty minutes elapsed from the start when W. Bett put in a lovely shot for the Victoria, which the goalkeeper had no chance to save. Several runs were made on each goal, but neither side managed to alter the score when they crossed over. In the second half, both teams played a little better. G. Richfield got on the ball at mid-field, and with a splendid shot added to Falkland’s score. Soon after, from a penalty, R. Dall sent the ball through the posts. At the blow of the whistle, the score stood: -

Victoria – 3, Bellview – 0

Teams: -

Balcurvie Bellview – H. Morrison, W. Melville, D. Patrick, J. Wilson, J. Herd, J. Wilson, J. Thomson, J. Crains, T. Melville, W. Thomson, J. McDonald.

Falkland Victoria – T. Shields, J. Hay, H. Lee, G. Richfield, P. McGregor, P. Birrell, W. Bett, W. Strudley, D. Reid, P. Lawson, R. Ball.

Referee – A. Cowan.

Falkland Victoria have as their visitors on Saturday Cupar Y.M.C.A., in the Red Triangle League.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Dominoes** – *“The Albert, Newburgh, have scratched to the Lomond, and given them the two points in the League. The Lomond are disappointed, as they wanted to meet Newburgh and fight for the points.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Town Council** – *“The first meeting of the Town Council was held in the Town Hall on Friday evening for the purpose of swearing in the newly elected members. Bailie Angus occupied the chair. The following were duly sworn in: -*

Charles Jackson, David Chisholm, George Robertson, Tom Grant,

after which Councillor Hopkins proposed the re-election of Councillor Jackson to the Provostship. Councillor Drysdale seconded, but Councillor Jackson declined to stand again because of the unwarranted reflections cast not only on him, but his other colleagues on the Bench during the election. Councillor Robertson proposed Councillor T.D. Hopkins, and was seconded by Councillor Drysdale. Bailie Angus was proposed by Bailie Brown, but failed to get a seconder. Bailie Angus then swore in the new Provost (T.D. Hopkins), shook hands with him, and left the meeting, but for what reason is still to be revealed. Bailie Brown asked to be relieved of office, but was refused, as it is required to give notice in writing three weeks before resigning. The various Committees and Conveners were appointed.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket Club Meeting** – *“A public meeting was held in the Town Hall on Wednesday evening to further matters in connection with the Cricket Club. Provost T.D. Hopkins presided over a fair attendance. After arrangements as to ground, etc., had been made, the following office-bearers were appointed: -*

President – David Bonthron; vice-President – George Gavin; Secretary and Treasurer – T. Drysdale; Committee – A. Findlay, J. Terris, D. Stark, J. Reekie, W. Stark, Captain, Provost T.D. Hopkins; vice-Captain, Peter Robertson.

It was resolved to take steps to get funds together during the winter. A vote of thanks was accorded to the Provost for presiding.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Remarkable Longevity of Falkland People** – “The Rev. J.K. Russell, parish minister of Falkland, in his parish magazine for October writes: -

“The death of Robert Sharp, at the ripe old age of ninety-three, gives point to the remarkable longevity of our folks in Falkland. ‘Three score and ten years do sum up our days and years’ runs the Psalmist’s verdict, but that limit is so commonly attained in our parish that there are on our Communion Roll at this moment not less than a score of members between the ages of seventy and ninety. We cannot forget that the Patriarch of the village – James Reekie – is now ninety-six. Robert Sharp was the oldest Freemason in Scotland, and very proud he was of the enlarged framed photograph of himself in full regalia, presented to him recently by his fellow Masons of Falkland Lodge. One cannot but think of the varied events, the political, the social, and ecclesiastical changes that such long lives have seen. They were in their teens when the Disruption took place in 1843; and since Mr Smeaton came out they have seen five ministers in the Parish Church.”

Mr James Reekie attributes his health to plain living, a quiet life temperance and work. Another man of 84 has been teetotal since 1869, and until he was 70 he worked from 6.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. A lady of 86 says the secret of old age is happiness. She reads a lot.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **War Memorial Institute** – “A very interesting event took place on Saturday, when a beautiful bronze tablet was unveiled by Brigadier-General Cheape, C.M.G., D.S.O., M.C. Mr W. Peggie in opening the proceedings, intimated that apologies had been received from Major Lumsden and the Rev. Mr Russell, saying they were very sorry they were unable to be present. Mr Peggie said he was pleased to see so many present that day to do honour to those of the district who had fallen in the Great War, doing their duty for home and country. It was just a year ago since they opened the Institute, which had met a long felt want in the district, both for young and old. The young men had billiards and other games. Then there were the reading room, library, etc., which encouraged social intercourse with one another. In introducing Brigadier-General Cheape, Mr Peggie spoke of the General’s family connection in Fife and his excellent record as a soldier. The General, in his reply, said it gave him great pleasure to be there that day and to perform the duty of unveiling the tablet, as it brought back memories of the men whose names it bore. Some of them were in the 7th Black Watch – one of the finest Regiments in the British Army. The tablet would not only be a lasting memorial to the names it bore, but it would in future generations let the young see what their forebears did in the Great War, and put the spirit in them to fight for the right. The General then solemnly took off the Union Jack which covered the tablet, and the Rev. Mr Batchelor offered a suitable prayer. Some lovely wreaths were laid at the foot of the tablet in solemn memory. Provost Hopkins moved a vote of thanks to the General for coming that

day. He stated that a social was being arranged for next Saturday for ex-Service men, and he hoped to see as many of them as possible present. The names on the tablet are: -

