

# Falkland 1900-2000

## Year 1922

### (As researched by Jack Burgess)

#### 7<sup>th</sup> January 1922

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

*“Kennoway Rovers Red Triangle team were the visitors to Falkland on Monday in a holiday match. On the kick-off, the homesters looked as if they meant to “sweep the floor” with their less eager opponents, but matters soon reached a ding-dong stage, owing to the strong defences of the combatants, who kicked in lusty fashion. The Kennoway boys drew first blood through G. Honeyman, the right back, who scored a lovely goal after a brilliant run. After this reverse, the Falkland men warmed to their work, and a battle royal ensued; but it fell to P. Gillespie, the visitors’ inside left, after beating both right half and right back, to notch the second point: Half-time – Falkland – 0, Kennoway – 2.*

*After the resumption, the homesters took matters well in hand, and repeatedly bombarded their opponents citadel, all of no avail, however, as the Kennoway defenders proved a regular stone wall. Then followed a raid on the Rovers goal, during which J. Hay opened the Victoria’s account with an express shot, which beat the custodian all the way. This put ginger into the Kennoway attack, and J. Barnard’s solo run provided goal no. 3, the result of a first-time effort, which left the “loon between the sticks” helpless. Towards the close, the Falkland inside left scored with a raking shot, which struck the inside of the crossbar. Result – Falkland Victoria – 2, Kennoway Rovers – 3.*

*Easily the most outstanding player afield was McKenzie, the Kennoway keeper, who delighted the onlookers by his daring and judgement.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **New Year** – *“The New Year was ushered in very quietly at the Cross on the stroke of twelve. Only a few young people were present. The linen factory and the floorcloth factory are getting the full week’s holiday.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Grand New Year Concert** – “The Bird Show Committee held a fine concert in the Drill Hall on Tuesday evening, the hall being packed. Bailie Robertson, in the absence of the Provost, presided. He stated that he was pleased to be present that evening, as this was the time when all people should be happy. He complimented the Committee on providing such a splendid programme. He also commented on the songs the children learned at school, and said not enough of the old Scotch songs were heard. Some of them were as fine as any that could be sung. The concert was opened with a quartette party singing “Hail, Smiling Morn”, which was well received. They also gave “The Village Choristers”, “Flora”, “That Wonderful Mother of Mine”, and “Comin’ thro’ the Rye” were sung by Miss N. Forsyth in splendid voice. Mr P. Shields gave “Love’s Request” and “Anchored” in a very fine style. “Could You Just Know”, “Memories and the “Auld Scotch Songs” were given by Miss M. Oswald in a pleasing manner. Mr T. Drysdale sang “Sing Me a Song”, “Friend o’ Mine”, and “Shipmates of Mine” to the enjoyment of the audience. Mr J. Adam’s dramatic recital, “The Relief of Lucknow” and his humorous recitals “The Quack Doctor”, and “Choosing a Wife”, were a splendid change and were much enjoyed. Mr T. Shields delighted the company with his songs, which were: -“True Till Death”, “Mother Machree”, and “Hame o’ Mine”. Miss Bates’s songs “The Road of Looking Forward”, and “The Pipes of Pan”, completed a splendid programme.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Poultry Show** – “Falkland Ornithological Society held their 55<sup>th</sup> annual show in the Drill Hall on Tuesday. The hall was crowded with exhibits, and in several of the classes keen competition was shown. The birds penned were up to the usual standard seen at Falkland. It was noticed that some of the Crystal Palace exhibits were present. Throughout the day the show was visited by many from a distance. The show turned out an entire success both in regard to the exhibits and the public patronage.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Dance** – “An enjoyable dance was held in the Drill Hall on Tuesday evening. About 50 couples were present. Mr D. Lister ably acted as M.C. The music was admirable. It says much for the Bird Show Committee that they carried through successfully three entertainments in succession.”

## 14<sup>th</sup> January 1922

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Billiards** – “An interesting game was witnessed in the Institute on Wednesday evening between the second team of Freuchie Institute and Falkland second team. There was a good deal of interest taken in the game, as was shown by the large attendance present. It is good to see the friendly rivalry between

*the two neighbouring villages. Freuchie ran out the winners by 144 points. Score – Falkland – 428 points, Freuchie – 572 points.*

*Falkland team – C. Drysdale (100 points), J. Shields (73), P. Robertson (33), T. Schofield (52), W. Strudley (100), J. Burgon (70).*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Town Council** – “A meeting of Town Council was held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday evening. The attendance was small. There was little business done, but in connection with the housing scheme, the rents of three-roomed houses were fixed at £15 per annum without taxes.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Fire** – “An alarming incident happened on Saturday afternoon in Brunton Street. Smoke was seen issuing from a house, and on investigation it was found that a piece of coal had fallen and set fire to a bed which had been getting an airing. The only occupant at the time was an old man who is an invalid. His daughter had just gone for a few minutes to do some shopping. Luckily there were plenty willing workers about at the time, and they soon got the old man to a place of safety and had the burning bed clothes thrown out on the street. After they succeeded in extinguishing the fire, they found the total damage consisted of the destruction of bed clothes and an arm chair. The old man got a bad fright. While it lasted the fire caused some excitement in the burgh.”

## **21<sup>st</sup> January 1922**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Dancing Class** – “Notwithstanding the stormy weather, Miss Burgess had a happy crowd at her dancing class on Wednesday evening. She intimated that the ball would be held tonight (Friday). Mr J. Adams will be in charge of the refreshments.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Dominoes** – “The Lomond have as their visitors next week, the ‘Crown’, Kingskettle, in their return match. An interesting game is in store.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Walking on the Tight Rope** – “James Melville mentions in his diary that in 1600: -

*“Being in Falkland, I saw a lunambulus (a tight rope walker), a Frenchman, play strange and incredible proticks upon stented tackle in the palace close before the*

*King, Queen, and haill Court. There must have been a considerable amount of personal risk in giving such a performance before the Royal demonologist, for he might have taken it into his head that this was just another species of witchcraft, and the unlucky juggler might have been haled incontinent to the stake for sorcery, as happened in Rome to poor Banks and his celebrated horse” ‘Casual Column’ in The Glasgow Herald.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – “To-morrow (Saturday), Falkland Victoria meet Kemback in the first round of the Livingston Cup at Bank Park. There is sure to be a big crowd to witness what is likely to be an exciting game.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Snow Storm** – “On Sunday, Falkland put on its winter coat – the heaviest for many years. Snow fell the whole day, and very few residents appeared out of doors. The churches were poorly attended. In the evening, a motor car, proceeding on its way to Perth, was blocked at the Cemetery, and had to be left there for the night. Two of the charabancs running between Kirkcaldy and Falkland, got the length of Freuchie, and they also were fixed up for the night. Snowploughs were early on the move on Monday morning making a road. At several parts, the snow was from three to five feet deep. About twelve o’clock on Monday, snow began to fall again, and continued all day.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Poaching by Farmer-Tenant and his Friend** – “A charge of trespassing on land in pursuit of game was libelled on Tuesday in Cupar Sheriff Court against John Morgan, farmer, Kilgour, Falkland, and Wm. Edward Strudley, hotel-keeper, Bruce Arms Hotel, Falkland. It was stated that the offence had been committed on 15<sup>th</sup> December in a strip of wood adjoining Morgan’s farm lands. Mr J.L. Anderson, Cupar, appearing for the accused, tendered a plea of guilty, and said that Mr Morgan was tenant of the farm of Kilgour. He and his forebears had been there for about 80 years, and this was the first charge of that kind that had been preferred against him. Although the strip referred to in the indictment was called a wood, in point of fact it had been cleared of timber, and was a waste piece of ground. It was a harbour for rabbits, and Mr Morgan had suffered a great deal of damage by rabbits, and particularly by pheasants. There was a good deal to be said morally, if not legally, for a farmer who by his own hand took measures to prevent damage being done to his farm crops. He did not know whether there were Board of Agriculture regulations permitting him to do this. He thought it was pertinent to point out that the shooting tenant declined to sanction a prosecution. Mr A.E. Grosset, solicitor, Cupar, who acted for the proprietrix, the Hon. Mrs Maule Ramsay, said a keeper on the estate was watching, and saw the accused Strudley fire a shot at a pheasant in this strip. Mr Morgan took it up and put

*it in his bag. The watcher came up to the accused, and insisted on looking in the bag. They had two pheasants. It was not suggested that these were ordinary poachers, but there was less reason for a tenant and his friend to commit an action of this kind than there was for an ordinary poacher.*

*Mr Anderson – “It is high time that the legislation which was contemplated was in force. We are now past that feudal stage, I think.”*

*In imposing a fine of £1 2s 6d, the expenses in the case, the Sheriff remarked that accused had got off cheaply.”*

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

*“On Friday evening, the West End turned the tables on the Lomond when they defeated them by two chinks. Score – West End – 73, Lomond – 71.*

*Lomond Team – A. Cowan (10 chinks), R. Dall (11), W. Stark (11), R. Stark (10), J. Scott (6), J. Adams (5), Birrell (11), Robertson (7).”*

## **28<sup>th</sup> January 1922**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Malicious Mischief** – *“At the Burgh Police Court on Monday – Provost Hopkins, Bailies Hunt and Robertson on the bench – two young men, Peter Birrell and James Archibald, were found guilty of malicious mischief in overturning the snowplough belonging to the County Council. They were fined 5s, or 5 days in prison.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Dance** – *“A happy evening was spent in the Drill Hall on Friday, when Miss C.N. Burgess held her finishing assembly. At seven o’clock, the younger pupils led off, and they continued till nine o’clock. It was a treat for the parents and friends of the children to watch the way in which they went through the various dances. Every detail was carried out to perfection. A special feature was the floral march. Each dancer carried a bouquet of flowers, and the dance finished with a tableau. At nine o’clock the young pupils retired after having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The older pupils then took the floor and about 50 couples were present. Messrs D. Lister and W. Forsyth ably acted as M.C.’s. Mr Rae supplied the music to the satisfaction of all. Before the company broke up about 3 o’clock a vote of thanks was passed to Miss Burgess for her excellent tuition. She stated in reply that it had given her great pleasure, and all had tried to do their best. She hoped when she took up classes again that she would be as well supported.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Braving the Snow Storm** – “The Fifeshire Traction Service Coy. are to be congratulated on their excellent carrier service in the Howe of Fife, for notwithstanding the great snow storm, their motor was run heavily laden, going through the Howe each day, which says much for the Company. They have not missed a day out, when so many motors were stuck in the snow.”

#### **4th February 1922**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lecture** – “A very interesting and instructive lecture was given in the Parish Church on Sunday evening by Rev. Mr Russell, before a large congregation. The subject was “The Life of John Knox”. The address was made even more interesting by the splendid limelight illustrations thrown on the screen.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death – Angus** – “At Freuchie, on 28<sup>th</sup> Jan., John Angus, late of Commercial Hotel, Falkland, aged 73 years.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **The Late Bailie Angus** – “An old and familiar figure has passed away in the person of Bailie John Angus. He died at his residence in Freuchie on Saturday evening after a short illness. Deceased retired recently from the Commercial Hotel, Falkland, of which he was the proprietor for about 28 years. He manifested a great interest in all that took place in the burgh. The Bailie served in the Town Council for 25 years, and occupied the magistrates’ bench for 13 years. He was also President of the Bird and Poultry Show for many years, and was a very keen exhibitor himself. In fact, he was very busy at the show on 3<sup>rd</sup> January, doing what he could to help the Committee. Deceased was an enthusiastic Free Mason. Many will miss him for his cheery manner to all, and local sympathy goes out to Mrs Angus and daughter in their sad loss. Representatives from the Town Council and other bodies attended the funeral to Dundee on Wednesday.”

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## 11<sup>th</sup> February 1922

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Masonic** – “On Saturday evening a large deputation of brother Masons from Lodges Dunfermline, 26; St Clair of Balbeggie, 867; Balgonie, 764; Lindores, 106; St Cyre, 121; and Oswald of Dunnikier, 468 met to assist Lodge St John, 35, in the third degree. After the usual fraternal greetings, Bro. Adamson, R.W.M. of Dunfermline, 26, assisted by his office-bearers, took charge of the meeting, and carried out the duties of the chair in a very efficient manner. After the business was over, the company adjourned to the Bruce Arms Hotel, where two hours in harmony were spent. Songs were given by Bros. Cunningham, Kinnear, Adams, McGregor, Trail and Law, and these were much enjoyed by the large company present. Before departing, Bro. Adamson thanked the office-bearers and members of St John for the manner in which the visitors had been received and entertained. He gave a special invitation to any of the Falkland brethren to come to Lodge Dunfermline, where they would be sure of a hearty welcome.”

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

*Provost Hopkins, Bailies Hunt and Robertson, Councillors Chisholm, Skinner, Drysdale and Robertson.*

*Provost Hopkins made reference to the death of Bailie Angus, and stated that a letter of sympathy had been sent to Mrs Angus and family. Bailie Robertson, as convener of the Roads Committee, gave in his report on the Kirkcaldy road, and as it would become a second-class road on 15<sup>th</sup> May, he thought that any repair that it required should be done before that time so as to get the 50 per cent off the cost of repair. The Council agreed to get the repairs done, which were estimated to cost £50. The Convener of the Sanitary Committee (Councillor Drysdale), reported on the sanitary arrangements of the burgh, which were approved. The Council agreed to borrow £450 for sewers and water pipes for the new houses, as these were not included in the Government grant for the housing scheme. Mr Hardie, the Burgh Assessor, was re-appointed at his present salary. Councillor Drysdale brought forward a motion for an extension of the water supply. The Council agreed to go into the matter and bring it up again at a future meeting. It was resolved to fill at next meeting the vacancy in the Council caused by the death of Bailie Angus. The Council agreed to let four of the new houses, now ready for occupancy, from February 28.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Masonic Assembly** – “The annual Masonic assembly was held in the Drill Hall on Friday evening, and turned out an entire success. The music was supplied by R. Thomson’s Jazz Band, Ladybank, consisting of R. Thomson (violin), D. Thomson (piano), H. Bremner (flute), H. Reid (drum and effects). The music delighted all present. Miss Hardie looked after the purveying to the satisfaction of all. Among those present were: -

*Gentlemen – Messrs J. Lawson, A. Ross, T. Drysdale, W. Strudley, O. Strudley, F. Barron, C. Oram, John Hardie, James Hardie, R. Dakers, W. Robertson, Andrew Robetson, Allan Robertson, A. Dowie, T. Grant, A. Grant, J. Archibald, P. Birrell, H. Birrell, J. Hay, T. Heatherwick, J. Maxwell, D. Lister, P. Lawson, P. Shields, A. Cowan, H. Lee, J. Adams, W. Morton (Falkland); W. Leburn, A. Ness, A. Garland (Gateside); Wm. Murray, J. Duncan (Auchtermuchty); J. Brunton, T. Morrison, D. Joss, J. Archibald (Markinch); C. Beattie, E. Borthwick (Freuchie); T. Marshall (Kinglassie); Spittal (Thornton); delegates from Pride of Thornton Lodge of Free Gardeners; J. Ross, delegate from St John’s Lodge, No. 35; W. Fotheringham, delegate from Shepherd’s Lodge, Strathmiglo.*

*Ladies – Mrs Wallace, Mrs Adams, Mrs Maxwell, Misses M. Gavin, P. Gavin, K. Venters, A. Edmeston, E. Grant, N. Forsyth, C. Cowan, A. Cowan, J. Robertson, A. Adams, C. Peggie, A. Findlay, L. Hardie, E. Battes, C. Lawson, M. Lawson, J. Anderson, M. Thomson, J. Ross, N. Brown, M. Birrell, M. Drysdale, K. White, M. Anderson, E. Hay, A. Oswald, N. Millar, M. Archibald, E. Hardie (Falkland); Misses*



*E. Farmer, M. Kennedy, C. Kennedy (Strathmiglo); Miss R. Bell (Ladybank); Miss C. Wishart (Auchtermuchty).*

*Messrs James Hardie and Henry Birrell ably performed the duties of M.C.'s."*

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

*"Played at Falkland on Friday last week. Score – Lomond – 85, Crown, 70.*

*Lomond team – Dall (11 chalks), Hepburn (9), Ostacchina (11), Robertson (11), Jones (11), Cowan (10), Scott (11), Craig (11)."*

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

*"Return game played at Falkland on Wednesday evening. Score – Bruce Arms – 76, Cupar Hearts – 70.*

*Bruce Arms team – Dryden (11 chalks), Cairo (11), A. Lawson (7), Peggie (4), Strudley (11), Oram (11), P. Lawson (10), Ramsay (11)."*

## **18<sup>th</sup> February 1922**

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

*"Falkland Victoria had Buckhaven as their visitors to Bank Park, Falkland, on Saturday, in a friendly tie. The ground was very hard, and not too good for a fast game. Falkland started well, for hardly two minutes from the blow of the whistle Strudley got on the ball, and after a splendid run put in a lovely shot which Buckhaven failed to stop. After this the Buckhaven lads began the pressing, but all to no purpose. The remainder of the first half was a ding-dong battle, and at half-time the score stood – Victoria, 1; Buckhaven, 0.*

*The second half was almost a repetition of the previous half. About half an hour after the interval, Falkland added to their lead from a scrimmage in front of goal. Just before time Buckhaven put in a lovely shot which was disallowed as being offside. Final result – Falkland, 2; Buckhaven, 0.*

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

*The Victoria travel to-morrow (Saturday) in search of League points. They meet Kettle at Kettle, and a good game is sure to be the result."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Mistake** – “A slight mistake was made in the last issue in stating that the Masonic Ball had taken place. The Free Gardeners’ ball was the function.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Dominoes** – “The Bruce Arms travel to Kettle and the Lomond meet Cupar Hearts at home. Both will be interesting matches. It is thought that the Cup is not to be far from its present resting place this year, as the fight between Freuchie and Falkland is very keen.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **New Housing Scheme** – “This week the first four of the new houses erected under the housing scheme have been let by the Town Council, and the tenants are now moving in. There has been no official opening. Anyone who has seen the houses states that they are quite up-to-date, with all modern improvements.”



