

Falkland 1900-2000

Year 1928

(As researched by Jack Burgess)

7th January 1928

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Curlers** – “Local curlers have enjoyed some keen games on their ponds at the north of the burgh.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **New Year** – “The advent of 1928 created very little stir in the burgh. One or two of the younger folks fore-gathered at the fountain at midnight to usher in the New Year, but the time-honoured custom of first footing seems to be dying out. Work was resumed in the Floorcloth and Linen factories on Thursday morning.”

14th January 1928

Intimation in *The Fife News*: **B.O.A.F.G. Lomond Oak Lodge, No. 387**

“The Annual General Meeting of the above Lodge will be held in Town Hall, Falkland, on Thursday, 19th January 1928, at 7.30 p.m. Fines for non-attendance strictly enforced.

James S. Hardie, Secretary.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **School** – “The Public School reopened on Tuesday morning after the New Year vacation.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Scarlet Fever** – “There is a severe epidemic of scarlet fever raging throughout the burgh at present, and several cases have been removed to neighbouring hospitals.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Churches** – “The Rev. W.J. Auld, Freuchie, occupied the Parish Church pulpit on Sunday morning. In the absence of the Rev. J.P. Batchelor through illness, the Rev. Mr Calder, Portobello, conducted both services in the U.F. Church.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Christmas Tree** – “The children attending the Parish Church Sunday School assembled in the Church on Thursday evening last week, and were presented with gifts by Santa Claus from a Christmas tree. There was a large attendance of parents and friends to witness the function.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Vital Statistics** – “During 1927 the number of deaths in the burgh was nearly double that of 1926. There were 42 births, against 49 the previous year, deaths 47 against 25, and marriages 13 against 19. Of the deaths, 13 were over 70 years, three between 80 and 83, one 88, and one 90.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Sudden Death** – “Mr Robert Ness, Beechgrove, East High Street, died somewhat suddenly in his residence on Monday night. He had been at work on Saturday, and contracted a chill. Deceased’s father built the Liquorstone Temperance Hotel in Falkland, which Mr Robert carried on after his father’s death, and at the same time conducted a hiring business. He disposed of the hotel some years ago, and has latterly been working at the linen factory and carrying on a small hiring business at the same time. He was about 50 years of age and unmarried.”



Liquorstone Temperance Hotel Circa 1920's

Article in *The Fife News*: **Mary, Queen of Scots**



Delights of Falkland

“Falkland and Borthwick were dealt with in the fourth of Mr W. Forbes Gray’s fortnightly talks on the ‘Castles of Mary, Queen of Scots’, broadcast on Friday afternoon from the Edinburgh Studio of the British Broadcasting Corporation.

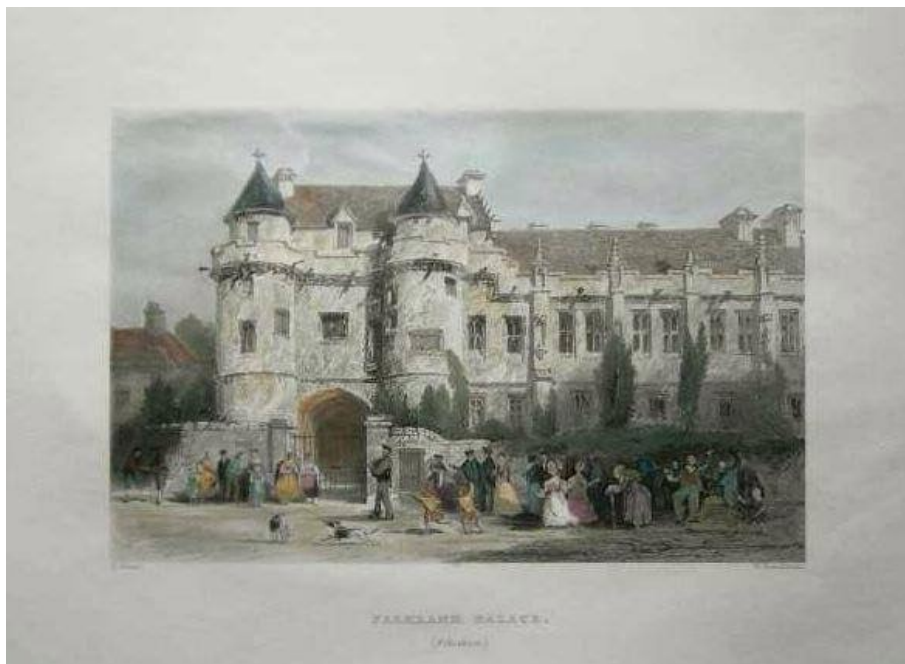
Mary, he said, experienced more of the sheer joy of living at Falkland than anywhere else. The intervals of sunshine in her life alternated with long periods of gloom and dire misfortune. While at Holyrood, she had days when the buffetings of circumstance rested lightly on her, but the dark cloud was never far off, and in the end descended with tragic import.

At Falkland, on the other hand, the essential radiancy of her nature asserted itself. Amid the quiet beauty of her home in the heart of Fife, the Queen of Scots lived a

normal life, and displayed what was most characteristic in her disposition. There was, to be sure, frivolity and mirth, also a passion for outdoor sports; but combined with various forms of physical recreation was a zest for the things, a taste for letters, which was given free scope.

Study and Sport

Falkland was rich in Royal memories, which extended back to the days of Macbeth and Malcolm Canmore; but of the ancient castle, the residence for more than thirty years of the first Duke of Albany, son of Robert II., and Regent of Scotland, not a vestige remained. The present building, which stood near it, was the creation of the Stuart Kings. James I annexed the lands of Falkland to the Crown; James II granted a charter erecting the town into a Royal burgh; and the third and fourth Jameses probably built the earliest portion of the palace. But the structure owed most to James V. He it was who not only extended the Palace, but embellished it in a manner which gave its architecture a strong Renaissance flavour. Indeed, Falkland was more suggestive of a French country house than of a Scottish Royal residence of the sixteenth century.



Early depiction of Falkland Palace Circa unknown

Mary of Guise frequently resided there during her Regency, while her daughter, Mary, after her return from France, found it a haven of rest. In 1562 Edinburgh was rendered uncomfortable owing to the incessant warfare between Arran and Bothwell, so the Queen fixed her abode at Falkland, and some months were pleasantly passed between study and sport. The mornings were spent in hunting on the banks of the Eden, or in trials of skill in archery in the palace garden. In the afternoons

Mary read the Greek and Latin classics, under the accomplished guidance of George Buchanan; while occasionally relief was sought from mental pursuits by a game of chess or by some music.



George Buchanan (1506-1582)

Mary was at Falkland in 1563, recuperating this time after her strenuous progress in the North. There was another stay in 1564, and again after her marriage to Darnley. Her last visit was in the summer of 1566, which ended the reposeful portion of Mary's career.

Later Memories

But long after she had quitted the scene, the old palace in the heart of Fife continued to bask in the sunshine of Royal favour.

James VI liked the sequestered existence of Falkland quite as much as his mother. He retired there after the Raid of Ruthven, and consulted with his supporters as to how he might be delivered from his bondage. In 1592 James was again in Falkland, being in terror of his life because that desperado, Francis Stewart, Earl of Bothwell, was hovering about. As a matter of fact, he made an attempt to capture the King, which nearly succeeded. Four years later, there were fierce riots in Edinburgh, and James once more took refuge in Falkland, where, far from the strife of action, he hunted, occupying his leisure with maturing his plans for setting up Episcopacy in Scotland. It was at Falkland, too, that the first act of the drama of the so-called Gowrie Conspiracy was performed.

When James revisited Scotland in 1617, Falkland was included in the Royal itinerary. Then when Charles I came north in 1633, he slept several nights in the palace of Falkland, as well became a Fifeshire man. Nor was this the farewell of Royalty to Falkland. In July 1650, Charles II resided there for several days, and

again in January 1651, after his coronation at Scone. For fully two centuries thereafter Falkland was entirely forgotten. In 1888, however, it was purchased by the late Marquis of Bute, who did all that could be done to preserve the palace.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death – Ness** – “At Beechgrove, Falkland, on 9th inst., Robert Ness, eldest son of the late Robert Ness, Liquorstone.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death – Reekie** – “At Back Wynd, Falkland, on 4th January, John, beloved husband of Margaret Reekie, in his 67th year.”

21st January 1928

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Pulpit** – “Mr F.W. Everson, Evangelist, of the Fifeshire Christian Union, occupied the U.F. Church pulpit on Sunday morning, afternoon, and evening. Mr Everson is also conducting a series of mission services in the church hall.”

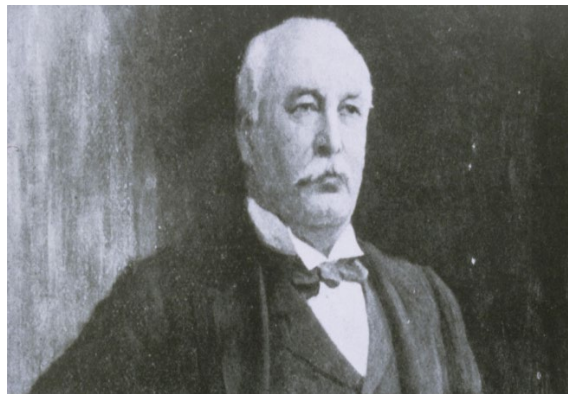
Extract from *The Fife News*: **Billiards** – “The final tie of a tournament in aid of St Dunstan’s was played off at the Institute on Tuesday evening. The contestants were Messrs Wm. Page jnr., and Thos. Grant jnr., both being only 15 years of age. Each player had a concession of 140 points, and the latter was an easy winner. He receives a St Dunstan’s medal as a memento of the event.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Whist Drive** – “Under the auspices of the War Memorial Institute, a successful whist drive was held in the reading room on Wednesday evening, when there was a large turnout. Mr T.C. Schofield acted as timekeeper. The prize-winners were:-

Ladies – Mrs Condie, Newton of Falkland – 205; consolation – Mrs Duncan, Myreside – 125.

Gentlemen – Mr Condie, Newton of Falkland – 183; consolation – Mr Thos. Grant, jnr., - 140 ½.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Gift to Library** – “At the monthly meeting of the Town Council, a letter was read, intimating that Sir Charles W. Macara had gifted nine volumes to the library of the Falkland War Memorial Institute. Sir Charles, who is one of the merchant princes of Manchester, has, during an exceptionally busy life, found time to publish these volumes dealing with questions connected with the cotton industry of Lancashire. In view of the present difficulties of the cotton trade, this gift is an opportune one, and the books should be carefully studied by all who are interested, not only in textiles, but in trade generally. An additional incentive to read the books arises from the fact that the author and donor is himself a Fifer, having been born some 82 years ago in the Free Church Manse of the neighbouring village of Strathmiglo.”



Sir Charles W. Macara Circa 1890

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Birth – Hardie** – “At ‘Rosedale’, Falkland, on 16th January, to Mr and Mrs James S. Hardie, a daughter.”

28th January 1928

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Social** – “Under the auspices of the local branch of the Markinch Co-operative Society’s Women’s Guild, an enjoyable social meeting was held in the Town Hall on Tuesday evening. There was a large turnout of members and friends, over which Mrs G.S. Hardie presided. After a splendid tea, the remainder of the evening was spent in singing, dancing, etc.”

4th February 1928

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

“The monthly meeting of the Falkland District School Management Committee was held in Falkland School on Monday evening – Rev. G. Scanlan, Strathmiglo, presiding.

Mr Shaw took his seat as representative from Strathmiglo Parish Council, in place of Mr Keddie.

The attendance reports for the months of December and January showed that illness had seriously affected percentages, though there was an improvement in January. The percentages varied from 87.2 at Gateside to 70 at Freuchie. The attendance reports of the evening continuation classes were satisfactory.

It was reported by Auchtermuchty sub-Committee that it had been customary at Auchtermuchty School for Roman Catholic children to be taken away occasionally for religious education, without any kind of application or assurance that their secular education was being continued during the period of absence. The number of attendances lost in this manner amounted to 47 since October 1926.

The Committee fully considered the matter, and unanimously agreed that in future application should be made by parents previous to children being absent for this purpose, and a definite assurance given that secular education would be continued until they returned to school.

Mrs Smith resigned her appointment as part-time cleaner of Auchtermuchty School, and Miss Annie Barrie was appointed to the vacancy.

It was agreed to procure new disinfectant sprayers for Freuchie and Falkland Schools.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Churches** – *“Rev. W. Gemmel Mitchell, Freuchie, conducted the morning service in the U.F. Church on Sunday. Mr Dunnet of the Home Mission occupied the Parish Church pulpit in the evening and delivered an interesting address on the work of the mission.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Burns Supper** – *“The members of Falkland Burns Club met on Wednesday evening last week to honour ‘Scotia’s National Bard.’ Mr Thomas Williamson occupied the chair in the presence of a splendid turnout at the Commercial Hotel. Mr James Blair, J.P., Kirkcaldy, in fitting terms, proposed ‘The Immortal Memory’. The haggis was ‘piped in’ by Mr J. Kay, and Mr G.S. Hardie delivered the ‘address’. Other toasts submitted were:-*

'The King and Royal Family', by the Chairman; 'Imperial Forces', by Mr D. Bonthron, J.P., reply, Councillor Riley; 'Honorary Members', by the Chairman, reply, Mr Bonthron; 'Town and Trade', by Mr T. Drysdale, reply, Councillor P. Robertson; 'Proper of the Immortal Memory', by Councillor Baxter, reply, Mr Blair; 'The Lasses', by Mr A. Cowan, reply, Mr P. Lawson jnr.; 'Chairman', by Mr G.S. Hardie; and 'Mine Host', by the Chairman.

Among those contributing towards the vocal part of the programme were:-

Mr T. Drysdale, Councillor Baxter, Mr P. Shields, MR Blair, Mr T. Williamson, and Mr James Collins.

The function was most enjoyable."

*Extract from The Fife News: **B.O.A.F.G.** – "At the general meeting of the members of the Lomond Oak Lodge (No. 387) held in the Town Hall, there was a large turnout. The Lodge is in a very sound condition and is shown by an increase of £140 on the year's working. The funds at present amount to £2,260 and the membership is steadily increasing. The following brethren were installed to office for the ensuing twelve months:-*

W.M. – Bro. Robert Kennedy; D.M. – Bro. Peter Robertson; P.M. – Bro. G.S. Hardie; S.W. – Bro. Robert S. Drysdale; J.W. – Bro. P. Birrell; I.G. – Bro. A. Lawson; O.S. – Bro. J. Campbell; Sick-Stewards – Falkland, Bro. P.G. Lawson; and Freuchie, Bro. Robert Dewar; Chaplin – Bro. John Lewis; Trustees – Bros. James Duncan, Freuchie; W. Gray, Dunshalt; and George S. Hardie, Falkland; Auditors – Bros. Thomas Drysdale and James Hay; Secretary – Bro. James S. Hardie, Rosedale, Falkland; Treasurer – Bro. James Lawson."

*Extract from The Fife News: **Gardeners Dance** – "The annual dance under the auspices of Lomond Oak Lodge (B.O.A.F.G.) was held in the Drill Hall on Friday night, when over fifty couples were present. Bro. Robert Kennedy, W.M., welcomed the dancers, and also presented a Past Master's Jewel to Bro. James Skinner in recognition of his services as W.M. for over twelve years. During his term in office, Bro. Skinner initiated over 100 candidates, and had seen an increase in the funds of over £1,000. In his reply, Bro. Skinner stated that the service he had given was made very much lighter by his having had capable officers beside him. Music for the dance was splendidly discoursed by the Imperial Band, Cowdenbeath. The success of the function was largely due to an energetic Committee, consisting of Bros. James Skinner, George S. Hardie, Robert Kennedy, Peter Birrell, R. Stewart Drysdale, James Dall, George Shields, and Andrew Meldrum; assisted by a Ladies' Committee, viz:-*

Mrs Birrell, Mrs Skinner, and Misses C. Lawson, C. Hardie, and J. Drysdale.

The arrangements were carried to completion by the Lodge Secretary and Treasurer, Bros. James S. Hardie and James Lawson. Bros. P. Birrell and R.S. Drysdale discharged the duties of M.C.'s. The following were the acceptances:-

Bros. Robert Kennedy, W.M., John Campbell, O.S., A. Meldrum, G. Shields, John Lawson, Alex. Dryburgh, H. Birrell, Wm. Birrell, Thomas Drysdale, Thomas Ross, George Baxter, James Dall, John Oswald, John R. Hay, P. Lawson, A. Shepherd, J. Robertson, J. Kerr, F. Coutts, J. Mackie, W. Peggie, and G. Anderson; Bros. J. Blyth and J. Webster, Rothes; Oak Lodge; Bro. Craig, Pride o' Thornton Lodge; Bro. Alex Cowan, Masonic Lodge St John (No. 35);

Ladies – Misses C. Hardie, J. Drysdale, E. Drysdale, C. Lawson, Mary Lawson, Margaret Lawson, E. Skinner, L. Mitchell, A. Baxter, A. Mather, N. Lindsay, B. Todd, E. Hay, J. Lawson, B. Douglas, J. Douglas, Mrs F. Drysdale, Mrs Fotheringham, Misses R. Seath, G. McQuater, M. Shields, E. Anderson, J. Dewar, M. Hendry, Marion Dryden, Mary Dryden, M.J. Thomson, B. Anderson, P. Thomson, C. Robertson, G. Chapman, H. Craig, M. Craig, M. McManus, M. Farmer, A. Oswald, G. Mann, H. Nelson, A. Samson, A. Dalrymple, Miss Morgan, Miss Lindsay, Miss Muckersie, Misses R. Grant, E. Page, C. Peggie, M. Thomson, C. Sturrock, J. Howat, Miss Spence, and Miss Morgan.

Gentlemen – Messrs J. McEwan, D. Hay, W. Fotheringham, J. Duncan, J. Dewar, A. Dewar, D. Braid, J. Wilson, J. Wilkie, W. Urquhart, J. Blackwood, J. Anderson, W. Brewster, J. Scobie, H. White, J. Dakers, W. Stark, J. Morgan, J. Smith, and W. Hastie.”

Article in *The Fife News*: **Burning Tragedy at Falkland**

Woman's Terrible Death

“A distressing tragedy took place as the result of an accident at the home of Provost and Mrs Hopkins, Falkland, early on Monday morning, when Mrs Maria Paterson, a widow of about 45 years of age, died from burning injuries.

Mrs Paterson, who had only been employed by Mr Hopkins since 6th January, had been preparing for washing. About half past seven in the morning, she had got the boiler fire lit in the small kitchen, and had made herself a cup of tea to which she sat down, while no doubt waiting for the water to boil. She afterwards told Provost Hopkins that she felt a slight smell of burning, but did not bother to find out what it was, doubtless thinking it was coming from the boiler fire, the door of which she had left open.

Provost and Mrs Hopkins were in bed, and they were suddenly startled by fearful screaming. Their first thought was that the oil stove in the house had caught fire and had startled Mrs Paterson. Both Provost and Mrs Hopkins jumped out of bed and rushed downstairs in their night attire, and they were horrified to meet their maid at the foot of the stairs enveloped in flames. The Provost immediately seized rugs that were lying around, and wrapped them about the unfortunate woman, while Mrs Hopkins ran upstairs for blankets, which also were used to smother the flames. There was considerable danger of fire breaking out in the house, articles in the passage having become alight, and the Provost, after smothering the woman's burning clothes, saw that the danger of the fire spreading was averted. Mrs Hopkins telephoned for Dr Grieve, Falkland, who on arrival, ordered her immediate removal to Kirkcaldy Hospital, to which she was motored by the Provost. Mrs Paterson must have suffered terrible agony, but she was conscious all the way to the hospital, where, however, she succumbed about 2.30 p.m.

Provost and Mrs Hopkins in their efforts to help the woman were in considerable danger themselves, because their night attire was scorched and burnt when they were endeavouring to wrap the blankets round Mrs Paterson. The deceased, who stated she was a widow and originally belonged to Edinburgh, was for some time cook to one of the masters in Watson's College, Edinburgh. She is survived by a boy (15 or 16), and a girl (13 or 14), who are boarded out in Freuchie.

Provost Hopkins told a representative of the 'Fife News' that the sight which met his eyes when he came downstairs, was one he would never forget. Their new maid, he said, was burning like a torch. She was for all the world like one of the pictures of the early Christians being burned for their faith. Her arms were outstretched above her head, and her screams were simply awful.

As a result of the tragedy, Mrs Hopkins got a serious shock, while the Provost was also affected."