Cpl. Wm. Black, Pte. Jas. Brewster, Pte. Wm. Burgon, Pte. Harry Burt, Pte. Thos. Collier, Pte. Andrew Dall, Pte. Jas. Dalrymple, Capt. Jas. Donaldson, Pte. Eben. Downie, Cpl. Thos. Dryburgh, Pte. Thos. Flowers, Pte. A.P. Forrester, Pte. George Gunn, Pte. R. Gordon, Pte. Alex. Hamilton, Pte. Sam Hastie, Pte. David Hall, Cpl. F. Henderson, Pte. Arthur Hendry, Pte. Bert Hughes, Pte. John Jackson, Pte. Leo Kelly, Bom. John Leitch, Pte. John Livingstone, Pte. Joe Lunt, L/Cpl. Harry Michie, Pte. Thos. Morton, John McLaren, R.N., Sgt. David Paterson, Lieut. D. Richardson, Pte. Henry Robertson, Major R.C. Slacke, Pte. Wm. Smith, Lieut.-Col. Lord Ninian Crichton-Stuart, Gunner Thos. Wallace, Pte. Jas. Wallace, Pte. Robert Wilson."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Liberal Meeting** – "Under the auspices of the Liberal Association, a political meeting was held in the Town Hall on Monday evening. There was a large attendance of electors present to hear an address from Mr J. Duncan Millar, K.C., prospective Liberal candidate for East Fife. Mr W. Peggie, in introducing Mr Millar, said that for some time nobody took any interest in politics, but now the time had arrived when we were getting stirred up through some of the actions of the Coalition Government. The Chairman, referring to the Irish question, said the present Government were 36 years behind with the Irish Bill. If Liberal principles were adopted, they would help to make life better all round. Mr Duncan Millar, in opening his address, stated that the past three years of the Coalition Government had proved an utter failure. The Government's huge expenditure on armaments and military adventures abroad, its foolish and harmful interference with trade, and its constant reversal of policy had called forth the strongest condemnation from every quarter. The failure of the Coalition Government, due to its lack of any settled principles or convictions, was to-day reflected in the crushing burden of taxation and in aggravation of the trade depression and unemployment following the war. Mr Millar next touched on the Government's policy of military coercion of Ireland, which had also proved to be an entire failure, but he was pleased to see that the Government were trying to adopt the policy of Mr Asquith, which the ex-Premier outlined a year ago and which the Government at the time contemptuously rejected. What the country required, continued Mr Miller, was a body of statesmen who would be prepared to govern the country on clear-cut principles, and give effect to Liberal ideals in carrying out a sound Liberal policy fitted to the minds of the people of this country at the present time. He was pleased to have the honour that night of coming before the electors of Falkland and giving a few of his views, and he was pleased at getting such a good reception. He hoped soon to have the pleasure of being the representative of East Fife. Provost Hopkins, in moving a vote of thanks to Mr Millar, stated that they had listened to a very fluent address, and he hoped when the time

came, there would be a fair fight. Mr Millar then moved a vote of thanks to the Chairman, Mr Peggie, who, he said, was an old and true Liberal.”

19th November 1921

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Howe of Fife Domino League – Bruce Arms (Falkland) v West End (Cupar)** – “On Thursday last week, Cupar West End journeyed to Falkland to play the Bruce Arms team, and had a very exciting game. The play was carried on to the last chalk, and also the very last card when it was found the home team were victors by one chalk. Score – Bruce Arms – 76, West End – 75.

Bruce Arms Team – Robertson (11 chalks), Thomas (11), Gould (10), Oram (6), Drydon (8), Strudley (11), P. Lawson (8), A. Lawson (11).”