**Lomond Crescent (circa 1922)**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Billiard Match** – “Great interest was taken in the match which took place on Tuesday evening in the War Memorial Institute between teams representing the Institute and Auchtermuchty. Score – Falkland – 585 points, Auchtermuchty – 405 points. Falkland won by 180 points.

Falkland team – D. Clark (100 points), C. Oram (100), C. Drysdale (100), J. Shields (100), R. Willis (85), T. Drysdale (100).”

## **25<sup>th</sup> February 1922**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Bird and Poultry Show Committee** – “A meeting of the above was held in the Commercial Hall. Mr John Fernie, President, occupied the chair. He stated they had closed a very successful year, and the balance would have been much larger but for the expenses which had been very heavy this year. The total income from all sources was £91 16s 10 1/2d, and the expenses £85 12s 2 1/2d, leaving a balance on hand of £6 4s 8d. The office-bearers are to be congratulated on the success of the show, concert, and dance. The following are the office-bearers for the coming year: -

Hon. President – Provost D.L. Hopkins, President – John Fernie, Secretary – Tom Lawson, Treasurer – John Crombie, Committee – D. Robertson, P. Robertson, D. Lister, W. White, J. Delaney.

After the business, a pleasant evening was spent in song and story, the following helping to make the evening an enjoyable one: -

Misses Peggie, Grant, Forsyth, Findlay, and Messrs Patrick, Shields, Drysdale, Fernie, Garland, and Adams.

After the usual votes of thanks, the meeting closed. Special mention should be made of the purveying, which was splendidly done by Mr Stewart, Commercial Hotel.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket Club** – “The Cricket Club are again getting their house put in order for the season. The pitch at Scroggie is being attended to. The Club are arranging to hold a popular concert on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March on behalf of the funds of the Club. The following is the list of fixtures: -

April 22 – Springfield (Home); April 29 – Vacant;

May 6 – Leslie (Away); May 13 – Vacant; May 17 – Markinch (Home); May 20 – Cupar XI (Home); May 27 – Springfield (Away);

June 3 – Freuchie (Away); June 10 – Leslie (Home); June 15 – Kennoway (Home); June 17 – Ladybank (Away); June 22 – Cupar XI (Away); June 24 – Vacant;

July 1 – Dunnikier XI (Home); July 5 – Markinch (Away); July 8 – Kelty (Home); July 15 – Kennoway XI (Away); July 22 – Freuchie (Home); July 29 – Ladybank (Home);

*Aug 5 – Kirkcaldy XI (Away); Aug 12 – Kelty XI (Away); Aug 19 – Vacant; Aug 26 – Kirkcaldy XI (Home); Sept 2 – Vacant.*

*Mr T. Drysdale is Secretary.*

Article in *The Fife News*: **Dominoes – Cupar Hearts v Lomond:**

*“The League game between the Cupar Hearts and the Lomond took place at Cupar on Friday evening last; the visitors running out winners by four chalks. Score – Cupar Hearts – 78, Lomond – 82.”*

### **4<sup>th</sup> March 1922**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Dominoes** – *“The ‘Lomond’ have at home next week the United Services Club, while the ‘Bruce Arms’ travel to Auchtermuchty in search of points. Both matches will cause some excitement, especially the latter, as they are at present going strong.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – *“Football enthusiasts were much disappointed on Saturday, when the Victoria were very unlucky at Leslie, and were beaten 4-0 in the second round of the Lindsay Cup. The day was not too good for the game, the wind being strong.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **The Royal Wedding** – *“On Tuesday the schools were closed for the day in honour of Princess Mary’s wedding. Flags were hoisted at the Town Hall, the Palace, and other public and private establishments. Bells were also rung at the time of the wedding.”*



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### Wedding of Princess Mary

On February 28 1922, the wedding of Princess Mary to Viscount Lascelles took place in Westminster Abbey, London.

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cattle and Pigs Cremated** – “Twenty two cattle and two pigs on the farm of Pitiloch, where an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease was confirmed, have been cremated. A huge pit, 50 feet long, was dug, and the furnaces, which were set agoing on Tuesday afternoon, burned fiercely for over 24 hours. The cremation was a complete success, and the Board of Agricultural inspectors, who watched the proceedings, expressed themselves as satisfied that that means of disposing of diseased carcasses was preferable to burial.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cantata** – “On Thursday evening last week, a very enjoyable cantata was given in the Parish Church by a company of 50 girls and boys belonging to the Band of Hope. The piece was entitled ‘No Room at the Inn’. The following choruses were splendidly rendered: -



*'Through Devious Paths', 'Like Gentle Wavelets', 'There's a Home, Weary Pilgrim', 'Christmas Bells', 'Tenderly Care for the Children', 'All the Spirits of the Blest', 'Blest be the Tie that Binds',*

*Miss Annie Oswald sang the solo, 'Cruel Words', with fine effect. The solo 'No Room at the Inn', was sung by Miss Mary Drysdale, in a pleasing manner. Miss Bessie Anderson sang very sweetly the solo, 'Where is my Wandering Boy Tonight?' Miss Mary Jane Thomson pleased the audience with the solo, 'Soft and Tender Wishes'. Justice was given to the solo, 'God, the Silence at Parting', by Miss Jenny Drysdale. 'I will go to Jesus' was very well rendered by Miss Margaret Lawson. 'Loving Words', by Miss Janet Bett, was much enjoyed. The Rev. J.K. Russell read the story, while Mr Robert Millar manipulated the lantern. Mr Spence was conductor, and Miss Edmiston ably accompanied on the organ. At the close, the usual vote of thanks were given to all who had assisted in the concert."*

## **11<sup>th</sup> March 1922**

Advert in *The Fife News*: **Miscellaneous** – *"Miss Ethel Battes, late Musical Directress of Turnbull & Brackings Productions, and Kyle of Bute Hydropathic, desires pupils for pianoforte. Apply – Commercial Hotel, Falkland."*

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

*"These teams lined up under the control of Referee Williamson, Cupar, on Red Triangle League business on Victoria Park, Ladybank.*

*Falkland Victoria team – Shields; Hay and McGregor; P. Birrell, Robertson and Lawson; Bett, Strudley (Captain), Reid, Dall, and H. Birrell.*

*Mill won the toss, and decided to face a slight breeze. Right from the kick-off, the Thistle made for the visitors' goal, and before the game was a minute old, J. Lowe with a great drive beat Shields all the way. This put some life in the game, and Falkland came away on the right, but Dowie soon gave them the right-about. Williamson, receiving the ball about midfield, beat man after man, and finally the Falkland goalkeeper with a great effort. Two goals up in five minutes was not bad, but more were to follow. From a breakaway, Birrell sent over a beauty of a cross, but it was sent wildly over the bar by Reid. Play was transferred to the other end, and Fraser, who was in sparkling form, put over a first-timer; and J. Lowe, seeing Wiseman well placed, slipped the ball over to the left, and the 'little fellow' did the rest. Falkland pressed more, and they were rewarded with a goal, when Dall from close quarters, sent well out of Mill's reach. A few knocks were going about, and Hay had to be carried off, but he soon returned. Five minutes from the interval,*

*Williamson, the Thistle centre, got a nasty knock on the ankle, and he had to retire. Half-time, Thistle – 3, Falkland – 1.*

*The Thistle took the field with ten men, Williamson having had to be conveyed home with a fractured ankle. The visitors had to face a stiff breeze, and it was a case of defending their goal. Whytock was playing a good game, and he had hard luck when the upright stopped a great drive, when the goalkeeper was beaten. About half-way through the second half, Wiseman, from a pass from Williams, beat Shields again, and five minutes later the same player got his third goal, thus securing the 'hat trick'. Five minutes from time, D. Lowe scored the best goal of the match from twenty yards. He slammed it in the far upright, with the goalkeeper looking on. Falkland played gamely to the end, but the backs were too good for them, and if Williamson had been playing in the second half, the score would have been doubled. Final result – Thistle – 6, Falkland Victoria – 1.*

*The homesters never looked like losing, and it would be unfair to mention any player's name, as they all played a great game. Best for Falkland were Shields, Bett, Strudley, and H. Birrell."*

Extract from the *Fife News*: **New Houses** – *"Four of the new houses built under the housing scheme are now occupied."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Purchase of Farms by Marquis of Bute** – *"The Marquis of Bute has purchased the farms of Falkland Wood and Easter Cash, on the Falkland estate, from the trustees of the late Lord Ninian Crichton Stuart, his brother, who was killed on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 1915 near La Bassee."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Curlers' Supper** – *"On Thursday evening, the curlers of Falkland and district held their annual supper in the Bruce Arms Hotel. Over 30 sat down to the good things supplied by Mr W. Strudley. After the supper was over, the following were made members of the Curlers' Club, with the usual formalities well-known to curlers: -*

*Provost T.D. Hopkins, Messrs D.A. Williamson, J. Drysdale, W. Peggie jnr., J. Peggie jnr., and T. Drysdale.*

*The remainder of the evening was spent in song and sentiment."*



**Falkland Curlers circa 1920's**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Town Council** – “The monthly meeting of the Town Council was held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday evening. The rents of the 4 and 5-roomed new houses were fixed at £18 and £21, respectively. The contracts were fixed for the fencing of the houses. An application from the postmen to have a holiday on Saturday was read. It was agreed to delay till next meeting in order to get fuller particulars as to what is being done in other places. The Council agreed to let the Drill Hall for pictures on Saturday evenings to the former tenant.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Masonic Assembly** – “The Masons of Lodge St John, 35, held their annual assembly in the Drill Hall on Friday evening, when over 100 ladies and gentlemen gathered together to enjoy themselves. Bro. J. Drysdale, R.W.M., suitably welcomed the company. Mr Adamson’s quadrille band supplied a first-class musical programme. Messrs J. Walker and J. Ross ably performed the



duties of M.C.'s. The hall was beautifully decorated. Among those present were the following: -

Ladies – Mrs Hopkins, Mrs Drysdale, Mrs Ralby, Mrs Garland, Mrs Dick, Mrs Malcolm, Mrs Culley, Mrs Lewis, Misses L. Gavin, P. Gavin, M. Smith, A. Peggie, A.B. Adams, A. Oswald, M. Lawson, B. Miller, J. Kennedy, C. Drysdale, L. Fernie, M. Archibald, C. Peggie, E. Grant, A. Edmiston, L. Ross, N. Anderson, M. Drysdale, J. Drysdale, M. Dowie, C. Lawson, M. Anderson, B. Anderson, B. Drybrough, M. Lawson, J. Anderson, A. Forsyth, I. Turner, A. Cranston, J. Jackson, J. Ross, E. Kennedy, M. Caution, C. Cowan, B. Douglas, T. Wishart, L. Thomson, M.J. Thomson, A. Archibald.

Gentlemen – Provost T.D. Hopkins, Messrs W. Gullen, J. Drysdale, T. Jackson, A. Venters, J. Adams, Jas. Walker, J. Ross, H. Lee, J. Maxwell, A. Grant, T. Drysdale, R. Bell, John Walker, O. Strudley, R. Anderson, A. Archibald, J. Archibald, H. Birrell, P. Birrell, J. Burgon, C. Beattie, F. Barron, E. Borthwick, J. Douglas, A. Douglas, S. Drysdale, W. Dryburgh, D. Duncan, W. Forsyth, G. Gavin, R. Grieve, T. Hepburn, J. Garland, R. Hopkins, R. Howden, W. Inglis, P. Lawson, D. Lister, W. Meldrum, W. Morton, J. Oswald, J. Peggie, J. Robertson, M. Robertson, W. Robertson, John Ross, J. Ralby, W. Strudley, T. Schofield, G. Thomson, and T. Wilson.”

## **18<sup>th</sup> March 1922**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Foot-and-Mouth Disease** – “Foot-and-mouth disease has broken out at the ‘Drums’ farm, and the animals are to be slaughtered.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – “Falkland Victoria made a poor show at Bank Park on Saturday, when they entertained Tayside Athletic, Newburgh, the visitors winning by 5 goals to 1.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Operetta** – “The Drill Hall was packed to overflowing on Saturday evening when the operetta ‘Forest Rovers’, or ‘Robin Hood’, was produced by a local company of players. The performance showed that there was excellent talent in the burgh, which only required to be developed. Provost Hopkins, in opening the entertainment, said that it was pleasing to see the encouragement the public had given the performers that evening by turning out in such large numbers, and he was sure that Mr David Clarke and his company would more than satisfy their expectations. The purpose of the entertainment was to form a fund to assist in starting a Dramatic Club in the burgh, after which the members hoped to go ahead and attempt something on a larger scale; and they would try to help local charities. The performance opened with an overture by the orchestra, which was very well

rendered. This was followed by the chorus 'Merry Greenwood'. Mr John Ross delighted his audience with the solo 'Holy Friar'. 'What a Jolly Fellow' was sung in fine style by Miss A. Oswald. Miss J. Drysdale sang 'Come to Me'. Marion and her Merry Little Maids (Misses Grant, Hay, N. Drysdale, and J. Kennedy) was a pleasing item in the programme. The chorus 'Marching through the Forest' was given by the company in splendid style. Miss J. Drysdale and Miss C. Kennedy sang the duet, 'Welcome, Welcome' very sweetly. Miss C. Kennedy did well in the solo 'Liberty'. The company concluded the first part of the programme with the choruses, 'A Hunting we will Go', and 'Evening Hymn'.

The second part opened with a 'Hunting Chorus'. An amusing duet by Miss C. Drysdale and Mr John Ross, 'We're to stay to cook the dinner', made a hit. The chorus 'We love to roam' went with fine swing. Miss C. Cowan acted the Bishop to a nicety, and danced well. Marion and her little maids did even better here than in the first part in 'Sweetly, Sweetly'. As 'King Richard' entered, the company sang 'God save King Richard'. 'Mountains of Morne' was sung by Miss M. Drysdale. Miss A. Oswald and Mr John Ross in Highland costume captivated the audience with their songs 'I row ye in my plaidie' and 'When ye gang awa, Jamie'. The three little dancers (Miss M. Lawson, B. Anderson, and J. Lawson) in the 'Highland Fling' and 'Sword Dance' deserved great praise for the manner in which they executed the steps. Miss C. Kennedy and Miss J. Drysdale next sang 'Shall we leave our Forest Home'? 'Sound the Horn', by the company brought to a close one of the best entertainments that has been given in the Drill Hall for a long time. Mr David Clark and Mr J. Ross are to be congratulated on the excellent result of their training. Miss C. Kennedy made an ideal 'Robin Hood'. Mr Hardie as 'King Richard' played his part admirably. Others who deserve mention are the orchestra, Miss Edmonstone who played the accompaniments, Miss C. Drysdale as 'Marion', Mr J. Ross as the 'Holy Friar', and Miss C. Cowan as the 'Bishop'. If Falkland had a larger and better hall, there is no doubt we would be treated oftener to such fine entertainments as this. It is up to the Town Council to make a move in order to raise funds for a new hall for the burgh."

Article in *The Fife News*: **Howe of Fife Domino League – Lomond v United Services:**

"This game was played at Falkland on Wednesday last week. Score – Lomond – 81, United Services – 68.

Lomond team – R. Stark (11 chalks), C. Jones (11), A. Robertson (11), W. Stark (7), A. Peters (11), J. Scott (11), J. Paterson (9), B. Dall (10)."

**25<sup>th</sup> March 1922**

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

*“Played at Falkland – Score – Lomond – 80, Tay Bridge – 74.*

*Lomond team – Cowan (11 chalks), Stark (7), Peters (11), Paterson (11), Craig (9), Dall (10), Robertson (11), Scott (10).*

### **Howe of Fife Domino Table**

<b>Team</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Pts</b>
<i>Invincibles</i>	22	18	3	1	37
<i>Bruce Arms</i>	22	17	4	1	35
<i>Auchtermuchty</i>	21	12	9	0	24
<i>West End (Cupar)</i>	22	12	9	1	25
<i>Lomond</i>	17	11	6	0	22
<i>Tay Bridge</i>	20	8	10	2	18
<i>Ladybank</i>	21	10	11	0	18
<i>United Services (Kettle)</i>	19	8	10	1	17
<i>Cupar Hearts</i>	19	7	11	1	15
<i>Freuchie Institute</i>	20	5	15	0	10
<i>Forester’s Arms</i>	17	4	12	1	9
<i>Crown (Kettle)</i>	17	3	14	0	8

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket Club Concert** – *“Under the auspices of the Cricket Club, the Balmoral pierrot and dramatic troupe, Strathmiglo, gave a concert in the Drill Hall on Thursday evening last week. The hall was crowded to overflowing. Provost Hopkins, in introducing the company, stated that they were pleased that their neighbours were always willing to come to their aid to help any good cause. It was also pleasing to see so large a turnout to welcome the company. The programme opened with the chorus ‘Laugh and the World Laughs’, by the company. The next number was by Miss P. Reekie, and was very well rendered. Miss Chapman next treated the audience to the skirt dance, and had a grand reception for so little a mite. A rustic scena by the company, the solo part by Miss K. Taylor, greatly delighted those present. Miss Beveridge made a hit in her humorous song, ‘The Pride of the Puir’. ‘Spring Cleaning’ by Mr and Mrs Moyes kept the audience in fits of laughter. Miss E. Arnot very gracefully danced ‘The Highland*

Laddie'. The two ladies also danced the 'Sword Dance' and the 'Highland Fling'. Miss Oliphant sang her song very sweetly. Some other numbers which were greatly appreciated were 'Come to the Fair', 'Ding Dong', 'Alone in the Twilight', 'Animal Chorus', 'I Passed By Your Window', and 'Tally Ho', Special mention may be made of the song 'Blue Bird', by Miss E. Thomson, which simply captivated the audience. The two sketches, 'The Tea Shop', and 'Davidson's New Butler', showed that the dramatic talent was not lacking. The two little dancers are to be congratulated on the graceful execution of their various dances. Mr Alexander Patrick ably conducted and played the accompaniments. The Provost, in moving a vote of thanks to the artists, said he thought it would be a sound proposition for the Company to take an engagement at the sea-side in the summer, as the talent displayed was excellent."