11th February 1928

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Women's Guild** – "Under the auspices of the local branch of the Markinch Co-operative Women's Guild, a 'children's night' was held in the Town Hall on Tuesday. Mrs G.S. Hardie presided over a large company. The children spent a happy time with songs, recitations, dancing, and games."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Memorial Service** – "A memorial service to the late Earl Haig was held in the Parish Church on Sunday morning, when the Rev. J.K. Russell

delivered an appropriate sermon. Included in the congregation were the Town Council, ex-Service men, Girl Guides and Boy Scouts."

18th February 1928

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Services** – “Rev. A.H. Davidson, Newburgh, officiated at both morning and afternoon services in the U.F. Church on Sunday.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Whist Drive** – “Under the auspices of Falkland War Memorial Institute, a successful whist drive was held in the Reading Room on Wednesday evening. Eighteen tables were engaged, and Mr T.C. Schofield acted as timekeeper. The prize-winners were:-

Ladies – Mrs Baird – 194; consolation – Mrs P. Lawson.

Gentlemen – Mr A. Wishart, Kirkforthar Feus – 208; consolation – Mr A. Elder,, Freuchie.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Burns Club** – “The annual general meeting of the Falkland Burns Club was held in the Commercial Hotel – Mr Tom Williamson, president, in the chair. The Treasurer’s report was submitted, and was considered very satisfactory, leaving a balance in hand of 19s. The following office-bearers were elected for the current year:-

President – Mr Tom Williamson; vice-President – Mr Henry Baxter; Treasurer – Mr D. Riley; Secretary – Mr Thos. Drysdale, Lomond Crescent; members of Committee – Messrs J. Duncan, G.S. Hardie, Robert Hendry, Wm. Stark, P. Shields.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Concert** – “Under the auspices of the Parish Church Women’s Guild, a very successful concert was held in the Drill Hall on Friday evening. Rev. J.K. Russell occupied the chair in the presence of a good turnout. A long and varied programme was ably sustained by the following artists, who contributed to the vocal part:-

Misses A. Oswald and J.K. Drysdale, and Messrs T. Williamson and T. Drysdale. Two sketches, entitled ‘Only Peggy’ and ‘Larks for an Hour’, were upheld by Misses Molly Craig, J. Douglas, J. Lister, E. Drysdale, M. Lawson, and Cathie Lawson, and Misses J. Drysdale, C. Hardie, K. White, A. Oswald, C. Drysdale, J. Lawson, Marion Dryden, and Mary Dryden.

Mrs Martin rendered two pianoforte selections, and Miss Henderson accompanied the singers at the piano. Much praise is due to Miss Martyn, secretary of the Guild, for the labour she spent in the training of those who took part in the sketches."

25th February 1928

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Pulpit** – “Rev. W. Gemmel Mitchell, Freuchie, occupied the Parish Church pulpit on Sunday morning, and the Rev. Geo. J.R. Macaulay, Bonnygate Church, Cupar, officiated at both morning and afternoon services in the U.F. Church.”

3rd March 1928

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

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lantern Lecture** – “Under the auspices of Markinch Co-operative Women’s Guild (Falkland Branch) an interesting lecture with limelight views, was given by Mr Smith, Markinch, in the Town Hall on Tuesday evening. His subject was ‘A Trip Through Normandy and Brittany.’ There was a large audience.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lantern Service** – “In place of the usual form of service, a lantern service was held in the Parish Church on Sunday evening. The subject was entitled ‘The Church in the Country’, and the address delivered by the Rev. J.K. Russell, was written by the Rev. J.H. Morrison, formerly minister in Falkland U.F. Church. The service was held under the auspices of both the Parish and U.F. Churches, and there was a large congregation.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Billiards and Draughts** – “Teams representing Falkland and Newburgh Tayside Institute met in a friendly billiards encounter at Falkland War Memorial Institute on Wednesday evening, when the visitors won by 4 games to 2, with a points majority of 112. Details:-

Falkland

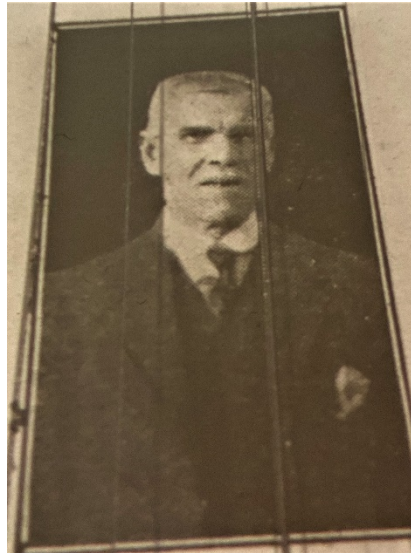
Newburgh

<i>C. Oram</i>	64	<i>A. Goodall</i>	150
<i>T. Drysdale</i>	120	<i>L. Ballantyne</i>	150
<i>D. Clark</i>	150	<i>T. McBain</i>	122
<i>J. Dakers</i>	112	<i>G. Lamond</i>	150
<i>J. Lawson</i>	150	<i>W.F. Ross</i>	96
<i>W. Ross</i>	110	<i>G. Dow</i>	150
	706		818

A draughts match was also played and resulted as follows:-

<i>Wins</i>	<i>Falkland</i>	<i>Draws</i>	<i>Newburgh</i>	<i>Wins</i>
0	<i>Geo. Rattray</i>	2	<i>Robt. Galloway</i>	0
1	<i>Jas. Raitt</i>	0	<i>A. Pearson</i>	1
2	<i>P. Robertson</i>	0	<i>R. Campbell</i>	0
1	<i>Jas. Douglas</i>	0	<i>W. Wotherspoon</i>	1
0	<i>W. Peggie</i>	0	<i>Andrew Taylor</i>	2
1	<i>H. Robson</i>	0	<i>Geo. Clunie</i>	1
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Article in *The Fife News*: **Prominent Curlers**



Mr Walter Peggie, Falkland

“Mr Walter Peggie, Falkland, who with his youngest son, carries on a successful business as a slater and plasterer in the Royal burgh, is one of the best-known curlers in the Howe of Fife. During the course of his career as a curler, he has won every trophy in connection with the Falkland Curling Club, and is the proud possessor of the handsome Lathrisk Bowl, which he won three years in succession, thus making it his own property. Mr Peggie has many happy recollections of the ‘roarin’ game’, and he recounted some of these to the Fife News. He said:-

‘John Frost has been very sparing with his ice for the last 20 years, and young curlers have not had the opportunity of enjoying the game in the same way as older curlers had during the latter part of last century. There is no doubt the long frosts make keen curlers. When I began curling, we had what we call now the real old-fashioned winters. Twice three of us who were in the building line were shut out for sixteen weeks, and a few of us young lads found the curling pond a great attraction.



Falkland Curling Pond Circa 1920's

'We got a good deal of encouragement from the members. They sometimes required some of us to make up their rinks, but, as a rule, we had a rink to ourselves. There was quite a lot of old, single, solid stones in the Clubhouse, so we got handles to fit, and many a good game we had. If the ice was very keen, the old stones would run for ever, but if it was dull, it was a real trial of strength. The modern stones are a great improvement, as they are all cupped, and this makes play much easier. Still, it requires a fair amount of strength, along with a clear eye and a steady hand for the curling.'

Curling and Business

'It was in the early eighties that I began curling, and a few years later I joined the Club and was duly made a curler. At that time, you could almost count on being on the lochs every year. To have a day on Lindores or Loch Leven was a real delight. It is fine to hear the roar of the curling stones on the natural ice. They were very keen curlers in those days, and, although many of them were engaged in business, they were always the first to be on the pond; they did not let business interfere with curling!

'As a rule, you get the best of ice on the lochs. On one occasion when we arrived at Lindores, the ice was found to be rather weak, and one of the Falkland skips was not very sure about it. The others tried to persuade him that it was quite safe, but he replied 'Oh! and how would like to go home and find your wife a widow? I have been often at Loch Leven. I remember one winter the frost must have been very strong, for while we were playing, a 'bus and a pair of horses were running between the shore and the Castle, and doing a good trade.'

Too 'Stuffy'

'It is a very uncertain game, curling, and lots may happen. One time we were at Loch Leven playing for a Caledonian medal. One of the rinks was made up of four skips, and in playing the last end they were lying six shots, with one shot to play. The third player was determined to get a seven end, so directed the skip to draw in for the other point. Well away the stone went, but with fatal results, for it struck one of our opponents' stones and was played on to the tee. Lost were the six end and also the medal!

'The Grand Match was always a great day, and a long one. We used to leave here before 7 o'clock in the morning, and not get home 'till after 10 o'clock at night. It was always a day to be remembered. It is a wonderful sight to look at the great moving picture, for it is the only game in which you can see over 2,000 players engaged at one time, and in such a hearty manner. Times have changed, and the motor car makes a great difference. I was at the Grand Match two years ago, and it was all done in seven hours, and what a glorious day it was! Great importance is always placed on a match for a Caledonian medal. I have seen us set out for the neutral pond when the weather was not like curling, because there was always the thought

that the other side would turn up and claim the medal. On one occasion when we arrived at the pond, the ice was very dull, and it was a stiff job for some of the players. One player was very 'stuffy' for he played all the 21 ends and never got one stone over the 'hogg'.

'The medal day of the Club is also a great day, with a full turnout of players. There is always keen play for the whole day because one is anxious to get his name engraved on the first medal, which is the chief of all the trophies. I have had all the Club trophies at one time or other.'

Sound of the Channel Stane

'Curling is a great social game at which one makes lots of friends among neighbouring Clubs. Many a canty night I have spent at curlers' dinners, and jolly companies they were. It looks as if it was a simpler and happier world in those old days. Of course, the good old days will come again when we get the good old winters. Curling is a game that is not finished when you leave the ice. There was a great deal of enjoyment when, after a day's play, a few of us met in the saddler's shop, and played the game over again, and many a hearty laugh we had at things that had occurred during the day, and many a pawky curling story was told. I have often played on the Edinburgh Ice Rink, where there is lovely ice, but there is nothing like a day on the Lochs and the sound of the channel stane.'

Mr Peggie has been an all-round sportsman in his day, and still participates in the game of golf, and here, as in the Curling Club, he has at one time held every trophy of the local Club. At the present time he is vice-President of the local Cricket Club, and follows the affairs of the Club with keen interest. He was Chairman of Falkland War Memorial Institute until October last. Mr Peggie is an ardent church worker, being an elder of the U.F. Church and superintendent of the Sunday School."

10th March 1928

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Services** – "Rev. Peter McLaren, Rathillet, officiated at both services in the U.F. Church on Sunday.

Rev. Mr Leslie, Eddleston, occupied the Parish Church pulpit on Sunday morning. He also officiated at the Band of Hope cantata in the evening."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cantata** – "The Parish Church Band of Hope annual cantata was presented in the Church on Sunday evening, when the children, under the leadership of Mr George Spence, rendered 'The Golden Key'. Miss Edmeston played the accompaniments. In conjunction with the singing, Rev. Mr Leslie read a

story, and scenes therein were depicted by lantern slides. Mr Wm. Robertson manipulated the lantern. Solos were rendered as follows:-

'Drifting away from God', Miss Marjorie Douglas; 'The Pentlent's Plea', Miss Jean Douglas; 'The Voice of the Holy Spirit Calls', Miss Mary Bryce; 'Flowers of Spring', Miss Kate Lawson; 'Pray Thou for Me', Master Kennedy Drysdale; duets, 'Abiding in Him', Misses K. Lawson and C. Drysdale; 'O Morning Land', Misses A. Anderson and J. Douglas; quartette, 'Gently Lord, O Gently Lead Us', Misses A. Oswald, J. Douglas, C. Drysdale, and A. Anderson.

There was a large congregation."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Dance** – "Under the auspices of Masonic Lodge St John (No. 35), the annual dance was held in the Drill Hall last Friday evening. The hall was tastefully decorated for the function, which was attended by between forty and fifty couples. Bro. James Skinner, R.W.M., of the Lodge, welcomed the company, and wished one and all a happy time. Splendid music was provided by 'The Midnight Frolics' Orchestra, and Bro. Charles Oram acted as M.C. The catering arrangements were carried out by a Ladies' Committee comprised of:-

Mrs Jas. Skinner, Mrs C. Oram, Mrs Hepburn, Mrs Paterson, and Misses Edmeston, A. Meldrum, C. Drysdale, and B. Anderson.

The other arrangements were in the hands of a capable Committee, with Bro. D. Clark as secretary. The list of acceptances was as follows:-

Miss A. Paterson, Falkland; Misses Thomson, do.; Miss Wotherspoon, do.; Misses Lawson; Miss B. Douglas, Falkland; Miss Oswald, do.; Mrs West, do.; Miss Lonie, Leslie; Misses Dryden, Newton of Falkland; Miss Harrow, Falkland; Mrs Lewis, do.; Miss J.K. Drysdale, do.; Miss J. Moir, Freuchie; Miss Bogie, Kirkforthar Feus; Miss K. White; Miss Brewster, Leslie; Miss H. Nelson, Falkland; Miss Bett, do.; Miss E. Hay, do.; Misses A. Baxter, do.; Misses Craig, do.; Miss Mather, do.; Miss J. Nelson, do.; Misses Hastie, Drumdreel; Miss Robertson, Falkland; Messrs D. McBain, Falkland; P. Lawson, do.; J. Dakers, do.; A. Meldrum, do.; J. McEwan, do.; Anderson, do.; C. Oram, do.; W. West, do.; J. Lawson, do.; Skinner, do.; D. Anderson, do.; J. and W. McLaughlan, do.; R. Kennedy, do.; G. Anderson, do.; C.R. Drysdale, do.; R.S. Drysdale, do.; Birrell, do.; H. Lee, do.; P. Robertson, do.; W. Paterson, do.; C. Hepburn, do.; J. Abernethy, do.; A. Morton, Drums; W. Scott, Freuchie; S. Broomder, Falkland; D. Braid, Freuchie; T.L. Ross, Falkland; J. Archibald, do.; J. Reekie, do.; Delegates were present from Lodge Rothes (No. 532), and B.O.A.F.G., Lomond Oak Lodge (No. 357)."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death – Dryburgh** – “At Summerfield, Falkland, on 4th March, Margaret Wallace, aged 71, wife of Alexander Dryburgh.”

17th March 1928

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Services** – “Rev. Edward Beal, Strathmiglo, conducted both services in the U.F. Church on Sunday.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Whist Drive** – “Under the auspices of the War Memorial Institute, a successful whist drive was held in the Reading Room on Wednesday evening. Sixteen tables were engaged, and Mr T. Drysdale acted as timekeeper. The prize-winners were as follows:-

Ladies – 1. Miss Collins, 189; consolation – Mrs Henderson.

Gentlemen – 1. Mr James Douglas, 187; consolation – Mr A. Wishart, Kirkforthar.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Presentation** – “The members of the 22nd Fife (local) Boy Scout Troop met in a social capacity on Tuesday evening – Scoutmaster Wallace presiding – to show their esteem of one of their number, Patrol-Leader Jack Mather, who is leaving Falkland this week. On behalf of the troop, Scout White presented P.L. Mather with a handsome pocket-book and Scout literature. Thereafter the company spent a happy time in song and story. ‘Jack’ is proud of the fact that he was the first scout to take a patrol from Falkland to take part in an outside competition, viz., the County flag competition at Cupar last year.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Billiards** – “A match between teams of Auchtermuchty and Falkland players took place at the War Memorial Institute, Falkland, on Tuesday evening. The visitors had a points majority of 11 in a division of three games apiece. Details:-

Falkland		Auchtermuchty	
D. Clark	66	R. Curr	100
T. Drysdale	100	D. Paterson	77
A. Cowan	100	T. Murray	81

G. Baxter	100	J. Brough	73
C.R. Drysdale	67	J. Dick	100
Wm. Ross	87	W. Templeman	100
	520		531

The final of the annual tournament for the Mrs T.D. Hopkins' medal was played at the War memorial Institute. Messrs D. Clark (scratch) and James Dakers (30) were the contestants, and the former ran out winner by 41 points, in a match of 150 up."

24th March 1928

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Services** – *"Both forenoon and afternoon services in the U.F. Church on Sunday were conducted by the Rev. Alexander Calder, Portobello."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Education Authority** – *"In pursuance of his candidature, Rev. G. Scanlan, Strathmiglo, addressed a meeting in the Public School on Monday night – Bailie Robertson presiding. Mr Scanlan has for some time been Chairman of the local School Management Committee, a post he has held with much acceptance. The speaker assured his hearers that he was keenly alive to the importance of the small schools in an area like the Howe of Fife receiving their full share of the benefits given in educational matters, and urged upon the electors to make sure that they placed the figure 1 in the space before his name on the voting card, so that he might continue to look after the interests of that area on the Authority."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket** – *"A meeting of the members of Falkland Cricket Club was held in the War Memorial Institute on Thursday evening last week, Mr P. Robertson presiding. The financial position of the Club was shown to be very satisfactory. Office-bearers for the approaching season were appointed as follows:-*

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

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “A special meeting of the members of Falkland Golf Club was held in the War Memorial Institute on Thursday evening last week. Mr Andrew Venters, Captain of the Club occupied the chair. The statement of accounts showed the Club to be in a sound position. The following were elected to office for the ensuing season:-

Presidents – Mr J.A. Patullo, Lathrisk, and Captain A. Maule Ramsay; President – Mr David Bonthron; vice-Presidents – Messrs J. Lindsay, Freuchie, and A. Shanks, Falkland Wood; Captain – Mr A. Venters; vice-Captain – Mr T. Drysdale; Secretary – Mr H. Baxter; Treasurer – Mr M. St Clair; Committee – Captain, vice-Captain, Secretary, and Messrs D. Braid, J. Drysdale, J. Hay, J. Lindsay, J. Myles, G. Robertson, and T.C. Schofield; Green Committee – Captain, vice-Captain, Secretary, and Mr J. Myles.

It was decided that the opening match, Captain v vice-Captain, be held on 14th April, and that it take the form of mixed foursomes.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death – Walker** – “At High Street, Falkland, on the 15th inst., Janet Redpath, widow of John Walker, butcher, Falkland.”

31st March 1928

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Services** – “Rev. D.W. Greenfield, of Gateside, officiated at both services in the U.F. Church on Sunday.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket Club Dance** – “The annual dance under the auspices of the Cricket Club, was held in the Drill Hall on Friday night, when between 40 and 50 couples were present. Excellent music was provided by the Imperial Band from Cowdenbeath, and Messrs T. Drysdale and P. Lawson acted as M.C.’s. The catering arrangements were admirably carried through by a Ladies’ Committee. Those who accepted invitations were:-

Ladies – Misses Anderson, Kilgowrieknowe; E. Anderson, Westfield; M. Archibald, Lomond Crescent; B. Anderson, Brunton Street; A. Adams, Freuchie; A. Baxter, New Road; M. Bryce, Royal Terrace; A. Brown, Westfield; Misses Birrell, Freuchie; K. Briggs; Misses Craig, Beebykes; Misses Douglas, Victoria Place; Misses Drysdale, High Street; C. Drysdale, Lomond Crescent; Mrs T. Drysdale, Lomond Crescent; Mrs J. Duncan, Lomond Crescent; Misses Dryden, Newton of Falkland; Misses Dalrymple, Freuchie; A. Edmeston, West Port; Misses Gavin, Falkland Palace; Miss R. Grant, Bruce Buildings; E. Hay, South Street; C. Hardie, Pleasance; M. Harrow, Millfield; J.

Kennedy, Elmlea; Misses Lawson, East Port; C. Lawson, Back Wynd; Mrs Lewis, Brunton Street; Misses Lindsay, Newton of Falkland; Lawrie, Milton of Balgonie; C. Melville, South Street; L. Mitchell, Back Wynd; Mrs Morgan, Kingskettle; Misses J. Nelson, West Port; J. Robertson, High Street; C. Robertson, High Street; Mrs Robson, Horsemarket Street; Misses F. Stark, Balmbrae; Smith, South Street; Sime, Freuchie; Sanson, Cupar; M.J. Thomson, Brunton Street; M. Thomson, Brunton Street; B. Todd, Purin; K. White, Balmbrae.