Article from *The Fife News*: **Football – Falkland v Cupar Y.M.C.A.:**

“On Saturday, as good a game as has been played on Bank Park, Falkland, was witnessed, when Cupar Y.M.C.A. met Falkland Victoria in a League fixture. Cupar had a fine start, and a few minutes saw them make a good run, and, but for the splendid save by Falkland goalkeeper, they would have started the scoring. Falkland next got on the ball, and met the same fate from the Cupar little goalie. About twenty minutes from start, W. Strudley netted the first goal. Soon after, D. Reid scored for Falkland from a corner. A few minutes from half-time R. Dall put in a splendid shot about 40 yards from goal, which left the home team at the cross-over 3 goals ahead. Soon after the restart, W. Bett added another to the home team. Cupar tried hard again to open the scoring, but Falkland’s defence beat them. Reid and Strudley added another goal each, and at the blowing of the whistle, the score stood – Victoria, 6 goals; Cupar Y.M.C.A., 0. Taking the play all over, Falkland were value for their win, and, but for the splendid goalkeeping of Cupar, the score would have been much larger. Teams: -

Cupar Y.M.C.A. – L. Dowie; J. Hastie; D. Dalrymple; W. Hastie; A. Wilson; T. Anderson; A. Tumilty; R. Duncan; G. Husband; A. Watters; D. Gordon.

Victoria – T. Shields; J. Hay; G. Richfield; D. McGregor; P. Birrell; W. Strudley; R. Dall; W. Bett; D. Reid; H. Birrell.

Referee – R. Adams, Ladybank.

Falkland Victoria travel to Leslie tomorrow (Saturday) on League business, when they have a stiff hurdle to get over. The team will be that which did so well on Saturday.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cinema** – “A splendid programme was given at the Cinema on Monday night, including the grand serial ‘The Son of Tarzan’.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Remembrance Day** – “Falkland celebrated the Armistice anniversary in a solemn manner befitting the occasion, in honour of Britain’s heroes. At eleven o’clock the whistles at the factories sounded loud and clear, giving the notice of the two minutes’ silence. Everywhere in the village, as well as in the works, everybody stood in solemn reverence for the two minutes, after which each one went about his business with thoughts of the past.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Kirkin’ o’ The Council** – “The Town Council attended the Parish Church on Sunday at the forenoon service. They formed up in the Town Hall. The parade included Provost T.D. Hopkins, Councillors D. Chisholm, J. Skinner, J. Drysdale, T. Grant, G. Robertson, Mr Anderson, Town Clerk, and R. Strachen, Town Officer. Rev. J.H. Russell occupied the pulpit, and gave a fine discourse. Surprise was expressed at the other half of the Council not being present.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Dominoes** – “The Lomond team are sorry to win points so easily. They have got another 2 points this week from Albert, Newburgh. The following is a copy of the postcard received: -

“Mr James Adams. I am sorry to say that we can’t get a team to play you, so you can claim the points. That will save you travelling. Yours truly, Jas. McDonald.”

The Lomond and Bruce Arms have two stiff hurdles to get over next week, when the Lomond meet the Invincibles, Freuchie, and the Bruce Arms meet the United Services, Kingskettle. Both are sure to prove interesting games, both matches being from home.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Freuchie War Memorial** – “In connection with the above, Falkland ex-service men showed their respect to their comrades by turning out on Sunday to do honour to whom honour is due. Captain Williamson and Lieutenant Venters and 40 comrades represented Falkland. They marched to the unveiling, and were met at Newton of Falkland by Lieutenant Tait’s Company. The service at Freuchie was most impressive, Sergeant-Major Dryden being the oldest soldier of the company, on behalf of the Falkland detachment, placed a beautiful

wreath at the foot of the monument. Taking the service all over, it brings us back to the well-known saying of Robert Burns: -

“Man to man the world o’er, Shall brithers be for a’ that.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Municipal** – “A meeting of the Town Council was held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday evening – Provost T.D. Hopkins presiding. The following Councillors were present: -

Councillors C. Jackson, J. Hunt, R. Horne, J. Skinner, J. Drysdale, G. Robertson, T. Grant, D. Chisholm.

The first business was a letter from Bailie Angus, resigning his Bailiership and Convenership of Committees. A letter was also received from Bailie Brown, resigning the Bailiership. A letter was read from Mr John W. Jackson, resigning from the Council. On the motion of the Provost, it was agreed to ask Mr Peter Robertson to fill the vacancy in the Council, as he was the next at the poll. Councillor Robertson proposed and Councillor Drysdale seconded the nomination of Councillor Hunt as senior Bailie. Councillors Horne and Chisholm were both proposed and seconded for junior Bailie, but refused office. Councillor Grant proposed and Councillor Skinner seconded Councillor G. Robertson’s appointment as junior Bailie. Each of the new Magistrates (Bailies Hunt and Robertson) thanked the Council for the honour. They stated they would try to do their duty in a fair and upright manner. The Convenerships were then filled. It was resolved that Councillor Grant attend to the letting of the Town Hall. Reference was made to the scarcity of water, and it was agreed that the Water Committee should go fully into the matter, and see what could be done to improve the supply. Under the Government’s housing scheme, a letter was read, stating the Department thought for the three-roomed houses £16 was a fair rent, but the Council thought £13 should be the rent, as the houses were intended for the working class. The Town Clerk was instructed to write the Board of Health accordingly.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Ex-Service Men’s Entertainment** – “Saturday was a red letter day with the ex-Service men, when for the first time since the war, they met in a social capacity at the invitation of the Committee of the War Memorial Institute. Over 50 attended. At the opening of proceedings, Rev. Mr Russell offered a prayer suitable to the occasion. Mr W. Peggie, president of the Institute, in welcoming the men present, stated that the previous Saturday they met to do honour to their brave comrades who had fallen in the Great War; now they met to show their feelings to those who were lucky to come back. On behalf of the Committee he thanked the men for the splendid response they had made that night, and he was pleased to see so many present, because every one felt what they had gone through. Even those