## **1<sup>st</sup> April 1922**

Article in *The Fife News*: **Properties:**

"The following properties in the town of Falkland will be exposed for sale within the Town Hall, Falkland, on Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> April 1922 at 2 p.m., unless previously disposed of by private bargain:

<b>Lot</b>	<b>Subjects</b>	<b>Tenants</b>	<b>Rental</b>	<b>Upset Price</b>
1.	Brunton House	James Forsyth	£15 18s 7d	£350
2.	House & Garden, Mill Yard	Fife County Council	£17 2s 0d	£300
3.	2 Storey House and Gardens (Opposite Palace)	P. Carroll and H. Robertson	£19 18s 4d	£300
4.	Bruce Arms Hotel and large Garden and Butcher's shop	W.E. Strudley and another	£68 12s 0d	£1,125
5.	Cottage and Gardens, West Port	Birrell and Mackintosh	£11 19s 0d	£200
6.	Bruce Buildings	4 tenants	£32 10s 6d	£450
7.	Cottage and Garden West Port	W. Duncan	£3 0s 0d	£25

8.	<i>House, High Street</i>	<i>Miss McLaren</i>	<i>£5 13s 0d</i>	<i>£75</i>
9.	<i>Cottage and Garden South Street</i>	<i>Mrs Brown</i>	<i>£5 6s 2d</i>	<i>£90</i>
10.	<i>Cottage and Garden and Site fronting West Port</i>	<i>Miss Young</i>	<i>£4 4s 8d</i>	<i>£60</i>
11.	<i>House, Cross Wynd</i>	<i>A. Caira</i>	<i>£6 12s 9d</i>	<i>£50</i>
12.	<i>Steading and Stable Byre, Granary and Stackyard, Millerscroft</i>	<i>W. Duncan</i>	<i>£12 10s 0d</i>	<i>£200</i>
13.	<i>Site opposite Brunton House</i>	<i>Miss Forsyth</i>	<i>£0 13s 4d</i>	<i>£20</i>
14.	<i>Site opposite Cross Wynd</i>	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>£10</i>
15.	<i>Site opposite Cross Wynd</i>	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>£10</i>
16.	<i>Garden Ground, Pleasance</i>	<i>Miss Bisset</i>	<i>£0 6s 6d</i>	<i>£7</i>
17.	<i>Garden Ground, Liquorstane</i>	<i>W.E. Strudley</i>	<i>£0 2s 6d</i>	<i>£7</i>
18.	<i>Garden Ground, west of Bruce Buildings</i>	<i>Caira and Muir</i>	<i>£0 10s 0d</i>	<i>£10</i>
19.	<i>House and Shop, High Street</i>	<i>Drysdale and Ross</i>	<i>£23 18s 0d</i>	<i>£370</i>

*Note – The properties will be sold subject to the tenants’ rights. For further particulars apply to George Gavin, Falkland Palace, Falkland, Fife, or Messrs J. & F. Anderson, W.S., 48 Castle Street, Edinburgh.*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket** – “The Falkland Club have got their fixture card completed, and there will be some very attractive matches to be seen at Scroggie this season.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Dominoes** – “As the resting place of the cup for this season is practically settled, the interest in the ties is abating. It was unfortunate that some of the teams scratched early in the ties, which affected the interest very much.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Town Council** – “At the monthly meeting of the Town Council on Tuesday evening, Mr Robert Nellis was duly elected to fill the vacancy in the Council. A Committee was appointed to investigate into the leakage in the burgh water supply. Six of the new houses were let for the May term – two of three rooms and four of five rooms. The workmen are busy getting the other new houses completed as soon as possible, as there are applications in for the lot.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Fined for Failure to Fasten up Dog** – “Robert McGregor, ploughman, Pittillock Farm, Parish of Falkland, was fined 5s at a J.P. Court at Cupar on Tuesday, for having on 16<sup>th</sup> March, allowed to go at large a dog which was attending him, or two carts which he was driving, without fastening it by a chain to one of the carts. The Procurator-Fiscal (Mr J.K. Tasker) said accused was residing in an area in which there had been an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease, and it was desirable that the dog should be kept from wandering into other districts. Hon. Sheriff Honeyman and Mr A. Lamond were on the bench.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death – Kerr** – “At Southbank, Falkland, on 22<sup>nd</sup> March, Helen Kerr, formerly of Hill Farm, Dunfermline.”

## **8<sup>th</sup> April 1922**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **For Sale** – “Three pieces of land in the immediate vicinity of the town of Falkland as at present tenanted by Mr John Duncan, extending together to 7 acres or thereby. Rent £14. Lease expires at Martinmas 1922. Upset price - £175.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Bruce Arms Hotel, Falkland** – “For Sale, within the Town Hall, Falkland, on Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> April 1922, at 2 p.m. (unless previously disposed of by private bargain), the well-known and old established Premises known as ‘The Bruce Arms Hotel’, together with Stabling and Large Garden as at present let to W.E. Strudley to Martinmas 1925, and Butcher’s Shop let to Peter Robertson. The Hotel occupies one of the best Sites in the Town of Falkland and is immediately opposite the Palace of Falkland. Rental - £68 12s. Upset Price - £1,125. For further particulars apply to George Gavin, Falkland Palace, Falkland, Fife, or Messrs J. & F. Anderson, W.S., 48 Castle Street, Edinburgh.”



**Bruce Arms Hotel, Falkland**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **For Sale** – “Falkland – That property consisting of Two-Storey House of 8 Apartments, situated in High Street, Falkland, and in Main Square there, known as ‘St Andrews House’, will be exposed for Sale by Public Roup within the Town Hall, Falkland, on Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> April, at 2 p.m. Upset Price - £200. No Feu-duty. The site is a valuable one. For further particulars apply to George Gavin, Falkland Estate Office, Falkland, or Messrs Tho. & J.W. Barty, Solicitors, Dunblane, in whose hands are the Titles and Articles of Roup.”



**St Andrews House, Falkland**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Holiday** – “The Spring holiday was observed on Monday. The public works, schools, and shops were closed for the day. The burgh was very quiet, and the weather was against visitors.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Presentation** – “Before the pupils of the Public School were dismissed on Friday for the Easter holidays, they assembled in the senior department to witness an interesting ceremony. Mr Nisbet, headmaster, addressed them, and referred to the retirement of Mrs Robertson, infant mistress, and to her long and successful connection with the school. To mark the occasion, the staff and pupils, with some friends, desired to give her a parting remembrance, and to wish her pleasure in her retirement from teaching. Two of the older girls made the presentation – Ray Grant and Margaret Lawson. The former made a neat speech, and the latter handed over the gift, which is a beautiful pendant composed of pearls and aquamarines, along with a chain. Mrs Robertson feelingly replied, referring to the pleasure she had always had in her work among them, and to the fact that she had taught some of their fathers and mothers. Mrs Robertson’s work has been marked with much success, and her sympathetic and thoughtful manner among the



*infants has endeared her alike to pupils and parents. The pendant was supplied by Mr T.L. Brown, Cupar.”*



**Falkland School 1922**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **A Second-Class Road** – “There is some dissatisfaction on the part of the Cupar District Committee because of the fact that the Freuchie-Falkland road has been graded second-class, and at a recent meeting of the Finance and Road Roller sub-Committee, the Clerk (Mr J.M. Mitchell) stated that, notwithstanding representations made, the Ministry of Transport had classified the road as second-class. The Chairman and the road surveyor stated that they were both of the opinion when meeting the Minister of Transport in Edinburgh that this road would be classed as a 1<sup>st</sup> class road. After discussion, it was agreed that the clerk should ask that an inspector from the Ministry of Transport to visit the road in question, in company with the Chairman, Mr D. Bonthron, Mr J.L. Anderson, and the Road Surveyor, with a view to the road being graded 1<sup>st</sup> class.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Deceased Estate** – “John Angus, late of the Commercial Hotel, Falkland - £1,765 9s 11d.”

## 15<sup>th</sup> April 1922

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Town** – “The town is very quiet this week, and little of interest is happening. The weather, being extremely cold, is against Easter holiday-makers.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket** – “The enthusiasts of the willow are getting their ground in order, and it promises well for the opening of the season on the 29<sup>th</sup>.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Fife Education Authority Election – Fifth Electoral Division** – “Major J.L. Lumsden, of Messrs Lumsden and Son, linen manufacturers, Freuchie, was second on the election poll. Major Lumsden is a former member of the Authority, which benefited largely by his advice and wide business knowledge.”



**Major J.L. Lumsden**

## 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1922

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Visitors** – “A good many visitors were seen in the burgh on Monday. Several are already booking their rooms for the holiday season.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Housing Difficulty** – “Some uneasiness is being felt by a few in the district, as there are to be a good many houses to be sold within the next fortnight, and the tenants are wondering how they will fare with their new landlords’ rents in 1923.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Sale of Land** – “Several portions of Falkland estate have been sold this week. The tenants in every case have got the first chance of purchasing. Mr James Pringle has bought his farm of Nether Myres, extending to 61 acres, at £1,100. Several small properties in the town of Falkland have been disposed of. Chapelyard and ground, one of the largest, has been sold to the tenant, Mr James Jackson. Bruce’s turning mill has been secured by the tenant, Mr David Galloway.”

Article in *The Fife News*: **No Need for a License:**

“As regarded the application of James Duff, railwayman, Newton of Falkland, for a license for the grocery premises at Newton of Falkland, the police report stated that there was no need for a license in that place. The premises were poorly stocked, and there was very little business done. It had always been a source of trouble to the police, and there would be no hardship to anyone if the license were allowed to lapse. Mr Grosset said Mr Duff was a man of good character. There were certificates in his favour from the Provost of Falkland, from Mr D. Bonthron, and from the minister of Falkland. There were some breaches of the certificate held by the last tenant, but after all the license was not taken away from him. The Chief Constable said there was not much necessity for the license, because there was a public-house. He did not think it was fair to ask the inhabitants of Newton of Falkland, if they wanted liquor, to go to a public-house. If they wanted to go to a grocer’s, they must go to Falkland or to Freuchie. This place was about one mile from either place. It was agreed to grant the license.”

## **29<sup>th</sup> April 1922**

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

“This match was played at Springfield on Saturday, and the feature of the homesters innings was the Stewart-Martin partnership. Stewart was in fine form and reached to within a run of his half century, a splendid performance for the beginning of the

season. The schoolmaster hit up 18 before Provost Hopkins caught him off Venters. The innings realised 85. For Falkland, Schofield showed up best and received help from Stark, but Garland's bowling was almost unplayable, and he performed the remarkable feat of securing every wicket but one. These he captured at a cost of 12 runs, or 1.3 runs per wicket. Bowling for Falkland - Schofield took 4 wickets for 17, and Venters 6 for 46.

Score – Springfield – 95 (W. Stewart – 49): Falkland – 63 (T.C. Schofield – 16, W. Stark – 15).”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death – Maxwell** – “At Milton Cottage, Markinch, on 19<sup>th</sup> inst., Mary Waddell, beloved wife of John Maxwell, Kilgowrie Knowe, Falkland, aged 34 years.”

## **6<sup>th</sup> May 1922**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Property Sales** – “At present there seems no desire to become landlords, as at the sale of properties in the Town Hall on Saturday, no business was done.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket** – “Falkland cricket team visit Leslie tomorrow (Saturday), when they hope to return victorious.”

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

Bailie Hunt, Councillors Horne, Drysdale, Grant, Robertson, and Nellis. Bailie Hunt presided.

Mr Peter Robertson was granted renewal of the license for his slaughter house. All the petrol licenses were renewed. Councillor Brown's resignation was accepted. Bailie Hunt moved the nomination of Mr Geo. Anderson, tailor, to fill the vacancy. Councillor P. Robertson seconded – Agreed. After some discussion regarding the high price of gas charged against the town, which is 10s the 1000 feet, the Town Clerk was instructed to write the Gas Company and see what reduction could be made on their account. Regarding the new houses, reference was made regarding the tradesmen not getting ahead with the lot, which are to be occupied at the term. It was agreed to remove the captured German gun from the Loan to the front of the Palace.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Falkland v Dunbog**:

“This match was played at Falkland on Saturday. Score – Falkland – 146 for 9 wickets (M. Robertson 56; W. Stark 17). Dunbog – 91 (W. Anderson 23; W. Walker 23).”

### **13<sup>th</sup> May 1922**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Rothes v Falkland**:

“Falkland have not yet struck true form, and their weak batting let them down at Leslie. Score – Rothes – 82 (C. Orr 21; T. Galloway 21no). Falkland – 29 (W. Stark 9).”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “The monthly medal competition was decided on Saturday. Mr J. Ross defeated J. Hay in the final, the scores being 91 – 95.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Roads** – “For some time back the roads leaving the burgh have been in a very rough condition; in fact, they are about the worst in the county. Motorists always know when they are near Falkland by the rough passage they get, especially on the roads leading to Auchtermuchty and Freuchie. It is to be hoped the County Council will give them a little attention.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Equitable Co-operative Society** – “The half-yearly general meeting was held in the Town Hall on Tuesday evening – Mr Skinner, president of the Society, presiding. The Secretary read the report of the business done for the past six months, which showed the sales in all branches to be £5329 3s 2d; and the dividend was: -

Members – 2s 6d per £1; Non-members – 1s 3d per £1.

The Secretary’s report was adopted. The following were appointed on the Management Committee, in place of those retiring: -

Messrs R. McLauchlan, D. Robertson, Jas. Walker, J. Kerry.

The Secretary reported that the property in Cross Wynd had been purchased at £260 for the proposed new bakery, which is estimated to cost £3533. The meeting agreed to go on with the bakery, as it was felt it was required to meet the wants of

*the district. The President stated that he had hoped the members would give all the assistance they could to the management to help to make the venture a success."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **A Potato Deal Dispute** – *"The record was closed in Cupar Sheriff Court on Friday in the action in which James Gardiner, potato merchant, York Place, Perth, sues James Maxwell, farmer, Templelands, Falkland, for delivery of 4 tons of Majestic potatoes or payment of £45. In the condescendence for pursuer it is set forth that on the 17<sup>th</sup> November last pursuer's representative at Thornton bought from Mr Maxwell at Thornton 4 tons of Majestic potatoes over 1 ¼ and 2 ¼ inch riddle, at a price of £8 per ton. About the middle of December pursuer sent bags to the defender for the purpose of loading the potatoes, and had repeatedly called upon him for delivery. The bags were returned empty to Perth Station on 27<sup>th</sup> February. Pursuer had sold the potatoes to another customer, and should be bound to complete the order, or held liable in damages. He estimates the loss through defender failing to deliver the potatoes at £45. For the defender it is stated that an essential condition of the bargain was that payment was to be made within a week. No payment was tendered or instructions sent with regard to the potatoes until 14<sup>th</sup> December, prior to which date defender had sent a letter to pursuer declaring the deal off. The potatoes were planted on his own farm, and defender held he was within his own right in doing so.*

*Agents – for pursuer, Mr J.K. Tasker, Cupar; for the defender, Mr R Osborne Pagan, W.S., Cupar."*

## **20<sup>th</sup> May 1922**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Nairn's (Kirkcaldy) v Falkland:**

*"At Dysart House Policies. Score – Nairn – 113 (J.J.F. Mitchell 50). Falkland – 64 (N. Robertson 12; W. Stark 10)"*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Falkland v Markinch:**

*"Falkland had Markinch as visitors at Scroggie on Wednesday evening, and after a good game, Falkland won.*

*Score – Falkland – 63 (T. Drysdale 17; T.C. Schofield 15; P. Robertson 15). Markinch – 49 (A. Law 18)."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket Competition** – “The winner of our first cricket competition is Mr John Lawson, High Street, to whom a pound has been sent. Mr Lawson’s coupon was correct save for the Kennoway and Leith Albert match, and his being the first coupon opened nearest to the correct forecast, he has been adjudged the winner. His was the only coupon correctly forecasting the draw games between Cupar and Forfarshire, and Kirkcaldy and Burntisland.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **A Royal Marriage Rejoicing Recall** – “Several pennies bearing the date 1863, picked up recently on the lawn at Falkland Palace by Mr Wm. Bruce, the Palace guide, recall the celebrations connected with the marriage of the then Prince of Wales (the late King Edward) on 10<sup>th</sup> March 1863. The pennies had apparently been dropped on the lawn by children who had received them new to mark the auspicious occasion. One of the older inhabitants of the Royal and ancient burgh of Falkland states that at that time “the streets literally flowed with milk and honey”. The Palace, Temple, and Bruce Monument were illuminated, and there were huge bonfires on both the Lomond Hills. The entertainments at the Palace and House of Falkland extended over a couple of days. There was music and dancing in the streets and within the illuminated grounds of the Palace. The supply of gas gave out the first night, and on the second night the householders denied themselves gaslight in their homes to ensure a supply for the illuminations.”