Gentlemen – Messrs D. Anderson, Kilgowrieknowe; G. Anderson, Westfield; G. Anderson, Oaklea; J. Archibald, Lomond Crescent; S. Brooman, East Loan; Birrell, West Port; W. Barclay, Muirhead; D. Braid, Freuchie; G. Baxter, New Road; J. Campbell, West Port; A. Cowan, Lomond Crescent; F. Coutts, Back Wynd; D. Caird, Back Wynd; Drysdale, High Street; T. Drysdale, Lomond Crescent; J. Duncan, Lomond Crescent; J. Duncan, Myreside; J. Dewar, Lathrisk; J. Gillespie, Kennoway; J. Hay, South Street; R. Kennedy, Elmlea; P. Lawson, East Port; H. Lee, West Port; R. Laing, Newton of Falkland; F. Mather, Lomond Crescent; A. Meldrum, Royal Terrace; A.C. MacDonald, Bruce Arms Hotel; A. Morton, Drums; J. Morgan, Kingskettle; J. McEwan, Royal Terrace; W. Peggie, South Street West; A. Robertson, Cross Wynd; J. Robertson, High Street; T. Ross, High Street; A. Robertson, Freuchie; Stark, Royal Terrace; J. Smith, South Street; J. Skinner, South Street; and T. Wilkie, Newton of Falkland.”

Article in *The Fife News*: **Draughts and Billiards**

“Falkland paid their annual visit to Tayside Institute on Thursday evening last week, and played a draughts and billiards match with the Institute teams. The results were as follows:-

Draughts

	Institute		Falkland	
Wins		Draws		Wins
0	R. Galloway	2	G. Rattray	0
0	A. Pearson	1	A. Wishart	1
0	G.F. Clunie	0	Jas. Douglas	2
1	R. Campbell	0	P. Robertson	1
2	W. Wotherspoon	0	W. Peggie	0
1	A. Taylor	0	C.R. Drysdale	1

Billiards

<i>Institute</i>		<i>Falkland</i>	
<i>L. Ballantyne</i>	150	<i>T. Drysdale</i>	79
<i>A. Goodall</i>	150	<i>A. Cowan</i>	56
<i>T. McBain</i>	150	<i>D. Clark</i>	110
<i>D.A. Wallace</i>	150	<i>G. Baxter</i>	115
<i>Geo. Lamond</i>	150	<i>C.R. Drysdale</i>	109
<i>Geo, Dow</i>	150	<i>Wm. Ross</i>	101
	900		570

7th April 1928

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Holiday** – “Monday was observed as the annual spring holiday, when the factories and shops and other places of business in the burgh were closed for the day. Splendid weather prevailed and several of the townsfolk availed themselves of the cheap travelling facilities offered by the Railway Company.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Concert** – “Falkland people were treated to a first-class concert in the Drill Hall on Friday evening. The hall was crowded, extra seats having to be brought in, and as a result of the concert a substantial sum should be available for the Falkland and District Nursing Association, for which the concert was organised by Falkland Burns Club.

Mr Thomas Williamson, president of the Club, presided, and explained that the Club was formed not for the sole purpose of one night in the year. The members were out to do what they could to help on any good cause in connection with the Royal Burgh of Falkland and district. (Applause.)

That was their first function and he could assure the audience the Club had brought talent that would satisfy one and all. The Club did not mean to stop at that. There was a scheme in view which, however, would take time. It was the intention to have

a Burns festival for the children, and in that they would certainly include Freuchie School along with Falkland. (Applause.)

He apologised for the absence of Miss Nan McLean, Kirkcaldy, and Mr James Blair, J.P., Kirkcaldy, who were unable to be present, but intimated that their places would be taken by Miss E.G. Kelly, Kirkcaldy, and Mr A.J. Calder, Cupar.

The concert received a splendid opening from Mr Frank Gordon, Glasgow (baritone), who throughout captivated with his rich, round voice. His songs included 'Scots Wha Hae', 'O a' the airts', and 'In sheltered vale', while with Miss Agnes Innes, Glasgow (contralto), he sang the duets 'Annie's Tryst', 'I gie tae ye a pennyworth o' preens', and 'To my first love', in which their voices blended charmingly. Miss Innes gave with delightful expression the solos 'Caller Herrin', 'Arise O Sun', and 'The Hills of Donegal'.

Miss E.G. Kelly, Kirkcaldy (soprano) sang sweetly 'Cam ye by Atholl', and 'Oh! Day Divine'. Mr John Hendry, Glasgow (tenor) included in his well-treated songs 'McGregor's Gathering', and 'The Gentle Maiden' in which he gave promise of developing into a fine vocalist.

Mr Marshall Stark, Falkland, proved himself a skilful violinist, sympathetically treating his pieces, and giving evidence of fine bow work. Mr A.J. Calder's powers as an elocutionist are widely known and by his pieces on Friday he added to his reputation. Miss Mary Lumsden, Eden Valley House, Freuchie, thanked the Burns Club at the close, and Provost Hopkins proposed other votes of thanks. Mr R.R. Rippon, Kirkcaldy, was a skilful accompanist."

14th April 1928

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

"With the exception of 7th and 14th July, Falkland C.C. have arranged an attractive card for the approaching season. Mr Peter Lawson holds the reins of captaincy, with Mr C.R. Drysdale second-in-command.

<i>April 28</i>	<i>Springfield</i>	<i>Home</i>
<i>May 5</i>	<i>Victoria (Perth)</i>	<i>Away</i>
<i>May 12</i>	<i>Cupar XI</i>	<i>Home</i>
<i>May 19</i>	<i>Nairn (Kirkcaldy)</i>	<i>Home</i>
<i>May 26</i>	<i>Markinch</i>	<i>Home</i>

June 2	Dunnikier	Away
June 9	Kelty	Away
June 13	Freuchie	Home
June 16	Stratheden	Home
June 23	Cupar XI	Away
June 30	Springfield	Away
July 7	Open	Home
July 11	Thornton	Away
July 14	Open	Away
July 19	Thornton	Home
July 21	Kelty	Home
July 28	Victoria (Perth)	Home
Aug 4	Markinch	Away
Aug 8	Freuchie	Away
Aug 11	Stratheden	Away
Aug 18	Dunnikier	Home
Aug 25	Tillicoultry	Away
Sept 1	Kennoway	Away
Sept 8	Kennoway	Home

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

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Bankers Climb Lomond** – “Taking advantage of their Good Friday holiday, about a dozen Cupar bank clerks set off early on Friday morning to climb the East Lomond, with a view to seeing the sun rise from the hill top. They reached the top of the hill in good time, but their view was spoilt by mist. The youths were in fine fettle for breakfast at Falkland when they descended the hill, and they spent the remainder of the day in and around the burgh.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Sale of Work** – “A successful sale of work, and cake and candy, was held under U.F. Church auspices in the Church Hall on Saturday afternoon. The Rev. J.P. Batchelor performed the opening ceremony. No doubt the splendid weather enticed many people to the function, and there was a speedy diminution of goods on the various stalls. Over £37 was realised, and this sum is to be devoted to congregational purposes. The stallholders were:-

Work Stall – Mrs Batchelor and Mrs Baird.

Cake Stall – Mrs A. Archibald and Miss J. Smith.

Candy Stall – Miss Horne, Miss A. Meldrum, and Miss Wotherspoon.

Teas – Mrs W. Peggie and assistants.”

Intimation in *The Fife News*: **Situations Vacant**

“**Servant**, experienced and trustworthy, wanted immediately. Apply Mrs Hopkins, Mayfield, Falkland, Fife.”

21st April 1928

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

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “The local course was opened for the season on Saturday afternoon, Miss Jenny Drysdale, captain of the Ladies’ Club, driving off the first ball. In the absence of Mr A. Venters, captain, Mr George Robertson took command of the side in a match with Mr Thomas Drysdale, vice-Captain. The result was a win for the latter’s side by 3 ½ games to 1 ½. Details:-

Captain		Vice-Captain	
G. Robertson	½	T. Drysdale	½
D. Braid	0	J. Myles	1
C.R. Drysdale	0	A. Grant	1
Miss E. Grant	0	A. Fox	1

Miss J. Venters 1 Miss J. Nelson 0

1 ½

3 ½

At the close of the match, the players were entertained to tea in the Clubhouse, by Miss Venters."

28th April 1928

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cantata** – “On Sunday evening, Strathmiglo U.F. Church choir, under Mr Walter Peggie, gave a splendid rendering of the sacred cantata, ‘The Good Shepherd’, in the United Free Church. Miss C. Peggie played the accompaniments. Rev. J.P. Batchelor occupied the pulpit and there was a large congregation.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Car Stood for 6 ½ Hours** – “At a J.P. Court in Cupar on Wednesday – Hon. Sheriff Bruce and Hon. Sheriff Stark on the bench – Alfonso Caira, restaurateur, High Street, Falkland, admitted, through Mr D.M. Baird, solicitor, Cupar, having allowed a motor car to stand in Commercial Crescent, Ladybank, longer than was necessary for loading or unloading. Mr R.C. Davidson, Cupar, who prosecuted, said the car stood from 4 o’clock in the afternoon until 10.30pm, 6 ½ hours. The car was standing just round a corner in rather a dangerous position. A fine of 10s was imposed.”

5th May 1928

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Managing Director of D.M. Stenhouse Ltd.** – “Mr Wm. Hardie, a native of Falkland, who started his business career with Messrs Lumsden, linen manufacturers, Freuchie, and who for the past four years has been commercial manager with D.M. Stenhouse Ltd., Stratheden linen works, Cupar, has been appointed managing director of the Company.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket Match Off** – “The local team received a disappointment when word was received the previous evening that their opponents, Springfield C.C. were unable to raise a team to travel to Falkland to fulfil the opening fixture on Saturday. However, the splendid weather enticed a goodly number of men

and youths to Scroggie Park, when a practice match was played. Surely changed days in Springfield, where formerly the inhabitants seemed so keen on cricket!"

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Liberal Association Formed** – “Convened by Bailie Lawrie, organiser for East Fife, and Mrs Henderson Brown, lady organiser for East of Scotland, a meeting was held in the Drill Hall, Falkland, on Thursday last week, for the purpose of forming a Liberal Association. Mr Walter Peggie was elected president; Mrs Hopkins, vice-president; and Mr Thos. Drysdale, treasurer; Mrs Baird, Lomond Crescent, secretary; with a large Committee of ladies and gentlemen.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Whist Drive** – “A very successful whist drive and dance, the last of a series under the auspices of the War Memorial Institute, was held in the Drill Hall on Friday night. Twenty tables were occupied, and Mr T.C. Schofield acted as timekeeper. At the dance, music was supplied by the ‘Midnight Frolics’ Band from Leslie, and Mr Stewart Drysdale was M.C. Prize-winners at the whist were:-

Ladies – 1. Miss Chrissie Lawson; 2. Miss K. Collins; 3. Miss H. Craig; consolation – Miss M. Smith; mystery prize – Miss M. Craig.

Gentlemen – 1. Mr A.A. Robertson; 2. Mr R. Kennedy; 3. Mr T. Hamilton; consolation – Mr Jas. Douglas; travelling – Mr D. McEwan.”

12th May 1928

Article in *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Perth Victoria v Falkland**

“Played on the North Inch, Perth, on Saturday afternoon in ideal weather. Georgeson sent the visitors to bat, Lawson and Drysdale facing the home captain and Carter on a hard, dry, wicket. Both batsmen settled down at once, and runs came at a steady pace. With the score at 33, Lawson was taken in slips, and Baxter, who followed, only survived two deliveries from Georgeson. Drysdale was scoring steadily and received able assistance from Schofield, who opened his shoulders freely. The latter batsman was caught after a merry 14, and Drysdale followed shortly afterwards through self-imposed recklessness. Hopkins never settled down, but Birrell contributed a nice 11, and was well supported by Anderson. The remainder of the side gave little trouble, and the innings closed at the respectable total of 102.

The home side commenced their innings rather shakily. The visitors’ bowlers were certainly on the mark at the beginning, seven batsmen being out for 29 runs. Thomson and Graigon, however, laid about the attack in no uncertain manner, and the latter

batsman did some hefty hitting. Melville, though not scoring many runs, 'stone-walled' to some purpose, and Robertson, the last man, made the 'tail' wag very vigorously. With Melville taken at 'leg', the innings concluded at 80 runs.

Bowling for Victoria, R. Melville took five wickets for 41 runs, Carter four for 28, and Georgeson one for 15. For Falkland, Birrell had four for 20, P. Lawson two for 15, J. Lawson two for 19, and Schofield one for 3. Scores:-

Falkland

<i>P. Lawson, c. McGregor, b. R. Melville</i>	16
<i>C.R. Drysdale, b. R. Melville</i>	37
<i>G. Baxter, b. Georgeson</i>	0
<i>T.C. Schofield, c. Carter, b. R. Melville</i>	14
<i>R. Hopkins, c. Staig, b. R. Melville</i>	3
<i>H. Birrell, c. and b. Carter</i>	11
<i>G. Finlay, b. R. Melville</i>	0
<i>G. Anderson, b. Carter</i>	8
<i>J. Lawson, c. Staig, b. Carter</i>	4
<i>R.S. Drysdale, lbw., b. Carter</i>	4
<i>A. Cowan, not out</i>	1
<i>Extras</i>	4
Total	102

Perth Victoria

<i>J. Staig, c. Anderson, b. Birrell</i>	4
<i>J.S. Georgeson, b. P. Lawson</i>	7
<i>J.R. Melville, c. Finlay, b. Birrell</i>	2
<i>W. McGregor, b. Birrell</i>	1
<i>E. Falconer, c. Baxter, b. J. Lawson</i>	3
<i>B. Carter, b. Birrell</i>	0

<i>D. Thomson, run out</i>	9
<i>J. Fisher, c. Cowan, b. P. Lawson</i>	8
<i>R.P. Melville, c. Anderson, b. J. Lawson</i>	4
<i>G. Graigon, c. P. Lawson, b. Schofield</i>	18
<i>J. Robertson, not out</i>	14
<i>Extras</i>	10
Total	80

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

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Accident** – “While motor cycling home from his work on Saturday, David Henderson, residing at Freuchie, had the misfortune to collide with a motor car at the cross roads at the Liqueorstane. Henderson was injured about the face and hands, and his artificial foot was smashed. The occupants of the car were unhurt. The motor cycle and radiator of the car were both damaged.”

19th May 1928

Intimation in *The Fife News*: **Parish of Falkland** – “A Meeting of the Heritors will be held in the Town Hall, Falkland, on Monday, 11th June 1928, at 3 o’clock afternoon, to receive and dispose of report as to settlement with the General Trustees of the Church of Scotland, to impose the necessary assessment, and to transact other competent business.

Alex. Anderson, Clerk to the Heritors, Falkland. 18th May 1928.”

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

“Played at Falkland on Saturday afternoon. C.C. Edmond named the right side of the coin, and sent the homesters to bat. Drysdale was bowled off his pads from Dalrymple’s third delivery, and Baxter was out to a good one from Hastie. This was a

rather disastrous start for Falkland, two wickets being down for 1 run. Lawson and Schofield, however, struck a fine partnership, and 40 runs were on the board when the latter batsman's wicket fell. The captain scored at a rapid pace, and included in his 34 were six fours. He was out 'leg before' to Edmond. A 'rot' set in thereafter, and the following five men only mustered 12 runs between them. It was the last wicket pair that put a very different complexion on the game. Lawson and Page each played a sterling innings, and put on 26 runs, a decided 'wagging' of the 'tail'.

Hastie and A.J. Edmond opened confidently for Cupar. Both played safe cricket, but were not backward in having a 'go' at any loose ball coming along. P. Lawson and Birrell shared the bowling for the home team. The former sent them down very fast, and kept a splendid length, while Birrell was 'mixing 'em'. Lawson claimed Cupar's first five wickets, and his c. and b. off M'Ara was a splendid bit of work. Birrell had very hard luck with his trundling, although not taking any wickets. Paterson and Mackenzie put up a stout resistance, and effected a change in the bowling. J. Lawson came on in favour of Birrell. This change did the needful, as Lawson, in his first over, dismissed Paterson, Thomson, and Dalrymple – three wickets with four balls. The remaining batsmen gave little trouble, and the innings closed at 50.

Bowling for Cupar, A.J. Edmond took five wickets for 29 runs, Hastie three for 30, and Dalrymple two for 17. For Falkland, P. Lawson had five for 18, J. Lawson four for 12, and Schofield one for 1. Scores:-

Falkland

<i>P. Lawson, lbw, b. A.J. Edmond</i>	34
<i>C.R. Drysdale, b. D. Dalrymple</i>	0
<i>J. Baxter, b. D. Hastie</i>	1
<i>T.C. Schofield, b. A.J. Edmond</i>	12
<i>R. Hopkins, c. and b. A.J. Edmond</i>	0
<i>T. Drysdale, c. W. Heggie, b. D. Hastie</i>	2
<i>G. Anderson, b. A.J. Edmond</i>	0
<i>J. Lawson, b. D. Dalrymple</i>	13
<i>S. Drysdale, lbw, b. A.J. Edmond</i>	0
<i>H. Birrell, c. C.B.C. Brown, b. D. Hastie</i>	0
<i>W. Page, not out</i>	16
<i>Extras</i>	6

Total **84**

Cupar 2nd XI

<i>D. Hastie, b. P. Lawson</i>	7
<i>A.J. Edmond, b. P. Lawson</i>	14
<i>N. M'Ara, c. and b. P. Lawson</i>	2
<i>D. Porter, c. Baxter, b. P. Lawson</i>	3
<i>C.C. Edmond, b. P. Lawson</i>	0
<i>A. Patterson, c. Anderson, b. J. Lawson</i>	9
<i>S. Thomson, c. Hopkins, b. J. Lawson</i>	0
<i>D. Dalrymple, c. Drysdale, b. J. Lawson</i>	0
<i>M. Mackenzie, c. Drysdale, b. J. Lawson</i>	8
<i>W. Heggie, c. Drysdale, b. T. Schofield</i>	3
<i>C.B.C. Brown, not out</i>	1
<i>Extras</i>	3
Total	50

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

Question of Exemptions

“Falkland District School Management Committee had a lengthy sederunt when they met at Falkland School on Monday evening. At the outset the Clerk detailed various matters in connection with the re-constitution of the Committee, and Mr Shaw, Strathmiglo, expressed his strong feeling that insufficient announcement was made of election meetings. It was pointed out, however, that the discussion was somewhat irregular meantime, and the matter dropped.

Rev. G. Scanlan, Strathmiglo, was unanimously re-elected Chairman, and the following were appointed Conveners of the Sub-Committees for the various schools:-

Gateside and Strathmiglo – Mr Wannan

Auchtermuchty and Dunshalt – Mr McGillivray

Falkland – Bailie Robertson

Freuchie – Mr A. Grieve

School attendance reports showed that there had been much illness among children during the spring.

Details of the proposed summer holiday work on schools were submitted and approved, and it was resolved to ask in addition, the introduction of electric light at Dunshalt.

The case of a defaulting parent and his boy was fully considered by the Committee, who found that the matter presented some features of difficulty. The father, a ploughman, with a large young family desired the financial addition to his income from the boy's wages, and the opinion was expressed that, as numbers of cases of that kind cropped up, ploughmen were probably inadequately paid. Ultimately the father was warned that unless the boy returned to school meantime, he would have to be prosecuted.

Another application for exemption, also from a ploughman, was refused.

A good deal of discussion was caused in considering the case of a girl, Margaret Mitchelson, resident in Auchtermuchty, who was certified by the Authority's doctor as unfit to attend school over two years ago, and who, despite repeated reminders, had remained without medical treatment from the Authority ever since. It was unanimously agreed to send a strongly worded letter to the Medical Committee of the Authority, and to add that, failing immediate attention, the case would be brought under the notice of the Education Department.

It was agreed to approach Ladybank District Committee, with a view to the appointment of a joint Committee to resuscitate the inter-schools sports next year.

Mr J.S. McGillivray gave notice of motion for next meeting that they consider the possibility of extending the powers of School Management Committees."

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

*Extract from The Fife News: **Golf** – "The monthly medal competition was won on Thursday evening last week by Mr Andrew Venters, Captain of the Club, with a score of 94 less 8 – 86. Play was over 18 holes."*

26th May 1928

Article in *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Falkland v Nairn’s (Kirkcaldy)**

“Played at Scroggie Park, Falkland, on Saturday afternoon. Despite heavy rain in the forenoon, and also after the visitors’ arrival, the wicket was in good condition when T. Mitchell and Gardiner faced P. Lawson and Birrell. The latter bowler struck form at once, and his second delivery sent Mitchell back. Lawson claimed Gardiner lbw before the batsman got settled down. McBain opened his shoulders for a merry 14, although he should have been caught before reaching that figure. With the exception of Henderson, the other batsmen were at sea against the home bowling, and the last wicket fell at the meagre total of 31 runs.

Falkland’s start was as disastrous as Nairn’s, Drysdale being taken at the wicket off Mitchell’s second ball. Baxter gave Lawson splendid backing and between them these batsmen passed the visitors’ total. Rain commenced to fall and stumps were drawn, thus giving Falkland a handsome victory by nine wickets.