who had been at home had a trying time thinking of their dear ones away, many never to return, and when Armistice was signed some welcomed their loved ones back home, others longed in vain for their return.

Continuing, he said he was there now to congratulate such a gathering, and he hoped to make it a memorable one for all those present. Before going on with the programme, a splendid tea was provided by the ladies, the tables simply overflowing with good things. After the tea was over, the Chairman proposed the following toasts: -

'The King, Queen, and Royal Family' – special mention being made to the Prince of Wales on his different missions to our Colonies which he was binding to the Mother Country with bonds of steel.

Next was *'The Immortal Dead'*, given in silence, which made one's thoughts carry him back again to those dreadful years. Mr Schofield replied on behalf of *'The Navy'*, and repeated a remark he heard a Blue Jacket say when the large German ships were being led up the Firth of Forth by one of our small light cruisers. The remark was: -

"And a little child shall lead them".

Sergeant Bruce, replied on behalf of *'The Army'* in a few well-chosen remarks. He said he was not the senior soldier present, as Sergeant Heggie was an older soldier, as he joined the Army in October 1868: Mr T. Ross replied on behalf of *'The Air Force'*, Britain's Third Defence. Provost T.D. Hopkins spoke a few words to the men, and said what a pleasure it was to him to be present that night and to see such a happy body of men met together to enjoy a social evening. He complimented the Institute Committee on bringing them together, and hoped to see many more such gatherings as they had that night.

An excellent programme was then gone through. The Chairman called upon Mr J. Adams to open the programme. He gave that well known recitation, *'The Relief of Lucknow'*, which was enthusiastically received. He also gave two humorous pieces, *'The Quack Doctor'*, and *'The Prize'*, which delighted the audience. Mr C. Oram sang *'The Gallant Forty-Twa'*, *'Mary McCree'*, and *'Wedding Bells'*, with great success. Messrs Schofield and Drysdale sang two duets with pleasing effect. Mr Bowman sang *'The Galloping Major'*, and *'Roses of Picardy'*, splendidly. Mr W. Venters gave the *'Tavern in the Town'*. Mr T. Patterson sang *'The Lea Rig'* and *'Mary of Argyle'*, with fine effect. A pleasing part in the programme was the song given by the Chairman, *'Auld Quarry Knowe'*. The following also helped to make the concert a success: -

Messrs M. Robertson, James Peggie, T. Drysdale, Schofield, Courtney, R. Nellis Hamilton, Robinson and Williamson. Mr Bonthron at the close of the programme spoke a few words to the men, which, no doubt, will bear fruit. Mr Williamson

proposed to hold a meeting of the ex-Service men in the Institute next week, which was agreed upon. Special thanks are due to the following ladies for helping to make the entertainment more complete by providing for the “inner man” in such a splendid manner: -

Mrs T.D. Hopkins, Mrs Brown, Mrs W. Peggie, Mrs Hunt, Miss Martin, Mrs Robertson, Mrs Russell, Mrs Clarke and Mrs Nisbet. After a vote of thanks to the Chairman, the company all joined in singing “Auld Lang Syne.”

26th November 1921

Article from *The Fife News*: **Football – Falkland Victoria v Leslie:**

“Falkland Victoria travelled to Leslie in search of League points on Saturday, and returned with one, but on the general run of play they were really value for two. A few minutes after the start of the game, Rind gave Strudley the opportunity to open the scoring for the Victoria. Leslie soon got on the ball, and a lovely shot by Laing just failed by inches. A few minutes from half-time, Birrell put another goal to Falkland’s credit. After resuming, Todd opened the scoring for the home team. By this time the weather was getting very disagreeable as a drizzling rain was falling, and the field was in a slippery condition. Soon after Leslie added another, after which there were some exciting runs by both sides. Both teams were anxious to get the lead, but darkness began to set in and there was some difficulty in following the ball. The game closed 2 goals each. D. Simpson, Windygates, was referee.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Dominoes** – *“The Lomond have the Invincibles at home on Wednesday, when they hope to reverse their defeat.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Falkland Equitable Co-operative Society** – *“The Society had a general meeting in the Town Hall last week. Councillor Skinner presided over a large attendance of members. The chief business before the meeting was the proposal of either extending the present bakehouse or having a new one. After hearing various opinions of the members, also an expert’s opinion, it was agreed to arrange to get new premises in Horse Wynd, where the Society would have the chance of developing.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Housing Scheme** – *“This is now making considerable progress. In fact, some of the houses are almost ready for occupation. They consist of three apartments – kitchen and scullery on the ground floor, and parlour, bedroom and bathroom above. Although the apartments are not too large, they are very*

convenient houses. The outsides are very becoming, and the houses are in a splendid position. It is a pity the Government should not have seen their way to spend the money in improving the old properties in the town.”