## **27<sup>th</sup> May 1922**

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

“Cupar 2<sup>nd</sup> got a surprise on Saturday, when they fell to Falkland at Lomond Park. Cupar batted first and opened disastrously, three wickets falling in the first over. Taylor got assistance from Methven who kept up his end and allowed runs to be collected. Thirty five was telegraphed when Taylor left with 25 to his credit, including four 4’s. He was particularly strong on the leg side. Methven, by patient cricket, reached double figures and Howatson and Kirkcaldy each registered 8 runs. The rest failed, and the side realised 65. C.R. Drysdale, a young but promising bat, was Falkland’s star turn. Hr showed commendable patience and amassed 20 by good cricket. M. Robertson and Downie had a good partnership and passed the visitors’ total with five wickets in hand.

Score – Cupar 2<sup>nd</sup> XI – 65 (W. Taylor 25). Falkland – 89 for 6 wickets (C.R. Drysdale 20; M. Robertson 18).

Bowling for Falkland, J. Venters had eight wickets for 28 runs; Schofield one for 10; and P. Robertson, one for 6. For Cupar, J.S. Georgeson had four for 22; Blyth, one for 24; and Howatson, one for 28.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket** – “The following team have been selected to meet Springfield at Scroggie when Falkland hope to score another victory: -

*T.D. Hopkins (Capt.), P. Robertson, T. Drysdale, P. Kennedy, C. Drysdale, J. Venters, R. Downie, T.C. Schofield, J. Ross, W. Stark, M. Robertson.*”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Annual Market and Games** – “A public meeting was held in the Town Hall on Monday evening to make arrangements for the annual games. The following office-bearers were appointed: -

*Chairman – Mr Peter Robertson; Treasurer – Mr P. Lawson; Secretary – Mr James Oswald; Committee – Messrs W. Strudley, H. Birrell, W. Anderson, O. Strudley, John Oswald, T. Shields, F. Suttie, A. Cowan, and A. Lawson.*

*It was agreed to hold the market on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June, and to have a band in uniform to play dance music.”*

### **3<sup>rd</sup> June 1922**

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

*“Played at Falkland. Score – Falkland – 47 (W. Stark 7). Springfield – 50 (J. Lackie 10; W. Glen 10no).*

*Bowling for Springfield – W. Martin - 5 wickets for 17 runs; J. Morgan – 5 wickets for 25 runs.*

*Bowling for Falkland – J. Venters – 3 wickets for 18 runs; P. Robertson – 2 wickets for 5 runs.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Visitors** – “A good many visitors are to be seen in the burgh, which shows that the holiday season has commenced. Few are able to climb the hill in this hot weather.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Term** – “There has been more removals this term than have been the case for some time. Another six of the new houses have been occupied. The housing scheme is nearing completion.”



Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket** – “Great interest is being taken in the local “Derby” to-morrow (Saturday), when Falkland visit their near neighbours, Freuchie. A good game is sure to be the result.”

## 10<sup>th</sup> June 1922

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

“At Freuchie in glorious weather and before a big turn out of spectators. Scores: -

### **Freuchie 2<sup>nd</sup> XI**

A. Skinner	c. Drysdale, b. Venters	13
A. Peebles	lbw., b. Schofield	22
A. Jack	b. Ross	12
J. Lindsay	run out	28
W. Bonthron	b. Ross	20
D. Braid	b. Venters	2
W. Barclay	c. Jack, b. Venters	6
R. Allan	b. Venters	0
H. Barclay	b. Venters	0
A. Henderson	lbw, b. Ross	4
J. Methven	not out	1
	Extras	10
	<b>Total</b>	<b>128</b>

### **Falkland**

C.R. Drysdale	b. H. Barclay	5
M. Robertson	b. H. Barclay	0
J. Ross	b. A. Jack	4
T. Schofield	run out	1
W. Stark	b. A. Jack	8

R. Dowie	b. H. Barclay	4
T. Drysdale	c. Lindsay, b. B. Barclay	14
J. Venters	not out	29
T. Hopkins	lbw, b. Barclay	1
P. Lawson	c. Allan, b. Bonthron	23
H. Birrell	b. Bonthron	0
	Extras	10
	<b>Total</b>	<b>99</b>

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Riding the Marches** – “Will there be many mounted men and Falkland’s famous band at the riding of the marches?”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket** – “Falkland will have Leslie as their visitors at Scroggie to-morrow (Saturday), and a stiff match is expected.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Miners** – “Monday being the miners’ gala day, a good many miners paid Falkland a visit.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Market and Games** – “Coaltown Prize Band has been engaged for the market and games.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Town Council Meeting** – “The usual monthly meeting of the Town Council was held in the Town Hall on Wednesday evening, Provost Hopkins presided. There were also present: -

*Bailies Hunt and Robertson, Councillors Horne, Chisholm, Drysdale, Grant, Robertson, and Nellis.*

*A letter was read, signed by several of the tenants of the new houses, regarding the ovens not working satisfactorily. The Clerk was instructed to write the clerk of works regarding the matter. John Duncan got the contract for removing the town’s refuse at the old rate - £26 per annum. It was agreed to allow the Market Committee to hold the annual market and games on the Myre on 17<sup>th</sup> June. An application from Mrs Baillie, Bank House, to hold a flag day on 8<sup>th</sup> July on behalf of the Homes of*

*Disabled Soldiers and Sailors was granted. After some discussion, it was agreed to delay the naming of the new street. The inspection of the boundaries of the burgh was fixed to take place on Monday first. The Council resolved to meet at 6.30 p.m. at the Town Hall."*

## **17<sup>th</sup> June 1922**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Parish Church Sale of Work** – “Under the auspices of the Women’s Guild, a sale of work will be held on Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> July. The opening ceremony will be performed by Mrs Gulland of Millfield.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Holiday-makers** – “A few early holiday-makers are here at present, enjoying to the full the glorious weather amidst the shady walks surrounding the Royal burgh.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cake and Candy Sale** – “A cake and candy sale was held in Falkland U.F. Church, in aid of foreign missions and congregational purposes. The stall-holders were: -

*Mrs Batchelor, Miss Page, and assistants.*

*Delightful teas were served by Mrs Peggie and Miss Horne. A bright and happy social afternoon was spent in the church grounds, the sum of £21 being realised.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Riding the Marches** – “The burgh boundaries were duly promenaded on Monday evening. The company, leaving the Town Hall at 6.30 p.m., took about three hours to go over the route. Among those present were: -

*Provost T.D. Hopkins, Bailies Hunt and Robertson, Councillors Drysdale, Skinner, and Wilkie; Mr Anderson, Town Clerk; Messrs J. Walker and R. Strachan, Town Officers; G. Hardie, Registrar; and Mr Williamson, one of the oldest residents.*

*Several halts were made on the way, and as it was splendid weather, a lovely view was had of the surrounding country. At the close, the Provost thanked all who had accompanied him round. No doubt, it would be a bit of education to some to learn the boundaries of the Royal burgh.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Motor Accident** – “A rather serious accident befell two motor cars on Saturday evening about six o’clock at the cross roads just opposite the

*Public School. About six o'clock Mr Graham of the Royal Hotel, Auchtermuchty, with a party of ladies and gentlemen on their way to Elie, met a car belonging to Grant's Garage, Cupar, coming from the Freuchie direction. A collision took place, and the occupants were thrown out on the grass by the side of the road, but luckily they escaped with a severe shaking. Both cars were so seriously damaged that they had to be drawn into the Garage of the Fifeshire Traction Service Co. It is a wonder that more accidents do not take place at this corner, as the high wall at the School prevents any one seeing anything coming in the opposite direction. A few feet would need to be taken off the wall, and a railing erected instead."*

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

*"Falkland had Leslie as their visitors on Saturday. There was a splendid attendance of spectators, and the weather was in favour of a fast wicket. Falkland's fielding was defective.*

*Score – Leslie – 132 (J. Speed 36; C. Orr 30). Falkland – 76 (T. Drysdale 30 not out; W. Stark 18)."*

## **24<sup>th</sup> June 1922**

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

*"Falkland had as their visitors at Scroggie on Saturday, Ladybank. The weather was rather boisterous, but a good game was witnessed. Falkland ran out winners by 11 runs.*

*Score – Falkland – 79 (P. Kennedy 17; T. Drysdale 16). Ladybank – 68 (W. Stewart 19; R. Robertson 15)."*

Article in *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Falkland v W. Venter's XI (Kirkcaldy):**

*"Falkland has as their visitors on Wednesday evening at Scroggie, a team captained by W. Venters from Kirkcaldy, which they managed, after a very hard game, to beat by 13 runs.*

*Score – Falkland – 93 (P. Robertson 30; D. Bonthron 15). Venter's XI – 80 (R. Hutchison 16; J. Lawson 13; J. McLean 13)."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Alarming Motor Accident** – *"Another motor accident occurred on Saturday evening near New Inn. A car containing Mr Maxwell,*

*Auchtermuchty, and friends was coming from Kirkcaldy, and a car belonging to G.M.C., Kirkcaldy, going homewards collided. Luckily none of the occupants was seriously hurt. Some of the ladies suffered from shock. The Auchtermuchty car seemed to have got the worst of it, as the front of the car was entirely destroyed, and both wheels were stripped off. The Fifeshire Traction Service Co. were soon on the spot and had the car removed to their garage. This is the third Saturday evening that they have had to house damaged cars, through accidents occurring.”*

Extract from *The Fife News: **Annual Market and Games*** – “The annual market and games were held on Saturday. The turnout was smaller than usual, very few “shows” being present, but later in the evening crowds came to the Myre to indulge in the dancing. The Coaltown of Balgonie prize band played a splendid programme of music in the afternoon, and in the evening supplied the dance music. After ten o’clock the band marched to the Fountain, and by request again satisfied the dancers for a time before returning home. The weather was good, and all seemed to enjoy themselves, young and old alike. Some keen competition was witnessed in the races. Prize lists: -

*Boys up to 8 years: 1 – F. Drysdale; 2 – J. Walker; 3 – B. Macgregor.*

*Girls up to 10 years: 1 – G. Lawson; 2 – C. Lawson; 3 – N. Whyte.*

*Boys to 10 years: 1 – W. Drysdale; 2 – J. Lawson; 3 – J. Birrell.*

*Girls to 12 years: 1 – C. Lawson; 2 – A. Nelson; 3 – W. Whyte.*

*Boys to 12 years: 1 – W. Drysdale; 2 – G. Findlay; 3 – R. Anderson.*

*Girls to 14 years: 1 – R. Herd; 2 – A. Baxter; 3 – L. Page.*

*Boys to 14 years: 1 – J. Anderson; 2 – M. Stark; 3 – G. Findlay.*

*Young Women’s Race: 1 – E. Hay; 2 – M. Lawson; 3 – K. Duncan.*

*Young Men’s Race: 1 – J. Myles; 2 – R. Dall; 3 – M. Robertson.*

*Married Women’s Race: 1 – Mrs Speak; 2 – Mrs Bett; 3 – Mrs Walker.*

*Married Men’s Race: 1 – J. Myles; 2 – J. Oswald; 3 – R. Dall.*

*Old Women’s Race: 1 – Mrs Bett; 2 – Mrs Duncan;*

*Old Men’s Race: 1 – R. Anderson; 2 – W. Bett; 3 – J. Walker.*

*Bandsmen’s Race: 1 – J. Heggie; 2 – M. Bothwick; 3 – G. Thomson.”*

Intimation in *The Fife News*: **Marriage – Adams – Holland** – “At Edinburgh on 21<sup>st</sup> June, by special license, Wm. John, youngest son of Mr and Mrs James Adams, Thistle Bank, Falkland, to Elizabeth Frances Mary, eldest daughter of William Holland, Brunton Street, Falkland.”

## **1<sup>st</sup> July 1922**

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

“At Falkland. For Markinch, J. Morrison had 6 for 22, and G. Hopkins 3 for 18; for Falkland, H. Birrell had 6 for 22, and W. Strudley 4 for 26.

Score – Markinch – 54 (W. Hill 26; J. Scobie 15). Falkland – (W. Strudley 13).”

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

“On Thursday evening last, Falkland paid a visit to Duffus Park, Cupar, and met Cupar XI., when a very interesting game was witnessed. The tit-bit of the evening was the batting of W. Stark of Falkland, who scored 83 not out. Do what the bowlers and fielders could, he would not drop the bat. W. Taylor did well for Cupar, as he ran up 50 before he was caught. The game was declared a draw, owing to darkness setting in.

Score – Falkland – 138 for 5 wkts (W. Stark 83n.o.; C.R. Drysdale 20). Cupar XI – 89 for 5 wkts (W. Taylor 50; D. Craig 19n.o.)”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Visitors** – “Visitors are now arriving in the burgh. All the houses seem to be pretty well let for July. The weather has not just been the best, the wind being rather cold.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Pic-nic** – “The Parish Church Sunday School held their annual pic-nic on Saturday. It took eight hay carts to convey the party to their destination, where an enjoyable afternoon was spent in games, etc. All reached home in a happy mood, having spent a good time.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Purchase of Corston Mill** – “The desirable farm of Corston Mill, on the Falkland estate, extending to 181 acres, tenanted for many years by the late Mr William Calder, has been sold to Mr Robert Forbes, Rosewell, Lochore, at a price of £5,000. The farm is situated in the parish of Strathmiglo.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket Match** – “On Tuesday evening next, the Howe Rugby Club will play a cricket match with Falkland. The following is the Howe’s team: -

J. Lindsay, Lex Bonthronne, D.W. Williamson, D. Bonthronne, Dr Morris, J. Tod, A.J. Stewart, J. Reid, D. Duncan, W. Bonthronne, R. Bonthronne.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cinema** – “The picture house was re-opened on Saturday evening when a large crowd visited the Drill Hall. Mr Gilbert gave a splendid programme, including ‘Peck’s Bad Boy’, etc. The cinema supplies a felt want in the district. The patrons at the Drill Hall will have something good this week-end when a splendid bill of fare will be submitted, including the big feature picture ‘The Trail of the Shadow’, and the first episode of ‘Adventures of Ruth’, featuring Ruth Roland.”

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Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death – Robertson** – “At Cross Wynd, Falkland, on the 28<sup>th</sup> June, John Robertson, tailor, age 59, husband of Jessie Allan. Funeral on Saturday at 1 o’clock. Friends please accept this (the only) intimation and invitation.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Sudden Death** – “There passed away on Wednesday, while sitting in his chair, a well-known figure in the district, Mr John Robertson, tailor, Cross Wynd. He will be missed by many for his cheery disposition. Mr Robertson took a keen interest in all matters relating to the burgh. Domino players have lost a keen supporter. He was a member of the Lomond team. Much sympathy is extended to his widow and family in their bereavement.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **A Motorist’s Whistle** – “For driving a motor lorry without a bell or other instrument, to give warning of his approach, a Dundee motor driver was fined 5/- at a J.P. Court at Cupar on Wednesday. Hon. Sheriff Bruce, Mr A. Lamond, and Mr S.W. Johnston on the bench. The offence was said to have been committed near Falkland Public School. Accused said he whistled to let people know he was coming.

Mr Lamond – “Let’s hear you whistle.”

Accused gave vent to a piercing whistle, but the Court decided that a legitimate motor horn was necessary.”

## **8<sup>th</sup> July 1922**

Intimation in *The Fife News*: **Lomond Oak Lodge B.O.A.F.G.** – “Half-Yearly meeting will be held in the Town Hall, Falkland, on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July at 8 p.m. Special Business – Individual Account System. Full attendance requested. T. Drysdale, Secy.”

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

“Falkland were visitors to Markinch on Wednesday evening, but failed to secure the honours. For Markinch, S. Campbell took 5 wickets for 9, and A. Grant 3 for 26; for Falkland, T. Drysdale had 5 for 7, T.C. Schofield 4 for 11, and J. Robertson 1 for 14.

Score – Markinch – 51 (A. Grant 24; A. Duncan 10). Falkland – 35 (P. Robertson 13; H. Birrell 6).”



Extract from *The Fife News*: **Flag Day** – “To-morrow (Saturday) will be flag day for disabled soldiers and sailors. Mrs Baillie, Bank House, is convener.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cinema** – “Patrons of the Drill Hall to-morrow (Saturday) will be treated to a grand programme, including that very fine play, ‘Passers-By’.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket** – “Falkland were to have had a visit from a Howe of Fife eleven last Tuesday evening, but the bad weather caused the fixture to be postponed. It will likely be played on Tuesday evening.