Bowling for Falkland, Birrell had the splendid analysis of six wickets for 10 runs, and P. Lawson four for 18. Scores:-

Nairn’s

<i>T. Mitchell, b. Birrell</i>	1
<i>J. Gardiner, lbw, b. P. Lawson</i>	2
<i>J. Campbell, c. J. Lawson, b. Birrell</i>	2
<i>A. McBain, b. P. Lawson</i>	14
<i>F. Fairbairn, b. Birrell</i>	1
<i>P. Milne, c. Hopkins, b. Birrell</i>	0
<i>A. Henderson, not out</i>	7
<i>R. Robertson, c. C.R. Drysdale, b. P. Lawson</i>	0
<i>N.L.W. Mitchell, c. Baxter, b. Birrell</i>	1
<i>D. Stables, b. P. Lawson</i>	0
<i>A. Leck, c. Anderson, b. Birrell</i>	0
<i>Extras</i>	3
Total	31

Falkland

<i>P. Lawson, not out</i>	21
<i>C.R. Drysdale, c. Fairbairn, b. N. Mitchell</i>	0
<i>G. Baxter, not out</i>	13
<i>Extras</i>	2
Total for 1 wicket	36

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Victoria Day** – “Thursday was observed as Victoria Day in the burgh. The Public School was closed on Monday in recognition of the anniversary.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Weather** – “After a long period of fine, dry weather, rain fell during the week-end. Crops and plants assumed a refreshed appearance after the much-needed downfall. From Monday onwards the weather has been dry, but somewhat chilly.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death – Cunningham** – “At South Street, Falkland, on 21st May, Isabella Smart, widow of Jas. Cunningham, 10 Kirkton Road, Burntisland, aged 69 years.”

2nd June 1928

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

Falkland School Management Committee

Lumsden Bursary

“Applications are invited for the above BURSARY, open to Present and Former Pupils of Falkland and Freuchie Public Schools.

Particulars, with Schedules of Application, may be had from the Clerk, MELVILLE ST CLAIR, Solicitor, Bank Buildings, Falkland, with whom applications must be lodged not later than TUESDAY, 19th June 1928.”

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

“Ideal weather favoured the meeting of the above teams at Scroggie Park, Falkland, on Saturday afternoon. For the fourth time in succession this season, the toss of the coin was against the home captain, and Markinch decided to bat. Jack and Morrison opened confidently against P. Lawson and Birrell, and eleven runs were signalled when Jack was out to a splendid catch at mid-on. Morrison, though scoring freely, was really never settled against P. Lawson, but he received little backing from the other batsmen, with the exception of Taylor, who had a couple of boundaries in his contribution. The last wicket fell at 48.

The home team made a disastrous start, and half the side were out for 15 runs. It was left to Schofield to come to the rescue. Birrell, also, though not scoring many runs, played the style of batting the occasion demanded, and between them these batsmen took the total over 40. The visitors were giving nothing away in the field, and runs were hard to get. Excitement was intense, when young Finlay, the last batsman, went to the wicket with the score at 44. He played his part manfully, and allowed Schofield to register the winning hit with a fine off drive to the boundary. A feature of the game was the splendid fielding of both sides, and was evinced by the number of catches taken, some of these being of a brilliant order.

Bowling for Falkland, P. Lawson claimed four wickets for 15 runs, J. Lawson three for 14, and Birrell three for 13. For the visitors, Taylor took five for 11, Morrison two for 8, and Andrew Jack three for 23. Scores:-

Markinch

<i>Andrew Jack, c. J. Lawson, b. Birrell</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>A.A. Morrison, c. Finlay, b. J. Lawson</i>	<i>17</i>
<i>W. Gamba, b. Birrell</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>A. Law, c. Schofield, b. Birrell</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Dr Sellars, b. P. Lawson</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>A. Grant, c. R.S. Drysdale, b. P. Lawson</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>A. Lister, c. G. Anderson, b. J. Lawson</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Alex. Jack, c. P. Lawson, b. J. Lawson</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>A.G. Taylor, b. P. Lawson</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>D. Barclay, b. P. Lawson</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>D.S. Watson, not out</i>	<i>0</i>

<i>Extras</i>	4
Total	48

Falkland

<i>P. Lawson, b. Andrew Jack</i>	0
<i>G. Baxter, c. Gamba, b. Morrison</i>	1
<i>T. Drysdale, c. Andrew Jack, b. Morrison</i>	5
<i>T.C. Schofield, b. Taylor</i>	38
<i>C.R. Drysdale, b. Andrew Jack</i>	3
<i>R. Hopkins, c. Gamba, b. Andrew Jack</i>	1
<i>H. Birrell, c. Gamba, b. Taylor</i>	4
<i>J. Lawson, c. Morrison, b. Taylor</i>	0
<i>G. Anderson, c. Grant, b. Taylor</i>	1
<i>R.S. Drysdale, c. Lister, b. Taylor</i>	1
<i>G. Finlay, not out</i>	2
<i>Extras</i>	3
Total	59

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

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Rally** – “The annual rally of the Howe of Fife Boy Scouts takes place at Falkland to-morrow (Saturday). A big muster of Scouts is expected, and the function promises to be an interesting one.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Heavy Sentence for Lead Stealers** – “In Cupar Sheriff Court, on Friday, before Hon. Sheriff Stark, Wm. Michie, general dealer, residing at Balmblae, Falkland, and John Naismith, hawker, 118 Innerleven, Methil, pleaded not guilty to a charge of having between 10th and 15th May, from the ground at the rear of a dwelling-house in course of construction on the north side of the Leslie-Balfarg

highway, stolen a roll of sheet lead weighing about 12 cwts., the property of Messrs Henry Hutchison & Son, plumbers, High Street, Kirkcaldy. In the course of the evidence for the prosecution it was shown that the accused had hired a car which they had taken out late at night. The lead was stolen during the night, and had evidently been cut with an axe. An axe, the edge of which fitted the dent in the lead which was left, was found in the back of the car when it was returned to the hirer.

Barbara Duncan, metal merchant, Kirkcaldy, said that Naismith asked her if she could do with some lead, and she replied that she would take it if it was 'straight', but not if it was 'hot stuff'. The Sheriff, in finding the charge proved, said the case for the prosecution provided a chain of evidence that fitted in link by link against the accused. Lead was very valuable property, and they had, all over the country, such property lying about, under similar conditions. They could not afford to allow such offences to go unchecked. Accused would each go to prison for thirty days."

9th June 1928

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

"At Dunnikier Policies, Kirkcaldy, on Saturday afternoon. Winning the toss, the visiting captain sent Dunnikier to bat on a fast, hard wicket. The home team's opening was anything but rosy, Bain, Campbell, and Henderson being out with only three runs on the board. Currie and Brown tried to enliven matters, but splendid bowling and fielding by the visitors sent this pair to the pavilion. Birrell, who was keeping a nice length, performed the 'hat-trick' at this stage. A determined resistance by Stewart added twelve runs for the last wicket, and increased the total to 29.

Drysdale and P. Lawson opened for Falkland, and the latter gave Bain an easy 'c. and b.', while Drysdale 'played on' from Currie. Schofield batted well for his 7, but Baxter might have got several more runs had he not been so reckless. With the exception of T. Drysdale, the following five batsmen fared badly, and the situation became exciting when R.S. Drysdale, last man in, took his place at the wicket with the score at 26. The brothers played a steady game, however, and the home total was exceeded by 11 runs when 'R.S.' was bowled in attempting to drive Stewart.

Bowling for Falkland, Birrell captured five wickets for 13 runs, and P. Lawson four for 14. For Dunnikier, Bain took four for 18, Stewart three for 8, and Currie three for 12. Scores:-

Dunnikier

J.C. Bain, c. Anderson, b. Birrell

3

<i>R. Campbell, c. Hopkins, b. P. Lawson</i>	0
<i>C.C. Henderson, c. Anderson, b. P. Lawson</i>	0
<i>W. Currie, b. P. Lawson</i>	7
<i>W. Brown, run out</i>	4
<i>H. Hutchison, b. Birrell</i>	0
<i>T. Stewart, c. Finlay, b. P. Lawson</i>	12
<i>N.L. Aitken, c. Hopkins, b. Birrell</i>	0
<i>J. Gibson, b. Birrell</i>	0
<i>J. Cuthbert, b. Birrell</i>	0
<i>D. Murray, not out</i>	1
<i>Extras</i>	2
Total	29

Falkland

<i>C.R. Drysdale, b. Currie</i>	4
<i>P. Lawson, c. and b. Bain</i>	2
<i>T.C. Schofield, b. Currie</i>	7
<i>G. Baxter, b. Bain</i>	6
<i>G. Finlay, b. Currie</i>	0
<i>R. Hopkins, b. Stewart</i>	1
<i>J. Lawson, b. Bain</i>	4
<i>T. Drysdale, not out</i>	8
<i>H. Birrell, c. Campbell, b. Stewart</i>	0
<i>G. Anderson, c. Campbell, b. Bain</i>	1
<i>R.S. Drysdale, b. Stewart</i>	5
<i>Extras</i>	2

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Frost** – “There were six degrees of frost at Falkland on Tuesday morning.”

Extract from *the Fife News*: **Death - Bisset** – “At Pleasance, Falkland, on 1st June, Christina Bisset, dressmaker, youngest daughter of the late Bailie Bisset, Falkland.”

Article in *The Fife News*: **Scout Rally at Falkland**



Back Row – Assistant Scoutmaster M. Watt, Patrol Leader V. McDonald, Patrol Leader J. Staig and Rover J. Crombie.

Middle Row – Scouts T. Watson, J. Kinnear, T. Braid, Patrol Leader H. Syme, Rover D. Elder, and Scout W. Alexander.

Front Row – Scouts A. Grieve, J. Morgan, D. Kinnear, T. Elder, D. Johnston, and R. Inglis.

“A highly successful Scout Rally and Cake and Candy Sale were held in Mansion House Park, Falkland, on 2nd June, 1928. Over 200 Scouts presented a fine appearance and all the leaders in this successful movement in the Howe of Fife were present. An interesting item in the programme was the presentation to Miss Lumsden, Eden Valley House, Freuchie, of a ‘Thanks Badge’ – the highest honour a

scout can bestow, which entitles the wearer to the honour of salute, help, and respect from all Scouts. Above is a group of Freuchie Scouts."

16th June 1928

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Services** – “Rev. W.M. Paton, B.D., Abernethy, preached at both morning and afternoon services in the U.F. Church on Sunday morning.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Church Parade** – “The local Boy Scout Troop, under C.M. John J. Ross, attended divine worship in the Parish Church on Sunday morning.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Visitors to Palace** – “With the advent of summer, sightseers are becoming numerous at Falkland Palace, and several large parties of visitors are expected to visit the historic Royal building in the near future.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket** – “Incessant rain caused a cancellation of the Kelty-Falkland fixture on Saturday afternoon. The local eleven were somewhat disappointed as they always enjoy their visit to the mining town.”

23rd June 1928

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

“Saturday’s match at Scroggie Park, Falkland, was in the nature of a ‘local derby’, and attracted a large turnout of spectators. Despite nearly a week’s rain, the wicket was in good condition. The visitors won the toss and batted first, D.H. Thomson and Bewick facing P. Lawson and Birrell. While Bewick was content to ‘dig himself in’, Thomson treated the bowling with scant respect. He had a merry innings, and rattled on 38 runs before Birrell got through his guard. Had it not been for this first wicket partnership, ‘Strath’ would have made a sorry show, as the other batsmen, with the exception of Reid, could make nothing of the home trundling.

The brothers Drysdale opened for the homesters. C.R. was never comfortable against Low, and was ultimately bowled for 9. Splendid batting was witnessed when P.

Lawson and T. Drysdale were together, this pair putting on 42 runs for the second wicket. Hopkins carried on the good work with a hefty contribution of 20, while young Finlay registered the winning hit with a fine on-drive to the boundary. At this stage only three of the Falkland batsmen were out, and rain caused the players to scurry for shelter. After a ten minutes' downpour, a re-start was made, and the remaining wickets fell rather cheaply. The home innings closed at 112.

Bowling for Falkland, H. Birrell took five wickets for 29 runs, and P. Lawson four for 23. For Stratheden, J.S. Allan had five for 41 and W. Low five for 43. Scores:-

Stratheden

<i>D.H. Thomson, b. Birrell</i>	38
<i>W. Bewick, c. Hopkins, b. P. Lawson</i>	10
<i>J.S. Allan, b. J. Lawson</i>	0
<i>W. Low, c. R.S. Drysdale, b. Birrell</i>	0
<i>J.E. Thomson, c. Page, b. P. Lawson</i>	0
<i>R.G. Thomson, b. P. Lawson</i>	0
<i>J.L. Wilson, c. Hopkins, b. Birrell</i>	5
<i>W. Chapman, c. R.S. Drysdale, b. Birrell</i>	2
<i>A. Chapman, lbw, b. P. Lawson</i>	1
<i>D. Reid, not out</i>	13
<i>R. MacNaughton, c. Finlay, b. Birrell</i>	4
<i>Extras</i>	1
Total	74

Falkland

<i>T. Drysdale, c. Reid, b. Low</i>	29
<i>C.R. Drysdale, b. Low</i>	9
<i>P. Lawson, b. Low</i>	24
<i>R. Hopkins, b. Allan</i>	20
<i>G. Baxter, b. Allan</i>	9

<i>G. Finlay, c. Allan, b. Low</i>	11
<i>H. Birrell, b. Low</i>	1
<i>J. Lawson, b. Allan</i>	0
<i>G. Anderson, b. Allan</i>	3
<i>W. Page, c. D.H. Thomson, b. Allan</i>	2
<i>R.S. Drysdale, not out</i>	0
<i>Extras</i>	4
Total	112

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

“To encourage the youthful element in the splendid pastime, an eleven of the younger members of Falkland met a similar side from Kettle at Scroggie Park, on Thursday evening last week. Considering that the visitors, with the exception of Keith, do not play much cricket, they ran up a respectable total of 63 runs, while their bowling and work in the field was also very good. The home eleven were as keen as mustard, and with careful watching and coaching several of them will yet be good cricketers. They secured victory by one run. Scores:-

Kettle

<i>R. Keith, c. Page, b. Finlay</i>	12
<i>J. Duncan, b. Drysdale</i>	6
<i>D. Morgan, b. Drysdale</i>	1
<i>A. Dickie, c. Drysdale, b. Finlay</i>	10
<i>W. Bernard, run out</i>	0
<i>J. Allan, b. Drysdale</i>	2
<i>O. Maxwell, b. Lawson</i>	1
<i>T. Turner, c. White, b. Drysdale</i>	3
<i>B. Smith, lbw, b. Lawson</i>	9
<i>G. Moutrie, run out</i>	16

V. McDonald, not out	3
Total	63

Falkland

W. Page, b. Morgan	11
J. Dowie, c. Maxwell, b. Smith	6
D. McBain, c. Smith, b. Dickie	0
G. Finlay, c. Morgan, b. Smith	8
J. Lawson, run out	16
F. Drysdale, b. Keith	0
R. Stark, c. McDonald, b. Maxwell	2
W. Bryce, c. _____, b. Allan	7
W. White, c. Maxwell, b. Allan	0
J. Nelson, b. Allan	1
T. Grant, not out	1
Extras	12
Total	64

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Pulpit** – “Rev. Mr Smart, Kennoway, occupied the Parish Church pulpit on Sunday morning.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Weather** – “Heavy rain, accompanied at times by hail, fell during the greater part of Sunday. Thunder was heard rumbling in the distance.”

30th June 1928

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

“Cupar 2nd XI, at Cupar on Saturday, failed with the bat. It was a poor performance. Patterson alone reached double figures. There was a sad lack of defence in Cupar’s batting. Not so with Falkland, for whom the Drysdale made a fine opening pair, and soon placed the issue beyond doubt.

Bowling for Falkland, P. Lawson had six for 17, H. Birrell two for 8, and J. Lawson one for 12. For Cupar, D. Porter had five for 42, A.J. Edmond four for 44, and J.L. Smart one for 9. Scores:-

Cupar 2nd XI

<i>A.J. Edmond, b. P. Lawson</i>	6
<i>D. Porter, b. Birrell</i>	2
<i>D. Hastie, b. P. Lawson</i>	0
<i>C.C. Edmond, c. Page, b. P. Lawson</i>	6
<i>J.L. Smart, b. P. Lawson</i>	1
<i>W.R. Heggie, c. J. Lawson, b. Birrell</i>	1
<i>D. Dalrymple, run out</i>	3
<i>A. Patterson, b. P. Lawson</i>	14
<i>T.L. Rollo, c. Drysdale, b. J. Lawson</i>	4
<i>M. Mackenzie, c. and b. P. Lawson</i>	0
<i>A. Hardie, not out</i>	0
<i>Extras</i>	0
Total	37

Falkland

<i>C.R. Drysdale, st. C.C. Edmond, b. A.J. Edmond</i>	24
<i>T.T. Drysdale, b. Porter</i>	33
<i>P. Lawson, b. Edmond</i>	12
<i>R. Hopkins, b. Edmond</i>	11
<i>G. Baxter, b. Porter</i>	0

<i>G. Findlay, b. Porter</i>	2
<i>S.R. Drysdale, c. Heggie, b. Edmond</i>	7
<i>H. Birrell, b. Porter</i>	3
<i>W. Page, b. Porter</i>	1
<i>G. Anderson, c. A.J. Edmond, b. Smart</i>	9
<i>J. Lawson, not out</i>	12
<i>Extras</i>	4
Total	118

Article in *The Fife News*: **Cricket – P. Lawson’s XI v Howe of Fife Rugby XI**

“At Falkland, on Monday evening, a commencement was made with this match, but after about an hour’s play the game had to be abandoned on account of wretched weather conditions. At that time, ‘the Howe’ had scored 62 for 3 wickets. W. Coulter (Cupar) and D. Duncan (Freuchie) had each 22.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Scout Camp** – “Scoutmaster Wallace has made arrangements for the local Boy Scout troop to encamp at Milton Farm, West Anstruther, from 14th to 21st July.”



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Extract from *The Fife News*: **Outing** – “The U.F. Church Sunday School annual outing took place on Saturday. Leven was the venue, and the splendid weather helped to make the event a great success.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Scouts** – “The local troop of Boy Scouts, under command of Scoutmaster Wallace, attended divine worship in the U.F. Church on Sunday afternoon.”

7th July 1928

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

“Played at Scroggie Park, Falkland, on Saturday afternoon. Despite heavy rain all morning, the wicket was in good condition when the brothers Drysdale faced Garland and Stewart. Runs came steadily, 14 being signalled when ‘C.R.’ was bowled. A fruitful partnership then ensued between T. Drysdale and Schofield, this pair putting on over 20 runs. P. Lawson and Hopkins carried on with the good work, while Peter Robertson had a short but merry knock. The remaining five batsmen only mustered four runs between them, and the innings closed at 77.

The visiting batsmen were very cautious, contenting themselves with singles now and then. The Falkland bowlers did well despite the strong wind, and half of the Springfield side were sent back for 13. Dowie and J. Garland put up a stout resistance, and Donaldson made a brave show, but the home trundlers held the upper hand, and the last wicket fell at 41. The visitors, whose innings lasted over two hours, might have made a better show by ‘having a go’ at the bowling, instead of being content with ‘sitting on the splice’.

Bowling for Springfield, J. Garland captured five wickets for 30 runs, and W. Stewart two for 31. For Falkland, J. Lawson took three for 9, P. Lawson three for 13, and Birrell two for 8. Scores:-

Falkland

C.R. Drysdale, b. J. Garland	9
T. Drysdale, c. McDougall, b. Stewart	15
T.C. Schofield, b. J. Garland	20

<i>P. Lawson, lbw, b. Stewart</i>	11
<i>R. Hopkins, c. Arthur, b. J. Garland</i>	8
<i>P. Robertson, b. C. Garland</i>	9
<i>J. Lawson, b. J. Garland</i>	2
<i>G. Baxter, run out</i>	0
<i>R.S. Drysdale, run out</i>	1
<i>G. Anderson, not out</i>	0
<i>H. Birrell, b. J. Garland</i>	1
<i>Extra</i>	1
Total	77

Springfield

<i>T. Arthur, b. P. Lawson</i>	0
<i>C. Garland, run out</i>	5
<i>W. McDougall, b. P. Lawson</i>	0
<i>J. Lackie, b. H. Birrell</i>	0
<i>L. Dowie, c. T. Drysdale, b. H. Birrell</i>	5
<i>J. Garland, c. Robertson, b. Schofield</i>	12
<i>F. Martin, c. T, Drysdale, b. J. Lawson</i>	0
<i>A. Donaldson, not out</i>	10
<i>W. Stewart, c. C. Drysdale, b. J. Lawson</i>	2
<i>J. Mair, b. P. Lawson</i>	2
<i>W. Walker, c. T. Drysdale, b. J. Lawson</i>	3
<i>Extras</i>	2
Total	41

“At Scroggie Park, Falkland, on Wednesday evening.