Lomond Crescent (circa 1921)

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Ex-Service Men's Association** – “A well-attended meeting of the ex-Servicemen was held in the Memorial Institute on Friday evening. Mr Bonthron occupied the chair. The Chairman, in opening the meeting, stated that he was pleased to see so many present, which showed that the men were interested in the purpose for which they were met that evening – to form an Association. Mr McLauchlan proposed, seconded by Councillor Grant, that an Association be formed, to be known as ‘Falkland ex-Service Men's Association.’ It was proposed and seconded that Mr Bonthron be appointed President, and Mr Williamson, vice-President. Mr T. Drysdale was appointed Secretary and Treasurer, after which both President and vice-President thanked the men for the honour done them. They had the interest of the men at heart, and hoped the Association would be a power for good in the district. The following Committee were appointed: -

Messrs W. Peggie, jnr., W. Bruce, J. Peggie, snr., W. Robertson, J. Kerry, also the following Honorary Presidents: -

Captain M. Ramsay, Rev. Mr Russell, Provost T.D. Hopkins, Dr Shand, and Mr Shanks.

It was agreed that the Committee arrange a meeting with the Committee of the Institute to further the movement in Falkland. The next meeting of the Association is to take place on Thursday, 1st December, when it is expected all ex-Servicemen in the district will make a point of being present.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Dominoes – Invincibles v Lomond** – “The Lomond travelled to Freuchie to play the Invincibles, and a very interesting game it turned out to be. After some excitement it was shown that the Invincibles had won by 15 chinks. After the game a very enjoyable hour was spent in song and story. Mr Adams, on behalf of the Lomond thanked the Invincibles for their hospitality. Mr Smith, replying, spoke of the sportmanship of the Lomond, and hoped each meeting was as sociable. Score – Invincibles – 80, Lomond – 65.

Lomond Team – Robertson (7 chinks), W. Stark (11), R. Stark (9), Birrell (6), Dall (10), Patterson (5), Adams (11), Hepburn (6).”

3rd December 1921

Article from *The Fife News*: **Dominoes – United Services, Kettle v Bruce Arms, Falkland:**

“The United Services have struck a hard patch at present, and for the third successive week dropped two points. On Thursday last week, they fell to the Bruce Arms by 75 to 78.

Bruce Arms Team – Thomas (11 chinks), W.E. Strudley (11), Courtney (11), Robertson (11), Lister (8), Oram (11), Lawson (11), W.E. Strudley (4).”

Article from *The Fife News*: **Football – Falkland Victoria v Star, Markinch:**

“Falkland Victoria travelled to Star, Markinch on Saturday in search of League points. The game proved to be most interesting. Both teams played good football. The game opened with hard pressing by Falkland, but the Star’s defence proved too strong for them. Soon the Star got down on the Victoria’s goal, but the goalkeeper saved a lovely shot. About twenty minutes after the start, one of the Victoria players had an unfortunate accident, and the team had to play some time with ten players. Just about half-time Bett put in a lovely shot for the Victoria, but failed to score. They crossed over without any scoring. Soon after resuming, Star Bluebell managed to take the ball through a scrimmage at goal. Play now was very equal. About fifteen minutes had gone, when Falkland got equal, after which, although each side tried to score, the whistle blew with the score at Falkland Victoria – 1, Star Bluebell – 1, which was a fair result of the day’s play. Referee – R. Foreman, Springfield.

Falkland Victoria team – T. Shields, J. Hay, H. Lee, G. Richfield, P. McGregor, P. Birrell, W. Bett, W. Strudley, D. Reid, J. Dalrymple, R. Dall.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Term** – “Not for a few years back have so many removals been seen on the road as was the case on Monday. There seems to be a good many changes in the farms in the surrounding district.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Dance** – “The Victoria Football Club held a benefit dance in the Drill Hall on Saturday night. It turned out a splendid success. John Hay and D. Lister very ably acted as M.C.’s. Bain’s Quadrille Band, Leslie, supplied a first-class and up-to-date programme of music. The dancers retired just before 12, everyone pleased with their night’s enjoyment.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Dance** – “On Wednesday night, Miss Burgess held a very successful dance with her younger and older pupils. It was a great pleasure to see all the young ones enjoying themselves. They continued till 9 o’clock, when the older pupils danced till 11.45 p.m. Taking the dance all over, it proved to be very enjoyable. Miss Burgess is to be complimented on her efficiency as floor master. She was assisted by Mr D. Lister. The music was supplied by Messrs Rae and Johnstone, and left nothing to be desired. Special mention might be made of the step-dancing of the little ones, including Maggie Wallace, who scored a success.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Forthcoming Poultry Show** – “A meeting in connection with the bird and poultry show, which is to be held on Tuesday, 3rd January 1922, was held on Thursday evening. The Secretary read a very favourable report. He mentioned that there were 108 classes and over 50 special prizes, and it looked as if it was to be a record show. Arrangements have been made to have a grand assembly after the show. Schedules can be had from the Secretary, Mr T. Lawson, South Street.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Billiards** – “Falkland Institute paid a visit to Auchtermuchty to play a billiard match, and after an exciting game, they ran out the winners by 20 points, which is very good, as this was their first match away from home. Score – Auchtermuchty – 547 points, Falkland – 567 points.