*The cricket match with Dunnikier, which was to have taken place at Scroggie on Saturday, had to be postponed owing to the weather being so wet.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Collection** – “The sum of £7 3s 9d has been forwarded from Falkland to the Duke of Atholl’s Scottish National War Memorial Fund as the result of the Thistle Day collection.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cinema** – “The pictures were well patronised on Saturday evening, and a splendid programme was submitted. The attendance showed that a felt want is supplied, as many come from Newton and Freuchie.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death of Oldest Inhabitant** – “There passed away at the Terrace on Wednesday, Mr James Reekie, aged 95 years. He was one of the old hand-loom weavers and was much respected in the district.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Fife Horse Case** – “In the Sheriff Court, Perth, Sheriff Boswell issued a judgement in an action by Mr David Davie of Easter Glasslie, Falkland, against Mr W.B. Sievwright, C.A., a trustee in the sequestrated estate of Mr A. Davie, coal merchant, Perth, for the price of a horse in the bankrupt’s possession, but which the pursuer alleged belonged to him, and was only lent by him to the bankrupt. Proof was recently allowed in the Perthshire Court, and the Sheriff has now issued his judgement in favour of the pursuer for £28, with expenses, being the price realised by the trustee for the horse. Agents for pursuer, Mr J.L. Anderson, solicitor, Cupar; for defender, Mr J.W. Wyllie, solicitor, Perth.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Municipal** – “The usual monthly meeting of the Town Council took place in the Council Chambers on Wednesday evening. The following were present: -

*Provost Hopkins, Bailie Hunt, Councillors Drysdale, Skinner and Nellies.*

*As a result of the Town Councillors walking over the boundaries, it was agreed to make further inquiries regarding the various stiles and where they should be, so that the rights of the inhabitants might be maintained. Severe criticism was passed regarding the slowness of the tradesmen in finishing the new houses. The Gas Company were criticised for making no move in laying the main gas pipe in the street. At present only oil lamps or candles can be used in the houses. After some discussion, it was agreed to name the new street ‘Lomond Crescent’.*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Scottish Churches Missionary Campaign** - “Falkland was fortunate in the personnel who visited the parish under the auspices of the missionary campaign. The Rev. J.T. Dean is home from Calabar, and was able to give us a series of vivid pictures of the old Africa – with its head-hunters, its atmosphere of superstitious terrors, its dirt and degradation – and of “Africa in transformation”, under the inspiring power of the Gospel of Christ, churches, schools, industries, all helping to banish the darkness and bring the people into the light of life. Mr Dean visited the Public School on Friday morning, and both then and at an evening open-air service for the children, he fascinated them with his tales of the romance of missionary work and its high calling. Dr E. McKillop Young, a native of Kinross, gave the address at the united dedication service in the Parish Church on Sunday evening. From the rich experience of twenty one years as a medical missionary in Manchuria, he was able to draw; the audience had side-lights upon the confused political issues of the present-day China; and a warm note of evangelical fervour ran through a very moving address and appeal.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Sale of Work** – “The Women’s Guild of Falkland Parish Church scored a fine success with their sale of work on Saturday last in spite of the very unpropitious weather. No sale had been held since 1918, the Executive wisely deciding that the costs of raw material in 1919 and 1920 were absolutely prohibitive. Mrs Gulland, of Millfield, Falkland, opened the sale, which was held in the vestry of the church at 2.30 p.m. In reminiscent mood, she recalled the days when, under the inspiration of Dr Charteris, the Women’s Guild was founded in 1887. A branch was at once formed in Falkland. Mr Barrack being the minister; and so successful were those early efforts that in the first eight years, no less than £167 was realised and devoted to the wider schemes of the church and to congregational objects, such as

*the presentation of a communion table and chair. The Rev. J.K. Russell moved a vote of thanks to Mrs Gulland, and thereafter the sale went on so rapidly at the work stall, the produce stall, and the tea stall, that by half past five the Guild had realised a total, including contributions of £93."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Wedding** – *"On Tuesday afternoon, 11<sup>th</sup> inst., the marriage will take place in the Chapel of Falkland Palace, of Mr William Gilmour Leburn, Gateside, Strathmiglo, to Miss Margaret Betty Gavin, eldest daughter of Mr George Gavin, Factor of Falkland Estate."*

### **15<sup>th</sup> July 1922**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Parish Church Choir** – *"The Parish Church choir had their annual pic-nic on Saturday and drove to St Andrews. Although the weather broke down, they enjoyed the outing."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Public School** – *"The Public School closes to-day (Friday) for five weeks' vacation."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Linen Trade** – *"The linen trade in the district is rather depressed at present, and works are closing down for a fortnight. The floorcloth works are getting the usual weeks' holiday."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket** – *"Cricket supporters were again disappointed on Saturday, as, owing to weather conditions, the match with Kelty had to be abandoned."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Wedding – Leburn – Gavin** – *"At Falkland Palace Chapel on 11<sup>th</sup> inst., by Rev. Ewen J. Connolly, William Gilmour, eldest son of the late P.M.G. Leburn and Mrs Leburn of Gateside House and Upper Pitlochrie, Fife, to Margaret Betty, eldest daughter of George Gavin, factor, Falkland Palace."*

### **22<sup>nd</sup> July 1922**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Burgh** – “During this week the burgh has had a busy appearance, as there have been numerous excursionists in the town.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Camping Out** – “At present there are several camping parties in the district, and they seem to enjoy the change. Some are at Myreside, and the Leven Boy Scouts are at Triangle Park. The Girl Guides are at Newton of Falkland.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cinema** – “Although the weather was rather warm, the Drill Hall was well filled on Saturday evening. The special feature was the comedy picture, “My Heart”. The programme also included “Ruth’s Adventures”, and several varieties.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Leven Boy Scouts** – “Under the above auspices, a very enjoyable concert was held in the Drill Hall on Tuesday evening, and was much appreciated by the large audience present. The Scouts’ jazz band opened the programme with varied selections with much vigour. Patrol-Leader L. Brand gave a splendid rendering of the song “Whispering”. “Shipmates” by Mr J. Lawson had a grand reception. Mr J. Glen sang “The Song that Reached My Heart”, with much feeling. “Jumpers”, sung by Assistant Scoutmaster Brand, kept the company in good humour. The brothers Davidson fairly mystified the audience with their tricks. Mandolin selections were very sweetly rendered by Scoutmaster Brand. Mr and Mrs McDougall treated those present to some very fine violin and pianoforte selections. At the close of the concert, a very enjoyable dance was held. The Scouts are to be congratulated on supplying such a delightful evening’s entertainment. The jazz band supplied the dance music.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Dance** – “An enjoyable dance was held in the Drill Hall on Tuesday evening, under the auspices of the Leven Scouts. Over 50 couples were present. A good many visitors were present to see the young people enjoying themselves. The dancers looked well in their bright holiday dresses. Mr McDougall’s jazz band, which included Mr Neil McDougall (violin), Mr David Brand (violin), Mrs McDougall (piano), and Mr Alex Kidd (drum and effects), rendered a first-class programme. Although the weather was rather warm, all enjoyed themselves to the utmost.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Wedding** – “A pretty wedding took place in the United Free Church on Tuesday afternoon, the contracting parties being Mr James J. Ross, Falkland, and Miss Margaret Davidson.”

## 29<sup>th</sup> July 1922

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

“Kelty XI paid a visit to Scroggie on Thursday last week, and gave the Falkland boys a busy time.

Score – Kelty XI – 115 (G. Watson 37; A. Mill 26). Falkland – 63 (T. Drysdale 31).”

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

“Falkland XI entertained Leven Scouts at Scroggie.

Score – Falkland – 63 (H. Birrell 23; M. Robertson 18). Leven Scouts – 16 (J. Keay 9).”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Leven Scouts** – “Leven Scouts gave a very interesting variety entertainment at the Loan on Friday afternoon, which was much enjoyed by the holiday-makers in the district. They also had their second dance in the evening, when a good turnout at the Drill Hall enjoyed themselves to the full.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cinema** – “The Drill Hall was again filled on Saturday evening, when a first class programme was submitted, and was much appreciated. The leading feature for tomorrow (Saturday) night is the splendid drama, “Common Clay”. The splendid serial “Ruth’s Adventures” advanced a stage.”

## 5<sup>th</sup> August 1922

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

“Falkland gained a fine win in this match at Ladybank thanks to Schofield’s 50, which he secured in good style. Stark proved a good partner and hit up 38.

Score – Falkland – 118 for 7 wickets (T.C. Schofield 50 n.o.; W. Stark 38). Ladybank – 44.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Visitors** – “Visitors to the district are still coming and going, and it looks as if there are to be a good many taking the benefit of the bracing hill air in August. There are few places to beat Falkland for a restful holiday.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cinema** – “A crowded house witnessed the drama “Common Clay”, on Saturday evening, together with episode 4 of “Ruth’s Adventures”. To-morrow (Saturday) the special feature picture “The Girl in the Web” will be shown.”

## **12<sup>th</sup> August 1922**

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

“Falkland secured a good victory at Kirkcaldy, thanks to the wagging of their tail. Bowling for Falkland, M. Robertson had five wickets for 31.

Score – Falkland – 129 (J. Venters 26; J. Shields 23). Kirkcaldy XI – 86 (J. Turner 25; D.R. Grant 12 n.o.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **The Hon. Mr and Mrs Maule Ramsay** – “The Hon. Mr and Mrs Maule Ramsay have arrived at House of Falkland for some months’ stay. We are always pleased to see them moving about among us, as they show much interest in all that takes place in the burgh.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cinema** – “The special feature picture, “An Hour Before Dawn”, will be shown to-morrow (Saturday). The programme will include “Ruth’s Adventures”.

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – “Captain Strudley is at present getting his team together. Most of last season’s players will be available. Arrangements are also being made to secure suitable ground.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket** – “Local enthusiasts were pleased at the victory of the Falkland team at Kirkcaldy on Saturday.”

## 19<sup>th</sup> August 1922

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Harvest** – “Harvest prospects in the district are fair. Oats and barley are both promising well. Turnips are looking well, and potatoes are good. What is wanted now is a fortnight or so of fine weather to secure quality.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cinema** – “To-night (Friday), a special variety programme is to be given free to the patrons of the Drill Hall. To-morrow (Saturday) the special feature picture “The Girl in the Web”, also “Ruth’s Adventures”, are sure to draw a large crowd.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket** – “Falkland travelled to Kelty on Saturday, but were disappointed, as the match had to be abandoned owing to rain.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – “Falkland Victoria open the season to-morrow (Saturday), when they have Buckhaven as their visitors. There is likely to be a large turnout at Myreside to see the opening match.”

## 26<sup>th</sup> August 1922

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket** – “No small interest is being taken in the match which is to be played at Scroggie to-morrow (Saturday), when the visitors will be Kirkcaldy. The following will represent Falkland: -

*T.D. Hopkins (captain), Wm. Stark, J.C. Schofield, C.R. Dryburgh, M. Robertson, Wm. Middleton, J. Venters, A. Hopkins, J. Shields, J. Lawson, T. Drysdale.*”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **School** – “The school has been re-opened after the holidays, and the attendance was good. All seem to be better of the recess.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – “A rousing game is likely to be witnessed at Myreside Park to-morrow (Saturday), when Falkland Victoria will receive a visit from Buckhaven. The Victoria have been practising hard all week for the match. Team - :

*A. Robertson, P. Macgregor, P. Lawson, Gourlay, G. Richfield, P. Birrell, W. Bett, A. Grant, W. Strudley, D. Reid, H. Birrell. Reserves – A. Young, R. Dakers.*”

## 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1922

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

*“Falkland had as their visitors on Saturday, Kirkcaldy XI, and scored a decisive victory. W. Stark did well for Falkland by having 35 runs to his credit. T. Drysdale had 13. The best for Kirkcaldy was J. Brown with 9.*

*Score – Falkland – 65 (W. Stark 35; T. Drysdale 13). Kirkcaldy XI – 34 (J. Brown 9).*

*The Falkland team pay a visit on Saturday to Dunbog in a return match, when they again expect to register a victory.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Remains** – *“The remains of the late Mr C.C. Brunton, who died in Colinsburgh, were laid to rest in the cemetery here on Monday. Mourners from all parts of Fife were present at the funeral.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lord Colum Crichton Stuart** – *“Lord Colum Crichton Stuart, brother of the Marquis of Bute, and proprietor of the farm of Falkland Wood, is visiting Captain and the Hon. Mrs Maule Ramsay at House of Falkland.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Harvest** – *“Harvesting has commenced in the district, and the crops seem to be very good.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – *“The Football Club had a friendly game last Saturday, thus opening the football season here.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket** – *“Falkland Cricket Club travel to Dunbog tomorrow (Saturday), where they play Dunbog C.C. This is the last match on the fixture card.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Houses** – *“The new houses are to receive gas light immediately on receipt of the meters, the pipes now being all in position, both outside and in.”*



Extract from *The Fife News*: **Fountain** – “A fact that at once makes itself apparent in our Royal burgh when one approaches the fountain is that there is no water running, as has been for at least the last 40 years. We are assured that there is no real shortage of water, but our Council ‘gangs wary’”

Extract from *e Fife News*: **Cinema** – “There was a good ‘house’ on Saturday to witness the feature picture ‘John Glade’s Honour’, also a further instalment of ‘Ruth of the Rockies’. On Saturday night ‘The Girl in the Web’ will be screened along with a further instalment of ‘Ruth of the Rockies’.”

## 9<sup>th</sup> September 1922

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket** – “Falkland C.C. have as their visitors at Scroggie to-morrow (Saturday), Dunnikier, when they hope to give a good account of themselves.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cinema** – “A good attendance witnessed the splendid feature picture ‘The Girl in the Web’, and a further instalment of ‘Ruth in the Rockies’. Both pictures were much enjoyed.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Municipal – Reduction of Rates** – “The monthly meeting of the Town Council was held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday evening – Provost Hopkins presiding. There were also present Bailies Hunt and Robertson, Councillors Horne, Skinner, Drysdale, Grant, and Nellis. Bailie Robertson, as Convener of the Finance Committee, in his report, stated that the gross rental assessable in the burgh stood now at £3,900. He expected that the occupiers’ rates would be reduced by 1 ½ d in the £1, and the proprietors’ by ½ d in the £1. The Provost stated that the by-laws regarding the common ground belonging to the burgh had now been passed, and a copy would be posted up at the Myre. A long discussion took place regarding the present water supply, which it is felt is rather short, and it was finally agreed to see if the Council could tap another source of supply. In regard to the housing scheme, it was stated that the contract had been signed for finishing the street, and it had gone to a Greenock firm. It was hoped to carry out the work by local labour. It was agreed to fix one lamp in the street, meantime, as the remainder of the houses are almost completed. The Council went into the matter of fixing on the tenants. The gas pipes are laid. The tenements now only require the meters, which are expected this week.”

Article in *The Fife News*: **Football – Victoria Club:**

*“In connection with the above, a public meeting was held in the Town Hall, Falkland, on Thursday evening last week. The Chairman stated he was pleased to see so many present, as it showed the warm interest taken in the Club. He also said it looked well for the Club in starting the season with a balance on the right side. After some competition, the following office-bearers were appointed: -*

*President – Mr James Adams; Vice-President – Mr Wm. Morris; Secretary – Mr H. Birrell, West Port, Falkland; Treasurer – Mr Wm. Strudley; Committee – Messrs T. Shields, A. Cowan, D. Lister and J. Campbell; Captain – Wm. Strudley; Vice-Captain – P. Birrell; Referees – Messrs A. Cowan and J. Campbell; Linesmen – Messrs O. Strudley and J. Campbell.*

*The Victoria, Falkland, were left without a match on Saturday owing to the visiting team not turning up, but, so as not to disappoint the spectators, the team decided to play J. Campbell’s select. A good match was witnessed, the Victoria playing a better game than on the previous Saturday, and ran out winners by 8 goals to 3. The Victoria still require to have a little more combination, and indulge in not so much individual play if they are to be successful in the League.*

*The Victoria meet Auchtermuchty to-morrow (Saturday) at Myreside Park in the first match of the League, and a fast game is sure to be the result.”*

## **16<sup>th</sup> September 1922**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cinema** – *“The cinema-goers had a treat on Saturday, when the splendid drama ‘The Forbidden Woman’ was shown. This was followed with ‘Ruth of the Rockies’ and the Pathe Gazette. On Saturday the leading picture will be ‘The Edge of Beyond’.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Concert** – *“The Bird Show Committee held a concert on Friday evening on behalf of the funds of the Society. Although the programme was of a high order, the attendance was small. The event had not been advertised enough.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Bingo’s** – *“Bingo’s travelling cinema visited the Myre on Friday and Saturday and had fair audiences.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Harvest** – “The weather is delaying the cutting very much. The farmers are pleased with the crops, if the weather would only keep fine to enable the harvest to be completed.”

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

“Falkland Club scored their eighth successive win on Saturday, when they had Dunnikier as their visitors. An interesting game ended in Falkland winning by 55 runs.

Score – Falkland – 96 (R. Hopkins 37; T. Drysdale 18). Dunnikier – 41 (A. Bon throne 13).”

### **23<sup>rd</sup> September 1922**

Article in *The Fife News*: **Football – Red Triangle League – Falkland Victoria v Cupar Y.M.C.A.:**

“Cupar Y.M.C.A. paid a visit to Myreside, Falkland, to play Victoria on Saturday. The weather was anything but comfortable for players and spectators alike, as it rained almost all the time of the match. Falkland played a hard game in the first half. Cupar were seldom in the picture, and at half-time the score was Victoria 3; Cupar 0.