Bowling for Falkland, Dowie took three wickets for 17 runs, Drysdale three for 25, and J. Lawson jnr., two for 0. For Dunnikier, Louden had five for 34, Kilpatrick two for 32, and Bryson one for 7. Scores:-

Dunnikier 2nd XI

<i>J. Louden, c. and b. Drysdale</i>	<i>14</i>
<i>R.M. Kilpatrick, c. J. Lawson jnr., b. Dowie</i>	<i>25</i>
<i>J. Gibson, b. Drysdale</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>J. Dunsire, c. and b. Dowie</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>J.W. Stoddart, c. Birrell, b. Drysdale</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>R. Bryson, c. Page, b. J. Lawson jnr.</i>	<i>14</i>
<i>T. Stewart, lbw, b. Dowie</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>R. Kirk, c. Birrell, b. J. Lawson jnr.</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>E. Morrison, not out</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Extras</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Total for 8 wickets (Innings declared)</i>	<i>65</i>

Falkland 2nd XI

<i>J. Dowie, b. Kilpatrick</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>G. Finlay, not out</i>	<i>41</i>
<i>J. Lawson jnr., b. Louden</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>W. Page, c. Dunsire, b. Kilpatrick</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>F. Drysdale, c. Stewart, b. Louden</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Jack Lawson, b. Louden</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>J. Birrell, c. Gibson, b. Louden</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>J. Lawson, c. Stewart, b. Louden</i>	<i>16</i>
<i>W. Bryce, b. Bryson</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>R. Anderson, not out</i>	<i>4</i>

G. Balfour did not bat

Total for 8 wickets

79

Article in *The Fife News*: **Fife Town Councils**

Falkland



Falkland Town Council 1928

Standing (l. to r.) – Councillors J. Jack, R. Hendry, D. Riley, James Skinner, P. Craig, H. Baxter, R. Nellies and P. Robertson.

Sitting (l. to r.) – Mr A. Anderson, Town Clerk; Bailie P. Hunt, Provost T.D. Hopkins, Bailie George Robertson, and Councillor Thos. Grant.

“Falkland Town Council are fortunate in having within the ancient burgh such an attraction as the Palace, which is yearly visited by people from all over the world. There is much of old-world interest in the burgh, but it has been kept up-to-date and modernised by the ruling body. One will go far without seeing such an attractive

housing scheme as that which was undertaken by the Council, at a cost of £25,000, and at a time when municipal housing schemes were not so numerous as they are now. Falkland has also an up-to-date sewage scheme and water supply. At the head of the Town Council is Provost T.D. Hopkins, who is now in his seventh year in that position. In the photograph above the Provost is wearing one of the burgh's most treasured possessions – the chain of office 'presented by John, 3rd Marquis of Bute, in memory of his silver wedding, passed at Falkland on 16th April 1897'. This handsome and decorative emblem is of solid gold, inset with Cairngorm stones. The 'father' of the Council is Mr Peter Robertson, who has a record of 12 or 13 years' service."

Article in *The Fife News*: **Former Falkland Teacher's Important Post**

"Mr George Gardner, Superintendent of Oakbank Industrial School, Aberdeen, and formerly of Falkland, has just been appointed headmaster of the Kibble Reformatory, Paisley, the largest institution of the kind in Scotland. Mrs Gardner has been appointed matron.

Mr Gardner was a pupil teacher in Stobhill Public School, Gorebridge, from 1900 to 1906. Entering Edinburgh Provincial Committee's Training College in 1907, he qualified in 1909 and was appointed assistant master in Falkland Public School. Here, he took a keen interest in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the young, and was for a time connected with the Cricket Club, as well as acting as Assistant Scoutmaster. In 1911 he returned to Stobhill School as assistant, and a year later he went to the Borstal Institution, Polmont, as schoolmaster. Seven years later, he went to Aberdeen as Superintendent of Oakbank Industrial School, and here he has laboured ever since with conspicuous success.

At the outbreak of the war, Mr Gardner was mobilised with the Territorials as a sergeant, and in March 1915 was gazetted second-Lieutenant in the 4th Royal Scots. He was wounded in France in August 1918, and was awarded the Military Cross for gallantry and devotion to duty in the field.

Many of his old acquaintances in the Falkland district will be glad to hear of Mr Gardner's advancement to the responsible position he now occupies."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Closing of School** – "The Public School closed on Friday afternoon for the summer vacation. Prizes for the successful students during the year were handed over by Bailie G. Robertson."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **New Deacons** – “Messrs Alexander Archibald, James Hay, and Robert Dakers have been elected to the office of deacon in Falkland U.F. Church. The ordination and induction ceremony took place in the church on Sunday afternoon, Rev. J.P. Batchelor officiating.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Choir's Drive** – “The U.F. Church choir's annual drive took place on Saturday to Lochearnhead. The outward journey was by way of Milnathort, Crieff, and St Fillans, while the homeward route was via Callander, Doune, Alva, Dunfermline, Cowdenbeath, Scotlandwell, and Leslie.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Churches** – “Arrangements have been made to hold united services during the months of July and August, when the ministers, Rev. J.P. Batchelor, U.F. Church, and Rev. J.K. Russell, Parish Church, respectively, will be on holiday. The services are to be held in the Parish Church in the mornings, and in the U.F. Church in the afternoons.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Parish Church Sunday School** – “The annual pic-nic took place on Saturday afternoon, when the children, accompanied by their teachers and parents and friends, journeyed in corn carts to Chapel, Kingskettle. The weather was good, and a very enjoyable time was spent by one and all. At the close of the morning service in the Church on Sunday, the prize-giving ceremony took place. The awards, which took the form of books, were handed over by Miss Bessie Douglas and Mr James Henderson, in the presence of a large congregation.”

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

“The annual sports prior to Falkland Public School closing for the summer holidays were held in the Sports Park last Friday afternoon. Weather conditions were favourable, and there was a large gathering of parents and friends to witness the pupils display their athletic prowess. Competition was keen in all the events. Mrs J.K. Russell presented the prizes to the winners, and medals, given by Mr A. Shanks, Falkland Wood, for the girl and boy with most points, were won by Jennie Finlay and John Paterson. The following is the prize-list:-

GIRLS

Over 12

Flat Race – 1. Jenny Finlay, 2. Mary Baxter, 3. Kate Skinner

Skipping Race – 1. Jenny Finlay, 2. Mary Baxter, 3. Kate Skinner.

Egg and Spoon Race – 1. Jenny Finlay, 2. Mary Baxter, 3. Kate Skinner.

Thread and Needle Race – 1. Bertha Fraser, 2. Nancy Bayne, 3. Jenny Finlay.

Potato Race – 1. Jenny Finlay, 2. Kate Skinner, 3. Nancy Bayne.

High Jump – 1. Kate Skinner, 2. Mary Baxter, 3. Jenny Finlay.

Under 12

Flat Race – 1. Sarah Hardie, 2. Georgina Lawson, 3. Jane Hopkins.

Skipping Race – 1. Marjory Douglas, 2. Georgina Lawson, 3. Sarah Hardie.

Egg and Spoon Race – 1. Marjory Douglas, 2. Margaret Wilson, 3. Anna Dryburgh.

Thread and Needle Race – 1. Marjory Douglas, 2. Sarah Hardie, 3. Anna Dryburgh.

High Jump – 1. Nancy Bayne, 2. Georgina Lawson, 3. Sarah Hardie.

Under 10

Flat Race – 1. Mary Derrick, 2. Peggy Thomson, 3. Grace Mather.

Skipping race – 1. Helen Wallace, 2. Sarah Duff, 3. Helen Abernethy.

Egg and Spoon Race – 1. Peggy Thomson, 2. Lily Chapman.

Over 6

Flat Race – 1. Marion Dall, 2. Effie Williamson, 3. Mary White.

Under 6

Flat Race – 1. Rose Hadden, 2. Joan Lawson, 3. Betty Wallace.

BOYS

Over 12

Flat Race – 1. John Paterson, 2. Finlay Drysdale, 3. Robert Smith.

Three-legged Race – 1. F. Drysdale and partner, 2. David Hardie and partner, 3. John Lawson and partner.

220 Yards Race – 1. John Paterson, 2. Finlay Drysdale, 3. Wm. Simpson.

Sack Race – 1. Tom Grieve, 2. David Hardie, 3. Denholm Baxter.

Potato Race – 1. John Paterson, 2. Jack Anderson, 3. John Lawson.

High Jump – 1. John Paterson, 2. And 3. (tie) Finlay Drysdale and Douglas Oram.

Long Jump – 1. Jeffrey Cowe, 2. John Paterson, 3. Finlay Drysdale.

Under 12

Flat Race – 1. W. Speake, 2. John Bett, 3. Tom Wallace.

Three-legged Race – 1. John Bett and Denholm Baxter, 2. W. Speake and D. Martin, 3. Wm. Skinner and Tom Wallace.

Sack Race – 1. Guy Shanks, 2. Wm. Smith, 3. Walter Davidson.

High Jump – 1. Wm. Smith, 2. Guy Shanks, 3. Robt. Scott.

Long Jump – 1. Wm. Smith, 2. Jas. Scott, 3. Tom Wallace.

Under 10

Flat Race – 1. Robert Dall, 2. George Brown, 3. Norman Martin.

Three-legged Race – 1. Robert Dall and George Brown, 2. Tom McEwan and Lawrence Smith, 3. Andrew Armit and John Flockhart.

Over 6

Flat Race – 1. Walter Thomson, 2. John Shanks, 3. Alex. Munro.

Under 6

Flat Race – 1. Tom Derrick, 2. Pat Cameron, 3. John Douglas.

Relay Race (Open) – 1st Team – Jas. Munro, Robt. Smith, David Hardie and Willie Simpson.”

14th July 1928

Intimation in *The Fife News*: **Lomond Oak Lodge, No. 387**

“Owing to Trades Holidays, NO MEETING will be held on 19th JULY.

Half-Yearly Summoned Meeting will be held in TOWN HALL, FALKLAND, on THURSDAY, 2nd AUGUST (7.30 p.m.). Fines for non-attendance strictly enforced.”

JAMES S. HARDIE, Secretary.”

Intimation in *The Fife News*: **Lomond Oak Lodge, No. 387**

“A SPECIAL SUMMONED MEETING of the Members will be held in TOWN HALL, FALKLAND on THURSDAY, 26th JULY, at 7 p.m. prompt.

Business – Consolidation of District Scheme of INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNTS. Bro. Wm. Clark, District Secretary, will speak on the scheme. A full attendance is requested for this important business. Fines very strictly enforced.

JAMES S. HARDIE, Secretary.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Sale of Work** – *“Under the auspices of the Parish Church Woman’s Guild, a very successful sale of work, produce, and cake and candy was held in Falkland Palace grounds on Saturday afternoon. Mrs Black, of Chapel, Kingskettle, performed the opening ceremony. The weather was all that could be desired, and, no doubt, enticed such a large throng to the function. At the close of the sale, the proceeds amounted to £79. In addition to this sum by concerts and collections during the winter, a further £17 has been raised by the Woman’s Guild, bringing the total up to £96. The various stall-holders were as follows:-*

Work Stall – Miss Martyn, Mrs J. Drysdale, Mrs J.K. Russell, Mrs Chisholm.

Household Stall – Mrs Nisbet, Miss Henderson, Miss K. Lawson, Miss M. Dryden.

Basket Stall – Mrs Watson, Miss Watson.

Produce Stall – Mrs Bonthron, Miss Chalmers, Miss J. Lister.

Tea Stall – Mrs Henderson, Miss Drysdale, and assistants.

Pound Stall – Miss J.K. Drysdale.

Bran Tub – Miss Collins and Miss Cowan.

Amusements – Rev. J.K. Russell.

Able assistance was also given in various ways by members of the local Boy Scout and Cub troops. The arrangements were in the hands of Miss Martyn, secretary of the Guild.”

21st July 1928

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

“The men of the Royal Burgh continue to pursue their winning way, and on Monday evening entertained Methilhill at Scroggie Park. The visitors won the toss, and put the local team to bat. T. Schofield and Peter Lawson opened in promising fashion, but after 9 runs were on the board, Schofield was bowled by J. Honeyman. W. Page joined the captain, and runs started to come at a good pace. Both batsmen forced matters and before they were separated the score was taken to 90. Page, one of the colts, played a fine game, and retired with 26 to his credit. ‘Peter’ continued the good work, and hit out with tremendous power. Three of hits went clean out of the ground into the private walk. Not for a long time has such a display of free hitting been witnessed at Scroggie Park. With his score at 85, the captain was bowled by Honeyman. Fifteen 4’s were included in his innings, and the spectators were not slow in appreciating his fine exhibition. The closure was applied with the score at 140 for 5 wickets.

The Methilhill innings opened in disastrous fashion, only one run being scored for the loss of two wickets, and in little over half-an-hour, the whole side were skittled for 14.

Falkland have now played 10 games and won them all, and there is good reason for believing that they are the only unbeaten side in Fife.

Bowling for Falkland, P. Lawson had three wickets for 5 runs, and H. Birrell had three wickets for 4. Scores:-

Falkland

<i>T.C. Schofield, b. Honeyman</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>P. Lawson, b. Honeyman</i>	<i>85</i>
<i>W. Page, c. Appelby, b. D. Honeyman</i>	<i>26</i>
<i>G. Finlay, b. D. Honeyman</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>P. Robertson, run out</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>J. Lawson, not out</i>	<i>16</i>
<i>H. Birrell, not out</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>R.S. Drysdale, G. Anderson, and J. Lawson did not bat</i>	
<i>Extras</i>	<i>5</i>
Total for 5 wickets	140

Methilhill

<i>G. Honeyman, b. Birrell</i>	0
<i>G. Appelby, b. P. Lawson</i>	0
<i>R. Armit, b. H. Birrell</i>	3
<i>J. Honeyman, b. H. Birrell</i>	1
<i>A. Brand, c. Page, b. P. Lawson</i>	0
<i>D. Honeyman, lbw, b. P. Lawson</i>	1
<i>C. Judge, run out</i>	4
<i>J. Beveridge, b. J. Lawson</i>	0
<i>J. McMillan, st. Page, b. Robertson</i>	0
<i>T. McAndrew, b. J. Lawson</i>	0
<i>J. Glenney, not out</i>	0
<i>Extras</i>	5
Total	14

28th July 1928

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

“At Scroggie Park, Falkland, on Saturday afternoon. The unbeaten record of the Royal burgh team has gone, and Kelty are to be congratulated on their victory. It may be said that the visitors took their chances, while the home lot were frittering away every opportunity.

Batting first, Kelty scored 71 runs, to which Hynd 17, Forrester 15, and Anderson 12, were the chief contributors.

With the exception of Page 21 and T. Drysdale 19, Falkland’s display was a pitiful affair. At the commencement, it was just a procession, there being 5 wickets down for only 12 runs. Page’s contribution, however, added a decided wag to the ‘tail’.

Bowling for Falkland, J. Lawson took six wickets for 26 runs and P. Lawson four for 29. For Kelty, Bain had seven for 17 and Macdonald three for 31. Scores:-

Kelty

<i>J. Hynd, b. P. Lawson</i>	17
<i>T. Anderson, c. T. Drysdale, b. J. Lawson</i>	12
<i>A. Martin, c. T. Drysdale, b. J. Lawson</i>	0
<i>H. Forrester, c. Page, b. J. Lawson</i>	15
<i>J. MacDonald, b. P. Lawson</i>	1
<i>T. Bain, c. Finlay, b. J. Lawson</i>	6
<i>J. Pryde, b. P. Lawson</i>	2
<i>J. Martin, b. J. Lawson</i>	9
<i>A. Hill, c. R.S. Drysdale, b. J. Lawson</i>	5
<i>R. Hogg, b. P. Lawson</i>	3
<i>R. Wood, not out</i>	0
<i>Extra</i>	1
Total	71

Falkland

<i>T. Drysdale, c. Forrester, b. MacDonald</i>	19
<i>C.R. Drysdale, b. Bain</i>	0
<i>T.C. Schofield, c. Hynd, b. Bain</i>	0
<i>P. Lawson, c. Hogg, b. MacDonald</i>	0
<i>R. Hopkins, b. Bain</i>	0
<i>J. Lawson, b. MacDonald</i>	4
<i>G. Finlay, c. Wood, b. Bain</i>	5
<i>H. Birrell, b. Bain</i>	1
<i>W. Page, b. Bain</i>	21
<i>G. Anderson, b. Bain</i>	3

R.S. Drysdale, not out	1
Total	54

Article in *The Fife News*: **Some Well-Known Howe of Fife Cricketers**



“The above quintette are among the stalwart cricketers of the Howe of Fife. First is young Keith of Freuchie. Keith began his acquaintance with the leather and willow under Kennoway’s care, but since he became employed on Mr John Dickie’s farm at Kettle, he has joined the Freuchie club. He is a fine cricketer. Bowls a fair paced ball with a good length, and has never been known to tire. As a batsman he has a free style and puts force into his shots. He is undoubtedly one of Freuchie’s powers of the future and a man on whom Sam Parkes will make a big improvement.”

‘Peter Robertson of Falkland’ is a name long associated with cricket in the Howe. He has shone in all departments, particularly in fielding. When a batsman knocks the ball within possible reach of Peter’s big hands, he may as well turn towards the pavilion, for a catch missed by Peter Robertson has seldom been seen. His batting is of the bright variety. Boundaries are his long suit. Long may he wield the willow!

Falkland have a strong side and are indebted to Lawson for many of their wickets. Though a left-handed batsman, he bowls right arm and has a fine easy action. He seldom bowls long without getting amongst the 'timbers', and many runs have come from his bat. He played havoc with the Cupar captain's 'expresses' last week.

J. Jack inherited his cricket from his father, who was for many years president of the Freuchie Club, and still gives them his valuable support. Jack junior is a steady batsman with a dour defence. When he and Duncan are together the bowlers are 'up against it'. Though employed in Markinch, Jack plays regularly for Freuchie where he learned the game and for whom he has done good work.

When Stratheden have big scores, E. Thomson is pretty sure to have had a hand in it. An old Dollar Academy boy, he believes in the long handle, and he smites with a will. Nothing delights him more than a half-volley, and he gets few that he does not convert into fours."



Peter Robertson

Peter Lawson

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Factories** – “Work was resumed in the Floorcloth and Linen Factories on Monday morning after the summer vacation.”

4th August 1928

Article in *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Falkland v Perth Victoria**

“After the previous Saturday’s lapse in form, Falkland returned to winning vein at Scroggie Park on Saturday afternoon. Despite heavy rain, the wicket was in good condition, and on winning the toss, Captain Lawson put the visitors in to bat. The home bowling was very good, and half of the Perth side were out for 17. Marmun

was the only batsman who offered real resistance, and was responsible for half of the total. Lawson gave a sparkling display of batting for Falkland, and laid the foundation for a good score. The visitors' total was passed with four wickets down. Schofield's 54 (not out) was a masterly effort, and he wielded his bat with refreshing abandon. Peter Robertson's contribution was reminiscent of his palmy days, and he gave the spectators something to shout about when he opened his shoulders. It was a magnificent catch in the outfield that put an end to his innings. Falkland's 'tail' wagged rather feebly, and the last wicket fell at 145.

Bowling for Falkland, Lawson captured five wickets for 14 runs, Birrell three for 26, and Finlay two for 6. For Victoria, J.R. Melville took three for 45, J.W. Melville two for 6, Todd two for 25, Marmun one for 13, and Kettles one for 30. Scores:-

Perth Victoria

<i>J. Hendry, b. Lawson</i>	1
<i>J. Todd, c. Robertson, b. Lawson</i>	2
<i>G. Craigon, b. Birrell</i>	5
<i>T. Kettles, c. Finlay, b. Birrell</i>	3
<i>J.W. Melville, c. and b. Lawson</i>	5
<i>J. Marmun, b. Lawson</i>	24
<i>J.R. Melville, c. Robertson, b. Birrell</i>	4
<i>D. Thomson, c. Page, b. Finlay</i>	0
<i>D. Bruce, b. Lawson</i>	1
<i>J. Fisken, not out</i>	2
<i>M. Fenton, b. Finlay</i>	0
<i>Extra</i>	1
Total	48

Falkland

<i>P. Lawson, lbw, b. J.R. Melville</i>	35
<i>T. Drysdale, c. Fenton, b. Kettles</i>	1
<i>R. Hopkins, run out</i>	0

<i>T.C. Schofield, not out</i>	54
<i>D. Shanks, b. Todd</i>	4
<i>W. Page, b. Marmun</i>	3
<i>P. Robertson, c. Fisken, b. Todd</i>	32
<i>C.R. Drysdale, c. Thomson, b. J.R. Melville</i>	4
<i>G. Finlay, b. J.R. Melville</i>	2
<i>H. Birrell, lbw, b. J.W. Melville</i>	1
<i>G. Anderson, st. Thomson, b. J.W. Melville</i>	7
<i>Extras</i>	2
Total	145

Extract from the *Fife News*: **Accidents** – “A collision took place in the High Street, at the top of Mill Wynd, on Thursday forenoon last week. Nurse Willis was making to turn her car down into the Wynd, when James Cowan, a boy cyclist, who had been following the vehicle, and who must have been unaware of Nurse Willis’s intention to make for Mill Wynd, came into violent collision with the car, and was thrown underneath. On being extricated, he was found to be suffering from a broken ankle and severe cuts about the legs and body.