Falkland Team – T. Drysdale (90 points), A. Grant (85), R. Nellis (100), J. Shields (100), D. Clarke (100), T.D. Hopkins (92).”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Motor Transport** – “The Fifeshire Traction Coy., are showing their enterprise, as they are at present adding to their business a blacksmith’s shop, which will be a help to farmers and others in the district. They are also starting as carriers between Kirkcaldy and Falkland, Strathmiglo, Auchtermuchty, Kingskettle, Ladybank and Cupar. The carriers’ business is under Mr Adams, and is sure to meet with general approval by the merchants, etc., in the different districts, as the Company’s chief aim is to give entire satisfaction to all who may require their service.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Masonic** – “The annual election of office-bearers of Lodge St John, No. 35, took place on Thursday last week, as follows: -

R.W.M. – Bro. John Drysdale; I.P.M. – Bro. Thomas B. Hopkins; D.M. – Bro. James Jackson; S.M. – Bro. Alex. Grieve; Secretary – Bro. W. Gullon; Treasurer – Bro. Andrew Venters; S.W. – Bro. John Garland; J.W. – Bro. David Munro; S.D. – Bro. James Skinner; J.D. – Bro. John Ross; I.G. – Bro. Tom Ross; Tyler – Bro. John Walker; Auditors – Bros. Alex. Anderson and Robert Miller.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death – Burton** – “On the 11th of Nov., Marian Burton, aged 71, youngest daughter of the late Robert Burton, Falkland.”

10th December 1921

Article in *The Fife News*: **Football – Falkland School v Strathmiglo School:**

“Falkland School team travelled to Strathmiglo in search of League points on Saturday. The match at times proved very exciting, and clearly showed that the youthful players thoroughly understood the game. After a hard match, Strathmiglo School ran out winners, the result being – Strathmiglo School – 2, Falkland School – 1.”

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

“A splendid bill of fare was provided for the patrons of Bank Park, Falkland, on Saturday, when Falkland Victoria had as their visitors Kettle Vale in the H.F. League. Some good football was witnessed, both teams fighting hard for the points. After a hard half-hour, Dall opened the scoring for the home team. Soon after, Fleming equalised for the Vale. This put the Victoria on their mettle. Bett had a splendid

shot, which proved fatal to Kettle, and at half-time the score stood – Victoria – 2, Vale – 1. On resuming, some exciting moments were witnessed, and splendid play on both sides. Strudley got the ball and put in the best goal of the match after which, try as they could, the Vale could not penetrate the Victoria's defence. Taking the game all over, the Victoria was full value for the two points. Final score – Victoria – 3, Vale – 1. Referee – W. Patterson.

Falkland Victoria Team – T. Shields, J. Hay, H. Lee, G. Richfield, P. McGregor, P. Birrell, W. Bett, W. Strudley, D. Reid, R. Dall, H. Birrell.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Dominoes** – “The Lomond travel to Ladybank to play their return match next week, when an interesting match is sure to be witnessed. Bruce Arms will have next week as their visitors the Invincibles, Freuchie, when a keen tussle is sure to be the result.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Municipal** – “A meeting of the Town Council was held on Tuesday evening – Provost Hopkins presiding. Bailies Hunt and Robertson were duly sworn in, and Mr Peter Robertson took the oath as a Councillor, in place of J.W. Jackson, resigned. Mr John Garland was appointed Fiscal of the burgh. The various Committees and Conveners were appointed.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Ex-Service Men's Association** – “A meeting of the above was held on Thursday evening last week in the War Memorial Institute. There was a large attendance of members. The Secretary read the report of the previous meeting, which was adopted. He stated that the membership was now over 50. Proposals for the Institute Committee were unanimously approved of, which included: -

1. Reduction of annual subscription to ex-Service men joining as a body.
2. Use of room as headquarters of the Association.
3. Bowling green scheme.