In the second half, the Cupar lads began to press a bit and after 15 minutes play they opened their scoring. Shortly after they added another, and tried hard to get the equaliser before the whistle blew, but the game finished Falkland Victoria 3; Cupar Y.M.C.A. 2. G. Stark acted as referee, owing to the official referee not turning up.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Dance** – “The Ornithological Society have decided to hold a dance in October.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cinema** – “‘The Edge of Beyond’ drew a large crowd to the Drill Hall on Saturday evening. Everyone seemed to enjoy the drama. The programme included ‘Ruth of the Rockies’ and Pathe scenic picture. To-morrow (Saturday), the humorous comedy ‘Silken Husbands and Calico Wives’ will be shown.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Holiday Visitors** – “Monday being the Edinburgh holiday, a good many visitors paid the burgh a visit, and they were lucky to have a good day.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Gas in New Houses** – “In connection with the gas in the new houses under the housing scheme, pipes have now been laid. Meters have been sent to householders, but who is to connect them up? Is it a ‘ca’ canny’ policy on the part of the workmen, as the Gas Coy. state they have done their part?”

### **30<sup>th</sup> September 1922**

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

“Falkland, Fife – Attendance Officer (part time) wanted for Falkland School, Wages £22 per annum. Start Duties early in October. Applications to be lodged with the undersigned not later than Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> October. James S. Hewetson, Solicitor, Auchtermuchty, Clerk to Falkland S.M.C. Auchtermuchty, 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1922.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Heather Day** – “Under the auspices of the Children’s League of Pity, Heather Day was held here on 16<sup>th</sup> September. The sum of £4 3s 3d was realised, which Mrs Nisbet handed over to Mr Bonnar, secretary for Cupar district.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cinema** – “‘Silken Husbands and Calico Wives’ was the special feature picture displayed at the Drill Hall on Saturday, and was much enjoyed by the large audience. The programme also included Pathe’s ‘Pictorial’ and a further instalment of ‘Ruth of the Rockies’. To-morrow (Saturday), the grand drama, ‘For the Soul of Raphael’ will be shown.”



***Silk Husbands and Calico Wives* (1920)**

**Silent movie directed by Alfred E. Green**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death – Miller** – “At West Port, Falkland, on the 24<sup>th</sup> inst., Catherine Wallace, widow of Robert Miller, Falkland.”

**7<sup>th</sup> October 1922**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Buildings** – “The proprietors of some old buildings in the burgh, which are considered dangerous, are to be instructed to remove the danger.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Ornithological Society** – “In connection with the above, the following judges have been appointed for the annual show, which takes place at the New Year: -

*Poultry – Soft feather – Mr James Williamson, Blairadam. Hard feather – Wm. Rougvie, Coaltown of Balgonie, Markinch.*

*Pigeons – Mr Andrew Anderson (Union), flying homers under Edinburgh Homing Rules.*

*Cage birds – Yet to fix.*

*To-night (Friday) the Committee are having a dance in the Drill Hall, where a large company is expected to be present.”*

*Extract from The Fife News: ‘**The Gates of Duty**’ – “A large crowd witnessed the above drama on the screen at the Drill Hall on Saturday evening. The programme also included ‘Pathe Pictorial’, episode 11 of ‘Ruth of the Rockies’, and Winkle in ‘Money for Nothing’. Mr Gilbert is to be congratulated on the programmes he is providing for his patrons each week.”*

*Extract from The Fife News: **The Harvest** – “Although most of the grain is cut, a good deal is still to be seen in the fields, and the farmers are beginning to get a little anxious regarding their crops owing to so much wet weather.”*

*Extract from The Fife News: **Autumn Holiday** – “The above was observed in the burgh on Monday. The Pleasance Works and St John’s Works and School were closed for the day. A good many passengers left by train and bus. A few visitors were seen from the surrounding towns. The Victoria football team played a holiday match at Auchtermuchty, and were unfortunate to lose, the score being – Auchtermuchty – 4; Falkland – 0.”*

*Extract from The Fife News: **Municipal** – “The greetin’ meeting of the Town Council was held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday evening – Provost Hopkins presiding. The following were also present: -*

*Bailie Hunt, Councillors Grant, Drysdale, Nellis, Anderson, and Robertson.*

*An application from the Burgh Assessor for an increase of salary was read, and was referred to the Finance Committee to deal with. The annual holidays were fixed as follows: -*

*New Year’s Day, spring holiday - April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Victoria Day – May 24<sup>th</sup>, autumn holiday – October 1<sup>st</sup>.*

*A letter was read from Councillor C. Jackson resigning from the Council. The resignation was accepted, and the Town Clerk was instructed to write Councillor Jackson thanking him for his past valuable services to the Town. The Provost read the names of the Councillors retiring at the present time as follows: -*

*Messrs P. Robertson, J. Drysdale, R. Nellis, G. Anderson, and Bailie Hunt, which including Councillor Jackson makes six vacancies to fill at November. The Town Clerk stated there would be four vacancies in the Parish Council to fill, which represented the number the burgh had to send to the Parish Council. A request by Mr Gilbert for a reduction of the rent of the Drill Hall for the cinema was submitted, but the finding of the Council was that they could not see their way to grant any reduction at present. The Council agreed to request the contractors to get the new street finished as soon as possible. The Lighting Committee agreed to have the street lamps lighted until 10 o'clock each night and until 10.30 on Saturday."*

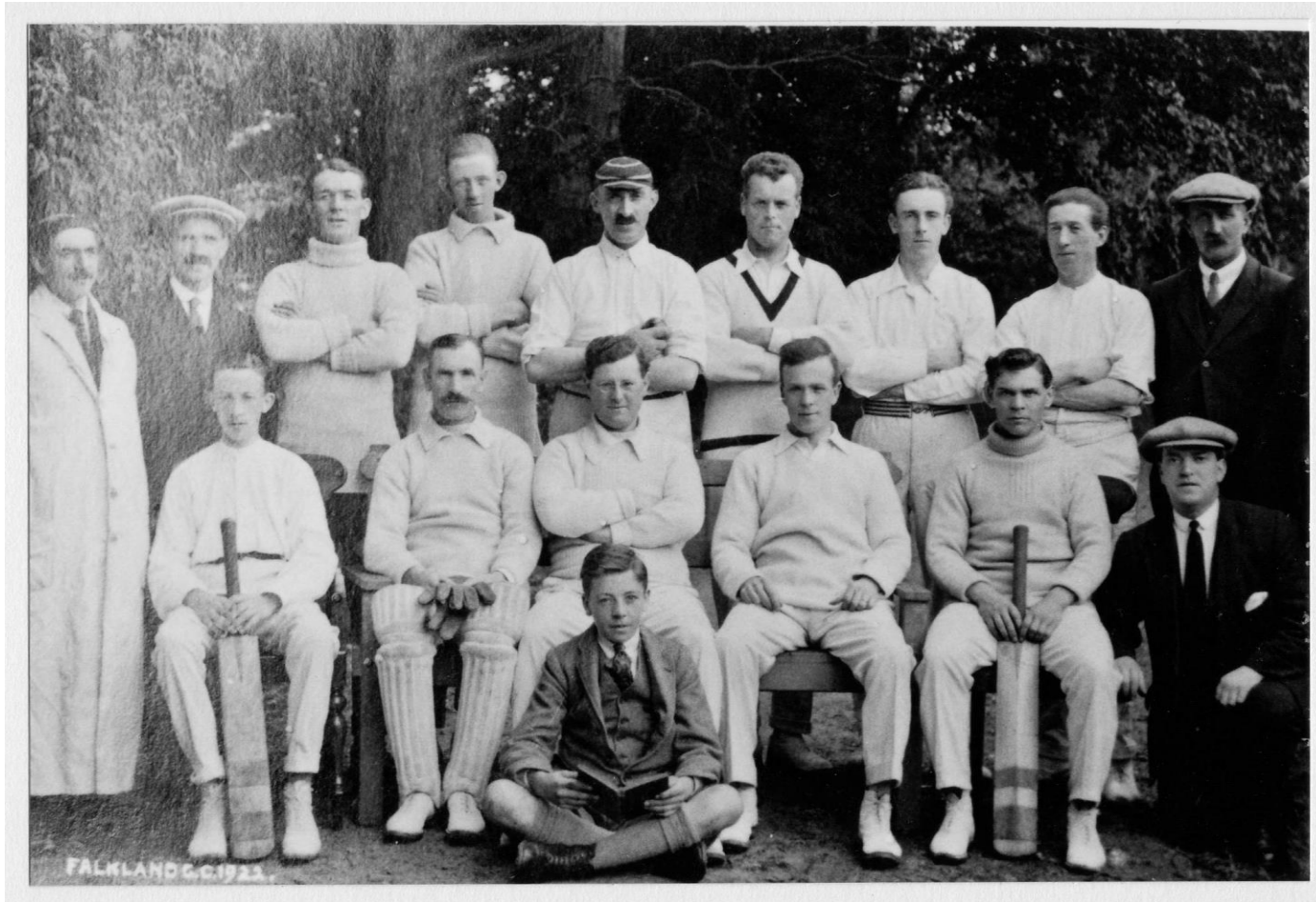
Article in *The Fife News*: **Football – Falkland Victoria v Leven Hearts:**

*"The Victoria has as their visitors to Myreside Park, Falkland on Saturday, Leven Hearts in a friendly encounter. In the first half some very exciting moments of play were witnessed, but do as they could, neither side could open the scoring. The 'goalie' was always the obstacle in the way. Half-an-hour of the game had gone when one of the Vic's backs had to retire owing to a fall, and for the remainder of the game, the Falkland lads played with ten men. When the half-time whistle blew the teams crossed over without either side scoring.*

*On resuming, both sides showed an eagerness to score, when shortly Strudley from a run from mid-field put in a lovely shot which baffled the goalkeeper. Excitement was now rising, but when the Hearts got a penalty kick and Falkland's keeper saved the situation, the excitement was at fever heat, both among players and spectators. Vainly the Hearts tried to get the equaliser, but failed, and the game finished. Final result – Falkland Victoria – 1; Leven Hearts – 0.*

*The best player on the field for the day was Falkland's goalkeeper. Nothing could pass him. Falkland's team is improving all round, and it is difficult to say who were best. For the visitors, the goalkeeper saved some lovely shots. The forwards played well, but were not steady enough at goal. The backs and wing played a fair game."*

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



### **Falkland Cricket Club 1922**

**Back Row** - Tom Grant (umpire); D. Stark; Robert Hopkins; J. Shields;

Pete. Robertson; J. Venters; Thomas Drysdale; M. Robertson; James Lawson.

**Front Row** – Chris R. Drysdale; William Stark; Provost Thos. D. Hopkins; Tom C. Schofield;

W. Middleton; Alex (Eck) Cowan.

**Front sitting** – Stewart Drysdale (scorer)

*Tom Grant (umpire) – A very keen follower of the team and always fair in his decisions, whether for friend or foe.*

*D. Stark – Member of Committee. Out to do his best of the Club.*

*Robert Hopkins – A convert from ‘soccer’, and late of Lochgelly United F.C. A grand fielder at point, and will improve with experience both with the bat and ball.*

*J. Shields – A dangerous man when he is set.*



*Pete Robertson – One of the old school. He keeps his opposing fielders busy and is also a very useful bowler on a drying wicket. Vice-captain of the team.*

*J. Venters – The fast bowler of the team, and a terror to the opposition. Is also a very good bat.*

*Thomas Drysdale – One of the mainstays of the team at batting. Cautious and stylish bat, but is seriously handicapped by wounds in the leg.*

*M. Robertson – A good all round player and can run up a good score with the bat. Is also a fine bowler as the averages will show.*

*James Lawson – One of the Club's keenest supporters, who acts as umpire when the occasion demands.*

*Christopher R. Drysdale – One of the opening and consistent batsmen. Can play a fine straight bat and will get more runs as he gets older and stronger.*

*William Stark – The wicket-keeper; is also a heavy hitter as his scores indicate, 83 not out, 35, 32, etc. He is placed at the top of the batting averages.*

*Thomas D. Hopkins – The worthy Provost and Captain of the team. He is a good sportsman and enjoys a game of cricket. He hails from Lancashire.*

*Thomas C. Schofield – The man from Kent, who tries to emulate Frank Wooley! Is very strong on the off-side, and is a fine medium paced bowler.*

*W. Middleton – A fearless fielder especially at mid-on, and can also wield the willow to advantage.*

*Alex. Cowan – One of the reserves, and a very useful all-rounder.*

*Stewart Drysdale (scorer) – Who intends keeping up the family traditions.*

*The Club has had a good season as the following record shows: -*

*Matches played – 25; Won, 13; Lost, 9; Drawn, 3.*

*Some of our readers can no doubt recall the days when Falkland Cricket Club was a team to be reckoned with, and the present members are determined to help the Club to regain its old position of second to none in the district. The inhabitants have rallied round in a fine sporting manner, and the thanks of the Club are due to the ladies who so kindly provided the teas for all the home matches, and also to Mrs Brown, and the young ladies who prepared the 'welcome cup' and made the visitors feel at home.*

### **Batting Averages for 1922 Season**

<b>No. of</b>	<b>Highest</b>	<b>Times not</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Average</b>
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	<b>Innings.</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>out</b>	<b>Runs</b>	
<i>W. Stark</i>	22	83*	2	323	16.1
<i>T. Drysdale</i>	20	31	3	198	11.8
<i>J. Venters</i>	12	29*	3	94	10.5
<i>W. Middleton</i>	8	14	3	51	10.2
<i>T.C. Schofield</i>	19	50*	1	161	8.9
<i>P. Robertson</i>	13	30	1	106	8.8
<i>R. Hopkins</i>	10	37	2	70	8.7

\* Denotes not out.

### **Bowling Averages for 1922 Season**

	<b>Overs</b>	<b>Maidens</b>	<b>Runs</b>	<b>Wickets</b>	<b>Average</b>
<i>M. Robertson</i>	94.2	17	215	37	5.8
<i>J. Venters</i>	130.2	30	307	46	6.7
<i>P. Robertson</i>	58.4	8	187	27	6.9
<i>T.C. Schofield</i>	83.5	13	216	28	7.7
<i>James Ross</i>	87.4	21	224	28	8.0

Extract from *the Fife News*: **Death – Bryce** – “At Falkland, on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, Helen Laidlaw Baptie, widow of Duncan Cowan Bryce, Falkland, and daughter of the late William Baptie, shepherd, Yarrow.”

### **14<sup>th</sup> October 1922**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football – Red Triangle League:**

#### **League Table**

	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Pts</b>
<i>Ladybank T.</i>	3	3	0	0	8	1	6

Leslie E.E.R.	3	3	0	0	9	2	6
Falkland Vics	3	3	0	0	11	5	6
'Mughty Bell	2	0	2	0	1	6	0
Guardbridge R.	3	0	3	0	2	9	0
Cupar Y.M.C.A.	4	0	4	0	4	13	0

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cinema** – “A special attraction at the pictures on Saturday will be ‘Love in the Wilderness’ by Gertrude M. Page. There will be two houses.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Special Constables** – “On Friday evening, Falkland’s ‘Specials’ had a turnout under the command of Chief-Constable ex-Provost C. Jackson, assisted by the local police. They mustered 12, and made a very creditable appearance.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cinema** – “The Drill Hall housed a large crowd on Saturday evening, when the drama, ‘Knave of Hearts’ was shown on the screen. A good variety programme was given, and was much enjoyed.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – “Falkland Victoria have to-morrow (Saturday) Leslie Rovers, in a league match, and a stirring game is sure to be seen at Myreside.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **School** – “The school is closed for the potato lifting. The crops are good and heavy in the district.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Postmen’s Half-Holiday** – “An application was before the Town Council from the local postmen for a half-holiday on Saturday. The letter stated that the public would get their letters on Saturday evening by calling at the Post Office, and the postmen would take their turn in giving out the letters. The Council agreed to see the Postmaster and find out what arrangements could be made.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket Club** – “A meeting of the members of the Cricket Club was held on Tuesday evening in the Town Hall. Mr T. Schofield presided in the absence of the Provost. There was a large attendance. The Secretary read a report of the season’s doings, which was very flattering for the Club. The income was £34 13s 6 ½d, and the expenses £24 14s 4d, leaving a balance in hand of £9 19s 2 ½d. A vote of thanks was awarded to Mr Dilkes for his assistance to the Club, and to Mrs Brown and other ladies who provided the teas to the visiting Clubs. It was agreed to improve the playing pitch for next season. The following Committee were appointed to carry on the winter programme, such as dances, whist drives etc., and to hold the first dance about the middle of November: -

Messrs Kennedy, Reekie, Stark, Lewis, Cowan, and Findlay.

Kindly reference was made by members of the recent photo of the team and the weekly reports in the *Fife News*, which is regarded as the local newspaper.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Dance** – “Under the auspices of the Ornithological Society, a dance was held in the Drill Hall on Friday evening. The office-bearers are to be congratulated on the success of their venture, both on the large attendance and the manner in which it was carried through. The hall was very tastefully decorated. The music was supplied by Berry’s band, Auchtermuchty, and was all that could be desired. Among those present were: -

Gentlemen – Messrs G. Anderson, J. Anderson, J. Archibald, J. Brown, H. Birrell, W. Strudley, O. Strudley, A. Robertson, W. Robertson, W. Birrell, A. Grant, A. Robertson, P. Lawson, J. Hay, J. Abernethy, D. Lister, P. Shields, R. Anderson, J. Robertson, B. Grieve, G. Richfield, C. Drysdale, J. Burgon, W. Meldrum. C. Oram, J. Scott, G. Hobbs, Falkland; D. Reid, P. Macgregor, Strathmiglo; D. Hain, W. Grant, G. Grant, R. Bell, Freuchie; D. Macgregor, London; A. Rollo, Ladybank; F. Douglas, Newton of Falkland; R. Young, Gateside.