High Street-Mill Wynd Junction

The boy was immediately taken to Kirkcaldy Cottage Hospital, and it is now learned that he is progressing favourably. Nurse Willis was uninjured and her motor car was free from damage.

While Miss Isabella Drysdale, West Port, was entering her house on Saturday evening, she slipped and fell just inside the doorway. On being assisted into the house, she was found to have sustained fracture of the thigh and also of the shoulder. The ambulance was sent for, and Miss Drysdale was taken to Kirkcaldy Hospital. She is recovering as well as possible."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Marriage – Brunton-Forsyth** – "At Falkland Parish Church, on the 26th July, by Rev. J.K. Russell, assisted by the Rev. W.S. Anderson, Markinch, John, son of Mr John C. Brunton, Markinch, to Helen, daughter of Mr and Mrs James Forsyth, Falkland."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Church Wedding** – "An interesting wedding ceremony was performed on Thursday afternoon last week in the Parish Church, which was beautifully decorated with sweet peas and roses, the work of Mr P. Hunt, Falkland Palace Gardens. The bride was Miss Helen Forsyth, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs James Forsyth, Brunton House, Falkland, and the bridegroom, Mr Jack Brunton, Commercial Street, Markinch. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J.K. Russell, Falkland, and Rev. W.S. Anderson, Markinch. Miss Edmonstone was organist.

The bride, who was given away by her father, and was attended by four bridesmaids, was attired in a beautiful beaded white georgette robe, and wore a wedding veil with Russian headdress of orange blossom. She carried a sheaf of arum lilies. Miss Jessie Forsyth and Miss Rhena Brunton, sisters of the bride and bridegroom, respectively, and two little nieces, Miss Nan Lewis and Miss Brunton, who attended the bride, looked charming in lemon georgette. The senior bridesmaids carried bouquets of pink roses, and wore beautiful brooches, the gifts of the bridegroom, while the junior bridesmaids, whose gifts were strings of pearls, carried baskets of roses.

Mr Knox Brunton, younger brother of the bridegroom, was groomsman, and Master Jim Lewis was page. After the signing of the register in the vestry, the guests, numbering about 80, adjourned to the Bruce Arms Hotel, where, in a marquee erected on the lawn, a reception was held. The happy couple left for the honeymoon amid a shower of confetti and the good wishes of their friends. The bride's going-away dress was Lido blue crepe de chine, over which she wore a long navy blue coat and lynx fur with hat to match."

11th August 1928

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

“At Freuchie on Wednesday evening.

Bowling for Freuchie, Keith had seven wickets for 21 runs, and Duncan three for 26. For Falkland, J. Lawson had five wickets for 19, and P. Lawson three for 25.

Scores:-

Falkland

<i>C. Drysdale, c. Keith, b. Duncan</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>P. Lawson, c. Livingstone, b. Duncan</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>T. Schofield, c. Smart, b. Keith</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>W. Page, b. Duncan</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>R. Hopkins, b. Keith</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>P. Robertson, b. Keith</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>G. Findlay, b. Keith</i>	<i>28</i>
<i>G. Anderson, b. Keith</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>J. Lawson, b. Keith</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>R.S. Drysdale, b. Keith</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>H. Birrell, not out</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Extras</i>	<i>5</i>
Total	60

Freuchie

<i>J. Lindsay, b. J. Lawson</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>D. Duncan, not out</i>	<i>50</i>
<i>J. Jack, b. J. Lawson</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>S. Campbell, c. Findlay, b. J. Lawson</i>	<i>0</i>

<i>J. Dalrymple, b. J. Lawson</i>	2
<i>J. Fleming, lbw, b. P. Lawson</i>	8
<i>K. Beveridge, c. Hopkins, b. P. Lawson</i>	5
<i>R. Keith, b. P. Lawson</i>	1
<i>D. Smart, not out</i>	0
<i>A. Grant and A. Livingstone did not bat</i>	
<i>Extras</i>	9
Total	84

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

“Markinch played Falkland in the John Dixon Park, Markinch, on Saturday afternoon.

Bowling for Falkland, P. Lawson took five wickets for 7 runs and H. Birrell five for 26. For Markinch, A.A. Morrison took seven wickets for 24 and Andrew Jack three for 34. Scores:-

Markinch

<i>A.A. Morrison, c. Schofield, b. Lawson</i>	18
<i>Alex. Law, b. Birrell</i>	0
<i>Wm. Gamba, b. Birrell</i>	3
<i>F.T. Morrison, c. Baxter, b. Lawson</i>	1
<i>Alex. Jack, c. Drysdale, b. Birrell</i>	0
<i>Andrew Jack, b. Lawson</i>	5
<i>J. Laing, c. C. Drysdale, b. Lawson</i>	0
<i>A. Lister, c. P. Lawson, b. Birrell</i>	0
<i>J. Reid, b. Lawson</i>	3
<i>A. McDonald, b. Birrell</i>	1
<i>D. Barclay, not out</i>	2
<i>Extras</i>	2

Total 35

Falkland

C.R. Drysdale, c. Andrew Jack, b. Morrison	0
T.C. Schofield, c. Lister, b. Morrison	12
W. Page, c. A. Morrison, b. Jack	14
G. Baxter, st. Law, b. Morrison	6
J. Lawson, c. Lister, b. Morrison	8
P. Lawson, b. Jack	1
R. Hopkins, b. Morrison	0
G. Finlay, st. Law, b. Morrison	2
G. Anderson, b. Morrison	10
H. Birrell, c. A. Morrison, b. Jack	4
R.S. Drysdale, not out	1
Extras	2
Total	60

18th August 1928

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

“The weather conditions were not at all promising on Saturday, when Stratheden and Falkland met at Strathmiglo in the annual ‘Derby’. Despite various counter attractions within a short radius, the attendance was very good, resulting in the highest ‘gate’ of the season. The visitors brought a good following.

Thomson and Scanlan opened for the homesters on a wicket a little soft after a night’s rain. The former’s second hit looked like landing in the manse garden, and after two 2’s, two singles, and a four, he drew in a Birrell delivery that was clearing the wickets by a foot and a half. Scanlan was joined by J.S. Allan, and the former, after stopping one from J. Lawson, allowed the ball to roll back and upset his bails. 2

for 29. Allan opened with a boundary, a single dividing this and his next four, and by the time the third wicket fell, the respectable total of 60 had been reached. While young Leburn only had three singles to his credit, he gave Allan good support, which, had he received from the remainder, would have undoubtedly enabled him to reach his century, so well did he appear to have got set. Allan's score included 13 boundary hits, and he never gave a real chance. In P. Lawson's last over, Allan cut three successive balls to the off boundary. His performance was acknowledged by friend and opponent alike at the close. Thomson, Wilson, Chapman, and McNaughton were all 'got' by balls which they usually play well.

Rain came on, and after tea it cleared off, and play was resumed on a wet wicket. P. Lawson and Schofield opened to Allan and Thomson. The Falkland captain had a 'life' in the first over, when he skied a ball, which, slippery with the wet, eluded Wannan's grasp at mid-on. A confident appeal came the next over, when Tom Schofield tipped one into Scanlan's hands, only to be dropped. The home bowlers were finding the wet ball difficult to control, and runs were rather easily got. With the fifth ball of Allan's third over, Lawson snicked a fast rising one into Scanlan's hands, and as the Falkland captain went off, he intimated 'last over', Allan sending up a loose ball for the last, which Finlay sent for 4.

Bowling for Falkland, P. Lawson had six for 41, J. Lawson two for 40, H. Birrell one for 8, T.C. Schofield one for 13, and G. Finlay none for 6. For Stratheden, J.S. Allan had one for 16. Scores:-

Stratheden

D.H. Thomson, b. Birrell	15
N. Scanlan, b. J. Lawson	3
J.S. Allan, not out	81
W.G. Leburn, c. P. Lawson, b. Schofield	3
J.E. Thomson, b. P. Lawson	0
J. Wannan, b. P. Lawson	3
J.L. Wilson, b. P. Lawson	0
R. McNaughton, b. P. Lawson	1
W. Chapman, b. P. Lawson	0
T. Cook, c. Drysdale, b. P. Lawson	1
D. Reid, b. J. Lawson	1

Extras	14
Total	122

Falkland

<i>P. Lawson, c. Scanlan, b. Allan</i>	14
<i>T.C. Schofield, not out</i>	7
<i>G. Finlay, not out</i>	4
<i>R. Hopkins, W. Page, C.R. Drysdale, D. Shanks, G. Anderson, J. Lawson, G. Baxter and H. Birrell did not bat.</i>	
Total for 1 wicket	25

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

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Appointment** – “Dr F. Walker, Southbank, Falkland, has been appointed as certifying surgeon under the Factory and Workshop Acts, in succession to Dr C.B. Grieve, for the district of Falkland.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death – McRobbie** – “At Oakbank, Falkland, on 13th August, Mary, only daughter of the late David McRobbie, late of Manchester, aged 77.”

25th August 1928

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

“At Scroggie Park, Falkland, on Saturday afternoon. Batting first, the visitors started rather shakily, four wickets being down for 21 runs. The ensuing partnership between Bain and Stewart, however, put a different complexion on the score, and

when Stewart left, over 50 runs had been added. Bain went on at a merry pace, and, although let off once or twice through bad fielding, treated the spectators to a meteoric display of hitting. He was taken at third man when only six short of his century. The visiting captain then closed the innings.

Though three batsmen of the Falkland side reached double figures, the team as a whole never batted with confidence. Finlay played steadily, and Lawson did some hitting, while Baxter had a belated contribution, but they received little support from the others. The last wicket was down at 71.

Bowling for Falkland, P. Lawson captured five wickets for 36 runs, Finlay one for 6, and Schofield one for 20. For Dunnikier, Campbell took four for 19, Bain three for 14, Currie two for 18, and Stewart one for 15. Scores:-

Dunnikier

<i>R. Stark, c. Schofield, b. P. Lawson</i>	0
<i>J.C. Bain, c. Drysdale, b. Finlay</i>	94
<i>R. Campbell, c. and b. P. Lawson</i>	3
<i>W. Currie, b. P. Lawson</i>	0
<i>Major Bryan, run out</i>	1
<i>T. Stewart, b. Schofield</i>	19
<i>P. Barclay, b. P. Lawson</i>	2
<i>D. Murray, not out</i>	3
<i>H. Hutchison, not out</i>	1
<i>W. Brown and J. Gibson did not bat</i>	
<i>Extras</i>	5
Total for 7 wkts (inns. dec.)	128

Falkland

<i>C.R. Drysdale, b. Campbell</i>	7
<i>T.C. Schofield, b. Stewart</i>	5
<i>G. Finlay, b. Bain</i>	20
<i>P. Lawson, b. Bain</i>	16

<i>D. Shanks, b. Currie</i>	0
<i>W. Page, b. Bain</i>	0
<i>G. Baxter, c. and b. Campbell</i>	17
<i>J. Lawson, c. Stewart b. Campbell</i>	1
<i>R. Hopkins, c. Campbell, b. Currie</i>	1
<i>G. Anderson, not out</i>	0
<i>H. Birrell, c. Hutcheson, b. Campbell</i>	0
<i>Extras</i>	4
Total	71

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Hospital Caretaker Appointed** – “At a meeting of Cupar District Hospital Committee on Tuesday, Mr Robert S. Anderson, South Street, Falkland, was appointed caretaker of the Infectious Diseases Hospital at Auchtermuchty. The salary is £2 10s per week. Four applications for the post were received, and the appointment was made from a short leet of three.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death – Fernie** – “At Balmblae, Falkland, on the 19th inst., John Fernie, mason, beloved husband of Janet Kilgour.”

1st September 1928

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

“This fixture was a new addition to Falkland’s list of recent years, and several folk took advantage of the afternoon’s outing by special bus on Saturday, into Clackmannanshire. The weather was all that could be desired, and the home team took first knock on a good wicket. The Falkland bowlers were in good trim, and Tillicoultry were disposed of in little over an hour for 35 runs. Fairbairn played well, but did not receive any backing.

Had it not been for T. Drysdale and Hopkins, Falkland would have made a sorry show. The former played a splendid patient innings, while Hopkins had a ‘go’ at the

bowling. Included in the latter's contribution were two beautiful sixes, one of which was hit clean out of the park. Drysdale was eighth out at 42 and the end came two runs later.

Bowling for Falkland, Birrell claimed five wickets for 9 runs, J. Lawson four for 11, and P. Lawson one for 13. For Tillicoultry, Bonthron took six for 13, J. Hunter three for 12, and Fairbairn one for 19. Scores:-

Tillicoultry

<i>J. Fairbairn, b. Birrell</i>	16
<i>J. Hunter, c. R.S. Drysdale, b. P. Lawson</i>	4
<i>R. Golder, b. Birrell</i>	0
<i>A. Bernard, c. C.R. Drysdale, b. Birrell</i>	5
<i>H. Brandon, c. J. Lawson, b. Birrell</i>	4
<i>J. Maxwell, b. J. Lawson</i>	1
<i>D. Liddle, b. J. Lawson</i>	0
<i>D. Hunter, c. C.R. Drysdale, b. J. Lawson</i>	1
<i>P. Hunter, b. Birrell</i>	0
<i>C. Hall, b. J. Lawson</i>	0
<i>D. Bonthron, not out</i>	2
<i>Extras</i>	2
Total	35

Falkland

<i>P. Lawson, lbw, b. Bonthron</i>	0
<i>T. Drysdale, lbw, b. Bonthron</i>	20
<i>T.C. Schofield, b. Bonthron</i>	0
<i>G. Finlay, c. D. Hunter, b. Bonthron</i>	4
<i>G. Baxter, c. D. Hunter, b. Fairbairn</i>	0
<i>C.R. Drysdale, b. Bonthron</i>	1

<i>J. Lawson, c. J. Hunter, b. Bonthron</i>	0
<i>R. Hopkins, c. Liddell, b. J. Hunter</i>	17
<i>G. Anderson, b. J. Hunter</i>	1
<i>R.S. Drysdale, not out</i>	1
<i>H. Birrell, b. J. Hunter</i>	0
Total	44

Extract from *The Fife News: Thunderstorm* – “A very severe storm broke over the town and district on Sunday night between eleven o’clock and midnight. Vivid flashes of lightning were accompanied by violent peals of thunder, and rain fell in torrents.”

8th September 1928

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

“At Kennoway on Saturday afternoon. Although defeated, Falkland put up a good performance in getting rid of the strong going Kennoway side for 68 runs. John Lawson was in grand form with the ball, and his analyses included the ‘hat-trick’. Had the visitors fielding been up to the usual standard, Kennoway would have been disposed of for a matter of 20 runs less.

With the exception of T. Drysdale, the Falkland batsmen were skittled out by Brown and Duncan. Finlay looked like settling down, but he was unfortunately run out. The last wicket fell at 35.

Bowling for Falkland, J. Lawson took six wickets for 24 runs, Birrell two for 12, and P. Lawson two for 32. For Kennoway, Brown had six for 14, and Duncan three for 19. Scores:-

Kennoway

<i>P. Gillespie, b. P. Lawson</i>	8
<i>W.N. Bowie, c. Anderson, b. P. Lawson</i>	0
<i>D.R. Duncan, c. Robertson, b. J. Lawson</i>	24

<i>J. Gillespie, b. J. Lawson</i>	1
<i>H.C. Kirkby, lbw, b. J. Lawson</i>	0
<i>D. Brown, b. J. Lawson</i>	0
<i>A.H. Oliphant, not out</i>	22
<i>D. Gillespie, c. J. Lawson, b. Birrell</i>	12
<i>J. Lister, b. J. Lawson</i>	0
<i>W. Barnet, b. Birrell</i>	0
<i>D. Simpson, b. J. Lawson</i>	1
Total	68

Falkland

<i>T. Drysdale, c. P. Gillespie, b. Brown</i>	12
<i>C.R. Drysdale, c. Duncan, b. Brown</i>	2
<i>G. Baxter, b. Brown</i>	0
<i>G. Finlay, run out</i>	5
<i>P. Lawson, c. Duncan, b. Brown</i>	7
<i>R. Hopkins, b. Duncan</i>	0
<i>P. Robertson, st. Lister, b. Brown</i>	2
<i>J. Lawson, b. Brown</i>	1
<i>G. Anderson, b. Duncan</i>	1
<i>R.S. Drysdale, b. Duncan</i>	0
<i>H. Birrell, not out</i>	3
<i>Extras</i>	2
Total	35

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Linen Factory** – “Commencing on Thursday, the working day at the Linen Factory was reduced to eight hours until further notice.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Weather** – “During the last few days, heavy rain has fallen. Saturday and Sunday were fine, but since that time the weather has been deplorable, and is presenting a serious problem to the farmers.”

15th September 1928

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

“The Royal burgh team concluded the season’s programme with a defeat on Saturday afternoon, when Kennoway were the visitors to Scroggie Park. Batting first, the homesters could only muster 36 runs. Not one of the side reached double figures, principally on account of the splendid bowling of Duncan.

Kennoway opened promisingly, and 26 runs were on the board when P. Gillespie left. The third wicket stand between the veteran, Kirkby, and J. Gillespie, decided the issue, and the succeeding batsmen helped to augment the total considerably. The innings closed at 101.

Bowling for Kennoway, Duncan captured seven wickets for 12 runs, and Brown three for 22. For Falkland, P. Lawson took three for 20, Schofield three for 28, Robertson two for 2 and J. Lawson two for 45. Scores:-

Falkland

<i>P. Lawson, b. Duncan</i>	5
<i>T.C. Schofield, b. Duncan</i>	0
<i>G. Finlay, b. Duncan</i>	3
<i>C.R. Drysdale, c. Honeyman, b. Duncan</i>	2
<i>R. Hopkins, b. Brown</i>	5
<i>P. Robertson, c. Oliphant, b. Duncan</i>	4
<i>W. Page, b. Duncan</i>	0
<i>G. Baxter, c. Kirkby, b. Brown</i>	2
<i>J. Lawson, c. P. Gillespie, b. Brown</i>	6

<i>G. Anderson, c. J. Gillespie, b. Brown</i>	2
<i>R.S. Drysdale, not out</i>	5
<i>Extras</i>	2
Total	36

Kennoway

<i>H.C. Kirkby, c. Hopkins, b. P. Lawson</i>	24
<i>P. Gillespie, b. J. Lawson</i>	10
<i>D.R. Duncan, c. Schofield, b. J. Lawson</i>	4
<i>J. Gillespie, c. J. Lawson, b. Schofield</i>	10
<i>A.H. Oliphant, b. Schofield</i>	4
<i>G. Honeyman, b. P. Lawson</i>	20
<i>D. Brown, c. C.R. Drysdale, b. Schofield</i>	14
<i>D. Gillespie, c. Baxter, b. P. Lawson</i>	8
<i>H.G. Kirkby, not out</i>	5
<i>J. Lister, b. P. Robertson</i>	0
<i>W. Barnet, b. P. Robertson</i>	0
<i>Extras</i>	2
Total	101

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

“The season just concluded has been one of the most successful in the history of the Falkland Club. Of 20 matches played, 14 were won, 5 lost, and one drawn. Falkland scored 1428 runs for the loss of 177 wickets at an average of 8.07 per wicket, against their opponents’ total of 1161 for 194 wickets, at an average of 5.98. Peter Lawson, captain of the Club, carries off the honours, both in batting and bowling. Throughout the season, the fielding of the side was up to a good standard, as evidenced by the following list of catches taken:-

G. Anderson – 11, C.R. Drysdale – 10, P. Lawson – 9, R. Hopkins – 8, R.S. Drysdale – 8, G. Finlay – 7, T. Drysdale – 6, G. Baxter – 6, J. Lawson – 6, W. Page – 6, P. Robertson – 5, T.C. Schofield – 1.