Other important matters were deferred till next meeting. Mr T.C. Schofield was appointed Treasurer.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Victoria Football Club** – “Mr A. Ostracchini gave this Club a supper in the Bruce Arms Hotel on Wednesday evening. After the supper, Mr Adams, the President, on behalf of the Club, thanked the host of the evening for the

splendid arrangements that had been made for the entertainment of the members of the Club. A fine programme of music followed, including songs by Messrs J. Hoy, D. Lister, Wm. Walker, Wm. Robinson, R. Dall, D. McGregor, W. Strudley, A. Ostracchini, and M. Robertson, a recitation by Mr J. Adams, a duet by Mr w. and Mrs Miller, and a mandoline selection by Mr H. Let. The entertainment was an entire success. Much of the success was due to the catering of Mr Strudley. Mrs Miller played the accompaniments to the delight of all.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death – Burton** – “At Eglantine Cottage, Falkland, on 11th Nov., Miss Mary Ann Burton, youngest daughter of Robert Burton, Falkland.”

Article in *The Fife News*: **Dominoes – Lomond v Auchtermuchty**:

“The Lomond travelled to Auchtermuchty on Saturday and played a friendly match in the Masonic Arms, after which it showed the Lomond was in splendid form, winning by 23 chalks. Score – Auchtermuchty – 32, Lomond – 55.

Lomond Team – Stark (7 chalks), Cowan (7), Hepburn (7), Lister (7), Birrell (7), M. Robertson (7), Dall (6), P. Robertson (7).”

17th December 1921

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Dominoes** – “The Lomond have as their visitors next week Cupar West End, and the Bruce Arms have Tay Bridge, Newburgh. Both matches are sure to be interesting. The domino players in Falkland sympathise, along with their comrades in Freuchie, in the sudden death of Mr Tom Law of the Institute team. He was a very keen player, and was much respected by the various teams.”

Article in *The Fife News*: **Dominoes – Bruce Arms v Freuchie Invincibles**:

“On Wednesday night the Freuchie Invincibles paid a visit to Falkland to play their return match with the Bruce Arms team. After a very good and exciting game, the home team ran out winners by two chalks. Score – Bruce Arms – 71, Invincibles – 69.

Bruce Arms team – Oram (7 chalks), Lawson (11), Robertson (5), Lister (9), Thomas (11), Dryden (6), Strudley snr. (11), Strudley jnr. (11).”

Article in *The Fife News*: **Dominoes – Lomond v Ladybank:**

“One of the most exciting matches of the season was played on Thursday evening last week at Falkland, when the Lomond had Ladybank as their visitors. After some keen games the Lomond proved winners by one chalk. Score – Lomond – 77, Ladybank – 76.

Lomond team – Robertson (11 chinks), Hepburn (7), Patterson (11), Cowan (11), Stark (11), Dall (9), Adams (7), Stark (10).”

24th December 1921

Article in *The Fife News*: **Football – Falkland Victoria v Freuchie Select:**

“Falkland Victoria had as their visitors on Saturday Freuchie select. Freuchie opened against the wind and play at first was quiet, players going very gingerly over the heavy surface. After ten minutes had gone, Dall opened the scoring for the Victoria. Soon after this Reid scored from a pass by Birrell. Dall then scored from a penalty, and soon Strudley put on a fourth goal from a cross from Bett. Falkland were now masters of the concluding stages of the first half. At the cross-over the game stood, Falkland – 4, Freuchie – 0.

In the second half Falkland seemed to be still uppermost dog. At times there were humerous interludes. The Freuchie lot seemed to be powerless against the rampant “Vics”. The following added to the score – Dall, Birrell, Bett, Reid (2), which left the game at the close, Falkland Victoria – 9, Freuchie Select – 0. Referee – G. Stark. If the Victoria keep up to present form, they are sure to be well up in the cup ties when they come on.”

31st December 1921

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

“Falkland Victoria travelled to Auchtermuchty on Saturday to play a friendly match on Station Park. Play at the start was rather too fast to last. The Victoria had the better of the game. After some time had gone, Auchtermuchty tried to force matters, but failed; for the Vics netted the first goal by a drooping shot by McGregor, after which ‘Muchty went up the field with a rush, but were checked by the Falkland boys, the defence being too good. The Victoria again returned, and from a rebound from the cross-bar, Strudley netted with a first timer, and at half time the result was, Falkland – 2, Auchtermuchty – 0.