Ladies – Misses M. Archibald, J. Drysdale, N. Forsyth, M. Anderson, C. Hardie, M. Robertson, E. Kennedy, A. Edmeston, F. Grant, R. Grant, J. Findlay, A. Middleton, E. McLeod, A. Meldrum, F. Meldrum, K. Duncan, M. Duncan, C. Douglas, F. Kennedy, C. Drysdale, A.B. Adams, B. Dryburgh, M. Dryburgh, L. Anderson, M. Anderson, B. Anderson, J. Anderson, L. McEwan, M. Birrell, F. Charleston, M. Davie, M. Ashton, J. Ross, J. Smith, A. Wotherspoon, M. Lawson, C. Lawson, J. Thomson, K. White, F. Fernie, J. Robertson, F. Lawson.

Mrs Lewis, Abernethy, Crombie, Lawson, and Wallace.

The purveying was very ably done by a Committee of ladies. Messrs A. Cowan, H. Lee, and W. Forsyth acted as M.C.’s in a satisfactory manner.”

## 21<sup>st</sup> October 1922

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cinema** – “The Drill Hall was well filled at both performances on Saturday to see the drama ‘Love in the Wilderness’ on the screen, and well worth a visit. The programme also included the Pathe Pictorial and ‘Ruth of the Rockies.’”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Jovial Jesters** – “A splendid variety entertainment was given in the Drill Hall on Thursday evening last week by the ‘Jovial Jesters’ Company, each one meeting with applause. A successful dance followed the concert.”

## 28<sup>th</sup> October 1922

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cinema** – “Splendid houses were the rule on Saturday at the Drill Hall, and a first-class programme was given and much enjoyed by all present.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Dance** – “Mr Brown’s dancing class held their ‘half-ball’ on Friday evening, and there was a good attendance. A splendid evening was spent by the young people.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – “Falkland Victoria visit Guardbridge tomorrow (Saturday), when they hope to return with two League points.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **The Cinema** – “The fare provided last Saturday for the patrons was ‘The Double-Dyed Deceiver’, in which Jack Pickford played the leading part. For this Saturday a special treat is in store in ‘The Penalty’. Gouverneur Morris has created one of the most amazing characters in fiction in ‘Blizzard’, the legless wonder of this picture and master of the underworld of San Francisco. Lou Chaney’s marvellous characterisation as ‘Blizzard’ is sure to be greeted as one of the finest pieces of acting ever done before the camera.”



**'A Double-Dyed Deceiver' (1920)**

Extract from *The Fife News: Ratepayers' Meeting* – “Provost Hopkins presided over a largely attended meeting of the ratepayers in the Town Hall on Tuesday evening. The Provost, in his opening remarks, stated that during the past year the main improvement in the burgh was the housing scheme, which was said to be the finest in Fife, if not Scotland, and he congratulated the contractors on the manner in which the work had been done. He held that each of the retiring Councillors had done his best in the interest of the burgh. He was pleased to see so many present to hear what the retiring Councillors had to say regarding their stewardship, and he would now call upon them to address the electors, starting with Bailie Hunt.

Bailie Hunt said he was quite pleased to come before them. During the time he had been in the Council he had taken the greatest interest in everything that was to the benefit of the ratepayers, and he tried to do his duty to the best of his ability. If the electors were willing, he would stand again for election.

Councillor Drysdale was next to toe the line. He said that for four years he had served the public, and tried to do the work in the interest of everyone. His chief concern was water and sanitation. As regarded the water, he stated that the burgh would have to go into a scheme in order to get a better supply, or someday soon they would find themselves in a fix. In regard to sanitation, it was time that all landlords were compelled to have modern sanitary arrangements in their buildings. He was willing to come forward again.

*Councillor Peter Robertson next stated his views. He said his main object was to assist with the finance. Wherever money was spent by the Council, value was always received.*

*Councillor Nellis spoke of his work. Although he was the 'baby' of the Council, he said that he was always learning and was able to give a helping hand in managing the municipal ship.*

*On the Provost calling for nominations, the following were nominated: -*

*Bailie Hunt, Councillors John Drysdale, Peter Robertson, Robert Nellis, George Nellis, and Messrs Walter Annand and John Kerry.*

*The following Parish Councillors fall to retire at the present time: -*

*Councillors Shanks, Peggie, Jackson, and Fraser, and all four were nominated.*

*A vote of thanks was given to the Provost for presiding. As there are six vacancies in the Council, it looks as if there is to be an election. It is rumoured that some 'dark horses' may come forward yet."*

Intimation in *The Fife News*: **East Fife Parliamentary Election:**

*"Col. Sir Alex. Sprot, C.M.G., will address the electors in the Town Hall, Falkland tonight (Friday) at 7.15 p.m. Chairman – Provost Hopkins. Ladies specially invited."*

## **4<sup>th</sup> November 1922**

Advert in *The Fife News*: **Falkland, Fifeshire – For Sale:**



**House of Millfield, Falkland.**

*“The House of Millfield, with Walled Garden, Grounds, Fields, and Woodlands, extending to about 50 Acres, part or the whole of which might go with the house. Four Public Rooms and Seven Bedrooms, Dressing-Room, Bathroom (h. and c.), Two Servants’ Bedrooms. Good Kitchen Premises. Garage. Stable, etc. Railway, three miles. For further particulars apply to Fraser, Stodart & Ballingall, W.S., 16 Castle Street, Edinburgh, or Alex. Anderson, Solicitor, Falkland.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Potato lifting** – *“Potato lifting is almost completed in the district, the crop has been heavy and the quality very good.”*

Extract from *The Fife News* – **Mr James Adams** – *“Mr James Adams, on the request of electors, has agreed to come forward as a candidate at the forthcoming Town Council election.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – *“Falkland Victoria were disappointed on Saturday, as Guardbridge cried off owing to their ground being occupied by their first team.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – *“Falkland Victoria are at home to-morrow (Saturday) to Auchtermuchty, in the Red Triangle League, and they hope to keep their record unbroken.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Collection** – *“The annual collection for the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary in the parish and burgh (outside of the factories, which subscribe on their own part), amounted this year to £13 14s. for which the parish minister, as local treasurer, holds the receipt.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cinema** – *“The fine picture drama ‘The Penalty’ was the leading feature on Saturday evening. The programme also included ‘Ruth of the Rockies’. On Saturday the splendid picture ‘The Silver Girl’ will be shown; also the first episode of the new serial, ‘The Crimson Stain’. On Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> November, the famous picture ‘Over the Hill’, which is full of interest, from beginning to end, will be screened.”*





### The Penalty (1920)

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Harvest Thanksgiving** – “Sunday was harvest thanksgiving day in Falkland Parish Church, and in furtherance of last year’s attempt to make the occasion one of practical effort, gifts were received at the church of behalf of the hospitals. How heartily the congregation responded to the appeal can be realised from the inventory of the gifts which were dispatched on Monday to Edinburgh, Perth and Dundee Royal Infirmeries. It was as follows: -

Eggs – 3 ½ dozen; butter – 3 lb; tea – 15 lb; sugar – 15 lb; jam – 70 lb; cakes – 4; shortbread – a box; hares – 2; rabbits – 6 pairs; chickens – 6; grapes – 4 lb; bananas – 4 lb; tomatoes – 2 lb; apples – 2 cwts; potatoes – 2 cwts; vegetables – ½ cwt.

In addition to the above there was subscribed in money, £1 18s to pay for the railway carriage.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lively ‘Store’ Meeting** – “The half-yearly meeting of the members of the Falkland Equitable Co-operative Society Ltd., was held in the Town Hall on Tuesday evening – Mr James Skinner, president, presiding. There was a large turnout, and at times the proceedings were rather lively. Several members were anxious to know why the Store charged ninepence for the loaf and other bakers, of whom there were a few, came into the burgh and retailed the loaf at eightpence. The President replied that they must remember they got the dividend,

which answer was not considered satisfactory. Among other things discussed was the general management of affairs. The Secretary reported a slight increase of membership. The sales for the half-year were £5,929 11s 7d, and the dividend was 2s in £1 to members and 1s in the £1 to non-members. The following salaries were fixed for the General Management Committee: -

President - £4; Secretary - £20; Treasurer - £9; members of Committee - £1 10s per year.

The following were appointed to the various vacancies: -

President – Bailie Hunt; Secretary – Mr Wm. W. Gullon; Treasurer – Provost Hopkins; Committee – Messrs R. Hopkins, James Lawson, Thomas Jackson, and James Peggie.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Women’s Guild** – “The Women’s Guild of Falkland Parish Church held their annual business meeting on Thursday last week. Among the reports presented was that concerning the distribution of the funds raised at the successful Guild sale, held on 1<sup>st</sup> July last. The Committee presented the following items of their disbursement: -

Women’s Associated Home Missions - £10; Maintenance of the Ministry (Smaller Livings appeal) - £10; Women’s Association Foreign Missions - £25; special appeal Children’s Mission, Lomweland - £5; Guild Mission, Kalimpong - £5; Local Nursing Association - £4; Kirk Session Coal Fund - £5.

Besides this total of £64, the Committee laid aside £40 for future supplies of materials.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cinema** – “For Saturday the attraction at the Cinema is a startling Northern film entitled ‘The Silver Girl’ which is full of exciting and interesting scenes. The first episode of a new serial of adventures will be commenced. We would remind our readers that on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> November, ‘Over the Hill’, the greatest of all films, will be shown at 5.45 and 8 p.m. The film is a picturisation of Will Carleton’s beautiful poem of ‘Motherhood’ and is in ten reels.”



Cinema advert in *The Fife News*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Winter** – “On Wednesday morning quite a change in the weather was felt in the district. Both the East and West Lomonds were covered with snow. A stoppage of potato lifting was experienced by the farmers owing to weather conditions.”

### 11<sup>th</sup> November 1922

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Parish Council**: “The following have been elected to the Parish Council: -

*Mr Alex. Fraser, Mr Alex. Shanks, Mr Walter Peggie, Mr John Garland. No poll.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Municipal Election**: “The electors were very slow to turn out, as there was no burning question before them. About none o’clock, Provost Hopkins declared the results as follows: -

*Peter Robertson – 154 votes*

*Bailie Hunt – 141 votes*

*Robert Nellies – 132 votes*

*John Drysdale – 124 votes*

Walter Annan – 112 votes

James Adams – 77 votes

Unsuccessful – John Kerry – 73 votes

After the declaration of the poll, Mr Peter Robertson moved a vote of thanks to the Provost as Returning Officer. He also thanked the electors for the position they had placed him in. He said he would try to do his utmost in their interest.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cinema** – “A splendid turnout witnessed the excellent drama ‘The Silver Girl’ on Saturday evening. The first episode of the ‘Crimson Stain’, a serial that is sure to draw, was also shown.”



**The Crimson Stain Mystery**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Library** – “The Rural Library, under the auspices of the Education Authority has been re-opened in the Public School. A box of fifty new books has been received and it is hoped that full advantage of these will be taken by

adults during the winter months. The library will be open every Thursday evening between the hours of 6 and 7.”

## **18<sup>th</sup> November 1922**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Collection** – “The ‘Remembrance Day’ collection, organised once again by Mrs Robert Miller, was intimated as amounting to £23 – a notable offering!”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Remembrance Day** – “Remembrance Day was duly observed in the burgh. The whistles of St Johns and the Pleasance Works gave the signal at 11 o’clock when all stood to attention for two minutes, their thoughts carrying them back to the great fight for liberty so dearly won.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Marquis of Bute’s Purchase** – “The Marquis of Bute has purchased from the trustees of the late Lord Ninian Crichton Stuart, the lands situated in the Meadows of Falkland, occupied by Messrs Alex. Elder and William Duncan, which adjoins his Lordship’s recent purchase of the farm of Falkland Wood, at the price of £2,500. The lands extend to over sixty acres.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cinema** – “The Drill Hall was crowded at both performances on Thursday evening last week to see the ‘humane drama’ ‘Over the Hill’. For to-morrow (Saturday) night at 6 and 8.15, a special film ‘The Branding Iron’ will be shown. It is a Reginald Barker production of a widely discussed novel by Katherine Newtin Burt. Every ounce of ingenuity, experience, energy, and inspiration was concentrated upon this film to make it what it is – one of the most powerful pictures ever screened.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Kirkin’ O’ The Council** – “The ‘kirkin’ of the Town Council duly took place on Sunday, when Provost Hopkins, in chain of office, the Magistrates and Councillors, attended morning service in the Parish Church. The church had been open on Saturday – ‘Remembrance Day’ – between the hours of 5 p.m. and 7 p.m., and the morning sunshine glowed on the wreaths of scarlet poppies, and on chrysanthemums and a cross of flowers laid beneath the Memorial Tablet the previous night by reverent hands in token of loving remembrance. The note of remembrance ran throughout the whole service, and when Mr Pearce, the Scottish Secretary of the London City Mission, preached, he linked his appeal to the memory of the Scottish lads who had fought so well and sacrificed so freely. In the

evening, Mr Pearce gave a lantern address to a large congregation, illustrating the work of 'Salving human wrecks' in the great Metropolis, with a remarkable series of slides. The collection in answer to his appeal amounted to £5 2/-."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – "Falkland Victoria were disappointed on Saturday, as Ladybank were unable to turn up owing to other arrangements."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **The Slums of London** – "Mr Pearce of the London City Mission, gave a splendid descriptive lecture on work in the slums of London. Some very fine pictures were shown on the screen."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Town Council** – "The first meeting of the new Town Council was held on Friday evening. The following were present: -

Provost Hopkins, Bailie Robertson, Councillors Hunt, Drysdale, Chisholm, Grant, Annan, Skinner, Nellis, Adams.

The Provost extended a welcome to the new members and hoped that each of the Council would work harmoniously together for the benefit of the Royal Burgh of Falkland. After the new Councillors had taken the oath, the following vacancies on the Committees were filled. Bailie Robertson, in moving that Councillor Hunt be appointed to the Senior Magistrate's chair, referred to the way in which the Bailie had performed his duties in the chair. The motion was unanimously agreed to. Bailie Hunt thanked the Council for the honour, and he hoped he would be able to merit it. Councillor P. Robertson was appointed to the vacancy in the Town's Committee; Councillor Annan to the Roads and Bridges Committee; Councillor Adams to the Burgh General Sanitary and Lighting; Councillor Drysdale, Nellis and Adams to the Drill Hall Letting Committee; Finance Committee, Bailie Hunt, Councillors Robertson and Nellis; Housing Committee, Councillor Annan. Mr John Garland was reappointed Burgh Fiscal. After the formal business of filling up vacancies, the Council had an hour's harmony together, when the following toasts were given and responded to: -

*The King and Royal Family, The Provost, The Council and The Town Clerk.*"

Article in *The Fife News*: **Lomond Victoria Football Club:**





### **Lomond Victoria Football Club 1922**

**Back Row** – James Adams (President), Allan Robertson, Andrew Robertson, P. Shields (trainer),

G. Richfield, W. Williamson, Cupar (referee), P. McGregor, H. Lee, Wm. Robertson, Wm. Morris.

**Front Row** – C. Drysdale, H. Birrell, D. Reid, W. Strudley, P. Birrell

*“The above team defeated Leslie E.E. Rovers 2-1 on Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> October, and they have not been defeated in the Red Triangle League.*

*James Adams – The sporting President, who means to see the team getting on this season.*

*Thomas Shields – A safe custodian who knows how to handle a shot.*

*George Richfield – A new hand a right back who is improving in every match.*

*Harry Lee – A safe back, who never knows when he is beaten.*

*Wm. Robertson – A stylish half-back and one few can equal.*

*Peter McGregor – Centre half-back, the back-bone of the team.*

*Andrew Robertson – A left half-back, knows how to tackle, and can place a ball.*

*Wm. Bett – A sterling outside right who knows how to cross a good ball.*

*Peter Birrell – Formerly a half-back, now showing good form at inside right.*

*Dan Reid – A dashing centre forward and a dangerous man near goal with a shot in either foot.*

*Wm. Strudley – A dandy inside left and goal scorer who knows how to shoot.*

*H. Birrell – One of the best outside lefts in the League, and has great control over the ball.*

*Allan Robertson – A reserve right-half back, a great spoiler when playing.*

*Alex. Grant – An inside right who will be a good player with a little practice.*

*C. Drysdale – An inside forward, light, but tricky.*

*Pat Shields – The trainer, to whom the team owes some of its success.*

*Wm. Morris – One of the Committee who takes a great interest in the team.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Dominos** – “The opening game in the Howe of Fife Domino League took place at Falkland on Tuesday evening when the Commercial Club met the Railway team from Ladybank.

Score – Commercial, Falkland – 84; Railway, Ladybank – 65.

Commercial team – J. Dryden (11 chalks), R. Dall (11), P. Robertson (9), M. Robertson (11), A. Lawson (9), A. Cairo (11), W. Stark (11), W. Dow (11).”

## **25<sup>th</sup> November 1922**

Article in *The Fife News*: **Football – Cupar Y.M.C.A. Triangle League – Falkland Victoria v Ladybank:**

“Saturday saw one of the hardest games seen this season at Myreside, Falkland, when Ladybank met the Victoria, both eager to gain the points and keep their records clean. Falkland, having won the toss, the game from the start was a real fight for supremacy. The game was not many minutes old, when Birrell had a great try for goal, but it went just over the bar. Offside spoiled Falkland a bit. Ladybank



got a corner here, but failed. Strudley made a great drive, but it was splendidly saved by Mills. Ladybank now made a rush, but a great effort by Shields saved the situation for Falkland. Ladybank was first to score. Williamson opened a minute from half time; and when the whistle blew, the result was Ladybank – 1, Falkland – 0.