BATTING

Player	Ins	Times n.o.	Runs	High Score	Average
P. Lawson	20	1	314	85	16.53
T. Drysdale	12	1	166	33	15.08
T.C. Schofield	16	2	193	54no	13.79
W. Page	12	2	98	26	9.80
P. Robertson	7	0	54	32	7.71
G. Finlay	16	2	96	28	6.86
C.R. Drysdale	17	0	105	37	6.18
J. Lawson	17	2	83	16	5.57

BOWLING

Player	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
P. Lawson	234.4	81	365	74	4.93
H. Birrell	160.4	43	306	54	5.67
J. Lawson	125.1	25	311	45	6.91
<i>Also</i>					
G. Finlay	9.5	2	24	3	8.00
T.C. Schofield	24	4	73	8	9.12
P. Robertson	2	0	2	3	0.67

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Weather** – “The weather since mid-week has been much better than previously, and the farmers are making rapid strides with harvesting operations.”



Harvesting at Falkland Wood

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cinema** – “Mr Gilbert, the proprietor of the local cinema, has secured the much discussed film ‘Dawn’, and there will be three showings of this picture on Tuesday first.”



Dawn is a 1928 **British silent war film** directed by Herbert Wilcox and starring Sybil Thorndike, Gordon Craig and Marie Ault. It was produced by Wilcox for his British & Dominions Film Corporation. The film was made at Cricklewood Studios with sets designed by Clifford Pember.

22nd September 1928

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Services** – “Rev. Mr Taylor, Glendevon, occupied the Parish Church pulpit on Sunday morning. Both morning and afternoon services in the U.F. Church were conducted by Mr G. Peat Innes, Glasgow.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – “The local Thistle came a nasty cropper when playing Kinglassie Mechanics at Falkland House park on Saturday. 8-1 was the score in favour of the visitors. The Thistle were without three of their regulars, consequently the team was under strength, but nevertheless changes are necessary if a winning combination is to be obtained.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Gas Poisoning** – “A tragic discovery was made at Falkland on Saturday morning, Miss Elizabeth Lister, linen weaver, South Street, daughter of the late Bailie Lister and of Mrs Lister, being found dead from gas poisoning. Miss Lister was in her usual health on Friday when her mother left for a week-end in Musselburgh. On Saturday morning, when neighbours saw that the blinds of the house were not up at the usual time, they became concerned, because Miss Lister and her youngest brother, Tom, who is a linoleum worker, should have been at their work. Relatives were informed, and when the occupants of the house were aroused, it was found that Miss Lister had shut herself into the scullery, where she was found with the gas turned on. Artificial respiration was tried for three-quarters of an hour without success. In addition to her brother there was in the house her grandmother, Mrs Neilson. Miss Lister when found was in her night attire and had evidently got up either during the night or early in the morning. She was about 40 years of age.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Story of Boer War** – “The Hon. Mrs A. Maule Ramsay of Kellie Castle, who is expected soon at Falkland House, in opening a sale of work on behalf of Arbroath Boy Scouts on Saturday, told a story of her girlhood days. Paying tribute to the work of Sir Robert Baden-Powell, she recalled the relief of Mafeking, and said she was then a child, and her father (Lord Gormanston) was Governor in Tasmania.

‘I remember the excitement there was over the relief of Mafeking’, she remarked, ‘and instead of going to the official demonstration of thanksgiving, I got on my bicycle, secured possession of a Union Jack, at Government House, went off with the Union Jack over my shoulder, and took part in the demonstration in the streets’.

The Hon. Mrs Maule Ramsay was the widow of Lord Ninian Crichton Stuart, brother of Lord Bute, when she married Capt. A. Maule Ramsay, who is a relative of Lord Dalhousie. Her brother, the present Lord Gormanston, is the 15th holder of the title."

29th September 1928

Article in *the Fife News*: **Football Matches**

"Lomond Thistle and Markinch Amateurs met under the auspices of Markinch and District Welfare Combination at Falkland House Park on Saturday afternoon. Compared with the previous week's display, the play of the homesters was a revelation, and they were worthy winners of a hard game by five goals to four. Reekie (3), Reid, and Birrell were the marksmen for Falkland, and Campbell, Swan, Blair, and Fraser scored for Markinch.

A team of local cricketers met the Lomond Thistle at Falkland House Park on Monday evening. The willow-wielders played a sterling game and ran out winners by 2 goals to nil."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Dance** – *"Under the auspices of the Lomond Thistle Private Pipe Band, a benefit dance was held in the Drill Hall last Friday night. Between sixty and seventy couples were present, and splendid music was provided by the Moonlight Follies Orchestra. Mr John Kay discharged the duties of M.C. the proceeds from the function amounted to £24."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Parish Church** – *"A congregational meeting was held in Falkland Parish Church on Wednesday evening. The speaker was the Rev. J. Hutchison Cockburn, B.D., Dunblane, whose subject was explaining the present situation of the Church of Scotland and its responsibilities, needs, and calls. There was a fair attendance."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket Club** – *"A meeting of the members of Falkland Cricket Club was held in the Town Hall on Wednesday evening, Mr Peter Robertson in the chair. From a playing point of view, the Club has had a splendid season, while the financial statement showed a credit balance of £7 16s 9 ½ d. It was decided that a whist drive and dance be held in a fortnight's time, and a Committee was appointed to make arrangements."*

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

School Holidays

“The monthly meeting of Falkland District School Management Committee was held in Falkland School – Rev. G. Scanlan, Strathmiglo, in the chair.

The Chairman was appointed representative to Cupar District Committee of the Society for the Care of Mental Defectives.

It was agreed to reply to a circular from the Authority asking information as to facilities for teaching swimming that none were available.

Potato holidays are to be granted for three weeks, the dates of closing being left to the school sub-Committees.

Other holidays were fixed as follows:-

New Year – 31st December to 7th January; Easter – 1st April to 8th April; Empire Day – 20th May; Summer Holidays – 1st July to 12th August.

Attention was drawn to the frequent practice of transporting juvenile potato gatherers for considerable distances to their work. Some members expressed the view that the granting of school holidays was for the convenience of farmers in the neighbourhood of the schools, but the conclusion arrived at was that, whilst no geographical limit could be placed on the employment of school children, it was decided to the latter’s advantage not to be transported too far from the vicinity of their own homes.”

6th October 1928

Article in *The Fife News*: **Hill Indicator for East Lomond**

“On Saturday afternoon at 2.30, an interesting event is to take place on the summit of the east Lomond, in the shape of the inauguration of a hill indicator of the type familiar to those who have ascended Arthur’s Seat and the Eildon Hills. Since 1923 visitors to the east Lomond have been able, by the publication of a handy panoramic map by the late Mr J. Ramsay, Kirkcaldy, to identify various hills and other objects of interest within the range of vision, but the new indicator will enable all who reach the summit to acquire this information in a handier and more simple fashion.

The desirability of such an indicator has long been recognised, and the project was put into definite form early last summer by the Misses Lumsden, Eden Valley House,

Freuchie, who very kindly arranged for the work, and became responsible for the whole cost. The necessary technical work was undertaken by Mr John Mathieson, F.R.S.E., F.R.S.G.S., Edinburgh, late of the Ordnance Survey, a gentleman who has acquired some distinction by his very complete survey of the Island of St Kilda, executed in 1927. The indicator is to be mounted on a granite base, and placed in a suitable position on the summit, 1471 feet above sea level.

The suitability of the East Lomond for such an erection must be apparent to all who have ever looked on it, however casually. It is of very easy access, is near a fairly populous district, and is prominent for its comparative isolation. Indeed, the word 'Lomond' is itself indicative of the latter characteristic, for Professor Watson, in his 'History of the Gaelic Place Names of Scotland', states that it is derived from 'lumon', a chimney or beacon, as in Pumlumon (Plynlymon). Thus Lomond is primarily 'the beacon hill', and it is quite certain that a beacon on the East Lomond, whence can be seen the Lowther Hills, Ben Lomond, the heights at Balquidder, Ben Dorain, Lochnagar, the Cairngorms, and a vast expanse of Eastern Scotland, would be of great importance and utility.

It is to be hoped that on Saturday many members of the general public will be present at the unveiling ceremony.

It is expected that a large number of people will climb the hill to view the unveiling ceremony. 'Buses run regularly to Falkland, and from there the ascent by foot is easily made. It is not generally known that it is possible to get to within 500 yards of the summit by motor car, but this can be accomplished if the motorist takes the track that branches off from the New Inn to Falkland Road. Good gripping brakes are essential for the descent, which in parts is very steep.'

Intimation in *The Fife News*: **Fife Estates**

"The following inventories of estates were lodged with the Sheriff Clerk of Fife at Cupar during September:-

Miss Mary McRobbie, Oakbank, Falkland - £5,520 12s 2d

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Holiday** – *"Monday was observed as the autumn holiday. The Public School, linen and floorcloth factories were closed for the day, and several of the townsfolk took advantage of the cheap travelling facilities offered by the Railway Coy."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Co-operative Guild** – *"The opening meeting for the winter session of the Falkland branch of Markinch Co-operative Women's Guild was*

held in the Town Hall on Tuesday evening. There was a good attendance of members. Office-bearers were appointed as follows:-

President – Mrs G.S. Hardie; vice-President – Mrs J. Birrell; Secretary – Mrs P. Lawson; Treasurer – Mrs W. Laverock; Committee – Mrs J. Skinner, Mrs Provan, Mrs Riley, Mrs Gould, Mrs Ross, Mrs Collins, Mrs Burgess, and Mrs A. Lawson.”

13th October 1928

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

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Prolific Potatoes** – “While digging up Kerr’s Pink and Arran Consul potatoes in his garden on Wednesday evening, Mr Robert Hopkins, West Port, came across several potatoes of enormous size. He had these weighed, and half a dozen were 2 to 2 ¼ lb each.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Pulpit** – “Mr George Pearce, Scottish secretary of the London City Mission, occupied the pulpit of the Parish Church on Sunday evening, and, to a large congregation, delivered an interesting and descriptive address on the work of the organisation in the Metropolis.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Women’s Guild** – “The Falkland branch of the Markinch Co-operative Guild held a very enjoyable social meeting in the Town Hall on Tuesday evening. About seventy members were present. During the evening songs, dances, etc., were taken part in, and addresses were delivered by Messrs Robert S. Paterson, Management Committee, and Jas. Whyte, Education Committee.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Heather Day** – “Saturday was ‘Heather Day’ in the burgh, when the annual offering was asked on behalf of the Scottish Children’s League of Pity. A sum of £4 10s 8d was realised. Mrs Batchelor, U.F. Manse, had charge of the arrangements, and the collectors were:-

Misses J. Finlay, M. Baxter, N. Skinner, P. Hopkins, B. Bryce, M. Douglas, G. Lawson, M. Baird, B. Grant, J. Hopkins, B. Dryburgh, and A. Gibb.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Curling Club** – “At the annual meeting of the Falkland Curling Club, office-bearers were appointed as follows:-

President – James Jackson; vice-president – Walter Peggie; hon. Secretary and treasurer – Melville St Clair; chaplain – Rev. J.K. Russell; Alexander Shanks, Falkland Wood, and Wm. H. Dykes, Westfield, were appointed to vacancies in the Council of Management. David Bonthron and George B. Morgan were appointed representative members. Skips – Walter Peggie, D. Bonthron, W. Bonthron, George Morgan, Alexander Shanks, and Major Lumsden. Mr Alexander Anderson, Town Clerk, who retired from the secretaryship after a long spell of service, was cordially thanked.”

20th October 1928

Article in *The Fife News*: **Football – Kinglassie Mechanics v Falkland**

“Falkland Lomond Thistle met with a reverse at Kinglassie on Saturday afternoon, when they met Kinglassie Mechanics. The home team won easily by 4 goals to nil. The match was under Markinch and District Welfare Combination auspices.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lantern Lecture** – “In connection with the 300th anniversary of the birth of John Bunyan, a lantern lecture on ‘The Pilgrim’s Progress’ was given by Rev. J.K. Russell in the Parish Church on Sunday evening. There was a large congregation.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Churches** – “Mr Donald McLean, Markinch, occupied the U.F. Church pulpit on Sunday morning. Rev. McCheyne Paterson, from the Punjab, conducted the morning and afternoon services in the Parish and U.F. Churches, respectively. His appeal was on behalf of the National Bible Society, and in both places of worship he delivered stirring addresses.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Funeral and Deposit Society** – “The annual general meeting was held in the Town Hall on Saturday evening, Mr James Lawson presiding. Eleven members had died during the year, and the levy for funeral and

working expenses was declared at 3s per member and 1s 6d per half member. The funds of the Society will be disbursed to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Whist Drive** – "Under the auspices of the local Cricket Club, a very successful whist drive, followed by a dance, was held in the Drill Hall last Friday evening. Twenty-one tables were engaged, and Mr T. Drysdale acted as timekeeper. The prize-winners were:-

Ladies – 1. Miss Anderson, Kilgowrieknowe; 2. Miss Annan, Falkland; 3. Miss L. Skinner, Falkland; consolation – Mrs Duncan, Myreside.

Gentlemen – 1. T. Hamilton, Falkland; 2. James Dakers, Falkland; 3. D. Anderson, Kilgowrieknowe; consolation – J. Duncan jnr., Myreside.

There were over 50 couples present at the dance, at which music was provided by the Balmoral Orchestra, Falkland. Mr Stewart Drysdale carried out the duties of M.C."

Article in *The Fife News*: **Motor Cycle Ascends the East Lomond**

"A fortnight ago, the statement was made in our columns that the East Lomond could be ascended for the greater part of the way by motor, a statement which, in last week's issue, drew forth from a correspondent the expression of a desire to meet the gentleman who made it. This week we record the fact that the ascent has been made, not in part, as heretofore, but to the very summit, 1471 feet above sea level. The gentleman who accomplished the feat was Mr R. Landale, of the Gleneden Garage, Freuchie, who, as the result of an argument, set out on his climb on Monday afternoon, accompanied by credible witnesses, to attest his accomplishment. Mr Landale is an expert motorist, who this year has gained many laurels on sand, grass, and 'dirt' tracks, and the machine he rode was an A.J.S. of 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ h.p. Moreover, on this he carried pillion, Mr David Easton, as far as nearly the stone dyke which encircles the top of the hill.

The old road up Purin Den has been frequently traversed by motor up to the point where it turns sharply to the left to join the Falkland-Leslie road; quite a number have traversed the hill ground beyond this to the foot of the final cone, but so far none have managed to get up the latter. Mr Landale managed this by a flank attack, avoiding the rocky outcrop which obstructs the direct path, and bearing round to the north by way of the steep grassy slope, which falls almost in one sweep to Falkland, 1200 feet below. Here there were some anxious moments, for the grass did not afford much of a grip to cycle tyres, but slowly the slope was traversed, on a gradually ascending gradient, and at last from the west side the summit was

reached. Throughout the motor behaved splendidly, and gave no mechanical trouble.

The feat may not be one to compare with the first ascents of the Jungfrau or the Wetterhorn, but it may induce emulation among the ranks of other motorists."

27th October 1928

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Harvest Thanksgiving** – “The morning service in the Parish Church on Sunday took the form of harvest thanksgiving. The annual appeal on behalf of the hospitals met with a liberal response on the part of the congregation, as was evidenced by the fact that on Monday morning there were dispatched the following:-

86lb jam, 13lb tea, 44lb sugar, 15 packages various groceries, 1 cake, 6 packets biscuits, 7lb rice, lentils, etc., 30lb apples, 8 chickens, 5lb grapes, and flowers.

There was also a collection of £9 19s 3d. The institutions to benefit from the distributions are:-

Dundee Royal Infirmary, Perth Royal Infirmary, Deaconess Hospital, Edinburgh, Kirkcaldy Cottage Hospital, and Auchtermuchty Hospital."

Article in *The Fife News*: **Correspondence – Motoring up East Lomond – A Kettle Claim (To the Editor)**

"Sir, I was interested to observe from last week's Fife News that a Freuchie man had climbed the East Lomond on a motor cycle, and claimed to be the first to have done so. This is scarcely correct, as the honour, if such it can be called, belongs to 'The Kettle'. In the autumn of 1913 I rode a 3 ½ Triumph and side-car up the Purin Road to within a short distance of the top, when my passenger and I detached the side-car and I rode the machine solo to the top. I still have the photographs, and one of them was reproduced in 'Motor Cycling' at the time. I should imagine that, with the great improvements in engines since then, the job should be a comparatively comfortable one nowadays. – I am, etc., T.R.I.M."

3rd November 1928

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

“Played under Markinch and District Welfare Combination auspices at Falkland on Saturday afternoon. The homesters, who fielded a re-arranged team, opened with a burst, and within ten minutes were two goals up, through H. Birrell and Carswell. After a spell of midfield play, the latter player got through again to register another goal, while Finlay shortly after added a fourth. The visitors’ centre reduced the leeway with a well taken point just before the interval.

On resuming, Falkland held the upper hand, and Carswell, who had had several splendid tries, brought his side’s total up to five. These reverses seemed to nettle Woodside. They developed a much stronger game, and their inside right and centre added further goals. Bett broke through for the homesters and his shot struck the upright, and Carswell, catching the rebound, sent a rocket shot just inches over the bar. No further incident occurred until ten minutes from the end, when the visitors’ centre beat the Falkland goalkeeper for the fourth time. When the final whistle sounded, the score read 5-4 in favour of the Thistle.”

Article in *The Fife News*: **Football – Falkland Scouts v Markinch Y.M.C.A. Boys’ Club**

“The above teams met in a friendly encounter at Falkland on Saturday afternoon. The visitors were much under strength and consequently were no match for their older opponents. Falkland won easily by 9 goals to 1.”

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

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Rates** – *“The demand notices for burgh, parish, and education rates have just been issued. These show the rates to be:-*

Town – Lunacy, Registration, etc., 6d each on owners and occupiers; roads, 1s 3d on each; Public health, 3 ½d on each; Water, 1d on each; Sewerage, 4d on each; Burgh general, 1s 3d on occupiers only; a total burgh rate of 2s 5 ½d on owners and 3s 8 ½d on occupiers.

Education – 1s 9 ½d on each.

Parish – Poor, 2 ¼d on each; burial ground, 1d on each; registration, ¼d on each, a grand total of 4s 6 ½d on owners and 5s 9 ½d on occupiers.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Institute** – “The annual general meeting of the members of Falkland War Memorial Institute was held in the Reading Room on Monday evening, when Mr Thomas Drysdale, chairman of the Institute, presided over a good turnout. The financial statement showed a substantial credit balance on the year’s working. Mr Thomas Schofield, secretary, and Mr John Reid, treasurer, were re-appointed, and Mr Walter Peggie jnr., Robert Kennedy, and C.R. Drysdale were elected to the Committee of Management. The Games and Library Committees were re-appointed. It was decided to purchase 18 card tables for whist drive purposes, and that these tables be open for hire during the winter.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Town Council Nominations**

“Falkland (6 vacancies, 5 nominations) – Peter Robertson, butcher; Robert Nellies, grocer; Henry Baxter, chemist; Peter Craig, farmer; Daniel Riley, postman.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Parish Council Nominations**

“Falkland (Burghal) (4 vacancies, 4 nominations) – Walter Peggie, Alex. Fraser, Peter Robertson, John Garland.”

10th November 1928

Situations Vacant in *The Fife News*: **Caretaker** wanted for Falkland War Memorial Institute. Free house, coals, and light (no salary). Apply by letter only before Tuesday, 12th November, to the Secretary.”

Article in *The Fife News*: **Football – Haig’s XI v Falkland**

“John Haig’s XI entertained a team from Falkland at John Dixon Park, Markinch, on Saturday. The ground was very soft, but did not prevent a good game being served up. Willie Strudley, ex-Freuchie Rovers’ and Denbeath Star’s dashing centre, led the Falkland team, and scored his team’s only goal. W. Hill and J. Butchart scored for Haig’s XI. The game finished with the homesters proving worthy winners. Result – Haig’s 2; Falkland 1.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Communion** – “The sacrament of the Lord’s supper was dispensed in the Parish and U.F. Churches on Sunday morning. The

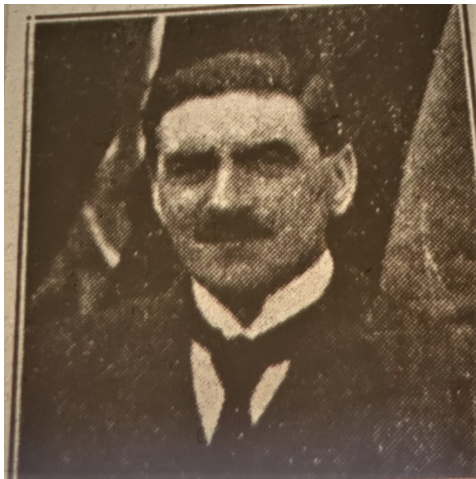
thanksgiving services in the evening, at the respective places of worship, were conducted by the Revs. George Scanlan, Strathmiglo, and Wm. L. Craig, M.A., Kettle and Cults.”