After resuming, the second half was a ding-dong battle. Just nearing time, the game was on the rough side. Final result, Falkland Victoria – 2, Auchtermuchty – 1.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Meeting** – “A special meeting of the Committee of the bird and poultry show was held on Wednesday night. The Secretary submitted his report. There is to be a record show, as up to date over 400 entries have been received.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Christmas** – “Christmas this year was very quiet indeed in the burgh. The mail was not so heavy as in former years, and shopkeepers state that business was not so good. Special services were held on Christmas Day in the Parish Church and United Free Church.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **War Memorial Ladies Club** – “Under the auspices of the above, a grand Christmas eve dance was held on Saturday evening in the Drill Hall. Over 50 couples accepted the invitations. Mr Brown is to be complimented on the taste displayed in the decorating of the hall. Messrs Thomas Schofield and Tom Drysdale very ably discharged the duties of M.C.’s. Thomson’s Jazz Band, Ladybank, gave a fine selection of up-to-date music to the delight of the dancers. During the evening tea and other refreshments were served under the management of Mr Brown, Mrs Kennedy, and assistants. Altogether the dance turned out a success, and the Committee of the Ladies Club are to be congratulated on their splendid effort to help the finances of the Club.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Annual Christmas Treat** – “The children had their annual treat on Friday evening in the Drill Hall, which was filled with smiling faces. The platform party included Provost and Mrs Hopkins, Rev. and Mrs Russell, Rev. and Mrs Batchelor, ex-Baillie and Mrs Brown, Mr and Misses Gavin, Mrs James Jackson, Mr and Mrs Nisbet, Mrs Robertson, Miss Martin, Miss Chisholm, and Miss Forsyth. The Provost made a few remarks, and stated that he was pleased to see so many present, and he also mentioned that it was very kind indeed of Mrs Maule Ramsay of Falkland House to bring them together at such a time and give them a treat such as was before them now. After tea was over, a splendid programme of songs, recitations and musical drill was given by the children, which was a credit to their teachers. At the close a very hearty vote of thanks was given by Mrs Maule Ramsay for defraying the cost of the entertainment. The purveying was done splendidly by Mr Strudley, of the Bruce Arms Hotel.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Older Folks in Falkland** – “On Monday evening, although everything was black and bleak outside, in the Drill Hall there was a bright

and happy crowd with anxious faces present to do their best to give a good night's entertainment to the older folks in Falkland. The occasion was the school children's concert on behalf of a fund to secure equipment for organised games in connection with the school. Provost T.D. Hopkins occupied the chair. The supplementary class opened the programme with the song "The Sea is England's Glory". They also sang "The Sailor's Song" to the delight of the crowded audience. The senior girls sang "Bluebells", "Tambourine Song", and the "Butterfly Song", and were a credit to their teacher. "Santa Claus and the Mouse", and "The Caravan" were splendidly recited by the infant boys. "Come to the Fair" was sung by the juniors in fine combination. The supplementary girls danced a foursome reel, the senior girls contributed the Highland Fling, and the juniors an eightsome reel, which bore evidence of the splendid training they had received. The infants did well in their songs, "A Ball for Baby", and "Jack Frost". "The Skylark Song", "Killarney", and "The Wood Nymph's Song" were given by the supplementary girls in excellent tune. The senior boys gave "Jingle Bells" in fine harmony. "Gay Little Girls from Japan", sung by the junior girls, left little to be desired. The barbell exercise by the supplementary boys was performed in splendid time to the music. The recitation, "Cuddle Doon", by Ina Grieve, was much appreciated. Kathleen Doig recited the piece, "A Mortifying Mistake", and "Sugar Tooth Dick" was recited by Finlay Drysdale. Miss Chisholm played the accompaniments."

Article in *The Fife News*: **Dominoes – Lomond v West End:**

"On Thursday evening last week, the Lomond had as their visitors Cupar West End, when an interesting game was played. At the close of the game Mr Adams on behalf of the Lomond commented on the benefit of the League. The Captain of the West End stated he was pleased always to meet such sporting teams as the Lomond. The result of the match showed the Lomond to be winners by 32 chalks. Score – Lomond – 85, Cupar West End – 53.

Lomond team – Cowan (11 chalks), Dall (11), Robertson (11), Adams (8), Birrell (11), Stark (11), Jones (11), Scott (11)."

Article in *The Fife News*: **Provost T.D. Hopkins:**



Provost T.D. Hopkins

“Mr Hopkins served his apprenticeship in the office of Messrs Rylands & Co., Chorley Works, Manchester. He came as assistant manager to Messrs Jackson, floorcloth manufacturers, Falkland, in 1910, and when the Scottish Co-operative Wholesale Society took over the floorcloth and linen factories two years ago, Mr Hopkins was appointed general manager. In everything connected with the Royal Burgh, he takes a great interest. He is Pastmaster of the Masonic Lodge of Falkland, No. 35, and is also a member of the St Michael Royal Arch Chapter; Captain of Falkland Cricket Club; Hon. President of the ex-Service Men’s Association; a member of Committee of the War Memorial Institute; member of Dundee Chamber of Commerce, and a Deacon of the United Free Church. In fact, the Provost is one of the busiest men of the district, and everything that comes up before him either in business or connected with the town’s affairs is always sure to have a fair hearing and honest judgement. It may be mentioned the Provost has a good helpmate in Mrs Hopkins, for when he has to appear at any public function, his wife is there to do her part..”