On resuming, Falkland showed they meant business, although the defence of Ladybank kept them at bay. McGregor sent a great drive from about 30 yards out, which Mills failed to stop, and this both teams level. Falkland was the only team in the picture now, as they were going strong. Just before time, Strudley showed great footwork, and was unfortunate not to score. The game resulted in a draw – Falkland – 1, Ladybank – 1.

For the home side, the best players were Lee, McGregor, Strudley and Shields. For the visitors, the defence was good. Williamson played a fine game.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – “Markinch F.C. are the visitors on Saturday to Myreside, Falkland, when a good game is sure to be the result. Falkland’s full League team will turn out.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cinema** – “To-morrow (Saturday) evening at 7.15, quite an attractive programme is assured at the Cinema. The star film will be ‘Half a Chance’ featuring Mahlon Hamilton and Lillian Rich. It is a drama of a man’s man, who buffeted by fate and lashed by defeat, came back from the depths.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Dance** – “Falkland Victoria are to have their grand dance on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> December.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket Club Dance** – “A bright and happy crowd filled the Drill Hall on Friday evening. The event is looked forward to, as it is one of the best social gatherings of the season. The hall was tastefully decorated with evergreens, lanterns, etc. The music was splendid. The ladies seemed to vie with each other in the beauty of their dress, but the gentlemen came in semi-evening dress, while the cricketers were in ‘whites’. Messrs T. Schofield and T. Drysdale ably acted as M.C.’s. The purveying was very well done by Mrs Brown, Mrs Findlay, Mrs Kennedy and assistants. The Committee are to be congratulated on the entire success of the dance. The following were among the ladies and gentlemen who accepted the invitation: -

Ladies – Miss J. Thomson, Miss Girdwood, Mrs Wallace, Misses M. Archibald, J. Anderson, M. Birrell, K. Bryce, Mrs Brown, Misses A. Cowan, C. Cowan, C.

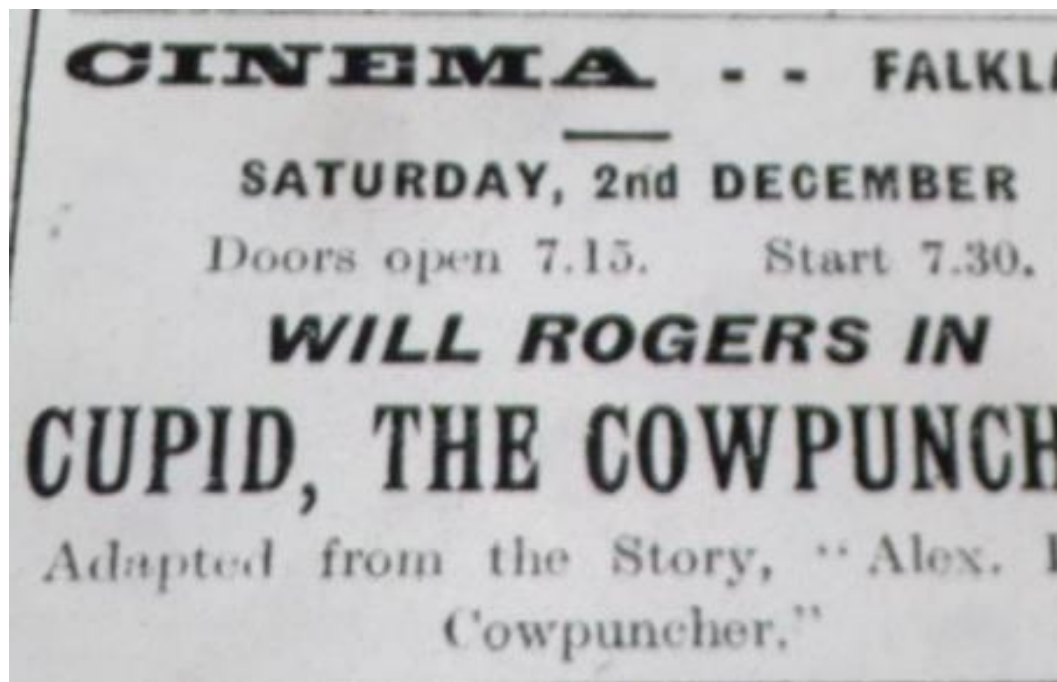
Drysdale, J. Drysdale, B. Douglas, A. Edmeston, Mrs J. Duncan, Misses M. Dowie, A. Forsyth, N. Forsyth, L. Fernie, M. Finlay, J. Finlay, L. Finlay, P. Gavin, L. Gavin, E. Grant, R. Grant, Mrs Hopkins, Misses E. Hay, N. Finlay, Mrs Finlay, Mrs Kennedy, Misses E. Kennedy, J. Kennedy, M. Kennedy, C. Lawson, M. Lawson, Mrs Lewis, Misses A. Middleton, L. McEwan, E. McLeod, A. Oswald, C. Peggie, M.J. Rennie, J. Ross, M. Robertson, J. Smith, M. Smith.

Gentlemen – Messrs J. Archibald, A. Archibald, G. Anderson, jnr., J. Abernethy, P. Birrell, H. Birrell, J. Burgon, W. Bonthron, D. Braid, R. Bell, E. Borthwick, A. Cowan, Cooper, Clayton, C. Drysdale, T. Drysdale, S. Drysdale, A. Dakers, R. Dakers, R. Dryburgh, A. Douglas, J. Duncan, Dollar, D. Deas, W. Forsyth, A. Finlay, R. Grieve, A. Grant, Provost Hopkins, Messrs J. Hay, R. Hopkins, D. Joss, J. Lewis, D. Lister, P. Lawson, H. Lee, D. Marshall, A. Marshall, P. McGregor, J. McEwan, W. Murray, R. Nellies, A. Ness, C. Oram, C. Orr, J. Peggie, G. Page, A. Robertson, D. Reid, J. Robertson, G. Richfield, J. Reekie, H. Robson, W. Strudley, O. Strudley, W. Stark, T.C. Schofield, J. Stirling, R. Sime, R. Speed, P. Thomson, J. Venters, J. Wright, Jas. Walker.”

## **2<sup>nd</sup> December 1922**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Housing Scheme** – “Falkland new housing scheme has now got its final touches, and the new houses are a fine addition to the burgh.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cinema** – “The bill of fare is headed by ‘Cupid Ties the Knot’, which shows that ‘love is blind’. An extremely funny picture will be ‘Cupid, the Cowpuncher’.”



Extract from *The Fife News: Lodge St John, No. 35* – “At a meeting of this Lodge, held in the Masonic Rooms on Thursday evening last week, the following office-bearers were elected: -

R.W.M. – John Garland; P.M. – John Drysdale; D.M. – James Jackson; S.M. – Thomas D. Hopkins; S.W. – James Skinner; J.W. – John J. Ross; Secy. – William W. Gullon; Treasurer – James R. Walker; S.D. – Thomas L. Ross; J.D. – Harry M. Blandford; Tyler – John Walker; Auditors – Alexander Anderson, Robert Miller; Steward – W.E. Strudley.”

Extract from *The Fife News: Football* – “The Victoria had a visit from Markinch on Saturday, when a good game was witnessed; both teams doing their best to be top dog, but Victoria ran out the winners. The final score was Falkland Victoria – 2, Markinch Y.M.C.A. – 1. Falkland Victoria travel to Guardbridge to-morrow (Saturday), when they hope to return with two League points.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Term** – “Seldom has there been so many removals seen on the roads as this week, especially among farm servants. It is stated there has not been the like of it for about twenty years. The cause is, of course, the fall in wages.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Motor Registration Offence** – “Wm. Scott Rae, blacksmith, Balmbrae, Falkland, was cited to appear at a J.P. Court at Cupar on Wednesday, at the instance of the Joint Clerks of the County Council of Fife, charged with having sold a motor cycle to John Cunningham, Reedieleys, of which he (Rae) was the registered owner, and failed to insert in the appropriate part of the registration book, the name and address of the new owner, and forwarded said book to the motor taxation department of the County Council at Cupar. Provost R. Osborne Pagan, W.S., Mr A. Westwood, and Hon. Sheriff Honeyman were on the bench. Mr J.K. Tasker, the Prosecutor, said the bicycle in question had gone to Aberdeen, and had passed through various hands until it was put up at an auction sale, and the discrepancy in the registration discovered. Cases like these occasioned a good deal of trouble to the taxation department. Accused, in admitting the fault, said he handed the registration book to Mr Cunningham, who promised to sign it and send it on to Cupar.

Provost Pagan – “You trusted Cunningham to do what you ought to have done yourself.”

Sheriff Honeyman – “If you had carried out this regulation yourself, you would have saved a good deal of trouble.”

The sentence will be a fine of 10s.”

## **9<sup>th</sup> December 1922**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Successful Local Fanciers** – “At the bird and poultry show held in Kirkcaldy on Saturday, Mr Peter Robertson, Cross Wynd, got a special 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and a 4<sup>th</sup> for brown Leghorns. Mr Whyte won 1<sup>st</sup> and special for game cock and 2<sup>nd</sup> for game hen.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – “The Victoria are due at Auchtermuchty tomorrow (Saturday) in search of points in the Cupar Red Triangle League. As the Falkland boys are going strong, they hope to return successful.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cinema** – “For to-morrow (Saturday) night, quite a novel film is to be shown at the cinema. It is a drama full of tense moments, with a story that grips. Patrons have a treat in store in this great mystery film ‘In The Night’.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Town Council** – “The usual meeting of the Town Council was held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday – Provost Hopkins presiding. There were also present Bailies Hunt and Robertson, Councillors Annan, Adams, Chisholm, Drysdale, Grant, Robertson, Skinner and Nellies. Bailie Robertson, as Convenor of the Rods Committee, gave a full report of the condition of the roads, and stated that Mr Adamson, Cowdenbeath, had been given the contract for repairing the roads. The Provost, as Convener of the housing scheme, stated that the houses were now completed. It was agreed to let the Drill and Town Halls to the Bird and Poultry Show Committee for their annual show on 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan. 1923. The Council agreed to let the postmen have a half-holiday on Saturdays. Arrangements are to be made with the Postmaster for the inhabitants getting their letters by calling for them on Saturday evenings between 6 and 7 o’clock. The Provost and Town Clerk were appointed Commissioner and Assessor, respectively, to the Convention of Royal Burghs.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Rob Roy** – “The Drill Hall was packed to its utmost on Friday evening with an audience to witness the performance of ‘Rob Roy’, given by the Clyro Dramatic Co. Bailie Hunt, in introducing the company, said he was pleased to see such a large audience for two reasons, first, to encourage local talent, to assist the old folks of the burgh by giving them coals, tea and sugar. He mentioned that Rob Roy paid a visit to Falkland in 1815, when the farmers in the district knew to their cost. Mr John Hay made a splendid ‘Rob Roy’, and was ably assisted by ‘Helen McGregor’ (Miss A. Oswald). Miss Jenny Drysdale was ‘Francis Osbaldiston’, both her acting and singing being much enjoyed. ‘Rasleigh’ was represented by Mr A. Dakers, who filled his part well. Mr Chris Drysdale, as ‘Bailie Nichol Jarvie’, was a feature of the play. His pawky Scotch kept the audience in good humour. Mr J.J. Ross enjoyed his role as ‘Dougal Crater’. The other actors and actresses were: -

‘Mr Owen (Miss J. Bett), ‘Mattie’ (Miss C. Drysdale), ‘Captain Thornton’ (Miss Jenny Kennedy).

The company were ably assisted by the chorus. A special feature was the four young dancers in their Scotch dances: -

Misses Anderson, J. Lawson, Hay and M. Lawson. They were repeatedly encored.

*The music was supplied by piano (Miss Edmiston), violins (Misses Lea and Ross), who greatly assisted in the success of the entertainment. At the close, Bailie Hunt, in moving a vote of thanks to the performers, said that it was a credit to Falkland to have such an entertainment as they had enjoyed that night. He hoped they would go further afield, as he was sure they would get a warm welcome in the surrounding villages. The only fault one could find was an old one – the want of better hall accommodation in Falkland.”*

## **16<sup>th</sup> December 1922**

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cinema** – “*The special attraction at the Cinema to-morrow (Saturday) is ‘Scratch My Back’, from the famous story by Rupert Hughes. It is a story out of the usual.*”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – “*The Victoria paid a visit to Auchtermuchty on Saturday in the Red Triangle League. The spectators saw as fine a match as had been played in ‘Muchty this season. The game was very fast, both teams being eager to win, but Falkland showed their superiority, and ran out the winners by 3 goals. The final score was Auchtermuchty – 0, Falkland – 3. The goal scorers were Strudley (2) and Reid (1). The Victoria play a benefit match for the bird and poultry show at Myreside Park to-morrow (Saturday), their visitors being Crosshill Hearts.*”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Dramatic Club** – “*The local Dramatic Club pay a visit to Pitlessie to-morrow (Saturday) evening with their piece ‘Rob Roy’. The Pitlessie folks are sure to give the Company a good reception.*”

## **23<sup>rd</sup> December 1922**

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

*“The Victoria were at home again on Saturday to Crosshill Hearts, Glenraig. When the teams kicked off, they found the pitch in a very greasy and dangerous condition. The Vics were first to make progress, but Reid, who finished the movement, shot past the upright. A good stroke by the visitors next came off, and Murdoch brought out Shield’s saving abilities with a fine shot. The home side were having the best of the exchanges, and on their next attack, and from a good pass by Robertson, Strudley drove the ball hard into the net, out of the goalkeeper’s reach. At half-time, the Vics were one up.*

On resuming, the Victoria had still the advantage, and McGregor took a shot on his own after tricking two opponents, but the Hearts' custodian held safely. Falkland made off on the right, and after some neat footwork, Strudley slammed the leather once more through the posts. The visitors now put on a spurt, and owing to a faulty clearance by the home backs, they were enabled to score. Owing to darkness falling, play now was of a rather ragged nature. Strudley again got hold of the ball, and with a strong drive secured his 'hat-trick'. After some more exchanges, the game ended.

Score – Falkland Victoria – 3, Crosshill Hearts – 1.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football Dance** – “Falkland Victoria F.C. had a change of play last Friday evening, when they held their annual dance. The President, in opening the proceedings, said he was pleased to see so many present. Messrs J. Walker and W. Forsyth ably performed the duties of M.C. The music, which was first-class, was supplied by Messrs McMahan, Earl, Maule and Kerr, Cupar. The purveying was capably done by Mrs Brown, Mrs Birrell, and Miss Strudley. The whole entertainment turned out an entire success. The following accepted invitations: -

Ladies – Misses M. Anderson, L. Anderson, M. Birrell, Mrs Duncan, Mrs Brown, Mrs Birrell, Misses K. Duncan, C. Duncan, C. Drysdale, J. Drysdale, M. Archibald, A. Edmiston, L. Findlay, N. Forsyth, P. Gavin, L. Gavin, E. Grant, E. Hay, J. Kennedy, E. Kennedy, M. Lawson, Mrs Lewis, Misses L. McEwan, A. Meldrum, A. Meldrum, J. Meldrum, A. Oswald, C. Peggie, J. Robertson, G. Strudley, M.J. Thomson, M. Wann, K. White.

Gentlemen – Messrs J. Anderson, G. Anderson, J. Abernethy, Jas. Archibald, H. Birrell, P. Birrell, W. Birrell, W. Bett, T. Drysdale, J. Duncan, W. Forsyth, John Duncan, J. Hardie, J. Hay, D. Lister, J. Lawson, P. Lawson, J. Lewis, P. Macgregor, Wm. Meldrum, J. McEwan, J. Oswald, W. Robertson, A. Robertson, D. Reid, Allan Robertson, G. Richfield, W. Strudley, J. Stirling, T. Schofield, G. Shields, J. Walker, J. Venters, J. Dollar, M. Deas, J. Williamson.”

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Extract from *The Fife News*: **Masons in Harmony** – “Lodge St John 35, Falkland, met in Bruce Arms Hotel on Friday evening to celebrate the Festival of St John. Brother John Garland, R.W.M., occupied the chair. Representatives were present from Ladybank, Leslie and Strathmiglo. A splendid programme of music, songs and stories was gone through. The purveying was splendidly done by Mr E. Strudley of the Bruce Arms Hotel.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Christmas Eve Dance** – “The Drill Hall on Saturday evening, with decorations of evergreens and Chinese lanterns, and the ladies so smart and gaily dressed, looked like a perfect fairyland. Music was supplied by Mr Thomson’s Jazz Band, Ladybank. Messrs T. Schofield and T. Drysdale ably performed the duties of M.C.’s. The purveying was excellent. Mrs Brown and the Committee are to be congratulated on the entire success of the event. The old folks will be made happier as the proceeds go to give them coals, tea, etc., which are very acceptable at this season of the year.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Christmas Treat at Dunshalt** – “It was pleasing to go into the hall at Dunshalt on Saturday evening and see all the happy faces. Through the generosity of Mr Taylor, Kirkcaldy, the children and old folks were gathered together to enjoy the good things set before them. A splendid programme of music was provided. Each of the children was presented with a toy. At the close, Mr Taylor was given a hearty vote of thanks for his kindness.”