17th November 1928

Article in *The Fife News*: **Football – Lomond Thistle v Cameron Bridge**

“The Falkland team collected a further brace of points on Saturday, when they defeated Cameron Bridge by 3 goals to 1 at Falkland. The homesters held the upper hand all through, and were well worthy of their victory. The match was under the auspices of Markinch and District Welfare Combination.”

Article in *The Fife News*: **New Magistrate**



Bailie T. Grant, Falkland

“Bailie T. Grant, Falkland, who is a native of the Royal Burgh, was elected to the Town Council in 1921. At one time he was chauffeur to Mrs Gulland, and is now one of those with the longest service in the local linen factory of the S.C.W.S. During the war he was in the Transport Service. He takes a great interest in the local Cricket Club, and as a vocalist used to assist the Parish Church choir.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Poppy Day** – *“The annual collection on behalf of Earl Haig’s Fund for ex-Servicemen amounted to £17 16s 7d. Mrs Miller, Westlea, had charge of the arrangements.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Application** – “An application by Mrs Mary Duff, Newton of Falkland, for the licensed grocer’s certificate for porter and ale, was confirmed at a sitting of the County Licensing Appeal Court at Cupar on Tuesday.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Fine** – “A fine of 15s was, in Cupar Sheriff Court on Tuesday, imposed upon Andrew R. Smith, chauffeur, residing at Bruce Arms Hotel, Falkland, who admitted having, in Greyfriars Garden, St Andrews, allowed a motor car to stand without lights.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Parish Church** – “Instead of the usual Band of Hope cantata, a kinder-spiel is being undertaken by the children, under the leadership of Mr George Spence, organist, and the Rev. J.K. Russell. A commencement was made on Saturday afternoon. The piece is entitled ‘The Flowers of the Forest’.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Town Council Appointments** – “At the first meeting of the new Town Council on Friday evening, Bailie Robertson was appointed Senior Bailie in room of ex-Bailie Hunt, who did not seek re-election, and Mr Thomas Grant was appointed Junior Bailie. The following conveners of Committees were appointed:-

Roads Committee and Finance Committee – Bailie Robertson.

Burgh General, Sanitary, Water and Lighting Committee – Bailie Grant.

Housing Committee and Dean of Guild – Provost Hopkins.

Drill Hall Letting Committee – Councillor Nellies.

Provost Hopkins was appointed representative as the Council’s representative to the County Council, and to Cupar District Licensing Court in place of ex-Bailie Hunt. Councillor P. Robertson was re-appointed representative to the County Veterinary Inspector Joint Committee, and Councillor Hendry to the Joint Smallpox Hospital Committee.”

Article in *The Fife News*: **The Hour of Memory – Impressive Armistice Day Services**

Falkland

“A united service of Remembrance was held in the Parish Church on Sunday morning, when the two minutes’ silence was reverently observed. Rev. J.K. Russell

conducted the service, and Rev. J.P. Batchelor, U.F. Church, preached the sermon. The local ex-Servicemen, Girl Guides, and Boy Scouts, and Provost, Magistrates, and Town Council were present. Wreaths from the three first-named organisations were laid on the memorial tablet in the vestibule of the church. Mr David McBain sounded the 'Last Post' and 'Reveille'. The 'kirkin' o' the Cooncil', incidentally, took place at this service."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Marriage – Banks – Venters** – "At Falkland Parish Church, on 7th November, by the Rev. J.K. Russell, B.D., assisted by the Rev. J.A. Clark, B.D., of St Fillan's U.F. Church, Newport, uncle of the bridegroom, Jean, second daughter of the late Mrs Venters and Andrew Venters, merchant, Falkland, to James Banks, rope manufacturer, Perth."

24th November 1928

Article in *The Fife News*: **Football – Lomond Thistle v Haig's XI**

"These teams met under Markinch and District Welfare Combination auspices at Falkland on Saturday afternoon. Despite the boisterous nature of the weather, play was of a good standard, and a draw of two goals each was a true reflex of a hard game."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Services** – "Rev. J. Marshall, M.A., late of South Africa, officiated at both morning and afternoon services in the U.F. Church on Sunday."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Co-operative Women's Guild** – "The weekly meeting was held on Tuesday evening, when Mrs G.S. Hardie presided over a good turnout. A splendid address on 'Personal Hygiene' was given by Nurse Willis."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Whist Drive** – "Under the auspices of the War Memorial Institute a successful whist drive – the first of a monthly series – was held in the Reading-room on Wednesday evening. Mr T.C. Schofield acted as time-keeper over nineteen tables. The prize-winners were:-

Ladies – 1. Miss Cowan, Falkland – 194; consolation – Miss M. McKillop, Falkland.

Gentlemen – 1. G. Balfour, Falkland – 190; consolation – John Dewar, Lathrisk."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Institute** – “Mr David Clark, who has been caretaker of the War Memorial Institute for the past seven years, and who is relinquishing the position of his own accord, was met by the Management Committee on Tuesday evening, and presented with a testimonial in recognition of his services. Mr Clark has been a good servant to the Institute, and his services were much appreciated by the members. Mr Thomas Hamilton, the new caretaker, takes up his duties on Thursday next.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Ex-Servicemen** – “The local branch of the ex-Servicemen held their annual re-union dinner in the Bruce Arms Hotel, when there was a good attendance. Mr David Bonthron, Newton of Falkland, occupied the chair. The following toasts were submitted:-

‘The King’, by the Chairman; ‘The Imperial Forces’, by Mr A.C. MacDonald, reply Mr T. Drysdale; ‘Fallen Comrades’, by Mr M. St Clair; ‘Town and Trade of Falkland’, by Mr T. Drysdale, reply Provost Hopkins; ‘The Chairman’, by Mr A.C. MacDonald; ‘Committee and Secretary’, by Mr D. Bonthron, reply Mr R. Wallace (secretary).

A very happy evening was spent in song and sentiment, to which the following contributed:-

Messrs C. Oram, W. Paterson, J. Collins, J. Peggie, J. Dryden, T. Drysdale, J. Flynn, M. St Clair, and T. Hamilton.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Whist Drive** – “Under the auspices of the Falkland branch of Markinch Co-operative Women’s Guild, a very successful whist drive, followed by a dance, was held in the Drill Hall on Friday night. Twenty six tables were engaged at whist, and Mrs G.S. Hardie, president of the Guild, acted as time-keeper. The prize-winners were:-

Ladies – 1. Miss Roy, Freuchie – 197; 2. Miss J. Robertson, Falkland – 194; 3. Mrs Schofield, Falkland – 192; consolation – Mrs A. Archibald, Falkland.

Gentlemen – 1. R. Kennedy, Falkland – 185; 2. V. McDonald, Freuchie – 184; 3. W. Drysdale, Falkland – 184; consolation – Wm. Stark jnr., Falkland.

At the dance following, about sixty couples were present, and music was provided by the Balmoral Orchestra. Mr Stewart Drysdale discharged the duties of M.C. The proceeds of the function are in aid of the old folks of the town.”

1st December 1928

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Co-operative Women's Guild** – “There was a good attendance at the weekly meeting held on Tuesday evening, Mrs G.S. Hardie presiding. The company spent a pleasant evening listening to Mr George Braid, treasurer of Markinch Society, deliver a recital of Fife in song and story. Songs were rendered by Miss J. Drysdale and Mr A. Archibald.”

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

“The monthly meeting of Falkland District School Management Committee was held in Falkland School on Monday night – Rev. G. Scanlan, Strathmiglo, presiding.

The Clerk read a letter from the Education Authority's Master of Works in reply to the Committee's request for information as to the basis on which the wages of school cleaners were fixed. The query was provoked through the recent reduction of the wages of several cleaners in the district. The reply stated that the wages were fixed this year on the same basis as last year.

Dissatisfaction was expressed at the vague nature of the reply, and the Clerk was instructed to write, pressing for fuller information on the point.

A letter from the Authority's Clerk stated that the Committee's resolution urging an extension of Committee's powers had been duly submitted to the Authority, which regretted its ability to accede to the request, but had remitted to the Works Committee to see to the desirability of a fuller co-operation with local Committees.

It was reported that during the summer the sum of £324 12s 8d had been spent on repairs to local schools and schoolhouses.

In consequence of an increase in pupils, an additional teacher has been temporarily added to the staff of Strathmiglo School.

There is to be no meeting of the Committee during December.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death – Martyn** – “At West Port, Falkland, on Monday, 26th November, after a short illness, Ann Annan or Martyn.”

8th December 1928

Article in *The Fife News*: **Football – Lomond Thistle v Freuchie Rovers**

“The above teams met in a friendly encounter at Falkland on Saturday. Play in the first period was fast, and the visitors were distinctly lucky to be on level terms at the interval, when the score read one each. On the resumption Freuchie asserted themselves, and soon were in the lead. When about twenty-five minutes had gone, the homesters were awarded a penalty from which the scores were again levelled. This success inspired the Thistle to further efforts, and during a melee in front of the visitors’ goal, the ball was put through. No further scoring took place, and Falkland ran out worthy winners by 3 goals to 2. Young (2) for Freuchie, and Bett (2) and Clark from penalty for Falkland were the scorers.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Donation** – *“A donation of £4 5s 9d has been sent to the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, from the employees of S.C.W.S., Ltd., Pleasance Linen Works, Falkland.”*

15th December 1928

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Almanac** – *“The supply of ‘Fife News’ Almanacs allotted to Falkland was immediately sold out on its publication, and another supply of the same number had to be sent there immediately. There are many pictures among the 159 of special interest to the district, and readers are advised to secure their copies at once.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lantern Service** – *“The second lantern service of the winter session was held in the Parish Church on Sunday evening, when Rev. J.K. Russell delivered an article, entitled ‘The Covenanters.’ Slides depicting scenes and many notable men at the time of the Covenant, were shown on the screen. Mr Wm. Robertson manipulated the lantern. There was a large congregation.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Whist Drive** – *“Under the auspices of the Lomond Thistle F.C., a successful whist drive, followed by a dance, was held in the Drill Hall on Friday night. Twelve tables were engaged at whist, and Mr A. Dakers acted as time-keeper. The prize-winners were:-*

Ladies – 1. Mr R. Kennedy (playing as a lady) – 187; 2. Miss J. Robertson – 186; consolation – Miss A. Baxter.

Gentlemen – 1. John Nelson – 200; 2. T. Drysdale – 189; consolation – D. Coyle, Markinch.

At the dance following, about forty couples were present, and splendid music was discoursed by the Californian Dance Band from Glenraig. Mr A. Dakers made an efficient M.C.”

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

R.W.M. – Bro. James Skinner; I.P.M. – Bro. John Garland; D.M. – Bro. John Drysdale; S.M. – Bro. T.D. Hopkins; S.W. – Bro. Thos. L. Ross; J.W. – Bro. Henry Syme; Secretary – Bro. D. Clark; Treasurer – Bro. Chas. Ross; Chaplain – Bro. W. Paterson; Architect – Bro. Alex. Fraser; S.D. – Bro. John Nelson; J.D. – Bro. Chas. Hepburn; Bible Bearer – Bro. D. Stoddart; Director of Ceremonies – Bro. P. Robertson; Sword Bearer – Bro. A. Cowan; Marshall – Bro. W. Gould; I.G. – Bro. A. Lumsden; Tyler – Bro. John Walker; Auditor – Bro. Alex. Anderson; Director of Music – Bro. H. Lee.”

22nd December 1928

Article in *The Fife News*: **Football – Lomond Thistle v Balgonie Scotia**

“Played at Falkland on Saturday afternoon. Conditions underfoot were treacherous, and the players had to go warily. The local team held the upper hand all through, and ran out handsome winners by 4 goals to 1. The match was under Markinch and District Welfare Combination auspices.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Repairs** – “Steeplejacks are at present busily engaged in repairing the steeple of the Parish Church.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Whist Drive** – “The second whist drive of the winter series, under the auspices of the War Memorial Institute, was held on Thursday evening last week. Twenty tables were engaged, and Mr T.C. Schofield acted as timekeeper. The prize-winners were:-

Ladies – 1. Miss J.M. Drysdale – 201; consolation – Mrs Henderson

Gents. – 1. Wm. Bryce – 198; consolation – John Myles, Newton of Falkland.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Co-operative Guild** – “Tuesday night was ‘Pound Night’ at the weekly meeting of Falkland branch. In disposing of the parcels, Miss Jenny Drysdale acted as auctioneer. Mr Russell, of Perth, a representative of the C.I.S., addressed the company on the subject of Co-operative Insurance. He also sang several solos, while Miss Frew, an elocutionist from Glasgow, gave varied selections. Mrs G.S. Hardie, president of the branch, occupied the chair.”

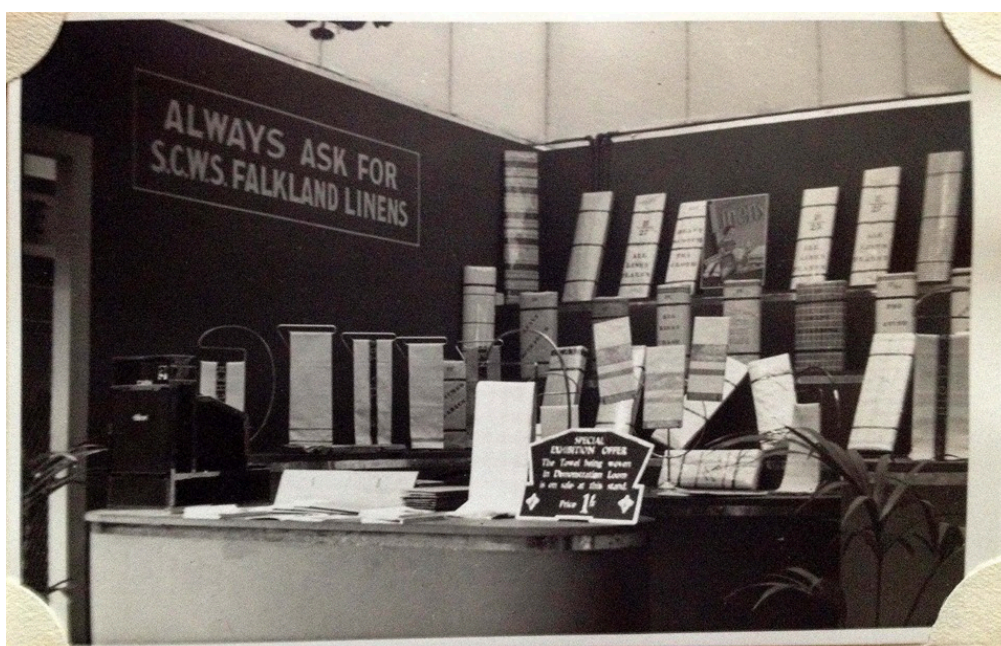
29th December 1928

Article in *The Fife News*: **1928 in the District**

A Retrospect – Falkland

“Fortunately, Falkland has not felt the severe depression in trade that the country on the whole has been suffering from. The inhabitants are looking forward to the new year for a continuance of the healthy state of business that has blessed them in days gone by, and it is the sincere prayer of the community that Britain may be restored to its former prosperity, and that there may be world-wide peace and goodwill.

The conditions in the linen trade throughout the country have continued to be far from satisfactory during the past year, and while the linen factory here has not altogether escaped the effects of the general depression, employment has, on the whole, been well maintained. The year is closing quietly, however, and it is felt that more orders are needed to keep the looms fully engaged.



Falkland Linen Exhibition

Sport

“The local Cricket Club had one of the most successful seasons during the last twenty years. There are several young players ready to take their places in the eleven, which is sure to uphold the honour of the Royal Burgh. Football has had a much keener following than formerly, and the Lomond Thistle are doing very well in Markinch Welfare and District Combination.

An event of note during October was the unveiling of an indicator erected on the summit of the East Lomond. Though the day was cold and windy, there was a large gathering of people present at the ceremony, which was the conclusion of another of the many acts of generosity performed by the Misses Lumsden of Eden Valley House, Freuchie.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Sale of House** – *“The dwelling-house known as St Andrews House, Falkland, was exposed for sale by public roup in the Commercial Hotel on Thursday last week, but failed to find a purchaser. The upset price was £250.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Christmas** – *“During the Christmas season, the shop windows in the burgh were temptingly arrayed, thus causing many of the townsfolk to loosen their purse strings. This Christmas can hardly be termed ‘green’, as the East Lomond had a coating of snow on Tuesday morning. The Public School and Linen and Floorcloth Factories will be closed from to-night (Friday) for New Year holidays.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cantata** – *“A Christmas musical service was held in the Parish Church on Sunday evening, when the choir, under the leadership of Mr George Spence, rendered a cantata, entitled ‘Immanuel’. Solos were sung by Misses A. Oswald, A. Anderson and Messrs T. Drysdale and G. Spence. Miss Edmeston played the accompaniments.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Dance** – *“Under the auspices of the War Memorial Institute, a Christmas dance was held in the Drill Hall last Friday night. Over fifty couples were present, and splendid music was provided by the Dixie Metronomes Band, from Kirkcaldy. Mr Stewart Drysdale discharged the duties of M.C., while the*

catering arrangements were in the capable hands of a Ladies' Committee. The following accepted invitations:-

Ladies – Misses Arnott, Forfar; Anderson, Kilgowrieknowe; Anderson, Westfield; B. Anderson, Brunton Street; N. Anderson, Oaklea; Brown, Westfield; Bruce, West Port; Mrs and Miss Baxter, New Road; Miss Briggs; Miss M. Bryce, Royal Terrace; Mrs Jack Brunton, Markinch; Misses Craig (2), Beebykes; Miss Campbell, East Port; Misses B. and J. Douglas, Victoria Place; Misses J. and L. Drysdale, High Street; Miss C. Drysdale, High Street; Miss A. Edmeston, High Street; Misses Gavin, Palace; Mrs and Miss Henderson, Viewhill; Miss C. Hardie, Pleasance; Miss M. Harrow, Millfield; Misses Lawson (4), East Port; Miss Lindsay, Bankhead; Misses Lindsay, Freuchie; Mrs J. Lewis, Brunton House; Miss N. Mather, Beechgrove; Miss Melville, Kirkcaldy; Miss J. Nelson, West Port; Miss H. Nelson, Victoria Place; Miss L. Page, High Street; Miss C. Peggie, Pleasance; Miss P. Ratcliffe; Mrs Robertson, Viewhill; Mrs B. Robson, Horsemarket; Miss J. Robertson, High Street; Miss Sanson, Cupar; Miss Stark, Cross Wynd; Miss L. Skinner, South Street; Miss M. Shields, West Port; Miss Smith, South Street; Mrs Schofield, Avril; Miss Todd, Purin; Miss M. Thomson, South Street; Miss J. Dewar, Lathrisk; Mrs Hamilton, Institute.

Gentlemen – Messrs Anderson (2), Westfield; G. Baxter, New Road; D. Braid, Freuchie; W. Bryce, Royal Terrace; H. Baxter, Southbank; S. Brooman, East Loan; J. Birrell, West Port; J. Brunton, Markinch; J. Dowie, Newton; Dewar (2), Lathrisk; Drysdale (3), High Street; J. Douglas, Victoria Place; A. Elder, Freuchie; T. Imrie, Balmbrae; F.M. Kerr, Cupar; R. Kennedy, Elmlea; J. Kerr, Freuchie; J. and B. Laing, Newton; P. Lawson, East Port; R. Lawson, Freuchie; G. Mackie, Markinch; F. and J. Mather, Lomond Crescent; A. Morton, Drums; A. Meldrum, Back Wynd; Morgan, Freuchie; R. Nellies, High Street; Pryde, Leslie; W. Peggie jnr., South Street; A. Robertson, Cross Wynd; T. and W. Ross, High Street; W. Strudley, Methil; M. and W. Stark, Royal Terrace; T.C. Schofield, Avril; W. Urquhart, Newton; J. and T. Wilkie, Newton; Hector White, Auchtermuchty; W. West, Cupar; W.B. Anderson, Markinch; D. Anderson, Kilgowrieknowe; A. Archibald, Arthur Place; Alston, Leslie; G. Anderson, Oaklea; T. Hamilton, Institute.”

